

# Ouzel Expeditions, Inc.

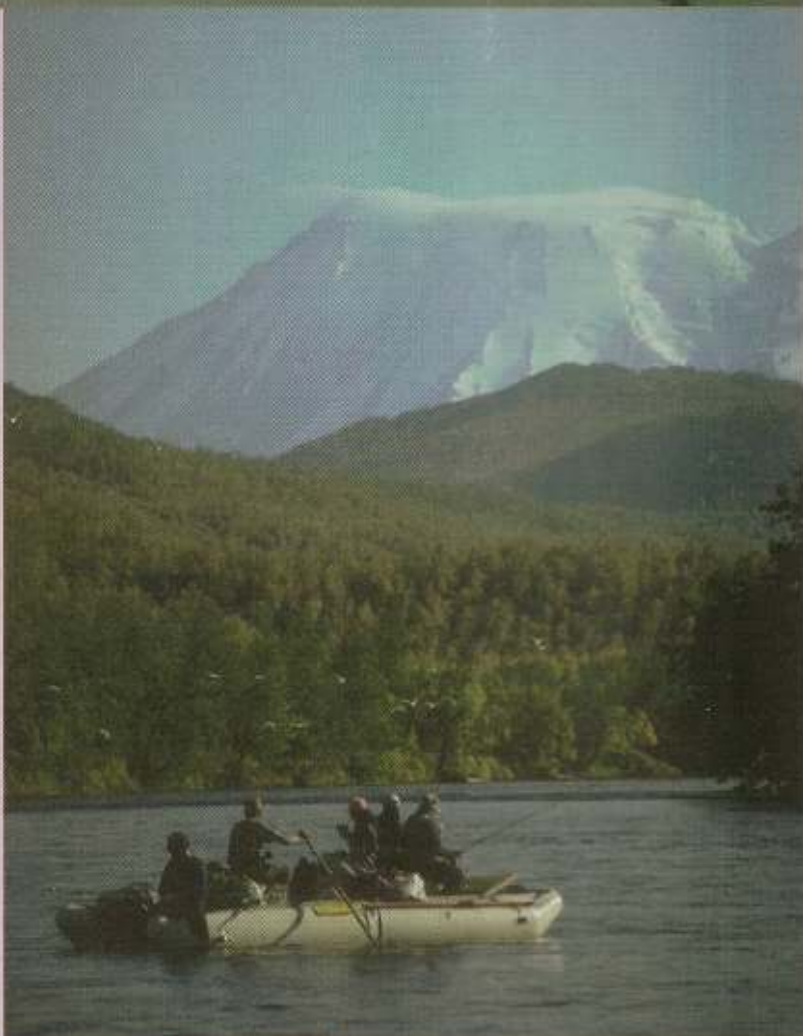
## *Kamchatka Itinerary*



### **Ouzel, in Kamchatka since 1991**

Join us for some of the best Rainbow fishing in the world! Hop aboard a jet in Seattle or Anchorage and fly to Petropavlovsk, Kamchatka the first day! Adventurers helicopter to the river that afternoon weather permitting or stay in a hotel and fly the next morning. Leisurely days are spent fishing, floating and relaxing in camp on the river. Powerful helicopters return us to Petropavlovsk and your hotel. Tour the city full of cultural experiences the next day. Our group crosses the international dateline once again, returning through Anchorage at the end of our journey.

**Fishing** Helicopters move us great distances across Russia to go on float trips. There is excellent fishing for huge Rainbow Trout, 6 species of Pacific Salmon, Kunja and Arctic Char. Rainbows average 24 inches and we've caught them up to 33! Kamchatka has large Coastal Rainbow Trout which run from 5 to 15 lbs & enter the river from spring on. Summer Run Steelhead or Coastal Rainbows spend most of their lives in fresh water, spending only part of their lives in the ocean. Arctic Char are present all summer. Kunja (east Siberian Char) are great fighters and commonly grow to 15 lbs! Salmon arrival times vary from stream to stream but generally arrive the same time in Kamchatka as Alaska. We fish for King Salmon from late June through July. Silvers arrive mid August and run through October. Chum & Sockeye Salmon arrive in July and August. Pinks run early August through September, but only strong on even numbered years.



## Float, Fish & Explore Kamchatka's Wild Rivers

We choose the best **wilderness river** to fish during your visit. We've run 8 wilderness rivers in Kamchatka and will run trips on the Zupanova and Medved rivers next year. Both rivers have some class 3 white-water but are mostly calm class 1 and 2 streams. Both are exceptionally beautiful, high quality "Wild and Scenic Rivers" and have superb Rainbow Trout fishing.

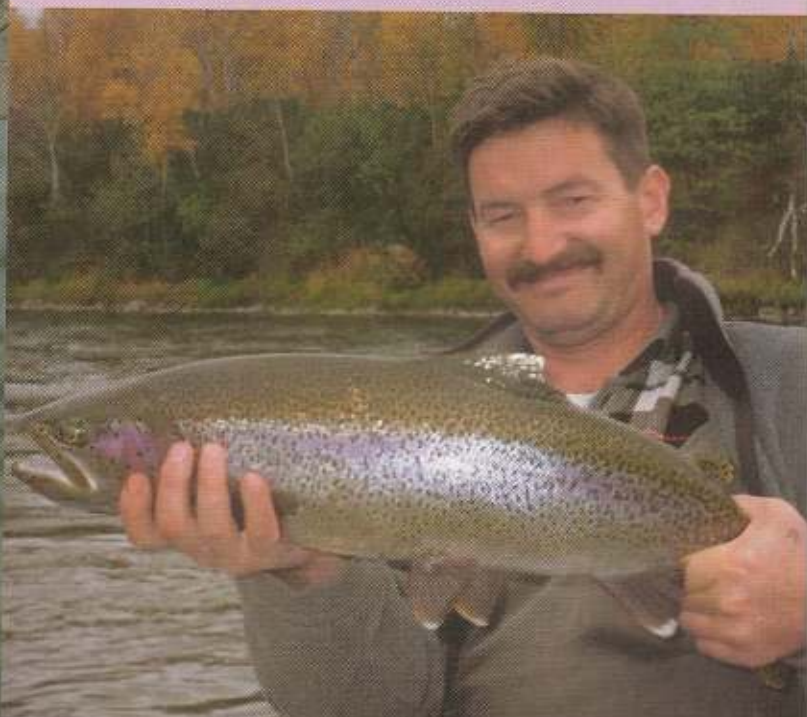
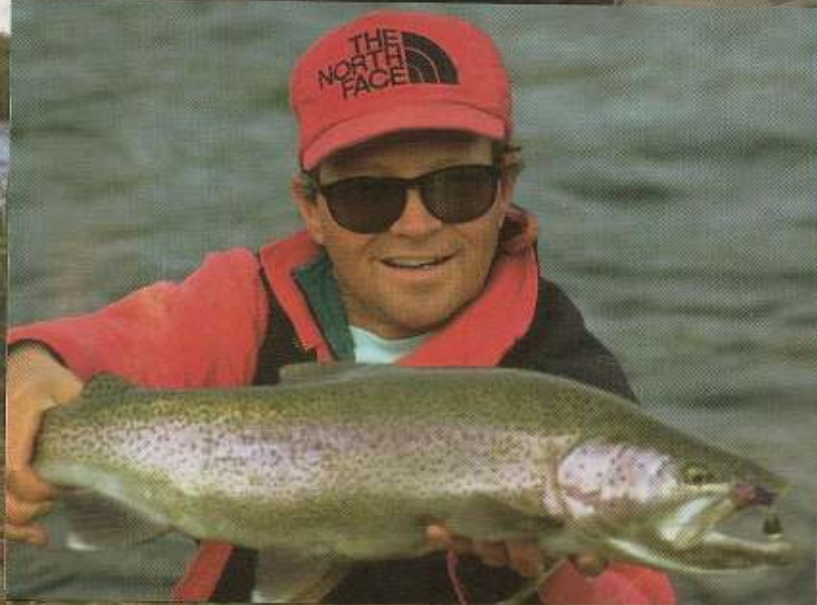
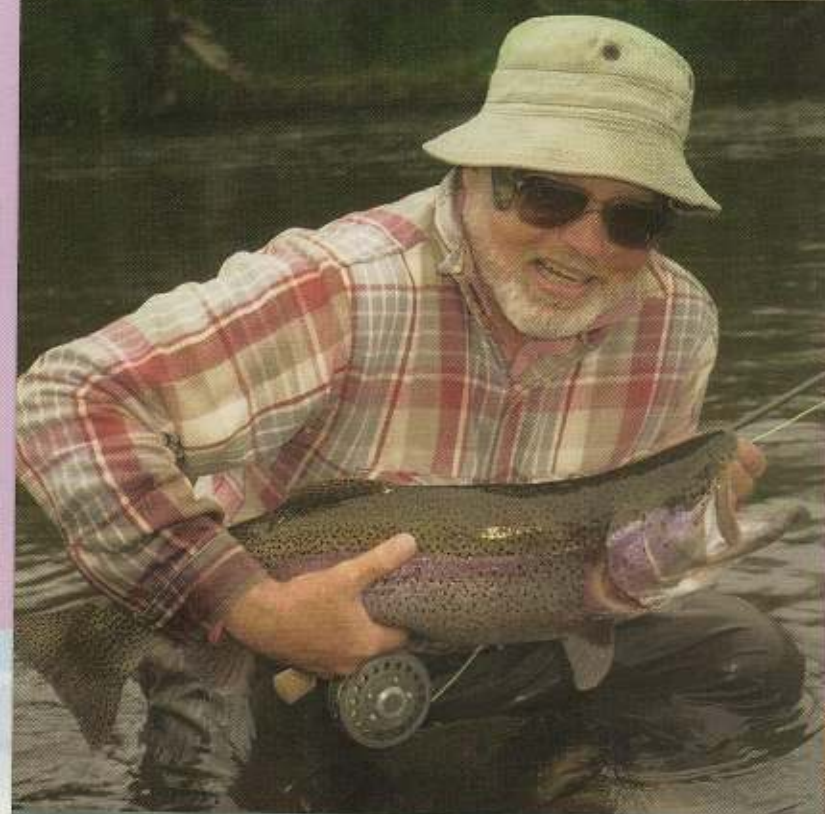
The **Medved River** has interesting attractions along the way: huge volcanoes, boiling warm springs and gas springs. It has lots of large Rainbows, a few Arctic Char and a good King run. The river is small at the top and gets medium sized near it's end. It has a lot of islands, is fairly braided & great for wade fishing.

The **Zupanova River** has extraordinary scenery: big rocky mountains, beautiful canyons and the huge, Zupanovski volcano! The river is medium sized to big, mostly in one channel and has lots of side streams to fish. It has huge runs of Arctic Char, many large Rainbows, lots of large Kunja and many Salmon including an excellent Silver run.

**Group Size** Our normal group size is 6 to 8 guests in 3 or 4 rafts. We can accommodate groups of up to 10 guests. Private trips are arranged at additional cost when smaller group sizes and different arrangements are desired. *When exploratory trips are arranged, costs increase with the amount of helicopter flying involved.*

**Licenses** Your Russian fishing license is *included* in your trips price. It lists your name & passport number as well as the river or rivers we are fishing. It's yours to keep at the end of the trip. We have no problem getting licenses for any of the rivers in Kamchatka. The license is not good for keeping Steelhead. We release them if we catch them as we do Rainbow Trout and Kunja.

**For more information:** We have plenty of past clients you can call as references. We would be happy to discuss what our trips are like and when the ideal time for your trip would be.



## Comfortable Moveable Camps

On the river we have complete moveable camps. Our large dining tent affords us shade and shelter. In October it's wood heated. Our aluminum boat boxes and large ice chests double as seats in the rafts and around our large dining table. We camp at great fishing holes. It's a wonderful way to see the country and wildlife as we fish and enjoy the wilderness. You have lots of time for fishing, you're on the river the whole time. We have a **portable shower** which we put up once or twice a trip. Water for showers is heated over the fire.

**Guides** Our Russian guides have worked for us since we have been in Kamchatka. They are expert oarsmen, fishermen, expert woodsmen and great people to be around! They have been fly fishing for several years and have Orvis gear too! We have one of our Orvis Endorsed Alaskan fishing guides on each trip.

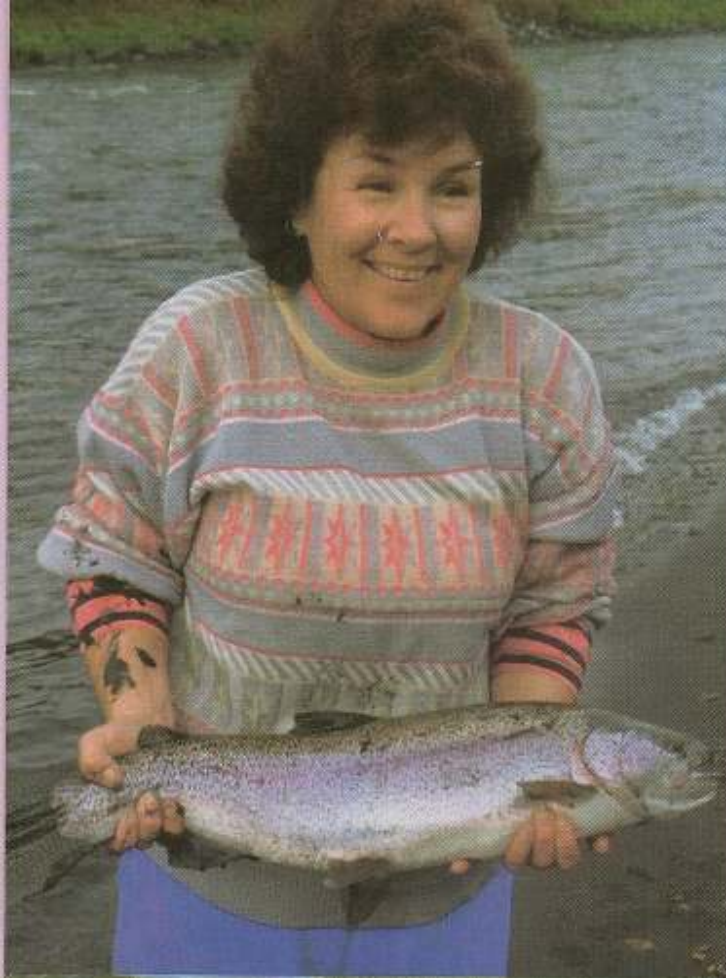
**Guide to Client Ratio** We generally have three Russian guides one American guide a Russian Interpreter and a Russian cook on each trip with 8 guests. Six staff to eight clients.

**Daily Schedule** Coffee at 7, breakfast at 8. We're floating by 9:30 or so, lunch at 1:00. By about 6:00 we're in a new camp, dinner is around 7:30. We camp at the best holes. Early and late you relax in camp or wade fish the holes. We float while fishing about 10 miles a day. We stop to wade and fish the hot spots. Some evenings around the camp fire our Russian guides play guitar and sing folk songs. The trip is unusual and memorable. Clients are overwhelmed by the total experience.

**Meals** On the river we have excellent traditional Russian meals. The food has less meat and more fresh vegetables than most Americans eat at home. They're delicious, good for you and are cooked over wood fires. Some guests have said that they would like to take our cooks home with them to open a Russian restaurant! In town we go to wonderful restaurants and the meals are excellent there too.

**Toilet facilities** Each night in camp we dig a latrine and put up a toilet just outside camp in a private location.





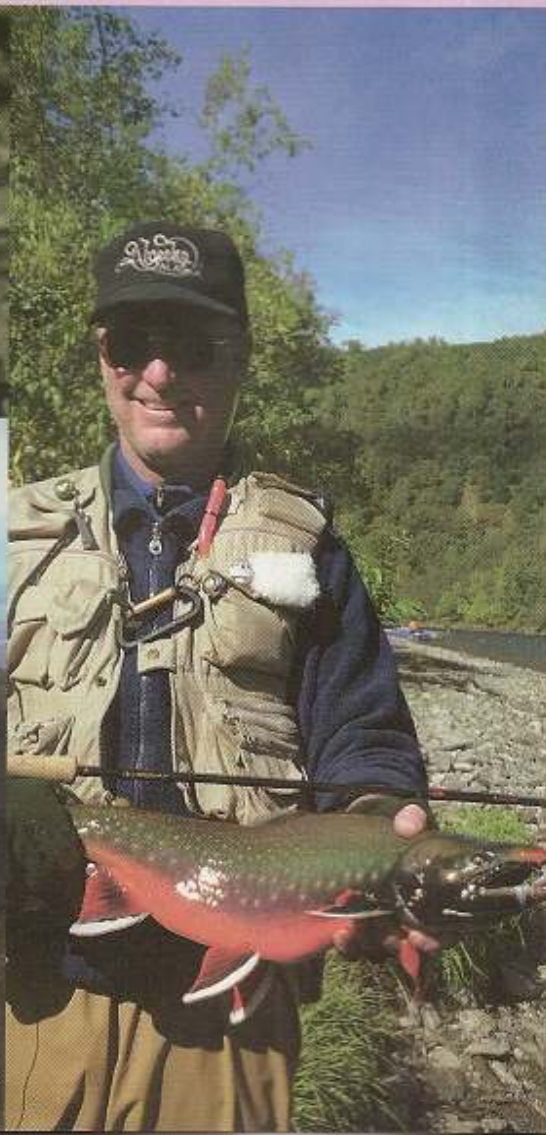
**Wilderness Rafting & Fishing at its best!** Our trips are on WORLD CLASS WILDERNESS RIVERS where there are NO roads or cities! We float during the day stopping and fishing the holes along the way. We float about 10 miles a day. This allows lots of drift fishing from the raft and wade fishing the hot spots from shore. Camp chores, cooking, etcetera. are taken care of by our staff.

**Rafts** Our SOTAR rafts are American made in 14, 16 and 18 foot lengths, the same fine brand we use in Alaska. SOTAR rafts are the most expensive professional quality river rafts available in the world today. Our comfortable rafts have metal rowing frames and are oar powered by our experienced guides. You fish from these oar powered rafts with skilled oarsmen drifting you through beautiful holding waters.

**Weather** The weather in Kamchatka is temperate and coastal. It gets a lot of snow in winter and spring runoff is high and muddy in June. It's weather is a lot like that in the Rockies, July and August temperatures can be from the 50's to the high 90's, cool nights, hot days. It's warmer and a little rainy like Alaska. September is in the 70's but can frost. October can be in the low 60's or it can snow and freeze at night. Kamchatka is near the ocean so storms do come in. You will need good rain gear and waders.

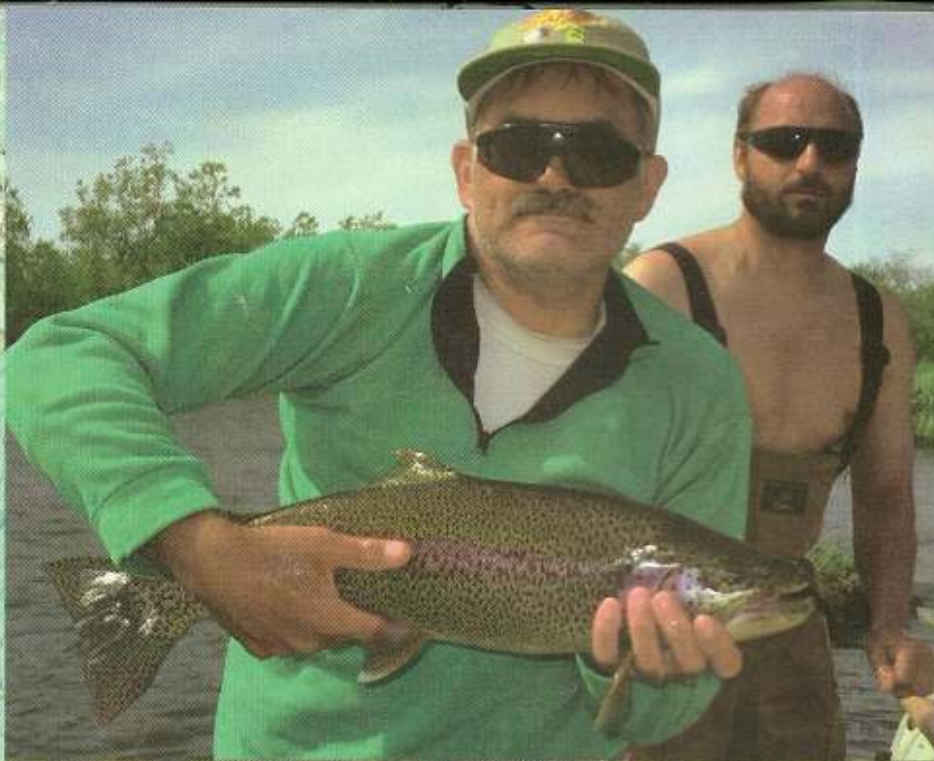
**Trip Schedule:** We operate late June through early October. Dates vary according to yours and the airline's schedules. Trips are booked on a first come first served basis. May can be a time of high dirty water or can be productive.

When we float the Zupanova River or other rivers north east of Petropavlovsk we have the option of visiting the *Valley of the Geysers*. It costs about \$300 extra per person to do this.





Southern half of Kamchatka



Valley of the Geysers

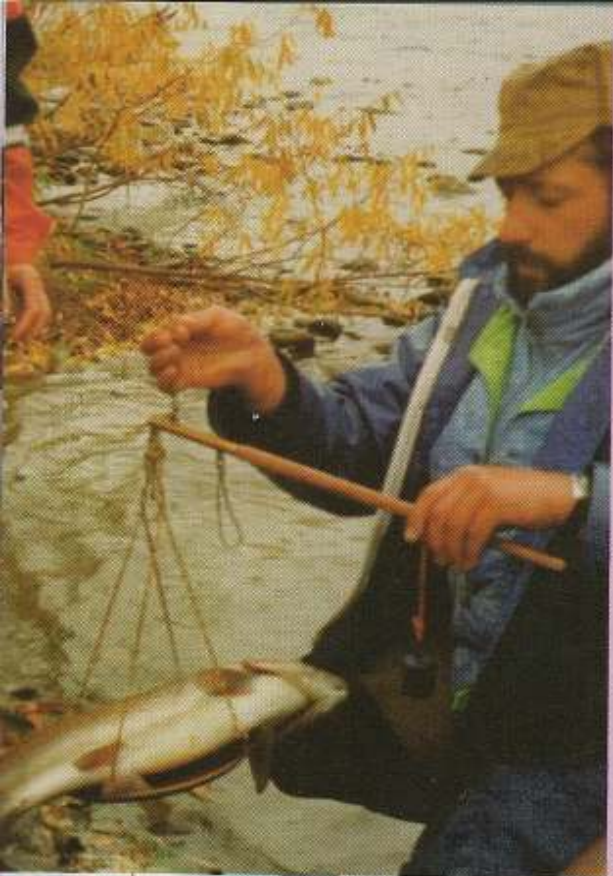


## City Tour Included

Your trip to Russia would be incomplete without a tour of Petropavlovsk. The cultural aspect of our trips will not be forgotten. All our fly fishers and their spouses have said it was a real highlight. The seventh day on the river portion of our trip our helicopter returns us to Petropavlovsk. We go to our hotels clean up and go to a banquet in one of the best restaurants in town. The next day we tour the city with lots of interesting places to see. The following day we have for shopping, packing then our flight home.

**Hotels & meals in town are not included.** Costs are approximately \$125 per day per person and are arranged for you. We stay in hotels 2 or 3 nights. You pay for these costs in Russia. 2 days per person costs \$250 for your hotel room and meals, all inclusive.



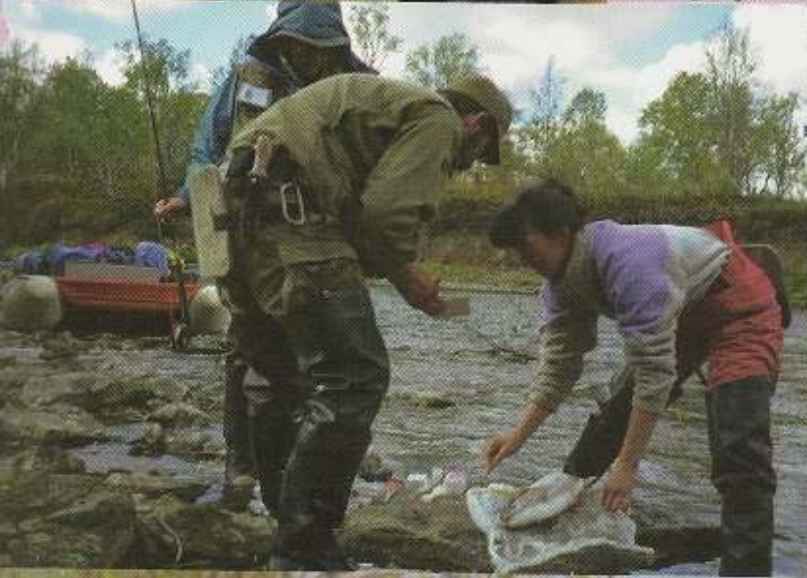


## **Kamchatka Rivers' Ecological Monitoring Foundation**

Ouzel Expeditions, Inc. is working with the Kamchatka Rivers Ecological Monitoring Foundation and Kamchatka Fish and Game to document and monitor Kamchatka's wild Rainbow Trout population. The goal is to help save this precious resource.

### **Goals, Methods and Activities:**

1. Ouzel Expeditions and the Foundation organize scientific expeditions which include Kamchatka Fish and Game representatives and Fishery Research Institute scientists.
2. The following scientific information and statistics are gathered: - fish weights and measurements - fish scales and biological samples are taken - fish are tagged - numbers of fish caught in different bodies of water are documented - number of fishermen visiting the particular fisheries are documented - definition and evaluation of the fishing grounds' in Kamchatka.
3. Funding: Sponsors' Donations. Ouzel Expeditions, Inc. sponsors these scientific studies. A portion of the money each client pays Ouzel Expeditions goes toward supporting this scientific foundation. The costs for these scientific studies are included in the cost of your trip with Ouzel Expeditions, Inc.
4. Information from these scientific studies will be used to determine the maximum permissible fishing pressure on water bodies and the development of recreational fishing regulations for Kamchatka.



**2011 Schedule for our 8 day trips:** These are Kamchatka dates: July 16-23, July 23-30, July 30- Aug 6, Aug 6-13, Aug 13-20, Aug 20-27, Aug 27-Sept 3, Sept 3-10 Sept 10-17 Arrive in Petropavlovsk on Saturday morning, the first day of your scheduled trip and helicopter right to the river.

**Thursday** you fly to Moscow and on to Petropavlovsk arriving in the morning.

**Saturday, Day 1:** We fly to the river landing right at it's edge. The guides get the rafts ready while the cooks prepare a nice hot lunch. We can get fishing right away. Next, we have lunch and camp right there or float on down the river on our adventure.

**Sunday, Day 2: - Friday, Day 7:** Coffee at 7, breakfast shortly after eating pack your bags. Show your guide where they are and wander off, fishing down river. Shortly, camp in packed up by the guides. Your raft and guide is back with you. Two guest per raft and highly trained guide. Wade and float leisurely down the river fishing your way through islands and back sloughs. 8 days and 7 nights on the river.

**Saturday Day 8:** On the last day you can fish till the helicopter gets there. As the chopper sets down in our final camp, you will have experienced the trip of a lifetime in Kamchatka! Helicopter back to Petropavlovsk. Checking into the hotel, shower and go out for dinner. Time permitting we have a private guided tour town.

**Sunday Day 9:** You fly home from Kamchatka on Saturday arriving back in the US on **Monday**.

**Includes:** Interpreters, transportation in Petropavlovsk, helicopter flights and buses. On the river: American equipment, Sotar rafts, waterproof bags, sleeping pads, tents, large kitchen tent, Russian guides, Russian cooks, a Russian interpreter and one American guide accompany each trip.

**Flights to Russia and travel within Russia:** Red Star Travel can arrange travel and tours of Moscow, St. Petersburg, Lake Baikal or anywhere else in Russia. Many people today are taking extra time seeing the sights of Russia. Moscow is an ideal stopover. We recommend spending a few extra nights in Moscow on the return trip. Lots of our guests have gone on these tours. They can arrange for hotels, tours, private tour guides, trains, just about anything in Russia.

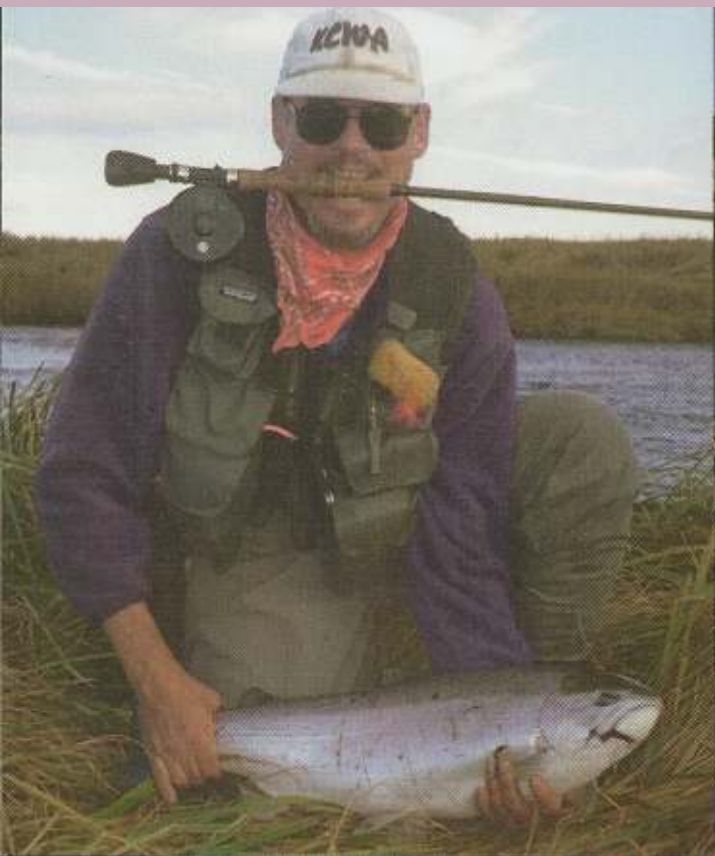
**Confirming your trip:** Please call for current availability. Call to hold your reservations. We take credit cards to hold your reservation. The deposit amount is \$2000. Balance is due two months prior to your trips departure.

**Travel documents:** You need a current passport that doesn't expire till three months after your return from Russia. Red Star Travel does all your visa processing. Visa applications cannot be processed until three months prior to your trips departure date.

**Disclaimer:** Ouzel Expeditions, Inc. will not be responsible for additional meals, lodging or other expenses due to delayed flights, weather, or other delays. We will not be responsible for natural acts such as but not limited to: weather, storms, ran, floods, or salmon run timing. We reserve the right to change the trips itinerary and to change the trips itinerary and to change the river at our discretion.

**Cancellation Policy:** A complete refund minus \$100 per person service charge will be given if written notice is received by us more than 60 days prior to your trips departure, or you can apply your payments to a future expedition. If we receive written notice less than 60 days prior to your trips departure no refunds or credits will be given. After your trips completion no refunds or credits will be given for any reason. Trip Insurance from Travel Guard is available and is required on our trips.

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