

Saimaa facts

Finland



The Cleanest environment in the world



The World's cleanest air has been measured here



Over 188,000 lakes



80 % of lakes are good or excellent quality (UNESCO)



Over 70 % of the land area covered in forests



More saunas per capita than any other country (over 3 million)



The Sauna tradition over 10 000 years old

Lake Saimaa



14,000 islands



Over 15,000 km of shoreline (more than Spain)



In the top 5 most beautiful lakes in the world



Over 50,000 cottages



Approx. 480 endangered Saimaa ringed seals

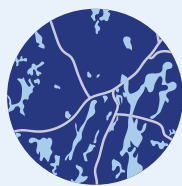
Mikkeli



Approx. 79 906 inhabitants



29 311 holiday residences



2067 lakes



Home to significant ancient Astuvansalmi Rock Paintings



Historic headquarters city

More facts about Mikkeli

- Mikkeli is located in **province of Eastern Finland** and in **the region of South Savo**
- **Astuvansalmi Rock Paintings** is the largest rock art site in the Nordics includes about 80 ancient rock paintings dating back c. 5000 years.
- Mikkeli, **a historic Headquarters city during three wars**, is featured at the Muisti Center of War and Peace. Explore its fascinating past there!
- The crown jewel of the region is **the D.O. Saimaa label**, signifying that a product or ingredient is high-quality and produced in the Saimaa region following strict standards.
- **Mikkeli Music Festival** is an annual classical music festival in Mikkeli, offering high quality international classical music experiences.
- **Neitvuori Hill** in Mikkeli, one of South Savo's highest points, offers breathtaking views over the Luonteri archipelago.
- In the Mikkeli region, you can explore top attractions with **Hop On Hop Off tours**, combining bus rides and Lake Saimaa cruises.
- **Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark** is a unique area of geological and cultural significance, offering some of Finland's most beautiful natural and historical sites. You are able to explore the Geopark attractions just a stone's throw from Mikkeli city center.

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How to get here?

The easiest way to get to the Lake Saimaa area is to choose direct flights to Savonlinna or Lappeenranta. You can also fly to Helsinki and continue traveling to the area by rental car or by train.

Direct flights

Frankfurt - Savonlinna	2 h 20 min
Rotterdam - Savonlinna	2 h 20 min
Helsinki - Savonlinna	0 h 55 min
Bergamo - Lappeenranta	3 h 15 min

From Helsinki by Car

Mikkeli	2 h 40 min
Lappeenranta	2 h 45 min
Imatra	3 h 5 min
Savonlinna	3 h 55 min
Varkaus	3 h 29 min

From Helsinki by Train

Mikkeli	2 h 40 min
Lappeenranta	2 h 10 min
Imatra	2 h 30 min
Savonlinna	4 h 30 min
Varkaus	4 h 23 min

