

Lake Saimaa St. Petersburg Travel Corridor

One Destination of Two
Distinct Experiences

Information Manual for Tour Operators
& Travel Trade professionals 2021





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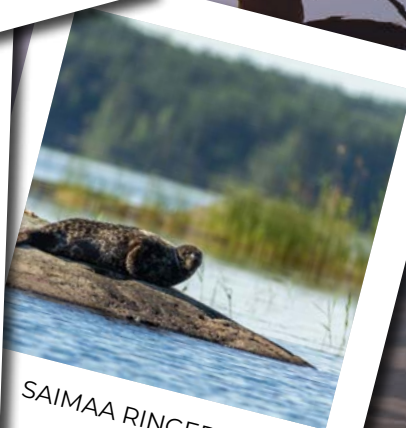
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SAIMAA RINGED SEAL

Welcome to the Lake Saimaa St. Petersburg Travel Corridor, bringing you One Destination of Two Distinct Experiences!

This Information manual is for international tour operators interested in developing travel packages combining Lakeland Finland (Lake Saimaa area) and Russia (Leningrad Region & St. Petersburg region). We hope to inspire you to journey into multifaceted cultures of unique performances, events, traditions, local delicacies and unique ways of life of Finnish Lakeland and the Cultural Capital of St. Petersburg.

Lake Saimaa is only not far from Helsinki or St. Petersburg and Vyborg and hosts charming towns of Imatra, Lappeenranta, Mikkeli, Savonlinna. Situated in Eastern Finland, Saimaa is the most beautiful lake area in Europe. Its sparkling, pure waters are dotted with 15 000 islands, and its unique shoreline of 15 000 kilometres is the longest in the world. One of UNESCO Global Geopark sites, this maze of magnificent nature is also the home of the Saimaa Ringed Seal, one of the rarest seals in the world. The border region between Finland and Russia, the birthplace of Finnish tourism where traditions from West and East have created a unique way of life, offers impressive castles and fortresses, farmlands and forests, beautiful manor houses and gardens. Saimaa region brings you a unique mix of cultural events, sights and attractions and history and heritage. From the globe's northernmost medieval castle, Olavinlinna hosting a world-class opera festival to experiencing

the grand state hotel of Imatra by the largest rapids in Europe to seeing the 6000-year-old rock paintings – you can be sure to find pure culture anywhere you go in the Saimaa region. Peaceful living, quiet environment, vast ancient forests, the numerous faces of the lake, a calm Finnish lifestyle wait at Lake Saimaa, the holiday destination of the happiest people in the world. The journey continues via the Saimaa Canal connecting Finland to Russia to Vyborg, a medieval town in the Leningrad Region of a rich cultural and historical heritage: sights, monuments of history, culture and architecture.

There are visa-free cruises connecting Lappeenranta with Vyborg and St. Petersburg from May to September and visa services that allow a visit using a fast Allegro connection, only 1,5 hours between Lappeenranta's Vainikkala station and St. Petersburg. The elegant city with the European appearance and the Russian mentality, St. Petersburg still carries imperial touch in its air, architecture and river waves. The rich cultural heritage encompasses scores of beautifully decorated palaces, 200 museums and 8000 historical monuments.

Welcome to experience the Art of Living and the cultural treasures!

Lake Saimaa region





Good to know about Lake Saimaa:



- Lake Saimaa was listed to be the most beautiful lake area in Europe and it is in the top 5 most beautiful lakes in the world (listed by The Wall Street Journal in 2014).
- Lake Saimaa has 14 850 km of shoreline and 13 710 islands
- There are approximately 400 Saimaa Ringed Seals in the world and they all live in Lake Saimaa. Late spring (May – early June) is the best time to spot this special creature.
- The concept of everyman's rights in Finland, the right to roam, gives everyone the opportunity to enjoy the Finnish nature recreationally, including foraging of berries and mushrooms, as long as it is done responsibly and without causing disturbance to local residents.
- Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark has lots of significant geological sites as well as interesting natural sites and historical attractions.
- Visitors can rent bikes or electric bikes to cycle around the southern lake Saimaa and experience its many ferry rides during the 154 kilometre **www >>**
- There are over 50,000 cottages in the Lake Saimaa area, most of them on the lakeshore and with their own sauna.
- Frozen Lake Saimaa is a unique experience: Tour ice skating on some of the best trails in the country, swimming in a hole in the ice or floating in an icy stream are activities that will be remembered for life.
- Because of a long history between East and West and the influence of eastern and western tastes, local cuisine is delightfully combined with Russian flavours.
- Most locals have their summer vacation between late June and the middle of August.



Lappeenranta

The colourful events and historical attractions in Lappeenranta, together with the region's magnificent nature, offer unforgettable experiences year around.

The sustainable destination that has won the title of the European Green Leaf 2021 in a competition organised by the European Commission is a popular destination in Finland and a hub of lakeside tourism.

Lappeenranta's old town, the Fortress, is a valuable part of the Finnish, Russian and Swedish cultural heritage and its oldest buildings, including Finland's oldest Orthodox Church, date from the latter part of the 18th century. This Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark site's cobblestones are easily walked or biked with city bikes. Its Nature and Culture trail on ramparts and patrolling dragoons bring the medieval town's history alive.

The embankments around the Fortress are also an excellent place for a picnic, and at the top of the fortification, you may watch the ships gliding into the harbour. The beautiful harbour and the magnificent boardwalk runs along the City-Bay to the largest Sandcastle in Finland and the Myllysaari beach. The Rantaraitti lakeside route, accessible to all, runs along the city for 14,8

kilometres. During summer and autumn, several ships depart from the harbour, heading for the islands' labyrinth or through the Saimaa Canal to Vyborg or St. Petersburg. Canal Cruises take you to Russia visa-free from Lappeenranta. You may explore the Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark sites at the Saimaarium Nature and Science Center and begin the conquest of Lake Saimaa from the neighbouring Sandcastle. Besides the Weekly Activities program, you can rent canoes, SUP boards or bikes, alongside admiring the sculptures and playing in the amusement park or hopping on the city train at the Sandcastle. For sauna lovers, there are sauna boats with meal options or restaurant boats with sauna options at the harbour. You may walk, ski, or skate on the frozen lake during the winter and visit one of the Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark sites, "Karhusaari" island near the harbour.

Remember to also take a picture in Lappeenranta Frames! Have a walk in charming Old Park, better known as "Kissing Park", previously a popular meeting place for conscripts and their girlfriends. You can also use a city bike and explore Lappeenranta's vast cycling trails, one of Europe's greenest city!



Imatra

Imatra is a special place, a true wonder. Situated in Karelia, which is known for its poem-singing tradition, the city attracts events and sights that draw attention by themselves.

In the middle of it all, the rapids churn. This oldest tourist attraction in Finland runs through the city, forming a rugged canyon in the middle of a populated area. Dating back more than 6,000 years, the rapids have been one of the most significant sights in Europe since the 18th century, and the wild water has not lost its allure over the ages. The rapids have been visited and admired by many, including an empress of Russia and an emperor of Brazil. The rapids are also mentioned in the Kalevala, the national epic of Finland. The rapids are surrounded by the first nature reserve in Finland. The groves of pine trees and deciduous trees in Kruununpuisto, founded in 1842, provide cover for human-sized giant's kettles.

Modern speed is featured in the form of the only motorcycle road racing competition in Finland – Imatranajo. You can get into the spirit of Imatranajo on the bank of the Vuoksi River. The street track is an impressive sight to behold: you can watch motorcycles speed past you at a speed of more than 300 kilometers per hour while standing only a few meters away.

Imatra residents have always had an appreciation for culture. Physical culture is represented by two spas located within six kilometers of the city centre, while intellectual culture is represented by Theatre Imatra, an international theatre festival and a high-level ballet event.

There is no shortage of specialities in Imatra. In winter, perfect acoustics can be found in the Soundome ice igloo erected on the bank of the Vuoksi River, where musicians perform with instruments carved from ice.



Savonlinna

Savonlinna is a beautiful archipelago and castle city of around 35,000 people in Eastern Finland, and one of the pearls of Lake Saimaa. Finns have voted Savonlinna as the best summer city in the country.

The historic Olavinlinna Castle at the city centre, the world's biggest wooden church in Kerimäki, the oldest hotel still in operation in Finland Hotel Punkaharju, the unique Hotel & Spa Resort Järvisydän in Rantasalmi and the Finnish Forest Museum Lusto in Punkaharju are just some of the must-visit destinations in the Savonlinna region.

The city of Savonlinna is built on islands, so Lake Saimaa is never far away. The city has about 14,500 kilometres of shoreline – look right or left, beautiful sparkling waters are always somewhere just within sight. From the Savonlinna city centre, a traveller can quickly get to the beautiful national landscape of Punkaharju, the rugged rocky shores of Kolovesi National Park or the open waters and many islands

of Linnansaari National Park, where the lucky ones may even spot the rare Saimaa ringed seal.

The Savonlinna region offers a perfect environment for a holiday, whether the focus is culture, activities, nature, spa & wellness, gastronomy or a combination of all. Familiarize yourself with what our area has to offer and come and spend an unforgettable holiday at the heart of Lake Saimaa!



Mikkeli

Mikkeli is a quaint, historical city situated on the shores of the fourth largest lake in Europe, Lake Saimaa.

Only 2,5 hours away from Helsinki, Mikkeli is also easily reachable by public transport. In Mikkeli, you will find the perfect mix of nature experiences, history and local life.

Mikkeli served as the headquarters of the Finnish Defence Forces in all the wars that have been fought during Finland's independence. Today city's many museums and exhibitions tell the story of Mikkeli's significance in the history of Finland. From June 2021 you can experience Mikkeli's military history with new eyes in interactive exhibitions of science center Muisti, the Center of War and Peace.

Because of a long military and government history there are lots of manor houses in the region. The manors with their beautiful gardens offer an interesting insight into the days gone by, coupled with varied events, shopping opportunities and fresh, local food. In addition to manors and gardens Mikkeli region is a holiday paradise with 30 000 summer cottages with beach saunas.

Mikkeli region is also for nature lovers. Visit historical Astuvansalmi rock paintings or hike up Neitvuori mountain for stunning lakeland views. Take a breather in the city's many urban parks – or if you want action, try stand up paddling and canoeing or cross-country skiing and tour skating on natural ice just a few minutes away from the city centre.



Leningrad Region

The Leningrad Region is located in the North-West of the Russian Federation.

The area covers more than 84,000 km², includes more than 5,200 cultural heritage sites, 65 local history museums, 2 palaces and park ensembles, 186 manor complexes and 6 medieval fortresses. The UNESCO World Heritage List includes 23 sites located on the territory of the Leningrad Region.

It is the closest region of Russia to the EU, bordering the Republic of Finland in the North-West and the Republic of Estonia in the West. The “Corridor” between St. Petersburg and the Republic of Finland includes a part of the Karelian Isthmus, namely the Vyborg and Vsevolozhsk districts. The border area can offer tourists a large selection of cultural and historical heritage of the nations that lived at different times on these lands. In addition, the region offers a large selection of hotels and recreation centers in proximity to nature offering relaxation from the bustling city.

The main tourist center of the Vyborg district is the city of Vyborg offering popular attractions such as the Vyborg Castle, the Alvar Aalto Library and the Monrepos Park. The Vyborg and Vsevolozhsk districts also have a wide variety of nature and culture attractions as well as amusement parks and museums for the whole family.

Good to know:

- Most of the local web-pages are in Russian language, but Google translator can be used
- Vyborg is located only 30 km from the Finnish border (Nuijamaa) and 60 km from Lappeenranta. There are many small hotels and cafes serving tourists in English language
- Fishermen mostly like the coastline in the area of Vyborg and Primorsk. Most areas do not require the fishermen to have any special license
- Many residents of St. Petersburg have a dacha (cottage) on the Karelian Isthmus, popular for the beauty of its nature – pine forests, fresh air and the opportunity to relax on the lakes or on the Gulf of Finland
- Mobile communication and the Internet may be unstable, it is recommended to download maps in advance
- Some places of interest and accommodation are not always easy to access during the off-season
- Most petrol stations are located closer to the cities. In order not to be left without gasoline it is better to refuel in Vyborg or in St. Petersburg (or about 10 km from them)



St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg is Russia's pearl of the Baltic Sea. This magnificent city lies on the Neva River in continental Europe.

It carries layers of Russian and world history, having been at the frontline of many important events in the past centuries. Throughout the years St. Petersburg was a magnet for talented and ambitious people not only from Russia, but even from all over the world. Life of many talented writers, poets, painters, architects and composers was closely tied with this city and it influenced their artistic way. All of these created the specific romantic character of the city and made the Northern Capital of Russia a true center of the country's cultural life.

The city on the Neva has a wealth of attractions and experiences to offer travelers: from spectacular imperial palaces to offbeat museums, from boat trips along the city's majestic rivers and canals to walks in the footsteps of St. Petersburg's literary and artistic greats. The city's historical centre is on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Let's take a look at the impressive numbers: there are 210 libraries, 206 museums, 98 theaters, 92 cultural and leisure institutions, 38 concert halls and 11 art spaces in the city and each year there can be added some new places.

Tourists visiting St. Petersburg can experience the full palette of emotions: touch its history, taste a spicy mixture of cultures, breathe in the Northern crispy air,

Good to know:

- Useful and necessary information for a comfortable stay in St. Petersburg [www >>](#)
- Download the Tourist Safety Guide [www >>](#)
- Information about Tax free shopping in St. Petersburg:
 - [Visit Petersburg >>](#)
 - [Global Blue >>](#)
 - [Pulkovo Airport >>](#)

listen to the music of the Neva River waves and enjoy white sleepless nights. The city keeps changing day in and day out as new thematic museums, vibrant events and fancy venues appear non-stop.

The Northern Venice (as St. Petersburg is called) is an important economic and academic center of Russia, as well as a large transport hub. St. Petersburg is not only a city with a unique cultural image, but also a place of traditionally high level of culture. Citizens of St. Petersburg are welcoming and considerate toward guests; they love their city and know its history.

In St. Petersburg everyone can find something exactly for himself and there can't be enough time to get satiated of this city, as every time you will find some new places to discover, spectacular views to gaze at and cultural events to enjoy.

Logistics information

Thanks to the ideal location of the Lake Saimaa region in Finland, near the Russian border, it is easy to combine these two unique destinations.

You can start the journey on the Finnish side or directly in St. Petersburg, depending on how you wish to plan your itinerary.

There are several border crossing options and means of transport available depending on how you want to travel.



Distances:

Helsinki - Lappeenranta	220 km
Helsinki - Imatra	257 km
Helsinki - Savonlinna	332 km
Helsinki - Mikkeli	231 km
Lappeenranta - Imatra	37 km
Imatra - Savonlinna	125 km
Savonlinna - Mikkeli	104 km
Lappeenranta - Vyborg	60 km
Lappeenranta - St. Petersburg	220 km
Vyborg - St. Petersburg	138 km

Border crossing points:

Nuijamaa/Brusnichnoye
Imatra/Svetogorsk
Vaalimaa/Torfyanovka

Border crossing points between Finland and Russia

There are several border crossing points between Finland and Russia. When combining a holiday in Lakeland Finland with Russia the relevant border crossing points are the following:

Nuijamaa/Brusnichnoye (26 km from Lappeenranta city centre/30 km from Vyborg /170 km from St. Petersburg)

Imatra/Svetogorsk (7 km from Imatra city centre/55 km from Vyborg/ 190 km from St. Petersburg)

Vaalimaa/Torfyankovka (63 km from Lappeenranta city centre/54 km from Vyborg/205 km from St. Petersburg)

Opening hours and contact details of border crossing points. [www >>](#)

The Allegro train between Finland and Russia operates via Vainikkala railway station, located 20 km from Lappeenranta.

Different means of transport

Travelling by boat: visa-free cruises to Russia

If you wish to embark on a visa-free journey you can take a cruise from Lappeenranta via the Saimaa Canal to Vyborg and to St. Petersburg. Cruises are operated by a Finnish Tour Operator Saimaa Travel, located in Lappeenranta. Cruises are visa-free for all nationalities! More information about the visa free cruises can be found on www.saimaatravel.fi

The total length of the Saimaa Canal is 43 km, of which 23 km lies on the Finnish side of the border and the rest 20 km in the section leased from Russia. The canal connects Vyborg and Lappeenranta. The water levels of Lake Saimaa are 76 meters higher than the Gulf of Finland and it's offset by eight locks. The canal connects various areas in Finland as well as several countries in Europe.



Travelling by train from Lake Saimaa to St. Petersburg via Leningrad region

Vainikkala railway station is located 20 km away from Lappeenranta. Here you can board a fast and comfortable Allegro train that takes you to Vyborg in 20 minutes and St. Petersburg in 1,5h. There are several trains every day.

Travelling by car or bus from Lake Saimaa to St. Petersburg via Leningrad region

It is also possible to travel between the countries by your own or rental car. There are also bus connections available from the Lake Saimaa region to Vyborg and St. Petersburg. More detailed information and timetables can be requested from the local tourist information offices.

Travelling by air

The largest international border crossing point in Finland is Helsinki airport, located in the capital of Finland. There is also a flight connection available between Helsinki and Savonlinna. Lappeenranta has an international airport located near the city centre. Pulkovo Airport in St. Petersburg is the fourth busiest airport in Russia after Moscow's airports.

Lappeenranta International Airport

Lappeenranta Airport is located only two kilometres from the city centre, a distance easily covered by car, bus or even on foot. Lappeenranta railway and bus stations are also within walking distance of the airport. The airport is just 30 kilometres from the international border-crossing point of Nuijamaa, and Vainikkala international railway station is the same distance away. The airport offers versatile international flight connections by Ryanair.

[Lappeenranta Airport >>](#)
[Visit Lappeenranta >>](#)

Savonlinna Airport

Savonlinna Airport is operated by Finavia and it is located 10 km north from the city centre. The airport operates mainly domestic flights.

[Finavia >>](#)

Pulkovo Airport

Pulkovo airport is situated on the south border of St. Petersburg. It is located 23 kilometers away from the central Palace Square of the city. City bus number 39 and 39E (express) run between the nearest Moskovskaya metro station and the airport.

[Pulkovo Airport >>](#)

Public transportation

Public transportation in the Lake Saimaa region

Flexible bus connections are available daily, no matter in which direction you are travelling from in the Lake Saimaa region. **See the timetables on: [Matkahuolto](#), [Expressbus](#), [Savonlinja](#) and [Onnibus](#).**

You can easily reach all the four cities in the Lake Saimaa region (Lappeenranta, Imatra, Savonlinna and Mikkeli) by train. Railway and bus stations can be found in each city. **[See the train timetables >>](#)**

Public transportation in Leningrad region

There are a number of departures to Karelian Isthmus daily from St. Petersburg, by train and by bus. **[More information about connections to Vyborg >>](#)**

Additional information about connections to the other destinations of the Leningrad region, can be requested from the tourist information offices in St. Petersburg or Leningrad region.

Public transportation in St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg is a city with developed infrastructure. There is a public transport network and a wide range of commercial transport and taxis in the city.

[Tourist guidebook >>](#)

[Transport in St. Petersburg >>](#)

Transport Map and Suburban Transport Map of St. Petersburg can be **[download here >>](#)**

Metro

Highspeed underground transport system consisting of 5 lines and 72 stations. Underground runs from 5:45 till 00:00.

[Additional information >>](#)

Train

There are five passenger railway stations in the city operating with different Russian and foreign directions.

[Finlyandskiy station >>](#) [Baltiyskiy station >>](#)

[Moskovskiy station >>](#) [Vitebskiy station >>](#)

[Ladojskiy station >>](#)

Bus

It is easy to reach many different cities in Russia, Europe and nearby countries by choosing a wide bus connection network.

VITEBSKY COACH STATION

For international trips in the direction to Helsinki, Tallinn, Riga, other major cities of Baltic and the CIS countries, depart from a coach station near Vitebsk railway station.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

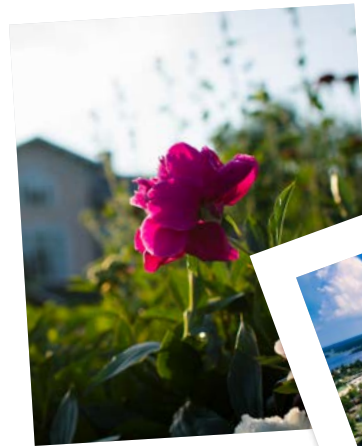
[Ecolines >>](#)

[Lux Express >>](#)

OBVODNIY CANAL COACH STATION

International trips are made to Belarus, Finland, Estonia, Latvia and other countries of Europe.

[Additional information >>](#)



Visa requirements

When traveling from Finland or from other EU countries to Russia a visa is generally required. The visa can be applied by using the standard method or the simplified electronic procedure. The only exception to this general rule is the visa-free cruises.

Due to the covid-19 pandemic, the Consulate Departments of Russia in Finland do not issue visas for non-Finnish citizens, who do not have a residence permit in Finland. For the time being, applying for a standard visa should be done in the traveler's home country. The issuance of an e-visa has also been suspended. There is no official date on when the issuance of visas will resume.

The information in this section is based on the current situation and should be reviewed. Please note that the visa application policy may vary by country.

Visa-free tours to Russia from Lappeenranta Finland

Tourists who travel to Russia from Lappeenranta via the historical Saimaa Canal on board M/S Carelia have the right to stay in Russia without a visa for up to 72 hours as part of an organized tourist group entering and leaving the country via the port of Vyborg. Saimaa Travel organizes 1–3-day tours from Lappeenranta to Vyborg and St. Petersburg during May–September.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- valid passport
- booking in advance required, passport copies of passengers to Saimaa Travel a minimum of 3–5 days before departure

There is no minimum group size for the visa-free cruise packages, suitable for FIT and groups.

Additional information: www.saimaatravel.fi
saimaatravel@saimaatravel.fi



Electronic visa / e-visa

applied electronically from the site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia (in English or Russian) by the passenger or by a visa agency/tour operator

- required documents:
 - valid passport
 - digital color photo
- can be applied earliest 40 days and latest 4 days before the travel date
- processing time max 4 days
- valid for 60 days from issuance
- max allowed stay in Russia 16 days
- possible for nationals of 53 countries (most European countries, but not e.g. the United Kingdom)
- possible to travel all over Russia through 29 border checkpoints, currently it is possible to travel from Finland to Russia by e-visa only by plane (new checkpoints will be added to the list as soon as technically possible)

Additional information:
www.evisa.kdmid.ru

Standard visa

Easiest to apply through a qualified visa agency/tour operator, can be applied also by the passenger from the Russian consulate or through a Russian Visa Center

- required documents:
 - original passport valid for a minimum of 6 months after the visa expires and containing at least 2 consecutive blank visa pages
 - one colour photo taken in last 6 months
 - copy of medical insurance policy covering the whole period of stay in Russia
 - completed visa application form
 - visa support letter (issued by the receiving party in Russia and received from the organizing tour operator)
- can be applied earliest 90 days before the tour to Russia
- processing time appr. 1-2 weeks, but may vary. It is recommended to start the application process a minimum of 3-4 weeks before the travel date.
- valid for max 30 days
- valid in all border checkpoints

Additional information:

www.visa.kdmid.ru

tourism.gov.ru/en/contents/turistam/visa-regime/visa-to-russia

Saimaa Travel, located in Lappeenranta Finland, is happy to help in any visa related questions and provide you with the up-to-date information:

www.saimaatravel.fi / saimaatravel@saimaatravel.fi

If you wish to start your trip on the Russian side you can always contact the Russian tour operators and incoming agencies regarding visa issues. Contact details can be found in the appendix of this manual.

Travelling to Finland and Russia during and after the Covid-19 pandemic

TRAVELLING TO FINLAND:
[VISIT FINLAND >>](#)

TRAVELLING TO RUSSIA:
[Russia travel >>](#)
[tourism.gov.ru >>](http://tourism.gov.ru)

Roundtrips

On a roundtrip you can easily combine the region's multifaceted cultures of unique performances, events, traditions, local delicacies and unique ways of life. You can build your own package tour depending on the target group, season and duration of the trip.

Exploring the beautiful Finnish Lake Saimaa and the cultural capital of Russia, St. Petersburg, on one journey is a unique experience. During the summer it is possible to travel visa-free from Lappeenranta to Vyborg and St. Petersburg.

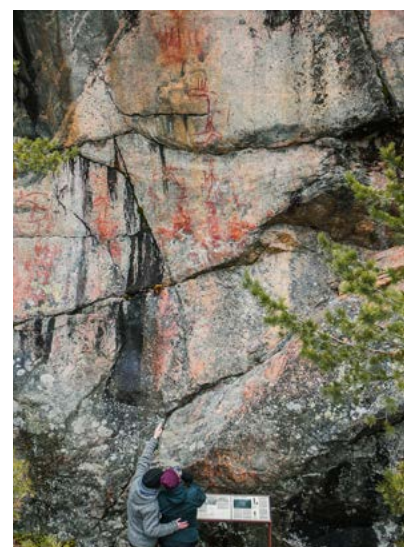


Lake Saimaa and St. Petersburg - 7 Days (summer)

Programme example during May – September

Day 1 – Lappeenranta Visit the beautiful harbour area

Explore the beautiful harbour and the magnificent boardwalk along the City-Bay. Visit the largest Sandcastle in Finland, and the historical Fortress. Have a walk or use a city bike and admire the views of Lake Saimaa! From the Sandcastle, you may start your city train ride and rent canoes and SUP boards, alongside admiring the sculptures. Have lunch in the charming Restaurant Wanha Makasiini Bistro and enjoy local delicacies in a unique atmosphere at the harbour of Lappeenranta.



Day 2 – Mikkeli

Visit the oldest wooden vicarage in Finland - Kenkävero

This beautifully restored vicarage is surrounded by a lovely garden with a wide range of decorative and utility plants. Enjoy exhibitions throughout the year, a pier for visiting boats, a vicarage garden, and Finnish handicrafts shops. Have a delicious lunch served in the vicarage restaurant, enjoy the local cuisines prepared with love and skill.

Walk around in Mikkeli market square and taste local delicacies; you can also buy products directly from the farmers and pick up some fresh vegetables and berries, check out the monthly flea market, and enjoy a cup of coffee at one of the market cafés in the summer. You can also take a guided boat cruise to Astuvansalmi rock paintings in summer, one of the biggest rock painting sites in the Nordic countries.

Day 3 – Savonlinna

Visit the historical Olavinlinna Castle

Have a guided tour of the medieval castle Olavinlinna. Built in 1475, Olavinlinna is an important tourist destination and the stage for the world-famous Savonlinna Opera Festival.

In Savonlinna, you can escape the everyday hustle and relax at the lively summer town's marketplace and terraces. Take a cruise along Lake Saimaa on a nostalgic steamboat or a handy motorboat. It is a relaxing way to spend a sunny summer day while enjoying the scenery around Savonlinna and enjoying the lunch on board.



Day 4 – Imatra

On the way to Imatra, you will see the lively villages' urban life and breathtaking beautiful Punkaharju ridge area. You can also visit the Puumala village and have lunch in the Sahanlahti resort. Lake Saimaa surrounds this small village, and there you can truly feel the local lifestyle.

Visit the Imatrankoski rapids and Kruunupuisto Park, the oldest nature reserve in Finland along the banks of the rapids. The Imatrankoski Rapids are the most famous attraction in Imatra. (June–August), running water show at 18.00, duration c. 20 minutes.

Day 5 – Lappeenranta

- Visa-free cruise tour to St. Petersburg

Early morning departure for a visa-free cruise tour to St. Petersburg on M/S Carelia via the Saimaa Canal. Tour includes a cruise Lappeenranta–Vyborg, Sightseeing in Vyborg, lunch on board. Bus transfer from Vyborg–St. Petersburg.

Optional Evening programme:

Dinner and Mariinsky theatre experience (Opera or Ballet)

Day 6 – St. Petersburg

Visit the Hermitage Museum

Have a sightseeing tour in St. Petersburg and a guided tour to the world-famous Hermitage Museum or famous Peterhof Palace and Gardens.

Day 7 – Departure Day from St. Petersburg to Lappeenranta

Early morning check-out from the Hotel. Return to Finland by bus or by M/S Carelia or Allegro train to Vainikkala (1,5 hours). Bus transfer from Vainikkala railway station to Lappeenranta. *(Please note that the cruise from Vyborg to Lappeenranta is the only visa-free option to return to Finland!)*



Lake Saimaa and St. Petersburg

- 7 Days (Winter)

Programme example during October-April

Day 1 – Lappeenranta

Visit the Old Town of Lappeenranta

Visit the Old Town of Lappeenranta, also called the Fortress, where you can explore the museums, handicraft shops and enjoy local delicacies at the famous café Majurska. Lappeenranta is home to attractive cafés; visit the Lehmus Roastery and Makea Coffee, chosen as the best cafés in Finland. Have a walk in the harbour and enjoy the winter activities. You may walk, ski, or skate on the frozen lake during the winter. Lappeenranta is an excellent choice for a winter holiday for families with children. Also, don't forget the Elite League SaiPa and exciting hockey games.

five kilometres that opens as early as October.

In winter, perfect acoustics can be found in the Soundome Ice Igloo erected on the Vuoksi Riverbank, where musicians perform with instruments carved from ice.

Day 3 – Savonlinna

Visit Lusto - The Finnish Forest Museum

The national museum responsible for forest culture is located in Punkaharju, in the most beautiful landscape of ridges and lakes in eastern Finland. Lusto's exhibitions and events provide a diverse and illustrative insight into the significance of forests in the life of Finns.

Day 2 - Imatra

Visit the Imatran Valtionhotelli Castle

Visit the Imatran Valtionhotelli Castle, which is one of Finland's most popular tourist attractions. Spend the winter day in Imatra! Enjoy the winter activities, go skiing or a husky safari ride and end of the day relax in the Spa. Imatra offers hundreds of kilometres of ski trails. Enjoy the First snow ski track of

Punkaharju and Savonlinna region offer many activities and experiences during winter months. Frozen Lake Saimaa is a unique experience: tour ice skate on some of the country's best trails, swim in a hole in the ice or float in an icy stream. After a spectacular day, you can relax in the Järvisydän Spa complex. Järvisydän's Lake Spa will give you a new kind of Finnish lake wellness experience. The Spa is built in the middle of the natural rocks overlooking Lake Saimaa.



Day 4 – Mikkeli

Visit the Tertti Manor

Tertti Manor is a haven for gastronomes and a cosy manor hotel located by highway 5. Enjoy the authentic Finnish manor house milieu; the cafe and shops are open daily year-round. During this visit, have lunch in the stunning manor house serves as a delightful restaurant serving fresh, local food in historical surroundings. Spend an active day! Finnish wintertime offers fantastic opportunities for fatbiking, skating, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and winter fishing in the Mikkeli region.

Day 5 – Lappeenranta

Train to St. Petersburg

Travel to St. Petersburg with the Allegro train.
Evening programme: Cabaret show and dinner

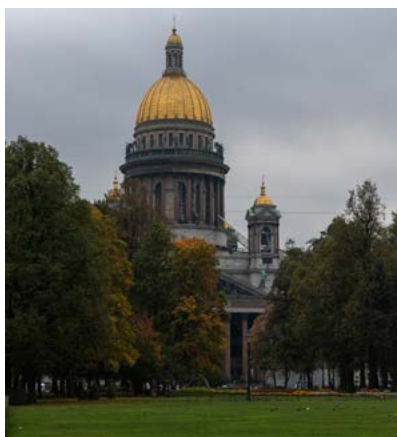
Day 6 – St. Petersburg

Visit the Saint Isaac's Cathedral

Sightseeing tour in St. Petersburg and visit to the Saint Isaac's Cathedral, which is the largest orthodox basilica and the fourth largest cathedral in the world. Optional programme: Visit to the Tsarskoe Selo and Catherine Palace or visit to the Ohta Park

Day 7 – Departure Day from St. Petersburg to Lappeenranta

Early morning check-out and bus transfer to the railway station. Travel from St. Petersburg with the Allegro train to Vainikkala (1,5 hours). Bus transfer from Vainikkala railway station to Lappeenranta.



A full-page background image showing a sunset over a lake. Two people are walking away from the camera on a wooden dock, carrying surfboards. The person in the foreground is wearing a patterned swimsuit, and the person further back is wearing a grey hoodie and patterned leggings. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. Tree branches hang down from the top of the frame.

Main attractions and insider tips

Top 10 Lappeenranta

MAIN ATTRACTIONS AND INSIDER TIPS



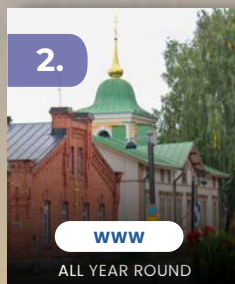
1.

Beautiful Harbour

The magnificent boardwalk runs along the City Bay to the harbour along the Rantaraitti lakeside route. It begins at the Rantapuisto park and continues to the largest Sandcastle in Finland and the Myllysaari beach area.

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2.

Lappeenranta Fortress

Lappeenranta was granted a town charter in 1649 and its unique history and cultural heritage as well many of the city's museums are located at the Fortress. The Swedish and Russian influences are possibly best visible in the old town, the Fortress, one of the Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark sites.

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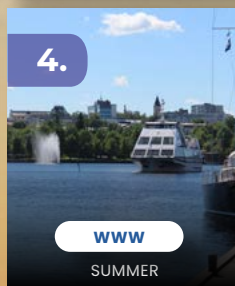
3.

Sandcastle

Already 17 times carved magnificent Sandcastle of millions of kilos has charmed visitors every summer with differing themes.

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4.

Cruises

From Lappeenranta harbour, you can take an archipelago cruise or travel through the Saimaa Canal to Vyborg or St. Petersburg, Russia.

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5.

Saimaa Canal

The Unique Saimaa Canal runs from Lake Saimaa, via Vyborg, to the Gulf of Finland and is the most historically significant canal in Finland. You can roam or bicycle at its shores.

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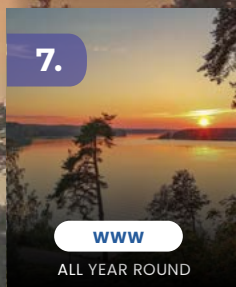
6.

Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark sites

Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark sites: Saimaa has unique geological, archaeological and cultural attractions waiting for visitors such as Karhusaari island, which offers restaurant services year-round, only 1 km from the harbour.

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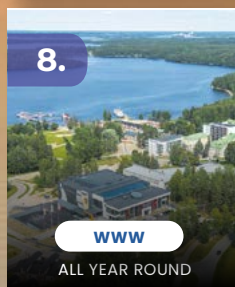
7.

Nature trails

Lappeenranta area offers a spectacular network of routes for adventurers of all skill levels, around the year, such as Pappilanniemi, Hämmäauteensuo, Mikonsaari or The Fortress Nature and Culture Trail.

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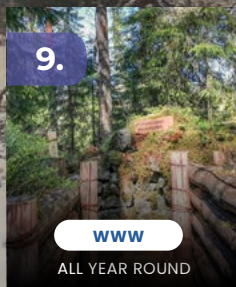
8.

Rauha

Rauha Tourism and Recreational Area offers a wide range of activities, restaurants and accommodation services for those on a day trip or a longer stay. There are spectacular hiking routes and activities both in the winter and summer seasons.

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9.

Salpa Line

The Salpa Line fortification line dates from the Second World War. You can explore the fortifications along the hiking routes on your own or join a guided tour.

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10.

Ylämaa Gem Village

The Gem Village is located on Via Karelia 35 km south of Lappeenranta, including jewellers' workshops, blue spectrolite, a gem museum and a restaurant.

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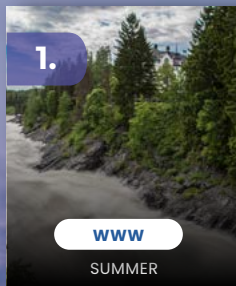
Insider tips Lappeenranta

Find idyllic Restaurants and Cafes in town >>

- Lappeenranta is home to attractive cafés; Majurska at the Fortress is famous throughout the country. Lehmus Roastery and Makea Coffee have been chosen as the best cafés in Finland. You can enjoy the cultural events and activities spread around the harbour and try out the local delicacies such as "Vety" or fried vendace fish, enjoy live music and admire the views of Lake Saimaa.
- Lappeenranta is the hometown of Sorjonen, familiar from the TV series Bordertown, and our Tourist Information team guides you on a tour of the locations where the series **was filmed** >>
- Catch the vibes of august events from the Fortress' Old Town Days and world-class Lappeenranta Ballet Gala held at the City Theatre to the atmospheric Lights of the harbour!

Top 10 Imatra

MAIN ATTRACTIONS AND INSIDER TIPS



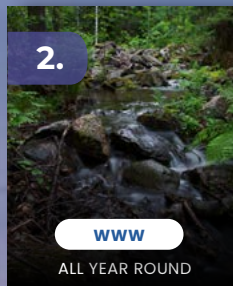
1.

Imatrancoski Rapids

Imatrancoski, or the Imatrancoski Rapids, has been the most prominent tourist attraction in Imatra for hundreds of years. At the beginning of the 20th century, Imatrancoski was the most popular tourist attraction in Finland and Imatran Valtionhotelli (the state hotel in Imatra) was erected on the shore of the rapids. In 2021, Imatrancoski Rapids will surge free.

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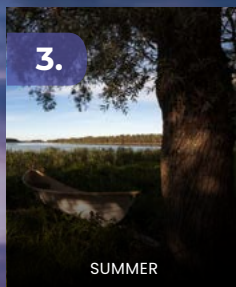
2.

Kruununpuisto Park

The oldest nature reserve in Finland along the banks of the rapids. Historical pavilions, rock engravings, giant kettles and several other interesting places to visit. Kruununpuisto Park is one of the Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark sites.

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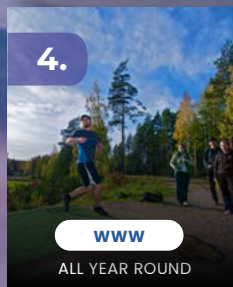


3.

River Vuoksi

The River Vuoksi flows through the city of Imatra, offering excellent opportunities for fishing all year long. Vuoksi does not freeze over even in winter. The river is surrounded by the most beautiful running and biking trails in all of Finland, and you can spot dozens of bird species on its shores.

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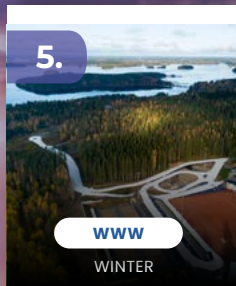
4.

Ukonniemi

This scenic place on the shore of Lake Saimaa provides more accommodation and sports opportunities than a major Finnish city. Ukonniemi is the number one destination for tourists interested in active holidays and sports! Golf, paddle, mountain bike or hike in the woods or try out activity parks.

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5.

First snow ski track

This five-kilometre-long ski track in Imatra is opened as early as October. It is built with snow from the previous winter, which is conserved during summer and offers challenges for both leisure skiers and athletes. The cross-country track covers areas around Ukonniemi Stadium.

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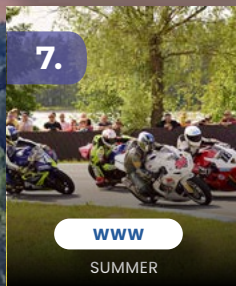


6.

Port of Imatra

Port of Imatra – The port of Imatra is located at the bay between the beautiful Lammasaari island and Imatra Spa Resort. Imatra small boat harbour offers rental places up to 700 boats. Guest boat services are located at Lammasaari island in cafe-restaurant Kolme Ankuria. In the west, Imatra borders Lake Saimaa, which means that you can sail through the Saimaa canal from Imatra all the way to the Gulf of Finland.

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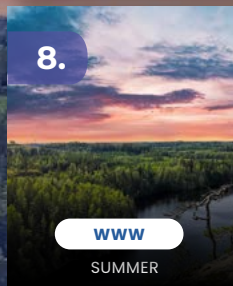
7.

Imatranajo

The largest motorcycle road racing competition in the Nordic countries and the only one in Finland. 300 km/h in the middle of the city.

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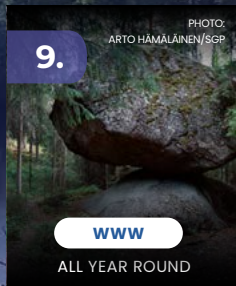
8.

Haukkavuori hill

Imatra's neighboring municipality Ruokolahti boasts many attractions favored by hikers, including the Huuhaa beach and Haukkavuori hill, the highest spot in South Karelia, situated on the border between Ruokolahti and Rautjärvi. Haukkavuori is a magnificent viewing point, a historic landmark and a protected Natura area.

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9.

Kummakivi Boulder

You can find this wonderful attraction in the Ruokolahti forest. This strange stone is called Kummakivi and it is a large glacier-carried boulder with a size of about 7 m x 4 m x 5 m and a weight of 500 tons.

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10.

Kollaa and Simo Häyhä Museum

The battles of the Kollanajoki river in the Winter War 80 years ago made Simo Häyhä, born in Rautjärvi, perhaps the most famous sniper in the world. The museum's Häyhä collection is the largest in the world and includes hunting and military weapons, personal items, photos and much more

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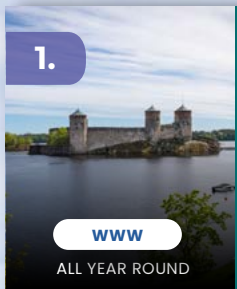
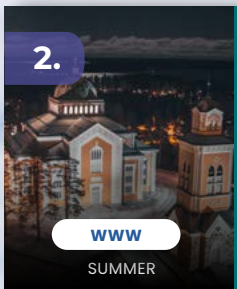



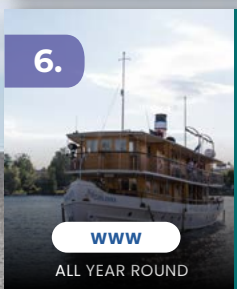
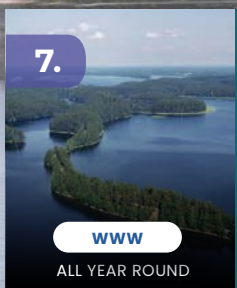

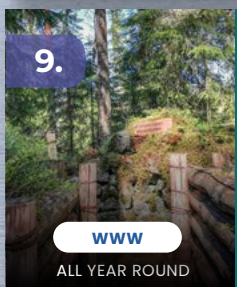
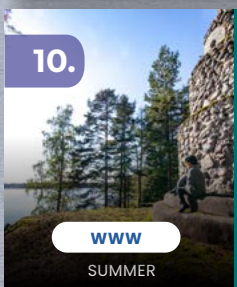
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Insider tips Imatra

- Imatra City Brook – Built in 2015, the city brook runs between the old riverbed and the hydroelectric power plant.
- Virtuaalikoski.fi is a virtual web tour that guides people through the history and present of Imatra Rapids. You can only gain full access to the content of the web-tour while you are near the Rapids. Your tour guide is Taimi, a young Vuoksi trout. Tour content includes interesting historical insights, images, videos and animations. Moreover, some experience points have AR-content showing historical photographs augmented in the camera view on your mobile device.
- Alvar Aalto's Church of the Three Crosses is also known as Vuoksenniska church. It is located in Vuoksenniska which is one of the districts in Imatra. The church was designed by Alvar Aalto and built in 1957. Alvar Aalto's the Church of the Three Crosses is a remarkable cultural site in the area.
- The path around the shores of Malonsaari offers beautiful views of Lake Saimaa. The island, which is about 1 km long, is entirely for outdoor and hiking use, but very quiet. The trail around the island is a natural forest trail that is very rocky in places. Watch your step, especially in wet or slippery weather. The trail has no maintenance during winter. Coming from Imatra Spa Resort, following the nature trail signs, you can extend your walk to the island.
- Soundome – An igloo made of ice from the Vuoksi River is built on Varpasaari, Imatra, every year. The unique atmosphere of the igloo provides a perfect setting for concerts performed with ice instruments. [Winter soundome.fi](http://Winter.soundome.fi)

Top 10 Savonlinna

MAIN ATTRACTIONS AND INSIDER TIPS

 <p>1.</p> <p>www</p> <p>ALL YEAR ROUND</p>	<h3>Olavinlinna Castle</h3> <p>The northernmost medieval castle in the world and the stage of the annual Savonlinna Opera Festival, one of the most notable international events in Finland.</p>	 <p>2.</p> <p>www</p> <p>SUMMER</p>	<h3>Yellow Giant</h3> <p>The biggest wooden church in the world located in Kerimäki. The church's construction was completed in 1847, and its spacious interior accommodates over 5,000 people.</p>
 <p>3.</p> <p>www</p> <p>ALL YEAR ROUND</p>	<h3>Lusto – The Finnish Forest Museum</h3> <p>A museum with exhibitions on the significance of forests in the Finnish society and their role in the life of Finnish people in the past and present.</p>	 <p>4.</p> <p>www</p> <p>SUMMER</p>	<h3>Saimaa Art Cave Retretti</h3> <p>A unique art centre hosting national and international art exhibitions with most of its exhibition space in caves and underground galleries.</p>
 <p>5.</p> <p>www</p> <p>ALL YEAR ROUND</p>	<h3>Riihisaari – Lake Saimaa Nature and Museum Centre</h3> <p>A centre whose many exhibitions provide visitors with information about the cultural history and nature of Savonlinna and Lake Saimaa.</p>	 <p>6.</p> <p>www</p> <p>ALL YEAR ROUND</p>	<h3>Steamship fleet & Lake Saimaa cruises</h3> <p>Savonlinna is home to Finland's biggest steamship fleet and numerous cruise ships. Dozens of scenic cruises that take their passengers to enjoy the stunning Lake Saimaa archipelago scenery depart from the harbour daily.</p>
 <p>7.</p> <p>www</p> <p>ALL YEAR ROUND</p>	<h3>Punkaharju nature reserve</h3> <p>One of the oldest nature conservation areas in the world and a national landscape. The esker was formed about 11,000 years ago at the end of the Ice Age. The unique combination of impressive ridges and stunning lake views has for centuries inspired artists and attracted travellers.</p>	 <p>8.</p> <p>www</p> <p>ALL YEAR ROUND</p>	<h3>Kolovesi National Park</h3> <p>One of the most treasured nature reserves in Finland and one of the few parts of Lake Saimaa where motorboating is completely forbidden to preserve the peace of nature. The forests of this wild archipelago are mostly in their natural state, and its many rock paintings tell stories of the ancient history of the area.</p>
 <p>9.</p> <p>www</p> <p>ALL YEAR ROUND</p>	<h3>Linnansaari National Park</h3> <p>A national park that with its expansive open waters, hundreds of islands and islets and rugged rocks of the shorelines represents Finnish Lakeland nature at its purest. The rare Saimaa ringed seal, "norppa" and a wide variety of water birds inhabit the national park.</p>	 <p>10.</p> <p>www</p> <p>SUMMER</p>	<h3>Hytermä nature reserve and museum islands</h3> <p>Nature reserve and museum islands in Kerimäki that are home to one man's life's work; Romu-Heikki's passions were the conservation of nature and the collection of old artefacts, especially millstones, from which he built multiple impressive monuments and other structures to the islands.</p>

Insider tips Savonlinna

- Sulosaari is a small island in the Savonlinna city centre, where you can escape the hustle and bustle of the city. It is an idyllic place for relaxing, enjoying the lake scenery and going for a swim. In summer, Kalliolinna crêpe café serves delicious crêpes in a beautiful villa built in 1899. [www >>](#)
- Kissing Bridge, "Pusuilta," in Punkaharju was built in the 1930s as a shortcut between two hotels. The bridge has likely gotten its name from displays of affection that the beautiful surroundings have inspired in couples crossing the bridge. [www >>](#)
- Punkaharju Arboretum displays altogether 134 species and special varieties of trees and entails over 150 hectares of research forest. The arboretum was established in the 1930s by the Natural Resources Institute and is located close to the Finnish Forest Museum Lusto. [www >>](#)
- Craft & Design Savonlinna business network was established to promote local craftsmanship. Souvenirs, handmade gifts and one-of-a-kind design products unique to the area can be found in the boutiques of this collective, of which many are located in the old, historical Savonlinna. Taito Shop in the city centre is also a part of this collective. [www >>](#)
- Old Railway Station in Punkaharju is an architecturally unique railway station building that hosts an art gallery in summer. At the courtyard, there is a lime tree alley, a wooden gazebo and in summer also a small café "Lotta Kiosk" that sells coffee, pastries and ice cream. [www >>](#)

Top 10 Mikkeli

MAIN ATTRACTIONS AND INSIDER TIPS

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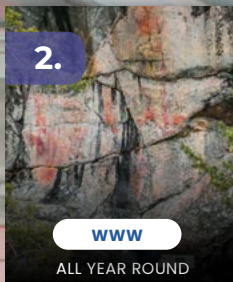
Muisti Center of War and Peace and the Headquarters Museum

The only science centre specialising in history and social sciences in Finland that uses exhibitions to discuss the themes of war and peace in an up-to-date manner in the context of Finland, Europe and the world.

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2.



Astuvansalmi Rock Paintings

The most extensive prehistoric rock paintings in Scandinavia and date back 5000 years are located in Ristiina. You can gain access to the rock paintings during the summer by joining a cruise from Kallioniemi Restaurant.

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3.



Neitvuori Peak

The Hiidenmaa hiking trails between Mikkeli and Juva take you to the tallest peak in South Savo, Neitvuori, which offers a splendid view over the terrain around Luonteri. The peak is most easily accessible in summer.

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4.



Mikkeli Market Square

Historical meeting point and the centre of the City of Mikkeli. Pick up some fresh vegetables and berries, check out the monthly flea market, or enjoy a cup of coffee at one of the many market cafés in the summer.

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5.



Infantry Museum and shop

Located near to Mikkeli city centre in two wooden barracks built in the late 19th century. The Infantry Museum explores, records and exhibits infantry history from the 18th century to the modern days.

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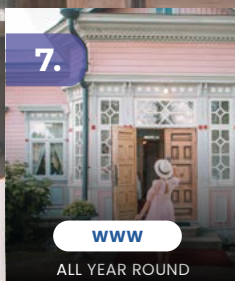
Kenkävero

A beautiful restored vicarage is surrounded by a lovely garden with a wide range of decorative and utility plants. A pier for visiting boats, Finnish design & handicrafts shops and a café-restaurant serving tasty food all year round.

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7.



Tertti Manor

Authentic Finnish manor house milieu, cafe and shop, fine accommodation and beautiful gardens. The cafe and shop are open daily year round, the manor restaurant in summer and during the Christmas season.

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8.



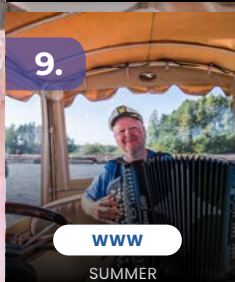
Route 62

Road 62 winds through the Finnish countryside and beautiful lake landscapes from Mikkeli via Anttola and Puumala to Ruokolahti in Eastern Finland. There are many unique rest stops along the way, such as Ollinmäki winery and Lietvesi view point.

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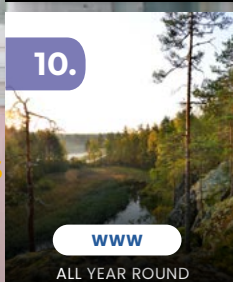
Saimaa Ringed seal Ecoboat safaris

LakelandGTE and captain Arto welcome you to the fantastic scenery of Puumala archipelago to see one of the rarest seals in the world. Ecoboat is the most seal-friendly boat and the first 100% electric passenger boat in Finland.

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10.



Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark sites

In the Saimaa region there are many nature and cultural destinations worth visiting, like The Saimaa Seal Trail trail in Puumala, Ruins of Brahelinna Castle in Mikkeli and Pattoi Heritage house in Juva. all year round.

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Insider tips Mikkeli

- Saimaa Gastronomy is a network of four unique restaurants serving incredible delicacies in the pristine surroundings of Lake Saimaa. Saimaa Gastronomy was awarded as "The best food tourism product in Finland 2019." [Come and enjoy!](#)
- D.O.Saimaa logo on a food product is a sign that it is of Saimaa origin, has been produced sustainably and meets the global standards for high quality.
- Roundtrip examples
[Saimaa Gastronomy tour >>](#)
[Puumala Archipelago >>](#)
[Lake Saimaa Wonders in 5 days >>](#)

Top 10 Leningrad Region

MAIN ATTRACTIONS AND INSIDER TIPS

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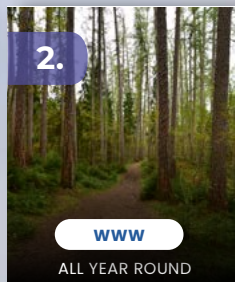
Vyborg Castle

Founded in 1293. The castle is the main attraction of Vyborg, and its donjon, the St. Olaf Tower, is a recognized symbol of the city.

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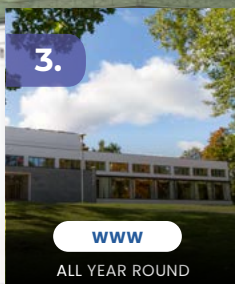
Monrepos Park

Located on a picturesque island 2 kilometers from the center of Vyborg. It is a rock landscape park on the shore of the Vyborg Bay, a national historical, architectural and natural museum-reserve.

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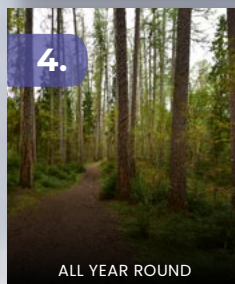
The Alvar Aalto Library

The Alvar Aalto Library – A unique library built in 1935 by the outstanding Finnish architect Alvar Aalto. The main feature is that when creating a library project, the author took into account the specifics of the library and the storage of books.

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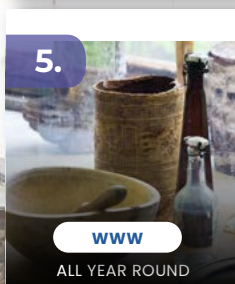


The State Nature Reserve "Lindulovskaya Grove"

Created by the decree of Peter the 1st in order to preserve the oldest artificial larch plantation in Russia and Europe. Additional information is available at the Tourist Information centres.

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5.



The museum-reserve "Yalkala"

A restored real Finnish farm, which tells about the life of Finns in a separate Finnish village and about the structure of everyday life of a separate farm (using the example of the Luomo-ahe family and the Parviainen family).

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6.



The Round Tower

Located on the Market Square of Vyborg, it is one of the two surviving battle towers of the medieval Vyborg fortress. Since 1976, a cafe-restaurant has been opened in the tower.

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7.



The house of the merchant Guild

The oldest building in Vyborg for civil purposes. The building was part of a medieval merchant estate. Currently, the building houses a branch of the Information and Tourist Center of the Leningrad Region.

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ALL YEAR ROUND

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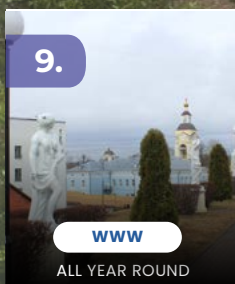
The Clock Tower

One of the most beautiful sights in Vyborg. Surprisingly, after more than 150 years, the clock on the bell tower still counts down the hours and minutes.

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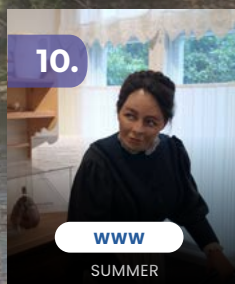
The exhibition center "Hermitage-Vyborg"

Located in the historical part of Vyborg in a building built in 1930 by the architect Uno Werner Ulberg. The unique complex houses an art museum with collections from the State Hermitage Museum and a children's art school under one roof.

[www](#)

ALL YEAR ROUND

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House-museum of Lenin

Located outside the medieval part of Vyborg, in Talikkala – the former city of the poor. Here, during the period of the Grand Duchy of Finland, lived mainly workers of brick factories and other urban enterprises. The history of the area is stored in the Lenin House-Museum, the home of the Finnish journalist, social democrat Juhani Latukka and his wife Lyuli-Maria, where V. I. Lenin lived for two weeks in 1917.

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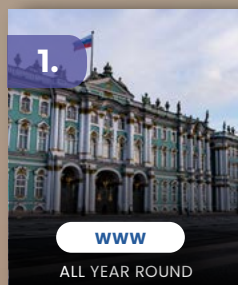
SUMMER

Insider tips Leningrad Region

- There is a special place in Vyborg where you can check your voice data. Built by Finnish architect Uno Ulberg specifically for music festivals, the Singing Field in the form of an amphitheater is accessible to everyone. Come and sing your aria!
- The Esplanade Park in Vyborg attracts not only with its historical background, but also with sculptures. The evening park is pleasant for walking, and here you can buy one of the most delicious coffees in the city.
- "The medieval town of Swargas" is located in the vicinity of Vyborg. It is recreated in full size as a fortress of the Baltic Slavs-Veneds of the early Middle Ages of the VIII – XII centuries. [www.swargas.ru](#)
- Museum on the rock/ Morskaya Zastava (Sea Outpost) of the Vikings in the Vyborg district – a recreated Viking outpost of the X century. All buildings and equipment are subordinated to the idea of maximum immersion in the Early Middle Ages. At the disposal of the outpost is a 16-meter drakkar. [www >>](#)
- Eco –park Veresk located on the midway between Vyborg and St. Petersburg offers a high standard of sustainable travel business with the improved forest paths, winter ice rink, chapel-a masterpiece of wooden architecture, restaurant with chef-specials and much more [www >>](#)

Top 10 St. Petersburg

MAIN ATTRACTIONS AND INSIDER TIPS

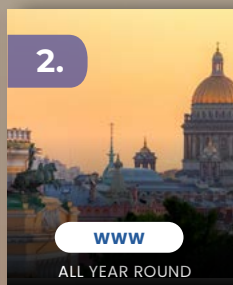


Hermitage (Palace Square Ensemble)

The State Hermitage Museum is one of the largest artistic, cultural and historical museums in Russia and one of the largest in the world.

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ALL YEAR ROUND



Saint Isaac's Cathedral

The largest orthodox basilica and the fourth largest cathedral in the world.

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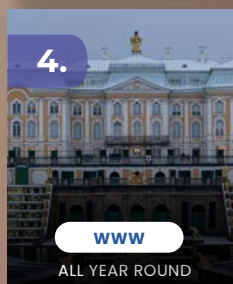


Peter and Paul Fortress

A unique historical, architectural and fortification art monument of XVIII-XIX centuries.

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Peterhof

One of the world's most famous palace-park ensembles.

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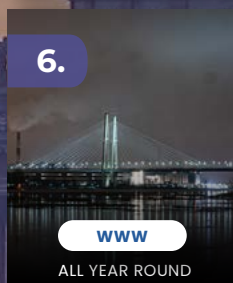


Tsarskoe Selo

Palace and park ensemble is a superb monument of world-ranking architecture and garden-and-park design dating from the eighteenth to early twentieth centuries

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ALL YEAR ROUND



Sevkabel Port

A new project aimed at renovation of old facilities and historic buildings and turning them into a modern multifunctional creative space at the waterfront.

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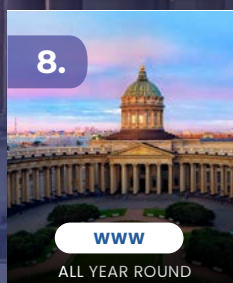


New Holland Island

One of the most romantic places of St. Petersburg

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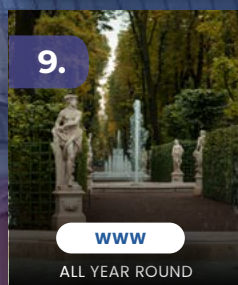


Kazan Cathedral

One of the largest cathedrals in St. Petersburg. It was built in 1801-1811 by the architect Andrey Voronikhin by order of Emperor Paul I who wanted the cathedral to resemble St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

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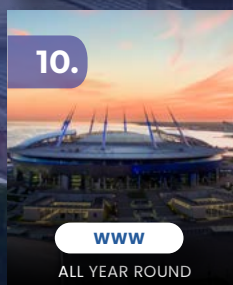


Summer garden

The garden with a collection of sculptures and the Summer Palace that was the first Emperor's residence constitute a single museum complex.

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ALL YEAR ROUND



Lakhta / Gazprom Arena

The Lakhta Center became the first Russian skyscraper that received the Emporis Award. The stadium is promised to be one of the most technologically advanced and perfect sports edifices in Europe.

[>> www.visit-petersburg.ru](http://www.visit-petersburg.ru)

[>> www.lakhta.center/en/](http://www.lakhta.center/en/)

[>> www.visit-petersburg.ru/en/leisure](http://www.visit-petersburg.ru/en/leisure)

[WWW](#)

ALL YEAR ROUND

Insider tips St. Petersburg

- Visit interesting excursions: the most beautiful metro stations, the Art Nouveau houses with stained-glass windows, unusual well-yards, mommunal apartments or in unusual museums
- The museum of Russian vodka with a guided tour and tasting of a drink
- A football match of the St. Petersburg team "Zenith" is worth a try
- In winter skate an ice rink by the sea in «Sevcable Port» or on island «New Holland» or visit the tropical route in the Botanical Garden
- The Christmas market at the Annenkirche Lutheran Church with a Christmas tree on the ceiling
- In summer play petanque or "gorodki" on New Holland Island, run around under benches trick fountain in «Peterhof» park, climb to the roof and see the panorama of the city, or ride on a Sup-surf on the canals of St. Petersburg early in the morning
- Take a tram no3 ride or ride in a carriage in the city center as a sightseeing tour
- Taste local delicacies: the most favorite fish of all Petersburgers – smelt and pyshki (local doughnuts) (the ones you can find on Bolshaya Konyushennaya st. 25) with a cup of coffee

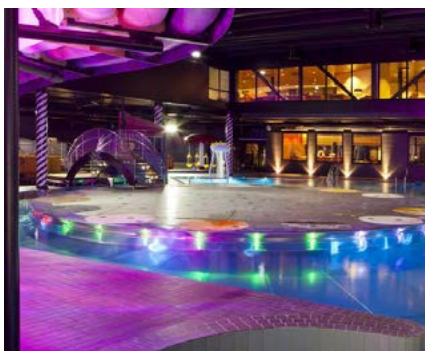
Accommodation options

A good night's sleep and good accommodation are things one should not compromise on during a holiday, as they make up an important part of the experience.

There are plenty of options to choose from in all the regions, depending on the type of holiday, the travel companions and personal preferences of your target group.



Accommodation options Lappeenranta



Holiday Club Saimaa

The largest holiday resort and entertainment spa in the Nordic countries, with its excellent auxiliary services, is located in the Rauha area on Lake Saimaa. (229 rooms, 281 apartments, approximately 1500 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Original Sokos Hotel Lappee

A city centre accommodation, in the middle of a lively shopping centre IsoKristiina. (260 rooms, 530 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Scandic Patria Lappeenranta

A city centre accommodation near the shore of Lake Saimaa. (133 rooms, 245 bed spaces)

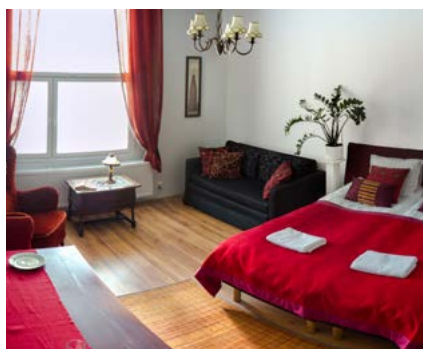
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Hotel Rakuuna

A unique Hotel located in central Lappeenranta, on the historical Dragoon Hill "Rakuunamäki" near all the city's services and beautiful lake scenery. (45 rooms, 108-bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Hotel Salpalinjan Hovi

Peaceful nature and multiple activities for the whole family near Lappeenranta city centre. (24 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Huhtiniemi Camping, Lappeenranta

A beautiful campsite on Lake Saimaa's shores, just a 5-minute drive from the city centre. (120 caravan pitches, 32 cabins, three huts, two villas)

[WWW](#)



Holiday Homes and Cabins around the Lake Saimaa in Lappeenranta region

[WWW](#)

Accommodation options Imatra



Imatra Spa Resort

Imatra Spa Resort is Eastern Finland's most diverse holiday centre on the shores of Lake Saimaa. Here you find everything for a perfect, unforgettable holiday all year round: accommodation, spa, restaurants, sport activities and beauty and wellness services. (hotel rooms 209, holiday Apartments 68, 1156 beds in total)

[WWW](#)



Hotelli Rento

Completely constructed of coniferous trees, the interior is made in the tradition of Scandinavian design. Accommodation in 27 Standard rooms and 2 Comfort rooms, where guests can relax and enjoy the surrounding beauty, Finnish nature. Guests also have access to the Finnish sauna, free Wi-Fi access and free parking in the hotel courtyard.

[WWW](#)



Neitsytniemi manor

High-quality accommodation in a historical milieu. The manor is situated in a peaceful location in the immediate vicinity of nature, close to diverse outdoor leisure opportunities. Imatra's services and tourist attractions are nearby. Neitsytniemi Manor, located at the shore of River Vuoksi, is an idyllic location for tranquillity and relaxation. There are 10 comfortable accommodation and hotel rooms in the upstairs of the manor, which will accommodate a total of 24 people.

[WWW](#)



Center Hotel Imatra

The 68-room hotel in the very heart of Imatra has been operating since the year 1939. In April 2014, the hotel was renovated and reopened to welcome its guests once again!

[WWW](#)



Vuoksi Fishing Park

A recreational area for families in Imatra. Enjoy the delicacies of a fish restaurant, sit on the sun terrace by the Vuoksi River, enjoy the soft warmth of the Räihän Kuohu sauna. The Fishing Park has a wonderful camping area, especially popular among caravanners. (20 places for tents and campers, 1 cabin for 8 persons, 3 cabins for 2 persons, 1 apartment for 4 persons)

[WWW](#)



Patalaiska Cottages

Cozy, affordable cottages with your own beach for rent in Ruokolahti, only a 30-minute drive from Imatra. Peaceful nature and picturesque landscapes, fishing, berry picking, boating, biking, saunaing, swimming and, of course, relaxing in a cozy environment. In winter, you have the opportunity to go skiing and ice-skating on the skiing tracks and ice rinks maintained by the municipality in the village centre of Pohjalankila (about 5 km from the cottages).

[WWW](#)



B&B Hiitolanjoki and Nature Healing Powerhouse

B&B Hiitolanjoki and Nature Healing Powerhouse offers affordable but high-quality accommodation on the banks of the Hiitolanjoki River in Rautjärvi. Their cosily and comfortably furnished spaces also serve as banquet, meeting and training facilities.

[WWW](#)

Accommodation options Savonlinna



Spahotel Casino

A hotel on an island in the Savonlinna city centre with rooms, restaurants and a spa with saunas and pools. (81 rooms, 215 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Original Sokos Hotel Seurahuone

A hotel in the Savonlinna city centre, next to the marketplace and the harbor, with a restaurant, a wine bar and two saunas for guests. In summer time, the local fish specialty "muikku" is served on the hotel's roof terrace. (84 rooms, 132 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Hotel Tott

A hotel in the Savonlinna city center with regular guest rooms, spacious apartments and a lobby bar. Open in summer or on request. (114 rooms, 214 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Hotel Hospitz

A boutique hotel in old Savonlinna with a restaurant and a garden bistro. The guests can go for a swim at the beach next to the hotel. (21 rooms, 50 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Café-Restaurant & Hotel Saima

A boutique hotel in a historical building in old Savonlinna (6 rooms, 12 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



B&B Taipaleenniemi & Lomamokkila

High-quality rooms in an idyllic, adults-only, lakeside guesthouse (B&B Taipaleenniemi) or in a farm environment (Lomamokkila) and lakeside cottages. (29 rooms, 4 villas, 82 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Hotel & Spa Resort Järvisydän

Hotel & Spa Resort Järvisydän – Awarded as the best domestic travel destination in Finland, this unique resort in Rantasalmi offers lakeside accommodation in a hotel, in Scenery Suites, in Kota Hotel, in House Boats and in traditional villas. On-site facilities include Finnish Sauna World, Lake Spa, a restaurant, a café and an equipment rental center. (87 rooms, 13 villas, 354 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)

Accommodation options Savonlinna



Saimaa Holiday Oravi

Saimaa Holiday Oravi – An active resort with lakeside villas, an apartment hotel and two restaurants. The resort's location between two water national parks makes it an ideal base for lake excursions. (17 rooms, 16 villas, 202 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Health Resort Kruunupuisto

A hotel and wellbeing centre by Lake Saimaa in Punkaharju with spa facilities and a restaurant. (128 rooms, 240 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Hotel Punkaharju

The oldest hotel still in operation in Finland, located on top of the Punkaharju ridge. This boutique hotel has a lakeside sauna and a restaurant known for its mushroom dishes. (20 rooms, 38 bed spaces + extra beds)

[WWW](#)



Kerimaa Holiday Centre

A versatile resort in Kerimäki with cottages and hotel apartments, most with their own sauna. (24 rooms, 17 villas/cottages, 156 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Punkaharju Resort

A lakeshore resort with cottages, apartments, an adventure park and an aquapark Kesämaa. (12 rooms, 60 villas/cottages, 238 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Holiday Resort Harjun Portti

A resort for active travelers in Punkaharju. (35 villas/cottages, 136 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



More options for rental cottages in the Savonlinna region:

[WWW](#)

Accommodation options Mikkeli



Halla Resort Nature&Design Villas

Anttolanhovi Hotel – Fully equipped and unique villas located on the shore of Lake Saimaa, 25 km from Mikkeli city centre. Available all year round, restaurant services nearby. (19 villas with 102 bed spaces + c.150 bed spaces at the hotel)

[WWW](#)



Wellbeing365 Resort&Villas Kyyhkylä

– Peaceful location only 7 km from the centre of Mikkeli on the shore of Lake Saimaa. Cozy rooms in romantic Manor Hotel and modern Hotel Rustholli. (46 rooms, 79 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Sahanlahti Resort

High-quality accommodation in Puumala, in an old sawmill milieu. Sahankylä Villas, Väentupa Hotel, summer exhibition, Sawmill Museum and restaurants. (10 rooms, 22 bed spaces at the hotel, 12 villas, approximately 56 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Original Sokos Hotel Vaakuna

Warm and homely hotel in the centre of Mikkeli, just beside the market square. A short distance from the bus and railway stations. (175 rooms, approximately 350 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Scandic Mikkeli

Comfortable and charming hotel in the centre of Mikkeli. Restaurant, sauna with an indoor pool and conference services. (136 rooms, approximately 170 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Apartment Hotel Marja

This comfortable, safe and homely hotel is located in historical military area near to Mikkeli centre. Next to the main hotel there is a hostel with affordable and quality accommodation year-round. (10 rooms, all with kitchen facilities, 25 bed spaces + 6 rooms, 20 beds at the hostel)

[WWW](#)



Hotel Heimari

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Hotel Heimari – Located on a scenic and quiet area by Lake Saimaa, in the middle of breathtakingly beautiful nature, approximately 15 km from Mikkeli City. (31 spacious rooms, 62 bed spaces, extra beds available)

Various cottages and villas in Mikkeli region:

[WWW](#)

Accommodation options Leningrad Region



Victoria Hotel

Centrally located on the Market square. 2 restaurants, 4 conference rooms, 2 meeting rooms, sauna and gym (120 bed places, 60 rooms)

[WWW](#)



Druzhba Hotel

Located in the central part of the city on the picturesque embankment of the Salakka-Lahti Bay, offering stunning panoramic views of the city and many historical sights. In the hotel: 1 conference hall up to 35 pax, 1 sauna with a small pool, 2 restaurants of European cuisine, a banquet hall, a lobby bar, a night club "Dendi" and a paid parking. (170 bed places, 102 rooms)

[WWW](#)



Vyborg Hotel

Pet-friendly accommodation in the centre of Vyborg, a 15-minute walk from the Vyborg Castle. (180 bed places, 94 rooms)

[WWW](#)



Hotel Severnaya Korona

Located near the city center, next to a picturesque park recreation area – a historical monument of the XVIII century. Offers a cafe, sauna, Finnish sauna, conference hall of up to 60 people, small shop, free parking. (76 rooms of various categories)

[WWW](#)



Tapiola Country Club

Located in a quiet forest corner 15 km from Vyborg. Accommodation in two-story log cottages and comfortable hotel rooms overlooking the forest or Gvardeyskoye lake. Offers an indoor swimming pool, a restaurant of the author's cuisine, a bathhouse, a SPA salon, a conference hall, a banquet hall, a SUP station, boat and catamaran rental. (17 hotel rooms, 6 cottages, 70-80 bed places)

[WWW](#)



Country SPA resort Aurora Club

Located 70 km away from St. Petersburg, in the village of Polyany in a unique area famous for its crystal clear lakes and pine forest. The resort offers wide opportunities for active recreation and relaxation. The complex consists of four hotels and five townhouses. (121 rooms, 6 townhouses, 353 bed places)

[WWW](#)

Accommodation options Leningrad Region



Okhta Park Resort

The all-season resort of the international level, providing 15 directions in the field of hotel services, public catering, beauty and health, sports and active recreation, organization of events. (65 cottages, 3 townhouses, 40 hotel rooms, 350-400 bed places)

[WWW](#)



Millcreek

Located in a secluded part of the MillCreek Club grounds behind the green hills of the golf course on the shore of the picturesque pond. (12 residences, 96 bed places)

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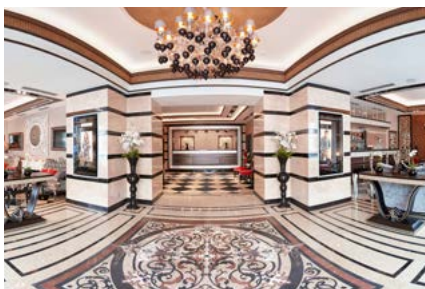


Hotel V gostyah u Nobelya (Visiting Nobel)

Opened in 2020 and located 28 km south of Vyborg on the coastline. Eclecticism. A new building in the style of a castle of the 90s built on the territory where the stables of the Nobels were once located. Dishes a la carte from the chef. (4 cottages, 2 rooms, 20-25 bed places)

[WWW](#)

Accommodation options St. Petersburg



Hotel «Majestic Boutique Hotel Deluxe», 5****

Located in the historic center of St. Petersburg in the most prestigious and truly unique place which is called the Golden Triangle. Famous Nevsky prospect – the main street of the city – is in the immediate vicinity of the hotel. (74 rooms)

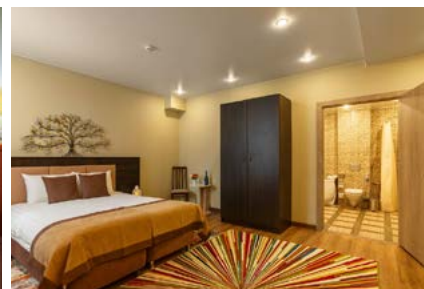
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Hotel «Dostoevsky», 4****

Situated in the unique historical and architectural area of St. Petersburg, close to Nevsky prospect and two metro stations: “Vladimirskaia” and “Dostoevskaya”. (218 rooms)

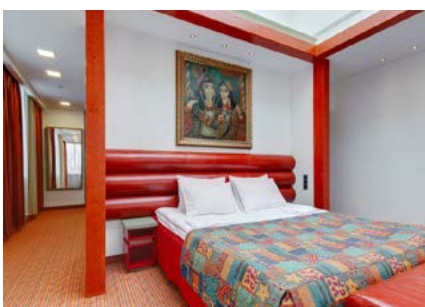
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Hotel «Bagration», 4****

Located in the central district of St. Petersburg on the Neva embankment. In the immediate vicinity of the hotel Alexander Nevsky Lavra with the city sculpture museum and necropolis, the Smolny Cathedral from the Smolny complex of the monastery, and objects that are significant in business and political life. (88 rooms, 162 beds)

[WWW](#)



Hotel «Red Stars», 4****

A design hotel in the historical center of St. Petersburg. Smart and stylish, the hotel combines innovative technical solutions with inspiring contemporary design. (54 rooms, 165 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



Hotel «Nevsky Forum», 4****

Situated on Nevsky prospect near «Mayakovskaya» metro station. This district is the heart of the city. All main attractions are in walking distance. «Nevsky Forum» Hotel is the ideal location for business and leisure trips. (29 rooms, 55 bed spaces)

[WWW](#)



More hotels

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Top things to do

Lake Saimaa Region



Lappeenranta

Summer activities

Lake Saimaa cruises, nature activities like hiking and camping, saunas and sauna boat, cycling, fishing, fat biking, golfing, frisbee golf, boating, stand up paddling, canoeing, kayaking, row boats, jetski, berry and mushroom picking.

[>> www.visitlappeenranta.fi](http://www.visitlappeenranta.fi)

Winter activities

Cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, ice-skating, snowshoeing, husky tours, winter fishing, ice floating, winter swimming, fat biking.

[>> www.visitlappeenranta.fi](http://www.visitlappeenranta.fi)

All-year-round activities

Guided tours to Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark, historical sites of Lappeenranta and Salpa-line (Salpalinja) fortifications, historic destinations, fishing, fat biking, nature trails, hiking, horseback riding, museums, concerts, indoor and outdoor events, cultural experiences like traditional Karelian food and home cooking, spas, saunas, swimming halls, gyms, bowling.

[>> www.visitlappeenranta.fi](http://www.visitlappeenranta.fi)

Imatra

Summer activities

Lake Saimaa cruises, ice skating, ice hockey, cycling, climbing, frisbee golf, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, rowboating, wakeboarding & -skating, diving, boating, sailing, golf, swimming, bowling, motocross indoor & outdoor, camping, fishing, fatbiking, stand up paddling, spa, sauna, floating sauna, water skiing, parasailing, e-fatbiking, paintball, Archery, jet ski rental, karting, boat cruises, dry-suit floating, yoga.

[>> www.imatrainfo.fi](http://www.imatrainfo.fi)

Winter activities

Cross country skiing, downhill skiing, ice skating, ice hockey, cycling, frisbee golf, hiking, diving, ice swimming, snowshoe walking, bowling, fishing, fatbiking, spa, sauna, floating sauna, SounDome, dry-suit floating, parasailing, paintball, archery.

[>> www.imatrainfo.fi](http://www.imatrainfo.fi)

Mikkeli

Summer activities

Hiking and camping, fishing, golfing, frisbee golfing, tennis, boating, stand up paddling, canoeing, biking, berry and mushroom picking, seal watching cruises, garden visits.

[>> www.visitmikkeli.fi/Summer](http://www.visitmikkeli.fi/Summer)

Winter activities

Snowmobiling, cross country skiing, downhill skiing, skating, snowshoeing, kicksledding, winter fishing, ice floating, winter swimming, indoor golf.

[>> www.visitmikkeli.fi/winter](http://www.visitmikkeli.fi/winter)

All-year-round activities

Horseback riding, theatre and concerts, hiking, saunas, historic destinations/museums, gyms, swimming halls.

[>> www.visitmikkeli.fi/see-and-do](http://www.visitmikkeli.fi/see-and-do)

Savonlinna

Summer activities

Lake Saimaa cruises, Saimaa ringed seal excursions, stand up paddling (SUP), canoeing, kayaking, boating, swimming, golfing

[>> www.visitsavonlinna.fi](http://www.visitsavonlinna.fi)

Winter activities

Cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, tour/ice skating, ice swimming, snowshoeing, ice fishing, ice floating, snowmobiling

[>> www.visitsavonlinna.fi/en/winter/](http://www.visitsavonlinna.fi/en/winter/)

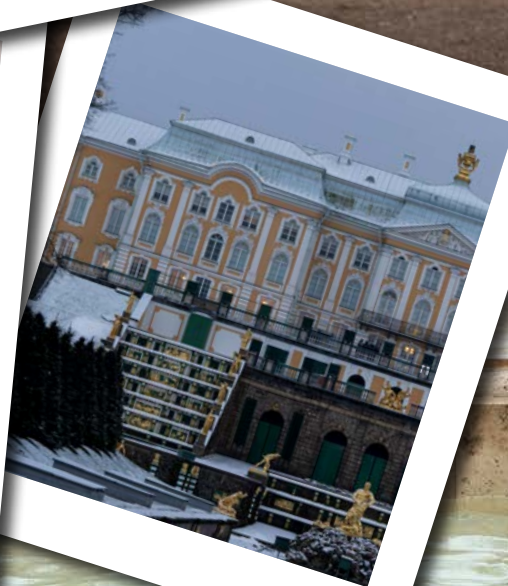
All-year-round activities

Fishing, horse riding, tennis, badminton, squash, padel, spas, swimming halls, gyms, bowling, pool, snooker, hiking, fat/biking

[>> www.visitsavonlinna.fi/nae-ja-koe/](http://www.visitsavonlinna.fi/nae-ja-koe/)

Top things to do

Leningrad Region & St. Petersburg



Leningrad Region

Summer activities

hiking, biking, SUPs, kayaking, boating, swimming

www.lentravel.ru

Winter activities

cross-country skiing, downhill skiing tour/ice skating, ice fishing, snowmobiling

www.lentravel.ru

All-year-round activities

fishing, horseback riding

www.lentravel.ru

There is a lot to see for Cultural and Nature tourism — state and private museums and historic places, a lot of farms and nature reserves. All information can be given by the Tourist Information centres of Leningrad region.

St. Petersburg

Summer activities

Eco-trails and nature reserves >>

- **Walk in the parks and gardens >>**
- **Watch the opening of the drawbridges:**
Take a cruise or watch from the Neva River embankments
 - Bridge raising schedule route >>
 - Stories of Drawbridges route >>
- **Strolling around on White nights season:**
 - Gleam of White Nights route >>
 - Magic of the Night route >>
- **Explore the city from a boat (rivers and canals cruises) >>**
- **Bicycle routes >>**
- **Events:** Scarlet Sails Festival >>

Winter activities

- **Christmas fairs and markets >>**
- **Open air ice skating >>**
- **Open winter ballet season >>**

- **Theatres performances >>**
- **Skiing >>**
- **Events:**
 - Fire festival >>
 - City Festival Maslenitsa >>

All-year-round activities

- **Visit exhibitions >>**
- **Visit museums >>**
- **Explore nature in the greenhouses of city gardens:**
 - Botanical garden >>
 - Tauride garden >>
- **Explore the city from the Bird's eye view:**
 - Colonnade of St Isaac's Cathedral Colonnaded Walkway >>
 - Belfry and viewing point of Peter and Paul Fortress >>
 - Belfry of Smolny Cathedral >>
- **Try rooftop tours of the city >>**
- **Visit new cultural urban places >>**
- **Try gastronomic St. Petersburg:**
 - St. Petersburg for Gourmets >>
 - St. Petersburg restaurants >>

Good to know

- All-year-round activities of the city are presented in the **special guide "St. Petersburg Guide: autumn – winter – spring"**. The guide is updated regularly and includes all necessary information of the autumn-winter-spring seasons.
- Ready to go routes on different themes are available **here**, routes could be chosen by the way of travel: pedestrian, buses, waters etc.
- **A few examples of routes to start exploring the city:**
 - Central Squares Ensemble >>
 - Little Germany (German Petersburg) >>
 - The history of Imperial Russia >>
 - Theater district >>
 - Route "St. Petersburg historical center by bicycle" >>

Contact information

product manuals,
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www.visitlappeenranta.fi

www.facebook.com/Visitlappeenranta.fi

www.instagram.com/visitlappeenranta_official/



visitlappeenranta.fi

Imatra Base Camp (tourist information services)

Virastokatu 2, Imatra

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www.imatrainfo.fi



IMATRA

goSaimaa Ltd – Lappeenranta and Imatra region

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www.facebook.com/LakelandFinland

www.instagram.com/gosaimaa

goSaimaa Ltd is a corporation founded by the local cities, municipalities and travel companies. goSaimaa Ltd is responsible for organizing joint marketing of the Lappeenranta and Imatra region.

Image banks

Image bank Lappeenranta: lappeenranta.kuvat.fi/kuvat/

Image bank Imatra: www.imatra.kuvat.fi

Mikkeli and Savonlinna region

Mikkeli Tourist information

Maaherrankatu 22, Mikkeli

+358 44 794 5669

matkailu@mikkeli.fi

www.visitmikkeli.fi

www.facebook.com/visitmikkeli

www.instagram.com/visitmikkeli/



Savonlinna Tourist Information

Riihisaari – Lake Saimaa Nature and Museum Centre

Riihisaari, Savonlinna

+358 44 417 4466

info@visitsavonlinna.fi

visitsavonlinna.fi/en/



Punkaharju Tourist Information

Lusto – the Finnish Forest Museum

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lusto@lusto.fi

lusto.fi/en/

www.visitpunkaharju.fi/en

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Puistokatu 7, Savonlinna

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visitsavonlinna.fi/en/

Savonlinna Travel Ltd co-operates with local businesses and the city of Savonlinna to market the Savonlinna region for tourists and tour operators.

Image bank and product manuals

Visit Saimaa image bank:

visitsaimaa.kuvat.fi/kuvat/

B2B product manuals (English, German) >>

Leningrad Region



LENINGRAD
REGION

State Budgetary Institution "Tourist information centre of Leningrad Region"

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lentravel@mail.ru

Branch of the State Budgetary Institution of Leningrad Region

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vyborg.lentravel@gmail.com

Tourist Information Center of Vyborg district

188800, Vyborg, Zheleznodorozhnaya str., 8, lit. A

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ticvbg@mail.ru

The Committee for Culture and Tourism of the Leningrad Region

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A part of the Administration of the Leningrad Region, which carries out state regulation in the field of culture and tourism in the territory of the Leningrad Region.

Materials for tour operators

International tourism route Via Hanseatica Plus

(connecting Estonia, Latvia and Russia) >>

St. Petersburg



City Tourist Information Bureau

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Office on Millionnaya street 25, St. Petersburg

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Information Pavilion at Palace square 1A, St. Petersburg

Information Pavilion at Ligovsky prospect, 10, build. 1, St. Petersburg

Information Pavilion near Peter and Paul fortress, Alexandrovsky Park, 5, build.1, St. Petersburg

Information Pavilion at Rastrelli square 1A, St. Petersburg (May-Sep)

2 Information Desks at Pulkovo Airport

Information Desk at Passenger port «Marine facade» (May-Sep)

Information Desk at Outlet Village Pulkovo

Information Desk at Bus Station

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www.visit-petersburg.ru/en/eng.ispb.info/
www.facebook.com/VisitPetersburg
twitter.com/visitpetersburg
www.instagram.com/visitpetersburg/
youtube.com/channel
www.tiktok.com/@visitpetersburg
Skype Login: live:.cid.d0b66648321cc709
OR via name Saint-Petersburg City Tourist
Information Bureau
Online Chat Jivosite

Ask me Spb/I know the city

From May to Sep
www.instagram.com/askmespb/
www.youtube.com/hashtag/askmespb

Regional Tourism organizations Committee for Tourism Development of St. Petersburg

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krt325@mail.ru
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ru-ru.facebook.com/spb.krt

The Committee implements the state policy of St. Petersburg in the domain of tourism development and the hotel infrastructure.



CONVENTION BUREAU
OF SAINT PETERSBURG

St. Petersburg Convention Bureau

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twitter.com/StPetersburg_CB
www.instagram.com/
www.youtube.com/channel

Established in the structure of the Committee for Tourism Development of St. Petersburg, the Convention Bureau conducts large-scale work to promote the city as a world-class business event destination. The Bureau creates an effective one-

stop-contact for foreign customers and organizers of business events, as well as attracts large international congress and exhibition events the priority sectors of the St. Petersburg economy.

First governmental medical tourism agency in St. Petersburg

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help@medtourism.agency
medtourism.agency/en/
www.instagram.com/medtourismspb/

The Medical Tourism Agency was created in 2018 at the initiative of the Government of St. Petersburg with the aim of developing medical and sanatorium tourism and to attract patients from the regions and from abroad.

Image banks and materials for tour operators:

www.visit-petersburg.ru/en/album/
disk.yandex.ru/d/4GpYPM7y7Xxn3w?w=1

Presentation of Saint Petersburg >>



A list of activity service providers

(Appendix)

Lappeenranta

Saimaa Travel DMC

Suvi Laine

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saimaatravel@saimaatravel.fi

www.saimaatravel.fi

- Walking tours in the Fortress GROUP (all year round)
- City sightseeing tours by bus GROUP (all year round)
- Visa-free cruises along the historic Saimaa Canal from Lappeenranta to Vyborg on M/S Carelia FIT/ GROUP (May-Sep)

Karelia Lines

Saku Hyttinen

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www.karelielines.fi

- Cruises to Lake Saimaa, M/S Camilla, depart from the harbour, heading for the islands' labyrinth and the Saimaa Canal. FIT/ GROUP
- Scheduled cruises on Saimaa (May-Sep)

TaigaSaimaa

Tomi Varis

+358 45 8636024

tomi.varis@taigasaimaa.fi

www.taigasaimaa.fi

- **Summer activities:** fishing, mushrooms, berry and wild herbs picking guided tours. FIT/ GROUP (May-Sep)

Saimaa Naturally DMC

Teemu Virtanen

+358 40 5880 738

teemu@saimaanpalju.fi

www.saimaanaturally.com

Summer activities: Guided SUP-boarding tours, E-fat biking tours, Salpaline bunker tours, Kayaking and Paddling tours, Nature treks, fishing, mushrooms and berry picking guided tours FIT/ GROUP (May-Sep)

Winter activities: Hiking, Fat/biking tours FIT/ GROUP (Sep-Apr)

- Cycling trips, e-biking around the Lake Saimaa FIT/ GROUP (May-Sep)

- Floating Sauna cruises to the Lake Saimaa GROUP (May-Sep)

Weekly activity program available >>

Contact The City of Lappeenranta

Tourist Info

+358 5 667 788

lappeenranta@gosaimaa.com

www.visitlappeenranta.fi

- The Harbour Walking Tour focuses on the "Bordertown" crime scenes that start at the Sandcastle. The tour showcases the crime scenes around the Old Town known as Fortress and the harbour area. GROUP (all year round)

Imatra

Water-SkiZoo

+358 40 586 5313

jussi@waterskizoo.com

www.waterskizoo.com

Water-skiing, Diving, Wakeboarding, Parasailing, Dry-Suit Floating, Floating Sauna, Taxi Boat, Banana Boat etc. FIT, GROUP

M/s Emma

Marko Kiuru

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www.ms-emma.net

This towboat-turned-cruiser is an excellent choice for the charter cruises of small groups. The ship has its own kitchen and lounge/dining room, sauna, shower room, swimming level, toilets and sundeck, where you can enjoy the Saimaa lake scenery and sunny summer days. M/s Emma is also suited for organising parties and sauna evenings at the quay of the Imatra passenger harbour. Check out the cruise price list for more information. FIT, GROUP

Saimaa Adventures

+358 45 7870 8860

info@saimaa-adventures.fi

www.saimaa-adventures.fi

Adventurer's department store, where you can book the most diverse and high-quality activities in Saimaa: safaris, adventure trips, rental equipment, occupational well-being, meeting arrangements. Activities for indoors and outdoors, in summer and winter. FIT, GROUP

Tuplakasi Action

+358 45 6353811

info@tuplakasi.fi

tuplakasi-action.fi

Team Games, Precision Sports, Bachelor Parties,

Entertainment Shows, Well-being, Team days,
Birthday Parties and much more FIT, GROUP

Imatra Tours

Riitta Mustonen
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imatratours.fi

We offer you interesting guided tours on different themes in the Imatra region and South Karelia. With us you can see places that you cannot find on your own. Also, you will hear key facts as well as little-known aspects about the Finnish society, its people's local food, history, geology and nature. With us you can get the most of your visit to Finland. We wish you warmly welcome to Imatra region! FIT, GROUP

Atreenalin Adventure Park Saimaa

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info@atreenalin.fi
www.atreenalin.fi

Atreenalin Adventure park Saimaa has a total of 5 courses that adventurers over 130 cm tall can enjoy according to their boldness and abilities, plus Kids Land for the smallest members of the family. The courses built between the trees cover 1.5 km in an area of three hectares. Everyone can find a suitable challenge. FIT, GROUP

Discover Saimaa

+358 41 313 6868
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discoversaimaa.fi

Discover Saimaa organizes excursions and events and offers various services. We organize nature adventure trips, bike trips, canoe trips, cultural cycling, etc. In the autumn we also organize mushroom and berry trips and in the winter you can find us in the snow. GROUP

CreativeKaiku

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www.creativekaiku.fi

Experience the unforgettable and true Finnish nature with us. Hear the exciting stories about Finnish history and mythology. Come and visit traditional events and meet local people or experience the atmosphere of an old farmhouse in our unique open-air museum area and have a cup of refreshing coffee! FIT, GROUP

Ski Center Freeski

Salosaari
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+358 400 889 851
www.freeski.fi

Here, you can engage in snowboarding, downhill skiing, cross country skiing and sledding in a serene, natural beauty on the coast of Lake Saimaa. The 6 lit slopes guarantee enjoyment of the snow, and nothing will prevent ice hole fishers escaping into the warmth of the slope cafeteria. The parking area is in close proximity to the slopes. FIT, GROUP

Mikkeli

Rock and Lake

Pasi Romo
+358 50 566 0905
sales@rockandlake.com
www.rockandlake.com

-Summer activities: guided fishing and boat trips on Lake Kyyvesi and Lake Puula FIT/GROUP (May-Sep)

-Winter activities: husky safaris, kicksledding, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, sleigh riding, ice fishing FIT/GROUP (Dec-March)

-Year round: fat biking FIT/GROUP

-Accessible services, boat and equipment rental, accommodation, sauna facilities as well as facilities for conferences and functions.

Saimaa Fishing Travels

Mika Kärkkäinen
+358 400 907 234
kalahullu@co.inet.fi
fishingfinlandia.fi

-Summer activities: guided fishing excursions on Lake Saimaa FIT/GROUP (May-Nov)

-Buster motor boats rental, accommodation

Nestorinranta

Riitta Viialainen
+358 40 510 6208
info@nestorinranta.fi
nestorinranta.fi

-Summer activities: Guided fishing and boat trips to Lietvesi, guided walks

-Accommodation

-Boat, bike and equipment rental FIT/GROUP (May-Sep)

Opas-Guide Tiina

Tiina Leinonen

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guidetiina@gmail.com

en.spiritguidesaimaa.com

-Summer activities: guided canoe and bike trips, paddling tours, hiking trips FIT/GROUP (May-Sep)

-Winter activities: guided snowshoeing and hiking trips FIT/GROUP (Dec-March)

Lakeland GTE

Arto Keinänen

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<https://www.lakelandgte.fi/en/>

-Summer activities: guided seal watching cruises, ecoboat sightseeing cruises, motorboat tours, fishing tours, canoe tours, inflatable boats adventures, Saimaa Story cruises FIT/GROUP (May-Sep)

-Winter activities: guided ice floating, snowshoeing, ice fishing, winter games and adventures FIT/GROUP (Oct-Apr)

WildCanoe

Vesa Liukkonen

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www.wildcanoe.com

Summer activities: planning and guiding canoeing and kayaking adventures

- rental for kayaks, canoes, SUP boards, fishing tackles and wilderness equipment and selling fishing permits GROUP (May-Sep)

Saimaa Canoeing

Sanna Korhonen

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hanhiniitty.fi/en/saimaa-canoeing-services

Summer activities: guided paddling trips, accommodation in canoeing huts, canoeing courses FIT/GROUP (May-Sep)

Winter activities: snowshoe excursions FIT/GROUP

Feellakes

Tero Jarva

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feellakesresponsive.kixit.fi

Summer activities: guided fishing trips. Additional services: lunch catering, guided canoeing trips,

accommodation and equipment rental. GROUP (May-Sep)

PK-Kalamatkat

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pkkalamatkat@gmail.com

pk-kalamatkat.com

Summer activities: many types of guided fishing trips on Lake Saimaa FIT/GROUP (May-Oct)

Winter activities: ice fishing FIT/GROUP (Dec-March)

Savonlinna

Activity Maker

+358 44 978 2127

activitymaker@gmail.com

activitymaker.fi

-Savonlinna city tour, guided trips to Kerimäki/Hytermä, Linnansaari National Park and Kolovesi National Park FIT/GROUP (all year round)

-EscapeRoom real life adventure game FIT/GROUP (all year round)

-Summer activities: canoeing & biking tours, guided horseback riding FIT/GROUP, paintball GROUP

-Winter activities: guided snowshoeing, snowmobiling, ice fishing, fatbiking FIT/GROUP

LakelandGTE

+358 40 096 6800

sales@lakelandgte.fi

www.lakelandgte.fi

-Winter activities: ice floating next to Olavinlinna Castle GROUP (min. 4 pax) (Oct-Apr)

-Winter activities: Savonlinna winter adventure (Savonlinna sightseeing, Kerimäki Church, Punkaharju ridge, Punkaharju Arboretum) GROUP (min. 4 pax) (Nov-Apr)

Blue Lake Cruises Oy

+358 50 517 3040

info@bluelakecruises.fi

bluelakecruises.fi

- Lake Saimaa cruises: scenic/theme/charter FIT/ GROUP (May-Sep)

Savonlinna Cruises

+358 50 517 3040

info@savonlinnaristeilyt.fi

www.savonlinnaristeilyt.fi/en/

-Lake Saimaa cruises: scenic/theme/charter FIT/ GROUP (May-Nov)

Sapha Oy

+358 400 200 117

saphaoy@gmail.com

www.lakestar.fi/en

-Lake Saimaa cruises: scenic/charter FIT/GROUP
(Apr–Nov)

Vip Cruise

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janne.leinonen@vipcruise.info

www.vipcruise.info/en/

saimaashop.com/

Lake Saimaa cruises: steamship/scenic/theme/
charter FIT/GROUP (Apr–Nov)

Hotel & Spa Resort Järvisydän

+358 20 729 1760

jarvisydan@saimaaholiday.net

www.jarvisydan.com/en/

-Summer activities: trips to Linnansaari National
Park, Saimaa ringed seal excursions, canoeing, SUP
boarding, fishing FIT/GROUP

-Winter activities: tour skating, snowshoeing,
sledding, snowmobiling FIT/GROUP

-Weekly activity program >>

SaimaaHoliday Oravi

+358 44 274 7078

oravi@saimaaholiday.net

www.oravivillage.com/en

-Summer activities: day trips to Linnansaari National
Park, Saimaa ringed seal excursions & safaris, guided
fishing excursions, guided canoeing & kayaking
(+ packages and tours) FIT/GROUP

-Winter activities: guided ice skating, ice floating and
ice fishing, snowmobile safaris FIT/GROUP

Porokylä (Reindeer Village)

+358 44 27 47 078

porokyla@saimaaholiday.net

www.porokyla.com/en

-Summer activities: guided nature walks & fishing,
Saimaa ringed seal & lake safaris FIT/GROUP

-Winter activities: guided reindeer excursions, guided
snowmobile safaris FIT/GROUP (Dec–Apr)

-Winter activities: guided winter fishing GROUP
(Jan–March)

Kruunupuisto – Punkaharju Outdoor

+358 44 763 9130

myyntipalvelu@kruunupuisto.fi

www.kruunupuisto.fi/en/

-Summer activities: guided fat/biking, Nordic walking,
kayaking, canoeing and boating FIT/GROUP

-Winter activities: guided snowshoeing (min. 4 pax),
fat biking (min. 4 pax), tour skating and kick-sledding
FIT/GROUP

Tanhuvaara Sport Resort

+358 15 582 0000

info@tanhuvaara.fi

tanhuvaara.fi/en/

-A wide variety of guided sports activities (including
but not limited to canoeing/kayaking, orienteering,
Nordic walking, hydrobic, gym training, dancing and
snowshoeing) GROUP

SaimaaCharter Vuokravenho

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vuokravenho@saimaacharter.com

www.saimaanvuokravenho.fi

-Summer activities: boat safaris, guided canoeing &
SUP boarding FIT/GROUP

Sulkavan Oravanpesät

+358 400 938 076

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www.oravanpesat.fi/en

-Summer activities: canoeing/kayaking packages
FIT/GROUP

Kerigolf

+358 15 252 600

clubhouse@kerigolf.fi

kerigolf.fi/english

-Summer activities: golf packages FIT/GROUP

Leningrad Region

KIVINIEMI

**rafting base – water activities, rafting,
kayak rental, bicycle rental >>**

FREE HIKER TOUR

SUPs and kayak rental >>

AKTILAHTI

water activities for groups and FITs
ahtilahti.ru

Additional information is available at the Tourist
Information centres.

St. Petersburg

Centre of interesting tours “Uncle Nick”

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nicktour@nicktour.spb.ru

www.nicktour.spb.ru

-All-year-round activities: founded in 2000, the tour operator organises bus tours to Finland, countries of Europe and Scandinavia. Excursions, accommodation booking (hotels, cottages, apartments). FIT/GROUP

“Tsar Events Russia DMC & PCO”

Rodionov Alexander

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a.rodionov@tsar-events.com

www.tsar-events.com

-All-year-round activities: founded in 2010, the company provides services of planning, organizing and operating of any MICE activities in RUSSIA, UKRAINE, BALTIC STATES, BELARUS: Meeting & Congress, Incentive Program, Cultural or Special Interest Professional Group, Theme Parties & Special Events, Hotel accommodation, Transportation and Staff logistics, Team-Building Activities, Venues & vendors Selection. FIT/GROUP

“Agency of international Tourism and Culture”

Zoya Belaeva

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amtk2004@list.ru

www.AMTK.ru

- All-year-round activities: founded in 2004, the incoming operator organises classic and exclusive tours, excursions in St. Petersburg and Leningrad region. FIT/GROUP

“Tailored Tours”, LLS

Timofey Kruglikov

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info@tour-petersburg.com

www.tour-petersburg.com

-All-year-round activities: personally managed customized excursions and tours of St. Petersburg and Leningrad region led by highly professional local experts (historians, art historians, museum curators). FIT/GROUP

“SIDO-TOUR”

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-All-year-round activities: tours for family and kids, animation programs. Outbound children trips. GROUP

“Empire of tourism”

Elena Belokopytova

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www.imto.ru

-All-year-round activities: walking and bus tours of Moscow and St. Petersburg, bus tours of the Golden Ring touristic route and Moscow region and other regions of Russia, individual VIP tours for foreigners. Full scope of dms's/incoming services, including transportation. FIT/GROUP

“Victory Tours”

Victoria Osokina

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director@victory-tours.ru

www.victory-tours.ru

-All-year-round activities: incoming services provider in organising unique and designer tours and excursions on the territory of St. Petersburg, Leningrad region and Russia, cruises and expeditors, booking hotels and transport services. FIT/GROUP

“Fremad Russia DMC”

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tany@fremad.ru

www.fremad-russia.com

-All-year-round activities: founded in 1993, the operator with a huge experience of working with Finland leading tour operators, provides services for tourists in Russia and abroad. The list of services includes hotel reservations, transportation, excursions, business events, exhibitions and congresses etc. FIT/GROUP

“RVM”

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www.rvm-spb.ru

rvm-spb.ru/eng/

-All-year-round activities: classic tours to St. Petersburg and suburb places for any day's number and special designer weekend tours for 3 days/2 nights: "Theatre weekend", "Delicious Petersburg", "Merchant Petersburg", "From the ship to the ball".
FIT/GROUP

“Inturion.ru”

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russia@inturion.ru

inturion-russia.com/en/

-All-year-round activities: any complexity and budget tours from Europe, USA, Asia and Arab countries to St. Petersburg and Russia: Baikal, Moscow, Karelia, North West region, Kazan etc. Also, tours for students and children. The staff speaks English and Arabic. FIT/GROUP

More information:

[Extended list of service providers >>](#)

[Saint Petersburg Association of tour operators >>](#)

Contact details

DMC´s and Incoming
Operators in the area

(Appendix)



Lappeenranta

Saimaa Travel DMC

A privately owned tour operator specializing in trips to Russia and visa-free cruises from Lappeenranta to Vyborg/St Petersburg. Visa-free cruises along the historic Saimaa Canal from Lappeenranta to Vyborg on M/S Carelia are available May-Sep (FIT/Group). Also organizes walking tours and city sightseeing tours in Lappeenranta for groups all year round.

www.saimaatravel.fi/en/

Saimaa Naturally DMC

A privately owned DMC offering summer (cycling trips, e-biking, guided SUP-boarding tours, E-fat biking tours, Salpaline bunker tours, Kayaking and Paddling tours, Nature treks, fishing, mushrooms and berry picking guided tours) and winter activities (hiking, Fat/biking tours) in Lappeenranta and the Lake Saimaa region for FIT and groups. Floating Sauna cruises to the Lake Saimaa (GROUP), available May-Sep

-Weekly activity program available (summer)

www.saimaanaturally.com/dmc-operations/

www.saimaanaturally.com

Savonlinna

Savonlinna Tours Oy

A privately owned travel agency and DMC offering travel products in and around Savonlinna, Lake Saimaa and also other parts of Finland. We handle reservations for accommodation, boat cruises, organised activities, guides, meeting and transportation, including charters. We also supply tickets for events, tours, round trips and packages tailored according to the needs of the clients.

savonlinnatours.com/

Lakeland Travel

A tour operator in Savonlinna offering travel products in the Savonlinna region and other destinations in Eastern Finland, especially for Russian-speaking visitors. Holiday packages include accommodation, activities and tickets to "must visit" -destinations.

en.lakeland.travel/contacts

Matka-Kosonen

A bus company organizing groups trips from Savonlinna to Vyborg and St. Petersburg on request.

matka-kosonen.fi

Leningrad Region

All incoming / outgoing touroperators in Russia offer visa services, package tours, tailor made tours, separate services (accommodation, excursion etc.).

Viipuritours

Tour operator founded in 1991.

DMC offering travel services in Vyborg region.

Vyborg

www.viipuritours.vbg.ru/eng/

Fremad Russia DMC

Tour operator founded in 1993.

The list of services includes hotel reservations, transportation, excursions

St. Petersburg

fremad-russia.com/Tours-to-Russia/

"Silver Ring"

The group of companies develops and organizes sightseeing, historical and event tours

St. Petersburg

www.silver-ring.travel/

St Petersburg Travel Shop DMC

Tour operator offering all over Russia trips as well as the outgoing services.

St. Petersburg

www.pmpoperator.ru

Tour Operator "Northern Pearl "

DMC specializing in Asia, Indian and Middle-East tourists.

St. Petersburg

www.nptravel.ru

St. Petersburg

All incoming / outgoing touroperators in Russia offer visa services, package tours, tailor made tours, separate services (accommodation, excursion etc.).

“Tailored Tours”, LLS

Thematic, vip and designer tours and excursions on the territory of St. Petersburg and Leningrad region under escort of professional high quality guides (professors, museum curators).

www.tour-petersburg.com

Fremad Russia DMC

Founded in 1993, the operator with a huge experience of connection with Finland leading tour operators provides services for tourists in Russia and abroad.

The list of services include hotel reservations, transportation, excursions, business events, exhibitions and congresses etc.

www.fremad-russia.com

RVM

A dms's/incoming company organizes any kind of thematic and designer tours to St. Petersburg and suburb places.

www.rvm-spb.ru ,
rvm-spb.ru/eng/

NEVA SEASONS

Founded in 2000, the travel operator is one the leading dms's/incoming companies in St. Petersburg and Leningrad region, organizing any kind of tours on the territory of the whole North West region of Russia.

www.nevaseasons.com/en

Krugozer Expo Travel

A destination management company, operating all over Russia, from Kaliningrad to Vladivostok, incl. Grand Siberia Tour, Baikal cruises, Altay, Sochi with the main destination area as St. Petersburg and Silver Ring (Novgorod, Pskov, Karelia) and arranging standard tours and tour series to St. Petersburg, Moscow and around (for tour series starting from Helsinki), as well as special interest tours.

krugozor-expo.ru/en/

More information:

Extended list of dmc's/incoming operators in the area. [www >>](#)

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performances, events, traditions,
local delicacies and unique ways
of life of Finnish Lakeland and
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St. Petersburg and Lake Saimaa cities Imatra, Lappeenranta, Mikkeli and Savonlinna together with Leningrad Region cooperate in the Lake Saimaa St. Petersburg Travel Corridor CBC CORRIDOR 1088 project. The cooperation aims to raise awareness and together with tour operators to increase incoming tourism outside the main tourism season in the region.



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