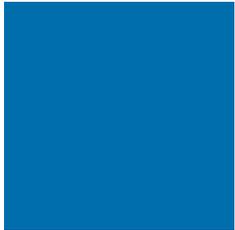
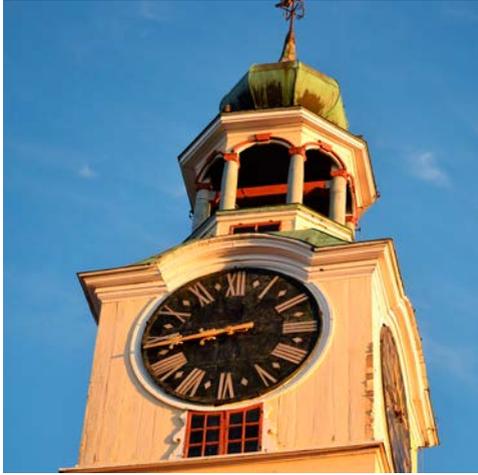




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Rauma – combining modern and tradition

Rauma, a city with two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and the third oldest city in Finland, has managed to maintain its charm and uniqueness over the years. The vibrant seaside city is known, among others, for lace, seafaring, its distinctive dialect and strong local identity.

Old and new walk hand in hand in Rauma; Old Rauma's modern and busy business life taking place right in the middle of the cobbled city blocks is a great example of this.

The seaside city of 40,000 inhabitants on the southwest coast is an inviting combination of luxurious everyday life, culture, nature and experiences. With its good connections, high-quality services, World Heritage sites and maritime possibilities, Rauma provides a healthy and safe environment for housing and tourism.

Explore the city and fall in love with Rauma.



Unique Old Rauma is full of stories





Explore the cobbled streets and enjoy the fascinating charm of Old Rauma.



Old Rauma is the largest wooden city area in the Nordic countries, and was granted the status of a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1991. The area of 30 hectares with meandering streets and irregular quarters includes over 600 buildings, homes of hundreds of people and over a hundred unique boutiques and restaurants. Walking around in Old Rauma allows you to dive into the past, with a touch of modern feel.



Old Rauma has had an active business life since the 19th century and the area has managed to remain a significant centre of trade. Old Rauma is the lively centre of the city and a point of pride to the residents of Rauma – and for good reason.

Market Square is the heart of the city. The Market Square is located in the centre of Old Rauma, in the middle of everything, between the church and the Old Town Hall. At the Market Square, you can enjoy a delightful cup of coffee the way locals do – standing by a coffee stall in the early hours of the day.



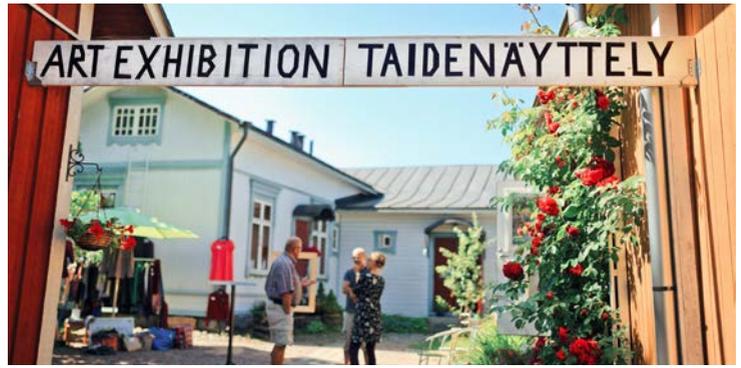


Most of the current facades in Old Rauma were built during the reparations in 1890s. In the 1770s, historian Sven Mellenius described Rauma as a town where there are no straight streets or regular quarters, and where the townspeople have built their homes either at random or however they have pleased. The peculiarity of Old Rauma has survived, and through renovation and housing, house owners have become part of the history and stories of the buildings.

During Lace Week, the unique, sheltered yards in Old Rauma are available to the public in the Open yards and flea markets event, shedding light on the everyday lives of the townspeople. The details and stories of the houses are a source of endless wonder and admiration. Can you see the gossip mirrors, decorative nameplates, and guarding dogs by the windows?



The culturally and historically valuable milieu has also provided inspiration for many artists. Dozens of artists of various disciplines have found a creative setting for their studios and workshops in Old Rauma.



The many faces of lace – Rauma has a long tradition of lace-making



Lace Week, Lace Tournament, Miss Lace...In Rauma, lace inspires both artists as well as event organisers. Lace-making is an old tradition in Rauma and lace has been made more in Rauma than anywhere else in Finland. The tradition of lace-making is still strong in Rauma. Lace-making skills have not only been passed from one generation to the other, it has also been taught regularly in the Adult Education Centre since the mid-twentieth century. Lace is strongly present throughout the year in street and light installation art works around the city.

Lace Week, the main event of the summer in Rauma, fills the entire city in the end of July. The Lace Week includes dozens of exhibits, crafts workshops and handicraft exhibitions, accompanied by a lively and cheerful market atmosphere. The Night of Black Lace – the culmination of the Lace Week – is a happy folk event that fills the streets and alleys of Old Rauma with music, and boutiques stay open until the early hours.

Lace products are popular souvenirs – remember to ask about them in the boutiques when visiting Old Rauma. A lace bookmark or a piece of lace jewellery will make a great souvenir of your visit to the city of lace.

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Sammallahdenmäki burial cairns take you to the Bronze Age



Exploring the historical Sammallahdenmäki, Rauma's second World Heritage Site, is an unforgettable experience. The mystical Bronze Age burial site located in Kivikylä, Lappi, 20 kilometres from the city centre, is a perfect destination for a day trip.

The stone structures at Sammallahdenmäki bear evidence to the Scandinavian Bronze Age and the Early Iron Age (1500-50 BC) traditions, religion and burial rituals of Western Finland.

The beautiful changing seasons make Sammallahdenmäki a perfect destination for nature enthusiasts. In the spring, the awakening of nature, the singing of migratory birds and the blooming flowers make you forget the hustle and bustle of everyday life. In the autumn, you can feel the nature preparing for winter as the blooming heaths, mosses and lichens fill the landscape with autumn colours.

Sammallahdenmäki has a total of 36 burial cairns, all varying in size and shape. According to folklore, the largest cairn called Kirkonlaattia ("Church Floor") is believed to be part of an unfinished church built by the goblins.



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The roots of the city – art and culture offer unforgettable experiences





In Rauma, art and culture are strongly present in the everyday lives of Rauma residents.



Old Rauma offers various opportunities for exploring the local history. The Church of the Holy Cross, built for the Franciscan monastery, and the ruins of the Church of the Holy Trinity which was burned down in 1640 are within a walking distance apart. Many other attractions fit between the two: Marela, the home museum of a ship owner, the seaman's home museum Kirsti with its courtyard, and the Old Town Hall by the marketplace.

Tammela House showcases UNESCO World Heritage in Rauma as well as renovation activities in Old Rauma. Hauenguano, merging the two main streets of Old Rauma, and Kitukränn, presumably the narrowest street in all Finland, are also worth exploring.

The Rauma Art Museum, located in Pinnala House in the historic milieu of Hauenguano, displays a range of exhibitions – from art history to contemporary art. Teresia and Rafael Lönnström's home museum in Syväraumanlahti displays the unique home and art collection of this Rauma-based industrialist couple. Rauma Maritime Museum, located in the former Rauma Maritime school, provides information on the city's rich maritime history. The Rauma Maritime Museum is a perfect destination for both children and adults.



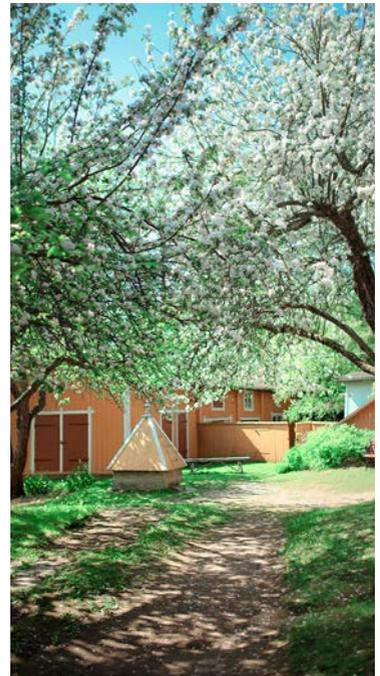
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There are no specific historical records about the origins of Rauma's local dialect, 'Rauman giäl', but the development of the dialect was influenced by the seamen visiting Rauma and therefore the dialect contains several words from other languages. Some of the most distinctive characteristics of the dialect include rambling and the use of shortened words.

If you look closely at the windows in Old Rauma, you can find gossip mirrors and porcelain dogs by the windows. Gossip mirrors became more common in the 19th century. Residents could sit at home and observe the hustle and bustle of the streets without being seen by anyone – a very clever solution for better information flow.

The seamen's porcelain dogs were the equivalent of today's Facebook status updates: the porcelain dogs were placed on the windowsill looking outwards when the master of the house was at sea, and facing inwards when he had returned home, thus informing the whereabouts of seamen.



Lapskoussi (lobscouse casserole) is a traditional food in Rauma, brought to Rauma by seamen. The dish is also known in other European seaports. The secret of Lapskoussi lies in slowly cooked, tender meat, root vegetables and seasoning.



Salty blood in veins of Rauma residents





The sea is an integral part of Rauma. Already for years, seafaring has played a significant role in Rauma. Since the Middle Ages, the Port of Rauma has served as a route for import and export activities. Historically most of the population has earned its living from the sea – from sailing, fishing or working at the port.

We like to say that the blood running through the veins of Rauma residents is salty as seawater. Owning a boat in Rauma is almost a given. When Rauma residents meet in the marketplace, they do not ask if the other owns a boat, but what kind of boat.

Waterbuses run daily during summer, allowing the residents and visitors of Rauma to enjoy maritime experiences. Waterbuses and taxi boats can take you to the Kylmäpihlaja lighthouse island, Kuuskajaskari fortress and vacation island and Reksaari's nature trails. Kiikartorni in Syväraumanlahti is a perfect mainland location for admiring the sea.

One of the largest marinas in Finland is located in Syväraumanlahti. During summer, Syväraumanlahti is a busy meeting point where boats come and go. Goers admire the peaceful scenery of the beautiful Bothnian Sea National Park, where waves strongly strike the shores of rocky islands. Comers pull their boats to the dock, already planning their following trips and excursions.



The Kylmäpihlaja lighthouse island on the open sea is the gem of the Rauma archipelago. Sitting on the smooth cliffs, time stops and you wish you could watch the open sea forever. In the evening, a red and white lighthouse beams light on the island cliffs and sea buckthorn bushes. The lighthouse still has many stories to tell.

The Kuuskajaskari fortress and vacation island is a combination of military history, beautiful archipelago scenery and fascinating geology. The Rekasaari island has nature and hiking trails where you can enjoy the beautiful and peaceful nature of the archipelago.

The restaurants and accommodation services in Kylmäpihlaja, Kuuskajaskari and Rekasaari complete your luxurious and relaxing holiday. The island marinas welcome boaters in any weather.





Developing industry and versatile educational opportunities as the basis for vitality





The Seaside Industry Park and the logistics and industrial park Lakari support the modern development of the area.

Rauma has been an international city since its early history. In addition to the traditional paper and shipbuilding industry, there are several other industrial companies operating in Rauma, whose products travel to the world through the Port of Rauma, one of the largest and busiest ports in Finland.

In the 19th century, almost half of the urban residents earned their livelihood from maritime activities. Maritime industry is still an important provider of employment in Rauma, but traditional sailing ships have turned into cruisers and luxury yachts. The Seaside Industry Park, an industrial park for heavy industry, and the logistics and industrial park Lakari support the modern development of the area.

The industry and the various educational opportunities of the area preserve the vitality of the city, now and in the future. Educational opportunities include, for example, studies in maritime education, early childhood education and business economy. In addition, the Department of Teacher Education of the University of Turku has a unit in Rauma.



Maritime industry is an important provider of employment in Rauma.

Everyone's Rauma – activities and events all year round





The idyllic Rauma is a romantic and peaceful milieu throughout the year.



In Rauma, everything is near and easily accessible by foot or bike. However, if you travel with your own car, parking is free all around the city.

The Poroholma Holiday Centre with long maritime traditions is located by the sea, a short way from the city centre. The leisure area of Fåfänga, located in the immediate vicinity of the Poroholma Holiday Centre, is a popular recreational area during summer. Good beaches, the Fåfänga Summer Theatre and versatile restaurant services provide activities for the whole day.

Rauma has a lot to offer for families with children, including several well-maintained playgrounds. Kipparinpuisto playground offers exciting activities for children throughout the year, and during summer, children can ride bikes and pedal cars in the traffic park.

The cobble streets in Old Rauma are perfect for romantic walks, shopping in the charming boutiques and exploring the cafés and restaurants. The Venetian stairs by the canal are a perfect place to rest and observe the busy city life.





Elmeri Eto



Elmeri Eto

Several events are organised in Rauma all year round. Many festivals in Rauma have long traditions. New organisers are also always welcome, the city provides the perfect setting for hosting all kinds of events.

In the summer, you can enjoy the performances of street musicians while exploring the city. Every year, several events are held by the canal, where music plays the key role. In Midsummer, Rauma becomes one of Finland's central destinations with the RMJ Festival in Otanlahti. In August, Rauma Festivo and Rauma Blues allure the crowd to the city centre. The Blue Sea Film Festival features the brightest talents of the Finnish film industry. Theatre lovers can enjoy theatre performances all year round.

Rauma is also known as a competing league city. In the winter, the townspeople head out to Äijänsuo to watch the hockey games of Rauma's hockey team Lukko, or actively follow the games of the Rauma-based team SalBa, playing in the floorball



league. Summer days are spent cheering the Finnish baseball team Fera, playing in the women's champion league.

Rauma organises various cultural events during winter as well – theatre, art and concerts. In Christmas time, the unique milieu of Old Rauma with its various events invite even the busiest of people to calm down with the Christmas spirit. Take a break, taste delicacies and let your mind rest in the idyllic Old Rauma in the middle of Christmas shopping.





Parking is always free in Rauma!
All parking areas either require a parking disc or pose no time restrictions



Mobile tours

You can also explore Rauma on your mobile device.
For available solutions visit www.visitrauma.fi

-  Beach
-  Taxi Station
-  Playground
-  Disc golf course
-  Old Rauma parking area and information board

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| 1. Rauma Maritime Museum | 16. Fåfånga, leisure area |
| 2. Teresia and Rafael Lönnström Home Museum | 17. Golf course |
| 3. Nokka Art Croft | 18. Äijänsuo Sports Centre: swimming centre, ice arena, winter practice facility |
| 4. Kiikartorni (lookout tower) | 19. Otanlahti sports centre |
| 5. Lookout tower | 20. Lähdepelto sports area |
| 6. Town Hall | 21. Tennis, badminton and floorball hall |
| 7. Poselli Culture House | 22. Bowling alley |
| 8. Rauma Hall | 23. Regional hospital, health services |
| 9. Main Library | 24. Bus station |
| 10. Rauma Town Theatre | 25. Stops for local buses |
| 11. Rauma Summer Theatre | 26. Police, lost property office |
| 12. Poroholma, holiday centre, campsite, guest marina | 27. Post office |
| 13. Syväraumanlahti Bay service harbour | 28. Railway station (only cargo) |
| 14. Petäjäs Shipyard, service harbour | 29. Lakari Logistics |
| 15. Suoja harbour | 30. Seaside Industry Park |





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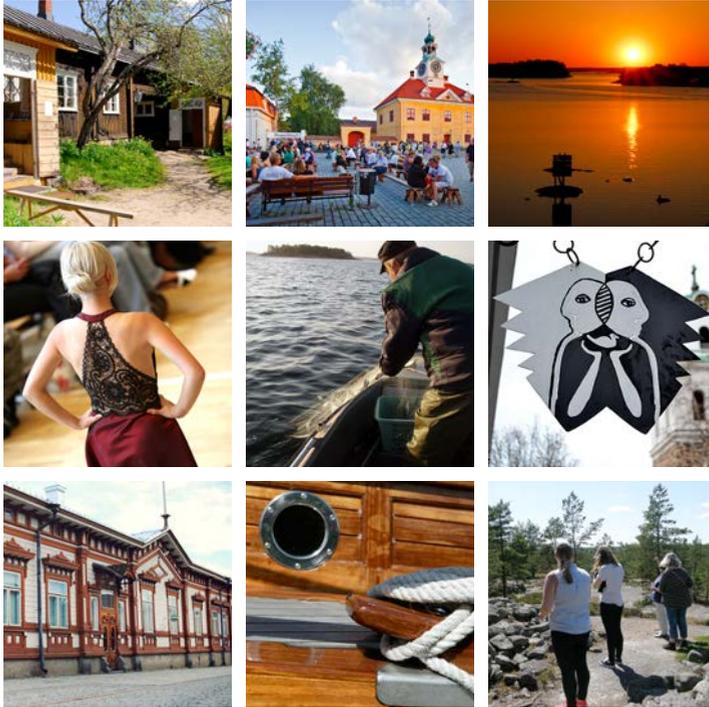
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Old Rauma



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| 32. Market Square and the Old Town Hall Museum | 38. Marelä Museum |
| 33. Naulamäki, Helsinki square and the Lacemaker statue | 39. Rauma Art Museum and Hauenguano |
| 34. Tammela | 40. Kitukränn |
| 35. Kalatori Square | 41. Kirsti Museum |
| 36. Ruins of the Church of the Holy Trinity | |

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