



## Packing Suggestions: Himalayan Mahseer Trail - India

We recommend a durable, water-resistant, top-zipper duffel as the checked luggage. Carry your most valuable, essential and fragile items (preferably a change of clothes, too) in your carry-on. Fishing partners should coordinate their packing of items to avoid unnecessary duplication.

### Most Important

- Passport
- Valid Indian tourist visa
- Photocopy of passport photo page
- Airline tickets, trip itinerary
- Pen (for filling out customs forms)
- Cash and credit cards
- Insurance: Accident; medical; baggage and cancellation
- Inoculations and other medications (not mandatory, but may be recommended by your local health clinic.)
- Personal medications

### Clothing

- Shirts for fishing (2-3)
- Tropical-weight pants for fishing (2)
- Casual pants (2)
- Casual shirts (2)
- Shorts (2)
- Wading boots with felt sole and studs
- Waders
- Tennis shoes/boat shoes/Teva-type sandals
- Fly fishing vest
- T-shirts (2)
- Underwear and socks
- Swimsuit
- Fishing cap or wide brim hat and fishing gloves

### Other

- Polarized sunglasses
- Sunscreen/lip balm
- Aloe Vera gel for sunburn
- Floatant
- Wading shaft
- Waterproof fly boxes
- Toiletries
- Camera/Video
- Small flashlight
- Pepto Bismol or Imodium tablets
- Insect repellent (approx 55% DEET)
- Ear plugs (for snorers, charter plane)
- Soap
- Towels
- Duct tape

### Rods, Reels, Lines and Leader

- Both single and double handed rods are recommended
- Single-handed: 6 wt. or 8 wt. fast action/quick loading action
- Double-handed: 14ft 8/9 wt or 13ft 8/9 wt
- Sturdy reel with a disc drag system is essential
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- Lines for Single Handed Rods: RIO Versitip
- Lines for Double Handed Rods: RIO Windcutter, RIO Skaget
- Fluorocarbon leaders such as Seagaur or Rio Fluroflex (min. 15lb)
- Leader material of 15-30lb and 8-9 wt tackle; for normal water conditions; for low water conditions 6-12lb leader and 6wt tackle.

### Flies

- Streamers dressed on sizes 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 hooks
- Minnow replicas, muddlers, salmon patterns
- Stone fly nymphs and beaded nymphs
- Misty's Perception Mahseer**". This fly is usually dressed on streamer hooks sizes 4 – 8.
- The Viva** dressed sizes 4 or 6
- The Muddler** dressed hooks size 8 to 2. Add eyes made of chrome, copper, gold or black
- Wooly Bugger** tied on 4,6, and 8
- Matuka** black and olive. Sized 6, 8, 10
- Most patters are tied on size 1 to 8 salmon style hooks
- Materials such as: dark Chinnele, jungle fowl hackle, tinsels, mallard flanks, peacock hurl and buck tails are successful

**A selection of some of the most effective flies can be bought from camp manager.**

### Fishing Accessories

- Needle-nose pliers
- Split ring pliers
- Knife or Leatherman tool
- Scale or BogaGrip
- Forceps
- Stripping basket
- Gaiter
- Whistle
- Hook hone
- Line clippers

### Tipping Guidelines

Tipping, while customary, is a very personal matter, and should be used as an incentive to reward good service. The following guidelines are just the lodge's suggestions to help you in your travel planning and budgeting, and should not be construed as a definitive "rule."

Guide: \$150 per angler per week

Camp staff: \$150 (shared among staff) per angler per week