

Accommodation and travel tips to Helsinki

FLIGHTS

Finnair flies directly to Helsinki from many European locations. <http://www.finnair.com>

KLM, SAS and Norwegian also often have good offers for flights to Helsinki:

<https://www.norwegian.com/>

<https://www.klm.com/>

<http://www.flysas.com>

220-280€ is the standard cost of a return flight from Central Europe, under 200€ is a bargain. Some cheaper flights from big cities like Amsterdam, Berlin, London.

ACCOMODATION

Cheaper end

- **Hotel Hellsten Parliament**, around 80-90€ per night. Use reservation code **PRO15**. www.hellstenhotels.fi No breakfast included, but 10% discount of breakfast in Café Marocco. Rooms are not prebooked, so they are based on availability. Code is available until 30.11.
- Basic hotels, no reception or breakfast, but a good location in the city centre:
<https://www.omenahotels.com/en/> (around 220 € for three nights)
<https://www.forenom.com/aparthotels/helsinki/forenom-aparthotel-helsinki-kamppi/133/>
<https://hotellifinn.fi/en/home/>

Medium priced

- **Hotel Helka**, around 114-139€ per night. Use reservation code **KVS19**. www.hotelhelka.com. Buffet breakfast is included. Rooms are not prebooked, so they are based on availability. Code is available until 30.11.
- **Sokos Hotel Torni**, 145€ per night. Use reservation code **BKVS**. 30 rooms are prebooked until 11.11. after that 50% of unbooked rooms will be released to free sale, and after 25.11. all of them.
- Other hotels:
<https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/helsinki> (For instance Original Sokos Hotel Helsinki, Sokos Hotel Albert)
<https://www.scandichotels.com/> (for instance Scandic Park, Scandic Grand Marina)

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

From airport to city centre:

You can travel to the city centre by train or bus. You'll need ABC zone ticket, which costs about 4,6€ at the ticket machines. If you buy the ticket from bus driver it will cost 6,5€. Note that you cannot buy tickets on the train; the ticket must be bought from a vending machine or using a mobile phone app.

Getting around in Helsinki:

Helsinki has a good public transport via local trains, trams, buses and metro. All the event locations are in the city centre in approx. 1,5 km radius so you can also walk around. In the city centre area you need zone AB ticket to get around (2,8€).

An easy way to get a ticket is to load the public transport app on your phone: <https://www.hsl.fi/en/app>. Then you can just show the ticket on your screen to the bus driver. You can also buy single and day tickets in R-kioski (common kiosks all around Helsinki). On trams, metros and trains you don't have to show the ticket, unless there is an inspection.

Helsinki public transport:

<https://www.hsl.fi/en/timetables-and-routes>

WHAT TO SEE AND DO IN HELSINKI

Helsinki travel sites:

<https://www.myhelsinki.fi/en/>

<https://www.helsinki.com/>

<https://www.visitfinland.com/helsinki/>

- Suomenlinna island <https://www.suomenlinna.fi/en/> A UNESCO world heritage site. It is a 15-20 minute boat trip from the market square, public transport ticket AB.
- Helsinki new central library Oodi, has been voted the best public library in the world for 2019 <https://www.oodihelsinki.fi/en/>
- Temppeliaukio church (Lutherinkatu 3), a church carved inside a rock <https://www.temppeliaukionkirkko.fi/en/index/nimi.html>
- Market Square and the Old Market Hall, by the sea
- Helsinki Cathedral and Senate Square (white church which is the landmark of Helsinki from the sea)
- Allas sea pool, a cool place at the market square where you can have a sauna and swim while watching boats go by <https://www.allasseapool.fi/en/>
- Walk around and see the Christmas lights: Aleksanterinkatu street, Esplanade park
- Christmas market at the Senate Square <https://tuomaanmarkkinat.fi/english-svenska/>