

**EUROPRIS  
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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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### Getting to Helsinki

#### **By airplane**

**Helsinki Airport** ([www.finavia.fi/en/helsinki-airport](http://www.finavia.fi/en/helsinki-airport)) locates in Vantaa, about 20 km from the center of Helsinki.

#### **How to reach the city and the hotel from the airport**

##### **By taxi**

Taxis can always be found in front of the airport arrivals hall. The going rate between the airport and the centre of Helsinki is approximately 40.00 €.

##### **By bus**

**Finnair City Bus** and **Airport Bus** no 615 (no 620 during night time) operate to and from Helsinki City Center (central railway station).

##### **Ticket prices**

Airport Bus: 5,00 €/one way ticket, transfer allowed to tram, bus, metro or commuter train during one hour

Finnair City Bus: 6.30 €/one way

For further information: [www.finavia.fi/en/helsinki-airport/arriving/](http://www.finavia.fi/en/helsinki-airport/arriving/)

### How to reach the hotel from the city centre

#### **By taxi or tram**

To reach the hotel Scandic Grand Marina in the city centre (railway station),

- take the taxi from the front of the railway station OR
- take the tram number 4 (destination Katajanokka) from Mannerheimintie from front of the department store Sokos. Alight at the 5<sup>th</sup> stop and the Scandic Grand Marina hotel is one block down on the right hand side.

### By foot

It is about 1.5 km distance from the railway station to the hotel.

From railway station follow signs toward Katajanokka. Head along Kaivokatu to Keskuskatu, turn left at Stockmann's department store. Then left along Pohjoisesplanadi towards Market Place and Katajanokka. After passing Market Place (on your right) and the Presidential Palace (on your left) turn right into Katajanokka and you will see the Scandic Grand Marina hotel.

For further information:

<http://www.scandichotels.com/Hotels/Finland/Helsinki/Scandic-Grand-Marina/?hotelpage=overview>

## Getting around in Helsinki

### By tram, bus, underground

The HSL (Helsingin Seudun Liikenne) is responsible for most of the public transport in the Helsinki Capital region.

Helsinki and neighbor cities (Espoo, Vantaa, Kauniainen, Kerava, Sipoo and Kirkkonummi) have an integrated ticketing system, and HSL's tickets are valid on all buses, commuter trains, trams, underground and the Suomenlinna ferry.

The price of the ticket depends on the zone(s) in which you wish to travel: the price varies according to the number of zones in which you travel. You can transfer from one vehicle to another with the same ticket during one hour.

### Fare zones



- **One-zone journeys:** Journeys within one municipality in Helsinki, Espoo and Kauniainen, Vantaa, and Kirkkonummi, Kerava and Sipoo form one zone.
- **A regional ticket:** entitles you to travel in Helsinki, Espoo, Kauniainen and Vantaa.
- **A 2-zone:** extended regional ticket (Region 2-zone) entitles you to travel in Espoo, Kauniainen, Vantaa, Kerava, Sipoo and Kirkkonummi. The ticket is not valid in Helsinki and it does not allow travel via Helsinki.
- **A 3-zone:** extended regional ticket (Region 3-zone) entitles you to travel in Helsinki, Espoo, Kauniainen, Vantaa, Kerava, Sipoo and Kirkkonummi.

You always need to purchase a ticket valid for the entire journey. For example, you cannot buy two internal tickets when traveling across zone boundaries; you need to have a regional or extended regional ticket.

Single tickets are available from ticket machines as well as on buses, trams and commuter trains. When buying a ticket from the driver, please pay with small change. As drivers do not carry much change, they do not have to accept bills larger than EUR 20. Debit and credit cards are not accepted on buses and trams; on commuter trains both are accepted.

When buying a ticket from the driver, please tell the driver where you are going. When buying a ticket from a ticket machine, select the appropriate ticket from the menu.

### **Ticket fares in Helsinki area and in regional area Helsinki-Espoo-Vantaa-Kauniainen**

<b>Ticket fares</b>	<b>in Helsinki area</b>	<b>in regional area</b>	<b>Valid</b>
Single ticket from a ticket machine	2,50 €	5,00 €	from the moment of purchase
Single tram ticket from a ticket machine			only on trams from the moment of purchase
Single ticket from a bus, train or tram from a driver or conductor	3,00 €	5,00 €	from the moment of purchase
Night-time single ticket 2.00am - 4.30 am	5,00 €	6,00 €	from the moment of purchase
Two-hour ticket from a retail kiosks (R-kioski)	4,00 €	7,00 €	from when is showed to a card reader
Suomenlinna ticket, valid for 12 hours	5,00 €		only on the Suomenlinna ferry
One-day ticket from bus, train or tram	8,00 €	12,00 €	
One-day ticket from a ticket machine	8,00 €	12,00 €	
Two-days ticket from a ticket machine	12,00 €	18,00 €	

### **Penalty fare**

If a passenger is not able to produce a valid ticket, he or she is charged a penalty fare of 80 euros and the price of a single (or value) ticket.

When traveling on the metro, you must have the ticket before you enter the metro platform area after having passed the Travel Card readers

For further information: <https://www.hsl.fi/en>

### **By taxi**

Taxis in Helsinki are top quality and the drivers are professional. Taxis have yellow roof signs, which say in black TAKSI or TAXI. When the taxi light is on, the cab is available. Please note, the passengers in taxi must use seat belts.

Taxi rates depend on the distance between where you are picked up and where you are dropped off. It also depends on your final destination.

Here are the details of the charges (service, VAT and tip included in the price indicated on the meter):

Start fee		€
Week days from 6am to 8pm		5,90
Saturdays and eves of holidays from 6 am to 4 pm		5,90
Other hours		9,00
Fee for Advance Booking		7,00
Extra fee from Airport		2,30
Charge for waiting		43,30/h
Cost per kilometre		€
Tariff I	1 -2 persons	1,52
Tariff II	3 - 4 persons	1,83
Tariff III	5 - 6 persons	1,98
Tariff IV	more than 6 persons	2,13
There is no extra charge for luggage.		

Along with cash, taxi rides may usually be paid with credit cards and bank cards. A receipt is issued for the taxi ride, and the fee includes the value added tax. The taxi meter is switched on from the address where the passenger boards the taxi. The meter first shows the taxi trip's basic charge. If 1-2 persons traveling in daytime, a 5-kilometre trip costs about EUR 14, and a 10 km trip about EUR 21. The fees for larger taxi vans are the same as for normal cars.

## Booking a taxi

There is a taxi rank outside of the Grand Marina Hotel, where taxis are available.

There are three ways in which you can book or catch a taxi:

- by going to the nearest **taxi rank**;
- by **hailing** a taxi in the street by waving at the driver;
- **by phoning** a taxi service:

### Lähitaksi

Tel.: 0100 7300

For further information: <http://www.lahitaksi.fi/en>

## On foot

In Helsinki, it is easy to get from one place to another on foot.

The following are examples of the distances:

- Hotel Scandic Grand Marina - Market Square: ~500 metres
- Hotel Scandic Grand Marina - Stockmann Department Store: 1,3 km
- Hotel Scandic Grand Marina - Railway Station: ~1,5 km
- Hotel Scandic Grand Marina - Kamppi Shopping Center: ~1,7 km
- Hotel Scandic Grand Marina - Senate Square (historical central square of Helsinki): ~750 metres

## The weather in Helsinki in June

In June, the weather in Helsinki could be sunny, cloudy or rainy. The number of days' rain for this month is around 14. It is recommended that you bring an umbrella with you, just in case.

The average temperature is 20°C but it can be as low as 9°C or as high as 28°C.

Notice that in June, the sun is only few hours below the horizon, it might find difficulty to sleep during the night. For example, in 16<sup>th</sup> June, the sun rises at 3.54 am and sets at 22.49 pm.

## Recommended hotel

The Criminal Sanction Agency in Finland has negotiated preferential rate at the following hotel:

### **Scandic Grand Marina**

Katajanokanlaituri 7, FI-00160 Helsinki, tel: +358 9 16661

[grandmarina@scandichotels.com](mailto:grandmarina@scandichotels.com)

<http://www.scandichotels.com/Hotels/Finland/Helsinki/Scandic-Grand-Marina/?hotelpage=overview>

Negotiated rates, breakfast + taxes included	Single	Dubble
Standard room	129 €	149 €
Family superior	149 €	169 €
Superior extra	159 €	179 €
Junior Suite	299 €	-
Bigger Suite without Sauna	329 €	-
Bigger Suite with Sauna	339 €	-

**The booking form for this hotel is available on the Conference website. A special rate is available for participants at the EuroPris event.**

## Getting to the meetings

Meetings will be held on Monday 16 at the **Scandic Marina Congress Center**, situated at Katajanokanlaituri 6, 00160 Helsinki. The Marina Congress Center is across the street of the Scandic Grand Marina Hotel.

For further information and times of the meetings: see programme.

## Venue of the welcome reception and dinner

A welcome reception and dinner will be held on 15 June 2014 at the hotel Scandic Grand Marina. Food is served from 19pm to 21.00pm.

## **Venue of the welcome reception for participants of EuroPris and Conference of Directors of Prison and Probation Services**

A welcome reception will be held on 16 June 2014 at the **Government Banquet Hall Smolna**. Reception is hosted by Ms Tiina Astola, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Justice of Finland.

The busses will be provided by the organisers to transport participants from the hotel to Smolna.

## Things to do and see in Helsinki

On your arrival the organisers will give you brochures indicating leisure-time activities, tourist routes through Helsinki and other tourist information.

For further information: [www.visithelsinki.fi](http://www.visithelsinki.fi)

## Finding a pharmacy

There are lots of pharmacies (apteekki in Finnish) in Helsinki. Opening hours are usually 9.00am - 20.00pm.

### **Yliopiston Apteekki** (University Pharmacy)

Mannerheimintie 5  
00100 Helsinki  
Tel: 0300 20200 (0,4€/min)  
Open from Monday to Friday from 7am to 24pm

### **Yliopiston Apteekki**

Mannerheimintie 96  
00250 Helsinki  
Tel: 0300 20200  
Always open.

## Emergency numbers

The following numbers may be useful in case of emergency:

- **Firemen and ambulances:** 112
- **Police emergency number:** 112
- **Chemists open outside normal hours:** 0300 20200
- 24-hour health service information: +358 9 10023 or [www.0910023.fi](http://www.0910023.fi)

## Useful to know

### **Drinking water**

Tap water is perfectly safe for drinking.

### **Local time**

Finland is in the Eastern Europe Time Zone EET: GMT +2 hours.

### **Electric appliances**

The electric current in Finland is 220V (230V), 50 Hz. A two-pin plug is used.

### **Tipping**

Tips are welcome when you are satisfied and happy with the service, but are not obligatory.

### **Tourist Information, Helsinki**

Pohjoisesplanadi 19  
[tourist.info@hel.fi](mailto:tourist.info@hel.fi)  
[www.visitthelsinki.fi](http://www.visitthelsinki.fi)

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