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Moose sculpture is a truly unique piece of art, that is located right in the heart of Vyborg. The statue was created in 1924 by Jussi Mantynen for an exhibition organized by the association of Finnish Hunters and placed in the park in 1928. It has survived through both Winter War and Great Patriotic War and still stand on the hill, maybe waiting for something.

The monument is cast from bronze, hollow inside. It depicts a life-sized elk on a pedestal made of granite with an extraordinary level of detail. Its comprehensive fur and antlers perfectly represent the northern culture of the Finnish inhabitants of the city. What I specially liked about this piece of art was not only its historical significance, but also the cultural role it plays. It's located in the lush park and covered with the trees as if embedded in the landscape.

Moose sculpture holds a special place in the cultural aspect of Vyborg as it perfectly symbolize Nordic history of local area. All tourists should definitely visit this unique monument. And it's more than just a statue, because its location is a popular meeting spot for all the Vyborg residents. During winter, the hill, where the moose is located, transforms into a lively sledding slope for children. I believe, that the monument appeal to younger generations in undeniable as it represents their culture and region and enhances the aesthetic of the city.