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The steps leading up to Helsinki Cathedral are one of the best places to get a sense of this city’s unique atmosphere. Behind you is the majestic white cathedral and directly in front of you the historic Senate Square. Sit awhile and imagine how the scenery changes through the dramatically different seasons.

For a more immediate experience, walk down to the Market Square and enjoy a coffee and donut among all the stands selling seasonal berries, vegetables and fish. Sightseeing cruises depart from the waterfront.

Many of the most popular attractions in Helsinki are great destinations for outings. For example, at the island of Seurasaari you can visit the open-air museum, feed the squirrels and enjoy the nature as you follow the path around the perimeter. The historic wooden Karuna church is also well worth a visit.

Nestled behind Parliament House in the city centre, Temppeliaukio Church is a stunning achievement of modern architecture. Blasted out of the granite bedrock, it has a breathtaking copper roof that glitters and shines. The church is among the most popular tourist attractions in Helsinki, and the atmosphere inside is especially magical during the Christmas season.
The status of Helsinki was raised to that of capital of the autonomous Grand Duchy of Finland in 1812.

1. HELSINKI CATHEDRAL AND SENATE SQUARE
Senate Square and its surroundings form a unique and cohesive example of Neoclassical architecture. The square is dominated by four buildings designed by Carl Ludwig Engel between 1822 and 1852: Helsinki Cathedral, the Government Palace, the main building of the University of Helsinki and the National Library of Finland. Exhibitions and concerts are held in the Crypt of Helsinki Cathedral (Kirkkokatu 8), where in summertime Café Krypta is open Mon–Sat 11am–5pm and Sun 12noon–5pm. The Cathedral Shop in the belfry sells souvenirs and is open Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, Sat 9am–5pm and Sun 12noon–6pm.

Helsinki Cathedral, Unioninkatu 29
Open: daily 9am–6pm, June–August 9am–12midnight (Closed during private ceremonies. Many weddings are held on Saturdays throughout the summer between 11:30am and 6pm.)
Free admission

2. CITY HALL
City Hall was designed by Carl Ludwig Engel and originally built in 1833 as the Hotel Seurahuone. The ground floor originally housed commercial premises, there was a large banqueting hall on the second floor, and the hotel offered 27 rooms. Seurahuone was the scene of many premieres: in 1852 the first Finnish opera debuted here, and in 1896 the Lumière brothers presented the first moving pictures in Finland. The building served as a hotel until 1913. The building was converted for use as city hall after major renovations in the 1920s.

Virka Info & Galleria is a public information and exhibition centre inside City Hall. Services include public computers and a wireless network.

Pohjoisesplanadi 11–13
Open: Mon–Fri 9am–7pm, Sat–Sun 10am–4pm
Free admission

3. TORI QUARTER
The Tori Quarter between the Market Square and Senate Square dates back originally to the 1700s. Carl Ludwig Engel later updated the buildings in the Empire style to fit in with the Senate Square. Until the early years of the 1900s the Tori Quarter was the centre of commerce and social life in Helsinki. Today the quarter is once again being revitalised as an active centre of urban culture in the form of numerous events, design boutiques, restaurants and cafés. Helsinki City Museum can also be found in the Tori Quarter.

Between the Market Square and Senate Square

4. HELSINKI CITY MUSEUM
The exhibition “Design in Helsinki Films” runs until 13 January 2013 and presents gems of design and architecture in Helsinki through classic Finnish films. A new exhibition on the history of Helsinki opens in June. The Kino Engel cinema shows daily films about Helsinki in Finnish and Swedish, as well as in English during the summer.

Sofiankatu 4,
tel. +358 (0)9 3103 6630
Open until 13 January 2013 and from June onwards:
Mon–Fri 9am–5pm,
Thu 9am–7pm,
Sat–Sun 11am–5pm
Free admission

5. Sederholm House, the oldest stone building in the city centre dating back to 1757, presents “Children’s Town”, inviting visitors to discover the history of Helsinki through the experiences of children.

Aleksanterinkatu 16–18
Open: Tue–Fri 1pm–5pm,
Sat–Sun 11am–5pm
Free admission

6. MARKET SQUARE
Helsinki’s iconic harbourfront market sells traditional and seasonal foods, as well as handicrafts and souvenirs. Heated café tents allow you to sit in comfort and enjoy steaming hot coffee even on the coldest days in winter.

Eteläsatama
Open: Mon–Fri 6:30am–6pm,
Sat 6:30am–4pm, May–September also Sun 10am–5pm

7. OLD MARKET HALL
Situated alongside the Market Square, the Old Market Hall will undergo a complete renovation in 2013 (1.2.13 →), during which time the stalls will be situated in Hietalahden Market Hall (Lönrotinkatu 34).

Open: Mon–Fri 8am–6pm,
Sat 8am–4pm, summertime also Sun 10am–4pm

Historic centre
8. ESPLANADE PARK
The Esplanade has been the main promenade for residents and visitors alike for the past 200 years, and people still flock to the park in summertime to sit on the lawns and terraces. The statue of Johan Ludvig Runeberg, the national poet of Finland, was unveiled in 1885. Free concerts are held throughout the summer on Espa Stage.

9. HAVIS AMANDA
Designed by Ville Vallgren and built in Paris in 1906, this famous bronze fountain was erected beside the Market Square in 1908. According to Vallgren, the figure of the maiden rising out of the Baltic Sea symbolises Helsinki and its birth. Each year on the evening before May Day, students gather at the fountain to celebrate and place a cap on the statue. Between the Market Square and Esplanade Park

10. PRESIDENTIAL PALACE
Originally designed by Pehr Granstedt and completed in 1820, the building was later adapted for use by the Tsar by C. L. Engel. Since Finland’s independence the building served as the official residence of the President and for hosting presidential functions. Today the official residence of the President is Mäntyniemi in the Meilahti district. The Presidential Palace is closed to the public in 2013 due to renovation. The Office of the President will be situated during the renovation at Aleksanterinkatu 14. Pohjoisesplanadi 1

11. USPENSKI CATHEDRAL
Completed in 1868 in the Katajanokka district of Helsinki, Uspenski Cathedral is the largest Orthodox church edifice in Western Europe. Designed by the Russian architect Aleksei M. Gornostajev, the cathedral is framed by a park. The redbrick edifice combines Eastern and Western influences: the facade represents classic Slavic traditions, while the interior reflects both Byzantine traditions and the influence of Italian art. Kanavakatu 1
Open: Mon closed, Tue–Fri 9:30am–4pm, Sat 9:30am–2pm, Sun 12noon–3pm (on holidays and preceding evenings open only during services) Free admission

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City centre and Kamppi

1. CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION
Designed by legendary Finnish architect Eliel Saarinen, Helsinki’s Central Railway Station is one of the most famous buildings in Finland and a landmark in Helsinki. The granite monument represents late Jugend architecture, and the main entrance is flanked by giant torchbearers designed by Emil Wikström. The station was inaugurated in 1919.

The Tourist Information and Helsinki Expert offices inside the station are open year round Mon–Fri 10am–4:30pm and Sat 10am–4pm (summertime Mon–Fri 9am–6pm, Sat–Sun 9am–5pm).

2. ATENEUM ART MUSEUM
Ateneum is the National Gallery of Finland and is celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2013. The collections include Finnish art from the 1750s to the 1960s and western art from the latter half of the 1800s to the 1950s, including many national treasures. Exhibitions in 2013 include “52 Souls – Symbolist Landscape 1880–1910”, “Treasures of the Palace”, “Eero Järnefelt 150 Years” and “Tuusula Artist Community”.

Kaivokatu 2
Open: Tue, Fri 10am–6pm, Wed–Thu 10am–8pm, Sat–Sun 11am–5pm
Admission: adults €12/10, visitors under 18 free of charge

3. MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART KIASMA
Opened in 1998, Kiasma presents three major new exhibitions a year alongside numerous smaller projects. The programme includes exhibitions of Finnish and international art and thematic group exhibitions. The intriguing building was designed by Steven Holl and uses natural light that filters in through the glass surfaces.

Mannerheimintie 5
Open: Tue 10am–5pm, Wed–Thu 10am–8:30pm, Fri 10am–10pm, Sat 10am–6pm, Sun 10am–5pm
Admission: adults €10/8, visitors under 18 free of charge. Free admission on the first Friday of each month 5pm–10pm.
4. KAIKINIEMI BOTANIC GARDEN
Founded in 1829, the University of Helsinki's botanic garden and its fabulous greenhouses can be admired year round. The garden is situated next to Kaisaniemi Park, which hosts a variety of events.
Unioninkatu 44
Greenhouses open: Tue, Wed & Fri 9am–4pm, Thu 9am–6pm, Sat–Sun 10am–4pm. Garden gates open daily 9am–8pm
Admission: adults €6, children and discount groups €3. Free admission to outside garden.

5. HELSINKI MUSIC CENTRE
A first-class concert venue and meeting point, Helsinki Music Centre also has a café, restaurant, shop and the Sibelius Academy Library for visitors to enjoy. The sculpture “Gaia” (2011) by Kirsi Kaulanen adorns the Main Lobby, while the sculpture “Laulupuut” (2012) by Reijo Hukkanen can be admired outside. Helsinki Music Centre is home to the Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra, Radio Symphony Orchestra and Sibelius Academy.
Mannerheimintie 13 a
Concert tickets: €3 (rehearsals) to €140
Open: weekdays 8am–10pm, weekends 9am–10pm
Free admission

6. HELSINKI GENERAL POST OFFICE AND LIBRARY 10
The General Post Office also houses the post office shop and a modern music library, Library 10.
Eielinaukio 2 F (opposite Central Railway Station)
Open: Mon–Fri 8am–8pm, Sat–Sun 10am–2pm
Free admission

Local specialties!

Tram rides
The best way to get from one attraction to the next is by tram. Routes 3B and 8 are especially scenic: 3B circles between the prestigious district of Eira and the bohemian district of Kallio, while 8 operates between the Arabia design district and the contemporary Ruoholahti district, passing by Linnanmäki Amusement Park, Töölöntila Bay and the Olympic Stadium on the way.
Schedules and routes: www.hsl.fi
7. SANOMATALO
Situated at one end of Finlandia Park next to Helsinki Music Centre and the Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Sanomatalo houses the editorial offices of the daily newspapers Helsingin Sanomat, Ilta-Sanomat and Taloussanomat. The glass building was designed by Jan Söderlund and Antti-Matti Siikala. Cafés, restaurants and shops are located on the first and second floors. The atrium is often used for events and exhibitions.
Töölönlahdenkatu 2
Open: Mon–Fri 7am–10pm, weekends and public holidays 9am–10pm
Free admission

8. LASIPALATSI
The “Glass Palace” is an icon of modern Functionalist architecture designed by three architects: Viljo Revell, Heimo Riihimäki and Niilo Kokko. Completed in the 1930s, Lasipalatsi today houses restaurants, cafés and shops. Public computers can be found throughout the building and used for free, and there is also a free wireless network.
Mannerheimintie 22–24

9. KAMPI CHAPEL OF SILENCE
A fine example of Finnish wooden architecture, this futuristic chapel is a place for quiet meditation amidst the hustle and bustle of the city centre. Completed in May 2012, the chapel was designed by the architecture firm K2S Oy.
Simonkatu 7, Narinkkatori
Open: daily 7am–8pm, weekends and public holidays 10am–6pm.
Free admission

10. KAMPI CENTRE AND NARINKKATORI SQUARE
This shopping and travel centre houses over 120 shops, 30 restaurants, a gym, a dance school, a bowling hall and two underground bus terminals and a metro station. The adjacent Narinkkatori Square hosts a variety of events.
Urho Kekkosen katu 1
Shops open: Mon–Fri 9am—9pm, Sat 9am–6pm, Sun 12noon–6pm
11. LAITURI – CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT’S INFORMATION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE
Topical exhibitions, public events and information services provide visitors of all ages with information about how Helsinki is developing and its architecture.

Narinkka 2
Open: Tue–Fri 10am–6pm, Sat 12noon–4pm,
Free admission

12. TENNISPALATSI
A Functionalist building that was completed in 1937, the “Tennis Palace” allows visitors to enjoy movies and the arts, as well as cafés and restaurants, all under the same roof. Finnkino operates a 14-screen cinema on the premises (see page 46). Tennis Palace Art Museum presents several international exhibitions each year.

Salomonkatu 15
Shops and ticket desks open:
Mon–Fri 10am–9pm,
Sat–Sun 10am–11pm
Cinema tickets: adults €6–14.50
Museum tickets: €10/8, visitors under 18 free of charge (free admission on the first Friday of each month)

13. NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

Pohjoinen Rautatiekatu 13
Open: Tue–Wed and Fri 9am–4pm, Thu 9am–6pm,
Sat–Sun 10am–4pm
Admission: adults €6, children and discount groups €3, free admission on Thursdays 4pm–6pm

14. KUNSTHALLE HELSINKI
Designed by Jarl Eklund (1876–1962) and Hilding Ekelund (1893–1984), Kunsthalle has exhibited contemporary art, design and architecture since 1928. Each year Kunsthalle hosts 8 to 10 major exhibitions, as well as a similar number of studio shows, events, concerts and a cross-disciplinary programme.

Nervanderinkatu 3
Open: Tue, Thu, Fri 11am–6pm,
Wed 11am–8pm,
Sat–Sun 11am–5pm
Admission: €12/8, visitors under 18 free of charge

15. PARLIAMENT HOUSE
Finland’s 200-seat parliament gathers in this impressive building representing 1920s Classicism. Sessions of the parliament can be observed by the public on Tuesdays to Fridays.

Mannerheimintie 30
Guided tours in English, Finnish and Swedish: Sat 11am and 12:30pm (except in July–August), July–August Mon–Fri at 11am (Finnish, Swedish) and 1pm (English).
Free admission

The Parliament extension houses the offices of parliamentarians, an info desk and the Café Pikku Parlamentti.
Arkadiantie 3
Info open:
Mon–Tue 10am–4:15pm,
Wed 10am–6pm,
Thu–Fri 10am–4:15pm
Free admission
The park around Töölönlahti Bay begins in the heart of Helsinki. A popular walking path circles the bay. The wooden villas of the Linnunlauluo (“Birdsong”) district are an evocative reminder of Helsinki’s building heritage, and the summer café at Sininen Huvila (the “Blue Villa”) offers a beautiful view over the bay. Finlandia Park is a new oasis for culture and city events that is being developed along the southern shoreline.

1. FINLANDIA HALL
This famous concert and meeting hall was designed by legendary Finnish architect Alvar Aalto. Guided tours are available and take around one hour, and you can visit the photography exhibitions in Galleria & Café Veranda.

   Mannerheimintie 13 e
   Open: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm (service desk), Café Veranda & Galleria Veranda: weekdays 9am–5pm. Free admission.
   Guided tours in English: adults €11.50, students, pensioners and children (under 16) €9.50

2. HAKASALMI VILLA
Part of Helsinki City Museum, Hakasalmi Villa presents the exhibition “Made in Helsinki 1700-2012”, showcasing the roots of Helsinki design.

   Mannerheimintie 13d
   Open: until 1 September 2013, Wed–Sun 11am–5pm, Thu 11am–7pm. Free admission

3. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF FINLAND
The museum’s main exhibitions present Finnish life from prehistoric times to the present. The magnificent Jugend building was designed by legendary architect trio Gesellius-Lindgren-Saarinen and was completed in 1910. The workshop VINTTI is an interactive exhibition especially for children that is open 12noon–4pm.

   Mannerheimintie 34
   Open: Tue–Sun 11am–6pm
   Admission: adults €8/6, visitors under 18 free of charge, free admission on Fridays 4pm–6pm

4. FINNISH NATIONAL OPERA
Completed in 1993, the opera house has hosted scores of opera and ballet performances. The building was designed by the architectural firm Hyvämäki-Karhunen-Parkkinen. Guided tours are offered in Finnish between August and May on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30pm and take approximately one hour.

   Helsinginkatu 58
   Guided tours: adults €8, students and children €5
   Opera tickets: €14–107

5. WINTER GARDEN
The Winter Garden has been a recreational meeting place for the residents of Helsinki for over a century. This refined oasis invites visitors to enjoy over 200 plant species throughout the year. Guided tours are available upon request in advance.

   Hammarskjöldintie 1
   Open: Tue 9am–3pm, Wed–Fri 12noon–3pm, Sat–Sun 12noon–4pm.
   Free admission

6. OLYMPIC STADIUM
The Olympic Stadium is one of the most famous landmarks in Helsinki, and it has been described as one of the most beautiful stadiums in the world. It has been the arena of great sporting and musical events since 1938. The Games of the XV Olympiad were held here in 1952. The stadium tower is 72 metres high and offers a spectacular view over Helsinki. The stadium design was the result of an architectural competition won by Yrjö Lindegren and Toivo Jäntti with their aesthetically pure Functionalist design. The stadium also houses a hostel, the Sports Museum and Olympia Bistro.

   Olympic Stadium, Paavo Nurmentie
   Tower open: Mon–Fri 9am–9pm, Sat–Sun 9am–6pm, closed during stadium events
   Admission: adults €5, children (ages 6–17) €2, family ticket (2 adults + 1–3 children) €12.
   Students, pensioners and conscripts €3
   €2 discount to the Sports Museum when you show your ticket to the Tower. Children free of charge. Adult admission to the Tower is €3 when you show your ticket to the Sports Museum.
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Töölö

1. TEMPPELIAUKIO CHURCH
Quarried out of the natural bedrock, Temppeliaukio Church was designed by Timo and Tuomo Suomalainen and completed in 1969. Today it is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Helsinki, as well as a popular venue for concerts.
Lutherinkatu 3
Open summertime (1.6–30.9): Mon–Sat 10am–5:45pm, Sun 11:45am–5:45pm
Open wintertime (1.10–31.5): Mon–Sat 10am–5pm, Sun 11:45am–5pm
Closed during religious services Free admission

2. KORJAAMO CULTURE FACTORY
Situated in a converted tram depot, Korjaamo is one of the largest cultural centres in Northern Europe. It offers a complete programme of music, theatre, exhibitions, markets and other events. In summertime the action overflows into the courtyard, with acoustic jam sessions and DJs spinning the music into the night. Korjaamo also has its own bar, restaurant and café, as well as a gallery where you can borrow works of art, a design pop-up shop and a bookshop. Families with children will also enjoy visiting the Tram Museum.
Töölönkatu 51 a–b
Café open daily 11am–5pm Free admission

3. SIBELIUS MONUMENT
One of the most popular tourist attractions in Helsinki, the Sibelius Monument can be found in Sibelius Park in the Taka-Töölö district. Unveiled in 1967, Sibelius Monument was designed by Eila Hiltunen to allow visitors to interact with the design and create sounds and echoes in the pipes.
Mechelininkatu 38
A stone’s throw from the Sibelius Monument is Café Regatta (Merikannontie 10), where you can enjoy delicious cinnamon buns in an idyllic setting. In the yard you can even grill sausages while admiring the view to the sea. Open year round (weather permitting).

Magnificent flowers at the Winter Garden

Opening hours: Tue 9am–3pm, Wed–Fri 12noon–3pm, Sat–Sun 12noon–4pm. Closed Mondays, Christmas Eve and Day, and Midsummer’s Eve and Day. Free admission. Wheelchair access. Location: Hammarskjöldintie 1
www.hkr.hel.fi/viher/english
Situated on the southern tip of Helsinki, Kaivopuisto is one of the oldest and most popular parks in the city. The proximity of the sea, rock cliffs and green lawns offer many opportunities to relax and enjoy the outdoors. At the highest point of the park is the Ursa Observatory. Along the shore and on the nearby islands you can find many cafés and summer restaurants. Along the shoreline to the west is the prestigious district of Eira, which has many fine examples of Jugend and Classical architecture. Between Kaivopuisto and the city centre, the park atop Observatory Hill (Tähtitorninvuori) was designed by Svante Olsson and completed in 1904. The park is considered to be one of the most important historical city parks in Finland. The impressive Helsinki University Observatory (Kopernikuksentie) was designed by C.L. Engel and completed in 1834. The observatory underwent a complete renovation in 2012 and now houses a visitors’ centre where you can learn more about space and astronomy. There is also a planetarium and café.

*It is easy to get to Kaivopuisto on foot or by tram (3B or 3T).*
The former working-class district of Kallio is one of the most characterful parts of Helsinki. Favoured these days by artists and students, the district’s bohemian bars and trendy boutiques attract visitors with a sense of adventure.

Pitkäsiltä, the “Long Bridge”, connects the Kallio and Kaisaniemi districts – it was once said that the bridge separated the working classes from the bourgeoisie. Two-storey wooden houses and neighbourhoods originally characterised the neighbourhood until stone apartment buildings began to appear in the early 20th century along with industry and settlers from the countryside. Subsequently, Kallio developed into a working class district.

Kallio has retained its own unique identity. The densely populated district offers lots of services – nearly every building has shops on the ground floor. The district is also famous for its bohemian local bars and sharp contrasts. The image of Kallio has since been immortalised in the films of world-famous Finnish film director Aki Kaurismäki.

The adjacent district of Alppila is a colourful neighbourhood of wooden buildings and home to Linnanmäki Amusement Park, the Worker Housing Museum and the Kulttuuritalo “House of Culture”. The new home of contemporary food culture in Helsinki, the Abattoir, can also be found nearby (see page 62).

The local network Up with Kallio invites visitors to discover the neighbourhood’s unique boutiques and restaurants. See the map, blog and descriptions online at www.upwithkallio.fi.

You can also explore Kallio with the help of our brochure See Helsinki on Foot, which is available from Tourist Information or from our website www.visithelsinki.fi.
Old Town and Arabia

Helsinki was originally established at the mouth of the Vantaaanjoki river in 1550 by King Gustav Vasa of Sweden, who wanted the town to compete with Tallinn. Due to the shallow water in the bay, the town was moved to its current location further down the peninsula in the 1640s.

Today the “Old Town” area is a modern centre for sciences and the arts, as well as a waterfront residential district that can be easily reached by Tram 6 or 8.

The area is home to the 130-year-old Arabia porcelain factory, museum and gallery, as well as factory outlets. Works of art throughout the area describe history, nature and the unique Finnish design heritage. The inspiration of artists, designers and craftsmen can be seen in the buildings and in the spirited sense of community.

You can pick up a special brochure about the Arabianranta district from Tourist Information or by going online to www.arabiahelsinki.fi.

1. ARABIA FACTORY, MUSEUM, GALLERY AND FACTORY OUTLET
The Arabia brand is a pioneer in Scandinavian design characterised by stylish simplicity and practicality. Arabia’s roots go back to 1873, when the Swedish company Rörstrand established a porcelain factory on the site and named after the local area. Today Arabia belongs to Fiskars, the oldest industrial company in Finland. A factory tour is a great way to discover the fascinating history of Finnish porcelain industry. In addition to Arabia’s own factory outlet, you can also visit those of Iittala, Finlayson, Opa and Pentik on the same premises.
Hämeentie 135, 9th floor
Museum open: Wed–Fri 12noon–6pm, Sat–Sun 10am–4pm
Admission: adults €4, children (under 12), pensioners and students €2
Factory tours: Bookings
tel. +358 (0)204 39 5326 or e-mail arabia.visitors@fiskars.com
Shops open: Mon–Fri 10am–8pm, Sat–Sun 10am–4pm

2. MUSEUM OF TECHNOLOGY
The Museum of Technology relates the history of technology and industrialisation in Finland. The collections tell the story of Finland’s development from an agricultural society to a high-tech country. Situated next to the Old Town Rapids, the Museum of Technology is the only national public museum specialised in technology.
Viikintie 1
Open Tue–Fri 9am–5pm, Sat–Sun 11am–5pm
(5.6–31.8. Tue–Sun 11–17)
Admission: adults €6/2–5, children (7–17) €1
www.tekniikanmuseo.fi
3. KUMPULA BOTANIC GARDEN
Situated on the historical lands of Kumpula Manor, Kumpula Botanic Garden comprises two parts: a garden of cultivated plants and a geobotanical garden. Travel around the world in one hour.
Jyrängönkatu 2
Open: 1.5–30.9. daily 11am–6pm, closed in winter
Admission: adults €4, children and discount groups €2

4. ANNALA
Annala is a gardening and recreational area with various cultivated plots and theme gardens, such as a kitchen garden, a pharmacist’s garden, dyeing plants and a butterfly garden. Annala also has one of the oldest orangeries in Finland.

5. VANHANKAUPUNGINLAHTI AND LAMMASAARI
Over three hundred bird species have been identified at the nature reserve around Vanhankaupunginlahti (“Old Town Bay”) and Lammassaari Island. Visitors can hike along wooden causeways and climb up the bird watching towers for a better view. Lammassaari is in the middle of the bay and has small summer cottages.

6. KOSKENRANTA
Next to the rapids you will find the Restaurant Koskenranta.
Katariina Saksilaisen katu 9
Open: Mon–Fri 11am–3pm and by reservation

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www.gardenia-helsinki.fi
Sightseeing tours and excursions

Helsinki is a pocket-sized metropolis that is easy to explore on foot. You can get even more out of the city by taking a sightseeing bus ride or cruise (see page 37) or with a guided walking tour. Another great way of seeing the city is by jumping on a tram.

**BY YOURSELF**

Tram 3T offers a simple and affordable way to explore Helsinki. The route passes many interesting sights, such as the Market Square, Senate Square, Railway Square, the Kamppi Chapel of Silence, Temppeliaukio Church, the Olympic Stadium, the Finnish National Opera, Linnanmäki Amusement Park, Hakaniemi and the Design District. You can pick up the “Sightseeing on 3T/3B” brochure from Helsinki Region Transport ticket desks or Tourist Information. The brochure includes descriptions of the sights along the route. You can board the tram from any stop along the way. Each loop takes approximately one hour. For more information about public transport tickets and prices, see page 97.

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Helsinki Expert helps you find the most interesting tourism services in town. We sell the Helsinki Card (valid for 1, 2 or 3 days), sightseeing tours by bus and boat, walking tours, and ferry tickets and package tours to Tallinn, St. Petersburg and Stockholm. We can also help you book accommodation, rent a car and find out more about the services on offer for visitors. We even provide specially tailored Helsinki programmes for groups of all sizes. Welcome to Helsinki Expert!

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THE WHOLE CITY WITH ONE CARD
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SEE HELSINKI IN 1.5 HOURS
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HOP-ON HOP-OFF AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE
See the most interesting sights in Helsinki at your own pace with a HOP-ON HOP-OFF tour operated by Open Top Tours. Choose from one of 12 languages, two different routes and 15 stops along the way. Our open top buses depart every half hour, and you can hop on and hop off as often as you like – tickets are valid for 24 hours. Departures from Senate Square daily from May to September.

EXPEREIENCE HELSINKI FROM THE SEA
Our Beautiful Canal Route cruise presents the most beautiful shorelines and many gems along the way, including Suomenlinna Maritime Fortress, Helsinki Zoo on Korkkeaari Island, the fleet of ice breakers and Degero Canal. On the way you’ll hear about the fascinating history of the Finnish capital. Café on board. Duration of tour: 1.5 hours. Departures from the Market Square daily from May to September. Check out our selection of evening cruises too!

Tourist Information
Pohjoisesplanadi 19
Open June-August: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat-Sun 9am-5pm | September-May: Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm, Sat 10am-4pm.

Railway Station
Kaivokatu 1
Open June-August: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat-Sun 9am-5pm | September-May: Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm, Sat 10am-4pm.

Online
View our offerings and purchase your tickets online at www.helsinkiexpert.com.

You can also purchase tickets for our boat and bus tours from the point of departure, as well as from our summer sales outlets in Esplanade Park and the Market Square. The Helsinki Card is also available from the airport, hotels, Stockmann’s department store, and Silja Line, Viking Line and Tallink ferries.

sales@helsinkiexpert.com
t. +358 (0)9 2288 1600

More information:
www.helsinkiexpert.com
Sightseeing tours and excursions

GUIDED WALKING TOURS
Helsinki Expert offers design walking tours and Archtours architecture tours.

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Archtours
	tel. +358 (0)10 2350 560
www.archtours.fi

The brochure See Helsinki on Foot is also available from Tourist Information. The brochure makes it easy to explore the city along five well-marked routes highlighting Helsinki’s architecture, design, museums and shops.

Languages: English, Finnish, Swedish and Russian

Online version: www.visithelsinki.fi

SIGHTSEEING TOURS BY BUS
Sightseeing tours are offered daily all year round and depart from Esplanade Park (Fabianinkatu), the Olympic Terminal and Katajanokka Terminal.

Helsinki Panorama Sightseeing Audio Tour introduces you to Helsinki’s main sights in 12 languages. Each tour is accompanied by a hostess. In summertime guided sightseeing tours are also offered in English and Swedish.

Prices: adults €29, children (7–16) €15 and children (2–6) €11. The Helsinki Panorama Sightseeing Audio Tour is free of charge with the adult Helsinki Card.

Purchase your tickets from the point of departure or from Helsinki Expert’s sales points at the Central Railway Station and Pohjoisesplanadi 19 Helsinki Expert, tel. +358 (0)9 2288 1600 www.helsinkiexpert.com

Hop-on Hop-off bus tours

Open Top Tours Helsinki offers hop-on hop-off sightseeing tours with its fleet of five modern double-decker buses. The routes let you enjoy the most interesting sights in Helsinki according to your own schedule. There are two routes to choose from with 15 stops along the way. The buses operate every half hour. You can get on and get off as many times as you want within 24 hours. Commentaries are provided in eight languages through individual headsets.

Departures from Senate Square daily 2.5–29.9

Strömma

tel. +358 (0)9 2288 1600
www.stromma.fi

City Tour offers two hop-on hop-off routes. The Blue Tour reveals the Spirit of Helsinki, while the Red Tour presents Imperial Helsinki.

Season: May-September every half hour
Duration: approx. 1 h/tour

City Tour
tel. +358 (0)207 118 338
www.citytour.fi

TRY ALSO THESE ALTERNATIVES

The Kulttuuriratikka “Culture Tram” operates along a special route (Number 5) from Töölö to Kallio via the Central Railway Station. You can board the tram at any stop along the way for the price of a regular tram ticket. The tram presents new cultural experiences each week produced by Korjaamo Culture Factory in co-operation with Helsinki Region Transport and Helsinki City Transport.

www.hsl.fi and www.korjaamo.fi

Stadin Ratikat offers vintage tram tours in summertime departing from the Market Square. The vintage tram and open trailer from 1919 operates on weekends from mid-May to the end of August.

www.stadinratikat.fi

Helsinki City Ride offers a wide range of guided tours in English and French, as well as regularly scheduled guided bike tours. Tours depart throughout the summer from in front of Tourist Information.

www.helsinkicityride.com

Helsinki Running Tours offers running tours of Helsinki in summertime. See page 81.

www.helsinkirunningtours.fi

Outdoor Helsinki and Natura Viva offer nature hikes in and around Helsinki.

www.outdoorhelsinki.fi

www.naturaviva.fi
You can easily spend hours strolling around Helsinki’s Design District. The streets are lined with intriguing boutiques, each offering something different to impress you: antiques and art, interiors and design, clothing and jewellery, and so much more. The heart of the Design District is Dianapuisto Park, next to which you will find Design Forum Finland presenting contemporary Finnish design in its exhibitions and shop.

After exploring the Design District, you should hop on a tram and head for Arabianranta, a district where design and architecture can be admired everywhere you look. Pieces of Moomin mugs can be seen adorning the wall of an apartment building. A mother pushes a stroller while wearing stylish turquoise Hai boots, and children play tag on a giant oriental carpet made of ceramic tiles. The unmistakable patterns of Marimekko curtains can be seen in the windows.

On a walking tour you can learn more about the contemporary architecture and the countless works of art on the walls, entrance ways and courtyards of the buildings. Guided tours are also available of the Arabia Factory, the living heart of the district.

In addition to Arabianranta and the Design District, Helsinki offers many other design and architecture attractions. After serving as World Design Capital in 2012, the city is simply buzzing. So head out for a walk and keep your eyes open – pop into the local boutiques, take a peek into the charming courtyards, peer up at the rooftops and take a ride on the metro. Design is an integral part of everyday life here in Helsinki!
Design

Helsinki, World Design Capital 2012, and is the perfect city for both design shopping and discovering Finland's unique design culture. Minimalistic, functional and clean Finnish design has enjoyed an enviable international reputation for decades. The most famous names in Finnish design include Eero Aarnio, Kaj Franck, Timo Sarpaneva, Nanny Still and Tapio Wirkkala. In the fashion industry, Tiia Vanhatapio, Paola Suhonen, Teemu Muurimäki, Katri Niskanen, Aki Chocklat and Minna Parikka have followed in the footsteps of design icon Marimekko and wowed audiences the world over.

DESIGN DISTRICT

Fans of design must visit the Design District. The area is home to around 200 designer shops, interior decorating studios, antique dealers, clothing and jewellery boutiques, galleries, museums and restaurants. The symbolic centre of the district is Dianapuisto Park. From here the Design District stretches into the districts of Kaartinkaupunki, Kamppi, Punavuori and Ullanlinna. Members of the Design District network can be identified by the "Design District Helsinki" sticker. The Design District is also home to the Design Museum (Korkeavuorenkatu 23), which presents exhibitions on the history of Finnish design and current trends.

www.designdistrict.fi and www.designmuseum.fi

A map of the Design District is available from Tourist Information or from Design District locations. An easy way to discover the Design District is to take the Helsinki Design Walk, a two-hour guided tour in English of the top sights.

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DESIGN FORUM FINLAND

Design Forum Finland is situated in the heart of the Design District alongside Dianapuisto Park. The Design Forum Shop offers a wide range of products by Finnish designers, from clothing to interior design and gifts. Design Forum Finland is the promotion organisation of Finnish design. It is maintained by the Finnish Society of Crafts and Design, which was founded in 1875.

Erottajankatu 7
Open: Mon–Fri 10am–7pm, Sat 10am–6pm Free admission

Tip!
Our brochure See Helsinki on Foot also includes a design route. The brochure is available from Tourist Information or online from www.visithelsinki.fi.

OTHER DESIGN NEIGHBOURHOODS

Other design neighbourhoods can be found in the Tori Quarter (see page 8), Arabia (see page 20) and Kallio (see page 19).

www.torkorttelit.fi
www.arabiahelsinki.fi
www.upwithkallio.fi
DESIGN HELSINKI TOP 10
1. Design Forum Finland
2. Design District & Helsinki Design Walk
3. Design Museum & Museum of Finnish Architecture
4. Arabia Factory and Factory Outlets, see page 20
5. Design events: Helsinki Design Week, Habitare, Ornamo Christmas Fair, see page 50
6. Handicrafts: Suomenlinna artisans, Old Student House Christmas Market, St.Thomas Christmas Market, Tori Quarter and Craft Corner (Aleksanterinkatu 26)
7. Design hotels: Klaus K, GLO, Haven, Fabian, Torni, Helka, Plaza
8. Food Sightseeing’s Helsinki Food Tour, www.foodsightseeing.fi
9. Design shops in Kallio, see page 19
10. The Abattoir, see page 6
Architecture

The architecture in Helsinki is typified by Nordic modesty and refinement. The city centre, especially around the Senate Square, is a unique and cohesive example of Neoclassical architecture.

The buildings at the Suomenlinna Maritime Fortress interweave three unique periods – the Swedish, Russian and Finnish – into a fascinating entity.

The Byzantine-Russian architectural tradition is represented by Alexander M. Cornstajev’s Uspenski Cathedral (1868), the largest orthodox church edifice in Western Europe. The city centre features many buildings that typify a specific style of architecture, such as Gustaf Nyström’s House of the Estates (1890). The Neo-Renaissance work of Theodor Höijer can be admired along the north side of the Esplanade, as well as in the Ateneum Art Museum (1883).

Art Nouveau or Jugend architecture was interpreted in Finland according to its own form of National Romanticism. Some of the finest examples include Lars Sonck’s Jugendsali Hall (1904) and the National Museum (1910) by famous architect trio Gesellius-Lindgren-Saarinen. Late-Jugend is represented by Eliel Saarinen’s Central Railway Station (1914). Nordic Classicism of the 1920s is represented by J. S. Siren’s Parliament House (1931).

Wooden architecture can be admired in the Käpylä, Puu-Vallila and Etu-Töölö districts. The architecture of the Käpylä district represents 1920s Classicism. The newest examples of wooden architecture are the Kamppi Chapel of Silence and the Kulttuurisauna “Culture Sauna”, both of which were completed in 2012.

Bold examples of Functionalism include the Olympic Stadium (1938) and the Lasipalatsi “Glass Palace” (1935).

The works of world-famous Finnish architect Alvar Aalto represent Modernism at its finest. These include the Academic Bookstore (1969) and Finlandia Hall (1971/1975). One of the most popular tourist destinations in Helsinki is the Temppeliaukio “Rock” Church (1969), designed by Timo and Tuomo Suomalainen as part of the natural bedrock.

The Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma (1998) designed by American architect Steven Holl represents the best of contemporary architecture. Minimalist glass and steel design is represented by the Sanomatalo (1999) and the High Tech Centre (2001) in Ruoholahti. Helsinki Music Centre opened next to Finlandia Hall in autumn 2011 and was designed by LPR-arkkitehtitoimisto. The Main Library of the University of Helsinki, Kaisa House, was completed in 2012 and represents glass architecture. Kaisa House was designed by Anttinen Oiva Arkkitehdit Oy.

ARCHITECTURE TOURS
Archtours organises special tours focusing on architecture, the environment and design. “Inside Helsinki” is a regularly scheduled tour in English that presents in summertime most impressive public interiors with architecture capable of revoking the most splendid history of the capital.

Archtours
tel. +358 (0)10 2350 560
www.archtours.com

Local specialties

Design Museum and Museum of Finnish Architecture
The best places to discover Finnish design and architecture from yesteryear and today. The museums are conveniently located back-to-back to each other.
designmuseum.fi, mfa.fi

Café Aalto and Artek
Take a break surrounded by the aura of legendary Finnish architect Alvar Aalto. Order a coffee and pastry while browsing through a book. The café’s brass lamps and other furniture designed by Aalto can be found just across the street in the Artek shop.
cafeaalto.fi, artek.fi

Kamppi Chapel of Silence and Salakauppa
Designed by Finnish architect Mikko Summanen, the Kamppi Chapel of Silence is an impressive new landmark in Helsinki. The chapel offers passersby a beautiful place in which to rest body and soul amidst the hullabaloo of the city centre. Your batteries recharged, you can then head to the Salakauppa shop for some unique Finnish souvenirs, such as modern felt slippers or a birch-bark bag.
Kamppi Chapel of Silence, Narinkkatori
salakauppa.fi, www.evl.fi

An Architecture Map can be purchased from Tourist Information. You can also discover the architecture of Helsinki conveniently with our brochure See Helsinki on Foot. Ask about our Jugend Helsinki brochure too!
ARCHITECTURE IN HELSINKI TOP 10

1. Buildings designed by Alvar Aalto:
   - Finlandia Hall, Mannerheimintie 13, 1962-1971
   - Academic Bookstore, Pohjoisesplanadi 39, 1961-86
   - House of Culture, Sturenkatu 4, 1952-1958
   - Stora Enso Oyj (former Enso Gutzeit) headquarters, Kanavakatu 1, 1959-1962
   - The Aalto House, Riihitie 20, 1934-1936
   - Restaurant Savoy, interior, Eteläesplanadi 14, 1936-37
   - Erottaja pavilion, Erottaja 1951
   - Finnish Engineers’ Association Building, Ratakatu 9, 1948-53
   - Rautatalo Office Building, Keskuskatu 3, 1951, 1955, 1957
   - Sähkötalo Office Building, Kampinkuja 1965-1975
   - The Social Insurance Institution, Nordenskiöldinkatu 12, 1953-1957
   - Former Union Bank, Fabianinkatu 31, 1960-1965
   - Residential Buildings, Riihitie 12-14, 1952-1954

2. Temppeliaukio Church

3. Senate Square & Tori Quarter

4. Katajanokka district

5. Ullanlinna and Eira districts

6. Central Railway Station

7. Olympic Stadium & Lasipalatsi

8. Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma

9. Kamppi Chapel of Silence

10. Burgher’s House and Puu-Käpylä district
Maritime attractions

Helsinki is a city by the sea. As you walk along the shorefront the wind ruffles your hair while the waves create a beat for your footsteps. Seagulls circle above and keep a sharp lookout for ice cream cones and other human treats. Cargo ships, cruise vessels and sailing boats float by on the horizon.

One of the finest places to admire the sea is Suomenlinna. The majestic and romantic granite rocks on the southern tip are ideal for a peaceful sit-down. If you are fortunate to visit the islands in early summer, you can enjoy not only the historic fortifications but also the blossoming lilac bushes, which give off an intoxicating scent everywhere you walk. Originally introduced to the islands by soldiers, today the lilac bushes can be seen especially in Piper Park. At the nearby shipyard, the oldest in Finland, you can ponder the size of the vessels that were once built here.
The locals love the sea, often packing a picnic basket and heading for one of the many islands just off the coast. Sunbathers board ferries for the sandy beaches on Pihlajasaari, families head to Mustasaari to see the sheep, and nature lovers venture to the forest paths on Vartiosaari. Those who live by the sea will stroll down to their local beach and cool off their feet in the water.

Helsinki has a long shoreline that is best appreciated from the sea. Sightseeing cruises depart from the Market Square – one of the finest routes travels through the archipelago of East Helsinki. Alternatively, kayaks or canoes can be rented in Töölö and Vuosaari, for example.
Suomenlinna

Suomenlinna is a maritime fortress that was built off the coast of Helsinki in 1748. Here you can get a real feel for Finland’s position between East and West; Suomenlinna was shaped by three distinct historic eras when helped defend first Sweden, then Russia and ultimately Finland. Suomenlinna is a UNESCO World Heritage Site as a notable example of European military architecture. Suomenlinna is among the most popular sights in Finland and a living district that is home to 850 city residents. With its museums and events, Suomenlinna offers a unique experience for visitors of all ages, who can also enjoy the islands’ enchanting cafes and cozy restaurants. Children can have a great time exploring the many tunnels of the old fortress.

GUIDED TOURS
The Ehrensvärd Society offers guided tours that bring to life the colourful history of the fortress. In summertime from 1 June to 31 August guided tours are offered in English, Finnish, Swedish and Russian. In wintertime guided tours are offered in English and Russian. Tours can also be ordered in advance in many other languages.

Guided walking tours: adults €9, children (ages 7–17) €4, children under 7 and with the Helsinki Card free of charge, family ticket (2+2) €18 (family)

In wintertime the fortress is brought to life with special walking tours in English and Russian. Discover the secrets behind the walls and embankments, and learn about life on the islands in war and peace during the Swedish and Russian periods.

Guided walking tours: adults €9, children (ages 7–17) €4, children under 7 and with the Helsinki Card free of charge, family ticket (2+2) €18 (family)

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES
Each year dozens of high-quality cultural and music events are held at Suomenlinna, including the Les Lumières and Guard’s Band festivals, the Suomenlinna Summer Theatre, Viapori Jazz and Viapori Winter Blues.

MUSEUMS
Suomenlinna Museum
The Suomenlinna Museum at the Visitor Centre presents the history of the fortress from the 1700s to today. The widescreen multivisual presentation “Suomenlinna Experience” is shown every half-hour in the museum auditorium, taking the audience through the fascinating phases of Suomenlinna’s over 260-year history.

Visitor Centre open
2 January–30 April: daily 10:30am–4:30pm
2 May–30 September: daily 10am–6pm
1 October–31 December: daily 10:30am–4:30pm
(Closed: 1 January, 29 March, 1 May, 6 December, 24–25 December)

Suomenlinna Museum: adults €6.50, children (ages 7–17) €4, visitors under 7 and with the Helsinki Card free of charge

Other museums at Suomenlinna:
Ehrensvärd Museum
Toy Museum
Vesikko Submarine
Manege Military Museum
Customs Museum
SUOMENLINNA CHURCH
Suomenlinna Church was originally built as a Russian Orthodox garrison church in 1854 and dedicated to Alexander Nevski. At the time the church featured five towers with onion-shaped domes. The appearance of the church was changed soon after Finland gained independence, and it was converted into an Evangelical Lutheran church in 1918. The church steeple doubles as a lighthouse that still guides ships and airplanes. The lighthouse beacon transmits a message in Morse Code of four short flashes denoting the letter H for Helsinki. Suomenlinna Church is one of the most popular venues in Helsinki for weddings.
Open: Wed–Sun 12noon–4pm (June–August: Tue–Sun 12noon–4pm)
Closed during private events.

SHIP TYKKISLUUPPI
An exact replica of an 18th century ship named “Tykki-sluuppi” is currently being built at Suomenlinna according to the original drawings. Visitors can watch the ship being built at the shipyard. Upon completion the ship will be launched and used for various cultural tourism events.

Tickets for guided tours:
Suomenlinna Visitor Centres, www.suomenlinnatours.com
Further information:

1. Visitor Centre
Tourist Information
Suomenlinna Museum
2. Ehrensvärd Museum
3. Toy Museum, café*
4. Manege Military Museum*
5. Vesikko Submarine*
6. Customs Museum*
7. Restaurant Walhalla*, Walhalla observation terrace*, & Pizzeria Nikolai*
8. Restaurant Suomenlinna Brewery
9. Restaurant Café Chapman
10. Café Piper*
11. Café Vanille
12. Café Bar Valimo, guest harbour*
13. Club Restaurant Klubi 20
14. Summer theatre*
15. Galleria Rantakasarmi
16. Arts and Crafts Summer Shop b34*, Museum Shop*
17. Gym
18. Hostel Suomenlinna
19. Suomenlinna Library
20. Suomenlinna Church
21. Japanese tea room Tokuyûan, Glass Studio Hytti ry*
22. Bastion Hårleman
23. Shop, Siwa
8. Suomenlinna kiosk/post office
24. Artillery Bay summer kiosk*
25. Tenalji von Fersen, banqueting hall
26. Picnic shed*
27. Swimming beach*
28. Galleria Augusta
29. Café Jääkellari and art shop

* Open only in the summer
Seurasaari

Seurasaari is a popular museum island and recreational area located twenty minutes by bus from the city centre.

The wooden buildings at the Open-Air Museum represent Finnish building traditions from the 18th to the 20th century. Built in 1685, the Karuna Church is one of the most popular venues in Helsinki for summer weddings. During the summer season various workshops and events are organised at the museum presenting traditional handicrafts, customs and folklore. Folk dancing performances are also held in summertime.

Traditional Midsummer Eve celebrations and bonfires are held each year at Seurasaari. Fun family events are also held on the island during the Christmas, Epiphany and Easter holidays. The Restaurant Seurasaari serves visitors throughout the year.

Across the bridge from the island on the mainland is the entrance to the Urho Kekkonen Museum Tamminiemi. Halfway along the bridge, a path leads to the Pukkisaari ancient village.

Further information: www.seurasaarisato.fi and www.nba.fi/fi/museot/seurasaaren_uilkomuseo

1. Ticket Office for Open-Air Museum
2. Karuna Church
3. Festival Grounds
4. Kyykkä Playground
5. Seurasaari Summer Restaurant
6. Seurasaari Nude Bathing Beach
7. Pukkisaari Ancient Village
8. Urho Kekkonen Museum, Tamminiemi
9. Cafe Shop Mieritz
Sightseeing cruises

Marvel at Helsinki’s breathtaking archipelago aboard a relaxing sightseeing cruise. Enjoy the summer with a seafood lunch or romantic dinner onboard. There are regular departures from the Market Square throughout the summer, and as many as 10 languages are offered.

**IHA-Lines**
tel. +358 (0)9 6874 5050
www.ihalines.fi

**Royal Line**
tel. +358 (0)207 118 333
www.royalline.fi

**Strömma**
tel. +358 (0)9 2288 1600
www.stromma.fi

**Scheduled tours to Suomenlinna and Pihlajasaari**

**JT-Line**
tel. +358 (0)9 534 806
www.jt-line.fi

**Helsingin Vesibussit Oy**
tel. +358 (0)207 598 393
www.helsinginvesibussit.fi/
All ferry companies also offer charter cruises

**ARCHIPELAGO EXCURSIONS**
From the Market Square you can catch a ferry to Suomenlinna or, in summertime, a cruise to Helsinki Zoo or Porvoo. Many of the nearby islands are open to the public for recreational use. The islands of Pihlajasaari and Uunisaari are particular popular places for spending sunny days in the archipelago; ferries to these islands depart from the shoreline south of Kaivopuisto Park. Uunisaari is also accessible in wintertime over a pontoon bridge.

SeaHelsinki’s **Hop On Hop Off** ferry operates between Hernesaari and Hakaniemi via the Market Square during the summer season daily from 9am to 5pm. The ferry stops along the way at cafés and restaurants, so you can disembark and enjoy a drink or snack before continuing on the next ferry. The nearby island restaurants and cafés are also served by regular ferry connections from the mainland. The Hop On Hop Off ferry stops at the Market Square alongside the Old Market Hall.

**Tickets from €5, 1-day ticket €10 (tickets sold onboard)**

In summertime you can also make an outing to **Söderskär lighthouse**, the inspiration behind some of the Moomin tales by Tove Jansson.

www.soderskar.fi

**MARITIME CUISINE**
**Helsinki’s island restaurants** off the coast of Kaivopuisto Park are open from May to the end of September and can be reached by ferry from the mainland. Try also the popular **lunch and dinner cruises** departing from the Market Square.

Participating **HelsinkiMenu** restaurants serve the best seasonal seafood dishes, including burbot and burbot roe in wintertime, and perch, whitefish, pikeperch and salmon served with new potatoes in summertime.

The **crayfish season** begins in August and can be celebrated at any of the island restaurants, for example. The **Herring Market**, the oldest annual event in Helsinki, takes place in October. You can also enjoy a relaxing cup of **coffee by the sea** in the old Relandersgrund lighthouse ship at the end of Aleksanterinkatu street, at Suomenlinna, or any of the cafés along the shoreline by Kaivopuisto Park and Hakaniemi.

**GUEST HARBOURS**

**Katajanokka Guest Harbour**
(100 mooring places),
tel. +358 (0)9 310 64813
www.helsinkimarina.fi

**Suomenlinna Guest Harbour**
(40 mooring places),
tel. +358 (0)9 692 6450
www.valimo.org

Further information:
www.hel.fi/liikunta > Boating

**WATER TAXIS**
Chart your maritime voyage yourself and hire a water taxi (main season: May-September):

**Water Taxi Helsinki**
tel. +358 (0)400 618 946
www.watertaxi.fi

**Cardinal Marine Charter**
tel. +358 (0)9 6842 6842
www.cardinalmarine.fi

**Water Taxi M/S Pti Trou Noir**
tel. +358 (0)40 523 0424
www.trounoir.fi

**Helsinki Taxi Boat**
tel. +358 (0)50 556 6711
www.helsinginvenetaksi.fi
Local specialties!

Söderskär Lighthouse
Experience the romance of the sea at its best! At the 150-year-old Söderskär Lighthouse in the Porvoo archipelago the granite rocks seem smoother, the wind more blustery and the surrounding sea more vast. The lighthouse is the perfect destination for a one-day excursion, but you can also stay overnight for the full www.experience.soderskar.fi

Kaivopuisto shoreline
The shoreline that wraps around the Kaivopuisto park is the heart of maritime Helsinki. Enjoy a picnic atop the hill in the park, a drink on the terrace by the rug washing piers, or an ice cream from one of the kiosks. Then just relax and enjoy the scenery.

Pihlajasaari island
In the late 19th century, the island of Pihlajasaari was home to dozens of Russian villas connected by paths built by Chinese prisoners of war. In the 1930s the island became a popular retreat for locals, who put on their swimming suits in the changing huts. Traces of the island’s history can still be seen, but for the most part people are attracted to Pihlajasaari by the smooth granite rocks, the sandy beaches and the traditional donuts at the restaurant.
WATERBUS TO SUOMENLINNA SEA FORTRESS

JT-Line’s comfortable waterbuses offer a regular service from the Kolera-allas in Market Square to Suomenlinna, from 1 May to 22 September in 2013. In Suomenlinna, the quays are located in Tykistölahti by the Information Centre and at King’s Gate near the Restaurant Walhalla. Coffee and snacks can be purchased from the onboard café. See our website for timetables:
www.jt-line.fi/eng/suomenlinna_aikataulut

Ticket fares:
Adults return: 7.00 €
Children (ages 7-16) return: 3.50 €

NEARBY RECREATIONAL ISLANDS

The recreational islands of Iso Vasikkasaari, Gåsgrund, Stora Herrő and Rövaren in neighbouring Espoo are accessible by public ferries throughout the summer. It is possible to cook and use the toilets on the islands.
www.visitespoo.fi
Culture

Experiences and memories of tomorrow
Once upon a time in the Design Museum, the popular Finnish male artist M. A. Numminen dressed up in a giant red velvet dress. Members of the audience were invited to sit around on its enormous hems and listen to nostalgic children’s songs, creating a truly fairytale atmosphere.

This is what culture is all about: creative madness, fun, the joy of doing and experiencing, surprising audiences and creating memories.

Culture is always a worthy pursuit, and in Helsinki it is easy to find. From one day and weekend to the next the city’s cultural venues host performances by breathtaking sopranos, charming accordion players, magical conductors, fascinating video artists, hard rocking bands and passionate folk musicians.

You can begin your cultural tour with the big venues and names and end with the smaller ones, or vice versa. The exhibitions at the Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma are always surprising, and the impressive building is a joy to stroll through while enjoying the art. Ateneum Art Museum is the perfect accompaniment to Kiasma; at the dignified national gallery you can discover the most famous works of Finnish national romantic art.

As evening approaches you should consider taking in a live performance. The brand new Helsinki Music Centre offers a comprehensive programme for all music lovers, from grandiose concerts to intimate clubs. And if you still have an appetite for culture, there are plenty of late night venues to choose from. Korjaamo Culture Factory is situated in a converted tram depot and prides itself in offering new experiences in the form of theatre, music or something completely cross-cultural. To complete your culture-rich day in Helsinki, head for the district of Kallio where you will find lots of energetic live gigs going on.
**Museums and exhibitions**

Helsinki has over 80 museums to choose from, but please remember that most museums are closed on Mondays. Many museums have charming cafés and gift shops that are worth a visit in themselves. If you have purchased the Helsinki Card, admission to most museums is free of charge.

### Museums

**Helsinki City Museum**
Sofiankatu 4
www.helsinkicitymuseum.fi

*Other Helsinki City exhibitions:*
- Hakasalmi Villa
  Mannerheimintie 13 d
- Burgher’s House
  Kristianinkatu 12
- Sederholm House
  Aleksanterinkatu 16-18
- Tuomarinkylä Manor Museum and Children’s Museum
  Bus 64
- Worker Housing Museum
  Kirstinkuja 4
- Tram Museum
  Korjaamo Culture Factory, Töölönkatu 51 A

**National Museum of Finland**
Mannerheimintie 34
www.kansallismuseo.fi

**Design Museum**
Korkeavuorenkatu 23
www.designmuseum.fi

**Museum of Finnish Architecture**
Kasarmikatu 24
www.mfa.fi

**Military Museum**
Maurinkatu 1
www.sotamuseo.fi

**Theatre Museum**
Cable Factory, Tallberginkatu 1 G
www.teatterimuseo.fi

**Finnish Museum of Photography**
Cable Factory, Tallberginkatu 1 G
www.valokuvataiteenmuseo.fi

**Natural History Museum**
Pohjoisen Rautatiekatu 13
www.luomus.fi

**Urho Kekkonen Museum**
Tamminiemi
Seurasaaarentie 15
www.nba.fi/ffi/museot/urho_kekkosen_museo

**Sports Museum of Finland**
Olympic Stadium,
Paavo Nurmen tie 1
www.urheilumuseo.fi

**Museum of Cultures**
Will move to the National Museum during 2013
www.nba.fi/ffi/museot/kulttuurien_museo

**Helsinki University Museum**
Arppeanum
Snellmaninkatu 3
www.museo.helsinki.fi

**Mannerheim Museum**
Kalliolinnantie 14
www.mannerheim-museo.fi

**Päivälehti Museum**
Ludviginkatu 2-4
www.pavilehtemuseum.fi

**Bank of Finland Museum**
Snellmaninkatu 2
www.rahamuseo.fi

**Hotel and Restaurant Museum**
Cable Factory, Tallberginkatu 1 G 60, 3rd floor
www.hotellijaravintolamuseo.fi

**Arabia Museum and Gallery**
Hämeentie 135
www.designmuseum.fi/museot/arabia-museo/

**Museum of Technology**
Viikintie 1
www.tekniikanmuseo.fi
Bus 68, 71 or 74, Tram 6
ART MUSEUMS
The Golden Age of Finnish art was in the late-19th and early-20th centuries, a period when the visual arts truly blossomed. Today Helsinki still has an active and diverse art scene. Museum collections offer interesting and inspiring experiences.

Ateneum Art Museum
Kaivokatu 2
www.ateneum.fi
Museum of Contemporary Art
Kiasma
Mannerheimintie 2
www.kiasma.fi
Tennis Palace Art Museum
Salmontie 15
www.helsingintaidemuseo.fi
Kunsthalle Helsinki
Nervanderinkatu 3
www.taidehalli.fi
Sinebrychoff Art Museum
Bulevardi 40
www.sinebrychoffintaidemuseo.fi
Amos Anderson Art Museum
Yrjönkatu 27
www.amosanderson.fi
Didrichsen Art Museum
Kuusilahdenkatu 1
www.didrichsenmuseum.fi

Tip!
Museumgoers can pick up the free brochure Helsinki Region Museums, which contains plenty of useful information in five languages. The brochure is available from Tourist Information and online from www.visithelsinki.fi > Brochures.

EXPERIENCE FINNISH DESIGN FROM YESTERDAY AND TODAY, AND SEE OUR SPECIAL THEME EXHIBITIONS
Open: Tue 11am–8pm, Wed–Sun 11am–6pm
Summertime (1.6–1.9): Daily 11am–6pm
Adults €10, Pensioners €8, Students €5
Children free

DESIGN MUSEUM
www.designmuseum.fi
Korkeavuorenkatu 23, Helsinki
Museums and exhibitions

KAAPELITEHDAS (CABLE FACTORY)
The Cable Factory is the largest cultural centre in Finland, housing three museums, 13 galleries, dance theatres, art schools, and numerous artists, bands and companies. Concerts, exhibitions, festivals and fairs are held here each year.
Tallberginkatu 1 C
www.kaapelitehdas.fi

ART GALLERIES
Helsinki has dozens of smaller art galleries specialising in contemporary art. Many art galleries are located on Uudenmaankatu, Bulevard and Annankatu streets.
www.nayttely.info
www.galleriat.net and www.visithelsinki.fi

GUIDED GALLERY TOURS
On the first or second Sunday of each month, guided gallery tours are available by order. Each tour includes four or five thought-inspiring exhibitions, as well as meetings with artists, a programme and refreshments.
Tickets: €10/5
www.galleriat.net

OTHER EXHIBITIONS
Virka Galleria inside Helsinki City Hall presents topical exhibitions.
Sofiankatu 1
Open: Mon–Fri 9am–7pm, Sat–Sun 10am–4pm
www.virka.fi

Laituri – City Planning
Department’s information and exhibition centre
Narinkka 2
Open: Tue–Fri 10am–6pm, Sat 12noon–4pm
laituri.hel.fi

Virka info & galleria
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A cornucopia of museums, exhibitions and events.

Finland’s largest exhibition centre offers excitement, events and art for the entire family. Enjoy your visit!

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Open: Tue, Thu & Fri 11am–6pm, Wed 11am–8pm, Sat–Sun 11am–5pm. Admission: €10, visitors under 18 and over 70 free of charge. www.weegee.fi
Ahertajantie 5, Tapiola, Espoo.

Gallen-Kallela Museum

Finland’s national artist Akseli Gallen-Kallela designed and built his studio and home at Tarvastapaä near Helsinki between 1911 and 1913. Today the museum presents exhibitions of the art of Gallen-Kallela and his contemporaries, as well as contemporary art.
Gallen-Kallelan tie 27, 02600 Espoo
Open 1.9–14.5:
Tue–Sat 11am–4pm
Sun 11am–5pm
Open 15.5–31.8:
daily 11am–6pm
www.gallen-kallela.fi

MUSEUMS OUTSIDE HELSINKI

WeeGee and EMMA

Finland’s largest exhibition centre offers excitement, events and high-quality art for the entire family. The complex houses five museums and a gallery: EMMA – Espoo Museum of Modern Art, Espoo City Museum, Helinä Rautavaara Museum, Finnish Museum of Horology, Finnish Toy Museum and Gallery AARNI. There is also a museum shop and café-restaurant.
Ahertajantie 5, Tapiola, Espoo
Open: Tue, Thu, Fri 11am–6pm, Wed 11am–8pm, Sat–Sun 11am–5pm, Mon closed
Bus 106 or 110 from Kamppi
www.weegee.fi
Theatres and cinemas

Helsinki offers a broad range of theatre productions. Further information about performances is available online at www.teatteri.org or www.valiverho.com. Performances are generally in Finnish or Swedish.

The Finnish National Theatre was established over 130 years ago as the country’s first professional Finnish-language theatre. The theatre building by Railway Square is a monument itself to National Romantic granite architecture. Inside you will find a restaurant.

Läntinen Teatterikuja 1
www.kansallisteatteri.fi

Helsinki City Theatre (Ensi Linja 2) presents both traditional plays and spectacular musicals. Studio Pasila (Ratamestarinkatu 5) stages interesting events, including stand-up comedy. The Arena stage (Hämeentie 2) hosts comedy.

www.hkt.fi

Lilla Teatern serves as the Swedish-language stage of the Helsinki City Theatre.

Yrjönkatu 30
www.lillateatern.fi

The superbly renovated Svenska Teatern presents Swedish-language theatre and musical performances. Pohjoisesplanadi 2
www.svenskateatern.fi

Savoy Theatre hosts over 200 different performing groups every year from Finland and around the world.

Kasarmikatu 46–48
www.savoyteatteri.fi

Espoo Cultural Centre is the main scene for the performing arts and cultural life in Espoo and home to Tapiola Sinfonietta (Espoo city orchestra).

Kaupinkalliontie 10/ Kulttuurikeskus 2, Tapiola, Espoo
www.espoo.fi/ kulttuurikeskus

Espoo City Theatre stages its own productions and hosts top Finnish and international performers.

Revontuletie 8 A, Tapiola, Espoo,
www.espooenteatteri.fi

Other theatre venues

KOM-teatteri
Kapteeninkatu 26
www.kom-teatteri.fi

Q-teatteri
Tunturikatu 16
www.q-teatteri.fi

Lyric theatre

Karjasilta 14
Savo Theatre
Kasarmikatu 46–48
www.savoyteatteri.fi

Ryhmäteatteri
Stages throughout the city, incl. Pengerkatu 11 A 1
www.ryhmateatteri.fi

Theatre restaurants

Kansallisteatterin Lavaklubi
Läntinen teatterikuja 1
Piritta
Tokoinranta, Eläintarhantie 12
Kaksi Kanaa
Kanavakatu 3

Cinemas

Movies are usually shown in their original languages with subtitles in Finnish and Swedish.

Tennispalatsi
14 screens, Salomonkatu 15

Kinopalatsi
10 screens, Kaisaniemenkatu 2

Further information: Finnkino, tel. +358 (0)600 007 007 (€1.40/call+local network charge), www.finnkino.fi

The National Audiovisual Archive presents artistic and historic films at the Orion.

Eerikinkatu 15
www.kava.fi

In summertime you can also enjoy films under the open sky in the charming courtyard of the Cafe Engel at the Summer Cinema Engel.

Sofiankatu 4
www.cinemamondo.fi

ALEXANDER THEATRE

- In the heart of Helsinki and in Helsinki’s heart

The Alexander Theatre first opened its doors in 1880 and continues to present performances of opera, popular music, ballet, contemporary dance, comedy and drama.

Enquire also about our guided tours, revealing fascinating stories from the early years of the theatre!
Helsinki is filled with concert halls where you can choose between high-quality classical concerts or live performances by Finnish and international artists.

CLASSICAL MUSIC
The impressive new Helsinki Music Centre is home to the Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra, Radio Symphony Orchestra and Sibelius Academy.
Tickets and tours: Lippupiste outlets and online Mannerheimintie 13 a www.musiikkitalo.fi

Founded in 1882, Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra is the oldest professional symphony orchestra in Scandinavia. www.hel.fi/filharmonia

Radio Symphony Orchestra plays an important role in the newest Finnish music. www.yle.fi/bs

Sibelius Academy is one of the biggest music colleges in Europe. The academy holds hundreds of concerts every year. www.siba.fi

Sello Hall presents a diverse programme for adults and children each week, with music ranging from baroque to rock. Soittonekankaupunki 1 A, Leppävaara, Espoo www.sellosali.fi

OPERA AND BALLET

ROCK AND OTHER LIVE MUSIC

TICKETS TO CONCERTS AND OTHER EVENTS
Lippupalvelu
tel. +358 (0)600 10 800 (€1.96/min+local network charge) www.lippupalvelu.fi
Lippupiste
tel. +358 (0)600 900 900 (€1.97/min+local call charge) www.lippu.fi
Tiketti
tel. +358 (0)600 1 1616 (€1.69/min+local network charge) www.tiketti.fi

Local specialties!

Tavastia
Helsinki’s legendary rock club attracts large and enthusiastic local audiences to enjoy top Finnish and international bands. The magic of Tavastia is that bands always seem to want to perform their best there! www.tavastiaklubi.fi

Allotria & Kapsäkki
How about a spaghetti opera, or wistful melodies while you enjoy a coffee? Allotria is a restaurant that serves not only great food but also interesting cultural experiences, clubs, concerts and even theatre performances. More culture can be consumed at the adjacent Music Theatre Käpsäkki. www.allotria.fi, www.kapsakki.fi

Agricola Club
The Aino Ackté Chamber Festival will take place at the Agricola Club from 3 June to 26 September 2013. The festival includes classical and easy listening music, room theatre, poetry recitals, dance performances and an art exhibition. The full programme will be published in March. www.ainoacktenhuvila.fi
Events
Tango in the park, choir singing in the church, herring in the market, walking tours of hidden courtyards or urban dance in the art museum. Helsinki offers unique happenings all through the year and for all tastes.

The line up of events is particularly impressive towards the end of summer. As the nights gradually get darker in autumn, and the locals return from their countryside retreats, Helsinki truly comes to life. Restaurants and cafés are filled with music and theatre. You might come across light installations in markets, performances in streets and environmental art in parks. Each year the Huvila tent is erected to host top names in world music alongside top Finnish pop and rock stars.

One of the newest event venues in Helsinki is Suvilahti, a former power station that hosts the immensely popular Flow Festival at the beginning of August. The festival attracts the trendiest bands and musicians, as well as the most stylish hipsters in Helsinki.

In addition to big festivals, Helsinki also has lots of small, fun and plain strange happenings to offer. The Kallio district has its own annual festival where you might find dancing in the street, movies on the lawn behind the library, and lectures on the working class history of the neighbourhood. Musica Nova in turn presents contemporary classical music, while the World Village Festival gets your feet moving to exotic beats. Local residents also know how to celebrate their own unique culture, for example at the annual Herring Market in the Market Square.

Go see and experience!
Events

Here we present a selection from the over 3000 events held each year in Helsinki. Further information: www.visithelsinki.fi > Events in Helsinki

JANUARY
Until 6.1. Stable Elf’s Winter, Helsinki Zoo
Until 6.1. Winter Circus Afrikka, Dance Theatre Hurjaruuth, Kaapelitehdas
4–8.1. Lux Helsinki, light installations
12.1. The War of the Worlds, musical, Hartwall Arena

12.1. Schönbrunn Castle Orchestra, Helsinki Music Centre
17–29.1. Nordic Travel Fair Matka 2013, Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre
18–20.1. Caravan 2013, Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre
22–27.1. Docpoint – Helsinki Documentary Film Festival
24–27.1. Disney on Ice, Hartwall Arena
31.1–3.2. MP 13, motorcycle exhibition, Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre

4–8.1. Lux Helsinki
The leading light art event in the Baltic Sea Region, Lux Helsinki illuminates the darkest time of the year. Spectacular light installations transform familiar landmarks and urban landscapes into a new kind of viewing experience utilising energy efficient technologies. The city event is free of charge and includes light installations and fire performances. www.luxhelsinki.fi

FEBRUARY
2–3.2. Apassionata Horse Show, Hartwall Arena
8–16.2. Musica nova Helsinki, new music festival, Helsinki
8–17.2. Vene 13 Båt Boat Show, Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre
10.2. Shrovetide sleigh rides, Seurasaari Open-Air Museum
28.2–3.3. We Will Rock You, Queen musical, Hartwall Arena

MARCH
2–3.3. Helsinki Handicrafts Fair, Wanha Satama
2–4.3. GoExpo 2013, recreation, bicycle, outdoor, fitness, golf, hunting, ball sports and photo fairs, Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre
9–10.3. Helsinki Horse Fair 2013, Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre
13–16.3. Cirque du Soleil: Alegría, Hartwall Arena
29.3. Via Crucis – Stages of the Cross, Kaisaniemi – Senate Square
29.3–1.4. American Car Show 2013, Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre
30.3. Easter bonfires at Seurasaari
Viapori Winter Blues, Suomenlinna

APRIL
5–7.4. Helsinki Ink 13, international tattoo event, Kaapelitehdas
11–14.4. Oma Koti, Oma Mökki, Kevätpututahra, Siistut! 2013
(home, cottage, spring and interior decoration fairs), Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre
19–21.4. Animatrickx, animation festival, Andorra Kulttuurikompleksi
24–25.4. Church Music Festival, various churches, incl. Helsinki Cathedral and Temppeliaukio
24–28.4. April Jazz Espoo
26.4. Justin Bieber in concert, Hartwall Arena
26–28.4. Lapsi, Kädentaito, OutletExpo, Model Expo 2013 (child, handicrafts, outlet and model fairs), Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre
27–28.4. Pet Expo 2013, Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre
30.4. May Day Eve celebrations – Students give Havis Amanda a wash and her graduation hat, 6pm, Market Square

MAY
1.5. May Day, student and national celebrations, including traditional picnics in Kaivopuisto Park
2–3.5. Patricia Kaas in concert, Finlandia Hall
3–19.5. Ice Hockey World Championship, Hartwall Arena
4.5. Helsinki City Run, half marathon, Olympic Stadium
16–19.5. Ihana Helsinki, city event, Helsinki
25–26.5. World Village Festival, Kaisaniemi Park
26.5. Women’s 1OK Fun Run – start from Töölö Sports Hall
26.5. Giro d’Espoo – cycling race, start from Tapiola, distance 111km
28.5. Pink in concert, Hartwall Arena
Cirko – Helsinki New Circus Festival, Cirko Centre
3–19.5. Ice Hockey World Championship
For the second year in a row, Finland and Sweden will host the IIHF World Championship in 2013. One of the two preliminary groups and the quarterfinal within that group will played in Helsinki at Hartwall Arena on 3–16 May. The group includes Finland, world champions Russia and silver medalists Slovakia, plus the USA, Germany, Latvia, France and Austria. All other matches will be played at the Globa Arena in Stockholm on 18–19 May.
www.iihfworlds2013.com

JUNE
1.6–31.8. Helsinki Organ Festival, concerts in churches
6.6–29.8. Organ Night and Aria Festival, Espoo Cathedral
7.6. Finland vs. Belarus, football, World Cup qualifier, Olympic Stadium
7–8.6. Helsinki Samba Carnaval, Senate Square
7–8.6. Kivenlahti Rock Festival, Leppävaara, Espoo
7–9.6. Volvo Suursaari Race, Espoo
9.6. Mark Knopfler in concert, Hartwall Arena
10.6. Rush in concert, Hartwall Arena
10–16.6. Les Lumières – Cultural Festival of the Enlightenment, Suomenlinna
12.6. Helsinki Day, birthday events throughout the city
21.6. Midsummer Eve celebrations at Seurasaari
28–30.6. Tuska Festival, Suvilahti Helsinki Pride Festival

12.6. Helsinki Day & Helsinki Week
Helsinki Day has been officially celebrated since 1959. This year, the city will also be celebrating 200 years as the capital of Finland. The city’s parks, streets and stages will be filled with a fun and diverse programme. Helsinki Week continues the celebrations, offering lots to see, experience and do for all tastes and all ages. The programme can be seen, heard and tasted throughout Helsinki, from the city centre to the outlying districts.
www.helsinkiviikko.fi

JULY
1–31.7. Jazz Espa, Espa Stage, Esplanade Park
8–13.7. Helsinki Cup, international youth soccer tournament
17–20.7. The Tall Ships Races 2013 Helsinki
URB 13 – urban festival, Kiasma

17–20.7. The Tall Ships Races 2013
Over a hundred imposing sailing vessels will glide into the city, when Helsinki is one of the hosts of the 2013 The Tall Ships Races. The Tall Ships Races is a competition for large sailing ships, and it comes to the Baltic Sea every four years. This year the race begins in Aarhus, Denmark, on 4 July and then continues to Helsinki, Riga, and Szczecin in Poland. The ships will be in Helsinki from 17 to 20 July. Members of the public have a chance to take a closer look at most of the ships when they are in port, and a full programme of related events will take place by the harbour in Hietalahti. The race is organised by Sail Training International with the aim of promoting sail training all over the world regardless of the social class of the participants.
www.tallshipsraceshelsinki.fi
AUGUST
9.8–11.8. Flow Festival, electronic music, Suvilahti
10.8. Viapori Trophy, Suomenlinna
16–25.8. Espoo Ciné International Film Festival, Espoo
16.8–1.9. Helsinki Festival, events throughout the city
17.8. Helsinki City Marathon, Chiquita Kids Minimarathon, start and finish: Olympic Stadium
21–24.8. Viapori Jazz, Suomenlinna
22.8. Night of the Arts, cultural events throughout the city
31.8. Espoo Day, Espoo Etno-Espa, Espa Stage, Esplanade Park
Art goes Kapakka, art events in restaurants

SEPTEMBER
6.9. Finland vs. Spain, football, World Cup qualifier, Olympic Stadium
6–8.9. Helsinki Comics Festival
14–15.9. Helsinki Handicrafts Fair, Wanha Satama
18–22.9. Habitare 2013, furniture, interior decorating, design and lighting fair, Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre
19–29.9. Love and Anarchy Film Festival
21–22.9. Seaside Marathon, Espoo
Helsinki Design Week
Tour de Helsinki, cycling event
Finnish Fireworks Championships, Rajasaari

OCTOBER
6–12.10. Herring Market
The oldest traditional event in Helsinki, the Herring Market has been held in the Market Square since at least 1743. Originally, the market gave residents the chance to stock up on pickled herring before the winter ice arrived and fishermen could no longer get to the market in their boats. The market also coincided with the end of the herring fishing season. In addition to herring, other products from the archipelago are also sold today, including warm clothing made from archipelago sheep and delicious dark archipelago bread.


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NOVEMBER
1–3.11. SkiExpo, BoardExpo, Lättä & Säba, DigieXpo, HifiExpo 2013 (ski, snowboard, ice hockey and hi-fi fairs), Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre
6–10.11. Baltic Circle, international theatre festival
22–24.11. ELMA, Metsä, Kädentaito, OutletExpo 2013 (rural, forest, handicrafts and outlet fairs), Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre
23–24.11. Lemmikki 2013, pet fair, Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre
30.11–1.12. Suomenlinna Christmas Event
Moving in November Dance Festival, contemporary dance Etnosoi!, ethnic music festival
Opening of the Christmas Street, Aleksanterinkatu
Winter Circus, Dance Theatre Hurjaaruuth, Kaapelitiehdas

DECEMBER
13.12. Lucia Parade from Helsinki Cathedral
13–15.12. Voittaja 2013, international dog show, Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre
15.12. Seurasaari Christmas Path
31.12. New Year’s Eve celebrations, music, fireworks, Senate Square
Christmas lights along Aleksanterinkatu street
Ladies’ Christmas Market, Wanha Satama
St. Thomas Christmas Market, Esplanade Park
Old Student House Christmas Fair, Vanha ylioppilastalo
Stable Elf’s Christmas Path, Helsinki Zoo
Christmas markets
Christmas concerts
15.12.
Seurasaari Christmas Path
The Seurasaari Christmas Path is a free-of-charge event for families with children. It gives children and the child at heart a possibility to have a look into the world of fairy tales and to learn old Finnish Christmas traditions, not forgetting the basic message of Christmas. Events along the Christmas Path include games and sing-alongs, a straw labyrinth and bun roasting over a campfire. Animals of the forest walk around the Christmas Path handing out gingerbread and cinnamon buns to the children while Father Christmas and Old Lady Christmas listen to the children’s gift wishes.
www.visithelsinki.fi

31.12. New Year’s Eve celebrations at Senate Square
Helsinki residents have been ringing in the New Year at Senate Square since 1932. Tens of thousands of people gather to celebrate and enjoy a programme consisting of musical performances, traditional speeches, greetings and singing. The festivities are broadcast to Finnish homes and around the world by television and the internet.
www.visithelsinki.fi

ICE HOCKEY FANS
The Finnish Ice Hockey League season stretches from September to April. Exciting Finnish league matches can be watched at Hartwall Arena (the home of Jokerit) and Helsinki Ice Hall (home of HIFK).
www.hartwall-areena.com
www.helsinginjaaahalli.fi

The modern Barona Arena in Espoo is home of Espoo Blues.
www.baronaareena.com

Local specialties!

Art goes Kapakka
You won’t find a more enjoyable festival than this! For ten days local restaurants offer the most bizarre cultural experiences, scientific panel discussions, lively rock gigs, theatre and circus performances, and everything in between. Stop in just for a quick drink or stay the whole evening!
www.artgoeskapakka.fi

Helsinki Design Week
The perfect event for fans of design, fashion and architecture. Established and popular happenings include the Design Market, Open House Helsinki and Pecha Kucha Night, which presents inspiring performances by experts in the creative industries.
www.helsinkidesignweek.com

Docpoint
Cold dark January is the perfect time to warm up in a cosy cinema with some quality films. The Docpoint Festival presents a broad and fascinating line up of documentary films from Finland and abroad.
www.docpoint.fi

Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre

Events brimming with atmosphere!

www.finnexpo.fi
Again, again! One more time! And then on the cars, then the Ferris wheel, then the roller coaster, then the games, then the wild rapids… We can go on the water coaster last of all, because you always get wet on that one. And I’m not putting on a raincoat – that’ll ruin the whole thing! And when can we buy cotton candy? Mommy, when will it get dark? I want to see all the lights!

Linnanmäki Amusement Park is probably the most fun place in Helsinki for kids and adults alike. But there’s plenty more fun to be had in Helsinki!

For a real adventure, pack your flashlights and jump aboard a ferry to Suomenlinna to explore the bastion walls there. Another great destination, especially for picnics, is Lammas-saari, which you can get to by hiking across a causeway. Don’t forget to climb the bird watching tower! The flea market in Hietaniemi is also great fun for kids – give them some loose change and see what they find for themselves! For lunch you can stop into the Fanny café and then relax in Sinebrychoff Park. On sunny days in summertime you should try swimming in the outdoor pools at Kumpula or the Swimming Stadium. Alternatively you can take a ferry to the island of Mustasaari, which has a sheltered beach, animals for the kids to visit and giant cinnamon buns.

Do you still have time to play? Check out the brand new Angry Birds playground in Espoo, the climbing walls at Salmisaari or the skateboard parks in the Eläintarha and Kalasatama districts. Did we forget something? Well, of course, animal lovers should not miss Helsinki Zoo on Korkeasaari Island or the Museum of Natural History.
Helsinki for kids

For the best tips of what to do with children in Helsinki, just ask Helppi, our friendly family tourism mascot. Helppi knows all the sights, attractions and animals in the city like he does his own spots. Pick up a copy of his brochure Helsinki – Holiday fun for children or visit our website www.visithelsinki.fi/perhe.

In summertime you might spot Helppi strolling up and down Esplanade Park, so just grab him by a paw and give him a big hug!

HELPPI’S TOP MUSEUM TIPS
National Museum of Finland, Vintti
Mannerheimintie 34
Children’s Town
Sederholm House
Aleksanterinkatu 16–18
Suomenlinna Toy Museum
Suomenlinna
Cable Factory & Theatre Museum
Tallberginkatu 1 G and
Tallberginkatu 1 A / 117
Ateneum Art Museum
Kaivokatu 2
Museum of Contemporary Art
Kiasma
Mannerheiminti 2
Design Museum
Korkeavuorenkatu 23
Päivälehti Museum
Ludviginkatu 2–4
See page 42 for more information.

HELPPI’S ANIMAL FRIENDS
Helsinki Zoo
Mustikkamaanpolku 12
Sea Life
Tivolitie 10
Tropicario
Sturenkatu 27
Museum of Natural History
Utajärventie 13
Fallkulla domestic animal farm
Malminkaari 24
Haltiala domestic animal farm
Kuninkaantammentie/Laamannintie

We also recommend visiting the botanic gardens in Kaisaniemi and Kumpula, as well as the tropical garden at Gardenia!
LINNANMÄKI
Linnanmäki Amusement Park has been entertaining families since 1950. The biggest selection of rides in Northern Europe offers something for everyone, from the wild and crazy to the nice and easy. The legendary wooden rollercoaster is over 60 years old and remains the most popular ride, while the games will test your skills and sense of fun. There is a special programme for the youngest members of the family, and all visitors can enjoy the entertainment on the main stage. You can also come to Linnanmäki simply to enjoy great food and the magical atmosphere. The Kattila restaurant complex houses six restaurants under the same roof.
Tivolikuja 1 (main gate)
Open: late April to October
Entrance to the grounds free of charge
www.linnanmaki.fi

SNADISTADI
Snadistadi is a new fun park with lots of great activities for kids, including adventure parks for both bigger kids and smaller kids, a cinema, a traffic park, beach games, street games, and ball games. The fun park also offers guided activities each day and special events on weekends. Visitors are served by a park-like picnic café and shopping street.
Ruoholahti Shopping Centre, Itämerenkatu 21
www.snadistadi.fi

Tip!
Huimala is a giant adventure hall with space and activities to entertain children of all ages, including Finland’s largest adventure labyrinth, giant trampolines, an electric car track and many other favourites!
Juvankartanontie 15,
Vanahakartano, Espoo
Open: Tue–Wed 2pm–8pm,
Thu–Sun 10am–8pm
www.huimola.fi

HELPPI'S TOP TIPS FOR AN EXCITING HOLIDAY

Helsinki Playground
(Leikkiluola, Jaffa Station) – Hakaniemi Square,
Sörnäisten rantatie 6
Dance Theatre Hurjaruuth’s Winter Circus
Kaapelitehdas
Tallberginkatu 1 C
Hoplop East Helsinki,
Ylläshalli
Savikiekontie 4
Megazone Helsinki
Salmisaaren liikuntakeskus,
Energiakatu 3
Angry Birds playground
Landbackan puisto, Suurpellon puistokatu 18, Espoo
Heureka
Tikkurila, Vantaa
HELPPI’S TOP SWIMMING TIPS
Island destinations with beaches:
Suomenlinna, Seurasaari, Pihlajasaari, Uunisaari
Mäkelänrinne Swimming Centre
Mäkelänkatu 49
Swimming Stadium
Hammarskjöldintie 1
Hietaniemi Swimming Beach
Hietokanrantie
Flamingo Spa Rantasipi partner, water park
Tasatie 8
Serena Water Park
Tornimäentie 10

HELPPI’S TOP SPORTING TIPS
Olympic Stadium and Stadium Tower
Paavo Nurmen tie 1
Sports Museum of Finland Olympic Stadium,
Paavo Nurmen tie 1
Helsinki Icepark
Railway Square
Micropolis Skatepark
Nordenskiöldinkatu 20
Kalasatama Skatepark
Kaasutehtaankatu 1
Minigolf:
Taivallahti minigolf, Et. Hesperiankatu; Eira minigolf,
Merasatamanranta
GymiKamppi
Gym for children and young people, Sähkötaulo, Kampinka 2

For a complete listing of playgrounds in Helsinki, see our brochure Helsinki – Holiday fun for children!

HELPPI’S TOP FAMILY RESTAURANT TIPS
Rosso
City Passage
La Famiglia
Keskuskatu 3
Chico’s
Mannerheimintie 20
Cantina West
Kasarmikatu 23
Amarillo
Mikonkatu 9

Tip!
Did you know that Santa Claus spends the summer amidst the beautiful lakeside scenery at his holiday cottage in Korpilampi, Espoo? Find out more about visiting him by going online to: www.visitespoo.fi and www.honkalintu.fi
Dive into an adventure year round!
SEA LIFE Helsinki, Tivolitie 10, 00510 Helsinki
+358 (0)9 5658 200, www.sealife.fi

Local specialties!

Linnanmäki
Helsinki’s legendary amusement park opens its doors outside the summer season for the Carnival of Light in autumn and the Winter Fest. For more information and opening hours, see: page 57 www.linnanmaki.fi

Annantalo
Situated in the heart of the city, Annantalo is an arts centre for children and young people that offers a fun programme, including exhibitions, workshops and courses. The Baby Kino short films are particularly popular. www.annantalo.fi

Haltiala Farm and Fallkulla Domestic Animal Farm
Sheep, goats, pigs, cattle, hens, ducks, rabbits, cats and horses – the kids will love the animals at Haltiala and Fallkulla. During the harvest season, visitors are also invited to Haltiala to help pick peas, sunflowers and other produce.
Haltiala Farm, Kuninkaantammentie/Laamannintie
Fallkulla Domestic Animal Farm, Malminkaari 24
www.hel.fi

THE JOY OF DISCOVERY FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!
The Finnish Science Centre Heureka allows visitors of all ages to discover firsthand the exciting world of science and technology by trying things and experimenting.


Dive into an adventure year round!
SEA LIFE Helsinki, Tivolitie 10, 00510 Helsinki
+358 (0)9 5658 200, www.sealife.fi

EXPERIENCE AN ADVENTURE IN THE WORLD OF SNAKES AND LIZARDS!
OPEN DAILY 10 am - 7 pm
Sturenkatu 27 - Helsinki
www.tropicario.com
Soup in a shoe shop, cupcakes and bagels in the park, or Finnish local food in the courtyard of an apartment building? Restaurant Day is a new kind of urban event in which locals are invited to set up their own pop-up restaurant. The concept has been a huge success among residents and tourists, who get to sample everything from children’s juice bars to multicourse gourmet meals.

Restaurant Day is a fine example of Helsinki’s active food culture, which has taken off in recent years. Many talented young chefs have set up their own unique restaurants, such as Muru, Gaijin and Kuurna. Visitors are also highly encouraged to try traditional Finnish food, for example at Sea Horse, Elite and Salve. Order a plate of fried herring or vorschmack, the favourite dish of legendary Finnish leader Mannerheim.

Of course, you don’t have to wait until the evening to enjoy great food. Start early in the morning with coffee in the Market Square, where you can also purchase seasonal produce. In the Old Market Hall and Hakaniemi Market Hall you can also sit down and enjoy a traditional Karelian pie or salmon sandwich. For the very best local and organic food, head for the Abattoir in the Kalasatama district, where you will find a cluster of new restaurants and food outlets.

You can also plan your route according to your food preferences. For example, where can you find the best cinnamon bun in Helsinki? Make your own discoveries, but we would suggest trying the Hopia café, Café Esplanade and the café on Tamminenmastie.

You can continue your gastronomic tour in the evening at any one of the fun bars in town. Why not start from the top? The Ateljee Bar on the uppermost floor of the Torni Hotel affords a splendid view over the city. Back down on street level you should try Helsinki’s popular wine and cocktail bars, such as Vin-Vin, Latva or Grotesk. And if you work up at an appetite after a night on the town, head for the legendary local restaurant Manala for a hearty meal.
FINNISH CUISINE
Finnish cuisine is based on the use of fresh and pure seasonal ingredients, often from the forests and lakes. Finland’s cultural heritage has been influenced by both the East and West, and Finnish cuisine is no exception.

MARKETS AND MARKET HALLS
Helsinki’s markets and market halls sell traditional delicacies and local specialties.

Market Square
Eteläsatama
Open: Mon–Fri 6:30am–6pm, Sat 6:30am–4pm, May–September also Sun 10am–5pm

Old Market Hall
The Old Market Hall beside Market Square is undergoing a complete renovation in 2013 (1.2.13 >), during which time the stalls can be found inside Hietalahti Market Hall (Lönrotinkatu 34). Open: Mon–Fri 8am–6pm, Sat 8am–4pm, summer Sundays (2.5–31.8) 10am–4pm

LOCAL AND ORGANIC FOOD
Local and organic food can be purchased from the markets and market halls listed above and from the following shops:

Eat & Joy Market Hall
Kluuvi Shopping Centre
Aleksanterinkatu 9

Eat & Joy Farmers Market
Lasipalatsi, Mannerheimintie 22–24
Stockmann Herkku
Aleksanterinkatu 52
Anton & Anton
Museokatu 19
Ruohonjuuri
Salomonkatu 5
Sis. Deli + Café
Korkeavuorenkatu 6
Punnitse & Säästä
Fredrikinkatu 55

Hakaniemi Market
Traditional market treats and atmosphere.
Open: Mon–Sat 6:30am–3pm, 1st Sunday of each month 9am–4pm

Hakaniemi Market Hall
Hämeentie
Open: Mon–Fri 8am–6pm, Sat 8am–4pm
www.hakaniemenkauppahalli.fi

Hietalahti Market Hall
The indoor market hall in Hietalahti no longer sells art and antiques, as it is being returned to its original purpose as a food hall. In 2013, while the Old Market Hall is undergoing renovation, the stalls will be located at Hietalahti.
Lönrotinkatu 34
Open: Mon–Fri 8am–6pm, Sat 8am–4pm, summer Sundays (2.5–31.8) 10am–4pm

THE ABATTOIR
The historic redbrick buildings that once served as the city abattoir form a pleasingly authentic courtyard surrounded by boutiques, restaurants and event venues. A wide range of happenings can be held under the beautiful apple trees, including picnics, farmer’s markets, flea markets, plant swaps, block parties, open-air concerts, exhibitions, barbecues and more, showcasing everything that Helsinki’s vibrant new urban culture has to offer. At the heart of the Abattoir is the Kellohalli restaurant and event venue, where you can enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner
Kalasatama metro station, Työpajankatu 2
www.teurastamo.com

FOOD SIGHTSEEING
A great way to discover Helsinki’s vibrant food culture and see the sights at the same time is with the Helsinki Food Tour offered by Food Sightseeing.
Price: €35 / person
www.foodsightseeing.fi

RESTAURANT DAY
Restaurant Day is a food carnival when anyone can open a restaurant for a day – at home, at work, in the street, in a garden, in a courtyard, in the park, on the beach, anywhere! Restaurant Day began in Helsinki and is now held four times a year every three months.
www.restaurantday.org
Local specialties!

Coffee and donuts at the Market Square and Hakaniemi Market
Helsinki’s markets are popular among children, senior citizens, politicians, artists – everyone! Enjoy coffee the Finnish way, sitting outdoors or in a coffee tent surrounded by the market stalls. Try Café Köket in the Market Square of Kahvisiskot in Hakaniemi Market. You can also try a salmon sandwich, meat pie or even rice porridge. Afterwards you can shop for food to bring home with you.

Restaurant Juuri
Juuri takes fresh Finnish ingredients and conjures them up into something special. Try a plate of sapas, i.e. Finnish tapas. www.juuri.fi

Café Ekberg
This classic Helsinki café affords a relaxed, stylish and cultural atmosphere in which to enjoy coffee and delicacies served to your table. Try their own pastries while watching the passersby stroll down the Bulevard. www.cafeekberg.fi

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   +358-9-6128 5900

2. Finnish cuisine beneath Uspenski Cathedral
   Ravintola Sipuli
   Kanavaranta 7 A
   +358-9-6128 5500

3. The best flavours from local Finnish farms
   Ravintola Nokka
   Kanavaranta 7 F
   +358-9-6128 5600

4. Above the rooftops of the city
   Savoy
   Eteläesplanadi 14
   +358-9-6128 5300

5. The very best Finnish cuisine
   G.W. Sundmans & Sundmans Krog
   Eteläranta 16
   +358-9-6128 5400

6. Catch of the day!
   Havìs
   Opposite the Old Market Hall
   G. W. Sundmans Krog
   Eteläranta 16
   +358-9-6128 5800

7. Stylish dining beside the Market Square
   Salutorget
   Pohjoisesplanadi 15
   +358-9-6128 5950

www.royalravintolat.com
Helsinki has over 1200 restaurants where you will find everything from gourmet delights to bistro treats.

**Helsinki Menu restaurants**
The easiest way to try local specialties is to order from the Helsinki Menu, which is offered by 16 restaurants in the city centre. The menu varies according to restaurant and season.

**Baker’s**
Mannerheimintie 12
tel. +358 (0)207 701 440

**Casino Helsinki**
Mikonkatu 19
tel. +358 (0)9 6128 6600

**Fly Inn Restaurant Deli**
Helsinki–Vantaa Airport
 tel. +358 (0)207 629 737

**Graniittilinna**
Säästöpankinranta 6
 tel. +358 (0)20 7424 250

**Grotesk**
Ludviginkatu 10
 tel. +358 (0)104 702 100

**Havis**
Eteläranta 16
 tel. +358 (0)9 6128 5800

**Hotelli Arthur**
Vuorikatu 19
 tel. +358 (0)9 173 441

**Kellarikrouvi & Fabian**
Pohjoisen Makasiinkatu 6
 tel. +358 (0)9 6128 5100

**Kuu**
Töölönkatu 27
 tel. +358 (0)9 2709 0973

**KuuKuu**
Museokatu 17
 tel. +358 (0)9 2709 0974

**Lasipalatsi**
Mannerheimintie 22–24
 tel. +358 (0)20 7424 290

**Macu**
Mannerheimintie 50
 tel. +358 (0)9 2521 2004

**Nokka**
Kanavaranta 7
 tel. +358 (0)9 6128 5600

**Seurasaari**
Seurasaari
 tel. +358 (0)9 626 625

**Sundmans Krog**
Eteläranta 16
 tel. +358 (0)9 6128 5450

**Suomenlinnan Panimo – Suomenlinna Brewery Restaurant**
Suomenlinna C1, ferry pier,
tel. +358 (0)9 228 5030

**www.tasteoffinland.fi/helsinki-menu**

**FINNISH CUISINE**

**Traditional**

**Aino**
Pohjoisesplanadi 21
 tel. +358 (0)9 624 327

**Elite**
Eteläinen Hesperiankatu 22
 tel. +358 (0)9 6128 5200

**Granittilinna**
Säästöpankinranta 6
 tel. +358 (0)20 7424 250

**Juuri**
Korkeavuorenkatu 27
 tel. +358 (0)9 635 732

**Karl Johan**
Yrjönkatu 21
 tel. +358 (0)9 612 1121

**Kitchen&Co.**
Yrjönkatu 18
 tel. +358 (0)10 322 2940

**Kolme Kruunua**
Liisankatu 5
 tel. +358 (0)9 135 4172

**Konstan Möljä**
Hietalahdenkatu 14,
tel. +358 (0)9 694 7504

**Lasipalatsi**
Mannerheimintie 22–24
 tel. +358 (0)20 7424 290

**Martta**
Lapinlahdenkatu 3
 tel. +358 (0)9 50 511 8088

**Manala**
Dagmarinkatu 2
 tel. +358 (0)9 5807 7707

**SeaHorse**
Kapteeninkatu 11
 tel. +358 (0)10 837 5700

**Salve**
Hietalahdenranta 11
 tel. +358 (0)10 76 64280

**Savotta**
Aleksanterinkatu 22
 tel. +358 (0)9 7425 5588

**Sunn**
Aleksanterinkatu 26, 2nd floor
 tel. +358 (0)10 2312 800

**Zetor**
Mannerheimintie 3–5
 tel. +358 (0)10 76 64450

**A taste of Lapland**

**Lappi**
Annankatu 22
 tel. +358 (0)9 645 550

**Saaga**
Bulevardi 34 B
 tel. +358 (0)9 7425 5544

**Fine dining**

**Kappeli**
Eteläesplanadi 1
 tel. +358 (0)10 76 63880

**A 21 Dining**
Kalevankatu 17
 tel. +358 (0)40 17 111 17

**Nokka**
Kanavaranta 7F
 tel. +358 (0)9 6128 5600

**Palace**
Eteläranta 10, 10th floor
 tel. +358 (0)13 456 7175

**Salutorget**
Pohjoisesplanadi 14
 tel. +358 (0)9 6128 5950

**Savoy**
Eteläesplanadi 14
 tel. +358 (0)9 6128 5300

**Sipuli**
Kanavaranta 7
 tel. +358 (0)9 6128 5500

**Chef & Sommelier**
Huivilakatu 28
 tel. +358 (0)40 0959 440
SMALL COSY RESTAURANTS

Spis
Kasarmikatu 26
tel. +358 (0)45 305 1211

Ask
Vironkatu 8
tel. +358 (0)40 5818 100

Ateljee Finne
Arkadiankatu 14
tel. +358 (0)9 493 110

Lupolo
Punavuorenkatu 3
tel. +358 (0)50 554 4050

Kuurna
Meritullinkatu 6
tel. +358 (0)9 670 849

Muru
Fredrikinkatu 41
tel. +358 (0)9 4289 1213

MICHELIN-STAR RESTAURANTS

Chez Dominique**
Rikhardinkatu 4
tel. +358 (0)9 612 7393

Demo*
Uudenmaankatu 9-11
tel. +358 (0)9 2289 0840

Luomo*
Kataniankatu 1, 2nd floor
tel. +358 (0)9 135 7287

Postres*
Eteläesplanadi 8
tel. +358 (0)9 663 300

Olo*
Kasarmikatu 44
tel. +358 (0)9 302 6250

ISLAND RESTAURANTS

Island restaurants are generally open from the beginning of May to the end of September.

NJK
Valkosaari
tel. +358 (0)9 6128 6500
Ferry departs from pier behind Olympic Terminal

Saari
Sirpalesaari
tel. +358 (0)9 7425 5566
Ferry departs from Merisatamanranta beside Café Carusel

Uunisaari
Ununisaari
tel. +358 (0)9 636 870
Ferry departs from the middle of Merisatamanranta beside Kaivopuisto Park or use the pontoon bridge in wintertime

Saaristo
Klippan
tel. +358 (0)9 7425 5590
Ferry departs from the pier behind Olympic Terminal.

Särkänlinna
Särkänsaari
tel. +358 (0)9 1345 6756
Ferry departs from pier next to Café Ursula

HSS Boathouse
Liuskasaari
tel. +358 (0)9 1345 6766
Ferry departs from Merisatamanranta beside Café Carusel

Walhalla
Suomenlinna A10
tel. +358 (0)9 668 552

Openyear round
Alia
Mustikkamaankuja 1,
Mustikkamaa
tel. +358 (0)9 66 00 66

Savu
Tervasaarenkkuntas 3
tel. +358 (0)9 7425 5574
Accessible by road from Pohjoisranta

Suomenlinna also has several restaurants that are open year round, including Suomenlinna Brewery Restaurant, the club restaurant Klubi 20, and the restaurant Café Chapman. See pages 36-37.

RUSSIAN RESTAURANTS

Bellevue
Rahapajankatu 3
tel. +358 (0)9 179 560

Kasakka
Meritullinkatu 13
tel. +358 (0)9 3508 4760

Saslik
Neitsytontti 12
tel. +358 (0)9 7425 5500

Troikka
Coloniuksenkatu 3
tel. +358 (0)9 445 229

KATILLA RESTAURANT COMPLEX AT LINNANMÄKI

AMUSEMENT PARK

Kattila offers six different restaurants offering Finnish, European, Mediterranean, American and Japanese cuisine.
www.linnanmaki.fi/kattila

Tip!
For more ideas about eating out, refer to Helsinki This Week magazine, which is available in print, online and mobile versions. The magazine and other restaurant guides can be picked up from Tourist Information or read online.
m.helsinkithisweek.com, www.visithelsinki.fi and www.eat.fi
Cafés

Did you know that Finns drink more coffee per person than anywhere else in the world? Apparently we drink the equivalent of almost 10 kilos of ground coffee each a year. It’s no surprise then that cozy cafés can be found on nearly every street corner. And don’t forget to order a fresh cinnamon bun, known locally as a “korvapuusti”, with your coffee – it’s a Finnish specialty!

Fleuriste
Uudenaankaatu 13
Kakkugalleria
Fredrikinkatu 41
Karl Fazer Café
Kluuvikatu 3
Mattolaituri
Kaivopuistonranta, Ehrenströmintie 3A
Neuhaus
Unioninkatu 32
Piritta
Tokoinranta, Eläintarhantie 12
Sinisen Huvilan kahvila
Töölöläntie, Linnunlauluntie 11
(open in summertime)

Sis. Deli + Café
Korkeavuorenkatu 6,
Kalevankatu 4
Strindberg
Pohjoisesplanadi 33
Succés
Korkeavuorenkatu 2
Tin Tin Tango
Töölöntorinkatu 7
Torrefazione
Aleksanterinkatu 50
Ursula
Kaivopuisto, Ehrenströmintie 3
Veranda
Mannerheimintie 13
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Daily 9am–10pm(12midnight) • Ehrenströmintie 3, Helsinki
t. +358 (0)9 652 817 • ursula@ursula.fi • www.ursula.fi
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**CITY CENTRE**
Unmissable entertainment complex - Teatteri
Pohjoisesplanadi 2
Experience a thousand and one nights – Glöd
Korkeavuorenkatu 34
Popular Finnish bar and nightclub – Kaarle XII
Kasarmikatu 40
Once a cinema, now a restaurant and nightclub – Adams
Erottajankatu 15-17
Helsinki’s living room – begin and end your evening in the same place – Club Kappeli
(Etelaesplanadi 1)

**KLUUVI**
International atmosphere – Casino Helsinki
Mikonkatu 19
Outdoor terraces –
On the Rocks, Baarikäpätä and Public Corner
Mikonkatu 15
Irish bar – Molly Malone’s
Kaisaniemenkatu 1
Ideal stop-off for a glass of wine or cocktail – Plaza H.U.B.
Mikonkatu 23
For sweet people – Namu
Makkaratulo 3rd floor,
Kaijokatu 6
 Shots only – Shot bar Helsinki
Yliopistonkatu 8

**KAMPPI**
Live music – Apollo Live Club
Mannerheimintie 16
DJ evenings – mbar
Mannerheimintie 22–24
Over the rooftops –
Atelje Bar
Sokos Hotel Torni,
Yrjönkatu 26
Design club – Le Bonk
Yrjönkatu 24
For showing off – The Tiger
Kamppi Shopping Centre, Urho
Kekkosen katu 1 A

**PUNAVUORI**
Trendy hangout – Lupolo
Punavuorenkatu 3
Living room atmosphere –
Motellet
Annankatu 10
For clubbers –
Club Playground
Iso Roobertinkatu 10
Popular – Café Bar 9
Uudenmaankatu 9
Exotic appeal – Kokomo
Tikibar & Room
Uudenmaankatu 16
Drinks and cocktails in Italian style from the 1940s and ’50s – Milli Miglia
Kalevankatu 36
KALLIO
Classic local bar - Rytmi
Toinen linja 2
Old-time bar atmosphere - Sävel
Hämeentie 2
For hipsters - Kuudes linja
Hämeentie 13 (sisäänkäynti Kaikukadulta)
DJ atmosphere - Siltanen
Hämeentie 13 B
Live music - Club Liberté
Kolmas Linja 34
Urban living room - Café Talo
Hämeentie 2 b
Pool, live music, board games and a poker table - Mascot Bar & Lounge
Neljäs linja 2
Historic - Juttutupa
Säästöpankinranta 6
Wednesday clubs and Thursday concerts - Café Piritta
Eläintarhantie 12
Restaurant ships and floating terraces – Wäiski & Flying Dutch
Hakaniemenranta 11 & Pitkän sillanranta 2 (summertime)

TÖÖLÖ
Korjaamo Culture Factory (Vintti, outdoor terrace)
Toölönkatu 51 a-b
Artist life – Elite
Eteläinen Hesperiankatu 22
Local bars – Botta, Manala, St. Urhos Pub
Museokatu 10 /
Dagmarinkatu 2
Jazz - Storyville
Museokatu 8
Helsinki’s Bollywood – Bhangra Bar
Runeberginkatu 28
For partygoers – Mr. Don
Runeberginkatu 28
Yellow ones, violet ones, turquoise ones, red ones, blue ones… Purses, handbags and weekend bags… It’s impossible to choose from the amazing selection at Lumi Accessories! This Finnish brand’s newest outlet can be found in the Tori Quarter next to Senate Square where many other design brands have recently opened boutiques. The Tori Quarter also hosts a wide variety of events, so keep your eyes and ears open when you go shopping!

When hunting for classic and contemporary Finnish design, there is no shortage of shops in Helsinki. Marimekko is always popular, and the brand has recently updated its outlets and opened new ones. The smallest of them all, Marikiska, is also the most fun. Among all the bright and colourful design products you will also find a huge selection of cool clothing. Check out the creations of Vuokko Nurmesniemi, the grand old lady of Finnish design, at the Vuokko shop, or try on some of new designs by Samu-Jussi Koski in the Samuji shop. The leading Finnish design brands, such as iittala, Arabia, Artek and Finlayson, all have their flagship stores along the Esplanade, making it easy to shop for all your gifts and souvenirs.

Design Forum Finland also sells a wide selection of Finnish design products, while Taito Shop Helsky is specialised in Finnish handicrafts. Check out the gorgeous rugs!

If you work up an appetite while shopping, head for Kluuvi Shopping Centre or Lasipalatsi, where the Eat&Joy Farmers Market sells delicious local and organic food from more than 500 small producers across Finland. You could even buy some sparkling spruce shoot juice, artisan chocolates or berry jams to take home with you.
Shopping

Helsinki offers the best shopping opportunities in Finland. Favourite items to bring home from Finland are designer products from clothing to interior decorations.

SHOPPING STREETS
Main shopping streets:
Aleksanterinkatu, Esplanade and Mannerheimintie, Urho Kekkosen katu
Smaller clothing boutiques:
Uudenmaankatu, Fredrikinkatu and Korkeavuorenkatu, Bulevardi, Runeberginkatu
Interior decorating boutiques:
Punavuori and Kamppi districts
Design:
Design District (see page 28), Esplanade, Kallio and Arabia districts
Antique shops:
Kruununhaka and Ullanlinna districts

SHOPPING CENTRES AND DEPARTMENT STORES
Stockmann
Aleksanterinkatu 52 – largest department store in Scandinavia
Sokos
Mannerheimintie 9

Forum
Mannerheimintie 20
City Center
Kaivokatu 8
Kluuvi
Aleksanterinkatu 9
Kampin ostoskeskus
Narinkkatori (metro: Kamppi)
Kämp Galleria
Pohjoisesplanadi 33
Itis – largest shopping centre in Scandinavia
Itäkatu 1-7 (metro: Itäkeskus, 15 min.)
Bockin talo
Aleksanterinkatu 20
Sunnin talo
Aleksanterinkatu 26
Kiseleffin talo
Aleksanterinkatu 28
Verkkokauppa.com – largest shopping centre for electronics in Europe, Jätkäsaari

UNIQUE BOUTIQUES
Sofinah – compelling fashion, ethical brands
Uudenmaankatu 17
Helsinki10 – urban design, books, music, vintage, art, gallery and bar
Eerikinkatu 3

Quelle Jolie bébés! Store – children’s apparel by Tiia Vanhatapio
Kluuvi, Aleksanterinkatu 9
Minna Parikka – feminine footwear, leather gloves, bags and knitwear
Alessanterinkatu 36
IVANAhelsinki – clothing by Paola Suonen that combines retro Scandinavian and Slavic influences
Uudenmaankatu 15
Edel City – design products made from recycled materials
Fredrikinkatu 33
Globe Hope – ecological design products from recycled materials
Lasipalatsi, Mannerheimintie 22-24
Lumi, Finnish designer bag brand
Kiseleffin talo, Aleksanterinkatu 28
Lande – a small slice of the countryside in the city
Urho Kekkosenkatu 8
Moko Market & Café, interior design products and café
Perämiehenkatu 10
My o My – fashion, design, sweets and art
Alessanterinkatu 36
Johanna Gullichsen – textile art and design
Fredrikinkatu 18

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Espoo Iso Omena, Sello | Vantaa Jumbo

Iittala outlets
Helsinki Arabia, Hämeentie 135 | Espoo | Vantaa

www.iittala.com
Nounou design – glass art and interior design products made from glass, textiles, wood and metal
Uudenmaankatu 2
Nina’s – design paradise with brands by Marni, Dries van Noten, Preen Line
Bulevardi 13
Lux Shop – clothing, jewellery, accessories and other luxuries you can wear
Uudenmaankatu 26
Liike – the new wave of Finnish fashion design
Yrjönkatu 25
Samuji – minimalistic and functional clothing for women
Pohjoisesplanadi 37

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FLEA MARKETS
Hietalahti Flea Market
Hietalahti Market
Hietsumarket
Hietalahdenranta 11
For more flea markets, enquire from Tourist Information.

Tip!
Twice a year Helsinki is transformed into one giant flea market during Cleaning Day, when anyone can sell their own stuff anywhere they like, such as on the street and inside courtyards.
www.siivouspaiva.com

VINTAGE SHOPS
Play It Again Sam
Rauhankatu 2
Hoochie Mama Jane
Vaasankatu 10
Penny Lane
Runeberginkatu 37
Artek 2nd Cycle
Pieni Roobertinkatu 4-6

FACTORY OUTLETS
Brand Outlet Warehouse
City Passage, Kaivokatu 8
For more factory outlets, enquire from Tourist Information or go to www.visithelsinki.fi.

OPENING HOURS
Department stores and shopping centres are open weekdays 9am-9pm, Saturdays 9am-6pm and Sundays 12noon-6pm. Smaller shops are usually open weekdays 10am-6pm and Saturdays 10am-3pm (4pm).

TAX FREE
Citizens of non-EU countries are eligible for tax-free returns. Purchases must be made in shops displaying Global Refund’s Tax Free sign. The minimum total sum of purchased goods must be 40 euros. Upon leaving EU territory, travellers can claim VAT that varies according to product but does not exceed 20 percent of the total price. Refunds can also be claimed after you have returned home by filling in the form and sending it to Global Refund.
www.globalrefund.com

Tip!
If you don’t have room in your suitcase, you can order Finnish design products over the internet from www.finnishdesignshop.com. Finnish Design Shop also publishes the Finnish Design Guide, which is available from Tourist Information.
Local specialties!

**Tori Quarter**
Handicrafts, Finnish design brands, eco design and much more. While shopping you can take a break at the charming Café Engel for a coffee and slice of banana-chocolate cake.
www.torikorttelit.fi

**Punavuori and Helsinki Design District**
The Design District in Punavuori is home to numerous tiny boutiques that reflect the dreams of their owners. Check out the legendary record shop Digelius, the children’s clothing shop Zicco and the interior design shop Pino. Pick up a copy of the Design District Helsinki map to find your way through the maze of shops.
www.digelius.com,
www.zicco.fi, www.pino.fi,
www.designdistrict.fi

**Moko Market**
Fun interior design items, classic furniture, oriental textiles and great gift ideas. Moko has also become a meeting place for the locals – the café’s weekend brunches are particularly popular.
www.moko.fi
The fresh sea breeze, the green surroundings, the rustling leaves and the sound of your own footsteps. A genuine – and genuinely hot – Finnish sauna. A wellness treatment from head to toe. A dive into the crystal clear water beneath a magnificent blue sky. Which sounds best to you?

Helsinki offers lots of opportunities to relax and unwind. Many will enjoy clearing their heads with a leisurely jog along the shoreline or through the forests of Keskuspuisto, our very own central park. Helsinki is also ideal for cycling, and finding a bike to rent or borrow is easy.

If you are feeling adventurous, head to the nearby Nuuksio National Park where you will find lots of marked trails and places to camp. Enjoy the great outdoors with a long hike followed by a refreshing dip in the lake!

Others will prefer pampering themselves at a day spa soaking up the relaxing atmosphere and relishing the exotic treatments. A more traditional alternative is the Yrjönkatu Swimming Hall, where you can travel back in time to the 1930s. The breathtakingly beautiful interior is somewhat reminiscent of an oriental hamam, but a hot Finnish sauna after your swim will remind you exactly where you are.

Indeed, it is almost impossible to avoid having a sauna when visiting the Finnish capital. While most hotels and apartments have modern electric saunas, a much more fun and authentic way to experience this Finnish specialty is by visiting one of Helsinki’s public saunas. The newest and most intriguing of these is the Kulttuurisauna “culture sauna” on the shoreline in Hakaniemenranta. Opened as part of World Design Capital 2012, the culture sauna also offers sauna-goers and others an entertaining cultural programme, and from the terrace you can enjoy a beautiful view to the sea.
Wellness & exercise

The beautiful clean nature and the fresh sea offer unlimited possibilities for relaxing and enjoying healthy activities throughout the year. In addition, beauty spas offer a comprehensive range of treatments, while the urban sauna culture is an experience that shouldn’t be missed.

DAY SPAS AND OTHER SPAS

Kämp Spa
Kluuvikatu 4 B (8th floor)
www.kampspa.fi

Helsinki Day Spa
Erottaja 4
www.dayspa.fi

Kokemus Helsinki - showroom + day spa
Yrjönkatu 28 (Sokos Hotel Torni, inner courtyard)
www.kokemushelsinki.fi

Siluetti Spa
Pohjoisesplanadi 35, 6th floor
www.siluettispa.fi

Forever Day Spa
Mannerheimintie 50 (Crowne Plaza, ground floor)
www.foreverdayspa.fi

Celeste Iso Roba
Iso Roobertinkatu 29 A 2

Elegia Day Spa
Fredrikinkatu 20

Blue Lagoon
Urho Kekkosen katu 1 (Kamppi Shopping Centre, 5th floor)

Imagine Day Spa
Kalevankatu 33

SW Day Spa
Museokatu 20-22

Sky Beauty Day Spa
Siltaasaarenkatu 1

Flamingo Spa
Taetie 8, Vantaa
www.flamingospa.fi

SWIMMING AND SAUNAS

Hot saunas relax both the mind and the body. After throwing water on the rocks and soaking up the heat, cool off with a refreshing swim.

Yrjönkatu Swimming Hall
Yrjönkatu Swimming Hall has the feel of a Roman bath. Built in 1928, it is the oldest swimming hall in Helsinki and the entire Nordic region. Its specialty is nude swimming with separate swimming times on different days of the week for men and women. Naturally, swimsuits can also be worn. You can also rent your own stall with a bed for relaxing and enjoying refreshments.

Yrjönkatu 21 b
Prices: adults €5–12, children and special groups €2.50

Mäkelänrinne Swimming Centre
Mäkelänkatu 49
Prices: adults €6.20, children and special groups €3.20

Itäkeskus Swimming Hall
Olavinlinnantie 6
Prices: adults €5.40, children and special groups €2.70

Further information about swimming and sauna hours:
www.hel.fi/liikunta

Outdoor swimming pools

Swimming Stadium
The Swimming Stadium offers outdoor swimming in a 50-metre pool from May to September in 25-degree water regardless of the weather.

Hammarskjöldintie
Kumpula Outdoor Swimming Pool (May-August)
Allastie 5

Serena Water Park
is the largest water park in the Nordic region. Indoors families can enjoy the wild water-slides, bubble pools, children’s pools and a large wave pool. Outdoor attractions include mat slides, two long ring rivers, a Dead Sea pool and a number of other slides.

Tornimäentie 10, Lahnus, Espoo
www.serena.fi
Saunas
Kotiharjun Sauna in Kallio is a legendary wood-heated public sauna that is a living part of Helsinki’s urban culture. A traditional washing lady is available Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 4pm to 7pm. No reservation is needed. Massages, hand and foot treatments, and cupping are also available, but these services must be reserved in advance.

Harjutorinkatu 1
Open: Tue–Sat 2pm–8pm (sauna time until 9:30pm)
Prices: adults €12, pensioners and students €8.50, children (12–16) €6
www.kotiharjunsauna.fi

The newest addition to Helsinki’s urban sauna culture is the Kulttuurisauna “Culture Sauna”, which opened in 2012. The ecological sauna is situated by the sea in the Hakaniemi district and represents modern wooden architecture. Up to 18 people can fit in the sauna in both the men’s and women’s sides.

Hakaniemenranta 15

You can try a genuine smoke sauna at Kuusijärvi in Vantaa.
www.saunamafia.fi

Beaches
Helsinki’s shoreline and archipelago are perfect for enjoying outdoor recreation, swimming and nature walks. The most popular swimming beach is Hietaniemi Beach, or “Hietsu” as it is known locally. In addition to the places listed here, public swimming beaches near to the centre can be found at Seurasaari, Mustikkamaa and Munkkiniemi.

Uunisaari Island off the southern shore of Kaivopuisto Park offers sandy beaches and convenient services, attracting holidaymakers to swim and picnic.
How to get there (April-November): Take the small ferry from Merisatamantori (look for the compass), which operates daily every hour (8:45am-3:45pm) from April to June and August to November.

On Pihlajasaaari Island you can sunbathe on the hot rocks and swimming in the refreshing sea. The island also has a kiosk and café-restaurant, as well as a separate naturist beach.
How to get there (mid-May to early September): Take the ferry from Merisatamanranta (beside Café Carusel), which operates every hour and non-stop on hot days. Alternatively, take the ferry from Ruoholahti departing every hour from June to August.

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CYCLING
Cycling Centre
The Cycling Centre is situated next to Kamppi Shopping Centre beside Narinkkatori Square. Services include rentals, repairs, facilities for making repairs yourself, and information. There is also a secure area for leaving your bicycle.
Narinkka 3

Bike rentals
Greenbike
Bulevardi 32
www.greenbike.fi
Ecobike
Savilankatu 1 b
www.ecobike.fi
Bicyclean Helsinki
Vyökatu 4,
www.bicycleanhelsinki.com

Many hotels offer their guests bicycles free of charge – enquire from your hotel’s reception! A free biking map is also available from Tourist Information.

GOLF
In Helsinki you can play golf at Vuosaari Golf or at the Helsinki Golf Club in Tali. The season usually lasts from May to October. Nearby in Espoo there are six high-quality golf courses and an indoor driving range that are ideal for both active players and amateurs. There are also two golf courses in Vantaa.
www.golfpiste.com (in Finnish),
www.golf.fi

FRISBEE GOLF
There are five frisbee golf courses in Helsinki.
Meilahden frisbeegolf rata,
Meilahdentie 2
Talin frisbeegolf puisto,
Ravitie 1, Espoo
frisbeegolf radaat.fi

RECREATIONAL AREAS
Helsinki’s Central Park (Keskuspuisto) comprises a large area of recreational forest and skiing trails in wintertime, especially in Paloheinä. The park also has four conservation areas: the Pitkäkoski rapids, the Ruutinkoski rapids, the Haltiala protected forest and the Niskala arboretum.
www.hel.fi

Kaivopuisto Park and Töölönlahti Bay are ideal places for jogging and walking. Helsinki also has over twenty historically significant manor house parks that are ideal places for walking and enjoying the gardens. The most popular manor house parks include Annala, Fallkulla, Haltiala, Herttoniemi, Munkkiniemi, Puotila ja Kumpula.
www.hel.fi

Baana
Opened in June 2012, Baana is a new 1.3-kilometre corridor for pedestrians and cyclists that runs along a disused railway line through the city, connecting the Töölönlahti and Ruoholahti districts.

City bikes
Helsinki Region Transport will once again offer free city bikes from spring 2013 onwards. Plans are for 500 bikes and 34 bike racks. Use of the bikes requires that you register using a travel card or credit card.
www.hsl.fi
At **Oittaa Recreational Centre**
you can rent equipment for summer and winter sports and take lessons. Enjoy cycling, canoeing, snowshoe hiking, cross-country skiing and tour skating.
Kunnarlantie 33–39, Espoon Oittaa
www.oittaa.fi

**Nuukio National Park** in Espoo is an excellent destination for camping, picking berries, hiking, fishing, cycling and skiing. You can get to the park by bus.
tel. +358 (0)205 644 790
www.luontoon.fi/nuuksio

**The Finnish Nature Centre Haltia** opens in Nuukio National Park in May 2013. Haltia is a new type of visitor centre, bringing all of Finland’s nature under one roof and closer to the visitor through both the building’s facilities and its stunning exhibitions. Nature from all over Finland can be experienced in the Helsinki region!
www.haltia.com

The **Villa Elfvik nature house** and nature trail are located at the northern end of the Laajalahti Conservation Area. Elfvikintie 4, Laajalahti, Espoo
tel. +358 (0)9 8165 4400
www.espoo.fi/villaelfvik

**Local specialties!**

**Kotiharju Sauna**
Soak up the heat and steam, then take a break and cool off. Repeat until you are thoroughly relaxed. In between you can ask a bathing attendant to scrub you thoroughly clean from top to toe. The locals share local gossip or simply sit quietly and enjoy. Kotiharju Sauna has heated its traditional wood-heated saunas since 1928. Your visit to Helsinki won’t get any more Finnish than this!
www.kotiharjusauna.fi

**Kämp Spa**
Situated on the eighth floor of the glamorous Kämp Hotel, this day spa offers pure luxury and enjoyment. Try one of the body treatments using natural Finnish cosmetics.
www.kampspa.fi

**Töölöönlahti Bay**
One of the most popular places to jog, walk or even Nordic Walk (with poles) in Helsinki is the park around Töölöönlahti in the heart of the city. Along the way you can admire the opera house (an acquired taste), Finlandia Hall (classic Finnish design by Alvar Aalto), the Winter Garden (an exotic oasis that is open year round) and the charming villas on the other side of the bay in the Linnunlaula “birdsong” district. From there you can continue over the train tracks to the Tokoinranta shoreline.

**The Finnish Nature Centre Haltia** opens in May 2013
www.haltia.com
SKATING AND SKIING
Helsinki Icepark in Railway Square is the perfect place for skating to music or simply relaxing in the café and watching others on the ice. Skates can be rented, and skating schools for children are held daily. The Ice Park also presents a fun programme of events, from live music to performances.

Opening hours (November–March, weather permitting):
Mon–Fri 10am–9pm,
Sat 10am–9pm, Sun 10am–6pm
Prices: adults €5, children (under 18) and special groups €3, rental skates €5
www.jaapuisto.fi

Kallio Skating Rink is another popular open-air skating rink that plays music and sells warm juice and hot chocolate. The skating rink is open from November to March. Skates are available for rent.
Helsinginkatu 23
www.hel.fi/liikunta

The best cross-country skiing trails are located in Central Park (Keskuspuisto). At Paloheinä Recreational Centre (approximately 9 km from the centre of Helsinki) you can rent skis.
Pakilantie 124
www.hel.fi/liikunta

At Kivikko Skiing Hall you can experience wintertime in even the middle of summer. The temperature is kept at ~2 to ~4°C. Activities include skiing and sledding, and there is also an igloo hotel and ice bar as part of the Unique Lapland experience.
Savikiekontie 4
www.hel.fi/liikunta

There are also good downhill and snowboarding slopes nearby, for example Talma in Sipoo.
www.talmaski.fi

Lumiparkki snow park in Kivikko offers snowboarding conditions for all levels.
Open: December–March (weather permitting)
www.lumiparkki.fi

In neighbouring Espoo you can ski and snowboard at Serena Ski and Solvalla-Swinghill, and there are over 200 kilometres of cross-country skiing trails.
www.visitespoo.fi and www.ski.fi

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OTHER ACTIVITIES
At the Salmisaari Sports Centre you can try beach volleyball, bowling, climbing, laser battles, dancing, badminton and floorball.
www.salmisaarenliikuntakeskus.fi

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- Bowling complex
- Hotel

Flamingo | Vantaa | flamingo.fi
Outside Helsinki

From Helsinki it is easy to make day-trips to the countryside or even neighbouring countries. Within 100 kilometres of the city centre you will find **Porvoo** (see page 88), the second oldest town in Finland, **Fiskars** (see page 89), a trendy artist community, **Lovisa**, a quiet seaside town, and **Raseborg**, home to historic ironworks and fascinating medieval castle ruins. **Tuusulanjärvi** (see page 87) has several cultural landmarks, including the home museum of composer Jean Sibelius (Ainola) and the atelier home of artist Pekka Halonen (Halosenniemi).

**Tallinn** is a popular destination for one-day excursions and is very easy to get to by ferry.

For more information, pick up a copy of the Helsinki & Southern Finland brochure from Tourist Information or go to [www.visithelsinki.fi/region](http://www.visithelsinki.fi/region).

**FERRIES**

There are daily ferry connections from Helsinki to Estonia and Sweden, and regular connections also to Germany and Poland. Ask your tour operator or enquire from Helsinki Expert’s sales point located inside Tourist Information.

**Helsinki Expert Sales Point,**

Pohjoisesplanadi 19
sales@helsinkiexpert.fi,
 tel. +358 (0)9 2288 1500
www.helsinkiexpert.com

**TALLINN**

**Eckerö Line**

Mannerheimintie 10
www.eckeroline.fi

**Linda Line**

Makasiintie, Eteläsatama
www.lindaline.fi

**Tallink**

Erottajankatu 19
www.tallinksilja.com

**Viking Line**

Lönrotinkatu 2
www.vikingline.fi

**STOCKHOLM**

**Silja Line**

Olympic Terminal, Eteläsatama
and Erottajankatu 19
www.silja.com

**Viking Line**

Lönrotinkatu 2
www.vikingline.fi

**GERMANY AND POLAND**

**Finnlines**

Vuosaari Harbour,
Provianttikatu 5
www.finnlines.com

**ST. PETERSBURG**

**St. Peter Line**

Nordic Ferry Center,
Pieni Roobertinkatu 13 B
www.ferrycenter.fi

Further information about schedules and services:

**Port of Helsinki**

tel. +358 (0)9 310 1621
[www.portofhelsinki.fi](http://www.portofhelsinki.fi)
WELCOME

to the home of legendary Finnish composer Jean Sibelius and learn about the Tuusulanjärvi artist community, which played a major role in creating a unique Finnish culture in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

AINOLA

In his home named for his wife Aino, Jean Sibelius composed some of his most significant masterpieces. The house was designed by architect Lars Sonck and completed in 1904. The master’s effects have been left exactly as they were at the time of his death on 1957. The grave of the composer and his wife can be seen in the garden.

Café Aulis and museum shop
Ainolankatu, Järvenpää, +358 (0) 9 287 322, info@ainola.fi, www.ainola.fi
Open: May–September

How to get to Ainola and Ahola

Buses to Järvenpää depart from Kamppi. The journey takes approx. 1 hour. Get off at the Ainola bus stop. Train H departs from the Central Railway Station every hour and takes 27 minutes. Get off at Kyrölä station and walk for approx. 1 km.

AHOLA

The former residence of the nationally renowned author Juhani Aho and his wife, painter Venny Soldan-Brofeldt, presents their works and the history of the Tuusulanjärvi artist community.

Sibeliuksenäväylä 57, Järvenpää, +358 (0) 40 315 2213
ahola@jarvenpaa.fi, www.jarvenpaa.fi/ahola
Open: May–September

JÄRVENPÄÄ ART MUSEUM

In 2013 the museum will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the artists Venny Soldan-Brofeldt and Eero Järnefelt, both of whom lived in the Tuusulanjärvi artist community. Come and celebrate with us!

Kirjastokatu 8, Järvenpää, +358 (0) 40 315 3881
taidemuseo@jarvenpaa.fi,
www.jarvenpaa.fi/taidemuseo
Open year round
Porvoo offers an historic old town milieu with idyllic wooden buildings, lovely gardens and attractive boutiques along its narrow cobblestoned streets. In summertime visitors can enjoy beautiful archipelago cruises, fascinating walking tours and lively summer markets. In wintertime Porvoo offers pristine scenery and an unforgettable atmosphere.

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Porvoo City Tourist Office, Art Factory
Läntinen Aleksanterinkatu 1
Tourist Information, Kompassi
Rihkamatori B
Tel. +358 (0)40 489 9801, tourist.office@porvoo.fi
www.visitporvoo.fi

Restaurant Timbaali
Situated in the heart of Old Porvoo, Timbaali is the only restaurant in Finland that is specialised in escargot. The building dates back to the 18th century, and the restaurant also serves an archipelago lunch buffet in summertime. Open year round, daily in summertime from 11am to 11pm.
Tel. +358 (0)19 523 1020
www.timbaali.com

Haikko Manor
Haikko Manor is a popular manor and spa hotel situated beside the sea. The spa offers pampering treatments, the Yorokobi swimming pool section and the Fitness Studio. In the romantic manor house you can dine in classic style, followed by evening entertainment in the Villa Haikko beside the sea.
Tel. +358 (0)19 576 01, hotelli.haikko@haikko.fi
www.haikko.fi

Art Factory
Treat yourself to an experience! The Art Factory offers an inspiring setting for enjoying your free time. Amidst the superbly converted factory milieu you can eat well and enjoy concerts, theatre performances and art exhibitions, and you can even do a spot of shopping in the adjacent boutiques.
Tel. +358 (0)100 231 8200
www.taidetehdas.fi

M/S J. L. Runeberg
The nostalgic century-old J. L. Runeberg cruises between Helsinki and Porvoo almost every day between May and September. During the cruise you can enjoy a delicious salmon soup lunch or snacks from the café. Departures from Helsinki’s Market Square at 10am. Return from Porvoo leaving at 4pm.
Tel. +358 (0)19 524 3331, www.msjruneberg.fi
LONG-DISTANCE BUSES
The Matkahuolto bus station is situated at the Kamppi Centre (entrance from Narinkkatori Square).
www.matkahuolto.fi

FLIGHTS
Helsinki Airport is located 19 kilometres (approximately half an hour) from the centre of Helsinki. The taxi ride will cost around €40. Finnair’s airport bus: €6.20. Regional Bus 615: €4.50.
www.finavia.fi
www.helsinki-vantaa.fi

On weekdays you can fly to Tallinn by helicopter in just 18 minutes.
Copterline
www.fast-class.com

TRAINS
There are regular train connections from Helsinki to all major towns in Finland, as well as to Lapland. The Helsinki metropolitan area is served by a local commuter train network. In addition, there is a daily service to Moscow and up to four to St. Petersburg. The new Allegro high-speed trains cut the travel time from Helsinki to St. Petersburg from 5.5 hours to 3.5 hours.
Central Railway Station
(see page 10)
www.vr.fi

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Useful information

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HELSENKI CITY TOURIST INFORMATION
Tourist Information provides free information about the city, sights, events and services, including a wide selection of brochures and maps. A Helsinki Expert’s sales point is also located here. Tourist Information is also available from Helsinki’s Expert’s sales point located inside the Central Railway Station. During the peak tourism season cruise ship passengers are also served at the Hernesaari Cruise Terminal. At Tourist Information you can use the free Internet connection, make copies for a small charge, and purchase various travel products, including Helsinki Region Transport tickets.

Pohjoisesplanadi 19,
tel. +358 (0)9 3101 3300
Open 15 May–14 September:
Mon–Fri 9am–8pm,
Sat–Sun 9am–6pm
Open 15 September–14 May:
Mon–Fri 9am–6pm,
Sat–Sun 10am–4pm
www.visithelsinki.fi

Helsinki Region Tourist Information is located at Helsinki Airport (Terminal 2, Arrival Hall 2). Open: 24-hours, desk manned daily 10am–8pm May to September and 10am–6pm (Sun 12noon–6pm) October to April.

From June to August the streets of Helsinki are patrolled by around 20 young Helsinki Helpers dressed in green offering free advice and help to visitors. Ask them about interesting events and sights or for brochures and maps. The helpers are themselves assisted by Helppi, our fun mascot who can be seen up and down Esplanade Park. The Helsinki Helpers also serve customers from the Info Container.

Tip!
The Gay Friendly Helsinki network highlights tolerant service providers, from hotels and restaurants to transportation companies and excursions.

www.visithelsinki.fi > My Helsinki > GLBT Friendly

VISIT ESPOO
tel. +358 (0)9 8164 7230
tourist@espoo.fi
www.visitespoo.fi

Tourist Information:
Leppävaara
(Sello / Leppävaara Library)
Matinkylä citizen’s Office
(Iso Omena)
Tapiola citizen’s Office
(Espoo Cultural Centre)

Tourist information is also available from the following citizen’s offices:
Espoon keskus
Espoonlahti (Lippulaiva)
Kalajärvi
(Ruskatalo)
Tapiola
(Folkhälsan)
tel. +358 (0)9 8165 7070

VANTAA CITY TOURIST INFORMATION
Tikkurila Citizen’s office
Ratatie 7, 01300 Vantaa
Myyrmäki Citizen’s office
Myyrmäkitalo
Kilterinraitti 6, 01600 Vantaa
www.vantaa.fi/en/citizen_s_offices
www.visitvantaa.fi

Visit Helsinki: Media Bank
Helsinki Expert’s sales points sell the Helsinki Card and tickets for sightseeing tours, and they also handle hotel reservations and car rentals. Ferry tickets and package tours to Tallinn and St. Petersburg can also be purchased here. Helsinki Expert’s sales points inside the Central Railway Station and Tourist Information at Pohjoisesplanadi 19 are open in summertime (June to August) Mon–Fri 9am–6pm, Sat–Sun 9am–5pm and in wintertime (September to May) Mon–Fri 9am–4:30pm, Sat 10am–4pm.

sales@helsinkiexpert.fi
tel. +358 (0)9 2288 1500
Online shop:
www.helsinkiexpert.com
Online hotel bookings:
www.hotelbooking.fi

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Purchase your Helsinki Card in advance and plan your own unique Helsinki itinerary on the website www.helsinkicard.fi. Helsinki Card holders are entitled to free, unlimited travel on Helsinki Region Transport (HSL), as well as to free admission to museums and attractions, including Suomenlinna and its museums. The adult card entitles the holder to a free Helsinki Panorama Sightseeing Audio Tour (value €29). The card also offers discounts, for example from restaurants, car rentals and cultural events, as well as a handy city guide and map in 5 languages. The Helsinki Card can also be purchased from Tourist Information, at the airport, at passenger ferry terminals, at the Central Railway Station, and from hotels.

The Helsinki Card is valid for 24, 48 or 72 hours, and the time begins when the card is first used. The price for adults is €38 and for children (7–16) starting from €16. Children under 7 are allowed in free to nearly all Helsinki Card attractions.

www.helsinkicard.fi
HOTELS AND OTHER ACCOMMODATION
Helsinki offers plenty of choices for accommodation, from inexpensive hostels to luxury hotels. For a full list of accommodation outlets, see: www.visithelsinki.fi.

If you do not have a room upon arrival, you can book one at the Hotel Expert desk at Tourist Information or inside the Central Railway Station or online from: www.hotelbooking.fi.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS
General emergencies 112
Police 112
Ambulance and fire 112

24-HOUR HEALTH SERVICE INFORMATION
tel. +358 (0)600 41 006, (€1.97/min+local net-work charge)
Open: Mon–Fri 10am–6pm, Sat 10am–2pm
www.loytotavara.net

HOSPITALS
24-hour service:
Haartman Hospital
Haartmaninkatu 4, Building 12
tel. +358 (0)9 310 63231/direct
+358 (0)9 310 5018/
switchboard
Maria Hospital
Lapinlahdenkatu 16,
Building 15 C
tel. +358 (0)9 310 67204

Mehiläinen-Töölö (private hospital)
Runeberginkatu 47 A
tel. +358 (0)10 414 3030/24h
+358 (0)10 414 0112/
switchboard

LOST AND FOUND
Helsinki Police
Pasila poliisitalo 1
Pasilantie 13
Länsi-Pasila
Mon–Fri 9am–1pm
tel. +358 (0)71 877 3180
(Mon–Fri 9am–1pm)
www.polisi.fi

Suomen Löytötavarapalvelu
Mäkelänkatu 56
tel. +358 (0)600 41 006,
(€1.97/min+local net-work charge)
Open: Mon–Fri 10am–6pm,
Sat 10am–2pm
www.loytotavara.net

Suomen Löytötavarapiste
Kamppi Centre, Narinkka 3
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min+local network charge)

BANKS
Aktia
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Mon–Tue, Thu–Fri
10am–4:30pm, Wed 10am–6pm

Nordea
Aleksanterinkatu 30
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Mon–Fri 10am–4:30pm

OP Pankki
Aleksanterinkatu 19
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Mon–Thu 10am–7pm,
Fri 10am–4:30pm

Danske Bank
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Mon–Fri 10am–4:30pm

Nooka Säästöpankki
Mikonkatu 2
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Mon–Thu 10am–5pm,
Fri 10am–4:30pm

Handelsbanken
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Mon–Fri 10am–4:30pm

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Central Railway Station
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Sat–Sun 9am–7pm

Stockmann
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Mon–Fri 9am–9pm,
Sat 9am–6pm,
Sun 12noon–6pm

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Mon–Fri 9am–7pm,
Sat 9:30am–5pm

Tavex
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Mon–Fri 9am–6pm,
Sat 10am–4pm

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tomer service – local network
charge/mobile call charge),
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LIBRARIES IN THE CITY CENTRE
Admission to libraries is free of charge, and inside you can read books and a wide range of newspapers and magazines, as well as use the internet.
Kirkasto 10 (Library 10)
Elielinaukio 2G
Open: Mon–Thu 8am–10pm,
Fri 8am–6pm,
Sat–Sun 12noon–6pm
Rikhardinkatu library
Rikhardinkatu 3
Open: Mon–Thu 9am–8pm,
Fri 9am–6pm,
Sat 10am–4pm

PUBLIC TOILETS
Helsinki has over 36 automatic public toilets located in parks and along streets that are open 24/7. They also have wheelchair access. Public toilets are marked on the map available from Tourist Information. Automatic public toilets can be found beside the Old Market Hall, in Esplanade Park and in Sibelius Park, for example.
Price: €0.50
The public toilets on Sofiankatu street are open in wintertime (mid-September to mid-May) daily 9:30am–4pm and in summertime 9:30am–4pm.
Price: €0.50

TAXIS
Taksi–Helsinki
tel. +358 (0)100 0700
(€1.15/call + €0.164/10s.+ local call charge)
www.taksihelsinki.fi
Kovanen
tel. +358 (0)200 6060
www.kovanen.com

Airports taxis
Yellow Line Airport Taxi
tel. +358 (0)600 555 555
(€1.99/call+local network charge)
Special prices from airport to centre
www.airporttaxi.fi
Taxi Point Helsinki–Vantaa Airport
tel. +358 (0)9 8256 5566
www.taxipoint.fi

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www.budget.fi
Easyrent
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Travel conveniently within Helsinki Region by public transport

1–7 day tickets
The most convenient ticket for visitors is a day ticket available on a single-charge card. You can choose the number of days for your ticket from 1 to 7 days. The ticket is valid from the time it is first used, including during the night fare hours. Day tickets are valid on all public transport: trams, buses, the Metro, commuter trains and the Suomenlinna ferry.

Suomenlinna ticket (12 hours)
If you want to spend a day at the Suomenlinna maritime fortress, this is the ticket for you. The ticket is valid for 12 hours from the time it is first used. It is valid only on the ferry to Suomenlinna and it does not include a right to transfer to other public transport modes. The Suomenlinna ticket on a single-charge card can also be purchased conveniently in advance.

Sales points for single-charge cards:
- R kiosks
- Stockmann department stores
- K-Citymarkets
- Prisma stores
- VR ticket sales at railway stations
- Tourist Information
- Helsinki Airport, Helsinki Region Tourist Information
- Silja Serenade and Silja Symphony ferries
- HSL service points: Central Railway Station and Itäkeskus Metro Station, Pasila office
- Citizens’ Offices in Espoo and Vantaa

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Railway Station Square, Platform 3 Airport Terminal T1, Platform 2 Airport Terminal T2, Platform 21

Travel information, timetables and routes
tel. 0100 111
Personal service
Mon-Fri 7am-7pm,
Sat-Sun 9am-5pm
(0.98 euros/call + local network charge).
24h talking timetable
(0.49 euros/call + local network charge)
Map

Tourist Information

1. Helsinki Cathedral
2. Senate Square (departure point for Hop-on Hop-off buses)
3. Government Palace
4. University of Helsinki (Main Building)
5. National Library of Finland
6. Tori Quarter
7. Helsinki City Hall
   (Virka Info and Virka Galleria)
8. Helsinki City Museum
9. Departure point for City Tour
10. Market Square
11. Old Market Hall (stalls located at Hietalahti Hall during renovation 1.2.13>)
12. Suomenlinna Maritime Fortress
13. Presidential Palace
14. Uspenski Cathedral
15. Departure point for sightseeing cruises
16. Waterbus to Suomenlinna (JT-Line)
17. Municipal ferry to Suomenlinna (HSL)
18. Waterbus to Helsinki Zoo
19. Havis Amanda fountain
20. Esplanade Park, Fabianinkatu (departure point for Helsinki Expert sightseeing tours)
21. Observatory
22. Design Museum
23. Design Forum Finland
24. Sinebrychoff Art Museum
25. Kaapelitehdas (Cable Factory)
26. Kaisa-talo
27. Kaisaniemi Botanic Garden
28. Ateneum Art Museum
29. Central Railway Station
30. Amos Anderson Art Museum
31. Lasipalatsi
32. Kamppi Chapel of Silence
33. Narinkkatori & Laituri
34. Central Bus Station, Kamppi & Kamppi Shopping Centre
35. Tennispalatsi (incl. Museum of Cultures and Tennis Palace Art Museum)
36. General Post Office
37. Sanomatalo
38. Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma
39. Temppeliaukio Church
40. Natural History Museum
41. Kunsthalle Helsinki
42. Helsinki Music Centre
43. Parliament House
44. National Museum of Finland
45. Finlandia Hall
46. Linnunlaulu district (wooden villas)
47. Finnish National Opera
48. Winter Garden
49. Olympic Stadium and Stadium Tower
50. Korjaamo Culture Factory
51. Sibelius Monument
52. Seurasaari
53. Helsingin Jäähalli (Helsinki Ice Hall)
54. Sonera Stadium
55. Swimming Stadium
56. Helsinki Convention and Exhibition Centre
57. Linnanmäki Amusement Park and Sea Life
58. Tropicario
59. Arabia Factory and Museum
60. Hakaniemi Market and Market Hall
61. Kulttuurisauna “Culture Sauna”
62. Helsinki Zoo

Ports:
63. Länsiterminaali (West Terminal)
64. Olympiaterminaali (Olympic Terminal)
65. Katajanokan terminali (Katajanokka Terminal)
66. Kanavaterminaali (Kanava Terminal)
67. Makasiterminaali (Makasini Terminal)
68. Vuosaari Harbour and Hansaterminaali (Hansa Terminal)
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Helsinki is a modern and cosmopolitan city, the most international travel destination in Finland and home to around 600,000 residents. Helsinki offers a wide range of experiences throughout the year in the form of over 3000 events, a majestic maritime setting, classic and contemporary Finnish design, a vibrant food culture, fascinating neighbourhoods, legendary architecture, a full palette of museums and culture, great shopping opportunities and a lively nightlife.

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