

PRACTICAL INFORMATION Kotka

City of Kotka

Kotka is an attractive seaside city with a laid-back islander lifestyle and a strong maritime culture. Originally founded as a fortress in 1879, it is located on the coast of the Baltic Sea, the Gulf of Finland, at the estuary of Kymi river. It is known by its port, industry and maritime festivals. The City of Kotka offers multiple touristic routes to explore historical sites (e.g. the “Alexander route”), landmarks of natural beauty (seaside, garden and water parks), while it is also famous for fishing and rafting possibilities in Kymi river. The archipelago of Kotka consists of tens of islands.



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More info at: <https://www.visitkotkahamina.fi/en/tour-around-kotka-city-parks>

Merikotka Research Center

Merikotka is an international renowned research centre doing multidisciplinary, applied research in order to improve maritime safety, prevent accidents and protect the marine environment. It was founded in 2005 at the initiative of Kotka City to promote sustainable seafaring based on science.

Merikotka’s expertise is built upon cutting-edge research by four universities: University of Helsinki, the Aalto University, the University of Turku and the South-Eastern Finland University of Applied Sciences. This ensures that societal decision-making relies on scientifically verified information. More info: www.merikotka.fi



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Vellamo

A maritime center and museum with impressive exhibitions on winter-time navigation and ice-breaking, the history of seafaring, boats from different decades in time and items recovered from underwater ship wrecks. Vellamo tells the stories of the sea and the Kymenlaakso region. The facade of Vellamo resembles a massive wave, consisting of sheet metal cassettes, silk-screened glass panels and aluminium grids. More info at:



<https://www.merikeskusvellamo.fi/en/>

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Santalahti Resort Accommodation

All participants joining the visit to City of Kotka will be offered complimentary accommodation in Santalahti Resort (<https://santalahti.fi/en/>). Santalahti is surrounded by sea and nature, offering cozy Finnish-style accommodation.

For best Finland experience we recommend twin room option in luxury apartments with sauna (10-person apartments). Another option is single hotel room also in Santalahti Resort. Let us know about your accommodation preferences when you register to the innovation camp.

The dinner on Friday 5 May 2019 in Santalahti Resort will be followed by informal get together around the fireplace in a traditional “Lapland’s hut” .



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