

## A ticket to Kola

Your flight is booked on Finnair's "Salmon-Shuttle" which flies direct from Helsinki to Murmansk every Saturday. The transfer from Murmansk to the Ponoï is per helicopter and takes just two hours.

## Book now!

The season on the Ponoï is long. It starts at the end of May and offers top fishing into October. Fish run continuously in huge numbers. The summer months are ideal for dry fly fishing.

## Prime spot

The Ponoï is famous for its sheer wealth of salmon. Fishing is top class throughout the entire season and offers chances of splendid specimens of 20 pounds and over. On an average you can reckon with 10 to 20 fish a week, while a top week can bring 40 or so fish per rod! The Ponoï is renowned for its number of really big salmon. On the Ponoï it's fly only for a maximum of 12 rods on the whole river. Several large lakes and water-catching swamp areas ensure that there is a constant water level throughout the season.

## Rod and reel

Single-handed rod: 9-10ft, floating and sinking fly line #WF 8-10 with 150m backing on a solid fly reel with an efficient check.

Double-handed rod: 12-16ft, floating and sinking fly line #WF 10-12 with 150m backing on a solid fly reel with an efficient check.

Fly patterns: Size 2 - 8 and small tube flies. The best patterns are Red Butt, Silver Doctor, Green Highlander und Rusty Rat. If you are fishing the Ponoï in July and August, don't forget to bring big dry flies - they are a guarantee for big surprises on the river!

# Russia

## Ponoï River

### The salmon of your life!

Kola and Ponoï? Sounds rather like Africa, but it isn't. Kola is a Russian peninsula and there are no safaris on Kola - just the world's best fishing for Atlantic salmon! And the really good news is that we have the exclusive fishing rights for top weeks in the season, when the big fish are running.





**Where is Kola?**

Kola forms the eastern flank of the great Scandinavian Peninsula and belongs to Russia. It has a total area of 100,000 sq. km and borders on the Barents Sea to the north and on the White Sea to the east and south. Apart from a few sparsely populated areas around Murmansk, the Kola Peninsula is one of the biggest unspoiled regions in Europe. Despite its remote location (90% of Kola lies north of the Arctic Circle) the climate is relatively mild.

**Big fish...**

The Ponoï is one of the world's remaining virgin salmon rivers, offering supreme fishing for Atlantic salmon. No other river on the Kola Peninsula holds as many big fish as the Ponoï. The first run of salmon already starts in May, with fresh fish following until November. And there is an extra run of really big salmon as of mid-August. These aggressive fighting fish attack small artificial flies fished close to the surface.

**...and dream pools.**

The Ponoï is a dream river for every sal-

mon fisher. The numerous pools offer prime fishing conditions and are full of fish from June to the end of October. The big pools are best fished with double handed rods, but the experienced caster experiences great sport with a single-handed rod.

**High flyers**

Where else can you catch salmon on dry fly? Anything goes on the Ponoï, especially with dry fly in the warm summer months. Once there, you'll be fascinated to find the salmon rising elegantly to your dry fly. In addition to its excellent fishing, Pacha Lodge offers extremely comfortab-



le accommodation, good cuisine and the service of experienced guides.

**Peak season...**

June and September are peak season months on the Ponoï, when the weather and water are cooler. At the beginning of the season, the pools are full of freshly run fish. The autumn run normally begins in the second half of August, when large and extremely aggressive salmon take over the river. This is the time for light tackle on the Ponoï with small flies fished fast. Fantastic fishing guaranteed!

**...for the really big fish.**

September is the month for the biggest salmon in the Ponoï. These powerful fish enter the deepest pools of the river, where they pass the winter before preparing to spawn the following year. Opposite the Lodge you can watch fresh salmon running into the Home Pool daily. Normally you would fish at this time of the year with sinking line and big flies, but on the Ponoï small flies on a slow sinking or floating

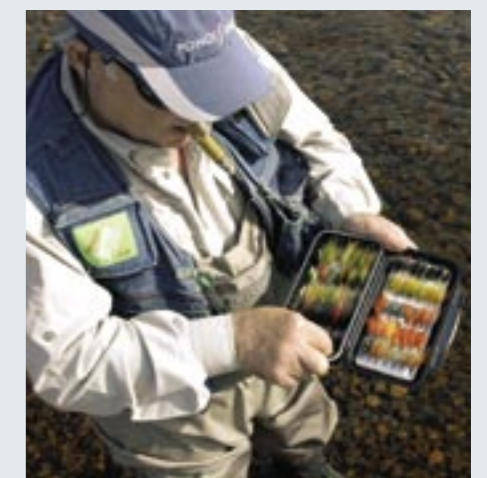


line are the best combination for catching the big salmon. When the days get shorter and the weather worsens, no other river on the Kola Peninsula holds as many big salmon as the Ponoï.

**Comfort and style**

You can fish the Home Pool facing Pacha Lodge any time you wish. It's one of the best pools for Atlantic salmon and jumping fish can often be watched from your own cabin doorstep. The Lodge offers accommodation for twelve guests. Two persons each occupy their own tastefully

furnished and roomy log cabin. The main tract of the lodge is only a few steps away



from your cabin. It houses the large dining room, lounge and bar, where the talk naturally centres on the day's fishing. The bar stocks a fine selection of Western beers and Russian schnapps, and you will be surprised to savour the first class cuisine. After a splendid evening meal, you may wish to return to the river and try your luck again in one of the world's best salmon pools directly in front of the Lodge.