





## **ISLANDS**

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SEURASAARI is a popular outdoor desti-

nation throughout the year. You can follow

the path around the pretty recreational

island and feed the tame squirrels. There

is also a swimming beach, kiosk, cafés, a

restaurant, a grilling area and an open-

air museum displaying historic wooden

buildings from across Finland. The island is

open year round. To get there from the city

centre, take Bus 24. The island is connected

popular recreational islands in Helsinki. Sun

worshipers can enjoy not only the swim-

ming beach and smooth granite rocks, but

also a restaurant, grilling areas and sauna.

There is even a campsite. A ferry operates

between the island and the mainland from

May to September. The crossing from either

Merisatama or Ruoholahti takes around 10

to the mainland by a pretty white bridge.

PIHLAJASAARI is one of the most

SUOMENLINNA is situated just 15 minutes by ferry from the Market Square. The sea fortress is the perfect setting for a family adventure: 6 kilometres of bastion walls, 100 cannons, exciting tunnels, museums, cafés and restaurants - even a real submarine! Special guided tours are also arranged for children. Suomenlinna is open year round, and many of the attractions on the string of islands are open also in wintertime. The municipal ferry from the Market Square also operates year round.

MUSTASAARI is a popular island among families with its farm animals, nature trail, swimming beach, playground and café. The island is open from June to mid-August. The ferry crossing from Taivallahti (at the end of Eteläinen Hesperiankatu) takes around 15 minutes.

**UUNISAARI** is situated just off the southern tip of Helsinki. With its sandy beach and services, this recreational island is a very good picnic destination. There is a restaurant, café and sauna. In summertime a ferry makes the short crossing to the island from Merisatamantori by Kaivopuisto park, and in wintertime you can walk to the island across a pontoon bridge.

LONNA is a small island between the Market Square and Suomenlinna. Services include a restaurant and café, which sells picnic supplies. The JT-Line ferry operates between Lonna and the Market Square from mid-May to mid-August. The crossing takes around 10 minutes.

TERVASAARI is an island off the Kruununhaka district that is connected to the mainland by a land bridge. The island has a restaurant, a playground, a dog park, a swimming area for dogs, and a pier for washing carpets. Take Bus 16 or Bus 17 to get there from the city centre.

SWIMMING

THE SWIMMING STA-**DIUM** is a great place to cool off on a hot summer's day. The outdoor Olympic complex has three swimming pools: a 50-metre pool, a diving pool and a kids' pool. There is even a small round paddling pool for the little ones, as well as a water slide and café. The Swimming Stadium is open from May to September. It's just a short walk from

### THE KUMPULA OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL is another summer

favourite among families. There is a 25-metre pool, a diving pool, a kids' pool and a paddling pool, as well as an exercise area, a beach volleyball and basketball court, a chess area, a bouncy castle and a café. It is open from May to August, and you can get there easily by bus from Railway Square. Allastie 1

AT HIETANIEMI BEACH vou can swim and play beach volleyball and basketball. There is also a playground, changing rooms and a café-restaurant. Nearby you can play mini-golf. To get there, take Bus 24. Hiekkarannantie 11.

AURINKOLAHTI BEACH is Helsinki's answer to a Southern European holiday destination. The 700-metre-long beach has shallow water, making it perfect for smaller children to splash around in. Services include changing rooms, showers and a café. You can get to Aurinkolahti in just 20 minutes from the city centre by riding the

**PIKKUKOSKI BEACH** is a small and pretty sandy swimming area on the Vantaanjoki river. The water is shallow and sandy, making it particularly popular among small children. There is a basketball court, exercise equipment and a playground. To get there, take the local train N to the

HIETALAHTI FLEA MARKET RIDING THE METRO **TRAIN SPOTTING FROM THE** Ludviginkatu 2–4 LINNUNLAULU BRIDGE **KAIVOPUISTO PARK KALLIO LIBRARY AND** Töölönkatu 51 A Unioninkatu 29 **KALLIO FIRE STATION** MARKET SQUARE PLAYGROUNDS Kirstinkuja 4

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Hämeentie 1A

Viides linja 11

Agricolankatu 15

Lönnrotinkatu 34

HAKANIEMI MARKET HALL PLANE SPOTTING AT THE AIRPORT FREE RIDES AT LINNANMÄKI PÄIVÄLEHTI MUSEUM **RIDING THE TRAMS** TRAM MUSEUM KARHUPUISTO "BEAR PARK" HELSINKI CATHEDRAL AND STEPS WINTER GARDEN Hammarskjöldintie 1 WORKER HOUSING MUSEUM

the Finnish National Opera. Hammarskjöldintie 5

# metro to Vuosaari. Aurinkoranta 15. Oulunkylä stop. Pikkukoskentie 23.



# HANDY IN **HELSINKI**

FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR ADULT PUSHING A PRAM OR STROLLER (with a child under the age of 6)

> CHILDCARE FACILITIES AT **KAMPPI SHOPPING CENTRE** If you are shopping or walking around the city centre and are looking for tidy childcare facilities, don't worry – in Helsinki you have plenty to choose from. On the 3rd floor of the Kamppi Shopping Centre you will find a large room with space to play, relax and breastfeed. Conveniences include a microwave, children's toilets, highchairs and tables for changing diapers.

### CHILDCARE FACILITIES AT THE STOCKMANN DEPART **MENT STORE**

It's easy to spend hours at Stockmann's, especially when you can take care of your children in its childcare facilities on the 6th floor, next to the play area and toy department. There you will find a microwave, highchairs, rocking chairs, a children's toilet, a play area and a separate room for changing diapers.

FREE PUBLIC TRAN-SPORT FOR CHILDREN **UNDER THE AGE OF 7** Public transport timetables: Reittiopas.fi



CHILDCARE FACILITIES AT THE FORUM SHOP-PING CENTRE

There is also a large and tidy childcare room on the 3rd floor of the Forum Shopping Centre, behind the Ciao! Caffé. Conveniences include a play area, a parking area for prams and strollers, a quiet corner for breastfeeding, a microwave and tables for changing diapers.

### ELEVATORS AT METRO STATIONS FOR PRAMS AND STROLLERS

Riding the metro in Helsinki is fun and convenient, also if you are pushing a pram or stroller. You can get to the platforms easily by elevator.



STAY WARM AND DRY If the weather's bad and you want to walk around the city centre without getting cold or wet, just follow the tunnels that run between Kamppi, Forum, Stockmann and the Central Railway Station.

### PLAY AREA AT THE **RESTAURANT LOISTE**

Situated on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of the Original Sokos Hotel Vaakuna in the city centre, the Restaurant Loiste has an especially large and attractive play area for children. While enjoying your delicious meal you can also admire the superb view! Kaivokatu 3

WINTER FUN



GARDENIA Koetilantie 1 CINEMAS ICEPARK Railway Square KALLIO SKATING RINK Helsinginkatu 23 SLEDDING Kaivopuisto Park HELSINKI ZOO Mustikkamaanpolku 12 HELSINKI PLAYGROUND Jaffa STATION, Hakaniemi Market PLAYGROUNDS MUSEUMS MÄKELÄNRINNE SWIMMING HALL Mäkelänkatu 49 SEA LIFE HELSINKI Tivolitie 10 FERRY RIDES TO SUOMENLINNA **VUOSAARI SWIMMING HALL** Vuosaarentie 5

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