SALMON and TROUT FISHING in SCOTLAND

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AREA

In the northern Highlands, there is no better place for trout fishing than in the **Assynt area**! The estate – Loch Assynt Lodge – is named after Loch Assynt, a lake formed by glaciers during the Ice Age. It is about ten kilometers long and up to one kilometer wide. The maximum depth of the lake is 86 meters. Loch Assynt is located 66 meters above sea level. Although the estate is in a very sparsely populated area, it is easily accessible by car. It takes about 2 hours by car from Inverness airport.

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FISHING GROUNDS

Loch Assynt:

Loch Assynt is only 300 meters from the lodge. The historic Loch Assynt, with the over 500-year-old Ardvreck Castle on its shores, is a spectacular place to spend a fishing day with the estate's boat. The lake hosts a population of the very rare and sought-after Ferox trout – these fish can weigh up to 10 kg (usually 3-6 kg) and are known to live for over 20 years. They are very difficult to catch but a real prize if you manage to get one. The usual method for catching Ferox trout is trolling with a lure from the boat, which can be a quite relaxed way to spend a day! You can also traditionally fish for brown trout in Loch Assynt, with dapping sometimes yielding good results. Spin fishing is allowed in some areas of the lake. Occasionally, salmon are also caught. On the other side of the lake, which is completely uninhabited and surrounded by beautiful scenery, you can also have a picnic.

Salmon fishing in the River Inver:

Fishing at Loch Assynt Lodge on the River Inver covers approximately 1.6 kilometers of fishing grounds with 9 pools. The River Inver flows about 10 kilometers from Loch Assynt to the sea, and fishing there is among the most sought-after on the west coast of Scotland. The River Inver is known as a spate river, meaning it has significant water level fluctuations, but it also receives additional inflow from Loch Assynt, so the fishing window after rainfall can be slightly longer than in some other rivers. Occasionally, salmon begin to migrate into the river as early as May, but reliable fish numbers are usually not expected until the last week of June. The season ends on October 15. Fishing on the River Inver is exclusively fly fishing. A 13-foot rod and a floating line cover most eventualities. Popular flies are Stoats Tail, Cascade, Willie Gunn, etc., but yellow and black coneheads can also work very well under good water conditions. The fishing area also includes some pools that are very suitable for fishing with a Collie Dog or a small Sunray fly.
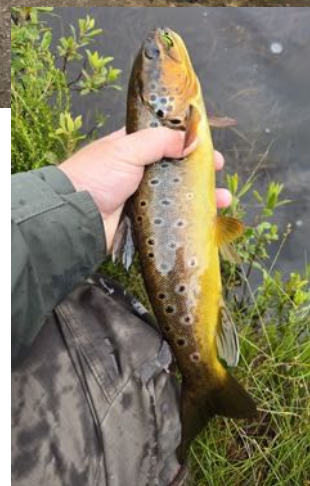
Rainbow trout fishing in Lagg Fishery:

The estate also owns and operates the Lagg Fishery, which consists of two lakes with top-class rainbow trout. It is located half an hour north of the lodge. Access to the lakes is straightforward, and you can park directly at the shore, where there is a cozy fishing hut, a grill, and other amenities. Lagg is reserved exclusively for fly fishing, and a 10-foot rod with a floating line is suitable for most conditions. The fish are extremely strong and weigh an average of 2.5 kg (some even reach over 6 kg), so a strong leader of 4 or 5 kg fluorocarbon or similar is recommended. In particularly hot or cold conditions, a sinking line can be more promising, while a floating line may not yield success. Traditional loch flies work well, especially in black, yellow, and orange colors. Summers can also be very effective, especially in early summer. Lagg is open year-round for fishing. The rainbow trout taste excellent, especially smoked.

Wild brown trout:

The area around Assynt is famous for wild brown trout fishing. The estate has numerous lakes in stunning landscapes, home to many wild brown trout. The native wild brown trout average 0.25 kg and can be caught in large numbers under the right conditions. Sometimes larger trout can also be caught. Fly fishing is the usual method, although spinning is allowed in some areas. Reaching some of the lakes may require a long walk. Occasionally, the "Argo Cat" can be used to transport equipment and provisions for a full-day excursion. The trout season in Scotland runs from March 15 to October 6. Fishing usually starts only at the end of April when the weather is warm enough..

Sea fishing:

In the surrounding area, there are numerous opportunities for sea fishing, either from a charter boat or from the shore. From the shore, you can spin for pollack and mackerel. From the boat, under the right conditions, you can fish in the depths and catch many species, especially mackerel, saithe, haddock, cod, and ling. The nearby village of Lochinver was once one of the largest fishing ports in the United Kingdom. Some fishing boats still fish for langoustines, crabs, and lobsters, which can sometimes be bought fresh at the pier. Sea fishing requires careful and extensive organization and must therefore be booked before the trip. The costs for this will be announced separately.

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ACCOMMODATION

"Accommodation is either in the old manor house of the estate owner or in one of the associated cottages. The location in the countryside and the charm of the accommodations provide a pleasant end to an eventful fishing day.

COSTS

€ 7.200,- for 6 Person *)
(= € 1.200,- per person as well as for each additional participant)
*) This offer is only available for groups of 6 people or more!

The offer includes:
- 6 travel days (arrival Sunday – departure Friday)
- 5 overnight stays including breakfast
- 8 possible half days of salmon fishing with a guide in the River Inver
- The remaining time can be spent fishing for trout in other areas
- Fishing license and booking fee

Upon request:
- Half board € 45,-/ day and person
- Fishing equipment € 45,- / day and person
- Accompanying person Bed & Breakfast € 110,- / day

Not included:
- Travel – Flight via Amsterdam to Inverness
- Rental car for the week
- Taking home caught fish

Payment process:
"Upon booking, €150 per person is due as a down payment. Final billing and payment will take place after returning to the home country.

For further information, we are happy to assist you, Your
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