# Helsinki & Helsingin Uusi Yhteiskoulu

## Helsinki by seasons



Autumn of Helsinki is a season of red, brown and yellow. It's a time of silence. It's also the time of waiting for the winter to arrive, and the time for us students to go back to school, study hard and enjoy the charm of the weather.

Autumn has many cold and rainy days, and what would be better way of spending those days than in a café? Helsinki has many cafés to offer, but one that sticks out the most is Kissakahvila Helkatti. It's a cat café, so while enjoying a cup of coffee you can pet cute kitties and play with them.







When the wind creeps into your jacket and your clothes aren't warm enough anymore, when we can see our shoes are full of snow and when everyone's cheeks become pink. Here it is, Finland's winter.

In winter holiday you can visit this happening called Reaktori. It's hold in the centre of Helsinki, and it is pretty known by young people. Reaktori has many workshops where you can try new things, and maybe even find hobbies.



Spring is a short season when the snow and ice melts. It starts from March then lasts for around 60 days. We can see the fast growing of grass and leaves during May. Vanhankaupunginkoski starts to melt and water push up through the icy wall. Vanhankaupunginkoski is famous tourist spot and there you can fish, of course only with permission.





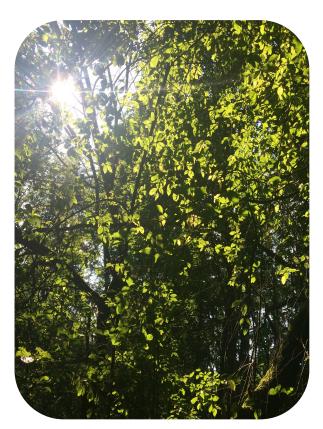
Summer in Helsinki lasts from June to August.

Because of the long and cold winter, people enjoy summer time with all their heart. Students spent this time to go to summer cottage with family or go to concerts and do summer jobs.

Concerts and music festivals are actually a big part of Finnish summer. Weekend is one of the festivals that are held in Helsinki, and it's popular amongst teenagers thanks to all ages access, amazing stage performances and it's line up of many well known artists.

Next we are going to tell about our favourite places and things in Helsinki.

### Nature of Helsinki



"Nature, forests and things like that in Helsinki are usually close to the centre. You can just walk out of your home and see the beautiful nature around you. I like to go to the nature and enjoy it because it's such an easy way to get your stress levels down and leave all the worry of something bad happening to you behind." - Tia



#### **Malmitalo**

"Malmitalo is well known as library but it offers different sort of activities for youngsters and also for older people. There is a cinema, many different courses like art or music, a café... There is also Luotsi that will help the youngsters (who are or were bullied) to get their confidence back. I like to go there because it's so peaceful and quiet place where you can just relax and enjoy for example a movie or a great pastry with coffee." - Tia





#### Suomenlinna

"Suomenlinna is definitely one of my favourite places in Helsinki. It's an old sea fortress located at six islands, but also a huge tourist attraction here in our capital. It is not hard to see why people like to visit there: It's simply a beautiful place and it has interesting history and museums.

I personally enjoy exploring tunnels of Suomenlinna and just hanging out and eating ice cream." - Venla

#### Helsinki zoo - Korkeasaari





"Helsinki Zoo is one of the most popular places amongst visitors in Helsinki. It's located on an island. The animals are divided geographically to Amazonia, Africasia and Borealia. There are about two hundred species and about a thousand plant species. It's one of my favorite place because it's a nice place to visit due to its nature environment." - Ly

# Helsingin Uusi Yhteiskoulu - our school

Despite having the word "new" in its name, Helsingin Uusi Yhteiskoulu (The New Coeducational of Helsinki) was founded in 1890's. It has high school and junior high school, and is located in Helsinki Pihlajamäki. Currently there is more than 500 young people in our school.

Our teachers aren't too bad and we have good food, so it's a pretty nice school.









Our school puts pieces of art that our students have done on display around the school.





Some pictures from "ilmiöviikko" - a special week to end a 6-week term.





Pictures from outside - from our schools inner yard and from Tyttöjen puisto (Girls park)





Our library and some wintery paintings on windows