



STEAMBOAT BAY FISHING CLUB NOYES ISLAND, ALASKA

You haven't fished until you've salmon fished at stately Steamboat Bay, located on a prime perch on the otherwise uninhabited Noyes Island. With opulent accommodations, premium amenities and unparalleled personalized service, this is Alaska at its finest.

Flight Time

Steamboat Bay is a short, scenic floatplane ride from nearby Ketchikan, where you'll spend an evening letting your body and mind adjust to Alaska time. Rest up at Cape Fox Lodge, which is situated in Tongass National Forest (the world's second largest rainforest) and has spectacular mountain, water and wildlife views. Feast on locally harvested oysters, king crab and the freshest fish, from salmon to halibut to cod. If you feel like exploring, visit the shops along historic Creek Street and learn about Alaska Native culture from the local artists. Bright and early the next morning, you'll hop a flight to Steamboat Bay, along the way taking in incredible naturescapes found only in this part of the world.

Heaven on Earth

An exclusive experience, Steamboat Bay accommodates just 24 anglers at its Lodge and nearby Residence. Book the intimate, newly opened Residence, which offers a great room with fireplace, a full kitchen, a dining room (complete with

a transparent floor showcasing the stream waters — and sometimes running salmon — underfoot), a clubroom, a hot tub, and a sauna. The commanding structure features local timbers and décor made by Alaska Native artists, including lead fishing guide Everett Athorp. The Lodge and the Residence both come with their own dedicated chef, staff and fleet. The incredible cuisine invokes the flavors of the surrounding wilderness, and guests get to mingle with the affable chefs as they cook. Pacific Coast wines, regional craft beers and top-shelf spirits are available gratis throughout your stay. At Steamboat Bay, truly no request is too large or detail too small.

Fish Tales

Of course, the main attraction here is the unparalleled sport fishing. Each premium cabin cruiser is helmed by an expert guide and holds just four anglers. Steamboat Bay is ideally located with easy access to prime spots and the Pacific Ocean. And unlike at most sport-fishing lodges, you set the pace: opting for a later start, returning to shore for a chef-prepared lunch or selecting the specific fish you're after that day. The guides are simply exceptional in terms of their expertise and over-the-top customer service. The wildlife, meanwhile, is on full display, from regal bald eagles to playful otters to breaching humpback whales. Upon your return to land, your daily catch is processed, packaged and prepared for you to take home. ●



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