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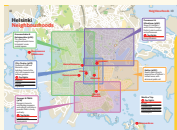
## QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



### Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



### Neighbourhoods

What's where

## Explore Helsinki

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



### Top Sights

Make the most of your visit



### Local Life

The insider's city

## The Best of Helsinki

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



### Best Walks

See the city on foot



### Helsinki's Best...

The best experiences

## Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



### Getting Around

Travel like a local



### Essential Information

Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**

















 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

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|---|---|
|  Telephone Numbers     |  Family-Friendly |
|  Opening Hours         |  Pet-Friendly    |
|  Parking               |  Bus             |
|  Nonsmoking            |  Ferry           |
|  Internet Access       |  Metro           |
|  Wi-Fi Access          |  Subway          |
|  Vegetarian Selection  |  Tram            |
|  English-Language Menu |  Train           |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



### Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Helsinki. The bar is a showpiece is a favorite hangout for the city's elite. Open by Papa Hemingway. Dress code: smart casual. Hours: 11am-11pm. Website: [hemingwaybar.com](http://hemingwaybar.com); Hôtel Ritzy. Phone: +358 9 2611 1111. Open: 6.30pm-2a

## Lonely Planet's Helsinki

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Helsinki.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

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## Welcome to Helsinki

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Spectacularly entwined with the Baltic's bays, inlets and islands, Helsinki's boulevards and backstreets are awash with magnificent architecture, enticing eateries and groundbreaking design. This modern city by the sea is less flashy than the other Nordic capitals, but rivals them for accessibility, creativity and quirkiness.



## Helsinki Top Sights



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### **Suomenlinna** (p50)

Finland's mighty island-set fortress.

### **Design Museum** (p56)

A showcase for Finnish design.



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