Self-guided tours



# Turku Archipelago **Cycling Tour**

Island hopping and oldest city of Finland

- Experience the unique way of life of the world's most beautiful archipelago.
- Take up to 9 ferry trips and visit almost 30 islands.
- Breathe in the fresh sea air and savour all the delicious local specialities
- Enjoy untouched Finnish nature and the amazing light of the Nordic summer nights.

elcome to the oldest part of Finland. Turku, We seaside city and former capital, is on the doorstep of thousands of islands - often described as the most beautiful archipelago in the world. The winding roads and numerous ferries enable you to ride a loop tour that effortlessly combines city life and island hopping.

# Itinerary (5 days cycling)

#### Day 1: Arrival

Arrival to Turku, tour info and bike rental + fitting. Day 2: Turku-Parainen-Nauvo Island (58km). Start the tour by riding through beautiful Turku and onwards to the lush nature of the archipelago. Stop for a break in the quaint seaside town of Parainen and take in the view of its vast limestone quarry. Day 3: Nauvo-Korppoo-Houtskär Island (48km) Experience beautiful sea views. Island hopping, four

ferry rides and epic bridges that span from island to island. In summer, the daylight is practically endless so no need to hurry. A late-night sunset from the Mossala observation tower is not to be missed. Day 4: Iniö-Taivassalo-Naantali (65km)

Enjoy the last views of the archipelago before heading by ferry to the mainland. Cycle through tranquil countrys to the beatiful seaside town of Naantali - the summer residence of the president of Finland.

# Day 5: Naantali-Ruissalo-Turku (45km)

Back to the city. After three days of islands and sea views it's time for a change of scenery. Today's stage is more relaxed and shorter and leads towards the island of Ruissalo, its mix of natural beauty and lush vegetation and seaside villas make this a very distinctive part of Finland.

# Day 6: Turku - Kakskerta - Turku (50km)

The last stage of the tour leads towards south and the large island of Kakskerta. Altough only some 10 km south of Turku city centre the landscape is surprisingly rural with its farms and forests. OPTIONAL TOUR towards the countryside and Aura **River valley!** 

# Day 7:

Individual departure or additional nights in Turku

### Turku Archipelago Cycling Tour: Self-guided departures:

Throughout the summer season Guided departures: Ask for details Total distance: 266km Level: Intermediate

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Including: Accommodation, breakfast, luggage transfer and ferries on tour. (Note! No luggage transfers available on day 3 to Houtskär Island, 3rd night's accommodation. Your luggage will be transported from Nauvo to Naantali.)

#### Bikes: Touring or eBike

Roads: Most of the tour runs on tarmac, some short parts are on gravel.

Terrain: Mostly quite flat. The ferry crossing areas are usually lower on coastline, so there are some steeper downhills and uphills close to these areas.

# Accommodations (6 nights)

Turku (3) the first, 5th and 6th night, Nauvo Island (1) the 2nd night, Houtskär Island (1) the 3rd night (Note! No luggage transfer to this accommodation.), Naantali (1) the 4th night



