

# 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**

## Cities



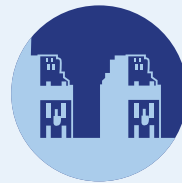
### Savonlinna

**Population:** 32 000  
**Area:** 3,598 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Founded:** 1639  
**Highlights:** Olavinlinna Castle  
Opera festival  
Linnansaari and Kolovesi National Parks



### Mikkeli

**Population:** 52 000  
**Area:** 3,230 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Founded:** 1838  
**Highlights:** Muisti - Center of War and Peace  
Astuvansalmi rock paintings  
Manor houses



### Varkaus

**Population:** 19 300  
**Area:** 525 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Founded:** 1926  
**Highlights:** Museum of mechanical music  
Museum center Konsti  
Industrial history  
Architecture



### Lappeenranta

**Population:** 73 000  
**Area:** 1,724 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Founded:** 1649  
**Highlights:** Lappeenranta Fortress & The Harbor  
Karelian culture  
Unique manor-like accommodations



### Imatra

**Population:** 25 000  
**Area:** 191 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Founded:** 1971  
**Highlights:** Imatrankoski Rapids  
Crown Park  
State Hotel

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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

<b>Frankfurt - Savonlinna</b>	<b>2 h 20 min</b>
<b>Rotterdam - Savonlinna</b>	<b>2 h 20 min</b>
<b>Helsinki - Savonlinna</b>	<b>0 h 55 min</b>
<b>Bergamo - Lappeenranta</b>	<b>3 h 15 min</b>

### From Helsinki by Car

<b>Mikkeli</b>	<b>2 h 40 min</b>
<b>Lappeenranta</b>	<b>2 h 45 min</b>
<b>Imatra</b>	<b>3 h 5 min</b>
<b>Savonlinna</b>	<b>3 h 55 min</b>
<b>Varkaus</b>	<b>3 h 29 min</b>

### From Helsinki by Train

<b>Mikkeli</b>	<b>2 h 40 min</b>
<b>Lappeenranta</b>	<b>2 h 10 min</b>
<b>Imatra</b>	<b>2 h 30 min</b>
<b>Savonlinna</b>	<b>4 h 30 min</b>
<b>Varkaus</b>	<b>4 h 23 min</b>

