

Turku & the Archipelago

Suggestions on exciting excursions to the archipelago

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An aerial photograph of the Åland archipelago, showing numerous islands and skerries of varying sizes, mostly covered in green forest and surrounded by clear blue water. A small white boat is visible in the lower right, leaving a white wake. The sky is a clear, deep blue.

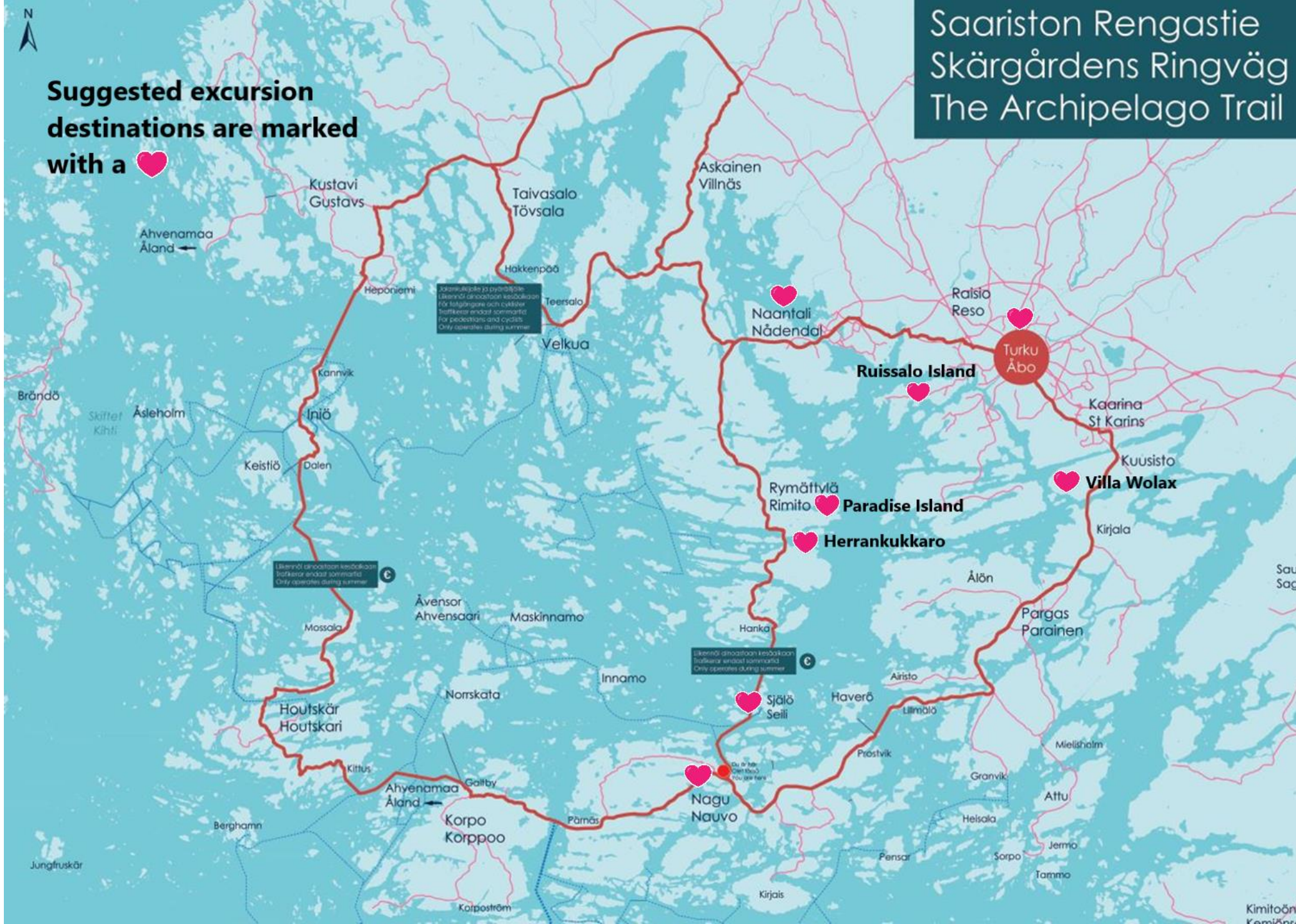
THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL & LARGEST ARCHIPELAGO

There are 40,000 islands and skerries between Turku and Åland.
Pick your favourites and see the beauty of this natural wonder.



Suggested excursion destinations are marked with a ♥

Saariston Rengastie Skärgårdens Ringväg The Archipelago Trail



Ruissalo island

Ruissalo, the most famous island of the Turku Archipelago is known for its beautiful oak forests and charming 19th century wooden villas. Once the hunting island for the court of Turku Castle, Ruissalo is easily accessible by land or by sea. Go explore – that's what the locals do!

Ruissalo is also a perfect area for picnics, biking excursions and walking tours in the beautiful surroundings.

http://www.visitturku.fi/en/ruissalo-island_en

A few examples of interesting places to visit in Ruissalo:

- Ruissalon Telakka (Ruissalo boatyard):

<https://ruissalontelakka.fi/en/> (approx. 5 minutes by boat from Turku)

- Ruissalon Maininki at the yacht club. Also seen on Netflix's Restaurants on the Edge lifestyle series!:

http://www.visitturku.fi/en/news/2020-05-08_netflixs-restaurants-edge-spotlights-turku-finland-may-8

<https://www.ruissalonmaininki.fi/> (approx. 15 minutes by boat from Turku)

- Saaronniemi – here you can find a nice beach, a café and also have the possibility to try the Finnish sauna. (approx. 20 minutes by boat from Turku)



Herrankukkaro

"Mama's pocket"

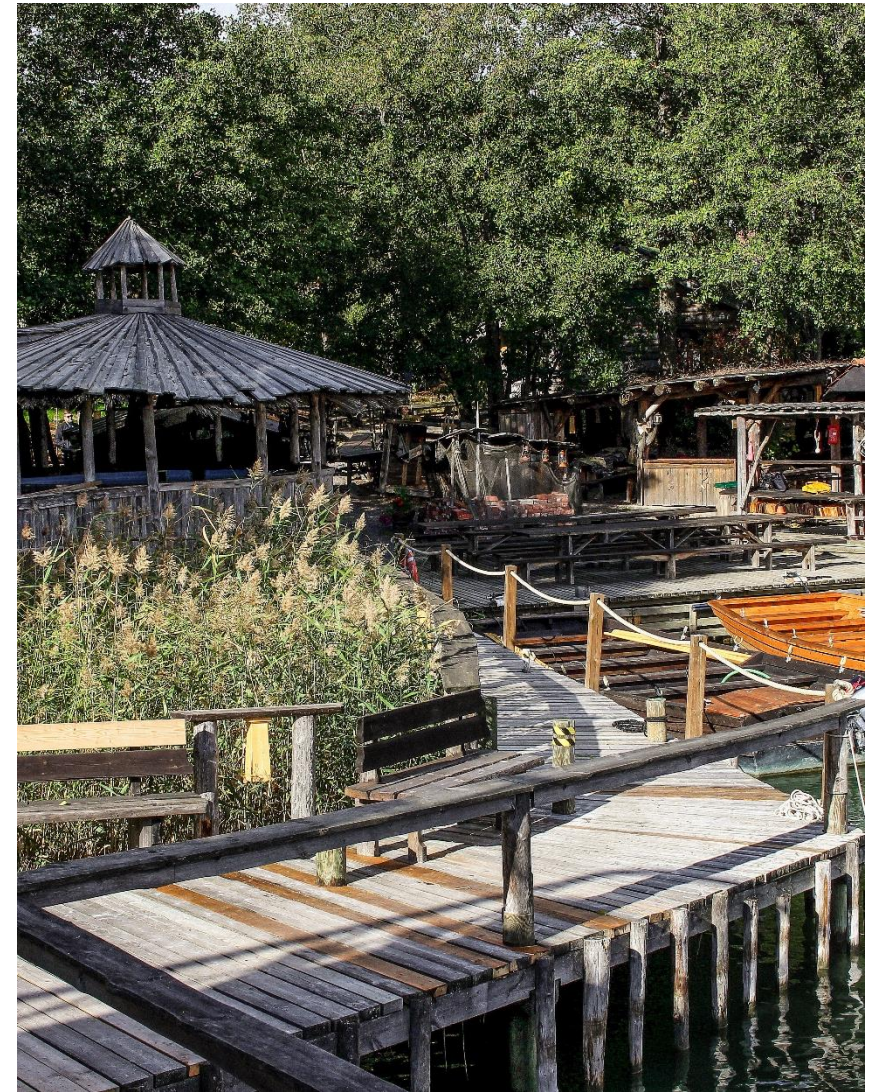
Herrankukkaro means "Mama's pocket", and that's what it's all about. Built in the surroundings of an old atmospheric fisherman's village this is a distinctive venue in Turku's Archipelago. Just enjoy the beautiful nature and have a campfire coffee and self-cooked "bun".

Herrankukkaro's surroundings provide the perfect setting for outdoor activities. Go on an archipelago adventure to the caves of the bootleg king, go hiking through the rugged archipelago nature or take a boat trip through the labyrinth of islands. The zip-line in the woods will appeal to speed demons and the crofter's outdoor games in the beautiful nature of the archipelago are fun, social activities that will bring out the child in you.

In Herrankukkaro you can also enjoy something very Finnish: a smoke sauna experience - Finnish culture at it's best!

More information: <https://www.herrankukkaro.fi/en-gb/home>

It takes approx. 45 minutes to reach Herrankukkaro by boat from Turku



Mysterious island of Seili

In the middle of the Finnish Archipelago you find the mysterious Island of Seili with a terrifying history lasting over 400 years. It served as a leper hospital island and as the leprosy began to disappear from Finland in the 1700s a mental asylum was built on the main island where mentally ill persons were treated until 1962.

After the closing in 1962, the buildings were taken over by the University of Turku. The Archipelago Research Institute began operating in 1964 focusing on studies of the ecosystems of the Archipelago Sea and the entire Baltic Sea area. There is a restaurant, a little museum, guest harbor and sandy walking paths on the island.

Activities: guided tour history/nature, visit in the old church

More information: <https://www.visitseili.fi/en/>

It takes approx. 50 minutes to reach Seili by boat from Turku



Paradise Island

Cruise from Turku through the beauty of the Airisto Sea, meandering your way to the Paradise Island. Have a cup of coffee or archipelago tastes and flavours in a relaxing scenery.

Activities: a short hike to a viewpoint, try fishing or enjoy some traditional Finnish pastimes. Also the possibility for a sauna experience!

More information:

<https://www.paratiisisaari.com/en>

It takes approx. 40 minutes to reach Paradise Island by boat from Turku



Guest harbour in Nagu

Nagu guest harbour is an easy-going, vibrant and fascinating destination. Located at the heart of the archipelago and seafaring region, Nagu Marina is the most popular harbour in the Archipelago Sea, offering diverse services and a laidback atmosphere.

Cafes, boutiques as well as historical sights (among others the beautiful medieval church) are all located just in a walking distance from the guest harbour.

Activities: guided walking tour around the village, coffee

It takes approx. 1 hour to reach Nagu by boat from Turku



Naantali

Leaving from Turku and heading to Naantali you'll pass the idyllic wooden villas in Ruissalo island, see the Meyer Turku shipyard from the sea, pass by the Kultaranta garden which is the summer residence of The president of Finland. In Naantali you can step a shore at the old town marina and enjoy the local attractions, which include narrow allies of the old town, wooden houses, boutiques, restaurants and cafés.

It takes approx. 30 minutes to reach Naantali by boat from Turku



Villa Wolax

Villa Wolax is located in Turku archipelago, in the western tip of Kuusisto Island. They provide a maritime environment with beach, saunas and villas.

Villa Wolax's wood-heated beach saunas are heated gently over time. The saunas pamper their visitors with their soft steams and the environment will spoil the bathers with a comfortable atmosphere. The seaside outdoor jacuzzis invites to relax.

Activity possibilities:

Secret of the Robber's Cave. We start hiking together to the Robber's Cave just over a kilometre from Villa Wolax. We walk through the beautiful archipelago landscape and do even a little climbing on the way. On arrival we explore the caves. View guaranteed! Our guides tell the exciting story of the caves.

Pentathlon or Decathlon: spending two fun hours outside – and no one will be voted out! The group is divided into smaller teams that compete against each other in tasks that require dexterity and knowledge. Also canoeing is possible.

More information: <https://www.villawolax.fi/english.php>

It takes approx. 30 minutes to reach Villa Wolax by boat from Turku



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