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ONE OF THE MOST LIVABLE CITIES IN THE WHOLE WORLD

Helsinki is a very safe, modern, and green city with half a million friendly folk. Everything here is within easy reach and things work here. Helsinki is a good place to explore the cool urban culture, surrounding nature and the sea that makes its presence felt everywhere in Helsinki. Naturally, Helsinki was recently nominated as the The Best Cities to Live in (#2) by Metropoly 2016 Rankings.

In addition to being the capital city of Finland, Helsinki has a reputation of being a vibrant city for students. With several higher education institutions in the Helsinki area and 60 000 university students, it is well set up to cater to the needs of students from all walks of life. A wide range of international study programmes welcome new students to Helsinki from all over the world. Explore and be inspired!

AND LEARN TO LOVE THEM

We Finns aren’t the biggest chit-chatters and we don’t feel the need to fill every silent moment in a conversation with blabber. This doesn’t mean we aren’t social – we are but in our own funny way. Genuine Finns usually mean what they say. We prefer a straight and honest approach, which explains why lots of people like to do business with us.

On the other hand, Finnish people love to tell tales and test the listener if they buy everything they are told. We giggle by ourselves and become happy when the listener realises we were only joking. This is a part of Finnish black humour and one shouldn’t get offended by this sort of treatment – telling jokes and even laughing at someone’s cost is our peculiar way of telling we like you. If you get invited to a Finnish home you have earned your place in a Finnish heart and are building up to a life-long friendship with a Finn!

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