

# *Finland*





# About Finland



- Finland's population is 5.52 million, the majority of whom live in the central and south of the country and speak Finnish, a Finnic language from the Uralic language family, unrelated to the Scandinavian languages.
- Finland is the eighth-largest country in Europe and the most sparsely populated country in the European Union.
- The capital and largest city is Helsinki.
- Finland's president is Sauli Niinistö.





# Finnish people and languages

Most Finns speak Finnish as their mother tongue. About six percent of Finns have the Swedish language as their mother tongue. They live mostly in the western part of Finland and on Åland.

There is a group of a few thousand Samis (also called Lapps) in the most northern part of Finland, called Lapland. Many Sami people farm reindeers. Originally Samis were hunter-gatherers. In the past the Sami were nomads, but nowadays they live in regular houses.



# History of Finland

- In 1917 Finland declared independence from Russia. A civil war between the Finnish Red guards and the White Guard started a few months later, with ended victory of Whites. During the Second World War, Finland fought twice against the Soviet Union. In the peace settlement Finland ended up losing a large part of Kareli and Petsamo. Finland became member of EU at 1995. Finland is not a member of NATO.







# Nature of Finland

- Finland is a country of vast green forests, beautiful Baltic Sea islands, windswept arctic fells and thousands of blue lakes. These untouched and beautiful landscapes provide habitat for thousands of wild animals and birds.

- Finland is Europe's most forested country. About 70% of the land is covered with trees. Almost all of them have mostly spruce.

- Finnish nature is known for its beautiful vast forests and diverse lakes. Finland's winter is long and snowy.

- Finland has tens of thousands of lakes. Most of these lakes are small and shallow. Lakes have an average depth of about seven metres.



A close-up photograph of a brown bear lying down in a grassy field. The bear's head is on the right side of the frame, and it appears to be resting or sleeping. The background is filled with green grass and some blurred trees. The bear's fur is a rich brown color, and its eyes are closed. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

# NATURE

In Finland we have a lot of animals and fishes, Finland's national animal is bear and national bird is whooper swan.





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