

ARCHIPELAGO &

# TURKUU

DESTINATION

FINLAND

FUN BY THE SEA



A composite image featuring a bishop on the left and a woman on the right. The bishop is wearing a red mitre and a red cassock, holding a silver crozier. The woman is wearing a red jacket and holding a blue and white flag. The background is split vertically, with white on the left and black on the right.

# WELCOME TO THE PLACE WHERE FINLAND WAS BORN

**”** I have chosen Turku after living in Stockholm, London and New York. Doesn't that say something about this city? **”**

– Michael Monroe, rocker

**1229**

*Bishop's seat moved to Turku*

**1280**

*Construction of Turku Castle begins*

**1300**

*Inauguration of Turku Cathedral*

**1640**

*The first university of Finland is founded in Turku*

**1809**

*Turku is capital city of the Grand Duchy*

**1827**

*The Great Fire of Turku destroys it all*

**2011**

*Rebuilds Turku the European Capital of Culture*

**2017**

*Finland 100 – Turku celebrates*

**2018**

*Åbo Akademi celebrates 100th anniversary*

**2020**

*University of Turku celebrates 100th anniversary*

**2029**

*Turku celebrates 800 years*



# FOLLOW THE FLOW



*Turku is one of the most popular conference cities in Finland. The meeting facilities, banquet halls and hotels located along the bank of the River Aura and a vibrant urban milieu provide a memorable setting. Conference City Turku is an attractive combination of history, urban culture and maritime experiences.*

*Take a stroll down the river and spot city's most beautiful locations and famous sights along the way; hire a boat or visit one of the restaurant ships.*





THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL

# ARCHIPELAGO

*There are 40,000 islands and skerries between Turku and Åland.  
Pick your favourites and see the beauty of this Scandinavian wonder.*





# HOW TO GET THERE?

## HERRANKUKKARO

*This enchanting meeting resort in Rymättylä near by Naantali is built around an old fishing farmhouse with a glimpse of humour and respect to true green values. Several different saunas, outdoor spa and fresh, traditional archipelago food, enjoy!*



## S/S UKKOPEKKA

*Let a genuine old steamship take you to a dinner to remember to the most beautiful archipelago in the world. Appetizers on the boat, dinner and dancing on the little Loistokari Island. What a perfect way to get a taste of the genuine Turku archipelago!*



## VILLA WOLAX

*Banker and nobleman Johan Oswald Wasastjerna built Villa Wolax in 1899. Now it's a haven for a multitude of events, from meetings to celebrations and maritime leisure activities.*



TURKU ARCHIPELAGO IS THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF ISLANDS. ABOUT 40,000 ISLANDS AND ISLETS FORM THIS NATURAL WONDER STARTING AT THE EDGE OF TURKU AND CONTINUING ALL THE WAY OUT TO ÅLAND. THE TURKU ARCHIPELAGO IS POPULAR AMONGST THOSE WITH COTTAGES AND BOATS, BUT HOW CAN THE REST OF US GET THERE?



**Here are a few tips:**

**BENGTSKÄR**

*Bengtskär is a rocky little island in the middle of nothing but the Baltic Sea. This is as south as you get in Finland! The old Bengtskär lighthouse even offers accommodation.*

BENGTSKÄR

**THE ARCHIPELAGO TRAIL**

*250 kilometers around the Archipelago, island-hopping from island to another with 12 bridges and 9 ferries. Drive, bike or hike and stay along the way.*

**SEILI ISLAND**

*The beautiful island of Seili is known for its dramatic history. For centuries, Seili used to function as a deportation island for lepers and the “mad”. Seili’s wonderful old church is surrounded by humble wooden graveyard crosses.*

**HÖGSÅRA**

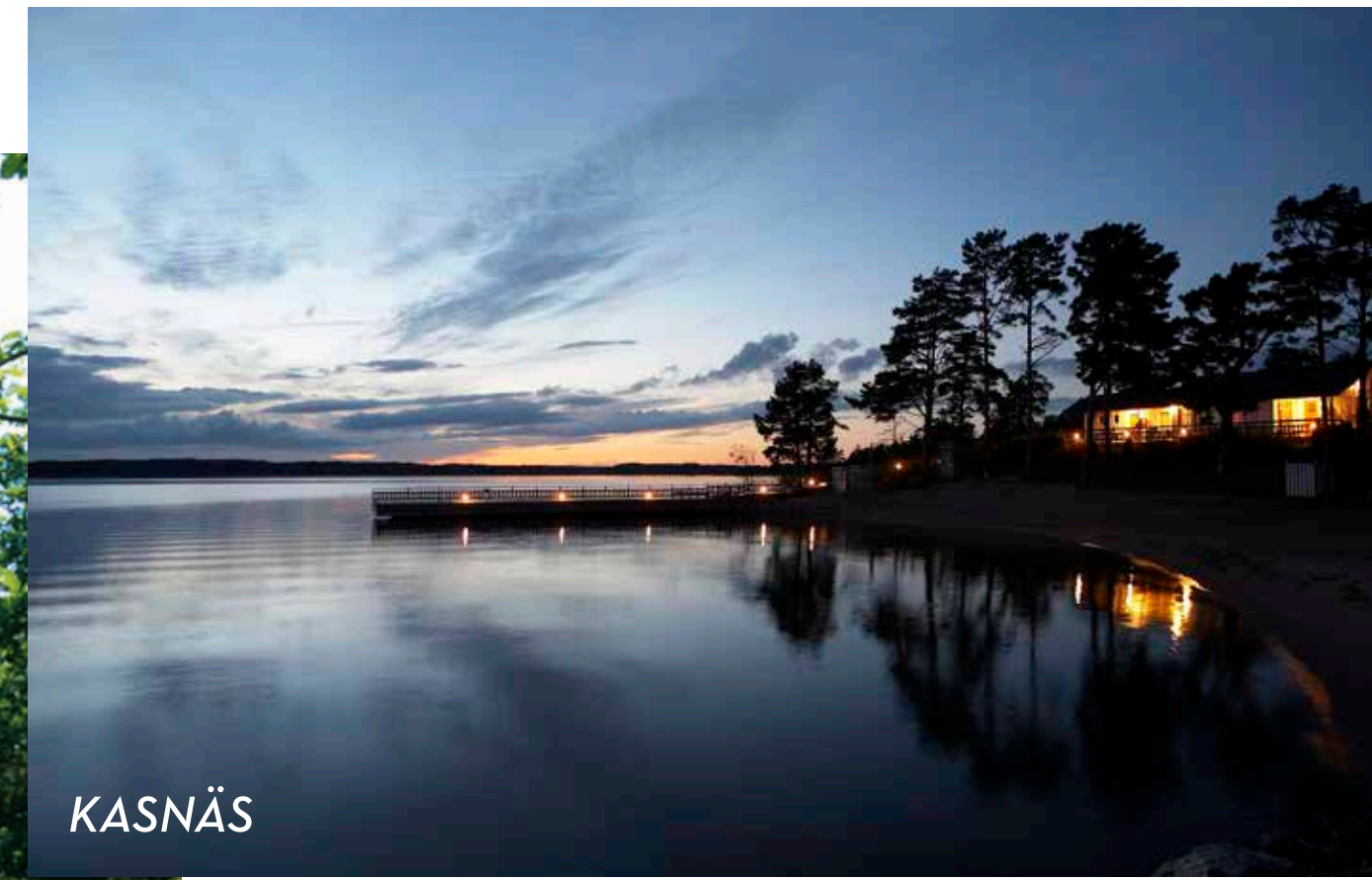
*Even the Tsar of Russia used to sail these waters. These days the island of Högsåra is known, among the other things, for the Farmer’s Café – “grandma’s place”. This summer restaurant is popular for its great food, delicious cakes and authentic atmosphere.*

**KASNÄS**

*The Archipelago Spa by the Baltic Sea offers relaxation around the year.*



FARMOR'S CAFÉ



KASNÄS



SEILI





*BLUE SEA, GREEN ISLANDS – THIS IS WHAT THE TURKU ARCHIPELAGO IS ALL ABOUT.*

**S/S UKKOPEKKA**

*Ever been on a genuine steamship? Try the Ukkopekka, the pearl of the Turku Archipelago. Let it take you to Naatali during the daytime, or to Loistokari Island in the evening. Dinner under the Archipelago sky – what more could you ask for?*

**KUHANKUONO NATIONAL PARK**

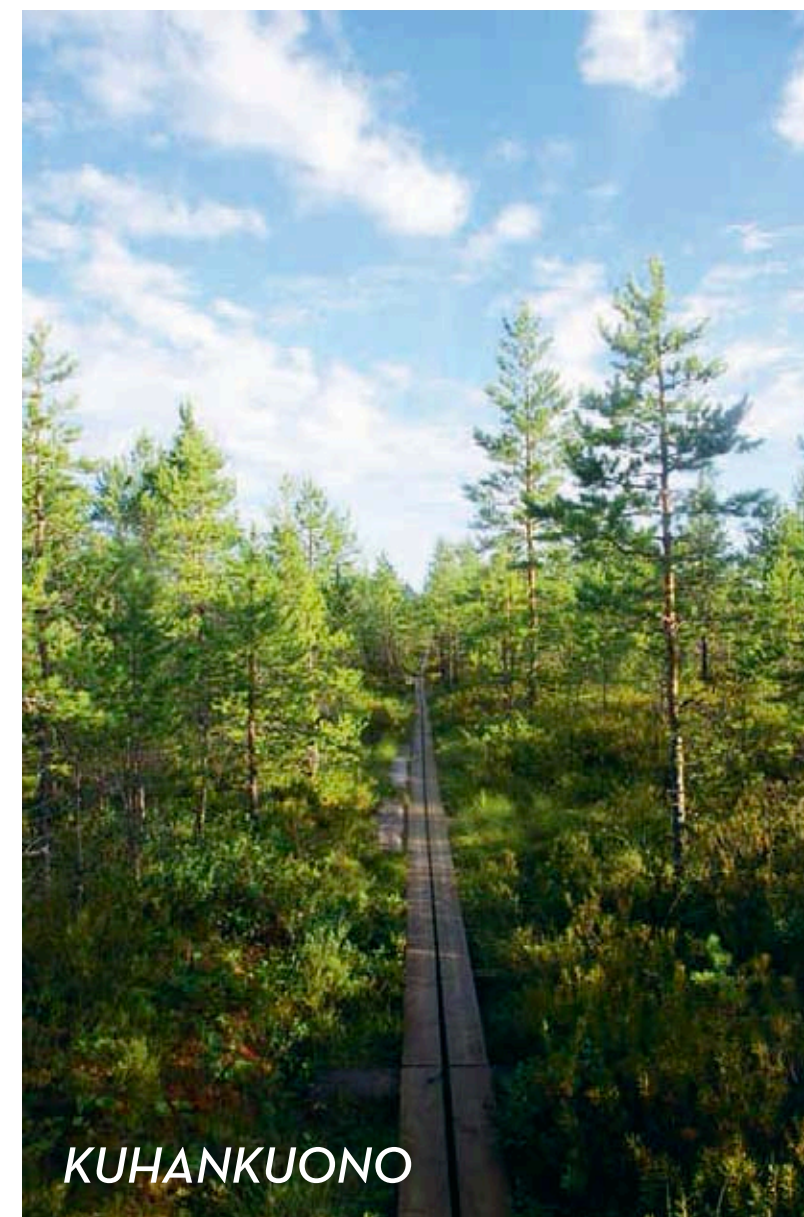
*It's just 30 minutes from the city of Turku to Kuhankuono national park. Great paths for hiking, beautiful lakes for swimming, fresh air for breathing. And listen – this is what silence in the woods sounds like.*

**AAVAMERI CANOOING**

*Aavameri is the company to take you canoeing in the Archipelago. No, you don't have to have previous experience. Yes, you can even stay the night on an island if you want to. This just might be one of those once in a lifetime things you should do when in Turku.*



AAVAMERI



KUHANKUONO





# THE FOOD CAPITAL OF FINLAND

Turku is gaining a reputation for its nice restaurant scene – to the point of referring to the city as “The Food Capital of Finland”.

Turku offers great delicacies from brunches to fast food to comprehensive evening dining. Most restaurants are located in the downtown area – within walking distance of each other.

Pick up a Food Walk Card and take a gourmet stroll along the river. Or be there in June, when the first locally grown potatoes arrive straight from the archipelago. The event is called the virgin potato festival.

Welcome & bon appetit!

#eatmyturku

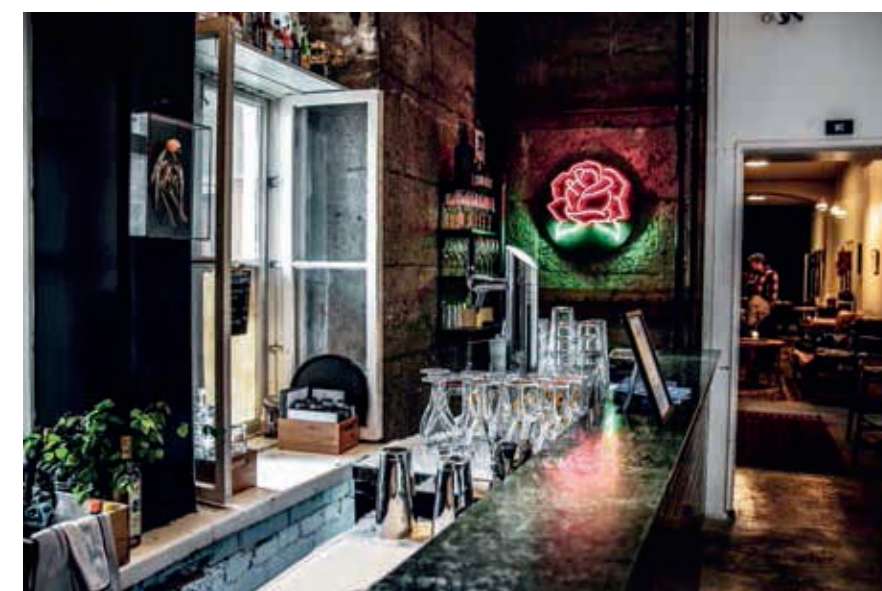






### FOOD MARKETS

There's quite often something special going on on the banks of the river Aura. When the local producers bring their best products to the river side it's time to join the party. Every April and every October there will be food and fun as the Archipelago Fair and the Farmer's Fair come to town.



### TASTING TOUR WITH VISIT TURKU

The Old Market Hall is the number one destination in Turku if you are a true foodie. Take a guided tour of the Market Hall with Visit Turku to taste, for example, Herkkunuotta's dreamy fish delicacies and MBakery's award winning bakings. A culinary heaven awaits you!

### NAME DROPPING

Those in the know know Kaskis, the tiny little flagship restaurant owned by Erik Mansikka. Also worth knowing in Turku are also Mami and Roster and Smör and Kakolanruusu and Tintå and Kuori and Karu and Sergio's and just opened seafood restaurant Bassi. Just to name but a few.



### MICRO BREWERIES AND BEER TASTINGS

There's a couple of nice restaurant breweries in Turku. Koulu (school in Finnish) is a Turku classic with its own beers such as Maisteri (Master) and Lehtori (Lecturer). The greatly expected newcomer is the Kakola Brewing Company, located in a previous jailhouse. Both breweries offer visitors with beer tastings.





# MUSEUMS FULL OF OLD & NEW



As the oldest city of the country, Turku is packed with great museums. Why not buy yourself a Museum Walk Card and see them all?

## **MUSEUMS IN TURKU:**

*Turku Cathedral Museum, the Sibelius Museum, Ett Hem home museum, Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova, Luostarimäki Handicrafts Museum, Qwensel House & Pharmacy Museum, Turku Art Museum, Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, Biological Museum, Forum Marinum, Turku Castle and Kakolanmäki Hill Museum.*







# GREEN MEETINGS IN TURKU



*Turku is Finland's oldest city, whose centre offers 2000 hotel rooms. Nearly all the hotels are located within walking distance, two or three city blocks, of each other and along the Aura River.*

*The Aura Riverfront is a beautiful and fascinating area, where you'll find large banquet halls, restaurants, cafés, galleries, interior decor shops, museums and the nearly 800-year-old Turku Castle. Turku is an ideal venue for hosting a conference, event or banquet with a 'green' philosophy, which is also a cost-effective way to go.*







# CITY BIKES



*Residents and visitors can rent bicycles for a few minutes or for few hours at a time. The 300 bicycles are located at 37 rack stations across the city. The bikes are available 24/7 all year round and in winter, they are equipped with winter tires.*

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
[www.foli.fi/en/citybikes](http://www.foli.fi/en/citybikes)





# HOTELS

Most hotels in Turku represent the Scandinavian standard 3-4 star category, and are situated within walking distance from each other and the River Aura. The hotel capacity in Turku is 20 hotels and 2000 rooms, in Turku region 40 hotels and 3000 rooms. There is also wide variety of hostel and cottage type accommodation available in the archipelago and countryside.



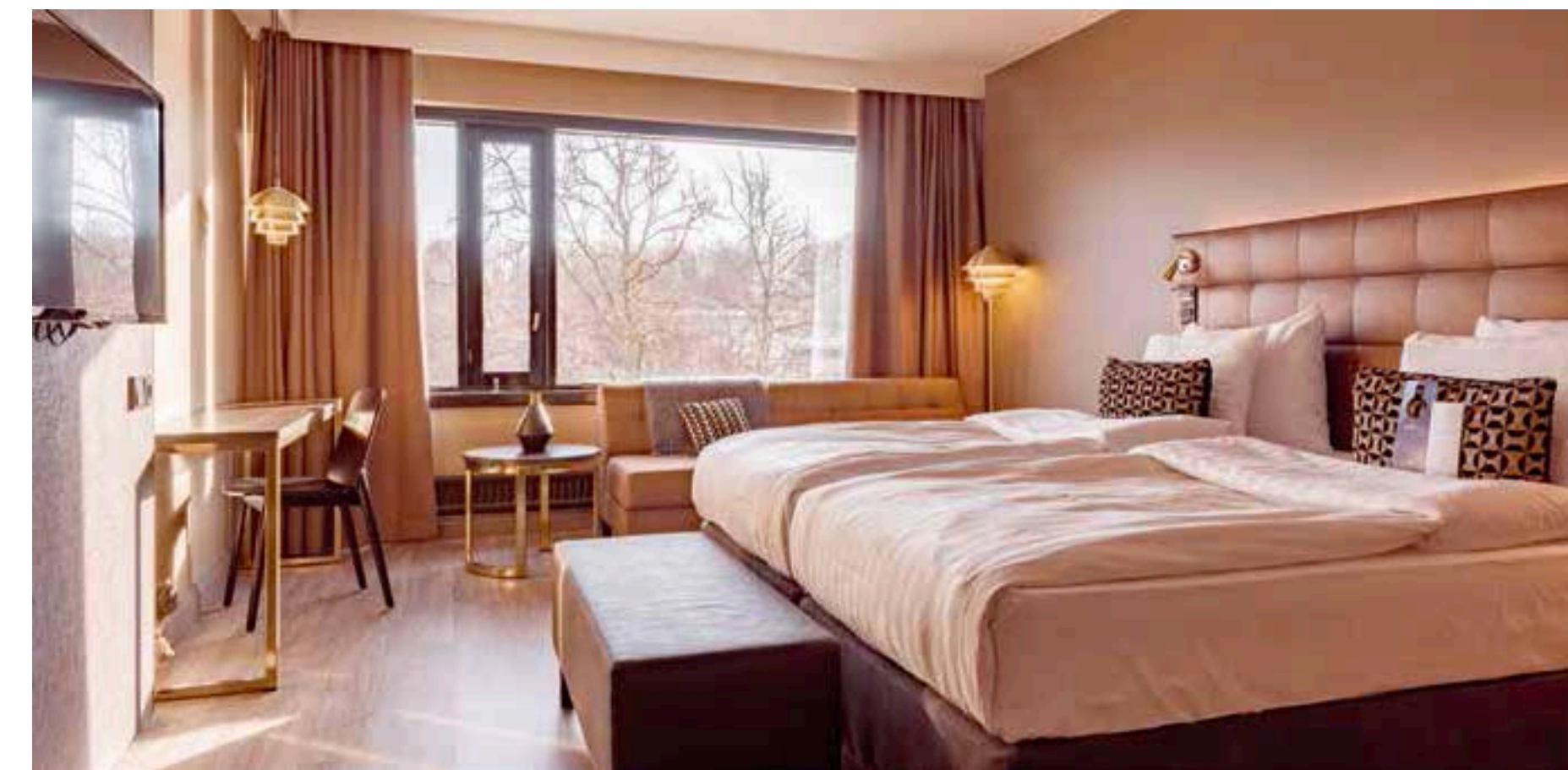
**20 HOTELS**



Radisson Blu Marina Palace Hotel



**2000 ROOMS**





# Live like a local

THE MOST FAMOUS ISLAND OF THE TURKU ARCHIPELAGO IS KNOWN FOR ITS BEAUTIFUL OAK FORESTS AND CHARMING 19TH CENTURY VILLAS. ONCE THE HUNTING ISLAND FOR THE COURT OF TURKU CASTLE, RUISSALO IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY LAND OR BY SEA. GO, EXPLORE - THAT'S WHAT THE LOCALS DO!

MORE INFO: [VISITTURKU.FI](http://VISITTURKU.FI)

## PICNIC WITH BUS FOR 2

Take the bus number 8 from the city centre to the Ruissalo Island and pick up your lunch basket from Café Villa Saaro. Price from 38 €.

## PICNIC BY BIKE FOR 2

Hop on a bike at the tourist information and cycle 13 km to the beautiful Saaronniemi part of Ruissalo. Get your lunch basket at Villa Saaro, find the most beautiful picnic spot, and enjoy. Price from 69 €.

## WATER BUS TO RUISSALO

An inexpensive local summer favourite: let the water bus take you from the city to Ruissalo for just 3 €.

## LÅNA PICNIC BOATS

Låna has brought modern picnic boats to the River Aura. Rent one - they are easy to use environmentally friendly electric boats and designed for 2-8 people.

## DOERZ

Looking for something more than the usual tourist activities? Well, join the locals for berry picking, barbeque or a shopping-spree - just to name but a few Doerz activities.



” What would you do if you were a Turku local for a day? Go to a market café? For a swim at Samppalinna? A walk along the River Aura? ”







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