

- [Gardens, Parks \(4\)](#)

- » [Gardenia–Helsinki](#)

Koetilantie 1

A unique tropical garden, Gardenia, was opened in April 2001. It is situated in Viikki, in the heart of Helsinki, next to the Vanhankaupunginlahti Bay nature reserve and the Helsinki University campus area. The luxuriant tropical garden, covered by glass, is a beautiful and refreshing place to visit all year round. Out in the yard there is a genuine Japanese stone garden. Special exhibitions and events.

Open:

2009: Mon-Thu 10-18, Fri closed, Sat-Sun 10-17.

Price:

2009: Adults 3,50E, pensioners 2E, children (3-17 y.) and students 1,80E. Family ticket: two adults & max. 5 children 8E.

Location:

City centre 10 km, airport 18 km. Bus 68 from city centre.

Restaurants:

Cafeteria and lunchrestaurant, 50 seats. During summer also an outside terrace. Offers coffee, refreshments and lunch. Tel. +358 (0)400 601 625.

Groups:

Entrance fee for groups 3E/pers. (min. 20 persons), children groups 1,50E/pers. (min.20persons). Guided tours in the garden and other theme tours eg. to the Viikki nature, by request. Guidebooking tel. +358 (0)9 3478 4050/+358 (0)9 3478 400. Languages: Finnish, Swedish, English. Lunch for groups by request.

Other services:

Café-restaurant Gardenia, tel.+358 (0)400 601 625., open Mon-Thu 10-16, Fri 10-14, Sat-Sun 11-15, outdoor terrace in summertime. Parking for 120 cars. Facilities for corporate and private occasions.

Disabled persons:

Access with wheelchair, assistance needed. Inva-WC.

[Website](#)

- » [Helsinki Zoo](#)

Korkeasaari

At the Helsinki Zoo in Korkeasaari, you travel from tundra to rainforest and from foreign mountain peaks to domestic wetlands. The 150 animal species and almost 1000 plant species truly show the diversity of nature. In order to protect this diversity, we raise endangered species at the Zoo. We also participate in the work to protect the habitats in the original homes of the various species.

Take a trip to the tropics near you or scoot over to the Himalayas.

In the Africasia's and Amazonia's tropics the summer lasts all year. The sharp cries of parakeets and little monkeys running along treetops lead you into the depths of the Amazonian rain forest. You tune yourself into the slow rhythms of life in the African semi-desert together with the cold-blooded lizards and turtles. In the Indonesian jungles, you may be startled by a bright green snake uncoiling on a branch, or a stick-and-leaf insect, or the hiss of a cockroach.

You can take a peak into the barrenness of the Himalayan mountain tops and highlands together with snow leopards, takins, wild horses, camels, Asiatic asses, miniature pandas and markhors. A mountain tour is available for you through the way of life of ibexes, bearded vultures, Rocky Mountain goats and the guanacos of the Andes.

Arctic survivors such as the musk ox, snowy owl and European forest reindeer do not mind the slight frosts of the winter. The Amur tigers, leopards and lynxes in the Cat Valley are all used to snowy and wintry conditions in their homelands. Most of the animals at the Helsinki Zoo are happy to stay outdoors throughout the year.

Old villas, stone castles and peacocks strolling in the park take you on a tour through time to the years when the zoo was founded 120 years ago. You can picnic on the cliff tops by the seashore like visitors throughout the times have enjoyed doing.

HELSINKI ZOO IS OPEN ALL YEAR

Every day *

May-August

10 a.m.-8 p.m.

September
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

October-March
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

April
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Attn! The ticket booths close an hour before the zoo closing time.

*Closed only on Christmas Eve.

Other exceptions during the year 2009:

Art Meets Ice 31.1.-1.2., 7.-8.2. - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Art Meets Ice Sculptures in the evening lighting

11.2. - 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Midsummer Eve 19.6. - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cats& Night 4.9., 11.9. - 4 p.m. - 12 p.m. (The zoo is closed during the day time.)

[How to get there](#)

[Information \(pdf file\)](#)

[Website](#)

» [Linnanmaki Amusement Park](#)

Tivolikuja 1

Linnanmäki has entertained families since 1950. The amusement park has an enormous selection of fun rides, from ultra scary to more easy-going. The special wooden rollercoaster is over 50-years-old and remains the most popular ride. Linnanmäki also has many arcade halls with the latest games as well as an outdoor stage presenting entertaining performances.

Open:

Open from May to September, Ice Pearl winter event in February and Carnival of Light in October. Opening hours vary, please check in advance www.linnanmaki.fi

Price:

Free entrance to the area (except during the winter event and Carnival of light); attraction prices vary. Please check www.linnanmaki.fi

Groups:

Groups should book tickets in advance, tel.+358-(0)9-773 99 600, e-mail: myyntipalvelu@linnanmaki.fi

Other services:

2 cafés, 5 restaurants, 20 kiosks, 2 shops and parking for c. 300 cars. Linnanmäki Doll and Toy Museum is closed, moving to Espoo in 2006, tel.p.050-430 6627 and 050-337 5627

Disabled persons:

Relatively hindrance-free movement nearly everywhere in the park, an assistant is necessary due to the hilly terrain, motion handicapped persons have been given attention in the design of the restaurants, each of them has a toilet for wheelchair users inside or in the vicinity to use the amusement machines, an assistant is needed to lift, personnel assists if possible, assistants are permitted in the machines free of charge

» [Sea Life Helsinki](#)

Tivolitie 10

Sea Life takes you on a voyage from the tropical oceans to the Arctic Sea, stopping at the Baltic Sea along the way. Discover strange and fascinating underwater worlds, home to crabs and starfish as well as sharks and rays. Visitors can step inside the ocean tank through a transparent tunnel. The exhibitions present many species whose environments are threatened by pollution and other environmental damage caused by humans. Helsinki's Sea Life is part of the pan-European Sea Life network, whose aim is to enlighten visitors about the need for protecting the sea environment and the biggest threats, such as pollution and over fishing.

Open:

2009: 1.1.-30.4. & 1.9.-31.12. Mon-Tue 10-17, Thu-Sun 10-17, Wed 10-20; 1.5.-21.6. & 1.-31.8. daily 10-19; 22.6.-31.7. daily 10-22. (Last admissions 1h before closing.)

Price:

2009: Adults 14,50€, students and pensioners 11€, children (4-14 years) 9,80€, familytickets available.

Location:

Sealife Centre Helsinki is located next to the Linnanmäki Amusement Park. Trams 3T/3B from city centre.

Groups:

Group rates min. 15 persons: adults 11,50€, children 4-14years 8€ (for every 10 children 1 adult free of charge).

Pre-booked school and kindergarten groups min. 10 persons 5€ /pers. self-conducted tour or 6€ with programme (for every 5 children 1 adult free of charge). Student groups 8,50€/pers (min.15persons). Guided tours with theme 30€/½h or 45€/1h (max. 15 pers.) Classroom rent 60€ + group entrance fee 11,50€/person.

Other services:

Gift shop, café, parking. Well-equipped classroom and teaching material for school groups, seating for 130. Wide range of interactive and educational experiences. Information about protection of marine environment and of the threats to it.

Disabled persons:

Accessible with wheelchair, some height differences along the route, an assistant might be needed. Inva-WC (in café premises) and lift.

[Website](#)

- **Museums (4)**

- » [Ateneum Art Museum](#)

Kaivokatu 2

The Ateneum Art Museum is the basic part of the Finnish National Gallery. The largest art collections of the country contain Finnish art from the 1750s to the 1960s and Western art from the late 19th century to the 1950s, including many national treasures. Here one will find Finland's golden age and modern masters, from Albert Edelfelt to Akseli Gallen-Kallela and Helene Schjerfbeck. The museum complex includes the Ateneum Hall and hosts a range of events and activities. Ateneum is part of the Finnish National Gallery.

Open:

2009: Tue & Fri 10-18, Wed & Thu 10-20, Sat & Sun 11-17

Price:

2009: During special exhibitions 8/6.50E, at other times 7/5E, children under 18 free admission.

Groups:

Guidebookings tel+358-(0)9-1733 6275(Tue-Fri 9-12), max.25pers./group, fee weekdays 65E (+entrance), Sun 80E(+entrance). Languages:Finnish, Swedish, English, German,French, Italian, Russian and sign language, signed Finnish. Special guided tours for the visually impaired. Advance notification of groups in wheelchairs requested. School groups 65E/max. 20 pers., children from day-care centres and lower comprehensive schools max. 15 children.

Other services:

Café Ateneum, tel+358-(0)9-1733 6231, approx.100 seats. Lunch 11-15 from 5E, fully-licensed. Own bakery products. No dinners. Groups recommended to book. Ateneum book shop, tel. +358-(0)9-1733 6232, fax +358-(0)9-626 679.

Disabled persons:

Access with wheelchair, entrance from Ateneuminkuja. All exhibitions accessible by lift. Wheelchairs for loan, further details from the info desk during museum opening hours. Inva-WC.

- » [Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma](#)

Mannerheiminaukio 2

The Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma breaks the boundaries of traditional art museums and follows the latest trends. The collections include Finnish and foreign art, particularly from the Nordic and Baltic countries and Russia from 1960s onwards. Special exhibitions and related happenings. The Kiasma Theatre's programme includes drama, dance, performance, music, multimedia, film and video art & seminars, lectures and public discussions. Kiasma is a part of the Finnish National Gallery.

Open:

2009: Tue 10-17, Wed-Fri 10-20.30, Sat-Sun 10-18, closed on Mondays

Price:

2009: Adults 7E, students and pensioners 5E, children under 18 years free of charge. Free entrance every first Wednesday of each month at 17-20.

Groups:

Group price 5E/pers.(min.7 pers.). Guidebookings in advance, tel. +358-(0)9-1733 6509 (Mon-Fri 9-12). Weekdays 65E and Sundays 80E. Languages: Finnish, Swedish, English, German, Spanish and Russian. Also theme guided tours.

Other services:

Kiasma Museum Store, tel+358-(0)9-1733 6505 and Café Kiasma, tel+358-(0)9-1733 6504, café and restaurant approx.80 seats, summer terrace, full catering service, lunch 7-10E, coffee and bakery 4-10E (also for groups, when pre-booked). Opening hours same as museum. Kiasma Theatre tel+358-(0)9-1733 6501, workshops tel+358-(0)9-1733 6668.

Disabled persons:

Easy access with wheelchair, wheelchairs available. Inva-WC and lift, 2 Inva parking lots.

[Website](#)

» [National Museum of Finland](#)

Mannerheimintie 34

The National Museum of Finland illustrates Finnish history from prehistoric times to the present day. Major archaeological finds, the historical, numismatic and ethnological collections have been put together for over 170 years. Workshop VINTTI on the third floor is an interactive exhibition especially designed for children, where visitors can study the history of Finland and its culture using their hands and heads. VINTTI is suited to everyone over the age of seven. Younger children can visit in the company of adults. There is no upper age limit. Temporary exhibitions.

Open:

2009: Tue-Wed 11–20, Thu-Sun 11–18, Mon closed. VINTTI open Tue-Sun 12-16.

Price:

2009: Adults 7€, students and pensioners 4€, children under 18 years free of charge. Free entrance on Tuesdays at 17.30-20.

Location:

In the city centre, airport 20 km

Restaurants:

The cafe-restaurant seats 50 and in the summer months there is an outdoor café for 50 persons. Food and refreshments for the auditorium are served in the adjacent lobby.

Groups:

Guide booking tel.+358-(0)9-4050 9552 (Tue-Fri 9–12). There's a fee for guided tours (depending on tour). Languages Finnish, Swedish, English, German, French, Russian. Group size max. 30pers., schoolgroups max. 25pers. and kindergarten groups max. 15pers.

Other services:

Café (tel.+358-(0)9-4050 9530) with approx.50 seats, a terrace in summer, lunch Tue-Fri 11-14.30. Museum shop, information centre. Auditorium (212 seats).

Disabled persons:

Access with wheelchair, separate entrance on street level, assistant needed. Inva-WC and lift. Wheelchairs and rollator walking aids can be borrowed.

[Website](#)

» [Seurasaari Open-Air Museum](#)

Seurasaari

The Seurasaari Open-Air Museum provides an insight into Finnish housing in days gone by and Finnish folk tradition. The buildings and interiors transferred to the Museum from the Finnish provinces reflect the life of crofters, peasants and gentry from the 18th to the 20th century. Guides in national costumes lead visitors back to the cottages and salons of former times during the summer season 15.6. - 15.8. The guided tour begins from the ticket kiosk daily, 11.00 in German, 13.00 in Finnish and in Swedish, 15.00 in English. The guided tour is included in the museum ticket. Craft demonstrations, concerts, Midsummer festivities. In 2009 the museum celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Open:

2009: During 15.-31.5. Mon-Fri 9-15, Sat-Sun 11-17, during 1.6.-31.8. daily 11-17, during 1.-15.9. Mon-Fri 9-15, Sat-Sun 11-17.

Price:

2009: Adults 6€, students and pensioners 4€, children under 18 yrs free of charge.

Location:

Bus 24 from Erottaja to the end of the bridge to Seurasaari or tram 4 to Pikku-Huopalahti from where a walk approx. 10 min.

Restaurants:

Seurasaari Summer Restaurant tel. 09-487 072. A beautiful, idyllic cafeteria built in 1880. Seating for 645. Open from May 1 to end of September.

Groups:

Guided tours 44€/1h, an additional opening fee outside opening times 50€/hour, guidebooking, tel+358-(0)9-4050 9660 or seurasaarenulkomuseo@nba.fi .

Other services:

Seurasaari and the Seurasaari café/restaurant are open all year round the Café "Antin kahviliiteri", approx. 25-30 seats, museum shop. Kiosks and a beach.

Disabled persons:

Accessibility with wheelchair might be a bit difficult, ramp can be installed to some houses (when requested), assistant needed. Permit to drive in the museum grounds from sports department, Inva-WC.

[Website](#)

- [Churches \(3\)](#)

- » [Cathedral](#)

Unioninkatu 29

The Cathedral designed by C.L. Engel in splendid Neoclassical style. The work began according to his designs in 1830, and was completed after Engel's death in 1852. In addition to serving its own congregation, it is the scene of major state and university events, while exhibitions and concerts are held in the crypt.

Open:

Daily 9-18 and in June-August 9-23. On Sundays service at 10. Entrance for tourists is prohibited during events.

Price:

Free entrance

Other services:

In summer Café Krypta daily 11-17. Organ recital 1.6.-31.8. on Wednesdays and Fridays at 12noon.

Disabled persons:

Access for wheelchairs by the lift in the crypt (Kirkkokatu 18), Inva-WC also in the crypt.

- » [Temppeliaukio Church](#)

Lutherinkatu 3

Quarried out of the natural bedrock, Temppeliaukio Church is one of Helsinki's most popular tourist attractions. The interior walls are created naturally by the rock. The church was designed by architects Timo and Tuomo Suomalainen and opened in 1969. Due to its excellent acoustics the church is a popular venue for concerts.

Open:

Mon, Wed 10.00-17.00, Tue 10.00-12.45 and 14.15-17.00, Thu, Fri 10.00-20.00, Sat 10.00-18.00, Sun 11.45-13.45 and 15.30-18, opening hours may vary according to occasions arranged in the church.

Price:

Free of charge

Groups:

Guidance free of charge (Finnish, Swedish, English, possibly also other languages). Booking in advance.

[Website](#)

- » [Uspensky Orthodox Cathedral](#)

Kanavakatu 1

Completed in 1868 in the Katajanokka district of Helsinki, the Uspensky Cathedral is the largest orthodox church in Western Europe. With its golden cupolas and redbrick facade, the church is one of the clearest symbols of the Russian impact on Finnish history.

Open:

Winter season 1.10-30.4.: Mon closed, Tue-Fri 9.30-16, Sat 9.30-14, Sun 12-15. Summer season 1.5.-30.9.: Mon-Fri 9.30-16, also Tue 16-18, Sat 9.30-14, Sun 12-15 (exceptions to the opening hours on the webpages of the church)

Price:

Free of charge

Groups:

Guide booking in advance, tel.+358-(0)207 220 683, languages: Finnish and English.

Other services:

Small souvenirshop.

Disabled persons:

Access with wheelchair difficult.

- [Shops, Tours \(2\)](#)

- » [Hop-on Hop-off Tour](#)

Senatstorget

During the tour, you will pass most of Helsinki's sights. You can get on and off the bus as often as you want at the bus stops along the route - the ticket is valid 24 hours. In bad weather, we have a roof we can install quickly

to protect you from the elements. Guiding is done in eight different languages through individual headphones.

Departs from: Senatstorget

Duration: approx. 1 hrs 15 min

Prices:

Adults: 24 Euro

Groups: 20 Euro

With Helsinki card: 10 Euro adults, free for children 0-16 yrs

Tickets are sold at Helsinki Tourist informations and at departure.

[See Tour Map](#)

Hop-on Hop-off Tour

» [Shopping streets](#)

Mannerheimintie

The main shopping streets in Helsinki are Mannerheimintie, Aleksanterinkatu, both sides of the Esplanade, Korkeavuorenkatu, Fredrikinkatu and Bulevardi.

The biggest department stores and shopping centres, such as Stockmann, Sokos and Forum, can be found along Mannerheimintie.

Many clothing and shoe shops, including both Finnish and international chains, can be found along Aleksanterinkatu, as can a number of high-quality jewellery shops.

Esplanade is home to many famous Finnish design outlets, including Arabia/Iittala, Finlayson, Pentik, Annikki Karvinen, Marimekko and Artek.

Smaller design and interior decorating boutiques can be found especially along Fredrikinkatu and Korkeavuorenkatu.

Some of Helsinki's best art and antique shops can be found along Bulevardi.

• [Ports \(1\)](#)

» [Helsinki Port](#)

Hietasaarenkuja 8

Annually almost 300 international cruise ships visit Helsinki bringing over 360 000 tourist to explore our city. The cruise ships dock at South Harbour, Katajanokka and Hernesaari. Hernesaari has a temporary cruise ship terminal for turn-around passengers, which was completed at the end of May 2008.

Helsinki Cruise Network

Helsinki Cruise Network is an informal network to increase the competitiveness of Helsinki as a Baltic Sea cruise destination. To carry out this commitment the Network

- develops the co-operation between its members
- coordinates and develops the services for cruise passengers in Helsinki
- supports the marketing of services
- supports the sustainable development
- promotes the cruise business in general

[Website](#)

- **Arch. Sites (1)**

- » [Suomenlinna Sea Fortress](#)

Suomenlinna

Suomenlinna (Viapori/Sveaborg) fortress is one of the biggest sea fortresses in the world. Founded in 1748 and built by Augustin Ehrensvärd on islands off the coast of Helsinki. Suomenlinna one of the most popular attractions in Finland and a place where people live. It was included in Unesco's World Heritage List in 1991 as a unique monument to European military architecture. An important part of any visit to Suomenlinna is a good meal or a welcome break at one of the cafés. The fortress has a selection of restaurants and charming cafés. The Visitor Centre, situated in the middle of the fortress at Tykistölahti bay, is a base and information point for visitors and is the starting point for the walking tours. It also contains the Suomenlinna Museum exhibition. Suomenlinna is explored on foot. During the summer months there are daily guided tours in English, Swedish and Finnish around Suomenlinna. In the winter there are tours in English during the weekends.

Open:

Suomenlinna island is open all year round. Some services are open also during winter. No entrance fee for the island.

Price:

Public transport ferry: Suomenlinna ticket (return) 3,80€ adults/1,90€ child 7-16yrs or single ticket (from vending machine at the pier). Waterbus by JT-Line in summer: return 5,50€/adult, 2,20€/child.

Location:

Just off the coast of Helsinki city centre. Public transport ferry (all year) or waterbus by JT-Line (in summer) from the Market Square. Travelttime approx.15min. Timetables www.hkl.fi & www.jt-line.fi

Groups:

Guided tours and programme for groups on request, Ehrensvärd Society, tel. +358-(0)9-684 1850, www.suomenlinnatours.com

Other services:

Eg. museums, cafés, restaurants, guided tours etc. Please see the Suomenlinna webpages for more information.

Disabled persons:

There are many cobbled sections of road on the islands, where the use of a wheelchair or baby carriage may be somewhat difficult.
