

Finland - gateway to Russia

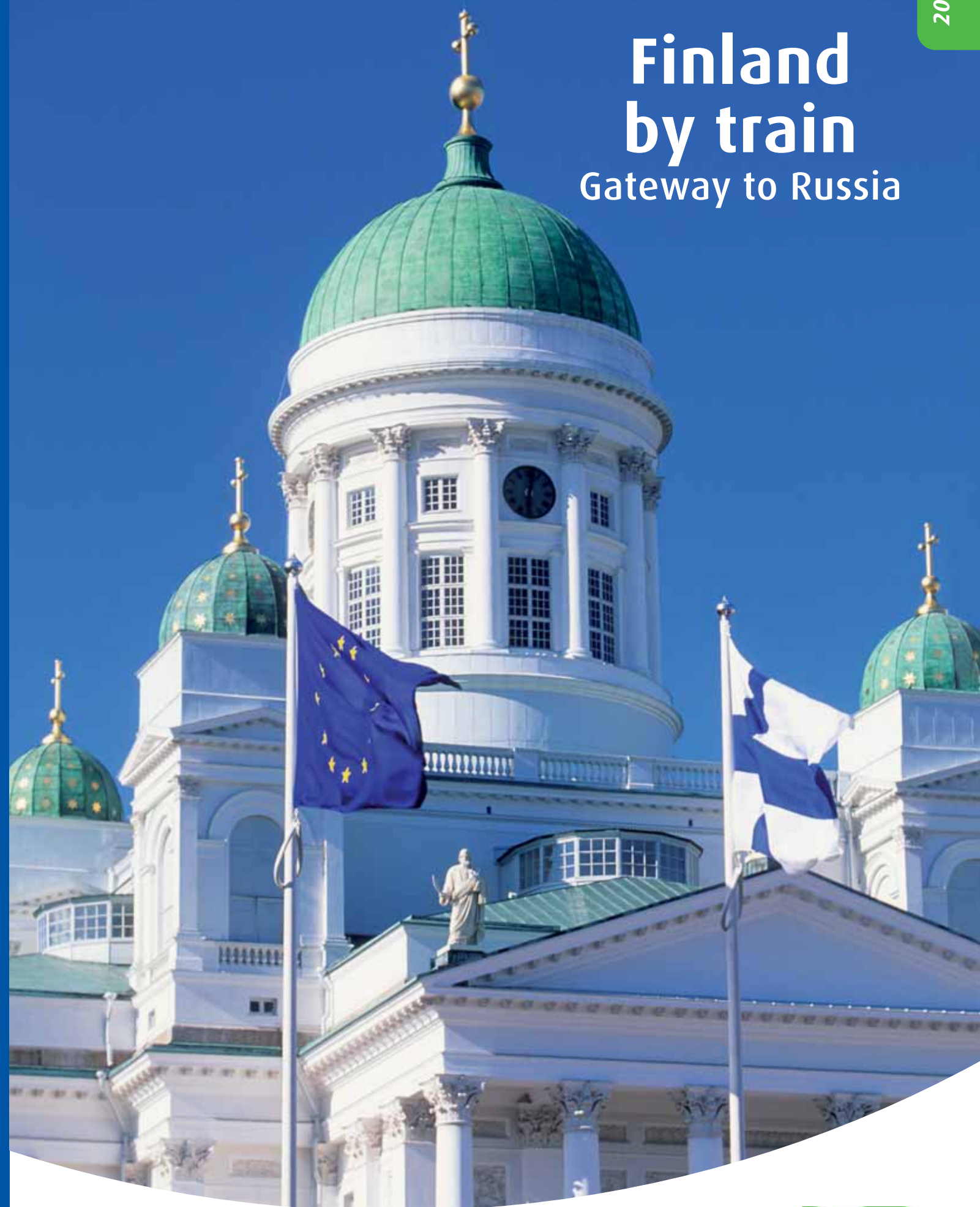


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Finland by train Gateway to Russia



By train you'll see more of Finland



Travelling by train is the best way to see some of Finland's most fascinating locations. Take, for example, a tour of southern Finland's most important cities. When you want to enjoy idyllic rural landscapes on your trip, travel through the enchantingly beautiful Finnish lake district, or from one end of Finland to the other on a night train to Lapland. Modern trains enable you to travel quickly and comfortably to anywhere in Finland. Environmentally friendly traveling by train in Finland www.ecopassenger.org.

More comfortable by train

VR's trains take you comfortably directly from city centre to city centre. The trains are modern and equipped to make your journey as pleasant as possible. High-speed Pendolino trains travel between the larger cities. InterCity trains stopping at major population centres enable you to reach almost every part of Finland.



Unlimited travel with railpasses in Finland

A Finnrail Pass, giving you unlimited travel on all trains in Finland, is valid for a month; you can select 3, 5 or 10 travelling days. Children aged 6 up to and including 16 can get a 50% discount on the full fare. For further information visit: www.vr.fi.

FinnrailPass rates 2010

| | 2nd class | 1st class |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 3 days within 1 month | 131 € | 195 € |
| 5 days within 1 month | 175 € | 260 € |
| 10 days within 1 month | 237 € | 353 € |

Valid from 1st of January 2010

Eurail Pass

If you live outside of Europe you can buy e.g. a Eurail Finland Pass in your own country for travelling in Finland. For more information on Eurail Passes: www.eurail.com

InterRail Pass

InterRail Passes are available for those who live in Europe. InterRail Global Passes are valid in Finland, and you can even buy an InterRail Finland Pass, www.interrailnet.com

InterRail Finland Pass

| | Adult (26+ yrs) 1st class | Adult (26+ yrs) 2nd class | Youth (12-25 yrs) 2nd class |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 3 days/1 month | 168 € | 112 € | 73 € |
| 4 days/1 month | 209 € | 139 € | 90 € |
| 6 days/1 month | 284 € | 189 € | 123 € |
| 8 days/1 month | 344 € | 229 € | 149 € |

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Three City Tour 1

It's easy to get to know southern Finland's most important cities: Helsinki, Turku and Tampere. The cities' multifaceted cultural offerings provide an excellent cross section of Finland.

Trains departing for Turku leave at approximately 1-hour intervals; the trains to Tampere leave even more frequently. Both cities can be reached in less than two hours on comfortable and modern Pendolino and InterCity trains. Book your ticket in advance!

The Three City Tour is marked No. 1 on the attached map.

Restfully on the night train 2

When you want to discover the enchantment of Lapland, take the train to Rovaniemi. Whether it's the "nightless" summer nights or the beautiful blaze of autumnal browns, reds and yellows, these are magnificent experiences that you can only find north of the Arctic Circle. The dramatic seasonal changes make Lapland a very different place depending if you travel there during the summer, fall, winter or spring.

You can get to Rovaniemi comfortably in modern and well-equipped sleeping cars. Some cabins have their own toilet and shower. You can also take your car on the train.

The night train to Lapland is No. 2 on the map.

By train to the landscapes of Finland's lake district 3

In the summer, especially at Midsummer, the Finns escape from the commotion of the cities to enjoy saunas and swimming at their cottages. For many, eastern Finland's unbelievably beautiful lake landscapes are popular summer holiday locations where they can "recharge their batteries" to better cope with daily life and the long winters.

You can reach eastern Finland conveniently by train. Route connections and the wagons' passenger facilities were significantly upgraded in 2006. Why not visit Kuopio, located along the shores of Lake Kallavesi, meet its friendly people and sample the local fish delicacies. The train trip from Helsinki to Kuopio takes only less than 5 hours. Book a scenic trip on, for example the upper deck of the InterCity2 train and surrender your heart to the Finnish summer.

The scenic trip to Kuopio is No. 3 on the map.



Helsinki by night. ►



Delightful Russia - it's easier by train.



Finland's location bordering the impressive country of Russia makes it a unique and enchanting travel destination.

The cities have modern services but they are small in size; the unspoiled nature, forests, thousands of lakes or the sea and northern fjelds so important to Finns are always very close.

Finland however has much more than magnificent lakeside landscapes. Get to know the friendly small cities' cultural offerings and their unique events. Fascinating Russia is quite close to Helsinki, in terms of travel time.

Gateway to Russia

From Finland there are excellent train connections to the major Russian cities of St. Petersburg and Moscow. To travel to Russia you need a visa. Please make sure you procure the visa well in advance. If you want to take a short trip to Russia to sample its unique flavour, you can pop into medieval Vyborg by taking the Finnish Sibelius daily express train from Helsinki.

Every day three trains depart Helsinki for Russia. In the morning the Finnish Sibelius train takes you from Helsinki to Vyborg and St. Petersburg, and in the evening the Russian Repin travels to Vyborg and St. Petersburg. The Tolstoi night express train runs to Moscow via Vyborg and St. Petersburg.

The easiest way to travel to Russia

By train you can travel directly from downtown Helsinki to the centres of St. Petersburg and Moscow. Border formalities take place conveniently while the train is moving, and you can even exchange currency during the trip. The Russian trains' restaurant cars do not accept credit cards, so please reserve cash when travelling by train.

On the Sibelius the personnel and restaurant are Finnish; on the Repin and Tolstoi they are Russian. In the restaurant you can concentrate on enjoying yourself; the sleeping cars enable you to relax and arrive at your destination well rested.

The Winter Palace located along the banks of the Neva is part of the Hermitage's extensive art museums.



St. Petersburg – a city of cultural treasures

St. Petersburg's canals and bridges make it the "Venice of the North". Magnificent palaces, churches and grandiloquent monuments dominate the street views. Admire the dazzling art treasures of the St. Petersburg Imperial Court and the Hermitage, take a cruise on the Neva River, enjoy the theatre and relax at pleasant street cafes.



Fashionable Moscow

Moscow has internationalised rapidly in recent years; you will find breathtakingly beautiful onion-domed churches, monuments from the Soviet era, as well as modern business hotels. Any visitor to Moscow must see Red Square, the Kremlin and the Tretjakov Art Gallery. The city also offers virtually unlimited possibilities for shopping, dining at countless high-quality restaurants, and a lively nightlife.

Peterhof outside St. Petersburg.



Located along the edge of Red Square, Gum is one of Moscow's largest department stores.

During the train trip you can enjoy a fine meal and even exchange currency.



Trains to Russia. Three departures a day.

Helsinki–St. Petersburg

| Basic fares Helsinki - St. Petersburg 13.12.2009-30.5.2010 and 30.8.-12.12.2010 when tickets are issued in Finland | | | | | Basic fares Helsinki - St. Petersburg 31.5.-29.8.2010 when tickets are issued in Finland | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Helsinki-St. Petersburg | "Sibelius" | | "Repin" | | "Sibelius" | | "Repin" | | | |
| | 2nd class | 1st class | 2nd class | 1st class | 2nd class | 1st class | 2nd class | 1st class | | |
| | seat in open compartment | seat in 6-person compartment | seat in open compartment | berth in 4-person compartment | berth in 2-person compartment | seat in open compartment | seat in 6-person compartment | seat in open compartment | | berth in 4-person compartment |
| | 60,20 | 94,80 | 60,20 | 69,20 | 105,00 | 64,70 | 103,70 | 64,70 | 78,20 | 119,00 |

Price of a return ticket is double that of a single ticket. Seat tickets and sleeping berths are included in prices. All prices per person. Discounts for groups are also available.

Helsinki–Vyborg

| Basic fares Helsinki - Vyborg 13.12.2009-30.5.2010 and 30.8.-12.12.2010 when tickets are issued in Finland | | | | | Basic fares Helsinki - Vyborg 31.5.-29.8.2010 when tickets are issued in Finland | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Helsinki-Vyborg | "Sibelius" | | "Repin" | | "Sibelius" | | "Repin" | | | |
| | 2nd class | 1st class | 2nd class | 1st class | 2nd class | 1st class | 2nd class | 1st class | | |
| | seat in open compartment | seat in 6-person compartment | seat in open compartment | berth in 4-person compartment | berth in 2-person compartment | seat in open compartment | seat in 6-person compartment | seat in open compartment | | berth in 4-person compartment |
| | 45,60 | 72,40 | 42,60 | 54,60 | 82,60 | 50,10 | 81,10 | 50,10 | 63,60 | 96,60 |

Price of a return ticket is double that of a single ticket. Seat tickets and sleeping berths are included in prices. All prices per person. Discounts for groups are also available.

Helsinki–Moscow

| Basic fares Helsinki - Moscow 13.12.-17.12.2009 and 11.1.-30.5.2010 and 30.8.-12.12.2010 when tickets are issued in Finland. Fares in between 18.12.2009-10.1.2010 from your local agent. | | | | | Basic fares Helsinki - Moscow 31.5.-29.8.2010 when tickets are issued in Finland | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Helsinki-Moscow | "Tolstoi" | | | | | "Tolstoi" | | | | |
| | 2nd class | 1st class | 1st class | Business class | Business class | 2nd class | 1st class | 1st class | Business class | Business class |
| | berth in 4-person compartment | berth in 2-person compartment | berth in 1-person compartment | berth in 2-person compartment | berth in 1-person compartment | berth in 4-person compartment | berth in 2-person compartment | berth in 1-person compartment | berth in 2-person compartment | berth in 1-person compartment |
| | 103,00 | 154,80 | 198,80 | 280,80 | 392,80 | 115,00 | 172,80 | 238,80 | 361,80 | 529,80 |

Price of a return ticket is double that of a single ticket. Seat tickets and sleeping berths are included in prices. All prices per person. Discounts for groups are also available.

Seat reservations are compulsory and tickets must be purchased before the trip.
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SIBELIUS

Finnish train to Vyborg and St. Petersburg



- 1st and 2nd class coaches
- computers can be used in 1st class as well as 2nd class coaches
- Finnish restaurant car
- Finnish menu, fully licensed, payment in cash: € and RUR or credit card: American Express, Master Card, Eurocard and Visa
- currency exchange between Kouvola and Vainikkala (Finnish company Safar)
- border formalities take place while the train is moving

SIBELIUS

Finnish train, numbers P 35/36
13.12.2009–11.12.2010

| | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 7.23 | Helsinki | 21.48 |
| 7.28 | Pasila | 21.42 |
| 7.38 | Tikkurila | 21.32 |
| 8.23 | Lahti | 20.43 |
| 8.58 | Kouvola | 20.06 |
| 9.51 | Vainikkala | 18.54 |
| 11.19 | Vainikkala | 19.35 |
| 11.55 | Vyborg | 18.20 |
| 14.15 | St.Petersburg (Finljandski) | 16.30 |

REPIN

Russian train to Vyborg and St. Petersburg



- 1st class features two person compartments with beds on seat level
- 2nd class open compartment (see picture)
- all coaches have airconditioning
- Russian staff, each coach has an attendant
- in Finnish territory a Finnish conductor is on the train
- tickets include a snack and a soft drink or a beer which are served at your seat
- Russian restaurant car with an authentic Russian menu (payment in cash: €, \$, RUR)

REPIN

Russian train, numbers P 33/34
13.12.2009–11.12.2010

| | | |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 15.23 | Helsinki | 12.35 |
| 15.28 | Pasila | 12.29 |
| 15.39 | Tikkurila | 12.18 |
| 16.31 | Lahti | 11.25 |
| 17.09 | Kouvola | 10.47 |
| 18.06 | Vainikkala | 9.32 |
| 19.34 | Vainikkala | 10.13 |
| 20.23 | Vyborg | 8.57 |
| 22.51 | St.Petersburg (Finljandski) | 7.17 |

- the attendant sells coffee or tea which are brought to the seat
- currency exchange between Kouvola and Vainikkala (Finnish company Safar)
- border formalities take place while the train is moving

TOLSTOI

Russian train to Vyborg, St. Petersburg and Moscow



- 1st class features two person compartments
- 2nd class features four person compartments
- the new business sleeping compartments 1-2 person cabins have their own toilet and shower
- all coaches have airconditioning
- Russian staff, each coach has an attendant
- in Finnish territory a Finnish conductor is on the train
- Russian restaurant car with an authentic Russian menu, payment in cash: €, \$, RUR
- the attendant sells coffee or tea which are served at your seat
- currency exchange between Kouvola and Vainikkala (Finnish company Safar)
- border formalities take place while the train is moving

TOLSTOI

Russian train, numbers P 31/32
13.12.2009–11.12.2010

| | | |
|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 18.23 | Helsinki | 12.00 |
| 18.28 | Pasila | 11.53 |
| 18.39 | Tikkurila | 11.42 |
| 19.31 | Lahti | 10.47 |
| 20.11 | Kouvola | 10.04 |
| 21.14 | Vainikkala | 8.45 |
| 22.42 | Vainikkala | 9.20 |
| 23.18 | Viiipuri | 7.59 |
| 1.44 | Pietari (Ladozhski) | 6.02 |
| 6.25 | Tver | 0.51 |
| 8.25 | Moscow (Leningradski) | 22.50 |

All times are local. **Departure times are in bold**; times without bold are arrival times.

Please check the schedule before departure.
The trains travelling between Helsinki and St. Petersburg use St. Petersburg's Finland Station.
The Tolstoi travelling between Helsinki and Moscow stops at St. Petersburg's Ladoga Station.

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Finland Station.