



Choosing a destination for your Canadian adventure

Canada is easy to reach, bargains abound, the fishing is unsurpassed, and their lodges, resorts and outfitters are some of the best in the world.

The challenge for you is to find the right destination for your needs. Canada offers tremendous value and fabulous destinations in all price categories. We hope the following information will help you find the perfect trip for you.

Even if you've been to Canada before, planning isn't easy. You have dozens of decisions to make including:

- Which province?
- What kind of trip? Fly-in? Boat-in? Drive-to?
- What species do you want to focus on?
- Do you want numbers of fish? Or one trophy?
- Do you want to cook your meals or have them prepared for you?
- Will you need a guide?
- How many days will you stay?
- What gear should you take?

There are two basic trip plans to choose from. American plan which includes meals, maid service and possibly a guide. Housekeeping which is a cabin rental and boat motor and gas.

From there you need to decide – do you want a drive-in, boat-in or fly-in destination. The other option is outpost which is a drive-in, boat-in, fly-in cabin usually a single cabin by itself.

The third decision you need to make before talking to destinations is what fish species you are after and in what priority. If walleye are most important make sure that is the primary game fish in the waters you are considering.

Talk to a few lodges, get their materials, and read the fine print. What might seem like an expensive trip at one lodge may actually be a bargain if it includes all meals, gas, guide fees, and bait.

Planning (or lack of it) can make or break your trip. The All-Canada Show is a great place to shop for the ideal trip package. Ask a lot of questions, and keep asking until you get answers that satisfy you.

Below is a sampling of trip-planning questions. Take this to the show and use it to help plan your trip

Ask to see pictures of:

- Cabins – especially the one you will be assigned
- Boats
- Docks
- Fish house
- Main lodge
- Dining area

Questions to ask

Do the cabins have?:

- Full kitchen
- Full baths
- Electric
- Heat
- Separate bedrooms
- Deck
- Grill
- View of the lake
- Steep shoreline – for older members

Boats/Motors:

- Size
- Flat bottom with casting decks
- Seats
- Horsepower
- Two stroke or four
- How old
- Gas included
- Who's responsible for damage

Fishing

- What is the primary fish in lake
- Are they plentiful
- Is it likely a trophy will be caught
- What secondary fish are in lake
- Are there portage lakes
- What is the best time of year

Lodge

- Sample menu of food
- Licensed bar
- Other activities
- Internet/email access
- Tackle/bait shop
- Battery charging

Ownership

- How old is camp
- How long have you owned

Rates / how much does it costs

What does plan include

Guides

Bait

Extra gas

Extra day if needed for bad weather

Motor insurance

Fish filleting

Day fly-out

Night fishing

Good luck planning that perfect trip!!