Esplanadi

Adress: Pohjoisesplanadi, Helsinki ‎

In the heart of [Helsinki](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helsinki), the capital of [Finland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finland), the two streets constituting Esplanadi ([Swedish](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swedish_language): *Esplanaden*) are officially named Pohjoisesplanadi (Finnish for *North Esplanade*, Swedish: *Norra Esplanaden*) and Eteläesplanadi (Finnish for *South Esplanade*, Swedish: *Södra Esplanaden*). They lead from [Erottaja](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erottaja) Square to the [Market Square](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Market_Square,_Helsinki) (Kauppatori), and the North Esplanade extends along the border of the Market Square up to the [Katajanokka](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Katajanokka) Channel. Parallel to Pohjoisesplanadi, a little northwards, is [Aleksanterinkatu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aleksanterinkatu). Esplanadi is colloquially called "Espa".

The big green area between the two streets is very active in summer, where many [Finns](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finns) come to have a [picnic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Picnic). There are also numerous live music performances on a special outdoor stage in front of [Cafe Kappeli](http://www.kappeli.fi/cafe_chapel.html). There is a statue of [Johan Ludwig Runeberg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johan_Ludwig_Runeberg) by his son [Walter Runeberg](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter_Runeberg) in the park. The park was originally opened in 1812.