

6 ways to look at Lahti

Urban but close to nature. Cultural, design-oriented, famous for its sports and laid back. The many faces of the city of Lahti make it just like me and you – versatile.

1 ONE OF THE BEST CONCERT HALLS IN THE WORLD

Located alongside Lake Vesijärvi, Sibelius Hall is home to Lahti Symphony Orchestra.

Lahti Symphony Orchestra is one of the most highly regarded orchestras in the world, and its 'home court', Sibelius Hall, is ranked among the top five concert halls in the world.

As in Sibelius Hall, wood is a very prominent element in Finnish architecture and art. The Wood Architecture Park is a new tourist attraction in the vicinity of Sibelius Hall.

2 A GREEN CITY THAT IS GETTING EVEN GREENER

Pikku-Vesijärvi Park is a green oasis in the heart of the city.

Lahti is serious about getting green. The region has a solid foundation in cleantech business, thanks to extensive research and a concentration of cleantech companies. The Finnish Cleantech Cluster is managed by Lahti. The city itself is aiming to cut carbon emissions with the help of the Green City project. Lahti is located between lakes and ridges; here, nature is almost impossible to ignore.

3 WORLD DESIGN CAPITAL 2012 IN COOPERATION WITH HELSINKI

Different forms of beauty: a Kemppi subfeeder for welding

and the Cufflink product from the RingRing collection.

It's no coincidence that Lahti has joined forces with the Greater Helsinki area to be World Design Capital 2012. The Institute of Design in Lahti boasts a strong status in the Nordic design industry and educates design professionals to meet the needs of society and business.

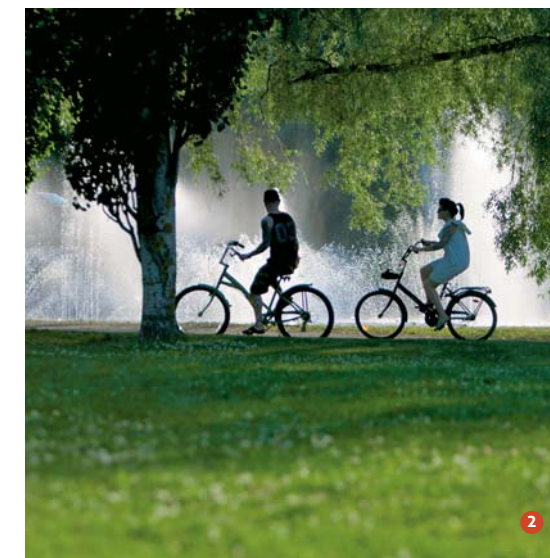
The Finnish design tradition combines function and ergonomics with Scandinavian aesthetics – all of which is manifested in items like the Kemppi welding products that are manufactured in Lahti.

4 A COUNTY OF WELL-BEING

Olympic medalist Aino-Kaisa Saarinen lives and practices in the Lahti Region.

With ski jumping hills within walking distance of the city centre, Lahti is clearly a winter sports city. The Lahti Ski Games event in early March brings large crowds to the ski jump pit.

Along with professional sports, the Lahti Region offers spectacular surroundings for outdoor recreational activities. Sports institutes located at Vierumäki and Pajulahti, the Messilä Ski Centre and vast outdoor trails on Salpausselkä ridge offer something for everybody.



5 THE BUSINESS CITY

Teerenpeli Restaurant brews its own beer and is the most notable whiskey distiller in Finland.

Lahti used to call itself the business city, and that statement still rings true. The Lahti Region is centrally located close to the growing markets of southern Finland and Russia, and this provides a very cost-effective business environment. Cleantech, mechatronics, the grain

cluster and the furniture industry are dominant sectors and strong points for the entire region. The comprehensive education system makes it easy to find skilled employees.

6 THE GATEWAY TO ST. PETERSBURG

At the junction: high-speed trains transport passengers between Helsinki and St. Petersburg.

Geography and excellent transportation connections

make Lahti a natural gateway to St. Petersburg, Helsinki and northern Finland. Despite the high-speed railway and E75 highway, Lahti isn't just a drive-through town: it has a compact, urban city centre where all the services are within walking distance. Outside Lahti's downtown, tightly-knit suburban areas and smaller municipal centres are scattered between the ridges and lakes. ■

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Facts about Lahti

Founded: 1905

Location: County of Päijät-Häme in Southern Finland

Administrative position: District Centre

Population in the Lahti Region: 201,700

DISTANCES IN HOURS

Helsinki	1h
Vuosaari Harbour	1h
Helsinki-Vantaa International Airport	1h
St. Petersburg	2h 45min

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