

# Going to Gustavus

*Everything you need to know before you arrive*

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We're looking forward to having you. A few notes below will help your trip run smoothly — from your first morning on the water to the flight home with your fish. If anything here raises a question, call Josh. We'd rather talk it through than leave you guessing.

## Your days on the water

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Your first day of fishing begins the morning after you arrive, with breakfast at 6:00 a.m. and lines in the water shortly after. A typical fishing day runs about eight hours, roughly 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 or 4:00 p.m.

On departure day, fishing wraps earlier — usually by noon — to leave time for processing, packing, and getting you and your fish boxes to the airport without a rush. If you've added the Glacier Bay day tour, pickup at the Bartlett Cove dock is at 3:30 p.m., which still leaves ample time to gather luggage and fish and reach your flight.

## Fishing licenses

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Please purchase your license online before you travel. A 7-day non-resident license covers most guests. If you're fishing May through July, add a 7-day non-resident King Salmon Stamp.

Buy through the Alaska Department of Fish & Game online store: choose **Buy Licenses & Tags**, then **Enter Store**. Shopping as a guest is fine.

*adfg.alaska.gov · License Store*

## Gear

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The boats come fully equipped with all saltwater tackle. If your trip includes freshwater river fishing, bring your own river gear — or call Josh and we'll sort out the details. A full packing list is included alongside this guide.

## A word on gratuity

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Our captains, chef, and crew work their tails off to make sure you have a phenomenal week — early mornings, long days on the water, and a warm table waiting at the end of it. Gratuity is always appreciated and entirely at your discretion. When it comes to recommended amounts, just ask Josh; he's happy to walk you through it.

*One practical note: cash isn't readily available in Gustavus, so please plan to bring what you'd like to have on hand before you arrive.*

## Getting to Gustavus

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Most guests connect through Juneau. During peak summer, Alaska Airlines serves Gustavus directly. In the shoulder season — before June 1 or after early September — or when flying a regional carrier, plan on roughly \$245 per person each way, with 50 pounds of luggage included and about \$1 per pound beyond that. Budgeting around \$650 for round-trip regional service is a safe estimate.

**Alaska Seaplanes** — (907) 789-3331, or book online at [flyalaskaseaplanes.com](http://flyalaskaseaplanes.com) for a better rate.

*Please confirm current schedules and fares directly with the carrier; service to Gustavus changes by season.*

## An overnight in Juneau

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If you overnight in Juneau on either end, these hotels offer a freezer for your fish and a free airport shuttle:

- **Best Western Country Lane Inn** — walk-in freezer, free shuttle. (\$20 per box to keep frozen.)  
Reservations (888) 781-5005.
- **Travelodge** — (907) 789-9700.
- **Super 8** — (907) 789-4858.

## About Gustavus and the lodge

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Gustavus is a small, remote community. Cash, supplies, and medications are limited, so bring what you'll need with you. A few things worth knowing:

- **Alcohol.** The Snug Harbor liquor store is open Monday through Saturday. If you'd like something for Sunday or Monday on the boat, call Josh ahead and we'll have it ready.
- **Connectivity.** Cell service is available in Gustavus, and the lodge has Wi-Fi and TV.
- **Comforts.** The lodge has a washer and dryer for your use.
- **Getting around.** Local transportation is included.

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Questions about any of this? Call Josh at (702) 569-8020 or email [info@majesticexpeditions.com](mailto:info@majesticexpeditions.com).