

# Finland

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My trip to Finland was a great experience!

The first thing I saw from Finland out of the plane, was a white countryside with frozen lakes!

It started with a weekend to unpack my things and to get to know the family. Beside Oskari, my exchange student, there were three boys and one girl. The parents were divorced so I lived together with the father and his children in one house. The food there was not the best. The most time I lived from the microwave but it wasn't the worst! On Monday I had my first day at the Ylöjärven school. The coordinator, Elena, was very nice and spoke perfectly German. My classmates changed in every lesson so I met many people there! In school I took the subjects German and English. In the German lessons it was very funny because I had to teach my classmates the correct pronunciation of the German words. The English lessons weren't that cool because some teachers there were just talking Finnish all the time. In the afternoons after school I had to do the work of my school in Germany or did some activities with Oskari and his friends. On Tuesday I went to Tampere. We were shopping for hours and then we watched a movie in the cinema: Shutter Island. From then we were together all the time! For example we played frisbeegolf three times. It's a very famous sport in Finland. The next Saturday Oskari celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. We drove deep into the forest to



their summer cottage. This place was one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen in my life!! The lake there was frozen, everything was snowy and the sun was shining on the blue sky. The next two hours around 12 people arrived. We grilled and when it was dark we went inside of the cottage. The next day we just relaxed and got better from the night.

My timetable was every week the same and on some days I had to be at school at 12 o'clock and was home at 14 o'clock. So there was enough time to do some trips to places around our home town, Ylöjärvi, or to play something with Oskari's brothers. They were very funny and always laughing, especially when they won one game after the other at the playstation against me. Oskari, his friends and me went to different shops and to kebabs with bike or were just hanging around in some coffee bars.

The next Saturday Oskari, Oskari's mother, his sister and me went to Helsinki, the capital of Finland. We were shopping, went to the market at the port and were visiting many sights.



In the afternoon Oskari and me went to the biggest aqua park in Finland.

The last week of my stay we went twice to my absolute favourite place in Finland. To Pyynikki.



On my last Wednesday evening I went to a bar with Oskari's mother. First we were at a normal bar and then we walked to a very famous karaoke bar. It was one of the most funny evenings of the whole three weeks!!

On Friday I went to the airport of Tampere to fly home. When I went inside there was a big surprise for me. Some friends of Oskari were waiting there to say goodbye!



It was very hard for me to say goodbye because I like them all, Oskari, his family and friends very much!!!