



Private Helsinki and Old Town Porvoo Shore Excursion

Seeing the modern, vibrant capital of Finland combined with the medieval village of Porvoo, full of history and legends - what could sound better when visiting Finland for the first time? You will be charmed by the narrow streets of this small town and its atmosphere. We also hope that you will enjoy the most delicious stop of this tour - a private family-owned chocolate shop in Porvoo.



Duration
6 hrs



Activity Level
Moderate



Tour category
Private Tours

Language



Prices

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Party of 1 - **\$1014.0** per person Party of 2 - **\$510.0** per person Party of 3 - **\$353.0** per person Party of 4 - **\$266.0** per person
Party of 5 - **\$214.0** per person Party of 6 - **\$216.0** per person Party of 7 - **\$186.0** per person Party of 8 - **\$163.0** per person
Party of 9 - **\$146.0** per person Party of 10 - **\$132.0** per person Party of 11 - **\$121.0** per person Party of 12 - **\$111.0** per person
Party of 13 - **\$103.0** per person Party of 14 - **\$96.0** per person Party of 15 - **\$109.0** per person Party of 16 - **\$102.0** per person
Party of 17 - **\$97.0** per person Party of 18 - **\$100.0** per person Party of 19 - **\$95.0** per person Party of 20 - **\$90.0** per person

Highlights

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Porvoo Village
90 min

Porvoo is one of few medieval towns of Finland, dating its history back to 14th century. It preserved a lot of the old buildings, like the Porvoo cathedral, old town hall or the brick storage complex. It brings you into the unique atmosphere of the old Scandinavia.



Mannerheimintie
15 min

Mannerheimintie is the main street of Helsinki, as well as the longest street of the city. It follows the path of the old road to Tampere>, Finland's old capital. Mannerheimintie begins at the Esplanada street and goes all the way north to the city limits.



Uspenski Cathedral
30 min

Located on a hill above the Helsinki harbor, red brick Uspensky cathedral can be seen from far away. It's the largest Orthodox Church of Northern Europe. The style of the cathedral is a tribute to the Russian Revival period when the best of the old times architectural ideas were used to create the magnificent constructions. The church is worth going inside to see the impressive iconostases.



Rock Church
30 min

Temppeliaukion Church is often called the church in the rock. Finland blends the natural landscape of the region to create the beautiful urban environment and this is the best example of it. The church is built into the huge granite rock. It's simple but very elegant with granite walls and glass ceiling. Services daily.



Helsinki Cathedral
30 min

Helsinki Cathedral is a gorgeous white Lutheran church also called the Cathedral of St. Nicholas. It's the main church of the town. The church was opened in 1852 and dedicated to the name saint of Russian emperor Nicholas 1st, as Finland was the province of Russia at that time.



Central Train Station
20 min

The Central Train Station of Helsinki is a large impressive building, decorated with the massive statues on the both sides of the doors. It was named one of the world's most beautiful railway stations by BBC in 2013.

Detailed Program

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 DAY PLAN

07:45 - 08:00

Meet your guide and driver outside the main port gate.

08:00 - 10:20

Depart for a scenic drive through the downtown of Helsinki. The first stop after being picked up from the ship is Market Square. The tour continues along beautiful Esplanadi and Mannerheim streets up to Central Train Station. Our driver will also take you along such sights as Uspensky cathedral, Presidential Palace, National Museum and Finlandia Hall, Opera House , Finlandia Concert Hall and Parliament Building.

10:20 - 10:50

The next remarkable place of Helsinki you are goin to see is the Olympic Stadium. Back in 1952, the Olympic Games were held in Finland. Quite close to the Stadium is the Sibelius Park with a monument to Ian Sibelius - a great Finnish composer. You will also have a possibility to take photos here.

10:50 - 11:20

Our guide then will take you to see the Rock Church. This is a unique highlight in Helsinki and is considered to be one of the Europe's most interesting churches. Being carved out of solid rock, it has a copper dome installed. The church's interior is bathed in natural light which enters here through the dome. The church is used frequently as a concert venue due to its excellent acoustic, which is ensured by the rocky surfaces.

11:20 - 12:50

The tour will finish in the medieval Village of Porvoo. Being located along a river, it has numerous cosy little shops & warehouses and a very old church. Our guide will tell you a lot about the history of Porvoo, but if you have any questions - do not hesitate to ask! The guide will also show you the best stops for taking a selfie and will take you to a locally-made chocolate shop.

12:50 - 14:00

Back way to the port of Helsinki

14:00 - 14:15

Return back to the ship

Attention! The specified tour start time is the earliest available or an example! Usually, all tours start 30 minutes after your ship docks. Your tour start time will be adjusted accordingly after you book. If you have questions, please talk to our Shore Excursion Specialist to find out the exact tour start time for your ship.

Info

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INCLUDED IN TOUR

- Private professional tour guide (6 hrs)
- Pick-up from port of Helsinki by tourist-class vehicle
- Panoramic driving tour of Helsinki
- Guided walking tour of city centre
- Porvoo Village tour
- Entrance fee to Rock Church (*upon availability, might be closed due to religious and private event)
- Drop-off at the port of Helsinki



NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR

- Meals / snacks
- Drinks / coffee break
- Any other admissions / donations
- Tips / Gratuity



IMPORTANT INFO

IMPORTANT: **NO refunds for late passengers** or for those who don't read their Helsinki Meeting Instructions and have been waiting at the wrong location.

Please note, a surcharge of 25% applies on Sundays and all public holidays. This additional charge is added to the total group price given in the booking form. Public holidays in 2020: 19.06, 20.06, 31.10, 06.12, 24.12, 25.12 and 26.12

