

# LAPPEENRANTA

2021

  
LAPPEENRANTA  
THE CLIMATE CAPITAL OF FINLAND



# Halfway between Helsinki and St. Petersburg

## Excellent connections

**Lappeenranta – Helsinki 215 km**

**Lappeenranta – St. Petersburg 195 km**

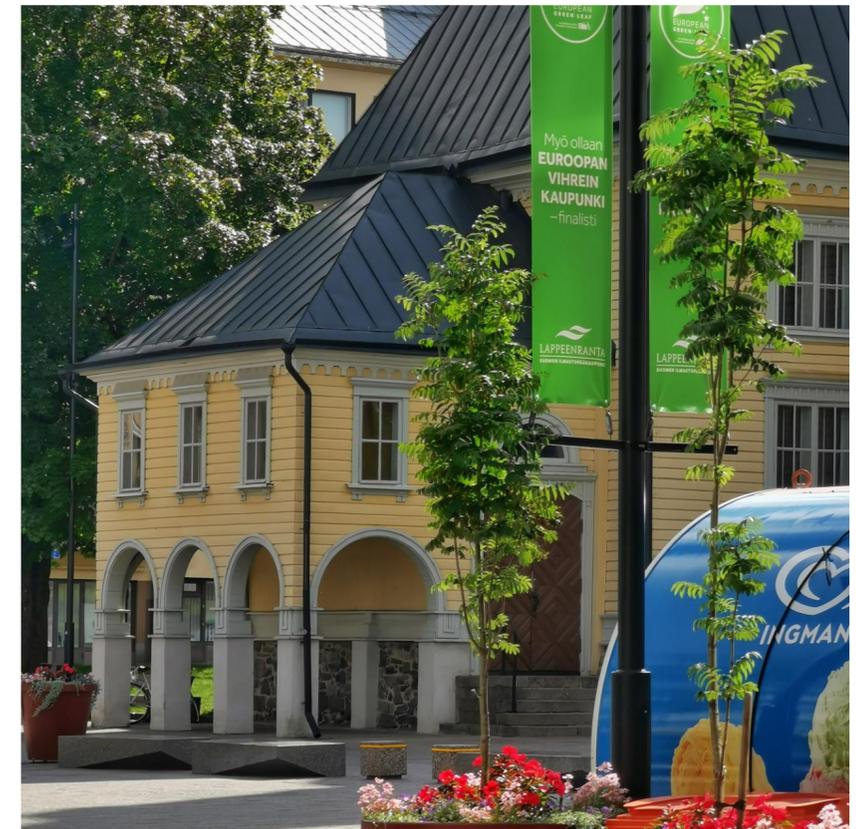
**Lappeenranta – Moscow 925 km**



# THE CLIMATE CAPITAL of Finland

- Lappeenranta was granted a town charter in 1649, Queen Christina of Sweden signed the instrument of foundation for the new town
- Developed from a Grand Duchy of Finland camp-town of the late 1800s and a garrison town of an independent Finland into an international university city and tourist destination
- 13th largest city in Finland with 73000 inhabitants
- Lake Saimaa begins in Lappeenranta, Europe's 4th largest lake
- International airport, good flight connections to Europe by Ryanair
- Lappeenranta won the title of the European Green Leaf 2021 in a competition organized by the European Commission!

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# POPULAR tourist destination

- Lappeenranta has approximately 1,8 M annual visitors (prior to Corona)
- Lake Saimaa aims to become one of the top three Finnish tourist destinations
- Lake Saimaa is among the five most beautiful lakes in the world (WSJ)
- Lappeenranta Fortress, harbour and Sandcastle draw tourists
- Lappeenranta Harbour is among the best providers of boating services in Finland
- Visa-free Canal Cruises to Vyborg and tours to St. Petersburg are top tourist products
- Tourism cooperation with St Petersburg and Vyborg

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SAIMAA IS  
**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

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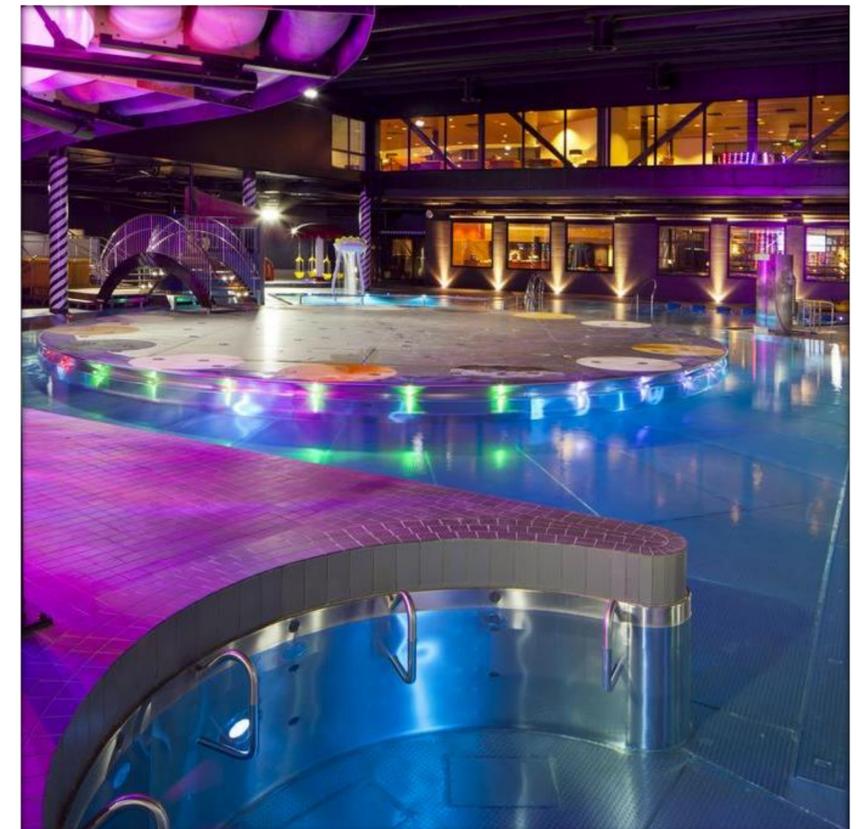


# Accommodation capacity

## Hotels in Lappeenranta in 2021

There are many accommodation options in the city! Choose from hotels in the city centre or closer to the harbour, or treat yourself to a stay in a lakeside cabin or a spa!

- Hotel Scandic Patria (133 rooms, 245 bed spaces)
- Hotel Rakuuna (45 rooms, 108 bed spaces)
- Sokos Hotel Lappee (260 rooms, 530 bed spaces)
- Holiday Club Saimaa in Rauha (Spa Resort)  
(229 rooms, 281 apartments, approximately 1500 bed spaces)
  - The total accommodation capacity of Lappeenranta's hotels is estimated at 2,383 bed spaces!
  - For more accommodation options you will find <https://visitlappeenranta.fi/en/Accommodation>



# Idyllic places to visit

## Near by Lappeenranta

- Pulsa Railway station (10 bed spaces)
  - The Pulsa Station is an old railway station complex that was completed in 1869. A local business family has given the station new life by respectfully renovating it in keeping old building traditions. Today, the station hosts an atmospheric café, an interior design boutique and B&B accommodations in the beautiful countryside of Lappeenranta, about 20 km from the city center.
- Hotel Salpalinjan Hovi (24 bed spaces)
  - The hotel, a former a village school built from log, is now fully renovated and offers six modern apartment suites which have been furnished according to different school subjects. It is surrounded by the rich and beautiful nature of South Karelia as well as historic sites, about 9 km from the city center. At Salpalinjan Hovi you can relax in the nature or enjoy an active vacation canoeing and fishing at the nearby Lake Saimaa.





# PERFECT ACCOMMODATION

Whether you are counting sheep, stars or the number of beds, the choice of hotel does make a difference. The versatile selection of hotels available in the Saimaa area will cater for all your accommodation needs.

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# SLOW DOWN

There are approx. 70 000 summer villas around the Lake Saimaa, the birthplace of Finland's tourism.

The cottages are situated by the lakeside, and they all come with sauna. Go swimming on your own cottage shore.

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# WONDERS

## ON THE BODY AND SOUL

The area of Lake Saimaa is a good place to pamper yourself, in exactly your own way. Peaceful living, quiet environment, large ancient forests, the numerous faces of the lakes.

Together with a calm Finnish lifestyle, they all work together in giving you new ideas and new strength.

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# WELL- BEING

THE FINNISH  
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Saunas and Finland go hand-in-hand. Feel the touch of the refreshing and healing Lake Saimaa, renew your body in the gentle warmth of a sauna, and enjoy the tranquillity. In a sauna, the skin temperature and pulse rise, the metabolism speeds up and aching muscles relax. Sauna is pure health!



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# TREASURES OF THE **FOREST**

The flavours of the forest are also to be savoured: arctic berries and mushrooms can be picked throughout the late summer and autumn.



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**EVENTS AND  
EXPERIENCES  
ALL YEAR  
ROUND**



# Charming Harbour Area

- The beautiful Harbour area in Lappeenranta begins at the Shore Park (Rantapuisto), also known as the Kasino Park and continues all the way to the largest sandcastle in Finland and the Myllysaari beach area
- The harbour is full of heartbeat and good places to eat. If you like to enjoy by the water the boat restaurants S/S Suvi-Saimaa and Prinses Armada's summer terraces attract tourists
- One of the popular place in harbour is the famous roof terrace restaurant “Katto” which gives you Monaco vibes with it live music!
- From the harbor square you can board a ship and go on a cruise to the Lake Saimaa or through the Saimaa Canal to Vyborg.



# Historical Fortress

- Lappeenranta has grown with Eastern and Western cultural influences that are best visible in the old town. The Fortress is a valuable part of the Finnish, Russian and Swedish cultural heritage
- Guided tours are available on request throughout the year [www.saimaatravel.fi/en](http://www.saimaatravel.fi/en)
- The fortress houses the Museum of South Karelia, the Lappeenranta Art Museum and the Cavalry Museum. The oldest Orthodox church in Finland from 1785 is also located in the Fortress
- Museum Tickets from Lakeland Experiences sales channel with one ticket you are welcome to visit three Museums
- Today, the fortress offers its visitors history, attractions and events all year round!
- With the nature and cultural trail it`s easier to explore the historical Fortress, the route is about 1.8 km long and there are 11 signposts along the trail, that tell the story of the area's building and cultural history



# The Sandcastle

- The Sandcastle has charmed visitors more than seventeen times since 2004. Themes have changed every year, and millions of kilos of sand are used to carve this magnificent Sandcastle. There will be a cosy oasis for the whole family with a new pop-up theme park complex with bouncing castles next summer!
- You may explore the new Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark sites at the Saimaarium Nature and Science Center, next to the Sandcastle and begin the conquest of Lake Saimaa!
- Saimaa Naturally offers the new weekly Activities program, like cycling trips around the Lake Saimaa, hiking trips and guided SUP-boarding tours and Floating Sauna cruises to the Lake Saimaa. <https://www.saimaanaturally.com/>
- 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 Sandcastle



# Great Hiking Destinations

- Hike for a couple hours in the beautiful city, admire the views and landscape from the back of your bike or go skiing on the Lake Saimaa. Lappeenranta and South Karelia have an amazing network of routes for adventurers of different levels!
- Saimaa has unique geological and cultural attractions waiting for visitors, guided tours takes you to the nature, just a short distance from the city center!
- Popular Hiking Destinations
  - The Rantaraitti –Lakeside route, following the shores of Lake Saimaa
  - Saimaa Canal Trail, runs by the side of the canal
  - Hämmäauteensuo Mire Nature Trail
  - Mikonsaari Nature Trail
  - Pappilanniemi Nature Trail
  - Karhusaari island, only 1km from the harbour

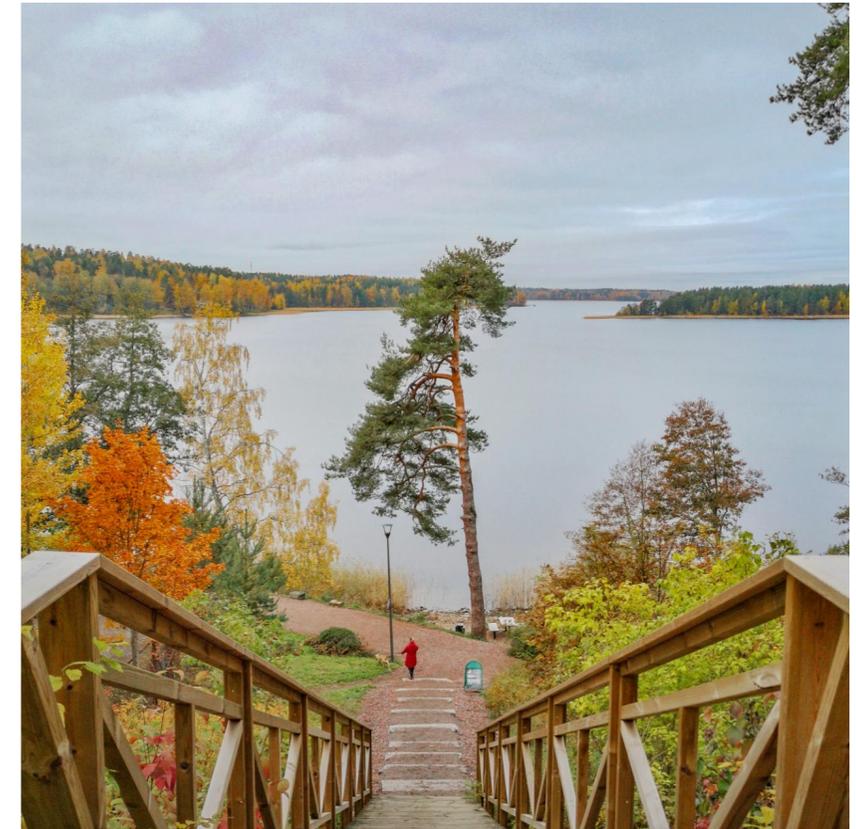


# Historical Rakuunamäki

## Dragoon Hill, the red-brick barracks

- Rakuunamäki (Dragoon Hill) was purpose-built for the cavalry in the late 1880s and has been well preserved. It has become one of the top tourist attraction, in Lappeenranta, alongside the Fortress
- The City is developing Rakuunamäki for residents and tourists, as well as companies and the public sector
- There is also the Legendary Officers' Club called Upseerikerho in Rakuunamäki, which has always been served by officers and gentlemen, Lappeenranta residents and all friends of good food!

<https://www.lappeenrannanupseerikerho.fi/en-us/>



# Recreational Area in Rauha

## On the shore of Lake Saimaa

- The Rauha-Tiuru area, located in the easternmost part of the City, about 35 km from the city centre, is one of the most beautiful tourist areas in the Nordic countries
- This recreational area enjoys a location of immense natural beauty, and offers a wide range of activities, restaurants and accommodation services on a day trip or on a longer stay
- There are spectacular hiking routes in the area. Activity and programme service providers arrange guided tours and activities on land, water and even the air, all year round
- Activity services arranged by: [Holiday Club Saimaa](#), [Saimaa Adventures](#), [Atreenalin Adventure park](#) and [Salpasafarit](#)



# Stunning Lake Saimaa

## Spend the day cruising

- Scheduled cruises from Lappeenranta
  - Saimaa Canal and the archipelago (duration 2 or 3 hours)
  - Visa-free cruises to Vyborg
  - Boat trip along the historic Saimaa canal to Vyborg is an experience in itself!  
More information from cruises <https://www.karelielines.fi/eng/>  
<https://www.saimaatravel.fi/en/>
  - Cruises to Ilkonsaari island, unique place where you can learn about the traditions and architecture of the Eastern Orthodox church. The island is home to five Orthodox chapels, small churches, known as “tsasounas”



# Ylämaa Gem Village

- Ylämaa Gem Village is located on Via Karelia 35 km south of Lappeenranta
- The facilities include jewellers workshops, a gem museum and a restaurant
- The beautiful blue spectrolite is the national gem of Finland and the provincial stone of South Karelia!
- You can learn about the world of gems and jewellery at the Show, as well as admire thousands of consumer items and works of art made from stone materials
- Guided tours lets you learn more about our national gemstone, spectrolite and you can pick pieces of the gem, at the mine, to take home with you!
  - <http://www.ylamaanjalokivimuseo.fi/en/>
  - <http://www.ylamaamystique.fi/en>



# CULTURE for all senses

- Experience in Lappeenranta: Home of Nordic Noir series Bordertown, support ice hockey team SaiPa, basketball team Catz and bandy team Veiterä with us!
- The City Theater is located in the heart of the city with easy access to tourists, offering visiting performances by interesting domestic and foreign theatre groups
- The Lappeenranta City Orchestra offers live orchestral music
- Nostalgic Cultural Centre "Nuijamies" maintains the city's cultural life
- Hundreds of different events are held in Lappeenranta every year, festivals, concerts, sport and street events
- Enjoy local food and taste local specialities Vety- and Atomi meat pies!
- 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!



# Tourist information is available

## In Shopping center Iso-Kristiina

- The City tourist information provides brochures and maps, as well as current information on places to visit, events and activity opportunities in the Lappeenranta region. Tourist Information office also operates in the Sandcastle area, during summer time
- Join our Tourist Information services on for example a tour of the shooting locations of Bordertown and harbour walking tour with us!
- You may contact by e-mail [lappeenranta@gosaimaa.com](mailto:lappeenranta@gosaimaa.com) or follow us in Facebook and Instagram @visitlappeenranta\_official
- Cheerful Lappeenranta, offers exciting experiences and charming places to visit all year round! Welcome😊

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[greenreality.fi](http://greenreality.fi)

  
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