

Saimaa Archipelago route

The Saimaa Archipelago Route in the southern part of Lake Saimaa offers a spectacular scenic route for cyclists and the opportunity to explore unique cultural sites. On the 160 km route along the shores of Lake Saimaa and the pine forests of the Salpausselkä, you will see the sights of Lappeenranta, Imatra, Taipalsaari and Ruokolahti. Combine the route with the Savitaipale tour and you'll see idyllic countryside and Kärnäkoski Fortress. There are also several Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark sites along the Saimaa Archipelago Route that are well worth a visit!

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Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark

The Saimaa Geopark area contains 65 geosites that tell the story of the ancient times of Saimaa. The Geopark is a delimited area containing geological sites of scientific or landscape significance. In addition to geology, the Geopark also contains interesting natural sites and historical attractions. Along the cycling route you can discover these sites and the services of the Saimaa Geopark Partner companies.



saimaageopark.fi/en

Bicycle rental and maintenance

Drakkarsport
drakkarsport.com/english

Bike repair Imatra
pyoravarikko.fi

Saimaan Palju Events
saimaanpalju.fi/en

Taiga Activities
taigaactivities.fi/en

Tuplakasi-Action
tuplakasi-action.fi/en/frontpage-en

Vuoksi Fishing Park
vuoksenkalastuspuisto.fi



Planning your trip

Cycling routes on Lake Saimaa are mainly on paved roads, in gently undulating terrain. There are also gravel roads along the way, which are suitable for normal bicycles. For longer routes, it is advisable to set aside several days to enjoy the stunning scenery of the southern Saimaa and the local amenities.

Find out in advance about the accommodation, restaurants, and water connections along the routes so that you can plan and schedule your trip.

You can check the services available in the area before your journey at website gosaimaa.com/en Tickets and schedules: liput.matkahuolto.fi



Equipment and safety

Cycling routes on Lake Saimaa are partly on busy roads. For your safety, please remember to wear the correct cycling equipment, such as a cycle helmet and clearly visible clothing. It is also a good idea to always carry a first aid kit with you. Be sure to bring a drink for the ride and an energy-boosting snack. Please note that there are no grocery stores between Taipalsaari and Utula. There is a possibility to buy drinks from the Cycle Ferry Rasti.



Ferries

The routes are served by cycle ferries and car ferries that take you across waterways. The car ferries are free of charge for tourists and run 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Cycle ferries run according to the timetable indicated and are subject to a charge. Tickets for the ferries must be purchased in advance at the Matkahuolto ticket office. Please note that the ticket office closes 2 hours before departure



M/s Rasti timetable summer 2023

Sarviniemi - Kyläniemi - Sarviniemi

Departures	SARVINIEMI PIER	KYLÄNIEMI PIER
2.6.-18.6.	14:00 Thu, Fri, Sun 15:00 Wed 10:00 & 16:00 Sat	15:00 Thu, Fri, Sun 16:00 Wed 11:00 & 17:00 Sat
19.6.-13.8.*	14:00 Fri, Sun 15:00 Wed 10:00 & 16:00 Tue, Thu, Sat	15:00 Fri, Sun 16:00 Wed 11:00 & 17:00 Tue, Thu, Sat
14.8.-27.8.	14:00 Thu, Fri, Sun 15:00 Wed 10:00 & 16:00 Sat	15:00 Thu, Fri, Sun 16:00 Wed 11:00 & 17:00 Sat

*Fri 23.6. Saturday shifts, Sat 24.6. Sunday shifts. Journey time 30 minutes one-way. Tickets: Adults 18 €, children (4-15 years) 9 €

Sarviniemi – Lintusalo – Sarviniemi

Departures	SARVINIEMI PIER	LINTUSALO PIER
3-6.-18.6.	12:00 Sat	14:00 Sat
19.6.-13.8.*	12:00 Tue, Thu, Sat	14:00 Tue, Thu, Sat
14.8.-26.8.	12:00 Sat	14:00 Sat

*Fri 23.6. Saturday shifts, Sat 24.6. Sunday shifts. Journey time approx. 1 hour 50 min one-way. Tickets: Adults 27 €, children (4-15 years) 13 €

Sarviniemi - Partakoski - Lintusalo - Sarviniemi

M/s Rasti provides a connection from Sarviniemi to Partakoski and from Partakoski to Lintusalo on two Wednesday days. Combine a day of cycling with a ride on the Saimaa - or even a two-day trip and book overnight accommodation in Savitaipale, for example.

Depart.	SARVINIEMI PIER	PARTAKOSKI PIER	LINTUSALO PIER
12.7. Wed	8.00	10.30	13.00
9.8. Wed	8.00	10.30	13.00

Tickets: Adults 24 €, children (4-15 years) 12 €. Journey time Sarviniemi-Partakoski approx. 2 hour and Partakoski-Lintusalo approx. 2 hour.

Things to see along the route – Historic towns

Lappeenranta

Lappeenranta is an international university and tourist city whose development is guided by environmentally friendly values and actions. The harbour and the historic fortress, located close to the city centre, are at the heart of a city known for its hospitality by residents and tourists alike.

Imatra

Imatra is Finland's national treasure and for good reason - it is home to Finland's oldest tourist attraction, the Imatrankoski and its adjacent Art Nouveau castle, numerous sporting and cultural events and the Vuoksi, which brings power and pulse to the city from the flowing water. In addition, the modern sports tourism area of Ukkonniemi, in the immediate vicinity of Lake Saimaa, also provides an excellent base for cycling enthusiasts.

Taipalsaari

Taipalsaari is known for its natural beauty and abundance of water bodies. Half of Taipalsaari's area is covered by the Saimaa and the other half consists of around 700 islands. Taipalsaari offers a wide range of things to do in all seasons for tourists and leisure visitors alike.

Savitaipale

Savitaipale is located on the shores of the clear-water Lake Kuolimojärvi and on top of the inner Salpausselkä. The northern edge of the ridge rises up to 40 metres in places and the landscape is uniquely varied. Savitaipale has great nature trails and destinations for outdoor activities and hiking.

Summer island trips to Ilkonsaari and Ruuhonsaari

Hop aboard m/s Rasti from Sarviniemi and come enjoy the lake scenery and the great nature on the Saimaa Islands!

Islands of Ruuhonsaari

Ruha, or Ruuhonsaari, is a popular picnic harbour for boaters. The island is dotted with pine trees and you can walk around the beaches or along the ridges. Ruuhonsaari has a sandy beach, a sauna and campfire shelters for picnics.



Timetable

Departures	SARVINIEMI	RUUHONSAARI
14.6. Wed	9:00	13:30
28.6. Wed	9:00	13:30
19.7. Wed	9:00	13:30
2.8. Wed	9:00	13:30
23.8. Wed	9:00	13:30

Tickets: Adults 25 €, children (4-15 years) 10 €. Journey time approx. 45 minutes one-way.

Puumala Archipelago route

The Saimaa archipelago route can be combined with the Puumala archipelago route on a ferry trip. The approximately 60-kilometre-long cycle route passes through islands, bridges and ridges. In summer, the ferry takes cyclists between Lintusalo and Hurissalo. The Puumala archipelago route includes the magnificent Pistohiekka with its beach, the Lietvesi scenic road and the local food oasis Sahanlahti. Puumala's lively harbour invites you to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and local delicacies.

visitpuumala.fi/en



Ilkonsaari - skiittasaari

A unique destination on the island of Saimaa! You can enjoy the cliffs, swim in the sandbanks and have a picnic in the campfire shelters. The specialities of Skiittasaari are five orthodox tsasounas, or chapels. The chapels along the path that runs through the island are all different, each has a counterpart in a European monastery.

Timetable

Departures	SARVINIEMI	ILKONSAARI
7.6. Wed	9:00	13:30
21.6. Wed	9:00	13:30
5.7. Wed	9:00	13:30
26.7. Wed	9:00	13:30
16.8. Wed	9:00	13:30

Tickets: Adults 25 €, children (4-15 years) 10 €. Journey time one-way approx. 45 minutes.

Utulan lautturi

Utulan Lautturi operates daily between Utula and Äitsaari during the summer. From 3.6. to 13.8. the ferry operates from 10 am to 6 pm and from 14.8. to 27.8. from 5 pm to 8 pm. Ferry seats must be booked at least 12 hours in advance at utulanlautturi.fi. With shorter notice, ferry tickets can be enquired by phone 0500-120101. Price 15€/person/way.



Cycle ferry timetable 2023

Departures	LINTUSALO PIER	HURISSALO pier
13.-27.5.	12:00 Sat	13:00 Sat
1.6.-30.6.	12:00 Mon-Sun 14:30 Sat 17.6. & 24.6.	13:00 Mon-Sun 15:30 Sat 17.6. & 24.6.
1.7.-14.7.	12:00 Mon-Sun 14:30 Tue-Sat	13:00 Mon-Sun 15:30 Tue-Sat
15.7.-30.7.	12:00 Mon-Sun 14:30 Mon-Sun	13:00 Mon-Sun 15:30 Mon-Sun
31.7.-31.8.	12:00 Mon-Sun	13:00 Mon-Sun
2.9.-23.9.	12:00 Sat	13:00 Sat

Tickets: Adults 15 €, children (4-15 years) 10 €. A service fee (0,80 €/ticket) will be added to the price according to the service contract.



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Further information, timetables and ferry tickets

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utulanlautturi.fi
matkahuolto.fi/en

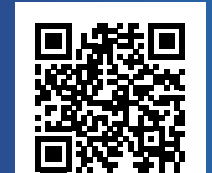
Tourist Information

• **Lappeenranta Tourist Information**
Brahenskatu 5, 53100 Lappeenranta
p. 05 667 788
lappeenranta@gosaimaa.com

• **Imatra Tourist Information**
p. 020 617 7777
info@imatrabasecamp.fi

• **Ruokolahti Tourist Information**
Nällikuja 1 (Library), 56100 Ruokolahti

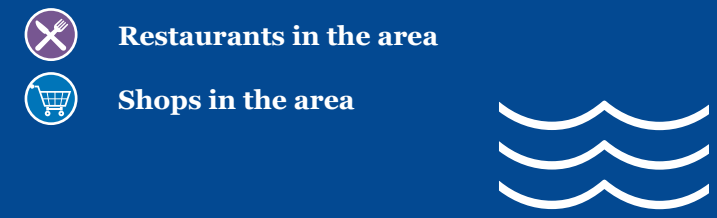
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Accommodation on the route

1. Hotel Rakuuna
2. Scandic Patria
3. Original Sokos Hotel Lappee
4. Hotel Lähde
5. Camping Lappeenranta
6. Joutseno B&B
7. Gasthaus Patruuna
8. Hinkan Saunat
9. Holiday Club Saimaa
10. Saimaa Gardens holiday apartments
11. Hostel Ukonlinna
12. Imatran kylpylä spa resort
13. Hotel Rento
14. Saimaa Life & Light
15. Scandic Imatran Valtionhotelli
16. Loft Family Hotel
17. Vuoksi Fishing Park
18. Neitsytniemen kartano
19. Hostel Immalanjärvi
20. Hotel Hirsiranta
21. STEP Education, Ruokolahti
22. Matikkala Cottages
23. Kesärannan Lomamajat
24. Onnelan Lammastila
25. Onni Village
26. Saimaa Lakeside
27. Maatilamatkailu Hertta
28. Olkkolan Hovi
29. Karhurinteen Loma
30. Lomakeskus Saimaanranta
31. Hostel Mansikka
32. Lakehouse Saimaa B&B
33. Hotel Salpalinjan Hovi



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SAIMAA ARCHIPELAGO ROUTE	Saimaa Geopark site	Car ferry	Airport	Äitsaari landscape road	Graveled road
Site of Ekvas Foundation	Railway station	Saimaa Archipelago route	Tour of Savitaipale	Bicycle ferry	The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development Europe investing in rural areas