



PROGRAM	7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS
PERIOD	SUMMER 1.5.-30.8.
PARTICIPANTS	10-30 PAX

FINLAND LAKELAND TOUR

Finland's largest lake is hugely underrated compared to some of its European counterparts, but offers wildlife watching, seasonal wonders and some offbeat natural experiences. Lakeland is where Finns come to recharge and reconnect with nature. The region offers things to do all year round, from cruises to fishing, paddle boarding, ice swimming and skating. And where there's a lake, there's sure to be a cottage. Find one and experience the Finnish way to kick back and relax.

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

DAY 1 ARRIVAL HELSINKI

Welcome to Helsinki – the capital of Finland! Meet your driver at the airport, transfer to Helsinki city center. Dinner on your own.

Accommodation example: **Hotel Klaus K ******

Hotel Klaus K welcomes you to Helsinki city center where a beautiful Art Nouveau building meets the modern Scandinavian lifestyle and design. Distinct hotel is an ideal location near shopping, galleries, museums, and tourist destinations – everything within walking distance.



DAY 2 HELSINKI - SAVONLINNA (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. At the morning 2h city walk in Helsinki with guide. Check-out from hotel by noon and transfer to Helsinki railway station. Train to Savonlinna, appr. 4h15min, including lunch at train. Arriving to Savonlinna, transfer to the hotel for 2 nights. Free time and dinner on own.

Accommodation example: **Sokos Hotel Seurahuone Savonlinna ***+**

Original Sokos Hotel Seurahuone at the heart of Savonlinna, is located by Lake Saimaa, next to the Market Square and a stone's throw away from Olavinlinna Castle. Almost every room boasts an unforgettable view over Lake Saimaa. Restaurant Perlina di Castello serves delicious Italian food, and during the summer months, Muikkuterassi offers a menu of seasonal, local Saimaa flavours.

DAY 3 SAVONLINNA (B)

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. Visit in **Olavinlinna castle** by joining public guided tour or pre-ordered private group tour. **Cruise with a steamboat** around Lake Saimaa (1,5h) and have a own cost snack and beverage on board. Afternoon/evening accessible **Seal Safari** (3h). A private seal safari on the home waters of osprey and the endangered Saimaa ringed seal. On this private safari you will enter deep into the national park, to the home waters of osprey and the endangered Saimaa ringed seal. On this tour our main goal is to have good look at the seals and get to know about their life! You will be guided by one of our wilderness guides specialized in seals. The seal safaris are made with open boats to give the participants the best possibility to spot the seals. We also enjoy a coffee break in the wilderness. The boat is a catamaran with bow visor for easy access. You can entry the boat also with wheelchair! The boat is equipped with life jackets, rain gear, EA kit and binoculars. Included transfers, guided tour, life jackets, rain gear if needed, binoculars, coffee in the wild. Dinner on own, overnight Sokos Hotel Seurahuone.

DAY 4 SAVONLINNA – SAHALAHTI (B+D)

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. Transfer for the visit in **Kerimäki Church**, which is the biggest wooden church in the world! Transfer time ~30 min/23 km. Tour continues via **Punkaharju**, a unique national landscape with very clear water and beautiful nature. Own cost coffee stop in Punkaharju. The tour continues to the Parikkala, visiting very special **Veijo Rönkkönen Sculpture Garden**. Over the course of almost 50 years, from the early 1960s until his death in 2010, Finnish-born artist Veijo Rönkkönen constructed nearly 500 concrete figures and displayed them on the grounds of the home he'd lived in since birth. The majority of these are human statues performing a variety of activities; one noteworthy sight features a cluster of roughly 200 figures, purportedly self-portraits of the artist, in various yoga poses.

Head to Sahanlahti for check in to the traditional lakeside hotel for 2 nights in standard rooms. 3-course dinner at their hotel restaurant, famous for its homemade local delicacies.

Accommodation example: **Saha Hotel, Sahanlahti Resort *****

Situated by Lake Saimaa, 15 minutes' drive from Puumala, Sahanlahti has a private beach, marina and a lakeside smoke sauna. Guests can enjoy Finnish cuisine made with local ingredients, free WiFi and free private parking. All of Sahanlahti Resort's accommodation options include a TV and private bathroom with shower. The air-conditioned cottages feature a living room with kitchenette. The elegant Restaurant & Bar Koskivahti has a large lake-view terrace. Rantamakasiini Restaurant serves drinks, snacks and light dishes. After playing tennis on Sahanlahti's court, guests can unwind in one of the bookable saunas. Bicycles and ski equipment can be rented on site. Other recreational options include fishing, canoeing and hiking.



DAY 5 NIINISAARI-RAKOKIVI-PUUMALA DAY TOUR (B+L)

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Niinisaari Island. Route is extremely scenic and includes ferry rides. Take part in baking Carelian pies or just eat these local savoury pastries. Lunch at Restaurant Niinipuu. Optimal stop at Puumala lasisuuru glassblowing studio. Afternoon visit Rakokivi geological formation from the ice age and Puumala lakeside town with stunning roadways across the lakes. Optional sauna in the evening and option to hire rowing boats independently. Dinner on own. Overnight back to Salanlahti Resort.

DAY 6 SAHANLAHTI – PORVOO (B)

Breakfast at the hotel, check-out. Transfer continues to Porvoo via Imatra and Lappeenranta (~3h15min/285km). Lunch on own en route or in Porvoo.

Arrive in Porvoo - proceed to a guided walk in 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. Get familiar with the Old Town of Porvoo and the beautiful medieval cathedral. There will be some free time for a cup of coffee or lunch and a walk in the old town filled with delightful shops and craftsmen's workshops. Check in at Runo Hotel. Dinner on own.

Accommodation example: **Hotel Runo ******

The Runo hotel – a setting designed for unforgettable experiences Runo – the Finnish for poem – was founded on a dream to create a luxury hotel experience elevated above everyday life, yet approachable and inviting. Each detail in the RUNO Hotel has been well-planned and designed, respecting the old while searching for the new.

DAY 7 FAREWELL (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the Helsinki airport.

****END OF TOUR****

B=Breakfast | L=Lunch | D=Dinner

ESTIMATED TOUR PRICE / PERSON / IN DBL ROOM:

10 PAX	1680 €/PAX
20 PAX	1470 €/PAX
30 PAX	1398 €/PAX

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6-nights at mentioned hotels in standard rooms
- Daily breakfast
- All meals, transfers, activities, sightseeing tours as mentioned in the itinerary
- 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

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