

DESTINATION

TURKU FINLAND

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CITY CULTURE IN THE HEART OF THE ARCHIPELAGO

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT TURKU

CITY. Turku is Finland's oldest city and one of the oldest in the entire Nordic region. The year **1229** was of great significance to the city. It was during this year that the seat of the Archbishop of Finland moved to Turku and it became the religious centre as well as an important town of commerce.

NUMBERS. The construction of Turku Castle began **in the 1280s**, and Turku Cathedral was consecrated in the year **1300**. The university was founded in **1640**, and Turku was the Finnish capital until the year **1812**. In **2011**, Turku went global as the European Capital of Culture.

NAMES. Turku's most famous people, such as reformer **Mikael Agricola**, the legendary runner **Paavo Nurmi**, the astronomer **Yrjö Väisälä**, rock star **Michael Monroe**, and the hockey playing brothers, **Saku** and **Mikko Koivu**, have not only changed Finland but also the world. The vibrant economy of Turku has delivered the world's largest luxury cruise ships, the **Oasis of the Seas** and the **Allure of the Seas**, completed in Turku in 2009 and 2010.

PEOPLE. Finland's fifth-largest city has 178,000 inhabitants and 30,000 students in higher education. Natives from Turku typically speak **Finnish** (83 %) or **Swedish** (6 %). Tourists will find it easy in Turku as most people speak **English** very well.



FINLAND IN A NUTSHELL

HOLIDAYS IN 2015

Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 6	Epiphany
Apr 3	Good Friday
Apr 5	Easter Sunday
Apr 6	Easter Monday
May 1	Labour Day
May 14	Ascension Day
Jun 19	Midsummer's Eve
Jun 20	Midsummer's Day
Nov 1	All Saints Day
Dec 6	Independence Day
Dec 24	Christmas Eve
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Boxing Day
Dec 31	New Year's Eve

NATIONAL HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT

Part of Sweden from the 12th century
Self-governing Grand Duchy within the Russian Empire in 1809-1917
Independent since 1917
Today a parliamentary republic and member of the EU

FINNISH PEOPLE, LANGUAGE & COUNTRY

Capital Helsinki (former capital Turku)
Population 5.2 million
Two official languages, Finnish and Swedish
English is widely spoken
The 6th largest country in Europe
Boundaries with Sweden, Norway and Russia
Coastline approximately 1.100 km
187.888 lakes, 5.100 waterfalls and rapids, 179.584 islands
70 % of the country covered by forest
Over one million saunas

CURRENCY

Euro (€)

HOW TO REACH TURKU?

Turku-Helsinki 166 km.

Bus connection from the Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport operates on an hourly basis.



LET'S FLY!

TO TURKU FROM:

STOCKHOLM

SAS & Blue 1, www.flysas.com

HELSINKI

Finnair, www.finnair.com

MARIEHAMN

AirAland, www.airaland.com

GDANSK

WizzAir, www.wizzair.com

RIGA

Air Baltic, www.airbaltic.com

ALICANTE

Norwegian, www.norwegian.com

JUMP ABOARD!

FROM TURKU TO:

STOCKHOLM

Tallink Silja, www.tallinksilja.com

Viking Line, www.vikingline.fi

FROM NAANTALI TO

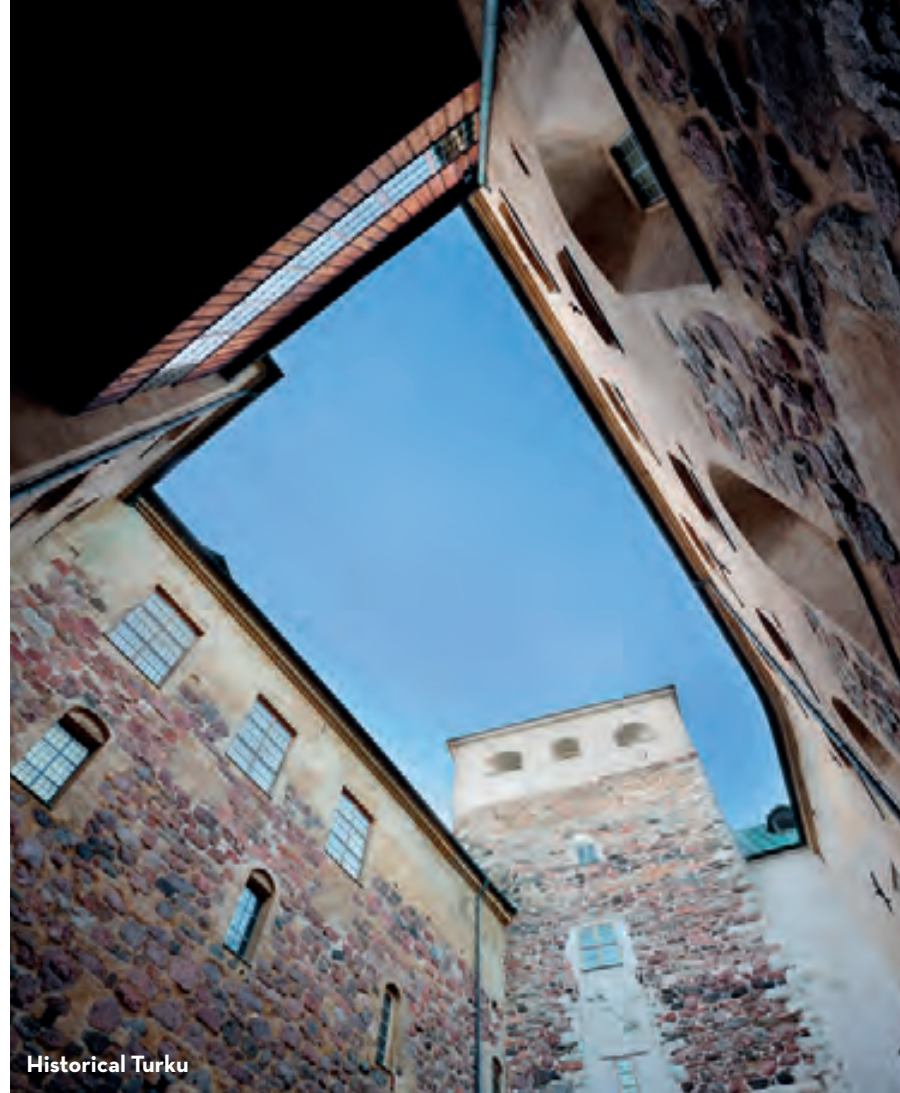
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Finnlines, www.finnlines.com

Check the updated connections from the websites.
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TURKU REGION SIGHTS

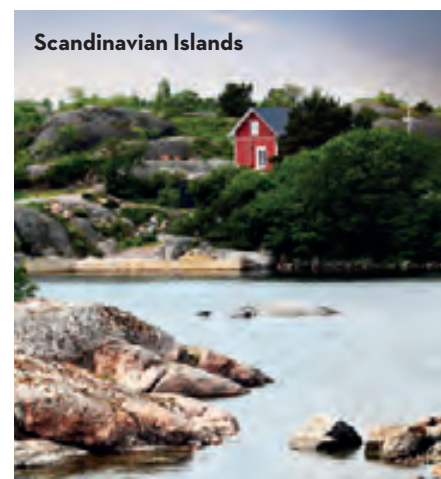
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Historical Turku



Moominworld



Scandinavian Islands

CULTURE

THE RIVER AURA IS THE HEART AND SOUL OF TURKU. THIS IS WHERE TURKU WAS BORN, AND A LARGE PART OF CITY LIFE – MUSEUMS, SIGHTS, RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS – STILL CONCENTRATES AROUND THE BANKS OF THE AURA. A WALK BY THE RIVER FROM THE CATHEDRAL TO TURKU CASTLE IS A FASCINATING JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY, WHILST SEEING WHAT PRESENT DAY TURKU HAS TO OFFER.





CULTURE

TURKU IS THE CRADLE OF FINNISH CULTURE; OVER THE YEARS THE CITY HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE AS THE GATEWAY TO FINLAND FOR INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE. THE UNRIVALED RANGE OF MUSEUMS IN TURKU INTRODUCE GUESTS TO A HOST OF NATIONAL TREASURES.

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TURKU CASTLE

The largest castle in Finland and one of the country's national treasures has stood guard over the mouth of the River Aura since the end of the 13th century. The Timeline exhibition and the Children's Castle provide visitors of all ages things to see and experience.

www.museumcentreturku.fi

Open:

Tue-Sun 10am-6pm

1 June-30 Aug Mon-Sun 10am-6pm

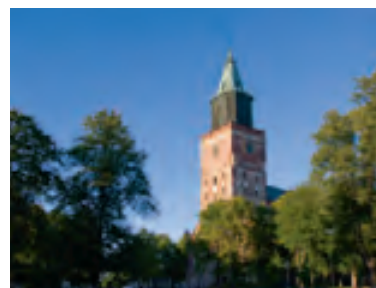
Closed:

on Mondays and Public Holidays.

Check online for exceptions to opening hours

Entrance fee:

€ 9/5/2



TURKU CATHEDRAL

Finland's national shrine was consecrated as the Cathedral Church of the Virgin Mary and bishop St Henry in 1300. Today the beautiful details of the Cathedral serve as a record of Finnish history. The Cathedral Museum in the Southern Gallery takes you back all the way to the 1300's.

www.turunseurakunnat.fi

Open:

Daily 9am-6pm

Museum closed during services

Entrance fee:

Turku Cathedral - free entrance

Cathedral Museum € 2/1



ABOA VETUS & ARS NOVA

A fascinating twin museum built around an excavated medieval city block combines a museum of history with a museum of contemporary art. Museum's Aula Café is a perfect place for lunch or a stylish event. Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova also hosts the largest museum shop in Turku city centre.

www.aboavetusarsnova.fi

Open:

Daily 11am-7 pm

Closed:

19-21 June and 24-25 Dec

Entrance fee:

€ 8/7/5,50



LUOSTARINMÄKI HANDICRAFTS MUSEUM

In 1827, the Great Fire of Turku caused widespread destruction, but the Luostarinmäki area escaped the flames. Today this perfectly preserved little village allows visitors to see what life was like for common people in the 1800's. The workshops demonstrate pre-industrial crafts throughout the summer.

www.museumcentreturku.fi

Open:

28 Nov 2015-6 Jan 2016 Tue-Sun 10am-4pm

2-31 May and 1-20 Sep Tue-Sun 10am-6pm

1 June-30 Aug Mon-Sun 10am-6pm

Other times for groups upon reservation

Closed:

on Mondays and Public Holidays.

Check online for exceptions to opening hours

Entrance fee:

€ 6/4/1

CAN YOU COUNT THE SCANDINAVIAN ISLANDS?

There are tens of thousands of islands and skerries between Turku and Stockholm. Saved from the ravages of mass tourism, the archipelago is a breathtaking natural experience that also offers a full range of traveller services.

There is no need for an own boat to experience the archipelago. There are cruises, ferries and the Archipelago Trail. This beautiful route will take the travellers island hopping by bike or car.





ARCHIPELAGO

THE MOST FAMOUS ISLAND OF THE TURKU ARCHIPELAGO, RUISSALO, IS KNOWN FOR ITS BEAUTIFUL OAK FORESTS AND CHARMING 19TH CENTURY VILLAS. ONCE HUNTING GROUNDS FOR THE SWEDISH COURT OF TURKU CASTLE, THE ISLAND IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE FROM TURKU BY LAND OR BY SEA.



ARCHIPELAGO TRAIL

The Archipelago Trail takes the visitor through natural and cultural landscapes. There are 12 bridges, nine ferries and several lovely little archipelago parish villages. Travelling by car, the 250 km trip can be done in a day, but the Archipelago Trail can also be done by bicycle or backpacking. In addition to excellent lodging and restaurants, travellers can also stop along the way for a refreshing dip or relaxing picnic in a beautiful archipelago setting.

www.saaristo.org



S/S UKKOPEKKA DINNER CRUISES

The archipelago can also be enjoyed on a few hours cruise departing from the middle of Turku. The steamship Ukkopekka makes dinner cruises from the River Aura to the island of Loistokari on summer evenings. On the voyage, guests will savour archipelago appetisers aboard the ship, with a delicious entree waiting for them on Loistokari at the old light-house keeper's yard.

www.ukkopekka.fi

Inquiries and reservations:
Tel: +358 (0)2 515 3300
myyntipalvelu@ukkopekka.fi



BIKE TOURS IN THE ARCHIPELAGO

The perfect way to experience the Turku archipelago is from the saddle of a bike. The popular Archipelago Trail is approximately 250 km in length, offering a route that links the islands via bridges and inter-island ferries. Along the way you'll find local food and handicrafts, museums and village churches as well as comfortable accommodation. Shorter biking packages are also available.

www.nagu.net/vastergard/cycling

Inquiries and reservations:
Tel: +358 (0)40 586 1317
vestergard@nagu.net



KUSTAVI HANDICRAFT VILLAGE

A cosy little destination just an hour from Turku - perfect for shoppers and families with kids. The extensive village grounds are home to the Kustavin Savipaja pottery shop and Paratiisipaja candle and interior decoration shop, Hopeapaja silversmith, Sepänpaja blacksmith, Textile workshop, Café and grill, artisan demonstrations, domesticated animals and a play area.

www.kustavinsavipaja.fi

www.paratiisipaja.com

Inquiries and reservations:
Tel: +358 (0)2 845 7700
kustavin.savipaja@kustavi.net

CLOSE TO NATURE

VISIT TURKU

WELCOME TO TURKU

TO SEE & DO

SERVICES

SPECIALTIES

TOURS

WINTER SWIMMERS ON THE ISLAND OF RUISSALO

SERVICES



A SPECIAL SUMMERTIME FEATURE OF TURKU ARE THE RESTAURANT BOATS MOORED ALONG THE RIVER AURA. HERE LOCALS COME TO START THEIR EVENING BEFORE HEADING TO THE CITY CENTRE CLUBS AND NIGHT SPOTS.





RESTAURANTS

IN TURKU, YOU WON'T HAVE TO LOOK VERY HARD TO FIND GOOD FOOD, WITH SO MANY TOP CHEFS IN A WIDE VARIETY OF RESTAURANTS. WHY NOT MAKE A CULINARY JOURNEY OF SCANDINAVIAN DELICACIES AT SMÖR OR START AN ENCHANTING DINNER WITH SPANISH PINCHOS AT TINTÅ. DON'T FORGET TO TRY THE FOOD WALK ALONG THE RIVER AURA OR HEAD OUT FURTHER AFIELD TO SAMPLE THE DELICIOUS DISHES OF THE ARCHIPELAGO. LET THE VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY BEGIN!



KASKIS

New restaurant Kaskis has earned a great deal of praise for its food prepared with dedication and relaxed atmosphere. Founded by Chef of the Year Erik Mansikka and his friends, Kaskis offers dishes prepared with pure ingredients as well as delicious, but reasonably priced beverages. www.kaskis.fi

Kaskenkatu 6 a, Turku
Tel: +358 (0)44 723 0200
info@kaskis.fi



TINTÅ

Relaxed wine bar providing a selection of more than a hundred wines, gourmet-pizzas as well as a weekday lunch menu. Despite the original black walls and arched doorway, it's still difficult to imagine that Tintå was once an 18th century stable. The terrace is crowned by nice riverviews. www.tinta.fi

Läntinen Rantakatu 9, Turku
Tel: +358 (0)2 230 7023
info@tinta.fi



PINELLA

One of Finland's oldest restaurants has been restored to a new splendour. High quality contemporary cuisine, prepared using seasonal and locally produced ingredients. Eat, meet and relax in Pinella's wonderful atmosphere by the river, in the historic heart of Turku. www.pinella.fi

Vanha Suurtori 2, Turku
Tel: +358 (0)2 445 6500
info@pinella.fi



GRILL IT! MARINA

Gourmet grill dishes and tastes from around the world, using only the best raw ingredients. The restaurant's secret weapon is the Jospo charcoal grill, which gives the food a genuine smoked, char-broiled flavour. The restaurant and lounge bar offer outstanding views of the River Aura, where guests can also do some people-watching from the elegant river-front terrace. Kids have their very own menu and a play area. Hotel and restaurant guests are welcome to use the hotel's own pier. www.grillit.fi/marinaturku

Linnankatu 32, Turku
Tel: +358 (0)2 611 6301
sales.turku@radissonblu.com



SMÖR

The name "Smör" means butter in Swedish, and this Scandinavian style restaurant serves delicately prepared food made of the seasons best ingredients. Amidst the milieu of the cellar vaults, Smör serves both at lunchtime and in the evening. www.smor.fi

Läntinen Rantakatu 3, Turku,
Tel: +358 (0)2 536 9444
info@smor.fi



AWARD WINNING COFFEES

GREAT COFFEE CAN BE FOUND AT PLACES SUCH AS **CAFÉ ART** (LÄNTINEN RANTAKATU 5, WWW.CAFEART.FI), BOASTING THE BEST BARISTA IN THE COUNTRY.

THE AULA CAFÉ ON THE INNER COURTYARDS OF THE ABOA VETUS & ARS NOVA MUSEUM IS ALSO RECOMMENDED BY MANY LOCALS (ITÄINEN RANTAKATU 4-6, WWW.AULACAFE.FI).

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LUDU

Once a paint shop, now a restaurant, Ludu offers dishes prepared with the finest ingredients in a charming milieu. Ludu serves lunch from Tuesday to Friday from 11am-2pm. In addition to good food and drink, Ludu is also the place for live music.

www.ludu.fi

Linnankatu 17, Turku
Tel: +358 (0)2 734 0310
ravintola@ludu.fi



HUS LINDMANN

High-quality catering and lunch-time restaurant alongside the River Aura offers flavours of Scandinavian Cuisine. A wide-ranging lunch buffet available Mon-Fri 11am-3pm. During summer the restaurant serves 11am-9pm. 170 seats inside are complemented by the spacious terrace and river views.

www.huli.fi

Piispankatu 15, Turku
Tel: +358 (0)400 446 100
+358 (0)400 466 800
hus.lindman@huli.fi



STEFAN'S STEAKHOUSE

American Top Chef finalist Stefan Richter hosts his newest restaurant in Turku, on the banks of the River Aura. As you may have figured by the name, steaks take centre stage here. You'll be feasting on the finest beef in the world produced by specially bred and fed cattle.

www.stefans.fi

Läntinen Rantakatu 37, Turku
Tel: +358 (0) 10 4233 248
stefans.turku@ravintola.fi



SERGIO'S

Real Italian restaurant on the banks of the River Aura serves delicious Italian cuisine including tasty pizzas. Sergio's is also well-known for its wine expertise. The main ingredients as well as the comprehensive selection of wines are directly imported from Italy.

www.sergio.fi

Läntinen Rantakatu 27, Turku
Tel: +358 (0)20 769 8585
ravintola@sergio.fi



TÄRGET RESTAURANT

Tärget combines a restaurant, wine bar, relaxed atmosphere and historic wine cellars. Come with a special someone or a large group and enjoy delicious food, fine wine and music. Stop in for a drink, have a quick bite to eat or sit down for a long and proper three-course dinner. Don't forget about Tärget's special evening events and Turku's best terrace on the Aura.

www.matbar.fi

Linnankatu 3a, 20100 Turku
Tel: +358 (0)400 522 707
info@matbar.fi

UNIQUE PUBS

TURKU IS ALSO RENOWNED FOR IT'S UNIQUE PUBS, MANY OF WHICH CAN BE FOUND OPERATING FROM UNUSALLY PLACES! POP INTO THE PUBLIC TOILET, THE BANK, THE PHARMACY AND THE SCHOOL AND YOU MIGHT BE IN FOR A SURPRISE.

NB. YOU CAN ALSO ORDER A FIELD TRIP FOR BEER LOVERS FROM TURKU TOURING. TURKU.TOURING@TURKU.FI



Pub Uusi Apteekki



COSMIC COMIC CAFE

The Cosmic Comic Cafe is Finland's one and only comic book restaurant. Living up to its slogan, "Beer and Comics", Cosmic Comic Cafe has a constantly changing selection of over 150 beers and ciders as well as tens of metres of shelves filled with comics. The restaurant also hosts current comic exhibitions and, on occasion, even live acoustical music.

www.cosmic.fi

*Kaappiaskatu 4, Turku
Tel: +358 (0)2 250 4942
(Forum shopping centre)*



PUB UUSI APTEEKKI

This individual pub combines a unique milieu of a former pharmacy and fine refreshments. Dozens of beers and whiskies to choose from. Apteekki is also the place where Turku's legendary literary figure, private detective Jussi Vares, seeks inspiration.

www.uusiapteekki.fi

*Kaskenkatu 1
Tel: +358 (0)2 250 2595
uusiapteekki@pp.inet.fi*



BREWERY RESTAURANT KOULU

The biggest brewery restaurant in Finland occupies a refurbished old school building dating from the 1880's. Brewery Pub, dining salon, function rooms, Wine House, history classroom, and a terrace. The house beers and ciders are definite crowd pleasers.

www.panimoravintolakoulu.fi

*Eerikinkatu 18, Turku
Tel: +358 (0)2 274 5757
mypa@panimoravintolakoulu.fi*



PUB OLD BANK

An English-style bar-restaurant in a magnificent old bank. The restaurant's most valid currency is the selection of 150 brands of beer, some of which are only available in Finland in the Bank.

www.oldbank.fi

*Aurakatu 3, Turku
Tel: +358 (0)2 274 5700*



Tonfisk Design is a contemporary Finnish brand producing ceramic designs for the fans of clean lines and modern aesthetics.
shop.tonfisk-design.fi

DESIGN & SHOPPING

TURKU OFFERS EVERYTHING FROM SHOPPING CENTRES AND DEPARTMENT STORES TO UNIQUE DESIGN SHOPS AND BOUTIQUES. YOUNG TURKU DESIGNERS ARE ESPECIALLY WORTH CHECKING OUT, SO GET STARTED AT WWW.TURKUDSIGNNOW.FI.



TURKU DESIGN NOW! -SHOP

This Turku designer collective sells interior decor goods, accessories, clothing (even for kids), ceramics, popular Turku-themed products and, for example, Kotona Design's wonderful magnetic chalkboards. Ingenious products are designed and, in most cases, also manufactured in Finland.

The shop carries design products from, among others, KUI Design, Punainen Norsu, Klo Design, Terraviiva, Tonfisk Design and Woodoo Design.

www.turkudesignnow.fi

Läntinen Rantakatu 13 A
Turku (courtyard)
Tel: +358 (0)44 572 6198



TERRAVIIVA

Owned by ceramist Minna Komulainen, Terraviiva is renowned for its ceramic interior tiles. Terraviiva also produces other unique ceramics and business gifts, such as dishes, sculptures, wine carafes, potholders and photo frames. Everything Terraviiva sells is manufactured on the premises. In addition to Turku, Terraviiva also has shops in Espoo and Oulu.

www.terraviiva.fi

Kaskenkatu 2 C, Turku
Tel: +358 50 3420890
minna.komulainen@terraviiva.fi



MARIMEKKO

A cornerstone of Finnish design and fashion is Marimekko, known around the world for its fresh and bold patterns and prints. You can find a number of Marimekko shops in Turku, including, among others, in the shopping centres of Skanssi and Mylly, with the largest store located in the Hansa Shopping Centre.

www.marimekko.fi

Hansakortteli, Turku
Tel: +358 (0)2 274 0900
turku@marimekko.fi



MOOMIN SHOP

Located in Naantali's Old Town, the Moomin Shop is the place for Moomin shirts, dishware, toys, books and many, many more Moomin products. And, if you're planning to visit Moominworld, you'll also find a Moomin shop there - Sniff's shop.

Mannerheiminkatu 3, Naantali



LAURETIUS

The Laurentius Museum Shop is the largest of its kind in the Turku city centre. You'll find beautiful jewellery, amusing toys, unique cards and books, perfect as gifts for lovers of history and art.

www.aboavetusarsnova.fi

Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova
Itäinen Rantakatu 4-6, Turku
Tel: +358 (0)20 718 1640
info@aboavetusarsnova.fi



HOTELS

THE HOTEL CAPACITY IN TURKU IS 18 HOTELS AND 2100 ROOMS. OF THIS CAPACITY, 3800 BEDS ARE IN THE CITY CENTRE. MOST HOTELS REPRESENT THE SCANDINAVIAN STANDARD 3-4 STAR CATEGORY, AND ARE SITUATED WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER AND THE RIVER AURA.



RADISSON BLU MARINA PALACE

A peaceful hotel on the banks of the River Aura. Guests will be pampered with high standard rooms and conference facilities as well as the views of the river. On the ground floor the Italian Restaurant Aurora serves the customers who can also choose to dine on the city's most stylish terrace.
www.radissonblu.fi

Linnankatu 32, Turku
Tel: +358 (0)20 123 4710
reservations.finland@radissonblu.com
sales.turku@radissonblu.com



HAMBURGER BÖRS

Legendary hotel with rich history at the edge of the Turku Market Square. Stylish and modern facilities provide for a variety of tastes and moods under the same roof. 346 hotel rooms, a top floor sauna and swimming pool as well as a diverse range of restaurants.
www.sokoshotels.fi

Kauppiaskatu 6, Turku
Tel: +358 (0)2 337 381
hamburgerbors.turku@sokoshotels.fi
myyntipalvelu.turku@sokoshotels.fi



SCANDIC JULIA

Completely renovated and extended Julia provides a great location right in Turku centre. Some of the modern rooms have a private sauna. Bistro Julienne offers indulgence with its traditional French cuisine. Customer parking in the same facility.
www.scandichotels.fi

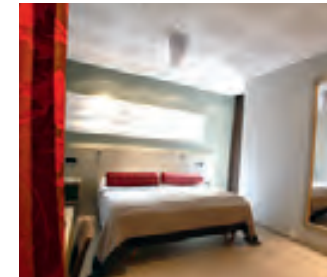
Eerikinkatu 4, Turku
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julia@scandichotels.com



HOLIDAY INN TURKU

Pillow Menu with 5 choices, free ADSL connection, WLAN and air conditioning in every room. Sauna, swimming pool and conference facilities as well as good parking space. Brasserie Armada offers the best modern cuisine as well as international and regional specialities.
www.finland.holidayinn.com

Eerikinkatu 28, Turku
Tel: +358 (0)2 338 217
turku.holidayinn@restel.fi



HOTEL CENTRO

Stylish, contemporary boutique hotel in downtown Turku, just a few steps from the market square, shops and museums. Despite its central location, Centro has a peaceful atmosphere. Trendy décor, modern art and an outstanding breakfast are but a few reasons to stay at Centro.
www.centrohotel.com

Yliopistonkatu 12 A (courtyard), Turku
Tel: +358 (0)2 211 8100
centro@centrohotel.com

SPECIALITIES



The world's largest cruise liners, M/S Freedom of the Seas, M/S Independence Of the Seas, Oasis of the Seas and Allure of the Seas were all built at Turku Shipyard.

HESBURGER

Just ask anyone local: the Hesperburger burgers really do taste better!

The Turku-born company is still run by the family that started it in the 1960's.



XYLITOL

Xylitol is a natural sweetener that helps you to take care of your teeth. The impact of Xylitol on dental hygiene was demonstrated at Turku University in the 1970's.

This unique confectionery combines Xylitol and liquorice to produce something truly Finnish – Sisu pastilles.



FÖRI

This smooth vehicle of public transportation is a firm favourite of the local people. Jump aboard, it's a free ride from one side of the River Aura to the other.

THE CHRISTMAS PEACE

Thousands come to hear the Declaration of Christmas Peace at the Old Great Square every Christmas Eve at noon. Come, witness the charming tradition.



PAAVO NURMI Known as "The Flying Finn", Paavo Nurmi ran his way to world renown in the 1920s.

SPECIALITIES

LIGHTHOUSES

There are several lighthouses open for the public in the Turku Archipelago. This is Isokari.



Photo : Radio Sata

TPS

Turku locals are big fans of ice hockey. Many NHL stars, such as Saku and Mikko Koivu, started the game here.



ICE SWIMMING

It's actually healthy, and you can do it in places such as Ruissalo and Uittamo in Turku.

BOAT HOSTEL BOREA

Interested in accommodation beyond basic? Try Boat Hostel Borea on the River Aura. It's nostalgic atmosphere brings memories from the 1960's, the golder era of Finland-Sweden cruises.



KISS MY TURKU

What do the locals like in Turku?
Get insider information at www.visitturku.fi/kiss