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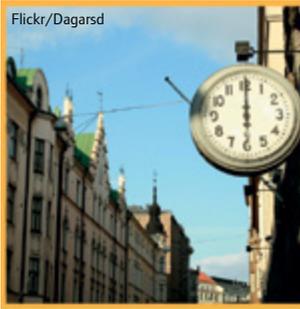
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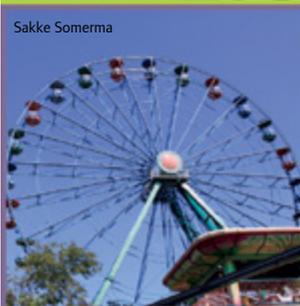
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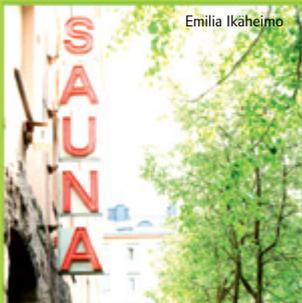
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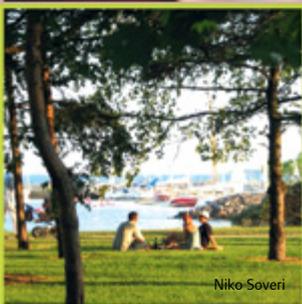
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# Attractions and tours

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.

## Helsinki moments



Niclas Sjöblom



# Historic centre

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

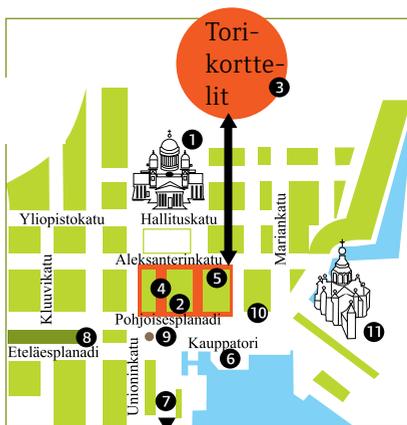
is a public information and exhibition centre inside City Hall. Services include public computers and a wireless network.  
*Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13*  
*Open: Mon–Fri 9am–7pm, Sat–Sun 10am–4pm*  
*Free admission*

## 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.

*Eteläesplanadi*  
*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 Hietalahti Market Hall (Lönrotinkatu 34).

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



Lauri Rotko

## 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*



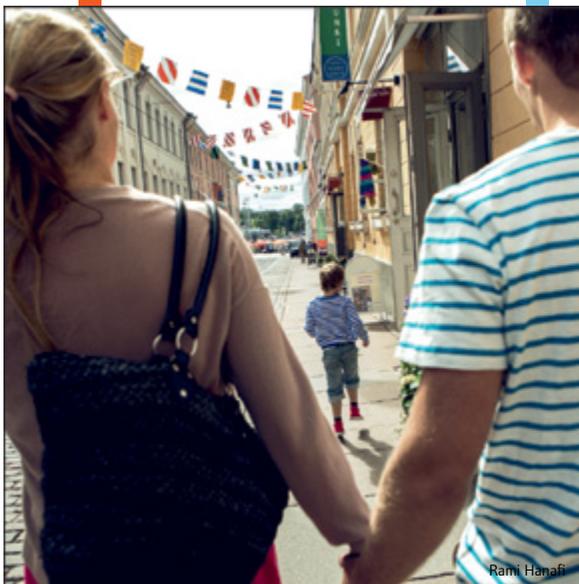
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# City centre and Kamppi

## 1. CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION

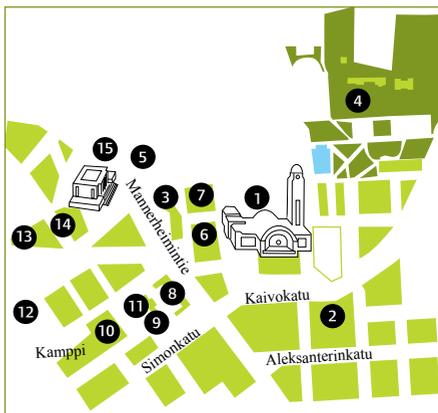
Designed by legendary Finnish architect Eliel Saarinen, Helsinki's Central Railway Station is one of the most famous buildings in Finland and a landmark in Helsinki. The granite monument represents late Jugend architecture, and the main entrance is flanked by giant torchbearers designed by Emil Wikström. 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). Asema-aukio – Kaivokatu 1 Main Hall open daily 5am to 2am (locker room open 5:20am–11pm)*

## 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.  
*Mannerheiminaukio 2*  
*tel. +358 (0)9 1733 6501*  
*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.*



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#### 4. KAISANIEMI 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*

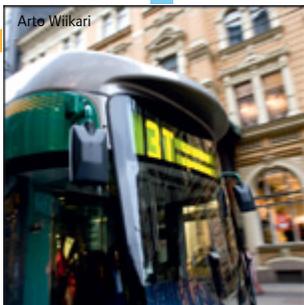
*Admission: adults €6, children and discount groups €3. Free admission to outside garden.*

#### 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, Töölönlahti Bay and the Olympic Stadium on the way.

*Schedules and routes: [www.hsl.fi](http://www.hsl.fi)*



#### 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. *Elielinaukio 2 F (opposite Central Railway Station)*

*Open: Mon–Fri 8am–8pm,*

*Sat–Sun 10am–2pm*

*Free admission*



Marita Haukema

## 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*

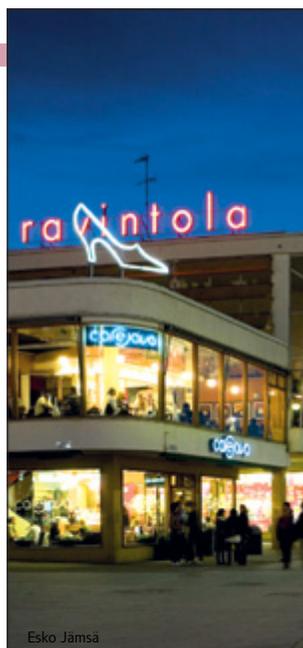
*Open: Mon–Fri 7am–10pm,  
weekends and public holidays  
9am–10pm*

*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*



Esko Jämsä

## 9. KAMPPI 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. KAMPPI 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*



Mika Huisman

### 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

The museum presents four permanent exhibitions: Finnish Nature, World Nature, History of Life, and Story of the Bones. Visitors can dive beneath the surface of the Baltic Sea and marvel at the collection of bones and magnificent dinosaurs. There is also a fascinating new exhibition on the secret world of bats.

*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.

*Arkadiankatu 3*

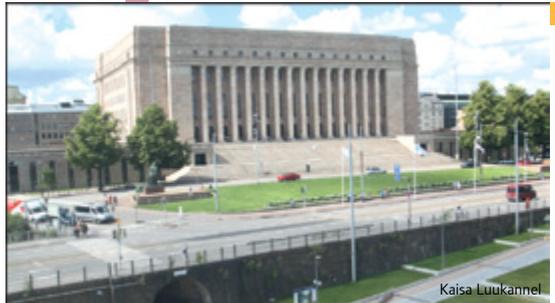
*Info open:*

*Mon–Tue 10am–4:15pm,*

*Wed 10am–6pm,*

*Thu–Fri 10am–4:15pm*

*Free admission*



# Töölönlahti

The park around Töölönlahti Bay begins in the heart of Helsinki. A popular walking path circles the bay. The wooden villas of the Linnunlaulu (“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*

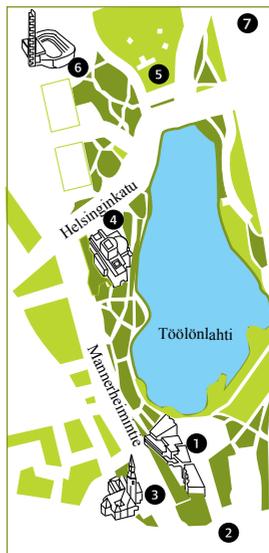
*Guided tours: adults €8, students and children €5*  
*Opera tickets: €14–107*

## 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 Lindgren 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 con-*

*scripts €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. TEMPELLIAUKIO 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).



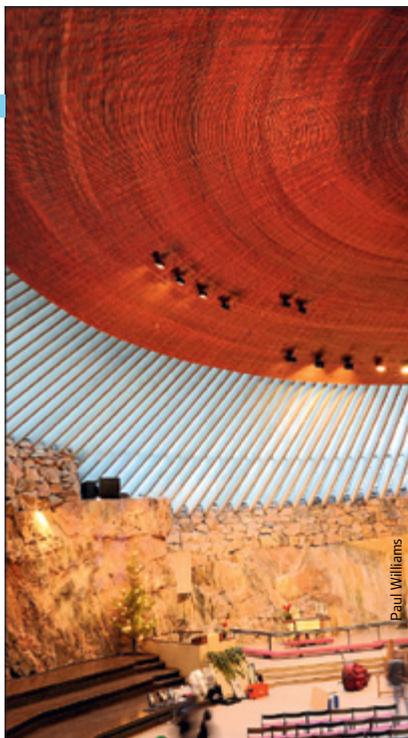
Helsinki City Museum

## Magnificent flowers at the Winter Garden



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[www.hkr.hel.fi/viher/english](http://www.hkr.hel.fi/viher/english)



Paul Williams



Mantta Haukemaai



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Paul Williams

# Kaivopuisto

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 (Tähtitornivuori) 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).*



Lauri Rotko



Timo Huvilinna



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Up with Kallio

# Kallio



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](http://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](http://www.visithelsinki.fi).

# Old Town and Arabia

Helsinki was originally established at the mouth of the Van-taanjoki 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](http://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*



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Niklas Sjöblom

### 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.

*Jyrängöntie 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. VANHANKAUPUNGIN-LAHTI AND LAMMASSAARI

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*



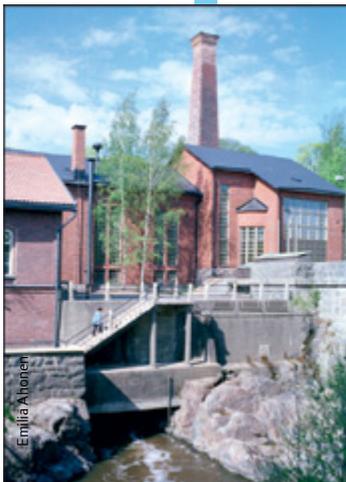
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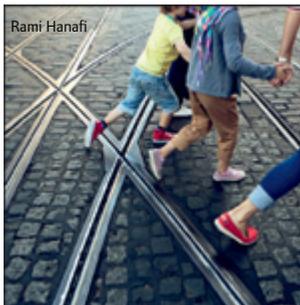
www.gardenia-helsinki.fi

# 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, Tempeliahaukio 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.



## HOW TO GET THERE?

### Bus and other forms of public transport (tram numbers in bold)

Ateneum Art Museum	<b>3T, 3B, 6, 9, 18, 55, 55A, 65A, 66A</b>
Finlandia Hall	<b>4, 4T, 7A, 7B, 10, 42</b>
Hakasalmi Villa	<b>4, 4T, 7A, 7B, 10, 42</b>
Hartwall Arena	22, 23/23N, 57, 59, 69, local trains to Pasila
Hietaranta Beach	24, 55A
Kaapelitehdas	<b>8, 20, 20N, 21V, 65A, 66A</b>
Kaipovuisto	<b>1A, 3B, 3T, 14</b>
National Museum	<b>4, 4T, 7A, 7B, 10, 42</b>
Botanic Gardens	<b>3B, 6, 9</b>
Market Square	<b>1, 1A, 3T</b>
Helsinki City Museum	<b>1, 1A, 3T, 4, 4T, 7A, 7B</b>
Kiasma	<b>4, 4T, 7A, 7B, 10</b>
Helsinki Zoo	16
Linnanmäki	<b>3B, 8, 23, 23N, 53, 70T, 503</b>
Messukeskus	<b>7A, 7B, 9</b>
Olympic Stadium	<b>3T, 4, 4T, 7A, 7B, 8, 10, 20N, 40, 42, 43, 53, 63, 69, 70T, 503</b>
National Opera	<b>3T, 4, 4T, 7A, 7B, 8, 10, 70T</b>
Tram Museum	<b>3T, 4, 4T, 7A, 7B, 10, 53, 503</b>
Rastila Camping	metro, 90A, 90N, 96, 96N, 98, 98A
Senate Square	<b>1, 1A, 3T, 4, 4T, 7A, 7B</b>
Seurasaaari	24
Sibelius Park	24
Suomenlinna	ferry
Kekkonen Museum	24
Tuomarinkylä Museum	64

# HELSINKI MUSTS AND MORE

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## HELSINKI EXPERT SHOPS

### 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](http://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.

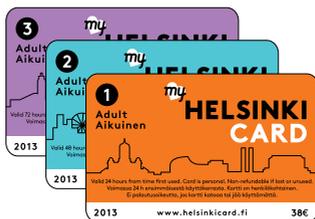
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### More information:

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### THE WHOLE CITY WITH ONE CARD

The popular Helsinki Card offers unlimited travel on public transport in Helsinki, free admission to museums and sights, discounts for dining, excursions and shopping, a complimentary Helsinki Panorama Sightseeing tour and a handy guide book in 5 languages.



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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.

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### EXPERIENCE 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 Korkeasaari Island, the fleet of ice breakers and Degerö 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!



# Sightseeing tours and excursions



## GUIDED WALKING TOURS

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[www.archtours.fi](http://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](http://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*

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## Hop-on Hop-off bus tours

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*Departures from Senate Square daily 2.5–29.9*

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[www.stromma.fi](http://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

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[www.citytour.fi](http://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](http://www.hsl.fi) and [www.korjaamo.fi](http://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](http://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.helsinki-cityride.com](http://www.helsinki-cityride.com)

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

[www.helsinki-runningtours.fi](http://www.helsinki-runningtours.fi)

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

[www.outdoorhelsinki.fi](http://www.outdoorhelsinki.fi)

[www.naturaviva.fi](http://www.naturaviva.fi)



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Carolyn Laaksonen



# Design & Architecture

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 jewelry, 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.



Sakke Somerma

## 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, Punaavuori 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](http://www.designdistrict.fi) and  
[www.designmuseum.fi](http://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](http://www.visithelsinki.fi).

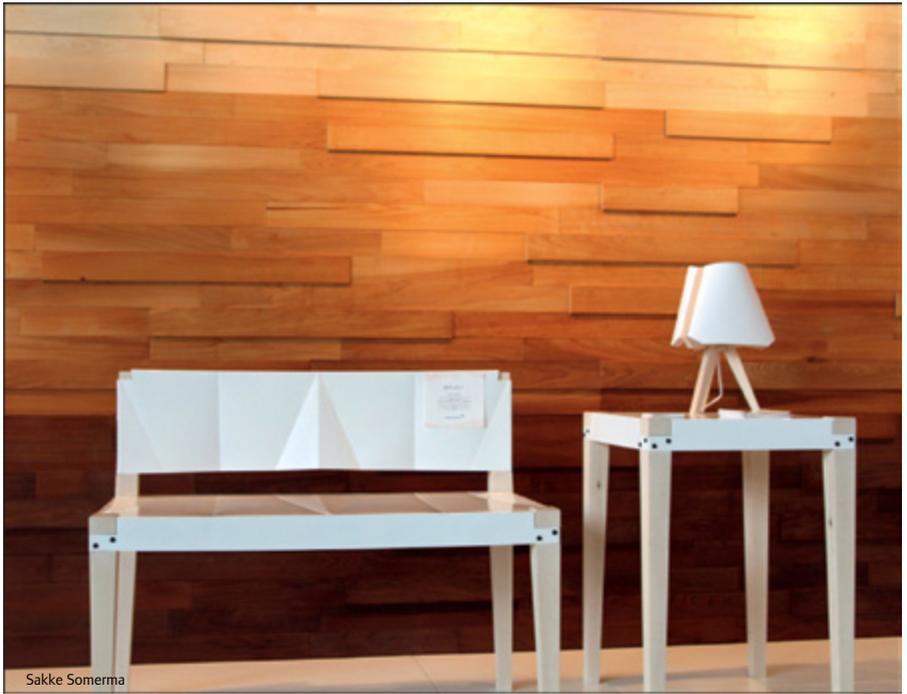
## OTHER DESIGN NEIGHBOURHOODS

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

[www.torikorttelit.fi](http://www.torikorttelit.fi)  
[www.arabiahelsinki.fi](http://www.arabiahelsinki.fi)  
[www.upwithkallio.fi](http://www.upwithkallio.fi)



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### 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](http://www.foodsightseeing.fi)
9. Design shops in Kallio, see page 19
10. The Abattoir, see page 6

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# 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. Gornostajev'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 Höjjer 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 Tempeliaukio "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**  
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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!

## 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](http://designmuseum.fi), [mfa.fi](http://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](http://cafeaalto.fi), [artek.fi](http://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](http://salakauppa.fi), [www.evl.fi](http://www.evl.fi)



## 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
- Studio Alvar Aalto, Tiilimäki 20, 1954-55, 1962-63
- Restaurant Savoy, interior, Eteläesplanadi 14, 1936-37
- Erottaja pavillion, 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

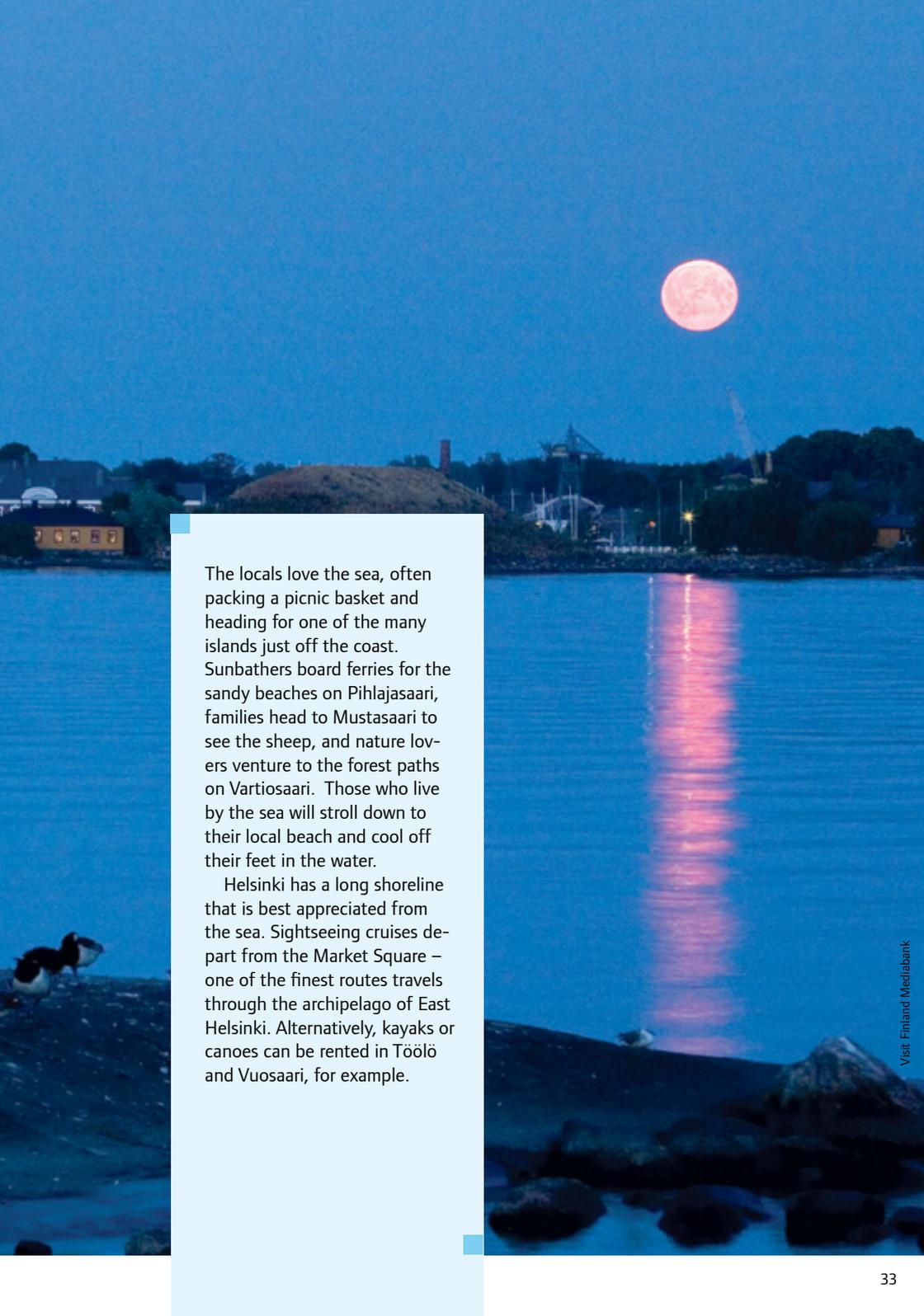
### 10. Burgher's House and Puu-Käpylä district

## 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.

A full moon is visible in the dark blue night sky, casting a bright, shimmering reflection on the calm water below. In the background, a coastal town is visible with various buildings, including a prominent yellow house on the left, and a large, rounded structure in the center. The foreground shows a rocky shoreline with some dark rocks and a small white object, possibly a bird or a piece of driftwood.

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 cosy restaurants. Children can have a great time exploring the many tunnels of the old fortress.

## VISIT YEAR ROUND

It is good to reserve at least 2 to 4 hours for visiting Suomenlinna. The vast fortress is best explored on foot, so prepare for some hiking with good shoes and a windbreaker. Suomenlinna is open year round, although some facilities are open only in the summer months. To get to Suomenlinna you have take a boat. The municipal ferry from the Market Square operates year round, while the JT-Line waterbus operates in summertime. The crossing takes between 15 and 20 minutes. The municipal ferry accepts Helsinki Region Transport tickets and the Helsinki Card as payment.

## 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. *Weekends 5 January–26 May & 7 September–22 December 2013: In Russian at 12:30pm and in English at 1:30pm. Additional tours in Russian from 29 December 2012 to 9 January 2013 (except 1 January) daily at 12:30pm. Tours depart from the Suomenlinna Visitor Centre. Price: adults €9 and children €4 (free of charge with the Helsinki Card)*

## 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



Esko Jamsa



Rami Hämäläinen

## 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 “Tykkisluuppi” 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:

*info@suomenlinna.fi,  
www.suomenlinna.fi,  
www.facebook.com/  
suomenlinna,  
www.suomenlinnatours.com*



1. Visitor Centre  
Tourist Information  
Suomenlinna Museum
2. Ehrensärd 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. Arts and Crafts Summer Shop b34\*  
Museum Shop\*
16. Ceramics Studio Pot Viapori\*
17. Gym
18. Hostel Suomenlinna
19. Suomenlinna Library
20. Suomenlinna Church
21. Japanese tea room Tokuyūan,  
Glass Studio Hytti ry\*

22. Bastion Hårleman
23. Shop, Siwa
24. Suomenlinna kiosk/post office
25. Artillery Bay summer kiosk\*
26. Tenalji von Fersen, banqueting hall
27. Picnic shed\*
28. Swimming beach\*
29. Galleria Augusta
30. 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.

*Seurasaari Open-Air Museum open: 15–31 May and 1–15 September, Mon–Fri 9am–3pm, Sat–Sun 11am–5pm; 1 June–31 August, Mon–Sun 11am–5pm*  
*Admission to Open-Air Museum: €8/6, children under 7 free of charge. Access to the island is free of charge.*

*Cafe Shop Mieritz open: Mon–Tue 11am–5pm and Wed–Sun 11am–7pm*  
*Kiosk at Juhlakenttä open year round on weekends and public holidays 11am–4pm*  
*To get there, take Bus 24 from Erottaja next to Svenska Teatern*

*Further information: [www.seurasaarisaitio.fi](http://www.seurasaarisaitio.fi) and [www.nba.fi/fi/museot/seurasaaren\\_ulkomuseo](http://www.nba.fi/fi/museot/seurasaaren_ulkomuseo)*



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



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[www.royalline.fi](http://www.royalline.fi)

#### **Strömma**

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[www.stromma.fi](http://www.stromma.fi)

#### **Scheduled tours to Suomenlinna and Pihlajasaari**

##### **JT-Line**

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[www.jt-line.fi](http://www.jt-line.fi)

##### **Helsingin Vesibussit Oy**

tel. +358 (0)207 598 393

[www.helsinginvesibussit.fi/](http://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](http://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.helsinki-marina.fi](http://www.helsinki-marina.fi)

##### **Suomenlinna Guest Harbour**

(40 mooring places),

tel. +358 (0)9 692 6450

[www.valimo.org](http://www.valimo.org)

Further information:

[www.hel.fi/liikunta](http://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](http://www.watertaxi.fi)

##### **Cardinal Marine Charter**

tel. +358 (0)9 6842 6842

[www.cardinalmarine.fi](http://www.cardinalmarine.fi)

##### **Water Taxi M/S Pti Trou Noir**

tel. +358 (0)40 523 0424

[www.trounoir.fi](http://www.trounoir.fi)

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## Local specialties!

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### 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.



Niklas Sjöblom

### NEARBY RECREATIONAL ISLANDS

The recreational islands of Iso Vasikkasaari, Gåsgrund, Stora Herrö 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](http://www.visitespoo.fi)

## Suomenlinna Sea Fortress



### 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](http://www.jt-line.fi/eng/suomenlinna_aikataulut)

Ticket fares:

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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](http://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](http://www.kansallismuseo.fi)

### Design Museum

Korkeavuorenkatu 23  
[www.designmuseum.fi](http://www.designmuseum.fi)

### Museum of Finnish Architecture

Kasarmikatu 24  
[www.mfa.fi](http://www.mfa.fi)

### Military Museum

Maurinkatu 1  
[www.sotamuseo.fi](http://www.sotamuseo.fi)

### Theatre Museum

Cable Factory, Tallberginkatu 1 G  
[www.teatterimuseo.fi](http://www.teatterimuseo.fi)

### Finnish Museum of Photography

Cable Factory, Tallberginkatu 1 G  
[www.valokuvataiteenmuseo.fi](http://www.valokuvataiteenmuseo.fi)

### Natural History Museum

Pohjoinen Rautatiekatu 13  
[www.luomus.fi](http://www.luomus.fi)

### Urho Kekkonen Museum

Tammieniemi  
Seurasaaarentie 15  
[www.nba.fi/fi/museot/urho\\_kekkosen\\_museo](http://www.nba.fi/fi/museot/urho_kekkosen_museo)

### Sports Museum of Finland

Olympic Stadium,  
Paavo Nurmentie 1  
[www.urheilumuseo.fi](http://www.urheilumuseo.fi)

### Museum of Cultures

Will move to the National Museum during 2013  
[www.nba.fi/fi/museot/kulttuurien\\_museo](http://www.nba.fi/fi/museot/kulttuurien_museo)

### Helsinki University Museum Arppeanum

Snellmaninkatu 3  
[www.museo.helsinki.fi](http://www.museo.helsinki.fi)

### Mannerheim Museum

Kallioliinantie 14  
[www.mannerheim-museo.fi](http://www.mannerheim-museo.fi)

### Päivälehti Museum

Ludviginkatu 2-4  
[www.paivalehdenmuseo.fi](http://www.paivalehdenmuseo.fi)

### Bank of Finland Museum

Snellmaninkatu 2  
[www.rahamuseo.fi](http://www.rahamuseo.fi)

### Hotel and Restaurant Museum

Cable Factory, Tallberginkatu 1 G 60, 3rd floor  
[www.hotellijaravintolamuseo.fi](http://www.hotellijaravintolamuseo.fi)

### Arabia Museum and Gallery

Hämeentie 135  
[www.designmuseum.fi/museot/arabia-museo/](http://www.designmuseum.fi/museot/arabia-museo/)  
Bus 68, 71 or 71V, Tram 6

### Museum of Technology

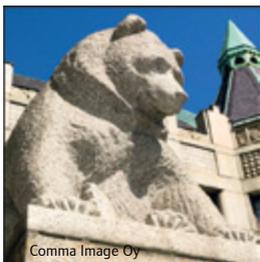
Viikintie 1  
[www.tekniikanmuseo.fi](http://www.tekniikanmuseo.fi)  
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**Tip!**

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](http://www.visithelsinki.fi) > Brochures.

**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](http://www.ateneum.fi)

**Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma**

*Mannerheiminaukio 2*

[www.kiasma.fi](http://www.kiasma.fi)

**Tennis Palace Art Museum**

*Salomonkatu 15*

[www.helsingintaidemuseo.fi](http://www.helsingintaidemuseo.fi)

**Kunsthalle Helsinki**

*Nervanderinkatu 3*

[www.taidehalli.fi](http://www.taidehalli.fi)

**Sinebrychoff Art Museum**

*Bulevardi 40*

[www.sinebrychoffintaidemuseo.fi](http://www.sinebrychoffintaidemuseo.fi)

**Amos Anderson Art Museum**

*Yrjönkatu 27*

[www.amosanderson.fi](http://www.amosanderson.fi)

**Didrichsen Art Museum**

*Kuusilahdenkuja 1*

[www.didrichsenmuseum.fi](http://www.didrichsenmuseum.fi)



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[www.designmuseum.fi](http://www.designmuseum.fi)  
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# 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](http://www.kaapelitehdas.fi)

## ART GALLERIES

Helsinki has dozens of smaller art galleries specialising in contemporary art. Many art galleries are located on Uudenmaankatu, Boulevard and Annankatu streets.

[www.nayttely.info](http://www.nayttely.info)

[www.galleriat.net](http://www.galleriat.net) and

[www.visithelsinki.fi](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://laituri.hel.fi)



Petri Artturi Askainen



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*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](http://www.weegee.fi)

### Gallen-Kallela Museum

Finland's national artist Akseli Gallen-Kallela designed and built his studio and home at Tarvaspää 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](http://www.gallen-kallela.fi)

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 Ahertajantie 5, Tapiola, Espoo.

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# Theatres and cinemas

Helsinki offers a broad range of theatre productions. Further information about performances is available online at [www.teatteri.org](http://www.teatteri.org) or [www.valiverho.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.hkt.fi)

**Lilla Teatern** serves as the Swedish-language stage of the Helsinki City Theatre.  
*Yrjönkatu 30*  
[www.lillateatern.fi](http://www.lillateatern.fi)

The superbly renovated Svenska Teatern presents **Swedish-language theatre** and musical performances.

*Pohjoisesplanadi 2*  
[www.svenskateatern.fi](http://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](http://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/ Kulttuuriraukio 2, Tapiola, Espoo*  
[www.espo.fi/kulttuurikeskus](http://www.espo.fi/kulttuurikeskus)

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

*Revontulentie 8 A, Tapiola, Espoo,*  
[www.espoonteatteri.fi](http://www.espoonteatteri.fi)

**Other theatre venues**

**KOM-teatteri**  
*Kapteeninkatu 26*  
[www.kom-teatteri.fi](http://www.kom-teatteri.fi)

**Q-teatteri**  
*Tunturikatu 16*  
[www.q-teatteri.fi](http://www.q-teatteri.fi)

**Ryhmäteatteri**

*Stages throughout the city, incl. Pengerkatu 11 A 1*  
[www.ryhmateatteri.fi](http://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](http://www.finnkino.fi)

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

*Eerikinkatu 15*  
[www.kava.fi](http://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**.

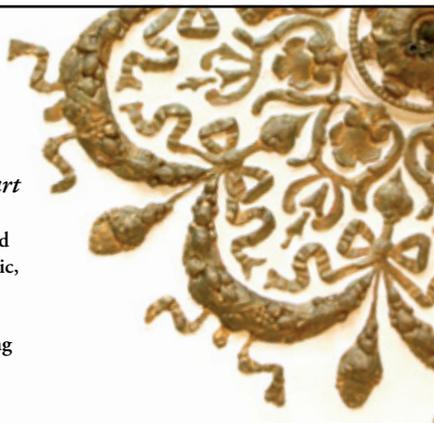
*Sofiankatu 4*  
[www.cinemamondo.fi](http://www.cinemamondo.fi)

## 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/rso*

**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.  
*Soitoniekanaukio 1 A,*  
*Leppävaara, Espoo*  
*www.sellosali.fi*

## OPERA AND BALLET

Enjoy breathtaking opera and ballet performances at the **Finnish National Opera**. The programme includes beautiful classics and intriguing modern works.

*Helsinginkatu 58*  
*Tickets: €14–107*  
*www.ooppera.fi*  
*www.opera.fi*

## ROCK AND OTHER LIVE MUSIC

Helsinki attracts many international pop and rock stars every year. Major concerts are held at Hartwall Arena, Olympic Stadium and Helsinki Ice Hall (Helsingin Jäähalli). Find out too about live music in restaurants and clubs on page 70!  
*www.hartwall-areena.com*  
*www.stadion.fi*  
*www.helsinginjaahalli.fi*  
*www.kulttuuritalo.fi*  
*www.tavastiaklubi.fi*  
*www.storyville.fi*

## 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 Kapsäkki.  
*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*



Lauri Rotko



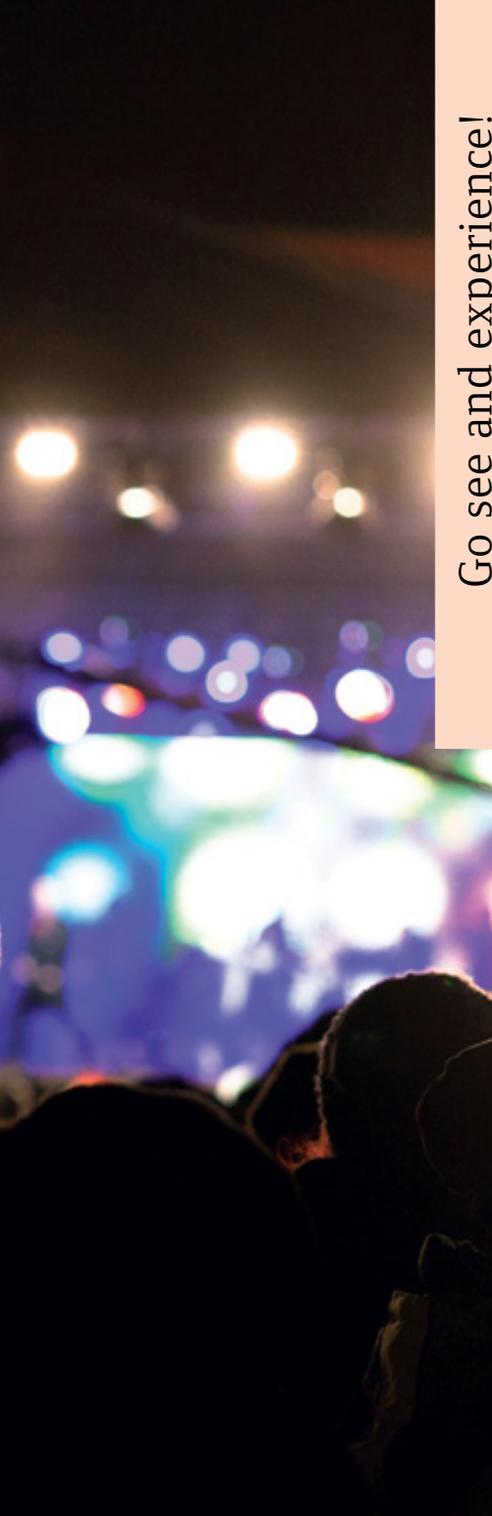
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# Events

The background of the page is a blurred photograph of a night event. In the foreground, the dark silhouettes of people's heads and shoulders are visible, looking towards a brightly lit stage. The stage is filled with numerous warm, yellow and white spotlights, some of which are out of focus, creating a bokeh effect. There are also some cooler, blue and purple lights scattered across the scene. The overall atmosphere is that of a lively, crowded event.



## Go see and experience!

- 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.

# Events

Here we present a selection from the over 3000 events held each year in Helsinki.

Further information:  
[www.visithelsinki.fi](http://www.visithelsinki.fi) > *Events in Helsinki*

## JANUARY

**Until 6.1.** Stable Elf's Winter, Helsinki Zoo

**Until 6.1.** Winter Circus Afrika, 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](http://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

**14.2.** Student graduation parades around Kaivopuisto and Esplanade parks

**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, Kevätpuutarha, Sisusta! 2013

(home, cottage, spring and interior decoration fairs), Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre

**19–21.4.** Animatricks, 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 10K 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 be 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](http://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](http://www.helsinkiviikko.fi)

### JULY

- 1–31.7. Jazz Espo, Espo 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](http://www.tallshipsraceshelsinki.fi)



Kari Martiala

## 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, Espo 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 city's oldest annual event, Market Square

**11–13.10.** Kauneus, Muoti, Terveys 2013 (beauty, fashion and health fairs), Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre

**15–20.10.** PianoEspoo festival, Espoo

**25–28.10.** Helsingin Kirjamesut, Helsingin Musiikkimessut, Ruoka, Viini & Hyvä Elämä, Art Forum Helsinki 2013 (book, music, food, wine and art fairs), Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre

Irish Festival in Finland

Tall Ships Day, Market Square

Carnival of Light, Linnanmäki

Helsinki International Horse Show, Hartwall Arena

Väkevä Viapori, local fair, Suomenlinna

Sirkus Finlandia, Kaisaniemi Park

**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. [www.visithelsinki.fi](http://www.visithelsinki.fi)



## NOVEMBER

**1–3.11.** SkiExpo, BoardExpo, Lätä & Säbä, 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 Etnosoil, ethnic music festival Opening of the Christmas Street, Aleksanterinkatu

Winter Circus, Dance Theatre Hurjaruuth, Kaapelitehdas

## DECEMBER

**6.12.** Finnish Independence Day, ceremonial events and festivities

**13.12.** Lucia Parade from Helsinki Cathedral

**13–15.12.** Voittaja 2013, international dog show, Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre

**15.12.** Seurasaari Christmas Path

**26.12.** Boxing Day sleigh rides, Seurasaari Open-Air Museum

**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.

### Seurasaaari Christmas Path

The Seurasaaari Christmas Path is a free-of-charge event for families with children. It gives children and the child at heart adults 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](http://www.visithelsinki.fi)



Event  
calendar

### 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](http://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-arena.com](http://www.hartwall-arena.com)

[www.helsinginjaahalli.fi](http://www.helsinginjaahalli.fi)

The modern **Barona Arena** in Espoo is home of Espoo Blues.

[www.baronaarena.com](http://www.baronaarena.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](http://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.helsinki.designweek.com](http://www.helsinki.designweek.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](http://www.docpoint.fi)

## Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre

*Events brimming  
with atmosphere!*

[www.finnexpo.fi](http://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 Lammasaari, 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

Look Mommy, look Daddy!





# 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](http://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**

*Mannerheiminaukio 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**

*Pohjoinen Rautatiekatu 13*

**Fallkulla domestic animal farm**

*Malminkaari 24*

**Haltiala domestic animal farm**

*Kuninkaantammentie/Laamanintie*

We also recommend visiting the botanic gardens in Kaisaniemi and Kumpula, as well as the tropical garden at Gardenia!



Rami Hanaf



Ulla-Maria Hottiari



Petri Artturi Askainen

### LINNAMÄKI

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](http://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](http://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, Vanhakartano, Espoo*  
*Open: Tue–Wed 2pm–8pm, Thu–Sun 10am–8pm*  
[www.huimala.fi](http://www.huimala.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*



Sea Life Helsinki



Seppo Laakso

**HELPPI'S TOP  
SWIMMING TIPS**

**Island destinations with  
beaches:**

Suomenlinna, Seurasaari,  
Pihlajasaari, Uunisaari

**Mäkelänrinne Swimming  
Centre**

*Mäkelänkatu 49*

**Swimming Stadium**

*Hamarskjöldintie 1*

**Hietaniemi Swimming Beach**

*Hiekkarannantie*

**Flamingo Spa Rantasipi part-  
ner, 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*

**Kalasadama Skatepark**

*Kaasutehtaankatu 1*

**Minigolf:**

*Taivallahti minigolf, Et.*

*Hesperiankatu, Eira minigolf,*

*Merisatamanranta*

**GymiKamppi**

*gym for children and young peo-  
ple, Sähkötalo, Kampinkuja 2*

**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](http://www.visitespoo.fi) and [www.honkalintu.fi](http://www.honkalintu.fi)

For a complete listing of **play-  
grounds in Helsinki**, see our  
brochure Helsinki – Holiday fun  
for children!



Rami Hanafi



Lauri Rotko



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## 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](http://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](http://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, Kuninkaanlammentie/Laamannintie  
Fallkulla Domestic Animal Farm, Malminkaari 24  
[www.hel.fi](http://www.hel.fi)*



Majro Tynkynen



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# Food culture and nightlife

## Delicious treats from morning to night

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 Tamminiementie.

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 Tornio 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 an appetite after a night on the town, head for the legendary local restaurant Manala for a hearty meal.



# Food culture & nightlife

## 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  
[www.wanhakauppahalli.com](http://www.wanhakauppahalli.com)

### 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](http://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

## 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*

## 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](http://www.restaurantday.org)

## 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 *Kalastama metro station, Työpajankatu 2*  
[www.teurastamo.com](http://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](http://www.foodsightseeing.fi)



Restaurant Day/Heidi Uuteala



The history of  
Finnish cuisine

## Local specialties!

### Coffee and donuts at the Market Square and Hakaniemi Market

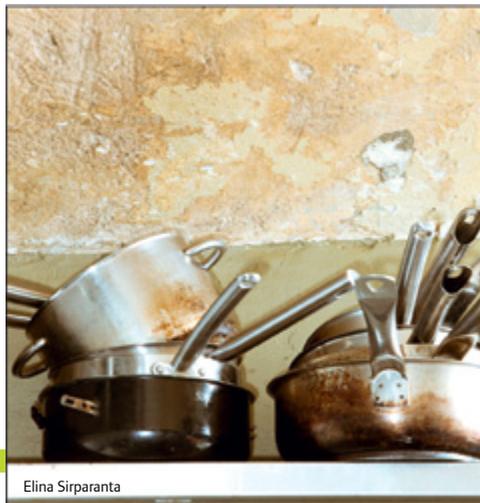
Helsinki's markets are popular among children, senior citizens, politicians, artists – everyone! Enjoy coffee the Finnish way, sitting outdoors or in a coffee tent surrounded by the market stalls. Try Café Köket in the Market Square of Kahvisiskot in Hakaniemi Market. You can also try a salmon sandwich, 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](http://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 Boulevard. [www.cafeekberg.fi](http://www.cafeekberg.fi)



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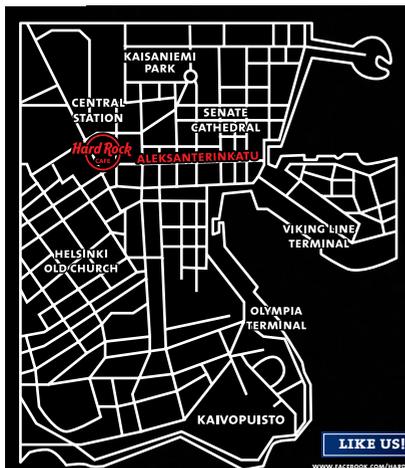
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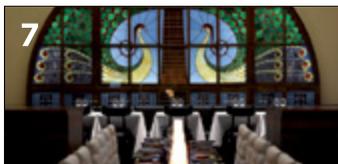
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Catch  
of the day!

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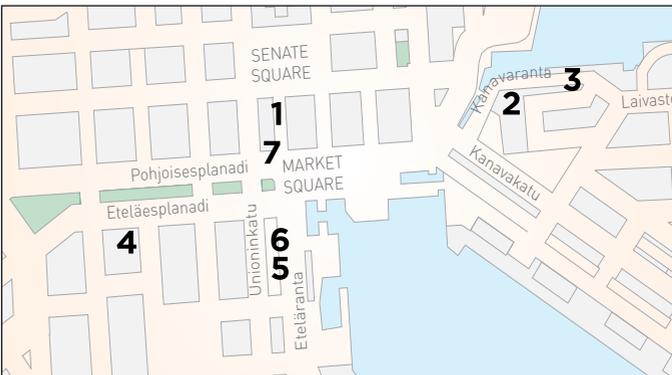
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Stylish dining beside  
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# Restaurants

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

## HelsinkiMenu restaurants

The easiest way to try local specialties is to order from the HelsinkiMenu, 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*  
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**Fly Inn Restaurant Deli**  
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*Museokatu 17*  
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*Mannerheimintie 22-24*  
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*Mannerheimintie 50*  
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*Kanavaranta 7*  
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**Sundmans Krog**  
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## ISLAND RESTAURANTS

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

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Ferry departs from pier behind Olympic Terminal

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Ferry departs from Merisatamanranta beside Café Carusel

### Uunisaari

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### Saaristo

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Ferry departs from the pier behind Olympic Terminal.

### Särkänlinna

Särkänsaari  
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Ferry departs from pier next to Café Ursula

### HSS Boathouse

Liuskasaari  
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Ferry departs from Merisatamanranta near Café Carusel

### Walhalla

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## Openyear round

### Alia

Mustikkamaankuja 1,  
Mustikkamaa  
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### Savu

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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  
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### Kasakka

Meritulinkatu 13  
tel. +358 (0)9 3508 4760

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### Troikka

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## KATTILA RESTAURANT COMPLEX AT LINNAMÄKI AMUSEMENT PARK

Kattila offers six different restaurants offering Finnish, European, Mediterranean, American and Japanese cuisine.  
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### 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](http://m.helsinkithisweek.com),  
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[www.eat.fi](http://www.eat.fi)



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# 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 cosy 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 speciality!



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### **Aschan Café Jugend**

*Pohjoisesplanadi 19*

### **Aalto**

*Academic Bookstore, 2nd floor*

*Bulevardin kahvisalonki*

*Bulevardi 7*

### **Carousel**

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*Merisatamanranta 10*

### **Ekberg**

*Bulevardi 9*

### **Engel**

*Aleksanterinkatu 26*

### **Eromanga**

*Pohjoisen Makasiinikatu 6*

### **Esplanad**

*Pohjoisesplanadi 37*

### **Fanny**

*Bulevardi 40*

### **Fleuriste**

*Uudenmaankatu 13*

### **Kakkugalleria**

*Fredrikinkatu 41*

### **Karl Fazer Café**

*Kluuvikatu 3*

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*Ehrenströmintie 3A*

### **Neuhaus**

*Unioninkatu 32*

### **Piritta**

*Tokoinranta, Eläintarhantie 12*

### **Sinisen Huvilan kahvila**

*Töölönlahti, Linnunlaulantie 11*

*(open in summertime)*

### **Sis. Deli + Café**

*Korkeavuorenkatu 6,*

*Kalevankatu 4*

### **Strindberg**

*Pohjoisesplanadi 33*

### **Succès**

*Korkeavuorenkatu 2*

### **Tin Tin Tango**

*Töölönatorinkatu 7*

### **Torrefazione**

*Aleksanterinkatu 50*

### **Ursula**

*Kaivopuisto, Ehrenströmintie 3*

### **Veranda**

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**Popular Finnish bar and nightclub - Kaarle XII**

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*Iso Puistotie 1*

## KLUUVI

**International atmosphere - Casino Helsinki**

*Mikonkatu 19*

**Outdoor terraces -**

**On the Rocks, Baarikärpänen and Public Corner**

*Mikonkatu 15*

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*Kaisaniemenkatu 1*

**Ideal stop-off for a glass of wine or cocktail – Plaza H.U.B.**

*Mikonkatu 23*

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*Makkaratalo 3rd floor,*

*Kaivokatu 6*

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*Yliopistonkatu 8*

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**Live music - Apollo Live Club**

*Mannerheimintie 16*

**DJ evenings - mbar**

*Mannerheimintie 22-24*

**Over the rooftops -**

**Ateljee Bar**

*Sokos Hotel Tornii,*

*Yrjönkatu 26*

**Design club - Le Bonk**

*Yrjönkatu 24*

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*Kekkonen katu 1 A*

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*Eerikinkatu 11*

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*Kalevankatu 3*

**Top rock venues –**

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**Rock bar - Bar Loose**

*Annankatu 21*

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**Motellet**

*Annankatu 10*

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*Iso Roobertinkatu 10*

**Popular - Café Bar 9**

*Uudenmaankatu 9*

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*Uudenmaankatu 16*

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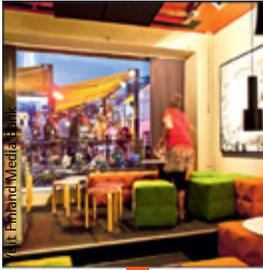


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Old-time bar atmosphere -

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Hämeentie 2

For hipsters - Kuudes linja

Hämeentie 13 (sisääkäynti  
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 Thurs-  
day 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)

Töölönkatu 51 a-b

Artist life -Elite

Eteläinen Hesperiankatu 22

Local bars - Botta, Manala,  
St. Urhos Pub

Museokatu 10 /

Daigmarinkatu 2

Jazz - Storyville

Museokatu 8

Helsinki's Bollywood -

Bhangra Bar

Runeberginkatu 28

For partygoers - Mr. Don

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**POPULUS  
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Aleksis Kiven katu 22

**Karaoke Bar  
YÖKYÖPELI**

Fabianinkatu 17

**Kolme Arvonnua**

Liisankatu 5  
Mon-Sat 4pm-3am  
Sun 2pm-3am

**KUPARIKALLA  
KaraokeBar**

Kuparitie 1

**Jone's  
Karaoke Bar**

Kaisaniemenkatu 13

**Karaoke Bar  
Restroom**

Tehtaankatu 23A

**AnnA.K.  
Karaoke  
Bar**

Annankatu 23

**OLUTRAVINTOLA  
MARIAN  
HELMI**

Snellmaninkatu 17





# Shopping

## Design and delicacies

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 Helsinki 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 Kekkosenkatu

**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 bébé! Store** – children's apparel by Tiia Vanhatapio  
Kluuvi, Aleksanterinkatu 9

**Minna Parikka** – feminine footwear, leather gloves, bags and knitwear  
Aleksanterinkatu 36

**IVANA Helsinki** – clothing by Paola Suhonen 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  
Aleksanterinkatu 36

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Fredrikinkatu 18

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Helsinki Arabia, Hämeentie 135 | Espoo | Vantaa

[www.iittala.com](http://www.iittala.com)

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**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

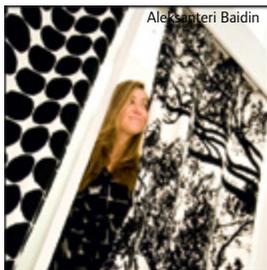
**Lux Shop** – clothing, jewellery, accessories and other luxuries you can wear

Uudenmaankatu 26

**Liike** – the new wave of Finnish fashion design

Yrjönkatu 25

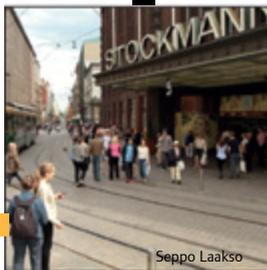
**Samuji** – minimalistic and functional clothing for women  
Pohjoisesplanadi 37



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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](http://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](http://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).

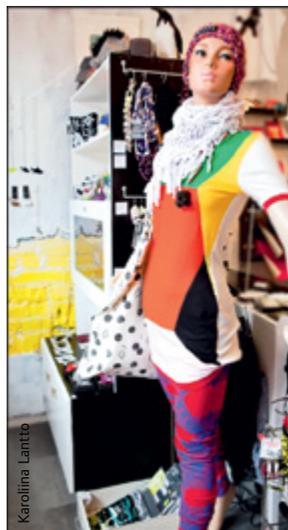
## TAX FREE

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](http://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](http://www.finnishdesignshop.com). Finnish Design Shop also publishes the **Finnish Design Guide**, which is available from Tourist Information.



Karoliina Lantto



Elina Manninen



Timo Junttila/littala Arabia



Maija Astikainen

## 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](http://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](http://www.digelius.com),  
[www.zicco.fi](http://www.zicco.fi), [www.pino.fi](http://www.pino.fi),  
[www.designdistrict.fi](http://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](http://www.moko.fi)



Elina Sirparanta



Susanna Kesänen

# Wellness & exercise

## Wellness and wellbeing

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 Keskusuisto, 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](http://www.kampspa.fi)

### Helsinki Day Spa

Erottaja 4

[www.dayspa.fi](http://www.dayspa.fi)

### Kokemus Helsinki - showroom + day spa

Yrjönkatu 28 (Sokos Hotel Tornii,  
inner courtyard)

[www.kokemushelsinki.fi](http://www.kokemushelsinki.fi)

### Siluetti Spa

Pohjoisesplanadi 35, 6th floor

[www.siluettispa.fi](http://www.siluettispa.fi)

### Forever Day Spa

Mannerheimintie 50 (Crown

Plaza, ground floor)

[www.foreverdayspa.fi](http://www.foreverdayspa.fi)

### Celeste Iso Roba

Iso Roobertinkatu 29 A 2

### Elegia Day Spa

Fredrikinkatu 20

### Blue Lagoon

Urho Kekkonen katu 1 (Kamppi  
Shopping Centre, 5th floor)

### Imagine Day Spa

Kalevankatu 33

### SW Day Spa

Museokatu 20-22

### Sky Beauty Day Spa

Siltasaarenkatu 1

### Flamingo Spa

Tasatie 8, Vantaa

[www.flamingospa.fi](http://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 €6.40, 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](http://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)

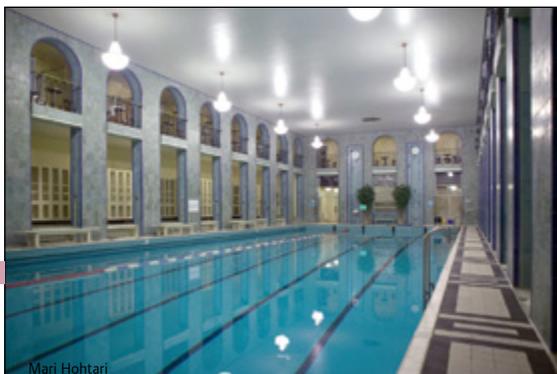
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### Serena Water Park

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, Lahnuu, Espoo

[www.serena.fi](http://www.serena.fi)



Mari Hohtari



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## 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 (12-16) €6*

*www.kotiharjunsuuna.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*



Emilia Ikäheimo

## 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 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 **Pihlajasaari** 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

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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.

## 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*

## 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 frisbeegolfrata,*

*Meilahdentie 2*

*Talin frisbeegolfsuisto,*

*Ravitie 1, Espoo*

*frisbeegolfradat.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 Pitkääkoski rapids, the Ruutinkoski rapids, the Haltiala protected forest and the Niskala arboretum.

*www.hel.fi*

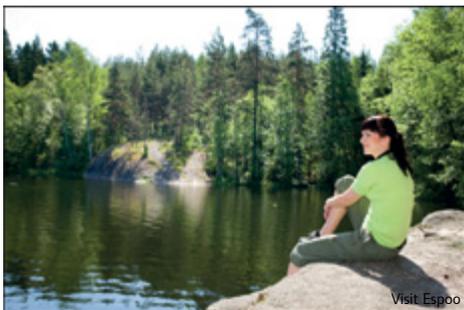
**Kaivopuisto Park** and **Töölönlahti Bay** are ideal places for jogging and walking.

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*



Lauri Ratko



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*Kunnarlantie 33–39, Espoon Oittaa*  
[www.oittaa.fi](http://www.oittaa.fi)

**Nuusio 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/nuusio](http://www.luontoon.fi/nuusio)

**The Finnish Nature Centre Haltia** opens in Nuusio 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](http://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.espo.fi/villaelfvik](http://www.espo.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.kotiharjunsuuna.fi](http://www.kotiharjunsuuna.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](http://www.kampspa.fi)

**Töölönlahti Bay**  
 One of the most popular places to job, walk or even Nordic Walk (with poles) in Helsinki is the park around Töölönlahti 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](http://www.haltia.com)



HALTIA



## 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 in 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*

## UNIQUE LAPLAND WINTER WORLD IN HELSINKI

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at 10-14:00 (closed 22.-23.6.2013)  
For the groups on request all year round

Entrance tickets: 32 € / adult, 28 € / child  
(including thermal outfits and boots)





Elina Sirparanta



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- Bowling complex
- Hotel

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Flamingo | Vantaa | [flamingo.fi](http://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, **Loviisa**, 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**  
*Makasiiniterminaali,  
Eteläsatama  
www.lindaline.fi*

**Tallink**  
*Erottajankatu 19  
www.tallinksilja.com*

**Viking Line**  
*Lönnrotinkatu 2  
www.vikingline.fi*

## STOCKHOLM

**Silja Line**  
*Olympic Terminal, Eteläsatama  
and Erottajankatu 19  
www.tallinksilja.com*

**Viking Line**  
*Lönnrotinkatu 2  
www.vikingline.fi*

## GERMANY AND POLAND

**Finnlines**  
*Vuosaari Harbour,  
Provanttikatu 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*



# 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.

[WWW.TUUSULANRANTATIE.FI](http://WWW.TUUSULANRANTATIE.FI)

## 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](mailto:info@ainola.fi), [www.ainola.fi](http://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.

Sibeliuksenväylä 57, Järvenpää, +358 (0) 40 315 2213  
[ahola@jarvenpaa.fi](mailto:ahola@jarvenpaa.fi), [www.jarvenpaa.fi/ahola](http://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](mailto:taidemuseo@jarvenpaa.fi),  
[www.jarvenpaa.fi/taidemuseo](http://www.jarvenpaa.fi/taidemuseo)  
Open year round

### JÄRVENPÄÄ ART MUSEUM

### AHOLA

### AINOLA



TOURIST



Järvenpää Tourist Information Office/ Hallintokatu 4, Järvenpää  
June–August: Asema-aukio, +358 (0) 40 315 2718, [tourism@jarvenpaa.fi](mailto:tourism@jarvenpaa.fi).  
For more attractions along the Tuusula Lake Road, see: [www.tuusulanrantatie.fi](http://www.tuusulanrantatie.fi)

# PORVOO

For those who enjoy shopping, dining and the arts.

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## 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](http://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.msjlrunenberg.fi](http://www.msjlrunenberg.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](http://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](mailto:hotelli.haikko@haikko.fi)  
[www.haikko.fi](http://www.haikko.fi)

## PORVOO BORGÅ

Porvoo City Tourist Office, Art Factory  
Läntinen Aleksanterinkatu 1

Tourist Information, Kompassi  
Rihkamatori B

Tel. +358 (0)40 489 9801, [tourist.office@porvoo.fi](mailto:tourist.office@porvoo.fi)  
[www.visitporvoo.fi](http://www.visitporvoo.fi)

### LONG-DISTANCE BUSES

The Matkahuolto bus station is situated at the Kamppi Centre (entrance from Narinkkatori Square).

[www.matkahuolto.fi](http://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](http://www.finavia.fi)

[www.helsinki-vantaa.fi](http://www.helsinki-vantaa.fi)

On weekdays you can fly to Tallinn by helicopter in just 18 minutes.

### Copterline

[www.fast-class.com](http://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](http://www.vr.fi)



## FISKARS



### Experience an unforgettable day in Fiskars Village!

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[www.fiskarsvillage.fi](http://www.fiskarsvillage.fi)



## PORT OF HELSINKI

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[www.portofhelsinki.fi](http://www.portofhelsinki.fi)



# ECKERÖ LINE



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[www.eckeroline.fi](http://www.eckeroline.fi) | Ticket office: Mannerheimintie 10, Helsinki (Mon-Fri 9:30am-5pm)

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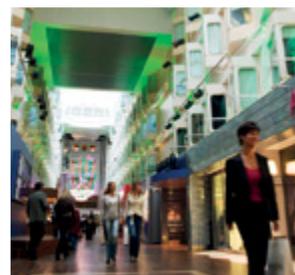
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Bookings and further information:  
[www.tallinksilja.com/en](http://www.tallinksilja.com/en)



# Useful information

## TOURIST INFORMATION

Make the most of Helsinki's tourist services – Helsinki City Tourist Information, brochures and online content, the inexpensive Helsinki Card and knowledgeable guides.

## HELSINKI 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](http://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](http://www.visithelsinki.fi) > My Helsinki > GLBT Friendly

## VISIT ESPOO

*tel. +358 (0)9 8164 7230  
[tourist@espoo.fi](mailto:tourist@espoo.fi)  
[www.visitespoo.fi](http://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/](http://www.vantaa.fi/en/)*

*[citizen\\_s\\_offices](http://citizen_s_offices)*

*[www.visitvantaa.fi](http://www.visitvantaa.fi)*



Joni Rousku



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### HELSINKI EXPERT

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



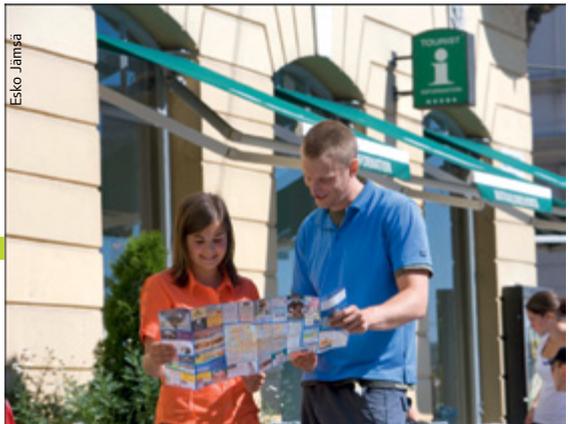
Rami Hanafi

### Hire your own guide

Helsinki's official guides are specially trained experts in Helsinki Region, and their services are available in around 25 languages. Helsinki guides have lots of experience in leading groups, from state visits to school children. Transportation, including cars, limousines, buses of all sizes, ships and boats, and even trams, can also be provided along with your guide.  
 Enquiries and reservations:  
 Helsinki Expert  
 tel. +358 (0)9 2288 1222  
 sales@helsinkiexpert.fi  
 www.helsinkiexpert.com

### Create your own Helsinki experience

Purchase your Helsinki Card in advance and plan your own unique Helsinki itinerary on the website www.helsinki.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.helsinki.fi



Esko Jämsä

# Services

## 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](http://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](http://www.hotelbooking.fi).

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

General emergencies 112  
Police 112  
Ambulance and fire 112

## 24-HOUR HEALTH SERVICE INFORMATION

tel. +358 (0)9 10 023  
[www.0910023.fi](http://www.0910023.fi)

## 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**  
**Pasilan poliisitalo 1**  
*Pasilanraito 13*  
*Länsi-Pasila*  
Mon–Fri 9am–1pm  
tel. +358 (0)71 877 3180  
(Mon–Fri 9am–1pm)  
[www.poliisi.fi](http://www.poliisi.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](http://www.loytotavara.net)

**Suomen Löytötavarapiste**  
*Kamppi Centre, Narinkka 3*  
tel. +358 (0)600 04401, (€1.99/  
min+local network charge)

## BANKS

**Aktia**  
*Mannerheimintie 14*  
tel. +358 (0)10 247 6600,  
Mon–Tue, Thu–Fri  
10am–4:30pm, Wed 10am–6pm

**Nordea**  
*Aleksanterinkatu 30*  
tel. +358 (0)200 3000,  
Mon–Fri 10am–4:30pm

**OP Pankki**  
*Aleksanterinkatu 19*  
tel. +358 (0)10 255 9015,  
Mon–Thu 10am–7pm,  
Fri 10am–4:30pm

**Danske Bank**  
*Kaivokatu 6*  
tel. +358 (0)10 546 0050,  
Mon–Fri 10am–4:30pm

**Nooa Säästöpankki**  
*Mikonkatu 2*  
tel. +358 (0)10 436 6420,  
Mon–Thu 10am–5pm,  
Fri 10am–4:30pm

**Handelsbanken**  
*Eteläesplanadi 12*  
tel. +358 (0)10 444 3410,  
Mon–Fri 10am–4:30pm

## CURRENCY EXCHANGE

**Forex**  
**Central Railway Station**  
tel. +358 (0)600 55 00 95  
Mon–Fri 9am–8pm,  
Sat–Sun 9am–7pm

**Stockmann**  
8th floor  
tel. +358 (0)600 55 00 95  
Mon–Fri 9am–9pm,  
Sat 9am–6pm,  
Sun 12noon–6pm

**Itäkeskus**  
*Pasaasi-käytävä*  
tel. +358 (0)600 55 00 95  
Mon–Fri 9am–7pm,  
Sat 9:30am–5pm

**Tavex**  
*Fabianinkatu 12*  
tel. +358 (0)9 6814 9149  
Mon–Fri 9am–6pm,  
Sat 10am–4pm

## POST OFFICE

**General Post Office**  
*Elielinaukio 2 F*  
tel. +358 (0)200 71000 (customer service – local network charge/mobile call charge),  
Mon–Fri 8am–6pm  
Open: Mon–Fri 8am–8pm,  
Sat–Sun 10am–2pm  
[www.posti.fi](http://www.posti.fi)



Arto Wiikari

## 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.

### **Kirjasto 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*

### **Airport 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*

## CAR RENTALS

### **AutoAlex**

*tel. +358 (0)40 522 3938*

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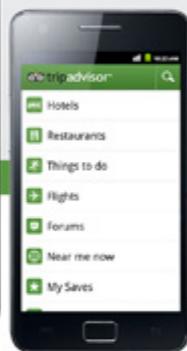
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# Map



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  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>)
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  13. Presidential Palace
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  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
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  39. Tempelliaukio Church
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  41. Kunsthalle Helsinki
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  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
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  51. Sibelius Monument
  52. Seurasaaari
  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
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