

Finland Helsinki: Travel & Hotels

Venue: We have two different venues in the center of Helsinki. Please check with the organiser where your classes will be held.

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Travel

Helsinki-Vantaa airport: <http://www.finavia.fi/en/helsinki-airport/>

By train: There is a new train connection from the airport to the Helsinki Central railway station from 5 am until midnight. You can purchase your ticket from the train conductor. The cost is 5 euros.

By bus: There is a regular airport bus service 615 from the airport to the Helsinki Central railway station. The total travel time is about 30–45 minutes. You can purchase your ticket from a ticket machine or from the driver. The cost is 5 euros (7 euros night-time 2am-4:30am).

A direct coach service by Finnair is also available to and from the city center. Traveling time is about 30 min and the cost is 6,30 euros.

You can find the bus stops in front of both terminals:

Terminal 1 Platform 11: Finnair City Bus, Platform 12: Bus 615

Terminal 2 Platform 10: Finnair City Bus, Platform 25: Bus 615

In Helsinki railway station: The bus 615 leaves from Rautatientori, platform 12. Finnair city bus leaves from Elielinaukio, platform 30. Those are on the opposite sides of the railway station.

By taxi: A journey by taxi from the airport to the centre of Helsinki takes about 30 minutes and costs around 45 to 50 euros. The taxi stands are located right outside the arrival areas of the terminals. There are also three taxi operators at Helsinki Airport that offer special taxi services, fixed fare shared taxi, tours and charter rides.

Getting around in Helsinki

Metro The fastest way to travel in Helsinki is by metro, but it doesn't get you everywhere since there is only one line. The closest metro stations to our venues are called “Rautatientori” (which is the main railway station of Helsinki) and “Kamppi”.

Trams The tram is the main means of public transport in the inner city. There are several tram lines taking you close to the venues.

You can plan your route here: <https://www.hsl.fi/en/timetables-and-routes>

A single ticket costs 2,5 euros bought from a ticket machine, 3 euros from a tram, train or bus, or 2,4 euros by text message. Single tickets are valid for 60 minutes. The same ticket is valid on buses, trams, the metro, commuter trains and Suomenlinna ferry. You can transfer from one vehicle

to another within the validity of your ticket. You must get on a bus, tram or train before the expiry time of your ticket, but you can complete your journey even after your ticket has expired.

A simpler way is to buy day tickets (for 1-7 day periods). Check here: <https://www.hsl.fi/en/tickets-and-fares>

Accommodation

Since our venues are located in the very center of the city, there are many options for accommodation. You can find all the hotels mentioned below and many others from this site: <http://www.booking.com/city/fi/helsinki.html>

You can also look for **an apartment**: <https://www.airbnb.com/s/helsinki?source=bb>

Solo Sokos Hotel Aleksanteri: <https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/helsinki/sokos-hotel-aleksanteri>

The hotel offers a popular breakfast buffet and discounts at Sokos Department Stores. Rooms are either neo-Renaissance or neo-Classical décor. Free wired internet access is included in all rooms, while free Wi-Fi is offered in public areas. Restaurant Fransmanni specialises in wholesome French countryside cuisine. Leisure options include a gym and free access to a sauna in the evenings.

Original Sokos Hotel Albert: <https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/helsinki/sokos-hotel-albert>

The hotel is in Helsinki's cultural and historic quarter, Punavuori. The room design is influenced by many local art galleries. All rooms include luxury beds and feature wooden floors, air conditioning and heated bathroom floors. Wi-Fi is free. Papa Albert Restaurant serves a popular breakfast buffet as well as Northern Italian cuisine favoured by locals.

Hotel Anna: <http://www.hotelanna.fi/en/>

Hotel Anna is a welcoming and homely place to stay. All 64 rooms are fully equipped with private bathroom, flat screen TV and free wireless internet connection. The hotel is located in the Design District so there are a lot of design and art boutiques as well as trendy pubs and cosy restaurants in the area around the hotel.

Hotel Fabian: <http://www.hotelfabian.fi/en>

Hotel Fabian is within 5 minutes' walk of Market Square and the Esplanadi shopping streets. It offers free Wi-Fi internet access. Rooms at Hotel Fabian are soundproofed and air-conditioned as well as feature stylish, modern design and décor. Some have a kitchenette with a refrigerator, tea/coffee maker and microwave.

Omena Hotel Helsinki Lönnrotinkatu: <http://www.omenahotels.com/our-hotels/finland/helsinki-loennrotinkatu/>

The hotel is situated less than 850 metres from Helsinki Central Station and Kamppi Shopping Centre. All rooms are equipped with a double bed and 2 pull out sofa chairs. A seating area with a small dining table is provided, as well as a mini fridge, hair dryer and cable TV, a kettle, free coffee and tea and free Wi-Fi. Omena Hotels do not have a reception; instead you receive the room number and room access code by email and sms on the day of arrival.

GLO Hotel Art: <http://glohotels.fi/en/hotels/glo-hotel-art>

GLO Hotel Art is a charming lifestyle hotel built around a century-old Art Nouveau castle in the centre of Helsinki. It is located in the Design District 700 meters from the commercial city center of Helsinki. The hotel was totally renovated during 2012 with new rooms. Glo Art restaurant is located in the castle cellar and offers Nordic cuisine.

Radisson Blu Seaside Hotel: <http://www.radissonblu.com/seasidehotel-helsinki>

This modern, eco-friendly hotel is in the Ruoholahti business district, 1 km from Helsinki's main shopping and transport hubs. In addition to the waterfront setting by the Gulf of Finland, it offers a fitness centre, top-floor lounge and free WiFi. A varied breakfast buffet is served every day at Seaside Hall.

Hostel Erottajanpuisto: <http://www.erottajanpuisto.com/>

A budget option located a 10-minute walk from Helsinki Train Station. The hostel offers free Wi-Fi access and a fully equipped communal kitchen. The rooms range in size from single room to 8-bed dormitory. All rooms include a sink and linen. The toilets and showers are in the hallway. The hostel offers a 24-hour reception and security lockers.