FINLAND - HELSINKI

– THE LAND OF THOUSAND LAKES

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OVERVIEW OF FINLAND (HELSINKI)

- The Republic of Finland (called *Suomi* in the Finnish language) is one of the world's most progressive and advanced nations.
- Finland is one of the few countries whose land area is still growing. This is a result of the uplifting of the land mass and its consequent emerging from the sea that has been taking place since the end of the last ice age. The surface area is increasing by about 07 sq. kms per year.
- Finland places a high priority on education and R&D. Schooling is compulsory for ages seven through 16, and it is free, even at the university level. There is virtually no illiteracy.
- The country spends heavily on education, training and research - investment which pays dividends by delivering one of the best-qualified workforces in the world.
- Finland is the largest coffee consuming nation per capita and coffee breaks are written into law. However, in Finland most coffee is filter-brewed from a light, more caffeinated, roast that is quite different to what the rest of the world drinks. Finns often enjoy a bun (*pulla*) or cinnamon bun (*korvapuusti*) with their coffee. In Finland commonly espressos and lattes are called "special coffees" Surrounded by sea and a vast **archipelago**, Classical Helsinki's sights can be divided into an eclectic set of **churches** and a wide variety of **museums**.
- Helsinki has plenty of hip places for a drink. The main nightlife districts, all in the city center within crawling distance of each other, are around **Iso-Roobertinkatu**, the **Central Railway Station** and **Kamppi**.
- Shopping in Helsinki is generally expensive, but fans of Finnish and Nordic design will find plenty of things of interest. Both the central railway station and the main bus terminal are in the city center. Shopping streets **Aleksanterinkatu** (or *Aleksi* for short) and **Esplanadi** (or *Espa*) connect to**Senate Square** (*Senaatintori*), the historical center of the city.

About the Destination

TOPOGRAPHY:-

- Southern and western Finland consists of a coastal plain with a severely indented coastline and thousands of small islands stretching out to the Åland Islands. Central Finland is an extensive lake plateau with a majority of the country's 60,000. Roughly one fourth of the country lies north of the Arctic Circle.

GEOGRAPHY:-

Helsinki is bordered by the

- **Gulf of Finland** to the south
- Tiny enclave town of **Kauniainen**, is to the west
- Industrialized municipality of **Vantaa** is to the north and east

BEST TIME TO VISIT:-

Helsinki is among the world's northernmost capitals and

- **Helsinki is at its best in the summer (June- August) when the dialogue between the city and nature is at its fullest.**
- **The lengthy winter, from November all the way up to March, is dark and freezing**
- **The summer is pleasant, but short, lasting from early June until late August**
- Due to the northern latitude, the daylight hours are unusually long in summer, with sunsets very late in the evening, and virtually no darkness at night from early June until mid-July.

FLIGHT DETAILS

Helsinki - Finland	Onward				Return			
Airport	**Air Line**	**Onward Time**	**(Dur)**	**Stops**	**Air Line**	**Return Time**	**(Dur)**	**Stops**
Mumbai	Qatar Airways 557/301	04:00-13:55	12H 25M	3H Halt in Doha	Qatar Airways 304/556	09:50-02:00	13H 40M	3H 5M Halt in Doha
Delhi	Finn Air 22	10:40-14:45	6H 35M	Direct	Finn Air 21	20:20-06:35	7H 45M	Direct
Chennai	Qatar Airways 529/301	03:15-13:55	13H 10M	2H 25MHalt in Doha	Qatar Airways 304/528	09:50-01:50	13H 30M	1H 50M Halt in Doha
Bangalore	Qatar Airways 573/301	03:50-13:55	12H 35M	2H 20MHalt in Doha	Qatar Airways 304/572	09:50-02:15	13H 55M	2H 45M Halt in Doha
Hyderabad	Qatar Airways 501/301	03:30-13:55	12H 55M	2H 35MHalt in Doha	Qatar Airways 304/500	09:50-02:15	13H 55M	2H 40M Halt in Doha

Average per person flight cost is INR 56,000/-

All international and domestic flights land at the compact, modern and airy **Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport** which is located in Vantaa, 18 kilometres to the north of the central Helsinki.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY 1 – HELSINKI

- Arrival at Helsinki airport
- Transfers to hotel
- Lunch at a Restaurant
- Check-in at the Hotel
- Time at Leisure (explore the city)
- Dinner at a Restaurant
- Overnight at the Hotel in Helsinki

DAY 2 – HELSINKI – ISLAND OF SEURASAARI AND SUOMENLINNA – HELSINKI

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Proceed for a guided city tour of Helsinki
- Island of Suomenlinna (Baltic Fortress)-World Heritage sight –where you will find restaurants as sell as exhibition and performance spaces. You will also have stunning views of the gulf.
- Lunch at a Restaurant (Local food)
- Proceed to the island of Seurasaari (where an open air museum displays rugged wood cabins, stately mansions and other housing styles from all over the country)
- Dinner at an Restaurant
- Overnight at the Hotel in Helsinki

DAY 3 – HELSINKI – TAMPERE – HELSINKI

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Proceed for full day tour of Tampere – guided city tour
- Lunch at a restaurant
- Continue with visit to the Rauhaniemi public sauna
- Dinner at a restaurant
- Overnight at the hotel in Helsinki

DAY 4 – HELSINKI – TURKU – HELSINKI

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Proceed for Full day tour of Turku
  - Guided city tour (stroll around the old town to visit Turku cathedral and Castle)
  - Lunch at a restaurant
  - visit Kuralan Kylamaki (a recreated farming village outside the city centre; Option of taking a ferry to Aland Island – a popular summer vacation spot)
- Dinner at a restaurant
- Overnight at the Hotel in Helsinki

DAY 5 – END OF TOUR

- Breakfast at the Hotel
- Checkout from the Hotel
- If time permits – proceed to city centre for shopping – if not - drive to airport for flight back

Holiday Inn Helsinki-Vantaa Airport / Similar – 4 * * * *

- The peaceful location and easy airport access at the Holiday Inn Helsinki-Vantaa Airport Hotel, offers **283 rooms** for the travellers which is set in parkland 20 minutes drive from downtown Helsinki.
- There's year-round entertainment at popular **Flamingo Water Park** just five minutes away from the hotel. Next to Flamingo is the **Jumbo shopping mall** for boutiques and food stalls selling local delicacies.

COST IMPLICATION

Hotel Name	Holiday Inn Helsinki Vantaa Airport or similar	
Occupancy	Per Person - Single Share	Per Person - Double Share
Ground Handling	INR 1,16,300 /-	INR 1,03,200 /-
Flight Cost	INR 56,000 /-	INR 56,000 /-
Total Package Cost	INR 1,72,300 /-	INR 1,59,200 /-

Note:

The above quote is for a minimum guarantee of 50 passengers & any change in number will call for a re-quote.
At this point of time none of the services are confirmed and the same will be subject to availability at the time of confirmation.
The price may fluctuate as the current EUR conversion rate for this query is 1 EUR = 77 INR

INCLUSIONS:-

- Accommodation in a well-appointed room for 4 Nights/5 Days on Twin Share basis
- 01 Breakfast, 01 Lunch & 01 Dinner on each night of stay (Breakfast at the Hotel; Lunch & Dinner at the restaurant)
- Return Airfare with visa fees
- Return Airport transfers & Sightseeing transfers on private basis
- Sightseeing places are as follows-
    - Island of Suomenlinna
    - island of Seurasaari
    - Tampere city tour
    - Rauhaniemi public sauna
    - City tour of Turku
    - Visit to Kuralan Kylamaki
- Travel Insurance
- Service of 1 local representative.

EXCLUSIONS:-

- Anything which is not included in the above inclusions
- Trip Navigator tour manager (if required) will be charged as per the per person cost.
- Any expenditure which is personal in nature (room service, mini bar usage)
- GST as Applicable

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