



KULIK LODGE

2024 TRIP PLANNER

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Travel

Our Location:

Kulik Lodge is located within a remote area of Katmai National Park, nestled between the eastern shore of Nonvianuk Lake and the mouth of the Kulik River.

Just a short flight away from numerous legendary rivers, creeks, and lakes, Kulik is centrally located between some of the finest fishing and wildlife viewing opportunities throughout Bristol Bay.

The Bristol Bay region of Southwest Alaska is a 40-million-acre piece of land sandwiched between the Bearing Sea and the Gulf of Alaska. Home to a vast network of pristine rivers and lakes, expansive wetlands and tundra ecosystems, and dense alder and spruce forests, the Bristol Bay watershed harbors nearly 30 native fish species, almost 200 species of birds, and over 40 land-based mammals.

Most well-known for its exceptional runs of Pacific salmon, Bristol Bay supports the largest run of sockeye salmon (aka red salmon) in the world, along with prolific runs of king salmon (aka Chinook), chum salmon (aka dog salmon), pink salmon (aka humpy), and silver salmon (aka coho).

Thanks largely to the forage provided by its unparalleled runs of wild salmon, Bristol Bay also houses one of the world's most productive populations of trophy native rainbow trout, along with healthy populations of numerous other game fish including lake trout, Arctic char, Dolly Varden, grayling, and Northern Pike.

We look forward to sharing this spectacular piece of Alaska with you.

Getting to the Lodge:

Departure: Your trip to Kulik begins when you board our pressurized PC-12 aircraft (operated by our own Katmai Air flight service) in Anchorage. Unless otherwise arranged, all flights depart from our Katmai Air office located on the south side of the Anchorage International Airport at *6400 South Airpark Place, Anchorage, AK*. Please note, our office location changed in 2020 (directions on page 14).

Check-In: Your check-in time for your flight is **one hour** prior to your departure time listed on your invoice.

Baggage: Each guest may bring up to 50 lbs. of baggage (including carry-ons). Any additional baggage will be flown to the lodge on a space available basis only (delivery not guaranteed). For those traveling with excess baggage, storage is available at our office in Anchorage.

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Flight: The duration of your flight from Anchorage to our airstrip at Kulik Lodge is approximately one hour. Please note that there is **no restroom** on board, so you may want to rethink that extra cup of coffee!

Arrival: Upon arrival at Kulik, members of our lodge staff will take you to the main lodge building where you will receive a brief orientation.

Orientation: Following your orientation, you will be shown to your cabin where one of our guides will stop by to outfit you with waders and/or fishing gear if needed and answer any other questions about the fishing program you might have.

Staying in Anchorage:

Due to the travel required to reach Alaska, most trips to Kulik require overnights in Anchorage before and/or after your stay. In case of any flight/weather delays, we strongly suggest that you plan to stay overnight in Anchorage before flying home or onto your next destination. **Trip insurance is highly recommended for all Alaska vacations.**

Accommodations and Amenities

The Lodge:

The historic main lodge building, built of native spruce, boasts a large stone fireplace and bar where our guests enjoy complimentary beer, wine, or cocktails, reflect on the day's adventures, and/or tie flies in preparation for the days to come.

The bar is open at 3:00 PM and a bartender will be on duty until 11:00 PM to serve you. Please be aware that the minimum drinking age in Alaska is 21 years of age.

Also located in the main lodge building is the dining area where guests and staff alike gather to dine "family style" on hearty meals prepared by our friendly and talented kitchen staff.

Guest Cabins and Facilities:

All of our guests are housed in comfortable, newly built, and/or newly renovated cabins during their stay. Each cabin includes electricity, shower, and private toilet facilities. Towels and bedding are also provided.

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Our guest cabins feature several different layouts, consisting of both shared and separate bedrooms. Our two-bedroom cabins (Cabins 1, 2, and 3) and our larger “family cabin” (Cabin 9) are only *guaranteed* for parties of three or four guests. If you are a party of two and wish to *guarantee* a two-bedroom cabin, please inquire about availability and additional costs.

Hot Tubs and Sauna:

Also on-site at the lodge is our sauna and outdoor hot tub area where guests routinely rejoice about their day on the water while taking in the spectacular view across Nonvianuk Lake. Those interested in taking advantage of the hot tubs or sauna during their stay should pack a swimsuit.

Gift Shop:

No visit to Kulik Lodge would be complete without a visit to our gift shop. Merchandise including a selection of fishing supplies, souvenirs, Kulik Lodge logo-wear, as well as commonly forgotten personal items can be found in the lodge gift shop located next to the office cabin. Items for sale are also available in the office cabin itself as well.

Gift shop purchases can be made with either cash or credit card.

Communications:

Getting away doesn't mean you can't be connected. Despite our remote location, Wi-Fi is available throughout the main lodge and guest cabins. Please note that streaming services are limited (Facetime, Skype, etc.) but bandwidth is generally dependable enough to stay connected via email, social media, iMessage, etc.

Should you require the use of a telephone during your stay, lodge phones are also available.

Fishing Program and Schedule

Daily Schedule:

If requested, your fishing day starts with a hot cup of coffee and a knock on your door from your guide approximately 1 ½ hours before your scheduled departure for the day.

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For the majority of our season, hot breakfast (served to order) is available from 5:30 AM to 7:00 AM. After 7:00 AM, the grill is shut down, but there will still be a large selection of fruit, yogurt, cereal, juice, and other continental options to choose from.

During the month of September (when days become shorter), breakfast will be served one hour prior to our earliest departure.

Your departure time for the morning will be dependent on where you will be fishing and/or flying to that day. Your guide will discuss this with you the evening before at dinner.

For those fishing the Kulik River, a buffet-style lunch will be available at the lodge at 12:00 PM each day. If flying out to another fishery for the day, your guide will take your lunch order the evening before and pack the lunch for you the following day.

You will return to the lodge at approximately 5 PM each evening in time for a hot shower, a steam in the sauna, or a dip in the hot tub.

At 6:00 PM, hors d'oeuvres are available in the bar area of the main lodge building. During this time, our head guide will meet with you and your party to discuss fishing options for the following day.

Dinner is served family-style in the dining area of the main lodge building at 7:00 PM. Your guide for the following day will introduce themselves, discuss departure times, and answer any questions you might have for the day to come.

Guided Fly Outs:

We consider ourselves extremely fortunate to be located in what we feel is the most central location to access Bristol Bay's most prolific creeks and streams. Thus, we highly recommend booking some guided fly outs during your stay.

We recommend all guests book/pay for fly outs while on-site at the lodge (as opposed to prior to their trip). We feel that this provides the highest level of service for our guests by ensuring that fly outs are only purchased when fishing conditions and/or weather is optimal.

Guided fly outs are available at a flat rate of \$500 per person per day (two person minimum). While fly outs can still be purchased prior to your trip (not recommended), please note that fly outs booked prior to your trip are not subject to refund or credit. Fly outs booked while at the lodge can be paid for on your final day via cash, check, or credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express accepted). **Pre-purchased fly outs are only included in your package if indicated on your invoice.**

Please note that fly outs to a particular destination are not *guaranteed*. Fly outs are arranged each day by taking into account a variety of factors including weather, guest demand, boat seats available, and plane seats available. If there is a particular destination you would like to fish during your stay,

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please mention that to our head guide and/or lodge manager and they will work hard to work that into your trip.

“Unguided” Bear Viewing Fly Outs to Brooks Falls:

For those interested in bear viewing during their stay, we offer free “unguided” bear viewing flights to the legendary Brooks Falls for all Kulik guests **during the month of July**. Unlike our guided fishing fly outs, these flights will not be accompanied by a Kulik fishing guide. However, members of our sister lodge, Brooks Lodge, will greet you upon your arrival and usher you to “bear school” where you will receive a brief orientation by the National Park Service. During your time at Brooks, members of both Brooks Lodge and the National Park Service will be available to answer any questions you might have.

Guided fishing fly outs to Brooks can also be arranged during the months of June, August, and September as well, but are subject to our regular “guided” fly out rate of \$500 per person per day (two person minimum).

Remote Safety Systems:

While we operate in remote locations with limited connectivity, we take the safety of our staff and guests extremely seriously. All of our guides are equipped with state-of-the-art Garmin inReach 2-way satellite communicators that allow them to communicate with the lodge and other guides via text message through the Iridium satellite network (i.e. no cell service needed). In the event of an emergency, these devices also feature an interactive SOS button that once triggered sends a message to GEOS, a professional global monitoring and response center that is able to notify emergency responders in your area.

All of our float planes used for our guided fly outs also utilize a service known as spidertracks, an aircraft tracking and communications service that allows our lodge staff to monitor where our fleet is at all times.

Fishing Licenses:

An Alaska sport fishing license is required to fish in Alaska and must remain on your person at all times while on the water. If you plan on fishing for king salmon during your trip, a King Salmon stamp is also required (mid-June to mid-July).

Fishing licenses are not included in your trip package, so to help expedite the check in process (and get you on the water as quick as possible when you arrive) we ask that you arrive with a printed

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copy of the appropriate license for the duration of your stay. Alaska fishing licenses and King Salmon stamps can be purchased at the [Alaska Department of Fish and Game Website](#).

However, if you happen to arrive to the lodge without a fishing license (or misplace yours during your travels), not to worry! We have the ability to sell/print licenses at the lodge as well.

Taking Fish Home:

With cold winter temperatures and a short growing season, Alaska's resident fish mature slowly. Therefore, we maintain a strict catch and release policy for all resident freshwater species (rainbow trout, lake trout, char, pike, etc.).

However, we consider ourselves extremely fortunate to operate in an area with sustainable numbers of wild salmon which affords our guests the opportunity to harvest salmon to bring home.

If you are interested in bringing salmon home, be sure to mention this with our head guide and/or lodge manager when discussing fishing options for the week. Daily limits, sizes, and species availability is dependent on a number of factors.

All salmon kept by our guests are filleted, vacuum packed, frozen, and stored in a wax-coated fish box for you to travel home with as a checked bag (normal baggage fees apply). For those with layovers in Anchorage, freezer space is available for a small fee at the Anchorage International Airport.

Please note, the opportunity to target salmon is dependent on run timing which can vary from year to year. Thus, salmon are not always available for harvest during certain times of the season.

Gratuities:

Many of our guests inquire about tip and gratuity policies at Kulik Lodge. We encourage you to tip to the level of service you feel is appropriate. At Kulik Lodge, we feel all of our staff contribute equally to your experience. Thus, we operate a shared "camp tip" structure which is divided equally among all employees regularly engaged in customer service positions at the lodge (excluding management).

For your reference, based on past amounts, a good tip is generally \$225 - \$250 per night per person. However, we encourage you to tip from the heart and are extremely grateful for any gratuity you may choose to leave for our staff.

At the end of your trip, you will receive an envelope in your room for staff gratuities which can be left with cash and/or credit card. If you have any questions regarding gratuities, please don't hesitate to ask a member of our management staff. We would like to make your stay as comfortable as possible and are happy to answer any questions you might have.

Packing Information

Comfortable, medium weight sport clothes are the norm. While fishing or hiking we recommend that you dress in layers to regulate your body temperature with the whims of the weather. Expect temperatures in July and August to average 55-60 degrees Fahrenheit with fluctuations varying from 40-75 degrees Fahrenheit. June, September, and October can be much cooler and wind chill can drop temperatures as much as 30 degrees. Extra warm clothes are recommended for these months.

The baggage weight allowance for each guest staying at Kulik is **50 lbs. per person (including carry on)**. Your clothing and gear should fit into **no more than** two small, soft-sided bags, and a rod case. Any excess baggage may have to be flown in later, on a space available basis, and is not guaranteed to make it to the lodge. However, storage is available at the office in Anchorage for items not needed at the lodge.

What to Bring:

High quality rain gear, a warm sweater or jacket, long-sleeved shirts, warm socks, fleece pants, and polypropylene or merino wool underwear (for use under your waders) is highly recommended. Cool morning boat rides and wet fishing days require warm hats and fingerless gloves.

Dry storage is also limited on our boats, so we recommend use of a waterproof 'dry bag' to store extra layers, camera equipment, and other items that you don't want getting wet while on the water. Waterproof roll top backpacks are available for guest use at the lodge.

We also recommend comfortable walking shoes or boots for wearing around the camp (a waterproof pair is ideal). You may also want a swimsuit for our hot tub and sauna.

Guests should also bring their toiletries and other personal items. However, we do supply soap, shampoo, bedding, and towels at the lodge.

What Not to Bring:

Please do not bring sleeping bags, towels, nylon landing nets, gaffs, creels, firearms, or bear mace. Bear mace/pepper spray is **NOT** allowed on our flights from Anchorage. Travelling with bear mace is prohibited in the cabin on all passenger aircraft as it is extremely dangerous and can cause extreme safety issues.

Loaner Gear:

Don't want to pack your own fishing gear? No problem! We're able to outfit all of our guests with the rods, reels, fly lines, flies, and terminal tackle (leader, tippet, split shot, etc.) needed during your time on the water.

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We also offer Simms, Redington, and Cabelas brand waders and boots for our guests to use during their stay (children's sizes up to adult XXL waders and wading boots up to size 16 are available). You can save some weight and bulk when packing by using our waders.

Some folks prefer their own waders and boots, however please note that **felt soled** boots are no longer allowed in Alaska. Boots with **metal cleats** are also not allowed at our lodges. A common compromise from our guests is to bring their own waders but use a pair of our wading boots during their stay.

Tackle Recommendations:

For guests that would prefer to fish with their own gear (heck, we know that's part of the fun), we'd recommend the following:

- **Fly Rods.** At minimum, we recommend a 7-weight single-hand fly rod for most fishing situations. This will handle most situations when fishing for rainbow trout, lake trout, Arctic char, Dolly Varden, grayling, pike, and more. For those hoping to target silver (coho), sockeye (red), or chum (dog) salmon during their trip, an additional 8 or 9 weight rod is worth considering. For those interested in swinging flies for trout (i.e. Spey fishing), small Spey and/or switch rods in sizes 5 – 7 weights are a great option.
- **Fly Reels.** Fly reels do not need to be the most expensive or elaborate, but we do recommend those with a reliable drag system and enough capacity for at least 100 yards of backing.
- **Fly Lines.** We recommend bringing both a floating and a fast sink-tip fly line.
- **Leader and Tippet.** We typically use 8 – 12 lb. test tippet material for most applications with heavier tippet material (15 – 20 lb.) used when targeting salmon. A common exception is when dry fly fishing, in which case we often use a 7 1/2 to 9 ft. 3x – 4x tapered leader. A selection of 4 through 15 lb. test tippet material should cover the majority of situations.
- **Flies.** Fly selection generally depends on timing. A well-stocked fly box consists of a selection of streamers (sculpins, leeches, fry, and other baitfish patterns), traditional dry flies (elk hair caddis, Adams, etc.), mouse flies, flesh flies, and salmon egg imitations (i.e. trout beads) in various sizes and colors.

For more information on gear and/or fly patterns, please feel free to contact our office for recommendations.

Reservation Policies

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Please refer to the information below regarding our reservation policies. If you have any questions regarding your reservation, feel free to contact our reservations desk at **(907) 243-5448** or by sending an email to info@bristoladventures.com.

Payment Terms

- All reservations are held for 7 days from the day the reservation is placed, while payment is being made.
- All reservations require a 50% confirmation deposit payment within 7 days of creating the reservation.
- All invoiced bookings with no confirming reservation payment received after the 7 day hold period, are considered no longer reserved and are open to sell.
- Final balance payments are due in full 90 days prior to trip start date.
- Payments can be made online via credit card through the payment link on the invoice, or by calling the Anchorage reservations office, or by sending a check made out to *Bristol Adventures*.

Cancellation Policy

Reservations may be cancelled for *any* reason..

- Reservations that are cancelled **more than 90 days** before the original trip start date;
 - Are eligible to receive a full refund of all payment previously made.
 - Are eligible for full credit that may be used for future trips.
- Reservations that are cancelled **90 days or less** before original trip start date;
 - Are eligible to receive a refund only if space made available by cancellation is sold to another party. Refunds issued will be only equal to the resold amount received.
 - Are eligible for a full credit of payments made, that may be used for future trips.
- All reservations that are cancelled;
 - Forfeit first right of refusal to the dates made available by the cancelled reservation.
 - May be rescheduled for future trips based on availability only after all current season first right of refusal options are exercised.

General Terms and Conditions

Kulik Lodge reserves the right to cancel or alter; scheduled flights, tours, or itineraries as situations or conditions require for safe operations due to weather or other factors beyond our control. Kulik Lodge is not responsible for any expenses incurred for how its schedule or itinerary changes might affect

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additional travel, lodging, logistics or plans. Because weather can occasionally affect schedules, and because unforeseen situations can necessitate a trip cancellation, **Kulik Lodge highly recommends purchasing trip or travel insurance.**

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Map of Kulik Lodge





Contact Information and Directions

Please note our Anchorage office location changed in 2020. Directions to our current location can be found below (see "Katmai Air Office") or feel free to search 'Katmai Air' on your mobile device to be directed via Google Maps.

Bristol Adventures Reservations: (907) 243-5448

Katmai Air Office (Anchorage): (907) 243-5638

Anchorage Office Address:

Katmai Air
6400 South Airpark Place, Suite 1
Anchorage, AK, 99502

Directions from Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC):

- Head east on International Airport Rd. toward Jewel Lake Rd.
- Turn right onto Jewel Lake Rd. (1.3 miles).
- Turn right onto Raspberry Rd. (1.0 miles).
- Turn right onto S Airpark Pl. (371 feet).
- Turn left to stay on S Airpark Pl. (0.3 miles).
- Arrive at Katmai Air, 6400 S Airpark Place.

