

# SALMONFISHING NORWAY 1968







## MALANGSFOSSEN

This storied fishing-beat comprises the finest single salmon pool in the world, and its sport is justly famous in fishing circles. Malangsfossen lies almost 250 miles above the Arctic Circle in a valley of dense pine forests and spectacular mountains. North lie the wooded Bjørkli mountains and south is towering Istind, encrusted with snowfields and glaciers. The pool itself lies deep in a basin of wooded bluffs and granite outcroppings, its rocky beaches piled high with driftwood.

Its excellence stems from the size of the river and its thundering waterfall, which churns through 500 yards of broken boulders and mossy ledges until it has dropped almost 75 feet into the pool. The falls block the entire spawning run of a major arctic watershed for almost two months. Sometimes thousands of salmon, some darkening after weeks in the river and others still sea-bright and fresh, lie waiting in its tumbling currents until lower water permits them to pass the barrier of the falls. The pool is unique in the salmon angler's world.

Malangsfossen lies only thirty minutes southeast of the airfield at Bardufoss, with daily five-hour connecting flights to Oslo. Our lodge is located in a pleasant meadow surrounded with silver birches, sited on a quiet bend of the Bardufoss river, since the roar of the Malangsfooss waterfall itself makes sleep difficult.

The pool itself is like a water-filled stadium, vast and turbulent and slate-colored below the falls. It measures almost 300 yards in diameter, shaped like a gargantuan bottle with the waterfall in its narrow throat. The principal current-tongue churns deep into the maelstrom of whirlpools and white water at the head before sweeping almost 200 yards down the granite ledges across the pool. Strong reverse currents sweep back along the rocky fishing beaches toward the base of the falls, and the river is powerful enough that salmon are found facing reverse currents and eddies as well as the river itself. The spreading tail shallows divide at a downstream island, widening the river to almost 400 yards in places. Depending on the river level, there is ample fishing room for two to three boats on this gargantuan pool.

The fishing at Malangsfossen is unique in terms of a single pool, since about forty salmon averaging twenty pounds are killed there each week. Many fish between 30 and 40 pounds are killed each summer, and the pool record is a 57-pound cockfish killed by the famous Roger Gailliard of Paris.

Its depth and turbulence make fly-fishing difficult until late July, and most of the fishing is done with an assortment of spoons and Devon minnows. Some bank-casting and wading is possible, but the best fishing is from boats with boatmen and gillies who have spent their lives with the pool and its moods. Some additional bank-casting and wading is available on the beats below the pool for those clients who wish such extra leases. Hip-length waders are recommended, since the fish are landed on the rocky beach after hooking them from the boats. Malangsfossen is unique and those who have fished its currents have experienced great sport in a setting of spectacular beauty.

Ask for detailed information.

## ALTA RIVER

Salmon fishermen familiar with the sport on both sides of the Atlantic generally acknowledge that the Alta in Arctic Norway is the finest salmon river in the world. Its famous pools have been fished with flies only since the Duke of Roxburghe first leased the fishing in 1862, and unlike most Norwegian rivers, it fishes well on flies after Midsummer Eve.

The fishing is exceptional. Skilled salmon anglers often kill as many as ten salmon averaging 27 pounds in a single night. Alta regulars sleep through the day and fish during the eight-hour twilight of the Midnight Sun. There are a number of remarkable catches in the records of the river. The Duke of Roxburghe took 39 salmon in a single night in 1860. The Duke of Westminster killed 36 salmon weighing 792 pounds in a single night 46 years later. Sampson Field caught 17 salmon weighing 375 pounds in only three pools in 1957. The present Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe took 15 salmon between them in a single



night in 1965. The record Alta salmon weighed 60 pounds and was killed by the Earl of Dudley in 1951. Such incredible fly-fishing makes the Alta a unique salmon river. The river is located in arctic Norway, rising in the plateau barrens above Karasjok in Lappland and flowing north through its forested valley toward the Altafjord, only a hundred miles south of the North Cape. Regular daily air service connects Oslo with Alta, and the fishing accommodations are along the river.

Our company controls the arrangements for fishing the Alta, and occasional beats are available on a weekly basis. Prices are expensive and vary considerably with the specific beats and seasons, but fishing this almost legendary salmon river is an experience no dedicated salmon angler can afford to miss.

Ask for detailed information.

## LÆRDAL RIVER

Laerdal is perhaps the most famous salmon river in the world in terms of its tradition, and the list of kings and princes who have fished it since 1835 reads like an Almanac de Gotha of angling.

The river rises in the Filefjell mountains about 150 miles northwest of Oslo, and flows into the Sognefjord at the village of Laerdalsøyri. Its currents are remarkably clear, and the river is mostly bank and platform casting in a pastoral valley of considerable beauty. Fishermen are commonly quartered in the Lindström Hotel, which has housed salmon anglers since 1879.

Laerdal salmon average about 17 pounds, but salmon between 30 and 40 pounds are killed there each season, and the river record is a cockfish of 53 pounds. There is also fine sea-trout fishing in August, with fish between five and 15 pounds quite common.

Occasional beats are available on a weekly basis, and prices vary considerably in terms of specific pools and seasons. Laerdal is rather expensive, but its beats have a pastoral calm and wading-size intimacy lacking on the brawling rivers of Arctic Norway, and a salmon angler should sample its charms — since it is known around the world as the Queen of Rivers.

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## DRIVA RIVER

This historic and beautiful salmon river rises high in the barren Dovrefjell plateau, among the highest mountains in Norway, and flows north through one of the most beautiful valleys in Europe until it reaches the fjord at Sunndalsøra. Its pastoral farmsteads and emerald-green currents are enclosed in a high-walled valley, threaded with countless waterfalls tumbling more than a thousand feet from the snowfields and glaciers to the valley floor. The setting is spectacular.

Driva tradition is long and impressive, and the river has been fished by such famous anglers as the Duke of Wellington, Lord Illiffe, the Prince of Wales, Lady Arbuthnot, the Countess of Elgin, Field Marshall Sir Alan Brooke, Sir Henry Greenfield, General Thomas White, Field Marshall Sir Claude Auchinleck, Roger Gailliard, Jørgen Cappelen, Peter Wagner, Roger Wake, and the celebrated Charles Ritz of Paris, author of *A Fly Fisher's Life*.

The river lies about two hundred miles north of Oslo, with excellent train service to Oppdal and transfer by chauffeur-driven car the last 40 miles to the Grand Hotel in Sunndalsøra. Our beats include several charming fishing-huts along the river itself, and encompass the Hovin and Hol leases which are considered the best on the river. Some boat fishing is done on the larger pools, using the small Driva prams designed for such work, and some pools offer excellent wading and bank-casting places.

Salmon average about 18 pounds and the sea-trout about three pounds. Fly-fishing becomes good after mid-July, and the sea-trout begin arriving later. The record salmon for the river weighed 57 pounds, and its reputation places it among the ten best rivers in Norway.

Sunn dalen is a truly spectacular alpine setting, with the river tumbling between incredibly clear pools in a valley filled with waterfalls and clustered farms. Glaciers and vast snowfields feed its currents, lying high on the shoulders of its mountain escarpments and precipices. This is salmon fishing of considerable challenge and charm, and the Driva must be included among the rivers of greatness wherever anglers gather to talk of their sport.

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## SULDALSLÅGEN RIVER

This beautiful river lies in Rogaland, about 200 miles southwest of Oslo, and its salmon run upriver about 15 miles between the Suldalsvatn lake and its mouth in the Sauda-fjord above Stavanger. The river is also known as the Sand. Its valley varies between narrow gorges, where the river tumbles in white water chutes, to timbered basins punctuated with charming farmsteads and small villages. Sand is located at its mouth on the fjord, and is a typical coastal settlement that once built sailing ships and now draws its livelihood from fishing and forestry.

British anglers have fished the river traditionally since 1884, when its late summer run became known in the United Kingdom and dedicated anglers could travel to Sand when their own fishing slackened in midsummer. Suldalslågen was considered one of the best rivers in the world until about 1925, when its extensive spawning run and the high average weight of the salmon attracted commercial fishing interests and the fish were decimated.

Sport fishermen ended this tragic period of exploitation, when all netting and trapping ended and the river was restored. These reforms have brought the river back considerably in the past ten years, until its salmon now average about 25 pounds and the river record of 64 pounds has been killed in recent years. The salmon run is best on our beats in August and September, making it a river unique in Norway. Salmon are now taken in good numbers.

The river is reached via daily air service to Stavanger and hydrofoil-boat connections between Stavanger and the village of Sand. There is both boat-fishing in the larger pools and bank-casting in other places.

Suldalslågen is most convenient for the fisherman who would fish Norwegian salmon in late summer, and its relatively low price reflects its tragic past of commercial exploitation rather than its present conditions, which offer first-rate fishing for large salmon with excellent chances for fish above 40 pounds. The mountain valley is charming, with its dense forests and clustered farms, and fishing such famous waterfall pools as Grovhølen and the churning fish-filled Scotia is unforgettable.

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## FLÅM RIVER

This charming small river has its source high in the Stor-skavlen glaciers, about 200 miles northwest of Oslo in the mountains of the Sognefjord. Its tranquil valley is filled with villages and farms and waterfalls, and its crystalline pools hold salmon in about three miles of water between the fjord at the village of Flåm and the Gilja waterfall upstream. The current is relatively smooth, since the river drops less than 200 feet between the waterfall and its mouth, but it is surprisingly swift. The river and its valley provide an environment of picturesque charm.

The history of the river goes back to the regular visits of Lord Ingram after 1870. Other British anglers in those early years included Lord Illiffe and William Gladstone, later Prime Minister of England. King Leopold of Belgium held its fishing for many years and such wellknown Belgian salmon fishermen as Jacques and Albert Bousson have fished it in recent years.

Flåm is the terminal point of excellent rail service from Oslo, and much of its charm lies in its isolation from outside roads. Charming fjord steamers also serve Flåm from several villages on the Sognefjord. Our fishing includes the entire three miles of river, with bank-casting and some wading throughout. There are nine pools in this reach of water, as well as a number of small holding-places at various levels of water.

The salmon run a little smaller than those of most Norwegian rivers, averaging about 14 pounds. There are also numbers of grilse and sea-trout arriving after the middle of July. Salmon of 35 pounds are possible.

The fishing visitor cannot expect the same number of salmon on the Flåm as are killed on larger, more costly rivers elsewhere in Norway. The pastoral Flåm drains some of the most spectacular mountains in Norway, and its charming Fretheim is one of the most pleasant country hotels in Europe. Fishing its pools is an angling experience of tranquility and comfort, in a high-walled valley almost unspoiled by the glamor of modern life.

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## STJØRDAL RIVER

The Stjørðal River flows through the beautiful valley of Stjørðal into the Trondheim fjord at Værnes, Trondheim's modern airport, which can be reached in 40 minutes by jet from Oslo. The fishing rights are in the middle part of the river, approx. 12 miles from the airport.

The river offers excellent salmon fishing from mid-June until mid-July, and good seatrout fishing in August.

Average size of salmon is approx. 18 lbs, and seatrout approx. 3 lbs.

Accommodation is in a rebuilt, typical Trøndelag farmhouse. The "lodge" has 3 twinbedded rooms, bathrooms and toilets – and 2 nice dining-rooms/lounges with fireplace. The "lodge" is fully staffed, and food is prepared to meet with your wishes.

The Stjørðal River has been fished by many famous fishermen, among them the United States Chief of Justice, Earl Warren.

Fishing is generally practised by fly only, but spoon fishing is allowed in the early June weeks. Bank casting and wading at most places, but boat fishing in two larger pools. The beat is suitable for 2–3 rods.

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### ITINERARY

**1st day:** Leave New York, Chicago or Los Angeles by SAS DC-8 Jet.  
**2nd day:** Arrive Oslo or Bergen. Overnight in Oslo or Bergen.

**3rd day:** Leave Oslo or Bergen by plane and/or surface transportation to your salmon river. Fishing will usually start midnight between Saturday and Sunday and terminate same time one week later.

**4th** through **10th** day at disposal for fishing.

**11th day** leave your salmon river for Oslo or Bergen. Overnight in Oslo or Bergen.

**12th day** leave Oslo or Bergen by SAS DC-8 Jet. Same day arrive New York, Chicago or Los Angeles.

### AIR FARES:

	High season	
	First Class	Economy
New York–Tromsø–New York	\$ 882,90	\$ 654,90
Chicago–Tromsø–Chicago	\$ 987,50	\$ 729,60
Los Angeles–Tromsø–Los Angeles	\$ 1166,70	\$ 901,10

# FISHING IN NORWAY



*The salmon is the most staytely fysshe that anye man maye angle to in fesshye water.*

*Dame Juliana Berners*

Since those words were written five centuries ago, Atlantic salmon fishing has become the apogee of angling sport. Walton called the salmon the King of Fishes in his *Compleat Angler* of 1653. No other fishing equals its unique mixture of tradition, its setting of unspoiled northern rivers, its ratio of large fish to relatively small tackle, and its historic parade of famous rods from the ranks of fishing literature, royalty and riches.

The salmon rivers of Norway have fascinated fishermen since Paeleolithic times, when anglers carved images of salmon into ledges above the pools. There is something almost poetic about the fish, and more than a little mystery in their odyssey through unknown ocean depths, returning again and again to their maiden rivers in the cycle of the seasons.

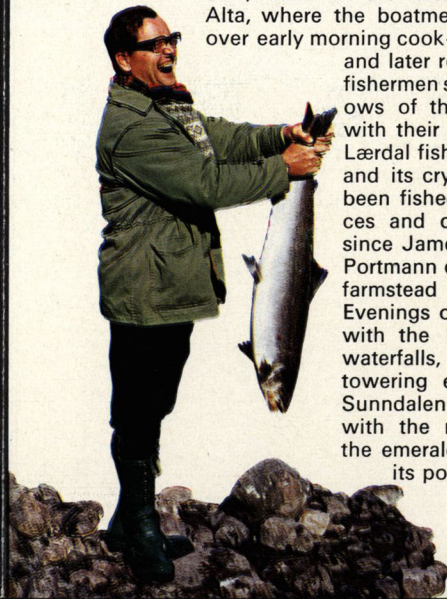
Norwegian rivers hold more large salmon than any others in the world, but many of its watersheds are known for their fickle moods. Fishing is not as easy as the sport in Iceland or the Labrador, except perhaps at Malangsfossen or Alta. However, there is no other country in the salmon fisherman's world where 30 pound salmon are common, and a list of Norwegian salmon over 50 pounds would fill pages, making it the only place where the odds for a really giant fish are thinkable.

Some would take pleasure in the deep-throated roar of the Malangsfossen Pool and its changing moods.

Others love the long twilights of the Midnight Sun, warm on the forests along the storied Alta, where the boatmen warm their hands over early morning cook-fires above the river,

and later row softly while their fishermen search the long shallows of the Kirkeplassen Pool with their brightfeathered flies. Lærdal fishing is rich in history, and its crystalline waters have been fished by kings and princes and captains of industry since James Randell and Lord Portmann occupied the Ljøzne farmstead in 1835.

Evenings on the Driva are filled with the music of countless waterfalls, spilling down the towering escarpments of the Sunndalen valley to mingle with the river. Salmon lie in the emerald holding-depths of its pools while the fisher-



men ready their tackle outside the charming fishing-huts at Hov, waiting in a grove of silver birches for good fishing light, when the sun slides behind the mountains.

Salmon lie restlessly in the gathering tail-shallows of the Foss Pool on the Suldalslågen, waiting for lower water to climb the falls. Others lie waiting for the tides to mingle with the swift-running Flåm, feeling the half-remembered sweetness of the river after months in the sea, and the fishermen gather over coffee and cognac in the sitting room of its spotless Victorian hotel, waiting for the gillies and their rendezvous with the salmon.

These are the memories and overtones of salmon-fishing in Norway – salmon fishing is the apogee of angling.

### TACKLE SUGGESTIONS

Norwegian salmon rivers are swift and the fish average almost twenty pounds, with fish between thirty and forty pounds in good numbers. Strong tackle is advisable in Norway, although anglers experienced with big salmon on Canadian rivers can use single-handed rods of 8½ and 9½ feet. Longer two-handed rods between 10½ and 13½ feet are more commonly used in Norway, since there is considerable use for flies larger than 3/0. Sinking lines are required through most of the Norwegian season, although floating lines are useful in shallow holding-lies later in the summer. Fly-reels should be sturdy, provide firm drag mechanisms, and have at least 200 yards of 20 pound backing line. Such flies as the Jock Scott, Silver Grey, Blue Charm, Black Doctor, Thunder and Lightning and Dusty Miller are in widespread use on Norwegian rivers, and an assortment between sizes 4 and 5/0 is advisable. Spoon fishermen will find light trolling rods valuable, fitted with heavy-duty casting reels and 30-pound line. Medium to heavy spinning gear is also useful. Spoons and Devon minnows and other lures are available throughout Norway, and the fisherman should perhaps purchase such equipment to meet local conditions.

### CLOTHING

Norway has a northern marine climate that is surprisingly mild considering its latitudes. Summer temperatures commonly vary between 50 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Visitors should bring a varied assortment of clothing. Bright weather makes it possible to fish in normal summer clothes of poplin or khaki, perhaps supplemented with a sweater or light windbreaker jacket. Other requirements include extra



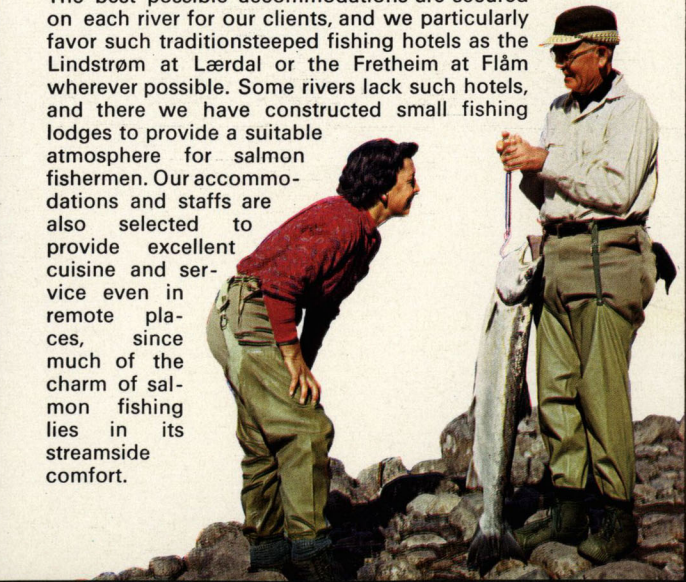
sweaters and pullovers, with rain capes and trousers, and perhaps a lightweight parka. Sport coats and suits of medium weight are also useful since Norwegian evenings tend toward coolness. Suitable clothing for such cities as Bergen and Trondheim and Oslo should also be in the luggage of anglers bound for Norway.

### OUR SERVICES

Mytravel International is the largest and most experienced shooting and fishing outfitter in Norway. Our salmon-fishing beats are chosen carefully and with the benefit of our long experience in providing the best sport for our clients.

Our arrangements are not concerned with organizing fishing parties or tours, but in leasing the best waters through our singular knowledge of the rivers and their owners, serving as agents for our clients to provide complete travel arrangements for salmon fishing in Norway – including transportation, fishing rights, accommodations, boatmen and gillies, and all usual travel services – thus freeing the fisherman to worry only about the salmon on his beat exclusively sublet from our company.

The best possible accommodations are secured on each river for our clients, and we particularly favor such traditionsteeped fishing hotels as the Lindstrøm at Lærdal or the Frøheim at Flåm wherever possible. Some rivers lack such hotels, and there we have constructed small fishing lodges to provide a suitable atmosphere for salmon fishermen. Our accommodations and staffs are also selected to provide excellent cuisine and service even in remote places, since much of the charm of salmon fishing lies in its streamside comfort.



Anglers also interested in the shooting sports might like to investigate our arrangements for European moose, reindeer and the stately red stag. There is also excellent bird shooting for such species as ptarmigan, woodcock and capercaillie.

Our booklet entitled «Fly-Fishing for Salmon in Norway» has been specially assembled for us, and has proved popular with knowledgeable anglers in the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States. There is no charge and you will enjoy its contents.

### CONDITIONS:

Rates per rod per week:

**Malangsfossen Pool:** \$ 1380,– or £ 483-0-0 each rod (minimum 4 rods).

**Alta River:** \$ 3250,– or £ 1127-0-0.

**Lærdal:** \$ 1100,– or £ 385-0-0.

**Driva:** \$ 750,– or £ 266-5-0.

**Suldalslågen (Sand):** \$ 550,– or £ 195-5-0.

**Flåm:** \$ 750,– or £ 266-5-0.

**Stjørðal:** \$ 450,– or £ 159-15-0.

**All above rates include: Fishing rights and fees, accommodation, all meals, boat and gillie service as well as local transportation between fishing beats – lodge or hotel.**

**Reservation:** When making a reservation a deposit of 25 % of the total price is required. Balance is due three months prior to arrival in Norway (Alta January 15).

**Cancellation:** If a cancellation is made later than three months prior to arrival, no refund unless the vacancy is resold.

**Not included:** Fishing tackle, liquor, beer and other items of personal nature.

**Lease of beats:** Each beat is leased to 2–4 rods at one time. Should you wish to lease a beat for the exclusive use of one or two rods, apply for special rates. (Alta 8 rods in the whole river)

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