



VAASA REGION FOR GROUPS

Tour suggestions 2020

EXPERIENCES HISTORY NATURE



City tour and the longest Bridge in Finland

Guided tour through the city centre of Vaasa including the Barracks area from the 1860s and a visit to the Orthodox Church. The harbour and the cotton mill made Palosaari a seafarers' and workers' neighborhood. Today it is largely a campus for students where old meets new.

In Old Vaasa you will learn about Vaasa's history and the beautiful Korsholm church. The building, designed by Carl Fredrik Adelcrantz, was built in 1776-1786 and is considered to be one of the best representations of the Gustavian style in Finland; it was originally a court of law.

Lunch is served at restaurant Strampen in the Inner Harbour (Sisäsatama).

After lunch the tour then continues to Finland's longest bridge, Replot Bridge and across the bridge to the other side. A visit will then be made at the World Heritage Gate, the information centre for the Kvarken World Heritage Archipelago.

Afternoon coffee is served at Berny's restaurant by the Replot Bridge.

Season: year round

Length: 5 hours

Group size: at least 20 people

Price 2020: Mon-Sat 49 €/person (Sun 62 €/person)

The price includes: guide service, lunch, coffee, agency fee and taxes

Bookings: booking@visitvaasa.fi



Greetings from space

After a short excursion around the city center, the tour continues to Finland's most beautiful meteorite crater, Söderfjärden.

The area is a fertile 2,300 ha large round open field and important agriculturally, and in the autumn a resting site for thousands of cranes.

In the visitor centre Meteorita there is a short film and an interesting exhibition, which inform visitors about the open field's at least 520 million year history, from the time the meteorite collided until the present.

The tour continues to the other side of the crater to Stundars, which is a large open-air museum and a dynamic center of culture and art. The museum consists of some sixty buildings that were all relocated from the villages in Korsholm and the Vaasa region. The buildings are furnished to illustrate life at the turn of the 20th century. The farmhouse stands tall, surrounded by its storehouses, cowshed, loft, and baking cottage. The simpler crofter's cottages and the workshops stand in contrast to the relative wealth of the farmer.

Guided tour of the area and coffee at Cirkas Café.

Period: April–September

Duration: 5 hours

Group size: at least 20 people

Price 2020: Mon-Sat 44,50 €/person, Sun 57,50 €/person

The price includes: guide services, entrance fees, coffee, agency fee and taxes

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Golden grains of the archipelago

After a short city tour the group heads towards the archipelago and drives over Replot Bridge, the longest bridge in Finland.

Visitors will learn about Replot village, visit in the unique wooden church from 1781. In the 1840s, the church received its altarpiece and pulpit from the Santa Maria Church in Old Vaasa, thus rescuing them from the fire in Vaasa in 1852.

Later visitors will have a chance to admire and buy handicrafts and delicacies characteristic to the archipelago at Sommaröhallen.

The journey then continues to the charming bay of Sommarösund, now an idyllic shallow bay but once a long sound providing a sheltered passageway for boats.

Lunch is served at Restaurant Bernys next to the Replot Bridge.

Period: May–September

Duration: 5 hours

Group size: at least 20 people

Price 2020: Mon-Sat 38 €/person (Sun 51 €/person)

Price includes: Guide service, lunch, agency fee and taxes

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Group visits at Strömsö

Strömsö is known as recording site for the popular TV program Strömsö, a Lifestyle program that deals with things you do at home or at your leisure. Strömsö is also the name of the building where the program is recorded. The building, built in the 1850s, is beautifully located in a park and in the area, there are various projects made in the TV program.

It is possible to make group visits to Strömsö, such times when working with different TV recordings so permits. Visits to the buildings are best managed after 17 o'clock on weekdays or on weekends and are always done under the guidance of a guide. You can visit the park around the villa on your own.

Open guided tours on Strömsö are organized 2-30.7.2020 Tuesdays and Thursdays at 17-18.30 and Saturdays at 14-15.30. Price: 7 € / person, children under 12 years free admission. To be booked at least one day in advance, read more: www.vaasa.fi/en/stromso-guided-tour

Season: round the year (when TV recordings so permits)

Duaration: 1 hour

Group size: maximum 20 persons/guide

Price 2020: Mon-Sat 158 €/20 people (Sundays 252 €)

Price includes: guide service, entrance to the buildings, agency fee and taxes

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World Heritage from above

We travel from Vaasa towards the archipelago and drive over Finland's longest bridge, the Replot Bridge to visit the World Heritage Gate.

Parts of the archipelago here are Finland's only natural heritage site on UNESCO's World Heritage List. The tour continues to Svedjehamn, where we explore the area and Bodbacka old harbour as well as visit the Saltkaret lookout tower, offering magnificent views over the unique moraine archipelago, which is proof of the enormous power of the Ice Age in the Kvarken (walking about 3.5 kilometres).

Lunch at Café Salteriet which is an old fish saltery.



Season: May – September

Length: 5.5 hours

Group size: at least 20 people

Price 2020: Mon-Sat 43 € / person (Sun 58 € / person)

The price includes: guide service, entrance fee, lunch, agency fee and taxes

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Sauna on board Floating Sauna

Floating Sauna is a 6 x 10m sauna raft that is located at Sandö Island in Vaasa.

Cruise in the beautiful archipelago of Vaasa while enjoying a warm and relaxing sauna bath. The Captain will make sure that you have a nice and safe cruise, just relax and enjoy.

After the sauna cruise you will enjoy lunch at Restaurant Strampen. The restaurant is located by the beautiful inner harbor in Vaasa, and is one of Finland's oldest restaurants with its over 150 year old history.



Season: May-September

Length: 4.5 hours

Group size: 12 people

Price 2020: 70,50 €/person (Mon-Thu)

Price includes: rent for the raft, cruise, towels, lunch, agency fee and taxes

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Cruise to the Kvarken World Heritage Archipelago

At the inner harbour of Vaasa we board M/S Corina. The cruise goes through a part of the Kvarken's world heritage area and navigates along narrow channels within Vaasa's inner archipelago, passing idyllic summer cottages on islands large and small.

Due to land uplift, the Kvarken Archipelago is one of the youngest landscapes in the world. The landscape is constantly changing: new stones rise from the sea and islands merge with the mainland.

The final destination is Finland's longest bridge, the 1045-meter-long Replot Bridge.

Lunch at Berny's restaurant by the bridge.

The bus meets the group and we go on a sightseeing tour around Replot and Södra Vallgrund. There will be a shopping opportunity in Sommaröhallen in Södra Vallgrund before we return by bus to Vaasa.

Season: May – September

Length: 5 hours

Group size: at least 20 people

Price 2020: Mon-Sat 76,50 € / person (Sun 90 € / person)

The price includes: cruise, guide service, lunch, agency fee and taxes

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Vaasa archipelago cruise

Before the cruise, a short guided walk around the revitalized Inner Harbour and surroundings.

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At Janne's Saloon, located on Granskär in Vaasa's beautiful archipelago, we eat delicious salmon soup before the boat takes us back to the Inner Harbour.

Season: May – September, (20.6. – 9.8 outside the regular cruise schedules)

Length: 3.5 hours

Group size: at least 20 people

Price 2020: Mon-Sat 62,50 € / person (Sun 72,50 € / person)

The price includes: guide service, cruise, lunch, agency fee and taxes

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The rustle of history's wings - city sightseeing

Palosaari was once the workers' and seamen's quarter of the city due to its proximity to the harbour and Puuvillatehdas (cotton factory). Now it is mostly a campus area for students and a melting point of the old and the new.

The nearby Vaskiluoto Island houses a harbour, hotel, beaches, spa and water park, all reasons why the island is enjoyed by both Vaasa residents and tourists alike.

Close by on the mainland stand Vaasa prison and St. Nicolaus' Orthodox Church, two important landmarks that have played a significant part in the history of Vaasa.

In Old Vaasa it is possible to discover historical places dating back to the 13th century, as well as how the citizens live today.

Period: throughout the year

Duration: 2 hours

Price 2020: Mon-Sat 188 €/guide (Sun 312 €/guide)

Price includes: Guide service, agency fee and taxes

Bookings: booking@visitvaasa.fi



Sailing trip in the unique Kvarken Arhipelago

Sailing in Vaasa's unique archipelago is wonderful. To be able to sail midst islets and rocks on our exclusive yacht only to the sound of wind and sea is truly an experience. Welcome aboard S/Y Branwyn, forget your every day bustle and treat yourself to three hours of luxury.

Sailing is a much-appreciated experience that most of us like. To be able to enjoy the nature and the archipelago, without disturbing engine sounds and/or smells, in the hands of skilled sailors paves the way for an experience of a lifetime.

We don't expect any sailing skills from our guest. Our crew is skilled and have years of sailing experience, so we can offer you a safe trip, while an excellent opportunity to take pictures, meet new people and just enjoy the sailing.

Departure from Sisäsatama in Vaasa and this is also the ending point of our 3-hour sailing trip.

Season: 17.6-7.8.2020 Wednesdays and Fridays (not 19.6.2020)

Duration: 3 hours

Group size: max. 10 people

Price 2020: 79 €/person

The price includes: sailing, soft drinks, agency fee and taxes

Booking: booking@visitvaasa.fi

The Vaasa region touches all senses

Here you and your group will find an exciting region where land meets sea and history meets the future.

If you are looking for an interesting and versatile destination or meeting venue for your group, the Vaasa Region is an excellent choice.

The region offers barren, beautiful coast, world heritage site, lush river valleys and plains.

Add entrepreneurial people, a rich cultural life and good shopping opportunities and it will be easy to tailor a package that fits your particular group.



Welcome to the Vaasa Region!

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