

A wide-angle aerial photograph of a lake in Finland. In the foreground, a long, narrow, and densely forested island extends into the water. A modern cable-stayed bridge connects the mainland to the start of the island. The lake is dotted with numerous smaller, green-covered islands in the distance. The water is a deep, clear blue. The sky is a pale, hazy blue with a few wispy clouds.

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Lakeland Finland –  
Where Finns come to recharge and  
reconnect with nature.



# Salpausselkä UNESCO Global Geopark

**A landscape created by water.** Salpausselkä is the best-known geological entity of Finland. Salpausselkä Geopark area is known for instance for its lakes and magnificent eskers: e.g. Pulkilanharju esker, the most scenic road in Finland, lakes and kettle ponds. One of the most famous geosites of Salpausselkä Geopark is the Sport Centre of Lahti.



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# Perfect venue for nature adventures in summer (May-Sept)

## **Lake cruises**

Lunch cruise on Lake Vesijärvi, canal cruise to the picturesque Vääksy Canal with dinner or nature excursion to the 8 km long Kelvenne island known for its lagoon-like sandy beaches.

## **Water activities**

Kayaking, fishing, Stand Up Paddling

## **House Boat**

Combination of cottage holiday, lake cruise and touring in one package. Unique concept of Lakeland adventure

## **Hiking & Activities in forest**

Easy hiking with scenic geosites (Linnaistensuo mire, Sport Centre of Lahti & Häränsilmä kettle pond, Pirunpesä/Devil's Nest rock formation. Or longer hiking routes. Berry picking, mushroom picking, wild herbs

## **Biking**

Gravel, mountain biking and road cycling

## **Bird watching**

Different nature types: Forests, wetlands, lakeshores, and protected areas. Independent and guided tours





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# Salpausselkä UNESCO Global Geopark as Cycling Destination

**The distinctive landscape shaped by the meltwater at the end of the Ice Age makes you climb up ridges and descend to the shores of the lake, cycling along winding forest trails and rolling countryside roads.**

## Routes with gpx

For gravel, road cycling and mtb including touristic and nature highlights. Also easy leisure routes close to the city available

<https://visitlahti.fi/en/cycling/>

## Bike rentals with personal assistance

[https://kitetirri.johku.com/en\\_US](https://kitetirri.johku.com/en_US)

<https://breakaway.cc/>

## Premium Gravel events

12. – 13.9.2026 Gravel World Series; Falling Leaves Lahti

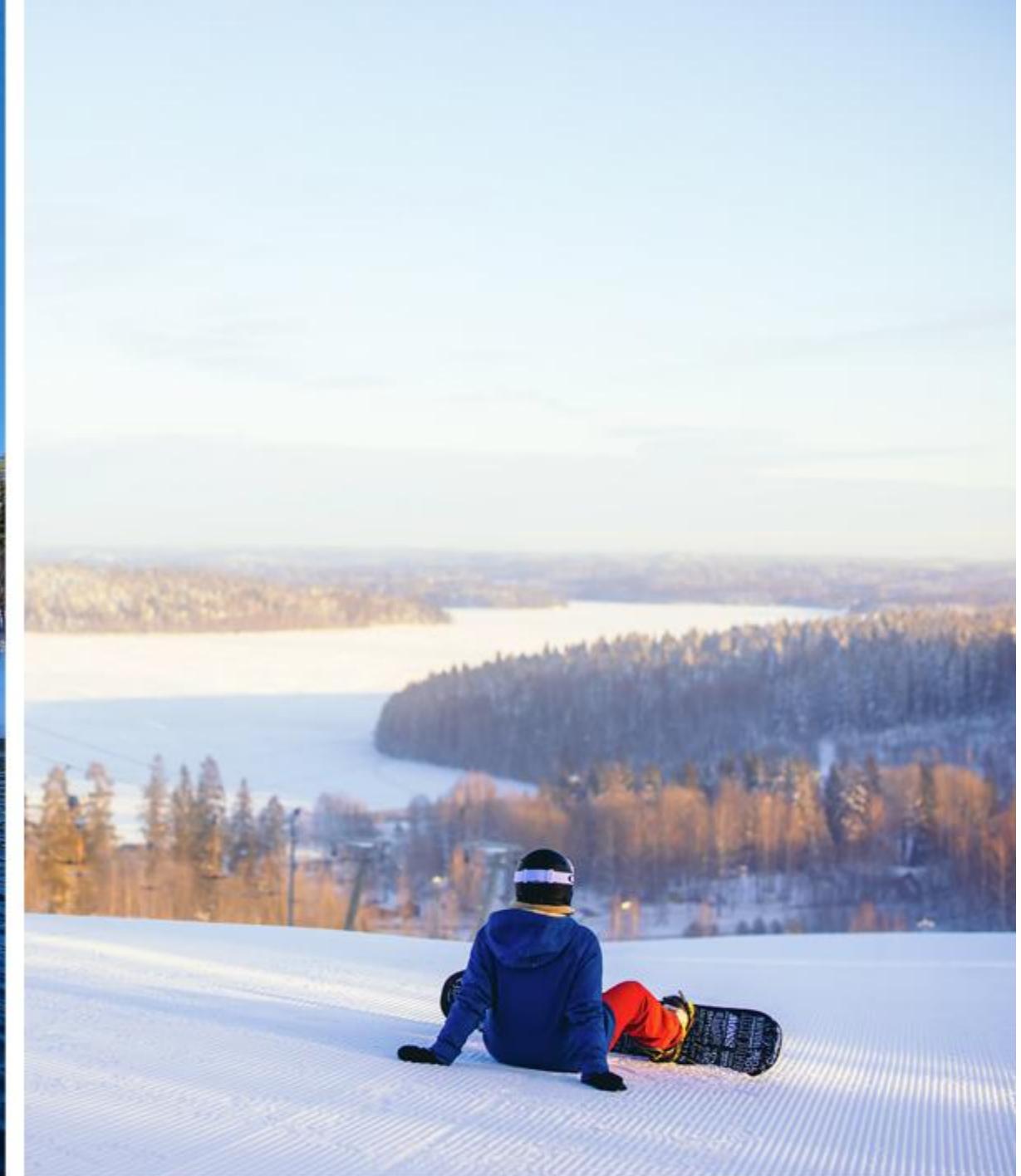
30.7. – 1.8.2027 UCI Gravel European Championships

2028 UCI Gravel World Series (dates TBC)

## Social rides and guided tours

<https://nordicgravel.com/>

Winter cycling adventures with fatbikes and e-fatbikes



# Geopark - Perfect venue for nature adventures in winter

## Skiing

Lahti – the best cross country skiing destination in Southern Finland. Messilä – the biggest downhill resort in Southern Finland

## Multi-purpose winter track in Lahti

Hiking in a wintry forest, easy snowshoeing

## Winter track on the ice of Vesijärvi lake

Walking, skating, kick sledging or skiing on the ice of the biggest lake in Lahti

## Husky farm

Meet the husky dogs, dog sledge riding

## Snowmobiling

Guided snowmobile tours in Messilä Ski resort or Lehmonkärki

## Winter swimming

Trendy Finnish winter activity with sauna experience

## Winter floating

Sensational experience in thermo costume



# City life, Art & Culture and sights

## Lahti must see places

Sports Centre & Ski Museum; Lahti Harbour & Sibelius Hall, Lanu Sculture park, Musical fountain

## Museums

Malva – Lahti museum of Visual Arts, Finnish Motorcycle Museum; Ski Museum, Lahti Historical Museum

## Sightseeing: Guided and self-guided tours

by bike along the lakeshore, sport's fans statue tour, urban nature trails, brewery tours

## Finnish Architectual highlights

Sibelius Hall, Church of the Cross by Alvar Aalto, Lahti city theatre, Lahti Ski Jumping towers

## Live music weekly

Lahti Symphony Orchestra classical Thursday, active rock, pop & rap scene

# Finnish happiness in Lahti region

## **Sauna & swimming**

Aisti Sauna&Spa in Lehmonkärki Resort, Teivanen Hehku and Nosturi in Lahti are all public saunas open all year around. Numerous private saunas.

## **Cosy cafés with Finnish coffee and bun & other sweet pastries**

Kariniemi café in the harbour, Café Oskari, Wine Café Olavi, Asemapäälikkö or Kanavan Kruunu by the Vääksy canal

## **Local tastes**

Salty pastries at the market place, local bread, oat porridge and oat flakes, lihamuki – meat mug, Sahti – strong local beer

## **Unique accommodation & Cottages**

## **Sporty & Active Atmosphere**





# Lahti turns the world's best water into beer, whisky and wine

The cleanest ground water of the world filtered by the gravel ridges and eskers of Salpausselkä UNESCO Global Geopark area ensures a valuable ingredient for many beverage producers in the area.

## Teerenpeli Brewery and Distillery

Teerenpeli Distillery won the Worldwide whiskey producer 2020 & 2024 series in the world's largest alcohol competition, the International Wine and Spirit Competition.

## Ainoa Winery

Ainoa Winery's innovative wild berry wines have won several international awards, such as Concours International de Lyon 2025 and Vinalies Or de Paris 2025.

## Sahti

Strong local beer

## Ant Brew

Ant Brew is a small beer collective located in Malski. They are known for their Wasted Potential series created during Lahti European Green Capital 2021 year. In the series Ant Brew has utilised ingredients such as wild herbs, fruit waste and goose droppings.

## Hartwall

One of the biggest breweries in Finland has its roots in Lahti and nowadays its main production facility in Lahti.

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# Accommodation

There are almost 1,400 beds in hotel-level accommodation in the city of Lahti and 4,000 beds within a 20-60 minute drive from the city.

- Manor houses, bed and breakfast
- Approximately 800 rental cottages in the Lahti area + Cottage villages
- Two activity & sport resorts with Olympic Training Centres
- Unique accommodation in Mirror Houses and Houseboats

# Solo Sokos Hotel Lahden Seurahuone

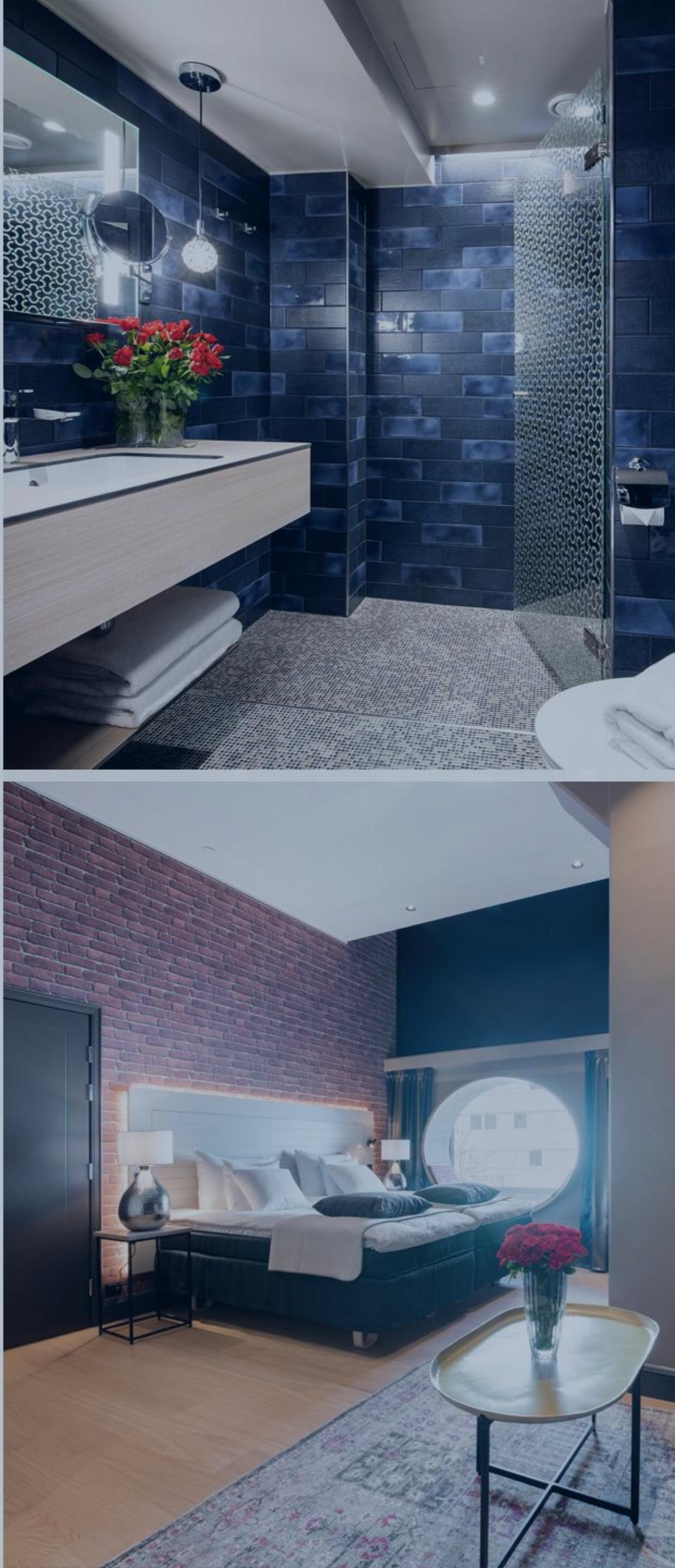
History starting from 1890s 183 rooms in two hotel buildings

Loft house with 50 spacious rooms with individual design and inner garden. One of the best breakfast concepts in Finland.

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# Scandic Lahti City

Completely renovated hotel in the very heart of the city. 171 rooms  
The renovation was completed in spring 2025.



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# Hotel GreenStar Lahti

The first carbon neutral hotel chain in Finland

Excellent location by the railway & bus station in the city centre

Sustainably renovated 138 rooms and investments to green energy

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# Lakeland Luxury in Lehmonkärki Resort

Located in Asikkala next to Pulkilanharju ridge

16 cottages

4 HAASI Mirror Houses

Aisti Sauna&Spa complex

Multiple nature activities

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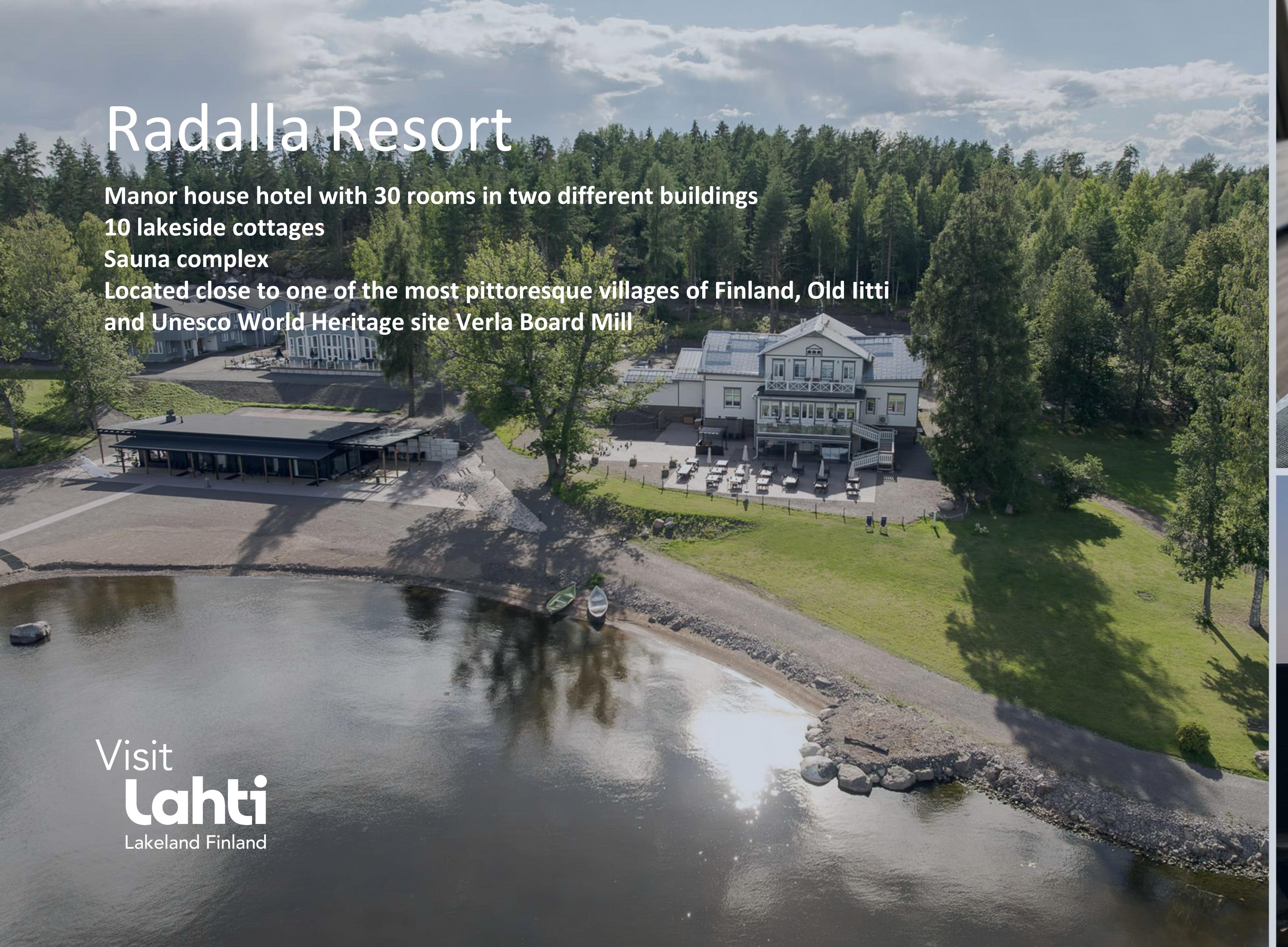
# Radalla Resort

Manor house hotel with 30 rooms in two different buildings

10 lakeside cottages

Sauna complex

Located close to one of the most pittoresque villages of Finland, Old Litti  
and Unesco World Heritage site Verla Board Mill



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# Ilola Inn

Old guest house redesigned into a boutique hotel with 8 rooms

Unique sauna & pool complex

Located by Päijänne National Park

Harbour & restaurant services for visiting boats

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# Yli-Kaitala Resort

11 cottages each with own lake shore

Moss sauna

Iglu accommodation

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# Vierumäki

Sport and leisure resort with Olympic Training Centre

More than 200 different sports and activities

Vierumäki Sport: 2 hotels and 300 holiday homes

Multiple saunas including unique smoke sauna

Holiday Club Vierumäki: Hotel and Apartments, Spa

Premium Resort: 5 high end villas

In the scenic Salpausselkä UNESCO Global Geopark landscape

Ideal basecamp for camp school programs

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# Pajulahti

**Activity and sport resort with Olympic and Paralympic Training Centre**  
**247 rooms of different level (hotel / b2b standard with / without sauna)**  
**15 high altitude rooms**  
**Excellent facilities for indoor and outdoor sport activities**  
**Sauna complex**  
**In the middle of scenic Salpausselkä UNESCO Global Geopark landscape**  
**Ideal basecamp for camp school programs**



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# Heinolan Heinäsäari camping

Year round accommodation by the beautiful Lake Ruotsalainen

Six year round cottages

Eleven summer cottages

Caravan and tent places

Beneficial location by the city centre of Heinola

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# Best Lake Nature Adventures

Guided nature activities (canoeing, hiking, berry and mushroom picking)

Salpausselkä UNESCO Global Geopark programs

Educational travel

Technical visits

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# Jokimaan Paroni

Your guide to deeper understanding

Multiple themes for guided tours from basic city sightseeing, architecture and nature trips to professional technical visits from circular economy to green energy.

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# Technical visits

## Legacy of the European Green Capital year 2021

- Clean tech companies
- Water expertise
- Sport management
- Sustainable development and nature protection
- Grain cluster companies
- Other expert meetings





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