



ANGLING CLUB

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GRIMSÁ

The Queen of rivers



We are a small group of people that love fishing for Atlantic Salmon.
Our club is the leaseholder of some of the world's best salmon rivers,
and we offer a full-service experience - focused on the best service and
hospitality



The Grimsa is a medium-sized river in the mid-west region of Borgarfjordur, which is Iceland's most prolific Salmon area. Often referred to as “The Queen of Rivers”, it is an important and impressive river

Not only is Grimsa one of Iceland's most beautiful flyfishing rivers, but it is also one of a few Icelandic rivers that have tradition stamped all over it. It was frequented by British lords and an assortment of high-ranking military personnel as early as the late nineteenth century. As whilst as with most of Iceland's rivers today, it is primarily a grilse river. During those early days, the river was famous for its big salmon. Now and then, the odd monster is still spotted, giving vivid memory of the golden days of yesteryear

As so many Icelandic rivers, floating lines, small fly patterns and hitched tubes are excellent. The river is also easily fished with single-handed rods, although given that Iceland is often windy, a double-handed rod should be available

The river is fly only water with a voluntary and widely practiced catch and release system. Any given season, an average catch on the eight daily rods is between 1,200 to 1,800 fish. The Grimsa also has a decent run of sea trout that often starts in early July

Grimsa Lodge is not like any other lodge in Iceland. It stands out stark against the sky, nestling on a cliff above the main falls where you can watch the leaping Salmon from both the main dining room and the lounge. The building was designed by Ernst Schwiebert, the well-known American architect who used to fish Grimsa regularly

Location

70km west of Reykjavik

Season

June - mid -August

Extent

32km, double bank, 66 pools. Av. salmon catch over five years 1,595 salmon

Rods

8

Guides

Available

Lodge

Full service, gourmet meals

Notes

69cm and bigger are released



Beat 1. Pools 70 - 230

Beat one starts just below Grimsa lodge and goes up to the most famous and beautiful pool in the river, with the strange name Viðbjóður (Horrible pool)

This is the lowest beat on the river. It's at its best when the run of salmon is strongest even though it holds fish the whole season

Many small waterfalls are on this beat that slow the Salmon down on their way up the valley. This beat is a hitch tube heaven



Beat 2. Pools 240 - 320

Beat two includes Strengir pool number 300. Even if this pool has 1 number, it is five different pools. How many of them are productive depends on the water level

Strengir pool is always one of the best pools on the river. Many of our guests say that Strengir is one of the best hitch tube waters they have ever fished. We agree with that

Not many rivers, at least in Iceland, are better suited for hitch tube fishing

Time goes quickly when you are fishing Strengir. On this beat, we also have the pools, Lækjarfoss (290) and the Klöpp (320). Both great pools and hold a good number of fish all season



Beat 3. Pools 330-490

We are moving on to beat 3 which is higher up the valley, and in the most part, the river runs slowly through the beat.

Small surface flies are often the road to success on this beat. Some of the pools are long, so it takes some time to cover them well.

Without a doubt, the most famous pool on this beat is pool number 470, Kotakvörn (Church pool)



Beat 4. Pools 500 - 660

And finally, we have beat four. This is a short beat, so very few minutes are wasted driving between pools on this beat

The best pool on this beat is Oddstaðafliót long. As always, the best pool on the beat as this pool holds not only the Grimsa salmon but also the Salmon that call Tunguá river its home, but Tunguá is a little tributary river that runs into Grimsá

Tunguá river is often low in water, so the fish can not run it, so they all wait in pool 600 in the main river because the Tunguá river joins Grimsá at the top of that pool



Recommended Gear

- Single-handed 6-8wt rods/switch rod
- Floating lines
- 10-15p leaders
- Good selections of small flies & hitch tubes



Flies in size 12-14-16

Black and Red Frances, Collie Dog, Green Brahan, Haugur, Black and Blue, Green Butt, Munro Killer, Colburn Special, Night Hawk, Black Sheep, Silver Sheep, Arndilly Fancy, Nagil, Ossa & many more

The most important thing is to have a few of each colour and size in your box.

Hitch tubes for running fish, Hauger, Collie Dog, Sunray Shadow and Green Butt micro cones for low water

Red Frances, Black Frances, Collie Dog, Black and Blue, Green Brahan, Munro Killer, Green Butt, Teal and Blue, Teal and Black. Microtubes / flies size 18 for low water

Haugur, Collie Dog, Teal and Blue, Teal and Black micro sunray

Red Frances , Black Frances , Collie Dog, Black and Blue, Green Brahan, Munro Killer, Green Butt.

Tubes for high water 1/4" – 1"

Snælda, Red Frances, Black Frances, Sunray Shadow, Bismo Black and Blue, Monkey flies etc



There are quality rods available at the lodge for you to use if needed.

The cost per day is \$50, which includes a rod, reel, and line.

Please advise us of your need for a rod before arrival to ensure availability

A charge of \$150 will be billed to you if a rental rod is broken. This covers the cost of shipping and repair

Waders, boots and jackets are also available at a cost of \$50 per day



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