

### VF monthly follow up

May and spring season 2024

# Summary

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

#### Border survey latest 12 months (Jun-May) & spring (Mar-May)

- Foreign visitors made 4.8 million trips to Finland during the latest 12 months (June 2023 May 2024) and they spent nearly 4.0 billion euros in Finland. Median length of stay was 4 nights and 73% of the visitors were travelling for leisure purposes.
  - During spring months of March-May 2024, vacation/recreation travellers made 17,000 more trips to Finland than during the previous spring. They spent more and visited more often destinations in Lapland, and they also had more experiences and took part in more activities than year before.

#### Registered overnights (Jan-May) and spring (Mar-May)

- Number of <u>registered</u> foreign overnights in Jan-May 2024 were 9% above the figures of previous year, but still 10% below pre-pandemic.
- During the **spring season** (Mar-May), foreign registered overnights **increased by 5%** compared to previous spring but stayed *16% below the numbers of 2019*. Nearly half of the spring overnights took place in March, so many destinations in **Lapland** were among the most visited destinations beside the bigger cities in the Southern Finland.
- Comparison with the other Nordic countries shows that Finland is the only Nordic country where overnights during the spring season have not reached the pre-pandemic level yet.

#### Flight capacity and bookings for summer season (Jun-Aug)

• Flight capacity as well as bookings for the summer season have increased to Finland, Sweden, and Norway compared to the previous summer. However, Norway is the only one of these neighbouring countries which has also reached the pre-pandemic level.



# Border Survey / Latest 12 months (June 2023 – May 2024)

#### Foreign visitors in Finland

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Winter

Summer

#### Personal/leisure trips 3,455K

- **61%** vacation/recreation
- **32%** visiting friends/relatives
- **3%** study

#### Work related trips 1,294K

- **34%** work performed in FI (for a Finnish employer)
- **29%** meeting/work trip (non-Finnish employer)
- **16%** conference, congress, fair

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**Business** 

Leisure



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### **Vacation/recreation** travellers – Spring 2024

#### Border survey, March – May 2024

During the spring months of
March-May 2024, travellers on
vacation/recreation reserved
their trips to Finland nearly 3
months before their trip, share
of package trips was 13%, and
the median length of stay was 3
nights. The average spend per
trip was 809€ and per day 132€.

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 During the previous spring in 2023, vacation/recreation trips were reserved slightly later (2.5 months) before the trip, and the share of package trips was slightly lower (12%). Median length of stay was the same as this spring. Spend per trip as well per day were clearly lower last spring (698€ / 92€).

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#### Vacation/recreation travellers with paid accommodation – spring 2024 vs. spring 2023

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



### **Conference, congress & fair participants – Spring 2024**

#### Border survey, March – May 2024

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- During the spring months of March-May 2024, business
   events travellers reserved their trips to Finland 1.3 months
   before their trip, and the median length of stay was 3
   nights. The average spend per trip was 701€ and per day 158€.
- During the previous spring in 2023, trips to business events were reserved earlier (1.8 months) before the trip. Median length of stay was the same as this spring. Spend per trip was slightly higher (728€) last spring but on the other hand spend per day was lower (133€).

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#### **<u>Conference, congress & fair participants – spring 2024 vs. spring 2023</u>**



61%

# 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 – May 2024

- Foreign overnights increased by 9% compared to previous year but remained 10% below the numbers of 2019. The biggest source markets were Germany, France, UK, and the Netherlands.
- Total accommodation revenue increased by 2% as the foreign revenue increased by 14% compared to Jan-May 2023 (domestic revenue -4%).

#### • Spring season (Mar-May/2024)

- Foreign overnights: **1.2 M** (+5% vs. spring 2023 & -16% vs. spring 2019)
- Foreign excl. Russia: **2.0 M** (+6% vs. spring 2023 & -5% vs. spring 2019)
- Nearly half of the spring overnights took place in March and the overnights were clearly closest to pre-pandemic levels (-6%). April and May overnights stayed 23% below the numbers of 2019.
- Top source markets: Germany, Sweden, USA, France, UK, the Netherlands
- Main destinations:

Helsinki, Rovaniemi, Vantaa, Inari-Saariselkä, Kittilä-Levi, Tampere, Espoo, Kolari-Ylläs, Turku



# **Registered overnights Jan-May 2024**

|                      | Jan-May<br>2024 | Change-% vs.<br>Jan-May 2023 | Change-% vs.<br>Jan-May 2019 |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Total                | 8.3M            | 0%                           | 0%                           |
| Domestic             | 5.9M            | -3%                          | +5%                          |
| Foreign, total       | 2.4M            | +9%                          | -10%                         |
| Foreign excl. Russia | 2.4M            | +10%                         | +3%                          |
| Scandinavia          | 256,500         | +3%                          | -9%                          |
| EU-27 + UK           | 1.4M            | +6%                          | +12%                         |
| America              | 185,900         | +18%                         | +25%                         |
| Asia                 | 305,300         | +32%                         | -30%                         |

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### **Top16 origin countries**

Jan-May 2024 vs. Jan-May 2023 & Jan-May2019

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

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





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



|   | Year   |                  |  | Year month |                  |   |
|---|--|------------------|--|------------|------------------|---|
|   | 2019 2020 2021 2022  | 2023             | Latest                                       | Jan Feb    | Mar Apr May Jun  | Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec                 |
|   | Main area Region   |                  | Sub-region                                   | 1          | Municipality     |   |
|   |  |                  | All  | ~          | All              | REVERT TO DEFAULT                       |
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|   | REGION VIEW FOREIGN REGION VIEW                                  | $\uparrow$       | $\uparrow$ $\uparrow\uparrow$ $\updownarrow$ |            | OVER             | NIGHTS 2024 compared to 2023 months 1-5 |
| The most popular                            | FOREIGN OVERNIGHTS 2024 compared to 2023 months 1-5              | 2024             | 2023   |            |                  | ● MAX year ● MIN year                   |
| destinations in Finland                     | Main area  | MAX year         | MIN year                                     | Change %   |                  |   |
| during <u>Jan-May 2024</u>                  | LAPLAND REGION   | 1,107,710        | 952,504                                      | 16.3       | Germany          | 281,056                                 |
| (vs. Jan-May 2023):                         | HELSINKI REGION  | 849,116          | 798,639                                      | 6.3        | France           | 239,098                                 |
| • Helsinki (+9%)                            | COAST & ARCHIPELAGO  | 249,558          | 233,331                                      | 7.0        | United Kingdom   | 194,752                                 |
| <ul> <li>Rovaniemi (+11%)</li> </ul>        | <ul> <li>North Ostrobothnia (excl. Kuusamo)</li> </ul>           | 59,290           | 53,749                                       | 10.3       | Netherlands      | 183,463                                 |
| <ul> <li>Inari-Saariselkä (+21%)</li> </ul> | Southwest Finland  | 47,736           | 44,743                                       | 6.7        | Sweden           | 152,633                                 |
| • Kittilä-Levi (+13%)                       | Aland  | 40,361           | 37,110                                       | 8.8        | United States    | 141,065                                 |
| • Vantaa (+4%)                              | <ul> <li>Uusimaa 2 (excl. Helsinki Metropolitan Area)</li> </ul> | 34,741           | 31,576                                       | 10.0       | Italy            | 82,900                                  |
| • Kolari-Ylläs (+4%)                        | I Satakunta  | 25,566           | 20,921                                       | 22.2       | China and Hong K | 38,505 77,491                           |
| <ul> <li>Kuusamo-Ruka (+39%)</li> </ul>     | Ostrobothnia   | 19,685           | 22,212                                       | -11.4      | Switzerland      | 73,722                                  |
| <ul> <li>Sodankylä (+30%)</li> </ul>        | B Kymenlaakso  | 8,709            | 8,834  | -1.4       | Belgium          | 70,120                                  |
| <b>300011Kyla</b> (13070)                   | South Ostrobothnia   | 8,674            | 8,723  | -0.6       | Estonia          | 67,238                                  |
|   | Central Ostrobothnia   | 4,796            | 5,463  | -12.2      | Spain            | 59,220                                  |
| Top destinations in Finland                 |  | 192,517          | 217,859                                      | -11.6      | Norway           | 55,193                                  |
| in <mark>May 2024</mark>                    | Pirkanmaa  | 62,334           | 77,015                                       | -19.1      | Denmark          | 43,122                                  |
| (vs. May 2023):                             | Central Finland  | 39,009           | 41,357                                       | -5.7       | Japan            | 39,210                                  |
| • Helsinki (+3%)                            | Päijät-Häme     North Court                                      | 22,491           | 31,183                                       | -27.9      | Austria          | 38,806                                  |
| <ul> <li>Vantaa (-7%)</li> </ul>            | North Savo     Kainuu  | 15,039           | 14,696                                       | -6.8       | India            | 37,553                                  |
| <ul> <li>Espoo (-8%)</li> </ul>             | <ul> <li>Kainuu</li> <li>North Karelia</li> </ul>                | 14,487<br>12,189 | 15,538<br>10,327                             | -6.8       | Poland           | 36,186                                  |
| • Tampere (-48%)                            | South Savo   | 11,509           | 9,193  | 25.2       | Australia        | 35,936                                  |
| • Turku (+12%)                              | South Save     South Karelia                                     | 8,740            | 9,524  | -8.2       | Latvia           | 26,157                                  |
|   | Kanta-Häme   | 6,719            | 9,026  | -25.6      | Lutviu           |   |
|   | Total  | 2,398,901        | 2,202,333                                    | 8.9        |                  |   |
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### Foreign overnights by seasons 2012-2024



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### Foreign monthly overnights 2019-2024

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### Foreign overnights in spring season 2024

And change compared to springs 2023 & (2019)

**1.2M** foreign overnights +5% vs. spring 2023 (-16% vs. spring 2019)

- **739,200** from EU-27 + UK / +5% (+1%)
- **151,300** from Asia / **+22%** (-33%)
- **113,000** from America / +8% (+10%)



|                     | spring<br>2019 | spring<br>2023 | spring<br>2024 | spring 2024<br>vs. 2019 | spring 2024<br>vs. 2023 |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                     |                |                | 2024           |                         | VJ. 2025                |
| Germany             | 124 000        | 141 900        | 142 200        | +15 %                   | 0 %                     |
| Sweden              | 117 000        | 105 500        | 110 500        | -6 %                    | +5 %                    |
| United States       | 78 000         | 80 600         | 86 400         | +11 %                   | +7 %                    |
| France              | 72 600         | 71 700         | 74 600         | +3 %                    | +4 %                    |
| United Kingdom      | 82 300         | 59 300         | 63 500         | -23 %                   | +7 %                    |
| Netherlands         | 57 400         | 60 300         | 60 800         | +6 %                    | +1 %                    |
| Italy               | 28 600         | 33 600         | 42 400         | +48 %                   | +26 %                   |
| Norway              | 47 600         | 39 800         | 39 800         | -16 %                   | 0 %                     |
| Estonia             | 55 100         | 44 100         | 34 400         | -38 %                   | -22 %                   |
| Spain               | 30 400         | 29 800         | 32 300         | +6 %                    | +8 %                    |
| China and Hong Kong | 69 700         | 20 000         | 29 900         | -57 %                   | +50 %                   |
| Switzerland         | 29 400         | 26 300         | 28 000         | -5 %                    | +6 %                    |
| Denmark             | 28 500         | 25 700         | 25 500         | -10 %                   | -1 %                    |
| Belgium             | 21 200         | 23 200         | 25 200         | +19 %                   | +9 %                    |
| India               | 23 800         | 18 200         | 23 200         | -3 %                    | +28 %                   |
| Poland              | 26 900         | 16 200         | 22 800         | -15 %                   | +40 %                   |
| Japan               | 41 400         | 16 000         | 21 300         | -49 %                   | +34 %                   |

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|---|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 2018 2019 2020                              | 2021                | 2022 2023            | Latest       | Winter | Spring               | Summer              | Autumn          |
| Main area                                   | Region              | Sub-re               | gion         |        | Municipality         |                     |                 |
| All   | All                 | ∼ All                |              | ~      | All                  | ~                   | REVERT TO DEFAU |
| Total Overnights Foreign Overnights         | Domestic overnights |                      | ↓ U Q        | 62 *** | Graph view           | Data view           |                 |
| OREIGN OVERNIGHTS Spring season 2024        |                     |                      |              |        | OVERNIGHTS Spring se |                     |                 |
| Main area                                   | Overnights          | Prev. yr. overnights | YoY change % |        | •                    | Overnights • Previo | ous year        |
| HELSINKI REGION                             | 545,514             | 522,346              | 4.4          |        |                      |                     |                 |
| LAPLAND REGION                              | 346,459             | 302,583              | 14.5         |        | Germany              |                     | 1               |
| COAST & ARCHIPELAGO                         | 164,036             | 154,230              | 6.4          |        | Sweden               |                     | 110,494         |
| Southwest Finland                           | 34,548              | 32,231               | 7.2          |        | United States        |                     | 86,365          |
| ⊕ Åland                                     | 33,028              | 30,775               | 7.3          |        | France               |                     | 74,592          |
| 🕀 North Ostrobothnia (excl. Kuusamo)        | 27,728              | 25,083               | 10.5         |        | United Kingdo        | 63,                 | 450             |
| Uusimaa 2 (excl. Helsinki Metropolitan Area |                     | 21,748               | 11.2         |        | Netherlands          | 60.8                |                 |
| Satakunta                                   | 17,186              | 14,370               | 19.6         |        |                      | 42,432              |                 |
| Ostrobothnia                                | 13,592              | 14,596               | -6.9         |        | Italy                | 39,806              |                 |
| South Ostrobothnia                          | 5,393               | 5,298                | 1.8          |        | Norway               | 34,434              |                 |
| Kymenlaakso                                 | 5,032               | 6,226                | -19.2        |        | Estonia              | 32,262              |                 |
| Central Ostrobothnia                        | 3,342               | 3,903                | -14.4        |        | Spain                | 29.928              |                 |
| LAKELAND                                    | 110,048             | 128,650<br>56.435    | -14.5        |        | China and Ho         |                     |                 |
| Pirkanmaa                                   | 41,419              | ,                    | -26.6        |        | Switzerland          | 27,974              |                 |
| Central Finland                             | 17,776              | 20,088               | -11.5        |        | Denmark              | 25,493              |                 |
| Päijät-Häme     North Savo                  | 15,244 7,745        | 13,412<br>7,964      | -2.7         |        | Belgium              | 25,227              |                 |
| North Savo     North Karelia                | 7,743               | 6,721                | 13.6         |        | India                | 23,214              |                 |
| South Savo                                  | 6,118               | 5,928                | 3.2          |        | Poland               | 22,785              |                 |
| Kainuu                                      | 5,879               | 6,149                | -4.4         |        | Japan 🔤              | 21,320              |                 |
| South Karelia                               | 4,280               | 5,110                | -16.2        |        | Latvia               | 18,292              |                 |
| Kanta-Häme                                  | 3,950               | 6,843                | -42.3        |        |                      | -                   |                 |
|   | -,                  | -,                   |              |        |                      |                     |                 |

The most popular destinations during spring season 2024 (vs. spring 2023): Visit Finland

Registered overnights

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- Helsinki (+4%)
- Rovaniemi (+7%)
- Vantaa (+9%)
- Inari-Saariselkä (+33%)
- Kittilä-Levi (+1%)
- Tampere (-27%)
- Espoo (-4%)
- Kolari-Ylläs (+5%)
- Turku (+2%)



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

- **Total number** of cumulative overnights during <u>Jan-May 2024</u> was 15.5 million, which was 10% more than same period last year and 8% more than in 2019.
  - Compared to last year, overnights increased to each Nordic country, except Iceland.
  - However, Finland is the only Nordic country where overnights for Jan-May haven't reached the pre-pandemic level.

#### Spring (March-May) 2024

Registered overnights during spring 2024 increased in Denmark, Sweden, and Norway both compared to previous spring and to spring 2019.

| <b>Overnights</b> ,<br>millions | Spring<br>2019 | Spring<br>2023 | Spring<br>2024 | Change 2024<br>vs. 2019 | Change 2024<br>vs. 2023 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Denmark                         | 2,6            | 3,1            | 3,3            | +28 %                   | +9 %                    |
| Sweden                          | 2,9            | 2,8            | 3,1            | +9 %                    | +14 %                   |
| Norway                          | 1,5            | 1,4            | 1,7            | +13 %                   | +17 %                   |
| Finland                         | 1,4            | 1,1            | 1,2            | -16 %                   | +5 %                    |
| Iceland*                        | 0,9            | 1,0            | 0,9            | +5 %                    | -8 %                    |
| Total                           | 9,2            | 9,3            | 10,2           | +11 %                   | +9 %                    |







Monthly overnight statistics for Iceland include hotels only.

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

# Flight capacity and bookings for Jun-Aug 2024

- Flight capacity as well as bookings for the summer season have increased to Finland, Sweden, and Norway compared to previous summer. However, Norway is the only one of these neighbouring countries which has also reached the pre-pandemic level.
- When focusing on bookings from the target markets to Finland, summer bookings from USA, the Netherlands, and Spain have exceeded the 2019 levels. For Sweden recovered markets are UK and Spain. Norway differs from Finland and Sweden, as demand from nearly all main European markets has recovered.





### Seat capacity & flight bookings worldwide



#### Seat capacity & flight bookings from selected European markets\* and USA

\*) Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Netherlands, Belgium, UK, France, Spain, Italy



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

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



Database update 07-Jul

#### Follow up on flight bookings\* to Finland for June - August 2024

compared to summer 2023 & (summer pre-pandemic) / Total int'l & top 12 source countries



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

| Bookings to<br><u>FINLAND</u> from | No. of<br>bookings by<br><b>30.6.</b> | Bookings<br>vs. 2023 | Bookings<br>vs. 2019 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total int'l                        | 305,500                               | +11%                 | -18%                 |
| Germany                            | 43,600                                | -2%                  | -11%                 |
| USA                                | 34,000                                | +11%                 | +20%                 |
| UK                                 | 24,800                                | +12%                 | -24%                 |
| Switzerland                        | 16,400                                | +4%                  | -13%                 |
| France                             | 13,700                                | -13%                 | -1%                  |
| Netherlands                        | 13,600                                | -1%                  | +10%                 |
| Japan                              | 12,800                                | 94%                  | -47%                 |
| Italy                              | 10,900                                | +9%                  | -11%                 |
| Spain                              | 9,600                                 | +9%                  | +18%                 |
| South Korea                        | 8,200                                 | +6%                  | -22%                 |
| Austria                            | 6,200                                 | +10%                 | -8%                  |
| Belgium                            | 5,400                                 | +6%                  | -32%                 |
| India                              | 4,300                                 | -4%                  | -20%                 |
| China                              | 4,200                                 | +106%                | -81%                 |
| Hong Kong                          | 2,700                                 | +51%                 | -67%                 |
| UAE                                | 700                                   | +10%                 | -30%                 |

| Bookings to<br><u>SWEDEN</u> from | No. of<br>bookings by<br><b>30.6.</b> | Bookings<br>vs. 2023 | Bookings<br>vs. 2019 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total int'l                       | 511,700                               | +11%                 | -11%                 |
| USA                               | 90,700                                | +15%                 | -1%                  |
| Germany                           | 77,800                                | +12%                 | -3%                  |
| UK                                | 48,400                                | +7%                  | 0%                   |
| Switzerland                       | 31,200                                | +3%                  | -12%                 |
| France                            | 25,300                                | -11%                 | -17%                 |
| Netherlands                       | 23,900                                | +10%                 | -11%                 |
| Austria                           | 17,900                                | +12%                 | -5%                  |
| Spain                             | 11,300                                | +4%                  | +19%                 |
| China                             | 10,900                                | +137%                | -48%                 |
| Belgium                           | 10,700                                | -16%                 | -30%                 |
| Italy                             | 10,000                                | +10%                 | -9%                  |
| India                             | 6,300                                 | +1%                  | -13%                 |
| Japan                             | 6,100                                 | +67%                 | -49%                 |
| UAE                               | 3,200                                 | -3%                  | -21%                 |
| South Korea                       | 3,000                                 | +34%                 | -34%                 |
| Hong Kong                         | 1,800                                 | +36%                 | -59%                 |

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

| Bookings to<br><u>NORWAY</u><br>from | No. of<br>bookings by<br><b>30.6.</b> | Bookings<br>vs. 2023 | Bookings<br>vs. 2019 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total int'l                          | 482,100                               | +18%                 | +3%                  |
| USA                                  | 103,600                               | +30%                 | +33%                 |
| Germany                              | 53,500                                | +12%                 | +6%                  |
| France                               | 36,500                                | 0%                   | +12%                 |
| UK                                   | 34,200                                | +15%                 | +4%                  |
| Netherlands                          | 28,100                                | +11%                 | -2%                  |
| Switzerland                          | 25,500                                | +12%                 | +13%                 |
| Italy                                | 16,600                                | +38%                 | +26%                 |
| Spain                                | 13,600                                | +18%                 | +53%                 |
| Belgium                              | 11,400                                | +13%                 | +7%                  |
| Austria                              | 10,000                                | +29%                 | +42%                 |
| China                                | 6,600                                 | +136%                | -62%                 |
| South Korea                          | 5,700                                 | +54%                 | -28%                 |
| Japan                                | 4,900                                 | +60%                 | -55%                 |
| UAE                                  | 4,100                                 | +17%                 | +15%                 |
| India                                | 4,000                                 | -4%                  | -5%                  |
| Hong Kong                            | 1,600                                 | +31%                 | -73%                 |

Source: ForwardKeys Destination Gateway

