

# **VF monthly follow up** November & autumn season 2024

# Summary

### Travel to Finland and to the Nordics compared to previous year and pre-pandemic

#### Border survey latest 12 months (Dec 2023 – Nov 2024) & autumn (Sep-Nov)

- Foreign visitors made 4.8 million trips to Finland during the latest 12 months, and they spent 3.6 billion euros in Finland.
   Median length of stay was 4 nights and 73% of the visitors were travelling for leisure purposes.
  - Estonia, Sweden, Germany, and UK were the biggest source markets by the number of trips made to Finland.
  - Germany, Estonia, USA, UK, and France were the biggest contributors in total spending in Finland.
  - Visitors from Austria and Estonia have the best carbon efficiency rate (€/CO2).
- During autumn months (Sep-Nov) 2024, foreign visitors made 6% more trips to Finland than in autumn 2023. Trips increased especially to Lapland region.
  - Even though autumn trips increased to Finland, the number of overnights decreased by 8%, and that reflected also to total spending which decreased by 9%. Overnights and spending decreased in Helsinki, Espoo and Tampere, while Lapland region and Southwest Finland experienced good growth in both overnights and spending.
  - Carbon footprint remained on the same level as in autumn 2023.



# Summary

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### Registered overnights in Finland Jan-Nov 2024 & autumn season 2024

- Number of <u>registered</u> foreign overnights in <u>Jan-Nov 2024</u> were 10% above the figures of previous year, but 13% below prepandemic. The biggest source markets were Germany, Sweden, USA, UK, France, and the Netherlands.
  - 46% of the foreign overnights took place in the Helsinki region and nearly 30% in Lapland region. There was a positive development in overnights in each region except Lakeland compared to previous year, but only Lapland region has surpassed the level of Jan-Nov 2019.
- In <u>November 2024</u>, registered foreign overnights increased by 16% compared to previous year. November was also the second month when *the number of registered overnights surpassed Nov-2019 figures (+1%)*. The first month when *2019 level was surpassed was February (+5%)*.
  - 46% of the overnights were spent in Helsinki, and 35% in Lapland region.
  - Overnights increased by 50% in Lapland region and by 2% in Helsinki region compared to November 2019.
- During the <u>autumn season (Sep-Nov) 2024</u> foreign overnights increased by 10% compared to previous autumn but remained 13% below autumn 2019.
  - The biggest source markets were **Germany**, **Sweden**, and **USA**.
  - Over half of the foreign overnights took place in Helsinki region, where overnights increased by 13% compared to previous autumn, but remained still 12% below autumn 2019.
  - 22% of foreign overnights were registered in Lapland region. Overnights in Lapland increased both compared to previous autumn (+24%) and to autumn 2019 (+48%).
  - In **Coast & Archipelago region** and in **Lakeland** foreign overnights **decreased** both compared to previous autumn and to autumn 2019.

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#### Overnights in November & autumn 2024 in Denmark, Norway, and Finland

- Number of foreign overnights **increased clearly in November** in each of these countries compared to previous year. In Denmark and Norway overnights increased by two-digit growth rates also compared to Nov-2019. Finland's foreign overnights were also slightly above Nov-2019 figures.
- Overnights in the **autumn season (Sep-Nov) experienced good growth** in Denmark, Norway, and Finland compared to previous autumn. *In comparison to autumn 2019, foreign overnights increased in Denmark and Norway by 31%, while Finland's overnights remained 13% below prepandemic figures.*

#### Flight capacity and bookings for Jan-Mar 2025

- For the first quarter of the year, capacity is improving both to Finland and Norway compared to previous year. Seat capacity is also very close to the pre-pandemic level in Finland and Norway.
  - Capacity to **Sweden** is on the same level than last year, so it remains 20% below pre-pandemic level.
- Flight bookings for Q1-2025 are growing strongly to the Nordics both compared to the previous year and to 2019.
  - Bookings made by the 29th of December shows that Finland leads the way with nearly 183,000 bookings, but Norway is very close by with nearly 179,000 bookings.
  - Bookings from **Germany are growing strongly to Finland** *bookings for February and March have more than doubled from 2019.*
  - From the other biggest source markets where bookings to Finland are increasing both compared to previous year and to 2019 are USA, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Denmark, and Australia.

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# **Border Survey**

Latest 12 months (Dec/2023 – Nov/2024)





# Border Survey / Latest 12 months (Dec 2023 – Nov 2024)

### Foreign visitors in Finland

Link to the report: Matkailijamittari - Visit Finland

#### Personal/leisure

- <u>Vacation/recreation:</u>
  47% of total trips & 48% of total spending
- Visiting friends/relatives: 22% & 14%
- <u>Study:</u> 2% & 8%

#### Work related

- Work performed in FI (Finnish employer):
   9% of total trips & 11% of total spending
- <u>Meeting/work trip (non-Finnish employer)</u>:
   8% & 7%
- <u>Conference, congress, fair:</u> 4% & 4%

#### Highest carbon efficiency (€/CO2)

- Work performed in FI (FI employer) 1.9
- Vacation/recreation 1.9

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• Conference, congress, fair 1.8



# Border Survey / Latest 12 months (Dec 2023 – Nov 2024)

### Foreign visitors in Finland

## Top5 source markets for **leisure/personal trips**

Estonia, Germany, Sweden, UK, USA

- Biggest **spend/day**: **Singapore**, Austria, Japan, Australia
- Longest **median length of stay**: Canada, France, Netherlands, South Korea, USA

## Top5 source markets for work related trips

Estonia, Sweden, Germany, UK, Poland

- Biggest spend/day:
   USA, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, UK
- Longest **median length of stay**: Estonia, France, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Spain, USA



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# **Border Survey**

Autumn season (Sep-Nov) 2024





# Border Survey / Autumn 2024 (Sep-Nov)

### Foreign visitors in Finland

- There were 6% more trips to Finland in autumn 2024 compared to autumn 2023.
  - Trips increased especially to Lapland region (+59%).
- Even though autumn trips increased to Finland, the number of overnights decreased by 8%, and that reflected also to total spending which decreased by 9%.
  - Overnights and spending decreased in Helsinki, Espoo and Tampere, while Lapland region and Southwest Finland experienced good growth in both overnights and spending.
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# Foreign registered overnights & flight statistics

Compared to corresponding period in **previous year** (& 2019)

\*) Flight bookings including at least 1 night stay in Finland.



Sources: Visit Finland Statistics Service Rudolf, Statistics Finland; ForwardKeys Destination Gateway

# **Registered overnights**

### January – November 2024

- Foreign overnights increased by **10%** compared to previous year but *remained 13% below the level of 2019*.
- The biggest source markets were Germany, Sweden, USA, UK, France, and the Netherlands.
- Total accommodation revenue increased by 1% compared to previous year. Foreign revenue increased by **14%**, while domestic revenue decreased by 4%.

### November 2024

- Foreign overnights: **463,100** (**+16%** vs. 11/2023 & +1% vs. 11/2019)
- Top source markets: UK, Germany, USA
- o Main destinations: Helsinki and Rovaniemi

### <u>Autumn season 2024</u>

- Foreign overnights: **1.2M** (+10% vs. 11/2023 & -13% vs. 11/2019)
- Top source markets: Germany, Sweden, USA
- Main regions: Helsinki and Lapland regions



# **Registered overnights Jan-Nov 2024**

	Jan-Nov 2024	Change-% vs. Jan-Nov 2023	Change-% vs. Jan-Nov 2019
Total	20.80M	-1%	-2%
Domestic	15.34M	-4%	+2%
Foreign, total	5.45M	+10%	-13%
Foreign excl. Russia	5.44M	+10%	-1%
Scandinavia	793,100	+5%	-6%
EU-27 + UK	3.39M	+5%	+3%
America	531,700	+14%	+30%
Asia	713,800	+31%	-33%

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## Main source markets

### Jan-Nov 2024 vs. Jan-Nov 2023 & Jan-Nov 2019

During Jan-Nov 2024, number of overnights have increased from each of the main source markets, except Estonia, compared to previous year.

In addition, overnights exceeded also 2019 figures from these biggest source markets:

- Germany ٠
- USA ٠
- France ٠
- Netherlands
- Italy ٠
- Switzerland
- Spain ٠
- Belgium
- Poland ٠
- Australia
- Austria ٠





2020

Year

2019

Overnights

20.8M

TOTAL overnights

Foreign excluding Russia

Scandinavia 793,132

Asia 713,831

America 531,701

Oceania 94.219

20.447

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0.60M

Sources: Statistics Service Rudolf, Statistics Finland

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#### MONTHLY ACCOMODATION STATISTICS MONTHLY YoY COMPARISONS



	Year         2018       2019       2020       2021       2022         Main area       Region         All       All         REGION VIEW         FOREIGN REGION VIEW         FOREIGN OVERNIGHTS 2024 compared to 2023 months 1-11		Latest 2025 Sub-region ∧ ↓ ↓↓ ↓ 2023		Mar     Apr     May     Jun     Jul     Aug     Sep     Oct     Nov     Dec       Municipality
	Main area 🗸	MAX year	MIN year	Change %	
Top destinations by the	HELSINKI REGION	2,497,328	2,201,056	13.5	Germany 649,746
number of foreign	LAPLAND REGION	1,558,015	1,351,313	15.3	Sweden 499,611
registered overnights	COAST & ARCHIPELAGO	824,237	794,321	3.8	United States 403,786
during <u>Jan-Nov 2024</u>	I Åland	199,494	203,237	-1.8	office states
(vs. Jan-Nov 2023):	Southwest Finland	174,769	187,155	-6.6	
• Helsinki (+16%)	<ul> <li>North Ostrobothnia (excl. Kuusamo)</li> </ul>	164,842	130,710	26.1	1101CC
<ul> <li>Rovaniemi (+13%)</li> </ul>	Uusimaa 2 (excl. Helsinki Metropolitan Area)	86,011	80,667	6.6	Activities 100 and
<ul> <li>Vantaa (+11%)</li> </ul>	Ostrobothnia	70,620	72,239	-2.2	itely
<ul> <li>Inari-Saariselkä (+16%)</li> </ul>	Satakunta	59,553	47,568	25.2	
	South Ostrobothnia	29,027	31,574	-8.1	
<ul> <li>Kittilä-Levi (+14%)</li> <li>Åland ( 2%)</li> </ul>	Kymenlaakso	24,558	24,993	-1.7	Switzerland
<ul> <li>Åland (-2%)</li> <li>Termerere (-1.20())</li> </ul>	Central Ostrobothnia	15,363	16,178	-5.0	Estonia
• Tampere (-13%)	LAKELAND	577,418	622,957	-7.3	Spain 153,910
• Espoo (-12%)	I Pirkanmaa	179,293	202,285	-11.4	Japan 125,504
• Turku (-12%)	Central Finland	92,126	97,764	-5.8	Denmark 109,175
• Kolari-Ylläs (+1%)	South Savo	68,325	58,777	16.2	Belgium 107,073
• Ruka-Kuusamo (+30%)	Päijät-Häme	57,444	69,890	-17.8	Poland 99,773
• Sodankylä (+34%)	North Savo	53,234	60,059	-11.4	India 88,014
• Oulu (+37%)	North Karelia	40,843	39,684	2.9	Australia 85,522
	Cainuu	39,188	36,527	7.3	Austria 82,672
	South Karelia	28,913	35,425	-18.4	Latvia 58,629
	Kanta-Häme     Total	18,052	22,546	-19.9	_
	Total	5,456,998	4,969,647	9.8	Sources: Statistics Service Rudolf. Statistics Finland



## Foreign registered overnights in November 2024

#### November 2024

**463,100** total foreign overnights; +16% vs. 11/2023, (1% vs. 11/2019) **462,000** foreign excl. Russia; +16%, (+17%) **256,500** EU+UK; +4%, (+14%)

**53,800** Scandinavia; **+5%**, (-8%)

85,400 Asia; +55%, (-3%)

51,400 America; +28%, (+82%)

#### **Top destinations**

total foreign; vs. 11/2023, (vs. 11/2019)

- 166,100 Helsinki; +20%, (+3%)
- 79,700 Rovaniemi; +20%, (+114%)
- 33,100 Vantaa; **+23%**, (+3%)
- 22,900 Inari-Saariselkä; **+3%**, (+47%)
- 19,100 Kittilä-Levi, +5%, (+35%)
- 14,500 Tampere; **+7%**, (+5%)
- 13,900 Espoo; +4%, (-12%)
- 9,900 Kuusamo; +17%, (-44%)
- 8,900 Sodankylä; **+62%**, (+38%)
- 7,300 Turku; **-23%**, (-67%)
- 6,800 Oulu; **+76%**, (+39%)



#### **Top source markets**, total foreign; vs. 11/2023

OVERNIGHTS 2024 compared to 2023 months 11-11



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Monthly accommodation statistics report Source: Visit Finland Statistics Service Rudolf, Statistics Finland

#### FOREIGN OVERNIGHTS

# **Registered overnights**

## Autumn season 2024

- Foreign overnights **increased** by **10%** compared to previous autumn but remained *13% below autumn 2019*.
- The biggest source markets were **Germany**, **Sweden**, and **USA**.
  - Among the biggest source markets, autumn overnights increased compared to previous year as well as to 2019 from Germany, USA, UK, Italy, Spain, India, Denmark, Switzerland, Australia and Singapore.
- Over half of the foreign overnights took place in Helsinki region, where overnights increased by 13% compared to previous autumn, but *remained still 12% below autumn 2019*.
- **22%** of foreign overnights were registered in **Lapland region**. Overnights in Lapland **increased** both compared to previous autumn (+24%) and *to autumn 2019 (+48%)*.
- In **Coast & Archipelago region** and in **Lakeland** foreign overnights decreased both compared to previous autumn and *to autumn 2019*.





## Foreign seasonal overnights in Finland 2010-2024

2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2023 2024



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## **Overnights in autumn season 2024**

### And change compared to autumn 2023 & pre-pandemic

Total foreign & Top source markets	Sep-Nov 2019	Sep-Nov 2023	Sep-Nov 2024	Change 2024 vs. 2019	Change 2024 vs. 2023
TOTAL FOREIGN	1.4M	1.1M	1.2M	-13%	+10%
Germany	113 200	110 500	119 300	+5%	+8%
Sweden	114 700	102 900	106 400	-7%	+3%
United States	68 100	90 200	105 000	+54%	+16%
United Kingdom	77 300	81 800	84 200	+9%	+3%
China and Hong Kong	89 000	32 600	44 500	-50%	+37%
Italy	40 600	42 000	43 000	+6%	+2%
Spain	31 300	34 400	40 100	+28%	+17%
Japan	58 000	28 500	39 900	-31%	+40%
France	38 500	37 000	36 900	-4%	0%
Estonia	59 700	39 500	36 800	-38%	-7%
Norway	43 200	32 500	34 600	-20%	+6%
India	29 300	18 900	31 000	+6%	+64%
Denmark	28 700	29 200	29 900	+4%	+2%
Netherlands	35 300	31 900	28 600	-19%	-10%
Switzerland	21 200	22 600	26 000	+23%	+15%
Poland	25 000	30 400	24 800	-1%	-18%
Australia	18 500	17 500	23 800	+28%	+36%
Singapore	8 500	12 800	22 000	+158%	+73%

**1.2M** foreign overnights (+10% vs. autumn 2023 & -13% vs. autumn 2019)

- 678,000 from EU-27 + UK (+3% & -4%)
- **209,700** from Asia (+28% & -27%)
- **142,400** from America (+15% & +40%)

### Foreign overnights / autumn 2024



## Autumn season 2024: Foreign overnights in main regions

#### Helsinki region

**663,700** overnights +**13%** vs. autumn 2023 -*12% vs. autumn 2019* Share of all foreign **54%** Main dest: **Helsinki** 

### Coast & archipelago 163,100 overnights -6% vs. autumn 2023 -36% vs. autumn 2019 Share of all foreign 13% Main dest: Turku, Åland, Oulu, Vaasa

#### Lakeland

**128,300** overnights -7% vs. autumn 2023 -42% vs. autumn 2019

Share of all foreign **11%** 

Main dest: Tampere, Jyväskylä, Lahti

### Lapland region

**268,400** overnights +24% vs. autumn 2023 +48% vs. autumn 2019

Share of all foreign 22%

Main dest: Rovaniemi, Inari-Saariselkä, Kittilä-Levi, Ruka-Kuusamo, Sodankylä

Top5 countries of origin & YoY change						
USA	68,200	+15%				
Germany	54,600	+4%				
Sweden	48,300	+11%				
UK	44,500	+11%				
China & HK	30,400	+37%				

Top5 countries of origin & YoY change						
Sweden	38,200	+3%				
Germany	18,400	+19%				
Estonia	8,100	-15%				
Denmark	7,600	+42%				
Poland	6,800	-49%				

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USA	8,400	-26%			
Estonia	7,400	-10%			
Latvia	5,300	+54%			

Top5 countri	ies of orig	<b>gin</b> & YoY change

Germany	28,900	+9%
UK	28,600	-9%
USA	22,100	+83%
Italy	13,500	+33%
Spain	12,400	+34%

## **Registered foreign overnights in the Nordics**

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## Cumulative foreign overnights in Nordics Jan-Oct 2024



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# Monthly foreign overnights in the Nordics in 2024

Monthly overnights WHOLE COUNTRY Foreign 1.1.2024-30.11.2024 Link to the report: Nordic comparison on nights spent - Visit Finland

Denmark ● Finland ● Norway ● Sweden



Sources: Visit Finland Statistics Service Rudolf, Statistics Finland & Statistics Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Iceland 23

## Seasonal foreign overnights in the Nordics in 2024



Monthly overnight statistics for Iceland include hotels & guest houses only.

Sources: Visit Finland Rudolf Data Base, Statistics Finland; Statistics Sweden; Statistics Norway; Statistics Denmark; Statistics Iceland



Sources: Visit Finland Statistics Service Rudolf, Statistics Finland & Statistics Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Iceland 24

## Flight capacity and bookings for Q1-2025

## **Outlook for January – March 2025**

- For the first quarter of the year, capacity is improving both to Finland and Norway compared to previous year. Seat capacity is also very close to the pre-pandemic level in Finland and Norway.
  - Capacity to Sweden is on the same level than last year, so it remains 20% below pre-pandemic level.
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## Seat capacity & flight bookings worldwide for Q1-2025



## **Direct int'l flights to Finland Jan-Mar 2025**

and change in seat capacity compared to last year (& pre-pandemic)



Database update 05-Jan

## EUROPE to Finland / Q1-2025

From (selected countries)	Share	Seat capacity compared to 2023	Seat capacity compared to 2019
Germany	15%	+14%	+10%
Sweden	11%	+6%	-27%
Spain	11%	+9%	-11%
UK	11%	+39%	+21%
France	6%	+43%	+46%
Netherlands	5%	-10%	+18%
Denmark	5%	+28%	-21%
Italy	4%	+3%	+46%
Latvia	4%	+12%	+65%
Norway	4%	+9%	-8%
Poland	3%	+47%	+25%
Switzerland	3%	+27%	+39%
Estonia	3%	+8%	+57%
Turkiye	3%	+17%	+108%
Belgium	3%	+31%	+53%
Austria	2%	-3%	+34%



## Follow up on flight bookings\* to Finland for January – March 2025

compared to previous year & (pre-pandemic)





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## Total int'l flight bookings to FI, SE & NO for Q1-2025

Comparison to pre	evious winter and	pre-pan	demic			2			
							Dat	abase updat	e 29-Dec
						>> 82,800 5% (+38%)	Top10 source markets FI	ΥοΥ	Vs. pre- pandemic
				127 200		<b>570</b> (+3070)	Germany	+11%	+93%
				<b>127,300</b> + <b>7%</b> (+11%			France	- <b>21%</b>	+38%
							USA	+36%	+95%
	Total int'l		178,	800			UK	+14%	-9%
	iotai iiit i		+11% (-	+44%)			Switzerland	+32%	+59%
	Tanto assures	N-N	1/2 222	Top10 source	YoY	Vs. pre-	Netherlands	+5%	+62%
	Top10 source markets NO	ΥοΥ	Vs. pre- pandemic	markets SE	101	pandemic	Spain	+10%	+151%
	Germany	-1%	+51%	UK	+14%	+23%	Japan	+67%	-2%
	USA	+23%	+87%	Germany	-7%	+2%	Italy	+2%	+25%
	UK	+8%	+46%	USA	-1%	+10%	China & HK	+13%	-60%
	Netherlands	-7%	+7%	Netherlands	+12%	+10%			
	Switzerland	+9%	+60%	Denmark	+64%	+181%			
	France	-20%	+18%	France	-4%	+27%			
	Denmark	+18%	+2%	Finland	+31%	-16%			
	China & HK	+83%	+54%	Switzerland	-3%	+9%			
A	Spain	+28%	+229%	Norway	+21%	-8%			
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