

FINLAND - THE LAND OF A THOUSAND LAKES

Experience Finland, the land of a thousand lakes which boasts the largest lake district in Europe. Summer in Finland is a spectacular time of year, when nights are almost as light as day.

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN HELSINKI

Helsinki is a modern, cultural, and vibrant city, where East meets West. There are plenty of possibilities during your stay in Helsinki. You have the chance to see some of the most beautiful sites in Helsinki such as the famous rock church "Tempelaukio Kirkko", the Senate Square with Cathedral and The Sibelius Monument. Overnight in **Helsinki**

DAY 2: HELSINKI

Forest, sea, islands and a vibrant culture: Helsinki has it all. Visit the dynamic Design district, have a tour of the open-air museum Seurasaari, or enjoy an excursion by boat to Suomenlinna, the sea fortress located on the outskirts of Helsinki Harbor. Overnight in **Helsinki**

DAY 3: HELSINKI-LAAPEENRANTA (250 KM)

Continue along Finland's Southern coast to the East and stop by the cozy, small town of Porvoo with its old red wooden houses situated along the Porvoo River. Porvoo is the 2nd oldest city in Finland and has a rich history dating back to 13th century. Arrive in Lappeenranta, the center of the South Karelia region, at the base of Lake Saimaa, and the closest European city to the Russian border and St. Petersburg. Lappeenranta is also home to a 3 million kilo Sandcastle built every year from June – September. Overnight in Lappeenranta.

DAY 4: LAAPEENRANTA - KUOPIO (320 KM)

Enjoy a 2-hour cruise on Lake Saimaa during the morning. Continue to Savonlinna, known for its famous opera festival and Olavinlinna, the medieval island castle. Overnight in **Kuopio**.

DAY 5: KUOPIO - TAMPERE (295 KM)

In the morning, visit the 75 m high Puijo Tower with beautiful views over the lakelands. Cruise on the Kallavesi lake before continuing to Tampere, Finland's 3rd largest city. Tampere is filled with Industrial Heritage, quirky museums and stunning views. Overnight in **Tampere**.

DAY 6: TAMPERE – TURKU (220 KM)

Visit the world-renowned glass blowing company, littala. After a guided tour, continue to Turku and its famous castle. Turku is also known as the gateway to the Finnish archipelago.





Other interesting sights are the Forum Marinum Maritime Centre, the Aboa Vetus and the Cathedral. Enjoy a stroll along the Aura River and walk through the medieval cobblestone streets. Overnight in **Turku**.

DAY 7: TURKU – HELSINKI (165 KM)

Today, the tour returns to the capital city of Helsinki. Follow the King's Road from Turku to Helsinki, a historically valuable, ancient post route that was first built in the Middle Ages when Finland was under the reign of Sweden. The route goes along highways and small curvy roads between big cities and picturesque small towns. Scenery varies from rural to coastal. There are a lot of different pit stops such as historic/ industrial sites, cafés restaurants and various marinas and harbors. Overnight in **Helsinki.**

HIGHLIGHST

- Lakelands of Finland
- Day Cruise on Saimaa Lake
 Finland's oldest town Turku
- Finland Soldest town Turkt

7 DAYS

TRAVENL DATES Daily from 01.04 to 31.05.2021

SERVICES

6 nights' accommodation with half board Admission to Puijo Tower Admission to littala Glassworks Cruise on Lake Kallavesi & Lake Saimaa

SUPPLEMENTS

Cross Channel Ferries Pre & Post Hotel nights in The Netherlands, Germany Extra Hotel nights in Helsinki Extension to Tallinn or Stockholm Coach Tour leader Local Guides

SUGGESTIONS

Instead of half board at the hotel in Lappeenranta, book a dinner cruise on Lake Saimaa. Book a guided tour at Olavinlinna Castle in Savonlinna Excursion to Suomenlinna Sea Fortress in Helsinki

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