

## Pre trip information for Umba

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### Welcome to famous Umba - autumn 2007



Few Salmon Rivers on the Kola have affected Salmon anglers from all over the world like the Umba. Since the beginning, more than fifteen years ago, when the first pioneers fished this astonishing river, Umba has symbolised the Russian Salmon fishing with all its fascinating facets.

Umba is unique and anglers from all over has travelled deep into the Russian Taiga to fish this fantastic river and the fishing is both intimate and dramatic – but I also believe that the close contact with the local people around the lodge has brought an extra dimension into the journey – something very special that you won't find on the other Kola rivers.

To watch life rolling through the small community of Pogorst when fishing the home pool takes you into another world - back to your grand grandfathers life when everything was more simple and not on a leach of cell phones and E – mails etc.

The romantic but also dramatic nature around Umba River is an important aspect that feeds even the highest expectation a fisherman can have – here you will find all kind of challenging water that can bring water in the mouth of the most hard core Salmon guys.

So as you can see there is no simple answer to the question - why Umba have this mysteries attraction on salmon fishermen - but after my three seasons away from Umba, it is obvious to me that Umba has been missed by a lot of anglers -me included!

Umba can best be described as poetry in the Salmon anglers world and now Lax-a can offer a Umba reunion to all of you - who have been longing for Umba in the past three seasons.

We will try to keep the program in the old Umba spirit and atmosphere and with this classic program we will try to secure this beautiful place. I hope that a lot of old Umba friends - and hopefully also new comers - will come and fish the memorable pools of Umba and Krivetz together with me next autumn!

Thanks good we will soon be back in the fantastic Umba Lodge enjoying the fireplace in the autumn evenings and fill in some nice and heavy salmon in the log book.

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Our Umba program will carry the finger prints from the past – A program that was loved and well known for attention to details. Umba is furthermore an ideal choice if you don't like to travel in helicopters – the six hour bus drive from Murmansk down to Umba will give you an in sight and an interesting picture of the Kola peninsula. In some respect it is like a trip back through time and it will provide you with a special frame for your fishing trip - a quite different perspective compared with the usual helicopter fare from Murmansk to the river.

It seem that the autumn fishing attract a special kind of anglers – Maybe because this time of the year you don't fish so hard as in the long "White Nights" during the summer period.

The daily fishing starts after Breakfast approx 09.00 and continue until Lunch where approx half of the 10 rods will return to the main Lodge for Lunch – the other half of the group will have a bankside lunch together with the guide at one of the fireplaces we have along the spectacular Krivetz stretch. The daily fishing stops around 19.00 and dinner will be served at 20.00 In the lodge. After that the program is off schedule and usually- social relaxation in front the Lodge's big fireplaces where the air soon will be filled with good stories and some "few" cosy lies as in the old days.

### **Fly tackle.**

The Autumn fishing in Umba river does not call for heavy tackle even if some of our salmon are quite big!

Light double hand outfit or medium to heavy single hand is the right choice and will both be the most effective, pleasurable and gentle for your back and shoulders.

The reel should be of reliable construction and with room for a least 150 m. backing – when you once have been witness to a Twenty ponder leaving Office pool you will never forget it – in less than one minute such an "intercontinental missile" can strip a reel for 200 m. of backing - believe me I have seen it several times.

Regarding lines it is always wise to bring both floating intermediate and sinking – probably you will need only a floating or intermediate - but you never know when you meet a wind, water or weather situation where it would give you an extra edge to make the effort and change line maybe even for just a couple of hours or less! And honestly - a couple of back-up lines in you pocket won't make you sweat?



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### **Organizing the fishing**

Our Lax-á camp manager will setup a weekly fishing schedule that suit the conditions and actual numbers of guest in camp and usually there will be a mid-day-rotation after lunch. This system is tried and trusted and every guest will usually fish all pools more than once.

The manager schedule is worked out with the main purpose to give all an even share, but this does not mean that it cannot be altered. The only criterion that must be fulfilled in that context is that all affected guests agree and that this agreement is found between the guests and the presented to the camp manager.

Fishing after dinner is usually free around camp - but it is still under the command of the camp manager. If the group wishes or if the manager find it necessary there will be made up a schedule for evening fishing.

Early morning fishing is restricted to the beats you are going to after breakfast the following day.

For a small extra tip guides will be available for evening fishing also on the beats further from camp. Make these agreements before dinner directly with you guide or through the manager.

### **Flies**

The autumn-water in Umba river is very clear – some anglers even says gin clear. Some of the hot Umba patterns on the present list are:

#### **Red But**

**Green Highlander / Munroe killer**

**Silver Doctor Black Francis.**

**G. P. – General Practitioner**

**Ally's Shrimp**

**Thunder & Lightning / Mar lodge**

**Willie Gunn**

**Hairy Mary / Blue Charm**

**The Undertaker Sheep series in Black – Blue.**

**Recommendation towards sizes would be in direction of: 4 – 8 or Tube flies size ½ – 1 ½ inches.**

**According to the rules and regulations your flies can be tied on either single or double hook and before you release them to swim the Umba you must pinch down the barbs.**

### **Accessories**

tape measure

Leader material (12 lb. Up to 18 lb.)

Clippers.

Repair kit for Waders

Some sinking tip for extreme situations

Pliers Wading stick

Pocket torch with fresh batteries.

Camera and video etc. With fresh batteries.

Bag or backpack for daily equipment

Sun glasses

### **Clothes and other items**

Weather conditions is unpredictable and it can change dramatically within very short time so it will be sensible to bring both something that will keep you warm and dry in rainy and windy day.

The following list may inspire:

Fleece trousers and jacket

Warm socks

Fleece gloves

A warm Hat and scarf

Waterproof fishing jacket

Waders (breathable)

Fishing shirts and vest

Cap

It is also advisable to bring: Ear plugs for snoring tent partner and screaming reels.

A couple of plastic bags for wet clothes and boots when leaving - Personal medicine and painkillers. Cash in USD for bar, gratuities etc.

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## **Catch and release**

Fishing Rules and Regulation. In Umba River operates a strict catch and release policy. All fish must be reported and registered daily in the camp's catch statistic book All fishing is strictly Fly only with use of single or double barb less hook. We would request extreme care in handling all fish

**A - Please try not to beach the fish or tail the fish. Use a knotless landing net and use it as carefully as possible.**

**B - When fishing from a boat try to land the fish from the bank.**

**C - For Photographs please ensure the fish is supported underneath. Wet your hands (never hold it up by the tail or the mouth) and return it to the water as soon as possible.**

**D - When returning the fish support it in the water (mouth pointing upstream) until it has fully recuperated before allowing it to swim away.**

## **The Travel / Flights**

Angling Club Lax-á does not handle the flights to Murmansk but we recommend Frontiers International. Frontiers are in a position to offer competitive prices for all international flights to Helsinki, meet and greet services and with a guaranteed space on a chartered air flight to/from Murmansk.

The fishing weeks will operate Saturday - Saturday and the prevailing times for the Murmansk flight require an overnight in Helsinki inbound. Also here Frontiers can help you with first class accommodation at a special rate.

For more information and booking contact Frontiers US Office: PO Box 959, Wexford, PA 15090-0959, PH: +1-724 935 1577. E-mail: info@frontierstrvl.com

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## **Visa**

The Russian Embassy will stamp the Visa direct into your passport and we feel it is both safer and more convenient for everyone that you send the paper to your local Russian Embassy, or special designed travel company in your country that deals with this. If you for any reason find problems with your visa, please do not hesitate to contact us immediately.

The normal time to get the Visa is 7 working days plus mail which means approx. 2 weeks.

After receiving your booking form filled out and signed we will send the special **Russian invitation** that is needed to get the Visa

**For 2006 season Lax-á will start the invitation process in April month.**

To process your Visa you will need to send to consulate or local visa agent:

1 - Russian Invitation

2 - Questionnaire to be filled out and signed at the bottom – this questionnaire can varied from country to country, so please contact your local Russian consulate / Visa support for further information.

3 - Your Passport

4 - Four Passport photos (with some Embassies it is enough with Two)

## **Agents dealing with Russian Visas:**

England: Visa & Passport Service, Ground Floor, 4-8 Rodney Street, London N1 9JH, www.visaservice.co.uk

Tel: 08708 900 185, Fax: 020 7229 7656, Mobile: 07850 426241, E-mail: [visa-passport@btclick.com](mailto:visa-passport@btclick.com) Ask for Lisa.

France: Visas Express, 54, Rue de l'quest, BP 48 - 75661 Paris Cedex 14, Phone: 0144 1072 72

Phone – Umba lodge: +007 – 815 59 502 87 / best between 20.00 and 21.00 - GSM cell phone covering in Umba

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See you out there! - Tight line and all the best from

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