

Active in all Seasons

LAKE SAIMAA LAPPEENRANTA,
FINLAND



PRODUCT MANUAL



Hotel Salpalinjan Hovi | Villa Lummelahti Cottages | Saimaan Palju Events

Welcome to Lake Saimaa!

Lappeenranta is located next to Lake Saimaa, the fourth largest lake in Europe. Beautiful islands, wooded beaches with cottages, the rare ringed seals and trout swimming through the waves garnered worldwide attention when the U.S. business magazine Wall Street Journal listed Lake Saimaa as one of the world's most spectacular lake destinations. (<https://yle.fi/uutiset/3-7367430>)



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Unforgettable nature experiences

Lake Saimaa, speckled with beaches and islands, offers hundreds of excursion destinations that can be reached either by land or water. Depending on the season, hikers can reach the islands by canoe, boat, skis, or by walking over the ice. You can explore the local nature. The beautiful scenery of Lake Saimaa attracts visitors in every season and encourages hikers to explore the surroundings further.

On the shores of Lake Saimaa, considered a treasure of Eastern Finland, you can explore unique geological, archaeological and cultural and historical sights, marked as Saimaa Geopark destinations. For example, the Lappeenranta Fortress and the ancient shores of Rakuunamäki, the potholes of Imatrankoski and Kruununpuisto, the coastal formations of Päihäniemi in Taipalsaari, the terminal moraines of Suuri Sarviniemi, the kettle holes in the centre of Savitaipale and the ridged terrain of Lepänkanto reveal the history of the area to visitors through the traces that different eras have left in the surrounding nature. In Savitaipale, the rugged cliffs of Orrainpolku or the Stone Age settlement located on the Traces of Ice Age trekking trail are only half an hour away by car while the Repovesi National Park is just a 1.5-hour drive away.

You can also explore the different Geopark destinations and other Saimaa attractions by bike. There are both shorter day routes and longer trails that take over a day to complete. The Saimaa Archipelago Route takes cyclists through the archipelago landscapes all the way to the First and Second Salpausselkä ridges.



Excursions and nature attractions



Kärnäkoski Fortress (<https://ekarjala-retkeily.fi/en/routes-and-destinations/destination/?id=39951487>)



Christmas market in Lappeenranta



Beaver's nest



Kummakivi, nature's monument (<https://ekarjala-retkeily.fi/reitit-ja-retkikohteet/kohde/?id=39570372>)



Hämmänauteensuo in wintertime



Lingonberries



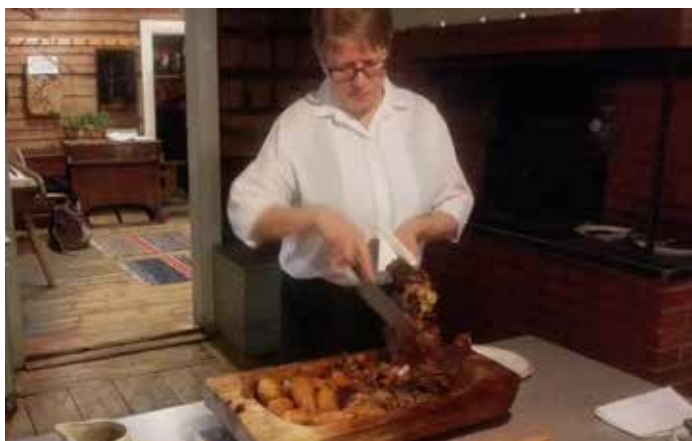
Karelisan Fish Buffet

Experiences that will tickle your taste buds

You will not go hungry on the shores of Lake Saimaa! The numerous restaurants in Lappeenranta offer you a delicious journey into the Karelian food tradition with its roasts, pies, casseroles and fish delicacies. If you like fast food, you can try one of the local delicacies, 'Vety' or 'Atomi', types of stuffed meat pies, with your coffee. You can get them from one of the stalls in the harbour market. There are also some ethnic restaurants in Lappeenranta.

Don't be afraid to engage in conversation with locals and dive into the cheerful, talkative core of Karelia.

You can also enjoy mouth-watering traditional delicacies in Lemi, less than half an hour's drive away from the centre of Lappeenranta. The Lemi 'Särä', one of Finland's seven wonders, is a world-famous traditional dish. It is a lamb dish cooked in a birch tray for several hours and served with potatoes, fresh flatbread and butter. To accompany your meal, you can order a traditional raisin soup.



The Lemi Särä, one of Finland's seven wonders.



Packed lunch



Bird watshing



Sand Castle

Captivating activities at Lappeenranta and the surrounding areas

You don't need to go hiking in order to marvel at the surrounding nature or the points of contact between the human and natural world. Fascinating rapids shows are organised in Imatra on the shores of the magnificent Vuoksi river. Konnunsuo in Lappeenranta, on the other hand, is the perfect spot for bird enthusiasts, as its open fields are on the migration route of several birds flying across the Karelian Isthmus. In addition to Konnunsuo, Lappeenranta offers dozens of good bird spotting places both on the shores of Lake Saimaa and by smaller bird lakes.

Those who enjoy a more urban environment should head to the Lappeenranta Fortress. This fortress, located on a cape sticking out into Lake Saimaa, dates back to the 17th century and displays a combination of Finnish, Russian and Swedish cultural heritage. The oldest buildings in the area, including the Orthodox Church and the guardhouse by the main gate, date from the late 18th century. Most of the historic buildings are open to the public.

Next to the fortress, by Finland's largest sand castle, you will find Saimaarium, a dynamic nature and science centre, which gives vis-

itors information about the surrounding lake nature. The main exhibition, Success Stories of Lake Saimaa, includes information about the ecology of Finnish lakes, smaller exhibitions about ringed seals and salmon as well as Finnish water and nature conservation excellence.

For a more practical taste of the area, there are plenty of hiking and cycling trails along the shores of Lake Saimaa, as well as escape rooms and hundreds of geocaches. After the tension of an escape room and worn out from searching for local geocaches, you can cool off in Lake Saimaa. After your refreshing dip, you can enjoy a relaxing sauna either on a sauna raft or in a public sauna, for example.

Lappeenranta is also a versatile sports city. The local ice hockey team SaiPa plays in one of the most competitive leagues in the world. The local ice hockey teams Veiterä and Vyborg Wolves are also amongst the best in Finland. The women's basketball team Catz, on the other hand, represents top class women's basketball in Finland.

Go cycling, hiking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, Nordic walking, ice skating. Saimaa offers a great setting for any kind of sport. For more information on cycling and hiking trails, bivouacs, ski trails, etc., see the following links:

<https://ekarjala-retkeily.fi/reitit-ja-retkikohteet/kohde/?id=39283658>

<https://www.visitlappeenranta.fi/fi/Nae-ja-koe>

<https://ekarjala-retkeily.fi/reitit-ja-retkikohteet/kohde/?id=32354525>

<https://www.visitrepovesi.fi/en>

<https://www.outdooractive.com/en/route/long-distance-hiking/savitaipale/orrainpolku-trail-savitaipale/39283658/>

<http://www.ekly.org/linnusto-ja-harrastus/lintupaikat/lappeenranta/>





The lime trees around the historic fortress explode with beautiful colours in the autumn.



Catherine the Great and General Suvorov in the Lappeenranta Fortress

Enjoy a coffee or a meal at the fortress in a historic setting. Some museums and boutiques have also sprung up in the old buildings, so there is something to see and experience in every season.

The Lappeenranta City Orchestra offers high-quality music experiences. Throw yourself into the world of music!

The Lappeenranta Singing Competition is one of Finland's most significant classical singing competitions and it has acted as a stepping stone to international fame for many talented singers. The Lappeenranta Ballet Gala, on the other hand, brings high-quality international dance groups to the town every August.

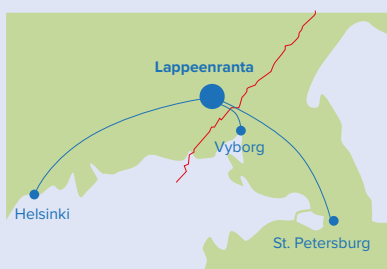
Explore the shores of Lake Saimaa with geocaching! There are over 1,000 geocaches in the Lappeenranta region.



The Lappeenranta City Orchestra

Lappeenranta – conveniently close

There is an international airport in Lappeenranta which is only two kilometres away from the city centre. Ryanair flies directly to Lappeenranta from several European destinations. Lappeenranta can also be reached by train from Helsinki in two hours. By car, the journey takes about 2.5 hours. In summer, you can take a cruise along the Saimaa Canal to both Vyborg and St. Petersburg. No visa is needed.



230 km to Helsinki
220 km to Helsinki–
Vantaa International
Airport
60 km to Vyborg
200 km to
St. Petersburg

For more information on travel options see:
www.vr.fi | www.matkahuolto.fi | www.lpprairport.fi





Salpalinjan Hovi

Salpalinjan Hovi, founded in 2014, is a family-run hotel, located 9 km from the centre of Lappeenranta in the middle of the beautiful nature and historical scenery of South Karelia. We operate in accordance with the principles of sustainable development and invest in nature and immersion travel.

Salpalinjan Hovi is a manor-like hotel housed in a timber-framed former village school. The hotel has been designed taking into account the history of the area and the school. All rooms are unique and decorated according to different school subjects, offering a peaceful and safe place to stay.

Relax in nature or spend an active holiday canoeing and fishing in the Saimaa and Kymijoki rivers, located within walking distance from the hotel. Explore the Saimaa Geopark on the Näkkiniemi geological trail or go for a walk along the village trail to explore the area's timber rafting and sawing history, or local war history. Close by there are field fortresses built in the early 1940s and underground military bunkers that you can explore with the help of an expert guide. You can also go on day trips around Lappeenranta and South Karelia.



Rooms



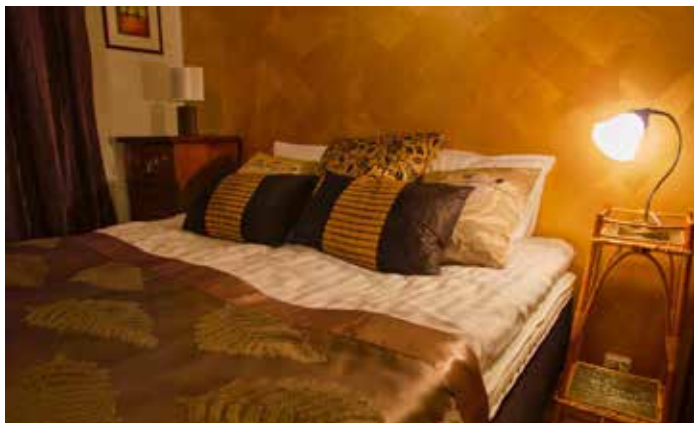
Finnish language and literature

The main colour of this room is red, representing the importance of the mother tongue. The colour red symbolises strength and courage and sets the imagination in motion. A red armchair by the window invites you to enjoy a quiet read or just relax.



History

History can be black and white, but it can also be a matter of perspective. At Salpalinja, you immerse yourself in the history of the world wars, the Finnish Civil War, the wood industry and the village school. Two large windows bring brightness to the room.



Physics, chemistry

Luxuriously decorated in different shades of metal, this room represents the so-called hard sciences: physics, chemistry and mathematics. The discoveries of natural sciences have enabled the luxurious standard of living of modern human beings in addition to the development of the forest and metal industry in Southeast Finland.



Art

This blue art-themed room is the only double room in the hotel that does not allow for an extra bed. It is decorated with fresh-coloured textiles and on the walls, you will find children's drawings as well as examples of different art movements and techniques.



Biology

The greenish biology and geography apartment has two rooms that can comfortably accommodate a family of six. Salpalinjan Hovi is located in a geographically unique watershed area separating the Vuoksi and Kymijoki river basins.



Music

Decorated in gold and silver tones, the stunning two-room Music apartment is for those who crave a little luxury in their lives or want to spend the night of their dreams in a manor-like setting. This apartment with its own entrance from the yard is well suited for longer stays.



All rooms include:

- ✓ A double bed and 0-2 sofa beds.
- ✓ Sheets and towels that are changed every 3–4 nights.
- ✓ TV
- ✓ Kitchen equipment: sink, refrigerator, stove, oven, microwave, coffee maker and kettle, toaster, tableware.
- ✓ Bathroom: Toilet, shower, hair dryer.
- ✓ Windows have mosquito nets.
- ✓ Free WiFi (100Mbit/s, optical fibre).

Available all year round

Room prices vary:

- minimum: double room 89 €/night/1 person
- maximum: family room for six 179 €/night/6 people.

Additional services:

- ✓ Sauna and hot tub

The hotel's traditional wood-heated outdoor sauna includes a hot tub that can take up to 6 people. Price of sauna/group (max. 6 people) 20 €/first hour, extra hours 10 €/hour.

Hot tub in the sauna facilities, hotel guests 60€/ 2 hours (max. 6 people). Extra hours 20€. The hot tub is available from 1 May to 30 September.



Hotel activities

- ✔ There is barbecue coal in the barbecue shelter that guests can use. There you can grill your own food and enjoy your meal in peace.
- ✔ Books available to be borrowed in several languages, a wide range of board and trivia games as well as various outdoor games, such as pétanque, croquet, badminton and other ball games.
- ✔ There is a swimming spot 400 m from the hotel door.
- ✔ There are good bird watching spots both in the garden as well as the surrounding area.
- ✔ Fishing opportunities (you can borrow rods for worm fishing and ice fishing equipment from us).
- ✔ Good mushroom and berry picking opportunities.

Winter activities

- ✔ There is a lit skating rink next to the hotel, as well as a ski track a hundred meters away. You can borrow skates, skis, snowshoes, sledges and kick sleds from the hotel.

It is easy to get to the hotel by car and there is free parking and heating poles for frosty weather in the hotel yard.

You can get the number 8 bus from the Koulukatu stop in the centre of Lappeenranta to Rutola, which leaves you in front of the hotel.

Shops close by: Sale in Ruoholahti 2.2 km away, S-Market and K-Supermarket in Sammonlahti 3.9 km away.

Languages: Finnish and English. Upon request, we also offer some programmes and guided tours in German and Russian. Hotel personnel 3 people + external participants.

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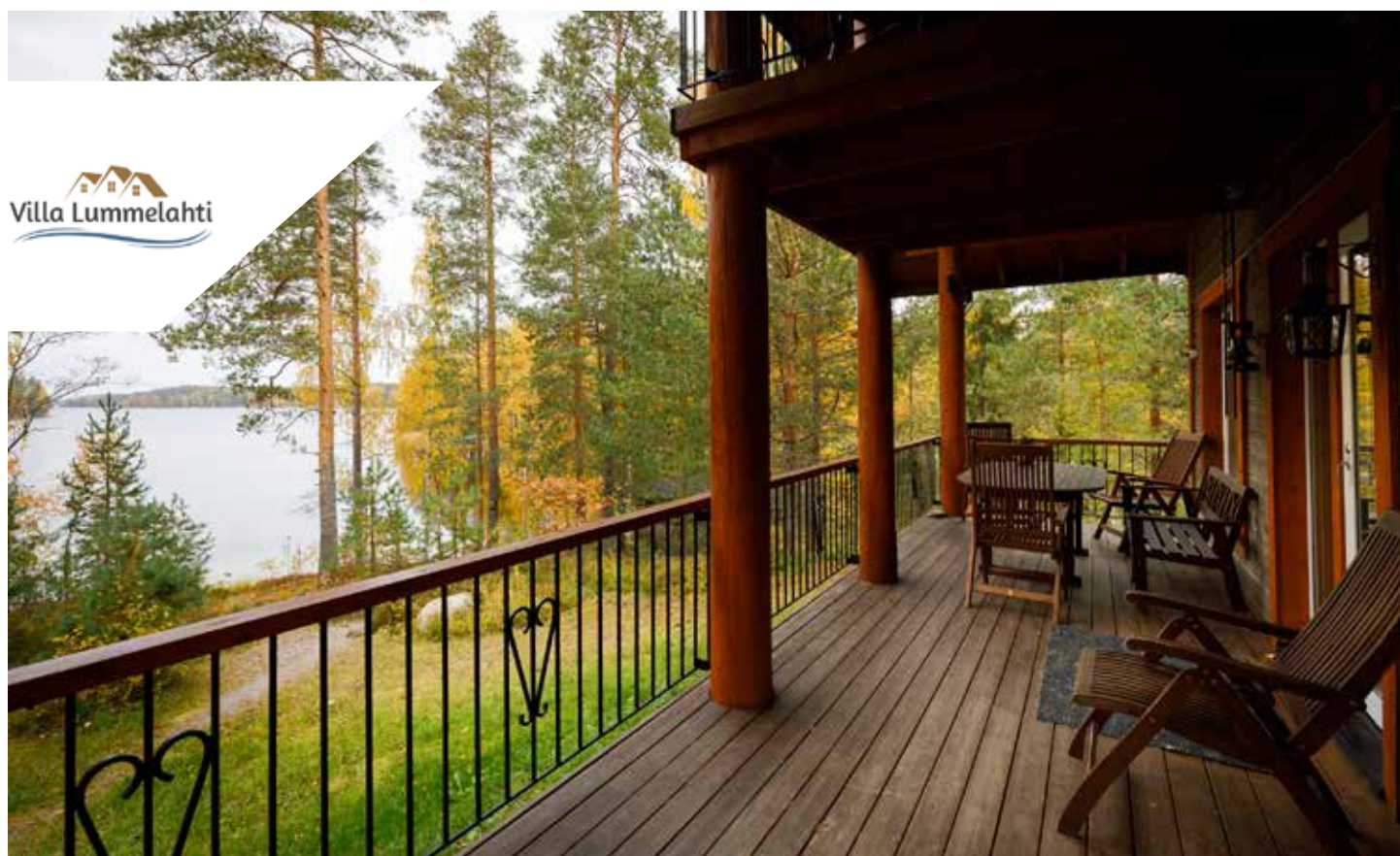
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How to get there:

<https://salpalinjanhovi.com/yhteystiedot/>

Type the name of the hotel into your GPS: Salpalinjan Hovi.





Villa Lummelahti Cottages

Villa Lummelahti offers three different types of cottages, designed and built by the owner using local wood. Each cottage has a great view of the lake, with a unique atmosphere and surroundings.

We offer cottages and villas for couples, families, friends, adventurers, fishers, for enjoyment, relaxation, silence, sport, right in the heart of nature. All cottages offer the possibility to enjoy the surrounding nature all year round. In spring you can go bird watching, cycling (bikes and electric fat bikes), have a sauna or get into a hot tub, hike along the marked trails, go horse riding in the nearby stables, or visit the local farm. In summer you can have a sauna, swim, go rowing, have a barbecue or go fishing. In the autumn, you can pick berries and mushrooms, enjoy the beautiful autumn colours and observe animals. In the winter you can swim in the ice, go walking in snowshoes, ski, skate, go ice fishing, sledding, toboggan down a slope and much more. Toboggans, sledges and some

toys are available for children. The silence and beautiful scenery are what many of our guests appreciate the most. All of our cottage terraces offer the opportunity to listen to the sounds of nature and admire the sunset and the changing colours on the lake surface.

Villa Lummelahti is located in Western Saimaa. In this area, the lake water is crystal clear. There are also two rapids, Kärnäkoski and Partakoski, close to the hotel cottages (at a 2 km distance by boat or about 18 km by car). The rapids connect Lake Saimaa with Lake Kuolimo, which is one of the cleanest lakes in Finland. While visiting the rapids, you can also explore the historic Kärnäkoski Fortress and learn about the history of the old mill. There is also a beautiful easy hiking trail and a bivouac in Kärnäkoski.

At Villa Lummelahti you can rent a canoe, kayak, an engine for a rowing boat (electric or petrol engine), a hot tub, as well as bicycles and electric fat bikes from our local partners.





Large villa (Iso Huvila)

('Large villa') is located next to Lake Saimaa. It is perfect for a family or two, or a group of friends (max. 9 people). There are three bedrooms, an open kitchen-living-dining area, two toilets, a bathroom and a sauna. There is also a large terrace and a balcony, a glazed barbecue hut, a private pier and a child-friendly natural sandy beach. Surface area 128 m² (+ terrace 20 m² and balcony). Built in 2010.

Equipment:

- ✔ well-equipped kitchen: tableware for 10 people, oven, electric and wood stove, microwave, dishwasher, coffee maker, cafetière, kettle, toaster, pots and pans, refrigerator, freezer
- ✔ well water (potable)
- ✔ three double beds and one single bed, sofa bed, sheets and towel sets for each guest (double beds can be separated into single beds by prior arrangement)
- ✔ venetian blinds in the bedroom windows, mosquito nets in all windows and the terrace door
- ✔ tv (smart), radio / stereo, piano
- ✔ fireplace
- ✔ electric sauna, washing machine, hair dryer
- ✔ children's bed, high chair, children's toilet seat, security gate on the stairs
- ✔ terrace, balcony, barbecue hut on the beach (sheltered and glazed)
- ✔ air conditioning
- ✔ Wi-Fi (100Mbit/s, optical fibre)
- ✔ parking spaces in front of the villa

What our customers said:

"The cottage is incredible and the forest and lakes around is fantastic. The sauna is easy to heat, and so is the fireplace. The cottage stays nice and warm for a long time when you are there in the winter time. There is a little village 30 min by car from the cottage, where you can buy groceries etc - a super cute little village with a lot of super nice people. The kitchen works super and you sleep like a baby in the quiet surroundings."

"Great villa, exactly as per description. A perfect place for a bigger group! The house is really well equipped with all the gadgets, even you would not think of! The outside fireplace was amazing, seems to be perfect even at -15 or more".



Log Cabin (Hirsimökki)



('log cabin') is located on the beach and it is perfect for a small family or group of friends (3-4 people). Downstairs there is a kitchen-living room space and a toilet. The bedrooms are upstairs. The sauna facilities have a separate entrance via the terrace. The sauna is a traditional Finnish wood-heated sauna with a laundry room. There is a private beach made of natural sand with a pier. The beach is soft and child friendly. Surface area 37 m² (terrace 15 m²). Built in 2000 (extended and renovated in 2018).

Equipment:

- ✓ kitchen: tableware for four, stove, oven, microwave, coffee maker, pots and pans (no dishwasher)
- ✓ well water, potable
- ✓ double bed, single bed and mattress upstairs. Sofa bed downstairs (double bed can be separated into two single beds by prior arrangement)
- ✓ windows have Venetian blinds and mosquito nets.
- ✓ tv, radio, Bluetooth speaker, hair dryer, binoculars
- ✓ traditional Finnish wood-heated sauna, water available from the tap, water is heated up by the sauna stove
- ✓ private entrance to the sauna through the terrace
- ✓ children's travel cot
- ✓ terrace
- ✓ barbecue
- ✓ air conditioning, air source heat pump
- ✓ Wi-Fi (100Mbit/s, optical fibre)
- ✓ parking spaces

Rock Cabin (Kalliomökki)



As its name implies, 'rock hut' is located on a cliff, 200 m from the other cottages and the beach. It is perfect for two people or a small family (2-4 people). Kalliomaja is a bedsit with a double bunk bed and a bathroom with a toilet. There is a private barbecue shelter with a glass roof and a private rowing dock. Kalliomaja has a wonderful view of Lake Saimaa in the direction of the sunset. Surface area 20 m² (terrace 20 m² + glazed terrace 10 m²). Built in 2020.

Equipment:

- ✓ kitchen: tableware for four people, stove, coffee maker, cafetière, pots and pans
- ✓ well water (portable)
- ✓ double bunk bed, duvet cover and towel sets for each guest
- ✓ large terrace around the cottage, terrace includes glazed area
- ✓ barbecue shelter
- ✓ air conditioning, heating
- ✓ hair dryer
- ✓ Wi-Fi (100Mbit/s, optical fibre)
- ✓ parking space next to cottage



Cottages are available all year round

High season (weeks 25–35), minimum stay is one week.
Low season (weeks 1–25, 35–52), minimum stay is two nights.

All cottage prices include access to a rowing boat and life jackets, firewood, Wi-Fi (100 mbs).

Prices

Week: From 630 €/cottage
2 Days: From 220 €/cottage

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Saimaan Palju Events



Saimaan Palju Events is a DMC from South Karelia that offers its own program service products. The main areas of activity of Saimaan Palju Events are the Lappeenranta and Imatra regions, but the company also organises activities in Repovesi National Park and South Savo.

Our products that currently attract the most attention are our guided electric bike tours in Lappeenranta, Repovesi and Savitaipale. However, our best-known and most visible product is a sauna cruise that goes from Lappeenranta. During the sauna cruise, the sauna and Saimaa are combined in a single wonderful experience.

Our program service products are built in such a way that they follow the normal rhythm of life in Finland's Lakeland. Our products are also made and used by local people. A good example of this is our foraging tours, during which visitors get to explore Finnish nature and, depending on the season, collect wild herbs, berries or mushrooms. During our excursions, our guide will give you the best tips on how to prepare them. All our guides are locals and they know the area well.

Our guiding business idea and aim is to act as responsibly as possible, leaving the smallest possible footprint in our operating environment. The principle of responsibility is also reflected in our choice of partners, guides and raw materials. We use local ingredients as much as possible in our food products and favour local services.



Sauna raft

Saimaan Palju's full-service sauna raft is the first sauna raft that leaves from the port of Lappeenranta. The almost 50-square-meter sauna raft offers guests an exceptionally wonderful experience on Lake Saimaa. The total area of the raft is more than 150 square meters, making it one of the largest sauna rafts in Finland. The raft can take 12 guests in addition to the crew.

Amenities include two flush toilets, a 26 sqm lounge, a dressing room, a spacious sauna and a hot shower. You can leave detergents at home, as we offer a wide range of biodegradable detergents as part of the service. The sauna is heated with Misa's high-quality wooden stove. There is a large 70 sqm sun terrace on the roof, which has a gas grill that guests can use. The ferry also has a video projector and a Bluetooth speaker, and sockets that customers can use for charging their own equipment.



Week programme

Lappeenranta's week programme guarantees a variety of activities. The week programme starts on June 28 and ends on August 15. The week programme includes: canoeing, SUP-boarding, cycling, collecting tours and bunker tours to Salpalinja. All activities are organised on a low-threshold basis, meaning there is no need to have previous experience of the activities. All activities are carried out from start to finish with the help of expert guides. Activities are weather dependent.

Why not try an electric fatbike for the first time? Our guaranteed weekly safaris are organised on a low threshold basis, so feel free to join! Our excursions are sporty, but always carried out in a way that guarantees that nobody is left behind. We organise excursions in Savitaipale, Lappeenranta, Kouvola and Repovesi. See our product cards for more details.



Examples of our products



E-biking around the Lake Saimaa

Highlights:

- ✔ Lake Saimaa views in Puumala bridge and along the way
- ✔ Finnish country side with possibility to see farm animals like cows and sheep
- ✔ Lake Saimaa Geopark locations, for example the 200 year old fortification in Savitaipale
- ✔ One of the oldest tourist destination in Finland, Kruunupuisto park
- ✔ To enjoy Finnish sauna and swim in Lake Saimaa
- ✔ Experience the slow living in Finnish Lakeland



The slow life of Finnish Lakeland

Highlights:

- ✔ Visit to beautiful old Porvoo
- ✔ Cruise at Lake Saimaa with dinner
- ✔ Visit to authentic Finnish summer cabin
- ✔ Berry picking and pie making
- ✔ Relaxing nature walk
- ✔ Fishing with hook-and-line
- ✔ Authentic smoke sauna experience



Cycling Holiday in Lappeenranta

Highlights:

- ✔ Finnish country side with possibility to see farm animals like cows and sheep
- ✔ Various routes, one hotel. No need to move luggage
- ✔ Lake Saimaa Geopark locations, and Lake Saimaa views
- ✔ To enjoy authentic Finnish sauna
- ✔ Experience the slow living in Finnish Lakeland



Weekly program in Lappeenranta

- ✔ SUP-boarding with a guide
- ✔ e-Fatbiking with a guide
- ✔ Salpaline bunker tour
- ✔ Kayaking and paddling on Lake Saimaa
- ✔ e-bike trip to Saimaa Canal
- ✔ Foraging trek to nature

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