



Soaring Eagle Lodge- San Juan River, NM September 7th- 12th, 2024

Thanks for signing up for Mad River Outfitters excursion to the Soaring Eagle Lodge on the San Juan River in New Mexico. We are looking forward to having you along.

Following is some important information on the trip including an equipment listing. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact us at the shop.

Also, if you haven't already, a *50% deposit is required* to hold your spot and the full balance is due no later than 90 days prior to the trip.

Itinerary-

You should plan on arriving in Albuquerque, New Mexico on the morning or afternoon of Saturday, September 7th. You will there need to rent a car and drive to the Soaring Eagle Lodge. We will be providing a list of trip participants in case some may want to share the car expense. A map can be found on their website at www.soaringeaglelodge.net. We will also provide you all with a listing of clients in the event that you might carpool to the lodge. The drive to the lodge is under 3 hours from the airport. Dinner is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the lodge.

We will then fish with guides out of drift boats on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Departure will be Thursday morning after breakfast and you will drive back to the Albuquerque airport.

Flight Information-

Albuquerque, New Mexico is the closest and recommended airport. Flights can be obtained through a variety of carriers. You should arrange your flights so as to allow the approximate 3 hour drive to and from the airport.

Included in the Trip-

This is an all-inclusive package that includes 5 nights lodging and all meals...including dinner upon arrival on Saturday and breakfast on departure Thursday. 4 days of guided float fishing with professional guides on the world famous San Juan River with Flies included. Also includes exclusive use of the "Man Cave" gathering area for the Mad River Outfitters group only. All New Mexico taxes are included in the price of the trip as well.

Not included: Travel to and from the lodge, fishing license, guide and staff tips, alcoholic beverages (BYOB) and incidental purchases at the fly shop. Basic tackle and leaders not included although the flies that you use are.

What to Expect-

Soaring Eagle Lodge is nestled on the banks of the San Juan River in Northwestern New Mexico. The river is world-renowned for year-round fly fishing at it's finest. The San Juan River flows right through the Eagle Ranch Lands just downstream from the quality waters. The lodge is located on the ranch and provides private access to the river and great fishing without the crowds.

Our group of 12 anglers will have breakfast and dinner in the lodge dining room. Monday morning we will head out 2 anglers to a guide to fish the day from drift boats. Lunch will be on the river.

Evenings we have exclusive use of the lodge game room which includes as stereo system, television, comfortable couches and a pool table.

Lodging- Double occupancy in the lodge guest rooms. Lodge accommodations are "Angler Friendly". Set up with the fly fisherman in mind. Each guesthouse is equipped with rod racks and wader racks both indoors and out for your convenience. The guesthouses have flat screen satellite T.V., telephone, full-sized refrigerator, kitchenette with a microwave, utensils, linens, dishes, lounge chairs and redwood patio furniture. For guests convenience, they do offer a 3rd party Wi-Fi service for a minimal fee. The guesthouses are set up for condo-type living with extreme comfort and exceptional views. The San Juan's only lodge, with it's riverfront location and private river access, are exclusive to Soaring Eagle Lodge and their guests.

Meals- All meals are included Saturday dinner through Thursday breakfast. The famous "Crow's Foot" restaurant on the premises is for guests only or pre-arranged groups. With not only one but two culinary chefs on staff, Soaring Eagle Lodge guests rave about the fine dining and breakfast service. A menu is also viewable on the lodge web page.

The lodge accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover for incidentals.

Alcoholic Beverages- The lodge is BYOB. Adult beverages are welcome but stock up before arriving at the lodge. There are refrigerators in the guest rooms and ice is available.

Tipping- of guides is always appropriate and appreciated. Cash at the end of each day to the guide is the ideal way to handle this. If need be it can be paid as an incidental expense to the lodge. The amount of tip is at your discretion and reflects your appreciation of the work of the guide. We are often asked how much to tip....Suggested standard tip is \$40-\$50 per angler per day. Of course, the sky is the limit for an exceptional guide!

Recommended Tackle List-

Rods- Standard trout type rods are ideal. 4-6 weight rods with standard floating fly lines will suffice. A good plan would be to bring at least two rods- a 4-5 wt for smaller nymphs and dries and a 5-6 wt for larger streamers

Reels- standard trout type reels with a good drag system

Fly Lines- WF floating lines are most often used but a sinking "Kelly Galloup" style streamer line can be very useful on your larger rod.

Leader/Tippet- Have standard "trout" type leaders and tippet from 4X-7X for smaller flies and 0X for streamers. Standard mono is fine for the smaller stuff but may want to go with fluorocarbon for the streamers

Flies- Flies are included but feel free to bring along your basic trout selection. You may be doing some fishing there on the property after your guide trip and will want to have some flies with you. Mad River Outfitters can always help with a well-rounded selection of flies for the trip. The fly shop there on the property has a great selection of what you need as well.

Waders- Waders are not required for the guide trips as you are most always in the boat but you may want to have them along “just in case” or for fishing “after hours”

Other Accessories-

- chest waders and rubber soled wading shoes (studded soles not usually welcome in boats)
- polarized sunglasses, two pair
- nippers for cutting monofilament
- strike indicators
- fly floatant
- hook sharpener
- fly line dressing
- needlenose pliers/forceps
- small day pack (waterproof) for storing tackle, camera, clothing etc.

Clothing-

- Long underwear
- Layering type clothing system
- Fleece insulation, hats and gloves (check the expected weather)
- Good raingear!!
- Fishing hat with a long front visor or big brim for sun/wind protection on face, neck and ears

Miscellaneous-

- Camera and accessories
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen, waterproof with an SPF of at least 30 and lip balm of the same
- Any medications you may require
- Personal items
- Flashlight

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