RIVER FISHING MONGOLIA

Gear & Clothing Checklist 2027

Eg River taimen expedition · Stone Ridge Private Lodge

Taimen tackle

- [ ] 9–10 ft, 8–10 weight single-handed rod (three or more sections travel best)
- [ ] Floating line and sink-tip line; an intermediate line is a good all-rounder
- [ ] Leader 25–45 lb
- [ ] Reel with a strong, smooth drag and at least 100 yd (90 m) of backing — ideally 200 yd
- [ ] Flies in sizes 6 and 8, singles and doubles; silvery streamers
- [ ] A spare rod and reel — accidents happen in the wilderness

Lenok & grayling tackle

- [ ] 8–10 ft, 5–6 weight single-handed rod
- [ ] Floating line and sinking line
- [ ] Leader 4–20 lb
- [ ] Reel with 50 yd (45 m) of backing
- [ ] A good selection of ordinary trout flies; bigger dry flies (sizes 8–10)
- [ ] Multi-tool or pliers for releasing fish

Tips from our guides

- [ ] Have 3–4 rods set up at once. You may even break a rod during your stay.
- [ ] Early in the season, the deeper water needs a line that sinks quickly enough
- [ ] Flies wear out faster on the Eg than elsewhere: bring a large selection of strong flies
- [ ] A light travel rod with a reel and floating line takes little room in your luggage
- [ ] Take time to enjoy the birdlife, animals and scenery of the Eg valley too

Clothing

- [ ] Warm layers for mornings and evenings — synthetics, fleece and wool
- [ ] A turtleneck or buff to cover the neck
- [ ] Quick-dry trousers and shirts; long sleeves for sun protection
- [ ] Shorts and T-shirts for warm afternoons
- [ ] Light waterproof jacket and trousers

- [ ] Wool fishing gloves, hat, sunglasses and sunscreen
- [ ] Sandals for around camp

Personal

- [ ] Passport valid for at least six months after your trip; visa if required
- [ ] Travel and medical insurance documents
- [ ] Waterproof bag for your camera and small items

Fishing rules

Barbless hooks, no trebles. Always fish barbless hooks. Treble hooks are not allowed. If a hook is swallowed deeply, cut the leader — the hook will dissolve over time.

Catch and release. Catch and release is strongly recommended for all taimen. Taimen numbers have been declining in many Mongolian waters.

Land fish quickly. Play and land the fish as fast as possible, using the whole bend of the rod. Strong tackle makes for short fights.

Keep fish in the water. Remove the hook in the water if you can. Use a rubber or soft-mesh net, and handle fish gently with wet hands, without squeezing.

Revive before release. Hold the fish upright in the water until it swims away on its own. Never throw a fish back.

Listen to your guide. Our guides are experienced and reliable anglers. Follow the fishing regulations strictly, and look after your fitness before and during the trip.