

Diana Lake Fishing - Trip Information and Things to Bring

Get ready to fish for some of the finest game fish in the world: Arctic char, brook trout (Squaretail), lake trout are here in abundance. Many of these fish get to be trophy size, lake trout 20 lbs. plus, arctic char 10 lbs. plus, and squaretails 4 lbs. plus. There are a lot of plus' here for one good reason; this wild country is not over fished and most fish are caught and released to fight again another day. We encourage catch and release, but will allow one trophy. We encourage barbless hooks in most areas.

Weight restrictions are strongly enforced on the carrier ride from Kuujjuaq to your fishing location. We allow 60 pounds of baggage. Therefore, bags should be lightweight; share items that can be shared, repackage using lightweight containers such as zip lock bags and do not bring unnecessary items. . If you are overweight, some baggage could be left behind.

Fishing gear (line, flies, and reels) are not permitted as carry-ons.

Food and liquor: At our lodge location, our meals are often traditional ones including meats and fish, fruits, and vegetables. Our bread is usually made on premise. Dried drinks such as ice tea, lemonade, coffee (ground and instant) are available; however, canned soda because of the weight is not available. Box lunches include sandwiches, desert and drinks. We do not serve liquor. You may bring your own. Canada allows 1 case of beer or 40 ounces of liquor per person from the U.S. You can not purchase liquor in Kuujjuaq - it is dry. Outpost locations are not equipped with the same amenities or the same food supplies found at the lodge location. If you

have any dietary restrictions or needs please let us know now. By April our food shopping is usually completed and on its way to Kuujjuaq. Please remember weight restrictions.

Gratuities are not included. Often we are asked what an acceptable gratuity is. We have found that previous clients have been leaving about \$50.00 -\$100.00 for a guide per day. If there are several guides involved or you wish to include the cook, pool the gratuities but please let us know whom you are tipping.

License Fees 2008

Fishing - Catch and Release \$ 15.00 US

Fishing - Keep \$ 60.00 US

License fees are not included in your trip fee and are due with your final payment. **We will also need your name as it appears on your identification date of birth and address, and the type of license you would like.** This information is needed for your license as well as your airline tickets.

Fish - claiming: We do allow one trophy fish and some smaller fish to be taken home with you. We freeze the fish at the lodge, pack it and send with you on your return home. First Air has a meat/fish locker located at 800 Stewart Graham Rd. The name of the facility is Excel, look for door #63, go up the stairs and enter. Their telephone number is 514-631-8560. Please call them before picking up your fish. The locker is open from 8:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. on weekdays. If your flight arrives from Kuujjuaq at 8:00 P.M. call the locker and let them know you are on your way.

Since 9/11 passengers must accompany their meat and fish through customs. Therefore, you must claim your meat at the First Air (Excel) locker and take it to your connecting flight if you have one.

Travel Insurance: Trip fees are non-refundable including all circumstances. We strongly urge our guests to buy travel insurance. Not only can trip insurance cover trip cancellations, but also lost, stolen or destroyed travel items. Travel insurance is readily available. The web site, www.insuremytrip.com, lists various travel insurance companies, their programs and costs.

Trip insurance is worth the additional cost

Hotel & Parking Information: Many of the hotels here in the US are also in Canada and are located within easy reach of the Pierre Trudeau (Dorval) Airport. However, most of our guests have stayed at the Hilton Airport Hotel or the Best Western Hotel.

The Hilton Airport Hotel charges \$127.00 CA + taxes for a standard room up to a party of 2. Each additional person is \$20.00 CA extra. Four people are allowed per room. A free van service operates between the airport and hotel. There is an additional parking charge at the Hilton Hotel if you wish to park there. Please check with reservations for the cost and their policy regarding stolen vehicles. Please call 1-514-828-42009, ask for David, and please mention High Arctic Adventures /Diana Lake Lodge to receive your group rate. This group rate is given on first come, first serve basis and is subject to availability.

Parking: Although hotels offer long-term parking, the lots are unsecured. Car theft in Montreal is a concern. No long-term parking area offers guaranteed theft proof or damage proof policies; however, the **Vinci Parking** does have 24-hour security. Vinci is the van service that transports you between the hotels and the airport. They will take you from the parking lot to your hotel and on your return take you to the lot. Vinci has two lots; one is located next to the train station close to the Best Western (\$42.00 CA weekly, \$9.00 CA a day) and the other is located next to the Hilton (rates are \$11.00 CA daily and \$49.00 CA weekly). Vinci recommends that you not leave anything in your car including your parking ticket. Their telephone number is 514-636-8877. All rates 2007'.

We advise our guests to use any locking device they have or disable their automobile to make it more difficult to steal. At no time leave your car unattended until it is in a secured area.

Items to Bring Fishing

Bath towel and wash cloth

Boots lightweight waders with felt soles - no cleats are permitted in boats, airplane or lodge. Cleats can be brought with you and put on at your fishing location once you arrive.

Camera, film extra batteries

Clothing

Several pairs of socks

Warm pants and jeans

Warm shirts (wool and chamois)

Warm gloves

Boots - warm waterproof

Rain gear - light weight - something to wear over other clothing

Small back pack (could be your carry-on)

Documents - passport if flying into Canada; photo ID, birth certificate if driving into Canada. Leave copies of all documents at home in case your originals get destroyed or lost.

Duct tape

Flashlight - small

Flies: Streamers

Mickey Finn

Gray Ghost

Black Nose Dace

Black Woolly Bugger

Yellow Woolly Bugger

Black Muddler

Green Muddler

White Marabou

Yellow Marabou

Dries for squaretails and landlocked salmon

Deer Hair Mouse 2

Wulff patterns 6-10

Irresistible 6-10

Humpies 6-10

And some of your own favorites. Dan Legere from Maine Guide Fly Shop & Guide Service has put together a box of suitable flies for Diana Lake. His information is enclosed.

Fly rods 8-1/2 to 10 feet for 6 to 10 weight lines will handle anything you will encounter

Fly reels - matching with a good drag and 150 to 200 yards of 20 lb.

Backing for those super runners

Forceps for releasing fish

Insect repellent

Leatherman multi-purpose tool or a good knife

Leaders 7 to 9 feet, tapered to 8 to 15 pound tippets are good.

These fish are not leader shy.

Other essentials - ID papers, money, travel checks, airline tickets.

Rod case - one that will hold 4 rods, or tape your rod tubes tightly together.

Sharpener

Sleeping Bag - at least -10 comfort range; We provide mattresses,
cots, pillows
Slipper or slipper socks

Sunglasses

Tackle vest or tackle pack. Tackle boxes are cumbersome and poor
For hiking or river fishing

Toiletries - medications, soap, toothpaste, shaving cream, razor

Watch - water resistant

Waterproof matches

Photography: The tundra offers many opportunities for picture taking. The sunsets, sunrises and northern lights are magnificent. This unusual landscape features vegetation, including blue berries, cranberries, caribou moss and many other natural features. Wildlife includes musk ox, caribou, fox, rabbits, and birds such as eagles, hawks and falcons. Of course, the vast pure waterways are exceptional in their beauty.

Physical Condition: we strongly urge our clients to make sure they are physically sound before coming to Diana Lake. The area is remote and sometimes, due to weather, inaccessible. We will not be held accountable for any type of medical emergency or accidents. If you require additional carrier rides, the cost could be passed on to you.

Shopping: Please review your list and make sure you have all you need with you. While you will be able to shop in Montreal or at the duty-free airport, shopping in Kuujuaq will be limited to gifts shops found at the Kuujuaq airport.

Traveling:

For those of you flying into the Trudeau Airport (formerly Dorval Airport), you may pick up your luggage (luggage carriers are available) at the front of the airport terminal - follow the signs. Against one of the walls near the luggage pick up area is a telephone center where you can call Best Western, the Hilton Hotel or other hotels to advise them of your arrival. These hotels will send a marked van to a numbered post in front of the terminal. In the morning, Best Western and the Hilton will take you back to the airport. You should leave yourself plenty of time to get to the airport and check in. First Air would like their passengers to be at the Dorval Airport 1 1/2 to 2 hours before their flight.

You will be traveling with First Air an Inuit owned airline. After we receive your final May payment, we will send you your airline ticket information. You will need this information to pick up your tickets at the First Air ticket counter. As you enter the Trudeau (Dorval) Airport, you will see the Air Canada ticket counter. The First Air ticket counter is to the right of the Air Canada counter and around the corner. We have found First Air to provide excellent service and excellent meals. Once you arrive in Kuujjuaq, someone will guide you to your next aircraft. You will either be leaving directly from the Kuujjuaq airport via a twin Otter or our representative will transport you to the seaplane base where you will fly in a Beaver or Otter on floats. Once tickets have been issued name changes are not permitted.

Neither our air carrier nor I will fly during inclement weather that includes windy weather. We are not responsible for carrier delays, lost or delayed baggage, weather delays, or any problems caused by the carrier/airline and the resultant costs of those problems. You might want to purchase travel insurance to protect yourself.

Smoking: Canada law now prohibits smoking in public buildings. Therefore, we ask those of you who smoke not to smoke in our buildings or tents. We not only are observing the law, but also smoking is a safety issue as well as a comfort issue for those non-smokers. Please discard cigarettes or cigarette butts in proper containers, not in the water (the fish can not digest them), the land or floors.

Weather is very unpredictable in this area of the world. Temperatures can be in the low 30's and rise to the 90's during August; September temperatures can be colder. It can also be rainy and windy. Therefore, dress in layers.

Very truly yours,

Joseph Stefanski