

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

Lappeenranta



Approx. 73 000 inhabitants



Area 1,724 km²



The Capital of coffee



Historic Lappeenranta fortress



Saimaa Canal

More facts about Lappeenranta

- **Rantabulevardi** in Lappeenranta offers a charming waterfront stroll, lined with vibrant ship restaurants and scenic views.
- **Vety and Atomi**, local street food legends, are beloved savory pastries filled with ham, egg, and other mouthwatering ingredients.
- **Lemin särä**, prepared from a thousand-year-old recipe, this traditional lamb roast is delicious beyond compare. In line with local custom, Särä should be savoured slowly.
- Lappeenranta is also the **candy capital** of Finland. The age difference between the older and younger treats from Fazer's Lappeenranta confectionery is over 120 years.
- **Ilkonsaari** is a peaceful island retreat on Lake Saimaa, perfect for relaxation and spiritual exploration with its nature paths and historic Orthodox churches.
- **The Saimaa Archipelago Route** invites cyclists and nature lovers to experience the stunning beauty of the Saimaa archipelago by bike.
- **Kärnäkoski and Partakoski** are historical fortresses nestled in beautiful nature, showcasing both military history and natural beauty.
- **The Dragoon heritage** is alive in Lappeenranta, where the history of these mounted soldiers is still celebrated today.
- **Saimaa archipelago cruises** offer a chance to drift through the majestic lake scenery, with its endless islands and serene waters.

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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