

NAMSEN ADVENTURE

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FISHING SEASON IN MAIN STREAM: 1 June - 31 August

IN BJØRA RIVER TRIBUTARY: 15 May - 31 August

Tackle box: The Namsen is a powerful river and so are its salmon! Fly rods should be 14-16ft with action to suit #10, 11 or 12 lines. Bring a combination of fly lines although intermediate density is preferable. Flies and tubes should be towards medium and larger sizes. Chest waders with felt soles, life jackets and wading stick recommended.

Fishing statistics: On request.

Facilities: Freezer, smoking and packing of catch for travel by plane, hire of waders, rods and tackle, drying room, disinfection of waders and tackle.

For non-anglers: Sightseeing in the area and by the sea. Riverside walks, visit to museums, galleries and shops in Namsos city. We can also arrange game hunting trips and sea fishing for cod and saith (pollack). Clay pigeon shooting, 9 hole golf course close to the Hyllenget Lodge and Go-Karting.

Nearest airport: Namsos (20 minutes by car) or Trondheim (2 hours 30 minutes by car).

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THE RIVER

The Namsen River runs through the county of Nord- Trøndelag in the northern part of Central Norway. This is the country's heartland, where rich agricultural plains contrast with majestic mountains and a rocky coastline. Although the Namsen is not the longest river in Norway, it's certainly one of the most powerful. Its springs are in the Børgefjell National Park (Nasjonalpark) and its estuary near the town of Namsos.

The total salmon running stretch of the Namsen river system is around 175km (109 miles) including the main tributaries (Bjøra and Sanddøla). The salmon running stretch in the main stream is 74km (46 miles). Although the Namsen is particularly famous for its big salmon, it also offers very good runs of medium size salmon and grilse.

THE FISHING

Namsen Adventure offers over 5km (3.1 miles) of double bank fishing, 16km (9.9 miles) from the river mouth. This part of Namsen is wide. On most of the stretches, harling is recommended, but some stretches also provide exciting fly fishing from bank. Harling can be practiced in the traditional way with the guide rowing and the angler sitting in back of the boat, operating two rods with the fly or spinner 18m behind. However some anglers prefer to cast with a fly from the boat.

The Sellæghylla water rapids, the first one on the river, marks the furthest reach of the tide and one of the best fishing beats on the river. Hyllenget Lodge also offers fishing beats on the Bjøra River. The 12km (7.4miles) tributary is renowned for its exciting fly fishing and high average sized catch 8kg (17.6lbs). For those who want to fish from the bank, there are convenient paths leading to choice spots, dotted with traditional, Norwegian 'gapahuker' (open-fronted huts roofed with spruce branches). If you prefer fishing on the river, we have skilled local boatmen and guides.

On the Namsen you have a greater chance than in most other places in Norway of landing 'the big one'. The largest salmon caught here so far weighed 31.5kg (69lbs). Every year anglers land fish weighing around 20kg (44lbs). Perhaps you will be one of the lucky ones?

Namsen Adventure boasts long experience of tailor-making packages to angler's exact needs. A number of different catering arrangements for both individuals and groups are available. Whether you are an experienced fisherman or a newcomer to the sport, we can offer you a memorable and exciting stay full of challenges.



THE ACCOMMODATION

Hyllenget Lodge is set amidst picturesque surroundings at the Sellæg hamlet and is suitable for groups of 8-16 people. Completed in May 2007, Hyllenget is one of the most unique fishing lodges in Norway. With its prime location right at the water's edge you can watch the river and its leaping salmon. The Lodge has eight en-suite double bedrooms, including three suites. There is also a large leisure facility with sauna and different types of bathtubs including a hot tub in the garden.

The chef will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner made from local produce. Your stay will combine exciting fishing, delightful cuisine, high class accommodation and beautiful surroundings.

As well as being a prime salmon fishing location, the area is rich in wildlife, including moose, deer, beaver and even lynx.