

Finland

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Finland.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[358] (9) 616250; US Embassy in Finland, Itäinen Puistotie 14 B, 00140 Helsinki, Finland; <https://fi.usembassy.gov/>;

HelsinkiACS@state.gov

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

358

Local Emergency Phone

112

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Finland: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rabies, tickborne encephalitis, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19.

<http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Cold temperate; potentially subarctic but comparatively mild because of moderating influence of the North Atlantic Current, Baltic Sea, and more than 60,000 lakes

Currency (Code)

Euros (EUR)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F



Type C



Type F

Major Languages

Finnish, Swedish, Russian

Major Religions

Lutheran, Greek Orthodox, other

Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October

Potable Water

Yes

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Turku Castle; Porvoo; Lake Saimaa region (includes Savonlinna and Castle Olavinlinna); Orthodox Church in Tampere; Lemmenjoki National Park; Helsinki churches (Uspensky and Lutheran Cathedrals, Temppeliaukio Church); Suomenlinna Fortress

Major Sports

Soccer, ice hockey, ski jumping, cross-country skiing

Cultural Practices

Finns believe there is a proper way to act in any circumstance and always expect courteous behavior. Talk in moderate tones and do not do anything to call attention to yourself.

Tipping Guidelines

Tips are not expected as a service charge is always included at restaurants, but you may leave a small tip of 5-10% for excellent service. Tipping at hotels is fairly rare, but a few euros for good service is appreciated. Round up for taxis.

Souvenirs

Knitted traditional Lappish clothing, reindeer and elk decorative and food items, glass bird statues, stone necklaces

Traditional Cuisine

Rye Bread and Karelian stew — pork and beef with carrots, onions, and spices

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