



# Majestic Eagle Lodge

**Orientation Package  
Petersburg, Alaska**

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## Portal to Portal

Petersburg, Alaska is in the southeastern panhandle of Alaska, halfway between Juneau and Ketchikan. The area is known as the Alaskan Inside Passage and consists of thousands of islands. The weather in the summer is generally warm, but the water is very cold. **Light rain and drizzle can be expected so good rain gear is a must.** It is good to layer up your clothes as it will still be chilly in the boat as you travel to the fishing areas. Generally you will wear a rain jacket every day. It not only protects you from the rain, but also acts as a wind breaker while you are traveling about in the boats. Average temperatures are approximately 50's during the night to about the 70's in the daytime. Daylight normally occurs at about 3-4 o'clock in the morning in June, with darkness between approximately 10-11 o'clock in the evening. The longest day of the year is June 21<sup>st</sup>. There are approximately five minutes of daylight lost each day thereafter.

The total length of the trip after arriving in Petersburg is seven days and six nights. **Arrival is on Sunday, with early departure on the following Saturday.** Additional days will incur a \$350.00 per person, per day fee. Some guests prefer to book a room in Seattle and take the early morning flight via Alaska Airlines to Petersburg, Alaska. Majestic Eagle Lodge personnel will meet you at the airport and transport you and your luggage to the lodge. We will stop in town so that you may purchase licenses and other items before arriving at the lodge. You will arrive at the lodge in the early afternoon and will have a chance to do some fishing in the afternoon after orientation.

Days 2-6 will be spent fishing for Salmon, Halibut, and Trout. Side tours can be arranged with the lodge personnel if desired.

Day 7 is your departure day. The suggested departure is on the morning flight leaving Petersburg. Delays in the afternoon departures due to weather or other problems could cause you to miss your evening connection in Seattle. **Be prepared to leave the Lodge at approximately 7:30 a.m. for town.** We stop at Tonka Seafoods where they will box your frozen fish for the price of the fish box. We then go to the airport and get you checked in. There is usually some time after you are checked in to shop for gifts before departure.

## **Emergency information:**

In case of emergency, the lodge can be contacted by calling 907-518-1919.

## **General Information:**

We really want to thank you for considering Majestic Eagle Lodge for your dream trip to Alaska. Airline reservations can be made through Alaska Airlines at [Alaskaair.com](http://Alaskaair.com) online or by calling Alaska Airlines at 1-800-252-7522. Please refer to the Alaska Airlines section for additional ways to save money when booking travel on Alaska Air.

Majestic Eagle Lodge will provide you with comfortable accommodations, three meals daily, the use of a boat and gas for self-guided fishing, and information on where to fish for the best results. There will be times that large schools of fish will arrive creating a fishing frenzy, and other times you will have to work at it. We will do everything we can to make your fishing trip successful, but there are no guarantees as it depends on the fish runs and times of the year. There is no way to predict this for our clients.

Tourism is very popular during the summer months in Alaska. Early reservations for Alaska Airlines will offer better air fares as well as better seat assignments. Viking Travel in Petersburg can assist you with good rates and seats if you mention you are staying at Majestic Eagle Lodge. This is especially true when flying on short notice. Phone number for Viking Travel is 907-772-3818 or toll free at 1-800-327-2571.

This is an unguided trip unless otherwise stated or a charter is arranged with the lodge. Our lodge personnel will provide you with a map and information on where to fish. We will also caravan out your first day so you can be aware of any safety hazards and will show you how to come and go safely from various fishing areas. You should have some experience with the operation of an outboard motor boat, be familiar with navigation rules and be able to read simple nautical maps. If you have any additional questions that are not covered in this pamphlet, please direct your calls to the phone numbers on the front of the packet and we will be happy assist you in any way we can.

## **Reservations- Airline and Hotel**

Some of our guests who come from far away will want to fly to Seattle and spend the night before flying out to Majestic Eagle Lodge and Petersburg in the morning.

Here is a partial list of hotels in the Seattle Sea-Tac Airport area. It is recommended you call for additional information on what is included in their accommodations. You may also find 800 numbers on their websites and deals for booking online. These are for informational purposes only.

Hilton-Seattle Airport	206-244-4800
Holiday Inn Sea-Tac International Airport	206-242-7089
Clarion Hotel Seattle Airport	206-242-0200
Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport	206-246-8600
Seattle Marriot Sea-Tac Airport	206-241-2000
Radisson Hotel Gateway Sea-Tac	206-244-6679
Red Lion Hotel Seattle Airport	206-246-5535
Fairfield Inn Sea-Tac Airport	206-824-9909
Sutton Suites Sea-Tac Airport	206-431-6884
Hampton Inn Sea-Tac	206-878-1700

## **Alaska Airlines Information:**

Alaska Airlines is the only commercial passenger carrier landing at the Petersburg Airport. It has two flights daily. It is important to book early as the cheapest, special rates are available on a limited basis. As the planes fill up seat prices rise accordingly. We do not have any control over these rates so it is best to book early to ensure you have a flight and a good rate. Many clients apply for an Alaska Airlines Credit Card prior to their trip.

The cards allow for a companion fare once a year for \$99.00 plus taxes. This can really save you a lot of money when booking flights. The card features are for your information only. We are not affiliated with Alaska Airlines and their credit cards. You can apply online or at Bank of America. Contact them directly if you have questions. The number for the credit card department is 1-800-732-9194.

# The Lodge

Majestic Eagle Lodge is located on Kupreanof Island. This is directly across from Mitkof Island where the airport and the town of Petersburg are located. Lodge personnel will pick you up at the airport and transport you and your luggage approximately 11 miles south of the town of Petersburg to Papkes Landing. You will then be transported by boat to the lodge which is across the Wrangell Narrows. The island has no roads or utilities. Power is supplied by diesel generators. We run our generator through the night for those needing to run medical devices.

There are four private cabins with bunk style accommodations available. Each cabin has two sets of bunk beds. The bottom bunk on one side is set up with a double bed instead of a twin. Each cabin has a shower, toilet, sink, and small refrigerator. Showers are unlimited and each cabin has its' own instant hot water heater. Views of the ocean can be seen from all cabins and the lodge building.

Fresh drinking water is available at all times from a dispenser located in the food prep area of the lodge. We do not provide bottled water but do have thermos jugs to carry drinks in. We are very sensitive to environmental issues and put as little plastic in the landfill as is possible.

For those looking for some additional recreation, a pool table, foosball table, and air hockey will be available in the main lodge building. There is also a fireplace and Direct TV available in the main building.

## Meals:

A full hot breakfast is provided daily. Lunch is usually sandwiches and snacks prepared by the guest. Dinner is served early in the evening. The times for the meals will be posted each day. If you have any special dietary needs, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your request. The lodge will provide coffee, tea, milk, punch, and lemonade. We **do not provide soft drinks or alcoholic beverages**. You can purchase these in town if you so desire. We will make a stop for these items and any special snacks you may want on the way to the lodge.

## Boats:

A boat with the appropriate equipment will be assigned to you and your party. The operator should have some experience in operating boats with outboard motors. Our boats will have two motors. One large motor for general navigation and a smaller motor for trolling. The boats will be equipped with life jackets, ropes, an anchor, oars, a pail, bait containers and lunch coolers. They will also have fish finders. You will receive a generous allotment of bait from the lodge. It is also possible to catch fresh bait by jigging for herring near the canneries when available. We also have a covered boat available for an extra \$500.00 weekly. Call for availability.

Everyone has to sign the boat user agreement and indemnity form as well as the reservation form and send them to our office. A credit card imprint will be required upon your arrival at the lodge for boat usage. **The clients assigned to the boat will be responsible for any damage or loss of equipment.** Charges for damage will be posted and reviewed in orientation. We encourage you to visit our website and read the boat user agreement in advance and bring a completed copy with you.

### Crab Traps

Due to the loss of many crab traps by clients, we will require a \$150.00 deposit (cash or credit) for the use of a crab trap. When the trap is returned, the deposit will be refunded. Any fines for illegal size or female crabs will be the responsibility of the client. The regulations will be provided by the lodge, along with a crab measurer. Ask if you have any questions.

## **Luggage Information:**

Alaska Airlines charges \$20.00 each for checked bags. They also charge for bags weighing over 50 pounds. You are also allowed a carry-on bag and a personal item such as a purse or computer. Many items have been prohibited regarding what you can carry on the plane or can have in your checked bags. Please consult Alaska Airlines for more details. Common items excluded are liquids or gels more than 3.4 oz, alcohol in a carry-on bag, explosive or flammable liquids, solvents or corrosive liquids or solids. Sharp objects such as knives and weapons are permitted in checked bags with some restrictions but not in carry-on bags. Please consult the airlines if you wish to bring these

types of items. In the past some clients brought a cooler in lieu of one of their bags to bring their fish home in. With the new bag charges now, most clients are sending their fish home in insulated boxes purchased in town. Make sure to include your name, address, and phone number on all luggage.

## **Clothing and Supplies:**

Here is a list of suggested items you will need while on your fishing trip.

Optional - One rod case containing light to medium action rods for trout fishing.

### **Main Luggage**

Any medication needed	Several pairs of pants
<b><u>Heavy rain gear with hood and pants</u></b>	Waterproof gloves
Hooded Parka or sweater	Warm socks
Sunglasses or Goggles	Personal care items
Waterproof knee boots	Insect repellent/suntan lotion
Waders if you plan on river fishing	Flashlight
Hat (ski mask covering face if desired)	Pocket knife
Bath towels for showers	Pliers for removing hooks(optional)
Light jacket	Camera is a must
Shaving equipment	Travel alarm clock
Packaged snacks	Handheld GPS if desired

\*\*Heavy rain gear brands include Carhartt, Helly Hanson, Grundens, and other thick plastic or rubber brands. These will not tear easily and will keep you warm and dry on the water where it can be chilly, even on warm days. Goggles and sunglasses will keep rain out of your eyes as you travel around in the skiffs making visibility better.

Please check the weather forecast before your trip to ensure you have the correct type of clothing for your week. Customers should bring an adequate amount of clothing for the trip, but we will have a washer and dryer available if needed. It will be free. Bring your own detergent if you plan on doing any washing or you can purchase it at the lodge for a nominal fee. We

provide 4-6 towels in each cabin for the week. If this is sufficient, you do not need to bring towels.

We will provide you with a spinning, trolling, or Halibut rods with proper gear. You are also welcome to bring your own. It can be shipped to the lodge in advance of your stay. Call for more details.

Cameras and camcorders are a great way to record your fishing trip in Alaska. We will be taking pictures of clients with their fish as well. If you would like a copy of these let us know. We can e-mail the digital file at your request.

## **Fishing Equipment:**

We will have hooks, weights, Halibut leaders, and lures at the lodge. These items will be checked out to you for the duration of your visit. If you would like special lures or gear, please bring these items as supplies are sometimes limited in town. If lodge equipment is lost or damaged (with the exception of the hooks), there will be a charge for this equipment. We are not trying to make money, just keep our supply for the next guests that come to fish. A generous amount of bait will be provided to you in lodge freezers. Some clients prefer to jig for fresh herring. We will have poles set up for this and provide you instructions on where to go to catch it. All bait should be kept in the covered containers in the boats. Please return unused bait and we will freeze it for you for additional bait or for crab traps.

We do not supply fly fishing equipment. Imitation Salmon eggs are most attractive for salmon, arctic char, and cutthroat trout. Red, pink, orange, and chartreuse are popular colors. We will have Pixies, Coho Bolos, Mepps and some additional lures for purchase at the lodge. If you fly fish you will need to bring your own flies or get them in town. You can clean and package your own fish if desired, or our lodge personnel will clean and process it at your request. This service is included in our package. The fish will be stored frozen until your departure.



## Rods and Reels:

King Salmon (Chinook) will average 20-35 pounds, although a 40 pound fish is not unusual. Once in a while a 50 pound lunker is caught. Casting and trolling are the methods used to catch these fish. Line test is 30 lb. Fly fishing is good especially with egg patterns.

Red Salmon (Sockeye) are smaller, averaging 4-10 pounds. They are caught by casting and fly fishing. Line test is 4-10 lbs.

Pink Salmon (Humpies) are the smallest of the salmon family at 2-5 pounds. They are caught by casting and fly fishing. Line test is 4-10 lbs.

Chum Salmon (Dog Salmon) average 6-12 pounds and are caught by casting. Line test is 8-15 lbs.

Silver Salmon (Coho) average 8-15 pounds and are caught by casting and trolling. Line test is 8-20 pounds, These fish are excellent for fly fishing.

Halibut can get very large, with many in the 100 pound plus range. Halibut fishing will require a boat and a heavy rod and reel. Line test is 80-100 lbs. If you do not have a suitable rod, the lodge will have them available. You will be assigned a package containing three-way swivel hook-ups or spreader bars, weights, and hooks. If the spreader bars and weights are returned there will be no charge. If the equipment is lost or damaged it will need to be replaced.

## **Miscellaneous Information:**

### Fish Cleaning and Packaging

Guests of the lodge can clean and package their own catch, or have one of the lodge staff prepare their catch for freezing and shipping. You can use zip lock freezer bags or cellophane and freezer paper will be available. You will need to mark your fish with your name and the type of fish before putting them in the holding freezer. Fish can be vacuum packed at your request.

You may bring coolers for your catch. If you don't want to provide coolers, you can pick up airline regulation boxes in town. The approximate cost of the boxes in town is approximately \$25.00.

### Gratuities

Several guests have made inquiries regarding standard procedures for gratuities. These are entirely up to the individual. This should be determined by your satisfaction of the person's service to you. Please consider what each member of the Majestic Eagle Lodge staff provides for you on a daily basis. The lodge workers appreciate your generosity if they do an outstanding job in helping make this your dream Alaskan vacation. Ten to fifteen percent from each guest is recommended, to be divided between the help based on merit. If you have any questions, please ask for suggestions.

### Lodge Store

The lodge will have miscellaneous fishing items, souvenir caps, shirts, and other items available for purchase.

### Reservation and cancellation policy

A 50% deposit is required upon making reservations. They will not be guaranteed without a deposit. The **balance will be due the May 1<sup>st</sup>** before arrival. All cancellations must be in writing and received at Majestic Eagle Lodge before April 15<sup>th</sup>. Every effort will be made to re-book the space, but if it cannot be re-booked the deposit is non-refundable.

Do not make payment to any third party other than the lodge itself. Please make payments to:

Majestic Eagle Lodge  
3055 East Hampton Ave  
Mesa, Arizona, 85204  
U.S.A

Please do not e-mail your personal credit card information for payment. Call us directly for security reasons if paying for your trip with Visa or Mastercard.

### Additional Day Policy

Additional days or trips shorter than one week are permitted if space is available. Additional days will be \$350.00 per day. If you would like a shorter stay, please call and we can talk about possible arrangements.

### Charter Fishing

Charter fishing should be arranged with lodge personnel as soon as possible. The cost varies with each charter captain. If you would like more information, we will check dates and prices for you.

### Whale Watching/Glacier Tours

Side trips for whale watching, glacier tours, or other outside activities should be booked ahead of time as these fill up quickly. Let us know if you are interested and we will recommend companies that are reputable and help you get these booked. If you would like a list of vendors ahead of time please contact us and we will provide one.

## **Questions?**

Lodge personnel will give you a map and instructions on where you will have the best success fishing. Tides will be posted and tide books will be available to help you plan your fishing schedule throughout the week. At times we will drive you to rivers which are active with salmon and trout. Daylight is very long so your fishing hours are basically unlimited. You can fish as little or as much as you want. Most of the fishing is done very close to the lodge, with some salmon species right in front of the lodge or within a few minutes of the lodge. Halibut fishing is also done within approximately 30 minutes of the lodge. Detailed maps of these areas are in the lodge for review. You will have 5 days of fishing and possibly another half day if you arrive early. Fishing licenses can be purchased online or in town when you arrive. All persons will be required to sign a boat user's agreement prior to beginning to fish. Please call us with any questions we did not cover in this guide. It is meant as a resource to help you plan your vacation, but may not cover everything you have questions about.

**Happy and successful fishing to everyone!!!!!!**