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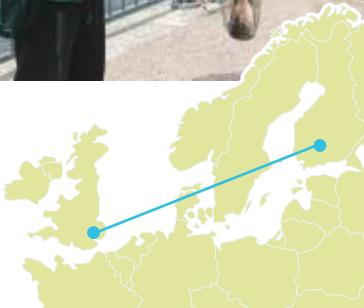


Welcome to

TAMPERE

Light and life

*Winter swimmers gain total respect!
A dip in an icy lake after a sauna boosts the
immune system, kick-starts the circulation and
helps you to relax. This fantastic experience
should be enjoyed at least once in your lifetime.
Further information on winter swimming loca-
tions is available from the City Tourist Office.*



Tampere is a city with large lakes, parks, a rich industrial heritage, a popular congress venue and is an ideal holiday destination for the young and the young at heart, for families with children and for culture enthusiasts. A large city by Finnish standards, with more than 200,000 inhabitants, Tampere still manages to feel like a small town. In the city centre, everything is within walking distance and the atmosphere is friendly and casual.

Industrial heritage is an important part of the city's past and it has been preserved in today's Tampere which is now known for its universities and high-levels of competence. Special competence areas include information and health technologies, among others. The renovated industrial milieus by the **Tammerkoski Rapids** including the **Finlayson and Tampella** areas have become the old part of the city. They show the city's past and people actively move around the several museums, restaurants, cinemas, exhibitions and night clubs in the area. The gem of the Finlayson area is **Tallipiha Stable Yards**. You can shop for souvenirs in the idyllic little boutiques, enjoy local delicacies in cafés or attend different kinds of events all year round.

For culture enthusiasts

The international festivals of Tampere have long traditions and something new to offer each year. **Tampere Film Festival** in March, **Tampere Vocal Music Festival** and **Pispala Schottische** in alternating years in June, **Tampere International Theatre Festival** in August and **Tampere Jazz Happening** in November. Tampere Hall also offers events of international stature. The city centre is full of colour thanks to the **Tampere Floral Festival** in July and **Tampere Illuminations** bring light to darkness during the darkest time of the year.

Tampere is also known for its spectacular and unique museums. **Vapriikki Museum Centre**, **Amuri Museum of Workers' Housing**, **Tampere Art Museum**, **Lenin Museum** and **Mineral Museum** will not let you down! History, the city's past, high-level Finnish and international art, the beauty of stone and a spectrum of colours.

Great vacations for families with children

Särkänniemi Adventure Park is the favourite destination for children and young people. Särkänniemi's Aquarium, Planetarium, Dolphinarium, Sara Hildén Art Museum featuring international contemporary art and the Observation Tower with its revolving restaurant are open throughout the year. Dozens of fun rides and the children's zoo are open in the summer. The **spas**, **Moominvalley**, **Museum of Dolls and Costumes**, **Spy Museum** and **Finnish Hockey Hall of Fame** and other events aimed at children also make Tampere a popular destination for families with children.

Close to nature

Tampere is characterized by two large lakes, the rapids running through the city located between the lakes and the beautiful view across the lakes from the ridge. Nature is close by even in the city centre. In the winter you can enjoy cross-country skiing, ice-fishing and snowshoeing. Summer activities include fishing in the city centre by the Tammerkoski Rapids, lake cruises, water activities, hiking and saunas by the lake on a bright summer night.

*Everything in one place!
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The Tampere Region - a freshwater angler's dream come true

The Tampere Region, located in the western part of the Finnish Lake District, is ideal for anglers. The region is home to 2,500 lakes of more than one hectare and the largest 20 of these range from 2,000 to 26,000 hectares in size.

The major lakes are the region's jewels, ranking among the elite of Finland's zander waters. Lakes such as Längelmävesi, Rautavesi, Pyhäjärvi and Ruovesi are renowned for big zander. The Tampere Region really is a veritable Zanderland! The best season for zander is during the warmest period in the middle of summer. A typical game zander weighs between 0.5 and 2 kilos. It is also possible to catch more than 5-kilo zander on many lakes.

Anglers' basic game species are pike and perch - these are fish that you can go after in all waters. Anglers in pursuit of big pike can find many dream spots in the major lakes of the region. In the best waters, catching a pike weighing 3 to 5 kilos is a frequent, though not quite a daily occurrence.

Anglers also catch plenty of 5-10 kg specimens in different water areas every year.

Lately, people have heard delightful reports of exceptionally large perch, which have emerged in many places and in quite large numbers, thanks to recent warm summers.

Anglers can also enjoy quite a few roaring rapids sites where you can fish brown trout, rainbow trout, grayling, ide and asp by fly-fishing and spinning. Examples of magnificent rapids sites include the Kotalan Kosket Rapids, The Kuokkalankoski Rapids, the Vilppulankoski Rapids and the Tammerkoski Rapids.

The region's waters provide almost endless opportunities for winter ice-fishing and summer angling different cyprinids. The winter fishing season lasts 4-5 months and the main catch is perch.



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Winter wonderland

Walking, ice skating or ice fishing on the frozen lake. Skiing, hiking or snowshoeing in the wilderness. Take a refreshing plunge into a wintry lake straight after a smoke sauna. Motor sledge safaris. Coffee in a lean-to out in the open air.

Winter in the Tampere Region offers action, peace with nature and many moments full of ambiance. Enjoy the joys of winter independently or on guided tours!

Cottages in the heart of nature - guided fishing trips

There are plenty of good choices of alternative types of accommodation along the waters. Accommodation sites offer boats and basic fishing tackle for hire and some of them also sell local fishing licences. The easiest way to find good fishing grounds is to seek professional advice. The Tampere Region's fishing guides are ready to take you to the best sites and can teach you the best fishing techniques for each season.

Accommodation:

Haapasaari Holiday Village tel. +358 44 080 0290, www.ruovedenhaapasaarenmatkailu.fi
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