

# Finland

<b>US State Dept Travel Advisory</b>	The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Finland. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.
	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html</a>
<b>Passport/Visa Requirements</b>	US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 2 blank pages in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required.
<b>US Embassy/Consulate</b>	[358] (9) 616250; US Embassy in Finland, Itäinen Puistotie 14 B, 00140 Helsinki, Finland; <a href="https://fi.usembassy.gov/">https://fi.usembassy.gov/</a> ; HelsinkiACS@state.gov
<b>LGBTQIA+ Travelers</b>	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) travelers can face unique challenges when traveling abroad. Laws and attitudes in some countries may affect safety and ease of travel. Legal protections vary from country to country. Many countries do not legally recognize same-sex marriage. Approximately seventy countries consider consensual same-sex sexual relations a crime, sometimes carrying severe punishment.
	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html</a>
<b>Telephone Code</b>	358
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	112
<b>Vaccinations</b>	See WHO recommendations  <a href="http://www.who.int/">http://www.who.int/</a>
<b>Climate</b>	Cold temperate; potentially subarctic but comparatively mild because of moderating influence of the North Atlantic Current, Baltic Sea, and more than 60,000 lakes
<b>Currency (Code)</b>	Euros (EUR)
<b>Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)</b>	230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F
	 Type C      Type F
<b>Major Languages</b>	Finnish, Swedish, Russian
<b>Major Religions</b>	Lutheran 67.8%, Greek Orthodox 1.1%, other 1.7%, unspecified 29.4%
<b>Time Difference</b>	UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October
<b>Potable Water</b>	Yes
<b>International Driving Permit</b>	Suggested
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist Destinations</b>	Turku Castle; Porvoo; Lake Saimaa region (includes Savonlinna and Castle Olavinlinna); Orthodox Church in Tampere; Lemmenjoki National Park; Helsinki churches (Uspensky and Lutheran Cathedrals, Tempeliaukio Church); Suomenlinna Fortress
<b>Major Sports</b>	Soccer, ice hockey, ski jumping, cross-country skiing
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	When invited to a Finn's home, it is considered polite to arrive punctually and to offer to bring a dish.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Tips are not expected as a service charge is always included at restaurants, but you may leave a small tip of 5-10% for excellent service. Tipping at hotels is fairly rare, but a few euros for good service is appreciated. Round up for taxis.
<b>Souvenirs</b>	Knitted traditional Lappish clothing, reindeer and elk decorative and food items, glass bird statues, stone necklaces
<b>Traditional Cuisine</b>	Rye Bread and Karelian stew — pork and beef with carrots, onions, and spices