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The plan is to further develop the lower Aura River and make it more welcoming and functional for boaters and citizens alike.

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A new – and totally free - offer for cruise vessels is reception of lavatory water at the Port of Turku during 2010 and 2011. This is the port's environmental contribution to improving the state of the Baltic Sea.

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Turku is the European Capital of Culture in 2011. To celebrate the festive year, Turku Touring tourist organisation will offer cruise guests a new experience – a four-hour shore excursion with Turku history and an insight into Finnish culture in general and, tango in particular. The main Tango event will be held in a traditional summer dance pavilion, tanssilava in Finnish, located close to Turku. The guests need no advance knowledge since the tour includes a well known tango dance instructor on site.

More information is available from the Finnish agents.

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