



# Rotary Multidistrict Youth Exchange

**FINLAND**

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## EUROTOUR 2018

### Dear Eurotour participant 2018

We wish you welcome to Eurotour 2018. We shall meet on **Monday 4 June** at Viking Terminal at Helsinki Port Katajanokka (Katajanokan satama). **The check-in for the tour starts at 8.00 in the morning and you must be there.** To get there: From bus station and railway station to Viking Terminal at Port Katajanokka you have to take the tram 4T, the stop by Lasipalatsi on Mannerheimintie. The tram will take you to the Viking Terminal at Port Katajanokka. If you are before 7.30 in the morning at the bus station or in the railway station our Eurotour yellow/black Savon Linja busses will take you the port from the parking place of the Artmuseum Kiasma.

The trip to Helsinki and back to your host family you have to pay by yourself.

Jari Rautio, Timo and Raija Hänninen are the Rotarian Tour Leaders and there are 4 Rotaxes Tuuli Vidgren, Otto Mattila, Riina Haapanen and Sofia Saariaho helping you during the Tour.

We start to pack our luggages into the busses at 8.00 and our ship Viking Express leaves to Estonia at 10.30.

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT during the tour for families, host families and Rotarians:**

We will have a mobile phone open. Please, parents, note that "my daughter/son is not answering her/his phone nor sending any messages, I wonder how she/he is" is **not an emergency**.

### **DEPARTURE**

When checking in for the tour **you need to present your passport, your insurance card or certificate and your contact information.** You will be divided for two groups for the couches. Bus and roommate cannot be changed during the tour.

### **The things you will need on Eurotour (few of the most important):**

- passport and insurance card (or certificate of insurance).
- one (normal) suitcase or bag, max 23kg and one smaller bag/hand luggage max 8 kg, because you are flying back from Munich to Helsinki.
- comfortable shoes for walking and hiking
- warm clothing for colder and rainy days
- swimwear and sun block
- a pillow for the long bus trips
- camera/video and diary

Do not take too much stuff with you. Consult your host parents. Leave home expensive jewellery etc.

## INFORMATION ABOUT VISA, HOTELS, SCHEDULE AND CURRENCY

- No visa is needed for any one.
- The route and the final, complete schedule will be on Facebook group. There is also a list of the hotels with names, addresses, fax and telephone numbers etc. **Inform your parents** back home and **your host families** in Finland about this.

You can use your credit cards during the trip. **Write down the number of your credit card and keep it separately from the card.** With your credit card you can also withdraw cash from ATM' s, but remember: it is not always possible to stop and find a bank. You might be able to withdraw cash with your debit card as well, at least in most of the places. When visiting the Czech Republic and Poland, you might need **a little** of their currencies (koruna and slot) like for food, but in these countries it would be the best thing to use a credit card, then you wouldn't have to worry about the currency.

Your tour includes breakfast every morning and either lunch or dinner every day starting from Sunday's open buffet on the ship. You need for extra food or snacks **10-15 euros/day** , about **200-300 €**.

**Notice: It's possible that the Finnish prepaid card doesn't work in Central Europe.**

## INSURANCE and MEDICINE

Your ROTARY insurance covers your travelling on Eurotour completely. We'll have all possibilities to meet any doctor you need because your travel insurance covers that. But **you must have your insurance card or your insurance certificate with you. You will not get on tour without one.** Please, check with your host parents that you have the proper document with you. **And if you take some kind of medication, do not forget to take it with you.** Make sure you' ll have enough of your prescribed medicine with you to last the whole tour. Also, please take the prescriptions with you, in case of hospital visits. We have first aid bags and medicine on the buses only for emergencies.

## RETURNING HOME

On Tuesday the 19.6. the flight leaves Munich at 12.10 and we'll be back in Helsinki Airport at 15.35. We leave our hotel in Munich after breakfast, at 7.45 AM because we have the check -in 2 hours prior to flight. Ask your host parents what is the best way to get back to your host family. Check departure timetables for busses and trains to your home city in Finland. It is not allowed for you to stay in Helsinki after landing – you go directly back home.

**Note: Please check our Facebook group, "Eurotour 2018".** There you will find a lot of useful information written by the Rotexes.

Though it's important to do your packing well

Still the main thing is not your suitcase

The most important is

What you carry between your ears.

So take with you an open mind, your cheerful smile and your positive attitude

- and this tour will be one of the greatest experiences of your life!

**SEE YOU IN HELSINKI!**

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