

# VF monthly follow up

March 2024

# Summary

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

- Foreign visitors made 4.8 million trips to Finland during the latest 12 months (April 2023 March 2024) and they spent nearly 3.9 billion euros in Finland. Median length of stay was 4 nights and 73% of the visitors were travelling for leisure purposes.
  - During Q1-2024 biggest leisure traveller flows came from Germany, Estonia, and France. French and German had the biggest total spend.
  - In Q1-2024, leisure travellers reserved their trips to Finland nearly 3 months before their trip, share of package trips was 15%, and the median length of stay was 5 nights. The average spend per trip was 933€ and per day 103€. In comparison, during Q4-2023 leisure trips were reserved earlier, and the share of package trips was higher. However, the median length of stay was shorter (4 nights) and the spend per day was lower (88€).
- Number of <u>registered</u> foreign overnights in Q1-2024 were 12% above the figures of previous year, and due to record high February, only 5% below pre-pandemic.
  - Biggest source markets in Q1-2024 were Germany, France, the Netherlands, and UK.
- Among the Nordic countries, overnights increased **during Q1-2024** in **Sweden**, **Denmark**, and **Norway** both compared to previous year and to 2019.
- International flight bookings to Finland for the summer months of June August 2024 show currently 14% increase compared to 2023. Among the main source markets USA, the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, and Austria show positive development also compared to 2019.
  - Bookings to **Norway** are growing very strongly for the **summer** months.
- Seat capacity to Finland for June August 2024 is 14% above 2023 level, but still -16% compared to the pre-pandemic level.
  - Seat capacity from **Europe**, **USA** and **Asia** is **improving** compared to previous summer.

# Border Survey / Latest 12 months (April 2023 – March 2024)

## Foreign visitors in Finland

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# Border Survey / Q1-2024 (January – March)

Foreign leisure travellers in Finland

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## Trips by departure country



## Expenditure by departure country



### CO2 per departure country



# Border Survey / Q1-2024 (January – March)

## Foreign leisure travellers in Finland

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## Leisure travellers with paid accommodation Q1-2024 vs. Q4-2023

(with overnights spent in hotels, rental cottages or campsites)





62%

# 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**

## Q1-2024 (January – March)

- Foreign overnights: **1.8 M** (+12% vs. Q1-2023 & -5% vs. Q1-2019)
- Foreign excl. Russia: **1.8 M** (+12% vs. Q1-2023 & +10% vs. Q1-2019)
- Top source markets: Germany, France, the Netherlands, UK
- Main destinations: Helsinki, Rovaniemi, Inari-Saariselkä, Kittilä-Levi, Kolari-Ylläs, Kuusamo-Ruka, Sodankylä





# **Registered overnights Q1-2024**

	Q1-2024	Change-% vs. Q1- <b>2023</b>	Change-% vs. Q1-2019	
Total	5.3M	+2%	+3%	
Domestic	3.5M	-2%	+7%	
Foreign, total	1.8M	+12%	-5%	
Foreign excl. Russia	1.8M	+12%	+10%	
Scandinavia	129,400	+5%	-9%	the first the second the
EU-27 + UK	1.2M	+8%	+20%	
America	117,900	+33%	+57%	
Asia	226,800	+34%	-27%	

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## **Top16 origin countries**

**Q1-2024** vs. Q1-2023 & Q1-2019

During Q1-2024, number of overnights exceeded both previous and 2019 figures from these biggest source markets:

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





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### **RUDOLF STATISTICS - MONTHLY YoY COMPARISONS**



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destinations in Lapland	COAST & ARCHIPELAGO	130,274	126,346	3.1	Trance
during Q1-2024	North Ostrobothnia (excl. Kuusamo)	45,391	40,888	11.0	Neurenbinds
(vs. Q1-2023):	Southwest Finland	21,162	22,483	-5.9	
	Satakunta	15,312	11,038	38.7	United States
• Rovaniemi (+15%)	Uusimaa 2 (excl. Helsinki Metropolitan Area)	14,635	15,479	-5.5	Sweden
• Inari-Saariselkä (+21%)	Âland	11,391	10,488	8.6	holy
• Kittilä-Levi (+15%)	Ostrobothnia	10,139	12,356	-17.9	beigian
• Kolari-Ylläs (+5%)	Kymenlaakso	5,185	5,162	0.4	
• Kuusamo-Ruka (+38%)	<ul> <li>South Ostrobothnia</li> </ul>	4,618	5,044	-8.4	China and Hong K 26,824 59,199
• Sodankylä (+30%)	Central Ostrobothnia	2,441	3,408	-28.4	Estonia 45,559
	LAKELAND	122,075	130,711	-6.6	Spain 43,571
	Pirkanmaa	32,809	33,891	-3.2	Austria 30,079
	Central Finland	29,823	30,487	-2.2	Norway 28,676
	Päijät-Häme	12,472	24,017	-48.1	Japan 27,446
	Kainuu	11,893	12,678 9,447	-6.2	Australia
	North Savo     North Karelia	10,032	6,233	6.2	India 26,323
	South Savo	7,510	6,233	24.8 51.7	Denmark 25,949
	South Savo     South Karelia	5,787	5,580	3.7	Poland 20,581
	Kanta-Häme	3,973	3,429	15.9	Singapore 19,335
	Total	1,764,667	1,578,708	11.8	
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# **Registered overnights in the Nordics** Q1-2024

 Registered overnights increased in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway both compared to previous year and to 2019.

	Q1-2019	Q1-2023	Q1-2024	Change 2024 vs. 2019	Change 2024 vs. 2023
Sweden	2 345 000	2 148 200	2 505 600	+7 %	+17 %
Finland	1 848 300	1 578 700	1 764 700	-5 %	+12 %
Denmark	1 471 300	1 494 300	1 732 800	+18 %	+16 %
Norway	1 243 500	1 189 900	1 460 500	+17 %	+23 %
Iceland	910 600	905 600	884 000	-3 %	-2 %







Statistics for the Nordic countries

## Flight bookings for Jun-Aug 2024

- Airline bookings for the summer months of June August are increasing compared to summer 2023. When comparing to summer 2019, the total int'l bookings are now at a slightly lower level. However, among the main source markets USA, the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, and Austria show positive development also compared to 2019.
- International bookings to **Norway** continue to grow strongly also for the summer months when comparing to both to previous year as well as to 2019.





## Int'l bookings for June – August 2024

## Total int'l flight bookings for June – August 2024 Comparison to 2023 (& pre-pandemic) 170,300 +14% (-5%) 170,300 +19% (+15%)

# 107,400

for Jun-Aug 2024

change vs. 2023 & (2019)

170,300

**Bookings to Finland**, foreign

+14% (-4%)

+8% (+4%)

**Bookings to Finland**,

selected markets\* & USA

for Jun-Aug 2024 & change vs. **2023** & (2019)





Follow up on flight bookings\* to Finland from top12 source markets for June - August 2024

compared to **summer 2023** & (summer pre-pandemic)

*Вос	okings for Jun-Aug $\rightarrow$ 24.3.	→ 14.4.	→ 12.5.
<b>Total int'l 2024 vs. 2023</b> & (2019)	+24% (0%)	+19% (-2%)	+14% (-4%)
Germany	+10% (-2%)	+8% (-4%)	+4% (-3%)
USA	<b>+41%</b> (+39%)	+ <b>29%</b> (+32%)	+ <b>21%</b> (+26%)
UK	+19% (-15%)	+13% (-17%)	+11% (-16%)
Switzerland	+13% (-11%)	+10% (-12%)	+8% (-10%)
France	<b>-8%</b> (+20%)	- <b>10%</b> (+19%)	- <b>12%</b> (+16%)
Netherlands	+16% (+26%)	+11% (+30%)	<b>+3%</b> (+26%)
Japan	+132% (-25%)	+155% (-15%)	+121% (-22%)
Italy	+35% (+39%)	+19% (+21%)	+10% (+12%)
Spain	<b>+22%</b> (+70%)	<b>+5%</b> (+53%)	0% (+44%)
Sweden			+7% (-12%)
Australia	+4% (-38%)	+4% (-33%)	+10% (-28%)
Denmark			+20% (-8%)



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## Flight bookings\* to FI, SE, NO for Jun-Aug 2024 compared to 2023 & pre-pandemic

Bookings to <u>FINLAND</u> from	No. of bookings by <b>12.5.</b>	Bookings vs. 2023	Bookings vs. 2019
Total int'l	170,300	+14%	-4%
Germany	21,500	+4%	-3%
USA	23,600	+21%	+26%
UK	14,100	+11%	-16%
Switzerland	10,900	+8%	-10%
France	8,000	-12%	+16%
Netherlands	7,000	+3%	+26%
Japan	6,900	121%	-22%
Italy	6,200	+10%	+12%
Spain	5,300	0%	+44%
Austria	3,700	+15%	+7%
South Korea	3,400	+28%	-31%
Belgium	3,100	+15%	-13%
India	1,800	-3%	-13%
Hong Kong	1,500	+38%	-62%
China	1,300	+57%	-77%
UAE	300	+7%	-29%

Bookings to <u>SWEDEN</u> from	No. of bookings by <b>12.5.</b>	Bookings vs. 2023	Bookings vs. 2019
Total int'l	285,900	+8%	-5%
USA	63,400	+12%	-3%
Germany	45,400	+16%	+1%
UK	27,100	+8%	+17%
Switzerland	20,100	+3%	-15%
France	13,900	-10%	-5%
Netherlands	11,800	+16%	-1%
Austria	10,000	0%	-11%
Spain	6,400	+2%	+61%
Belgium	6,300	-18%	-26%
Italy	5,200	+8%	+12%
India	3,100	-2%	+6%
China	2,900	+87%	-51%
Japan	2,500	+57%	-23%
South Korea	1,600	+15%	-35%
UAE	1,200	-21%	-26%
Hong Kong	1,100	+39%	-55%

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

Bookings to <u>NORWAY</u> from	No. of bookings by <b>12.5.</b>	Bookings vs. 2023	Bookings vs. 2019
Total int'l	289,200	+19%	+15%
USA	78,800	+31%	+33%
Germany	33,300	+18%	+15%
France	20,400	+1%	+24%
UK	19,500	+15%	+19%
Switzerland	17,100	+15%	+15%
Netherlands	15,500	+17%	+5%
Italy	9,200	+55%	+56%
Spain	6,900	+23%	+103%
Belgium	6,900	+12%	+18%
Austria	5,700	+37%	+37%
South Korea	2,900	+29%	-16%
China	2,900	+146%	-50%
India	2,000	+11%	+22%
UAE	1,500	-6%	+12%
Japan	1,500	+52%	-42%
Hong Kong	1,000	+27%	-57%

Source: ForwardKeys Destination Gateway

# Seat capacity on int'l flights

June – August 2024

- Seat capacity for the summer months of June August is 14% above 2023 level, but still -16% compared to the prepandemic level.
- Seat capacity from Europe, USA and Asia is improving compared to previous year.
  - Seat capacity from nearly each source market in Europe is developing positively compared to summer 2023.
  - From the Asian source markets, seat capacity is growing from Japan, China, and Thailand.
- Seat capacity from **USA** is above both summer 2023 and summer 2019 levels.



## **Direct int'l flights to Finland June – August 2024**

and change in seat capacity compared to 2023 (& pre-pandemic)



## **EUROPE to Finland / Jun-Aug 2024**

From (selected countries)	Share	Seat capacity compared to 2023	Seat capacity compared to 2019
Germany	12%	+14%	-16%
Sweden	10%	+14%	-21%
Spain	7%	+11%	-16%
Italy	7%	+10%	+32%
UK	6%	+6%	-31%
Greece	6%	+3%	+20%
Denmark	5%	+10%	-20%
Poland	4%	+72%	+10%
Norway	5%	+46%	-10%
France	5%	+8%	-4%
Latvia	4%	+11%	+27%
Netherlands	4%	-3%	+4%
Turkiye	3%	+8%	+18%
Estonia	3%	+45%	+31%
Switzerland	2%	+9%	0%
Croatia	2%	+9%	-12%



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