

THE RIGHT TACKLE!

Bringing the right tackle is essential for the fishing trip of a lifetime that you are about to experience!

RODS & REELS

Both spinning as well as bait-casting rods & reels can be used on the Saryu & Mahakali Rivers.



Features that need to be considered while choosing the right rods are - **back-bone and power** - Mahseer are large hard-running fish that can grow to sizes of up to 60 pounds in the Saryu & Mahakali Rivers. The length of the rod is a matter of personal preference and depending on spinning or bait casting you may choose a rod from 6 to even 12ft in length.

The weight of the rods also needs to be considered. There is a fair amount of casting that is involved while pursuing the Golden Himalayan Mahseer - hence light but powerful rods are recommended for you to be able to fish this river efficiently. A lot of the fishing is based in remote sections of this river requires hiking - another reason for you to have light & high-performance tackle.

As the Mahakali is a large river - many a times you will be asked to cast heavy lures - your rods need to have the ability to do so.

Reels with high-performance & precise drag-systems are recommended for this river - you may be required to constantly adjust your drag depending on the kind of trebles / hooks your lures are outfitted with.

The Mahseer of the Saryu & Mahakali Rivers tend to make very hard and aggressive runs especially on the firs-rush.

These reels should ideally hold 150 to 200 yards of 80 lb test or an equivalent diameter 20 lb test monofilament; comfortably - without over-loading the spool. Reels must also have very smooth bail arm / bait-clicker systems that help you present lures with accuracy and effortlessly.



LINES

The right line choice is vital for fishing for the Golden Himalayan Mahseer. Both braid as well as monofilament lines can be used; however, they must be abrasion-resistant and low-in-visibility.

A few spools of 200 yards in the 80 lb and 120 lb breaking-strain category must be brought along.

Braid makes like Power Pro & Suffix are recommended.

If you prefer using Monofilament-lines then we suggest you bring spools of 14, 16, 20 and 30 lb.

LURES

A variety of minnow & shad - hard & soft lures can be used for the Golden Himalayan Mahseer.



These include broken-back / jointed hard-baits - examples of which are the Rapala-jointed as well as the Rapala jointed Shad-Rap. The Rapala Count Down Minnow, Rapala Shad-Rap, Rapala Tail-Dancer, Rapala Magnums and Rat-L Traps are also effective lures for the Golden Himalayan Mahseer.

A variety of swim-baits in the 2" - 4" sizes are also effective for the Mahseer.

Shad, Silver-Blue, Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Perch, Gold, Silver, and Baby Bass are amongst the more effective lure color-patterns for these fish.

All lures must be re-enforced with strong 4X-6X treble hooks and strong split-rings. These trebles & split-rings must be bought in various sizes to match the lure. The Golden Himalayan Mahseer are strong fish and often damage all but the strongest of hooks.

Here is a list some of recommended lures for the Saryu and Mahakali Rivers.

Lure	Size(s) Recommended	Recommended Color / Shade
Rapala Jointed	J9, J11	Silver Fluorescent, Perch, Yellow Perch, Rainbow Trout, Gold
Rapala Count Down	CD7, CD9, CD11	Perch, Yellow Perch, Rainbow Trout, Gold

Rapala Jointed Shad Rap	2 3/4"	Perch, Blue Shad
Rat-L-Trap	1/2oz. & 3/4oz.	Blue Streak, Transparent, Red Chrome, Gold Black Back
Little Cleo Spoons	1/2oz. & 3/4oz.	Nickle, Gold, Nickle Blue, Chrome Fluorescent Orange
Mepps Aglia	#3 - #5	Silver, Gold, White/Red
Berkley® PowerBait® Swim Bait	3"	Perch, Silver Shad & Pearl red-eye. <i>Get a few packets of these.</i>
Rapala Shallow Shad	SSR7 & SSR9	Yellow perch, perch, baby bass
Rapala Tail Dancer Yo-Zuri Crystal Minnow	TD9	Blue Shad and Perch Holo blue silver, red & white, holo chartreuse silver.



WADING

There is a fair amount of wading involved on this trip, which may include crossings streams, and knee-deep wet wading while fishing.

Recommended wading gear

A good pair of tough ankle-high wading boots is a must. High-

traction soles like felt or the Simms *streamtread* high-traction rubber soles are highly recommended.

Neoprene socks with built-in gaiters are recommended to keep the gravel out.

IMPORTANT TIPS

Reel covers are also a must to protect your expensive reels from getting sand in them. River-sand is perhaps the finest sand and gets into reels very easily. Reel covers will also help in protecting your reels and lines from getting damaged while in transit.

NEED MORE HELP

If you have more questions regarding any part of your gear please feel free to email us at info@himalayanoutback.com