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Helsinki

Travel around the city by tram

Tram 2 (former 3T) is regarded as the sightseeing tram in Helsinki, a way to [travel around](#) among the locals. But it isn't the only route that offers lots of interesting things to see and do along the way. For all those interested in architecture, route number 4 can especially be recommended. Everyone interested in design, art and culinary culture should hop on tram number 6. All the routes presented here start from the south and head to different directions. It is recommended to carry along a public transportation route map to help you locate all the stops and sights.

The best way to explore [Helsinki](#) by tram is to purchase a day-ticket that covers all public transportation in the city. Day-tickets can be purchased from Tourist information points on Pohjoisesplanadi Street 19 and [Helsinki](#) Airport (Terminal 2A) as well as several other selling points. Tram routes are also included in the [Helsinki](#) card.

Tram route 4

Some suggested sights:

Uspenski Cathedral, Senate Square, [Helsinki](#) Cathedral, Kiasma, Finlandia Hall, National Museum, National Opera House, Olympic Stadium, Seurasaaari Outdoor Museum, Aalto House, Aalto Studio

Tram route 6

Some suggested sights:

Hietalahti Market Hall, Sinebrychoff Art Museum, Design District, National Gallery Ateneum, [Helsinki](#) University Botanical Garden, Hakaniemi Market Hall, Abattoir, Arabiakeskus, Tapio Wirkkala Park



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Wonderful view of the city

Carl Ludvig Engel (1778–1840) was appointed to design a new city centre all on his own. He designed several **neoclassical** buildings in Helsinki. The focal point of Engel's city plan is the **Senate Square**. It is surrounded by the **Government Palace** (to the east), the main building of Helsinki University (to the west), and (to the north) the enormous **Cathedral**, which was finished in 1852, twelve years after C. L. Engel's death. Subsequently, Engel's neoclassical plan stimulated the **epithet**, *The White City Of The North*. Helsinki is, however, perhaps even more famous for its numerous **Art Nouveau** (**Jugend** in Finnish) influenced buildings of the **romantic nationalism**, designed in the early 1900s and strongly influenced by *The Kalevala*, which is a very popular theme in the national romantic art of that era. Helsinki's Art Nouveau style is also featured in large residential areas such as **Katajanokka** and Ullanlinna. The master of the Finnish Art Nouveau was **Eliel Saarinen** (1873–1950), whose architectural masterpiece was the **Helsinki Central railway station**.



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Helsinki also features several buildings by the world-renowned Finnish architect [Alvar Aalto](#) (1898–1976), recognized as one of the pioneers of architectural [functionalism](#). However, some of his works, such as the headquarters of the paper company [Stora Enso](#) and the concert venue [Finlandia Hall](#), have been subject to divided opinions from the citizens.^{[27][28][29]}

Renowned functionalist buildings in Helsinki by other architects include the [Olympic Stadium](#), the [Tennis Palace](#), the Rowing Stadium, the [Swimming Stadium](#), the Velodrome, the [Glass Palace](#), the Exhibition Hall (now Töölö Sports Hall), and [Helsinki-Malmi Airport](#). The sports venues were built to serve the 1940 Helsinki Olympic Games; the games were initially cancelled due to the [Second World War](#), but the venues eventually got to fulfill their purpose in the [1952 Olympic Games](#). Many of them are listed by [DoCoMoMo](#) as significant examples of modern architecture. The Olympic Stadium and Helsinki-Malmi Airport are in addition catalogued by the [Finnish National Board of Antiquities](#) as cultural-historical environments of national significance.^[citation needed]

As a historical footnote, Helsinki's neoclassical buildings were often used as a backdrop for scenes set to take place in the [Soviet Union](#) in many [Cold War](#) era Hollywood movies, when filming in the USSR was not possible. Some of the more notable ones are [The Kremlin Letter](#) (1970), [Reds](#) (1981), and [Gorky Park](#) (1983). Because some streetscapes were reminiscent of [Leningrad's](#) and [Moscow's](#) old buildings, they too were used in movie productions—much to some residents' dismay. At the same time the government secretly instructed Finnish officials not to extend assistance to such film projects.^[30]

In the 21st century Helsinki has decided to allow the construction of [skyscrapers](#). Several projects are already in progress, mainly in Pasila and Kalasatama. The tallest (with 40 floors) will rise to at least 150 metres (500 feet). In Pasila, twenty new [high-rises](#) will be erected within 10 years.^[31] In Kalasataman Keskus REDI, the first 35-story (130 metres) and 32-story (122 metres) residential towers are already under construction. Later they will be joined by a 37-story (140 metres), two 32-story (122 metres, 400 feet), 31-story (120 metres), and 27-story (100 metres) residential buildings. In the Kalasatama area, there will be 30 high-rises within 10 years.^[32]



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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMkqSrEa_Sw

Other interesting places in Finland

Santa Claus Village

Location and transportation

Santa Claus Village is located about 8 km northeast of Rovaniemi and about 2 km from the [Rovaniemi Airport](#).

Rovaniemi city bus route 8 travels between the Rovaniemi Railway Station and the Santa Claus Village. The bus trip takes about 30 minutes.

Attractions

The [Arctic circle](#) line

- **Arctic Circle:** The [Arctic Circle](#) cuts right through Santa Claus Village. A white line denoting the Arctic Circle (at its position in 1865) is painted across the park. Visitors officially enter the [Arctic](#) area when they cross the line. The line is a very popular photo spot for visitors.
- **Santa Claus Post Office:** A large variety of [Christmas](#) related items, Christmas cards and CDs are sold in the post office. All mail sent from this post office is postmarked with a



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special **Santa Claus** postmark. Visitors can also specify their mail to be sent at the next Christmas, regardless of when they actually visit the post office and send their items.

- **Santa Claus's Office:** A Santa Claus's Office is located inside the main building of the Village, for visitors to take photographs and chat with the Santa Claus. However, there is an "office hour" for the Santa Claus and he may not be in the office all the time even when the Village is open.
- **Other attractions:** There are also many shops and restaurants inside the park selling a variety of items related to Santa Claus and the Lapland region



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pl4lijUu0mo>



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