

## Emerald Paradise Tours FAQ & Terms and Conditions 2025/26

### **How do we guide:**

We are the leading sight fishing experts and only practice and teach you that. That means that we explain the river and spot the fish for you. We show it to you and help with your setup, the right fly, the approach, casting instructions and help to net it. There are some situations where we suggest to make a „blind“ cast but that's an exception. If your preferences are different or you want to fish with streamers or learn Euro-Nymphing we know and book guides specialized on that.

We are here to serve you so we don't fish ourselves besides on special request.

Given how we work, when we guide two or three people, most of the time it will be fishing one after another and few situations where you can all fish at the same time. Though we will do our best to increase the time you can all fish together by selecting different locations to fish.

### **Where to stay:**

Basically it is best for you to let me know your fishing and accommodation preferences so I can suggest you a place that suits your requirements. Also we offer to book the accommodation for you so you don't have to worry about it. There is no extra charge for that so you get the exactly same price as if you book yourself!

### **Season:**

The fishing season in the Soča Valley starts officially on the 1st April and ends on the 31st October.

Exception is for the Tolmin District that the season starts on a Saturday and ends on a Sunday, so each year different but maximum 6 days before and after the official season. On the lake in Most na Soči fishing is also allowed until 30th November. Another exception is made in the Idrija district where one section is also opened until 30th November.

### **The best time:**

Each time of the season has its special characteristics. In Spring the fish are hungry and with warm temperatures the fishing is outstanding. The same situation we have in Autumn before the fish are spawning. In those early and late months of the season the weather is though more unpredictable and on cold and windy days fishing will be challenging. The summer season is more stable and with low water the rivers are easier to access. Especially for wild canyon tours its the best time of the year. The down side is that in summer there are the most tourists in the valley. The conclusion is that we depend on good weather that is always unpredictable, but we know perfectly how to deal with the conditions. Also there are alternatives to fishing like visiting the fish farms, cheese farms, museums or vine tastings.

### **Booking:**

Short term bookings are possible but not recommended. The best guides are fully booked months in advance. To provide you the best possible service please book as long before as possible. For booking please write a message or an e-mail.

### **Payment:**

In cash after every day of guiding. For all guiding reservations for more then three days we request a down payment of 50% via bank transfer. In the case that we also book an accommodation for you it is always to pay 100% of the costs for guiding and accommodation is to be payed directly to the provider, usually at your departure. A bill will be issued which has to be payed 14 days before your arrival or your reservation will be cancelled.

### **Cancellation:**

If you can not come we refund the downpayment if you cancel more then 14 days prior to our reserved date. There is no refund if you cancel less then 14 days before. For this reason we suggest to make a travel insurance covering those costs.

In case of severe weather conditions we will let you know as long before as we can and try to change the dates. In case we can't find another date your downpayment is valid for two more years.

We decide if conditions are bad! (f.e. rain doesn't mean bad conditions)  
We can also cancel a trip at anytime for inappropriate behavior towards the guide, wildlife, other people or nature. In that case there is no refund.

**Transportation:**

We suggest to come with your own car or rent one to be flexible in your free time. In case you don't have a car please let us know in advance and we find a solution.

**What skills I need to bring:**

Basically for every skill level we have a river so you can be a complete beginner in fly fishing and we teach you how to get started. For catching wild trophy marble trouts or for wild canyon tours and specific technical rivers your skills need to be more advanced.

**What gear is needed:**

All gear can be rented over us, just let us know.

We recommend a #4 or #5 weight rod with a matching floating weight forward line. We use 6'- 9' monofilament tapered leaders ending in 4x (0.18 mm) preferably and add a fluorocarbon tippet in 5x (0,14 mm). Very few times we use 6x (0,12mm) tippets.

The water temperatures are between 8° and 18° Degrees Celsius (46° and 64° Fahrenheit) so we recommend waders all season long. (I personally don't use them in July and August)

Polarized glasses are a must have. Best for all situations are yellow lenses.

Usually we net the fish for you but if you fish by yourself too, it is mandatory to have a landing net with rubber mesh.

Also always bring a rain jacket since conditions can change quickly and are unpredictable.

**Flies:**

We will provide you flies for our trip and also sell them if you want more.

If you want to use your own flies just bring them and if you want to tie them yourself let me know and I will send you detailed informations.

**Fishing License:**

Fishing licenses are available to purchase at various locations or online. Please do not buy a license in advance since our area has at least 6 different licenses and we need to be flexible according to the conditions. License prices vary from €75.- to €90.- per day. We only practice Catch & Release while guiding. If you want to take some fish we suggest you do that on another day on your own.

**Reliability:**

We take good care of you and avoid risks as good as we can. Sure the last thing we want are injuries. All rivers here are wild and natural so it is to take care everywhere you step and we can not take responsibility for that. We are only there to give you advise and help with fishing but the responsibility is completely on you! If you don't feel well for any reason you must let us know. If you are not 18 years old you need to be accompanied by your parents or a responsible person.

**Photos:**

I am an award winning photographer and all other guides also know very well how to take pictures for you. We will transfer the pictures to you after our day out, but keep the rights to publish those pictures for our own marketing on various social media sites. By booking you agree to that. If you do not want us to share pictures of you please let us know.

**Bring someone who's is not fishing:**

If you want to bring your partner, friend or dog, that is usually no problem. Please let us know in advance since we might change our fishing location (and license) or need to rent additional waders. There is no extra charge for bringing additional people or a dog.

**Lunch:**

If we fish for a full day we will go to a nearby restaurant. In case of a canyon tour or on specific locations we will buy food at a shop to bring with us. It is usual to pay the costs for lunch for the guide.

**Special wishes:**

Ask us!

**Prices:** (1 person/2 persons)

Fishing license is NOT included in the prices!

## Full day guiding:

9 hours from 09:00 am until 06:00 pm including one hour for lunch. € 350.-/450.-

## Half day guiding:

5 hours from 09:00 am until 02:00 pm. Times are subject to change! € 250.-/350.-

## Quarter day:

3 hours depending on availability. € 150.-/250.-

## Canyon tour:\*

6-9 hours. € 400.-/500.-

\*Upon request. Only for physically very fit people with advanced fishing skills.

**Gear Rental:** (only for the time we are with you!)

Fly Rod € 40.-/day

Waders € 40.-/day

For broken gear we charge €100.-.

Discounts can be made for children, regular guests and multi day bookings or on my decision.

Fishing Licenses are not included. It is normal to give the guide a tip of 10-20% of costs.

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[www.emeraldparadise.at](http://www.emeraldparadise.at)

Nice descriptions and detail you can find on my business partners website:

<https://www.slo-fly.com>

Additional Infos you can find on the websites of the fisheries managements:

1. Tolmin Angling Association

<https://rdtolmin.si/en>

2. Idrija Fishing Club

<https://www.rd-idrija.si/en/home/>

3. Fisheries Research Institute of Slovenia

<https://www.zzrs.si/en>