

Russia

Ponoi River

A ticket to Kola

Kola forms the eastern flank of the great Scandinavian Peninsula and belongs to Russia. Apart from a few sparsely populated areas around Murmansk, the Kola Peninsula is one of the biggest unspoiled regions in Europe. Your flight is booked on Finnair's "Salmon-Shuttle" which flies direct from Helsinki to Murmansk every Saturday. The transfer from Murmansk to the Ponoi is per helicopter and takes just under two hours.

Book now!

The fishing season on the Ponoi extends from May to September.

Prime spot

The Ponoi is famous for its sheer wealth of salmon. On an average you can count on 20 to 40 fish a week. In June and July many fresh fish are in the river. The summer months offer the possibility to catch Atlantic salmon on small dry flies. During the autumn big and aggressive fish are entering the Ponoi.

Rod and reel

Single handed rod: 9-10 ft, 8-10 weight, floating and sinking fly line with 150



yards (140 m) backing on a sturdy fly reel with an efficient drag.

Double handed rod: 12-16 ft, 10-12 weight, floating and sinking fly line with 150 yards (140 m) of backing on a sturdy fly reel with an efficient drag.

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

Atlantic Salmon fishing at its best!

The Ponoi River is one of the greatest Salmon Rivers in the world today. Every season it produces big runs of wild and aggressive salmon. On the Ponoi your salmon fishing dreams come true. But be warned: hooking and fighting 20 to 30 of its powerful Atlantic salmon in a week can get addictive!



Loads of fish...

The Ponoi is one of the world's remaining untouched salmon rivers, offering supreme fishing for Atlantic salmon. Several large lakes and water-catching swamp areas ensure that there is a constant water level throughout the season. The first run of salmon already starts in May and the numbers of fish are impressive. Ponoi's aggressive fighting fish attack small artificial flies fished close to the surface. Most fishing is done with floating lines and there are excellent chances of catching salmon with skated dry flies.

...and dream pools.

The Ponoi is a dream river for every salmon fisher. The numerous pools offer prime fishing conditions and are full of fish in prime season. The big pools are best fished with double handed rods, but the experienced caster can have great sport with a single handed rod.

High flyers

Where else can you catch salmon on dry flies? Anything goes on the Ponoi, especially in the warm summer months when the salmon rise elegantly to your dry fly. In addition to its excellent fishing, Ryabaga Camp offers comfortable accommodation, great food and the personal service of experienced guides.

Ryabaga Camp

Ryabaga camp is situated in the lower reaches of the Ponoi. This renowned camp was one of the very first ones and holds the most attractive and productive pools of the Ponoi. 20 rods fish at Ryabaga, they share a gigantic section of 67 Kilometres in total. If want to try your luck after

dinner, the big home pool in front of the lodge is always good for a surprise. At the end of a productive week at the Ryabaga Camp there might be more than 1000 salmon reported. In an average week you may expect to catch 30 Atlantic salmon per person. With some luck, it might be as much as 40 fish or more.

