

## 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**

- City Space Cinema / Rooftop Cinema Tallinn, May-September
- NO99 Straw Theatre, Tallinn May-October
- Tuned City Tallinn, Summer months
- Inner Landscapes exhibition Turku Castle 20.5-25.9
- Eerik XIV opera, Turku, November
- Cirque Dracula Turku, 22.6-14.8

# MODERN LIFE IN HISTORICAL CITIES

Turku's Castle and Tallinn's Old Town are well known landmarks, but there is much more to these cities than their historical legacy. Active experiences, new attractions and exciting events in both Tallinn and Turku showcase the contrasts of old and new.

**DAY 01**

### Tallinn

Arrival to Tallinn and transfer to the hotel.  
**"The Cultural Kilometre"**. Enjoy this 3 hour walking tour along a new cultural path offering beautiful views to the sea whilst educating in a fun and entertaining way. Discover new modern sights, visit the marketplace to buy local products, and experience interesting exhibitions. A tour highlight is the historical Seaplane Harbour, where the extensive Maritime Museum opens in July 2011. See also *Battery*, the former sea fortress and prison, plus the Tallinn Science Centre, *Energy*, and the Culture Cauldron.  
**"Ice & Art on the Old Town wall"**. Visit a sculpture studio, make your own unique ice shot glass, taste the local herb liqueur, listen to the legends and admire the wonderful view.  
Overnight at Sokos Hotel Viru

**DAY 02**

### Tallinn

**"Spirit of Survival"**. Experience 11 000 years of Estonian history at the History Museum, housed in the Great Guild Hall. After extensive restoration, the Great Guild Hall will once again open its doors to visitors in May 2011. The 15th century Gothic-style building will present the museum's new permanent exhibition "Spirit of Survival", depicting the absorbing history of Estonia and the major events that have shaped the nation. Fascinating exhibits will include the Time Capsule, Weapons Chamber, and curiosities from the museum's oldest collection, *Mon Faible*.  
The afternoon is free for exploring the city independently.  
Overnight at Sokos Hotel Viru

#### For Tallinn we also suggest:

Jazzkaar Jazz Festival (April) • Old Town Days, 28.5-05.6 • *The Towers of Tallinn* music festival 25-27.8

**DAY 03**

### Turku

Transfer from Tallinn to Turku.  
**"Turku Life from the 16th to the 21st century"**. Hear the story of Turku inhabitants under Swedish rule in the 16th century and those living in Turku today. Beginning at Turku Castle, whose foreign rulers brought European influences to Finland, the tour continues to the New Library to learn about the highly-regarded Finnish education system. The tour concludes at *Logomo*, the hub for Capital of Culture events, to hear how creative industry is important in Turku today.  
In the evening enjoy beer tasting & dinner at *Koulu*, a former school and now a microbrewery restaurant.  
Overnight in Sokos Hotel Hamburger Börs  
**For Turku we also suggest:** Medieval Market (June) • *Ruisrock* (July) • Turku Music Festival (August) • Christmas Market (December)

**DAY 04**

### Turku

**"Archipelago Stories"**. The many islands of the Turku archipelago are dependent on connection with the mainland. Some are linked by bridge, whilst many more have regular ferry connections, often without charge. Residents of some of the smaller outlying islands rely on their own boats to get around, with hovercraft operators bringing them supplies in the winter when the sea freezes over. In summer, city dwellers escape their hectic lives by heading out to the islands to enjoy the peace of archipelago nature. This excursion will visit the islands of Parainen and Nauvo where local people will tell their experiences of living year-round in this beautiful region. Lunch is taken at a local restaurant prior to returning to Turku airport for flights home.

#### For the archipelago region we also suggest:

Private cruise on-board traditional sailing ships • Complete Archipelago Ring tour • "Margareta's Story" themed dinner and walk in Naantali



## PRICE GUIDELINE BOOKINGS & REQUESTS

**720 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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