

Capitals of Culture 2011: Tallinn and Turku, Themed Itinerary Series

2011 sees Tallinn & Turku share the title of European Capital of Culture. This series of themed cultural itineraries presents new ideas to combine these two dynamic destinations from both sides of the Baltic Sea.



CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2011 HIGHLIGHTS

- Alice in Wonderland Art Photography, Logomo, 16.1-18.12
- Colourscape, Turku 23.7-14.8
- Saunalab, Turku, 1.6-31.8
- Lift 11 Installations, Tallinn, May-Sept
- Gateways: Art & Networked Culture Tallinn, June-August
- Design Night 2011 Tallinn, 16-25.9

DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE

The varied artistic scene, as well as interesting architecture in both cities, has lots of stories to tell. Meet local artists, peek behind-the-scenes, participate hands-on in workshops, and take advantage of some of the best design shopping opportunities.

DAY 01

Turku

Arrival in Turku, transfer to the hotel.
“Turku on Fire” – Turku has a history of being shaped by fire. At *Logomo*, a former engineering workshop re-born as the cultural hub of Capital of Culture events, visit the stunning exhibition *Fire Fire!* which shows how the Great Fire of 1827 was both destructive yet also a catalyst for the re-birth of modern Turku. Continue your excursion to view some of Turku’s oldest buildings which survived the fire. End the tour at *Portsa* one of the post-fire’s “safe” wooden areas. Duration: 4 hours.
Dinner will be enjoyed at the newly re-opened Restaurant Pinella, a former 1830’s landmark. Overnight at Sokos Hamburger Börs

We also suggest: The award-winning *Hirvensalo* wooden St Henry’s art chapel • Turku cemetery

DAY 02

Turku

“Traditional Handicrafts to Modern Innovative Design”. Begin at Luostarimäki Handicrafts Museum and see traditional craftsmen at work before meeting local artists at *Brinkkalan Outolintu* gallery and shop. Then pay a visit to Turku Artoteque, where private people and professionals alike can lease the work of local artists. Crossing to the other side of the river, visit the Fortuna Quarters, a developing hub for local designers. Duration: 4 hours.

“Create Your Own Design”. Visit some selected local designers for inspiration, before testing your own design skills at a private make-your-own-jewellery workshop using recycling materials. Duration: 4 hours.

Dinner & overnight at Sokos Hamburger Börs

We also suggest: Excursion to the archipelago to visit *Kustavai* handicraft village

DAY 03

Tallinn

Transfer to Helsinki for a ferry connection on to Tallinn.
“Tallinn Architecture tour”. This guided tour of architectural sights will give an impression of both old and modern Tallinn. Visit its oldest suburb, the residential areas from the Soviet era, as well as the Estonian Art Museum *KuMu* which is also an architectural landmark in its own right. End the tour at the Rotermann Quarter where old industrial buildings co-exist with contemporary architecture. Duration: 3 hours.

Evening: possibility to attend a concert or other event in the Tallinn 2011 Cultural Capital programme.

Overnight at Sokos Hotel Viru

DAY 04

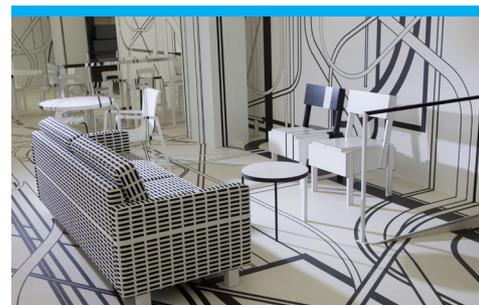
Tallinn

“Tracing Design in Tallinn” This one-of-a kind tour of the Tallinn Creative Incubator and the Baltika Quarter, visits a former sewing factory which has been transformed into a cradle of creativity. The focal point is the Fashion Street, a 1000 m² showcase of the main labels of the Estonian clothing industry and a sight in itself for its bold and unconventional design concept. The perfect optional addition to the tour would be a private fashion show. Duration: 3 hours.

“Test your own creativity”

Traditionally a city of artisans, the open studios of artists today offer the visitors of Tallinn an opportunity to test themselves in various forms of art and craft such as pottery, painting, jewellery-making, block printing, and mosaics & stained glass.

Continue to the airport, for flights home.



PRICE GUIDELINE BOOKINGS & REQUESTS

705 EUR per person sharing twin/double
135 EUR single supplement

The above is a guideline commissionable price based on 20 paying pax, inclusive of 3 nights accommodation with breakfast, half board, all necessary ferry crossings, airport transfers, and additional services as per the itinerary. Final prices are subject to travel date, group size, availability, and any programme changes.

Bookings and tailor-made proposals are available on request from any of the tour operators listed below :

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The Travel Experience
www.travel-experience.net



Turku Touring
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