

The Tall Ships Races 2024

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TURKU (FI) – MARIEHAMN, ÅLAND ISLANDS (FI)

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HOW TO GET TO TURKU

Useful websites

Turku destination information: <https://www.turku.fi/en>

Travelling to & around Turku: <https://en.visitturku.fi/travelling-to--around-turku-3938>

By plane

The fastest way to get to Turku from abroad is by flying into Turku Airport (Turun lentoasema). The airport is located about 8 kilometers north of the city center and 12 km from the port.

Airlines operating from Turku are SAS to Stockholm with connections all around Europe and to US, (www.flysas.com), airBaltic to Riga with connections to numerous European destinations (www.airbaltic.com), Wizz Air to Gdansk and Rome (www.wizzair.com) and Amapola to Åland Islands (www.amapola.nu).

The Helsinki-Vantaa capital area airport is located 170 km or 2 hours away from Turku, offering direct connections all around Europe, Asia and US with Finnair (www.finnair.com) and many other carriers. Finnair also offers a bus transfer between Turku and Helsinki-Vantaa as an additional service for flight bookings.

More information about airports, services and operating airlines via www.finavia.fi/en

Turku airport is accessible by public transport, the local bus number 1 runs between airport, city center and cruise port every 15 minutes. The timetables and traffic information www.foli.fi/en.

Check websites in your country that compare different airlines for flying with the best deal, like [Skyscanner](#).

By train

Turku has three railway stations. Due to track works the trains between Helsinki and Turku operate from Kupittaa station only.

[Track work planned by FTIA - VR](#)

Long distance trains for the period 17.6-28.7.2024 will be open for sale from March 2024.

For this period there will be track work which will affect the route Helsinki-Kupittaa (Turku). At the time of the event, there is expected a full stop in train traffic on this route. The trains will be replaced with buses, which will be available for sale from April 2024.

More information about track works will be updated <https://www.vr.fi/en/on-track/planned-track-work>.

You can find train schedules and book tickets on the Finnish railway company [VR's website](#) or see the journey planner [here](#).

By ferry

If you're arriving from Sweden, you can take a ferry to Turku. [Tallink](#) and [Viking Line](#) operate ferry routes between Stockholm (Sweden) and Turku. The ferries are equipped with various amenities for passengers. They take between 8 and 11 hours to arrive in Turku (via Aland Islands.)

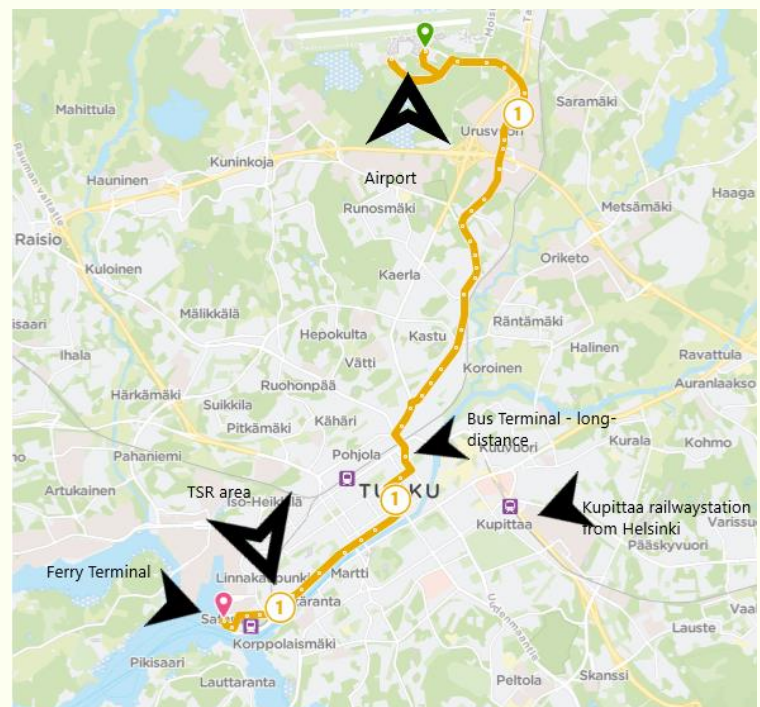
Getting to the harbour

Once you arrive to Turku, you can take a public bus to the port.

Bus route 1 operates from the airport, via city center and long-distance bus terminal to the ferry terminal, and it goes via the western edge of the TSR area.

More info about public transport can be found [here](#).

HOW TO GET BACK FROM MARIEHAMN, ALAND ISLANDS



By plane

You can fly from Mariehamn Airport (Mariehamns flygplats, airport code MHQ). There are flights to several cities in Finland, Sweden, and occasionally to other nearby countries.

You can search for flights from Mariehamn airport to your city using online flight search engines like [Skyscanner](#).

By Ferry

Mariehamn, being the capital of the Åland Islands, is well-connected by ferry services to various ports in Finland and Sweden. Here are some of the ferry operators that provide services to and from Mariehamn:

- [Viking Line](#): One of the major ferry operators in the Baltic Sea region, Viking Line offers ferry connections between Mariehamn and ports like Turku and Stockholm. They provide a range of amenities and entertainment options on their ferries.
- [Tallink Silja Line](#): operates ferries between Mariehamn and several destinations, including Helsinki and Stockholm. They offer various accommodation options, dining choices, and onboard activities.
- [Eckerö Line](#): connects Mariehamn with Helsinki. They provide a more economical option for travelers and offer amenities like restaurants and shopping opportunities onboard.

You can also check out the Visit Åland website for travel suggestions – [here](#).

The event area in Mariehamn

1. Main Event Area = The western harbour, where the Ships are moored.
2. Badhusberget – Viewing Point
3. Åland Maritime Museum (Auditorium for Captains briefing)
4. Media Centre
5. Crew Centre
6. Town Square (Crew Party)
7. Town Hall (Captains Dinner)
8. Åland Cultural History Museum & Åland Art Museum
9. Lilla Holmen – One of four sand beaches in Mariehamn
10. Public Library
11. Maritime Quarter
12. Mariebad swimming and wellness centre with beach & beach volley (Sports & Beach Party)
13. Korrvik – Parade of sails view point

