



Joe's Salmon Lodge

The Get Ready Guide



Welcome to Joe's Salmon Lodge

Get ready to have an exceptional fishing experience both on and off the water! This guide will help you prepare for your trip and provide helpful information to make the most of your time at Joe's.

Here is some important information for your trip!

- Purchase your tidal waters sports fishing license & Pacific Salmon Stamp online prior to coming to Joe's. Be sure to start your license for the first day of your trip. Children under the age of 16 are free but must still obtain a license.

[Get your license here.](#)

- If you have your boater's license already or would like to get one before your trip that would be great. If you do not have your boaters license we have a rental agreement at the lodge you can use in order to operate the boats.
- Remember to pack your sunscreen, glasses/sunglasses, toiletries, medications, and other essential items. We do not have a store on site.
- Rain gear and boots will no longer be provided. Please bring your own.
- MAXIMUM BAG ALLOWANCE IS 25lbs. NO CARRY ON PLEASE.
- If you need to book accommodations close to the airport the RIVER ROCK HOTEL or RADISSON BLU VANCOUVER offer a Joe's Salmon Lodge rate and a shuttle to South Terminal. Contact information is available on the resources page.
- Pay parking is available at the South Terminal if needed.
- All flights leave from VANCOUVER AIRPORT SOUTH TERMINAL. Check in at JOE'S COUNTER at 1:30pm for the 3:00pm Flight. On your return date, your plane will land in Vancouver by 7:00pm. The south terminal is a small airport located at 4440 CROWLEY CRESCENT, RICHMOND, BC.

For American & International Customers

- Whether driving or flying into Canada you will need a current passport originating from your home country.
- Please note that if you have a history of a DUI or DWI, you can be denied entry.
- Visit www.bordercrossing.ca for up to date information on entering Canada and requirements.



THE JOURNEY BEGINS

The flight from Vancouver to Bella Bella is 1 hour and 20 minutes. Upon arrival in Bella Bella you will be greeted by a Joe's Salmon Lodge rep and quickly shuttled to the dock where you will board the Kloehome water taxi.

The cruise is approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes and offers stunning scenery, with possible whale and porpoise sightings. Have your cameras ready!

ARRIVING AT JOE'S

You made it, now it's time to unwind. Joe's crew will greet you at the dock and handle your luggage to your assigned rooms. Please head up to the lounge and on the way check to see your name and room number located on the fish board, mounted outside of the lodge. Your room number will also be your boat number for the trip. For example, say your name is listed as 4a. You'll be staying in room 4 and using boat #4 as well.

What if I want to switch rooms or fish with my buddy in another boat? That's great! But just know that your number will not change during your trip. Your name is filled under that number in the fish shack, the place where your fish will be packaged, and at the bar. You don't want to take home the wrong fish!

Once inside, please head upstairs to the Lodge Lounge where you will enjoy a fantastic meal prepared just for you. Relax, eat, and enjoy a beverage or two.

THE FISHMASTER SEMINAR

Once you've finished your amazing meal and have met all the staff, the Fishmaster will call for the "Fishmaster Seminar". This briefing is very important. We will go over boat safety, fishing tips, equipment use, and fishing grounds.

Whether you're a seasoned angler or a beginner, there's always something new to learn in this 30 minute class.

Once the dock and fish masters are done, you're free to start your fishing adventure. Fishing times will vary throughout the season due to the amount of daylight. Please listen to your fish and dock master for updated times.

Rule of thumb, leave at sunrise and be back before sunset.

The Fishmaster will lead the group in and out of the fishing grounds at all times.

DINING HOURS AND BAR SERVICE

Food Service Schedule

Breakfast: 6:00am - 7:00am

Lunch: 11:00am - 2:30pm

Dinner: Appetizers at 7:00pm, Dinner at 8:00pm, and Dessert at 8:30pm

If you do not plan to attend dinner but wish to have food reserved for you, please let your bartender and nighttime staff know in advance. They will make a hot plate for you.

Boat Lunch: The night before, guests will be handed a lunch form with their dinner. If they fill out this form, they will receive a sandwich of their liking on their boat the following day.

Bar Service

We have alcohol for purchase at our bar available during serving hours.

Please note that we do not permit guests to bring their own alcohol. We operate under a BC Liquor License which stipulates all alcohol consumed on our premises must be purchased from Joe's Salmon Lodge.



CATCH LIMITS PER GUEST

SALMON: 4 per Day. Possession total of 8 of which no more than 2 per day or 4 per trip can be Chinook.

HALIBUT: To be announced

LING COD: 3 per day, 6 total possession

ROCK FISH: 5 per day, 10 total possession





YOUR CATCH IS READY

Your fish will be cleaned, vacuum-sealed, frozen and boxed. The weight will not exceed 50lbs per box. If you choose to have your fish canned, candied or smoked we will set you up with St. Jean's Cannery.

LEAVING JOE'S

To maximize your time out on the water, breakfast service will start at 5am. To ensure that your fish will have enough time to freeze before your journey back home, please have your boat back by 11:00am

Checkout runs from 11:00am to 12:30am in the main barge in the sitting area. Be sure to place your questionnaires in the blue bowl on the table there.

This is where you'll pay for your bar bill, merchandise, guided trips, or any broken equipment. You do not pay for your trip here as it will be paid prior to arriving at our lodge.

After checkout, head upstairs and enjoy lunch. We kindly ask that your bags are packed and left outside your room by 12:30pm. Our staff will bring them to the ferry once it arrives. The water taxi arrives around 1:00pm - 1:30pm. Our staff will load luggage shortly after. Your fish boxes will be loaded approximately 5 to 10 minutes prior to departure.

After traveling back to Bella Bella, you should expect to be back in YVR, at the south terminal, by 7pm.

Thank you for booking with Joe's!

We take pride in our lodge, our fishing grounds, and our exceptional staff. We can't wait to share it you. If you have any questions or food concerns, please contact us and we will find a way to make your stay enjoyable. We look forward to having you as our guest.

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RESOURCES

Where to stay in Vancouver BC

RIVER ROCK HOTEL & CASINO
8811 River Road, Richmond, BC V6X3P8
+1 604 - 247- 8900

RADISSON BLU VANCOUVER AIRPORT HOTEL AND MARINA
3500 Cessna Drive, Richmond, BC, V7B 1C7, Canada
+1 604 - 278 - 1241

Fishing gear in Vancouver BC

BERRY'S BAIT & TACKLE
14651 Westminster Hwy, Richmond, BC V6V 1A4, Canada
+1 604-273-5901

PACIFIC NET AND TWINE
3731 Moncton St, Richmond, BC V7E 3A5, Canada
+1 604-274-7238

Licensing

[Tidal Waters License with Salmon Stamp](#)

[Pleasure Craft Operators Card](#)

Helpful video links for fishing in Hakai Pass

[What To Expect At Joe's](#)

[How To Cut Plug](#)

[How To Gaff Release](#)

