

COVID UPDATES: As we get closer to opening the lodge, we will communicate updates, travel restrictions and testing protocols.



WHAT WE OFFER

You can expect to experience a world class fishing trip with fine dining, Margarita Mondays, and the great Alaska outdoors.

WHAT'S THE WEATHER LIKE

Average temperatures range anywhere from 50-70 degrees. With Alaska you can expect unpredictable and rapidly changing weather from rain to sun or windy to calm.



Bristol Bay Weather Link

[Dillingham, Alaska \[DLG\]](#)

Live Web Cam Link

[Lake Aleknagik, Alaska](#)

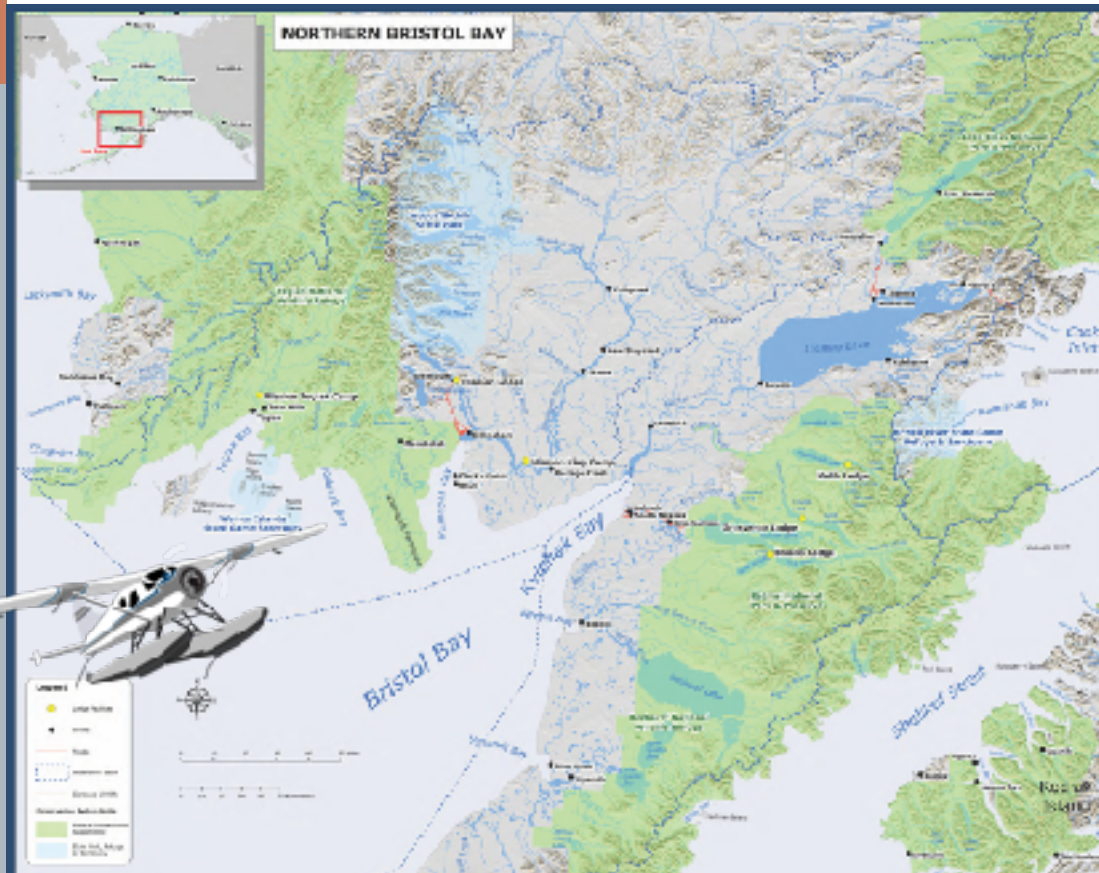
MISSION LODGE

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TRIP PLANNER

Location

Mission Lodge is located in the Heart of Bristol Bay's watershed, approximately 325 air miles Southwest of Anchorage. We are a 45 minute vehicle ride from Dillingham which is the final destination for clients coming to Mission via airlines. In Dillingham, clients are picked up by our Mission camp staff who will continue them on the journey to the lodge.



HELPFUL TRIP PLANNING LINKS

Alaska Airlines

www.alaskaair.com

Ravn Air

www.flyravn.com

Katmai Air

www.katmaiair.com

Mission Lodge

www.missionlodge.com

Travel Guard

www.travelguard.com

Trip Insurance - Very Important

ALL-INCLUSIVE

2022 pricing will now be all inclusive of taxes, fuel service charges, fishing license and r/t private charter flight between Anchorage and Dillingham. \$13,900 per person, per week.

flight info

Anchorage to Dillingham 3:00 PM

Dillingham to Anchorage 10:00 AM

Check-in time is **1 hour** prior departure.

All flights depart from the **Katmai Air** office & hanger:

**6400 Airpark PL, Suite 1
Anchorage, Ak 99502**

Pick up is also available from Anchorage International Airport to the Katmai Air hanger. Please call for instruction once you have collected your baggage from baggage claim. The number is 1-907-243-5448 or 1-800-544-0551

Once you grab you baggage and called for pick up, you will need to go out the doors from baggage claim and cross to the center island. There is a sign that says "off airport courtesy shuttles" That is where you will be picked up by a Katmai Air shuttle.

Please note that the plane you will travel on [Pilatus PC-12] does not have a restroom on board, so you may want to rethink that extra cup of coffee!

Free storage is also available at the Katmai Air office in Anchorage for items not needed at the lodge.



Getting Here:

The Itinerary

Due to the continued COVID safety precautions and for your ease of travel the r/t flight between Anchorage and Dillingham on Katmai Air PC12's is included in your package. The only other option for travel in and out of Dillingham would be on a private aircraft.

To reach our lodge is pretty straight forward. Fly from your nearest airport to Anchorage, Alaska. Katmai Air will pick you up from the airport or your hotel for your flight from Anchorage to Dillingham (DLG), approximately one hour and twenty min flight time. In Dillingham, you will be greeted by our staff who will transport you and your luggage to Lake Aleknagik by our own private shuttle vans. Once you reach the lodge, the staff will whisk your gear to your room, while you say hello to the host and then pick up your fishing license and sample the yummy appetizers. All trips start and end on Friday, therefore, we request that you ARRIVE in Anchorage before 2:00 pm (or overnight the night before) and not plan a flight before 3:00 PM from Anchorage on your departure day. In bound flights to Dillingham leave Anchorage at 3:00 pm and out bound flights from Dillingham to Anchorage leave at 10 :00 am. We recommend the later departure out of Anchorage in case of weather or equipment delays. If you have stayed with us before you know early morning fog can happen in Dillingham. Please remember to pack light due to weight restrictions. Remember we have a laundry service that is included in your package.

Flying Private

The other alternative is to fly from your starting destination right into Dillingham (PADL)/ (DLG). Our vans will scoop you up right off your plane and transport you to the lodge. If you need help in arranging a private charter please let us know as we would be happy to put you in touch with reputable flight teams.

in case of emergency

The number to leave at home in case of an emergency is **907.842.2250**. Please inform loved ones and business colleagues there are not individual phones in each guest room and that we are in Alaska, which is **4 HOURS BEHIND** Eastern Standard Time. [7am on the East Coast is 3am in Alaska]

THIS NUMBER WILL RING STRAIGHT TO THE OFFICE.

If it is an emergency the line is available 24 hours- otherwise we ask that you call during normal business hours of 7AM-9PM Alaska Standard Time. *Lodge Managers get grumpy if called in the middle of the night just to say "HI!"*



BEVERAGE OPTIONS

The lodge has a variety of beers and liquors, however we recommend that if you have a favorite beverage of choice you might want to consider bringing it along. Remember we are in the bush, and once you get there it may not be possible to get those “extras” you may have forgotten.

EXERCISE OPTION

While most people feel an 8 hour day of fishing is plenty of physical exercise, there are those of you that might also prefer to workout pre or post fishing. Our facility has limited equipment - given we are out in the bush - but we do provide.

Schedule: A Day At Mission Lodge

-Morning Departures -

The aroma of coffee will begin to surface around 6:00 AM after coffee trays are placed onto each floor of the lodge. The kitchen staff will also have coffee available at 5:00 AM for those early risers. Breakfast is served promptly at 7:00 AM where guests can enjoy entrees from our hot buffet line and self-serve cereal, fruit, and yogurt. After breakfast, our aircrafts and boats are ready for departure by 8:00 AM. All departures are subject to change dependent upon weather conditions.

-Arriving At Your Destination -

Depending on your destination, the guides assigned to you that day will either accompany you on the flight or be waiting at one of our outpost camps. Outpost camps are outfitted to provide all the necessary provisions and equipment including boats and gear. Lunches will be served stream side, and depending on the nature of the location or fly-out, will either be a fresh catch option cooked up by your guide or sandwiches with all the good stuff including chips, cookies, fruit, and the option of hot/cold beverages.

-Dining At Mission -

On a typical day you will return to the lodge between 5:00-6:00 PM. After a quick shower and change, you and other guests are welcome to join us for an appetizer and cocktail hour in the lounge. During that time, the Head Guide will be available to discuss your desires for the next days fishing and will work with you to accommodate any special fishing requests. Dinner starts approximately 7:00 PM and consists of wonderful homemade soups, salads, fresh baked bread, deserts, and gourmet entrees. The lodge serves wine with meals and also an open bar before and after dinner.

-Late Evening Lineup -

After dinner, enjoy a relaxing massage from our on-site therapist, take a walk, enjoy our sauna and hot tub amenities, play basketball, horseshoes, ping pong, corn hole, or pull up a chair on our beautiful wood deck and watch the views as the midnight sun makes it descent.



What is Included:	We Provide...
Transportation	We provide transportation to and from the lodge and Dillingham
Float Plane Flights	Our fishing packages include daily guided fly outs via float plane or the option of a boating excursion for closer destinations.
Personal Fishing Guides	We prefer a 2:1 angler/guide ratio. but are flexible dependent upon group size and special requests.
Fishing Gear and Tackle	We take care of everything for you! We stock a complete line of premium fishing equipment for your use- including fly and conventional rods and reels, flies, lures, plugs, lines, and leaders. You just show up and your guide will take care of the rest.
Waders and Wading Boots	We provide gortex chest waders (S-XXL) and wading boots (SZ: 5-16). If you feel you may need special accommodations regarding gear, please contact us ahead of time to seek further instructions regarding your concern.
Fine Cuisine	Our kitchen staff takes Alaska cuisine to a whole other level. We provide 3 meals a day including breakfast buffet style, packed lunches and/or fresh catch shore lunch on the water in order to maximize your fishing time, and in the evening a 3-course fine dining experience.
Complimentary Beverages	We have an assortment of complimentary beverages including: beer, wine, and some liquor. Some premium liqueurs are available with extra charge.
Hot Tub & Sauna	You have full use and access to our hot tub and sauna which are open 24 hours.
Private Accommodations	All our rooms are designed for single or "couple" occupancy and are located within the main lodge. All bathrooms are either private or semi-private. This 11,000sq/ft facility is designed with all the luxury of being in the comfort of your own home which is exactly how we want you to feel during your stay.
Fishing License	Fishing licenses are now INCLUDED in our trip package price.

Not Included:	We Do NOT Provide...
Round-Trip Air	We do not provide the air fare to Anchorage from your point of origin, and from Anchorage to your final destination.
Gratuities	Our on-site management team would be happy to provide you with a guideline for leaving gratuity, the average gratuity left by our clients is 15-20% of your per person package price. Of course, gratuities are optional and of personal nature.
Incidentals	This would include massage, smoking of fish, purchasing gravlax or caviar, gift shop expenses, specialty liquors, wines, or cigars.

Staff

The Mission staff is dedicated to making your experience here with is the most memorable one. We have highly trained professionals in all areas - from pilots, guides, chef, camp hands to housekeepers. The staff is there to ensure your safety, enhance your experience, and provide all the comforts of home while being on vacation. We truly feel that the people make the place - and this is definitely true when considering staff for the lodge. Our clients deserve to have the best service in the industry.

Gratuities: Rate Your Experience

Gratuities are appreciated and accepted at the end of the week in cash, personal checks, travelers checks, and although not preferred, credit cards.

Gift Shop

Our gift shop is located at the heart of the lodge and has a full line of Mission Lodge logo apparel. We are a dealer for both Patagonia & Simms and are stocked with many items from their fishing/adventure lines. Our gift shop provides a wide variety of items for purchase - fishing jackets, base layers, pants bottoms, vests, bug spray, etc. We can also special order items directly off our dealers' websites - Patagonia and Simms - and have it ready and waiting for you once you arrive. If you would like an order sent directly to your home, please allow 4-6 weeks to fulfill your order.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Aside from fishing, you can get a nice massage, play pool or darts inside, take on the abundance of nature and go on a long walk/hike, take photographs, go paddle boarding, etc.

Massage

After a long day of fishing, enjoy a calm and relaxing massage experience from our on-site massage therapist. Massages are available before and after dinner with a variety of different styles for you to choose ranging from deep tissue to relaxing. Prices are anywhere from \$165-240 depending on the length of your session. Longer massages can be made available upon request. A sign-up book is available behind the bar in the main lobby or you may contact us ahead of time to reserve a spot.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

We run a tab for you throughout the week for gift shop, massage, or any specialty liquors. At weeks end, we can accept VISA/MasterCard/AMEX, travelers checks, cash, or personal checks to settle your bill.



What to Pack: Plan for the weather

We want you to enjoy your trip and be as comfortable as possible. Since we use small aircrafts and boats to travel, water resistant, soft sided duffle bags are the best way to pack for your trip.

Dressing in NON-COTTON moisture wicking layers is the recommended and sensible way to dress or remote Alaska. The weather at the lodge may be one

way and completely different at your final destination. In your room, you will have a checklist for your daily fishing destination and we provide each angler with a waterproof bag, ear plugs for the airplane, re-usable water bottle, and personal coffee thermos for your use during your stay. We ask that you limit the items you take with you daily to what can fit in your dry bag because of weight and balance issues on our aircraft.

* REMEMBER LAUNDRY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE AND INCLUDED *

Packing Checklist:

At The Lodge	For Fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Casual Clothing	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Vest (Optional)
<input type="checkbox"/> Long Sleeved Shirts	<input type="checkbox"/> Fleece Tops and Bottoms
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeans	<input type="checkbox"/> Capilene/Polypropelene Long Underwear
<input type="checkbox"/> Warm Socks	<input type="checkbox"/> Warm Socks, Gloves, and your favorite fishing hat!
<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis or Walking Shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Polarized Sunglasses
<input type="checkbox"/> Light Weight (Wind Resistant) Jacket	<input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Suit For Hot Tub or Sauna	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun Block
<input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries	<input type="checkbox"/> Rain Coat (High Quality)
<input type="checkbox"/> Medication (BRING ALL MEDICATION IN CARRY ON)	<input type="checkbox"/> Gore-tex Chest Waders (Optional) ** NOTE: NO FELT SOLES. Starting in 2012, they are illegal in Alaska.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Camera and Batteries



FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: WHERE DOES THE TRIP START?

A: Dillingham, AK. The lodge provides van transportation to/from the Dillingham (DLG) airport to Mission Lodge. Approximately 20 minutes from Dillingham to Lake Aleknagik by van and then approximately 10 minutes in a covered boat to Mission Lodge.

Q: WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE PRICE?

A: Transport to/from Dillingham and Mission Lodge as described above, all meals, beverages accommodations, fully guided daily adventures (including float plane transportation), all necessary gear and equipment (including fishing gear, waders and wading boots), and filleting, packaging, freezing of Salmon species.

Q: WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

A: R/t air transportation to Dillingham, AK, gratuities (suggested 15-20% of package price), Alaska Fishing License (\$70 for 7 day , \$45 for 3 day), Alaska King Tag (\$45 for 7 day, \$30 for 3 day – only necessary during King Salmon season ends July 31), items of a personal nature such as massage, gift shop and smoked fish.

Q: WHAT AIRLINES SERVICE DILLINGHAM (DLG):

A: Alaska Airlines (www.alaskaair.com) and their partner, Ravn Air (www.flyravn.com).

Q: HOW MUCH FISH AND WHAT KIND CAN I TAKE HOME?

A: We ask that each client not take more than one 50 lb. box of SALMON ONLY.

WE PRACTICE A STRICT CATCH AND RELEASE POLICY ON ALL RESIDENT SPECIES (Rainbow Trout, Dolly Varden, Arctic Char, Grayling, Pike and Lake Trout).

Q: WHEN DOES THE DAY START AND END?

A: A typical day starts at 7:00 am with breakfast (coffee is available at 5:00 am) with planes leaving between 7:30-8:30 am and returning between 5:00 & 6:00 pm. Depending on the group size and scheduling for the day you are welcome to request a later start. Dinner is generally at 7:00 pm .

Q: WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE?

A: 7:00 am full sit down breakfast

7:30-8:30 am depart for a full day of guided activities

5:00-6:00 pm return to lodge

6:00-7:00 pm appetizers are served and activities are scheduled for the next day

7:00 pm Alaska gourmet dinner is served

After dinner, guides sit down with guests and talk about the next days activity.

Q: CAN I CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT WHAT I WANT TO DO WHEN I GET THERE?

A: Absolutely, no plans are made before a guest arrives. Each night the head guide will talk to each guest about his/her desires for the next day and then prepare a plan for the following day. The plans will be posted on a guest board each evening.

Q: HOW OLD SHOULD A CHILD BE BEFORE BRINGING HIM/HER TO MISSION LODGE?

A: Every child is different. Days are full and depending on the child and how engaged he/she is in the outdoors will determine the proper age – remember there are no price reductions for children. Our aircraft holds 6 passengers – no matter what the age.

FAQ: Continued...

Q: WHAT KIND OF AIRCRAFT DOES THE LODGE USE AND WHAT IS THE SAFETY RECORD?

A: The lodge operates three (3) De Havilland Beavers on floats. Our safety record is without injury incident the last three decades of operation.

Q: HOW FAR DO YOU TRAVEL TO DAILY DESTINATIONS?

A: We will have so many destinations it is hard to answer this question. Your destination travel time will be anywhere from 10 minutes to one and a half hours. Much of this depends on winds and weather. In a normal week, you will generally only travel 20-40 minutes a day by plane each way. Some of our destinations are close and only a 10-40 minute boat ride from the lodge.

Q: WHAT ABOUT THE WEATHER IF WE CAN'T FLY?

A: We have several opportunities within easy boat access from the lodge. On a seasonal average, we have approximately three days in which the planes cannot fly at all. We will NEVER compromise on safety-EVER. If it is not safe, we DO NOT fly.

Q: HOW WILL WE TRAVEL ONCE WE REACH OUR DESTINATION?

A: Mission Lodge has over 40 boats stashed throughout the Bristol Bay region. Many of the destinations you will fly in and meet your guide who will be waiting for you with a boat. Other destinations you will fly with your guide and will have a boat at your destination. Some destinations will be accessible only by foot. All of this will be pre-planned the evening before and will be fully orchestrated by your professional guide.

Q: HOW BAD ARE THE BUGS?

A: It depends on the month and the season - Wet seasons are worse than dry seasons. Normally, unless you are hiking in the tundra, the bugs are not bad at all. They can be pesky at times in the evening on the deck if the wind is still. A good bug repellent with deet is highly recommended. Mosquito netting is normally not recommended, but if you plan on doing a lot of hiking, it may be a good idea. The lodge has bug repellent, but you are always encouraged to bring your own.

Q: WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO COME?

A: Mission Lodge is only open during the prime fishing months and the prime weather months. Any time from June to September is excellent, it just depends on your desires. If you are specifically seeking certain species of fish or to view a particular animal then certain times are better than others. Please refer to the fish and animal viewing chart.

Q: CAN YOU ACCOMMODATE SPECIAL DIETS?

A: Yes, within reason. Because of our extremely remote location, certain items may be hard to come by - please make sure to fill out the questionnaire and return ASAP to forward our chef of your special needs. If we cannot accommodate your needs, we will advise you in advance.

Q: HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN THE LODGE ACCOMMODATE?

A: 24 guests is our maximum, most weeks we host no more than 20 guests.

Q: DO ALL ROOMS HAVE PRIVATE BATHS?

A: No, we have 19 private guest rooms, 6 rooms with completely private baths and 13 with a shared bath in between rooms. We have found that majority of our male clients do not mind sharing bathrooms but enjoy having a private bedroom.

Q: DO WE HAVE TO PAY EXTRA FOR A PRIVATE BATH?

A: No (unless it is the "owners suite") private bathrooms are given to couples first and then to returning clients. If you would prefer a private bath please make sure to make a note upon booking. Requests will be handled on a first come, first serve basis given the above priorities.

