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SUOMENLINNA  
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# SEA FORTRESS Suomenlinna



## See at least these

### SUOMENLINNA CHURCH

**8** The Suomenlinna Church was built as a Russian Orthodox garrison church in 1854. As Finland took control of the island in the 1920s, it was converted into a Lutheran place of worship. A lighthouse, serving both air and sea traffic, still operates in the steeple.



### GREAT COURTYARD

**29** Designed by the fortress's founder Augustin Ehrensvärd, the Great Courtyard was completed in the 1760s and served as the main square. It was badly damaged in the Crimean War in 1855. The square contains an impressive memorial to Augustin Ehrensvärd, the architect of the Suomenlinna fortress.



### DRY DOCK

**24** Suomenlinna's dry dock is one of Europe's oldest operational dry docks. In the 1760s, ships for the Swedish naval fleet were built here, under the supervision of naval architect F. H. af Chapman. Nowadays, the dry dock is used for renovating old sailing boats.



### KUSTAANMIEKKA

**42** Kustaanmiekka is home to Suomenlinna's original bastion and a late-19th-century Russian defence line, complete with sand embankments and artillery points. The Kustaanmiekka bastion area provides stunning seascapes all the way to the mainland.



### KING'S GATE

**44** The monumental King's Gate is the iconic symbol of Suomenlinna. It was built between 1753 and 1754 as a ceremonial gateway to the fortress. The gate was built on the site where a ship carrying the fortress's founder, King Adolf Frederick of Sweden, was anchored while he inspected the construction of the fortress.



- MAIN ROUTE (LENGTH ABOUT 1.5 KM)
- TUNNEL
- ARTILLERY
- OPEN ALL YEAR
- OPEN DURING THE SUMMER, OPENING HOURS VARY OTHER TIMES OF THE YEAR

- TRANSPORT**
- 1** Ferry (HSL), main quay
  - 19** Waterbus, Artillery Bay quay
  - 43** Waterbus, King's Gate quay
  - 46** Waterbus, Lonna quay

- MUSEUMS**
- 15** Toy Museum
  - 16** Manège of the Military Museum
  - 18** Suomenlinna Museum
  - 28** Customs Museum
  - 30** Ehrensvärd Museum
  - 37** Vesikko Submarine

- RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS**
- 2** Restaurant Suomenlinna Brewery
  - 2** Viaporin Deli & Café
  - 49** Café Silo
  - 6** Bastion Bistro
  - 7** Café Vanille
  - 14** Jääkellari (Ice Cellar)
  - 15** Café Samovarbar at the Toy Museum
  - 18** Suomenlinna Centre Café
  - 20** Café Bar Valimo
  - 27** Restaurant Susisaari
  - 38** Café Piper
  - 45** Restaurant Walhalla, Sun View Terrace & Bar
  - 45** Pizzeria Nikolai
  - 47** Lonna restaurant

- SHOPPING**
- 4** Grocery shop
  - 14** Jääkellari art shop
  - 15** Toy Museum shop
  - 18** Suomenlinna Centre shop
  - 26** Artillery Bay summer kiosk
  - 32** Museum shop
  - 32** Arts & Crafts summer shop B34

- No fires
- No barbecues
- Danger – risk of falling
- No littering

- ARTS AND CRAFTS**
- 2** Jetty Barracks Gallery
  - 33** HIAP Gallery Augusta
  - 34** Pot Viapori Ceramic Studio
  - 35** Glass Studio Hytti
  - 35** Tokuyūan Japanese Tea Room
  - 48** Studio Esa Toivanen

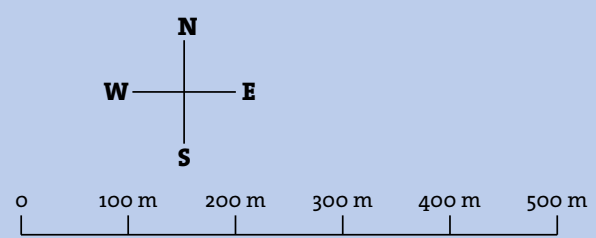
- ACCOMMODATION**
- 5** Hostel Suomenlinna (ONLY IN SUMMER)

- OTHER SERVICES**
- 2** Tourist information
  - 11** Suomenlinna Library
  - 21** Levvyhalli hall
  - 20** Guest marina
  - 36** Summer theatre
  - 40** Beach
  - 41** Picnic shelter
  - 50** Lonna sauna

- SIGHTS**
- 3** 1918 prisoner-of-war camp memorial
  - 8** Suomenlinna Church
  - 24** Dry dock observation deck
  - 29** Great Courtyard, Ehrensvärd's tomb
  - 42** Kustaanmiekkä sand banks and artillery
  - 44** King's Gate

- CONFERENCE AND BANQUET FACILITIES**
- OPEN FOR PRIVATE HIRE
- THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
- 9** Pirunkirkko banquet hall
  - 10** Pajasali & Tynnyrintekijä meeting room
  - 12** Officers' Club
  - 13** Ballast room
  - 22** Tenaille von Fersen
  - 23** Myllysalı hall
  - 25** Piirtämö
  - 31** Curtain Hamilton-Polhem
  - 39** Gunpowder Magazine

- FIRE AND RESCUE STATION
- POPULATION SHELTER



# Welcome to Suomenlinna!

Situated on the islands off the coast of Helsinki, Suomenlinna is a cultural treasure. Its construction began in the mid-18th century, when Finland was still part of Sweden. Today, the fortress and its museums, restaurants and events are a memorable experience for visitors of all ages.

## THE SEA FORTRESS TODAY

The fortress is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Finland with about one million visitors every year. Suomenlinna hosts various services and events all year round. The fortress is also a neighbourhood with about 800 residents. The Governing Body of Suomenlinna, a government agency under the Ministry of Education and Culture, is responsible for the restoration, development and maintenance of the fortress as well as managing it as a visitor attraction.

The fortress is conserved and developed in accordance with the principles of sustainable tourism and the aim is to conserve it for future generations. Be sure to follow all instructions during your visit and help us preserve this World Heritage Site.

## History

- 1748** Finland is part of the Kingdom of Sweden. Construction of the sea fortress begins, led by Augustin Ehrensvärd.
- 1750** Fredrick I of Sweden gives the fortress the name of Sveaborg.
- 1788** War breaks out between Russia and Sweden, and the fortress operates as a naval base.
- 1808** The Finnish War. The fortress is surrendered to the Russian army, and remains a Russian naval base for the next 110 years.
- 1809** Finland is made an autonomous part of the Russian Empire.
- 1855** The Crimean War. The Anglo-French fleet bombards the fortress, badly damaging it.
- 1918** The Finnish Civil War. A camp for prisoners of war is set up at the fortress. The fortress is annexed by Finland and named Suomenlinna.
- 1939** The Second World War begins. The fortress serves as a coastal artillery, anti-aircraft and submarine base.
- 1973** The Finnish garrison leaves the island. The Ministry of Education and Culture assumes responsibility for the island.
- 1991** Suomenlinna is added to UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites as an outstanding monument to military architecture.



Suomenlinna was added to the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites in 1991 as a unique example of the military architecture of its era. Suomenlinna is a bastion fortress with an irregular shape and a unique history in serving the defence of three realms: Sweden, Russia and Finland.

# Dive headfirst into history




## EXPERIENCE THE VIVID HISTORY OF THE FORTRESS ON GUIDED TOURS

Learn about the colourful history of the island on a guided tour, organised every day in the summer and every weekend in the winter. Private tours are available throughout the year in a variety of languages. All tours start at the Suomenlinna Museum. **18** A special adventure tour is available for children in the summer in Finnish and Swedish. The tours are run by the Ehrensvärd Society, [www.suomenlinnatours.com](http://www.suomenlinnatours.com).

### MUSEUMS

Suomenlinna hosts six museums. For specific opening hours, please contact the tourist information or visit [www.suomenlinna.fi](http://www.suomenlinna.fi).

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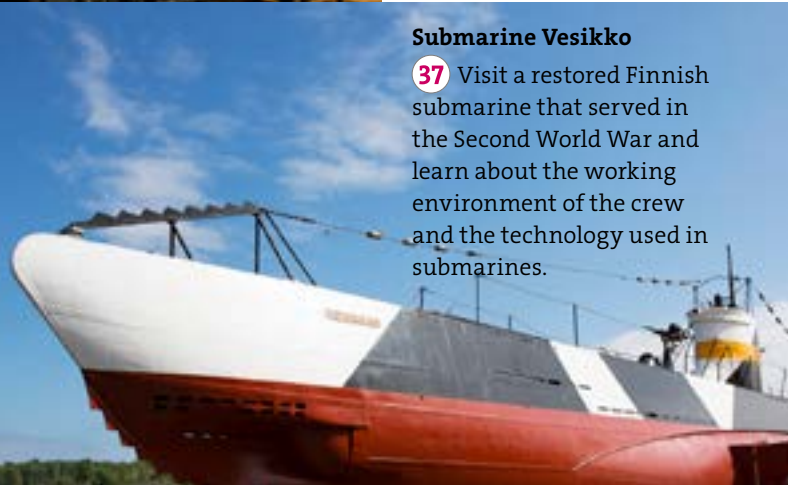


#### Suomenlinna Museum

**18** The main museum of the fortress tells the fascinating story of Suomenlinna. The museum features a short film (25 min), charting the history of the fortress, which runs every half an hour in several languages.

#### Submarine Vesikko

**37** Visit a restored Finnish submarine that served in the Second World War and learn about the working environment of the crew and the technology used in submarines.



#### Manège of the Military Museum

**16** The exhibition features intriguing stories about the wars of Finland and the Finnish Defence Forces.



#### Suomenlinna Toy Museum

**15** Take a nostalgic trip to the Toy Museum and learn about old toys from the early 19th century to the 1970s.



#### Ehrensvärd Museum

**30** The first resident of the home museum was Field Marshal Augustin Ehrensvärd. The museum, originally the official residence of the fortress's commandants, showcases an officers' home from the Swedish period.



#### Customs Museum

**28** The Customs Museum, housed in a former prison, showcases the history of customs and smuggling in Finland.

# Food and drink in Suomenlinna



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## **Restaurant Suomenlinna Brewery**

**2** The selection of the first-rate restaurant is based on seasonal produce in Finland and Scandinavia. You can also pop by to taste some of the products of the fortress's own brewery.

## **Viaporin Deli & Café**

**2** Located in the Jetty Barracks, the café sells salads, sandwiches, pastries as well as freshly brewed coffee.

## **Café Silo**

**49** Situated in the Russian merchants' quarter, the cosy and welcoming café offers soup lunch, homemade pastries and high-quality coffee.

## **Bastion Bistro**

**6** Located within a short walk from the main quay, this elegant restaurant serves straightforward bistro food, pizza and burgers.

## **Café Vanille**

**7** The menu of this café, situated in a historic wooden house, includes pastries, soup du jour, specialty coffee and soft drinks.

## **Jääkellari (Ice Cellar)**

**14** The art café serves soup du jour, refreshments and speciality coffee. The café also hosts cultural events.

## **Café Samovarbar at Toy Museum**

**15** The atmospheric café serves homemade goodies with freshly brewed tea. Specialty coffee is also on the menu.

## **Suomenlinna Centre Café**

**18** Delicious refreshments and a wide selection of specialty coffee available all year round.

## **Café Bar Valimo**

**20** The relaxed restaurant at the docks features pasta dishes, salads and the day's specials on its varying menu, accompanied by quality beverages.

## **Restaurant Susisaari**

**27** Located in Artillery Bay, the restaurant features Finnish cuisine, ingredients and atmosphere. Enjoy an extensive lunch selection and a fantastic à la carte.

## **Café Piper**

**38** The idyllic summertime café serves soups, pastries and refreshments. The terrace offers a stunning view of the sea.

## **Restaurant Walhalla**

**45** The first-rate gourmet restaurant serves exquisite à la carte dishes with quality wines.

## **Pizzeria Nikolai**

**45** Nikolai serves crisp pizza made from fresh ingredients and baked in a stone oven, to be enjoyed on a sun-drenched terrace or inside the fortress ramparts.



# Shopping and art

Traditional craftsmanship is upheld by the many artisans working in the fortress. In Suomenlinna, you can find products and souvenirs made by local artisans. The fortress also hosts art exhibitions. Check the locations on the map and opening hours of the services at [www.suomenlinna.fi](http://www.suomenlinna.fi).



## EVENTS IN SUOMENLINNA AROUND THE YEAR!




Check the dates of the events on our website [www.suomenlinna.fi](http://www.suomenlinna.fi).



# Tourist information

**2** The tourist information and the free introductory exhibition by the ferry quay are open to visitors all year round. Find the best tips for your visit!

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## FOLLOW THE BLUE ROUTE

The key sights are along a 1.5-kilometre main route running through the fortress. The route is waymarked with blue signs and marked on the map in blue. Maps for a more accessible route are available at the tourist information and on our website [www.suomenlinna.fi/accessibility](http://www.suomenlinna.fi/accessibility).

The pedicab Taksi Viapori operates in Suomenlinna. [www.taksiviapori.fi](http://www.taksiviapori.fi).



## TAKE CARE

Many of the structures in the fortress are unfenced. Please note that all visitors accessing the fortress do so at their own risk. Exercise great caution at all times. Children must not be left unattended or allowed to climb the walls. Please note that even areas that seem safe may feature unexpected precipices. These may be disguised by vegetation in summer and snow in winter. When visiting the shoreline, please note that seafaring vessels may cause strong currents. In winter, the conditions may be slippery, so please take care.

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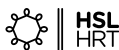
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# Suomenlinna is accessible only by water

The journey to Suomenlinna takes some 15 to 20 minutes. The ferry operates all year round, while waterbus services are available from May to September.

## HSL FERRY



**1** The ferry departs from the Market Square, opposite the Presidential Palace. At Suomenlinna, the ferry departs from the main quay on Iso Mustasaari island. The ferry service is part of the city transport network and all Helsinki Region Transport Authority (HSL) tickets are accepted. Please purchase tickets prior to boarding the ferry from the ticket machine on the quayside. In summer, tickets are also available from the ticket booth at the Market Square.

## JT-LINE WATERBUS



**19 43 46** The waterbuses to Suomenlinna depart from the Market Square sightseeing cruise departures area. In Suomenlinna, the waterbus departs from the Artillery Bay (Tykistölahti) quay and makes an additional stop at the King's Gate. Some of the services also make a stop at the islands of Lonna and Vallisaari. Purchase tickets at the Market Square ticket kiosk, on board the waterbus or from the webshop of JT-Line. Please note that Helsinki Region Transport Authority (HSL) tickets are not valid on the waterbus service.

