



# TRAVEL HELSINKI

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Top restaurants



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**Barbour.**

**Kapteenska**

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### **Helsinki. It's a good life.**

*Helsinki is a place like no other. Unpolished, yet completely modern and Nordic. And that's the way we like it. Where everyone is free to be themselves without preconceptions and contribute to creating a city that embodies our shared values.*

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*So, that's a good life in Helsinki. Sometimes unexpected, a tad unconventional, and always welcomed, as you are.*

#### **TOURIST INFORMATION**

##### **Tourist Information Office**

Aleksanterinkatu 24,  
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helsinki.touristinfo@hel.fi,  
myhelsinki.fi

The green-clad Helsinki Helpers are patrolling the streets helping visitors with their questions from June to August.

#### **FREE WIFI**

Helsinki City Open Wlan  
(city centre and harbours)

#### **CASH WITHDRAWALS**

If for some reason you need euros, cash withdrawals automats accepts all major bank and credit cards. Anyhow merchants in the city prefer card payments.

#### **CURRENCY EXCHANGE**

##### **Forex Bank**

Railway Station,  
forex.fi/en/

##### **Tavex**

Fabianinkatu 12  
tavex.fi/en/

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##### **HSL Service point**

Mall of Tripla shopping centre  
hsl.fi/en/

## HELSINKI CITY BIKES

There are nearly 4,600 bikes and 460 stations in Helsinki and Espoo. Find the closest available bike and hop on! Use **HSL app** also for city bikes. Winter season usage restrictions.

## ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

Six electric scooter rental companies operate in the city, with a total of app. 15,000 boards. You can't be missed one. Winter season usage restrictions.

## LOST PROPERTY

### Found Property Service

Helsinki central Railway station, Elielinaukio 3, +358 600 91006, Mon-Fri 10-18, Sat 10-16 [loytotavara.net](http://loytotavara.net)

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police, general emergencies, ambulance and fire department **112**

## TAXIS

**Taksi-Helsinki**  
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[www.taksihelsinki.fi](http://www.taksihelsinki.fi)

## PUBLIC TOILETS

In the parks and on the streets of Helsinki you find City toilets.

The City toilets can also be easily used by those who use a wheelchair.

Toilets are being cleaned regardless of the time and model 1-3 times per day.

## PHARMACIES

### Yliopiston Apteekki

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Mannerheimintie 5, and Mannerheimintie 96

## PRIVATE MEDICAL CARE

### Terveystalo Kamppi

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Jaakonkatu 3, 2nd floor,  
+358 30 6000,  
[terveystalo.com/en](http://terveystalo.com/en)

### Pikkujätti Kamppi - Childrens medical centre

Mon-Fri 8-20, Sat-Sun 9.30-17  
Annankatu 32,  
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# CULTURE

## Cultural highlights of winter 2025-26 in Helsinki

*Helsinki's expanding cultural life makes the city a more interesting and diverse place for residents and visitors alike. The unique urban culture is a key enabler of a good life and happiness – Helsinki being the capital of Finland, the happiest country in the world for the eighth year in a row.*

*This winter enriches Helsinki's cultural offering with a new cultural venue, several high-level exhibition openings and tasty novelties in the gastronomic field.*

**MyHelsinki.fi** is a regularly updated site for discovering the most inspiring sights, events and novelties in Helsinki.

Letterbox Media



Lux Helsinki 2025 Vertigo (DK) – The Wave. Petri Anttila



HKM / Kari Hakki



## TUOMAAN MARKKINAT

Helsinki Christmas Market at Senate Square 28.11.–22.12.2025

The atmospheric Helsinki Christmas Market will return to Senate Square on 28 November, welcoming visitors every day until 22 December. A varied group of Finnish small businesses offers sustainable gift ideas, and visitors can enjoy both traditional and modern Christmas treats on site. The programme includes everything from classic Christmas carols to lively jazz evenings.

Opening times:  
Mon–Thu and Sun 11–19 &  
Fri–Sat 11–20  
[tuomaanmarkkinat.fi](http://tuomaanmarkkinat.fi)

## LUX HELSINKI

Lux Helsinki 6.–11.1.2026.

Finland's biggest light art event, Lux Helsinki, kicks off on Tue 6 January. The event will run until Sun 11 January.

The event spreads out throughout the city centre and will present the most current works of light art to city residents and visitors.

Lux Helsinki is a fully accessible and free event for the whole family. The festival is organised and produced by the Helsinki Events Foundation.

You can't miss the event if you're out and about in the city in the evening.  
[luxhelsinki.fi](http://luxhelsinki.fi)

## MANNERHEIM MUSEUM

Baron Carl Gustaf Emil Mannerheim (1867–1951), Finland's Marshal and statesman, is one of the nation's most revered figures. He led Finland to independence, guided its defense during World War II, and later served as president. To Finns, he symbolizes resilience and national unity.

His beautifully restored Helsinki museum offers visitors an intimate look at his life and lasting legacy.

Opening times: Fri–Sun 11–17  
Kallioliinantie 14  
[mannerheim-museo.fi](http://mannerheim-museo.fi)



Hakasalmen huvila

**TRAVEL  
HELSINKI  
RECOMMENDS**

Stefan Bremer

Helsinki by Night esittelee valokuvaaja Stefan Bremerin henkilökohtaisen näkemyksen Helsingin yöelämästä 1970- ja 80-luvuilla. Retrospektiivinen näyttely koostuu 140 valokuvasta – osa niistä on vasta nyt ensimmäistä kertaa esillä.

Helsinki by Night presents photographer Stefan Bremer's personal vision of Helsinki's nightlife in the 1970s and 1980s. This retrospective exhibition features 140 photographs – some of which are being shown for the very first time.



Kuvassa Steissin kingit Rautatieasemalla 1978.

Mitä tapahtuu Helsingissä, kun päivä vaihtuu yöksi? Stefan Bremerin valokuvat tuovat esiin kaupungin rytmin, unenomaiset maisemat ja moninaiset nuorisokulttuurit. Hänen kuvansa ovat intiimejä ja voimakkaita väläyksiä ajasta, jolloin kaupungin kadut, konserttipaikat ja klubit muuntuivat näyttämöiksi uuden sukupolven itseilmaisulle. Hakasalmen huvilan Helsinki by Night -näyttelyssä on nähtävissä Bremerin uran varhaisvaiheen rävkään ekspressiivinen ilmaisukyky.

“Tärkeintä on vapaus syventyä ja toimia, hymyillä ja raivota, tuntea ja reagoida. Valokuva voi olla poliittinen, mutta koskaan se ei ole demokraattinen. Se on yhden ihmisen näkemys ja tulkinta”, Bremer kuvailee.

Bremer aloitti uransa lehtikuvaajana, mutta Taideteollisen korkeakoulun opinnot laajensivat hänen näkökulmaansa valokuvataiteeseen. Unkarilais-ranskalaisen Brassain romanttiset kuvat 1920- ja 30-luvun Pariisista inspiroivat nuorta valokuvaajaa etsimään omaa suuntaa ja tyylää. Kaupunkimaisemista huomio siirtyi vähitellen myös ihmisiin – erityisesti nuoriin, jotka etsivät paikkaansa vauhdilla muuttuvassa Helsingissä 1970- ja 80-lukujen taiteessa.

Hiljaisten katujen, porttikäytävien ja kaupunkikuvien rinnalla Hakasalmen huvilan näyttely esittelee katsojalle Helsingin sykkivät nuorisokulttuurit – Rautatieasemalla viihtyneet fiftarit ja James Deania ihannoineet diinarit, Lepakon punkkarit ja klubien uusromantikot. Bremerin henkilökuvista välittyy intensiivinen kohtaaminen ja pyrkimys totuudellisuuteen.

Oman kokonaisuutensa muodostavat energiset konserttikuvat aikansa nousuista rock-yhtyeistä. Näyttelyn kuvissa nähdään kokoonpanoja kuten Hanoi Rocks, Sielun Veljet, Smack, Pelle Miljoona ja Dead Kennedys. Osa keikkakuvista päätyi käsin väritettyinä myös LP-levyjien kansikuviksi.

Stefan Bremer (s. 1953) on keskeinen nimi suomalaisessa valokuvataiteessa. Hänen legendaaristen kuvasarjojensa Helsinki By Night (1983), Yön hahmot (1984–86) ja Valokuva on Rock (1982) ikonisia teoksia nähdään myös Hakasalmen huvilassa. Bremerille myönnettiin taiteen valtiopalkinto vuonna 1988 ja Helsingin kaupungin kulttuuripalkinto vuonna 2011. Hän sai taiteilijaprofessorin arvonimen vuonna 1999.

Näyttely on auki 30.8.2026 asti.  
Ti 11–19, ke–su 11–17. Osoite: Mannerheimintie 13  
hakasalmenhuvila.fi

What happens in Helsinki when day turns into night? Stefan Bremer's photographs reveal the city's rhythm, its dreamlike landscapes, and the diverse youth cultures that once animated it. His images offer intimate and powerful glimpses into a moment when the streets, concert venues, and clubs of the city transformed into stages for a new generation's self-expression. At Hakasalmi Villa, the Helsinki by Night exhibition showcases the bold, expressive style that defined Bremer's early career.

“The most important thing is the freedom to immerse yourself and to act, to smile and to rage, to feel and to respond. A photograph can be political, but it is never democratic. It is one person's vision and interpretation,” Bremer reflects.

Bremer began his career as a photojournalist, but his studies at the University of Art and Design expanded his understanding of photography as an art form. The romantic images of 1920s and 1930s Paris by the Hungarian–French photographer Brassai inspired the young artist to search for his own direction and style. Over time, his focus shifted from urban landscapes to the people within them—especially young people seeking their place in a rapidly changing Helsinki at the turn of the 1970s and 1980s.

Alongside quiet streets, courtyards, and urban scenes, the exhibition at Hakasalmi Villa introduces viewers to Helsinki's pulsing youth cultures: the rockabilly fans and James Dean-inspired “diinarit” who gathered at the Central Railway Station; the punks of Lepakko; and the new romantics of the city's clubs. Bremer's portraits capture the intensity of encounter and a striving for truthfulness.

A distinct part of the exhibition is formed by energetic concert photographs of emerging rock bands of the era. Among the groups featured are Hanoi Rocks, Sielun Veljet, Smack, Pelle Miljoona, and Dead Kennedys. Some of the live images were later hand-coloured and used as LP cover art.

Stefan Bremer (b. 1953) is a central figure in Finnish photographic art. His iconic series Helsinki By Night (1983), Figures of the Night (1984–86), and Photography Is Rock (1982) are also represented at Hakasalmi Villa. He received the State Prize for the Arts in 1988 and the City of Helsinki's Culture Prize in 2011, and he was awarded the honorary title of Artist Professor in 1999.

The exhibition is open until 30 August 2026.  
Tue 11-19, Wed to Sun 11-17. Address: Mannerheimintie 13  
hakasalmenhuvila.fi

## TO DO & SEE



## ATTRACTIONS

### FINNISH NATIONAL THEATRE

The Finnish National Theatre is the oldest professional theatre in Finland, founded in 1872. Its core values are artistry, equality and dialogue.

**Läntinen Teatterikuja 1,  
kansallisteatteri.fi**

### FLYING CINEMA TOUR OF HELSINKI

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**Katajanokanlaituri 2,  
flyingcinematour.com**

### HELSINKI CATHEDRAL

Helsinki Cathedral is part of the Empire-style centre of Helsinki designed by architect Carl Ludvig Engel in the 19th century.

**Unionkatu 29,  
helsingintuomiokirkko.fi**

### HELSINKI CENTRAL LIBRARY OODI

Helsinki Central Library Oodi is a living meeting place at Kalesaistori square.

**Töölönlahdenkatu 4**

### TEMPPELIAUKIO CHURCH (ROCK CHURCH)

Located at the center of Helsinki, the TempPELLIAUKIO church is built by carving directly into solid rock. The church interior features a dome covered in copper, and it is supported by reinforced concrete beams attached to the rock walls.

### Lutherinkatu 3, tempPELLIAUKIONKIRKKO.FI USPENSKI CATHEDRAL

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**Kanavakatu 1, hos.fi**

### WINTER GARDEN

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**Hammarskjöldintie 1, hel.fi**

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The seat of 200 Members of parliament. Design by architect J.S. Siren (compl. 1931). An example of 1920s classicism.

**Mannerheimintie 30, eduskunta.fi**

**PRESIDENT PALACE**

The Presidential Palace serves as an authorized abode for the President of the Republic of Finland and stands prominently in Helsinki, positioned on the northern edge of Esplanadi, affording captivating views of Market Square.

**Mariankatu 2, presidentti.fi**

**SENATE SQUARE**

At the heart of Helsinki, lies the vibrant hub of the city and the host to significant annual gatherings. Commanding a view of the square stands the Cathedral, a remarkable architectural masterpiece. Constructed in 1852 and originally envisioned by the esteemed Carl Ludwig Engel, this iconic landmark encapsulates the essence of the city.

**Aleksanterikatu**

**SIBELIUS MONUMENT**

The Sibelius Monument, resembling organ pipes, is made of welded steel,

with the bust of the composer on one side.

**Sibeliuksen park, Mechelininkatu**

**SKYWHEEL HELSINKI**

SkyWheel Helsinki Observation Wheel is situated in Katajanokka and right next to the market square.

From 40 meters high you may see over the city, sea and surrounding islands.

**Katajanokanlaituri 2, skywheel.fi**

**ENTERTAINMENT****HEUREKA, THE FINNISH SCIENCE CENTRE**

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**Tiedepuisto 1, Tikkurila. heureka.fi**

**FAZER EXPERIENCE VISIOTR CENTRE**

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**Fazerintie 6, visitfazer.com/en**

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**Sturenkatu 27 tropicario.com**

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**Mikonkatu 19, casinohelsinki.fi**

**QUIET PLACES****KAMPPI CHAPEL (CHAPEL OF SILENCE)**

This futuristic wooden structure in the heart of busy Kamppi offers total silence — not a religious space, but a place to pause and find calm amid the city's noise.

**Simonkatu 7, kampinkappeli.fi**

**SANTA CLAUS**

Santa lives on Korvatunturi in Lapland in Northern Finland, but just before Christmas he often visits Helsinki as well. You might spot him wandering through the city's festive bustle—so keep your eyes open!



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## OUTDOOR

### ALLAS POOL

Located in the heart of the city, Allas Pool is a marine spa and a vibrant hub of urban culture. Visitors can enjoy a rejuvenating outdoor swimming and sauna experience while immersing themselves in the vibrant atmosphere. The facility also features Allas Cafe, Seagrill Restaurant and Allas Sky Bar, offering a variety of options for delicious food and refreshing drinks.

**Katajanokanlaituri 2 A, allaspool.com**

### KORKEASAARI ZOO

Nestled on an island Korkeasaari Zoo boasts a one-of-a-kind location that sets it apart. Situated just a stone's throw away from the bustling Helsinki city center, this remarkable zoo serves as a sanctuary for more than 150 diverse animal species

**Mustikkamaanpolku 12, korkeasaari.fi**

### KUUSIJÄRVI

Kuusijärvi offers opportunities for swimming in a lake and enjoying saunas. Kuusijärvi has the only public smoke saunas in and is a must-do for all visitors in Finland.

**Kuusijärventie 3, cafekuusijarvi.fi**

### NUUKSIO NATIONAL PARK

Within easy reach of the Finnish capital you can escape into wild natural settings and enjoy typically Finnish scenery, with lovely lakes, green forests and rugged crags.

**Nuukio, nationalparks.fi**

### THE FINNISH NATURE CENTRE HALTIA

At Haltia's nature exhibitions, you'll have the opportunity to explore the breathtaking landscapes found within Finland's national parks. Immerse yourself in the stunning surroundings, with hiking trails and a picturesque vista of Nuukio's Pitkäjärvi Lake.

**Nuukiontie 84, haltia.com**

### SEURASAARI

Seurasaari island provides a nice setting for outdoor recreation, sun worshippers and walkers. Open-Air Museum consist 87 buildings.

**Bus 24 from the city centre seurasaarisaatio.fi**

## SUOMENLINNA

### GUIDED TOUR

Guided tour covers the main sights of the fortress, its fascinating history and life on the island today. The tour starts at the Suomenlinna Centre.

**Suomenlinna, suomenlinnatours.com**

### SUOMENLINNA CENTRE

Situated at a central location within the Suomenlinna Sea Fortress, the Suomenlinna Centre combines the Suomenlinna Museum and a café.

**Suomenlinna C 74, suomenlinna.fi**

### FERRY TO SUOMENLINNA

The Helsinki City Transportation ferries operate daily from the Market Square, offering convenient transportation options. Tickets for the ferry can be obtained from Helsinki City Transportation service points or via a vending machine located at the Market Square. The ferry ride itself is a quick and efficient journey, lasting a mere 15 minutes.

**Market Square, reittipias.fi**

## PUBLIC SAUNAS

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## WELLNESS & SPORTS

Helsinki has tens of wonderful playgrounds where kinds can swing, climb, jump and run around to their hearts delight. Here are few sports: **Töölönlahti**, Töölönlahden eteläranta **Kaivopuisto**, Puistokatu 4 **Tokoiranta**, Eläintarhantie 1

### FLAMINGO SPA & WELLNESS

Next to Jumbo Shopping Mall. Customers of the spa have access to the Water park with pools and slides.

**Tasatie 8, flamingospa.fi**

### MÄKELÄNRINNE SWIMMING CENTRE

Named Finland's most popular swimming hole, Mäkelänrinne is a paradise for sports enthusiasts of all fitness levels.

**Mäkelänkatu 49, urheiluhallit.fi**

### KÄMP SPA

Wellnes centre with sauna, spa, private gym and massage at Kämp Hotel (8th floor)

**Kluuvikatu 4, kampspa.fi**

## WINTER SPORTS

### ICE-SKATING

Helsinki offers numerous ice-skating venues that open gradually depending on weather conditions, with artificial-ice rinks typically ready by late November or early December. Opening updates are shared on **liikunta.hel.fi** and the Helsinki liikkuu social media channels. All public skating sessions on Helsinki's artificial rinks are free of charge.

### CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

The first cross-country ski tracks to open are usually in Hakunila (Vantaa) and Paloheinä (Helsinki). Up-to-date information on open tracks and their condition can be found at **latutilanne.fi**.


### DOWNHILL SKIING

Downhill skiing is available near Helsinki at Serena Ski in Espoo, Solvalla-Swinghill in Nuukio, and—within a short drive—Vihti Ski Center and Talma Ski. All ski resorts offer equipment rental for skiing, snowboarding, and sledding.

### ICY DIPPING

Helsinki's public swimming areas offer several designated spots for winter swimming during the cold season. Many experience the icy dip as something akin to meditation — a moment when the mind clears and presence intensifies.

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EAT & DRINK



HUNGRY FOR HELSINKI

The strengths of Helsinki’s food scene are versatility, innovative mindset, local ingredients and a certain uniqueness. Restaurants, market halls and food trucks are a central part of urban vitality.

Restaurant **Nokka** was awarded last year a Michelin Green Star award. The Michelin Green Star is an annual award which highlights restaurants at the forefront of the industry when it comes to their sustainable practices.

The level of the top restaurants in Helsinki is illustrated by the number of Michelin starred restaurants. Restaurant **Palace** has two stars since 2022 and is accompanied by six one-star restaurants.

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# TOP 5 RESTAURANTS

CHOSEN BY INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS\*

## 01 Palace

With views over the city and its seascape, the restaurant is located on the 10th floor. The Palace kitchen is headed by Chef Eero Vottonen who, together with his team, aims to create an innovative yet sophisticated Nordic dining experience. **Eteläranta 10.**

Andres Teiss



Head chef Eero Vottonen rest. Palace.

## 02 Grön

18 seat restaurant in the heart of Helsinki with an open kitchen offer a set menu based on the seasonal highest-quality Finnish and Nordic produce. Menu reflects the natural flow of ingredients. **Albertinkatu 36.**

## 04 Savoy

Overlooking the Esplanade Park in the heart of Helsinki, Savoy has served guests for more than 85 years. Savoy's food is Finnish-French and strictly based on seasonal ingredients. Wine cellar is one of the largest in the country. **Eteläesplanadi 14.**

*\*Horeca industry media Viisi Tähteä organizes a list and vote of the best restaurants in Finland every year. 2024 voters were almost 400 restaurant, food and beverage industry professionals and media representatives.*

## 03 BasBas

We are bursting with joy and passion, and can't wait to share our exceptional playlists, mandatory kisses on the cheeks, and optional dance interludes. This is what the town's best atmosphere is made out of. **Tehtaankatu 27-29.**

## 05 Vinkkeli

Vinkkeli can be described as a food and wine restaurant, presenting a friendly, honest, and uncomplicated take on classic cuisine, where the wine and drink selection is given the same devotion as the selection of ingredients in the kitchen. **Pieni Roobertinkatu 8.**

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# NIGHTLIFE

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## HELSINKI - PROBABLY THE BEST CITY TO PARTY!

The nightlife in Helsinki is heavily focused on weekends, but there's plenty of action to last the whole week! On weekdays, people are drawn to smaller bars, pubs, and outdoor terraces during the summer. A unique feature of Helsinki's nightlife is the so-called "open stage karaoke" venues, which are popular among both locals and foreign visitors throughout the week. The most popular ones are Wallis' and Erottaja.

In the city center, you can find large nightclubs such as Apollo Live Club, Maxine, Milli Klubi, Teatteri, Mummotunneli (only in the summer), and Kaarle XII. Within walking distance from the city center, in Katajanokka, there is Helsinki's own "Nyhavn," where there's also a lively atmosphere on weekdays. The area began to develop around a karaoke bar called Wallis, founded by FI star Kimi Räikkönen, and now it's active all year round.

Another nightlife hub is a bit further away (~3 km) from the city center, in Kallio. Just 20 years ago, the area was known only for cheap beer. Today, it hosts numerous trendy bars and venues where you can spot everyone from the former Prime Minister to the country's top artists partying in harmony.

Helsinki's nightlife is very relaxed, and the dress code rules are moderate. If you want to avoid queues, it's advisable to reserve a table at the larger nightclubs. The typical entrance fee to nightclubs is around 10-20 euros, and table reservations often have a minimum consumption requirement of 150-500 euros per evening. Although Finns are shy during weekdays, on weekends, Helsinki residents become more social in the nightlife scene, and even the internet hasn't been able to surpass the popularity of the city's nightclubs for socializing.

Slightly older people prefer Apollo Live Club, Mummotunneli, Rymy Eetu, and Teatteri. The favorites among the younger crowd are Villi Wäinö, Noname and Cellar. However, the most unique combination is definitely the Complex in Kallio -Siltanen, Kuudes Linja, and Kaiku- where, under one roof, you'll find an underground venue and a hotspot for music lovers. With powerful sound systems and spacious dance floors, it's a favorite among young people and regularly hosts some of the most popular DJ and live sets in Helsinki.

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# SHOPPING

## Exploring Retail Bliss: Helsinki's Must-Visit Shopping Destinations

*Helsinki's shopping scene is a true reflection of the city's charm, offering a harmonious blend of Finnish design, international brands, and local craftsmanship.*

*Whether you're a fashionista, design enthusiast, or simply someone who enjoys exploring markets, Helsinki has it all. From the bustling streets of Aleksanterinkatu to the creative hub of the Design District and the vibrant Market Square, each shopping destination offers a unique experience. So, embrace the retail bliss and uncover the hidden gems of Helsinki's shopping scene—it's an adventure you won't want to miss!*

## MARKET SQUARE (KAUPPATORI)

Situated by the picturesque Helsinki Harbor, Market Square, or Kauppatori, offers an authentic shopping experience with a touch of local flair. Colorful market stalls line the square, offering an abundance of fresh produce, local delicacies, and handmade crafts. Indulge in traditional Finnish treats like smoked salmon, reindeer meat, and freshly baked cinnamon rolls.

Don't forget to browse through the handicrafts, including knitwear, ceramics, and traditional Finnish souvenirs, making for excellent gifts and mementos of your Helsinki visit.

**TIP:** You can experience "Finnishness" at its best by enjoying a coffee and a donut at the Market only noticing that you are sharing the table with a minister or the mayor.

## ALEKSANTERINKATU AND POHJOISESPLANADI

Located in the heart of Helsinki, these two adjacent streets are the city's main shopping streets and a paradise for fashion enthusiasts. This bustling thoroughfare features an impressive lineup of international brands, flagship stores, and upscale boutiques. Explore iconic Finnish design brands like Marimekko and Iittala, known for their timeless creations. Moomin Shop is a must with the kids.

Additionally, between these streets house large department store Stockmann, offering a wide range of products from fashion and cosmetics to home goods.

## HAKANIEMEN HALLI

One of the highlights is the opening of Hakaniemi Market Hall after a complete renovation that has conserved its original beauty from 1914 but brought it to the technological standards required today. The market hall is home to multiple vendors selling fresh food ingredients and delicacies, pastries, handicrafts, gifts, flowers and toys. A new restaurant run by Ville Relander, owner of the restaurants Madonna and The Cock, on the second floor, giving even more reasons to visit the area.

Hämeentie 1, Metro: Hakaniemi



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## DESIGN DISTRICT

For those seeking cutting-edge design and one-of-a-kind pieces, a visit to Helsinki's Design District is an absolute must. This creative hub spans several streets in the city center, including Annankatu, Fredrikinkatu, and Iso Roobertinkatu.

Here, you'll find an array of independent shops, concept stores, and studios showcasing the best of Finnish and Nordic design. From furniture and lighting to fashion and accessories, the Design District is a treasure trove for design enthusiasts looking for unique and innovative creations.

## KAMPPI SHOPPING CENTRE

Kamppi Shopping Centre, conveniently located in downtown Helsinki, is a modern shopping complex that caters to every shopping need. With over 100 stores, it houses a diverse range of fashion brands, electronics, cosmetics, and home goods. The center also offers a variety of restaurants and cafes, providing the perfect spot to recharge after an exciting shopping spree. Whether you're looking for high-street fashion or quirky Finnish design, Kamppi Shopping Centre has something for everyone and on a rainy day it might save your shopping day.

TIP: From Kamppi, you can walk along an underground corridor to the adjacent Forum shopping center.

## FOOD MARKET HERKKU

Food lovers and culinary enthusiasts should not miss Food Market Herkku, the legendary gourmet food market located within Stockmann's department store. This culinary wonderland boasts an impressive range of high-quality Finnish and international delicacies, from artisanal cheeses and fine chocolates to freshly baked bread and organic produce. Treat yourself to a delightful gastronomic experience, and perhaps pick up some unique Finnish ingredients to recreate traditional Finnish dishes at home.

## IF THE CENTER IS ALREADY FAMILIAR TO YOU

You can always go on a little adventure with the city's acclaimed public transport. There are three more shopping centers worth experiencing along the Metro: **Itis**, **Hertsj** and **Redi**. Or you can take the tram to the versatile **Mall of Tripla**, where, in addition to shops and restaurants, you can find e.g. Surf House Helsinki - steady warmth of +27°C/+80.6°F and the big warm waves of the Flowrider. No admission or entrance fee.




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# SAUNA

HELSINKI'S SAUNA CULTURE:  
A GUIDE TO THE CITY'S PUBLIC SAUNAS



Saunas are an integral part of Finnish culture, offering relaxation and a deep connection to nature. Helsinki, with its rich sauna heritage, provides numerous public saunas for visitors to experience this cherished tradition. Here are some notable options:

## Löyly

Located on the Helsinki waterfront, Löyly is a modern architectural marvel that combines traditional sauna experiences with contemporary design. The facility offers both smoke and wood-heated saunas, providing guests with authentic Finnish sauna sessions. After warming up, visitors can cool off with a dip in the Baltic Sea. Löyly also features a restaurant and a spacious terrace for relaxation. [loylhelsinki.fi](http://loylhelsinki.fi)

## Allas Pool

Situated near the Market Square, Allas Pool is a unique urban oasis offering saunas and outdoor pools. Guests can enjoy a warm sauna session followed by a swim in either heated pools or the refreshing sea water. The facility also hosts events and provides dining options, making it a versatile destination for relaxation and entertainment. [allaspool.fi](http://allaspool.fi)

## Kulttuurisauna

Kulttuurisauna designed by architects Tuomas Toivonen and Nene Tsuboi, Kulttuurisauna is an eco-friendly facility located in the Merihaka district. Heated with wood pellets, the sauna emphasizes sustainability and simplicity. Guests are encouraged to bring their own towels and water bottles, and pre-booking is mandatory. [kulttuurisauna.fi](http://kulttuurisauna.fi)

## Kotiharjun Sauna

Established in 1928, Kotiharjun Sauna is Helsinki's last traditional wood-heated public sauna. Located in the Kallio district, it offers an authentic Finnish sauna experience. Visitors can also opt for traditional washing services provided by experienced staff. [kotiharjunsauuna.fi](http://kotiharjunsauuna.fi)

*Should I try winter swimming? Swimming in ice-cold water fascinates many because it combines a physical challenge with a momentary escape from everyday life. The cold water wakes the body instantly: it boosts alertness, releases endorphins, and creates a small rush of euphoria that keeps people coming back. The sense of community and the ritual aspect, such as alternating between the sauna and the ice hole, deepen the appeal even further.*

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**Saunas** – relax in traditional Finnish saunas with panoramic sea views.

**Warm water pool** – take a dip in the 27°C outdoor pool, open all year round.

**Sea water pool** – try ice swimming for a refreshing experience. During the colder months, the sea water can cool down to 0°C, offering a crisp and energizing dip.

**Restaurants** – enjoy tasty bites, warm drinks and cozy moments by the sea.

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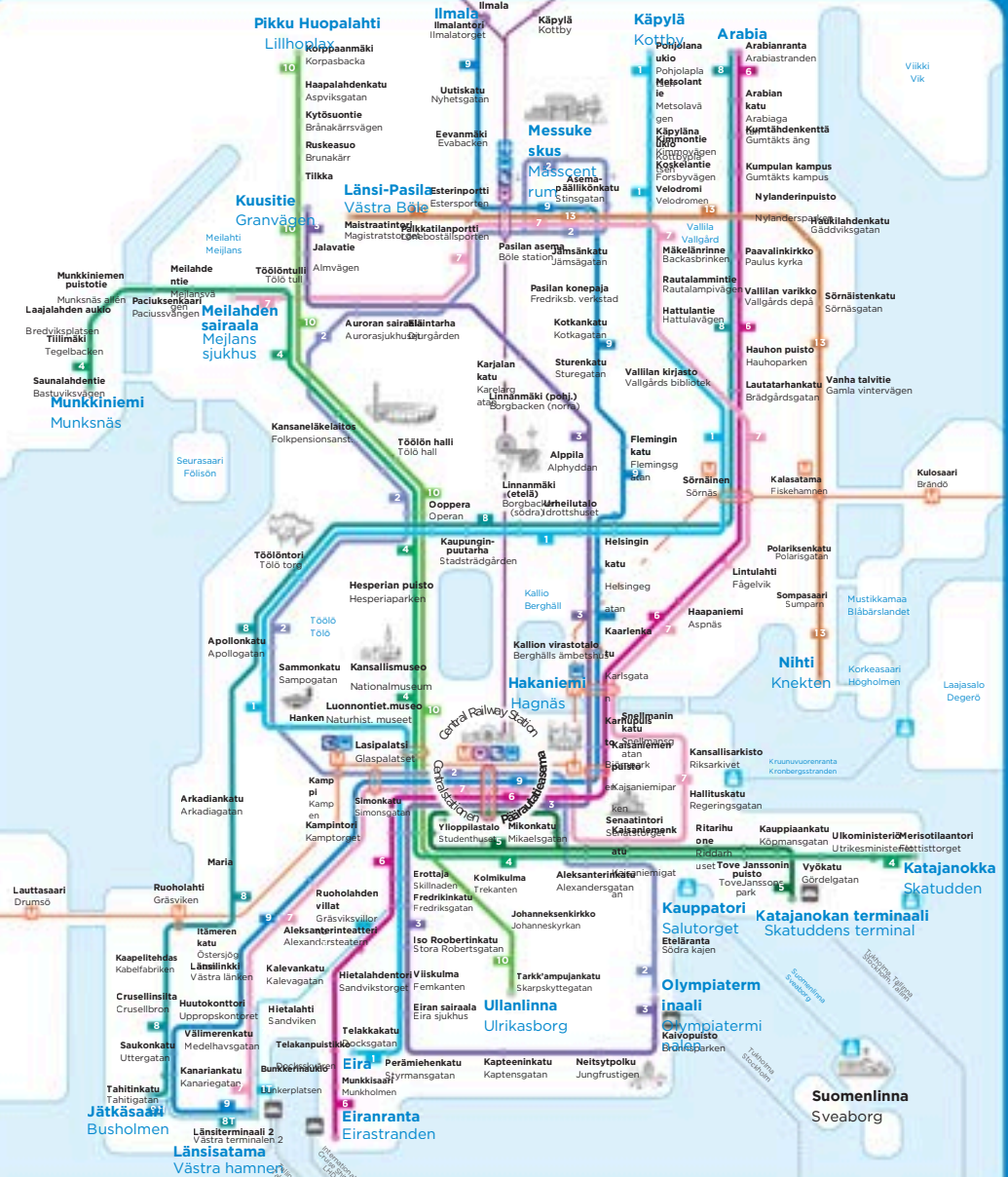
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Commuter trains
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