Coast, Archipelago and Slow Down Route of Coastal Finland 2026-2028

Explore Finland’s archipelago and countryside, and slow down as you enjoy authentic experiences along the way. This route highlights breathtaking coastlines, serene rural environments and traditional fishing villages - perfect for travelers seeking relaxation and one-of-a-kind experiences. With activities suitable for all, from easy nature walks and cozy saunas to cultural encounters and local flavors, this route celebrates the unhurried life of the seaside and countryside. Each destination offers a blend of natural beauty, genuine stories and unique sights.
This route is at its best May - September.

Target group: FIT, SMALL GROUPS
Season May-September
Duration 6-14 nights

Photo Mari Hirsikallio

Getting here and around

Travel distances and driving times

Kotka-Hamina - Porvoo 60 minutes/ 82 km
Porvoo - Hanko 140 minutes / 180 km
Hanko - Raseborg 35 minutes / 36 km
Raseborg - Salo 50 minutes / 58 km
Salo - Uusikaupunki 90 minutes / 150 km
Uusikaupunki - Rauma 45 minutes / 50 km
Rauma - Pori 45 minutes / 50 km
Pori - Kristiinankaupunki 75 minutes / 100 km
Kristiinankaupunki - Seinäjoki 90 minutes / 110 km
Seinäjoki - Kokkola 120 minutes / 150 km
Kokkola - Raahe 90 minutes / 130 km
Raahe - Oulu 60 minutes / 75 km

Trains from flight and harbour hubs e.g.

Helsinki - Kotka 2 h 30 min
Helsinki - Seinäjoki 2 h 55 min
Helsinki - Raahe 5 h 15 min
Vaasa - Seinäjoki 55 min
Turku - Salo 55 min
Rovaniemi - Raahe 3 h 50 min

Ferries

Tallinn - Helsinki 2 h
Trawemunde - Helsinki 30 h
Stockholm - Turku 5 h 15 min
Umeå - Vaasa 3 h 30 min
Kapellskär - (Åland) - Naantali 8 h 30 min

Flights to from major European hubs e.g.

Helsinki (HEL) over 120 direct routes and connections from most European capitals. Typical flight durations: London ≈ 2h20, Amsterdam ≈ 2h40, Frankfurt ≈ 2h40.
Oulu (OUL) Regular direct routes: Helsinki (HEL). International connections — Frankfurt (FRA) seasonal direct. Typical flight durations: Oulu–Helsinki: 1 h 5–1 h 15 min, Oulu–Frankfurt: 3 h 10 min.
Kokkola / Pietarsaari (KOK)
Regular route Helsinki (HEL). Flight duration: 1 h 10 min
Vaasa (VAA)
Regular direct routes: Helsinki (HEL) and Stockholm (ARN).
Typical flight times: Vaasa – Helsinki: ~ 1 h, Vaasa – Stockholm: ~ 1 h 15 min
Pori (POR)
Regular route: Helsinki (HEL). Flight duration: ~ 45 min
Turku
Direct international routes include Stockholm (ARN), Riga (RIX), Gdansk (GDN) and selected seasonal routes. Typical flight durations: Turku–Stockholm 55 min, Turku–Riga 1 h, Turku–Gdansk 1 h 30 min



Day 1 Hamina

Hamina boasts a rare circular city plan. In Hamina, you can see a lot on foot. Walk the Fortres Path to see the fortified wall ruins. Hamina Fortress Trail

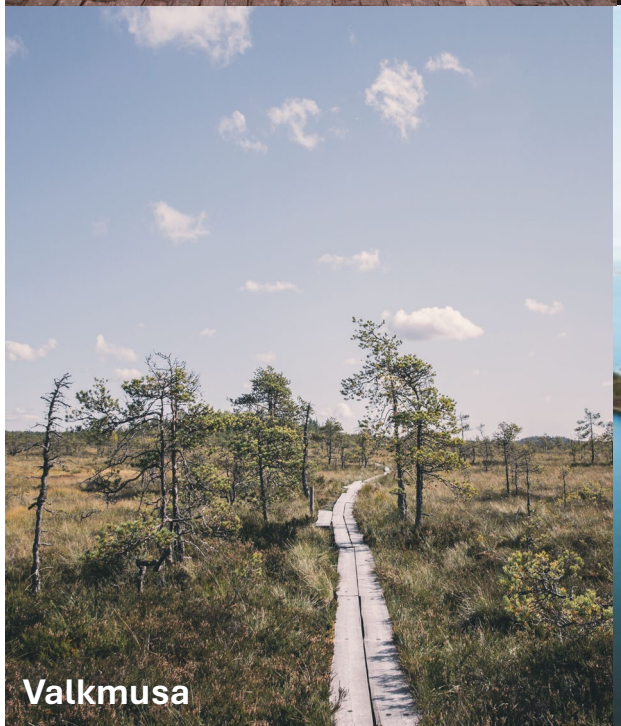
You can enjoy lunch at the Mayer Hotel restaurant in Hamina Food and drink lists | Meyer Hamina.

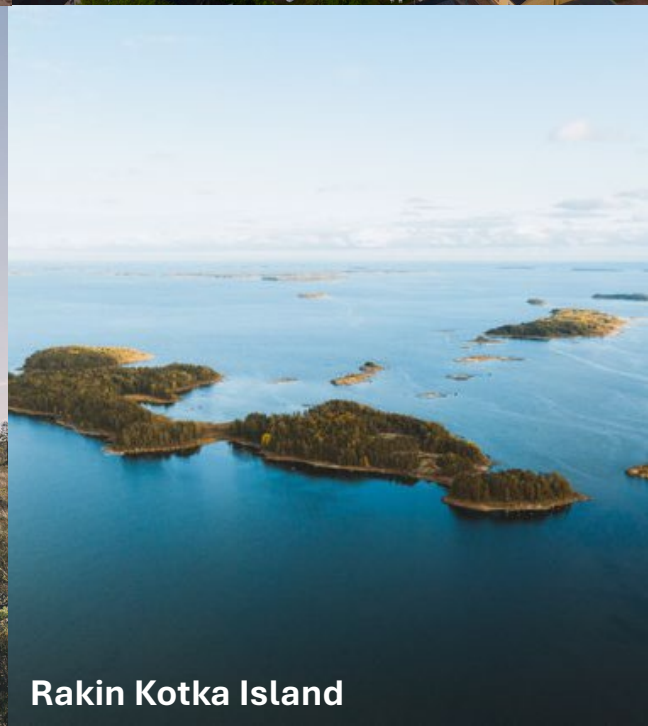
In the afternoon, hop on a boat and head out to the outer archipelago, RakinKotka Island. Embracing Nature and History. Spend the night in outer archipelago of the Eastern Gulf Finland. On the island, you can explore the beautiful nature, enjoy the sauna, and dine in a magnificent setting. The island also conceals Viking history.

One Extra day visit Valkmusa National Park's Valkmusa National Park vast natural open bogs offer visitors a unique opportunity to relax and fully immerse themselves in nature. Embark on the marked circular trail. If you want a guide, you can ask for more information here Retkipiste.


Hamina


Hamina City


Valkmusa


Rakin Kotka Island

Day 2 Porvoo

Embrace the serene beauty of Porvoo's coastal landscapes. Your day begins with a guided tour to the archipelago, where you can choose your adventure:

Canoeing to the historic Sawmill Islands, gliding through calm waters surrounded by nature.

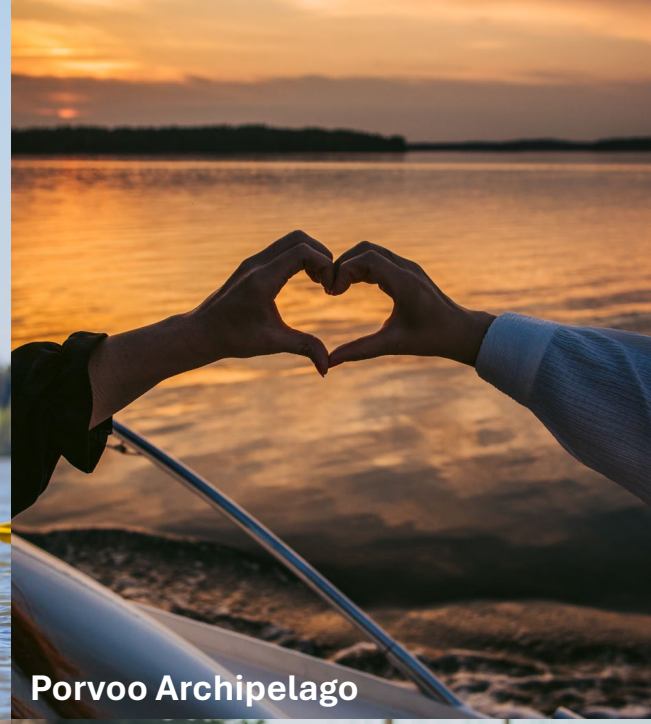
Or embark on a charter cruise to the outer archipelago, where the sea breeze and open horizons set the tone for relaxation.

Along the way, enjoy a picnic lunch in the heart of the archipelago, savoring local flavors against a backdrop of stunning maritime scenery.

After returning to the mainland, head to Old Porvoo for a taste of local indulgence. Savor craft beer brewed with passion, enjoy freshly roasted coffee from artisan roasters, and treat yourself to handmade chocolates that capture the essence of Finnish craftsmanship.

As evening falls, experience traditional Finnish mökki-life and stay at a cottage in the archipelago. Unwind in a traditional Finnish sauna, take a refreshing swim, and end the day with an evening snack by the open fire, letting the calm of the coast linger long into the night.


Porvoo Archipelago


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Porvoo

Day 3 Sipoo

Enjoy lunch at Ravintola Tila, which is located on the edge of Sipoonkorpi National Park. Unwind on the cozy terrace surrounded by serene nature and admire the grazing sheep in the nearby pastures. Here you can also meet friendly ducks and chickens up close. Front page - Ravintola Tila

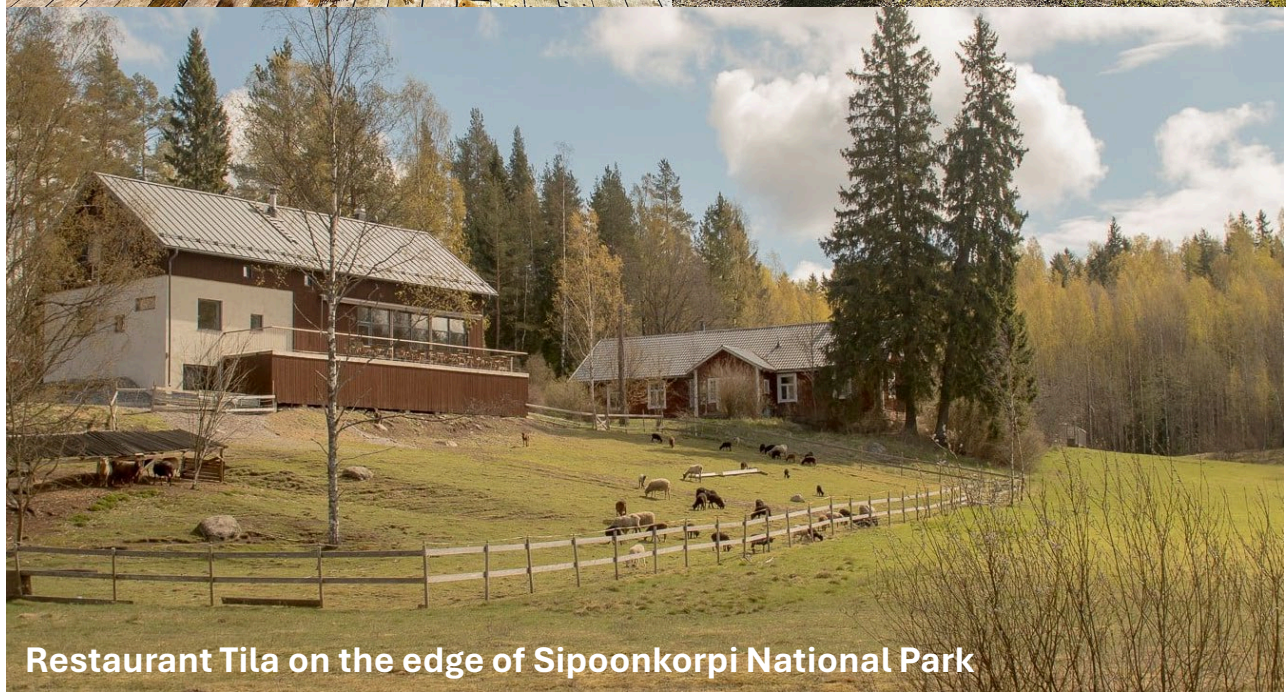
Step onto the nearby trail for a peaceful forest walk in Finland's most forested woodland. If you're feeling adventurous, take a refreshing dip in the natural pond. Sipoonkorpi National Park - Sipoo - Sibbo

From there, head to Sipoonjoki traditional smoke sauna by Sipoo river. Let the gentle heat and rustic atmosphere cleanse your body and mind. After the sauna, plunge into the invigorating cold pool or unwind in the warm bath outdoors. Sipoonjoki Traditional Sauna - A unique smoke sauna experience - Sipoonjoki Traditional Sauna

End your day with a peaceful stay at Manor hotel Artturi in Nobel prize winner A. I. Virtanen's estate Joensuun Tila. Enjoy the wide selection of leisure activities outdoors and cozy accommodation in the historic main building. Wake up to a delicious breakfast and unwind in the tranquil park-like surroundings. Accommodation and activities in Sipoo at Joensuun Tila!


Sipoonjoki smoke sauna


Manor hotel Artturi


Restaurant Tila on the edge of Sipoonkorpi National Park

Day 4 Raseborg

Arrive at Svartå manor – Mustion linna, one of Finland's finest historic estates - now a museum and hotel surrounded by a beautiful park with sculptures, gardens, and a lake. The mind rests here.

Enjoy paddling on the river in front of the manor, Qigong or forest yoga, then relax in the atmospheric Orangeriet saunas with winter-garden lounges and views of the park to slow down. From the sauna you can take a refreshing dip in the river.

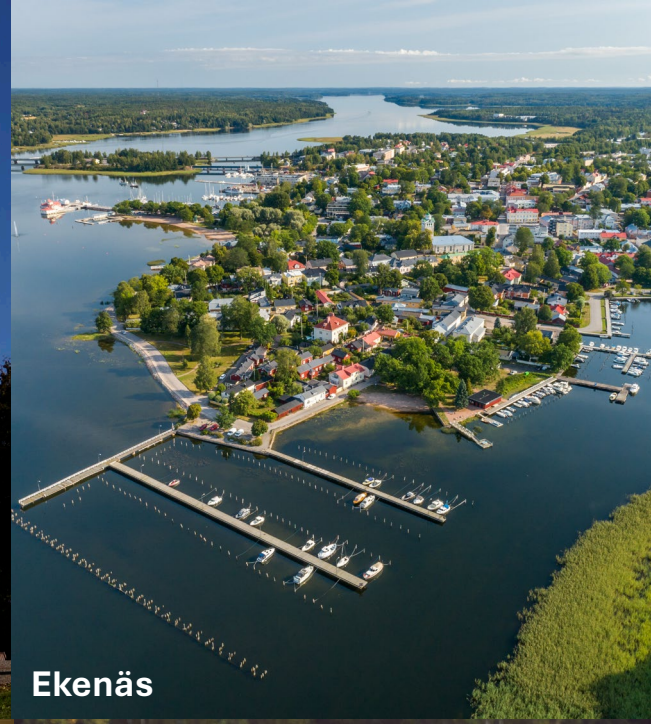
Join the Culinary Academy for guided cooking and wine exploration, enjoy dinner at the manor restaurant, and relax with a peaceful overnight stay.

As an alternative or with more time, disconnect from your every day and reconnect with yourself & your close ones at beautiful Billnäs Gård, a wellbeing-focused boutique hotel in Billnäs.

..or choose to go to maritime Ekenäs, stroll around in the Old town and along the seaside, see the Forest Park Ramsholmen, a scenic area with rich flora and fauna and beautiful wood anemones during spring.

During summer, day-trippers without a boat can reach the old mining island Jussarö on a summer cruise from the harbour to the Ekenäs Archipelago National Park. The archipelago stretches from the inner archipelago to the open sea and you'll experience a diverse nature.


Mustion linna - Svartå manor


Ekenäs


Mustion linna - Svartå manor


Kayaking around Ramsholmen forrest park in Ekenäs

Day 5 Hanko

Walk the Tulliniemi Nature Trail to the southernmost point of mainland Finland. The nature trail is 6,7 km long.

Experience a forest bath with Outdoor Happiness and immerse yourself in Finnish nature with all your senses. They also rent kayaks if you're looking for a relaxed way to explore the archipelago.

Relax in the wooden saunas at Silversand Resort & Camping.

Enjoy dinner at the tapas restaurant Bravas, located in the picturesque Eastern Harbour.

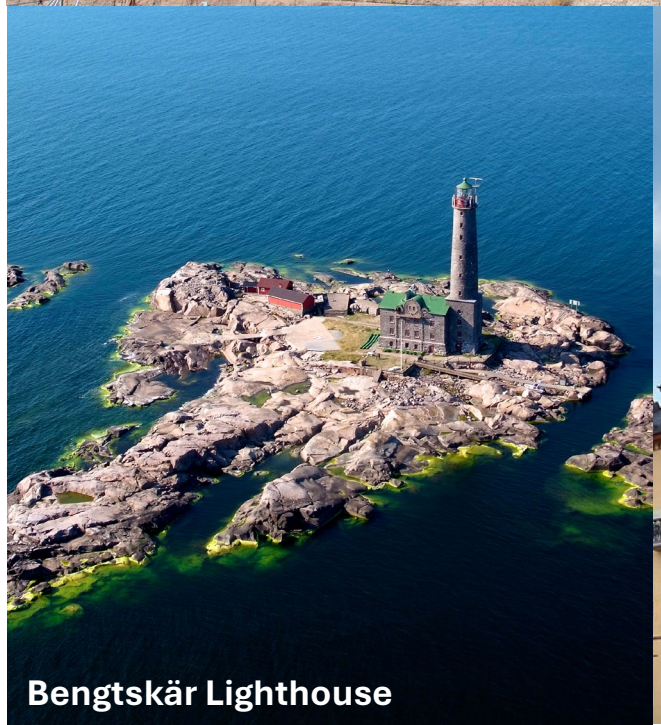
Check out Hanko's accommodations including the handsome Jugend Art Nouveau Regatta SPA Hotel.

A tip! Rent a bike and ride along the marked 19 km cycling route. Pick up an Architecture Walk booklet and explore the historic buildings along the route.

One extra day? Visit the majestic Bengtskär Lighthouse (June-August).



Eastern Harbour


Bengtskär Lighthouse


Regatta SPA Hotel

Day 6 Salo

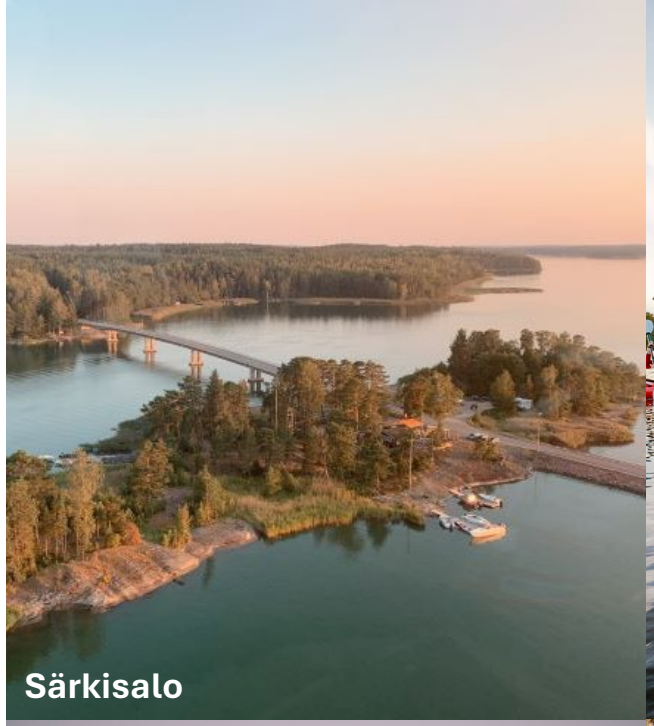
Drive to the southernmost point of Salo, the former fishing village of Särkisalo (approximately a 2-hour drive).

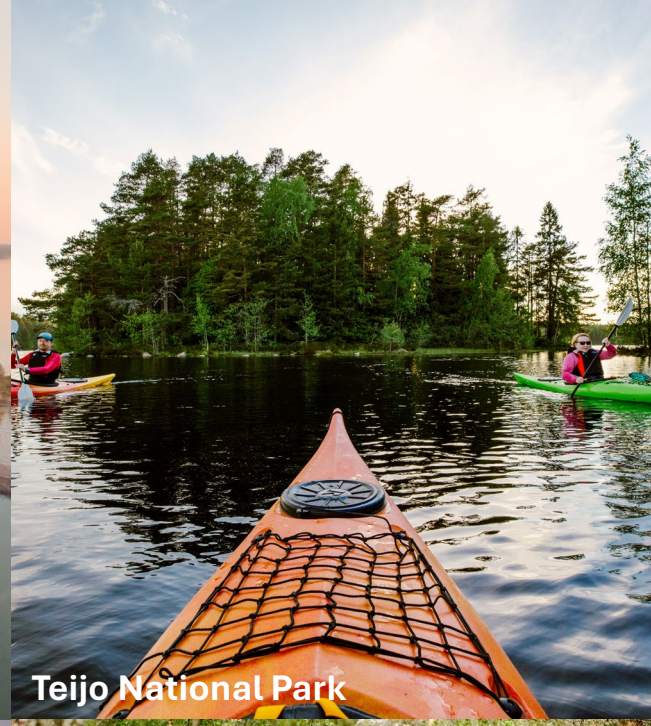
Enjoy lunch at one of the local summer restaurants or cafés while admiring the beautiful sea views. Also, consider visiting the Särkisalo Church, which dates back to the 1700s.

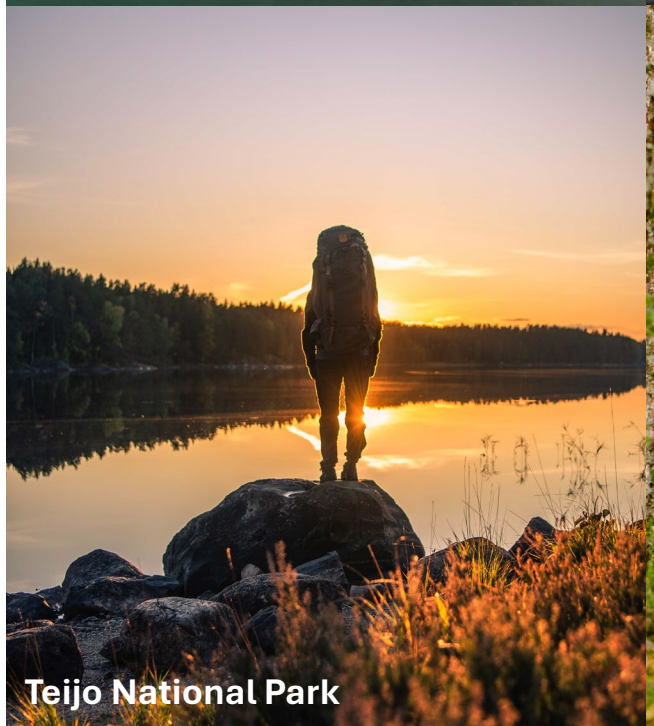
Continue your journey with a 20-minute drive to the nature house of Teijo National Park. Here, you can rent a fat bike, hop on a stand-up paddleboard, take a canoe out, or go for a hike on one of the well-marked trails. If you're interested, you can also book a guided nature excursion or enjoy a four-course dinner in the forest.

Suppose you still have energy after the visit in Teijo National Park. In that case, you can book a 2-hour guided Chill & Grill maritime experience with a fishing guide or join a guided pier yoga session at Mathildan Marina.

After a relaxing day outdoors, it's time to rest for the night in the ironworks village of Mathildedal


Särkisalo


Teijo National Park


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Day 7 Uusikaupunki

Arrive in the charming seaside town of Uusikaupunki and enjoy a delicious lunch at a cosy restaurant overlooking the Town Bay.

Right nearby, the Kasarminlahti accessible nature trail and birdwatching tower invite you to unwind by the forest and the sea.

Dive into the town's rich maritime heritage at the Wahlberg Museum House and the Uusikaupunki Maritime Centre.

No visit is complete without the famous doughnut coffee break at the Pakkahuone Guest Harbour.

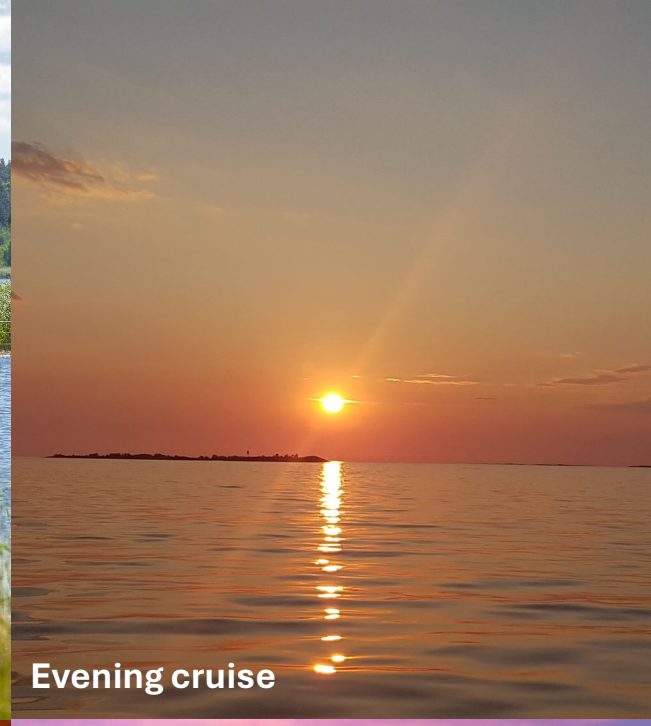
Before dinner by the seaside, take a refreshing dip in the sea and relax in the Saunalaituri Höyry sauna.

On summer Friday and Saturday evenings, you can enjoy a scenic two-hour cruise with M/S Kerttu among the nearby islands.
Stay overnight in a central hotel or a cosy wooden house apartment.

Alternatively, stay one more day in Uusikaupunki and take a cruise to the stunning Isokari lighthouse island. Duration: 7 hours (10:30–17:30).

The next day, you can also continue from Uusikaupunki to Rauma along the Velhovesi Ring Road, a stunning island route with no ferries — open sea on one side and calm freshwater bays on the other.


Kasarminlahti accessible nature trail


Evening cruise


Wahlberg Museum House


Isokari lighthouse island

Day 8 Rauma

Drive to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Old Rauma for a lunch

The UNESCO World Heritage Site Old Rauma is the largest wooden city area in the Nordic countries. You´ll find an ample range of cafés, restaurants, boutiques, museums and colourful old wooden houses with their gardens there.

Rauma archipelago belongs to the Bothian National Park. Enjoy outdoor activities like:

Cruise to the Kylmäpihlaja Lighthouse island (optional stay overnight at the lighthouse hotel).
Relaxed kayaking trip in the Rauma archipelago.
Enjoy the silence of the Finnish nature with the guide.

After enjoying a delightful breakfast made with locally sourced ingredients continue to UNESCO world heritage site Sammallahdenmäki. Driving time 25 min from the city of Rauma.

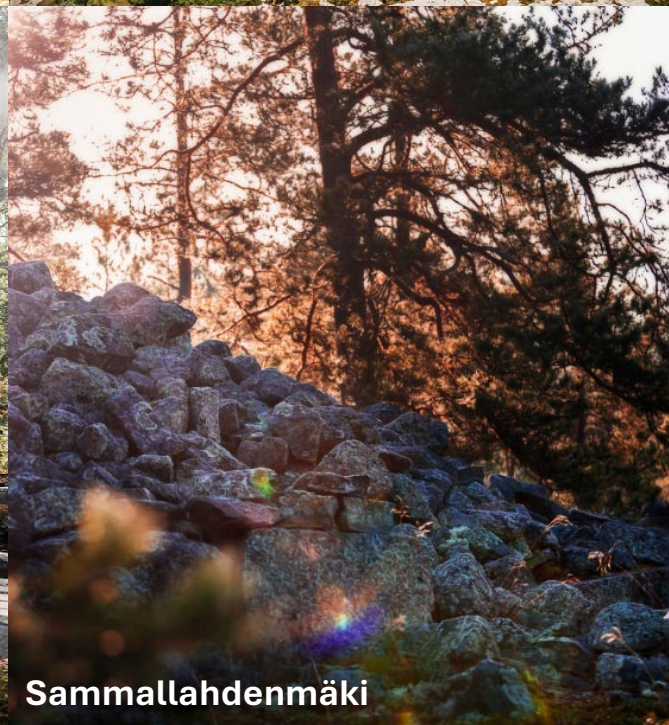
The unique ancient relic area of Sammallahdenmäki is perfect location to enjoy beautiful Finnish nature and fresh air when visiting the Bronze Age Burial Site.

The site includes 36 burial cairns within an area of 36 hectares and tells about the religious and burial traditions of the people who lived in West-Finland during the Scandinavian Bronze Age (1500-50 BC).


Old Rauma


Kylmäpihlaja lighthouse


Rauma archipelago


Sammallahdenmäki

Day 9 Pori

Next, drive towards the west coast to Yyteri, Pori, home to Finland's longest sandy beach and stunning protected dunes. Yyteri offers activities for both nature lovers and those seeking relaxation.

Enjoy relaxing cottage experience surrounded by nature. There are plenty of options available in Yyteri area e.g. at Yyteri Beach Holiday Resort or Yyteri Resort&Camping.

Upon arriving in Yyteri, visit the Yyteri Visitor Center to learn more about all the activities available in the area. Head out to explore the beautiful nature along the local trails, rent a fatbike and experience the cycling routes, or embark on an adventure in the Huikee adventure park. You can also simply enjoy the coastal scenery on the beach and relax.

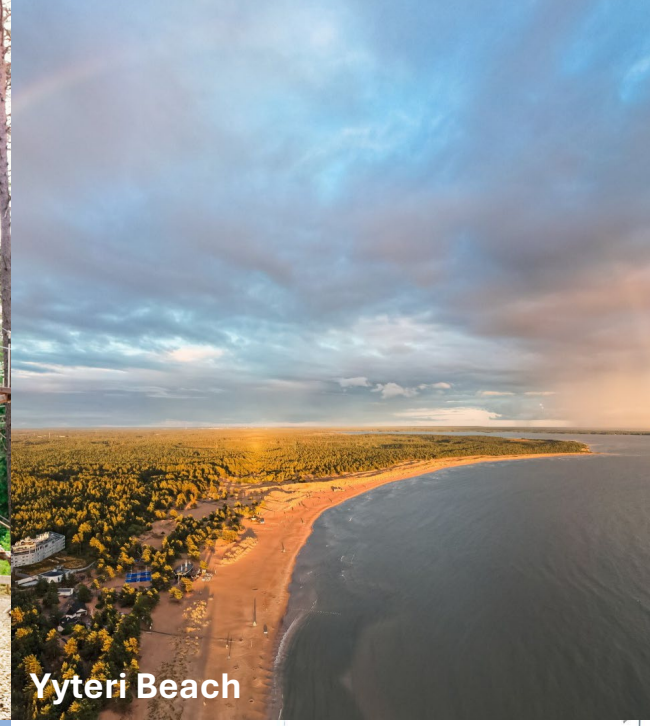
Spend peaceful evening at the cottage, grilling and relaxing in the sauna.

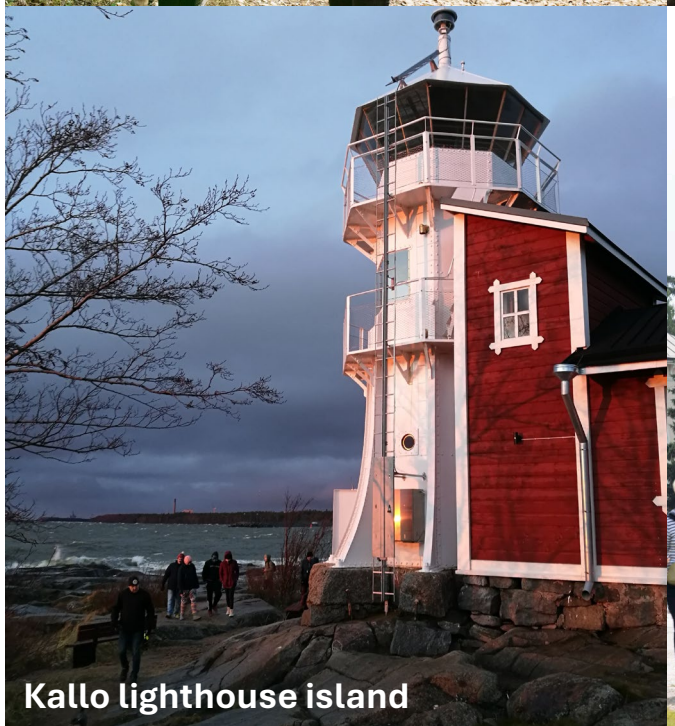
Enjoy a peaceful breakfast at the cottage, then head out to explore other destinations along the Pori coastline.

You can reach the Kallo lighthouse island by car. Sit on the seaside rocks by the open sea and enjoy an ice cream, for example. On the island, there is a small idyllic viewpoint café.

Reposaari Island - A short 15-minute drive from Yyteri and Kallo Island over a scenic bridge takes you to this charming island. Explore its old wooden houses, Norwegian-style church, and local restaurants. Stroll along the rocky shores, visit the fishing harbor, and enjoy fresh seafood lunch at a waterside restaurant.


Huikee Adventure Park


Yyteri Beach


Kallo lighthouse island


Reposaari Island

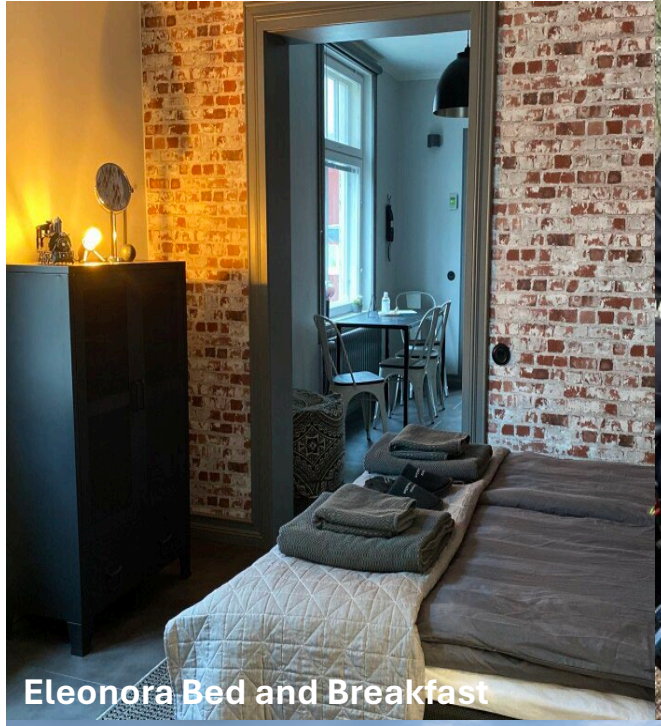
Day 10 Kristiinankaupunki

Arrival in sustainable Kristinestad at krepelin or Eleonora Bed and Breakfast . Take a guided town-tour or rent at bike via Visit Kristinestad and explore the romantic city-centre. There are almost 300 wooden dwellings and outbuildings of the old city-centre that are protected by city plan regulations. The building guidelines and the inclination to preserving the old style have had a delightful effect on improving the condition of the houses in recent decades.

After lunch at restaurant Jungman, visit Bötombergen (10 kilometers from Kristinestad) that is certified by Unesco Geopark. Its landscapes, adorned with ancient rocks and cliffs, bear testament to mountain ranges folded into the area nearly 2 billion years ago.

Take a walk or rent a bike at Bötombergen. There you can also play discgolf, work out in the outdoorgym or take a swim at the beach.

In the evening you can explore our beautiful sea, for example popular Cannon Bay, or visit one of our city-beaches. End the evening in our scenic restaurant Crazy Cat


Eleonora Bed and Breakfast


Unique nature at Bötombergen


The sea right by the centre of the town

Day 11 Kokkola

Enjoy coffee at Cafe Bryggan at Öja fisherman's village. Take a dip at the chilly Baltic Sea start the day.

Get on board M/S Jenny for a day cruise to Tankar lighthouse island. Join free guided tour on the picturesque island and have salmon soup for lunch at islands tiny café.

Start the evening by strolling the narrow streets of old wooden town of Neristan and feel rich seafaring history of Kokkola. Continue with easy bike ride along the coast and old boat houses towards Mustakari Sailing Club for dinner and best view of sunset. Ask if the sauna is warm!

Journey continues towards North. After an hour drive stop at Vattaja, the largest sand dune area along the Bothnian Bay and easy walk along nature trail in the traditional fishing village of Ohtakari.


Vattaja sand dunes


Ohtakari

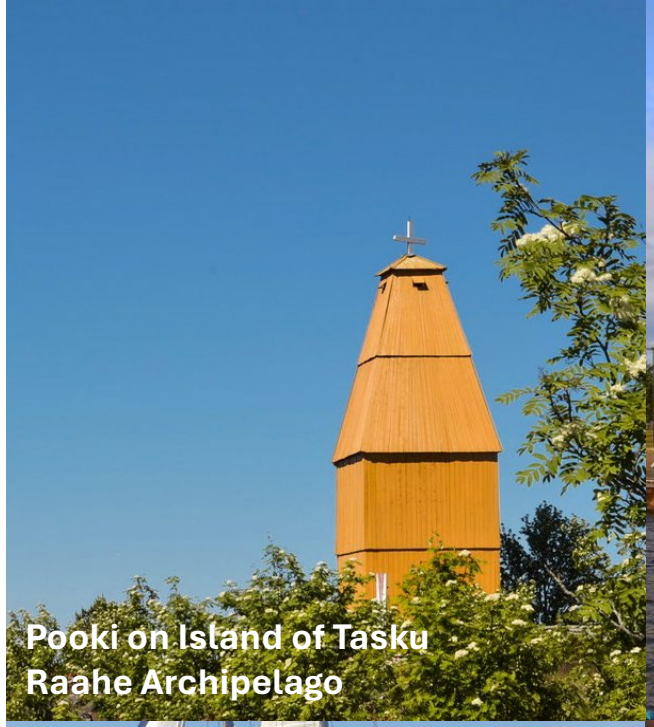

Tankar lighthouse island

Day 12 Raahe

Stroll the the Etelänkylä museum bridge and along the Kielosaari nature trail by the river Pyhäjoki. In Raahe visit the Packhouse museum and learn about the illustrious age of sailing ships in Raahe and the exotic treasures that the sailors brought back home from their travels. Enjoy lunch at Sopalle restaurant, a home-like atmosphere and above all great fish meals.

Hop on a small archipelago-boat for the Island-hopping excursion to the award winning Raahe archipelago, enjoy a light seafood snack and visit the historical wooden daymarks. End the boat ride on the Iso-Kraaseli island and check in for a special accommodation at the historical pilot house Luotsitupa or Willa Katariina, a former rest home for the Raahe upper class. Walk along the island's nature trail and learn how postglacial rebound has formed Raahe's changing coastline and nature. Enjoy the privacy, coastal nature, traditional Finnish sauna and a dip into the ocean and/or the hot tub by the sauna.

Optional: Discover the Raahe Archipelago aboard the traditional sailing vessel S/Y Raahen Fiia. This private charter cruise combines the beauty of the Bothnian Bay, local maritime heritage, and the timeless pleasure of sailing, creating a memorable highlight for incentive groups, special-interest travellers, and small tour groups. Or transfer to Siikajoki and enroll in an introduction to golf at Raahentienoon 18-hole parkland golf course.


Pooki on Island of Tasku
Raahe Archipelago


Packhouse museum



S/Y Raahen Fiia


Iso-Kraaseli Pooki
in Raahe Archipelago

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