

Finland



"The land of the thousand lakes"

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- The background image is a composite of a night landscape and a starry sky. The lower half shows a bog with a winding path of water and small pools, surrounded by green vegetation and white flowers. In the distance, there are dark, silhouetted hills. The upper half of the image is a deep blue night sky filled with numerous stars and the vibrant, flowing curtains of the aurora borealis in shades of green and blue.
- Capital city: Helsinki
 - Independent since December 6th, 1917
 - Inhabitants: 5,5 million
 - eighth-largest country in Europe by the area
 - Official languages: Finnish and Swedish (300 000)
 - Republic
 - President : Sauli Niinistö

Helsinki

- Largest city in Finland
- Population: over 1,4 million
- Established by the Swedish king, Gustav I in 1550
- 1812 it became the capital of Finland (Finland belonged to Russia at that time)
- 1952 Olympic games
- The second most North capital



Finnish specialities

- The Finnish Sauna
 - Over three million saunas
- Real Santa Claus
- Moomin
- Angry birds
- Nokia



Finnish Design

- Marimekko
- Arabia
- Iittala





Nature

Finnish nature



- About 78 % of Finland is forest (95% of our forest is planted)
- 10,2 % water
- About 190 000 lakes
- There`s almost 1 million forest owners (1/5 owns forest)
- The forest is important for our economy
- Big contrast between winter and summer
- Lapland accounts for 28 % of Finlands total area, but only 2% of the population. Lapland`s natural features include areas of wild forest, open fells, flora and fauna adapted to the harsh arctic conditions.



Finnish food

- Karelian pasty
- Mämmi
- Berries; cloudberry
- Reindeer meat
- Rye bread
- "Makaronilåda"



Fun facts

- Air guitar World Championships and other odd competitions, wife carrying, mobile throwing...
- Midnight sun in June
- Most heavy metal bands per capital (53/100 000)
- Shortest-lived monarchies ever
- Finns drink the most coffee in the world
- We have a reputation of drinking a lot of alcohol
- Over 500 000 summer cottages



The school system in Finland

- Elementary school: 1-9th grade, small amount of homework
- Free school lunch
- We don't pay for the education, only for the books in upper secondary school
- 8.30am-4.05pm (4 subjects)
- We plan our own schedules
- Matriculation examination





THANK YOU!!