

Self-guided tours



Turku Archipelago Cycling Tour

Island hopping and oldest city of Finland

- Take up to 9 ferry trips and visit almost 30 islands
- Breathe in the fresh sea air and savour all the delicious local specialities
- Turku Castle and Ruissalo island
- Lively atmosphere in Nauvo marina
- Peacefulness of Mossala in Houtskär island
- Naantali old town and Naantali Spa Hotel

Finland's oldest city and former capital with the captivating beauty of the Archipelago. This unique sea region boasts thousands of islands, often hailed as the most picturesque of their kind. Immerse yourself in the archipelago's distinctive way of life, surrounded by untouched Finnish nature and the enchanting light of the extended Nordic summer nights. Explore island hopping, visit quaint villages, and discover lively marinas. The winding roads and convenient ferries allow you to enjoy a loop tour that effortlessly combines urban living with island exploration.

Itinerary (5 days cycling)

Day 1: Individual arrival to Turku

Arrival to Turku, overnight in city centre.

Day 2: Turku-Parainen-Nauvo Island (59km)

Tour info meeting (in English) at the hotel, pick-up of the rental bikes. Start the tour by riding through beautiful Turku and onwards to the lush nature of the archipelago. Stop for a coffee break in the quaint seaside town of Parainen and take in the view of its vast limestone quarry. Make a stop at Sattmark, a charming café located in an authentic and unique courtyard setting with oldest part of the farm dating back to the 1790s. Spend a night in a cosy archipelago hotel in Nauvo, located right next to the lively marina with shops, restaurants and a sandy beach.

Day 3: Nauvo-Korpoo-Houtskär island (54km)

Island hopping with beautiful sea views: embark on four ferry rides and bridges that span from an island to another. In June and July, the daylight is practically endless so no need to hurry. You can choose the main road through Nauvo island or take detour along a gravel road (+2km). Visit the medieval church of Korpoo, eat lunch at seaside restaurant in Houtskär. Accommodation in modern and luxurious seaside cabins. A late-night sunset from the Mossala observation tower is not to be missed. Possibility to enjoy a Finnish sauna by the beach (booking at site)!

Day 4: Houtskär-Iniö-Taivassalo-Velkuanmaa (37km)

Continue enjoying the views of the archipelago when you cycle to the inner islands of the area. Start your morning on a longer ferry ride and catch a few smaller cable ferries to return to the mainland for a moment. Visit the Petersen's marina for sail

boats, a café and small shops. If you want a small detour, pop in the Kustavi handicrafts village (+1km). Take last three ferries to arrive on a picturesque island of Velkuanmaa and spend a night in an idyllic archipelago hotel with its own restaurant! Possibility to book two different saunas on site.

Day 5: Velkuanmaa-Naantali (34km)

Return to the mainland, it's time to enjoy some steeper uphill while cycling through the tranquil countryside. If you wish to extend your cycling day, visit Louhisaari manor and see how the Finnish noble lived in the 17th to 19th century (+16km). Head to the beautiful seaside town of Naantali – the summer residence of the President of Finland. Here you have time to explore the gem of the Finnish archipelago, that offers a delightful blend of culture, architecture, and captivating sights such as the Old Town with cobblestone streets and wooden houses and their boutiques and cafes. Enjoy a drink or lunch at the seaside restaurants, hop on a boat tour or visit the President's summer house that is open after renovation in 2025. End your day at the Spa, which is available also the following morning.

Day 6: Naantali - Ruissalo - Turku (45km)

Back to the city! After four days of islands and sea views it's time for a change of scenery. Today's stage takes you first to the island of Ruissalo, a delightful destination with a mix of natural beauty and historical charm. Ruissalo's oak forests are home to animal, mushroom, and plant species that are otherwise rare in Finland. The University of Turku's botanical garden is situated in the middle of the island and is a haven for plant enthusiasts. The island boasts idyllic villas built after the mid-19th century,

and offers sandy beaches, seaside cliffs, and scenic spots like Saaronniemi. After a tour, lunch and café stop in Ruissalo, cycle back to Turku via bridges or take the Föli water bus across the river mouth.

Day 7:

Individual departure or additional nights in Turku.

Turku Archipelago Cycling Tour:

Total distance: 266km

Level: Intermediate



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

Rental 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 downhill and uphill close to these areas.

Accommodations (6 nights)

Turku (2) the first and 6th night,

Nauvo Island (1) the 2nd night,

Houtskär Island (1) the 3rd night

(Note! No luggage transfer to this accommodation.)

Velkuanmaa (1) the 4th night

Naantali (1) the 5th night

