



TOUR TO THE 2011 EUROPEAN CULTURAL CAPITALS

NOMINATED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU), NORTHERN EUROPE IS THE HOME OF THE 2011 EUROPEAN CULTURAL CAPITALS, INCLUDING TURKU IN FINLAND AND TALLINN IN ESTONIA. THESE CITIES INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THEIR BIG FESTIVALS THIS YEAR.

(*B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner)

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2011 – ARRIVAL TO HELSINKI (L, D)

Arrive Helsinki airport. Meet your local FAF tour manager at the airport and board your private motor coach. Transfer to the ferry to board your cruise boat to the Cultural Capital of Europe Tallinn, Estonia. Have lunch on board the cruise. Upon arrival in Tallinn, check in your hotel. A welcome dinner will be arranged for you. Overnight at a tourist class hotel in Tallinn.



DAY 2: THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2011 – GUIDED CITY TOUR OF HELSINKI (B, D)

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a guided walking city tour of Tallinn. Lunch will be on your own today. Have some free time this afternoon to explore the city on your own. Dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Tallinn.



DAY 3-5: FRIDAY TO SUNDAY, JULY 1-3, 2011 – PARTICIPATION IN THE XI ESTONIAN YOUTH SONG AND DANCE FESTIVAL (L/D, TBD)

The Festival is the star event of the Tallinn European Cultural Capital year. Thousands and thousands of national and international performers come together at the Tallinn Song Festival Grounds (five times larger than Hollywood Bowl) to celebrate. Audience is tens of thousands. This emotional three-day long event will be in your minds forever! Special daily program includes rehearsals, concerts, parties, etc.

DAY 6: MONDAY, JULY 4, 2011 – INDEPENDENCE DAY (B, D)

We celebrate this day in the very heart of the city. Possible invitation and reception by the Embassy of the United States of America in Tallinn and Independence Day dinner.

DAY 7: TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2011 – TRANSFER TO TURKU, FINLAND (B, D)

Say goodbye to your Estonian friends and take a cruise over to Finland. Upon arrival in Finland, drive to Turku, another cultural capital of Europe 2011 along with Tallinn. Check in your hotel in Turku. Dinner will be arranged for you at a local restaurant.

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2011 – TURKU FESTIVAL (B, D)

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a walking guided city tour of Turku. Visit the Turku Castle, a 700-year old Castle of Middle Ages and Renaissance. Continue to Turku Cathedral and the Cathedral Museum. The Cathedral derives from the 13th Century. After the Cathedral, visit the Sibelius Museum, the most important music museum in the country. The tour ends at the Old Great Square of Turku. Have lunch on your own. Participate in the Festival program today. Dinner will be arranged at a local restaurant.



DAY 9: THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2011 – HELSINKI, RETURN HOME (B)

After early breakfast at your hotel, check out of your hotel and board your private motor coach for your transfer to the airport via Helsinki. Before your transatlantic flight back to the USA, enjoy a Drama City tour of Helsinki, the Capital of Finland, home of composer Jean Sibelius. The tour takes you through most of the important sights of Helsinki: the Senate Square, the Dome, Uspenski Cathedral, sea fortress Viaborg, Mannerheim Street, Parliament, Rock Church, Helsinki sea scenery, Sibelius monument, Olympic Stadium, National Opera, National Museum, New Music Hall, Kiasma Museum, Railway Station and then back to Senate Square. Catch your afternoon flight back to the USA.

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Land Only Cost: \$1699 per person based on 40 paying participants plus 2 free places. Airfare quoted separately

This program includes:

- 8 nights accommodation in double occupancy
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- English-speaking tour manager all throughout
- Private motor coach transfer all throughout
- Cruise Helsinki- Tallinn- Helsinki
- Program as indicated in the itinerary
- Festival participation fees
- Guided tours of Tallinn, Turku and Helsinki
- All entrance fees
- Comprehensive travel insurance