Helsinki’s Art & Design

Helsinki is renowned for its architecture, and this walk takes in many exemplars of the city’s dramatically varying styles. It reveals the city’s evolution from market town to the cutting-edge capital it is today.

**Start** Vanha Kauppahalli

**Distance** 3.2km

**Duration** Three hours

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1. Helsinki's traditional market hall, **Vanha Kauppahalli**, was built in 1888 and remains a traditional Finnish market.

2. The bustling **kauppatori** (market square) is flanked by stately 19th-century buildings.

3. Strolling east you can’t miss the gleaming gold onion domes of the **Uspenskin Katedraali**, a 19th-century Russian Orthodox church.

4. Head up Sofiankatu to **Senaantintori** (Senate Sq) and Engel’s stately neoclassical **Tuomiokirkko** (Lutheran Cathedral).

5. Walk west to the country’s finest art museum, the **Ateneum**, in a palatial 1887 neo-Renaissance building.


7. Continue walking northwest then west through leafy backstreets to the **Tempellaukion Kirkko**, an extraordinary rock-hewn church.

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**Classic Photo** The zinc statues of the 12 apostles on the roof of the **Tuomiokirkko**.