

The Orthodox Church Museum of Finland, RIISA

RIISA is one of Finland's most fascinating specialized museums – a place where history, art, and spirituality meet. The museum's collections tell the story of Finnish Orthodoxy and its rich cultural heritage.

The museum's collections come from icons, church vestments, furnishings, and rare books from Karelian Orthodox parishes and monasteries evacuated during World War II (when Finland lost the area to the Soviet Union). RIISA preserves these treasures, showing how Orthodox traditions have endured through the years and continue to thrive today.

The Orthodox Church Museum of Finland aims to protect, conserve, and promote national Orthodox cultural heritage. It is a specialized museum of outstanding national, regional, and global significance, offering insights into the history of the Finnish Orthodox Church and Orthodox culture.

Your visit can be enhanced with a guided tour, exploring the history and meaning of the icons and objects in more depth. The museum shop offers high-quality souvenirs, printed icons, cards, jewelry, and art books – perfect mementos or gifts.

Opening Hours & prices:

Check the website for current opening hours.
Guided tour duration: approx. 30–45 min (max 25 people)

Adults: 12€

Reduced: (students, seniors): 8€

Under 18: Free

Groups: 8€/person (10–50 people)

Guided Tours:

Tue–Fri: €80–100 per tour + admission fees

Sat–Sun: €100–125 per tour + admission fees

Languages: English, Russian

Accessibility: Accessible

Parking: Yes, free

READ MORE

riisa.fi/welcome-to-riisa



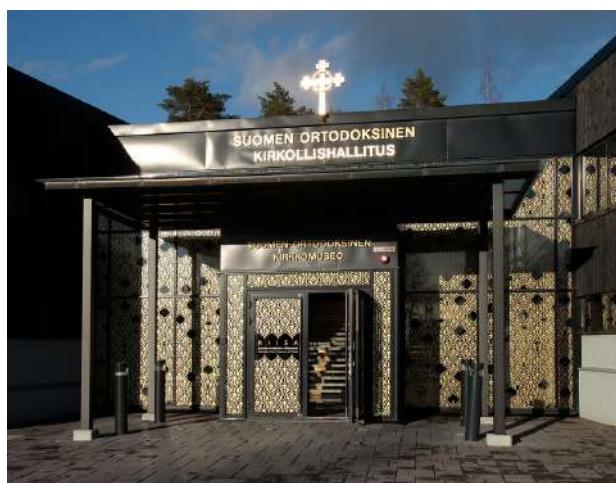
Contact

info@riisa.fi

Tel. +358 40 865 0537 – Hannele



© RIISA



© RIISA

VB Photography Center

Located in a charming old wooden house in the heart of Kuopio, this building once housed the studio of photographer Victor Barsokevitsch (1863–1933) and his wife Adéle (1857–1944). This is where hundreds of moments from the lives of Kuopio residents were captured over a century ago.

Founded in 1987, VB Photography Center is Finland's first photography center, where history and contemporary art meet. Throughout the year, the center hosts high-quality Finnish and international photography exhibitions in a historic and inspiring setting.

In the summer, relax with a cup of coffee at the summer café and enjoy the beautiful courtyard. The small museum shop offers products from the exhibitions, including postcards and charming souvenirs. VB Photography Center is a perfect destination for anyone interested in photography, art, history, and stories.

Opening hours & prices

Check the website for current opening hours.
Groups can also book outside regular hours.

Adults: 16€, autumn/spring 14€

Reduced: 8€ (students, seniors),
autumn/spring 7€

Under 18: Free

Groups over 10: 2€ discount per person (guide
and driver free)

Guided tours (45–75 min, 10–40 people):

75€ – 100€

Accessibility: Assisted access available.

Parking: Paid parking under the Market Square or on nearby streets.

Languages: English

READ MORE

vb-valokuvakeskus.fi



Contact

info@vb-valokuvakeskus.fi

Tel. +358 44 744 6424



© VB Photographic center



© VB Photographic center

KUMMA – The Bold Art Museum in Kuopio

Located in the heart of Kuopio, KUMMA is a compact yet daring art museum – a place where curiosity comes alive. Through its exhibitions, events, and encounters with art, KUMMA reflects the region's creative spirit and offers experiences that stay with you for a long time.

The museum's exhibitions dive deep into the world of art collecting, revealing surprising and fascinating stories behind the artworks. Expect unseen treasures – even the museum's restrooms are part of the experience!

In addition to KUMMA's own exhibitions, the museum hosts GalleriA and the Kuopio Art Lending Service, run in collaboration with Kuopio Artists' Association Ars Libera. As a regional art museum, KUMMA promotes and strengthens the visibility of visual arts throughout Northern Savo. If you want to experience the most original side of Finnish contemporary art, KUMMA is a must-visit. Here creativity, community, and curiosity meet – and every visit offers something new.

Opening hours & prices

Check the website for current opening hours. Groups can also book outside regular hours.

Adults: 10€

Reduced: 5€ (students, seniors)

Under 18: Free

Group discount: -20% (min. 10 people, single payment)

Guided tour: 80€ + admission (by reservation)

Accessibility: Accessible entrance in the courtyard. More info at museums [webpage](#)

Parking: Paid parking under the Market Square or on nearby streets

Languages: English

READ MORE

kummamuseo.fi



Contact

taidemuseo@kuopio.fi

Tel. +358 017 182 633



© KUMMA



© KUMMA

Old Kuopio Museum

Travel back in time at the Old Kuopio Museum, where eleven charming wooden houses reveal the everyday lives of past generations. Wander through picturesque homes that showcase how people lived in different eras, explore a beautifully preserved old pharmacy, and enjoy fascinating temporary exhibitions. Don't miss the beloved Minna Canth's salon, featuring original furniture and personal items from one of Finland's most influential female authors from the past.

The museum is full of things to see and experience throughout the year. In the summer you can spend time in the yard adorned with lilacs and take part in fascinating events. In the winter you can tune in Christmas and see how it was celebrated in the old days in the traditional Christmas exhibition. A perfect destination for culture lovers and curious travellers alike!

J. V. Snellman home museum

The J. V. Snellman Home Museum offers an intimate look into the life of philosopher, statesman, and key nation-builder J. V. Snellman (1806–1881), who lived in this historic wooden house during his Kuopio years from 1845 to 1849. Within these rooms, Snellman wrote, taught, and developed ideas that would later shape Finnish national identity and language policy. The museum's mid-19th-century interiors, complete with original family furniture and household items, provide an authentic glimpse into his daily life. Visitors can explore his study, the family's living spaces, and objects highlighting both his personal world and lasting contributions to Finnish society.

Opening hours & prices

Check the website for current opening hours.
Groups can also book outside regular hours.

Adults: 8€

Reduced: 5€ (students, seniors)

Under 18: Free

Group discount: -20% (min. 10 people, single payment)

By appointment: Guided tour 80 € + entry fees.

J. V. Snellman home museum

Open for groups (minimum 10 people) by appointment around the year. Open for public on J. V. Snellman day the 12th of May. Guided tour 80 € + entry fees (10€/ person).

Accessibility: Not fully accessible

Parking: Paid parking under the Market Square or on nearby streets

Languages: English

READ MORE

kuopionkorttelimuseo.fi



Contact

korttelimuseo@kuopio.fi

Tel. +358 44 718 2627



© J.V. Snellmanin museo

Kuopio Museum

– Coexistence of Nature and Human

In Kuopio Museum natural sciences and cultural history come together in a unique way. There are fascinating and current temporary exhibitions, and permanent exhibitions presenting Eastern Finnish nature and the past of Northern Savo. People of all ages can easily explore the exhibitions with functionalities using modern technology. There is also an inspirational playroom for children.

Permanent exhibitions

In addition to temporary exhibitions, there are three permanent exhibitions in the Kuopio Museum. AGE OF HUMAN presents the history of Northern Savo from the Stone Age to today. The cultural and historical exhibition shows the life of local people in different times.

CHANGING NATURE presents the history of Northern Savo nature and looks at its present state. The journey begins far in the past in the mammoth steppe, meanders deep in the natural forests and dives to the depths of lakes.

ON THE BORDER OF REALITY AND FICTION weaves together cultural history and natural sciences by exploring the connection between the annual cycle of nature and the myths and beliefs of folklore.

Opening hours & prices

Check current opening hours on the website.

Languages: English

Guided tours: duration approx. 70 minutes. You can book a private guided tour by contacting the museum's customer service. Maximum group size: 25 people.

Adults: 15€

Reduced: 10€ (students, seniors)

Under 18: Free entry

Groups: -20% (min. 10 people, single payment)

Accessibility: Mostly accessible

Parking: Under the Market Square or on nearby streets, paid parking

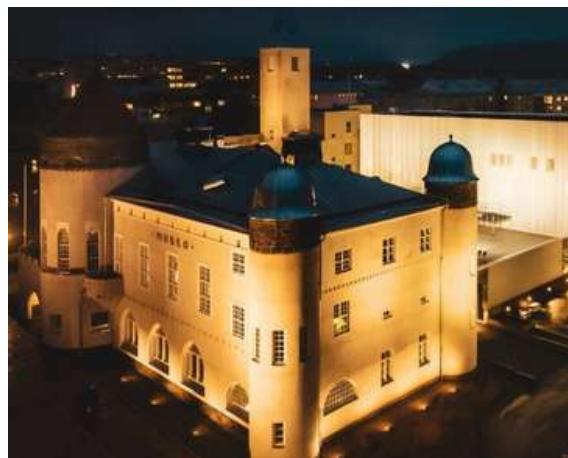
Languages: English

READ MORE

kuopionmuseo.fi/in-english



© Akseli Muraja



© Wille Markkanen



THE ART CAVE

- The Life's Work of Pauno Pohjolainen

Step into The Art Cave in Kuopio and experience the life's work of Finnish artist Pauno Pohjolainen, spanning five remarkable decades. This unique exhibition space offers a powerful setting for Pohjolainen's art, where painting meets sculpture, and colour meets form.

Pohjolainen is best known for his large-scale wooden sculptures brought to life with vibrant colour. Over the years, he has received major recognition, including the Ars Fennica Award (1997) – the largest art prize in the Nordic countries – and the Pro Finlandia Medal (2005). In 2025, he was named an Honorary Member of the Finnish Painters' Union.

The exhibition showcases a rich selection of paintings, reliefs, and sculptures from throughout his career. During special presentation events, the artist himself will be present to share stories about his work and creative journey.

Small catering services can be arranged in the exhibition hall for an additional fee. A café and restrooms are located in the nearby Sports Cave. A shop on-site offers books, postcards, and posters about the artist.

Opening hours & prices

Guided tours and group visits (20–30 people) available year-round by reservation.

Duration: 1–2 hours

Price: 12€/ person

Accessibility: Fully accessible

Parking: Free

Languages: English and Swedish

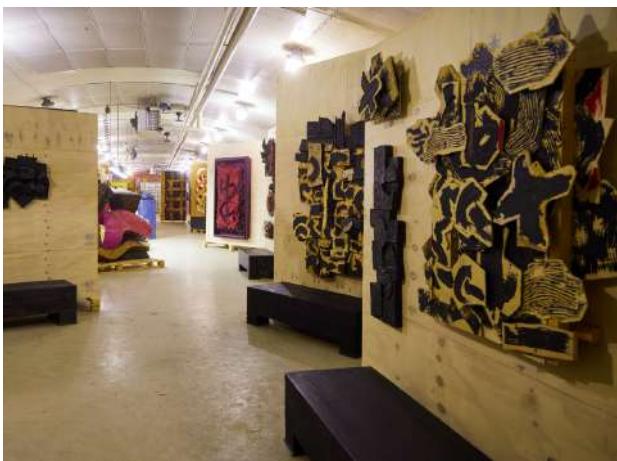
READ MORE

paunopohjolainen.com



Contact

pauno.pohjolainen@gmail.com



© Taideluola Pauno Pohjolainen



© Taideluola Pauno Pohjolainen

LOCATION: KUOPIO

Lumoava Visitor Center - At the Heart of Finnish Jewelry Art

Step into Lumoava Visitor Center in Kuopio and explore over 80 years of Finnish jewelry-making tradition. Discover how art, design, and craftsmanship come together in modern Finnish jewelry. Lumoava offers a unique experience for anyone interested in handcraft, design, and jewelry art, making it the perfect stop during your visit to the Kuopio region.

Located within Lumoava Finland Oy's jewelry factory, the tour takes you behind the scenes to see how a piece of jewelry is created - from the first sketches to the finished, sparkling masterpieces. Meet a master goldsmith at work and see how craftsmanship and modern technology combine to give each piece its own soul.

Your visit includes an exclusive factory tour, a presentation of Lumoava's story and jewelry collections, and the chance to purchase unique pieces directly from the factory shop. The shop also features elegant watches and timeless design gifts, perfect for souvenirs or special presents. To make your experience even more enjoyable, catering can be arranged in advance - from a delightful coffee service to a light savory snack to complement your visit.

Tours are suitable for groups (min. 5, max. 30) or individual visitors.

Opening hours & prices

Open by appointment year-round

Tour duration: 45-90 min

Adults: 10€

Reduced: 7,5€ (students, seniors)

Children under 15 accompanied by a paying adult: Free

Accessibility: Includes stairs, no elevator

Parking: Free, bus & car access directly to the door

Languages: English

READ MORE

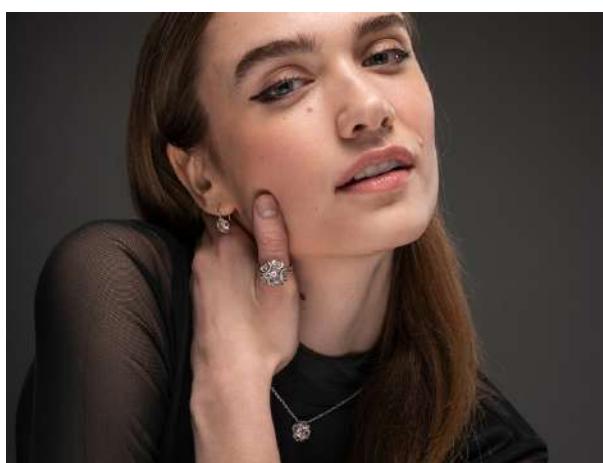
lumoava.fi/en



Contact

vierailukeskus@lumoava.fi

Tel. +358 40 304 0201



© Lumoava



© Lumoava

Lasilinkki Visitor Center

- The Story of Light and Glass

Here light dances on glass surfaces, and every reflection tells a story of Finnish craftsmanship. The Lasilinkki Visitor Centre in Kuopio is a place where design, tradition, and northern light come together in a truly unique way.

At the Essis by Lasilinkki showroom, visitors are invited to explore the very best of Finnish glass design. During the guided tour, you'll discover a wide range of interior glass creations – from glass doors and shower walls to room dividers, tables, and mirrors – as well as Essis' signature pieces: handcrafted artisan glassworks (only creator in the Nordics) and recycled glass designs, made exclusively in Finland and found nowhere else in the Nordic countries.

The designs are inspired by Finnish nature and architecture, blending timeless beauty with contemporary craftsmanship. On the tour, you'll hear stories about the company's long history and its close collaborations with Finnish designers and artists. You'll also get to witness how glass takes shape in the hands of skilled artisans and can create your own style combinations at the moodboard station, where colors and materials come alive.

At the end of your visit, you can browse the shop and outlet, where many of the designs are available for purchase. Light refreshments and additional activities can be arranged upon request, tailored to the group's wishes.

Opening hours & prices

Mon–Fri: 7:30–16:30

Guided tour: Free (by reservation, minimum 2 people)

Duration: 45–60 minutes

Accessibility: Not accessible

Parking: Free (bus parking available in the back yard)

Languages: English

READ MORE

lasilinkki.fi/in-english



Contact

tiia.tanskanen@lasilinkki.fi

Tel. +358 44 703 9427



© Lasilinkki



© Lasilinkki

Lignell & Piispanen Distillery Tour

- A Feast for the Senses

Imagine stepping inside and sensing the delicate fragrance of juniper, fresh spruce tips, and wild berries in the air. Lignell & Piispanen, the famous distillery from Kuopio, has been part of Finnish drink culture for more than 170 years. Founded in 1852, this family-owned company is Finland's second oldest alcohol producer still run by the same family. Here, in the heart of Kuopio, drinks are crafted where northern nature and Finnish design meet - from forest to glass.

On the distillery tour, explore the company's fascinating history, see how the drinks are made, and hear the stories behind each product. During the tasting, sample seasonal or themed drinks, tasting the essence of the forest, berries, and Finnish traditions.

For those wanting a hands-on experience, the Cocktail School lets you learn from the masters: make three different cocktails, discover distilling secrets, and enjoy your creations in a fun, relaxed setting.

Afterwards, enjoy a drink at the Distillery Arctic Bar and shop for distillery products and gifts in the on-site store.

Opening hours & prices

Fri–Sat: 14:00–18:00

Groups: available year-round by appointment

Duration: approx. 2 hours

Prices:

Distillery Tour: 15€/ person

Distillery Tour & Tasting: 35€/ person (max 35)

Cocktail School: 44€/ person (max 20)

Accessibility: fully accessible

Parking: free

Languages: English

READ MORE

lignellpiispanen.com/en



Contact

visit@lignellpiispanen.fi

Tel. +358 44 301 9325



© Lignell & Piispanen



Saana

- Where the Spirit of Finnish Sauna Comes Alive

Imagine a quiet evening by the lake, steam drifting from a wood-heated sauna while the calm of northern nature surrounds you. Welcome to Kuopion Saana, a peaceful place by the water where Finnish sauna culture, nature, and relaxation come together. This is the essence of Finnish well-being.

Step into the gentle heat of a traditional smoke sauna, unwind in outdoor hot pools, or take a refreshing dip in the cool pool (4–8 °C) or the lake itself. Here, you don't just visit a sauna – you become part of an ancient Nordic ritual. Remember to bring your bathing suit.

Finnish heritage sauna & treatments

Step into the timeless world of Finnish sauna tradition!

At Saana's Heritage Sauna, every detail – from the gentle hiss of the wood-fired stove to the scent of birch and honey – is designed to restore balance and awaken your senses. Our professional sauna host will guide you through a mystical sauna journey that takes you back to the very roots of Finnish well-being. Experience authentic treatments such as:

Birch whisk treatment – 45 min / 89€

A traditional sauna ceremony using only pure, natural elements.

Peat treatment – 45 min / 79€

A deeply nurturing experience that revitalizes your skin, eases muscle tension, and relaxes the mind – followed by the soft heat of the smoke sauna.

Pampering treatment – 45 min / 89€

The soothing scent of herbs, gentle birch whisking, and a light honey massage in the warm glow of the sauna.

Mystical sauna ritual for one or two – 50 min / 59€ (1 person) | 129 € (2 persons)

Experience the ancient Finnish sauna ritual led by a traditional sauna master. This deeply relaxing session takes you back to the roots of sauna culture and includes a gentle birch whisk ritual plus your choice of a soothing honey treatment or a refreshing salt scrub.

After your sauna journey, enjoy northern flavors at Restaurant Fisu, where local ingredients meet lake views, or savor bold flavors and crispy wings at our Wing Restaurant.



READ MORE

kuopionsaana.fi/en/frontpage



Opening hours & prices

Starting price for Sauna & Spa (2 h) from 11€
Booking advised beforehand.

Note: Spa is 18+ from 18:00 onwards

Contact

sales@kuopionsaana.fi
Tel. +358 17 778 4220



Jätkänkämppä (lumberjack) Lodge & World's Largest Smoke Sauna

Step back in time at Jätkänkämppä, an authentic 1950s lumberjack lodge lovingly reconstructed from hand-hewn logs. Nestled just on the shore of Lake Kallavesi, this rustic retreat celebrates Finnish forest heritage with photos, tools, and stories from its logging past.

The grounds feature the world's largest smoke sauna, where up to 70 people can relax in its gentle, enveloping heat and cool down with a refreshing dip in the lake or, in winter, an ice-hole swim.

Every Tuesday (and Thursdays in summer), Jätkänkämppä hosts traditional Finnish evenings with a buffet of local dishes, live accordion and violin music, and, in summer, lumberjack shows.

You can join these evenings or book the lodge and sauna privately for events.

Don't miss this genuine Finnish experience history, warmth, tradition, and nature in one unforgettable place.

Prices & group reservations

Tuesdays & Thursdays:

- sauna admission 17€/ adult, 8,50€/ child 4-12 yrs old
- evening meal 32€/adult and 15,50€/ child 4-12 yrs old

The smoke sauna can be booked for 20 persons at 490 € for 2 hours. You can also hire the Jätkänkämppä Lumberjack Lodge for 320€/ 6 hours.

The prices for the buffet menus starting from 49,50 € - ask for an offer!

Contact

myynti@rauhalahti.fi

Tel. +358 306 08030

[READ MORE](#)

[Jätkänkämppä](#)

[For groups](#)



© KTM



© KTM

Minna Canth & Kanttila

Minna Canth (1844–1897) – Finland's groundbreaking writer, social reformer, and the first woman to publish journalism in Finnish. A fearless advocate for women's rights, education, and equality, Canth reshaped Finnish society with her plays, short stories, and bold newspaper writings. Her influential home in Kuopio –known as "Minna's Salon"– was a lively gathering place for artists, thinkers, and political voices of her time. Kanttila house is currently under renovation, but still open to visitors. Minna's Salon with original furniture can be seen at the Kuopio Old museum.

Today, you can experience this legacy at Kanttila, one of Kuopio's oldest surviving buildings. Once home to Finland's first inland bookstore and later to Canth's family and business, Kanttila remains a treasured cultural landmark. Inside, the atmosphere of 19th-century intellectual life comes alive, offering visitors an intimate glimpse into the world of a woman whose ideas helped pave the way for Finland's reputation in equality and education.

Discover Minna Canth's world through a rich selection of guided tours that bring her life, literature, and legacy to life. Whether you choose an immersive general tour or a themed experience – exploring her salon, her path as a writer, her family life, her international connections, or even her fascination with spiritualism and card games – you'll gain a vivid and inspiring picture of one of Finland's most influential cultural figures. Each tour offers an engaging blend of storytelling, historical insight, and authentic atmosphere inside the iconic Kanttila house.

Kanttila is part of the Women Writers Route, a certified Cultural Route of the Council of Europe celebrating the heritage of European women authors: www.womenwriters.eu

Kanttila is located 450 meters from Kuopio Market Square, next to the VB Photographic Centre.

Opening hours & prices

Kanttila is open by appointment and closed during wintertime.

Guided tours: 30min –1 hour, starting from 75€

Group size: 2-30 people

Accessibility: Not fully accessible (stairs and toilets)

Parking: Paid parking, under the Market Square or on nearby streets

Contact

info@minnacanth.fi

Tel. +358 40 538 3823

READ MORE

kanttila.fi/en/frontpage



Kuopio Animal Park

– A Perfect Day Trip for Families

Welcome to Kuopio Animal Park, a warm and family-friendly countryside destination located just south of Kuopio in Vehmasmäki. The park is home to more than 100 friendly animals, from traditional farmyard favourites: goats, sheep, horses, ducks, and chickens – to charming alpacas, miniature pigs, donkeys, and even a white peacock. Children can enjoy close encounters with the animals, join daily feeding moments, and take pony or cart rides in a safe and relaxed environment.

The park offers much more than animals: explore a vintage tractor collection, discover old farm tools, and let kids run free in the playgrounds and riding areas. Families are also welcome to enjoy meals outdoors – several grill spots are available for self-guided picnics and barbecue breaks. For refreshments, the summer café serves homemade pastries, savoury treats, ice cream, and drinks.

Kuopio Animal Park is easy to reach and provides a peaceful countryside escape just minutes from the city. Whether you're looking for a fun family day, an educational farm experience, or a relaxed outdoor outing, the park offers something for every age.

Opening hours & prices

Please check summer opening hours on the website. Other seasons: by appointment.

Admission: 15€, children under 2 years: free

Reduced: 12€ (seniors)

Family ticket (2 adults & 2 children): 55€

Guided tour: 45€

Groups: ask for an offer

Accessibility: fully accessible

Languages: English

Parking: free

READ MORE

kuopionelainpuisto.com



Contact

myynti@kuopionelainpuisto.com

Tel. +358 44 355 5555 – Miia



Campfire Coffee Time and Other Activities

– Reconnect with Nature

Discover the true spirit of Finnish nature with our tailored guiding services for groups of up to 20 people. Enjoy unforgettable outdoor adventures – from short campfire hikes to full-day trips anywhere in Northern Savo. Choose from birdwatching, geocaching, canoeing, fishing, mushroom foraging, or guided trekking, and for the adventurous, multi-day hikes in remote areas.

Every trip is carefully planned, including guidance, equipment, and safety, with all activities fully insured. Focused on nature, culture, and Finnish traditions, our adventures create lasting memories for your group.

Campfire Coffee in a forest or by the lake

Bring your group to enjoy a cozy campfire experience in the heart of Northern Savo's beautiful nature. Choose your perfect setting – a peaceful forest spot or a scenic lakeside location – where you can relax, unwind, and soak in the fresh Finnish air. We promise a warm and memorable experience that combines nature, peaceful togetherness, and the simple joys of enjoying a campfire in Finland's stunning outdoors.

Price: Starting from €150 + chosen snacks (ask for a personalized offer)

Campfire coffee & snacks with animals

Bring your group to enjoy the authentic wilderness atmosphere and the wonderful presence of animals at our campfire! The options include our yard's small accessible campfire place, our own hut, or the atmospheric Vanuvuori campfire place, which is perfect for larger groups. Our friendly and experienced Shetland ponies will accompany you, bringing warmth and joy to the moment – they will walk with you, or they can be harnessed to pull carts or sleighs. The animals are accustomed to different groups and events, and their gentle nature naturally calms and cheers up the participants.

Included: campfire coffee or tea, some snacks like sausage and marshmallow roasting.

We promise a warm-hearted experience that combines nature, peaceful togetherness, and the good-natured energy brought by animals.

Price: 45€ (4-8 people)

READ MORE
eravekkula.com



Contact
eravekkula@gmail.com
Tel. +358 44 983 9293 – Veera



© Erävekkula



© Erävekkula

Haminalahti Cultural Route - in the Landscapes of The von Wright Brothers

Discover the beautiful landscape that inspired the famous Finnish von Wright artist brothers in Haminalahti, 15km from Kuopio city centre. Here, calm lake views, green forests and traditional farmland form the same scenery seen in the brothers' renowned 19th-century paintings. The Haminalahti Culture Trail (4.3 km in total, with a main 3.1 km loop) leads you through these authentic landscapes, with clear signposts that tell the story of the artists, their lives and the places they painted. Along the way, you can enjoy views of the historic manor where the brothers once lived.

A highlight of the route is Haminavuori, the viewpoint made famous by Ferdinand von Wright's iconic View from Haminalahti (1853). This landscape, later praised as "a new stanza of the national anthem," also inspired his beloved The Fighting Capercaillies – the most reproduced painting in Finland. The painting is on display at Ateneum, Helsinki.

The trail is partly accessible: the starting point offers parking, an accessible toilet, an information board and an easy first section. The full route includes hills and some stairs. A fireplace along the path invites you to pause, make a campfire and grill sausages – a favourite Finnish outdoor tradition.

READ MORE

kuopio.fi/en/destinations/haminalahti-culture-trail



© Kuopion kaupunki



© Kuopion kaupunki

Kuopio Market Square & Market Hall - The Beating Heart of Kuopio

At the heart of Kuopio lies a place locals call "the center of the universe" – Kuopio Market Square. It's one of Finland's largest and liveliest market squares, where life moves to the rhythm of friendly chatter and steaming cups of coffee. The air is filled with the scents of kalakukko (traditional fish pie), fresh strawberries, and fried vendace, while Savonian humor flows as freely as the coffee. Even without a shared language, conversations start easily – the Savonian way.

In summer the square buzzes with energy: music, flea markets, and events fill the cultural heart of Kuopio. Locals and visitors mingle, laughter echoes across the square, and sunlight glitters on nearby Lake Kallavesi. Stalls overflow with local produce, flowers, crafts, and seasonal treats – and the cafés invite you to sit back, relax, and "naatitaan" (enjoy the moment).

Market hall

Just beside the square stands the beautiful Kuopio Market Hall, built in 1902 in Art Nouveau style. Step inside and discover regional delicacies, cheeses, berries, handmade gifts, and Finnish design treasures – all crafted with love and pride. Check the opening hours from the website.

Together, the Market Square and Market Hall form the true heart of Northern Savo and Kuopio –where flavors, stories, and smiles come together.

Parking: Paid parking under the Market Square or on nearby streets

READ MORE

kuopionkauppahalli.fi



© SawoGrow



© SawoGrow

Pikku-Pietari Market Alley - The Most Charming Shopping Street in Kuopio

Just a few steps from Kuopio Market Square lies Pikku-Pietari Market Alley – a cozy wooden lane where local life, handicrafts, and the relaxed Savonian spirit come together. Walking here feels like stepping back in time: warm, welcoming, and peaceful.

In the small red cottages, you'll find local handmade crafts, gifts, and unique treasures – many created with love and skill right here in Savo. It's the perfect place to slow down for a moment, enjoy a cup of coffee and a Finnish cinnamon bun, and chat with friendly locals.

In summer, the alley comes alive with craft sellers, family events, and cheerful local gatherings. Pikku-Pietari Market Alley is a little oasis in the heart of Kuopio – a place where both locals and visitors feel at home, leaving with a smile and a story to tell.

Opening hours

Check current opening times on the website
pikkupietarintorikuja.fi

READ MORE
pikkupietarintorikuja.fi



Puijo Peak and Puijo Tower - Nature, Views and Finnish Flavours

Rising high above Kuopio, Puijo Peak is where nature, scenery, and Finnish tradition meet. Just a few minutes from the city center, this green hill offers the perfect escape into nature - whether you want to take a peaceful forest walk, hike through scenic trails, or simply breathe in the fresh Northern Savo air.

At the top stands the famous Puijo Tower, Kuopio's iconic landmark. From its 75-meter height, you'll see breathtaking views over Lake Kallavesi and the endless patchwork of forests and islands that define Finnish Lakeland. The revolving restaurant at the top lets you enjoy local flavors while the landscape slowly turns around you - a truly unforgettable experience. There is an entrance fee to the tower which will give you access to the Tower Café and rooftop terrace. Nearby the charming Puijon Maja Lodge offers weekday lunch.

Puijo is a favorite spot for both locals and travelers, in every season. In summer, enjoy hiking, birdwatching, and picnicking in the nature reserve; in winter, the area transforms into a snowy wonderland for skiing and snowshoeing.

Whether you come for the view, the fresh air, or a taste of adventure, Puijo Peak is a place where Kuopio's natural beauty and peaceful atmosphere surround you completely.

Contact

Groups: sales@puijopeak.fi

Puijo tower lobby: +358 41 3179 535

Restaurants: ravintolat@puijopeak.fi

tel. +358 44 5810 455

READ MORE

puijopeak.fi/en/frontpage



© KTM



© KTM

ROLL Cruises

– Enjoy Lakeland Finland from the Water

Set sail from Kuopio Passenger Harbour and experience the breathtaking scenery of Lake Kallavesi with Roll Cruises. Our 1.5-hour archipelago and sightseeing cruises offer the perfect way to admire Kuopio's lakeside skyline, forested islands and the peaceful atmosphere of Finnish Lakeland. Cruises run daily in June – August, and in May and September on request. You can book in advance or simply step onboard.

During the cruise, enjoy the comfort of our café, bar, and freshly prepared meals. Lunch and dinner are available on selected departures, making your journey as delicious as it is scenic.

For travellers wanting more, Roll Cruises also offers Beach Break cruises to the sandy island of Hietasalo, as well as Berry Wine Farm cruises to Alahovi Island, where local wines and island landscapes create an unforgettable experience. All cruises are suitable for every age group.

Prices

Sightseeing cruise: 22€/adult,
11€/child
Groups (min. 10 people): 19€/person
Duration: 1.5 hours

Accessibility: Not fully accessible

Contact

info@roll.fi
Tel. +358 440 266 330

READ MORE
roll.fi/en/cruises



© KTM



© KTM