



PROGRAM  
PERIOD  
PARTICIPANTS

6 DAYS/3 NGTS HELSINKI+2 NGTS TURKU  
SUMMER 1.5.-30.8.  
10-30 PAX

## MIDNIGHT SUN IN FINLAND

With stark differences between seasons, Finns are used to contrasts. Dark Arctic winters have their counterpart in one of the most iconic of Finnish natural phenomena, the Midnight Sun. Many wonder how Finns survive with no sunlight in the winter, and nature replies with 24 hours of it in the summer. The intense contrast in light conditions has a profound effect on all walks of life in Finland. For understandable reasons, public spaces come to life in the summer. After the harsh winter, endless daylight never arrives a day too early. Summer in Finland is a time spent outside the house enjoying the short but sweet season, and all worries are postponed until nights get dark again.

**Helsinki** is the largest city in Finland and the metropolitan area is the home of 1.4 million people. Helsinki can be reached from Estonia easily via the Baltic Sea. **Turku**, Finland's oldest city, is a great destination for history buffs, foodies, and those looking for a laidback city break in a charming Nordic town.

Time zone:	UTC +2.00
Currency:	Euro (€)
Average temperature:	MAY +12   JUN +17   JUL +20   AUG +17
Main Airport:	Helsinki (HEL), Turku (TKU)

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### DAY 1 ARRIVAL to HELSINKI (L+D)

Welcome to Helsinki - the capital of Finland! Meet and greet your guide at arrival hall, proceed to your bus (short walk). Lunch at the local restaurant, including coffee/tea, table water. 3-hour Helsinki sightseeing - see the most important sights and giving you an excellent view of Helsinki's past and present. The tour takes you to the most interesting parts of Helsinki, such as the historical centre, City Hall, The Parliament buildings, Finlandia Hall and the Opera House. Stop at the Temppeliaukio Church (Rock Church) and at the Sibelius Monument. Check in at hotel and free time on own. Dinner at hotel (3-course or buffet).

Accommodation example: **Scandic Marski \*\*\*\* or similar (4 nights)**

The first signature hotel in Finland, in the best spot in Helsinki city centre. Marski by Scandic has an urban beat with a Finnish twist. Fascinating atmosphere and inspiring service invite you to spend time as you like. Marski connects its guests with the vibrant city beat by representing the creative, open-minded and re-forming Helsinki. It's easy to feel comfortable and have a good night's sleep. The room selection is versatile, and you can choose from several alternatives, from luxurious suites and rooms with a sauna to rooms without a window where the city sounds won't disturb your sleep. Having a good night's sleep is important to us, therefore the beds are particularly comfortable, and the pillow selection is extensive. Rooms: Standard room

### DAY 2 NUUKSIO EXCURSION DAY TOUR (B+L)

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Nuukio National Park. Nuukio National Park offers multiple nature trails from easy to difficult. Your guide will take you on a lovely easy trail in the forest. (1,5-17 km). Our wilderness guide talks about Nuukio and its animals. There might still be some berries and mushrooms in the forest which you can pick. After the hiking, the guide will take you to the reindeer park where you can feed the reindeers yourself. At the campfire you can enjoy some coffee and Finnish bun over an open fire. Lunch at White Reindeer Teepee Restaurant. Menu option: Creamy Forest Mushroom Soup and bread, Wild-meat Stew with Mashed Potatoes, Lingonberries and Cucumber, Wild Berries with Hot Caramel Sauce and campfire coffee. Transfer back to Helsinki. Free time and dinner on own.

### DAY 3 PORVOO EXCURSION DAY TOUR (B+L)

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Porvoo. Visit the Old Wooden Town of Porvoo - Half-day tour from Helsinki to the idyllic town of Porvoo with its well-preserved wooden houses and picturesque cobble-stoned streets. The city's town plan is from the Middle Ages, the low small houses, picturesque yards and narrow streets form a historically unique wooden town milieu. The symbols of Porvoo - the red warehouses on the riverbanks - tell the story of seafaring and trading. Porvoo is located 50 km (31 miles) away from Helsinki. The tour includes Helsinki-Porvoo-Helsinki by bus with a guide, a guided walk in Porvoo during which you will get familiar with the Old Town of Porvoo and the beautiful medieval cathedral. There will be some free time for a cup of coffee and a walk in the old town with delightful shops and craftsmen's workshops. Lunch at local restaurant. Transfer back to Helsinki. Free time and dinner on own.

### DAY 4 TURKU (B+L)

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer towards Turku. On the way stop at **Wiurila Manor** for the lunch. Join this refreshing guided walk and see what the nature offers. During this walk (1-1.5km) we will look for interesting birds and walk along small roads and trails to Viurilanlahti and back. Duration 45min. Continue towards Turku. Check in at hotel (no portorage) and free time at leisure rest of the evening. Dinner on own.

Accommodation example: **Scandic Plaza Turku \*\*\*\*or similar (2 nights)**

A comfortable hotel with a popular and laid-back restaurant in the centre of Turku, along a promenade and next to the Market Square. The Hansa shopping centre is located across from the hotel, and the banks of the Aurajoki River are just a short walk away. Rooms: Standard



### DAY 5 TURKU & DINNER CRUISE M/S RUDOLFINA (B+D)

Breakfast at the hotel. **3,5h guided tour of Turku** - On this guided tour you'll become acquainted with the three most popular sights of Turku: Turku Cathedral, the Handicrafts Museum and Turku Castle. During the tour you'll get familiar with the medieval life of Turku and of the whole of Finland, as well as the life of craftsmen in the 19th Century. Lunch on own. Transfer to harbour and Evening **dinner cruise with M/S Rudolfin**. On the dinner cruise you will see the summer residence of the President of Finland, Kultaranta, from Naantali Bay. We will stop at the Old Town pier in Naantali for half an hour, where you can admire the magnificent colourful waterfront boulevard from the ship or even stop by the beach. After the cruise, transfer to the hotel.

### DAY 6 DEPARTURE or ÅLAND ISLAND / STOCKHOLM / LAPLAND

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer back to Helsinki airport.

**\*\*END OF TOUR\*\***

Or you could continue the program further to

- Åland Island by ferry
- Stockholm by ferry
- Lapland by flight from Helsinki. Midnight sun will not set at all on June in Lapland.

### ESTIMATED TOUR PRICE / PERSON / IN DBL ROOM:

10 PAX	1580 €/PAX
20 PAX	1270 €/PAX
30 PAX	1170 €/PAX

### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 3+2 nights accommodation as mentioned in program.
- Daily breakfast
- All meals, transfers, activities, sightseeing tours as mentioned in the itinerary
- All taxes and mandatory service charges

### EXCLUSIONS:

- Personal expenses such as other meals, drinks, tips and gratuities, shopping, portage fees and optional tours/ visits, unless otherwise stated.
- Any domestic / international airline tickets, airport taxes, visa fees
- Any accommodation expenses of a personal nature, such as mini-bar consumption, laundry, room service, any telephone or other communication costs
- International travel and medical insurance coverage for customers.

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