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## Finland with Savonlinna

### Day 1: Arrival in Helsinki

Transfer from the airport with local coach and guide to the \*\*\*\*hotel in Helsinki. 2 overnight stays in Helsinki.

### Day 2: Helsinki

After breakfast, a local coach and guide will pick you up at the hotel. During a city sightseeing you will, amongst other things, see the Senat Square, the Sibelius monument and the fascinating Temple Church. After that you visit the Finnish Nationalmuseum.

In the afternoon you take a boat to the fortress on the island of Suomenlinna. The island is on the UNESCO-list of world heritage. The fortress was built in 1748 by A. Ehrensward and looks very much like an own city with 200 buildings and 1000 inhabitants on 6 islands. You visit the Suomenlinna-museum. By boat you return to the mainland. Transfer back to the hotel.

### Day 3: Imatra

After breakfast you travel east, along the so called „Kings Road“. The Saimaa Lake is with approx. 1300 square kilometers the largest water surface in Finland. The Saimaa-Canal connects the lakes with the Finnish Sea, in total 47 km. 20 km of that is Russian Territory, but administered by Finland. You drive on towards Imatra, where you can find the largest whitewater in Europe. Overnight stay in Imatra.

### Day 4: Savonlinna

Breakfast and journey towards Savonlinna. First you pass Punkaharju, which is a 7 km long hillback in the middle of the lake landscape. You can visit Retretti, the largest art center in Finland, partly hidden in mountaincaves.

It is worthwhile to make a short excursion to Kerimäki, a town situated on the western bank of the lake Puruvesi. Here you can see the largest wooden church in the world with 3300 seats. Then you arrive in Savonlinna – the worldfamous Operafestival takes place here in July. The Olavinlinna is the best preserved medieval castle in Northern Europe. The construction began in 1475.

2 x overnight stay at a \*\*\*\*hotel in Savonlinna.

### Day 5

Day at your own disposal. Possibility for an excursion to Heinävesi and the Valamo monastery. The original monastery was situated on an island on lake Ladoga. In the evening you have the possibility to visit the opera.

### Day 6

After breakfast the tour continues via Lahti to Hämeenlinna, the birth city of Jean Sibelius and via Riihimäki to Helsinki. The center of the Finnish glass industry is located in Riihimäki, where you also find a glass museum (entrance fee not included). Overnight stay at a \*\*\*\*hotel in Helsinki.

### Day 7:

Transfer with local coach and guide to the airport.

Rates from EUR 570,00 p/P