FISHING BASES OF KAMCHATKA
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Fishing in Kamchatka is recognized as one of the best in the world! Only in Kamchatka the amount of salmon in rivers is so huge. Chinook, masu, silver, chum, sockeye and Atlantic salmon, char, loach, grayling... The dream of every spinner and fly-fisher is to enjoy fishing in Kamchatka. Besides, in coastal waters one can catch a giant Kamchatka’s halibut whose weight exceeds 200 kg!

Kamchatka is a unique region with nature undisturbed by civilization! It attracts tourists from all over the world. Kamchatka is blue lakes, green wood and crystal clear rivers, as well as sublime mountains which tower above the whole Kamchatka region.
The Big river.
The “Big River” fishing base.

The Big river is formed by confluence of 2 large inflows: right-bank — the Bystraya river, and left-bank — the Plotnikova river (Length of the Big, the Bystraya river is 275 km). The river has 227 inflows with length less than 10 km. First of all this largest river of the west bank of Kamchatka is famous by excellent fishing for king salmon, the largest Pacific salmon. At different times other salmons, such as sockeye, humpback, silver, chum and char salmon come into the river to spawn. Loach, grayling and rainbow trout inhabit there constantly.
The fishing base “Big River” is situated in the middle flow of the Big river.

Facilities of the base: a three-floor cottage for guests, separate two-floor house for guests, bathhouse, boats stop and a pier, equipped with stands for rods.

The base is under guard, well-lighted during nighttime.
The “Big River” fishing base.

Inside the cottage: on the ground floor there is a large cozy living room with plasma TV-set, acoustic system, DVD player and a karaoke system. A sofa with a coffee table, four-meter dining table, bar and a cozy kitchen dispose to rest. Besides, there is one twin room for guests, four restrooms, one shower cabin, washing machine and a room for drying laundry on the ground floor.

There are six twin rooms for guests upstairs.

In the territory of the base cellular network and Wi-Fi are provided.
The “Big River” fishing base.
Fish to catch: Chinook, humpback, silver and sockeye salmon, loach, char and chum salmon.

Trophies:
- Chinook salmon: length about 1 m, average weight 8-10 kg (sometimes up to 30 kg)
- Humpback salmon: length 44-49 cm, weight 1,4-2,5 kg
- Silver salmon: length 52-80 cm, weight 1,7-5,4 kg
- Sockeye salmon: length 50-80 cm, weight 1,5-3,5 kg
- Loach salmon: length 60-80 cm, weight 2,5-9 kg

Period of fishing tours:
- Chinook salmon: June, 01 — July, 15
- Humpback, silver, sockeye salmon: July, 15 — August, 20
- Chum salmon: August, 20 — October, 10

Conditions:
- Transfer to the base and back by motor vehicle
- Twin rooms accommodation during the fishing tour in the “Big River” base
- Hot meals 3 times a day
- Fishing using a motor boat (made in the USA, engine: Yamaha 40): from the boat, from the bank of the river and spits. 3 fishermen and 1 guide per boat.
The touristic fishing base “Vakhil” is situated on the east coast of Kamchatka at the mouth of the Vakhil river. The river starts from the south-eastern spur of Zhupanovsky volcano (2972 m) and flows into the Pacific ocean between cape Nalychevo and the Shipunsky peninsula.

Convenient location of the base allows to combine fishing on the river with the one in the offshore zone of Avacha bay between Bechevinskaya bay and Krasheninnikov island. Besides, one can explore the astonishing underwater world of Avacha bay and the Vakhil river during diving or underwater hunting.
The “Vakhil” fishing base is estimated for comfortable accommodation and serving 6 fishermen.

Facilities: 3 twin rooms for guests (beds, linen), 1 six-bed room for staff, a kitchen with a gas-stove, restroom inside the house (a washstand, bidet and a toilet), drying room with stove heating, washing machine, excellent Russian bath, convenient summer dining-room, refrigerator, electricity and satellite telephone service. It is possible to use water-jet boats (made in the USA) which can take you to any of numerous hitting spots of the river.
The Vakhil River

**Fish to catch:** halibut up to 150 kg (depth 20-30 m), by-catch: flounder, perch; chum salmon up to 6 kg, char salmon up to 12 kg, loach up to 2 kg; it takes 20-30 min to get to the fishing spot from the base.

**Period of fishing tours:**
- Halibut: June — the first half of August,
- Chum salmon: September — October,
- Loach and char salmon: the whole year.

**Conditions:**
- Transfer to the river and back by the helicopter MI-2 or MI-8 (flight time is 30-40 min one-way) or by ocean-going launch (underway time is 3-4 hours one-way).
- Accommodation in the city and the base in twin rooms.
- Catering: the menu contains Russian cuisine dishes.
- Breakfast: boiled eggs, cereal porridge, sandwiches with cheese, ham, red caviar and salmon, tea with lemon or coffee, oranges or apples, chocolate.
- Lunch: sausages or fish grilled on coals, Kamchatka-style ukha (a fish soup) or soup, vegetables, homemade bread.
- Supper: meat or fish first and second courses, vegetable salad, homemade bread.
- It is possible to order an additional menu: crabs, Kamchatka shrimps, sea-urchin's caviar, mutton, seasonal game or other dainties (at extra cost).

**Water vehicles:**
- River transport: American water-jet boats.
- Sea transport: Zodiac Pro 15 Man Cris. Inflatable boats, equipped with four-stroke Yamaha 120 engine.
The Golygina river

The base is situated in the Ust-Bolsheretsky district, 92 km north from Ozernovsky settlement, in the middle flow of the Golygina river where the Klyuchevskoy stream flows into the river from the East, 200 m from the river, near the Galygino hot springs.

The Goligina river starts in the spurs of Ilyinsky, Zheltovsky and Ksudach volcanoes and flows into the Sea of Okhotsk. River length is 112 km, average basin area — 2100 km². 87,5% of the length is situated at 0 to 200 m height, 9,8% — 201 to 500 m height. The river has 55 inflows with the length less than 10 km, the average length is 136 km. There are 207 lakes with average surface area of 24 km².

Fish to catch: rainbow trout, loach, char, silver and chum salmon.
The Golygina river

**Facilities:**

- Transfer to the base and back by motor vehicles and motor boats.
- Accommodation during the fishing tour is in the base situated on Golygino hot springs.
- The base consists of: 1 two-floor house for 11 people (4 twin rooms, 1 three-bed room, beds with linen, a dining room), 1 house for 2 people, a bathhouse. A restroom is outside the houses. Electricity is provided by a diesel generator.
- Catering: 3 hot meals a day.
- Fishing using a motor boat: from the boat, from the bank of the river and spits. 2 fishermen and 1 guide per boat.
The Yelovka river

The Levaya (Left) river, an inflow of the Yelovka river, is the richest in Kamchatka and an ideal spot for genuine fishing. Numerous mountainous clean inflows influence beneficially upon salmon population in terms of ecology. All 6 species of Pacific salmon (Chinook, masu, sockeye, silver, chum, humpback salmon) come into this river to spawn; there is a lot of rainbow trout, grayling, 4 species of loach, and char. The Left is the river of the East coast, it is the left inflow of the largest river of the peninsula – the Kamchatka. Its length is 240 km, it rises from the spurs of the Central Range at the footstep of Shishey mountain. A lot of rivers and streams flow into the Kamchatka river east and west. At their confluence one can catch trout, grayling and chum salmon.

How to get there: by helicopter (1 h 30 min one-way), by all-terrain vehicle (10-12 hours).
The Yelovka river

**Fish to catch:** Chinook, humpback, silver, sockeye and chum salmon, rainbow trout, loach, char and grayling.

**Period of fishing tours:**

- Chinook salmon: June, 01 — July, 15
- Humpback, silver, sockeye salmon: July, 05 — August, 20
- Chum salmon: August, 20 — October, 10
The Yelovka river

**Facilities:** a hotel complex for 11 people: a two-floor cottage, VIP-house for 2-3 people, bar, dining-room, bathhouse, billiard-table and a karaoke system. Inside the cottage: 5 superior single rooms, 2 twin rooms, 1 single room, a fireplace hall, Internet, mobile service, satellite TV. Qualified guides, cooks and chambermaids work there for guests.

For successful fishing there are 4 boats, a fishing boat, snowmobiles and fishing equipment. One boat per 2 fishermen. The boats are steered by high-qualified guides which can help you while fishing and ensure your security.

All boats are equipped with safe jackets. Guides have reserve equipment in case of breakage of tourist's tackles.
The Yelovka river
The Ostrovnaya river is located in the East coast of Kamchatka, it starts in the spurs of Dzenzur and Zhupanovsky active volcanoes. The upper reaches of the river is situated near the border of Nalychevo nature park, which is well-known for its unique virgin nature. River length is 80 km, width is no more than 30-40 m, depth — no more than 2,5 m. The relief is mixed (mountain tundra). Mountain relief defines rapid current of the river at its upper reaches and calm 20 km away from its confluence with the Pacific ocean. It allows to organize fishing both from the bank of the river and from rafts, with tackles for spinning and fly fishing.

The fishing spot 30 km long is situated in the undercurrent of the Ostrovnaya river. The river is rich in fish: loach, chum salmon and char. Pacific salmons spawn there: Chinook, sockeye, humpback, silver and chum salmon.
The fishing base: a cozy two-floor wooden house. There are two twin rooms, a small hall and a kitchen on the ground floor, a large room with two double beds and a partition upstairs. There is also a restroom, refrigerator, firewood and kerosene stoves for heating. If needed, it is possible to place up to 4 folding beds without prejudice to comfort. There is also the second house which can accommodate 4 people. Steady radio communication is provided throughout the base for safety of guests. In the territory of the base there is also a kitchen, bathhouse with lounge area, inspector’s house and a restroom.

Transfer to the base and back:

- 1st variant: the MI-2 helicopter (no more than 3 people), flight time is 35-40 min one-way; the MI-8 helicopter, flight time 30-35 min one-way.
- 2nd variant: an all-terrain vehicle to the Left Ostrovnaya river and motor boats to the fishing base. Underway time: 10-12 hours.
- 3rd variant: a launch to the Ostrovnaya river and motor boats to the fishing base. Underway time: 6-8 hours.
- 4th variant: combined transfer both ways by different types of transportation.

Fishing includes moving along the bank and the river by a motor boat. 3 fishermen and a guide per boat.
The Kohl is the river in the west coast of Kamchatka; it rises from the spurs of the Central Range. It has mountainous nature of the ground, the current is rapid, the water is cold and transparent, the bottom is rocky or gravel. Near the sea it flows through open tundra area.

The river banks are overgrown with bushes, there are wide spits in the undercurrent which are convenient for fishing.

The length of the Kohl is 122 km, average basin area is 1580 km$^2$. All 6 species of the Pacific salmon inhabit the river: Chinook, masu, silver, humpback, chum and sockeye salmon; loach (malma), char and rainbow trout.
The Kohl river

The fishing base is situated on the bank of the sea of Okhotsk. Рыболовная база находится на берегу Охотского моря. It's launched in 2009 and represents one-floor residential complex with all conveniences: hot water, shower-rooms, a dining room, a drying room, satellite TV, Internet, a restroom outside the house. There is the “Argo” cross-country vehicle in the base.

**Rooms:** 4 “standard” rooms (accommodation for 4 people, 6 beds in the room, total space — 25 m²), 2 “comfort” rooms (three- and four-bed).

Inside the “standard” room: beds, individual lockers, bedside-tables, a table with chairs.

Inside the “comfort” room: a more comfortable bed, TV-set, refrigerator, teakettle, mirror and a separate lobby. Fishermen living in the “comfort” rooms are provided with an individual guide and separate served meals.

**Conditions:**

Transfer to the base and back by helicopter, flight time 50-60 min one way. In case of unfavorable weather conditions on the day of arrival or departure, all-terrain vehicle is used for transfer.

Fishing using American duralumin motorboats with water-jet engines: fishing from a boat, the bank of the river or a spit. 3 fishermen and a guide per boat.
The Opala amazes by its beauty and rich wild life. On picturesque banks you will enjoy fishing, hunting and comfortable recreation. The Opala is a large river on the south-western coast of Kamchatka, its length is 160 km. The width of the river in the middle stream is 40 m. The Opala starts in the high mountain plateau of Gorely volcano and flows into the Sea of Okhotsk. The main advantage of the Opala is that all the species of the Pacific salmon inhabit its water: Chinook, sockeye, chum, humpback, silver salmon. Loach and trout live there the whole year round. Fishing on this river is ideal for those who like spinning and fly fishing. Wild life of the Opala is also rich and various. The river attracts lots of bears, foxes, eagles.

In the upper reaches of the river there are Upper-Opala hot springs, and where the river goes out to Zhupanovsky volcano there are Lower-Opala cold mineral springs.

The Opala river is a unique opportunity to meet wild nature of Kamchatka!
The Opala river

**How to get there:** by helicopter (1 hour one way), by motor vehicle (280 km, 7-8 hours).

Inside the base: a residential complex for 5-8 people: one-, two- and four-bed rooms, bathhouse, dining room, arbor for summer recreation, Internet, phone service, satellite TV and a karaoke system.

For fishing there is a boat, fishing launch, snowmobile and tackles. Qualified guides, cook and a chambermaid work there.

2 fishermen per boat, boats are steered by high-qualified guides which will help you with fishing and ensure your security. All boats are equipped with safe jackets. Guides have reserve equipment in case of breakage of tourist’s tackles.