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## SAIMAA 2021

HOLIDAY GUIDE TO LAPPEENRANTA AND IMATRA REGION



# EXPERIENCE AUTHENTIC SAIMAA 2021

IN THE LAPPEENRANTA AND IMATRA REGION



Here there's just one rule: you should have a good time. Finland's largest lake is a paradigm of nature at its finest and most inspiring. No-one here expects anything of you and so you can just relax for once.

Everyday life is often hectic, programmed and taken up with various activities. This is why when you go on holiday, you sometimes feel you want to balance all this. With us travellers can lower their heartrate, look within and notice something fundamental: a new feeling.

Of course, you'll also find plenty of activities. Numerous events and spas beckon, as does the urban culture of South Karelia. Comprising nine municipalities, headed by Lappeenranta and Imatra, the region warmly welcomes you with open arms. In winter you can fish, ski, go snowshoeing or even float in a dry suit in icy waters.

During the summer, you can hop onto a cruise ship and travel visa-free as far as St Petersburg in the footsteps of Gogol and Tchaicovsky.

Lake Saimaa's almost 15,000 kilometres of shoreline and some 13,000 islands make it unique. Here, if anywhere, there is room to enjoy, be inspired and fascinated by the most important thing of all - life itself.

Pullervo, the Saimaa ringed seal also knows all this. You can see him basking on a rock, looking at you deeply in the eye with his big round eyes. At that moment, you can almost see Pullervo's nod of approval and deep understanding - just now this is a great place to be.

*Welcome to Saimaa!*

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# Experience the best sides of Saimaa



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*Saimaa is one of Finland's most popular tourist destinations. The easiest way to experience its full enchantment is to take a tour of the cities on the shores of Lake Saimaa. There is at most one hundred kilometres from one city to another, so take a relaxed trip to Imatra, Lappeenranta, Mikkeli, Savonlinna and Varkaus!*



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**1. IMATRA - RAPIDS AND SPAS**  
Imatrankoski is one of Finland's oldest and best-known tourist destinations, and rightly so. Its rapid shows are an experience you won't forget! The luxurious Kruunupuisto park is a memory of the region's history as a tourist destination and the Ukoniemi-Rauha area has diverse and modern sports and leisure attractions. There are Imatra Spa Resort, Holiday Club Saimaa and other properties as well as many companies offering entertainment. The Salpausselkä ridges follow lake Saimaa and there are plenty of routes, tracks, fields and arenas for athletes and nature tourists. Remember to also stop by the uniquely excellent Parikkala Sculpture Park!

**3. MIKKELI - DELICACIES AT THE MANOR AND PARSONAGE**  
The food experience on the shores of Lake Saimaa continues in Mikkeli, for example, at the Tertin Kartano manor, which has been in the same family for hundreds of years. Time flies when you taste the delicacies of the manor's own garden. In the fascinating garden of the Kenkävero parsonage, you can enjoy local flavours in the midst of flowers.

**4. SAVONLINNA - CASTLE, OPERA AND NATURE**  
Savonlinna is, of course, known for Olavinlinna Castle and its Opera Festival, but nature is also close by. The Linnansaari and Kolovesi national parks are easily accessible by water, and you can also admire nature on a cruise along the archipelago. At the local marketplace you can taste Lörtsy pastries with various fillings and vendace of the lake Puruvesi.

**2. LAPPEENRANTA - KARELIAN HOSPITALITY**  
One of the things Lappeenranta is known for, are the fast food delicacies of its local marketplace: the Vety meat and egg pie and the Atomi pie which has either egg or meat inside. Another local delicacy is Lemin särä, a traditional lamb meat dish. In Lappeenranta, time passes on a fortress walk and a visa-free cruise all the way to Vyborg or St. Petersburg. Friends of the Finnish TV series Sorjonen can take an exciting tour of the filming locations.

**5. VARKAUS - THEATRE, VISUAL ARTS AND MECHANICAL MUSIC**  
Cultural experiences in the old industrial city of Varkaus include the Varkaus theatre, which is known throughout the country, and the Väinölä Art Centre, where you can admire the gems of visual art. The city's specialties include the unique instruments of the Mechanical Music Museum. Varkaus also offers food culture - it is, for example, the caviar capital of Finland!



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# Welcome to the Lake Saimaa area

*Lappeenranta and Imatra region is located near the Russian border only a couple of hours away from the Finnish capital Helsinki. From Helsinki you can easily get here by train, bus or car within just a few hours. Public transport is easy and affordable way of travelling in Finland. You can travel visa-free to Russia from Lappeenranta and combine the beautiful lakeland nature with the cultural metropol of St. Petersburg.*

**BY TRAIN FROM HELSINKI, ST. PETERSBURG AND VYBORG**  
If you take an express train from Helsinki, you will be in Lappeenranta or Imatra in a couple of hours. The well-maintained railway network also enables travelling to other parts of Finland. There is also a taxi connection from Lappeenranta central railway/bus station to Vainikkala railway station.



Did you know that you can also whizz to St. Petersburg in 1.5 hours? The fast Allegro train departs daily from Lappeenranta's Vainikkala railway station. With the Tolstoi train you can also travel to Moscow.

**BY CAR**  
Main roads 6 and 13 will take you towards Lappeenranta and Imatra. From the Helsinki metropolitan area, the drive to the Saimaa region takes only about 2.5 hours, so the distance is also convenient for weekend trips. A car is also the best option for touring around in the Lakeland area.



**BY PLANE**  
You can reach Lappeenranta and Imatra region in a couple of hours when flying to Helsinki. Lappeenranta International Airport is located only two kilometres from the city centre: check the latest flight connections on [lppairport.fi](http://lppairport.fi).



**THE NINE MUNICIPALITIES OF SOUTH KARELIA**  
The region of South Karelia includes a total of nine municipalities: Imatra, Lappeenranta, Lemi, Luumäki, Parikkala, Rautjärvi, Ruokolahti, Savitaipale and Taipalsaari. Of these, Imatra and Lappeenranta are cities.

**SAIMAA RINGED SEAL**  
The Saimaa ringed seal (*Pusa hispida saimensis*) is one of the world's rarest seals, appearing only in the Saimaa waterway in Finland. The Saimaa ringed seal is highly endangered and was given protected status by the WWF in 1979.

## Lake Saimaa Finland's largest lake

Surface area	4,460 km <sup>2</sup>
Maximum length	194 km
Maximum width	138 km
Shore length	14,850 km
Number of islands	13,710

## Distance between cities (in kilometers)

From Helsinki to Lappeenranta	220 km
From Helsinki to Imatra	255 km
From St. Petersburg to Lappeenranta	190 km
From St. Petersburg to Imatra	202 km

## By train

From Helsinki to Lappeenranta	2 h 2 mins
From Helsinki to Imatra	2 h 33 mins

Timetables online

[www.vr.fi](http://www.vr.fi) (trains, also Allegro to Russia)  
[www.lppairport.fi](http://www.lppairport.fi)  
(Lappeenranta International Airport)

[www.saimaatravel.fi](http://www.saimaatravel.fi)  
(visa-free cruises from Lappeenranta to Russia)  
[www.matkahuolto.fi](http://www.matkahuolto.fi) (buses)

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## LOCAL DELICACIES

### Other local delicacies

THERE ARE MANY LOCAL DELICACIES WORTH TASTING IN THE SAIMAA AREA.

*Vety and Atomi ('Hydrogen and Atom')*  
Lappeenranta has the best quick snacks in Finland. You can taste the hearty traditional treat, served for more than 40 years, at the Market or Harbour Square. Originally, the meat pies were called atom or hydrogen bombs; the atomi (atom) consists of a meat pie filled with either smoked or boiled ham or a boiled egg, while vety (hydrogen) has both ham and egg. Options

for additional fillings include raw onion, garlic mayonnaise, pickled cucumber salad, ketchup and mustard. No visit to Lappeenranta is complete without this local delicacy.

*Pantteri & Marianne sweets*  
Did you know that these sweet tooth's favourites have been made in Lappeenranta for decades? And they still are!

## Särä

### ONE OF THE SEVEN WONDERS OF FINLAND

*Restaurant Säräpirtti Kippurasarvi in Lemi has served the mouth-watering roast lamb with Lemi potatoes for 40 years.*



Särä is a delicious lamb dish made according to a 1000-year-old tradition. It takes at least nine hours to cook, and the slow roasting guarantees a mouth-watering experience. In the traditional Lemi way, Särä is enjoyed slowly, and you are welcome to have as many servings as you like.

Kippurasarvi is the only restaurant in Finland that specialises in this one dish. Särä is served with bread, butter, low alcohol home brew and water – and don't forget the mixed fruit soup served for dessert. The restaurant has set serving times, which need to be booked in advance. Tables for groups of more than ten

people can, however, be reserved for slots outside the set serving times. Särä can also be purchased at Lappeenranta's K-supermarket Rakuuna and the Särä shop at K-supermarket Lehmus to take home. It is also available from the online store and can be delivered anywhere in Finland.

#### RESTAURANTS AND CAFES

##### LAPPEENRANTA REGION

**Holiday Club Saimaa**  
**Le Biff**  
**Easy Kitchen**  
**O'Learys**  
**Classic Pizza**  
**Beach House Saimaa by Robert's**  
**Coffee**  
[www.holidayclub.fi](http://www.holidayclub.fi)

**Angus Steak & Wine**  
**Amarillo**  
**Rosso IsoKristiina**  
**Onni kahvila & ravintola**  
**Cafe Restaurant Kanuuna**  
**Coffee House IsoKristiina**  
**Hesburger**  
**Cafe Mylly**  
**FAFA's IsoKristiina**  
**Kehruuhuone**  
**Saga Event Venue**  
[www.raflaamo.fi](http://www.raflaamo.fi)

**Wanha Makasiini Bistro**  
[www.ravintolawanhamakasiini.fi](http://www.ravintolawanhamakasiini.fi)

**The Kitchen**  
[www.ravintolakitchen.fi](http://www.ravintolakitchen.fi)

**Tang Capital**  
[www.tangcapital.fi](http://www.tangcapital.fi)

**Säräpirtti Kippurasarvi**  
[www.sarapirtti.fi](http://www.sarapirtti.fi)

**Lappeenrannan Upseerikerho**  
[www.lappeenrannanupseerikerho.fi](http://www.lappeenrannanupseerikerho.fi)

**Hotel Salpa**  
**Lumo, restaurant**  
**Jalo, cafe**  
**Rela, terrace**  
[www.hotellisalpa.fi](http://www.hotellisalpa.fi)

**Pulsan Asema**  
[www.pulsanasema.fi](http://www.pulsanasema.fi)

**Sputnik ravintola**  
[www.saipa.fi](http://www.saipa.fi)

**Kahvila Antell-Saimaa**  
[www.antell.fi](http://www.antell.fi)

**Kahvila Ellen**  
[www.kotkaniemi.fi](http://www.kotkaniemi.fi)

**Ship restaurant Prinsessa Armaada**  
[www.prinsessaarmaada.fi](http://www.prinsessaarmaada.fi)

**s/s Suvi-Saimaa**  
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**Pizzeria don papa Satama**  
**Katto by don papa**  
[www.donpapa.fi](http://www.donpapa.fi)

**Ravintola Sahrami**  
[www.sahrami.fi](http://www.sahrami.fi)

**ABC Viipurinportti**  
[www.abcasemat.fi](http://www.abcasemat.fi)

**Satamatie 6**  
[www.satamatie6.com](http://www.satamatie6.com)

##### IMATRA REGION

**À la Carte Kastanja**  
**Pistaasi**  
**Aulabaari Helmi**  
**Kahvila Akseli G**  
**Keilabaari**  
**Allasbaari**  
[www.imatrankylpyla.fi](http://www.imatrankylpyla.fi)

**Rosso**  
**Pub Vahti**  
**Aino kahvila & ravintola**  
**Hesburger**  
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**Karelian Gourmet**  
**Ravintola Voima**  
**Villa Malmi (catering)**  
**Neitsytneimen Kartano (catering)**  
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[www.creativekaiku.fi](http://www.creativekaiku.fi)

**Wanha Virveli**  
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**ABC Imatra**  
**ABC Särkisalmi**  
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##### PUBS AND BARS

##### LAPPEENRANTA REGION

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**Lamppu**  
**VENN**  
**Kasinoterassi**  
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##### IMATRA REGION

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## SPA HOLIDAY IN SAIMAA

## There is nothing more Finnish than sauna

*Ok, so you have arrived in Finland and you are most likely a little worried or even terrified about the prospect of going to a sauna. Although the worry is understandable, you really needn't to – it's just a few people sitting in a boiling hot room almost naked.*

Did you know? Per capita, Finland has the highest number of saunas in the world. If you don't get to know any locals during your visit, a good way to experience sauna is to rent a cottage or visit one of the four spas in the area. The latter choice offers various different choices as the former is more traditional.

So surely you want to try one of the most important traditions of Finland? But before you do here's a few facts and tips so you can get the most out of the experience.

1 Just kick back and take it easy. While we may seem to take the concept of extreme sweating seriously, we go there to enjoy ourselves.

2 Getting invited to a sauna is an honour. It is said that in Finland, more important decisions get made in saunas than in meetings.

3 Yes, Finns go to sauna nude even with strangers. In groups, women and men go to sauna separately, but families go together. Don't worry, Finns will understand if you want to wear a swimsuit or a towel.

4 Don't be alarmed when people start throwing water on the hot stove, since that is the single most enjoyable aspect of the sauna. What follows is the löyly – hot steam that makes people in the sauna make weird grunts and funny faces. But, once you get used to it, it feels straight up heavenly.

5 There are no rules for how often you should throw more water on the stove. Whenever you feel like another wave of steam, go for it. If it gets too hot, just sit on the lower bench or go outside for some cool air.

6 The Finnish sauna tradition is not complete without the sauna whisk made of birch twigs, with which you can give your skin a refreshing work-over during a sauna.

7 Another big favourite is the scents sold in various shops, for putting into the sauna water basin. These will fill your sauna with aromas such as tar and birch.

8 You will be sweating heavily in a sauna, so be sure to drink plenty. Water is probably best for you, but beer and cider is what Finns enjoy the most.

9 Finns might not be the most talkative bunch, but if you get the chance, you should try and open a conversation between löyly. There's something about the temperature and steam that gets us to open up.

10 Sauna is best enjoyed with the cool-down breaks. When it gets too hot, cool down in shower, lake or snow. One of the best feeling in the world is diving into the cool lake after hot sauna.

# Holiday Club Saimaa



## FAMILY HOLIDAY FULL OF ACTIVITIES

*Holiday Club Saimaa is one of the largest leisure centres in Finland. It includes Cirque de Saimaa spa, Harmony Spa and a multi-purpose arena. The holiday resort is the perfect venue for both a laid-back, action-packed family vacation and a business meeting or event.*

### ACCOMMODATION

In addition to spa hotel accommodation, Holiday Club also offers high-quality holiday home accommodation, even for larger groups. The area includes close to 300 holiday homes and Villas apartments, the largest of which accommodate up to eight people. The holiday homes are well-equipped and located in the immediate vicinity of the spa.

### CIRQUE DE SAIMAA SPA AND SAUNA WORLD

The spa features fountains, slides, massage stations, a game pool and a diving pool with bridges. The youngest guests enjoy their own, safe children's pool and igloo sauna. Sauna World includes all manner of saunas. Harmony Spa provides high-quality pampering treatments.

### SUMMERTIME ROOFTOP TERRACE

The Sun Deck rooftop terrace features a padel court, outdoor pool, wooden bathing tub and log sauna. The Sun Deck can be accessed directly from the spa. The log sauna on the rooftop terrace is open all year round, the bathing tub and outdoor pool only during the summer.

### ANGRY BIRDS ACTIVITY PARK

The indoor Angry Birds Activity Park for the whole family boasts loads of features: a downstairs adventure area for young children, upstairs Xbox game zone, bag jump tower, slap shot radar, parkour track and a skateboarding area. The park also includes the Angry Birds Shop and a café.

### WINTER ACTIVITIES

Holiday Club Saimaa delights skiers with its well-maintained network of skiing trails. Dipping into the warm spa pools after sports is simply divine.

### RESTAURANTS

At the O'Learys family restaurant, you can enjoy hamburgers, sports, karaoke or a game of pool. Classic Pizza serves excellent pizzas and salads. Breakfast and lunch are served at the Easy Kitchen. The pool bar offers refreshing drinks. Beach House Saimaa by Robert's Coffee is located by Lake Saimaa and, in addition to harbour services, it provides first-class café and restaurant services. Exquisite dinners are served by Le Biff, our à la carte restaurant boasting a Chaîne des Rôtisseurs plaque.

### GOLF

Holiday Club Golf Saimaa is located in the vicinity of an 18-hole golf course, range, par-3 course, putting greens and clubhouse. In addition, Saimaa offers a training centre that welcomes all golf enthusiasts: no green card or club membership is required at the training centre.

### SUMMERTIME ADVENTURES

Enjoy summertime water activities at our private beach, where we rent out boats, stand-up paddle boards, mountain bikes and fat bikes as well as tennis and miniature golf equipment. Fishing trips, paddling, stand-up paddling and parasailing are among the activities offered in the Lappeenranta and Imatra regions, and cruises and boat and bike rentals are also available.

### EXCELLENT FACILITIES FOR HOSTING EVENTS

The round tables of the Alexander Hall at the Paviljonki venue seat up to 120 guests, and the eight deluxe rooms upstairs offer a good night's sleep. Conference facilities are also available at the main building of the spa hotel. Holiday Club Arena offers an outstanding setting for hosting conferences, celebrations and even trade fairs.



## Services and activities

- 229 hotel rooms, close to 300 holiday homes and Villas apartments
- 5 restaurants: Easy Kitchen, Le Biff, O'Learys, Classic Pizza and Beach House Saimaa by Robert's Coffee
- Cirque de Saimaa Spa and Sauna World
- Harmony Spa treatment section
- Multi-purpose arena at the heart of the hotel
- Padel court on the rooftop terrace
- Gym
- BowlCircus bowling centre
- Karaoke and pool table
- Tennis
- Golf course and practice range
- Angry Birds indoor activity park
- Gant Shop
- Around-the-clock R-kiosk at the hotel reception





# Imatran Kylpylä Spa Resort

EASTERN FINLAND'S MOST DIVERSE HOLIDAY CENTRE INVITES FOR A VACATION

*Imatran Kylpylä Spa Resort is one of the best family spas and most popular tourist destinations in Finland. More than 200,000 holidaymakers from Finland and overseas visit us every year.*

**ON THE SHORE OF LAKE SAIMAA**  
Imatran Kylpylä Spa Resort is in Ukkonniemi, an area of natural beauty on the shore of Lake Saimaa. The area and spa are home to a wide range of activities and all the services needed for a successful holiday. The holiday setting is great for people of all ages. Imatran Kylpylä is also a popular conference venue and a basecamp for athletics training and coaching camps.

At Imatran Kylpylä Spa Resort, holidaymakers can stay at the hotel, in quality holiday apartments or in their own villa located within walking distance of the spa hotel. The hotel also has pet friendly rooms.

**UNIQUE EXPERIENCE**  
At the heart of Imatran Kylpylä Spa Resort is the Spa Taikkametsä, a world of around 1,500 m<sup>2</sup> of 16 different pools, an exhilarating 80-metre long water slide and two shorter ones. The spa theme has been inspired by the nature and underwater world of Lake Saimaa. The natural light floods in superbly through the large windows and various special sound and lighting effects as well as weather phenomena - thunder, rain and mist - add to the magical atmosphere. The spa also features spectacular elements such as a waterfall, bridges, caverns and water curtains.

The water temperature in the pools ranges from +8C to +38C. The Spa's diverse pools include a wide range of

various energising pools and whirlpools, hot, cold and shallow walking pools, a hydro running pool with a counter current unit, pools with massage showers and whirlpool benches. The range of pools also includes a fitness pool, a toddlers' pool and a year-round heated outdoor pool. You can swim through a tunnel admiring the dancing Northern Lights and twinkling stars, for example. Accommodation and holiday prices include free admission to Spa Taikkametsä.

**QUALITY SPA TREATMENTS**  
Beauty Spa Wellamo's quality cosmetology services, pampering treatments and massages, baths and peat treatments add a touch of luxury to any holiday. A range of options from deep relaxing treatments to therapeutic packages is available for women and men. Beauty Spa Wellamo is open also at weekends and during public holidays.

**DELICIOUS FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT UNTIL LATE**  
Imatran Kylpylä Spa Resort restaurants are the place to enjoy delicious food, with a choice of generous buffet tables, à la carte menus, street food and café treats not to mention the delights of the pool bar. The large atmospheric patio overlooking the superb Saimaa landscape is open in summer. Restaurant Tähtitaivas and Bar Helmi offer great evening entertainment in the form of live music, dancing and karaoke.

Imatran Kylpylä Spa Resort is Finland's most diverse spa hotel and has everything needed for a relaxing holiday.

**EXERCISE AND PLAY**  
Imatran Kylpylä Spa Resort offers holidaymakers indoor sports facilities, a well-equipped gym, instructor-led fitness classes, an Escape Room, a modern 8-lane bowling alley and a great weekly programme. The gym is free of charge to Spa guests. There are also various games such as frisbee golf, badminton, floorball and tennis available. There's a large playroom and park for the youngest members of the family and a video and gaming world for adolescents.

**GREAT OUTDOOR RECREATION AREAS**  
The door of Imatran Kylpylä opens out onto outdoor recreation areas, the Lake Saimaa shoreline and nature trails and there's also a sandy child-friendly beach just a couple of hundred metres away. In winter, you can ski straight to the various tracks from the Spa yard and the longest (5 km) first snow ski track in South Finland opens already in October. Two full-size golf courses, high-standard sports facilities and quality mountain biking track in Ukkonniemi are also near the Spa.



## Services and activities

- 171 hotel rooms and 49 Chalet suites
- Holiday homes and Villa apartments
- Cafe, three restaurants and two bars
- Spa Taikkametsä, 16 pools and 80-metre-long water slide
- Wellamo Beauty Spa's pampering spa treatments
- Physical therapy services
- 8-lane bowling alley, Escape Room
- Sports centre and gyms, sports hall
- Ukkonniemi sports activities within walking distance
- Skiing and jogging trails from the spa doors
- Experience and programme services
- Conference services



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RELAXING  
COTTAGE HOLIDAY

## Your cottage awaits you



*The pure nature of South Karelia is an attraction in itself and best enjoyed in a holiday cottage. Wake up to the sound of birdsong, be next to the water, in the shade of a forest or in the peace of the wilderness. Peaceful nights and fresh mornings have a certain appeal. Breathe in. Breathe out. You've arrived.*

There are plenty of holiday cottages and villas in the Imatran Kylpylä Spa Resort and Holiday Club Saimaa area that can comfortably accommodate also larger groups. Besides holiday villages, there's a choice of quality holiday villas and more traditional individual cottages complete with their own peace and quiet and beach. You can enjoy a cottage holiday at any time of the year and it's just as easy to hit the ski trail as it is the hiking trail from just outside your door.

If lakescapes attract you time and again, your own timeshare might be the best form of accommodation on your holiday. You can occupy Imatra Spa Villas and Imatra Spa Chalets holiday homes on the shore of Lake Saimaa in Ukkonniemi when you want and at other times Imatran Kylpylä can let the place out. There are also quality timeshare homes in Rauha, Lappeenranta in the area of Holiday Club Saimaa.

The camping sites in Saimaa will delight campers and caravaners alike with their stunning lake vistas and pleasant amenities. A boat will conveniently ferry you one of Lake Saimaa's numerous islands, where you can spend the night in a hammock under the starry skies.

### CAMPING AND COTTAGE ACCOMMODATION

#### LAPPEENRANTA REGION

**Camping Lappeenranta**  
[www.campinglapeenranta.fi](http://www.campinglapeenranta.fi)

**Holiday Club Saimaa holiday apartments**  
[www.holidayclub.fi](http://www.holidayclub.fi)

**Saimaa Gardens**  
[www.saimaagardens.com](http://www.saimaagardens.com)

**Maamiehen majat**  
[www.maamiehenmajat.com](http://www.maamiehenmajat.com)

**Askon ja Maijan Maatilamajoitus**  
[www.rantatupa.net](http://www.rantatupa.net)

**Tapion huvilat**  
[www.tapionhuvilat.net](http://www.tapionhuvilat.net)

**Kokkis-huvilat**  
[www.kokkis.com](http://www.kokkis.com)

**Saalastin lomamökit**  
[www.saalasti.net](http://www.saalasti.net)

**Wooddream**  
[www.wooddream.fi](http://www.wooddream.fi)

**Kiviniemen mökkilomat**  
[www.kiviniemi.info](http://www.kiviniemi.info)

**Villa Lummelahti**  
[www.villalummelahti.fi](http://www.villalummelahti.fi)

**Willa Rautalahti**  
[www.villafinland.fi](http://www.villafinland.fi)

### IMATRA REGION

**Imatran Kylpylä holiday apartments**  
[www.imatrankylpyla.fi](http://www.imatrankylpyla.fi)

**Vuoksen Kalastuspuisto Camping & Huvila Karhunpesä**  
[www.vuoksenkalastuspuisto.fi](http://www.vuoksenkalastuspuisto.fi)

**Saimaa Lakeside**  
[www.setl.fi](http://www.setl.fi)

**Kiiverin lomamökit**  
[www.kiiverinlomamokit.fi](http://www.kiiverinlomamokit.fi)

### OTHER ACCOMMODATION

**LAPPEENRANTA REGION**  
**Farmhouse holidays Tuhannen Tarinan Talo**  
[www.tuhannentarinantalo.com](http://www.tuhannentarinantalo.com)

**Island accommodation**  
[www.taigasaimaa.fi](http://www.taigasaimaa.fi)

**Pulsan Asema**  
[www.pulsanasema.fi](http://www.pulsanasema.fi)

### IMATRA REGION

**Seurakuntaopisto, Jaakkiman kampus, Ruokolahti**  
[www.seurakuntaopisto.fi](http://www.seurakuntaopisto.fi)

**AuroraHut**  
[www.aurorahut.fi](http://www.aurorahut.fi)



# Enchanting nature excursion

HIKING, CYCLING OR CANOEING

*The heaths of Salpausselkä ridge have smooth nature trails, and you can also climb higher to admire the lake scenery. Spend a few hours hiking across the nearby terrain or bring a tent and go camping. Take the Imatra Geo Trail and experience the impact of history on nature. The historic Salpalinja fortifications are also an interesting day-trip destination, and going with a guide ensures that you will hear the best stories. There are also several geocaches in the South Karelia region.*

## BIKING

### In the environs of Lappeenranta

Admire the shores of Saimaa on the Lappeenranta shore route. As well as urban areas, there are several great cycling trails in the Saimaa Canal and Taipalsaari areas.

### In the environs of Imatra

The Vuoksi Culture Trail follows the Vuoksi river along pedestrian and bicycle paths and bridges. You can bike part of the trail, 7 or 4.5 kilometres, or cover the whole distance, 11.5 kilometres. The trail is also suitable for walking.

The official trail of the Imatra MTB event is ideal for mountain biking, as it offers paths of various lengths. The 10-kilometre trail is also suitable for beginners.

## Island tour

This 170-km route goes around southern Saimaa and includes one or two boat rides. Another option is the 180-kilometre Western Saimaa Tour, which you can also combine with the Kyläniemi island tour.

## Close to the border

EuroVelo 13, the Iron Curtain Trail, is part of the European-wide EuroVelo network of cycle routes. In Finland, it starts at Vaalimaa and follows the Finnish-Russian border all the way to the Arctic Ocean.

## HIKING

### In the environs of Lappeenranta

The section of the Lappeenranta shore route from Rakuunamäki to Skinnarila is a picturesque oasis on the shores of Lake Saimaa.

The Saimaa Canal Culture Trail (1.5 km) starts at the Canal Museum. QR codes offering information in English can be found on Finnish-language guidance boards along the path.

Explore the nature of Finnish fens by walking on duckboards in Hämmäuteensuo and taking a break at a lean-to shelter.

### In the environs of Imatra

Kruununpuisto Park, next to the Valtionhotelli castle hotel, is the starting point for both the Muinaisuoma Nature and Culture Trail (1 km) and the Mellonlahti Nature Trail (3 km).

The Lammassaari Shore Trail near Imatra Spa is 3 km long.

On the Imatra Geo Trail, you can feel the history from the Ice Age to the present day, and admire the Salpausselkä ridge.

## Close to the border

Head for the River Hiihtolanjoki to take in the river environment and old power plants. Follow a managed hiking trail, stairs and duckboards for 1-4 km along Highway 6.

## More demanding trekking

The most stunning stretch of the European long-distance path, E10 (over 100 km in South Karelia), runs from Imatra via Ruokolahti and Rautjärvi to Parikkala. Legs of 2-10 km, ideal for day trips, can be found in Savitai-pale, Joutseno, Ruokolahti and Parikkala.

## Nature treks and birdwatching

One of inland Finland's best nature sites is Siikalahti's wetland in Parik-

kala. There are also excellent bird-watching spots on the Vuoksi river in the centre of Imatra, Lake Pien-Rautjärvi and Konnunsuo Fen.

## CANOEING

### In the environs of Imatra

In the vicinity of Ukkonniemi in Imatra and Rauha in Lappeenranta you can canoe along the shores, admiring the boathouses, or around nearby islands.

The Ruokolahti Canoe Trail is 110 kilometres long. It first follows small lakes, then runs along a river, through historical canals and the open waters of Saimaa, and ends in the centre of Ruokolahti.

### In the environs of Lappeenranta

If you canoe in Lappeenranta town bay, you can take a break at a lean-to shelter on Karhusaari Island. Remember to watch out for boats and ships.

The Alajoki Trail is about 19 km long and includes five rapids. You can paddle this trail in early summer when the water is high.

Pien-Saimaa is a perfect destination for a brisk day paddle, as there are several places for landing along the trail.

The Väliväylä Canoe Trail from Lappeenranta to Kouvola takes 4-8 days to paddle. You can spend the nights in lean-to shelters. Väliväylä is also a great day-trip destination. The Kanuskoski area, in particular, offers lovely trails and lots of rest points.

## Where to rent a bike or canoe?

You can rent a kayak, canoe, bike, SUP board or rowing boat from the Lappeenranta Sandcastle in summer.

Canoes, rowing boats and motor boats can be rented from the Vuoksi Fishing Park in Imatra. Many hotels also have bikes available for their guests to hire. Don't forget the city bikes of Lappeenranta and Imatra.

## More information about routes

- Descriptions and directions: [www.ekvas.fi](http://www.ekvas.fi), [www.retkikartta.fi](http://www.retkikartta.fi)
- Routes and downloadable mobile guides: [outdoorsfinland.com](http://outdoorsfinland.com)

## Landing points in Saimaa

- Karhusaari, near the Lappeenranta harbour: a pier and a lean-to shelter.
- Ruohosaari, Lappeenranta: a lean-to shelter and a beach.
- Satamosaari, between Imatra and Joutseno: saunas and barbecues.
- Muukonsaari, Joutseno: a trekking centre with a barbecue and cottage accommodation.
- Ilkonsaari: piers and barbecues and five chapels as an attraction.
- Rastinniemi: barbecues and a long beach.
- Huuhanranta: a lean-to shelter and a spectacular shallow sandy beach.
- Ruuhonsaari: a pier, barbecues and a sauna.

# Sights and attractions in Saimaa



*Saimaa is home to unrivalled, impressive natural surroundings. There are traces of history and the region serves as a place to stay for magnificent ringed seals. The natural surroundings of Saimaa were here long before us, but welcome us like old friends.*

## IMATRANKOSKI RAPIDS AND THEIR HISTORY

Imatrankoski rapids were the first tourist destination in Finland and a true national sight. People have been coming even from abroad to admire the foaming rapids since back in the late 18th century. Imatrankoski rapids were formed around 6,000 years ago when the land rose and the waters of Lake Saimaa tore the Salpausselkä ridge apart. In the 19th century, when the rapids became an increasingly popular tourist destination, Finland's first nature park, Kruununpuisto (Crown Park), was created around them.

## UNIQUE STORY OF THE LAKE SAIMAA AREA

Lake Saimaa has open stretches of water, a labyrinthine archipelago, sandy beaches, clear water and ancient rock formations. The foundation of Saimaa took place some 1,885 million years ago when the Earth's lithospheric plates collided to create an ancient mountain range. The Salpausselkä ridges were created some 11,500-12,500 years ago and are a reminder of the most recent Ice Age. Rock paintings dating from more than 6,000 years ago tell about the

life of ancient hunters in the Saimaa area. The mighty cliffs on the shores feature paintings of people, boats and animals.

## KUMMAKIVI

What is that massive rock in the middle of nowhere, the one that tourists come great distances to admire? The non-initiated might think of Uluru in Australia, but this rock is much nearer home in South Karelia. This spectacular boulder of Kummakivi (strange rock) left precariously balancing on another rock is one of many traces of the Ice Age in the area. The boulder has been in place for centuries even though attempts to dislodge it have been made using various means. Kummakivi can be found alongside other interesting nature trails. For example, Suvarov's military canal in Käyhkää is in the vicinity. Kummakivi cannot be found using Google Maps, but a local guide can take you there.

## SAIMAA RINGED SEAL, A CUTE, TUBBY CREATURE

The Saimaa ringed seal is a subspecies of ringed seal found only in the Saimaa lake basin in Finland. The species remained trapped and iso-

lated in Lake Saimaa after the Ice Age and adapted to life there. Even though it is rare to see a ringed seal, when you do see one basking in the sun on a rock, you know the trip was worth making.

## SALPA LINE

The Salpa Line is a defence structure dating from WW2 and follows the Finnish-Russia border, extending from the Gulf of Finland in the south to Salla in the north. The Salpa Line comprises 1,200 of reinforced concrete installations, wood, barbed wire and rocks and originally stretched from the Gulf of Finland to the Arctic Ocean.

The restored Salpa Line bunker areas at Luumäki, Lemi, Ruokolahti and Ylämaa are worth a visit. If you fancy a hike in the forest, you can visit the Salpa Line on the Salpa Trail.

We definitely recommend those interested to book a guide, who can give an in-depth account of the history of the area. In addition, there are many different trails, some easily accessible, others deep in the wilderness.

# The 4 seasons of Lake Saimaa

## 4 DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

### DEC - JAN - FEB WINTER -35°C...10°C

Contrary to the popular belief, the temperature isn't always freezing here in Finland. But it does get quite cold in here during winter - which is great! During winter the snow and frost create amazing opportunities for skating, cross country skiing, downhill skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and winter fishing. Also, remember to listen to the silence of the wintertime nature, gaze at the pure white snow, build a snowman - or if you're feeling especially courageous, try ice swimming.

### MAR - APR - MAY SPRING -20°C...20°C

Alright, don't think that us Finns treat Spring like an afterthought,

just some empty space between the icy winter and steamy summer. No, no, no my friend, Spring is the season we appreciate the most. Why? - well the retreating ice, sparkling waves and budding nature are all reasons to be extra cheerful. Also while we're being boastful, Lake Saimaa is at its best during this time of the year, especially if you're looking to do some hiking, camping or fishing trips.

### JUN - JUL - AUG SUMMER 17°C...35°C

What you first may notice is that the quoted temperatures might be slightly exaggerated. While we certainly sometimes may have even 35°C, it is a safe bet that on most days it's closer to the lower end of aforementioned scale... or even lower. But who cares

right? Summertime in Saimaa is full of steamy activities to keep you warm enough: golfing, fishing expeditions, canoeing, hiking, horse riding and tennis, just to name a few.

### SEP - OCT - NOV AUTUMN -15°C...20°C

Oh Autumn, the season which many claim to love, but only like it because the spectacular colors make for an awesome background for selfies.

Well we're about to tell you that Autumn in Finland is so much more than just finding the perfect spot to snap a new picture on your Instagram. While the Fall colours, or Ruska as we say in here, are truly a delight, why not try berry and mushroom picking.

*Book your guide: Lappeenranta: [saimaatravel.fi](http://saimaatravel.fi) Imatra: [imatratours.fi](http://imatratours.fi)*

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## ACTIVE HOLIDAY

### *Adventures, activities and fishing trips:*

#### LAPPEENRANTA REGION

**The House of Thousand Tales**  
www.tuhannentarinantalo.com

**Room Escape Lappeenranta**  
www.roomescapelappeenranta.fi

**Saimaa Naturally**  
www.saimaanaturally.com

**DRAKKARsport**  
www.drakkarsport.com

#### IMATRA REGION

**TaigaSaimaa**  
www.taigasaimaa.fi

**Tuplakasi-action**  
**Hossukan Helmi**  
www.tuplakasi-action.fi

**Vuoksi Fishing Park**  
www.vuoksenkalastuspuisto.fi

**Creative Kaiku / Nature Saimaa**  
www.creativekaiku.fi

**Escape Room**  
www.imatrankylpyla.fi

## The perfect place for active holidays



*Summer in Lappeenranta and Imatra is a great time to relax on the beach or at a cottage, but it also offers a wide variety of activities for nature lovers, hikers, water sports enthusiasts and adventurers.*

Many athletics and sports events, camps, tournaments and games are held in the Lappeenranta and Imatra region. If you enjoy testing your limits or watching the skills of others, Saimaa's diverse training facilities, quality places to play and ancillary services are made for you - whether you're a junior, professional or just thinking about taking up a sport.

The Salpausselkä ridge area is home to a host of training facilities: gyms, jogging tracks, football pitches, tennis courts and golf courses, ice rinks, a multipurpose hall, baseball, ski and biathlon stadium. Team-specific changing rooms, as well as equipment maintenance, cleaning and storage facilities ensure the smooth running of training and tournaments. Meals, with diets adapted for athletes, can be arranged according to wishes either in different halls, accommodation establishments or in nearby restaurants. Also physiotherapy, muscle care and medical services are first class.

The Rauha area in Lappeenranta and Ukonniemi area in Imatra boast more than 70 different different sports for you to try, meaning visitors are spoilt for choice. The Saimaa area provides many ways for you to get moving. Improve your lung capacity on the ski track, perfect your backhand on the tennis court and recover from training on the massage table. Make local experts part of your sports holiday and get even more out of your own efforts. Coaches and instructors in different sports have access to the best

technological and technical solutions to support training.

Since local guides know the fishing waters in the area, they can help you find the best fishing spots. Vuoksi Fishing Park offers a range of excursions including a trolling trip to Lake Saimaa, instruction in long-line fishing, a gigging trip to Vuoksi and crayfish trips at the end of July.



Imatra Base Camp can help you to organise sports camps, tournaments or other sport-related events in the South Karelia region.  
Get in touch!

[info@imatrabasecamp.fi](mailto:info@imatrabasecamp.fi)

The Kyykoski lure fishing area in Kannuskoski is an excellent place to fish.

Stay conveniently near the sports venues. You can book affordable Sport Camp and Sport accommodation at Imatran Kylpylä Spa Resort. The Sport rooms can accommodate as many as six juniors affordably and the Sport Camp hostel even more affordably. The Rento Hotel can comfortably accommodate larger clubs and teams. Why not rent the entire log hotel?

**Here are some of the sports you can practice in the Saimaa region**

- Mountain biking
- Boating
- Canoeing
- Frisbee golf
- Orienteering
- Roller skiing
- Skiing
- Biathlon
- Ice skating
- Tour skating
- Ice hockey
- Curling
- Football



*Ukonniemi offers:*

- Two large adventure spas and hundreds of high-quality villas
- Wonderful beaches
- Island cruises
- Passenger and marina services
- Versatile trekking and skiing tracks
- Indoor and outdoor adventure parks
- Bowling alley, ballgame and ice sports halls
- Golf and disc golf
- Finland's longest pump track for mountain biking and a 100-kilometre path network

*ukonniemi.fi*



# Ukonniemi

Holiday paradise on the Saimaa lakeside

*Ukonniemi is one of the most beautiful holiday destinations in Finland. It is located on the shores of the clear waters of Lake Saimaa, a few kilometres from the centre of Imatra, and only a couple of hours by train from Helsinki. Its harbour can also be reached directly by boat.*

The wooded area of Ukonniemi provides the perfect setting for the most varied of holidays. The area's activity parks and outdoor trails and sports venues on the ridges on the Saimaa shore make it the perfect year-round holiday spot for the whole family. Golf and disc golf courses open for the summer. For winter sports lovers, Ukonniemi offers the longest – about

5 kilometres long – first-snow trail in Southern Finland, which means that the skiing season commences at the end of October and continues well into spring. When natural snow falls, skiers can also use the extensive ski track network in Ukonniemi. To counterbalance so many energetic activities, why not relax on a beautiful sandy beach or enjoy the warm

pools and pampering treatments at one of the spas? The Ukonniemi area offers accommodation options ranging from spa suites to holiday villas and cosy cottages.



# Saimaan palju



## EXPERIENCES TO TREASURE

*Saimaa is Finland's largest lake, sprawling all across South Karelia. Its shores and waters offer a wide range of activities for anyone interested in exercise, nature and beautiful landscapes.*

### BIKE SAFARI

Mount an electric bike in Lappeenranta for a guided two-night trip to Puumala. The bikes will take you from the busy town to Sarviniemi in Taipalsaari, where while waiting for the ferry you can gaze on the terrain shaped by the last Ice Age. The ferry will take us to the municipality of Puumala. Embraced by lake Saimaa on all sides, Puumala boasts dazzlingly beautiful scenic routes and excellent accommodation opportunities.

If a long bike safari with overnight stays is too long for you, we also have shorter treks that will introduce you to the eskers and dells of South Karelia. Electric bikes make the going smooth even in challenging terrain. Our outings range from the easy to the gritty, and you can choose accord-

ing to your fitness and preference.

### SAUNA ON THE WAVES

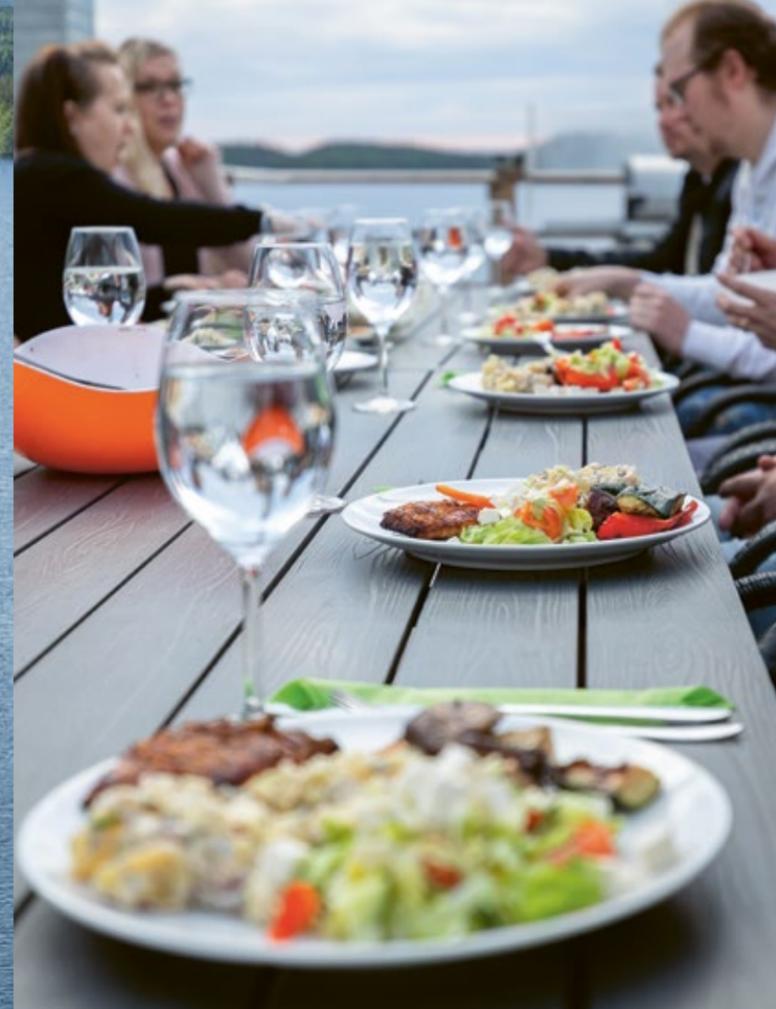
A sauna floating on the lake - now there's an idea for a birthday party, a bachelor or hen night or a company outing. Before going out on the lake, you can indulge in paintball or bubble football. There is a forest range for paintball in Savitaipale, and another with more challenging obstacles in Lappeenranta. We arrange for a professional instructor to guide your group in the ins and outs of paintball and to ensure that everyone stays safe.

Bubble football is a great way to foster team spirit. When every player is wearing a massive plastic bubble, the game begins to resemble ice hockey, because tackling is allowed. But as always in football, the team that scores

the most wins, so passing and shooting are just as important as bumping into others.

After paintball or bubble football, the party can continue with a meal and sauna on a barge. Having worked up an appetite, your group can enjoy food that we've arranged according to your wishes and relax in our special sauna. The best end to a busy day in the summer is to enjoy Saimaa.

You can skip the sporty part and go straight to the sauna just as well. Invite your friends or coworkers to the sauna barge and head out onto the lake for a great evening out: it's rare to be able to enjoy a sauna and great scenery at the same time. Sunset, the calm lake and the twilight of a summer evening add up to a memorable experience.



We also rent out bikes for independent trekking for up to a week.

For the slightly more active, we can offer canoeing before boarding the sauna barge.

And food for the body can be provided by our very own barbecue chef.

# Savitaipale – nature and exercise



*Savitaipale occupies a gravel esker between two lakes, Saimaa and Kuolimo, and has a wide variety of activities to offer in the natural environment and at purpose-built recreation facilities. The region boasts hiking trails in unspoiled nature and a well-equipped Sports Park along highway 13. There are plenty of things to see and experience.*

## HIKING IN UNSPOILED NATURE

Savitaipale, nestling on an esker in the lakeland, is heaven for hikers. The area is criss-crossed by hiking trails ranging from the child-friendly and obstacle-free to the seriously challenging. Eskers, dells and varying vistas of forests and lakes show the environment of South Karelia at its finest, in varying shades across the seasons.

From the church village or from the public beach at Lepänkanto, hikers may follow the terrain sculpted by the Ice Age on foot or on mountain bikes. Beyond Partakoski rapids you can find the Orrainpolku trail, with the Luotolahti outlook as its great culmination. The Säänjärvi trail takes you around Valkjärvi lake, while the Kärnäkoski fortress trail introduces you to the namesake fortress, an old mill and a barge port. Art is also available to enjoy alongside nature and history: the Raitala art

trail starting in the church village features a collection of ten artworks that blend into nature.

Some of the hiking trails can be accessed by mountain bike, and there are some steep challenges for bikers. The clear waters of Kuolimo lake can also be navigated by canoe, and there are several sites where you can make landfall for a picnic, for instance. Kuolimo is also a destination in winter: a 5-km tour skating track is cleared on the ice of the lake when ice conditions allow.

## SWEAT IT OUT AT THE SPORTS PARK

In recent years, Savitaipale has invested considerably in diverse, high-quality sports facilities. The Sports Park on highway 13 includes a multi-purpose hall, a gym building, an ice rink (with a curling pitch), an astroturf pitch and a brand new athletics field. There is an outdoor exercise complex in the yard of the school

next to the Sports Park and a frisbee golf course and tennis courts along the running trail starting beside the astroturf pitch.

Savitaipale thus has plenty to offer in both indoor and outdoor sports. At the Sports Park, you can indulge in floorball, futsal, tennis, basketball, ice hockey, curling, football and frisbee golf. You can also sweat it out in the long jump or other track events, or by jogging or skiing along the running trail in the undulating landscape

Thanks to its wide range of activities, the Sports Park has things to do for people of all ages and can cater to quite large groups. The Sports Park has great potential for practice retreats too, since all the sports and exercise facilities are within a short walk of each other, and the swimming baths in the church village are also close at hand.



# Fun in the winter snow



THE DARK SEASON BRINGS OUT THE INNER GLOWING LIGHTS.

*Enjoy fresh below-zero temperatures in the Lappeenranta and Imatra regions with cross-country and down-hill skiing, ice fishing, ice skating, floating or adventure seeking.*

## DRY-SUIT FLOATING

Imagine lying on your back with ice floating round you and the frost nipping at your cheeks.

Dry-suit floating can be practised all year round, as the dry suit keeps you dry and allows you to wear warm clothes underneath. Tuplakasi Oy offers dry-suit floating in Lake Saimaa and in Vuoksi River in Imatra; get carried away with the stream.

## SKIING AND SKATING

Everyone can find a suitable track from the hundreds of kilometres of ski tracks. The first-snow track attracts skiers to Imatra's Ukonniemi every year. Go tour skating and discover the beautiful island scenery with fresh eyes. There are also a number of free skating rinks and ice hockey rinks in the area. If you prefer to skate indoors, head for the Lappeenranta UK Arena, Holiday Club

Arena at the Holiday Club Saimaa Spa and the Imatra Spa Arena in the Ukonniemi area.

## ICE FISHING AND HIKING ON THE ICE

It is worth trying fishing in winter, as ice fishing is a very meditative experience. Try your luck at the Vuoksi Fishing Park or local waterways where fish can be caught from the wild waters. You can go trolling in the middle of the town all year round. You're more likely to catch something with the help of a local fishing guide, who can also customise your trip according to your requirements. Walking on Saimaa's ice in the winter is also a worthwhile experience and very popular among the local people.

## WINTER SWIMMING

Fancy a dip in a hole in the ice? The lakeside sauna on Lappeenranta's Myllysaari is one of the places to go;

there are separate sessions for men and women. If you are in Imatra, you can try winter swimming in Varpasaari.

## ICE HOCKEY MATCHES

Feel the atmosphere hit the roof when Lappeenranta plays a home game. The team plays in the Finnish Elite League, and the audience comes from all over South Karelia to cheer them on.

Imatra's Ketterä plays in the Mestis league, and you can see it play its home games at the Imatra Spa Arena in Ukonniemi.

Saipa  
[www.saipa.fi](http://www.saipa.fi)

# Summer activities for all ages



YOU'LL NEVER BE BORED ON THE SUMMER SHORES OF SAIMAA.

*There has been no place for boredom on this latitude over years - there are plenty of activities for every day.*

## MYLLYSAARI, LAPPEENRANTA

Myllysaari Family Park features activities such as a playground, football fields and a parkour course. There is also a beach, diving towers and a beach café, all awaiting visitors.

## LAPPEENRANTA SANDCASTLE

Sandcastle is packed with activities throughout the summer.

## CHILDREN'S TRAFFIC PARK

This is a classic summertime favourite of families with children. Little ones can practice their driving skills on pedal cars in the traffic park.

## BOWLING

STRIKE! Bring some playful competition to your family holiday at the bowling alleys of Holiday Club Saimaa and Imatra Spa.

## FISHING

Vuoksi Fishing Park offers activities such as guided fishing trips and fishing equipment rental. There is also a salmon pool and smokehouse, restaurant, sauna and a camping and caravan site.

[gosaimaa.com](http://gosaimaa.com)



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ENJOY THE HISTORY AND CULTURE IN  
**LAPPEENRANTA**

## Let's Play!



The Sandcastle has charmed visitors more than 17 times, during the years, since 2004. Themes have changed every year and millions kilos of sand are used to carve this magnificent sandcastle. A cozy oasis for the whole family will be increased for next summer, with a new pop-up theme park complex with bouncing castles. The Sandcastle in 2021 will be more active than ever, and it will be build around a diverse world of games and playing. The Sandcastle is also the starting point and terminus of the street train, you may hop aboard from the corner of the shopping mall IsoKristiina. By train, you can conveniently travel through the city, you

will see the historical Garrison on Dragoon Hill and Lappeenranta Fortress, you will move to the Myllysaari family park and beach area.

The City Tourist Information office also operates in the Sandcastle area, where you can get brochures, maps, current information about places to visit, events and activity opportunities in Lappeenranta region.

The Sandcastle area will offer more extensive equipment rental. The rental equipment includes basic hiking gear that gives tourists more opportunities to visit the archipelago and stay overnight in nature.

In the summer, you can take a combined canoeing-floating sauna or cycling-floating sauna tour from the Sandcastle, or go on a fishing excursion. The stunning Saimaa Geopark sites are included in the new canoeing locations, you should first explore the Geopark sites at the Saimaarium Nature and Science Center, next to the Sand Castle.

You can also use a city bike and explore Lappeenranta, one of the Europe's greenest city!



*In summer 2021 the Sandcastle is open 5 June – 29 August, daily 10-21*



# Original Sokos Hotel Lappee

CITY VACATION WITH GREAT POTENTIAL AT THE BUSIEST SHOPPING CENTRE IN LAPPEENRANTA!

## YOUR SAIMAA ADVENTURE BEGINS IN LAPPEENRANTA

Original Sokos Hotel Lappee is in the very heart of the town centre of Lappeenranta, forming part of the IsoKristiina shopping centre. It is within walking distance of Lappeenranta railway station, exactly 1 km away.

Hotel guests are offered a wide range of services, including interesting shops and tantalising restaurants and cafés. The Finnkino Strand cinema, the Sokos Hyvä Olo hair and beauty salon, a gym and the Lappeenranta Municipal Theatre are all under the same roof.

Lappee provides accommodation in air-conditioned rooms, conference rooms with modern equipment, a relaxing sauna and leisure pursuits to follow a business day! Our Superior rooms, completely refurbished in 2020 with a Saimaa theme, add a special little luxury to your stay!

## ORGANISE AN EVENT TO REMEMBER IN THE TOWN CENTRE OF LAPPEENRANTA

The brand new Saga event restaurant has a lot to offer! Renovated in summer 2020, the restaurant is elegant, bright and well-lit and can seat up to 230 for a buffet meal. The hotel has

five conference rooms with modern equipment, accommodating meetings with attendance of anything from 5 to 150. Thanks to our technology and our arrangement with Kehruuhuone at the Fortress of Lappeenranta, hybrid meetings for an even larger crowd are possible. There are also larger conference facilities immediately adjacent to the hotel, for instance at Lappeenranta Town Hall next door.

## EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

In addition to the banquet suite, the range of restaurants at Original Sokos Hotel Lappee includes the trusty Rosso and VENN, an urban living room for wine enthusiasts that is equally suitable for telecommuting in the daytime and drinks in the evening. For those wishing a quick bite, we have the celebrated vegetarian offerings of FAFAS and also Hesburger. Coffee House is a cosy place to pop in while shopping, for coffee and something sweet. IsoKristiina has many other cafés and restaurants to offer, from sushi to take-away smoothies. Original Sokos Hotel Lappee can book you a table at the popular steakhouse Angus Steak & Wine or at the recently renewed, trendy Amarillo. The best place for a late night on the town is the Las Palmas karaoke restaurant!

## ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TOWN CENTRE

Original Sokos Hotel Lappee is a responsible tourism service provider and, like other Sokos Hotels, has been awarded the Green Key emblem in recognition of efforts to protect the environment and to promote environmentally sustainable travel. Our pet project is the Saimaa ringed seal (WWF).

There is recreation available in the heart of the city, right from the hotel! Staff members can direct you to the lively harbour area and to the historic Fortress less than a kilometre away. In the summer, you can borrow a bicycle from the hotel for exploration a bit further afield. There are also recreational services for children very near the hotel, such as the popular Traffic Park, Kimpinen Sports Centre and the municipal swimming baths and bowling alley. In the summer, the hotel can also arrange tickets for the links at Viipuri Golf, for canal cruises on the M/S Camilla and for the summer theatre.



## Relax and enjoy!

- 260 hotel rooms, 6 restaurants, conference rooms accommodating 5 to 150
- Good connections to all services
- IsoKristiina shopping centre: cinema, municipal theatre and numerous shops
- Sokos Hyvä Olo hair and beauty salon
- Gym, pool and sauna for residents, all included in the price of your room
- Plentiful Sokos Hotels Original breakfast in our renovated banquet suite
- Several partners for activities nearby
- Recreational opportunities in Lappeenranta, e.g. swimming baths and bowling alley nearby
- Wide selection of other restaurants in the immediate vicinity





# Evergreen Lappeenranta



*Meet the legendary Dragoons in a 16th-century fortress, cruise the Saimaa archipelago or just enjoy the scenery on Finland's longest beach boulevard. Welcome to experience Lappeenranta, one of the greenest city in Europe, EGLA 2021 winner, only 2 hours from Helsinki!*

## CHARMING RANTARAITTI, PAPPILANNIEMI AND HALKOSAARI

You can get acquainted with the new stunning sites of the Saimaa Geopark at the Saimaarium Nature and Science Center, next to the Sandcastle, and start the conquest of Saimaa directly from our harbour. The beautiful Lakeside route Rantaraitti, runs along the shores of Lake Saimaa, can be reached right from the city center. There are many ways to explore the lakeside route, a total of 14.8 kilometers and it's suitable for people of all ages and levels of fitness. Pappilanniemi Nature Trail on the shore of Lake Saimaa, is a precious and diverse coastal forest in southern Saimaa, where you will find genuine nature close to the city. The charming harbour area and Myllysaari offer numerous events, activities and refreshments for the whole family. You can take a dip to swim at Myllysaari beach or spend time relaxing at the tip of Halkosaari in the middle of the harbour.

## THE SANDCASTLE

There will be a cosy oasis for the whole family with a new pop-up theme park complex with bouncing castles next summer. The Sandcastle in 2021 will be more active than ever, and it will be built around a diverse world of games and playing. The Sandcastle is the starting point and terminus of the street train, but you can also hop aboard from the corner of the shopping mall IsoKristiina.

## INTERNATIONAL GRAND MARKET 1.-4.7.2021

## TRADITIONAL HORSE RIDERS

(Wed-Sun at 11 am-4 pm, excl. rainy days) Travel back one hundred years, when cavalry dressed in red trousers and so-called "skeleton" jackets ride in Lappeenranta Fortress and the bay area in July.

The Old Town Days of the Fortress are celebrated annually in connection with the birthday of the city of Lappeenranta August 6-7, 2021. The Old Town Days is a happy and eventful weekend for the whole family at Lappeenranta Fortress.

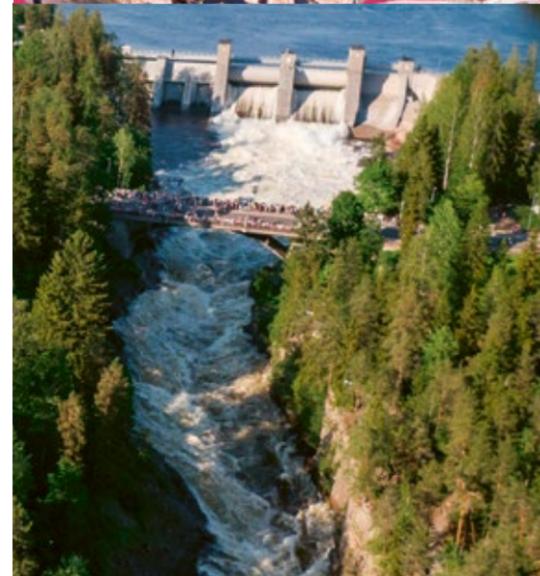
## LIGHTS OF THE HARBOUR EVENT

Lights of the Harbour event end the summer at the end of August. Enjoy the music, circus and dance performances and marvel at the beautiful lights and the fireworks.

## CHRISTMAS MARKET

The atmospheric Christmas market offers a program for the whole family. At the Christmas market, you can go shopping and follow an entertaining program while enjoying the Christmas spirit.

In the center of Lappeenranta, you can find the Oldest Wooden Town Hall in Finland from 1829, which has survived to this day. This magnificent building used to be the heart of the city, and today serves as the city's celebration and representation space. Next summer, in July, tourists will have the opportunity to visit the Town Hall on a guided tour. For more information on tours and timetables, contact [Lappeenranta.Tourist.Information@lappeenranta.gosaimaa.com](mailto:Lappeenranta.Tourist.Information@lappeenranta.gosaimaa.com)



# Eventful Imatra

*Have you ever been to a concert hall made of ice? Are you fascinated by wild frothy rapids? Imatra offers wonderful experiences throughout the year.*

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On 3-5 July, Imatra will again host this spectacular national event when bikes race on a circuit near the town centre. The first ever Road Race Rock festival will be held on the same weekend in 2021.

[Imatranajo.fi](http://Imatranajo.fi)

## CULTURE HOUSE VIRTA

The versatile programme of the Culture House Virta gives visitors unforgettable experiences throughout the year, with gigs, concerts, exhibitions and various performances.

Check out the programme at: [kulttuuritalovirta.fi](http://kulttuuritalovirta.fi).

## SAIMAA CYCLE TOUR

A cycling event on 9-10 July, open to cycling enthusiasts of any level of skill and experience. The route runs through some of the world's most beautiful lakeland scenery on a bright summer night.

[saimaacycletour.com](http://saimaacycletour.com)

## BLACK AND WHITE THEATRE FESTIVAL

Held from 27 to 31 July, the festival brings together professionals from around the world to perform diverse international theatre with entertainment for everyone.

[Blackandwhitetheatre.net](http://Blackandwhitetheatre.net)

**IMATRA RAPIDS SHOWS 2021**  
Finland's oldest travel destination, the mighty Imatrankoski rapids, will again gush unharnessed in rapids shows.

Detailed timetables and further information: [Imatrankoski.fi](http://Imatrankoski.fi)

Traditional guided walking tours of the area around Imatrankoski rapids and historic Kruununpuisto park.

[imatratours.fi](http://imatratours.fi)

## SOUNDOME

A guaranteed unique sound experience awaits you in a concert hall built of ice and snow. Even the instruments played in the concerts are made of ice. The ice has been taken from the Vuoksi river at the heart of the event area. Performances in Vuoksi Fishing Park in Imatra.

[Soundome.fi](http://Soundome.fi)

## KEEPING UP APPEARANCES

Stage comedy at the Imatra Summer Theatre based on the popular British TV sitcom 'Keeping up appearances' [Finnish: Pokka pitää], featuring hilarious leading lady Hyacinth Bucket.

Further information and timetables: [Teatteri-imatra.fi](http://Teatteri-imatra.fi).

# Treat yourself to some nights in a hotel



Few things beat the feeling of putting your suitcases down on the floor of a hotel, taking off your shoes and lolling on the bed. Turning the television

on, pouring yourself a glass of something nice and treating yourself. This is why a hotel is an excellent choice - an investment in itself.

The hotel is just a short way from the theatres, shopping centres as well as smaller idyllic boutiques and cafés.

## LAPPEENRANTA REGION

### HOTELS

**Holiday Club Saimaa**  
www.holidayclub.fi

**Original Sokos Hotel Lappee**  
www.sokoshotels.fi

**Hotelli Salpa**  
www.hotellisalpa.fi

**Apart-hotel Salpalinjan Hovi**  
www.salpalinjanhovi.com

**Hotelli Rakuuna**  
www.rakuunahotelli.fi

### INCOMING TRAVEL AGENCY

**Saimaa Travel Oy**  
www.saimaatravel.fi

**Savonlinja Oy**  
www.savonlinja.fi

### ATTRACTIONS

**Kotkaniemi - the home museum of President P. E. Svinhufvud**  
www.kotkaniemi.fi

### SHOPPING

**Capri-keskus**  
www.holidayclub.fi

**Shopping center Galleria**  
www.gallerialappeenranta.fi

**Shopping center IsoKristiina**  
www.isokristiina.fi

**Prisma Lappeenranta**  
www.prisma.fi

**Myllykeskus**  
www.eekoo.fi

**Sokos Lappeenranta**  
www.eekoo.fi

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www.prisma.fi

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www.iloinenpassi.fi

# Cruises on Saimaa and visa-free cruises to Russia



*Scenic cruises departing from Lappeenranta and Imatra take travellers amidst the beauty of Lake Saimaa. On a visa-free cruise, you can conveniently cross the Russian border and travel to Vyborg. While there, you may want to switch to a bus to see the cultural attractions of St. Petersburg. You can also explore the archipelago in your own boat.*

### LAPPEENRANTA HARBOUR

In Lappeenranta Harbour, you can board Finland's largest boat operating in inland waters, the 350-capacity M/S Camilla, or the 75-capacity M/S Saimaa Margareta, a cozy boat which is excellent also for groups. Both have scheduled cruises to the archipelago and the Saimaa Canal. The waters of Saimaa, 76 metres above sea level, are connected to the Gulf of Finland by the 43 km-long Saimaa Canal, which extends from Lappeenranta to Vyborg. There are eight locks in the canal, and on a scheduled canal cruise you can experience the Mälkiä lock with a water level difference of almost 13 metres.

### VISA-FREE CRUISES TO RUSSIA

You can travel visa-free from Lappeenranta to both Vyborg and St. Petersburg via the Saimaa Canal. A day-long mini cruise to Vyborg is an effective way to explore the city's colourful history. On a 2- or 3-day trip you'll have more time to discover the city, which is truly worth a visit. You can travel to St. Petersburg by bus from Vyborg. You do not need a visa for a cruise if the journey is made by boat in both directions. The visa waiver applies to citizens of all countries.

The cruise season runs from May to September. M/S Carelia leaves from Lappeenranta for all cruises to Russia. Saimaa Travel organises private and group trips to Russia all year round.

### TAKE YOUR OWN BOAT

Set your eyes on the Saimaa coastline, which offers beautiful views of the archipelago and numerous places to anchor your boat. Scattered with more than 14,000 islands, the Lake Saimaa coast is an ideal destination to explore in your own boat. The numerous guest harbours in the South Karelia region provide high-quality services for boaters. Lappeenranta Harbour Office is situated next to the passenger harbour. There are also several excursion harbours and numerous beaches, huts and lean-to shelters awaiting hikers.

### VUOKSI FISHING PARK

M/S Vuoksetar, which departs on a cruise along Vuoksi River from Vuoksi Fishing Park in Imatra, is ideal for small groups and also suitable for those with physical disabilities. In addition to scheduled cruises, Vuoksetar is also suitable for chartered cruises.

### CHARTERED CRUISES

It is a great idea to take a cruise with your friends or family, and the harbours in the area organise customised cruises. For example, you can board a boat from Rauha harbour beside Holiday Club Saimaa to take a tour of the magnificent lakeside scenery, or hire one from Imatra Spa to admire the unforgettable summer landscape.

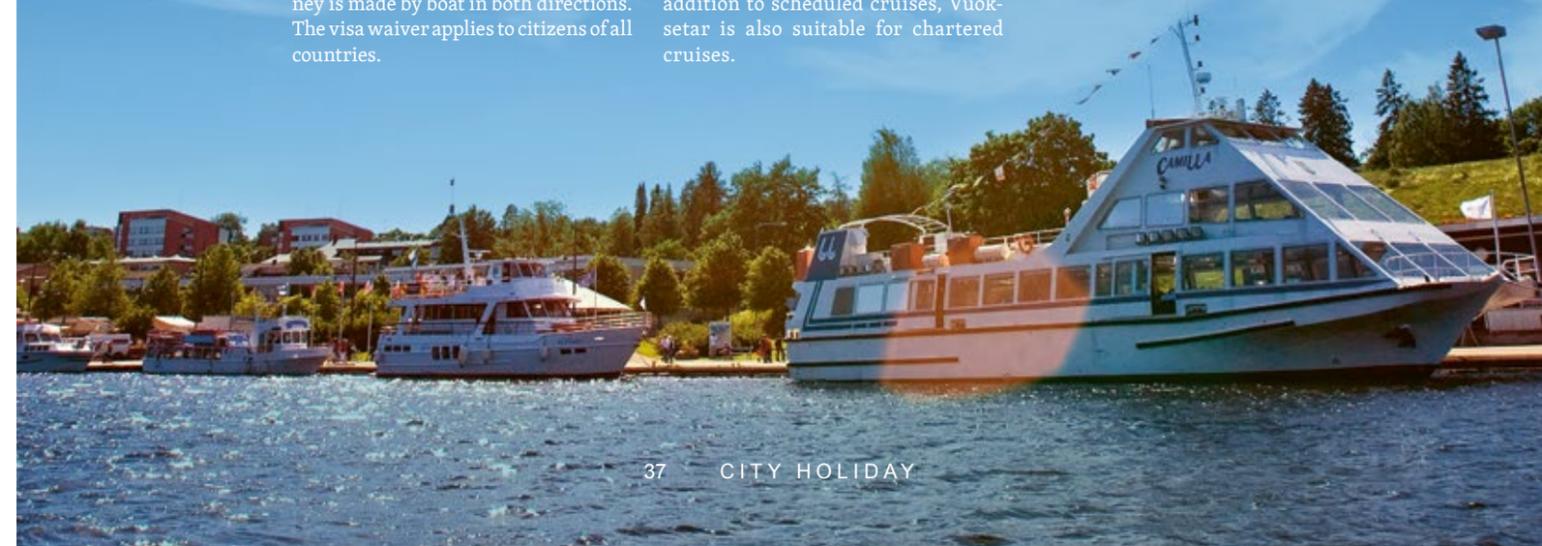
### More information about the cruises:

**M/S Camilla**  
www.kareliainlines.fi

**M/S Carelia**  
www.saimaatravel.fi

**M/S Saimaa Margareta**  
www.saimaanristeilyt.fi

**M/S Vuoksetar**  
www.vuoksenkalastuspuisto.fi





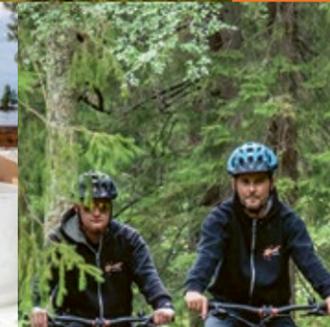
## Enjoy the glow of times past

Our comfortable hotel is located in central Lappeenranta, on the historic Rakuunamäki near all the services of the city and beautiful lake scenery. The Fortress of Lappeenranta, the harbour and The Promenade that winds along the shores of the Saimaa in beautiful nature are all just a short walk away. Our sauna and spa with its infrared sauna and hot tub guarantees a relaxing visit. Equipped with deluxe beds, our rooms are spacious and comfortable. We have options for families, couples and solo travelers. Our specialty are original army style rooms (for four or six) full of authentic atmosphere.

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- Sauna for up to 30 people and meeting/dining for up to 80 people.

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offers high-quality experience and program services for the traveler. We offer program services and equipment rent for the birthday-, wedding-, Christmas parties, workplace health promotion or company events.

The activities include

- Paintball
- Fatbike
- Games
- Target Sports and Shooting
- Sup-boards, canoes
- DrySuit Floating
- Karting
- Customized packages



## Enjoy the Hotel Salpa!

The hotel has 33 rooms with accommodation for 87 people. Hotel Salpa has also a restaurant, café, training and conference facilities, saunas, and a swimming pool. Located on the slope of the Salpausselkä Ridge, the hotel offers splendid views over Lake Kivijärvi.

There is programme at the hotel every week: dancing to live music, karaoke nights, stand-up comedy, and topical events.

**Hotel Salpa**, Telephone +358 10 311 3840, Itsenäisydentie 609 c (Lappeenrannantie 265), 54530 Luumäki, www.hotellisalpa.fi, info@hotellisalpa.fi

The restaurant seats 200 customers. For upcoming events, please visit: hotellisalpa.fi

**SALPA**  
HOTEL



Action- and sauna services, Hossukan Helmi details and reservations

[www.tuplakasi-action.fi](http://www.tuplakasi-action.fi)

[info@tuplakasi.fi](mailto:info@tuplakasi.fi)

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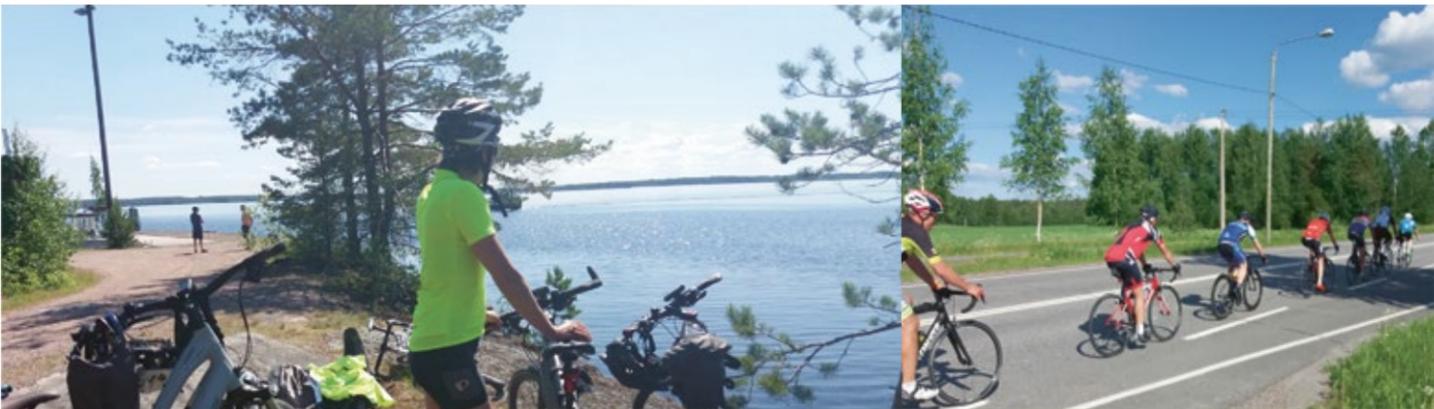
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## Holiday Club Saimaa

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What is more stimulating for you: relaxing or being active? Imatra Spa offers excellent opportunities for both active and relaxing holidays, also for families with children. Enjoy our sixteen pools, various holiday services, and Ukonniemi's magnificent nature trails on the shores of Lake Saimaa.

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Access to Taikametsä Spa with its magical atmosphere inspired by Lake Saimaa's nature and our well-equipped gym are always included in holiday packages and accommodation prices. We also have our own Beauty Salon and several restaurants where you can enjoy a good meal or an evening entertainment program. You can stay in a hotel room, holiday apartments, a villa or a holiday suite. Welcome to holidays at Saimaa!



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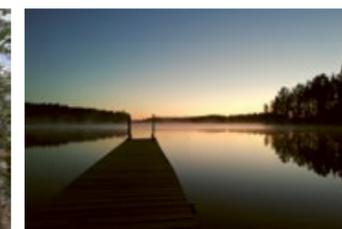
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- Activities or leisure
- Rutola village trail
- Skiing, skating, snowshoeing and ice fishing
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# DISCOVER THE HIDDEN TREASURES OF LAKE SAIMAA

Saimaa Geopark has become an international geopark, that has been accepted to be a part of the UNESCO Global Geopark network. The Geopark is a nature tourism concept that combines the important geological heritage, landscapes and attractions of the area. Cultural and natural heritage is also featured in facilities, events and tourism products. In the embrace of Lake Saimaa, you will find our hidden treasures, they are literally under your feet and surround you everywhere, they are within reach of your hands and eyes.

Business partners of Saimaa Geopark offer their products and services for the travellers within the traditional Savo-Karelian mentality. You

can get acquainted with the products and services of the Saimaa Geopark partners at the link: [saimaageopark.fi/en/partners](http://saimaageopark.fi/en/partners) and on the outdoor active tourism portal [outdooractive.com](http://outdooractive.com) (Saimaa Geopark).

Saimaa Geopark partners' services have a variety of activities, gastronomic tourism, water tourism and guided tours. The partners, of course, act in accordance with the principles of responsible tourism.

Saimaa Geopark offers beautiful sandy beaches, famous boulders and mystical rocks. If you are wondering what geosites are, the answers can be found on our website [saimaageopark.fi/en/](http://saimaageopark.fi/en/).

**Come to us – to enjoy and be with us!**



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You can also book our venues, café services and guided tours for private functions.

## Kotkaniemi – the home museum of President P. E. Svinhufvud, café and garden

Welcome to Luumäki, to the shore of Lake Kivijärvi! The museum and café are open regularly during the summer season and subject to reservation and for special occasions throughout the year. You can find our opening hours at our website:

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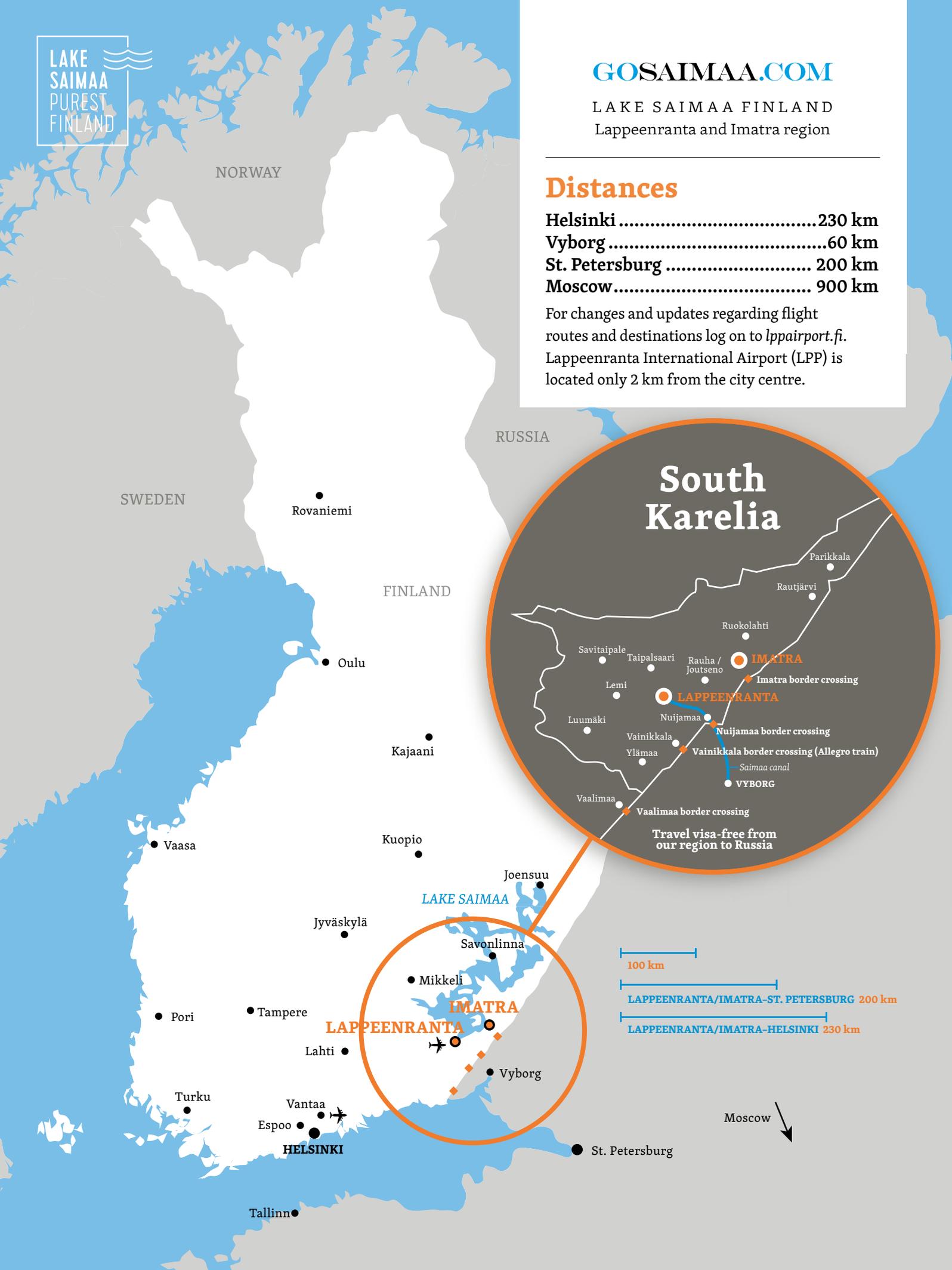
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