



ANCHORAT THE PORT OF GOOD SERVICES

The Port of Turku is Finland's gateway to Scandinavia. It is in a sheltered location on the southwestern coast, where the river Aura meets Turku archipelago sea. Arriving in Turku through the spectacular archipelago with around 20,000 islands is an unforgettable experience.

The Port has plenty of quay area for both small and larger cruise ships (max 230 m) and space for further expansion. There are several quays available and two dedicated cruise quays for vessels max 170 m. Every cruise vessel gets a warm welcome with live music and dance performance. Visit Turku has a manned information desk at the quayside, and a free shuttle bus takes passengers and crew to the city centre and back throughout the cruise call.

The Port is only 3 km from the city centre and 11 km from the international airport. Right next to the Port is the medieval Turku castle, a main landmark in Turku. All the main sights are in a compact area, which makes it easy for the visitors to explore Turku in a day.



FOLLOWTHE FLOW INTO TURKU

It is easy to reach the city from the port by shuttle bus, taxi, local bus or by foot. You can take a nice walk along the banks of the river Aura right from the Port to the heart of Turku.

On the way you'll see Turku castle and the cathedral, the maritime centre, museums, art galleries, restaurants and boat restaurants and much more — all within walking distance. Many different events take place by the river throughout the year - the medieval market days, the herring market, the new potato festival, music festivals, rowing and running competitions and the Christmas market to name a few. The riverside life has a special atmosphere and both the locals and tourists love it.

Turku Yacht Harbour is also located by the river. In addition to pleasure boats, it serves larger yachts in cooperation with the Port. Happy sailing to Turku!



EATIN THE FOOD CAPITAL OF FINLAND

Turku has become the food capital of Finland. Many new restaurants and cafés have opened, all with their own flavour and charm. One of them, restaurant Kaskis, was named the Restaurant of the Year 2018 by the Finnish Society of Gastronomes.

Many restaurants are located on the banks of the river Aura within walking distance from each other. You can enjoy a meal in the restaurant of the medieval Turku castle, or up on a hill in a restaurant, the building of which used to be part of Kakola prison, or in the maritime centre restaurant serving archipelago cuisine.

One special feature in Turku is the large number of boat restaurants. Another place worth a visit is the market hall with ample shops, cafés and restaurants. Built in 1896 the building itself is a must see.

Turku is being visited by an increasing number of tourists. A good way to explore the culinary culture of Turku is to buy a Turku Food Walk card provided by Visit Turku. You can choose five out of ten restaurants to sample different tastes of Turku.



EXPLOREMAGNIFICENT NATURE

On the way to Turku cruise ships sail through the beautiful Turku archipelago containing over 20,000 islands. This makes it the largest archipelago in the world by number of islands. The area is known for its natural beauty and peace. It is home for many people, but also a significant tourist destination. You can swim, fish, hike, watch birds, island-hop and much more.

Turku is surrounded by beautiful nature. Right next to the Port is the idyllic Ruissalo island - a nature reserve and part of the archipelago. Once a hunting area for the court of Turku Castle, it is now a popular recreational area for the locals as well as tourists. The area is rich in flora and fauna. You can cycle on the paths or just relax in the sun on a smooth cliff and enjoy the sea view. The island is dotted with beautiful lace villas. Horses and sheep graze on the meadows. Ruissalo island has a camping area, a guest harbour, a golf course, a botanical garden, a hotel & spa, cafés and restaurants – you'll easily spend a whole day there.



VISITMUSEUMS FULL OF OLD & NEW

Turku is Finland's oldest city founded in 1229. It is full of history but modern at the same time. Many museums are close to one another making it easy for the visitor to see a lot in one day.

Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova museum Aboa Vetus reveals the world of medieval Turku with an authentic piece of old Turku. Ars Nova is a museum of modern art with works from top Finnish and international artists.

Luostarinmäki handicrafts museum is a cluster of houses that survived the Great Fire of Turku in 1827 when three quarters of the city were destroyed. It is an outdoor museum displaying homes and artisans' workshops of that time.

Forum Marinum maritime centre is a specialist museum for Finnish maritime and naval history. It has a fascinating collection of vessels, and a fleet of museum ships such as the frigate Suomen Joutsen, barque Sigyn, minelayer Keihässalmi and corvette Karjala berthed just outside.

Sibelius museum is the most important music museum in Finland. Named after the great Finnish composer Jean Sibelius, it exhibits the life and music of the master as well as a fine collection of instruments from Finland and abroad.



ENJOYA WIDE VARIETY OF SHORE EXCURSIONS

Visit Turku offers a wide selection of tours for cruise visitors in Turku and the surrounding region. Tailor-made tours are also available. Here are some popular tours:

Turku sightseeing A tour showing the main attractions of Turku such as Turku Castle, Turku Cathedral and the Handicrafts Museum. The medieval castle and the cathedral are both part of Finland's national treasures. Both are located by the idyllic river Aura, which runs through the centre of Turku.

Turku and Naantali in a day A panoramic tour offering the best way to see the main sights in Turku. From Turku the tour continues to nearby Naantali, which is a beautiful little seaside town known for its historical surroundings and the summer residence of the Finnish president.

Meyer Turku tour This tour gives you an insight into the construction of the world's largest cruise vessels. You will see the shipyard, located just a short distance from the Port, and hear about its past and present.

You can also explore Turku on walking, hiking, biking and canoeing tours.

PORT OPEN 24 hrs



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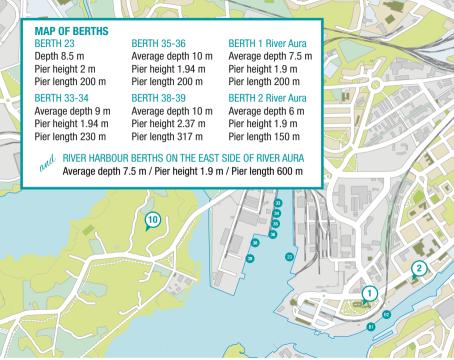
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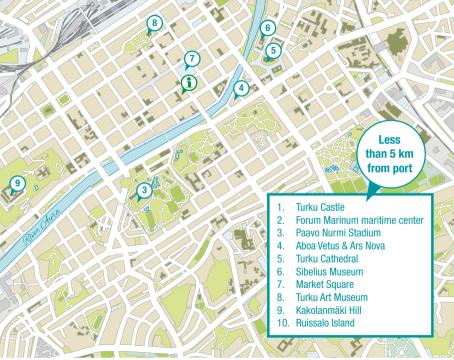
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