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2024 TRIP PLANNER

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Travel

Booking Flights through Katmai Air

Brooks Lodge is located within Katmai National Park, a remote area of Alaska accessible only by air or water. The park is accessed most often via float plane service from the town of King Salmon.

We partner with [Katmai Air](#) to arrange air transportation to Brooks Lodge from Anchorage and King Salmon, on both Katmai Air aircraft as well as on third-party aircraft providers (so all you have to do is show up for your flight). For those that booked flights through Katmai Air, a detailed itinerary and other information regarding your flights can be found at the **Flight Details** link on your invoice.

Note: Flights are only included in your reservation if indicated on your invoice.

Arranging Your Own Travel to Brooks

Occasionally, some of our guests arrange their own means of travel for overnight stays at Brooks. If you are arranging your own travel, upon arriving at Brooks you will be directed to the Park Service Visitors Center to receive a brief orientation talk presented by one of the friendly National Park Service Rangers. Then, please proceed to the Brooks Lodge office to check in and be shown to your room.

Accommodations and Amenities

The Lodge:

The historic main lodge building boasts a spectacular view of the aquamarine Naknek Lake. At the center of the main lodge building features a large circular fireplace which is popular for evening relaxing and reminiscing about the day's adventures. A full service bar is also located in the main lodge building where cocktails are available for purchase each afternoon and evening. The lodge building is open to guests and the general public from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM.

In the dining area of the lodge (also located in the main lodge building), hearty Alaska fare is served buffet-style three times a day along with coffee and tea available throughout the day.

Guest Cabins and Facilities:

Guest accommodations at Brooks Lodge are comprised of sixteen Pan Abode-style guest rooms with updated facilities, heat, and electricity. Rooms can accommodate up to four guests, and all have the

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same interior layout with two sets of bunk beds (four beds per cabin). Each of our guest rooms include a private toilet, a sink, and shower. Bedding, towels, soap, and shampoo are provided as well.

Katmai Trading Post:

No visit to Brooks would be complete without a visit to the “Katmai Trading Post,” our on-site gift shop. Here we offer an assortment of commonly forgotten items, snacks and soft drinks, souvenirs, fishing tackle and more are available for purchase. Canoes, kayaks, camping equipment, fishing rods and reels, and chest waders are also available for rent at The Trading Post as well (see [canoe, kayak, and gear rental rates](#)).

Gift shop purchases can be made with either cash or credit card.

Communications:

Due to our remote location and very limited bandwidth, cell service and/or internet (WiFi) is not available for guest use. Please be prepared to remain disconnected for the duration of your stay. However, the lodge does have phone service for office use and is available for guest emergencies.

Check In/Checkout Times

Rooms are available to check in on your arrival day by 1:00 PM. If you arrive before 1:00 PM, not to worry, our staff will store your baggage to enjoy the Brooks area until your room is available. Guests are asked to check out of their room on their departure day by 9:00 AM.

Front Desk Office Hours

The lodge office (located across from the main lodge building) is staffed from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to speak with our front desk staff.

Activities at Brooks

Bear Viewing:

Whether you've yet to witness it for yourself, odds are you recognize the iconic image of an Alaskan brown bear positioned on the edge of a waterfall in anticipation of catching an airborne salmon attempting to ascend the falls. This is the site of Brooks Falls, the world's most celebrated destination to view Alaskan brown bears in their natural habitat. It's also only a one mile walk from our own Brooks Lodge, the only full-service lodge within walking distance of the falls.

As many as fifty bears live along the mile and a half long Brooks River during the salmon season, many of which can be observed from three elevated *viewing platforms* along the river.

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During the peak of the season, it's not uncommon for visitors to see bears within minutes of arrival and all visitors are instructed by the National Park Service on how to conduct themselves in "Bear Country."

Sport Fishing:

Brooks Lodge overlooks the world famous Brooks River in the heart of Katmai National Park. Known primarily for its superb fishing for rainbow trout, Arctic grayling, and sockeye salmon, the Brooks River (which is fly fishing only) makes for a fantastic home fishery for those interested in fishing either on their own, or with the company of an experienced guide, during their stay at Brooks.

In addition to the species targeted most often on the Brooks River, other opportunities to fish for arctic char, lake trout, and pike also exist via boat in nearby creeks and the neighboring Brooks and Naknek Lakes with either fly and/or conventional gear.

For those interested in taking advantage of the wide variety of fish species and experiences available throughout Southwest Alaska, we also offer guided fly out fishing options as well. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned angler, our knowledgeable guides are on hand to aid you in a quality fishing experience. From half-day guided orientations to familiarize yourself with the Brooks River to full-day guided fly out adventures around Bristol Bay, we offer personalized fishing excursions for a wide range of interests and experience levels (see [guided sport fishing trip rates](#)).

Sightseeing Tours:

Brooks Lodge is located only 22 miles from the volcanic "Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes," the sight of one of the most violent eruptions in modern history. From the event came the impressive 'moonscape' vistas that have been attracting sightseers to the area for decades.

In 1912 the Novarupta Volcano exploded with blasts of hot winds and gas which spewed hot glowing pumice and ash over the Katmai landscape, destroying all living things and burying more than 40 square miles of lush green valley under ash deposits to depths of 700 feet.

The feature program of the Brooks Camp area is the "Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes" Natural History Tour which departs from the lodge each morning at 9:00 am. The National Park Service interpretative personnel will be your tour guide for this day long bus tour (see [Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes tour rates](#)).

After the 23 mile drive to the *Overlook Cabin* you will have time for lunch and to look over the displays and historic photos of the "Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes." Those interested may hike down with the tour guide to examine the ash and pumice that composes the "Valley" floor.

"Flightseeing" float plane tours of the area are also available for those interested in aerial views of the "Valley," active volcanoes, Katmai Crater Lake, and a variety of wildlife (see [Katmai 'flightseeing' tour rates](#)).

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Visitor Services and Rates

Due to the multitude of activities available to our guests at Brooks, we offer *à la carte* rates for all of our visitor services and activities, allowing you to customize your own adventure. Please note, the following services and/or activities are only included in your package if included on your invoice.

If you would like to add any of the following to your trip, feel free to contact our reservation desk at (907) 243-5448 or send us an email at info@bristoladventures.com. The following can also be arranged while at the lodge as well (subject to availability).

Room Rates:

Although we're here to help you plan every facet of your trip, we do offer room-only rates for those planning their own adventure.

One Room (max. occupancy 4 people)	\$1125.00 per night*
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**Prices are per room per night and does not include an additional 6% bed tax.*

Meal Pricing:

Hearty Alaska fare is served buffet style each day for breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the lodge dining area. Cocktails are also available for purchase at the lodge bar each afternoon and evening. Meals can be purchased either ahead of time or on-site during your stay at Brooks. Full buffet prices can be seen below. For those with smaller appetites, smaller a la carte items are available on-site as well.

Breakfast	Adult: \$23.00	Child: \$12.00*
Lunch	Adult: \$29.00	Child: \$16.00*
Dinner	Adult: \$42.00	Child: \$24.00*

**Child prices based on ages 2-11 years of age. Senior discounts also available.*

Guided Sport Fishing Trips:

For those interested in fishing the Brooks River, nearby lakes and streams, or flying out to other hot spots in the area, take a look at our guided sport fishing rates below. Please note, hourly trips (i.e. less than 4 hours) are limited to walk/wade trips only and can only be booked on-site at the lodge.

Guided Fishing (walk/wade and boat trips)

Hourly	Single Angler	\$100.00 per person
Hourly	Two or More Anglers	\$85.00 per person

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Half Day	Single Angler	\$300.00 per person
Half Day	Two or More Anglers	\$200.00 per person
Full Day	Single Angler	\$500.00 per person
Full Day	Two or More Anglers	\$325.00 per person

**Minimum 2 persons, maximum 4 persons.*

Guided Fly Out Fishing

Full Day	Two or More Anglers	\$500.00*
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**Minimum 2 persons, maximum 4 persons.*

Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes Tour:

A day-long bus tour (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM) to the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, the site of one of the most violent volcanic eruptions in modern history.

Full Tour with Sack Lunch	\$110.00
Full Tour without Sack Lunch	\$96.00
One-way Tour	\$55.00

Katmai “Flightseeing” Tours:

A 50-minute flight seeing tour offered daily at Brooks Lodge (weather permitting) through our own Katmai Air float plane fleet.

One Hour Tour	\$400.00 per person*
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**Minimum 2 persons.*

Canoe, Kayak, and Gear Rentals:

Canoes, kayaks, fishing rods and reels, and chest waders are available for rent at our “Katmai Trading Post” on-site at Brooks Lodge, along with a wide range of other items for purchase to make your stay more enjoyable.

Rod and Reel (Fly or Spin)		\$35.00 per day	
Waders		\$40.00 per day	\$150.00 per week
Binoculars (Swarovski)		\$30.00 per day	
Canoe/Single Kayak	\$15.00 per hour	\$50.00 per day	\$240.00 per week
Double Kayak	\$20.00 per hour	\$65.00 per day	\$380.00 per week

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Gratuities

Many of our guests inquire about tip and gratuity policies at Brooks Lodge. Please understand we do not advocate any 'standard tip amount.' Rather, we encourage you to tip according to the service you received. However, gratuities are welcomed and appreciated if you deem our staff has earned it.

We feel all members of the Brooks Lodge staff contribute equally to your experience at Brooks. Thus, we operate a pooled 'Camp Tip' system. All camp tips are distributed evenly among all employees regularly engaged in customer service positions at the lodge (excluding management).

For your reference, a great tip generally ranges from \$75 - \$125 per night per person to cover all lodge service staff. However, we encourage you to tip from the heart and are extremely grateful for any gratuity you may choose to leave for our staff.

Tips can be made with cash or credit card upon checkout and gratuity envelopes are available at the lodge office. If you have any questions regarding gratuities, feel free to ask our lodge manager.

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Packing Information

The atmosphere at the lodge is casual, so bring comfortable medium-weight sports clothes. By dressing in layers, you can add or remove clothing and be comfortable regardless of the weather.

Please note that Katmai is a wilderness park. Thus, **cell phone service and internet service is NOT available at the lodge.**

Recommended Items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Jacket or Sweater | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat or Cap | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera and Memory Cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Shoes or Boots | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Medications (keep with you during travel) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof Rain Jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Items | <input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito Repellant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long Sleeve Shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunblock | |

Optional Items Worth Considering:

- Day Pack
- Binoculars
- Water Bottle
- Extra Camera Batteries
- Bug/Head Net

Restricted Items:

- All types of fuel are illegal on all passenger flights.
- Bear/pepper spray is not allowed on any passenger flight from Anchorage. Bear/pepper spray is NOT available for purchase at Brooks Camp.
- Tripods or rail mounts are NOT allowed on the Falls Platform from June 15th through August 15th.
- The use of drones (or any 'unmanned aircraft') are banned in National Parks and are not allowed at Brooks.

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Map of Brooks Lodge / Brooks Camp

Below is a map of the Brooks Camp Developed Area provided by the National Park Service. For more information, including distances between the sites shown in the map below, visit the [Brooks Camp page](#) on the National Park Service's website.



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Reservation Information

Reservation Policies

- All reservations are held for 7 days from the day the reservation is placed, while payment is being made.
- All reservations require a 50% confirmation deposit payment within 7 days of creating the reservation.
- All invoiced bookings with no confirming reservation payment received after the 7 day hold period, are considered no longer reserved and are open to sell.
- Final balance payments are due in full 90 days prior to trip start date.
- Payments can be made via credit card through the payment link on the invoice, or by calling the Anchorage reservations office, or by sending a check made out to *Bristol Adventures*.

Cancellation, Rescheduling, and Refund Policies

- Brooks Lodge room reservations are considered refundable, less a \$45 per room per night fee, as long as space made available by the cancellation is sold to another party.
- Cancelled reservations resulting in unsold availability are not refundable.
- Changes made to a reservation after a trip has begun are not eligible for refund.
- Flight reservations are refundable, less a \$100 per person fee (for flights from Anchorage) or \$45 per person fee (for flights from King Salmon), if cancelled at least 14 days prior to the start of the reservation.
- Cancellations less than 14 days in advance of travel are not refundable.
- Day trips will be refunded if we cannot fly due to inclement weather.
- Day trips that are delayed will still take place if at least 4 hours on the ground at Brooks is possible.

General Terms and Conditions

Brooks Lodge reserves the right to cancel or alter; scheduled flights, tours, or itineraries as situations or conditions require for safe operations due to weather or other factors beyond our control. Brooks Lodge is not responsible for any expenses incurred for how its schedule or itinerary changes might affect additional travel, lodging, logistics or plans. Because weather can occasionally affect schedules, and because unforeseen situations can necessitate a trip cancellation, Brooks Lodge highly recommends purchasing trip or travel insurance.

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Contact Information

If you have any questions about your reservation, please don't hesitate to give us a call at the numbers below or send us an email at info@bristoladventures.com.

Bristol Adventures Reservations: (907) 243-5448

Katmai Air Office (Anchorage): (907) 243-5638

Katmai Air Office (King Salmon): (907) 246-3079