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# Flavors of Lake Saimaa European Region of Gastronomy 2024

Introducing "Flavors of Saimaa - European Region of Gastronomy 2024" self-drive package, where you can explore the stunning Finnish countryside and indulge in authentic local cuisine.

## Day 1: Mikkeli (Arrival Day)

Upon arrival at Helsinki Vantaa airport, pick up your rental car and embark on a scenic self-drive journey to Mikkeli. Your first night is spent at Terti Manor, a family-owned traditional Finnish manor with only six rooms, each uniquely decorated. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by the warm and hospitable staff who will make you feel

right at home. The manor's picturesque surroundings are perfect for relaxing and unwinding, with beautiful gardens, a peaceful pond, and plenty of opportunities for outdoor activities.

In the evening, you'll be treated to a delectable dinner featuring locally sourced ingredients that showcase the flavors and traditions of the region. The manor's dining room is an intimate and cozy space, providing the perfect setting for a romantic dinner or a memorable meal with friends or family.

## Day 2: Ristiina and Sahanlahti Resort

Drive via Ristiina to Sahanlahti Resort, where you'll stay for two nights. En route, stop at Astuvansalmi to see ancient rock paintings. Upon arrival, take an included electric ecological boat cruise to Lake Saimaa, and if you're lucky, you may spot the endangered Saimaa seal. Enjoy a delicious dinner in the evening.

## Day 3: Relaxation at Sahanlahti Resort

Spend your day marveling at the breathtaking views of Lake Saimaa and allow yourself to fully relax and unwind in the picturesque surroundings of Sahanlahti. Take a leisurely stroll along the local forest trails, or rent electric bicycles to explore the area at your own pace. And no trip to Finland is complete without





experiencing the traditional Finnish wood-burning sauna, which is available for your enjoyment. In the evening, savor a delectable dinner that's included with your stay. You'll leave feeling rejuvenated and refreshed after this unforgettable Finnish adventure.

## Day 4: Punkaharju and Mushroom Picking

Drive to Punkaharju and check into the famous Hotel Punkaharju. Go on a mushroom-picking tour with the hotel's owner and mushroom expert, Ms. Saimi Hoyer. After the tour, enjoy a three-course dinner featuring the mushrooms that you collected in the forest.

## Day 5: Savonlinna and Pihlas Resort

Drive to Savonlinna and explore the old castle, Olavinlinna, and the Savonlinna market, where you can taste traditional Finnish fish, "muikku." After the market, drive to Pihlas Resort, a stunning eco-resort in the heart of the Saimaa region. At Pihlas Resort, you'll be treated to an unforgettable dining experience featuring the freshest local ingredients. Indulge in a mouthwatering dinner that highlights the region's flavors and culinary traditions, expertly prepared by our talented chefs. Your taste buds will thank you for this exquisite culinary journey.

## Day 6: Departure

After breakfast, drive back to Helsinki and depart for home. If you have extra time in Helsinki, we can include food places to visit in the city as an optional extra.

## Additional options (at extra cost):

Private minibus transfer from Helsinki to Sahanlahti Resort

Visit Niinisaari Island and bake traditional Finnish "Karelian" pies

Visit local village Puumala with beautiful views on Lake Saimaa.



# TRAVEL ITINERARY

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Valid: 01.06.-08.08.2023 (request alternate departure dates)

Group size: from 2 pax

Rates: 2267 EUR / person / DBL

Your tour organizer: **DMC Helsinki**

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## Itinerary summary

The following is a summary of the proposed itinerary and what is included in the package:

SERVICE	VOL	TYPE	ADDITIONAL
Day1. Accommodation	1 x night	Tertti Manor	Manor house hotel DBL
Day 1. Meals	1 x	Tertti Manor	Dinner at Tertti restauraunt
Day 2. Accommodation	2 x nights	Sahanlahti resort	Elsanranta Villas
Day 2. Activitiy	1 x	LakelandGTE	Electric boat cruise
Day 2. Meals	1 x	Sahanlahti resort	Dinner at Sahanlahti resort
Day 3. Activity	1 x	Sahanlahti resort	Sauna Experience
Day 3. Meals	1 x	Sahanlahti resort	Dinner at Sahanlahti resort
Day 4. Accommodation	1 x night	Hotel Punkaharju	Hotel Punkaharju DBL
Day 4. Meals	1 x	Dinner	Dinner at Hotel Punkaharju
Day 4. Activity	1 x	Mushroom picking trip	Excursion to forest
Day 5. Accommodation	1 x night	Pihlas resort	Forest suite
Day 5. Dinner	1 x	Pihlas resort	Dinner at Pihlas resort

**NOTE:** Please note that this offer is subject to availability and is only valid for a specific period. The rates and services included in the package may vary depending on the dates selected. Please contact us for more information and to confirm availability for your preferred travel dates.

## Requests and bookings:

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