

Svalbarðsá



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



**Location** 170km from Akureyri

Season 1<sup>st</sup> July – 16<sup>th</sup> September

Prime Time Mid July – Late August

Extent 17km, double bank, 35 pools. Av. salmon catch over five years 504 salmon

Rods 2-3

Guides Available upon request

Lodge Self catering & full service available

Notes
Catch & Release only



Svalbardsa is in the very North-East corner of Iceland in some of the most beautiful scenery on all the island.

Accessed via daily domestic flights from Reykjavik to Akureyri or Vopnafjordur, Svalbardsa is more easily reached than would appear the case.

The prime fishing section is approximately 17km and requires a little walking, so it is not a river for those who can not walk between adjacent pools and is unadvisable for the elderly fly fisher



Svalbardsa is a three rod, catch and release only river averaging in the region of 400 fish per year

Svalbardsa begins to fish well in mid-July with the first good runs of fresh, extremely aggressive salmon averaging approximately 10lbs

The runs reach their peak in the first weeks of August when pools fill with holding fish

The average size falls to just under 10lbs, whilst catching averages rise to their height

Fishing continues to be good into early September, with numbers of fresh fish still entering the river



With classic pools initiated in fast runs and bellowing into smooth tails, Svalbardsa is one of the secret gems of Iceland, fished year in and year out by the same fishers which seldom offers much new availability

Svalbardsa is best fished with a 9-10ft 7# or 8#. However, fishers should bring a sink tip as well as a floating line in case of higher water (even in flood the river runs very clear except for the first hour or so). Some guests bring a 12ft 8# light double handed rod, but this is almost certainly an overkill unless guests encounter a huge flood

Tippet used should be 10-15lb breaking strain and classic Icelandic fly patterns such as micro 1" hitching tubes, small silver and black trebles in sizes 8-16, black and red Frances tied on small trebles and also on ¼ and ½-inch tubes along with the Sunray Shadow and Collie Dog tubes to 4" (total fly length)



The Svalbardsa self catering lodge is a traditional Icelandic small river lodge newly built and very comfortable

Full service accommodation and meals can be arranged

It happily accommodates 8 guests



## 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





