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The summer season in Rauma offers experiences to visitors of all ages. Interested travellers visit the city from all corners of the world.

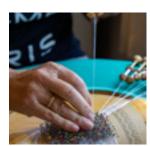


Old Rauma is the largest architecturally homogeneous wooden town in the Nordic region to have been preserved until the present day.

A city full of life and events. Rauma is a lively city of culture that is known for its many festivals and events.







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The Rauma archipelago consists of some 300 islands known for their natural beauty. You can explore the archipelago by taking a waterbus trip, for example.

Lights, colours and white snow, with flakes of lace fluttering in the sky."



Founded in 1442, Rauma is the third-oldest city in Finland.

With two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the city has
maintained its uniqueness over the years.

The sea is the heart and soul of Rauma

The vibrant seaside city is known for lace, seafaring, its distinctive dialect and strong local identity, among other things. Come and experience the unique city of Rauma.



Rauma is located on Finland's west coast. It is an important port on the Baltic Sea.

SUMMER AND AUTUMN IN RAUMA

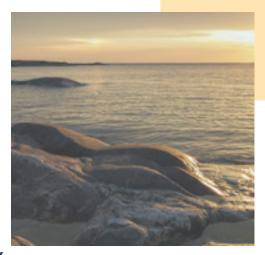
As a summer city, Rauma's hallmarks are the sea and the beautiful archipelago, pleasant cafés and restaurants, and popular cultural events.

Read more about what Rauma has to offer in the summer.

SUMMERTIME RAUMA awaits you







Rauma in the summer offers unforgettable adventures on land and at sea, attracting visitors from all corners of Finland and the world.

Two of Finland's seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites are located in Rauma. The beautifully preserved historical wooden town of Old Rauma enchants visitors with its colourful houses, narrow streets and small boutiques where you can find many fascinating treasures and handicrafts.

The other World Heritage Site in Rauma is Sammallahdenmäki, which combines the beauty of nature with archaeological remains of significant historical value.

Beautiful archipelago and adventures

The best way to enjoy the maritime aspects of Rauma is to explore the islands around the city. The archipelago is easy to visit even if you don't have a boat of your own. The lighthouse island of Kylmäpihlaja and the Kuuskajaskari fortress and vacation island have daily waterbus services during the summer season.

Visit the museums of Rauma to enjoy art and handicrafts and learn more about the history of seafaring, for example. More information on the city's museums is available on pages 18 and 19.





Old Rauma is the largest architecturally homogeneous wooden town in the Nordic region to have been preserved until the present day. Its narrow streets maintain the medieval lines and are bordered by historical buildings, the oldest of which date back to the 18th century.

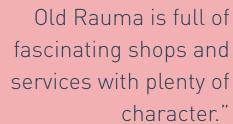
Constructed over the centuries, the building stock makes up fascinating and rich historical layers. In recognition of its significance and value, Old Rauma was awarded UNESCO World Heritage Site status in 1991.



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

Located in Old Rauma, the Church of the Holy Cross is Rauma's main church and one of the city's most important landmarks. The church was originally built for the Franciscan monastery in the early 16th century.

The Church of the Holy Cross is Finland's only remaining church built by the Franciscans and the only building in Rauma to remain from the medieval times.







DID YOU KNOW?

Old Rauma is home to a small street with a big reputation. **Kitukränn** is often cited as the narrowest street in Finland.

It has earned this informal title by being only about 263 cm wide, depending on the measurement method.

Charming boutiques and cafés

Old Rauma is the lively centre of the city and a point of pride for for the locals – and for good reason. Centrally located between the church and the Old Town Hall, the Market Square is the beating heart of the city. At the Market Square, you can enjoy a delightful cup of coffee the way the locals do – standing by a coffee stall in the early hours of the day.

Old Rauma is full of fascinating shops and services with plenty of character. Small specialty shops – including clothing shops, small boutiques selling gifts and many interior design shops – invite you to browse their diverse range of products. There are over 100 charming boutiques in the area.

The best way to explore Old Rauma is to take your time and go around by foot, taking in the secrets of this idyllic milieu of wooden houses.



SEA AND NATURE

Rauma's location on the coast means you can sense the charming atmosphere of a seaside port city. The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sammallahdenmäki, in turn, combines nature and ancient history.

NATURE IN RAU

- the presence of the sea and the World Heritage Site of Sammallahdenmäki

You could say that the blood running through the veins of Rauma residents is as salty as seawater. Rauma is a significant Baltic Sea port, which is why seafaring has always played a large role in the daily life of the local people. Ever since medieval times, the port of Rauma has facilitated the export and import of goods.

Many of the city's residents have earned

Many of the city's residents have earned their living from the sea, either as sailors or

from fishing or working at the port.

If you love the sea and nature, you can enjoy salty fresh experiences on waterbus excursions or by taking out a boat of your own. The Rauma archipelago consists of some 300 islands known for their natural beauty, situated just off the coast. The archipelago is an important part of the Bothnian Sea National Park.







Sammallahdenmäki is a great destination for a day trip

Exploring the historical landscapes of Sammallahdenmäki, Rauma's other UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a memorable experience.

The Bronze Age burial cairns located in Kivikylä, Lappi, just 20 kilometres from the city centre, are a site of mythical stories, which makes it an excellent destination for a day trip.

Sammallahdenmäki provides visitors with insight into the Scandinavian Bronze Age and Early Iron Age (1500–50 BCE) traditions, religion and burial rituals of Western Finland. The area has a total of 36 burial cairns, all varying in size and shape.

The changing seasons make Sammallahdenmäki a perfect destination for nature enthusiasts. In spring, the awakening of nature makes you forget the hustle and bustle of everyday life. In autumn, you can feel the nature preparing for winter as the blooming heaths, mosses and lichens add vibrant colour to the landscape.



Daily waterbus services in the summer season provide locals and visitors the opportunity to experience the sea.

Waterbuses and taxi boats can take you to the Kylmäpihlaja lighthouse island, Kuuskajaskari fortress and vacation island, and Reksaari's attractive nature trails. Kiikartorni in Syväraumanlahti is the best mainland location for enjoying great views of the sea.



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City of Lace, Lace Week, Lace Tournament... Lace is a prominent element of local culture and events in Rauma. Lace-making is an old tradition in Rauma, and more lace has been made in Rauma than anywhere else in Finland.

Lace culture is an example of traditional handicraft culture that is still alive and well today. Lace-making skills are passed on from one generation to the next, and they have also been taught regularly at the Adult Education Centre since the mid-1900s.

Lace products are very popular souvenirs – ask for them in the boutiques of Old Rauma. A lace bookmark or a piece of lace jewellery makes a great souvenir of your visit to the City of Lace.

Rauma Lace Week will take place from 22 to 30 July 2023. Visit pitsiviikko.fi for event details.



KNIT YOUR OWN LACE-PATTERNED RAUMA SWEATER!

QR code for the instructions!



Here's your opportunity to knit a sweater inspired by the traditional spirit of Rauma! In 2021, the City of Rauma made the knitting pattern for a lace-themed Rauma sweater freely available to everyone.

The sweater became a hit on social media. You can find the knitting pattern on the City of Rauma website. Inspired by the Uus kultseppä and Mandeljepyri lace styles, the pattern was designed by lace artist Tarmo Thorström and Katrina Salo.

The Night of Black Lace is known for its carnival atmosphere

One of the absolute highlights of the summer season in Rauma is Lace Week in late July. It fills the entire city with life. The programme of Lace Week includes dozens of exhibitions, handicraft workshops and presentations, and a cheerful market atmosphere.

Over a hundred events are organised during the week. Lace Week culminates in the Night of Black Lace, when music fills Old Rauma and the shops stay open until the early hours of the morning.

Organised annually since 1971, Lace Week brings tends of thousands of visitors to Rauma each year.

OPEN YARDS AND YARD SALES IN OLD RAUMA

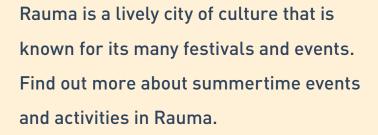
During Lace Week, many of the residents of Old Rauma open their yards to the public or hold yard sales.



On the Night of Black Lace, music fills Old Rauma and the shops stay open until the early hours of the morning."

THERE IS PLENTY TO DO

in Rauma during the summer





The summer of festivals features a diverse range of music and films."







Rauma offers a diverse range of events all through the year. Many of the city's festivals have long traditions and they are among the leading events in their respective fields.

At Midsummer, the RMJ festival in Otanlahti attracts revellers from near and far to celebrate the biggest holiday of the summer season.

In August, Rauma Festivo and Rauma Blues bring people to the city centre to attend performances by leading artists. The Blue Sea Film Festival features many of the stars of Finnish cinema.



MAKIS OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL

Makis is an outdoor swimming pool on the shore of Otanlahti bay in Rauma. Reopened in 2020 after renovations, the outdoor swimming facility was designed by architect Ilmari Niemeläinen and originally built in 1955.

Makis is a great place for families to enjoy swimming and minigolf as well as food and drinks on an outdoor terrace. The charming seaside park next to Makis also offers various services and fun activities.

SUMMER EVENTS IN RAUMA

RMJ FESTIVAL 2023

22-24 JUNE 2023

The legendary RMJ midsummer festival features popular domestic and international artists.

LACE WEEK 2023

22-30 July 2023

The events during Lace Week represent a unique combination of traditions, local culture and modern festival attractions.

RAUMA FESTIVO 2023

1-5 August 2023

Organised since 1984, Rauma Festivo is a chamber music festival that has a different theme each year.

RAUMA BLUES 2023

10-12 August 2023

Rauma Blues is an annual music festival that is considered one of the leading events in its genre internationally.

BLUE SEA FILM FESTIVAL 2023

17-20 August 2023

The 30th Blue Sea Film Festival will delight cinephiles in August.

TRAFFIC PARK AND KIPPARINPUISTO PLAYGROUND

In the traffic park, children can learn the rules of the road while riding bicycles or driving pedal cars.

The park is part of the Kipparinpuisto playground at Vähänmaanpuisto 7. Open all year round, Kipparinpuisto playground is a great place to play at any time of the day.

Find the updated event details here



LIGHTS AN

in Rauma in winter

The charming atmosphere of Christmas in Rauma

Christmas is a time of warmth and peace during the long Finnish winter. Rauma is a unique Christmas city that combines the rich atmosphere of Old Rauma, the strong traditions of a city of handicrafts, and various Christmas events.

The darkest time of the year is illuminated by the charming Christmas lights of Old Rauma and the New Year lights that bring beautiful colour to the city.



PERIENCES

Kipparinpuisto playground in Rauma is open all year round."



Rauma has plenty to offer to tourists all year round.

In winter and spring, you can take in the city's cultural attractions and nature sites. If your timing is right, you can even witness one of the fiercest local rivalries in Finnish ice hockey.

Winter is a perfect time to visit museums, attend cultural events and experience art.

The twisty cobbled streets of Old Rauma invite you to take a winter walk, go shopping in small boutiques and relax in a café as day turns to night. Everything is within walking distance, which makes it easy to explore the city and enjoy its many cultural attractions.

The city's museums feature not only high-quality art but also local history at venues including the Old Town Hall, Rauma Maritime Museum and Marela, which is the home museum of a wealthy ship-owner.

See the signs of spring!

The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sammallahdenmäki is also a great destination for nature enthusiasts to expererience the four seasons.

In autumn, you can feel the nature preparing for winter. In spring, the awakening of nature enchants you and makes you forget the hustle and bustle of everyday life.



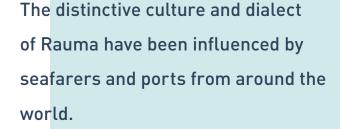




Rauma is a city of

HISTORICAL

and international roots





RAUMA'S LOCAL DIALECT - "RAUMAN

The famous local dialect of Rauma can be seen and heard around the city. It is featured on signs around the city as well as Rauma's well-known slogan, "Ol niingon gotonas!", which translates to "Make yourself at home".





The streets of Old Rauma are still busy with visitors from various corners of the world. The layout of Old Rauma retains many of the characteristics of a medieval European town, such as narrow twisty streets and plots of irregular size and shape.









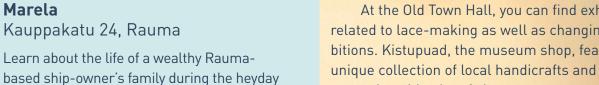
Rauma is a great destination for people interested in museums, art and maritime cultural history. Learn more about the city's cultural attractions and check out our picks!

Old Town Hall

Kauppakatu 13, Rauma

There are only two 18th century town halls in Finland that still retain their original appearance. One is in Porvoo and the other is in Rauma. Situated at the Market Square, the Old Town Hall dates back to 1776 and is now a museum.

At the Old Town Hall, you can find exhibits related to lace-making as well as changing exhibitions. Kistupuad, the museum shop, features a unique collection of local handicrafts and other souvenirs with a lot of character.





Teresia and Rafael Lönnström home museum Syväraumankatu 41, Rauma

Teresia and **Rafael Lönnström** home museum presents an industrialist couple's stately home and a private art collection. The residence was opened as a museum in 1988.

Rich in atmosphere, this home museum combines the elegance of a stately home with the cosiness of long-term occupancy.

Rauma Maritime Museum

Kalliokatu 34, Rauma

Set in the building of an old Nautical College, the Maritime Museum is a popular destination for both children and adults. Visit the Maritime Museum to learn more about the rich and exciting history of seafaring in Rauma.

Want to find out what's inside the seaman's chest? "Touching is allowed!" activity stations familiarise visitors with seafaring in the sailing ship era in a fun way that leaves plenty of room for your own insights. At the activity stations, you can touch the exhibits and try doing things yourself.

One of the museum's special attractions is a navigation simulator that gives you the opportunity to sail on the world's seas! The map shows where the ship is located and what is along the route.

SPORTS CULTURE IN RAUMA

The biggest name in sports in Rauma is Rauman Lukko, one of the most traditional ice hockey clubs in Finland. Games between local Satakunta rivals Rauman Lukko and Porin Ässät are known for their unique atmosphere and legendary reputation.

The Rauma Lace Tournament is the traditional opening event of the Finnish ice hockey season and a big attraction for sports fans.



Rauma Art Museum

Kuninkaankatu 37, Rauma

Rauma Art Museum features paintings from the Golden Age of Finnish Art along with exhibitions of international modern art in an idyllic pink building in Old Rauma.

The museum's buildings and attractive courtyard constitute one of the best-preserved blocks in Old Rauma. They create a prestigious setting for exhibiting fascinating art phenomena ranging from art history to modern art.

The museum features changing exhibitions, events and workshops The permanent collection contains paintings by many of the most renowned artists of the Golden Age of Finnish Art, including **Akseli Gallen-Kallela**, **Elin Danielson-Gambogi**, **Pekka Halonen** and **Victor Westerholm**.









Experience the unique Christmas ambience of the World Heritage Site of Old Rauma, enjoy the unhurried atmosphere and participate in warm-hearted events.

Old wooden houses, yards adorned with lights, rooftops and streets white with snow under a starlit sky. At Christmas time, Old Rauma slows down and invites visitors to enjoy the spirit of the holidays.

December weekends in Rauma are a time of concerts, rummage sales and other events. Rich in atmosphere, the city's markets feature local flavours, aromas and traditions in the form of handicrafts, delicacies and other products.

There are many fun activities for people to enjoy together. You can feel the magic of the Christmas season. Let the City of Lace put a stop to the hustle and bustle of daily life and experience an authentic Rauma Christmas.

The Christmas Story of the City of Lace

A long time ago, some exceptionally brilliant and skilled Christmas elves came to Rauma from faraway seas.

They travelled to the city as stowaways on sailing ships.

They were members of a famous family of lace-makers. In normal daily life and on special holidays, nothing was more important to them than adorning themselves and decorating their environment. The elves loved things that were pretty and delicious and that created a pleasant ambiance. Beauty comes from skills and details, they liked to say.

That is why they were drawn to Rauma. The hearts of these elves with a penchant for beautiful things melted when they found this city on Finland's western coast.

The city was so refreshing after a long journey that they immediately understood why it was called Rauma, which translates to "unfrozen stream".

And so the elves decided to stay.

Want to read more about the Christmas elves of the City of Lace? Check out the full Christmas story or listen to it in the Rauma dialect at rauma.fi/joulu





Get into the

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Come spend a lovely Christmas season in Rauma!

Check out our picks for the holiday season.



Are you looking for a memorable gift or perhaps something unique for yourself? In the small boutiques and specialty shops of Old Rauma, you'll find high-quality products, personal service and collections of items you won't see anywhere else.



Rauma Christmas Market

Most of the Christmas events in Rauma revolve around the old town. Rauma Christmas Market, known by the locals as Joultori, features local businesses and performers at the Market Square in the heart of Old Rauma.

Come take a look at local handicrafts, find great gift ideas or simply enjoy the unique spirit of the season.



Artists' studios and ateliers

Explore the narrow streets and courtyards of Old Rauma to find fascinating ateliers and exhibition spaces. Many artists work in the area all year round, welcoming visitors to their studios. You can visit them to take a break from Christmas shopping or find unique presents for your loved ones.





