

TOURS & ADVENTURES



in Kristinestad



Group trips 2015-2016



WELCOME TO Kristinestad

- Our idyll can be yours whenever!

We warmly welcome you to our beloved town! We at Kristinestads Turism tourist office want you to feel warmly welcomed. Please feel free to come to us with any questions or requests concerning your experience in Kristinestad.

Are you planning to visit our town renowned for its old woodhouse milieu? You will always find things to do here both in the summer and in the winter, and we will gladly help you with your wishes! Would you like to enjoy our beautiful city on a walking tour or by bus? Or on a boat or with your tastebuds? Historical winds, unique outdoor experiences and delicious taste experiences guarantee that the town stays in your heart and you will want to visit us over and over again.

Familiarize yourself with our tour packages and don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions – we will gladly help you enjoy your stay!

With warm regards, *Helena Kari*



Kristinestad was the first town in Finland to be accepted into the international Cittaslow network of towns in April 9, 2011.

A town belonging to the Cittaslow network must have a population of under 50 000 inhabitants. Cittaslow towns emphasize good living and appreciate genuine local products and humane, environmentally friendly and sustainable solutions. A town seeking to earn the Cittaslow title must meet 55 different criteria – everything from hospitality and locally produced food to city planning and working-from-home opportunities. The network was founded in Italy in 1999, and its members include 146 towns in 24 countries.

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WALKING TOUR OR BUS TOUR

- Kristinestad Yesterday and Today



TOUR...

..a glance into the town's history and present day

Description The route goes through central Kristinestad's idyllic wooden house milieu, among other locations the Cat Whipper's Alley, the Ulrika Eleonora Church and the Town Hall. We take a look into the town's history and present day.

Duration approx. 1½ hrs

Length on foot 3 km and by bus ca 6 km

Good to know

Kristinestad has a population of approx. 7,000 inhabitants. The town was founded by Per Brahe in 1649 and it was named after Queen Kristina of Sweden..



For more information at www.visitkristinestad.fi



Languages Finnish, Swedish, English

Group price 124 €

All prices VAT included. The bus rental is not included in the price.

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MUSEUMS of Kristinestad



MUSEUMS...

...unique in their authentic atmospheres

Description Upon arrival, coffee and salmon sandwich at Restaurant Café Jungman. The guide arrives and the tour begins. Visit to the Ulrika Eleonora Church.

Also a trip to the Maritime Museum next to the Market Square.

Lunch at the summer restaurant Pavis in Högholmen. The restaurant was built in 1882, and it used to be shipowner and merchant Fontell's outdoor inn. Buffet lunch, meat and fish alternative.

A visit to the Carlsro Museum, shipowner Carlström's three-storey summer house by the Lake Storträsket. The summer house was built in 1896 and nowadays it serves as a home to ca 11 000 artifacts. A visit to the Lebell Merchant's House built in 1761.

A possibility also to enjoy some afternoon coffee in the nearby Felén House garden. Coffee + berry pie.

Good to know

Here you can still feel the gentle waft of the old worlds' fashion and customs – of all the things that made Kristinestad the “Paris of the west coast” in the 19th century!



For more information www.visitkristinestad.fi



Duration approx. 6 hrs

Languages Finnish, Swedish, English

Price 36 €/person, includes 3 museums, lunch, 2 x coffees and pastries + group guidance 124 €

All prices VAT included. The bus rental is not included in the price.

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WALKING TOUR

Lady Starck's maritime historic walking tour



WALKING TOUR...

...Lady Starck, the Captain's wife, tells stories

Description Lady Starck, the Captain's wife, takes us on a walking tour through the 19th century town with wooden houses and tells about the town's maritime history as well as of the families and houses of her acquaintances and neighbours. The tour contains approx. ten stops with partly dramatized features.

Duration approx. 1½ hrs

Length approx. 3 km

Good to know

The old town's street plan still retains traces of the type of rectangular planning popular during the Renaissance. Empire style merchant's houses are the icing on the cake. The beach fronts were previously inhabited by the shipowners and other wealthy citizens.



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Languages Finnish, Swedish, English

Group price 180 €, max. 25 people.

All prices VAT included. The bus rental is not included in the price.

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KILEN LOCAL MUSEUM

a day in Sideby



KILEN...

...a living museum on the coast

Description Upon arrival, coffee + sandwich at the inn of the Kilen Local Museum.

We acquaint ourselves with the outdoor museum by the sea, and the museum's guide tells about the most interesting buildings. Led activities.

Alternatively Wool spinning/scribbling, butter churning, baking, rope-making, ceramic works, candle-making, net mending, storytelling... ca 2 hours.

Lunch at the Kilen inn, buffet.

A presentation about the history of the sauna. We learn how to heat a smoke sauna and how to make a sauna whisk. Sauna, swimming and free socializing.

Important to know

The led activities, museum guidance and sauna can be booked for varying durations and prices by agreement. Accommodation is also possible, 46 beds + extra beds.



Check out www.kilen.fi/ryhmät or call tel. 06 222 5611.



Alternatively A 3 km hike along a nature trail from Kilen to the 17-meter tall (one of the tallest in Finland) bird observation tower in Sideby. Grilling at the destination. A hike back to Kilen. 2 x 3 km.

Coffee at the end of the day + salty snack. The home journey begins

Duration approx. 8 hrs

Languages Finnish, Swedish, English

Price Museum, lunch, 2 x coffees + pastries = 24 €/person

All prices VAT included.

Led activities and smoke sauna by separate agreement

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SEA CRUISING

in the beautiful Kristinestad archipelago



SEA CRUISING...

...enjoy the sea and the archipelago

Description We take a boat trip in the beautiful archipelago of Kristinestad. From the boat we will experience vivid bird life, local attractions, cottages, farms etc. Juice and soft drinks are served during the boat trip.

Max. 12 people, with weather reservations

Duration approx. 2 hrs

Languages Finnish, Swedish, English

The palette of the sea

The rough outer archipelago and the protective inner archipelago, the thriving gulfs and the beautiful lakes, two lush river valleys and Coastal Ostrobothnia's highest mountain with its glacial formations and different kinds of forests. This is a rare palette that only a few cities can offer their inhabitants and visitors.



Price 40 €/person. Free for children under 7 years accompanied by their families. The price includes rescue equipment, insurance, drinks and VAT.

It is also possible to take part in a beach picnic on an island or on a guided fishing tour.

All prices VAT included.

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THE GARDENS OF THE SEASIDE TOWN

offer pleasures to the eye



THE GARDENS ...

...beautiful, interesting and well worth seeing

Description Guided historical tour of the wooden house environment in the center of Kristinestad. A Visit to the Ulrika Eleonora Church from the year 1700.

A Visit to the Lebell merchant farm museum.

A Visit in a private garden in Kristinestads center.

Lunch at the Kristinestads sailing association Restaurant Pavis at Högholmen. Buffet, meat and fish options .

We go by the fishing villages Alesundet and Anttila (about 6 km outside the center of the town) and get acquainted with private gardens or greenhouses.

Afternoon in the garden at the Felénka huset in the center of town (coffee and pastries). The journey back starts.

Gossip mirrors

An observant visitor walking among the wooden houses in the town center has probably noticed mirrors on the outside of some windowpanes. The mirrors are directed so that the persons inside the house can see what is happening on the streets – in both directions. Thereby the name "gossip mirrors".



Duration approx. 6 ½ hrs

Languages Finnish, Swedish, English

Price Guide service 124 €/group + 28,50 €/person, includes museum, lunch, coffee + pastry, gardens.

All prices VAT included. The bus rental is not included in the price.

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NATURE OUTINGS in the unforgettable Kristinestad



NATURE OUTINGS...

...a living countryside by the sea

Description Morning coffee at Restaurant Café Jungman. Coffee + freshly baked pastry/salty snack.

A guided bus tour or walking tour in the center of Kristinestad.

A guided tour along the Tiilitehtaanmäki nature trail. A bus takes the participants to the beginning of the trail and picks them up at the end of the trail.

A trip to Pyhävuori, which is situated 130 meters above the sea level about 12 km from the town center. Lunch at the Lähiluola ("Local Cave") restaurant. Buffet, meat and fish alternative.

Bus ride to the Wolf Cave on Susivuori ("Wolf Mountain"). A hike to Susivuori, ca 2 x 400 meters. Duration: 1 hrs.

Kristinestads Areas of Natural Beauty

Stroll along the hiking trails in unspoiled nature, make a trip by bike along the coast line, say hello to the grazing animals along the road, take a break and have a picnic in the park or at the beach, dipping your toes in the sea ...



The guide tells of the over 120 000-year-old history of the Wolf Cave and the Neanderthals.

A drive to the village of Perus and a visit to Storholmen island and its nature trail by the Lapväärtinjoki River. Afternoon coffee at the Perus village café. The home journey begins.

Duration approx. 6½ hrs

Languages Finnish, Swedish, English

Price 6½ hrs = guide services 210 € + 25 €/person, includes lunch + 2 x coffees.

All prices VAT included. The bus rental is not included in the price.

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A young girl with short brown hair is climbing a rope ladder that is attached to a large, mossy tree trunk. She is wearing a pink floral sun hat, a light blue long-sleeved dress with a green pattern, grey leggings, and red sandals. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a lush green forest with many trees and foliage.

DIVERSE EXERCISING in Kristinestad

EXERCISE...

...everything from a gym and swimming pool to nature trails and sports fields!

Description General presentation of Kristinestad, either a bus tour or a walking tour.

A visit to the local gym, where the participants have the chance to join in an instructed work-out session, approx. 1½ hrs.

Lunch at the Crazy Cat restaurant by the Market Square.

A hike along the Tiilitehtaanmäki nature trail, map included. Alternatively a visit to the Kristina sports field, i.e. free sports for 1 hrs.

Swimming in the Ankkalampi swimming pool, approx. 1½ hrs. Price: 5,50 € adults / 3 € children.

Coffee/juice + bun at the pool's café.

For the active visitor

Kristinestad has playgrounds and swings for families with children and young-at-heart persons at Badhusparken park, Havsbadet beach and Bockholmen Camping. Schoolyards are also open for everyone during the summer.



Duration approx. 6 hrs

Languages Finnish, Swedish, English

Price 32,50 €/person, includes gym, lunch, swimming, coffee/juice + introductory guidance 124 €

All prices VAT included. The bus rental is not included in the price.

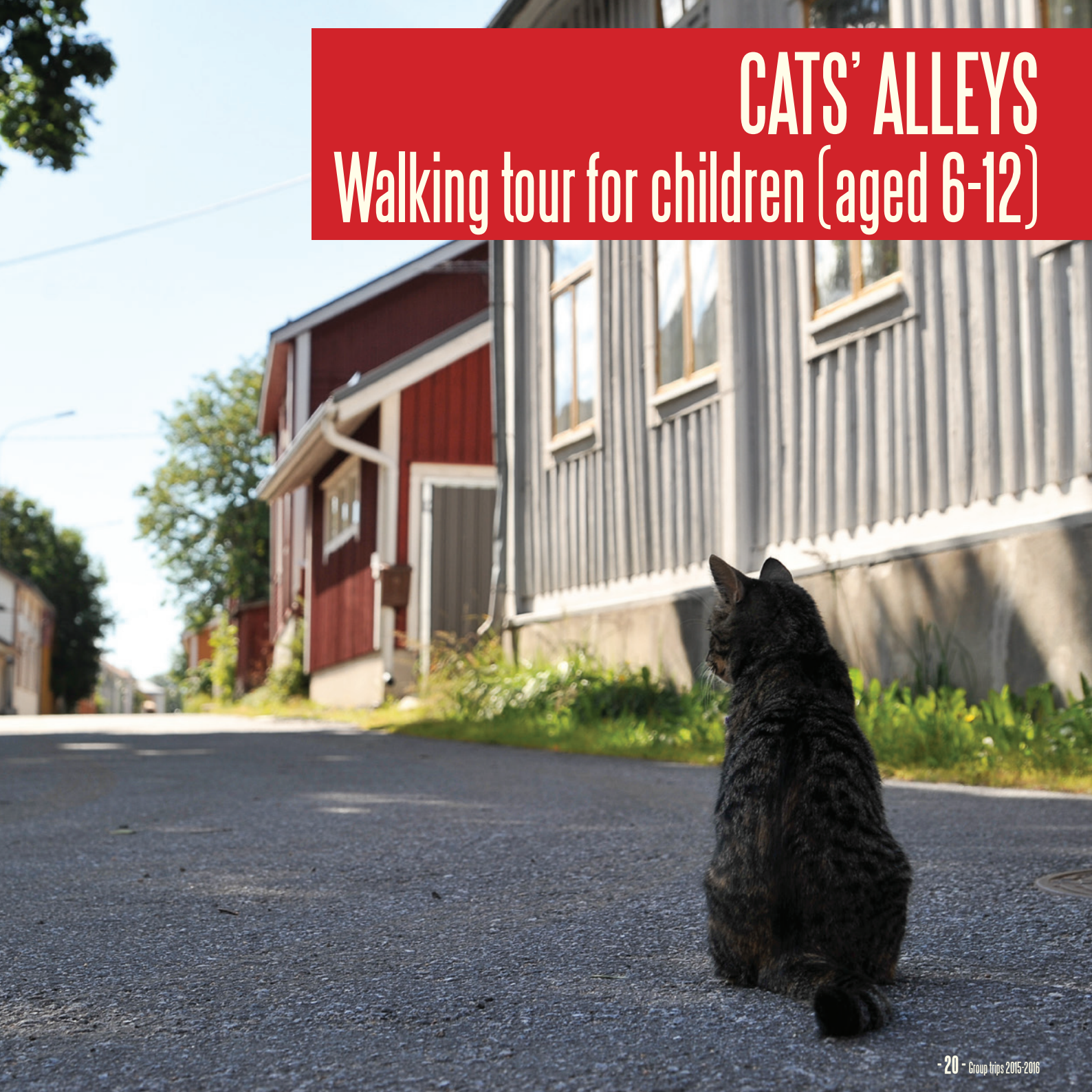
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CATS' ALLEYS

Walking tour for children (aged 6-12)



THE ALLEY CAT TOUR.

...The life of Oscar the Cat during the era of sailing ships

Description We follow the life of Oscar the Cat in Kristinestad during the era of sailing ships. The walk contains ten stops: drama, fun tasks, riddles and a surprise present at the end of the tour.

The life story of Oscar the Cat and his family awaits 6–12-year-olds adventurers on a historic experience tour.

Duration 1½ hrs

Length approx. 3 km

The Kristinestad Cat Oscar & Co.

Oscar the Cat from Kristinestad is a mischievous rascal. Children are given the chance to see and experience history in a unique way! It is like stepping straight into a storybook...



Languages Finnish and Swedish

Group price minimum charge 160 €; if there are more than 25 persons in a group then 6 €/person.

All prices VAT included.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE SEASIDE TOWN

walking tour available only during November 20 - January 6



CHRISTMAS TIME

...with mulled wine (“glögg”) and gingerbread cookies

Description The tour starts at the Market Square’s Christmas Tree and stops by various locations in the wooden house milieu. The guide tells of 19th century Christmas celebrations in Kristinestad, and the participants can admire the decorated Christmas windowpanes of private homes. The tour is finished off with some mulled wine and gingerbread cookies in a Christmassy setting.

Duration approx. 1½ hrs

Length approx. 2–3 km

The Christmas Opening

The Christmas Opening is arranged in mid or late November. The local shops also begin their Christmas season at the same time. The display windows are decorated with Christmas themes, the Christmas lights in the park are lit and the great spruce is erected on the Market Square. The view from the bridge towards the town is absolutely spectacular during Christmas time!



Languages Finnish, Swedish, English

Price 15 €/person includes mulled wine and gingerbread cookies. Min. 6 persons - Max. 20 persons

All prices VAT included.

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TOUR OF THE THREE TOWNS

Kristinestad - Närpes - Kaskinen



3 TOWNS...

...visit three coastal cities

Description The guide arrives to Hotel Kristina. A guided tour in the wooden house milieu in central Kristinestad and a visit to the Ulrika Eleonora Church. Also a visit to the Lebell Merchant's House built in 1761.

A bus ride to the village of Bäckliden in Närpes, approx. 18 km from the city center. Lunch at the greenhouse restaurant Lind's Kök. A versatile buffet. A trip to a modern block greenhouse in the village. A chance to buy tomatoes. The farmer tells of his/her farming activities.

The trip continues to Närpes city center, a short tour of the town, a stop at St. Mary's Church and time to visit approx. 150 church stables from the 19th century.

A visit to the Öjskogsparken Local Museum. The area contains, among other things, an old school cabin, a farmhouse, a pharmacy museum and a country shop. A guided tour (not during the wintertime).

The trip continues to the seaside town of Kaskinen. A short tour of the city center and a visit to the cozy garden of the Murray family.



The garden also houses a pottery and an exhibition room (free entry). Afternoon coffee and pastries at the restaurant Sininen Hetki ("Blue Moment") by the sea.

Departure back to Kristinestad or, alternatively, towards the group's home city.

Duration approx. 7 hrs. A guide accompanies the group the whole day.

Languages Finnish, Swedish, English

Price Guide services approx. 7 hrs. 288 €, 28,50 €/person, includes 2 museums, lunch, coffee

All prices VAT included. The bus rental is not included in the price.

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MAP- How to navigate in the wooden house milieu in Kristinestad



TO KRISTINESTAD

...from other parts of Finland



Kristinestad is easy to reach by car or bus: the Highway E8 passes through the town, and it is also conveniently located along the Bothnian Coast Road. This road has been awarded the status of a national tourist route. Vaasa, Pori and Seinäjoki airports and railway stations have bus connections to Kristinestad, and you also have the option of using a car rental service.



From Helsinki	335 km
From Oulu	415 km
From Turku	237 km
From Tampere	179 km



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