

# GUARANTEED ESCORTED TOURS VI

## DAY 1 (SUNDAY): ARRIVAL HELSINKI

Arrival in Helsinki, optional transfer to Hotel Radisson Blu Seaside\*\*\*\* or similar, check-in, welcome meeting.

## DAY 2 (MONDAY): HELSINKI

Helsinki is truly located at the crossroads of Western and Eastern culture and this is reflected everywhere in the green and lively Finnish capital. The sightseeing tour takes us around the harbours and the Senate Square with the Lutheran Cathedral, up central Mannerheim Street and by the Parliament Building, the Finlandia Hall, and the Sibelius Monument and for a visit at the famous Church-in-the-Rock. The afternoon offers an optional excursion to Suomenlinna Fortress, a cultural treasure which construction was started in the 18<sup>th</sup> century as a sea fortress. Located on an island, fortress is a unique attraction for visitors.

## DAY 3 (TUESDAY): HELSINKI - LAPPEENRANTA

In the morning we go to the railway station and depart with train bound for Lappeenranta, where we arrive shortly after midday. Transfer to Hotel Scandic Patria\*\*\*\* or similar. Lappeenranta is beautifully set at the shores of Lake Saimaa and was an important Swedish fortress town in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Nowadays it is an attractive and popular resort town. The afternoon walking tour of Lappeenranta takes us to the historical Old Town, the port area and Lappeenranta Fortress with its wooden and redbrick buildings, artisans' shops, museums, wooden Orthodox Mary the Virgin Church and cafes. Return to hotel and check-in. Late afternoon we walk to the pier to embark on spectacular evening cruise on Lake Saimaa and to the Saimaa Canal. The ship has a restaurant, where we can enjoy drinks and snacks or a full dinner while we are stunned by the views of the lake. After three hours we return to port and walk back to hotel.

## DAY 4 (WEDNESDAY): LAPPEENRANTA - HELSINKI

The day offers the possibility to explore Lappeenranta resort town on own hand. The hotel is located between the Old Town and the port area and both are easily accessible on foot. Go shopping in the small boutique in the Old Town, try the Karelian cuisine or enjoy the atmosphere and the views at the port. In the late afternoon transfer to the train station and departure by train back to Helsinki. Arrival to Helsinki early in the evening and transfer to Hotel Radisson Blu Seaside\*\*\*\* or similar, check in.

## DAY 5 (THURSDAY): HELSINKI

Optional transfer to the airport.

**This tour can be booked also as extension to our Baltic Highlights, Baltic Classical and Baltic Impressions tours.**

## HELSINKI AND SOUTH KARELIA June-September 2023, 5 days/4 nights

### DATES:

GHE13: 25.06-29.06.23

GHE15: 09.07-13.07.23

GHE17: 23.07-27.07.23

GHE19: 06.08-10.08.23

GHE20: 13.08-17.08.23

GHE21: 20.08-24.08.23



### Package prices per person:

EUR 595.00 (double occupancy)

EUR 300.00 (single supplement)

### Including:

- 4 overnights at centrally located 4 star hotels
- 4 x buffet breakfast
- Welcome meeting with champagne-cocktail or juice
- Personalised welcome package
- Entrances to Church in The Rock in Helsinki, Lake Saimaa
- Express train tickets Helsinki-Lappeenranta-Helsinki (economy class)
- Service of English and German speaking tour escort in Helsinki and local English speaking guide in Lappeenranta
- Service of Italian and Spanish speaking tour escort in Helsinki and local English speaking guide in Lappeenranta
- Service of 1<sup>st</sup> class motor coaches or 1<sup>st</sup> class minivans throughout the itinerary
- Portage at hotels

### Optional:

- Transfer airport to Hotel Radisson Blu Seaside: EUR 90.00 for private car (1-3 persons), EUR 120.00 for private minivan (4-7 persons)
- 3-hour excursion with water bus to the Suomenlinna Fortress: EUR 60.00 pp
- Transfer Hotel Radisson Blu Seaside to airport: EUR 90.00 for private car (1-3 persons), EUR 120.00 for private minivan (4-7 persons)
- Half board at hotels (4 x 3 course dinner with coffee/tea): EUR 195.00 pp

### Small groups:

**Max. 16 guests in the groups**