

## DISCOVERING HELSINKI

16. & 17.10.2008 at 14:00

### Audio City Tour

Pick up and return to Marina Congress Center

Duration 1, 5 hrs

Welcome to a modern and tidy Helsinki. Its attraction as a captivating visiting destination is enhanced by contemporary design and architecture.

The Audio City Tour is a great way to discover Helsinki with recorded commentary and sound effects, giving you a wide variety of information about Helsinki. Languages: Chinese, English, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish, Swedish and Helsinki dialect

The many sights include the Senate Square, Uspenski Cathedral, the Parliament Building and the Olympic Stadium. Stops are also made at the Sibelius Monument and, when possible, at the Tempeliaukio Church.

Price per person EUR 25,- / p.p. minimum 20 persons per departure.

If the minimum number can not be reached, we will make the reservation for the regular tour departing at 10:45 near the hotel with same price.

## IN THE SURROUNDINGS OF HELSINKI

18.10.2008 at 14:00

### Cultural sights in the surroundings / Hvitträsk

Pick up and return to Marina Congress Center

Duration 4 hrs, including lunch

in English

Hvitträsk was built between 1901–1903 by architects Herman Gesellius, Armas Lindgren and Eliel Saarinen. The main building, designed in National Romantic style, built of logs and natural stone, was both a common studio and a home for Eliel Saarinen and Armas Lindgren for some years after it was completed. During that time, Gesellius lived in the courtyard building and later moved into the north-wing of the main building after Lindgren relocated in Helsinki.

During the early decades, the main building served as both an architectural office and as a cultural home. It was visited by such esteemed figures as Jean Sibelius, Axeli Gallen-Kallela and Maksim Hvitträsk is also the boyhood home for world famous architect Eero Saarinen, who made his reputation primarily in the United States designing buildings and monuments such as the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Saarinen home is a museum today, and within the courtyard building are a restaurant and a café. Hvitträsk and its lovely English style garden are surrounded by beautiful nature near the shore of Lake Vitträsk. Lunch is served in the Hvitträsk restaurant with its rustic ambience.

Price per person EUR 130,-

The tour will be operated with minimum of 20 participants.



**19.10.2008 at 14:00**

### **Cultural sights in the surroundings / Tuusula**

Pick up and return to Marina Congress Center

Duration 5 hrs, including lunch

in English

In the beginning of the 20th century many masters of Finnish literature, art and music made their mark on the Tuusula Lake Road. Finland was the autonomous Grand Duchy of Russia. Under the pressure of the Russian Czar the national spirit among the Finnish people awoke. This can be seen in the works of the artists.

The Finnish landscape and the national epic of Finland, Kalevala also inspired the artists. Although Finland was part of Russia it had a pavilion of its own at the Paris World Exhibition in the year 1900. The artists Pekka Halonen, Eero Järnefelt and Venny Soldan – Brofeldt were all awarded there.

These artists built their homes by the Lake Tuusula. The composer Jean Sibelius also longed for the quietness of the nature. When living in Helsinki Sibelius said: "All music died inside me".

Guided tour to the Tuusula Lake Road - a cross section of Finnish history and culture. The tour includes visits to Jean Sibelius' home Ainola and to the Halosenniemi museum, a log-built studio home of the painter Pekka Halonen.

Lunch is served at Krapi, a Finnish restaurant in a traditional manor house

Price per person EUR 188,- / per person

The tour will be operated with minimum of 20 participants.

## **VISIT OUR NEIGHBOURS**

**20.10.2008**

### **TALLINN – ESTONIA**

full day

Tallinn represents 700 years of uninterrupted architectural history, all within a short walk. Estonian history is defined by centuries of occupation and often bloody rule by powerful neighbours, finally culminating in today's hard-earned independence (Aug 20, 1991). Estonia, along with 9 other countries, joined the EU on 1 May 2004.

Departure in the morning by boat from Helsinki for Tallinn.

The city tour will take you around the most important sights, also outside Medieval Tallinn, such as the Song Festival grounds and the 18th century Kadriorg park and palace. Walking tour of the Old Town area, a compact maze of cobblestone streets, historical buildings and breathtaking vistas. Since 1997 the Old Town has been on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Lunch is served in one of the charming restaurants in the Old Town. The guide keeps you company also during lunch. After lunch there will be some free time to explore the shops and sights on your own.

Price per person from EUR 169,-



**20.10.2008 at 17:30**  
**SWEDEN – STOCKHOLM**  
1 day / 2 nights

Stockholm, the capital of Sweden built on 14 islands, is a vibrant, modern city with historical charm. The city pulsates with culture and life, despite the centuries-old alleys and squares around every corner.

The luxury cruise liners offer high-quality cabins (all with shower and toilet), several restaurants and bars, nightclubs with live entertainment, discos, casinos, saunas and swimming pools.

During your seven-hour stay in Stockholm you can join a city sightseeing tour or explore on your own. A number of popular attractions are within easy reach: the Royal Palace, the Vasa Ship and Museum, the Old Town “Gamla Stan”, the National Museum, etc. There is something for everyone in Stockholm!



Day 1

Departure from Helsinki for Stockholm at 17:30 Viking Line (next to the hotel)

Day 2

Arrival in Stockholm at 9:40

Departure from Stockholm for Helsinki at 16:45

Day 3

Arrival in Helsinki at 10:00

Timetable subject to changes.

Price per person from EUR 189,-

