

Kamchatka Russia
2011 Trip Information



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Flights to Kamchatka

Please use **Red Star Travel** in Seattle Washington to book your flights to Russia. We have several reasons we want everyone to use this same agency. If there are problems while we are in Kamchatka these guys can handle it. They are Russians and well connected. Besides, with one call from the river in Kamchatka they can fix it all! Call them at: **800-215-4378**. Or, you can email them: travel@travel2russia.com **with questions or to make your reservation.**

Flights to Russia and travel within Russia

Red Star Travel can arrange travel and tours of Moscow, St. Petersburg, Lake Baikal or anywhere else in Russia. Many people today are taking extra time seeing the sights of Russia. Moscow is an ideal stopover. We recommend spending a few extra nights in Moscow on the return trip. Lots of our guests have gone on these tours. They can arrange for hotels, tours, private tour guides, trains, just about anything in Russia.

Visa Invitations and Visa Processing

Red Star Travel does all our visa processing. If you book your flight to Russia with Red Star and it costs over \$1000 they will provide your visa invitation for free. They normally charge \$50 for this. Red Star Travel is located in Seattle and can hand carry your passport and visa application and all paperwork into the Russian Embassy. Once we receive your deposit for you trip to Kamchatka we will provide you with all the information needed to get your Russian Visa.

Trip Insurance

We **require trip insurance!** [Travel Guard](#) is one company. Their insurance can include medical insurance good in Russia, trip cancellation insurance and emergency medical transportation in case of a medical emergency. The best way is to sign up with us at the time you book your trip. This is because the coverage much more extensive if you purchase your insurance within 14 days of your initial deposit. An application is enclosed for you to examine. Give them a call 1-800-215-4378. Red Star Travel sells trip insurance too. So, you can get your flight reservations, trip insurance and side trips set up at once.

Communications

American cell phones with International service worked in Kamchatka the last four summers! We have been able to bring satellite phones into Kamchatka for years. You can bring your own. We have a satellite phone on each trip. It's for emergency use only. If your family needs to contact you, please have them call 1-800-825-8196, Ouzel's toll free number in Alaska. Have them leave their message and our office staff will contact us on our satellite phone.

Thanks for joining us for our 21st summer in business in Kamchatka! If we may be of further help, don't hesitate to write or call.

Ouzel's General Information for all our Fly Fishers

Bears: We see bears. Our guides carry guns. Bears normally run quickly and are hard to get good pictures of. Make plenty of noise while on the river. Do not bring bear mace.

Bugs: OFF has a new kind of insect repellent out with both Deet and Skin So Soft in it. Deet - the main ingredient in most insect repellents works well against mosquitoes but does not work that well against black gnats and no-see-ums. Skin so Soft works well against black gnats and no-see-ums. It's an Avon product so, call your Avon lady! You don't have to spray the insect repellent on yourself; just put it on your shirt and hat. Aerosol insect repellent is nice, that way you don't have to get it on your hands. It's pretty hard on fishing line and plastic.

Cash: You should have extra cash in case of an emergency. Don't bring traveler's checks, they require going to bank and the lines there can be very long. Travel with cash and bring only new clean, non-damaged \$100 and \$20 bills. Russian Banks and stores only accept clean, new bills. More and more places accept credit cards these days. There are bank card machines all over now. You can get Rubles right from them.

Credit cards: We accept MasterCard or Visa. It's getting easier to use credit cards in Russia. It's good to bring some cash. You can get Rubles right from a cash machine using your bank card.

Fishing License: Licenses cost \$160 for a week.

Fly Boxes: People have been using small plastic boxes for their fishing tackle more over the years. Some use fly vests to put their flies in. With them, your things are portable and your hands are free. Plus you don't leave these things on a beach somewhere when the rafts go down river. Please avoid large cumbersome tackle boxes.

Gratuities: Normally they range from 10 to 15% of your trip's price.

Interpreters: A highly trained Russian interpreter accompanies each Ouzel group.

Meals & Lodging: Meals in **town** and lodging in hotels will cost you approximately \$210 per night if needed and are **not** included in the trips package price. You pay for them in Kamchatka. While on the river Ouzel Expeditions has expert Russian cooks. Our traditional Russian meals are plentiful and delicious!

Nets: Nets for landing and releasing fish is handy for releasing Rainbows. Make sure its deep enough to fit a big size bow in it. A small salmon net is better for the Rainbows on our trips.

Plastic bags: Pack a few zip lock and large garbage bags. Put your dirty or wet clothes in them. They're nice for wet wading boots and waders too. A zip lock bag can become a semi-waterproof camera bag.

Polarized sunglasses: are a must, the lighter are better for overcast days. A spare pair is recommended.

Tents, Sleeping Bags and Gear Stowage: Ouzel Expeditions Provides sleeping tents. The Tents are light, highly wind and water-resistant. We do provide thermarest air mattresses. We provide waterproof gear storage bags that are the best in the business. We **DO NOT** provide sleeping bags or a pillow so be sure to bring your own.

Tools: Don't forget all your pet tools. [Needle nose vice grips](#) in the large size with a holster are nice. LED Headlamps are easier to use than flashlights. (Light Emitting Diodes) They really conserve batteries.

Transportation in Russia: Once you're in Petropavlovsk travel is included in Ouzel's trip price. We provide transportation to and from the heli ports, hotels and short tours. You can use a taxi if you want to go off on your own.

Travel Documents: Make 2 photocopies your Passport and Visa. Once you get your Russian visa please mail a photocopy of it to us at Ouzel. Or you can scan it an email it. We'll need it for your Russian fishing license and to get your immigration papers into Kamchatka done for you. The immigration paperwork is required since Kamchatka is considered a military outpost like community. That way Ouzel will have a copy of your paperwork. Also, in case you loose your passport it's nice to have a copy. Pack it separately from your passport and tickets. Put it somewhere else in your gear or trade with a friend. We did have one client use this copy to leave Russia when he lost his visa years ago.

Upon arrival in Kamchatka you will have to fill out a Russian Declaration with passport number, how much cash and expensive items listed. **Keep it folded inside your passport.** You'll need it if you go to a bank. You'll also need it when you depart Russia. You'll have to fill out a new declaration when you depart Russia too. It's nice to have a pen handy when filling out your declaration on the plane before clearing customs and again when checking into your departing flight.

Water Filters: We recommend you bring a personal water filter. The inexpensive personal charcoal water filters are all you need. Or you should bring a water bottle and just fill it with our large water purifier.

Waterproof Bags: These days' some people want to have their own waterproof bag. If you have it ahead of time you can pack in it before arriving in Kamchatka. Just call Jack's Plastic Welding [1] 800-742-1904. Ask for the Large Round Bottom Outfitter Bag. Check them out online at: <http://www.jpwinc.com> Otherwise we loan them to you in Kamchatka when we get there.

Weather: The weather in Kamchatka is temperate and coastal. It gets a lot of snow in winter and spring runoff is high and muddy in June. It's weather is a lot like that in the Rockies; July and August temperatures can be from the 50's to the high 90's, cool nights, hot days. It's warmer and a little rainy like Alaska. September is in the 70's but can frost.

Clothing

Outer Layer: Waders: Breathable waders are the only way to go. Simms waders are the best there are. There are many other brands that work very well. These new breathable waders are waterproof, yet allow moisture vapor to escape, even while under water, keeping you cool and dry even in hot weather. Breathable waders work very well all times of the year. They're extremely tough, very light and easy to pack. Your waders serve to resist or block the elements -- such as wind, rain, or snow -- so that you remain warm and dry. Breathable waders allow perspiration to escape right through the material. Get them a little big so you can put on extra clothes if it's cold. Neoprene waders are a thing of the past. The climate in Kamchatka is like Alaska although generally a little warmer than Alaska. Be prepared for the worst and you will be comfortable.

Under Your Waders: The right mix of layers can prevent overheating and dehydration or, conversely, chilled muscles and even hypothermia. The key to staying comfortable is a well-regulated body temperature. Layers of clothing can be added or taken off. Don't wear cotton. Once cotton is wet it draws heat from your body and is hard to dry. Whether you call it fleece, polypropylene, capilene, or polartec, this is the right stuff. **Tip: Bring thin polypropylene long underwear and thicker fleece pants.**

Base Layer: A thin polypropylene underwear base layer helps to regulate your body's microclimate by wicking moisture away from your skin so that it can evaporate or be passed through the outer layers.

Second Layer: The fleece pants can be the second layer in a continuation of the base layer in managing moisture, they provide more thermal insulation. You can just wear the fleece pants if it's not that cold. For colder weather **Ouzel recommends: [Patagonia, R1 Fleece Bottoms.](#)**

Rain Jacket: Gortex or Breathable raincoats are the way to go. Several are made just for fishing. These are shorter. Others are longer and are more multipurpose. Both work just fine. This is the only coat you need on the trip.

Under your Rain Jacket: You need several fleece or polypropylene shirts. You just vary which and how many layers to put on to be the right temperature. **Ouzel recommends: [Patagonia Fleece Jackets](#)**

You need a fleece jacket. There are a whole lot of these available from a multitude of manufacturers. Ouzel recommends: **[Patagonia R3 Radiant Jacket, R2 Jacket.](#)**

Some fleece jackets have a windproof barrier in them that makes them warmer. You don't have to have this windproof barrier in your fleece jacket. They stop the wind but not the rain. **Ouzel recommends: [Patagonia, Windstopper fleece R4 Jacket, Cabela's WindShear Performance fleece.](#)**

Socks: Wool is still the best type of sock inside wading shoes. **Ouzel recommends: [Patagonia MW Hiking socks](#)** This brand has elastic and wool mixed and don't bunch up. 100% Wool sox are good too. Wool poly blend sox are just fine.

Wading Shoes: Felt Soled wading shoes are the only way to go. They help you walk on moss-covered rocks. Don't bring studded wading shoes. Our rafts are made of rubber and they are not good on our floors. **Ouzel recommends: Simms wading shoes.**

Packing your River Clothing: Put all your river clothes in a zippered *bag approximately 2-1/2 ft x 16"*. This way it can drop right into the waterproof bag that will already contain your sleeping bag and thermarest pad. We loan you a large waterproof bag and a small "day bag" in Kamchatka. (Or, you can bring your own waterproof bags.)

Things like wading shoes, waders, and fishing tackle do not need to go in the waterproof bag. You can put them in a duffel bag. This way you can check your waterproof bag and the duffel bag with the Airline. Carry on cameras or whatever. Don't put fish hooks in your carry on luggage.

Airlines allows 2 pieces of checked luggage not to exceed 75 lbs total and 1 carry on of 17 lbs or less. Heavier bags cost \$200 extra and weigh no more than 50 lbs. Rods cost \$70 extra one way and, \$140 round trip. All your gear will probably weigh 70 lbs or less. So you should be under their weight limit. People can tape several rods together to help defray those costs. Four piece rods may be the way to go.

You need a set of **[town clothes](#)**. Bring casual clothes. Men can bring cords or Dockers and a sweater or nice shirt. Ladies Should bring casual clothes also. Shoes should be comfortable for walking.

Tip: You don't really need to take these clothes on the river. Pack your town clothes in a small bag. Pack it on top, inside your waterproof bag, so it's easy to get out just before getting on the helicopter. Take it out and leave it behind. Anything you choose to leave behind will be safe with our people in Petropavalovsk.

Tip: If you wish to purchase gifts while in Russia leave a little extra space in your luggage for them for the trip home.

Ouzel's Kamchatka Check List

Camping

- ___ Sleeping Bag rated to 20 or 30 degrees
- ___ Pillow

Clothing

- ___ Long underwear, 1 pair (bottoms)
- ___ Fleece underwear shirt (tops)
- ___ Breathable or Gortex rain coat
- ___ Wading Shoes
- ___ Gravel Guards
- ___ Waders, breathable chest waders
- ___ Wool or Smartwool socks, 3-5 pair
- ___ Lightweight socks
- ___ Wool or fleece hat
- ___ Wool or fleece gloves
- ___ Baseball cap or hat with brim
- ___ Fleece pants, 1 pair
- ___ Jeans or other pants, 1 pair
- ___ 1 Fleece jacket or wool sweater
- ___ 2 T-shirts
- ___ Shorts (late June - mid September)
- ___ 2 long sleeved or turtleneck shirt
- ___ Swimming suit
- ___ Camp shoes (running shoes, sandals or light hiking boots)

Fishing

- ___ Fly rods
- ___ Fly boxes with flies
- ___ Fly reels
- ___ Fly lines
- ___ Wading belt
- ___ Knot tool
- ___ Hook file or Stone
- ___ Tape Measure
- ___ Split Shot
- ___ Leaders
- ___ Tippets
- ___ Reel lubricant
- ___ Floatant
- ___ Clippers or scissors
- ___ Fishing vest or travel bag
- ___ Hemostats
- ___ Needlenose Vice Grips or pliers

Other Suggestions

- ___ Medications (prescriptions) Aspirin
- ___ Polarized sunglasses, a must, the lighter the better
- ___ Spare sunglasses
- ___ Insect Repellent
- ___ Sun lotion with sunscreen
- ___ Camera - lots of film or memory cards and batteries
- ___ 1 roll of toilet paper
- ___ Personal water purifier
- ___ Personal gear (toothbrush, wet wipes, soap, etc.)
- ___ Personal towel
- ___ Airline tickets
- ___ Passport and Visa for Russia
- ___ Photocopy of your passport and visa
- ___ Notebook & pen
- ___ Wallet
- ___ Cash
- ___ Daypack
- ___ Reading glasses
- ___ English Russian dictionary
- ___ Sharp knife
- ___ Binoculars
- ___ Head net
- ___ Personal liquor supply
- ___ Neoprene socks
- ___ Sleeping bag – medium weight
- ___ Thermarest
- ___ Ear plugs for Heli and plane rides
- ___ Zip lock bags
- ___ Plastic garbage bags
- ___ Headlight with LED lamp

Other needs:

This is a general list for Kamchatka. From September on you need a few more layers of fleece clothes. The experienced wilderness traveler comes prepared for the worst but doesn't take extra things. Clothing wise; you need what is on this list.

Flies for fishing Kamchatka

Flies: We stock the flies on our list and will be happy to help you choose them. **We can set you up!** We can package a box of flies just for the particular river and week you will be with us. Let us know if you want an average number, more or less flies. Let us know if you want more flies for Salmon or more dries for Rainbow and Char. You can get them in Anchorage or we can mail them to you ahead of time.

Our fly list is very complete. You don't need all the flies on this list. Many of these popular flies look alike or represent the same thing. In order to not leave out anyone's pet fly we have lots and lots of them on our recommended list of flies.

If you like to tie your own flies and want some representative flies for patterns, let us know. We can mail you some. Fly Patterns of Alaska by the Alaska Fly Fishers: Frank Amato Publications, PO. Box 82112, Portland Oregon 97282. (503) 653-8108, is probably the best single book on tying flies for Alaska. The patterns work very well in Kamchatka as well.

Rainbows feed on **mice** all summer long. Large Deer or Elk hair mice work well. Be sure they are tied on heavy hooks. The Rainbows hit them hard and bend light hooks straight. The Mercer Lemmings don't sink or need dry fly dressing so they are very nice to fish with. Kamchatka has the best and most consistent mouse fishing I've ever seen.

Dry flies work very well about any time in Kamchatka. Best sizes are generally 12 and 14. We've had lots of trips where we only use dry flies for the entire week from late July on. Bring lots of your favorites: Humpy, Adams, Black Gnats, Elk Hair Caddis, Madam X, Mice, Blue Dun, and even Pink Pollywogs work.

June and early July smolt are out-migrating to the sea. Sockeye smolt stay in the river for 2 years. Rainbows feast on them all summer long. The Crystal Zonker Grizzly is the best smolt pattern. Others are: Katmai Smolt, Coronation, Blue Smolt, leaches and green or black woolly buggers.

Large attractor patterns work best for **Salmon**: Purple Egg Sucking Leach, Babine Special, White Egg Sucking Leech, Pink Egg Sucking Leech, Hot Pink Sparkler, Single Egg Fly, Sockeye Orange and the Polar Shrimp. They will take just about anything that's big and flashy. Chums really seem to take just about anything but their personal favorite is the Fuchsia Bugger.

Silvers go for Purple, White or Black Egg Sucking Leeches better than just about anything. Sometimes Silvers take green or other bright colored flies like Lime Bunny Bugs or flies with lots of flashabou or crystal flash in them. Sockeye take sparsely dressed flies like a Sockeye Orange or a Coho fly. Sockeye are harder to get to bite unless highly concentrated or very fresh.

Good King flies are: Alaskabous, King Killers or Fat Freddy's and Polar Shrimp. Basically, King flies are large and red and white with maribou, which moves pretty well underwater. Come equipped with plenty tied on large heavy hooks in mid June.

The **Egg Sucking Leach** is a most amazing fly, have a large number of these. For easy fishing, this is the King. They work on Char, Rainbows and all the Salmon. It might just be the best fly in Kamchatka Russia. It's tied like a woolly bugger with a single egg for a head. Purple seems to be the best all around color but they work well in black, white and pink too. It doesn't really copy anything, except maybe a smolt with an egg in its mouth.

The Dali Lama has proven itself to be a most excellent fly. Be sure to have several of these.

Fly Rods and Fly Lines: We recommend you bring 2 fly rods in the 6 to 9 weight class. A 6 is your best choice for your smaller rod. A 5 can't deal with the salmon or large rainbows you will catch nearly as well as a 6 can. Bring an 8 or 9 for your larger rod. An 8 weight seems to be the most popular choice. A 7 is fine though. Generally you'll fish the whole week with the smaller rod. The larger rod is for sinking lines or salmon should you decide to go after them. You should bring 2 fly lines for this larger rod a floating and a sinking tip line. If you are going on the Kapushka River you won't need a sinking line. Bring the second line as a backup line in case you loose yours to an underwater object or a fish.

If you only want to bring 1 fly rod, the best all around choice is an 8 weight, 9 to 9 1/2 feet long. You can catch just about anything on this rod. Kings may or may not break an 8 weight but, it's good for all the other salmon and is still light enough to use for smaller fish. An 8 weight is not the best for catching King Salmon.

Size 7, 8 and 9-weight rods work well for Sockeye, Silver and Chum Salmon. These larger rods are over kill for smaller fish. 9 and 10 weight rods work well for Kings. Longer length rods seem to cast sinking tip lines better. A ten foot 10 weight is very good for kings, so is a spey rod for that matter.

More people are bringing lighter spey rods in the 6 and 7 range these days. These rods are sometimes called switch rods. They are pretty nice and can take a load off your arm. I fish with a standard Orvis 7 wt almost all the time in Kamchatka and find it to be plenty of rod for big Rainbows yet light enough to fish all day long.

Reels should match rods so they are balanced. Single action reels are best for Salmon as multiplier reels make it difficult to bring Salmon in. Reels with anti reverse are very nice for large salmon. They can really stop them in their tracks and won't break your thumb when a King takes a hard run.

Backing: Be sure to use heavier backing on your fly reel than your tippet material. When fishing for Kings use 30 lb. or greater backing. 20 lb. braided dacron backing is fine for all the other fly reels than King Salmon reels.

Fly Lines: Almost all of our fishing is in shallow water using **floating lines**. Bring weight forward floating lines for both of your fly rods. This kind of line is usually designated with a WF for weight forward or WFF for weight forward floating. This line is thicker or larger around at the tip and thinner at the back end which makes it easier to cast. A clean line slips through the guides much easier and casts further too. You can always use a long leader with weighted flies to get down. This works well. You can bring a sinking tip line for this smaller rod but it's not necessary.

Here are Ouzel's suggestions for sinking tip lines. Use a Teeny sink tip 200 Grains for 7, 8 or 9 wts. Most of the rivers we float are shallow and we don't even use a sinking line on them.

Leaders and Tippet: Use tapered leaders for dry flies in lengths of 7 ½ to 10 feet. When fishing for Kings use 25 lb. test. Keep these tippets short, 3 to 4 feet long, tied directly on to the fly line with a nail not. The less knots the better.

Use straight tippet material for streamers, (Rio is very nice) for sinking flies in weights of 14 to 20 lbs test. Straight tippet material is fine for Mice too. They don't exactly roll over anyway. Bring spools of 14, 16, 18 and 20 lb. test tippet material. Remember, when you hook the big one, you don't want to have the leader break! The fish are not leader shy!

**Suggested flies for Kamchatka with
OUZEL EXPEDITIONS, INC.
Numbers, names then hook sizes.**

Please remember that these recommendations are merely that, recommendations. You are by no means required to purchase all of these flies. The suggested flies mentioned here is what we have found to work best for most fishing conditions.

24 Egg Sucking Leaches 12 Purple 2, 4 or Black 12 White	6 Single Egg Fly 2, 6
6 Madam X 12	6 Babine Special 2, 4
6 Adam's Irresistible 12, 14	6 King Killer 1/0
6 Grizzly Wulff 10	6 Cotton Candy
12 Elk Hair Caddis 12, 14	6 Battle Creek 4, 6
6 Mosquito 14, 16	8 Krystal Zonker Grizzly 4
6 Royal Wolf 12, 14	6 Polar Shrimp 1/0, 2,4
6 Humpty 10, 12, 14	12 Woolly Bugger 2, 4, __black, __purple, __pink, __olive
6 Stonefly 2, 4	10 Beads and 5 hooks
6 Adam's 12, 14, 16	12 Flesh fly (Bunny Bug) 2, 4
6 Ouzel Cork Mouse	2 Chernoblyl Ant 8
6 Deer Hair Mice	6 Dali Lama 2
6 Fuchsia Bugger 2	
6 Black Gnat 10, 12,	
6 Brown Emerger 14, 16	
6 Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear 10	
6 Muddler Minnow 4,	
6 Stimulator 8	

These are average amounts of popular flies. Bring all your dries in all the sizes you have right down to the 22's. Size and approximate color need to be matched sometimes. Other time just anything like the bug will do. Amounts you bring will vary if you plan to exclusively fish dry flies or fish more for salmon ect. A number of the red & white flies are interchangeable and anything red works once the salmon come in. Smolt patterns work all summer long. **Don't forget your mice!**

Ouzel's Fly Order Form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Egg Sucking Leach 2, 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Purple
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> White
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Madam X 12
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Adam's Irresistible 12, 14
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Grizzly Wulff 10
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Elk Hair Caddis 10, 12, 14
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Mosquito 12, 14, 16
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Royal Wolf 10, 12, 14
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Humpy 10, 12, 14
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 Stonefly 2, 4, 6
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Stimulator
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Adam's 12, 14, 16
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.50 Deer Hair Mouse
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.50 Ouzel Cork Mouse
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Black Gnat 10, 12,
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Brown Emerger 14, 16
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear 10
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 Chernoblyl Ant 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1.50 Single Egg Fly 2, 6
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 King Killer 1/0
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.25 Cotton Candy 4
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.25 Battle Creek
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 Krystal Zonker Grizzly 2
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 Flesh fly (Bunny Bug) 2, 4
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Polar Shrimp 1/0, 2,4
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Katmai Smolt 4
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Rainbow Smolt 4
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Bleeding Prawn 2/0
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Pink
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Woolly Bugger 2, 4,
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> black, <input type="checkbox"/> purple, <input type="checkbox"/> pink, <input type="checkbox"/> olive
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Fuchsia Bugger 2
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 Flash Fly, Orange 1/0
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 pkg 10 Beads, 5 hooks
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 Muddler Minnow
<input type="checkbox"/> \$3.00 Dali Lama 2 |
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Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

River _____ Dates _____

Order Date _____

Phone Day (_____) _____ - _____ Evening (_____) _____ - _____

(We can pick your flies for you if you like. Most people have us do this.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pick flies for me. | Average number | \$150.00 | _____ |
| | More than average | \$200.00 | _____ |
| | Less than average | \$100.00 | _____ |

Number flies _____ X \$1.50 = _____

_____ X \$2.00 = _____

Please mail your order _____ X \$2.25 = _____
 directly to us:

Ouzel Expeditions, Inc. _____ X \$2.50 = _____

PO Box 935

Girdwood, AK 99587 _____ X \$5.50 = _____

Postage + \$5.00

Total \$ _____

PLEASE SEND CHECK AT TIME OF ORDER. PLEASE ORDER FLIES 30 DAYS AHEAD OF YOUR VACATION.

CATCH AND RELEASE

Increasing numbers of anglers are fishing Kamchatka. We don't see others on our trips. The rivers we're fishing have been staying in excellent shape! This is our 18th season taking fishermen there. Continuation of high quality sport fishing depends upon anglers catching and carefully releasing their fish. Here are some techniques that can help us keep Kamchatka's remarkable Rainbow Trout fishery vital.

Choosing Your Tackle

- Use strong line to bring your catch in quickly.
- Use hooks appropriate to the size of the fish.
- Use pliers to pinch barbs on hooks down.

Landing Your Catch

- Land your fish as carefully and quickly as possible.
- Avoid removing the fish from the water.
- Do not let fish flop about in shallow water, on the ground, or in the bottom of your boat.
- Use landing nets made with soft or knotless mesh.

Handling Your Catch

- Keep your fish in the water.
- Cradle large fish gently with both hands: one under its belly, one at the tail.
- Keep your fingers out of and away from the gills and eyes.
- Use wet hands or wet cloth gloves to handle the fish.
- Never squeeze the fish.
- Support your fish in the water while your partner takes your picture. Fish can not remain healthy out of water for longer than you can hold your breath.

Removing Your Hook

- Use long nose pliers to back the hook out.
- Remove the hook quickly, keeping the fish underwater.
- When the fish is hooked deeply, cut the line to release the fish.
- Use steel hooks that will rust out, avoid stainless steel hooks.

Reviving Your Catch

- Keep your catch in the water at all times. If you want to take a photograph, have the photographer get ready, then lift the fish barely out of the water and quickly return it to the water.
- Point your catch into a slow current, or gently move it back and forth until its gills are working properly and it maintains its balance. When the fish recovers and attempts to swim away, let it swim from your hands.
- Let the fish bite on your finger after getting the hook out. It will let go when it's ready to.

Large fish may take more time to revive. Especially the big Rainbows, many some of them are up to 12 years old according to our scientific studies.

Visitor's Acknowledgement of Risks and Assumption of Risk and Responsibility

WARNING: There are significant elements of risk in any adventure, sport or activity associated with the outdoors or wilderness, including but not limited to camping, climbing/hiking/trekking, fishing, hunting walking or glaciated terrain or surfaces, and the presence or use of saddle animals, dogs, watercraft, firearms and other weapons (referred to herein as "activity"), and the use of any related equipment.

In consideration of the services of **Ouzel Expeditions, Inc.** their officers, agents, employees, and stockholders, and all other persons or entities associated with those businesses (herein collectively referred to as "the outfitter/guide"), I agree as follows:

Although the outfitter/guide has taken reasonable steps to provide me with appropriate equipment and/or skilled guides so I can enjoy an activity for which I may not be skilled, the outfitter/guide has informed me this activity is not without risk. Certain risks are inherent in each activity and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the activity. These inherent risks are some of the same elements that contribute to the unique character of this activity and can be the cause of loss or damage to my equipment, or accidental injury, illness, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. The outfitter/guide does not want to frighten me or reduce my enthusiasm for this activity, but believes it is important for me to know in advance what to expect and to be informed of the inherent risks.

The following describes some but not all, of those risks:

1) Falling; 2) Cold weather and heat related injuries and illness including hypothermia, frostbite, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, sun burn, and dehydration; 3) An "act of nature" which may include avalanche, rock fall, inclement weather, thunder and lightning, severe and/or varied wind, temperature or weather conditions; 4) River crossings, fjordings, portaging, loading on to or unloading from a variety of vehicles, craft, vessels, or animals, and/or travel to and from the activity which may involve flying in helicopters, small aircraft and landing/taking off from in unimproved areas; 5) Risk associated with crossing, climbing or down climbing of rock, snow and/or ice – including risk of head injury which may be reduced by wearing a UIAA approved helmet; 6) Equipment failure and/or operator error; 7) Risks typically associated with approaching, handling, mounting/riding/dismounting, loading/unloading or the unpredictability of any saddle or pack animal in response to light, movement, noise, or objects – including risk of head injury which may be reduced by wearing an ASTM approved riding helmet; 8) Risks typically associated with watercraft including waterflow, current, tidal action, or the wake of other craft; submerged, semi-submerged and overhanging objects; capsizing, swamping or sinking of watercraft and resultant injury, hypothermia, or drowning – drowning risks may be reduced by wearing a fastened U.S.C.G. approved personal flotation device; 9) Attack or encounter with bears, reptiles, insects, or other animals; 10) Accidents or illness occurring in remote places where there are no available medical facilities; 11) Fatigue, chill and/or dizziness, which may diminish my reaction time and increase the risk of accident; 12) Discharge of weapons.

I am aware that the activity entails risks of injury or death to any participant. I understand the description of these inherent risks is not complete and that unknown or unanticipated inherent risks may result in injury, illness, or death. I agree to assume and accept full responsibility for the inherent risks identified herein and those inherent risks not specifically identified. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of the inherent risks.

I hereby authorize any medical treatment deemed necessary in the event of any injury while participating in the activity. I either have appropriate insurance or, in its absence, agree to pay all costs of rescue and/or medical services as may be incurred on my/our behalf.

I acknowledge that engaging in this activity may require a degree of skill and knowledge different from other activities, and that I have responsibilities as a participant. I acknowledge that the staff of the outfitter/guide has been available to more fully explain to me the nature and physical demands of this activity and the inherent risks, hazards, and dangers associated with this activity.

I certify that I am fully capable of participating in this activity. Therefore, I assume and accept full responsibility for myself, including all minor children in my care, custody, and control, for bodily injury, death, loss of personal property, and expenses as a result of those inherent risks and dangers identified herein and those inherent risks and dangers not specifically identified, and as a result of my/our negligence in participating in this activity.

I have carefully read, clearly understood, and accepted the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be effective and binding upon myself, my heirs, assigns, personal representative, and estate, and for all members of my family including minor children.

Participants Name Printed: _____

Age _____ Signature _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number _____ / _____

List of known allergies to plants, insects, food or medications: _____

Describe if under a doctor's care or taking prescribed medications: _____

If Participant is under 18, the Parent or Legal Guardian must also sign: _____



We believe that your upcoming trip is a significant investment which you should protect. For this reason, we strongly recommend you purchase **Travel Insurance**. If you choose to decline this valuable protection, you are assuming any financial loss associated with your travel arrangements. If you do not make arrangements to purchase this coverage within 14 days of your deposit, pre-existing conditions and airline default may not be covered.

No, I decline to purchase travel insurance. _____

SIGNATURE : _____ **DATE:** _____