



FINLAND LIONS RINGETTE WINTER CUP TOUR SWEDEN – FINLAND 27.12.2009-4.1.2010

Day 1

- Arrive in Stockholm Arlanda Airport where our SportsTravel Tour Escort meets the group. Transfer by private motor coach to Hotel Scandic Alvik. Check-in and dinner.

Day 2



- Stockholm is, without doubt, one of the most beautiful national capitals in the world. The Old Town is particularly spectacular, and walking around the city's waterways and parks is a glorious way to discover the city
- The city was built on 14 islands in Lake Mälaren, which marks the beginning of an archipelago of 24,000 islands, skerries, and islets stretching all the way to the Baltic Sea. It is a city of bridges and islands, towers and steeples, cobblestone squares and broad boulevards, Renaissance splendour and steel-and glass skyscrapers. Because of Sweden's neutrality, it was



saved from aerial bombardment during World War II, so much of what you see today is antique, especially the historical heart, Gamla Stan (the Old Town)

- **Exhibition game against a Swedish team**
- Dinner at the hotel

Day 3

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Sightseeing tour of Stockholm by bus. We will visit the famous Wasa Museum with the exhibition of the Wasa ship from the 16th century. The ship has been restored and the museum also gives a deep insight to the history of Stockholm and Sweden and the way of life in the old days. We will also visit the centre of Stockholm and you will see the beautiful Royal Palace.
- Lunch at a pre-selected restaurant
- **Exhibition game against a Swedish team**
- After the game dinner on your own and a free evening in Stockholm

Day 4

- Breakfast at the hotel. Free morning. The bus will take you downtown for some shopping and sightseeing.
- Be sure to do a little souvenir shopping - Swedish glass is world famous and Swedish wooden items are works of great craftsmanship. Other items to look for include silver necklaces, reindeer gloves, hand-woven neck ties and skirts, sweaters and mittens in Nordic patterns, Swedish clogs, and colourful handicrafts from the provinces. The most popular souvenir is the Dala horse from Dalarna
- Lunch at a pre-selected restaurant and we leave the city centre to the harbour of Stockholm for the overnight cruise to Helsinki, Finland. The cruise ship m/s Silja Serenade takes up to 2800 passengers and it has many restaurants and shops and a spa. On the boat you will have sleeping cabins reserved and a possibility to enjoy a delicious buffet dinner served in the evening.



Day 5

- Buffet-breakfast on the boat
- Arrive in Helsinki and transfer by private motor coach to the centre of the Finnish capital
- Helsinki is Finland's capital and the centre of its cultural, financial and economic activity. While it embodies much of the Finnish spirit and its progressive hi-tech push, it is unlike any other Finnish city, due in part to the fascinating combination of Swedish and Russian influences





- Guided sightseeing tour of Helsinki by bus including all of the most famous sights. You also have a possibility to visit the Suomenlinna Fortress Island. The 250-year-old fortress, which has been preserved intact because of its military use, is today part of the world heritage. In 1991 it was included in UNESCO's World Heritage List. Suomenlinna is one of Finland's most popular tourist attractions. At the same time it is a suburb of Helsinki, with 850 people living in the renovated ramparts and barracks.



- Helsinki retains a small-town feel: there are no high-rise buildings and the market square is still surrounded by 19th-century architecture. Its green parks and waterways, fresh sea winds with seagulls flying over the busy market square, and many open-air cafes make it a perfect destination
- Lunch on your own in Helsinki then transfer this afternoon to check in to a centrally located Hotel Scandic Grand Marina for your stay in twin bedded rooms with private facilities
- Settle in to the hotel then transfer to a local rink for [Game vs. Helsinki Area Team](#)
- After the game return to the hotel for dinner at a pre-selected restaurant and a walk down to Helsinki city centre to watch New Year Eve's fireworks & celebrations.

Day 6

- Breakfast at the hotel and free morning in Helsinki
- This morning you may wish to take a walk and enjoy the sights of Helsinki - Helsinki may stand at the doorway to Russia, but its cultural links are firmly in Scandinavia. It was originally founded in 1550, halfway between Stockholm and St. Petersburg, on orders of the Swedish king Gustav Vasa
- Surrounded by water on three sides and fringed by islands, Helsinki grew up around a natural harbor overlooking the Gulf of Finland. A city of wide streets, squares, and parks, adorned with sculpture, Helsinki was one of the world's first planned municipalities and is noted for its 19th-century neoclassical architecture. Because the city is relatively compact, it can be easily explored on foot and maybe take the opportunity for a little souvenir shopping. Finland has taken a bold, creative lead in the highly competitive world of interior design. Search out ceramics and glassware (Arabia is famous), hand-woven articles, hand-carved wood, jaunty fashions, and linens.
- After lunch some free time to relax and then we head to the for [FINLAND LIONS CUP tournament game #1](#). After the game bus will take you back to hotel and dinner will be served at the hotel restaurant.





Day 7

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Bus takes you to [tournament game #2](#) and lunch will be served in the tournament restaurant
- [Tournament game #3](#)
- Skills Challenge & Tournament dinner



Day 8

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Bus takes you to [tournament game #4](#) and lunch will be served in the tournament restaurant
- [Tournament game #5](#) and victory ceremonies and trophies to the three best teams and individual players. By bus back to hotel and dinner in one of the many great restaurants in Helsinki.

Day 9

- After breakfast check out of the hotel and depart for Helsinki International Airport for the return journey.

INCLUSIONS: 9 Days / 8 Nights

- 27-30.12 Stockholm three nights in [Scandic Alvik](#)
- 30-31.12 Stockholm – Helsinki Overnight Cruise [m/s Silja Serenade](#)
- 31.12-4.1 Helsinki, four nights in [Scandic Grand Marina](#)
- Halfboard (Breakfast & Lunch/Dinner)
- All transfers by full time private motor coach
- Exhibition Games in Stockholm & Helsinki
- International FINLAND LIONS CUP TOURNAMENT with 5 games
- Pelimatkat Ltd English speaking guide during the whole stay
- Guided sightseeing tours of Stockholm and Helsinki
- All taxes

Extra service:

- Extra games / practises
- Extra tours
- Full board

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