



QUICK GUIDE TO BOOKING IN

# FINLAND

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### FINLAND FACTS



**Population:** 5,4 million

**Capital:** Helsinki

**Geographic size:** 338,000 km<sup>2</sup>, of which 33 000 km<sup>2</sup> water

**Cities:** Helsinki (590 000 inhabitants; Helsinki metropolitan area: 1,25 million)

Espoo (250 000)

Tampere (215 000)

Vantaa (200 000)

Turku (180 000)

Oulu (145 000)

**Lakes:** 188 000

**Islands:** 180 000

**National parks:** 37

**Archipelago:** The largest in Europe is situated off the southwest coast of Finland. Parts of the archipelago make up Åland, an autonomous Swedish-speaking province.

**Weather:** Four seasons and stark contrasts between them; snowy winters with the Northern Lights and the polar night, warm summers with white nights and the Midnight Sun.

**Type of state:** Independent republic since December 6th, 1917.

**Head of state:** President of the Republic, elected every six years. Current president is Sauli Niinistö.

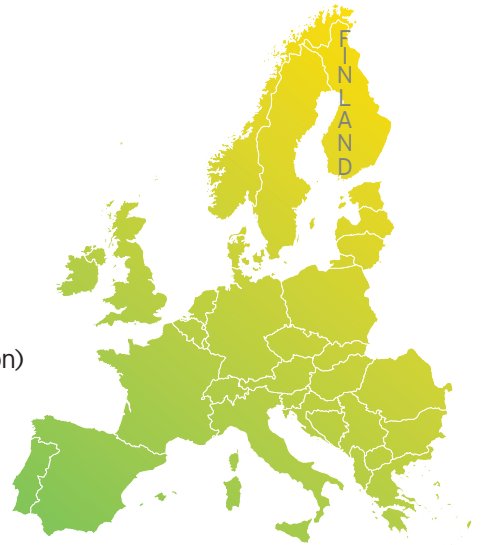
**Member of the EU:** since 1995

**Currency:** Euro

**Official Languages:** Finnish, Swedish

91% speak Finnish as their first language, while 5,4% speak Swedish. Sámi is the mother tongue of roughly 1 700 indigenous Sámi people in northern Lapland.

**Time Zone:** GMT + 2 hrs



Finland is a country of contrasts. From endless daylight in the summer to the still, wintry darkness of the polar night, the characteristics of Finland's seasons have a profound effect on life in Finland and its rather peculiar inhabitants.

Not really Scandinavian, nor a part of the Baltics or Eastern Europe, Finland is the black sheep of Northern Europe. Famous for Santa Claus, Nokia and saunas, Finns actually enjoy sitting in a heated box and, upon reaching boiling point, running outside and rolling in the snow.

They're crazy about sports and heavy metal, yet they produce some of the finest functional design in the world. Their movies are virtually devoid of dialogue, as seems to be the case in real life.

Finns are considered quiet and reserved, which is partly true. Small talk can hardly be seen as their strongest suit. But get on closer terms with a Finn and you'll find a warm, sincere and hospitable person underneath the seemingly cool shell.

Finns are hard-working and dutiful, but come celebration day, these people will show you the meaning of a good time. Prepare for sarcasm, though, as a Finn might tell you tall tales without ever cracking a smile.

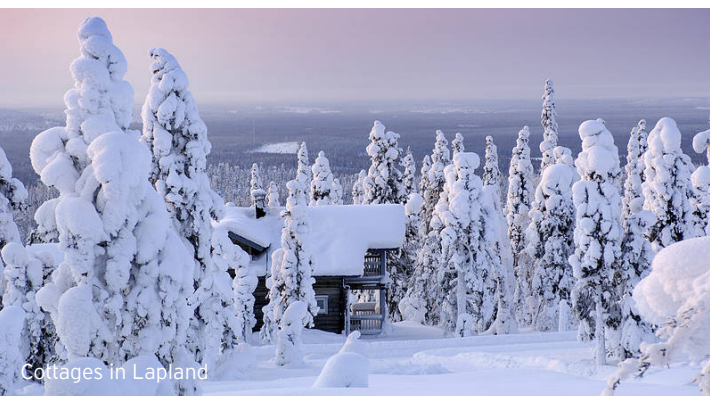


Although known for advancements in technology and progressive urban solutions, most Finns stay close to Mother Nature. With almost 200 000 lakes and half a million summer cottages in the country, there's lots of hideouts for relaxation and outdoor activities.

Hiking, Nordic walking and cross-country skiing are considered fun over here. Some Finns prefer mountain sports, ice hockey, riding snowmobiles or rally driving.

Culturally, Finland is a unique mix of East and West. The society moves to a western beat, spicing it with eastern tones. Here, hip hop and balalaikas, rock & roll and army choirs, as well as cellos and heavy metal, were meant to merge.

# INTRODUCING FINLAND



## BEFORE YOU GET ON THE ROAD

### Traffic and driving

Right-hand traffic, no road tolls.  
Headlights must be used at all times. Snow tires are obligatory from December to February.

**Seat Belts** must always be used.

### Speed limits

Unless otherwise indicated by a traffic sign, the speed limit is usually

Inside built-up areas	<b>50 km/h</b>
Outside built-up areas:	<b>80 km/h</b>
Motorways:	<b>up to 120 km/h</b>

Please do pay attention to weather conditions and limit your speed accordingly!



Built-up area



End of built-up area

### Parking

A vehicle may be stopped or parked only on the right hand side of a road (except on a one way road).



### Parking is prohibited:

- on a pavement, pedestrian crossing and within five meters before a pedestrian crossing
- at an intersection and within five meters from its nearest edge
- without paying a parking fee in a parking lot or area where a fee is set
- without indicated by traffic sign

**Traffic lights:** No right turn allowed on red.



### Drinking and driving

Don't drink and drive. The legal limit is 0,5 ‰ of alcohol in blood.

### Winter tyres

All Hertz cars are fitted with winter tyres when weather or road conditions so require.

### Accidents and emergencies (all numbers are free to call 24h):

**The emergency service (Ambulance, Fire, Police): 112**

**The Hertz 24h Road Service: 0800-188 777**



### DRIVER LICENCES

At the time of rental the driver must present a full valid national driver's licence, which has been held for at least 1 year.

The person named on the reservation booking must be the main driver, present at the time of rental and payer of any rental charges.

Additional drivers are possible with a fee of EUR 29,50 (including tax) per rental and per additional driver.

**NEVERLOST** are available for hire at an additional amount of EUR 17,36 (including tax) per day or EUR 80,60 (including tax) per week.



The **GRACE PERIOD** is 29 minutes, an additional day is applicable after 29 minutes over the 24 hour rental period.



### PAYMENT

A credit card must be provided at time of pick up, which must be in the renters name and must have sufficient funds to cover cost of hire and fuel.



## **HERTZ RATES DO NOT INCLUDE FUEL**

All Hertz vehicles are rented with a full tank of fuel and must be returned with a full tank or a local refueling charge will apply in addition to the cost of the fuel.



## **FUEL PURCHASE OPTION (FPO)**

For the renters convenience it is possible to purchase a tank of fuel from Hertz at time of rental at a price that is competitive with local fuel stations. This method eliminates the need for the client to refill the tank before returning. It is important to note that clients will not receive a refund for unused fuel.

## **BORDER CROSSING**

Cross border traffic into the Nordic countries is allowed without special permission but client must inform Hertz at time of rental.

Driving into other European countries on request only.

Driving into Russia is not allowed.

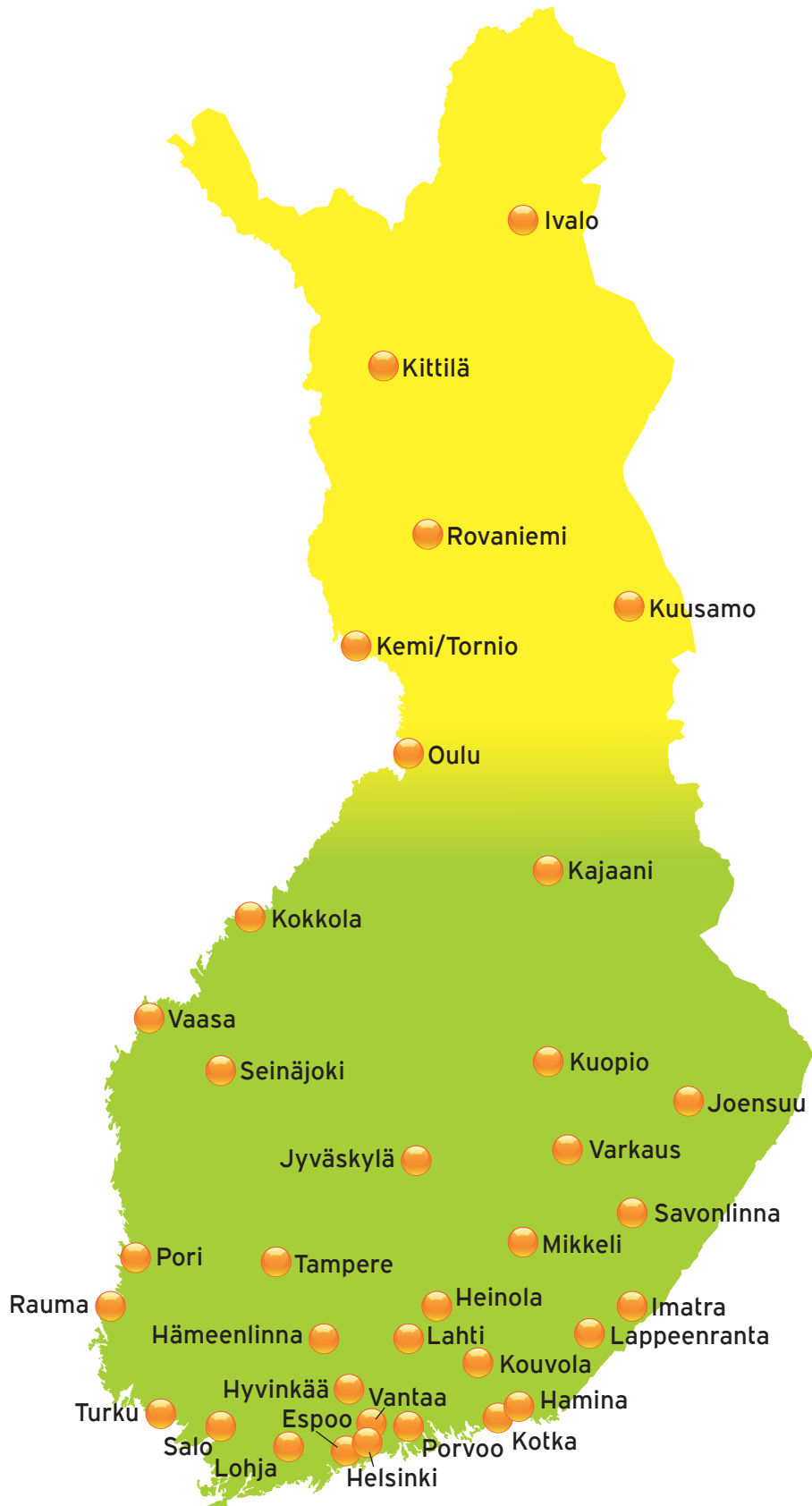


## **WINTER SEASON**

Winterisation Fee applies between NOVEMBER - MARCH. All Hertz cars are equipped with studded winter tires, engine block heater, ice scrape and snow brush.

Additional winter equipment such as ski racks and ski boxes are available in most car groups.

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