SAFE PATH



Finland - a stable society with happy people

The Finns are respectful and honest – and why would they not be, living in the happiest country of the world for the sixth year in a row?

Finland is a nation recognised for its good governance. Finnish people trust both the authorities and their fellow citizens. According to the <u>Fragile States Index</u>, Finland is the world's most stable nation. This looks like smooth everyday life where most of the lost wallets get returned and even the blizzards won't stop the show.

In Finland, there are many different legislations guiding the tourism industry. Authorities monitor that companies meet their obligation related to hygiene and food safety, labour legislation, as well as fire, vehicle and construction safety.

Finland welcomes travelers inclusively. It is a safe country for women to travel alone, as well as one of the safest and most <u>LGBT friendly</u> countries in the world. The national legislation does not accept any kind of discrimination based on sexuality or gender.

Practical tips for your stay

- Feel free to drink the tap water. Finland has pure and healthy tap water, available almost anywhere free of charge.
- Remember to dress accordingly weather conditions differ from season to season. In summer, sunny days can turn into cool evenings. A warm sweater is a must-have in Finland throughout the year. However, most Finnish houses are comfortable and warm even in wintertime.
- Call 112 in case of emergency. It is recommended to download and
 make emergency calls through the 112 Suomi mobile app. Shared
 location information will ensure you receive help promptly and
 receive any relevant public safety alerts on your phone.
- Most people can speak English. The locals might be a bit shy to use English, but will most likely be helpful.
- Plan your journey in advance to avoid stress and hassle. Buying tickets and checking opening hours in advance will help you to get the best out of your stay in Finland.

















Your safe path to the Finnish experience

Dreaming

Get inspired at visitfinland.com

It is easy to find sustainable and accessible options for accommodation and experiences for your visit.

Get familiar with your destination in Finland:

Booking

Book your trip directly at your the online store of your destination

or through an international online travel agency.

Local tourism sites

offer useful information about the location and practicalities of visiting.

Credit card is the recommended payment method. In case of cancellation or other issues, you can receive assistance from the credit card company in addition to the online store. Before payment, check the information provided by the seller.

The European Regulation for Personal Data Usage (GDPR) is widely practiced in Finland.

Arrival

Plan your transportation and buy tickets in advance. Many services operate online and should you not have Internet access, it is helpful to have everything sorted before arrival.

Train:

vr.fi/en

Long-distance buses: opas.matka.fi

Local transportation:

Taxis:

Experience

Credit cards are widely accepted, but keep some cash (Euros) at hand just in case. International mobile payment apps are not widely used.

The locals respect rules, please do as well! Some of the instructions may seem irrelevant, but local hosts are always happy to explain their purpose. Trust the word of experienced professionals.

Make sure to be extra cautious when it comes exploring nature, water activities, moving on ice or making a fire.

Sharing

For your own safety, consider first before sharing your location on social media.

Please give feedback to your service providers, as it will be highly appreciated.

Read more:

visitfinland.com/en/practical-tips/health-and-safety/















