
CAOS 2005
Accompanying Persons' Program

The attached Helsinki and surroundings tours are offered exclusively for the participants of CAOS 2005. The Helsinki tours will be operated if a minimum number of 20 persons register by April 30, 2005. If the minimum number of registrations is not received, the tours will be cancelled and all those who have registered will be notified.

Full payment of the tours is due by credit card by May 05, 2005. Payment should be made by completing and returning the attached credit card payment authorization form.

For pre and post event sightseeing, Finland Travel Bureau also offers escorted tours, which are not, however, operated exclusively for the CAOS participants. We are enclosing the rates and itineraries, which are also posted on our web site www.ftb.net. On the web site you can also view details of other options available. Should you be interested in any of these options, please contact us via the e-mail fft.incoming@smt.fi.

Sightseeing Tour of Helsinki – 3 hrs
Monday, June 20, 2005 at 10.00 am



€ 26.00 per person if minimum 20 persons participate
Departure: Scandic Hotel Grand Marina

An easy-going introduction to the main sights of Helsinki with private coach and guide. Stops include: the Senate Square, the neo-classical center of Helsinki at the foot of the white Cathedral; the colorful Market Square with a picturesque view over the South Harbor, a popular open air market with stands selling vegetable, fish, flowers, local handicrafts and souvenirs; the Temppeliaukio church, built into solid rock and having an impressive copper dome; and the Sibelius monument, a work of art in tubular steel commemorating the great Finnish composer. These sights and many, many other fascinating aspects of the city will come alive during our short introductory sightseeing tour.

Special arrangements for incentive groups include private organ recitals or similar short musical entertainment in the Temppeliaukio Church, selected inside visits in places of special interest, etc. Tailor-made suggestions upon request.

Finnish Design Tour – 3.5-4 hrs
Tuesday June 21, 2005 at 09.00

€ 49.00 per person if minimum 20 persons participate
Departure: Scandic Hotel Grand Marina

The tour starts with a visit to the Design Museum. Its permanent exhibition chronicles the development of Finnish Design from the end of the 19th century up to this day. The special exhibition of the summer 2005 features Maija Isola, a textile designer who worked for Marimekko and whose designs – the famous



Poppy – have experienced a glorious rebirth in the 21st century. The tour continues with a visit to the Finnish Design Forum where new waves of Finnish Design are exhibited.

A visit is also paid to Iittala group's factory outlet and Arabia porcelain factory where you will be shown the whole process: from the creative input of the artists to the handpainting of the products.

The tour ends at the Esplanade. Finnish Design shops and boutiques abound on and just off the boulevard, not far from each other. There are shops such as Marimekko, Kalevala Koru jewelry and Aarikka, known for its beautiful wooden objects and silver jewelry.

Artists' Homes in National Romantic Style – 4 hrs
Tuesday June 21, 2005 at 13.30



€ 46.00 per person if minimum 20 persons participate
Departure: Scandic Hotel Grand Marina

This trip is perfect for people interested in culture. It visits two distinguished accomplishments of Finnish architecture from the early 20th century, the homes of architect **Eliel Saarinen** and composer **Jean Sibelius**.

Hvitträsk is the former studio and home of **Eliel Saarinen**, the foremost architect of his generation in Finland, also notable for his influence on modern architecture in the United States. Hvitträsk, designed by Eliel Saarinen and two architect friends in National Romantic style, was built of logs and natural stone on a forested hill overlooking a beautiful lake. In the 1920's Saarinen and his family moved to the USA where he lived until his death. Saarinen developed the concept and designed the complete area of the Cranbrook Academy of Art and School near Detroit, where he also carried on instruction in architectural design, as head of the department.

Tour continues to **Tuusula**, noted for having been home to a unique community of artists at the beginning of the 20th century. A scenic area along a narrow winding road on the east side of Lake Tuusula attracted several artists to work and live there, including Finland's national writer, Aleksis Kivi, who is a symbol of the community. The premier figures of Finnish cultural life of the day found expression for their thoughts and experiences in paintings, words and music, thus creating the foundation for the Finnish cultural identity. Today the road is protected as a historical museum road, not only as a monument to the artistic community, but also due to its historical and scenic values.

Tour includes visit to **Ainola**, one of the best known and most beautiful of these artistic homes. Ainola was the home of Finland's most famous composer **Jean Sibelius** (1865–1957) and his family from 1904. This timber-built villa was designed by famous Finnish architect Lars Sonck. Its distance from the hustle and bustle of the nation's capital gave the composer the peace that he needed for his creative endeavours, while other artistic families living in the neighborhood provided a lively social circle.