



Turku & the South Coast

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Why Go?

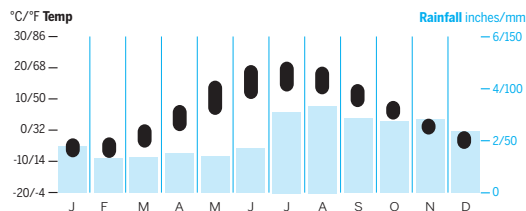
Beautiful Turku reclines along its grassy-banked river, flowing from Gothic cathedral to medieval castle. This seafaring city was once the capital of Finland, and its fascinating history is matched by an equally attractive present. Turku challenges Helsinki's cultural cred with excellent galleries, museums and restaurants, while rocking music festivals electrify the summer air. Historic Naantali, the home of Muumimaailma (Moominworld), makes a perfect side trip.

The south-coast towns, stretching to either side of Helsinki, share Turku's maritime heritage. Kotka's port remains a tough worker, while Hamina's fortress-town glory days make it a veteran with war stories to tell. Hanko, with its venerable villas and vibrant regatta, is a silver fox with immense powers of charm.

And everywhere there are islands, providing great yachting challenges or sea-salt retreats. The 20,000-strong Turku archipelago creates a sea-full of stepping stones across to Åland and Sweden.

When to Go

TURKU



Mar Turku's venerable jazz festival keeps the winter blues at bay.

Jul Boats race in the Hanko Regatta, famous for its carnival atmosphere.

Aug Marching and military music at the weeklong Hamina Tattoo.



Turku & the South Coast Highlights

- 1 Getting medieval at massive **Turku Castle** (p84) or underground on the crooked streets of **Aboa Vetus** (p86)
- 2 Partying at the island festival **Ruisrock** (p88)
- 3 Cruising the sun set aboard the **S/S Ukkopekka** (p87) and discovering your inner troll at delightful **Muumimaa** (p93)
- 4 Watching the sun set at **Hanko** (p106), casting a golden glow over Russian villas, shining yachts and the prettiest beaches in Finland
- 5 Taking on the **Archipelago Trail** (p98), which meanders out through the Turkish archipelago to remote Inio
- 6 Setting sail for Kotka's **Maritime Centre Vellamo** (p105) ironworks
- 7 Balance on the cutting edge of industrial history and modern design at **Fiskars** (p112), an epic-scale retelling of the area's love of the sea