

Welcome to Finland

Finland is a country of contrasts. From endless daylight in the summer to the still, wintry darkness of the polar night, the characteristics of Finland's seasons have a profound effect on life in Finland and its rather peculiar inhabitants.

Finland is not really Scandinavian, not a part of the Baltics or Eastern Europe, Finland is the black sheep of Northern Europe. Famous for Santa Claus and saunas, Finns actually enjoy sitting in a heated box and, upon reaching boiling point, running outside and rolling in the snow. In Finland we have 200,000 lakes, half a million cottages and one midnight sun.

(B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Day 1

Helsinki

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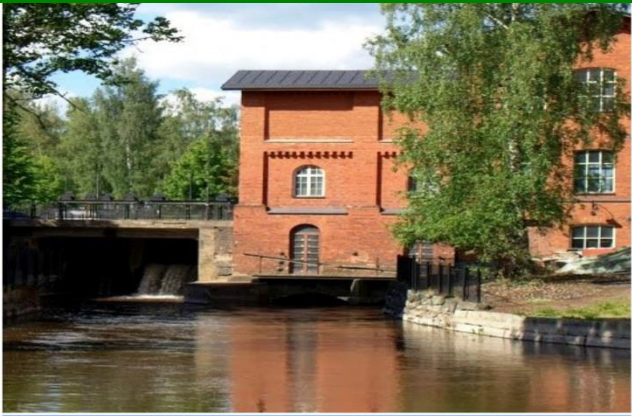
Arrival to Helsinki-Vantaa airport. After arrival meet your driver at the terminal. 20- 30 minute drive to your hotel in Helsinki city center. Check in to your room. Dinner.

Day 2

Helsinki

B/-/-

Buffet breakfast. Meet your FMT- guide at a hotel. 3 hrs Helsinki sightseeing tour. During the tour you will see the main sights in Helsinki, including the Senate Square, Uspenski Cathedral, the Parliament Building and the Olympic Stadium. Free time to do shopping. There are lot of different shops, cafes, museums and restaurants. The market place Kauppatori and the traditional market hall are situated at the end of the Esplanade Park by the sea. You can explore also do the shopping in street Esplanade, Aleksanterinkatu as well as Mannerheimintie where you find bigger malls Kamppi, Forum and the Stockmann department store. Free evening.



Day 3

Helsinki – Hämeenlinna – Tampere

B/L/D

Buffet breakfast and check out. Drive to city Hämeenlinna which is a small charming city located about hundred kilometers from Helsinki . First visit is in Aulanko Nature Reserve.

The Aulanko area in Hämeenlinna has been a popular destination with visitors for more than a hundred years. Nowadays, there is a lot to see in Nature Reserve, in addition to the beautiful scenery the forest park of Aulanko, its sights, and the view from the scenic lookout tower of Aulangonvuori Hill over the national landscape. Short walk to the tower to enjoy the best views. Drive towards the have lunch. Next destination will be Tampere which is locate from one hour drive from Hämeenlinna. Tampere is the Finland's third largest city. Check in and free time. Later in the evening short walking tour to admire the Tammerkoski rapids, the old industrial buildings from the city's past and the lively city center. Dinner.

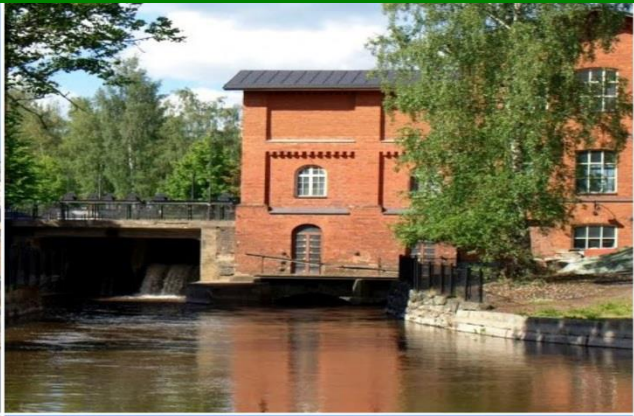
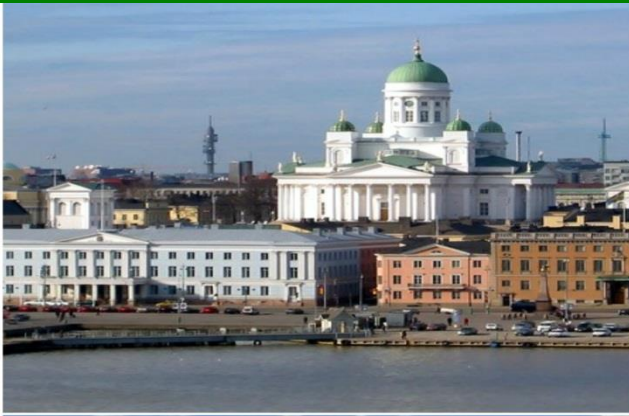
Day 4

Day at Tampere

B/L/D

Buffet breakfast .Drive to Pyyrikki which is one of the Tampere neighborhoods. It's home to a gorgeous pine tree forest on top of a ridge. Continue the Särkänniemi amusement park area, where visit in Näsinneula the second tallest observation tower in the Nordic countries. You can see a fantastic panorama of the city centre from the tower's observation deck. Visit in world's only Moomin Museum. There is an unique collection of Tove Jansson works exhibited in a modern, multi-sensory way. Tove Jansson donated allof her art drawings and 3D's of the original Moomins to Tampere Art Museum. The new museum gives a permanent space for Tove Jansson's original Moomin art and does it in an interactive way to fir both children and adults. Lunch.

In the afternoon, visit the Museum Centre Vapriikki which offers things to see and do for the whole family The museum located inside an old red brick factory building right by the rapids of Tammerkoski. Vapriikki has lots to explore; there is a Shoe Museum, a Natural History Museum, a Toy Museum, a Post Museum, an Ice Hockey Museum, as well as changing exhibitions. The Finnish Labour Museum Werstas is based in the historical Finlayson cotton mill area in the heart of



Tampere. At Werstas you can visit the Labour Museum's exhibitions, Textile Industry Museum and Steam Engine. Dinner. Overnight in Tampere

Day 5

Tampere – Humppila – Forssa

B/L/D

Buffet breakfast and check-out. One hour drive from Tampere to Humppila where lunch and time to do shopping in Humppila Glass shopping center. "

Continue to visit the largest raised bog in Southern Finland. Short walking tour with local nature guide. Short drive to the small town name Forssa which located in the centre of a triangle defined by the three largest major cities in Finland. Check in the hotel and dinner.

Day 6

Forssa- Helsinki airport

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Buffet breakfast and check out. Departure to Helsinki Vantaa airport.



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