



LUOSTARINMÄKI HANDICRAFTS MUSEUM

Let me introduce you to a whole district of an open-air museum and cultural environment.

Luostarinmäki Handicrafts Museums buildings are even globally exceptionally valuable entity. However, what the area is most famous for is the fact that it is the only uniform area of wooden houses, which survived the Great Fire of Turku in 1827. And that was quite a bonfire since it was the largest in the history of Finland and the whole Scandinavia. This fire is something we Finns can be questionably proud of.



The museums 18 blocks of original buildings were built at the end of 18th Century until early 19th Century. Today, these houses are decorated to look like the pre-industrial artisans' homes. Every summer artisans are fetched from the past to future with a time machine to work in the museum's workshops so that we fascinated and ignorant modern people can learn about traditional crafts. Quite something isn't it!





RUISSALO ISLAND

Ruissalo is an island in the Archipelago Sea and a district of the city of Turku. It is most known for the Ruisrock music festival, which is held there every summer. And yes nature's great too and so on but the best memories are formed in Ruisrock. If they are formed, that is. Sometimes you just drink too many juice boxes and forget the whole weekend.

So the nature and cultural history of Ruissalo is very valuable and diverse. It has one of the largest old oak forests in Finland and, let me tell you; it's no small thing since oak forests are only located in the most southern parts of the country. There's also plenty of wildlife, from a moose to smallest insects. What a great opportunity for you passionate biologists, a lot of fresh air and good inspiration!

As a recreational area, Ruissalo is also quite incomparable. Picnic spots, campgrounds, 1.5 kilometers of swimming beach, a spa, a botanical garden (if the island's flowers aren't enough) and a golf course that has been ranked as the second best in Finland. Yes, a citizen of Turku can truly be proud.

