

## Helpful information for IATM Conference guests

We are warmly welcoming you to Finland. Following are listed some information about transportation, accommodation, mobile connections and so on for your stay.

You need a valid national passport or another equivalent that satisfactorily establishes your identity and nationality. If you are not a citizen of Finland or another European Economic Area (EEA) country, you may also need a visa. Please check with your local Finnish Embassy, and they'll be happy to help you.

### Currency:

Euro (€) Use of card payments is very common in Finland, and since the Covid-19 pandemic there are places where cash is not accepted. Online payments such as MobilePay, ApplePay and GooglePay are increasingly popular. In most places, all major credit cards are accepted. Tipping isn't required, and in most cases, it's not expected. Cash machines can be found in city centers, train and bus stations and shopping centers.

Various applications are commonly used to pay for example for tickets to public transportation, parking fees etc.

### Emergency number: 112

### Water quality:

The water quality in Finland is very high. You can drink water from the tap, there is no need to purchase bottled water although it is available.

### How to arrive:

**By plane:** Helsinki-Vantaa (HEL) airport near the capital city is the country's biggest airport with many connections to and from other parts of the country and abroad. Besides Helsinki, there are a handful of national airports that offer direct international flights. Check the options for your point of departure.

**By boat or ferry:** Helsinki has ferry connections with Germany, Poland, Sweden and Estonia. You can also arrive by boat via Vaasa (from Umeå, Sweden) and Turku (from Stockholm, Sweden).

**By car:** On the northwestern borders of Finland, you can drive in via Sweden & Norway. It's also possible to bring your car by ferry from Sweden, Estonia and Germany (s.a.).

The distance between Helsinki-Vantaa Airport and Hyvinkää is approximately 50 km. The fastest and easiest way to get to Hyvinkää is by train: buy a ticket to Hyvinkää, change train at Tikkurila. Price is approximately 8 €/person.

Distance from Tampere Airport to Hyvinkää: 130 km. Take a bus from the airport to Tampere railway station, then continue by train to Hyvinkää. The trip takes a little over one hour. Bus ticket can be purchased online or from the driver by card, cash not accepted. Train tickets cost 12-20 €, and can be purchased via the VR Matkalla application (see below).

## Airports:

**Helsinki-Vantaa:** The biggest and busiest airport near the capital Helsinki.

Helsinki Airport locates 20 kilometers from Helsinki City Centre, from where it takes around 30 minutes by car or the train to reach the airport. A bus ride from Helsinki takes 40–50 minutes.

**Train:** Helsinki Airport's train station is located under the terminal. There is a direct elevator and escalator connection from the departures and arrivals hall to the train station.

Local I and P trains operate to and from Helsinki Airport. A train ride to Helsinki City Centre takes about 30 minutes. Local train tickets can be purchased from HSL's mobile app, or from the ticket machine at the train platform. Timetables, tickets and fares for local trains can be found at the [HSL website](#).

You can travel easily from Helsinki Airport to all around Finland with only one train ticket. It's convenient to change from the local I and P trains to long distance trains at Tikkurila and Pasila train stations.

**Bus:** Helsinki Airport's bus station is located outside the Arrivals Hall.

Bus route 600 operates between Helsinki Airport and Helsinki City Centre. The travel time is about 40 minutes. Tickets can be purchased online via HSL's mobile app, or at the bus station's ticket machine. Read more about tickets and fares at the [HSL website](#).

There are various bus connections between Helsinki Airport and Turku, Tampere and other cities in Finland. Read more about the schedules and fares at the [Matkahuolto website](#).

**Taxi:** If you are leaving the airport by taxi, you will find the taxi station outside the Arrivals Hall. There are four taxi lanes, and you can choose which lane and which taxi company you want to use.

The three taxi companies that have an agreement with the airport company Finavia operate from lane 1-3. These are FixuTaxi, Taksi Helsinki and Menevä-taksi. The fares for those taxis are indicated on the taxi station. Other taxi companies operate from lane 4.

Pre-booked taxis are waiting for passengers at the back of the taxi station.

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**Tampere Airport:** Smaller international airport, some airlines fly to European cities from here. [Bus line 103](#) operates between the airport and Tampere city center. [Bus line 39](#) operates between Pirkkala and the airport. More information is available on Tampere public transport website. [The digital timetable](#)

You can also use the [Matkahuolto's website](#) to check bus schedules and [VR's website](#) to check train connections to and from Tampere.

Distance to Hyvinkää: 130 km. Take a bus from airport to Tampere railway station, and then by train to Hyvinkää, trip takes a little over one hour. Bus ticket can be purchased online or from the driver by card, cash not accepted. Train tickets cost 12-20 €, and can be purchased via VR Matkalla application.

**Turku Airport:** Smaller international airport, some airlines fly to European cities from here. Bus line 1 serves the connection between the airport and the Turku city centre. It is operated by [Föli](#).

You can check the connections between Turku and other parts of Finland on the website of [VR \(trains\)](#) or [Matkahuolto \(buses\)](#).

Distance to Hyvinkää: 175 km. Take a bus or taxi from airport to Turku, then a train to Hyvinkää. Tickets cost 25-32 €, approximately 3 hours.

### **Trains in Finland:**

VR's commuter services area includes all such travel towards Lahti and Tampere for which no seat reservations are possible. Please note that when your entire journey takes place in the internal public transport of the capital region, you need a ticket for the HSL area.

### **VR long-distance trains can take you to almost anywhere in Finland.**

You can travel across Finland in comfort aboard our long-distance trains. By rail, you can travel from city center to city center in an eco-friendly fashion or make your way to Lapland or the coast.

Purchasing opportunities for single commuter tickets:

- vr.fi, VR Matkalla mobile app, Station ticket offices, Ticket vending machines, R-Kiosks

Your ticket may be delivered by e-mail, as a mobile ticket or as a printed ticket

### **Mobile phones:**

There are three main operators in Finland: Elisa, Telia and Dna. Check your Mobile contract and prices with your operator before arriving. Many services in Finland are provided online and by various mobile applications, so being connected is essential. Most public places carry a wifi, but not all. In Finland it is very common to have an internet connection included in your mobile service, so wifi is used secondarily.

## Hotels:

The first night will be spent in Hyvinkää, where the Finnish Railway Museum will be hosting the conference Get together on Sunday evening. There are two hotels with quota for conference guests. On Monday morning, transportation from Hyvinkää to Tampere by museum train is organised, bring your luggage.

From Monday till Wednesday the conference will be in Tampere. Two hotels with quota are available for IATM guests.

The last night of the conference/study day can be spent in Helsinki, where one hotel offers a discount for IATM delegates. Transportation from Tampere to Helsinki will be arranged by bus, bring your luggage.

**You can also choose any other accommodation.** Listed below are the contract hotels in cities the conference is taking place. **Take into consideration that distances in Finland are long and the public transportation is not always very effective.**

### Hyvinkää (one night, 8-9 September)

**Hotel Sveitsi:** Härkävehmaankatu 4, 05900 Hyvinkää

Distance to Finnish Railway Museum: 2 kilometers

Reservation code: 080924SUO

Hotel Sveitsi is situated in the middle of the South-Finland region. It takes 45 minutes by car from Helsinki and 30 minutes to one hour from Helsinki-Vantaa Airport. The hotel is well connected to public transport and 1.5 km from the main train and bus station. Hotel shuttle busses operate between the city center and hotel throughout the day.

**Scandic Hyvinkää:** Hämeenkatu 2-4, 05800 Hyvinkää

Distance to Finnish Railway Museum: 1.5 Kilometers

Discounted rate via reservation *at scandichotels.com using the booking code FIARB*

The hotel is located next to Hyvinkää railway station. It features a restaurant, a lobby bar and a pub that's popular among locals. The same goes for the hotel's popular night club. The hotel also features a sauna and a gym.

### Tampere (two nights, 9-11 September)

**Radisson Blue Grand Hotel Tammer:** Satakunnankatu 13, 33100 Tampere

Distance to Vapriikki Museum Centre: 500 meters, about 7 minutes

Reservation number: 27649090

The Radisson Blu Grand Hotel Tammer is located in a park right by the Tammerkoski river, in the city center. Among the amenities are the on-site bistro dining and a delicious breakfast, which is enjoyed in the impressive banquet hall.

**Solo Sokos Hotel Tornii Tampere:** Ratapihankatu 43, 33100 Tampere

Distance to Vapriikki Museum Centre: 1.5 kilometres, 20 min by foot, 15 by public transport  
Reservation number: 2982306

Located in the heart of Tampere, Solo Sokos Hotel Tornii Tampere is the highest hotel in Finland. The 88 metre high hotel tower is combined with old locomotive depots. Its Moro Sky Bar is a popular meeting place and viewpoint for Tampere. Tampere Railway Station and Bus Station can be reached in 2 and 10 minutes respectively. Tampere-Pirkkala Airport can be reached by car or bus in 20 to 40 minutes, while it takes approx. 2 hours by train or car to Helsinki-Vantaa Airport.

**Helsinki (applies to study day, one night, 11-12 September)**

**Scandic Grand Central:** Vilhonkatu 13, 00100 Helsinki

Discounted rate via reservation *at scandichotels.com using the booking code FIARB*

A unique hotel in the centre of Helsinki. The former Helsinki Railway Station was designed by Eliel Saarinen in the Art Nouveau style. Today it houses this comfortable hotel.