

Charms of Saimaa



Uncover the hidden pearls of Finland's Lakeland with Saimaa Charms.

Each destination offers a unique blend of local heritage, sustainable values, and heartfelt hospitality, showcasing the authentic lifestyle of the Saimaa region. From tranquil lakeside retreats to vibrant cultural experiences, these hidden gems promise unforgettable moments. Discover high-quality services, savor locally crafted delicacies, and immerse yourself in the timeless beauty and stories of this enchanting area.

Roundtrip to explore The Gems of Saimaa Charms

Travel example for June–September, 2 pax.

Sunday - Charming Farm evening

3:00 PM Check-in at the **Tuhannen tarinan talo**

(House of a Thousand Stories)

5:00 PM Dinner

Example: 9:00 PM enjoy the outdoor sauna

Monday - Luxury stay in a villa with heated Drop -pool

8:30–10:00 AM Breakfast at Tuhannen tarinan talo

10:00 AM Option to participate in feeding the farm animals

12:00 PM Begin the journey toward Puumala (175 km, ~2 hours)

Recommended stop: Lappeenranta harbor for sightseeing and lunch.

Another suggestion: Visit the Kummakivi, the rock that does not rock in Ruokolahti

4:00 PM Check-in at **Sahanlahti Resort**, Elsanranta Saimaavilla

7:00 PM Four-course dinner

Tuesday - Enjoy the local atmosphere

8:00–9:30 AM Breakfast at Sahanlahti Resort and check-out

9:30 AM Departure to Niinisaari and **Restaurant Niinipuu**

(17 km, ~30 minutes)

10:00–12:00 PM Blueberry pie workshop with Paula

1:00 PM **Lakeland GTE** storytelling cruise

(departure location depends on schedule)

2:30 PM Option for lunch at Puumala harbor at your own pace

Example: 4:00 PM departure toward **Uhkua** (46 km, ~30–40 minutes)

4:30 PM Check-in at the sauna raft,

where the host will meet you and help heat the sauna

Enjoy the dinner basket at your leisure.



Uhkua

Elsanranta Saimaavilla

Kannuskoski

Puumala

Ristina

Anttola

Mikkeli

Joroinen Juva

Rantasalmi

Savonlinna

Punkaharju

Imatra

Pulsa

Wednesday - a Day at Mikkeli (@visitmikkeli)

9:00 AM Breakfast on the raft (delivered by the host via rowing boat)
 11:00 AM Journey continues to **Ollinmäki Winery** (36 km, ~30–40 minutes)
 11:45 AM Lunch at Ollinmäki Winery
 with an opportunity to purchase Finnish berry wines
 1:00 PM Continue toward Mikkeli (17 km, ~20 minutes to Kenkävero)
 1:30 PM Explore and shop at **Kenkävero**
 2:30 PM Arrival at **Tertti Manor** – lunch and shopping
 (8 km, ~10 minutes from Kenkävero)
 4:00 PM Journey to **TeaHouse of Wehmais** (37 km, ~30 minutes)
 4:30 PM Tea & chocolate tasting and shopping
 5:30 PM Continue to **Pihlas Resort** Joroinen (23 km, ~30 minutes)
 6:00 PM Check-in
 8:00 PM Dinner

Thursday - Overnight at a Sheep farm

8:00–10:00 AM Breakfast
 12:00 PM Canoeing trip to a nearby island (~1 km each way)
 1:30 PM Lunch at *Café Trapesa* (500 m away)
 2:30 PM Continue to **Putkisalo Manor** (56 km, ~45 minutes)
 3:30 PM Check-in at Putkisalo Manor
 7:00 PM Dinner at *Restaurant Solitary* in Kuru Resort

Friday - Steamship cruise & cultural sights at Savonlinna and Imatra region (@visitsavonlinna, @gosaimaa)

8:00 AM Breakfast, followed by departure to Savonlinna
 (34 km, ~30 minutes)
 9:30 AM Day in Savonlinna
 Explore the harbor market and medieval **Olavinlinna Castle** at your own pace;
 guided tours are available at 10:00 AM.
 11:30 AM Archipelago cruise aboard a **steamship**
 (departure from Savonlinna harbor)
 12:30 PM Return to harbor
 1:00 PM Journey through Punkaharju to Imatra
 (58 km, ~1 hour to Tynkkylän Lomaniemi)
 2:00 PM Visit **Tynkkylän Lomaniemi** and enjoy the café's offerings
 3:00 PM Continue toward Imatra (67 km)
 4:30 PM Proceed to Imatra.
Optional stop: Parikkala Sculpture Park
 5:30 PM Arrival in Imatra
 6:00 PM Rapids show at **Imatrankoski**
 (Available 2025: June 1st, 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th, June 25th–29th at 6 PM.
 July–August: Wednesdays to Sundays, 6 PM.)
 7:00 PM *Recommended: Dinner at Restaurant Buttenhoff*
 9:00 PM Continue to **Pulsan asema** (56 km, ~40 minutes)
 10:00 PM Check-in at Pulsan asema

Saturday - Souvenirs and so long!

9:00 AM Breakfast at Pulsa
 Opportunity to shop at Pulsa's boutique.
 12:00 PM Check-out

Tertti Manor



Putkisalo Manor



Olavinlinna Castle and steamship



Imatrankoski



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