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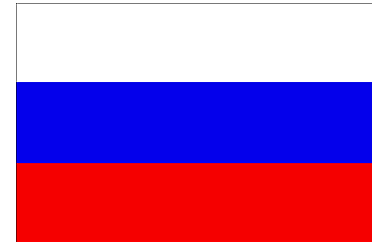
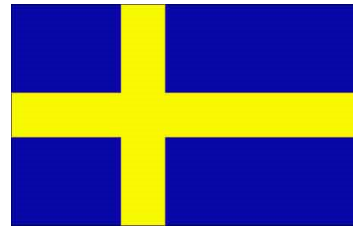




History

Finnish history consists of three eras:

- A part of Sweden **1150 – 1809**
- Autonomous Grand Duchy within Russia Empire **1809 - 1917**
- Republic of Finland from **1917** onwards





History

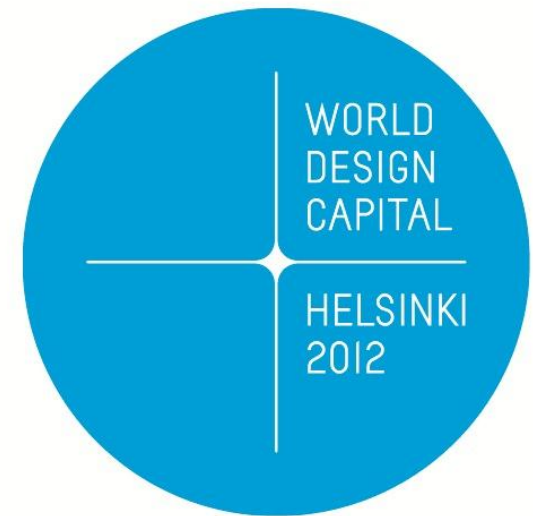
- Helsinki was founded by Swedish king Gustav Vasa in **1550**
- The King ordered the burghers of Rauma, Ulvila, Porvoo and Tammisaari to move to Helsinki **12.6.1550**
- In **1640** Helsinki was moved from it's original location at the mouth of river Vantaa to south towards Vironniemi headland (today's Kruununhaka)
- Helsinki was proclaimed the capital of Finland in **1812**





History

- **1917** Finland gains independence
- **1952** Finland hosts Olympics
- The first U.S.-Soviet summit took place in Helsinki in **1990**
- Helsinki was one of the nine European Cities of Culture for the year **2000**
- Helsinki was chosen as the World Design Capital for **2012**





Geography

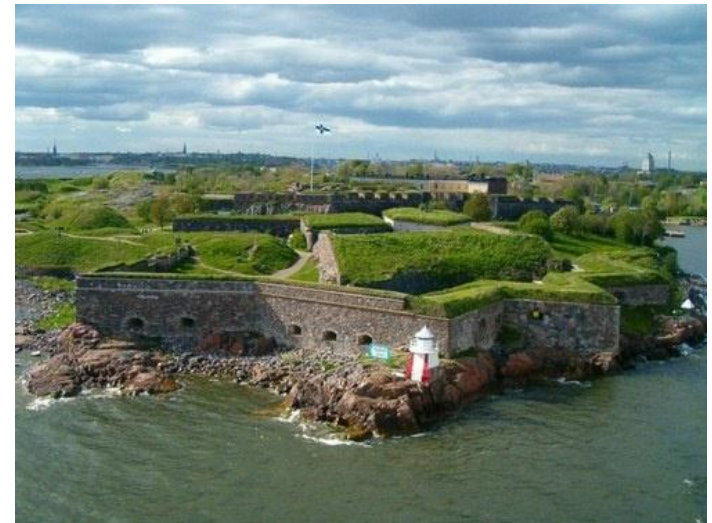
- Helsinki is spread across a number of bays and peninsulas and over a number of islands
- The inner city area occupies a southern peninsula - Vironniemi
- Major Islands in Helsinki include Seurasaari, Lauttasaari and Korkeasaari (where Helsinki ZOO is located)





Geography

- The Sea Fortress - Suomenlinna (Sveaborg) is located on six islands that belong to Helsinki
- Suomenlinna is a UNESCO World Heritage Site





Geography

- Helsinki has a humid continental climate
- Average yearly temperature +5.9°C
- Average July temperature: +17.2°C
- Average February temperature: -4.8°C





Demographics

- Helsinki population is 596 233 inhabitants
- Proportion of women 53,4%
- Life expectancy 75,1 for men and 81,7 for women
- Foreign citizens make up 5,2% of the population
- The largest foreigners groups come from Estonia (5,900), Russia (5,633), Somalia (2,400), China (1,150) and Thailand (680)

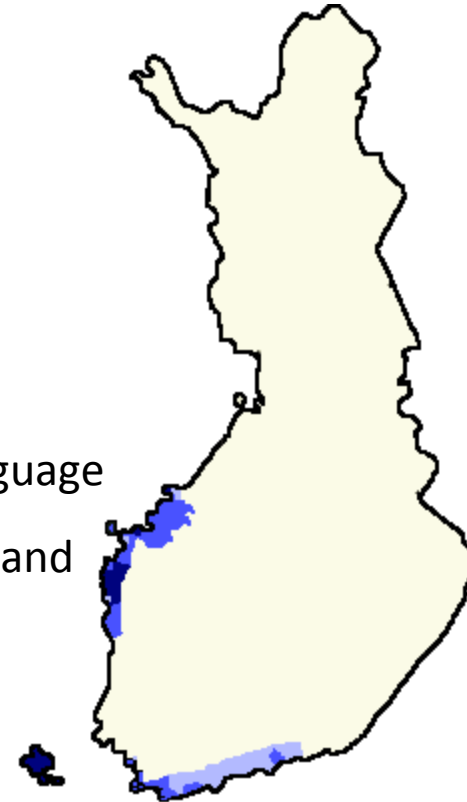




Languages

Two official languages:

- Finnish 94%
- Swedish 6% (Swedish was the sole administrative language until 1902 as well as the dominant language of culture and education until Finnish independence in 1917)





Official and minority languages of Finland

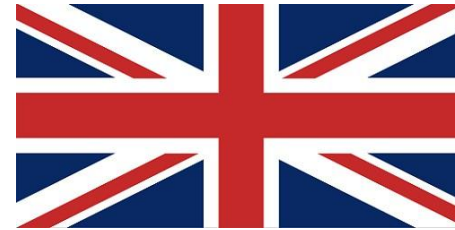
Languages	Classification	Number of native speakers	Areas the language is spoken in
Finnish	Uralic, Finnic	~ 4 700 000 people	Throughout the country
Swedish	Indo-European, Germanic, northern Germanic	~ 296 000 people	Coasts of provinces of Central Ostrobothnia, Vaasa, Southwest Finland, Uusimaa, Åland, Kymenlaakso
Sami languages (North, Inari and Skolt)	Uralic, Sami, Western, Northern, Eastern	~ 2000 - 2400 people	Across Lapland
Romani	Indo-European, Indo- Iranian, Indo-Aryan	~10 000 people	West and south
Karelian	Uralic, Finnic	~ 10 000 people	Oulu Province, Russian border area, Northern Karelian; Southern Karelian
Finnish sign language	Deaf sign language	~ 800 people (data from 1986)	No geographical center



Languages

Main foreign languages spoken in Finland:

- English 63%
- German 18%
- French 3%





Finnish language

- Finnish belongs to the Finnic group of the Finno-Ugric family of languages
- There are two main varieties of Finnish:
 - standard language (*yleiskieli*)
 - spoken language (*puhekieli*)
- Finnish is a synthetic and an agglutinative language.



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Education

- 190 comprehensive schools
- 41 upper secondary schools
- 15 vocational institutes
- 8 universities
- 4 polytechnics

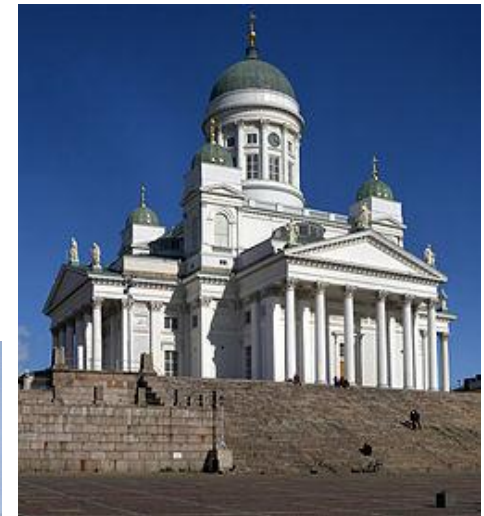




Architecture

Neoclassical:

Carl Ludvig Engel – Cathedral, University Main building





Architecture

Finnish Art Nouveau:

Eliel Saarinen – Main Railway Station





Architecture

Functionalism:

Alvar Aalto – Finlandia Hall





Culture – places to see

National Museum

of Finland

Illustrates Finnish history
from prehistoric times to
the present





Culture – places to see

Finnish Museum of Natural History

The collections include botanical, zoological, geological and paleontological specimens from all over the world.





Culture – places to see

Post Museum

Illustrates the postal history in Finland.





Culture – places to see

Ateneum Art Museum





Culture – places to see

Kiasma Art Museum

Exhibitions presenting Finnish and international contemporary art, collection displays, performances in the Kiasma Theatre, workshops, seminars and lectures.





Culture – places to see

Finnish National Theatre

Founded in 1872, it is the oldest Finnish-language professional theatre in the country.





Culture – places to see

The Swedish Theatre

Swedish-speaking
performance theatre in
Helsinki.





Culture – places to see

Finnish National Opera





Culture – places to see

Helsinki Music Centre





Culture – places to see

Hartwall Arena





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Culture – places to see

Helsinki Ice Hall





Culture – places to see

Linnanmäki





Culture - events

Helsinki Festival

- The largest multi-art festival in Finland
- This year 17 August - 2 September 2012



HELSINKI FESTIVAL



Culture - events

Vappu

- Carnival – style festival held in the streets of town and cities in Finland

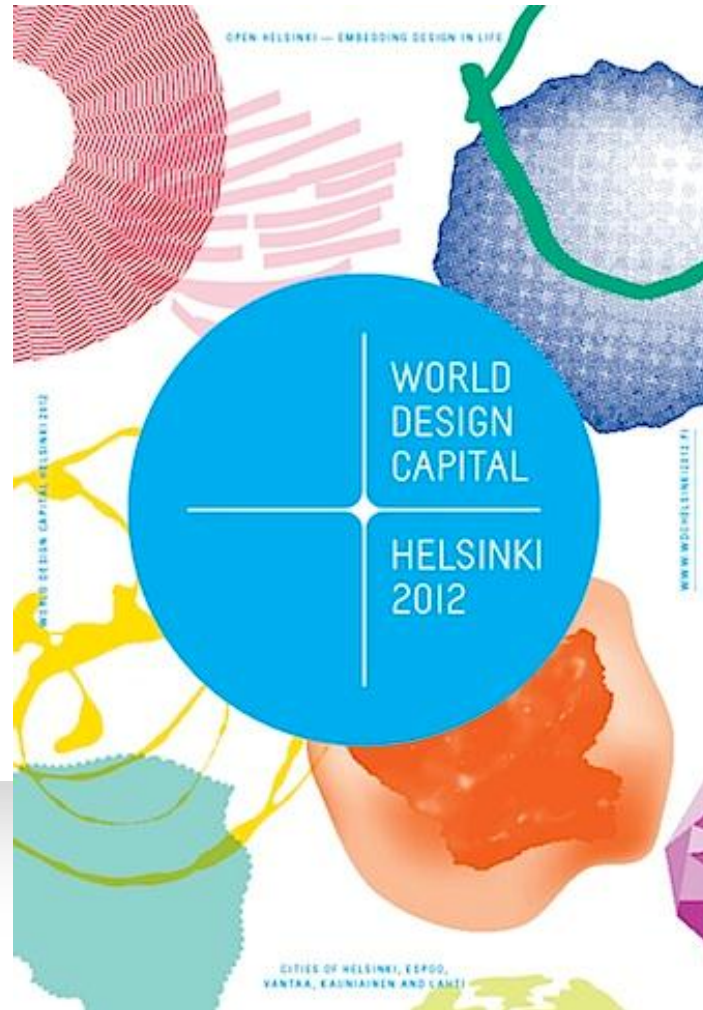




Culture - events

World Design Capital 2012

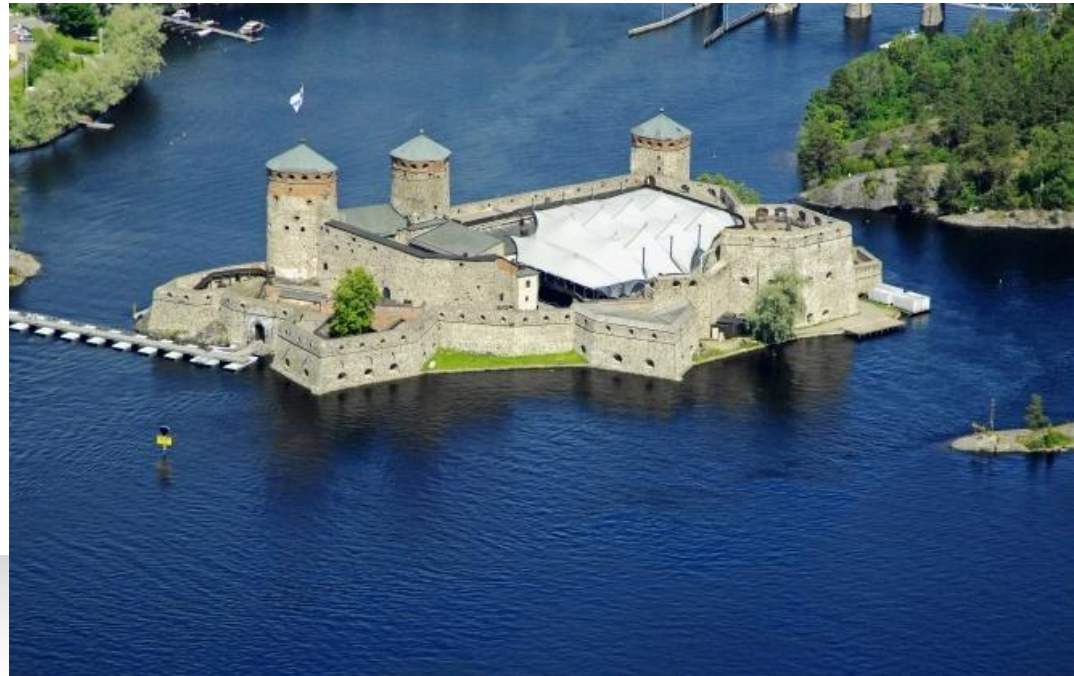
- Various events throughout the year





Events outside Helsinki

- Opera Festival in Savonlinna





Events outside Helsinki

- Mobile phone throwing





Events outside Helsinki

- Wife carrying





Cuisine

- Combination of traditional cuisine and continental style cooking
- Fish and poultry
- Whole meal products, berries
- Milk





Sauna

- An important part of Finnish culture
- In Finland there are about two millions of saunas (on average one per household)





Summer cottage

- Summer cottage = kesämökki
- Almost half a million of summer cottages in Finland
- They are usually close to the water and almost all have sauna





Some useful phrases

Joo/ Kyllä .

Ei.

Tervetuloa!

Hauska tavata!

Hei!

Näkemiin.

Yes.

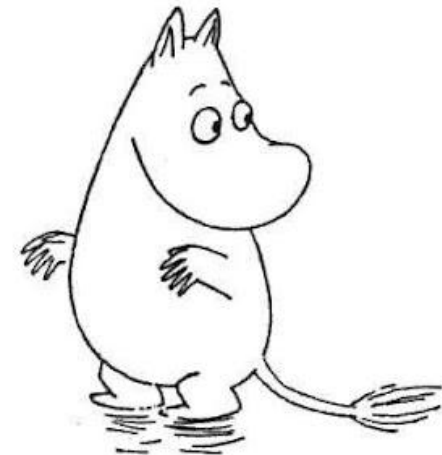
No.

Welcome!

Pleased to meet you!

Hello.

Goodbye.





Some useful phrases

Kiitos.

Ole/olkaa hyvä.

Minun nimeni on...

Puhutteko englantia?

Anteeksi, en puhu suomea.

Tarvitsen apua.

Thank you.

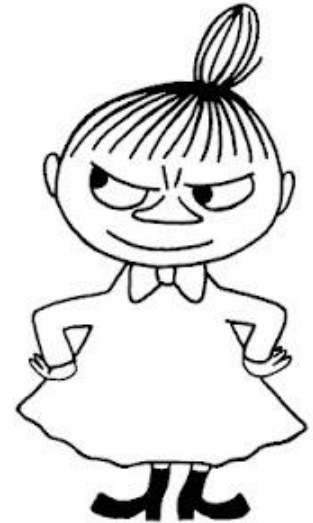
You are welcome.

My name is...

Do you speak English?

I'm sorry. I don't speak Finnish.

I need help.





Some useful tips

- Don't try to greet a Finn with kisses! Finns shake hands and make eye contact. Handshakes are brief and firm, and involve no supporting gestures.
- The Finns are polite and respectful. They wait and stay at line with patience everywhere and in every situation, and wait for green at the light for cross over.
- Don't talk too much or express feelings in public. Finns place great value on words, which is reflected in the tendency to say little and avoid 'unnecessary' small talk. They are better at listening than at talking.



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Some useful tips

- Finns drink coffee anywhere and anytime. More coffee per person is drunk in Finland than anywhere else in the world.
- If you go to someone's home, a plant or flowers for the hostess or host is the norm. When you get in, you have to take your shoes off.
- Do accept an invitation to a sauna. Having a sauna is something completely natural to Finns. There are 1.5 million saunas in Finland.
- Finns love Karaoke!



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Cultural quiz

4. Which event does not take place in Helsinki?

- a) Helsinki festival b) Vappu c) Mobile phone throwing

5. In Finland there are about

- a) 20 000 saunas b) 200 000 saunas c) 2 000 000 saunas

6. How do you say *thank you* in Finnish?

- a) Kiitos b) Anteeksi c) Kyllä





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Thank you for your attention!





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