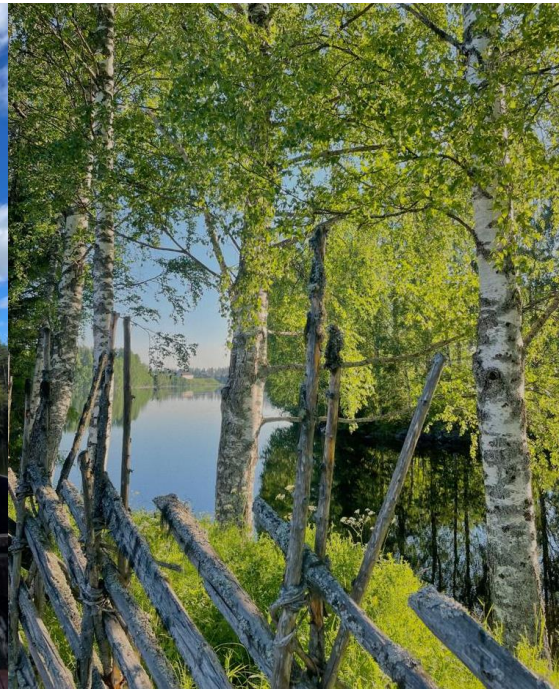


FINLAND

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Basic information

- Capital: Helsinki
- Population: 5,5 million
- Area: 338 440km², about 10% of it is water
- Currency: euro
- President: Sauli Niinistö



Animals

- Finland has 80 different mammal species and 450 bird species most of which are migratory birds.
- National animal is a bear
- National bird is a whooper swan
- There are reindeer in Lapland.
- Most common animal species in Finland: bears, reindeer, wolves, moose





Nature

- Most common nature types: water nature, swamps, forests, rocks and pebbles and nature of Lapland
- 78 percent of the area is forest
- The most typical type of forest is a mixed forest where conifers predominate.
- Finland has 1 865 Natura 2000 areas. EU project which goal is to support biodiversity.
- Nature conservation areas include 39 national parks and 19 nature parks.



Traditional food

- Finland is known for it's weird looking but suprisingly good food.
- Rye pudding
- Karelian rice pasty
- Cabbage casserole
- Squeaky cheese



Sauna

- Finnish invention
- Over 3 million saunas in Finland
- Many traditions related to sauna
 - Drinking in sauna
 - Vihta / vasta = a bunch of birch twigs
 - Swimming in a lake or a river

