

AIRPORT

The Helsinki Airport (IATA code: HEL), also known as Helsinki-Vantaa Airport, is the main airport serving the Helsinki metropolitan region. It is located in the city of Vantaa, 17 km north of Helsinki.

CITY TRANSPORTATION

Helsinki has a good public transportation system consisting of bus, tram, metro, local railway and ferry services. The system is managed by Helsinki Regional Transport and is considered to be very safe. View the [timetables and routes](#).

By Train:

[Local trains I and P](#) operate between Helsinki Airport and the city center on the Ring Rail Line. Travel time between the airport and the city center (Central Railway Station) is approximately 30 minutes. You can buy a regional ticket for 5.50 euros from Helsinki Regional Transport (HSL) ticket machines. You can also buy a ticket on the train from the conductor - in the ticket sales compartment, located in the middle of the rearmost car. Conductors accept common credit cards and cash.

By Bus:

The [Finnair City Bus](#) operates between the airport and city center (Elielinaukio) running every 20 minutes - travel time is around 30 minutes. You can buy a single ticket online in advance for 6.20 euros or from the driver for 6.30 euros.

[Bus 615](#) (Lentoasema-Rautatientori) is operated by the Helsinki Regional Transport (HSL). You can buy a regional ticket for 5.50 euros from HSL ticket machines or from the driver.

You can also take the [415N](#) night bus.

By Taxi:

Use Official Taxi Services Only! Always establish price, & accepted form of payment with driver prior to taking a ride.

A [taxi](#) ride between the airport and the city center will cost around 45 euros.

The preferred way to arrange for a taxi is to go to a taxi stand - there are plenty

of taxi stands all over the city. Hailing a cab is not recommended because taxi drivers are not required to pick up passengers on the street. Fares are standardized based on distance and can't be negotiated. Taxis accept most common credit cards. Tipping is not required.

ICANN56 MEETING VENUE

Finlandia Hall, Ltd.

Mannerheimintie 13 e FI-00100 Helsinki, Finland Tel +358 9 40241

Building Hours:

Thursday, 23 June Friday, 24 June Saturday, 25 June Sunday, 26 June Monday, 27 June Tuesday, 27 June Wednesday, 28 June Thursday, 29 June

7:00 – 18:00 6:30 – 20:00 6:30 – 20:00 6:30 – 20:00 6:30 – 20:00 6:30 – 20:00
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Don't forget to download the meeting [mobile app](#). You can view the public schedule [here](#).

TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM MEETING VENUE

There will be no shuttle busses available during ICANN56. Our host will distribute complimentary tram passes from their host lounge at Finlandia Hall beginning Sunday, 26 June at 13:00. General information about the tram route is provided below. Please make sure to confirm with your hotel concierge.

Finlandia Hall tram station: Kansallismuseo (0401) Most frequently traveled tram lines between the venue and the city center: Tram line # 3 or 4 or 7A Timetable for frequently traveled tram lines: [Tram line # 3](#) / [Tram line # 4](#) / [Tram line # 7A](#)

From Hotel to Finlandia Hall: Crowne Plaza Helsinki – No tram required. Across the street, 500 meters towards the city center. 10 minute walk

Scandic Park Hotel - No tram required. Across the street, 500 meters towards the city center. 10 minute walk

Original Sokos Vaakuna - Direct connection from "Lasipalatsi" to "Kansallismuseo" Trams # 10 or 7A or 4 / Travel time 10 min. 10 minute walk

Original Sokos Hotel Helsinki - Direct tram connection from "Ylioppilastalo" to "Kansallismuseo" Tram # 10 / Travel time 15 min. 15 minute walk

Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel - Direct tram connection from "Aleksanterinkatu" to "Kansallismuseo" Tram # 7A / Travel time 15 min. 15 minute walk

Radisson Blu Royal Hotel - Direct tram connection from "Lasipalatsi" to "Kansallismuseo" Trams # 10 or 7A or 4 / Travel time 15 min. 15 minute walk

Hotel Kämp - Direct tram connection from "Aleksanterinkatu" to "Kansallismuseo" Trams # 7A or 4 / Travel time 10 min. 20 minute walk

Hotel Haven - Direct tram connection from "Senaatintori" to "Kansallismuseo" Trams # 7A or 4 / Travel time 14 min. 25 minute walk

Scandic Marski Hotel – Direct tram connection from station "Ylioppilastalo" to "Kansallismuseo" Tram # 10 / Travel time 11 min 15 minute walk

Scandic Simonkentta - Direct tram connection from station "Lasipalatsi" to "Kansallismuseo" Trams # 10 or 7A or 4 or AT / Travel time 10 min 15 minute walk

Scandic Paasi Hotel - Tram # 3 or 6 or 9 with one change, from station "Hakaniementori" to "Rautatieasema" and then from "Lasipalatsi" to "Kansallismuseo" Travel time 17 min. 25 minute walk

Hilton Strand Hotel - Tram # 3 or 6 or 9 with one change, from station "Hakaniementori" to "Rautatieasema" and then from "Lasipalatsi" to "Kansallismuseo" Travel time 17 min. 20 minute walk

TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM CITY HALL COCKTAIL EVENT

The host reception will take place on Monday, 27 June at City Hall. General information about the tram route is provided below. Please make sure to confirm with your hotel concierge.

Finlandia Hall tram station: Kansallismuseo (0401) City Hall tram station: Ritarihuone (0407) - 200 meters (650 feet) to City Hall Tram line: # 4 Tram frequency: Every 4 to 6 minutes Tram journey: 10 minutes Journey planner link:

Finlandia Hall to City Hall

FOREIGN EXCHANGE & ATMS

You can exchange money at the airport or wait to exchange at your hotel. The hotel concierge can also direct you to the closest bank or ATM. ATMs in Helsinki expense the local currency (euro).

CLIMATE

Helsinki's climate is typical of its northerly situation. Its intermediate climate combines characteristics of both a maritime and a continental climate. The proximity of the Arctic Ocean and the North Atlantic creates cold weather, while the Gulf Stream brings in warmer air.

The summer in Helsinki is bright. The days are at their longest in the second half of June, when the sun stays above the horizon for 19 hours. Average daytime temperatures in June are between 64-77 degrees Fahrenheit (18-25 degrees Celsius). At night, temperatures drop to an average of 59 degrees Fahrenheit (15 degrees Celsius). See the [weather forecast for Helsinki](#).

ELECTRICITY

Finland uses 220-240 volts. Electrical outlets (sockets) in Finland are one of the two European standard electrical outlet types: Type C (Europlug) or Type E (French) /Type F (Schuko).

LANGUAGE

Finland has two official languages, Finnish and Swedish. Street signs in Helsinki are in both languages. Most Finns speak English and one or two additional languages.

TIME ZONE

Finland is in the Eastern European Time Zone, two hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC+2).

In the Mercer "[2016 Quality of Living](#)" survey, Helsinki tied for the #2 ranking for personal safety out of the 230 cities surveyed worldwide. With a stable political and economic environment, Helsinki is a safe and secure environment for business, tourism, and living. Crime statistics remain low compared to other developed countries.

Drinking Water:

It is safe to drink tap water in Helsinki.

Eating Out:

Helsinki has well over 1,000 restaurants. You'll find everything from gourmet delights to bistro treats. "New Nordic Cuisine" has taken over the scene - in recent years many up-and-coming chefs have opened trendy small restaurants.

Dinner is normally eaten around 19:00-20:00. Restaurants close between 23:00-24:00.

Tipping:

Tipping is not expected in Finland - a service charge is automatically added in hotels and restaurants. Finnish people tip for especially good service or delicious food. Likewise, you are not required to tip taxi drivers.

Smoking:

Smoking is prohibited in public areas, including shops, offices and public transportation. Smoking is allowed in separate rooms in restaurants and bars.

Staying Safe in Bars and Restaurants:

- Make sure you keep your property out of sight and safely under the table
- Many venues have clips under the tables, use them to secure your handbag or briefcase
- Don't accept drinks from strangers
- Check up on your friends by phone or text to make sure they got home safely and vice-versa **Keep Your Belongings Safe:**

- Don't leave your bag unattended

- Keep your purse or wallet close to your body and don't carry too much cash
- When using a cashpoint, check that no one is looking over your shoulder and that the ATM hasn't been tampered with. Cover the keypad so no one else can see your PIN number
- Keep your mobile phone, MP3 player, camera and other gadgets out of sight in your pocket or handbag when not in use
- Record details of your electronic serial numbers (ESNs)
- Inform your service provider and police if your phone or other valuables are stolen or lost.