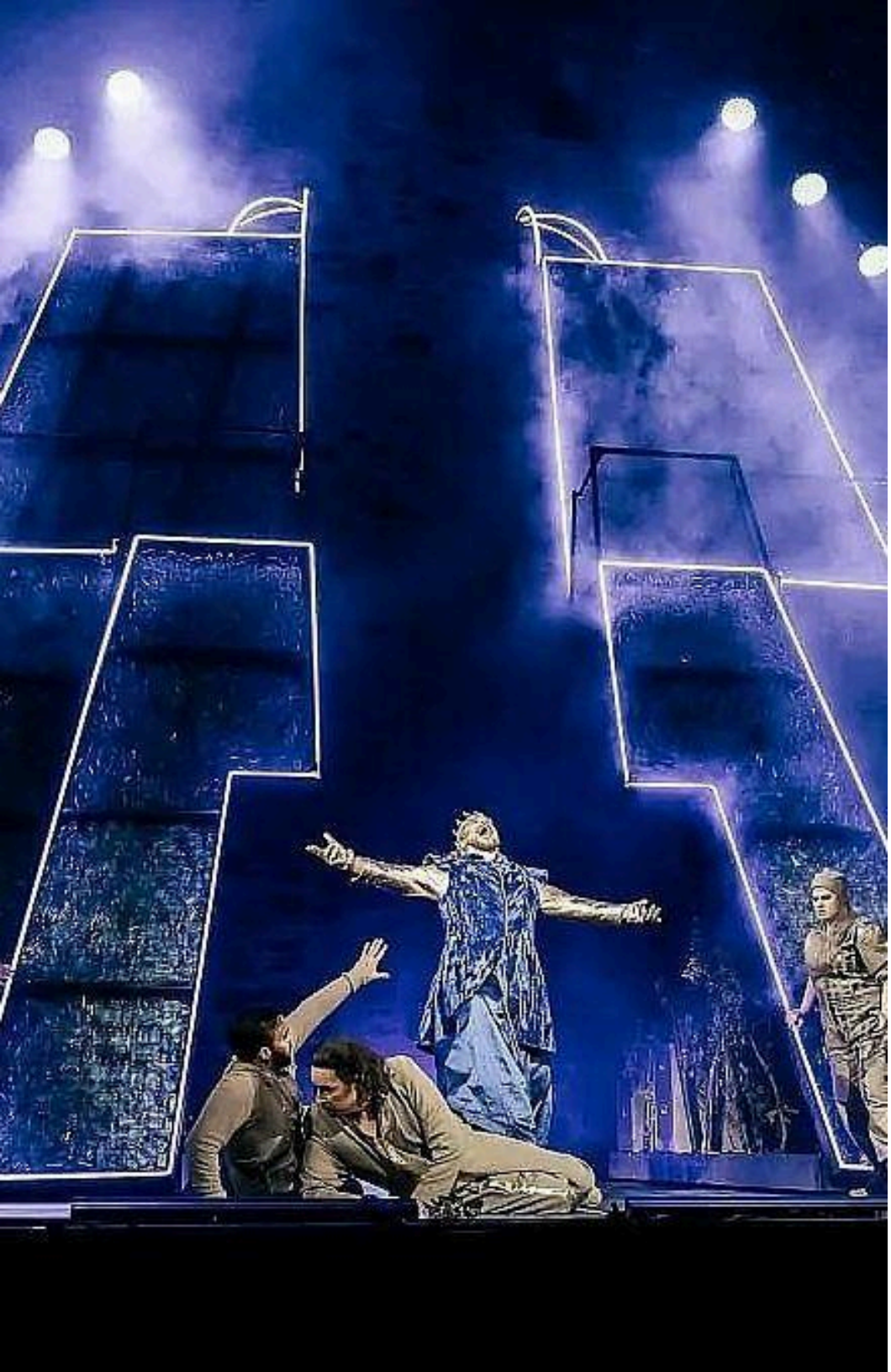

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July 27th - August 4th, 2026

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Key Dates

1) July 27 - 30: Hotel Kamp, Helsinki
2) July 30 - August 2: Kuru Private Resort, Lakeland

Itinerary Overview

Day	Activities
Day 1 Monday Jul 27, 2026	• Helsinki Arrival • Check In at Hotel Kamp Room type: Deluxe Rooms Contact Information: +358 9 576111 Website: https://www.hotelkamp.com/en/ Location: Pohjoisesplanadi 29, 00100 Helsinki, Finland • 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM · **Helsinki City Centre Walking Tour**
Day 2 Tuesday Jul 28, 2026	• Speaker at Breakfast-Details TBA • 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM · **Architecture Tour** • 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM · **Oodi Public Library** • 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM · Optional **Alvar Aalto Bike Tour including Finlandia Hall** ….or Leisure Time -- • 6:00 PM - 9:15 PM · **Archipelago Cruise and Crayfish Dinner** • Overnight at Hotel Kamp
Day 3 Wednesday Jul 29, 2026	• 8:45 AM - 12:00 PM · **Ainola- Home of Sibelius** • Lunch in Helsinki • **Dinner and Concert TBD**

Day	Activities
	• Overnight at Hotel Kamp
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Day 6 Saturday Aug 1, 2026	• Day At Leisure- Optional Activities • 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM · Dinner at Olavinlinna Castle • 7:00 PM · Savonlinna Opera Festival –“Nabucco” • Overnight at Kuru Private Resort
Day 7 Sunday Aug 2, 2026	• Check Out from Kuru Private Resort • Salmela Art Center

Day	Activities
	• Check In at Sokos Mikkeli Room type: Superior Rooms • Dinner at Tertti Manor • Mikkeli Music Festival
Day 8 Monday Aug 3, 2026	• Muisti Center Of War and Peace • Sami Presentation • Mikkeli Music Festival -Second Night • Overnight at Sokos Mikkeli
Day 9 Tuesday Aug 4, 2026	• Check Out from Sokos Mikkeli • 8:00 AM - 10:15 AM · Transfer to Helsinki For Departure

Your Accommodations

Day	Accommodation	Details	Nights
Jul 27 - 30	Hotel Kamp	Deluxe Rooms	3
Jul 30 - Aug 2	Kuru Private Resort	-	3
Aug 2 - 4	Sokos Mikkeli	Superior Rooms	2



DAY 1
MONDAY · JULY 27, 2026

Helsinki Arrival

Activity overview

Upon arrival in Helsinki, you will be greeted by your driver in Arrivals to take you to your hotel.

Your hotel room will be available for immediate check-in.

Originally founded by the Swedish king as a commercial rival to Tallinn (on the other side of the Baltic Sea), Helsinki has grown into a beautiful and cosmopolitan capital of more than 500,000 inhabitants. The city retains a small-town feel; there are no high-rise buildings and the market square is still surrounded by 19th-century architecture. Its green parks and waterways, fresh sea winds with seagulls flying over the busy market square, and many open-air cafes make it a perfect summer destination.

Check in at Hotel Kamp

> Deluxe Rooms
> 3 Nights

Contact Information: +358 9 576111
Website: https://www.hotelkamp.com/en/
Location: Pohjoisesplanadi 29, 00100 Helsinki, Finland

Property Overview

The Hotel Kamp is an historic hotel, originally opened in 1887. The new hotel comprises three separate buildings, including the original hotel, yet the feeling once inside is that of a unified and luxuriously modern hotel. It is impossible to tell the

difference from the old part of the hotel from the newer parts. Guests of the hotel have complimentary access to the Kamp Spa where you can indulge in the eucalyptus steam room or Finnish style sauna. All rooms have wireless internet, air conditioning, and down duvets and pillows (synthetic linens available on request). A state of the art fitness center is located on the top floor.

Accommodations

Deluxe Rooms
We will have Deluxe Rooms. They are approximately 360 square feet and all feature stunning marble bathrooms with separate bath and shower. They offer a single king sized bed or two queen beds, and a sitting area with, either armchair and ottoman, or sofa and coffee table.

Helsinki City Overview Tour

2:00 PM · Start Time
5:00 PM · End Time

Activity overview

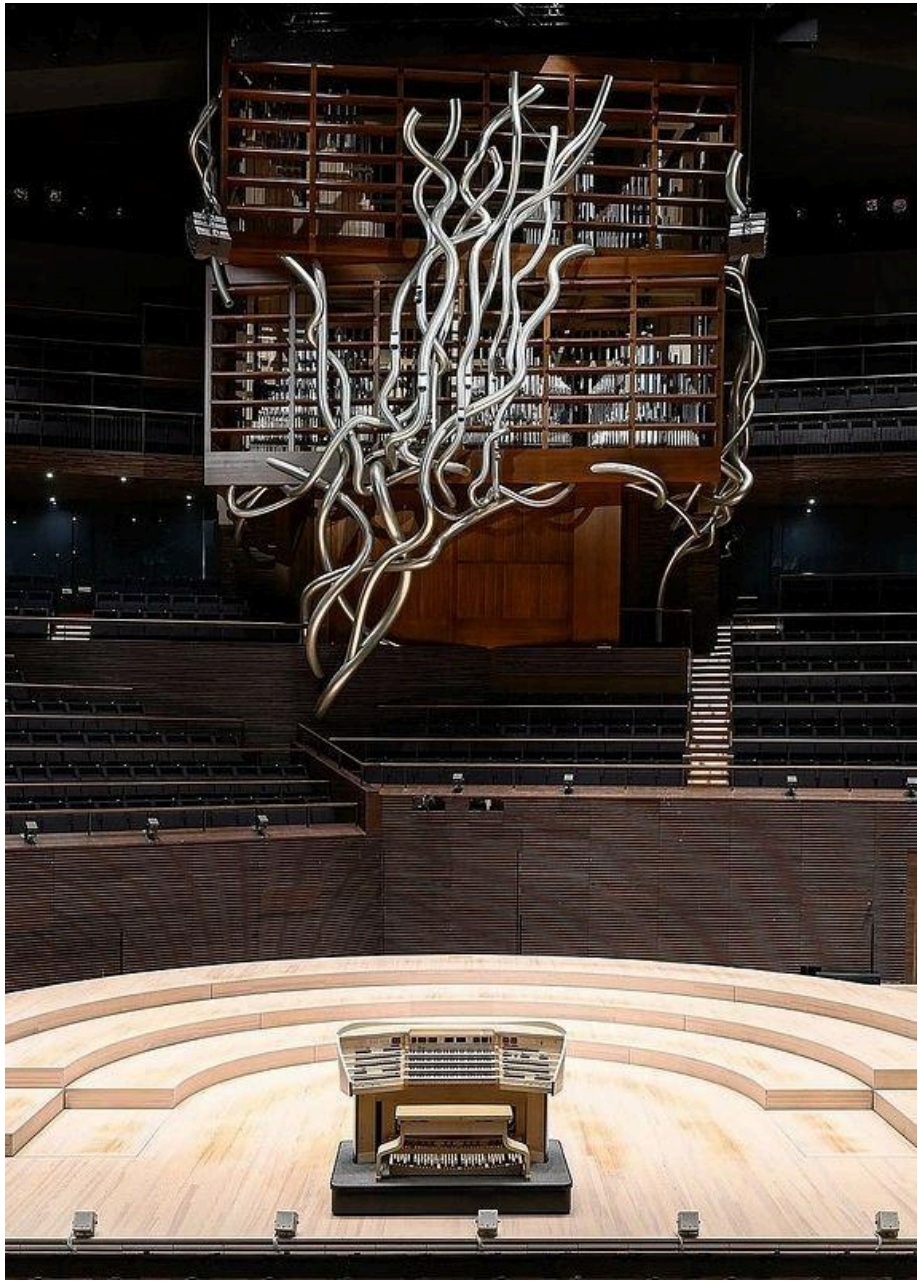
This afternoon, our guide will meet us for an overview walking tour. Begin at the heart of the city- Senate Square which was established when Helsinki became the capitol of Finland in 1812. The square represents the political, religious and scientific aspects of the city as it is flanked by the Lutheran church, the Government palace and the University of Helsinki.

Continue onto the Sibelius Monument built in memory of Finland's national composer Jean Sibelius. The monument is constructed of hundreds of hollow steel pipes. The pipes are united in a wave-like pattern to represent the waves of music.

You will also see the amazing underground stone church Tempelliaukkio. Built in 1969, the 80-foot ceiling is covered with copper stripping which creates fantastic acoustics.

Lastly, we will walk by the Amos Rex Museum. The museum's roof top is truly unique -- an award-winning design. *Outside view only.*

Tonight, we will have an early dinner in a local restaurant.



DAY 2
TUESDAY · JULY 28, 2026

Speaker at Breakfast-Details TBA

Architecture Tour

9:30 AM · Start Time
1:30 PM · End Time

Activity overview

Our guide will meet us this morning and take us to the Music Center, Musiikkitalo, where we will enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour. We will learn about the theater's acoustics and the building's environmentally friendly lungs. The center's crown jewel is the new Rieger Organ, the largest concert hall organ in the world.

We continue to the train station to admire the Helsinki Train Station, the granite building designed by Eliel Saarinen and once described as one of the most beautiful railway stations in the world. Two pairs of statues will welcome us into the station as we take in the Art Nouveau design.

Oodi Public Library

1:30 PM · Start Time
2:00 PM · End Time

Activity overview

Lastly, we visit Helsinki's central library, Oodi. The library is a hub for life in the city, offering residents 3D printers, loom weaving, video game rooms, and books of course.

We will enjoy a light lunch on the terraced cafe.

Optional Alvar Aalto Bike Tour or Leisure Time

> 2:00 PM · Start Time
> 5:00 PM · End Time

Activity overview

This afternoon, if you would like to tour a bit more, we will hop on bikes to ride though the city's neighborhoods. Bike to Alvar Aalto's home and studio. The architect and his first wife designed the building together to serve as their home and office space. Much of the original furnishings are still in place. Just down the street is the studio, which Aalto moved his office to in the mid 1950s. The curved building features an amphitheater designed around a garden.

Or enjoy some leisure time to shop. The Design District is home to over 200 designer shops, galleries, clothing boutiques and restaurants. Be sure to check out The Design Museum which documents the history of Finnish design and maintains an extensive collection.

Archipelago Cruise and Crayfish Dinner

> 6:00 PM · Start Time
> 9:15 PM · End Time

Activity overview

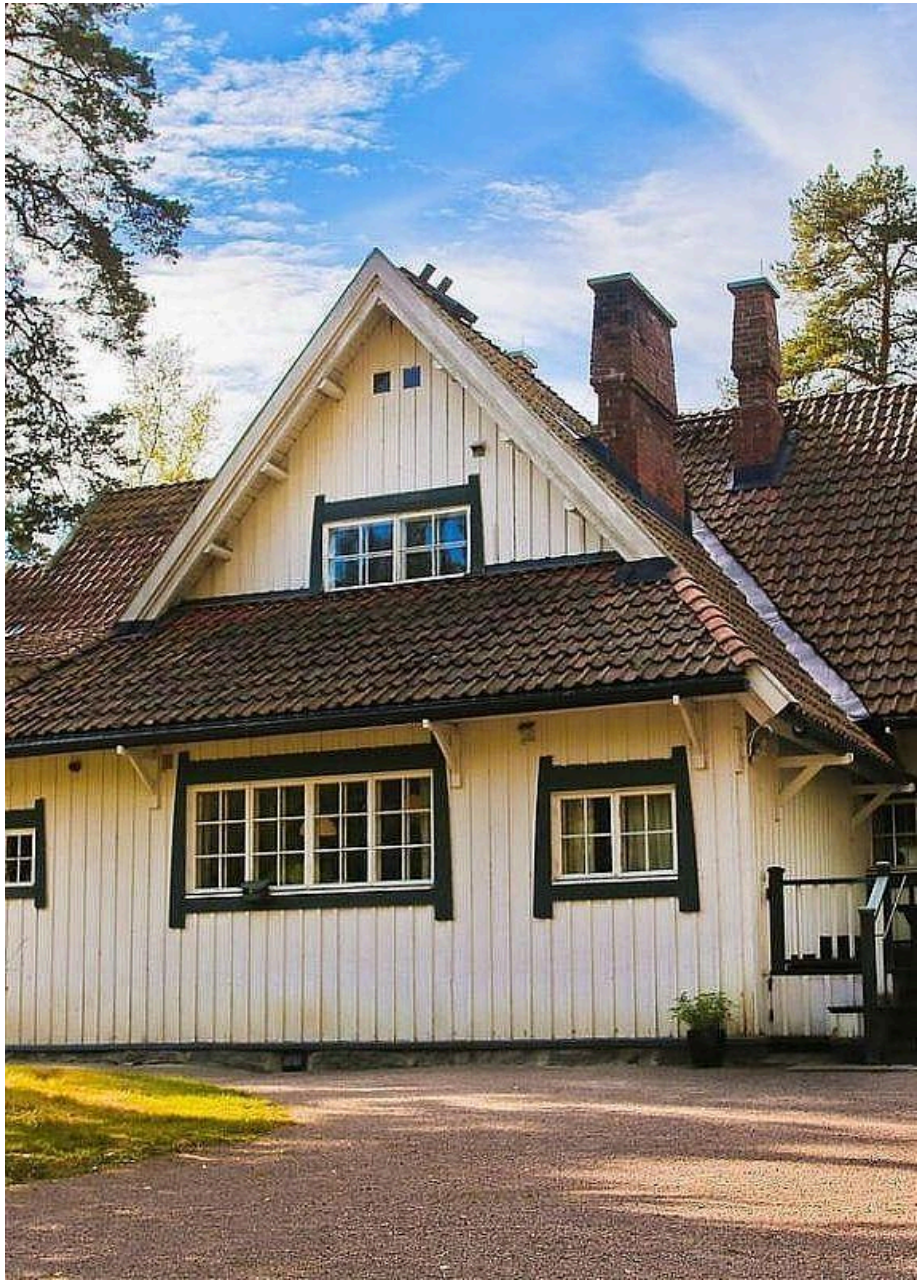
This evening, we board a boat to cruise around the city's archipelago. There are over 300 islands with lush forests and sandy beaches. We then make our way to the UNESCO island of Suomenlinna, the greatest sea fortress of the Swedish empire. The fortress was founded in 1748 to protect the empire against Russian attack. It later fell to the Russians and remained under their control until Finland gained independence in 1917.

We will dine along the fortress walls and enjoy a traditional Finnish Crayfish party. The crayfish season lasts from late July to early September and these parties are seen all over the city and islands during this time.

Afterwards, we will take the boat back to the city.

Overnight at Hotel Kamp

> Deluxe Rooms



DAY 3
WEDNESDAY · JULY 29, 2026

Ainola- Home of Sibelius

8:45 AM · Start Time
12:00 PM · End Time

Activity overview

Today, we have an early start, departing the hotel at 8:30 am for the 45 minute drive into the countryside and onto Ainola, the former home of the composer Jean Sibelius. We will enjoy a private concert on the composer's piano. Afterwards we will explore the home which contains many of the original furnishings. The home provided the peaceful environment that Sibelius craved to compose his works. The area became popular as a haunt for artists due to its secluded location.

Lunch in Helsinki

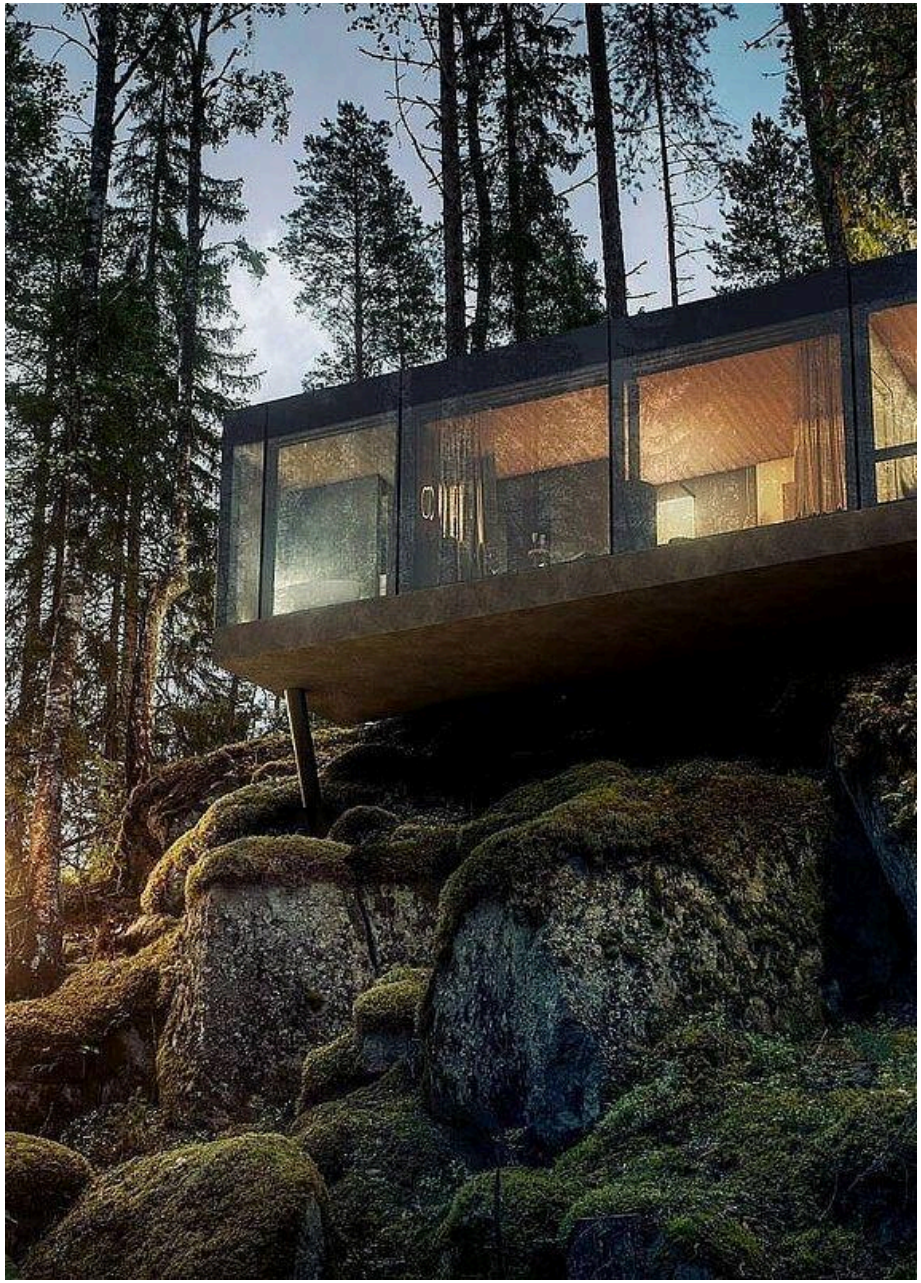
Details TBA- Michelin star restaurant if possible.

Dinner and Concert

This evening, we will enjoy an early dinner and then be transferred to the concert hall in Helsinki for a performance. (schedule permitting).

Overnight at Hotel Kamp

Deluxe Rooms



DAY 4
THURSDAY · JULY 30, 2026

Check out from Hotel Kamp

Depart for Lakeland

Activity overview

This morning we bid farewell to Helsinki and begin our journey to the forests of Finland. Along the way, we will stop in the small city of Lahti to to visit the Sebelius Concert Hall. The hall is constructed in large part of lumber showcasing the area's forests.

We will have a quick tour and coffee break before continuing on our way.

Continue onto Rantasalmi where we will have a buffet lunch before heading to Kuru, our home for the next three nights.

Check in at Kuru Private Resort

> 3 Nights

Property Overview

Kuru Resort, nestled in the tranquil Finnish Lakeland region of Rantasalmi, promises a rejuvenating escape tailored for adults seeking solace. Surrounded by a serene pine forest, this luxurious retreat offers guests a unique blend of natural beauty and modern comfort. Each accommodation—be it a Lake Villa, Nature Villa, or Lake Suite—features floor-to-ceiling windows that frame breathtaking views of Lake Hietalampi and the lush landscape, creating a harmonious connection with nature.

The design of Kuru Resort reflects a commitment to relaxation, with private saunas, rain showers, and standalone bathtubs enhancing the experience of unwinding. Guests can expect exceptional service and attention to detail throughout their stay,

from the thoughtfully curated seasonal menus at Restaurant Solitary to the peaceful atmosphere that envelops the property. A stay at Kuru Resort is not just a getaway; it's an invitation to reconnect with oneself and nature in a truly stunning setting.

Experience & Activities

At Kuru Resort, guests can immerse themselves in a variety of wellness and outdoor activities designed to enhance their stay. Daily wellness classes, including yoga and sound therapy, invite visitors to find balance and tranquillity. For those eager to explore the breathtaking surroundings, seasonal lake activities offer opportunities for adventure, while nearby Linnansaari National Park beckons with hiking trails and seal watching excursions.

The resort also boasts lakeside saunas and hot tubs, providing idyllic spots for relaxation after a day of exploration. Culinary enthusiasts will appreciate the innovative dishes at the award-winning Restaurant Solitary, where locally sourced ingredients shine in the seasonal Chef’s Menu. Whether indulging in a private dining experience or soaking in the serene atmosphere, guests will find a wealth of unique experiences waiting at Kuru Resort.

Ringed Seal Cruise

Activity overview

This afternoon, we will enjoy a cruise to Linnansaari National Park. This area is well known for the Ringed Seals and our captain will keep an eye out for them. The endangered Ringed Seal is unique to this area and became trapped in these waters after the last ice age.

Dinner At Solitary

Activity overview

Tonight, we will enjoy the innovative dishes at the award-winning Restaurant Solitary, where locally sourced ingredients shine in the seasonal Chef’s Menu.



DAY 5
FRIDAY · JULY 31, 2026

Optional Excursion- Valamo Monastery

9:00 AM · Start Time
2:30 PM · End Time

Activity overview

Please note for today's visit to the monastery, knees and shoulders must be covered.

The history of the Valamo Monastery dates back almost 1,000 when it was built near Lake Ladoga Russia, over the centuries it fell into despair until Peter the Great order it rebuilt in 1716. The monastery remained strong until WWI when the land became Finnish territory. During WWII, the number of brothers dwindled and eventually the monastery was moved to its current location.

During our tour, we will visit the monks' wine making room and enjoy a few tastings.

The library contains the largest collection of Russian Orthodox literature outside of Russia- over 20,000 items, some dating back to the 17th century.

We will have the opportunity to visit the Library archives. The documents were brought to this location from the monastery in Lake Ladoga Russia in750. The collection includes books, transcripts, and illustrations. Letters and later photographs from the monks detail life in the monastery.

Dinner Cruise to Olavinlinna Castle

4:30 PM · Start Time
6:30 PM · End Time

Activity overview

Later today at 3:45pm, we will be transferred to the Savonlinna harbor for a cruise on an historic steamship. During the cruise, we will enjoy a buffet dinner. We will then make our way to the castle where we will arrive at the private castle pier for a VIP entrance.

Savonlinna Opera Festival

> 7:00 PM · Start Time

Activity overview

Drinks and light snacks served during intermission.

Overnight at Kuru Private Resort



DAY 6
SATURDAY · AUGUST 1, 2026

Day At Leisure- Optional Activities

Activity overview

Today enjoy a bit of leisure time. There are many activities to choose from- kayaking, canoeing, fishing, hiking or enjoy the extensive spa which features heated pools, sream rooms and saunas. A private sauna can be arranged as well.

Dinner at Olavinlinna Castle

4:00 PM · Start Time
6:30 PM · End Time

Tonight, we make our way to Olavinliina Castle, the northernmost medieval castle in the world. Its history dates back to the 1400's and its location meant it fluctuated between Russian and Sweden territory.

We will dine in the medieval hall.

Savonlinna Opera Festival -Second Night

7:00 PM · Start Time

Activity overview

Drinks and light snacks served during intermission.

Overnight at Kuru Private Resort



DAY 7
SUNDAY · AUGUST 2, 2026

Check out from Kuru Private Resort

Salmela Art Center

Activity overview

This morning at 10:00 am, we depart for Mikelli, our home for the next two nights. We will stop at the Salmela Art Center for a guided tour. The art center is unique in that the art is displayed throughout a small village- former parish house, post office, apothecary and shops. Art is even displayed in the gardens. After the tour, we will have some leisure time to explore the out- buildings at our leisure. Concert schedule- TBA

Check in at Sokos Mikkeli

> Superior Rooms
> 2 Nights

Dinner at Tertti Manor

Activity overview

Tonight, we will head to the historic Tertti Manor. The manor and farm date back to the 17th century, and served as stables for the king's army, a dairy school, and headquarters for a general during a war.

We will enjoy a short tour before sitting down to dinner.

Mikkeli Music Festival

Activity overview

Tonight we attend the Mikkeli Music Festival. Performance details to be announced at a later date. Drinks and light snacks served during intermission.



DAY 8
MONDAY · AUGUST 3, 2026

Muisti Center of War and Peace

Activity overview

This morning, we will head to the Muisti Center of War and Peace. The building served as a military headquarters during WWII. The center focuses on how war affects society during the war and its aftermath. Although the museum's main focus is WWII, it covers other conflicts including the current Russia-Ukraine war.

Sami Presentation

Activity overview

This afternoon, we have the opportunity to learn about the indigenous people of northern Finland, the Sami. Your speaker today will discuss her life living in Inari and the history of her people. She refounded the musical tradition of her nomadic people, Livđe, which was only rediscovered in the 1960s. She will perform this music as well as the artful singing of joik.

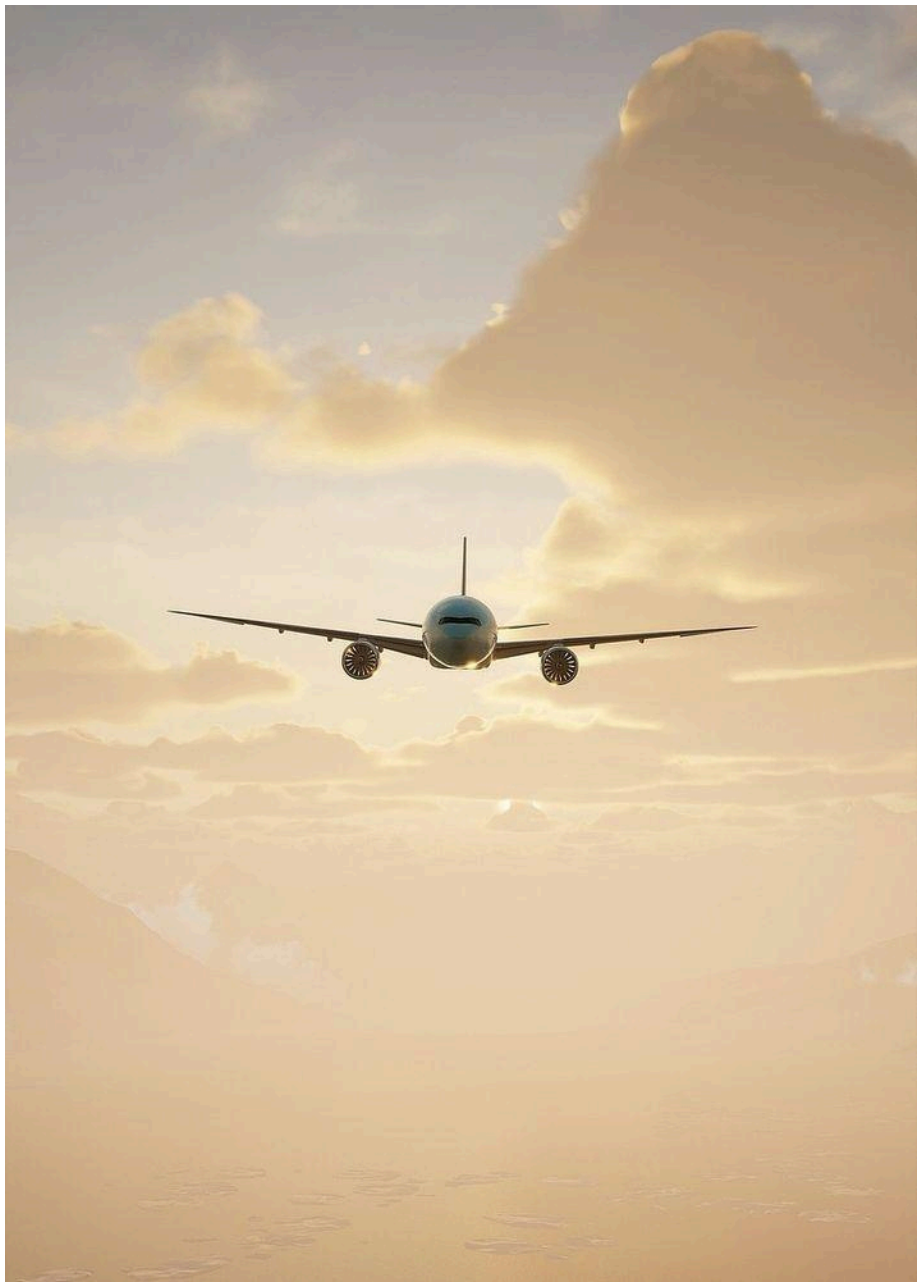
Mikkeli Music Festival -Second Night

Activity overview

Drinks and light snacks served during intermission.

Overnight at Sokos Mikkeli

> Superior Rooms



DAY 9
TUESDAY · AUGUST 4, 2026

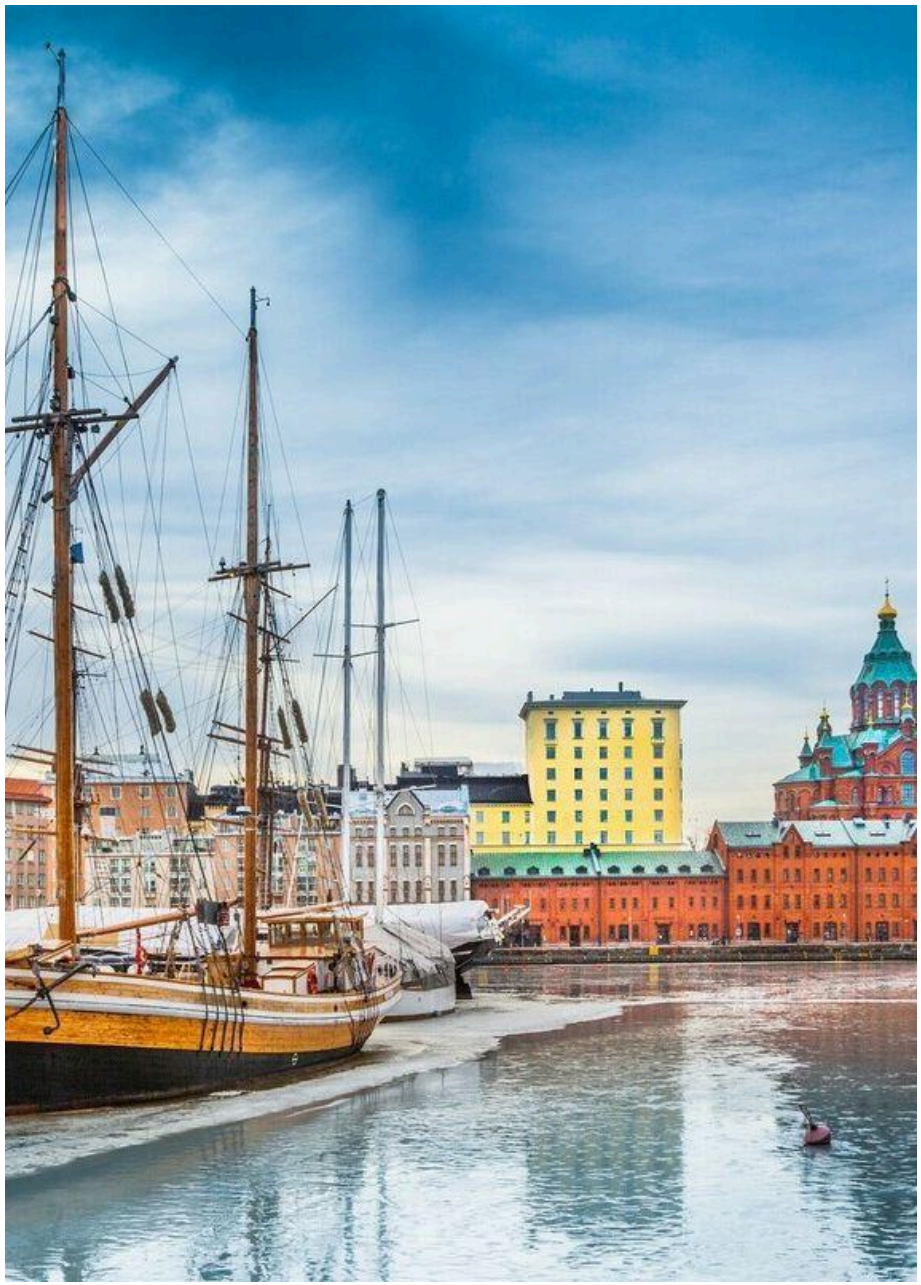
Check out from Sokos Mikkeli

Transfer to Helsinki For Departure

8:00 AM · Start Time
10:15 AM · End Time

Enjoy breakfast before we depart at 8:00 am for the drive to the Helsinki airport. The journey is approximately 2.5 hours.

Please do not book any flights departing before 1:00pm.



COSTS

This cost includes:

- Hotel accommodations as indicated above, including tax and breakfast daily.
- Itinerary planning and design of the tour according to the exact needs of the traveler.
- All pre-planned touring, transfers, a private vehicle where noted, top English-speaking guides where noted, entrance fees to all museums in the program.
- Best-of-House tickets to the two performances at the Savonlinna Opera Festival and the two concerts at the Mikkeli Festival.
- Exeter Host traveling with the group.
- Breakfast daily at hotel and other meals where noted.

This cost does not include:

- Air.
- Gratuities.
- Any personal expenses at the hotels or elsewhere.
- Optional trip cancellation insurance.
- Upgraded rooms or suites at all hotels.
- Any items not listed as included.

See next page for Costs and Reservations.

COST AND HOW TO MAKE A RESERVATION

A. Cost:

The final cost per person will be determined by the total number of guests. Minimum # is 16 and maximum # is 24. We are hoping and planning for 24.

This chart shows you what the cost will be per person if there are 16 people or 24 people. We will advise guests in January 2026 of the group size.

# of Guests	Double Occ. (per person)	Single Occ. (per person)	Deposit (per person)	Max # of Singles
16	$13,902 USD	$15,372 USD	$2,500 USD	6
24	$11,129 USD	$12,529 USD	$2,500 USD	8

B. To Reserve your Place:

(i) Complete this form.

https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/58nmmhcwwq4hhdvb33m7hw/web/

(ii) Email Leigh Landis at Exeter International (leigh@exeterinternational.com) to sign up and send her your completed form. Once she has this form, she will send you a secure payment link for the deposit.

***Please note - reservations are not confirmed until the $2,500 USD non-refundable deposit has been paid. Final payment is due 90 days prior to trip commencement (by April 27, 2026).**

Deposits are non-refundable. Once final payment has been made, the following cancellation conditions apply:

If paid in full and the guests cancel before April 27, 2026, the deposit of $2,500 USD per person is forfeited. The balance will be refunded.

Between April 27 and May 26, 2026, the penalty is 50% of the trip cost. The balance will be refunded.

Between May 27 and June 26, 2026, the penalty is 75% of the trip cost. The balance will be refunded.

If canceling on June 27, 2026, or later, it is a 100% penalty.