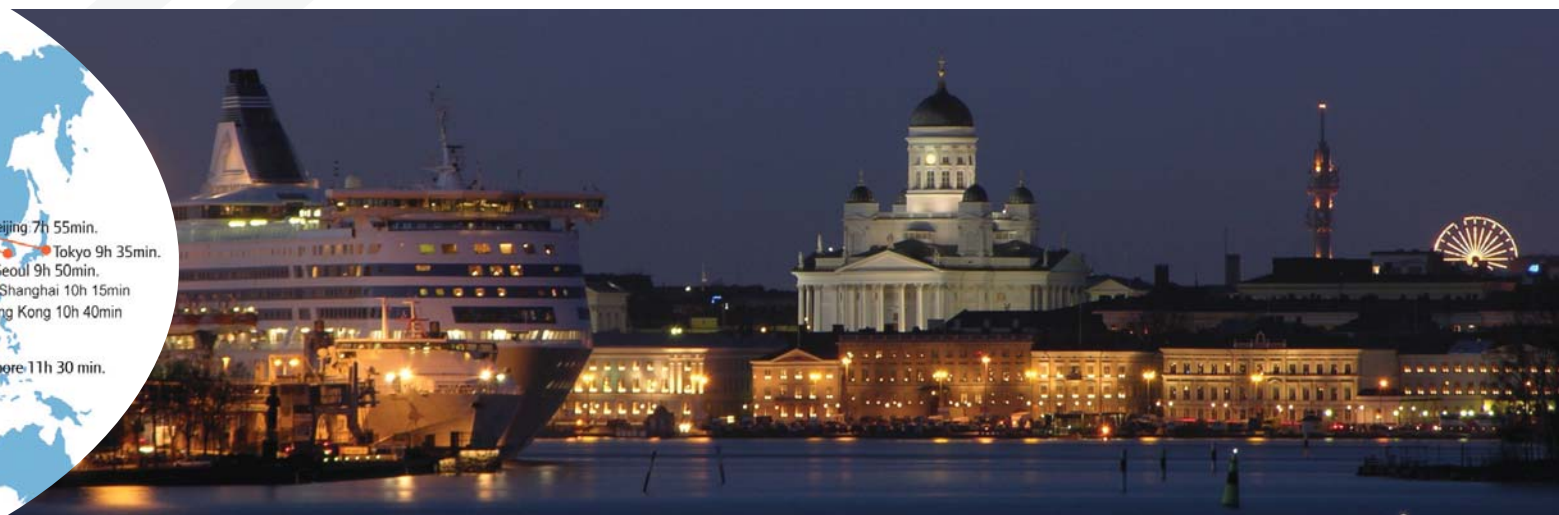




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● Welcome to Helsinki

Helsinki, the capital of Finland, is a vibrant metropolitan city with over half a million residents and is located at the heart of the Baltic Sea area. The lifestyle in the second-most northern capital city in the world is full of contrasts and activities. Helsinki's identity has been formed by cultural influences from both the East and West - its cultural diversity is hard to match. Helsinki has sometimes been described as "the smallest big city in the world".

In 2010, Newsweek magazine ranked Finland as the world's best country to live in. The analysis examined factors such as education and health care; quality of life; economic dynamism; and, political environment. Helsinki is also one of the world's cleanest and safest capitals. Finland is called "the land of thousand lakes" and its clean unspoilt nature can be found very close to Helsinki.

Also, Finnish design has made the Finland's capital city world famous. Helsinki was nominated the World Design Capital 2012, which is an official recognition for decades of work. The World Design Capital is an initiative of the International Council of Societies of Industrial Design (ICSID).

Helsinki can easily be reached from anywhere in the world, around 40 airlines fly there. It offers accommodation in different hotel categories, ranging from international hotel chains to designer & boutique hotels. The average temperature in September in Helsinki usually is between 10 and 18 degrees Celsius.

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