

THE LARGEST TRAVEL INDUSTRY EVENT IN NORTHERN EUROPE



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Bothnian Coastal Route – Skellefteå-Vaasa-Kokkola Post Tour 17.1 – 20.1.2025

Welcome to the cross-border region of Bothnian Coastal Route! The region includes 13 destinations around Bothnian Bay, on the coast of northern Finland and northern Sweden. This tour takes you to the coast of and over Kvarken Strait.

Program

The program is preliminary and is due to slight changes in times and content.

Friday 17.1.2025

The hosted tour starts from Helsinki-Vantaa airport. You need to provide your transportation to Helsinki-Vantaa airport by yourself. Public transportation by train, buses and taxis are fast way to get to the airport. We recommend being at the airport station 2 hours prior to departure.

You will receive your tickets by email before the tour starts. Please check your name is written on the ticket correctly.

- 10:50 Departing on SK705 (HEL-ARN). Connecting to SK1016 ARN-SFT)
- 15:15 Arrival in Skellefteå, transfer to The Wood Hotel for check-in followed by inspection of the hotel and building.
- 18:00 Kallbad – winter swimming. You have the possibility to try winter swimming or learn about this special recreational sport from experienced winter swimmers.
- 20:00 Dinner at Restaurant Mandel located in Wood Hotel.
Accommodation at The Wood Hotel (sgl rooms).

Saturday 18.1.2025

- Breakfast at the hotel, check-out.
- 09:00 Departure from the hotel, please, bring your luggage.
- 09:30 Rodeln – true winter fun with sledging down a ski-slope with instructors.

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- 11:00 Guided walk in Bonnstan, the old wooden church town of Skellefteå. Bonnstan means peasants towns and has been in the vicinity of Skellefteå parish church since the 1600s, but the current houses were put in place in the mid-1830s after a major fire that destroyed the entire old Bonnstan. Today, Bonnstan consists of 114 houses and 376 chambers.
- 12:00 Transfer to Löfvånger where lunch on arrival and inspection of Churchtown cottages and premises. Löfvånger is a unique church town as it offers accommodation in cottages originating from 17th century.
- 15:30 Transfer to Holmsund harbour close to Umeå and boarding Aurora Botnia, a sustainably running hybrid ferry crossing Kvarken Strait over to Finland.
- 17:00 Cruise by Wasaline with dinner on board.
- 22:00 Arrival in Vaasa, Finland. Transfer and check-in to Sokos Hotel Royal.

Sunday 19.1.2025

- 08:00 Breakfast at the hotel. A hotel representative will inform about the hotel during breakfast.
- 10:00 Departure from the hotel.
- 11:00 Inspection at Kalles Inn Resort.
- 12:00 Lunch at Kalles Inn Resort
- 13:00 Departure to Kokkola
- 14:30 Visit of Laivurintalo with afternoon coffee. Built in the mid-19th century, Laivurintalo (Skipper's house) in the heart of Kokkola's Old Town on the shores of the Gulf of Bothnia oozes history and atmosphere.
- 15:30 Discover the old wooden town of Kokkola with the hostess of Laivurintalo on a guided walk.
- 17:00 Check in to Sokos Hotel Kaarle
- 17:30 Departure to Rödsö Reindeer Cottage for visit and dinner. With the reindeer and goats pasturing near by the place gives an unforgettable experience for just outside Kokkola city. On a guided tour visitors have a chance to meet the animals and even feed and hug them. The unique buildings tell their own story and are perfect for a relaxed dinner.

Accommodation in Sokos Hotel Kaarle (sgl rooms)

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Monday 20.1.2025

Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00 Departure from the hotel to the railway station of Kokkola.

9:27 Departure by train from Kokkola to Helsinki Vantaa

13:33 Arrival at Helsinki Vantaa airport train station, flights to home destinations.

The hosted tour ends at the railway station in Kokkola but includes the train ticket to Helsinki Vantaa airport train station.

There is no organized transportation by Matka2025 Workshop Team to your destination. You can use local public transportation such as busses, trains, and taxis to get there. See more www.hsl.fi/en.

More information There are more information about our region:
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Cancellation policy

Please note that there is no-show fee and some destinations may request an earlier deadline for cancellation, as well as your credit card information. Remember to read the terms

Terms of cancellation:

Cancellation fee:

After the 31st of December 2024: 250,00 euros.

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