

Lake Saimaa, Lappeenranta and Imatra region, goSaimaa Pre Tour 12.1 – 15.1.2019

Lappeenranta and Imatra are located in the region of South Karelia in south-eastern Finland. The magnificent metropolis of St. Petersburg is just about 200 km away from Lappeenranta and Imatra. The region's cultural life is rich and varied, mixing both old and new. There are events galore, particularly during the summer months. In the waters of Lake Saimaa, by far the greatest attraction is nature: the archipelago, over 14 000 islands, lake scenery and the clear water. If you are lucky, you may even see a Saimaa ringed seal basking on a rock on a summer's day. Enjoy the beautiful and pure Finnish nature, magnificent Lakeland views, intriguing cultural sights in addition to local food and people.



Distances (km)

From Helsinki to Lappeenranta 220 km
From Lappeenranta to St. Petersburg 190 km
From Lappeenranta to Imatra 35 km
From Rauha area (Holiday Club) to Imatra city center 7 km

Lake Saimaa - Finland's largest lake, fourth largest in Europe

Surface area..... 4,460 km²
Maximum length..... 194 km
Maximum width..... 138 km
Shore length..... 14,850 km
Number of islands..... 13,710

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Programme

Saturday 12.1.2019

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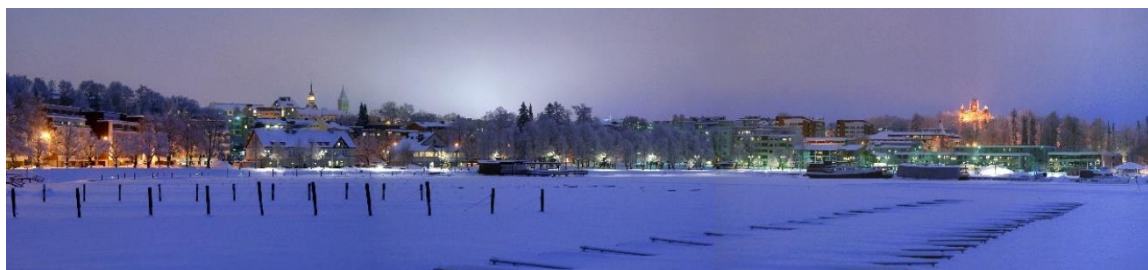
XX:XX **Departure from Helsinki to Lappeenranta (departure time will be informed later)**

15:15 **Arrival to Pulsa station**

Visit to Pulsa station (an old railway station) located 30 minutes drive from Lappeenranta, coffee break, visit to café and boutique, B&B site inspection.

<https://www.gosaimaa.com/en/Accommodation/Farm-stays-and-Bamp;B/Farm-stays?n=Pulsan-asema-BB&id=256b1ea4-ca76-4d83-a9da-101d7178bec7>

16:45 **Arrival to Lappeenranta**



Check-in to Original Sokos Hotel Lappee, site inspection. Original Sokos Hotel Lappee is situated in the middle of a shopping center Iso-Kristiina which also is the location for the city theatre. Original Sokos Hotel Lappee is known for its green values and excellent customer service.

<https://www.gosaimaa.com/en/Accommodation/Hotels/Hotels?n=Original-Sokos-Hotel-Lappee&id=b5af26aa-ac96-4df6-9d8b-52010782e460>

19.00 **Dinner at Angus Steak & Wine in the city center**

<https://www.gosaimaa.com/en/Services/Restaurants/Restaurants?n=Angus-Steak--Wine&id=bdb78b2d-38d1-4afb-ae78-e684bb12c36e>

Sunday 13.1.2019

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08:00 Breakfast at the hotel Original Sokos Hotel Lappee

Breakfast is available at 07:30.

Check-out after breakfast.

09:00 Departure from the hotel to a nature trip with TaigaSaimaa guides

Different activities with TaigaSaimaa guides in the shores of Lake Saimaa or on the ice (depending on the ice situation). <https://www.taigasaimaa.fi/en/>

12:30 Transfer to Lemi, 20 minutes drive by bus

13:00 Lunch at Säräpirtti

Säräpirtti is the only restaurant in Finland that serves only one dish.

<https://www.gosaimaa.com/en/Services/Restaurants/Restaurants?n=Restaurant-Sarapirtti-Kippurasarvi&id=adece0df-e83a-4d73-b4a3-8bec8f53a681>



15:30 Site inspection to Salpalinjan Hovi Apartment Hotel

Salpalinjan Hovi apartment hotel has six warmly decorated rooms as the building is a former school. <https://www.gosaimaa.com/en/Accommodation/Other-accommodation/Other-options?n=Salpalinjan-Hovi-apartment-hotel&id=5e6eac07-a915-4cf5-9b07-5282e418846b>

16:30 Main sights and attractions of Lappeenranta by goSaimaa host

- Lappeenranta Airport
- The fortress of Lappeenranta
- The harbor of Lappeenranta

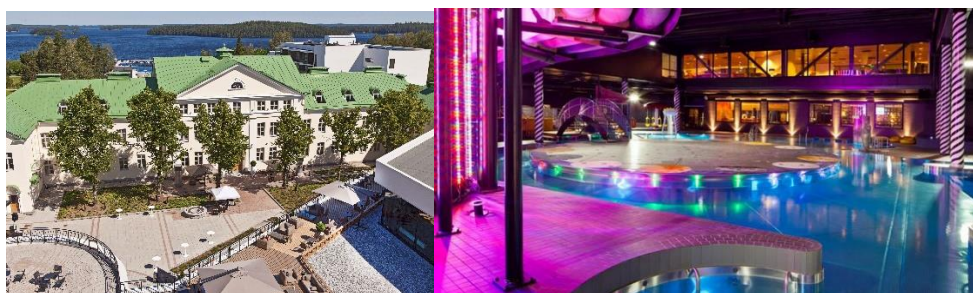
17:00 Site inspection to Lappeenranta Spa Hotel

Lappeenranta Spa Hotel is located in the harbor of Lappeenranta. The restaurant of the hotel serves

delicacies done with the ingredients of local entrepreneurs.

17:30 **Transfer to Rauha, 35 minutes drive by bus**

Check-in to Holiday Club Saimaa (accommodation 13.-15.1.), Holiday Club Saimaa is located in Lappeenranta, Rauha region, only 5 minutes from Imatra. This excellent Spa-hotel is suitable for FIT and group travel. <https://www.gosaimaa.com/en/Accommodation/Hotels/Hotels?n=Holiday-Club-Saimaa&id=f5651adf-d01d-4b2c-852c-f7a47c96cd8a>



Site inspection of Holiday Club Saimaa
Visit to the Spa and saunas

20:30 **Dinner at Holiday Club Saimaa, le Biff-restaurant**

<https://www.gosaimaa.com/en/Services/Restaurants/Restaurants?n=Le-Biff,-Holiday-Club-Saimaa&id=0f1f3c40-786a-404c-ab3e-827cafaf022e>

Monday 14.1.2019

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08:00 **Breakfast at the hotel Holiday Club Saimaa**

Breakfast is available at 07:00.

09:00 **Departure to Ruokolahti**

09:30 **Visit to Cultural café Kaiku**

Baking course of Karelian Pies (Karjalanpiirakka).

<https://www.gosaimaa.com/en/Services/Caf%C3%A9s/Caf%C3%A9s?n=Summer-cafe-Kaiku&id=bdeaad1a-3574-45f8-bd19-b93470b68f3a>

12:00 **Visit to a cottage (destination will be informed later due to the peak season)**

14:00 **Visit to Vuoksi Fishing park, lunch on site**

A versatile Fishing Park offers program, food and fishing activities for FIT and group travel.

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<https://www.gosaimaa.com/en/Activities/Rent/Boats-and-canoes/Boats-and-canoes?n=Vuoksi-Fishing-Park&id=9daf1c4c-8b58-4d86-b4ec-4dea784fcbc7>

After the fishing park we will stop at the hotel to change clothes and get swimming suits for the evening.

16:00 **Transfer to Hossukan Helmi -cottage**

<https://www.gosaimaa.com/en/Spa--Wellness/Saunas?n=Experience-oasis-Pearl-Of-Hossukka&id=fd244f73-f158-402b-8a80-9e1363c4c486>



Different activities:

- **ATV ride (not a safari)**
- **Floating in the lake**
- **Ice fishing / Ice football (depending on the ice situation)**
- **Sumo**
- **Games**

Sauna and swimming in the lake

20:00 **Dinner at the cottage**

22:00 **Departure to the hotel Holiday Club Saimaa**

Tuesday 15.1.2019

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09:00 **Breakfast at the hotel Holiday Club Saimaa**

Breakfast is available at 07:00.

Check-out after breakfast.

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10:00 Departure to Imatra

Imatra day



City tour of Imatra with a local guide including the Scandic Imatra state hotel (Valtionhotelli), the most beautiful building in Finland, the Crowne Park and the rapids of Imatrankoski (river) which is the birth place of Finnish tourism.

<https://www.gosaimaa.com/en/Accommodation/Hotels/Hotels?n=Scandic-Imatran-Valtionhotelli&id=aa644652-3ae2-4b69-9b7d-7ee82de9203c>

<https://www.gosaimaa.com/en/Activities/Sights/Attractions/Attractions?id=a8d2fbb9-25da-4c23-b0b7-836fc48b50fe>

12:00 Imatran Kylpylä Spa -hotel, lunch & site inspection of the spa hotel and the nearby villas

Imatran Kylpylä Spa offers multiple choices for accommodation; hotel rooms, hostel rooms, villas and apartments and has a wonderful spa section.

<https://www.gosaimaa.com/en/Accommodation/Hotels/Hotels?n=Imatran-Kylpyla-Spa&id=0d977046-911e-4eb0-9fd1-d871b0225dcd>

14:30 Departure from Imatra to Helsinki (time of travel 3 hours by bus)

Bus stop is Kiasma Contemporary Art Museum in Helsinki city centre.

Fully hosted tour ends at Kiasma. You need to take care of your further transportation and accommodation

goSaimaa reserves the right for changes.
Timetable subject to change.

Recommended Good walking shoes and warm clothing because we will spend time outside and the weather can be cold and rainy. Swimsuit.

More information There are more information about our destination/company by clicking the link: <https://www.gosaimaa.com/en>

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Terms of cancellation:

Cancellation fee:

- After the 20th of December 2018: 250,00 euros.
- After the 8th of January 2019: 500,00 euros.

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