

## Proposed After-Race Tour Itinerary

### Old Town Porvoo and Private Malmgård Manor visit

Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> - 09:00-16:00



Depart for a delightful drive through the wooded Finnish countryside to Porvoo, Finland's second-oldest city. On the agenda today is a look back into the city's genteel past. The City of Porvoo grew up around the point where the sea meets the Porvoonjoki River, functioning as a trading hub for Porvoo's Parish inhabitants. It was named after the ancient fortress Borgå, the Swedish name for Porvoo, and was granted town rights by Swedish King Magnus Eriksson in 1346.

Old Porvoo is one of the great treasures in the history of Finnish architecture, and the old town looks the same as it did during the Middle Ages. See the age-old red riverside warehouses that formed the medieval harbor, where salt and other products were imported. Today, these old buildings have become the symbol of Porvoo, and are among the most photographed attractions in Finland.

Porvoo has traditionally attracted a host of artists who have lived and worked in the town - Finnish poet J.L. Runeberg, painter Albert Edelfeldt and sculptor Ville Vallgren were all inspired by Porvoo's unique charm. After a short orientation walk, enjoy some free time for shopping before heading to Malmgård Castle.

As we arrive at Malmgård your host, the count himself, will welcome you and invite you to visit the magnificent Castle and its surroundings. The Castle of Malmgård has been in the Creutz family since the early 1600. Count Johan Creutz still resides in the Castle and brought up the property into modern times by creating an organic farm around the Estate and an eco-brewery. A soup lunch is served before you continue to the brewery for a taste of the Estate's own products - locally produced beers. During a tasting you will taste 3 different beers and hear about the brewery and the ingredients used. You will also have some time at Estate's organic shop where different products are available for purchase before heading back to Helsinki.

#### SAMPLE ITINERARY OF THE DAY

09:00-10:00 Transfer from hotel to Old Town Porvoo

10:00-11:30 Walking tour in Old Town Porvoo and free time

11:30-12:00 Drive to Malmgård

12:00-13:00 Lunch at Malmgård

13:00-13:30 Tour of Malmgård

13:30-14:30 Beer tasting at Malmgård

14:30-15:00 Free time

15:00-16:00 Transfer from Malmgård to hotel

## Tallinn In a Day

Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> - 06:30-19:30



Pick up by your driver in your hotel lobby in Helsinki where you will have a transfer to the boat terminal. Departure from Helsinki by boat and you will arrive 2 hours later in the city center of Tallinn.

The beautiful city Tallinn, an important port from long ago, has become a bridge between East and West due to its geographic position. Estonians are a nation with a long history. The first human settlements recorded are from 3500 years ago. The first time Tallinn was mentioned in a written source, was in 1154, on the world map of an Arabian geographer Al-Idrisi. Tallinn gained its rights as a city in 1248.

The beautiful Old Town with its fascinating medieval architecture and slender church spires is included in the UNESCO World Heritage list. Adjacent to the Old Town the modern city is developing, connecting the historical past with the 21st century.

During the 2 hours sightseeing tour you will see the most important sights of Tallinn... the Old Town.. Your guide will meet you inside the terminal in Tallinn and you will take a short transfer up to Toompea ( Upper town) and officially start your tour there. During the short transfer, the guide will be able to give you good recommendations for shopping in Tallinn. Guide will tell you also life and facts from today's Tallinn and Estonia.

Walking tour in the beautiful Old Town starts from Toompea, the ancient center of Tallinn with the tower of Tall Hermann, the Toompea castle, in which the Estonian Parliament is located, also you will see many other places and get an overview of Tallinn's thousand years of colorful history.

The tour includes approx. 2 hours walking in Old Town with guide. No Entrance fees included. You will have free time for a later lunch and for shopping before your check in at the harbor for departure back to Helsinki. Transfer from the harbor to your hotel in the city center of Helsinki.

Tour Includes: Roundtrip Boat tickets in Economy class Buffet breakfast on board ferry, Guide of Tallinn 2 hours, Transfer in Helsinki round trip to the pier from your hotel.

### SAMPLE ITINERARY OF THE DAY

06:30 Transfer to harbor in Helsinki

07:30 Dep. Helsinki - Tallinn

07:30 Buffet breakfast on board.

09:30 Arrival Tallinn

09:45-12:45 Sightseeing in Tallinn

13:00- 15:30 Free time at leisure

15:45 Transfer to pier.

16:30 Dep. Tallinn - Helsinki

18:30 Arrival Helsinki

18:45 Transfer to your hotel.

## Nature Day with Reindeers, Kayaking, Fatbiking Adventure

Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> - 09:00-17:00



The guide will meet the group at the hotel, and we will take approx. 45 minutes coach drive to a luscious green paradise. We will start our exploring by visiting the Reindeer Park. This is the only place located in Southern Finland where these animals originally from the Arctic Circle region live. After an introduction given by the owners of the property, you will be invited to feed the reindeers , take pictures, or just observe these unique animals .

Over an open fire in an atmospheric Lappish “kota” (tepee) booked in exclusive to our guests, serving coffee or tea accompanied of traditional cinnamon buns.

With the knowledgeable guides, you’ll get good instructions before starting the activities, and so no previous experience is needed for either kayaking or fat biking.

Participants should be competent swimmers and physically fit. There is a weight restriction of 18 stone. On request double kayak is available for 2 adults too (limited amount). The kayaking will take approximately 1.5 hours. Passengers are advised to wear sports clothing with trainers or sandals, jeans are not recommended. The tour will operate in wet weather conditions, and a basic rain jacket will be provided. If a wet weather, please bring your own water/wind proof jacket with you if you have one. Also please bring sunscreen, sunglasses, and a change of clothing.

Please note that this tour may run in a different order.

### SAMPLE ITINERARY OF THE DAY

09:00-10:00 Transfer from hotel to Reindeer Park

10:00-11:30 Reindeer Park and free time

11:30-12:00 Drive to Haltia for lunch

12:00-13:00 Lunch at Haltia

13:00-13:30 Drive to Kayaking and Fatbiking

13:30-15:30 Kayaking or Fatbiking

16:00-17:00 Transfer to the hotel

This trip itinerary would be using the Original Sokos Hotel – Vantaa, so we would not be moving hotels each night. The cost is still just an estimate as it would depend on the number of people joining the after-race tour. An approximate price for everything included in the day trips plus 3 nights’ accommodation (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday night) would be \$1100 as a single and \$900 per person as a double. Breakfast is included each morning and transfers to the airport will be available on Thursday, August 31. Post race tour services are provided by established Finnish tour company.