



Several seasons discovering the Pyrenees Mountains

"Fly fishing with Salvelinus Fishing adventures is just that an adventure. From my first time 5 years ago to my last one I have never been disappointed. The Pyrenees Mountains is one of the most beautiful areas I have had the pleasure to fish. My first trip to the Pyrenees I was a little nervous because of my lack of Spanish, but I had no need to worry. When I first arrived not only was I greeted in very good English also a fantastic dinner that could of fed an army. That night was to be the first of many. Over the years I have come to love the Salvelinus lodge as much as the fishing. The countries of the people that fish with Salvelinus vary with each trip. It is always a good time at dinner to hear all the stories about the days fishing in many accents and languages. Let's get to the fishing. OH... THE FISHING!!!! I am a dry fly fanatic and almost never put on a nymph. Every day with Ivan and his team of guides is different. It is very rare that I ever fished the same place twice. I have fished everything from small creeks and streams that hold gorgeous brook trout to rivers that hold some of the biggest wild native and brown trout I have ever netted to helicopter rides to lakes that are fished only a few times a year if that. And always by my side is Ivan or a team member. Their advice and knowledge of the sport seems unlimited. They are always there to help with my tangles, knots fly selection, and of course the best spots for the big ones. If you are looking to take a trip to Spain to do some Fly fishing, Salvelinus is people you should be talking to."

**Zachary La Porte
Nevada, USA**



From UK to High Mountain Fishing

"The rivers of the Spanish Pyrenees, while being varied in style, all have the common theme of challenging wild trout in spectacular surroundings. This fishing opens up possibilities to try and learn many different techniques. The chance to hike into truly wild fly fishing is something that is rare in the UK, but something that Salvelinus can provide in abundance. Ivan is a fantastic guide who speaks good English and has lots of enthusiasm for his job. We had a fantastic three days fishing during August 2008, many fish were caught and lost and some absolute monsters spotted. Ivan taught me many skills and techniques that I will keep with me for the rest of my fishing days. I would recommend Salvelinus to anyone."

**Patrick Senior,
Bristol, UK**



American Women inside Salvelinus Lodge

"Salvelinus is without a doubt one of the best guide outfits my husband and I have had the pleasure of fishing with. Ivan and his guides are gracious hosts who know their rivers and know their fish. From the moment we set foot in the lodge, our comfort and enjoyment became their top priority. From the excellent fishing to the delicious meals, Salvelinus makes the Pyrenees a wonderful destination."

**Simons Welter
South Carolina, USA**



Eastern Pyrenees, latest season Japanese's anglers enjoying inside La Ribagorza Lodge



"In October, 2008, we had the International Congress in Cosmetics. I was thinking we should go fishing after the Congress in Spain, of course fly fishing! I look up the internet about fly fishing in Spain. **I found several home pages on fly fishing in Spain, but those are not looking too good. The date we go was getting close.**

Well, I happened to find SALVELINUS Their home page is looking quite good and the photographs are nice, and they are close to Barcelona. I have instantly decided to call them to make our reservation.

I called the phone number on the web site somebody said to me that the person who can speak English will be back in the evening. A person (his name is Ivan.) sent back e-mail to me, said that they will welcome.

The appointment time was 17:00h at the hotel in Barcelona. **We waited for him with very deep anxiety, since everybody thought it would be a fraud. A little bit after 17:00h, a person who wore fishing cap came to the lobby with his smile! He was very looking very friendly!** Our anxiety was gone! He drove a van to bring us to the place to fish! And he invited us in the car, that was very comfortable, and he said to us there are some beers, you are free to drink! Well, of course we wanted to drink, because we just finished our work in the Congress. Our anxieties were all gone and gone!!!!

That was very nice drive to go to the Pyrenees with the person, his name is Ivan. He is very very friendly and kind.

Well, around 20:30h, we had arrived at the hotel after a visit to a part of river where we found some big ones eating in the surface... **Then, he took us to the restaurant to have dinner and he introduced to us the other guide and hostess, Alberto and Susana. We had a nice dinner time with them, of course. The owner of the restaurant is also very nice! His name is Antonio.**

After enjoyed our dinner with them, they invited to us to their room to drink more. Of course it would be welcomed to us. We enjoyed with them until midnight. But Ivan said to us that in the next morning we will leave 7:00h to fish! Of course we said to him, YES!

At 7:00h in Spain in October, it was still dark. Ivan and Alberto took us to the fishing area, but we could not get any fish. Well, we had our breakfast to cool down. We started to fish, of course guided by Ivan and Alberto. Yoshi Waki, guided by Alberto caught a big brown trout! I caught small ones with Ivan. Well, it was OK to me. The first day was over with one big trout. But they invited to us to drink again! Of course we drank with the hope to catch big ones for tomorrow.

Well, in the next day one of our colleague who is the lady never fly fish wants to fish! Susana kindly arranges for her to fish. Alberto took her to fish. Alberto is a really very good fishing guide, since she caught several fishes for her first time. She was really enjoyed fishing.

Well, Ivan took me to the good place to fish in the second day. Fishes reacted to dry flies a lot! I caught several fishes in the first spot. In the second point Ivan took me, I caught one big brown and 5 fishes. He went to the other place, taking my friend. But I had been very satisfied with dry fly fishing with big brown trout, so that I was waiting for them by the river. They came and asked to me that something wrong! I said, no I was very satisfied to fish! But Ivan said to me that there is another good place to fish. He took me the good place. But, but but! The water is very very deep! I was wearing my wader, but wader was not working, because of the depth of water! Ivan did not care about that! I was wet!, of course. But the place he took me was very good looking pool. And rising some fishes, those are good ones! Of course I presented my fly to them. I caught 5 good brown trout (see photo below!)."

"Well, I wrote my long story with SALVELINUS. They are the persons to fish with! They are very enjoyable people and they know to fish! "

"I hope I go fish with them again. In the next time I want to go higher mountains in Pyrenees. In my life the time with SALVELINUS is the most fantastic!"

"Everybody should come with them."
We were the first persons in Japan to fish with them!

Tight Lines!!! And thank you for Ivan, Alberto and Susana! Well of course for Antonio!

**Takumi TANAKA,
Japan**

