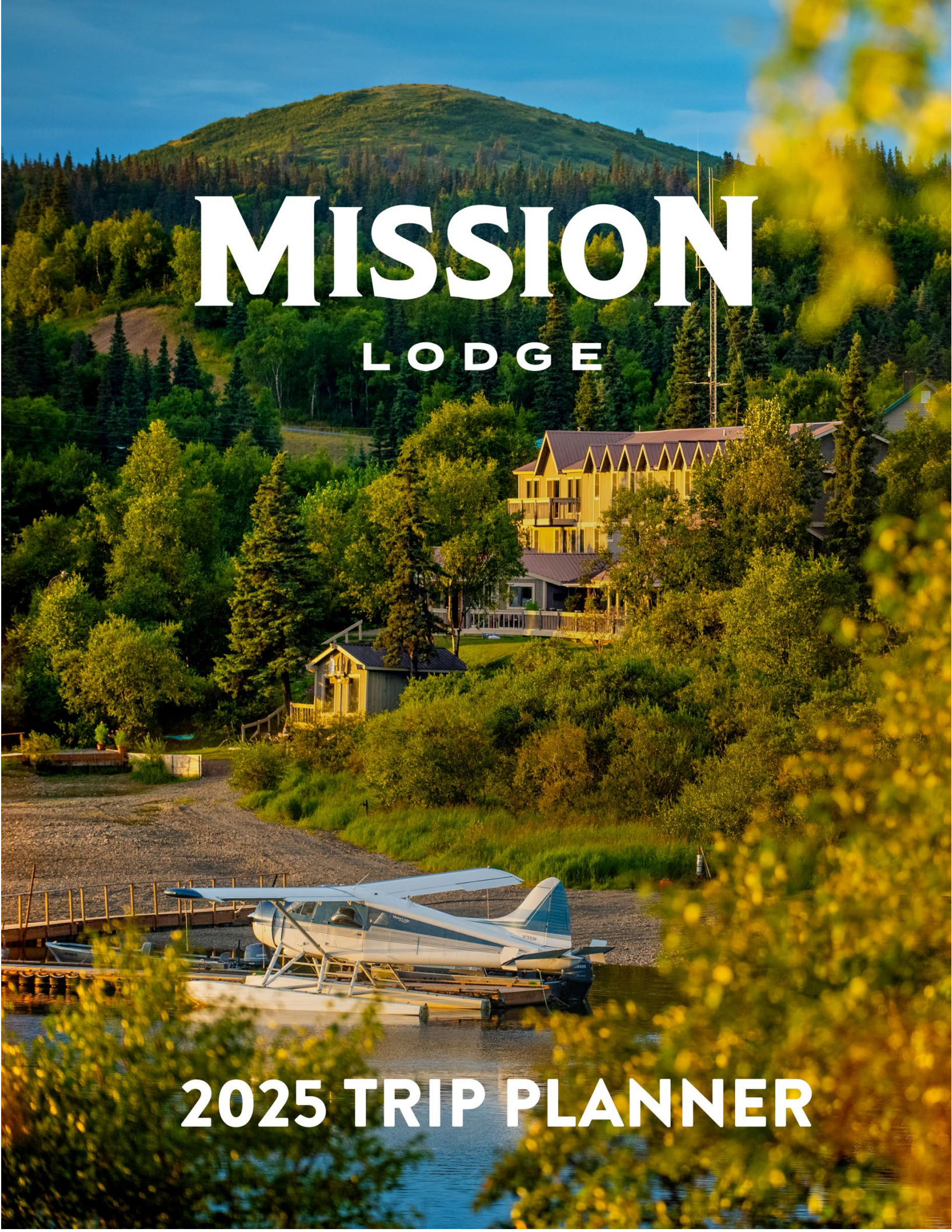
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2025 TRIP PLANNER

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Travel

Our Location:

Mission Lodge is located approximately 325 air miles Southwest of Anchorage in the Heart of Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed. We are a 30-minute drive from the town of Dillingham, which is the final destination to reach the lodge by airline. The lodge sits at the gateway to Wood-Tikchik State Park, the largest state park in the nation at 1.2 million acres. Nestled in Mission Bay on Lake Aleknagik, where the Wood River begins its journey to Bristol Bay, Mission Lodge is just a short flight away from numerous legendary rivers, creeks, and lakes. This makes Mission centrally located amongst some of the finest fishing and wildlife viewing opportunities throughout the region.

Getting to the Lodge:

Traveling on Katmai Air: Unless otherwise arranged, your trip to Mission Lodge begins with an approximately one-and-a-half-hour flight from Anchorage to the town of Dillingham, Alaska. As part of your Mission Lodge package, we will arrange your round-trip air travel between Anchorage and Dillingham through Katmai Air, our own lodge-operated flight service.

The duration of your flight from Anchorage to Dillingham, Alaska is approximately one-and-a-half hours. Please note that there is **no restroom** on board, so you may want to rethink that extra cup of coffee!

Your check-in time for your flight is **one hour** prior to your departure time listed on your invoice. If you are traveling on Katmai Air (as noted on your invoice), you will check in at the Katmai Air office in Anchorage at **6400 South Airpark Place, Suite 1, Anchorage, AK, 99502**.

Please make sure your flight into Anchorage arrives at least two hours prior to your flight with Katmai Air to account for any delays in your travel to Anchorage. To allow sufficient time on your return flight, we highly recommend no flights out of Anchorage before 3:00 PM.

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 Katmai Air office in Anchorage.

Arranging Your Own Flights: Some of our guests prefer to arrange their own flights into Dillingham, either via commercial carriers (i.e. Alaska Airlines) or by private charter. If you will be arranging your own travel into Dillingham, please consult with us in advance to ensure your arrival time aligns with our lodge transfer schedule.

Arriving in Dillingham: Upon Arrival in Dillingham; you will be greeted by our lodge staff who will transport you to the lodge by van (approximately 30 minutes).

Arriving at Mission Lodge: Once arriving at the Lodge, our staff will help you and your luggage get settled into your room and provide a brief orientation of the lodge and our program. You'll be shown to the wader room and outfitted with waders, wading boots, and assigned a personal locker space reserved for your gear and any personal fishing equipment. Each day, your guides will bring along all the necessary fishing gear provided by the lodge. Happy hour with warm hors d'oeuvres begins at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Staying in Anchorage:

Due to the travel required to reach Alaska, we recommend overnighting in Anchorage the night before and after your trip to ensure any unexpected delays don't affect your travels. To allow sufficient time on your return flight, we highly recommend not booking flights out of Anchorage before 3:00 PM.

Due to the travel required to reach Alaska, and the likelihood of weather delays, **Trip insurance is highly recommended for all Alaska vacations.**

Accommodations and Amenities

The Lodge:

The historic main lodge building was originally built as a missionary boarding school (hence the name) that became dormant after the State of Alaska built public schools in the 1970's. It was later converted into a fishing lodge in 1984.

The lodge consists of a comfortable lounge area overlooking Lake Aleknagik and Marble Mountain, with a custom fireplace and full bar where our guests enjoy complimentary beer, wine, or cocktails, and reflect on the day's adventures.

The bar is self-service and stocked with a variety of beers, wines 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 here it may not be possible to get those "extras" you may have forgotten. 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 on Alaska-inspired gourmet meals prepared by our friendly and talented kitchen staff.

Guest Rooms and Facilities:

All our guests are housed in one of 19 private guest rooms designed for singles, couples, and/or family units with shared bathrooms and ensuite bathrooms for couples. The entire lodge went through renovations just a few years ago, making each room complete with all modern conveniences.

The Massage Room:

After a long day wading rivers or fighting fish, there's no better way to take the tension out of that casting shoulder than with a relaxing massage from our on-site licensed massage therapist in our dedicated massage room. Guests can book/pay for massage sessions while at the lodge.

Hot Tub and Sauna:

Just steps away from our massage room is our traditional wood-fired sauna and outdoor hot tub area where guests can rest and relax while taking in the spectacular view across Lake Aleknagik. Those interested in taking advantage of the hot tubs or sauna during their stay should pack a swimsuit.

Fitness Area:

For guests who want to stay active off the water, our newly constructed fitness area features common exercise equipment such as a treadmill, exercise bike, squat rack, free weights, and more.

Recreation:

Other on-site recreation options that exist around the lodge grounds are a pool table in the main lodge building, ping pong table, half-court basketball court, corn hole boards, and horseshoes.

Gift Shop:

No visit to Mission Lodge would be complete without a visit to our gift shop. Merchandise including a selection of Mission Lodge logo-wear, local art, as well as commonly forgotten personal items can be found in the lodge gift shop located on the deck next to the wader/boot room. 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 and was recently upgraded to Starlink. Please note that streaming/bandwidth can be limited but is generally dependable enough to stay connected via email, social media, iMessage, etc.

Should you require the use of a telephone during your stay, we recommend guests download/activate Wi-Fi calling on their personal device. Please note, there aren't individual phones in each guest room.

The number to leave at home in case of an emergency is (908) 842-2250. This number will ring straight to the office.

Laundry Service:

Laundry service is available and included in your trip to Mission.

Payment Options:

A tab will be kept for you throughout the week for any additional purchases (gift shop, massage, smoked fish preparations, or any specialty liquors). At the end of the week, we can accept VISA/MasterCard/AMEX, traveler's checks, cash, or personal checks to settle your bill.

Fishing Program and Schedule

Daily Schedule:

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 streamside and depending on the nature of the location or flyout, there 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 day's adventures and will work with you to accommodate any special fishing requests. Dinner starts at approximately 7:00 PM and consists of wonderful homemade soups, salads, fresh baked bread, desserts, and gourmet entrees. The lodge serves wine with meals and an open bar is available 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.

Fishing Gear

Although some guests choose to bring their own fishing gear, we can 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. We also provide premium chest waders (S-XXL) and wading boots (SZ: 5-16). You just show up and your guide will take care of the rest!

If you feel you may need special accommodation regarding gear and/or sizes, please contact us ahead of time to seek further instructions regarding your concern.

Fishing Licenses:

All required fishing licenses are included in your trip package. Your fishing license and king salmon stamp (if applicable) will be purchased for you prior to your trip and available for you to sign when you arrive. Fishing licenses must always remain on your person while on the water.

Remote Safety Systems:

While we operate in remote locations with limited connectivity, we take the safety of our staff and guests extremely seriously. All 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 can notify emergency responders in our area.

All our float planes used for our guided fly outs also utilize a service known as Spider Tracks, an aircraft tracking and communications service that allows our lodge staff to always monitor the location of our fleet.

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, Northern 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 to our head guide and/or lodge manager when discussing fishing options for the week. Daily limits, sizes, and species availability is dependent on several 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.

For an additional charge, smoked preparations such as smoked fillets, lox, and caviar is also available.

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.

Staff:

Our staff is dedicated to making your experience truly memorable. We have highly trained professionals in all areas - pilots, guides, chefs, camp-hands, and housekeepers. Our staff is here 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, and that's what they get!

Gratuities:

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

What To Pack:

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

Dressing in warm moisture-wicking layers is the most recommended and sensible way to dress and pack for remote Alaska (please, no cotton!). The weather may vary greatly between the lodge and your fishing destination, thus versatile layers are beneficial. 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, a reusable water bottle, and a 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 in your trip!

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How Far Do You Travel to Daily Destinations?
A: We 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 wind, weather, and fishing preferences. 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 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 the 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. 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 viewing a particular animal, then some times of the season may better fit your interests, but anytime is a great time to visit.

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. This allows us to inform our chef of your special needs/requests. 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 capacity. 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 You Have Internet?
A: *Yes, we recently updated our internet to Starlink at the lodge. Keep in mind there are not a lot of satellites flying over Bristol Bay so, internet speed is much slower than the lower 48.*

Reservation Policies

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

New Bookings

- All reservations require a 50% confirmation deposit payment within 7 days of creating the reservation to hold space.
- 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.

Re-Bookings / First Right of Refusal

- Guests that join us at the lodge are offered the first right of refusal to the same respective dates for the following year through the end of their current year trip.
- To re-book space for the following year, a $500 per person deposit is required to hold space.
- 50% of the trip cost is due by November 1st of the current year. If the 50% deposit is not received by November 1st, space is no longer reserved and is open to sell.
- Final balance payments are due in full 90 days prior to the original start date of the trip.

Cancellation Policy

Reservations may be cancelled for any reason..

- Reservations that are cancelled more than 120 days before the original trip start date;
    - Are eligible to receive a trip credit equal to all payments made that may be used towards a future trip during the current or following season.
    - Are eligible for a refund, less a $500 per person cancellation fee, only if space made available by cancellation is sold to another party. Refunds issued will only be equal to the resold amount received.
- Reservations that are cancelled 120 days or less before original trip start date;
    - Are nonrefundable and not eligible for a credit of any payments made, unless space made available by cancellation is sold to another party (cancellation fees apply).
- All reservations that are cancelled;
    - Forfeit first right of refusal to the dates made available by the cancelled reservation.
    - May only be rescheduled for future trips based on availability after all current season first right of refusal options are exercised.

General Terms and Conditions

Mission 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. Mission Lodge is not responsible for any expenses incurred for how its schedule or itinerary changes might affect additional travel, lodging, logistics or plans. Because weather can occasionally affect schedules, and because unforeseen situations can necessitate a trip cancellation, Mission Lodge highly recommends purchasing trip or travel insurance.

Contact Information and Directions

Emergency Phone Number

The number to leave at home in case of an emergency is **(908) 842-2250**. This number will ring straight to the office phone on-site at the lodge.

If it is an emergency the line is available 24 hours. Otherwise, please call during normal business hours 7Am-9PM

Bristol Adventures Reservations: **(907) 243-5448**

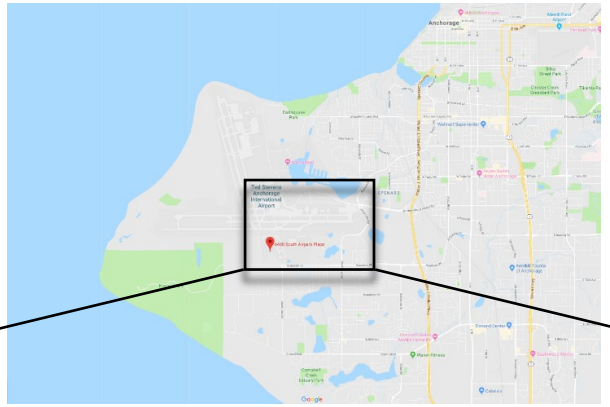
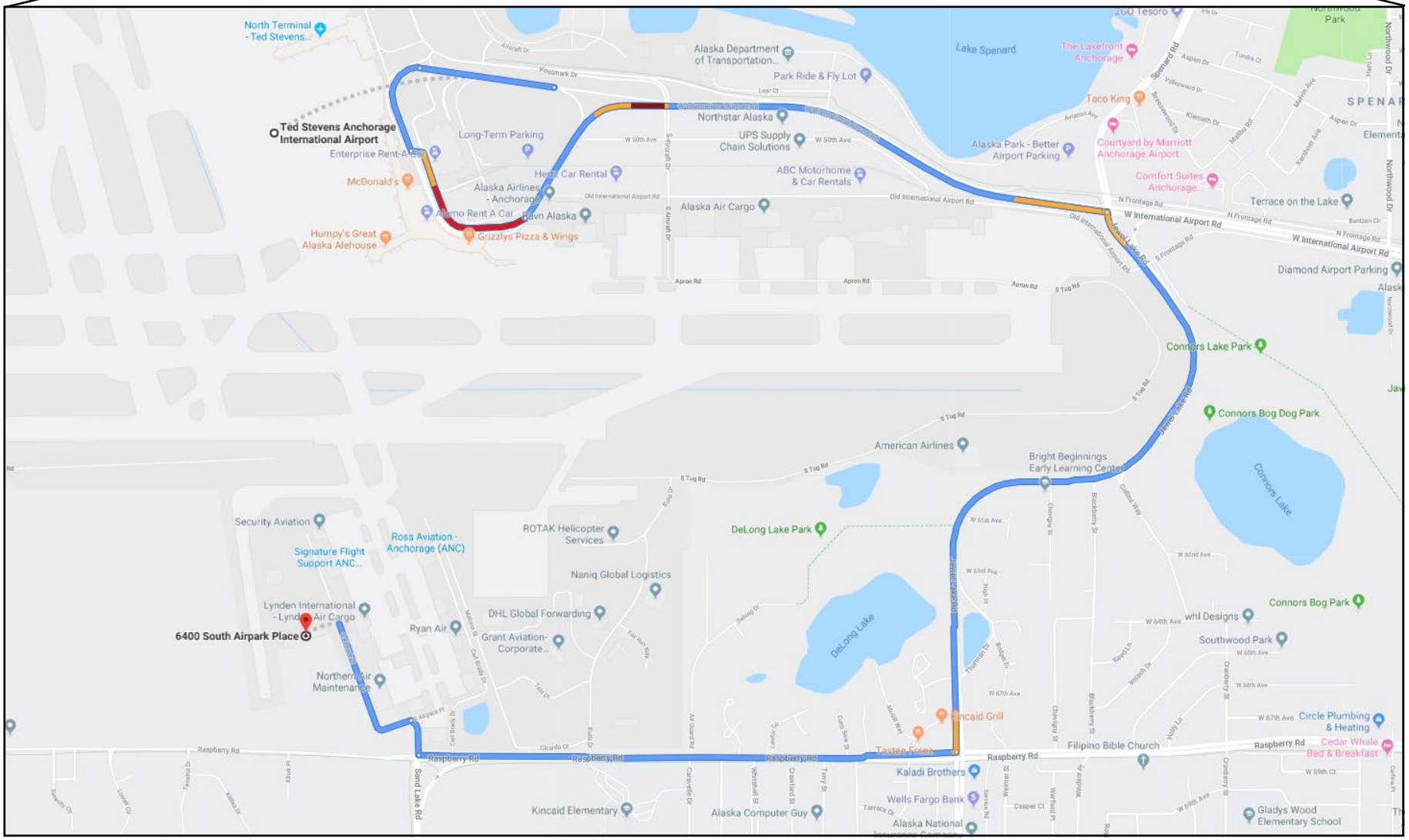
Katmai Air Office (Anchorage): **(907) 243-5638**

Katmai Air Office Address:

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

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

Directions to Katmai Air from 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.

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