



2-day Helsinki Itinerary



Helsinki



Helsinki: A Nordic Design and Cultural Haven

Welcome to Helsinki, Finland's stunning capital where Nordic design meets historical charm. This comprehensive 2-day guide will immerse you in the city's architectural wonders, cultural institutions, and serene maritime atmosphere, perfect for first-time visitors.

Historical Overview

Helsinki has a rich history dating back to 1550 when it was founded by King Gustav I of Sweden. The city's architecture reflects its past under both Swedish and Russian rule, creating a unique blend of cultural influences. Today, Helsinki stands as a beacon of Nordic design, sustainability, and innovation.

Iconic Landmarks

- Helsinki Cathedral: The stunning white cathedral dominates Senate Square, symbolizing the city.
- Uspenski Cathedral: The largest Orthodox church in Western Europe, showcasing Russian architectural influence.
- Temppeliaukio Church: Known as the "Rock Church," carved into solid rock with a copper dome.

Cultural Treasures

- National Museum of Finland: Journey through Finnish history from prehistoric times to present.
- Ateneum Art Museum: Home to Finland's largest collection of classical art.
- Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art: Modern art in a striking contemporary building.

Charming Areas

- Senate Square: The heart of Helsinki's historic center with neoclassical architecture.
- Market Square: Vibrant marketplace by the harbor with local foods and crafts.
- Esplanadi Park: Beautiful central park lined with designer shops and cafes.

Helsinki Lifestyle

- Design District: Hub of creative culture with boutiques, galleries, and workshops.
- Café Culture: Experience Finnish coffee culture and famous pastries.
- Sauna Tradition: Try traditional Finnish saunas, an essential part of local life.

Maritime Heritage

- Suomenlinna Fortress: UNESCO World Heritage site spread across connected islands.
- Old Market Hall: Historic indoor market with Finnish delicacies and seafood.
- Helsinki Harbor: Scenic waterfront with important maritime history.

Practical Travel Tips

- Transportation: Efficient public transport; consider a HSL day ticket.
- Best Times to Visit: Summer (June-August) for mild weather and midnight sun.
- Language: Finnish and Swedish are official; English is widely spoken.
- Safety: Helsinki is one of the safest capitals in Europe.

2-Day Itinerary Highlights

Day 1: National Museum of Finland, Esplanadi Park, Helsinki Market Square, Ateneum Art Museum

Day 2: Helsinki Cathedral, Uspenski Cathedral, Sibelius Monument, Old Market Hall

This guide presents a curated selection of over 30 locations, allowing you to customize your Helsinki experience. Each destination offers insight into Finnish culture, design, and way of life.

Helsinki is more than just a city; it's a perfect blend of historical charm and modern innovation. As you explore the clean streets, admire the architecture, and experience Finnish hospitality, you'll discover why Helsinki is considered one of the world's most livable cities.

Let this Nordic gem inspire you with its design, culture, and natural beauty. Enjoy your adventure in Helsinki!



Itinerary Preview

2 days

DAY 01

The National Museum of Finland

Esplanadi

Kauppatori

Art Museum Ateneum

DAY 02

Helsinki Cathedral

Uspenski Cathedral

Old Market Hall

Sibelius Monument





Daily Events



Day 1

09:00

The National Museum of Finland

Mannerheimintie 34, 00100 Helsinki, Finland

11:00

11:45

Esplanadi

Pohjoisesplanadi, 00130 Helsinki, Finland

13:45

14:30

Kauppatori

Eteläranta, 00170 Helsinki, Finland

16:30

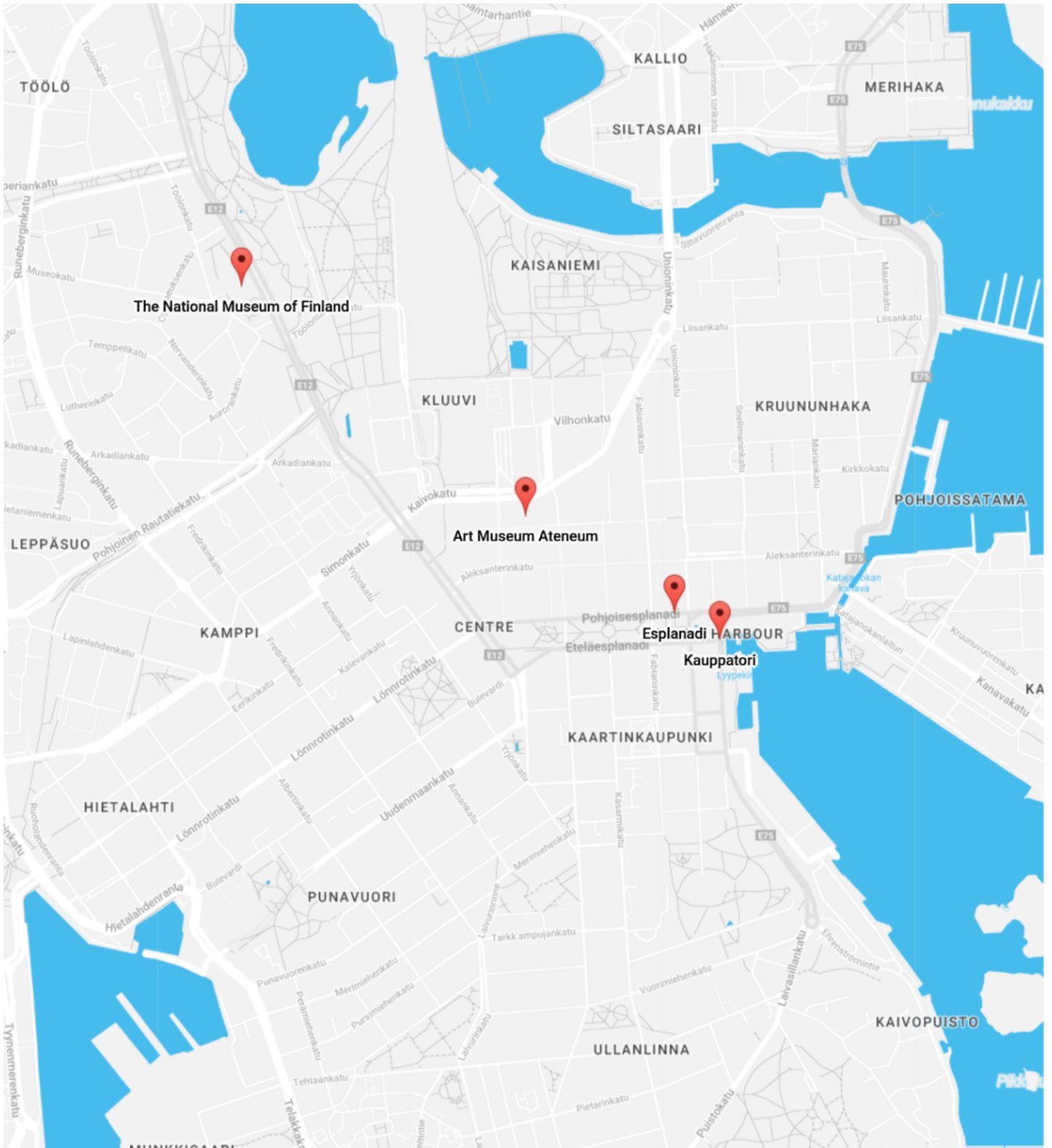
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Art Museum Ateneum

Kaivokatu 2, 00100 Helsinki, Finland

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Map for Day 1



Day 2

09:00

Helsinki Cathedral

Unioninkatu 29, 00170 Helsinki, Finland

11:00

11:30

Uspenski Cathedral

Pormestarinrinne 1, 00160 Helsinki, Finland

13:30

14:15

Old Market Hall

Eteläranta, 00130 Helsinki, Finland

16:15

17:30

Sibelius Monument

Sibeliuksen puisto, Mechelininkatu, 00250 Helsinki, Finland

19:30

Map for Day 2





Spots



Three blacksmiths

Kolmensepänaukio, 00100 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Large bronze statue of 3 smiths hammering an anvil, which serves as a popular city meeting place.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

09 31087001



Finlandia Hall

Mannerheimintie 13 E, 00100 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Landmark conference center made of granite and marble, designed by Finnish architect Alvar Aalto.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday: Closed

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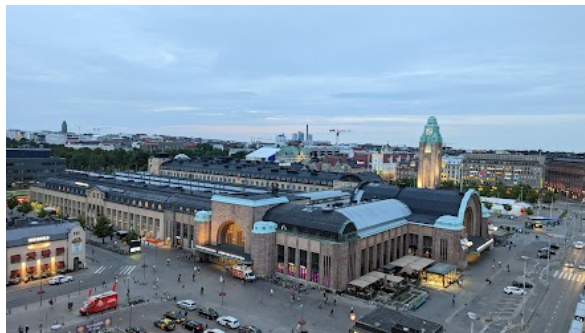
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Summary:

Station with Metro, regional & long-distance trains, designed by Eliel Saarinen & opened in 1919.

Phone:

0600 41902



Helsinki Olympic Stadium

Paavo Nurmen tie 1, 00250 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Sporting events at the city's 1952 Olympic stadium, plus a museum & 72m panoramic viewing tower.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

Phone:

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Helsinki Central Library Oodi

Töölönlahdenkatu 4, 00100 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Striking, ultra-modern library with 3 floors of books & a cafe, plus 3D printers & sewing stations.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Phone:

09 31085000



Kamppi Helsinki

Urho Kekkosen katu 1, 00100 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Central shopping center spread over 7 floors & containing shops, restaurants & a night club.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

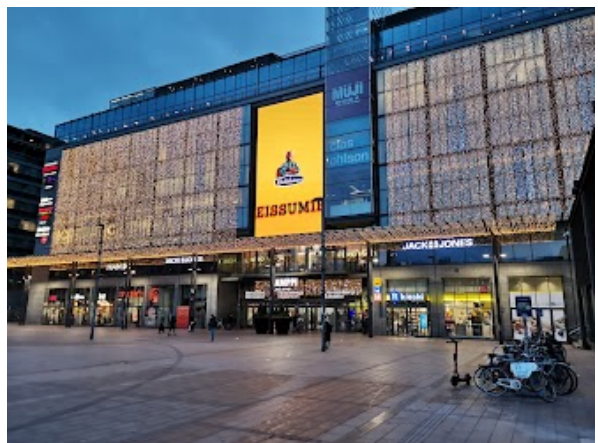
Friday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 - 6:00 PM

Phone:

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Senate Square

00170 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Neoclassical architecture in large public square with the cathedral, Government Palace & university.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours

Tuesday: Open 24 hours

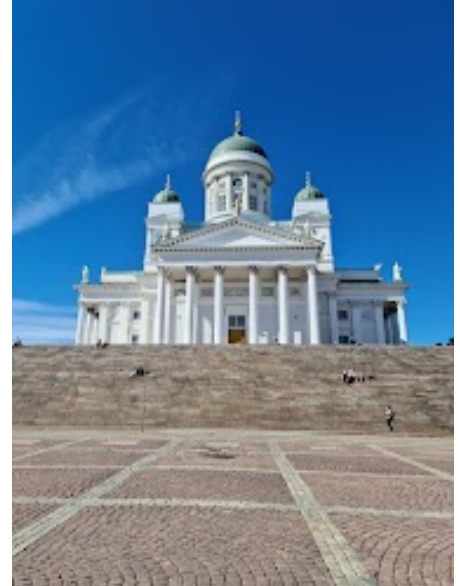
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Friday: Open 24 hours

Saturday: Open 24 hours

Sunday: Open 24 hours



Pihlajasaari

Pihlajasaari, Helsinki, Finland



Korkeasaari Zoo

Mustikkamaanpolku 12, 00570 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Established in 1889, a zoo with 150 species including big cats & reptiles, plus dining options.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Phone:

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Old Market Hall

Eteläranta, 00130 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

This traditional, 19th-century venue features shops & stalls offering unique Finnish specialties.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday: Closed

Phone:

040 1359051



Hietalahden kauppahalli

Lönrotinkatu 34, 00180 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Indoor food hall with a vintage atmosphere featuring many small restaurants for global cuisine.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

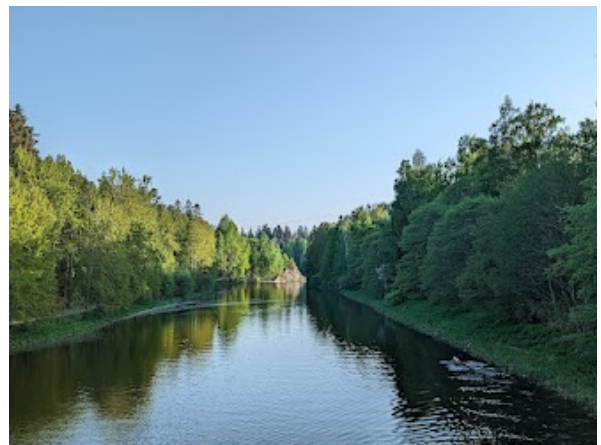
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Oulunkylä Community Garden

Myllypellontie 6, 00650 Helsinki, Finland



Hietaranta Beach

Hietaranta Beach, Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

This popular, sandy beach features beach volleyball courts & an annual tournament.



Linnanmäki

Tivolikuja 1, 00510 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Storied park with over 50 rides & roller coasters, plus a monorail & a tower with panoramic views.

Phone:

010 5722200



Art Museum Ateneum

Kaivokatu 2, 00100 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Grand 19th-century art museum with Finnish works from the 1700s onwards, plus international pieces.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

029 4500401



The National Museum of Finland

Mannerheimintie 34, 00100 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Prehistoric artifacts, medieval treasures & 20th-century icons in a grandiose national museum.

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029 5336000



Tempeliaukio Church

Lutherinkatu 3, 00100 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Unique church popular as a concert venue, with a copper-lined dome & rock/rubble interior walls.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 4:50 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 4:50 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 4:50 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 4:50 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 4:50 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 4:50 PM
Sunday: 12:00 - 4:50 PM

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Helsinki Cathedral

Unioninkatu 29, 00170 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

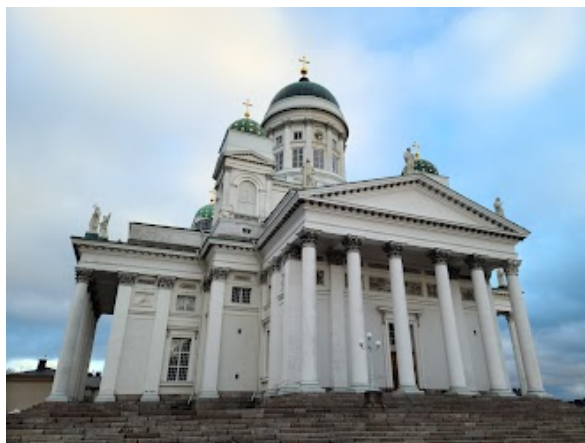
Steps lead up to Carl Ludvig Engel's grand neoclassical cathedral, topped with an iconic green dome.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Sunday: 12:00 - 6:00 PM

Phone:

09 23406120



Kaivopuisto

00140 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

This landscaped park with on-site restaurants & cafes offers views out to the sea & nearby islands.

Phone:

09 31039000



Sibelius Monument

Sibeliuksen puisto, Mechelininkatu, 00250 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

1960s monument by Eila Hiltunen, with 600+ steel pipes forming a wave-like shape representing music.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours

Tuesday: Open 24 hours

Wednesday: Open 24 hours

Thursday: Open 24 hours

Friday: Open 24 hours

Saturday: Open 24 hours

Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

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Esplanadi

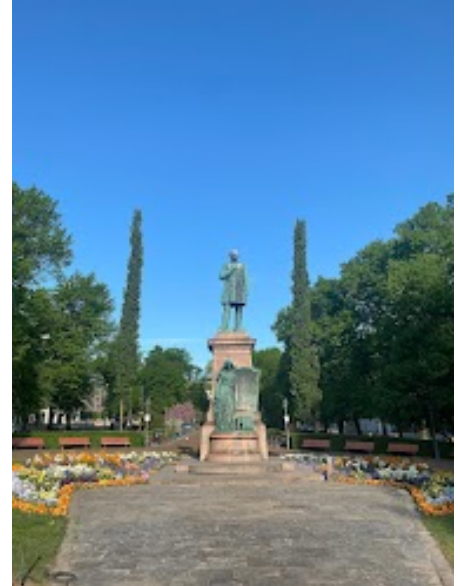
Pohjoisesplanadi, 00130 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Park opened in 1812 with avenues of mature trees & a stage for live music performances.

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09 31022111



Pasila Street Art District

Ratamestarinkatu 2, 00520 Helsinki, Finland

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



Kauppatori

Eteläranta, 00170 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Harborside market open year-round with food stalls, handicrafts & a heated cafe tent in winter.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 6:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

040 1359051



Uspenski Cathedral

Pormestarinrinne 1, 00160 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Hilltop center of the Finnish Orthodox faith with an ornate exterior & lavish interior decoration.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

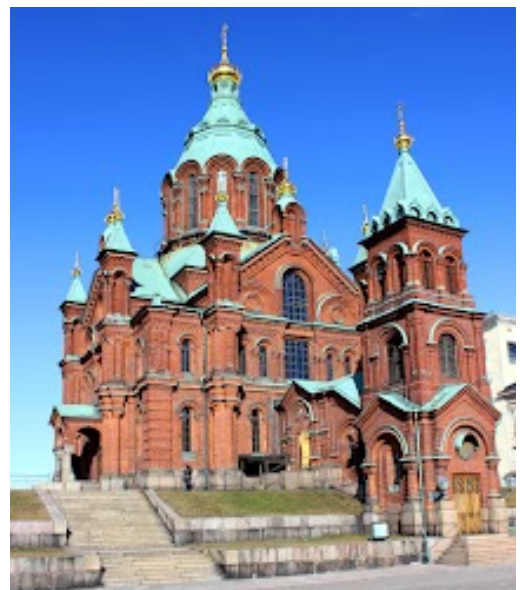
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Saturday: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 - 3:00 PM

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Seurasaari Open-Air Museum

Seurasaari, 00250 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Seasonal open-air museum with historic Finnish cottages, farmsteads & manors, plus tours & events.

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029 5336912



Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma

Mannerheiminaukio 2, 00100 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Contemporary art museum & cultural center with thematic annual exhibitions, a theater & events.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone:

029 4500501



Suomenlinna Sea Fortress

00190 Helsinki, Finland

Phone:

029 5338410



Sibelius Park

Mechelininkatu 39, 00260 Helsinki, Finland

Summary:

Urban seaside park with sculptures, a birch grove & benches, plus a pond, fountain & walking paths.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours

