

A man in a plaid shirt and waders is fly fishing in a river. The sun is low in the sky, creating a shimmering path of light on the water. The background shows a forested hillside under a cloudy sky.

*Lax-á in Norway 2009*  
*Exclusive Salmon fly fishing*  
*River Gaula*



## **Famous river Gaula – Paramount salmon fly fishing in breathtaking Norway!**

Lax-á move straight forward for Norway 2009 – a great destination that gives you high value for the money in the “mother country” of salmon fishing. All real serious salmon fishermen should fish Norway at least once in a good season! Now Lax-á proudly presents one of the best arrangements ever in Gaula! Names of rivers like Gaula, Namsen, Stjørdal and Orkla generally cause the hearts of any serious salmon angler to beat a little faster. These are all classic rivers, especially famous for their extremely high average weight of the fish. And river Gaula is normally the best of them all.

The river Gaula has been among the top three rivers in Norway for decades in the catching statistics, and on the very top in more recent years NASF took a blessed action to manage a buy out of the gill nets in the Trondheim fjord some years ago, which secured the runs and breeding of the famous Norwegian salmon in the Trøndelag rivers for years to come. This gave a very obvious and promising effect in 2008; it has been estimated that the rise of big salmon (weighing more than 7 kgs) increased by 50% last season. Just to give an example; the top 5 fish in 2008 from the beats in the Lax-á program for Gaula was 18,5 kg, 17,5 kg, 16,6 kg, 16,3 kg and 15,3 kg!

### **More on river Gaula:**

Gaula flows through the Gauldal valley in Sør-Trøndelag county, Norway. It drains a watershed of 3,658 km<sup>2</sup>. In the south it starts from the lake Gaulhåen in Holtålen municipality, where it is joined by a tributary, the Sokna river in Støren village, in the county of Sør-Trøndelag, Norway. The river runs into Gaulos fjord at Leinstrand, Trondheim in Sør-Trøndelag county. The river Gaula is approximately 145 km long.

The river Gaula is statistically one of the absolute top salmon rivers in Europe, famous not only for the numbers of salmon it produces but also for the high average size (6-8 kgs = 14 to 18 pounds). Including the tributaries the salmon can be found in 210 Kilometers (131 miles) of the river. This together with the fact that fishermen from all over the world have made pilgrimage to the Gaula for more than a century, has given this river a very special status amongst the most serious of salmon fishermen.

Every year Gaula is at the top of the catch statistics from Norway's salmon rivers, with 30–50 tons of rod caught salmon. For a long time Gaula River has been in the absolute top of among Norway's 629 salmon rivers, second only to the Tana River which is 10 times longer, but still produces only twice as many rod-caught salmon.

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Grilse runs arrive in mid-July, followed by a good run of sea-trout. But the runs of fish of all sizes are actually quite spread out during the season 1st June – 31st August: Depending on water levels and temperatures, one can experience late smaller runs of fish in sizes 7-15 kgs even in late July/beginning of August.

**Lax-á in Gaula – the ideal, classic, salmon fishing trip in 2009!**

Lax-á now offers an exclusive top arrangement in the river Gaula in the season of 2009. After several years of scouting for the best combination of beats and framework for the ideal salmon fishing offer in Norway, we have developed a fantastic package for you who want to discover what true, classic Norwegian, salmon fly fishing really is about:

Our offer includes the best guiding and top river-side accommodation, along with the most interesting variety of beats and pools you can find in Gaula in one package! The package include full guiding service (one expert guide for every group of 4), full board and lodging, occupancy in single or double rooms, all pick-up services, daily transports, and more.

You will fish on three renowned beats in Gaula, both upstream and downstream of the famous Gaulfossen rapids, on a rotation schedule. We dare to say that our combination of beats in this particular package is hard to top: No matter the water levels or weather conditions, our guides will find the best fishing conditions for you. In total, you have 5 kilometres of top-class beats to explore during your stay with us!





*The lodge...*

### **The Lodge:**

Our fishing lodge and base camp situated just a few metres from the river, is fantastically positioned for a focused hard-core salmon fishing week. This newly built lodge was made for fishing adventures and actually sits right on the river bank of our uppermost beat in our program.

The lodge, built in Norwegian traditional sports lodge style, is of a high standard and offers all necessities you can expect to make your stay as comfortable as possible. The lodge has 8 bedrooms total and sleeps 12. The lodge presents a living room/lounge with TV and DVD, dining areas, several showers and toilets, a covered outside landing for up to 20 people, drying room for waders and wet gear, etc. It's all there for you to use and enjoy.



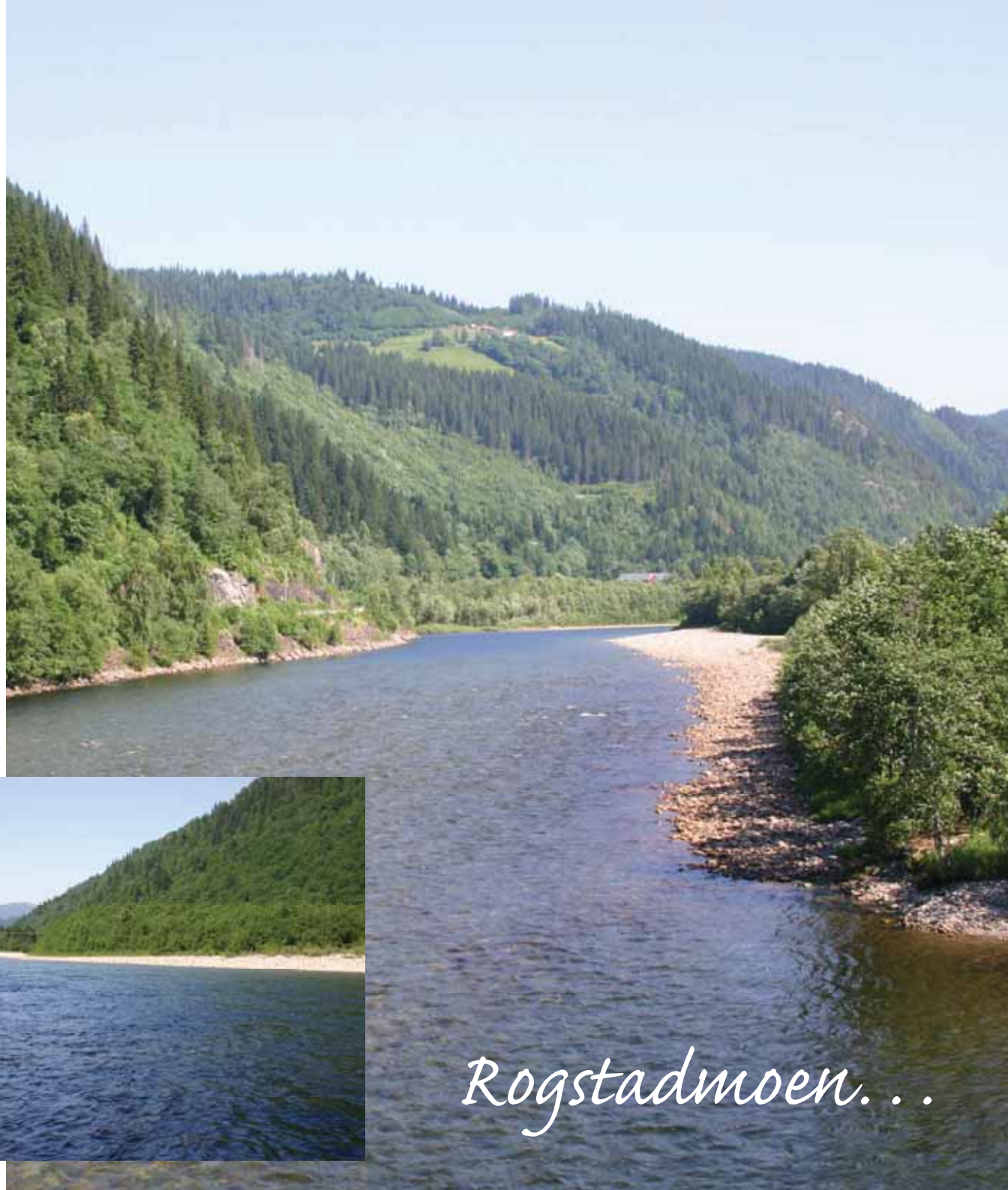
## The beats in the program:

### Rogstadmoen Beat

This is our "home-beat" in this program, only some 15-20 meters from our base camp, the Lax-a Lodge.

The beat of Rogstadmoen can present a vast number of interesting pits and holding spots for really big salmon. This is one of the beats in the lower parts of Upper Gaula where fresh runs of salmon usually stop and hold for a while – or to spawn – once passed the rapids of Gaulfossen at Støren. The beat is 2,2 kms long, holds many interesting pools and shows on average a nice glide and an even speed of water. Easy to fish on most water conditions and is absolutely ideal for those who want to practice on their two-hand casting technique.

The beat of Rogstadmoen fish very well on all water levels, even during real droughts with low water, common from end July. At such conditions, this long beat can offer gin clear waters and sight-fishing for big salmon!



*Rogstadmoen...*



*Tranmael...*

### **Tranmael Beat**

The Tranmæl beat is approximately 1 km long on both sides of the river. The beat offers an exciting salmon fishing with very good variety in beautiful surroundings. The chances of big catches are fair throughout the season, with the best weeks in July and August. The beat is characterized by a glide that flows into a long pool followed by a very interesting part with lots of rocks and stones; great holding spots for the salmon. This part comes to a clear "edge" with rapids followed by yet another glide.

The Tranmæl-beat is situated approximately 10 km upstream the mouth of the river, which means that almost all salmon running up the Gaula during the season, will pass through or stop and hold along this particular beat. For sure, this beat presents fair chances to catch really big fish during the June runs, but thanks to the long gravel- and sand bank along the entire beat, this is also a place for the salmon to stop and spawn through the entire fishing season. Great opportunities to catch middle-sized salmon and grilse from beginning of July and on.

Tranmæl can be fished on all water levels – from 300 m<sup>3</sup> /sec (high water flow, measured in Gaulfossen) to extremely low late summer levels. The Tranmæl beat changes its characteristics to a great deal at different water levels, which presents the curious and skilled fisherman with constantly new challenges.

The beat is long and allows fishing on both sides - you'll have no problems whatsoever being 8 fishermen or more at the same time on this beat.

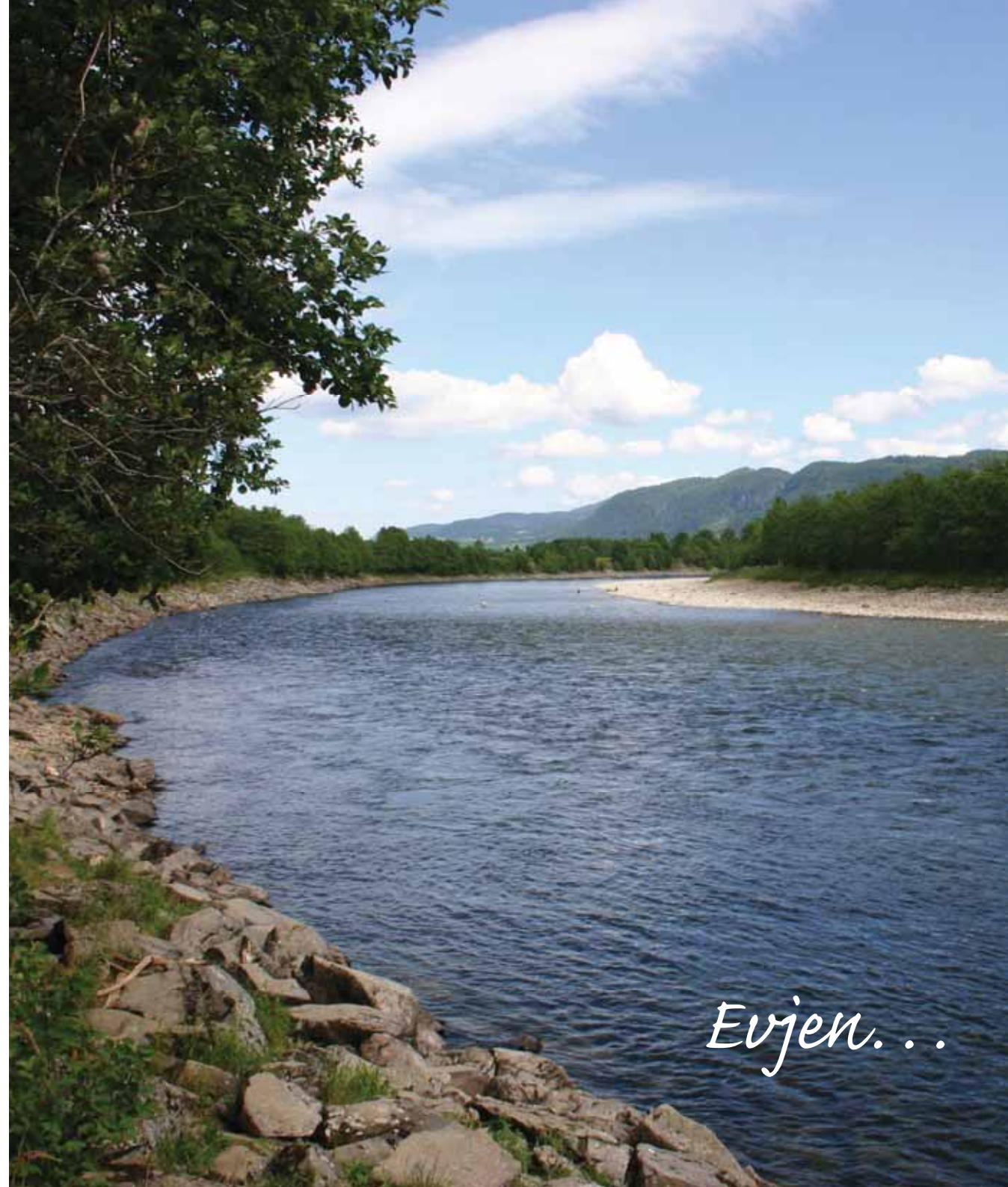


## Evjen Beat

Evjen is truly a majestic beat, offering some of the best fishing that you can find in Gaula for really BIG salmon, especially early in the season. The beat is close to the village of Lundamo, some 25 kilometers upstream from the river Gaula's inlet and a couple of kilometers downstream the rapids of Gaulfossen. Here, the river flows strong through this fruitful agricultural district that dominates this part of the valley. On its way down to the ocean, the powerful water shapes slightly new gravel banks and bottom pits every year, especially interesting for us salmon fishers. Our beat consists of approximately a 1300 meters long fishable length and holds a variation of small rapids, fast flowing water and good holding spots for the salmon. The beat starts at the top with some shallower gravel banks that speed up the water before "the grand finale"; a very visible, strong rapid over rocks and gravel. After that rapid the beat changes its character quite dramatically and becomes deeper and calmer, yet very strong. This lower part of Evjen, that always holds BIG salmon in the deep, is a hard challenge for any experienced salmon fisher. But the chance of catching is always very near! Down by the river bank you have the typical Norwegian wooden "gapahauk" wind shelter. This gapahauk is actually placed in one of the most interesting spots in the Gaula valley; there's no better place to sit and scout for rising/running salmon at dawn or dusk. Or, in fact, in the middle of the day in bright sunlight! When you see the first fish show in the shallower rapids right outside the shelter, then you know it's time to grab the tackle and go for it! Evjen has many great spots to fish from on its entire length, all with different characteristics, challenges and benefits. The beat is long and gives plenty of room for 6 fishermen.



*Henrik Larsson  
from Loop Tackle  
Design visited  
Evjen beat in June  
ending up with this  
fantastic 31 lbs  
Salmon caught on  
sinking line and a  
brass tube.*



*Evjen...*



**Prime weeks booking now – which one is yours?**

Hereby dates 2009 (notice that we will just operate the prime weeks). The price includes round way transfer from Trondheim airport and the lodge (approx 45-60 minutes transport one way).

**Lax-á – Norway /Gaula river 2009**

8th June – 14th June – 12 rods

Euro 3680 per rod / full board and lodging

15th June – 21st June – 12 rods

Euro 3680 per rod / full board and lodging

29th June – 5th July – 12 rods

Euro 3680 per rod / full board and lodging

6th July – 12th July – 12 rods

Euro 3680 per rod / full board and lodging

13th July – 19th July – 12 rods

Euro 2980 per rod / full board and lodging

20th July – 27th July – 12 rods

Euro 2980 per rod / full board and lodging

**For Booking and questions regarding this outstanding and highly attractive Norwegian program - please contact [steffen@lax-a.is](mailto:steffen@lax-a.is) or [arnib@lax-a.is](mailto:arnib@lax-a.is)**

We look very much forward to hearing from you!

Best Regards

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