



Summer Tips for Oulu 2022

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Tourist Information
BusinessAsema, Hallituskatu 36 | visitoulu.fi/info
The City of Oulu Tourist Information Office gives out maps and brochures for your stay in Oulu. The friendly and professional staff will guide you to the most popular destinations in Oulu and share the best tips and activities for summer days. At the BusinessAsema tourist info, you can also find nice souvenirs and take a breather with a cup of coffee served by Antell Asema café.

Oulu2026 | oulu2026.eu
Cultural climate change is coming, for Oulu was selected as European Capital of Culture 2026! Wild City, Cool Contrasts and Brave Hinterland – those are the main themes with which Oulu will make the whole of northern Finland and Europe a better place to live, do and love.

Take a Bus in Oulu | oulujoukkoliikenne.fi
In the local transport buses, you can pay in cash, with a mobile ticket or by debit card if you have activated contactless payments. The debit card serves as your personal bus ticket, so you can only pay for your own fare by contactless payment. Read more about different payment methods online.

Taxi Services
OTAXI 08 10060
MENEVÄ 0800 02120
FIXUTAXI 0100 6060 (3,09 €/puh + 0,30/min)
HALPATAXI 029 703 101 30

ATM Machines Around Oulu City Centre
Torikatu 15, Isokatu 25 (Valkea Shopping Centre), Tehtaankatu 5 (K-Citymarket Raksila), Kirkkokatu 6, Kirkkokatu 18 (Pekuri Shopping Centre), Isokatu 14 and 33, Hallituskatu 36

Pharmacies
Yliopiston Apteekki (Isokatu 27), Oulun Keskus Apteekki (Isokatu 45), Oulun 2. Rotuaarin apteekki (Kauppurienkatu 9), Oulun Vanha Apteekki (Kauppurienkatu 27–29), Oulun 6. Joutsen apteekki (Tehtaankatu 1)

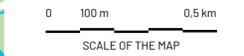
Postal Services | K-Citymarket Raksila, Tehtaankatu 5

Oulu chatbot helps you with your travel questions 24/7 > visitoulu.fi

Check out other fun activities for kids at lastenkulttuurioulu.fi & FB [lastenkulttuurioulu!](https://www.facebook.com/lastenkulttuurioulu/)

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SCENIC TOWERS

- 1** OULU SCIENCE CENTRE TOWER | Nahkatehtaankatu
The Old Water Tower has a scenic elevator and viewing platform that offer a breath-taking view over the rooftops of Oulu!
- 2** THE TOWER AT TÄHTITORNIN KAHVILA CAFÉ | Linnansaari
Admire the beautiful estuary over a cup of coffee in the former observatory of Oulu Maritime School.
- 3** NALLIKARI LIGHTHOUSE | Nallikari beach
A favourite spot for Instagram selfies and a feat of the Oulu school of architecture, with a fantastic view of the Bothnian Bay.

FOR CHILDREN

Have fun at playgrounds

- 12** AINOLA PARK PLAYGROUND | Hupisaaret City Park
- 13** HEINÄTORI PLAYGROUND | Heinätori park
- 14** MANNERHEIM PARK PLAYGROUND | Albertinkatu
- 15** NALLIKARI PLAYGROUND | Nallikari beach

Move your body and test your brain

- 16** CHILDREN'S TRAFFIC PARK | Holihiaka
- 17** VAUHTIPIISTO AMUSEMENT PARK | Hietasaarentie 9
- 18** HIETASAAREN PONIPIHA RIDING SCHOOL | Vaaskiventie 12
- 19** ADVENTURE PARK HUIKIA | Pikukankaantie
- 20** OULU SCIENCE CENTRE TIETOMAA | Nahkatehtaankatu 6
- 21** SUPERPARK | Tyrnäväntie 16
- 22** HOPLUP | Alasintie 10

WONDERFUL SUMMER CAFÉS

- 23** KAHVILA KIIKKU | Ainola Park
Right next to the City Garden greenhouses. There is wonderful playground near the café!
- 24** CAFÉ KRYPTA | Kirkkokatu 1
A cool café deep in the church crypts.
- 25** TÄHTITORNIN KAHVILA (OBSERVATORY CAFÉ) | Linnansaari
Coffee products and delicacies, small art exhibitions and books from local authors.
- 26** MARITIME CAFÉS | HIETASAAREN KOFFIKI | Puomitie 12
POOKIOSKI | Kansankentäntie 11
Maritime cafés by the sea.
- 27** MARKET SQUARE SUMMER CAFÉS
All kinds of delightful things from ice cream to traditional treats!
- 28** CAFÉ RANTSU | Tuira beach
A great place for swimmers and bikers to take a break.
- 29** KOIVURANTA CAFE AND SAUNA RAFT | Kasarmintie 51
A cosy summer café and floating waffle bar by the beautiful Oulu River in Värttö district.

SECOND-HAND FINDS!

- 36** DOM SECOND HAND | Asemakatu 6
- 37** PIVIS VINTAGE SHOP | Rautatiekatu 20
- 38** VAAU SECOND HAND | Kirkkokatu 27
- 39** MOI ALIZEE | Rautatiekatu 10
- 40** LÄHIS-KIRPPIS | Uusikatu 78 (inner court)
- 41** MIIMA SECOND HAND SHOP | Pakkahuonekatu 10
- 42** JÄRKIKIRPPIS | Tehtaankatu 1

VISIT MUSEUMS FOR CULTURAL TREATS AROUND THE YEAR

- 43** NORTH OSTROBOTHNIA MUSEUM | Ainolanpolku 1
- 44** OULU ART MUSEUM | Kasarmintie 9

FASCINATING SUMMER MUSEUMS

- 45** OULU CASTLE CELLAR MUSEUM | Linnansaari
- 46** SAILOR'S HOME MUSEUM | Pikisaarentie 6
- 47** PATENIEMI SAWMILL MUSEUM | Sahantie 21
- 48** TURKANSAARI OPEN-AIR MUSEUM | Turkansaarentie 165
- 49** OULUNSAALO LOCAL HISTORY MUSEUM | Jääsköntie 5
- 50** KIERIKKI STONE AGE CENTRE | Pahkalanatie 447, Yli-II (Oulu)

TOP 6 PHOTO LOCATIONS

- 30** MARKET SQUARE
Discover the idyllic old granaries and the plump Market Square Policeman keeping the peace.
- 31** PIKISAARI WOODEN DISTRICT
Set your sights on the old, pastel-coloured houses.
- 32** CITY GARDEN GREENHOUSES
Let the blossoming flowers charm your camera!
- 33** RAUTASILTA STEEL BRIDGE
Capture the beautiful sunsets over Oulu River..
- 34** REFLECTING POOLS OF OULU RIVER ESTUARY
Admire the cultural landscaper reflected from the water surface.
- 35** BROOKS OF HUPISAARET ISLANDS
Can you take a photo of the trout in the rippling brooks?

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OULU SHOPPING

- 4** OULU SHOP | Hallituskatu 36, BusinessAsema
- 5** MARKET HALL | Market Square
- 6** AITTATORI STOREHOUSES | Market Square
- 7** TAITO-SHOP & LOVI FACTORY SHOP | Rautatiekatu 11 B
- 8** KURE | Shopping Centre Pekuri Kauppurienkatu 10
- 9** CHOCOSOMNIA | Isokatu 28
- 10** SOKOS HERKKU OULU | Local delicacies Valkea Shopping Centre
- 11** TORIPAKAN KIOSKI | Oulu-products and postcards Torikatu 12

EXPERIENCE LOCAL TRADITIONS

5 MARKET HALL | Market Square
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LET'S TAKE A DIP AND ENJOY THE SUN!

Tuira Beach

Right next to the city centre, a stone's throw from the Ainola Park, is a riverside beach where you can swim, play beach volleyball, or relax on the grass. A popular sauna raft floating in the river offers relaxation in its gentle heat every day. The beach hosts cubicles for changing and a café.

Värtö Beach

A popular beach upstream from the city centre. The Koivuranta café, a sauna raft, an ice cream stand, and possibilities for private river cruises offer a wide selection of refreshment and summer fun. The beach has cubicles for changing.

Nallikari Beach

The summer living room for locals, the long and soft beach of Nallikari offers a large activity area for enjoyment. The waters are shallow and very safe for children, too. The area has a holiday village, café and restaurant, a playground, and other services to choose from. Cubicles can be found near the beach.

FLOATING ON THE RIVER IN A SAUNA

Summer Sauna

Heated by volunteers, this sauna is a favourite among locals as well as travellers. You can relax in the floating sauna on the river every day between 5–9 p.m. Please bring your own towel and swimwear. A café on the beach serves refreshments. The sauna fee is 8 euros. See service hours and dates kesansauna.fi, FB @kesansauna

Koivuranta Sauna Raft

Enjoy the smooth heat of the floating sauna and take a cooling dip in Oulu River. You can buy delicious refreshments and crispy waffles from the raft café. There is also a jacuzzi for relaxing in the beautiful river scenery. Please bring your own towel and swimwear. The sauna fee is 11 €. Here you can also rent various gear for water sports.

GEMS OF MARITIME OULU

Varjakka

Explore the island of Varjakka. You can access the historic sawmill setting by a hand-pulled cable ferry or rowboat from the lively Varjakka marina. While there, discover also the Varjakka Art Trail, Akio bird-watching tower and the lovely Varjakka Beach. Pet the lovely dogs at Lohakka husky kennel and enjoy delicious burgers at Varjakka Grill. You can spend the night at Varjakka B&B.

Kello Fishing Harbour

A traditional fishing harbour known as the granary of local and regional residents. In the early mornings, you can buy fresh fish from the fisherman themselves. Throughout the year, you can also shop at Kalapuhki which is a store specialised in fish delicacies.

DELICIOUS TREATS

RESTAURANTS

BURGERIBAARI KAUPPURI 5
Kauppurienkatu 5
M6 DINING
Pakkahuoneenkatu 6
RAVINTOLA PUUSTOLA
Pakkahuoneenkatu 15
RAVINTOLA SUOLA-AITTA
Kauppatori 2
VIIKINKIRAVINTOLA HARALD
Kirkkokatu 16
RAVINTOLA HUGO
Rantakatu 4
CAFE LILJA
Kauppurienkatu 24 A
SARKKA
Hallituskatu 13–17
HEALTH TO ORGANIC H2O
Hallituskatu 7
OSKARIN KELLARI
Uusikatu 26
RAVINTOLA HELLA
Isokatu 13
RAVINTOLA ULEÅBORG 1881
Aittatori 4–5
TUBA
Mannenkatu 2
RAUHALA RAVINTOLA-
PÄTISSERIE
Mannenkatu 4
SOKERI–JUSSIN KIEVARI
Pikisaarentie 2
LEKKER61
Isokatu 61
RAVINTOLA NALLIKARI
Nallikarintanta 15
STEFAN'S STEAKHOUSE
Kauppurienkatu 8

FLAVOURS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

PHUKET THAI TAKE AWAY
Kauppurienkatu 4
ISTANBUL ORIENTAL
Kauppurienkatu 11
PAD THAI BAAN NAA
Pakkahuoneenkatu 9 B 2
VÄLIMEREN RAVINTOLA
OLIMPOS
Pakkahuoneenkatu 6
RAVINTOLA BEIJING
Rantakatu 5
FLAVOUR PALACE
Saaristonkatu 5
HAGIA SOFIA
Kirkkokatu 2
RAVINTOLA HAI LONG
Isokatu 8
RESTAURANT PIKKU THAI
Asemakatu 29
RAVINTOLA SAURAHA
Asemakatu 10
FUCHKA
Nummikatu 32
NEW MUMBAI
Asemakatu 39
THE ROYAL GARDEN
Rautatiekatu 8
INDIAN CUISINE
Kajaaninkatu 38
DESI TOUCH
Hallituskatu 26
TOSCANA
Hallituskatu 35
GARAM MASALA
Kajaaninkatu 27
RAVINTOLA CRECIAN
Kirkkokatu 55

Hailuoto

Known for its coastal nature, the isle of Hailuoto brings in travellers interested in outdoor life and cultural history. At the old fishing village, Marjanieniemi, you can visit cafés and a museum as well as the old light-house built in 1871. The island's own brewery and emu farm are also worth a visit. A ferry travels regularly between mainland and the isle, free of charge. You can download a free Hailuoto app from the app store on your phone.

OULU CYCLING

You can rent a bike or a fatbike to move around effortlessly in the city and the surrounding nature. Take an independent ride or hire a guide to show you around in Kaakkuri activity centre, on the trails of Hietasaari, or around Pykösjärvi lake. Cycling gives you easy access to sights along the extensive Oulu cycleway network as well as nearby nature destinations.

pohjolanrengastie.fi/en/product/pyoraillen-oulussa

The new Oulu cycling map will guide you along the cycling highways and beautiful scenic routes. Pick up a map at the tourist information or check out the web page below.

ouka.fi/cycling

Main cycling routes: [ouluunseudunpyoraily.fi](#)

Bike rental companies:

PYÖRÄKORJAAMO LAIHIAINEN

PyöräkorjaamoLaihiainen.com

NALLIKARI HOLIDAY VILLAGE | Leiritie 10

[nallikari.fi](#)

PYÖRÄ-SUVALA

Lekatie 2

[pyorasuvala.fi](#)

OULUN PYÖRÄVUOKRAAMO

[ouluunpyoraavuokraamo.fi](#) (electric bikes)

PYÖRÄVUOKRAAMO

[pyoraavuokraamo.fi](#) (electric bikes)

Many of the local hotels can also provide their customers with regular bicycles.

Fatbikes and guided tours:

FINNACTION

[finnaction.fi](#)

LAPPIS

[lappis.fi/en](#)

NORTHERN RENTAL

[northernrental.fi](#)

BOTNIA OUTDOOR

[botniaoutdoor.fi](#)

DISCOVER OULU

Get to know Oulu by yourself!

Download the free Nomadi mobile guide on your smartphone and find intriguing routes in the city. The stories of Pikisaari, the architecture by Alvar Aalto, and all the species of trees in Hupisaaret Park are waiting for you. Or are you more interested in diving into wartime Oulu through pictures? The app will locate your device and notify you when you approach sights and locations along the routes.

Get to know Oulu with a guide

OULUN SEUDUN OPAAAT RY

Summer walks: [ouluunseudunoppaat.fi](#)

GUIDE HIRING

[www.goarctic.fi/en/services/opaspalvelu](#)

Culture, ghosts, and fateful stories. Come and get to know Oulu with a professional guide. Themed walks offer a variety of stories from Oulu: fascinating tales about the city's history and culture along with facts about today's Oulu.

Tonttu Tärnön paja

Guided tours for smaller groups and families in Oulu. Also trips to Hailuoto are available.

Arctic Hospitality

High-quality transport and tours even for more demanding tastes according to the customer's wishes in Oulu and the Oulu region.

Gallery Walks

Galleries MABO and Neliö Galleria welcome art lovers to spend a relaxed summer night with art on Gallery Walks. During the walk, you get to enjoy several exhibitions with gallery owners and the featured artists. Gallerists answer questions also in English. More information about the schedule and exhibitions for Gallery Walks: [fb.me/galleriakavely](#)

Oulu Market Square

If you have not taken a friendsie with the Toripolliisi statue, you have not properly been to Oulu. The plump guardian of the Market Square is a memorial from last century when actual police officers guarded the area and kept the peace in Oulu for a long time. The officers turned into legends during their lifetime. Hot tip: You can find more info on Toripolliisi and other public sculptures on the Poikka polulle! walking tour in Citynomadi app.

Street Art in Oulu

Find the coolest murals and other paintings in the urban environment. Check out the best spots on the map on the back of this guide.

The Oulu Grade

Oulu went askew in 1783! When the city plan was being renewed, it was based around the Franzen House in the corner of Kirkkokatu and Kajaaninkatu. However, contrary to the planners' beliefs, the angle was not 90 degrees. Therefore, the streets in the city centre cross each other in either 89- or 91-degree angles, and the walls of buildings have had to be drawn awry on purpose.

Irresistible Wooden Districts

Discover the valuable and idyllic city districts where you can sense the presence of Oulu history. Be charmed by Pikisaari, the island of artisans and artists, find the old houses at the north end of Holihiaka Park, and visit the wooden districts of Karjasilta and Puu-Raksila, both of which have been evaluated as important residential areas in view of cultural history.

SUMMER THEATRE

Theatre at Hupisaaret | Hupisaaret | FB @Hupisaarenteatteri
This newly constructed theatre pavilion is a fantastic stage for many cultural operators. The schedule this summer is packed with a variety of theatrical plays, musical performances, and stand-up comedy. Local singalong events are also arranged here.

FOR A RAINY DAY

Cinema, theatre and music

FINNKINO PLAZA CINEMA | Torikatu 32
STAR CINEMA | Kalliotie 6
RIO LIVE | Hallituskatu 11
OULU THEATRE | Kaarlenväylä 2
OULU SYMPHONY & OULU MUSIC CENTRE |
Leevi Madetojan katu 1–3
CULTURAL CENTRE VALVE | Hallituskatu 7
Studio Cinema, Akseli Klönk Theatre, The Student Theatre of Oulu and The Valvesali Hall under the same roof!

Bowling and billiards

SPACE BOWLING & BILLIARDS | Saaristonkatu 9
OULU BOWLING ALLEY | Isokatu 97
ALPPIA BOWLING | Tukkimiehentie 1

Gaming and escape rooms

PELILUNKKERI JA MEGAZONE | Pakkahuoneenkatu 17
ESCAPE ROOMS | Torikatu 9
EXIT OULU | Kajaaninkatu 22, Kirkkokatu 22, Uusikatu 22
CITY ESCAPE GAMES | Kajaanintie 36

Climbing and creative sports

KIILPEILYKESKUS / OULU CLIMBING CENTRE | Paakakatu 7
REENIS | Anar Aallon katu 1

Play some padel

NALLISPORT | Vellamontie 9
PADEL CLUB HIIKKAVAARA | Tahtimarssi 11

DISC GOLF COURSES

You can find excellent courses for disc golf around Oulu! The courses are in parks or wooded terrain.

- Hiiroenen, 18 holes
- Honkimaan, 21 holes
- Meri-Toppila DiscGolfPark, 18 holes
- Oulunsalo Peuhu DiscGolfPark, 9 holes
- Pikkarala, 18 holes (chargeable)
- Torpanmäki, 9 holes
- Virpiniemi DiscGolfPark, 18 holes

See course locations: [frisbeegolfradat.fi/radat/Oulu](#)

MOVING AROUND IN OULU

Biketaxi – experience Oulu riding a rickshaw!

No transport in summery Oulu is quite as fun, laid-back, and ecological as a rickshaw taxi. Hop on the rickshaw to ride wherever you want in the Oulu city area or admire the scenery on a tour of the river estuary and down at Nallikari beach. Book your own biketaxi by phone or hop on one at the biketaxi stand.

Electric scooters and e-bikes for carefree rides!

In Oulu, you can get around also by renting an electric scooter or an electric bike from Lime or Tier. Please remember to mind your own and other people's safety by complying with the service providers' instructions.

TOURS

Along the trails onboard the Potnapekka

An inseparable part of the summer of Oulu, PotnaPekka is a fun mini train travelling along the cycleways around the city centre. The sightseeing train operates from June 20 to August 7. You can travel with PotnaPekka from Rotuaari to Nallikari beach. The route starts in front of City Hall and next to the ice-cream kiosk in Nallikari. Tickets from the driver: 8€/adult, 4€/5–14 y/o. and 0–4 y/o. free of charge, 20€/family (4 persons). Potnapekka is not running on Midsummer weekend between June 25–27.

Take a ride to Vauhtipuisto onboard the Kompiainen!

You can get to Vauhtipuisto amusement park from Oulu city centre and Nallikari beach smoothly with city train Kompiainen between June 20 and August 7. In the centre, the ride starts across the street from City Hall (next to Snellman Park) and near Restaurant Nallikari in Nallikari at the other end. You can also take the train to commute between the city centre and Nallikari. The train ride is included in the price of a Vauhtipuisto wristband or season ticket. Single fares 8€/adult, 4€/5–14 y/o. and 0–4 y/o. free of charge.

WATER ACTIVITIES ON THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER

Cruises

Cruise ship M/S Alexandra does sea tours outside Oulu on Friday and Saturday evenings (age limit 18) and day cruises on July Saturdays. You can join a public cruise by booking your tour in advance. The ship sails from the Oulu Market Square quay. Please check the cruise timetables online at Oulu Lines website.

Waterpark

Oulu Waterpark is a must for every water adventurer to experience for testing their limits. Spend the most exciting summer day on the ninja-type course set on water. Try to complete the course without getting wet or jump straight in from towers, climb onto air cushions and obstacles, and practice your balance on the wobbly stunt course. Floatation vests as well as wetsuits to keep you warm are available at the Waterpark.

Wakeboarding

A cable wakeboarding course offers sporty aquatic experiences right next to the city centre, in the fantastic scenery of Oulu River estuary. On the world's second northernmost cable course, you get to feel the thrill of speed while gliding on the waves.

Zipline

Experience the thrill of speed on the 250-metre zipline along the shoreline at Nallikari Beach. Take off from a 20-metre tower and end up near the Nallikari Lighthouse. You can slide either traditionally in an upright position or fly horizontally like the Superman, by yourself or with a friend! The fast and furious can try out a free fall from the height of 15 metres. You can buy tickets on location or at the Zipline online store. Booking in advance is not necessary.

SUP Boarding and paddling

LAPPIS
[lappis.fi](#)
VAUHTIPIUISTO
[vauhtipuisto.fi](#)
[ouka.fi/melonareitit](#)

In the Oulu River estuary, you can enjoy laid-back summer days also by SUP boarding or paddling. Adventure activity agencies will guide you to these sports and the environment safely under instruction.

More experienced enthusiasts can rent an SUP board, a kayak, or a canoe and head out to the estuary on their own for a refreshing day.

Five routes of different lengths have been designed for paddling or SUP boarding in the river estuary and on the sea in front of Nallikari Beach. There is a good selection of skill levels from beginners to experienced paddlers with varying scenery and detailed route descriptions on the paddling map. When paddling along these routes, please remember to mind your own safety as well as that of others.

Guided paddling services and tours are also provided by:

FINNACTION
[finnaction.fi](#)
BACKWOOD ACTION
[backwoodaction.fi](#)
GO ARCTIC!
[goarctic.fi](#)

UNFORGETTABLE DAYTRIPS IN AND AROUND OULU

Take a refreshing hike in the Oulu nature!

[ouka.fi/outdoor](#)
We urge hikers to abide by good outdoor etiquette:
[nationalparks.fi/hikinginfinland/visitorguidelines](#)

Oulu offers fantastic opportunities for outdoor activities every season of the year. There are plenty of marked nature trails for hiking, with bird-watching towers and campfire sites along the way. Oulu Tourist Information can provide you with a recent map of the nature destinations. You can also find the map at the website marked above.

The lean-to shelters and campfire sites have regular firewood maintenance service, but it may be a good idea to pack a few pieces of firewood in your backpack just to make sure you get your sausages grilled.

RENTABLE OUTDOOR GEAR

Honkapiirtin liikuntavälineainamo

Pateniementie 861
[lainaamo.ouka.fi](#)
Lack of proper gear will not be an obstacle to brisk outdoor activity and enjoying the nature in Oulu. You can borrow the equipment you need from the City of Oulu sports equipment rental.

Retkivuokraamo

Retkivuokraamo rents low inexpensive SUP boards and packrafts to rent. It also rents out Savotta Hawu tents for up to eight people. Pre-booking required two days in advance.

FISHING

Let's catch some fish!

By acquiring a fishing license, you can fish on the sea or on the river right next to Oulu city centre either independently or with a guide.

Buy a fishing license conveniently from the Kalapassi online store: [kalapassi.fi](#). Licenses for rod fishing are also sold at Oulu10 service desk at Saaristonkatu 8.

Fishing tours:

ATTESON FISHING
[atteson.fi](#)
BACKWOOD ACTION
[backwoodaction.fi](#)
FINNACTION
[finnaction.fi](#)
OS-RETIKIPALVELUT
[osretkipalvelut.fi](#)

DAY TRIPS

Hupisaaret City Park | [pohjolanrengastie.fi/en/product/kaupungin-vshrea-keidas-hupisaarten-kaupungipuisto](#)
Are you an outdoors type or a romantic? Do you thirst for culture? Hupisaaret Park is the place to be! In the park, you can find a café, a multipurpose playground, an outdoor summer theatre, gazebos, and several wonderful wooden bridges connecting the little islands. The soundscape created by the rippling brooks is part of the park's charm. In the brooks, you can also find sea trout that are part of the native fish stock in Oulu River. Hupisaaret mobile game is suited for the whole family to explore the stories and mysteries around this group of small islands. At the northern end of the park, you will find the longest fish ladder in Finland – and the only one in Oulu River. There, you can spot migrating fish from May until late October. What is more, the Oulu Museum of Art, the Northern Ostrobothnia Museum, and Science Centre Tietomaa are nearby so you have lots to do, even on a rainy day.

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Oulun tapahtumakalenteri
tapahtumat.munoulu.fi

The easiest way to discover the whole selection of wonderful events in Oulu is to visit [tapahtumat.munoulu.fi](#)



Botanical Garden

University of Oulu, Kaitoväylä 5
[oulu.fi/en/university/botanical-garden](#)
The botanical garden is a wonderful place to visit and learn about the diversity of the plant world. The pyramid-shaped greenhouses provide tropical heat around the year, and the outdoor gardens showcase a variety of trees and bushes as well as useful and ornamental plants. Greenhouses Romeo and Julia house about 1 200 plant species from the different climate regions of the world. In the outdoor garden, you can find more than 4 000 plants native to the northern climate. There is a voluntary entrance fee, and you can come and go freely around the year.

Hietasaari and Nallikari

[visitoulu.fi/en/product/nallikari-pohjolan-riviera](#)
The Hietasaari area has many enjoyable outdoor trails and campfire sites only 3.5 kilometres away from the city centre. You can spend your day walking, cycling, playing beach games or minigolf, or swimming. You can also have a picnic near the breakwater on the north edge of the island or use one of the large greenery areas instead.

Turkansaari Open-Air Museum

Turkansaarentie 1651
[ouka.fi/turkansaari](#)
The second oldest open-air museum in Finland presents local history in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and tar production. An easy trip by car, bike, or boat, the museum lies at 15 kilometres from the city centre. It is the perfect destination for a daytime family trip, with a playground for children and traditional work demonstrations during the summer.

Koiteli Rapids

Koitelinkoskentie 420 | [ouka.fi/outdoor](#)
Twenty-five kilometres from Oulu centre lie the roaring rapids of Koiteli. The area has sand trails, duckboard walkways, and bridges to cross the rapids, so it is easy walk around before taking a break at one of the campfire sites. A visit here is an exciting experience also for children. There are plenty of nice fishing and photography spots to be found. While here, you can have a coffee at Tunnelmatpuu cabin or just enjoy the wonderful nature in the most popular outdoor area of the region.

Pilpasuo Wetlands

Miehonseläntie 219 | [visitoulu.fi/en/product/pilpasuon-suojeluvuor-jä-retkelyreitit](#)
A diverse forest and wetland nature area awaits you with little task checkpoints and campfire sites. Aistireitti ("Sensory Trail"), a shorter trail with a length of 1 km suits families in particular. Lystireitti ("Fun Trail"), the longer trail of 7 km goes around the whole area. The wetlands are part of ancient coast that rose from the sea after the Ice Age and are nowadays inhabited by many bird species.

Liminka Bay Visitor Centre

Rantakurvi 6 | [visitliminka.fi/liminganlahti](#)
The resting, feeding and nesting area for tens of thousands of birds offers you the opportunity to watch roughly 200 species from the lookout towers. Borrow a pair of binoculars and catch a few bird tips from the Visitor Centre, which also houses a nature exhibition for visitors of all ages to experience.

Pohjola Route

Do you want to experience all the other exciting destination in the Oulu region? The Pohjola Route offers adventures and sights from coastal scenery to the fell district along a road network of 900 kilometres. You can drive your own car, take a bus, or ride a bike if you like. Pick out your favourite destinations on the website.

Pohjola Route day trips from Oulu June 27 – August 12

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Experience the diverse Oulu region on Saaga Travel's day trips! During the day, you can easily take the bus from the cityscape of Oulu to explore the fells and nature trails of Syöte, admire the rapids in Koiteli, watch birds in Liminka Bay, or enjoy the seascapes of the idyllic Hailuoto Island. For trips to Syöte or Liminka Bay, you can even bring your own bike. Bike rental is also available. History and culture enthusiasts can take day trips to Kierikki Stone Age Centre or the old towns of Raahel and Ii with their charming streets, museums, and cafés.

Departures for day trips are guaranteed with at least one pre-booked participant. More info and tickets from Saaga Travel's online store.

