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**St. Olav's Cultural Route  
in the Savonlinna Region**

## In the Footsteps of St. Olav in Savonlinna

The influence of the most important saint of the North still reaches the Savonia region. The new cultural route invites you to get to know the legacy of St. Olav and historical life in Savonlinna at many interesting locations in the region. St Olav's Cultural Route offers versatile products, services and events for those visiting the Saimaa region for either a day or for those on many day themed trips.



**Visit at least these in the centre of Savonlinna:**

**The Olavinlinna Castle** (St. Olav's Castle) was built as a defence fortress in 1475 and it was named after St. Olav. Now it is an attraction and a versatile event venue. You can visit Olavinlinna Castle at any time of the year. The central hall of Olavinlinna Castle is guarded by a statue of St. Olav sculpted by Ville Vallgren. On the guided tour you can visit a medieval chapel and there is a 3D statue of St. Olav in the castle exhibition.

**Tallisaari Island** is next to Olavinlinna Castle. On the island there is the 'Linnan henki' ('The castle's spirit') statue as well as a statue of a black ram closely connected to Olavinlinna Castle lore.

**Linnankatu** is the oldest street in inland Finland, connecting Häme Castle and Vyborg. Now the street is lined with wooden houses from the 19th and 20th centuries.



**Riihisaari** - The Lake Saimaa Nature and Museum Centre and the Savonlinna Regional Museum - hosts exhibitions and events all year round.

**You can reach the following destinations by bus or car:**

**Kirkkoniemä** is an old church site and to this day the old cemetery and church bell tower from the 18th century remain.

**Kerimäki Church** is the largest wooden church in the world and it was built to fit half of the population of Kerimäki. Open during the summer months, and open at other times by prior reservation.

On **Kallunmäki** the first churches of Kerimäki were built and these were in use from the 17th century up until the large wooden church was finished. Around one kilometre away from Kallunmäki is the Anttola school, which has a cup-marked stone in its yard.

It is also possible to visit locations on the St. Olav Cultural Route by foot or bike along trails or hiking routes. In addition to this, many events named after St. Olav, such as St. Olav's Day on July 29, offer things to do for the whole family. Take a day trip or a full hike across Finland in the footsteps of St. Olav.

**Welcome to St. Olav's Cultural Route!**

