

## 45. European Convention 2012

10<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> June 2012 Tampere, Finland

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## Sunday, June 10th 2012 - Welcome! – Tervetuloa!

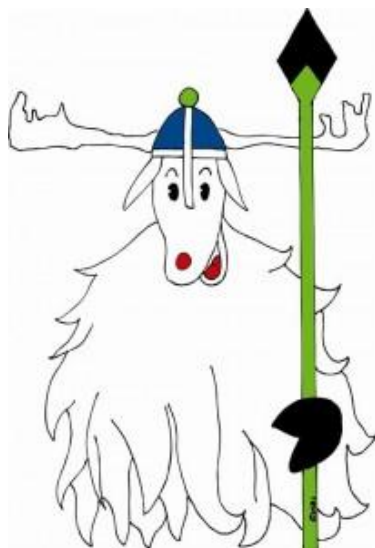
Scandic Tampere City  
Hämeenkatu 1, Tampere  
From noon to 05:00 p.m.

You may be in Tampere already or will arrive at the Tampere train station on this Sunday. Just about only one hundred meters across from the Tampere train station you can see the **Scandic City** hotel building. In the lobby of the Scandic City hotel you will then receive your **Welcome Packets** during the time from approximately **noon to 05:00 p.m.** All guests arriving later or on any other day will receive them then at the restaurant, or at the first event which they will be attending. You may want to go to your hotels first or go directly to the restaurant on foot, by bus or taxi. You can leave your luggage at the Scandic City hotel and pick it up later in the evening. There is no space for any luggage in the restaurant!

## Viking Dinner and First Welcome Evening

Viikinkiravintola Harald  
Hämeenkatu 23, Tampere  
From 06:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**27 Euro**



The first big Welcome Evening together with a unique dinner will then be at the **Harald's Viking Restaurant** on Tampere's main street Hämeenkatu, about 1,5 kilometers away from the train station. And only just a few hundred meters away from the Omena1 hotel or from the Cumulus Hämeenpuisto hotel.

The visit of this remarkable restaurant is an absolute must when in Tampere! Here we will take part in a culinary voyage back to the age of the Vikings in a "Viking" atmosphere for a couple of hours. We will receive an especially for us prepared Viking platter served for 2, 4 or more persons.

However, because of the limited size of the restaurant, the sessions for the Viking dinners are split into two groups/sessions. One is from about **06:00 p.m. to 08:00 p.m.** and the other one from about **09:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.** Depending on the time of your booking, your arrival time and the availability, you will need to be placed into one of the two sessions. You will then be informed about your planned session/group when receiving your Welcome packet at the hotel. We appreciate your understanding!

## Monday, June 11th 2012 - Nokia 'Connecting Tall People'

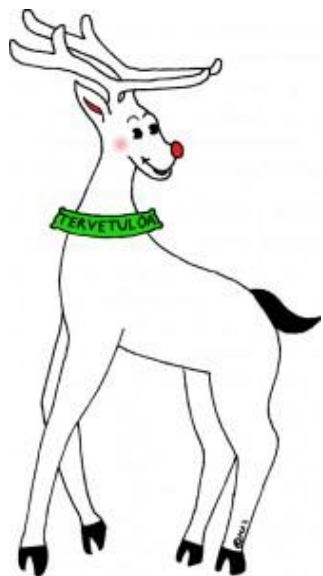
### Guided Sightseeing Tour by bus – Tampere & Nokia and

#### The Plevna Brewery Pub & Restaurant

Plevna, Itäinenkatu 8, Tampere

**27 Euro**

From 10:00 a.m. to 03:00 p.m.



After you enjoyed your big breakfasts in your hotels before, the busses will pick you up **at 10:00 a.m.** from the **Scandic Rosendahl** hotel and the **Cumulus Hämeenpuisto** hotel. For all the other participants the meeting point is in the front of the old church at **Keskustori marketplace** also at 10:00 a.m. All busses drive via Keskustori.

“Connecting people” is a logo of the world famous NOKIA Company. We are using this motto for all of us tall friends also when we will see and visit some of the interesting highlights of Tampere. But at first our guided tour will lead us to the roots of the world famous Nokia factory and to the town of Nokia located about 12 kilometers outside of Tampere city. On the way back to Tampere we will follow the shores of the Lake Pyhäjärvi, which is one of the two big lakes of Tampere. When driving through the town of Pirkkala, we can get an overview of all the beautiful sites, landscapes and buildings there. Also, some of the nowadays modern buildings of the NOKIA Company can be seen. We will be returning to the Keskustori marketplace in Tampere at about 01:30 p.m.

After a 5 minutes’ walk from there we will see “The Factory City in The City” – the historical Finlayson area which was built in 1820 for the cotton industry. “Plevna” – the old weaving mill, right at the entrance of the Finlayson area, was built in 1870 and then was the biggest hall in Northern Europe. Nowadays **Plevna** is a restaurant, where we will have a big **lunch buffet from 02:00 – 03:00 p.m.** The restaurant is held in a rustic Finnish/German style and offers various types of beers. You may also

watch a video presentation about beer brewing in the house, or enjoy your time on the terrace. The lunch buffet with free table water is included in the price of the tour. All other beverages are at extra costs, i.e. Plevna’s Pils and Plevna’s home made dark lager from their own brewery.

**From about 03:00 p.m. to 07:00 p.m. it is your own free time.** You may visit one of the many restaurants, pubs, stores or museums in the historical Finlayson area or stroll through the town a bit.

### Guided sightseeing tour by bus for Young&Tall people

Tampere city & Finlayson area

**27 Euro**

From 10:00 a.m. to 03:00 p.m.

At the **Keskustori marketplace** an extra bus will be waiting for the guests participating in the **Young & Tall** program **at 10:00 a.m.** The idea for the day is to show them the “Young Site” of the Tampere city. These day tours will be guided in German and English. In a bus tour of about 2 hours young & tall people will see many interesting places and hear the true stories about the young people’s life in the city before and nowadays. After the city tour the young ones will discover the Finlayson area with “kick-bikes” spiced with a lot of fun! **From 02:00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.** we will have a joint big lunch buffet with all other tall friends at Plevna.



### 2nd Big Welcome Evening

Musiikkiteatteri Palatsi

**53 Euro**

Hämeenkatu 30, Tampere

From 07:00 p.m. to about midnight (Admission 07:00 p.m.)

**At 07:30 p.m.** we will begin with our 2nd big Welcome Evening in the **Palatsi Music Theatre** located on the main street Hämeenkatu, only about 400 meters away from the Keskustori marketplace. This stylish and traditional place from the 1920’s offers one of the nicest rooms in Tampere. Along with a 3 course dinner and free table water included in the price, we will enjoy some additional verbal and visual information. Entertainment, professional shows and various types of live performing musicians will make this an interesting evening for everybody.

**Dress code: Smart casual.** No jeans, tennis shoes or T- shirts, please!

## Tuesday, June 12th 2012 - Finnish nature, fun and entertainment

### Meeting of the European Board

Kauppaseura, Mestarikabinetti, 4th Floor (Please, ring the doorbell)

Aleksis Kiven katu 15, Tampere (close to the Laukontori harbor)

From 10:00 a.m. to 02:00 p.m.



On this Tuesday morning the representatives or the presidents from the board of the European Tall Clubs will have their important yearly meeting. The meeting is **public** and all other tall people are also welcome. The meeting will start at **10:00 a.m.** and **end about 02:00 p.m.** Free table water, coffee or tea is included. If wanted, a lunch buffet may be bought/ordered for a small price of 8.00 Euro. Because of the limited space (50 people) of the meeting room, we kindly ask you to check the box of the participation choice and for the lunch buffet on the registration form. For all others, this morning is some free time of your own.

### Young & Tall - Trip to the Särkänniemi Adventure Park

Särkänniemi

Appr. **35 Euro \***

Laiturikatu 1, Tampere

From 11:00 a.m. to 02:00 p.m.

**Young & Tall** people and all the other interested tall guests will have an awesome time, when joining the adventure of visiting **Särkänniemi**, the most popular **Amusement Park** in Finland. There are a lot of activities for the whole family, i.e. an Aquarium; a Planetarium, the Sara Hilden Art Museum (modern); a Dolphinarium; various rides; a children's Zoo and Cafés & Restaurants. You could also go up on Tampere's famous symbol, the Näsäntorni tower, which is the tallest observation tower in the Nordic countries. There, you can experience a breath-taking view over the city with the two big lakes.



If any friends from the Young & Tall group or others need any assistance for the round trip bus tour, we should meet before **at 10:45 a.m. at the Keskustori marketplace**, next to the fountain. Or later at the entrance of Särkänniemi Park at 11:00 a.m. with all others. It is easy to reach by the Public Transport bus number 4 which runs from the Tampere bus station to Särkänniemi via the railway station and Keskustori. After having an awesome time we will all meet again at the entrance at 02:00 p.m. to go back by bus. The bus-ticket one way is 2.50 Euro. \*Payment at the entrance

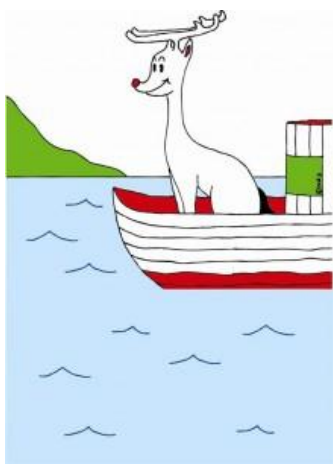
### Finnish nature, fun and entertainment

Viikinsaari Island

**40 Euro**

Departures: Laukontori harbor & the pier of the Scandic Rosendahl hotel

03:00 p.m. – Midnight



Our boats will depart from the **Laukontori harbor** or will pick us up at the **pier of the Scandic Rosendahl** hotel of Lake Pyhäjärvi **at 03:00 p.m.** After cruising on a part of the big Lake Pyhäjärvi, we will then arrive about one hour later at the Viikinsaari Island. This island is very popular among Finnish people from Tampere and vicinity. Being one of the typical thousands of islands in Finland, it has been turned into a big recreational island over the last years. It offers a wooden dance floor, sports fields, a lakeside sauna, an outdoor stage, nature trails and playgrounds. Surrounded by clear water and in the middle of nature, we will have a wonderful and relaxing time. You may lay on one of the sandy beaches, go swimming or walk through the forest of this island.

There are many options to participate in outside games. Some are of your free choice and some will be organized by the ET team, if you are interested. (We hope you are!) It will be a lot of fun for everybody. Let us surprise you! Dinner is included in the price and will be served at 08:00 p.m. in the

nice Finnish style restaurant. A kiosk also exists for you to buy any additional small snacks or beverages. There will be music and dancing for everybody until the late evening as well. Our boat will go back to the Laukontori harbor via the Scandic Rosendahl hotel in Tampere **at 11:30 p.m.**, come back, and go again for the **last trip back at 00:30 a.m.**

**Dress Code:** Casual or sporty clothes are recommended and, maybe some rain protection (jacket & cap) – just in case!

## Wednesday, June 13th 2012 - Helsinki, the daughter of the Baltic Sea

### A whole day trip to the capital of Finland, guided Sightseeing tour by bus incl. a big lunch package and a big special evening soup

From 07:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**68 Euro**



In order to make this highly interesting trip a valuable one, we have arranged for an earlier breakfast for you in our recommended hotels today. Our comfortable busses will pick us up already **at 07:30 a.m.** at the **Scandic Rosendahl** and **Cumulus Hämeenpuisto** Hotel, and at our meeting point at the **Keskustori Marketplace** in front of the church. All busses go via the Keskustori Marketplace.

Driving along nice Finnish roads through the countryside, we will have a short break after about one hour and, will then reach Helsinki at about 10:30 a.m. At the Senate Square, our meeting point, we will then receive our big lunch packages. After a walk of about 250 meters we will come to the famous harbor and the picturesque fish market of Helsinki where our ferries to Suomenlinna (details below) are waiting for us. Besides various delicious Finnish food and fish specialties at the market, you can

also find reindeer furs and other hand crafted souvenirs. Guests, who have not booked the Suomenlinna tour, can now enjoy their free time discovering beautiful Helsinki a little on foot until about 03:00 p.m. They may visit the old market hall close by, or stroll through the near Esplanade Park with many possibilities for a snack, a cup of coffee, or look at the many beautiful buildings around the Senate Square.

**At 02:45 p.m.** we will all meet together again at the Senate Square and will begin our guided 2 ½ hours sightseeing tour by bus in Helsinki. Experienced city guides on the busses will take us to all of the famous places, buildings and sites and explain about the history of the capital of Finland. Ending the tour we will visit the impressive Dome Cathedral of Helsinki and together experience unforgettable moments in the dome. Possibilities to buy some extra snacks and beverages exist in many places.

**At about 06:45 p.m.** we will all meet at the Senate Square again and, at 07:00 p.m. drive back in our busses towards Tampere. About another hour later we will take our evening break en route when we will reach the place for our "Big Special Finnish Evening Soup". After enjoying this specialty in the nature, our busses will then start taking us to Tampere at about **10:00 p.m.** And late in the evening, we can still see the countryside of Southern Finland in almost daylight and we will arrive back in Tampere and at our hotels about 11:00 p.m.

### Optional boat trip from the Helsinki harbor to the Suomenlinna Fortress - UNESCO World Heritage Site

Only in combination with our Helsinki Tour!

**17 Euro**

The maximum capacity for the whole trip to Suomenlinna is 240 people. Our ferries will leave the harbor at **10:45 a.m.** Also, for Young & Tall people this trip will be an unforgettable one. Suomenlinna is an extraordinary place where you can still see some relicts of the battles about Finland and feel the spirit of the soldiers who came from France, Sweden, Russia and Finland. In 1991, the Suomenlinna fortress was added to the UNESCO World Heritage list as a unique monument of military architecture.

After arriving with the ferries about half an hour later in Suomenlinna, we have four groups planned at different times and in different languages for this highly professional video about the history of this huge fortress. Watching the video is optional, but highly recommended. This very interesting video lasts about half an hour for each group and is included in the price. Before or after watching the video in your group, you have time to discover the area. You may eat your lunch packages in "picnic style" on the grass looking over the Baltic Sea and/or purchase some extra food or beverages from a little grocery store.

**At 02:15 p.m.** the ferries will go back to the beautiful harbor of Helsinki where we will walk back to the Senate Square and meet again with the others.

**Dress code: Casual** - use your best and most comfortable walking shoes especially for Suomenlinna. Rain protection (jacket & cap) is recommended. Just in case.

## Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012 - The Magic of Midsummer

### A long day in the beautiful, authentic country atmosphere

Taulaniemen lomakoti ja leirintäalue  
Camping Taulaniemi and Holiday Resort  
Taulaniementie 357, Kämenniemi  
From Noon to Midnight

**55 Euro**



While the morning is your own free time, our busses will pick us up again at the **Scandic Rosendahl** and **Cumulus Hämeenpuisto** hotels and at the **Keskustori Marketplace** in the front of church at **noon**. We will begin with a 3 hour bus tour discovering Teisko, one of the many city districts surrounding Tampere with almost 200 lakes in the greater area.

When visiting the picturesque **Murole Canal** on our way, we will have a short break and while we hear some interesting stories on the bus we will also see the probably smallest museum in the world, the **Velaatan Maitolaiturimuseo**. Reaching the beautiful resort of **Taulaniemi** in the Finnish nature **at about 03:00 p.m.**, we will be welcomed with traditional freshly made Finnish cakes, coffee and homemade juices.

**Taulaniemi** is a big country resort in Finnish style which offers a big area at a lake, and with small cottages and possibilities for camping. After having your cakes and looking around, many possibilities will be offered then to participate in various nice and funny typical Finnish Midsummer traditions. You may also stroll through the beautiful area and join us in games full of fun. You will be so pleasantly surprised! We will also hear some nice little stories about summer traditions from before and nowadays.

**At about 06:30 p.m.** we will enjoy our typical big Finnish "Midsummer Style" evening buffet. All beverages are at extra cost. At 07:30 music and dancing for everybody until about 11:30 p.m. will be offered at one of the buildings there. After having enjoyed a wonderful day, our busses will go back to Tampere starting at 10:00 p.m., and the last one leaving at 00:30 a.m. reaching Tampere city around 45 minutes later.

### Young & Tall

Our young and tall guests will have their own entertainment program with much fun after arriving at Taulaniemi.

**Dress code:** Ladies, wear your most colorful dresses or clothes, maybe with flowers and a hat, or casual. Gentlemen, wear your most colorful shirts, hats, pants, or casual clothes.

A pair of comfortable shoes and a pair of dancing shoes are recommended.



## Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012 – Sauna Day

### Sauna Day, and a guided tour to Pispala & Pyynikki, the Pearls of Tampere

Pyynikin Näkötorni

Näkötorininkatu 20, Tampere

From 10:00 a.m. – about 07:00 p.m.

**37 Euro**



Our tall friends who are good on foot may want to walk to our first meeting point today, the observation tower from 1929, near the Scandic Rosendahl hotel. All others will be picked up by our busses at our meeting place at **Keskustori** and the **Scandic Rosendahl** and **Cumulus Hämeenpuisto hotels at 10:00 a.m.**

After having a famous and delicious Finnish type of “doughnut” at the tower cafe, and going up the Pyynikki observation tower (Pyynikin Näkötorni), we can have a beautiful view over Tampere with its two big lakes. This tower is located on the world’s biggest moraine ridge, 150 meter above sea level. Guests can now decide if they want to participate in the walking tour or the tour by bus. Both tours are guided tours starting **at 10:30 a.m.**, and will last about one hour. Walking or driving through the lovely area of Pispala, we can see some of the nice, red wooden houses built for the workers a long time ago or some for the “little richer” people nowadays. At the end of this bus or walking tour, we will discover the oldest public sauna of Finland still in use, the Rajaportin Sauna. Here we can have a taste of “Sahti”, a very strong Finnish “sauna beer” and some delicious “Karjalanpiirakka”. These are Karelian (East Finnish) tasty pastries filled with rice. Included in the price of the tour. Additional snacks or beverages may be bought there as well.

**At about 12:30 p.m.** everybody will enter the busses and we will then drive to Rauhaniemen Kansankylpylä, which is the famous place of the old sauna culture in Finland. We will find ourselves right at the shore of the big and beautiful lake of Näsijärvi, the bigger one of two lakes of Tampere. Interesting stories will be heard about the over one hundred year old Spa area traditions, where people relaxed and did some ice-swimming a long time before and until today.

**At 03:30 p.m.** our busses will continue the tour and then pass a big modern style Finnish spa, which was built into one of the big red brick factories from times before. Small snacks on the tour will be served. Around 04:00 p.m., coming back to the Scandic Rosendahl, our Young & Tall team is awaiting you and will demonstrate you the making and the use of an essential tool of the Finnish sauna, the “Vihta”. And at **about 06:00 p.m.** we can enjoy a delicious Finnish evening soup with salmon in the hotel. Guests, who had not used the Saunas earlier before on our trip, now have the possibility to enjoy the sauna of the Scandic Rosendahl hotel or Cumulus Hämeenpuisto Hotel, if desired. More details will be in our Welcome Packages. For non-sauna users, it is their free time now for the whole evening. Later, you may go and discover the night life of Tampere, while in this week also many other people from Eastern Europe meet downtown for some lively festivals in Tampere, like the big Folk Dance Festival.

**Dress Code: Casual/Sporty**, bring your comfortable shoes and do not forget your Sauna clothes (can be left in the busses), if you want to join to feel the heat...

## Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012 – Gala-evening

### Big European Gala Ball Evening

#### Entertainment, Music and Dancing until the morning...

Scandic Rosendahl hotel  
Pyyrikintie 13, Tampere  
From 07:30 – 04:00 a.m.

**70 Euro**



The Saturday morning and the afternoon is your own free time. You may want to go downtown shopping, visit a museum, take a walk in the park at Tammerkoski or just relax at the harbor. In the early evening you may want to get ready for the long night of the year for tall people.

**At 07:30 p.m.** we will begin with our Gala Evening at the Scandic Rosendahl hotel. Tall friends, who are not staying there, can arrive by bus or taxi. As you know from the years before, this is the evening for all beautiful tall ladies to wear their nicest or newest evening dress. The gentlemen get a chance again to wear their sharpest suits with a bow tie or tie. The ball will be at the ball room of the hotel with a great view of a part of the lake and Tampere. There are no seat reservations, it is the free choice of everybody to sit where you like. Meet a new friend at your table!

After some little chit chats with your old and new friends you can enjoy the 3 course evening dinner starting at 08:00 p.m. Along with the courses of the dinner a nice entertainment program and some surprises will be offered to you. There will be music for young and old and dancing for everybody. We will play everything from Waltzes to Tango, Disco and Techno until the morning comes...

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012 – Kiitos ja näkemiin! Thank you and goodbye!

### We will see you again in Hamburg 2013!

Scandic Tampere City  
Hämeenkatu 1, Tampere  
From 11:00 a.m. to 03:00 p.m.

All things come to an end. And after having enjoyed a wonderful week together we would like to say:

**Vielen Dank und Auf Wiedersehen!**

**Thank you and Goodbye!**

**Kiitos ja näkemiin!**

Between **11:00 a.m. and 03:00 p.m.**, we all can meet one more time in the Restaurant/Pub to the right of the lobby of the hotel. With beautiful memories on our mind and after shaking hands or giving a big hug, we hope to see all tall friends again next year in **Hamburg, Germany!**

