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The Island of Possibilities!

Avibrant archipelago, tranquil nature and lush countryside. That's how I would generally describe Kimitoön. These factors, together with a vibrant community, make the municipality attractive to everyone. It is easy to find your place on Kimitoön, whether you are a permanent or part-time resident or a visitor.

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I look forward to the next few years in Kimitoön's future. The town is buzzing with promising developments among businesses, organisations and residents. Alongside those who live here year-round, Kimitoön is also home to our active part-time residents, who are an important driving force behind the thriving nature of our villages and our rich community life. The local community on Kimitoön is our trump card and the common thread in our everyday life, and it is with its help that we will succeed in creating an active and inclusive life for everyone. Commitment also requires cooperation and dialogue; this is something we already recognise and are constantly striving to develop. It is through shared investment in Kimitoön's unique history and cultural heritage – in a social environment where the countryside and the archipelago meet – that we have become one of the country's most attractive visitor destinations. I therefore have great faith that an equally positive future awaits us, provided we dare to be curious and challenge each other to think in new ways.

Kimitoön is a place where people enjoy themselves all year round, both at work (locally or remotely) and in their leisure time. It offers opportunities for everyone who wants to create, enjoy, experience and develop themselves in a safe environment.

Welcome to Kimitoön!

Erika Strandberg

Municipal Director



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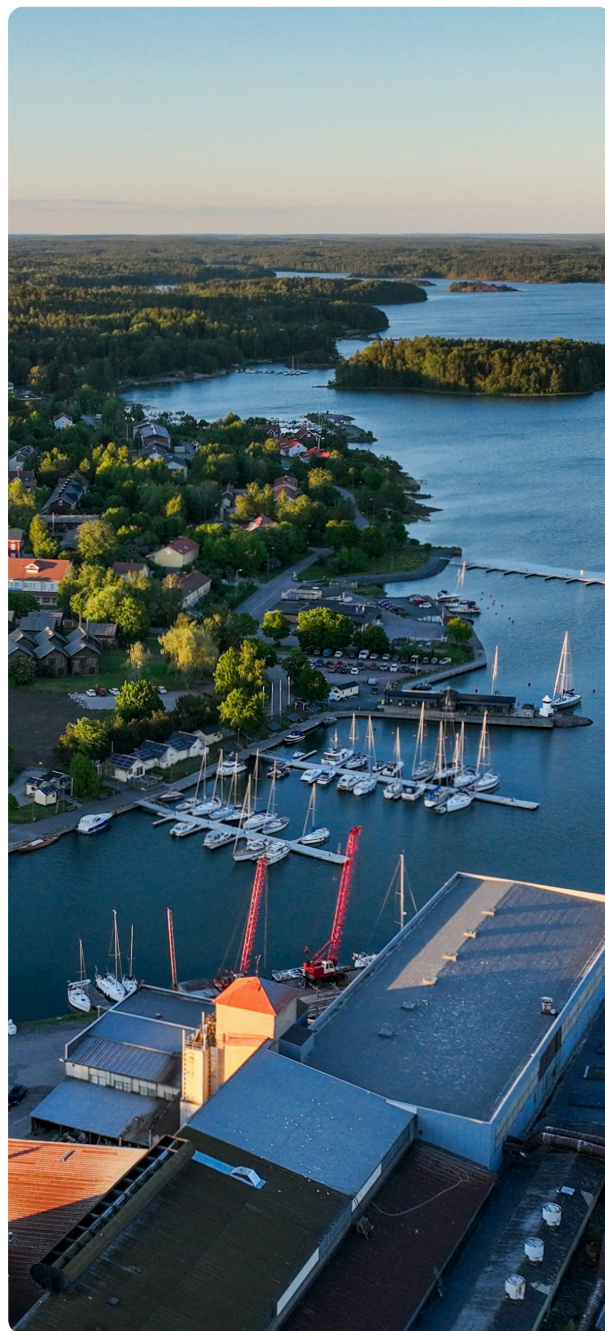
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Welcome to Archipelazing Kimitoön!

Kimitoön offers charming villages close to the sea and nature. Here you can find the perfect balance between relaxation and activity, with each village offering its own unique character and history. From historic mill villages to scenic spots, Kimitoön has something for everyone, all year round. Whether you're looking for peace and quiet or want to take part in local events, it's easy to get here by car or boat to discover the beauty and charm of each of the different villages.

FACTS ABOUT KIMITOÖN

- » Population in 2024: 6,425
- » Swedish-speaking inhabitants: 66%.
- » Finnish-speaking inhabitants: 30%.
- » Area: 2,801 km² (land and water)
- » Number of dwellings: 4 537
- » Summer cottages: 4 865
- » Tax rate: 7.11%.
- » Number of active companies: ca 700

- » 3 000 islands and islets
- » The tallest lighthouse in the Nordic region, Bengtskär
- » Archipelago National Park
- » The Archipelago Sea Biosphere Reserve (UNESCO)



EKNÄS

STRÖMMA

KIMITO

BJÖRKBODA

DRAGSFJÄRD

NIVELÅX

VÄSTANFJÄRD

DALSBRUK

HÖGSÅRA

KASNÄS

VÄNÖ

HITIS-ROSALA

ÖRÖ

BENGTSKÄR

More information on how to get to Kimitoön can be found on page 20 »

Kimitoön Island: An Archipelago Oasis Where Nature and New Opportunities Meet

Are you seeking an archipelago setting where nature, culture, and modern working opportunities converge? If so, why not see what Kimitoön island has to offer. Here, among salt-sprayed bedrock outcrops and relaxing forest trails, you will find a place that both inspires and soothes the soul. Kimitoön is more than just a destination; it's a place to fall in love with, and maybe even stay for good.





Closeness to nature and culture

Tranquillity, safety, and a warm sense of community some of Kimitoön’s key attributes. It’s a place for those who value proximity to nature without compromising on convenience or creative opportunities. Kimitoön offers a high quality of life for year-round residents and seasonal visitors alike, welcoming those who need a break from everyday life to experience a taste of authentic archipelago living, even if just for a while.

Discover a new kind of workspace – work, live, and enjoy yourself in Kimitoön!

Visualise this: having the sea as your backdrop while you work, taking a refreshing swim on your lunch break, or ending the day with a calming walk in the forest. You can do just that with our new workation concept here in Kimitoön. In recent years, more and more people have discovered the potential of working remotely from inspiring locations, and Kimitoön is no exception. Here, you’ll find modern, tailored workspaces with all the necessary amenities. Why not combine productive work with that holiday feeling?

A workation on Kimitoön is ideal for those seeking peace and quiet to fuel creative workdays, as well as for companies looking to arrange inspiring retreats and meeting days for their employees in an environment that promotes collaboration and innovation. With the archipelago as your backdrop, it becomes easier to recharge, think bigger, and develop new ideas.



Cultural experiences among bedrock outcrops and ocean waves

Kimitoön offers a vibrant cultural life that attracts visitors all year round. Here, you can discover art and history by visiting several of our local attractions, where both buildings and current exhibitions reveal the island’s fascinating past. Cultural activities and art tours give you a glimpse into the work of local artists and creators, many of whom are inspired by the surrounding archipelago.

Kimitoön is also home to a number of annual events, including the Baltic Jazz Festival and the Festival Norpas cultural event, making the island a hub for music and art lovers each summer. Whether your interests lie in local history, music, art, or theatre, Kimitoön’s local cultural events have something for everyone.

Welcoming you with open arms

Kimitoön welcomes everyone – visitors, seasonal residents, remote workers, and, of course, residents old and new. A wide range of activities is available to suit different interests and ages. Discover beautiful hiking trails, paddle through calm bays, or explore the archipelago’s unique wildlife. Our island offers modern conveniences and excellent services, from good schools and quality healthcare to a thriving local business community.

Kimitoön is a place where the relaxing rhythm of the archipelago meets creativity and ambition. Whether you’re seeking relaxation, adventure, or new work opportunities, Kimitoön has something just for you.

Charming Archipelago Villages

Dalsbruk

Dalsbruk offers a wide range of activities and experiences for all ages, from nature trails and viewpoints to a rich array of cultural events. Visit the glassblowing workshop, shop for local delicacies or discover the village's fascinating history.

Culture and mill history

Dalsbruk and its people lived alongside the ironworks for over 330 years. It was a coexistence that produced millions of tonnes of iron, a beautiful mill environment and a rich mill history. When you visit Dalsbruk, you can smell the ironworks everywhere. In the summer you can visit the Ironworks Museum, where you can learn about the history of the ironworks and what life was like working there. Take a guided tour of the village or join a dramatised tour with Hans Ginlund, who will tell you about life in the 20th century!

Sea and lakes

Salt spray or magical lake scenery – the village's location between the sea and two lakes makes for many memorable excursions. If you want to head out to sea, you can take a free shuttle boat, book a cruise or hire a sailboat from the harbour. Paddling along the rippling channels and enjoying wilderness views of Lake Stora Masugnsträsk is a fascinating experience. You can hire a canoe from the guest harbour office between May and October. In addition to a wide range of harbour services, the restaurant DB Bistro Runda Munken is open in the summer.

Events and entertainment

Dalsbruk has something for everyone, with market days every Wednesday and Saturday and festivals such as Baltic Jazz and Norpas. You can also visit Glashyttan glassworks, enjoy the cafes and restaurants around the harbour and market square, and explore the hiking trails and Senatsberget observation tower. If you want to stay overnight, there is a wide range of accommodation, from hotels and B&Bs to camping options and Skytent Ecocamp.

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Dragsfjärd

‘Where sea meets land, there lies Dragsfjärd’. Dragsfjärd church and its surroundings are built cultural environments of national significance. The village of Kärra has a grocery store and the archipelago village of Merikruunu offers quality accommodation with sea views, both in a hotel and in modern cottages. The Road Café Yttis restaurant offers refreshing drinks and an à la carte menu with views of the church and Dragsfjärden lake. Dragsfjärd is also home to one of Kimitoön’s main attractions, Söderlångvik Manor, where you can experience art, museums and breathtaking views of the sea and apple orchards.

Björkboda & Nivelax

Small neighbouring villages, such as Björkboda and Nivelax, offer a surprising variety of activities and attractive destinations within a short radius. Storfinnhova Gård’s unique underground smoke sauna, with a stream running through it, has become an unforgettable experience for many visitors to Kimitoön. Regular public sauna evenings attract both locals and visitors alike.

Experience Bjärkas Golf & Country Club with its unique 18-hole par 57 course and comfortable accommodation. Enjoy art and events at the cultural centre Kulturhus Björkboda, visit the Björkboda Lock Museum or take a guided kayak tour on the scenic Björkbodaträsket. End the day with a relaxing moment on Nivelax beach and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere!



Västanfjärd

Västanfjärd offers a peaceful and relaxing experience with a genuine archipelago atmosphere and quiet village roads. The area has several attractions and amenities within a ten kilometre radius, making it a perfect destination for a few days’ stay. Its history is characterised by sailing, shipbuilding and limestone mining, and along the cultural trail you can discover historic buildings and old quarries. Västanfjärd’s stunning churches, with their beautiful architecture, are another highlight and a valuable part of the area’s cultural heritage. Don’t miss the stunning views from the Lammala nature trail or the impressive Trojeborgen, while for boaters, Kalkholmen’s guest harbour offers a restaurant, summer theatre and concerts. You can also enjoy tennis, golf, boules, frisbee golf and padel in the area.



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Strömma

The archipelago begins in Strömma! Strömma offers a picturesque setting at the gateway to the archipelago. The Strömma Canal, running between Kimitoön and the mainland, has long been an important waterway. The canal is a unique attraction in itself and the only place in Finland where you can watch the tidal phenomenon! The village has a charming rural character thanks to its old farms and abundance of beautiful archipelago nature.

Kimito Centre

Kimito is one of the most active villages on Kimitoön (Kimito island), with many activities for the whole family. Exercise in Amos Park, play soccer golf on Finland's only 18-hole course at Uppgårds or explore the beautiful nature trails. The Sagalund Museum and St. Andrew's Church are popular places to visit for history buffs, while Villa Lande offers cultural events all year round.

The centre around Villa Lande provides a wide range of services and shops. Närboden, a stone's throw from the centre of Tjuda, offers local and award-winning delicacies. Sagalund's museum shop sells traditional toys and other unique souvenirs.



Eknäs

Eknäs, located in the northern part of Kimitoön, may be less known to many, but it is definitely worth a visit. Eknäs Holiday Village has an idyllic campsite, guest docks and a charming restaurant and café. Eknäs offers a peaceful getaway for nature lovers and adventure seekers. Explore the nature trail leading to the observation tower at Eknäs Peak and the cosy barbecue area. In the winter months, the Holiday Village also offers winter swimming for those who want to cool off!



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Hitis-Rosala

Hitis and Rosala are two picturesque islands in the outer archipelago, linked by a small bridge, with a shared rich history. The Vikings sailed here on their voyages east, and today you can easily visit the Viking trading centre by car and ferry. Hitis Church, one of the oldest and most beautiful wooden churches in Finland, is worth seeing. At the Viking Centre in Rosala, you can experience archipelago life in the Iron Age in a lively and engaging way – perfect for those who want to experience how the Vikings lived.

Hitis's old folk school, which is over a hundred years old, now houses a charming library, information centre and craft stall selling local products. For beach lovers, Gröndalen's picturesque sandy beach is a hidden gem. If you need a break, why not visit Backom Café and Pub, the village's own 'living room', open from Easter to late autumn. Holmström's Lanthandel, one of the main hubs of the village, serves residents and visitors all year round. Another spot not to be missed is Rosala Bagaren, a bakery famous for its delicious bread and raspberry doughnuts.

Högsåra


Högsåra, an island in the south-western archipelago of Kimitoön, is a gem that combines historic charm with scenic beauty. Known as the Jungfrusund maritime pilot station since 1490, this idyllic island has a long and fascinating history. The picturesque 18th-century buildings bear witness to a time of maritime pilotage and imperial visits, which continue to influence the island's atmosphere to this day.

For those seeking an authentic archipelago experience, Högsåra offers a range of activities and experiences. Visit Farmers Café to enjoy local produce and homemade delicacies in a charming setting. At Lillbacka Brygga you can enjoy a drink right on the beach at Rumpan Bar, where the relaxed atmosphere and beautiful views out over the water are often accompanied by live music on the pier.

Jungfrusund Museum, located in the guest harbour of Kejsarhamn, offers a deeper insight into the rich history and traditions of the village. Explore the scenic hiking trails, take part in local events and discover the unique cultural heritage that Högsåra has to offer. With its beautiful scenery and historical backdrop, Högsåra is an ideal destination for both a short trip and a longer stay in the archipelago.



| PHOTOS: MARIKA GOMAN, HOODS.FI



A Home in the Heart of the Archipelago

With the fresh air of the islands and sea and the tranquillity of the forest just around the corner, the island of Kimitoön offers a safe everyday life and a genuine sense of community that makes you feel right at home.

Here, in a bilingual archipelago municipality, proximity to nature and an active outdoor life are the norm, with endless opportunities for true relaxation. Leave behind the stresses of the city, with long traffic jams and constant hubbub, and instead enjoy quiet walks and calming ocean views.

Serenity and safety as your neighbours

Kimitoön offers various housing options suitable for people at different life stages. For families seeking a safe environment and nature-rich experiences, Kimitoön is an excellent place for children to grow up. Swedish-language and Finnish-language schools offering high-quality education are available, allowing each child to develop at their own pace in a welcoming learning environment.

For retirees craving a quiet life close to the sea, the island offers opportunities for an active social life and a variety of

recreational pursuits. You can participate in winter swimming, nature walks, and water aerobics, and enjoy a wide range of cultural events.

Kimitoön is also the perfect place for those dreaming of a second home or a summer cottage. You can spend weekends and holidays here, or even work or study remotely from the island when you need a change of scenery. Kimitoön is within commuting distance of the cities of Turku and Salo, so combining the charm of the archipelago with the amenities of urban life is simple.

The archipelago municipality of the future

Are you drawn to historic industrial landscapes, sea views, lush forests, or open fields? On Kimitoön, the environments are varied; in many cases, they can also be combined to suit your preferences. You can choose from rental apartments and small cottages to beautiful plots with building rights or

renovation projects. Seize the opportunity to create your own home tailored to your wishes!

Activities and community – something for everyone

Whether you are a nature lover, a culture enthusiast, or simply keen on maintaining an active lifestyle, Kimitoön has something to offer you. With its beautiful hiking trails, kayaking waters, and cycling routes, you can experience our archipelago, located in the heart of a UNESCO biosphere area, in every possible way. A rich cultural scene and active associations to join ensure that everyday life on Kimitoön is never boring.

Living in Kimitoön is living life to its fullest in the heart of the archipelago – welcome home!

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KIMITOÖN AND SAN FRANCISCO: The Dream of a Life in Two Places

Irene and Joonas Hjelt and their two young children live permanently in San Francisco, but spend as much time as possible at their summer cottage in Kasnäs on Kimitoön.



The couple work in the technology sector and can also do so remotely from Kimitoön. The Hjelts dream of one day spending half their time on Kimitoön and half in San Francisco. The sea, the archipelago and nature are very important to our family. We all love our cottage in Kasnäs, say Irene and Joonas Hjelt, who moved from Finland in 2015, in a video interview.

Joonas has deep ties to Kimitoön and Kasnäs. He has been sailing on the Archipelago Sea since he was a child, and a few years ago he inherited the summer cottage from his father.

– Even though we live far away, we have never thought about selling the place. We go to the cottage a few times a year. Last summer we spent a couple of months there while working remotely. When we are not there, we rent the cottage out via Airbnb. It's nice to be able to give others the chance to enjoy the place too, Joonas explains

Joonas works at his startup, and Irene at Meta. Both can work from virtually anywhere thanks to the nature of the work and global teams. The couple have invested in internet connections at their Kasnäs home, which makes it easy to work remotely.

The ten-hour time difference means that we hold our meetings late in the evening. The evenings are so light in Finland that we don't get tired. Since our working days don't start until the afternoon, we have plenty of time to go on excursions and enjoy some family time during the day, say the couple happily.

Joonas once attended a meeting while he was in the sauna. "His colleagues thought it was really exotic to see sauna steam on the screen," continues Irene with a laugh.

– We think it's great that Kimitoön has developed and become more vibrant.

Their colleagues have also shown great interest in the Hjelts' summer home. Joonas jokingly says that they constantly work to promote brand Finland while they are in the country.

"We think it's great that Kimitoön has developed and become more vibrant."

– When our colleagues look at where we are on Google Maps, they wonder how it's possible to work in such a place. It doesn't seem obvious to someone from California, for example. Here too, there are remote cabins that are not connected at all, says Joonas, sipping coffee from a Finnish Taika mug.

The Hjelts also think that Kasnäs is nice from the perspective of a family with children.

– Kasnäs has a good village shop and the restaurants serve lunch. Our favourites are Farmors Café, Källarvinden, Kasnäs Pavilion and of course Söderlångvik manor. Kimitoön has many villages, eateries and attractions. It's important to get out among people from time to time. We think it's great that Kimitoön has developed and become more vibrant over the years. Öro is a good example of this. They have found the right way to market this unique environment, say the couple.

In the future, the Hjelts would like to spend half the year on Kimitoön.

– Our dream is to live half the year in Finland and half here. Of course, there are many nice things here too, but in Finland we have family, wonderful friends and our summer home. Entrepreneurship and flexible working mean that this dream can become a reality, conclude the Hjelts.

| PHOTO: JASKA POIKONEN (STOCK PHOTO)

Three Dutchies on an Adventure Around Kimitoön



Sandra, Maarten and their son Bas had been to Finland before. They share their adventures on StralendFinland.nl, a website with travel tips for people from the Netherlands who want to get to know the ‘Land of a Thousand Lakes’. But Kimitoön was new to them. To familiarise themselves with this region, they started off their three-week holiday in southern Finland with a visit to Kimitoön, staying on the island of Öro, kayaking in the archipelago and cooling off in the sea after experiencing a real Finnish sauna. The perfect beginning to a perfect holiday!

Öro, one special island

“We were so excited waiting for the ferry to take us to the island of Öro,” says Sandra. “We had read that Öro had been off limits for civilians for a long time until 2014 and had no idea what to expect. The trip to Öro was a treat in itself. When we arrived, Janne from Visit Öro made us feel right at home. He told us all about the history and nature of the island. After that, we explored the island by ourselves, on foot and by bike.” Maarten continues: “We were really impressed by the thriving nature and the military sights on Öro. But what struck us most was the cosy and relaxing atmosphere. The restaurant and the Barracks Hotel were excellent as well.”



Kayaking into the archipelago

Bas, 16 years old, agrees. But he wants to share another adventure they had. “After we returned from Öro to Kimitoön, we went on a kayaking adventure with Niklas Hollsten from Nordic Activities. I was a bit nervous beforehand, but Niklas explained everything very calmly and clearly. Plus, the sea was really quiet that day, so kayaking between the islands

turned out to be very relaxing. Halfway, we stopped on a small, deserted island for some tea and a snack. That was really cool! I think going kayaking was the best way to get to know the archipelago.”

Wellness in Kasnäs

After all that hiking, biking and kayaking, the family from the Netherlands spent their last afternoon in Kimitoön at Spa Hotel Kasnäs, where they were staying. For a typical Finnish sauna experience, they had already tried the resort’s barrel sauna – a sauna with a view and in the perfect spot for a dip in the sea right outside. The family made the most of their final afternoon in Kimitoön with a Finnish lunch buffet and several hours of swimming, sunbathing and relaxing at the spa.

Culinary delights in Dalsbruk

With all these outdoor adventures and hours of relaxation, the days the three Dutch visitors spent in Kimitoön felt like a complete holiday in themselves. To celebrate this perfect beginning to their trip through southern Finland, Sandra, Maarten and Bas had a delicious dinner at Runda Munken Bistro in Dalsbruk. They were already starting to get used to the joys of life in Finland: lots of nature, peace and quiet, saunas everywhere and the best food and drink. Kippis!

Curious about their travel stories? Check out Sandra’s blog (in Dutch, but the photos speak for themselves) at www.stralendfinland.nl.

| PHOTOS: SANDRA VAN BIJSTERVELD

Discovering Kimitoön: a German's Perspective on Finland's Archipelago



My name is Patrick and I grew up in southern Germany, close to the Alps. In 2006, I relocated to Finland, where I currently work in the IT department of a company based in Helsinki.

I came across Kimitoön island while searching for interesting outdoor destinations in southern Finland. My interest grew when I discovered Bengtskär Lighthouse and Öro Fortress Island. Handily, its proximity to Helsinki makes it a convenient destination to escape to and to explore the beautiful Finnish archipelago further.

During my first visit to Kimitoön, I visited Söderlångvik Manor, home to the impressive Amos Anderson art collection. Afterward, I made my way to Kasnäs, where I paddled with my packraft to Öro Fortress Island – a former military island where you can still see big canons. There, I camped overnight in a tent before returning by ferry.

During my second visit, I collaborated with Visit Kimitoön, where my primary task was to capture photographs throughout the journey. I cycled along the Coastal Route from Salo to Kasnäs, making stops at notable locations such as Lake Matildanjärvi and the Dalsbruk Ironworks Museum. The experience of cycling over the 473-metre-long Lövä Bridge was one that will stay with me.

From Kimitoön, I took a ferry to Rosala, where I spent the night and visited the Viking Centre, which proved to be a worthwhile destination. The following day, I continued my journey by ferry to Hanko, with a stopover at Bengtskär to explore the lighthouse, recognised as the tallest in the Nordic countries.

On another cycling trip, I visited Sundsvedja lean-to shelter, where I stayed overnight and enjoyed the views of Purunpää and the Archipelago Sea National Park that unfolded behind it. I have visited several lean-to shelters, or laavus, in Finland, but this one stands, probably out for its stunning scenery.

In comparison to the views in southern Germany, the landscapes here are quite different. At home, I can see the Alps, but here, I am treated to expansive vistas that stretch far into the distance. During the summer, I might describe the coastal area as the Mediterranean of the north.



| PHOTOS: PATRICK DORMISCHIAN



See and Experience

Kimitoön has an impressive range of places to visit, each with its own charm and history. Here, you can relax at a spa, discover history at the Viking Centre or explore parts of the Archipelago Sea National Park. Don't miss the tallest lighthouse in the Nordic region, charming cafés, apple orchards and fascinating museums. Whether you're looking for adventure or tranquillity, there's something for everyone.



| PHOTOS: JASKA POIKONEN, DAMON BECKFORD & EVA LINDMAN

How to get to Kimitoön

Situated on the south-western coast of Finland, Kimitoön is conveniently located just a short drive or bus ride away from both Turku and Helsinki. As the gateway to Finland's stunning archipelago, Kimitoön offers direct connections to Bengtskär, Rosala-Hitis and Örö from Kasnäs and to Högsåra via the Svartnäs ferry.

Whether you're looking for a peaceful getaway or an adventurous break, Kimitoön promises a perfect escape into the heart of Finland's coastal beauty.

Easily accessible by bus from Turku or Salo, Kimitoön is the perfect starting point for exploring Finland's stunning archipelago. Bus routes pass through Kimito (Kemiö), Dragsfjärd, Dalsbruk (Taalintehdas) and Kasnäs.

Although the island is vast, it is easy to get around by car, with car rental services available in Salo or other nearby towns, or combine public transport with cycling.

From Kasnäs, there are ferry connections to Örö, Rosala-Hitis and Bengtskär. Högsåra can be reached from the Svartnäs ferry terminal, which is close to a bus stop.

For tickets and timetables, see matkahuolto.fi and saaristolautat.fi.

Read more: www.visitkimitoon.fi/en/howtogether



VALOKUVAT: DAMON BECKFORD & EVA LINDMAN



A Warm Welcome to Kimitoön's Guest Harbours



Why not explore this beautiful gem of the archipelago from a different angle – by sea.

Kimitoön is not only easily accessible by car and ferry, it also offers a great opportunity for boaters to discover the beauty and hospitality of the island. Our guest harbours are close to scenic trails, charming villages and cosy restaurants, making them the perfect starting point for exploring the island.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT KIMITOÖN'S GUEST HARBOURS!



| VALOKUVAT: JANINA NORDGREN, JASKA POIKONEN



| KASNÄS GUEST HARBOUR



| DALSBROK GUEST HARBOUR

Enchanting Lighthouse Island in the Middle of the Sea

Far out in the outer Hitiis archipelago lies Bengtskär, Finland's southernmost inhabited island, with a 52-metre lighthouse that is the tallest in the Nordic region. After climbing the 252 steps of the spiral staircase and two ladders, visitors enter the lighthouse's lantern room. From here, the view of the Archipelago Sea is incomparable. There are many ways to describe the atmosphere of the lighthouse island, but Bengtskär has to be experienced in person: on the one and a half hectare barren island, the senses come alive and the sounds and smells of the sea are ones you will remember for the rest of your life.



Bengtskär Lighthouse was designed by architect Florentin Granholm at the end of the 19th century. Construction began in the spring of 1906 and was completed the same year – quite an achievement considering the inaccessible location and the building techniques of the time. The granite for the foundations and facades was quarried locally. The lighthouse was maintained by a lighthouse keeper, an engineer and three lighthouse keepers with their families, a total of 15 people. The population peaked in the late 1930s when 32 adults and children lived on the island.

Dramatic history

The lighthouse was first attacked during the First World War, when the Russian cruisers Magdeburg and Augsburg bombarded it with around 30 shells. The next attack took place during the Second World War, during the Battle of Bengtskär on 26–27 July 1941. This time, the damage and losses were much greater. The tour gives a brief account of the Battle of Bengtskär, and visitors can also learn more about the subject at the exhibition on the ground floor of the lighthouse.

Full service at Bengtskär

Day visitors are served delicious buttered buns with the lighthouse's own coffee blend at the café, which also sells souvenirs. It is also possible to spend an unforgettable night on Bengtskär in one of the seven popular hotel rooms with a total of 25 beds. In the evening, guests can enjoy good archipelago food and a relaxing session in the century-old sauna.

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From decay to new splendour

The lighthouse's lantern was automated in 1968, after which the building stood cold and unmanned for decades. Damage and the lack of heating caused the lighthouse to fall into disrepair until the Finnish Maritime Administration leased the building to the University of Turku's Continuing Education Centre in 1992. Under the leadership of entrepreneurs Paula and Per Wilson, the lighthouse was restored to its original splendour and sold to the Turku University Foundation in 2000. Paula and Per's daughter Nora Wilson, who has lived on the island since she was a child, has now taken over primary responsibility for running the lighthouse, together with her husband Henrik Wilson.

– There will be no major changes to Bengtskär, but our vision is to tell visitors more about the everyday life of the lighthouse families than before. We also want to give visitors tools to understand how the island's landscape tells the story of the different phases of history, says Nora Wilson.

The biggest changes made during this latest phase have been to the lighthouse's electricity and heating.

– A long cable has been laid on the seabed from the mainland to Bengtskär. In addition to this, the lighthouse will be heated by geothermal energy from autumn 2023. This means we are no longer dependent on fuel oil, says Wilson. The next stage is set to be the installation of solar panels.

Wilson Charter operates boat trips to Bengtskär between May and September from Kasnäs, Rosala and Hanko. For timetables, see www.wilsoncharter.fi.





Öro Coastal Fort in a Nutshell

The island of Öro is located in the Archipelago Sea, about 13 kilometres south of Kasnäs, and is home to Öro Coastal Fort, which was closed to the public for more than a hundred years. Now part of the Archipelago Sea National Park, Öro is one of Finland's most popular destinations, offering a fascinating combination of history, nature and adventure all year round – with a focus on sustainable development.

Discover nature in Öro

Öro is one of southern Finland's most important areas for endangered species and habitats. The most valuable natural environments are sandy beaches, open meadows and sunny fields. The numbers of endangered and rare species per hectare are some of the highest in Finland. The primeval forests, bogs and diverse beaches offer nature lovers opportunities for an exciting excursion.

Öro has two marked nature trails with a total length of about 10 kilometres. There are also about six kilometres of roads suitable for cycling. The 6" round trail in the southern part



of the island is marked with blue signs, while the 120 mm round trail in the north is marked with red signs. Along the red nature trail you can see one of the oldest pine trees on the island, bunkers built into the bedrock and various habitats. The blue trail includes a suspension bridge, Solkuro's sandy beaches and the ruins of the old six-inch gun.

In summer, cows and sheep graze on Örö, and both nature trails pass through pastures. After a 100-year hiatus, grazing was resumed on the island when the first cows and sheep were brought to the island for the summer. Grazing prevents the overgrowth of dry grasslands, moors and salt marshes. Thanks to grazing and conservation efforts, Örö's valuable cultural biotopes are being preserved.

Bicycles, canoes, kayaks and SUP boards can be hired from the harbour office, making it easy to explore the large island.

A paradise for birds and butterflies

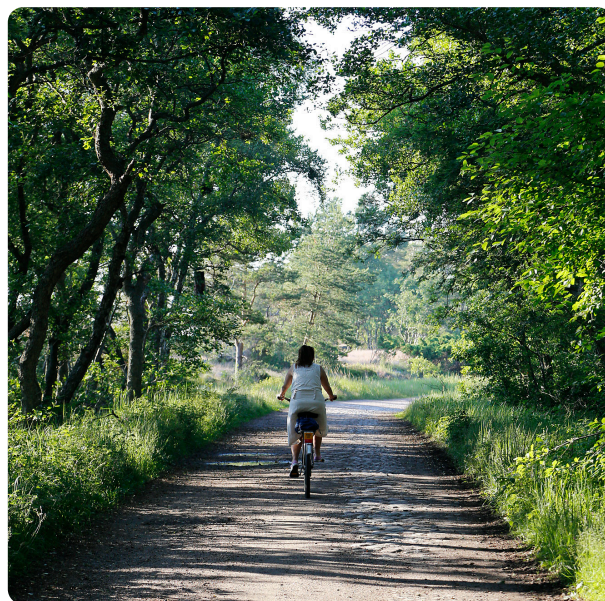
Bird life on Örö has been being systematically monitored and mapped since the spring of 2014. So far, around 240 bird species have been recorded on the island. The value of the island for birds lies in its location, size and lush vegetation, which attracts many resting birds. Örö is located in the outer archipelago and at the crossroads of two major autumn migration routes.

The island is also a paradise for butterflies, and more than 1,700 species have been observed on the island, representing a significant proportion of Finland's more than 2,650 butterfly species. The heliport is an excellent place to watch these winged beauties, especially in spring and summer. Butterfly migrations in the outer archipelago are spectacular events, especially with south-easterly and southerly winds from May to October.

Food and accommodation

For over a hundred years, food has been being prepared almost daily in the dining room of the 12' barracks. Restaurant 12' serves breakfast, lunch and an à la carte dinner in the evening in a historic dining room. Local specialities include dishes made with venison from Örö. By the harbour, RantaBistro serves light meals.

Örö has a variety of accommodation options that allow visitors to experience the historical and natural atmosphere of the island. Accommodation includes elegant hotel rooms, cottages, holiday apartments, hostels and camping sites.



Berths and easy access to Örö

Örö Marina has 80 berths and was named Marina of the Year in 2017, with honourable mentions in 2022 and 2024.

Wilson Charter offers comfortable boat trips to Örö, for timetables see www.wilsoncharter.fi.

Fascinating wartime history

Örö was chosen as part of Peter the Great's Naval Fortress because of its forested coastline and size. In addition to Örö, a number of islands in both Finland and Estonia were included, spanning from St Petersburg to Åland.

The oldest buildings on the island were completed as early as 1914 and were built specifically for the Naval Fortress. Between 1915 and 1917, three batteries, about six kilometres of cobbled roads and a railway were built on Örö. The railway has since been demolished, but the cobbled streets and buildings remain.

Örö was an important part of Finland's coastal defence from the interwar period. The batteries on Örö provided support artillery during the Battle of Bengtskär in 1941. The Finnish Defence Forces handed the island over to Metsähallitus – a state-owned enterprise that manages state-owned land and water areas – in 2015, when it became part of the Archipelago Sea National Park.

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Söderlångvik gård

– EXPERIENCE NATURE AND PERSONAL HISTORY AT AMOS ANDERSON'S SUMMER RESIDENCE

Söderlångvik Manor tells the story of Amos Anderson – parliamentarian, businessman and patron of the arts. The magnificent manor house features a museum of art and personal history. The estate is also home to extensive apple orchards, large forest areas and nature trails, with the surroundings of Söderlångvik offering a variety of experiences for the whole family.

The leading figure in Söderlångvik's history, **Amos Anderson**, owner of the newspaper Hufvudstadsbladet and member of parliament for the Swedish People's Party of Finland, was born in Kimito in 1878. Anderson bought Söderlångvik Manor as his summer residence in 1927, and since 1965 it has been open to the public as a museum of art and personal history.

The museum in the white manor house tells the story of how a boy from the village of Brokärr became a Helsinki media mogul, while at the same time pursuing a career as a member of parliament and major investor. Visitors will also learn about Anderson's great interest in culture and the factors that led to the founding of Konstsamfundet, and art foundation for Swedish speaking Finns.

The art exhibition in the manor consists mainly of works by Finnish artists and acquired by Amos. The exhibition includes over one hundred works from the collections of the Amos Rex Art Museum and is complemented by an annual summer exhibition of contemporary art.

Experiences for the whole family – and companies too

Söderlångvik Manor is more than a museum of art and personal history; its exhibitions are complemented by classical music and jazz concerts, author events and discussions. The sculpture park will be expanded in 2025 to include four of Kim Simonsson's moss giants.

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Lux Söderlångvik Light Festival and the popular Afternoon Tea events extend the season beyond the summer. The biggest event, Apple Day, is held at the end of September, when the apples from the 50,000-tree orchard have been harvested. At this harvest festival, visitors can buy different varieties of apples, farm produce and handicrafts, as well as enjoying a rich cultural programme for the whole family. On the last weekend in May, Flower Day marks the start of the summer season.

There are several nature trails around the farm, offering beautiful scenery and breathtaking views. They vary in length from 1 km to 18 km, and are complemented by the new Söderlångvik Gravel cycle route, which stretches 32 km. Söderlångvik offers accommodation in five glamping tents, a sauna for hire and meeting rooms for companies, groups and individuals.

Söderlångvik lies by the sea and is accessible also by boat. An unofficial waterway leads to a guest jetty with 16 berths for day visitors. Depth 1.5–2 metres.

Local delicacies

Amos Krog restaurant serves buffet and à la carte lunches, as well as pastries made largely from the farm's own produce and that of neighbouring producers. Lunch is served daily during the summer season from 2 May to 30 September. Glassgaraget, a combined café and farm shop, sells the farm's own products, such as apple juice, apple ice cream, apple jam, apple bread and honey. Glassgaraget also sells local handicrafts.



Every Season Has its Charm in Kasnäs

Kasnäs is where the road ends and the sea begins. In the summer, the tip of the peninsula is filled with guests from the spa hotel, boat crews in the guest harbour, and other travellers visiting Kimitoön. Kasnäs offers experiences all year round, and you can enjoy traditional Christmas buffets or a luxurious Mother's Day lunch, for example – for more options, see the event calendar at kasnas.com.

Here, there is something for visitors of all ages. Adults can play padel and tennis, or just relax in the spa and enjoy indoor and outdoor pools. Meanwhile, children can play minigolf and climb about in the playgrounds, or just splash around in the pools.

Kasnäs is also a popular location for hosting conferences and events throughout the year. You can rent a barrel sauna built on the breakwater, from where you can take a dip in the sea. For small meetings, there is also a beach sauna available to rent, complete with hot tubs, allowing you to enjoy relaxing warmth even in the coldest winter weather.

Sustainable enjoyment at Kasnäs Spa Hotel and Kasnäs Pavilion

Kasnäs Spa Hotel and Kasnäs Pavilion are certified with the Nordic Swan Ecolabel, which reflects the company's commitment to developing sustainable tourism. To meet the strict requirements, services must take the environment into account comprehensively.

The hotel's shell-shaped rooms each have their own terrace, and most rooms also offer a sea view. You can also book a high-quality, modern holiday apartment with all the amenities at Kasnäs Marina.

The spa's wellness services and the unique archipelago landscapes ensure a relaxing and refreshing holiday in Kasnäs. You can enjoy swimming in the sea or in the spa's year-round heated indoor and outdoor pools and relax in any one of the variety of saunas.



In the newly completed Kasnäs Pavilion (opened in 2022), you can enjoy a popular archipelago-style lunch buffet featuring local fish products or à la carte dishes in a high-quality, modern restaurant. The restaurant offers a stunning sea view of the archipelago. On the lower floor of the restaurant, you will find a grocery store, post office, café, fishmonger's, and the jewellery store Silver Fish Pärlan.

Easy access to services in the guest harbour and Caravan area

The sheltered harbour has approximately 100 guest berths, and the spa hotel and all other services are just a few hundred metres away. Kasnäs Caravan offers 32 year-round pitches for caravans and motorhomes, providing all the essential caravan site services.

Activities, nature and relaxation

In Kasnäs, you can enjoy a variety of activities, such as padel, tennis, minigolf, and boules. You can also participate in yoga weekends or explore nature trails.

Other services

About 300 metres from the hotel, you'll find a jeweller's factory outlet. You can take a water taxi to visit Bengtskär Lighthouse or the island of Öror, or rent motorboats from local operators.

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Axes High at Rosala Viking Centre

Raising the double-edged axe above your head is like moving a thousand years back in time. In this new reality, you are a Viking, one of the inhabitants of the Viking village, and you have a competition to win, in axe throwing, of course. A powerful throw and the axe flies off and hits the target with a bang. The guide and your friends cheer. You close your eyes and fill your lungs with archipelago air.

Rosala Viking Centre is a popular destination that enchants school classes and other visitors with its powerful tale of the Viking Age. Visitors can choose from a variety of activities – with the centre even having hosted weddings for modern-day Viking couples.

– The Viking Centre’s activities are divided into different packages. ‘A day as a Viking’ is the most popular theme for school classes. We dress up in Viking clothes, bake and bake traditional bread, visit a Viking ship next to the centre and try out different fighting techniques, says Paul Wilson of the Viking Centre.

The centre’s guides talk about the lives of the Vikings, supported by historical facts.
– What plants did Viking farmers grow? How far did the Vikings sail? What

goods did the Vikings trade? On a social level, we talk about how the chiefs gave way to kings over time, and how the ancient Norse Ásatrú religion was replaced by Christianity, says Paul.

Practical information about archaeology

Were there really Vikings at Rosala? Answer: yes. To date, 1,400 archaeological finds have been made in the Hitis and Rosala area, most of them dating back to the Viking Age. The most significant finds have been made during archaeological excavations around Kyrksundet, which lies between Rosala and Hitis. Kyrksundet was an important port and trading centre for the Vikings as they travelled east towards the major trading centres of Novgorod, Constantinople and Baghdad.

Visitors to the Viking Centre have the opportunity to take part in an archaeological test excavation led by a guide. The guide will talk about the excavations at Kyrksundet, which form the basis for the Viking Centre, and show how archaeological excavations are carried out. Participants can also try their hand at using metal detectors in the field.

– The pupils of Vaunukankaan koulu school found an almost 300-year-old Swedish coin, says Paul.

Eat and sleep like a Viking

The gable of the Rodeborg chieftain’s hall has been decorated with a winding dragon pattern. The museum’s jewellery pieces are exact replicas of the originals, and the Viking village buildings are also hand-built as they would have been in their day, using the original designs. These are just some of the details that contribute to the ancient atmosphere.

A dinner in the chieftain’s hall enhances the experience further. For those who like beer, the centre’s own honey beer, Rosala Viking, brewed on Kimitoön, is recommended.

Rodeborg also offers accommodation either hostel-style in alcoves off the main hall or in individual rooms next to the hall.

– After a day in the Viking village, relaxing on a hand-hewn timber bunk can make today’s world feel very, very distant, Paul says.

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Culture and Community in the Heart of Björkboda



| PHOTOS: TUOMO TAMMENPÄÄ & SARI KIPPILÄ

In May 2022, Kimitoön gained a new cultural meeting place when KUBU cultural centre opened its doors in the old school building in Björkboda.

KUBU's founders, **Tuomo Tammenpää** and **Sari Kippilä**, have been living and working on Kimitoön for 14 years, during which time they have fostered a wide network of collaborators, laying the foundation for the cultural centre's activities. Since the opening day, there has been almost daily activity at KUBU.

"We host exhibitions, courses, workshops and events, and our space can be used for everything from parties to meetings and work. KUBU is a sandbox for adults, a creative learning laboratory for children and a new workplace for seniors. For us, culture is everything that people do together," says Tuomo Tammenpää.

More than just a visitor

Although KUBU is unique on Kimitoön, the most important thing for its members is not to be unique, but to have a positive impact on the local community.

"Every person who walks through the door is a potential participant, learner and creator, not just a visitor or consumer. Each moment in the building is always unique for the participants, but it has to be experienced personally. We don't know what your own individual experience will be."



Visitors can often learn something new from KUBU's exhibitions, and the aim is for even a short visit to provide inspiration, reflection and learning. Above all, KUBU is a place where people come to create and participate, and it promotes these opportunities both on its website and on social media.

Growth through community

As new visitors, especially creative people, find their way to KUBU and participate in its activities, the diversity of its offerings increases. The core activities of year-round exhibitions, events and workshops are becoming more routine, allowing the cultural centre to focus on new projects. The aim is for the local activities that characterised KUBU's early years to develop into national and even international activities.

However, the local flavour and connection to Kimitoön will remain an important part of KUBU. Kimitoön is home to high numbers of creative people, community activists and skilled entrepreneurs in proportion to its population, and many practical problems are solved quickly in a small community.

"This local community is crucial to the development of our business. In the best case scenario, local involvement makes our work redundant over time. When we get there, KUBU will have become a successful community centre."

Read more about KUBU and its upcoming events at kubu.fi and [@kulturhuskubu](https://www.instagram.com/kulturhuskubu)



History Comes Alive at Sagalund Museum

Situated near the centre of Kimito, Sagalund Museum is a living museum, children's cultural centre and garden. Its activities focus on multifaceted and child-oriented cultural heritage and environmental education.

Sagalund, Finland's first open-air museum, was founded in Kimito in 1900 by **Nils Oskar Jansson**, who, together with Adéle Weman, was a teacher at Vreta Folk School, which can be found in the grounds of the museum. Jansson was inspired by Skansen in Stockholm. Over the years, more than twenty buildings have been moved to the site from various parts of Kimitoön, including a courthouse, a cottage, a farmhouse, a barn and two schools. Many inspiring play areas for children have also been created.

Patron of the arts Amos Anderson began his education at Vreta Folk School – perhaps this is where his interest in





art and culture began? Tjuda pedagogi, one of Sagalund's school buildings, was built at the end of the 18th century and moved here in 1914.

Things to see in the garden

Nils Oskar Jansson was a great admirer of Swedish botanist and taxonomist Carl Linnaeus and often dreamed of adding a botanical garden to the open-air museum. The staff still look after the species that Jansson planted in Sagalund over a hundred years ago. There is also a rose garden on the site, which was created later.

Sagalund's cultural activities for children are supported by the Ministry of Education and Culture, and include school gardening, which begins with sowing in the spring and ends with a harvest festival in the autumn.

Cultural heritage is alive

In recent years, the focus has been on the renovation of buildings and roofs. Some of the renovation work was carried out during an international volunteer camp, helping to pass on the tradition of building conservation and renovation.

History is brought to life for visitors through a variety of programmes throughout the year, following the cycle of the seasons. In the summer there are guided tours, time travel activities and a teddy bears' picnic for younger visitors. During the summer, adults can also take part in various handicrafts, gardening events or special guided tours.

School groups and other visitor groups are also welcome, with the option for tailor-made programmes available. 'Sagalund is Alive' in the summer and 'Oskar's Market' at the end of November see the museum buzzing with life.

Open all year for play and culture, come and visit!

The museum's grounds in their entirety are open during the summer and the main museum building, Sagalundgården, is open all year round. In Sagalundgården you can enjoy lunch and pastries in the atmospheric Café Adèle and visit our well-stocked museum shop. Younger visitors can also play shop or hospital games in the main building.

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Sleep Well in Kimitoön

– accommodation to suit everyone

Kimitoön offers a whole variety of accommodation options, from luxurious waterfront villas to treehouses in the forest. In Kimitoön, you can find options that are perfect for families, couples and groups of friends alike.

Perched on a hill and nestled in the heart of a park is the beautiful boutique hotel **ULLMAN'S VILLA**. In summer, the mature trees provide shade for those who want to enjoy their meals al fresco. You can book a room for the night or just stop by for a cup of coffee and a slice of cake, or perhaps enjoy lunch or dinner with a glass of wine. Ullman's Villa warmly welcomes all visitors, from locals to tourists from far away.

The hotel opened in the summer of 2022, when the founders finally found the ideal location for their business. The building and its surroundings provide the framework for the hotel concept, while the Dalsbruk location is like the icing on the cake. Treat yourself to a walk around Dalsbruk

and enjoy the slow pace of life steeped in the pleasant and peaceful atmosphere of the past.

STAY NORTH offers accommodation experiences in the archipelago at two luxury villas – one in Kasnäs and one in Dragsfjärd. The villas combine modern design with nature and are perfectly situated for archipelago activities and relaxation surrounded by beautiful landscapes. More details on the villas and location: www.staynorth.fi.

SEBBHOLMEN ECOCAMP offers accommodation with sea views in a small cabin or Tentsile tent suspended between trees – a perfect option for those looking for a camping experience without having to bring their own tent. Here, you can enjoy a beach sauna, barbecue facilities and activities such as kayaking and rowing. For unique stays click here: www.sebbholmen.fi.

VILLA EKBLADH offers 12 hotel rooms in a cosy seafront villa in Västansfjärd. The villa has its own small harbour, Klockarhamn, so you can also arrive by boat. At Villa Ekbladh, you can relax in a peaceful environment and truly embrace the tranquillity of nature. Book a room here: www.villaekbladh.fi.

ARCHIPELAGO VILLAGE MERIKRUUNU in Dragsfjärd combines the feel of a historic archipelago hotel with modern, luxurious beach villas. On the ground floor, guests have access to full restaurant services and an atmospheric pub complete with fireplace. **HOTEL MERIKRUUNU** offers plenty of activities and live music events all year round.

For active visitors, there are bicycles and SUP boards, which are ideal for getting out into nature in the archipelago. The Tähdistö villas are spacious and well-equipped, each with its own hot tub, smart TV and cleaning service, and their cosy, Scandinavian style exudes a sense of luxury. The larger villas each have their own sauna, but there is also a traditional beach sauna on site for all guests to use.

Merikruunu is suitable for both families and couples looking for a relaxing holiday near the sea and nature.

For more information about our accommodation options, see: www.visitkimitoon.fi/stay



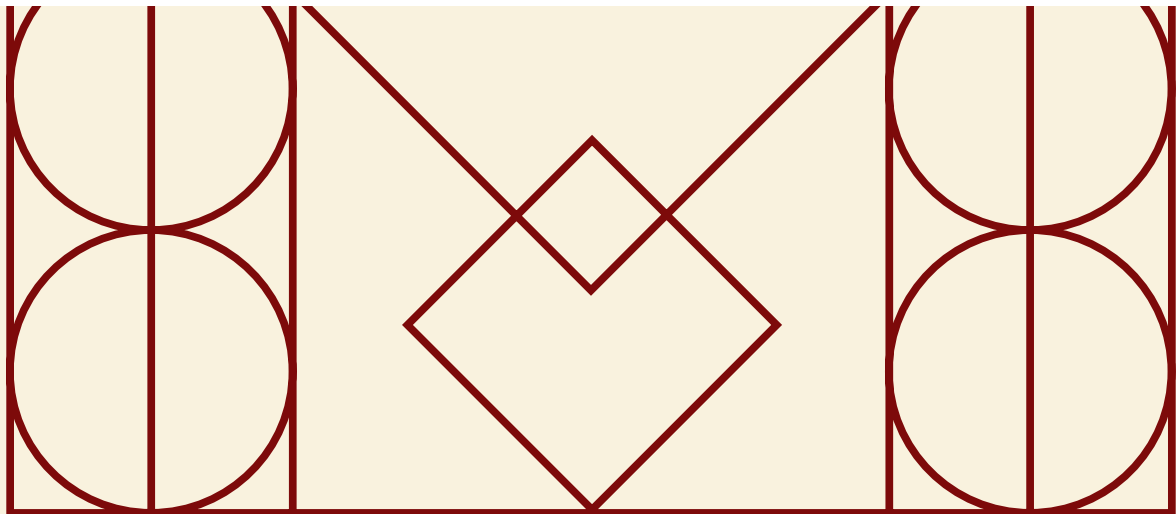
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Kimitoön 700 år



**Kimitoön
Kemiönsaari**





“Kimitoön’s jubilee year celebrates culture, the archipelago’s special characteristics, the environment and local life - with a view to sustainable development!”



Activities all year round

Kimitoön offers events all year round. From lively jazz in the heat of summer to atmospheric light installations in the darkness of November – there is something for all tastes and all seasons.

Flower Day at Söderlångvik Manor

www.soderlangvik.fi

Söderlångvik Manor welcomes summer with an atmospheric garden market, activities and music.

Baltic Jazz

www.balticjazz.fi

Held annually in the historical ironworks environment of Dalsbruk, this swinging festival offers a balanced mix of classic jazz, blues and rock music for the whole family. Finnish jazz legend Antti Sarpila has been creative director since 2002.

Kimito Island Music Festival

www.kimitomusicfestival.fi

This yearly festival offers the finest chamber music by world class artists – from both the Finnish and the international scene. The concerts are held in picturesque and uniquely beautiful venues such as local churches and manors.

Festival Norpas

www.norpas.fi

Norpas is a quirky cultural festival for everyone! Come and enjoy live music, cinema, art exhibitions, sound installations, performances, circus and workshops.



Night of the Ancient Fires

www.visitkimitoon.fi

Back in the day, bonfires were used to guide seamen home safely. Still today, on the last Saturday of August, bonfires are lit to mark the end of the summer. Take part in the celebration at one of the events arranged by local communities!



September Open

www.septemberopen.fi

September Open is a festival of Medieval events and attractions, as well as live music combined with local culture and a farmers market.



Apple Day at Söderlångvik Farm

www.soderlangvik.fi

We celebrate Finnish apples and harvest time every year on the last Saturday of September. Visit the museum and enjoy local flavours at the farmers' market!

Mörkö festival

www.morkofestival.fi

Mörkö is a touring festival on Kimitoön that aims to explore the dark. Mörkö has previously visited Dalsbruk and Björkboda, among other places.

Dark-Örö

www.visitoro.fi

During the autumn holiday weeks, you can embrace the autumn darkness under the starry sky in the Archipelago

Sea National Park. The programme, which is free and suitable for all ages, can be combined with both day trips and longer stays.

LUX Söderlångvik

www.soderlangvik.fi

Experience light art in the winter darkness. LUX Söderlångvik transforms the museum park and the museum into a magical world with light installations that sparkle in harmony with stars and snowflakes.



Christmas meals and markets

www.visitkimitoon.fi/en/christmas

Venues that serve Finnish traditional Christmas dinners: Labbnäs vacation home, Kasnäs Pavilion, Rosala Viking Centre, and Örö.

Traditional Christmas markets: Oskarsmarknad in Sagalund, Lillajulsmarknad at Kalkholmen, Julmarknad in Dalsbruk, and Julmarknad in Kimito.

New Year's Eve on Örö Fortress Island

www.visitoro.fi

Spend a relaxing New Year's Eve in the Archipelago Sea National Park, sampling a variety of tasty food. Enjoy the season of silence and winter landscapes

Viking winter games

www.rosala.fi

Enjoy an exciting winter day in Rosala in the Viking spirit! The programme includes axe throwing, archery, spear throwing and knife throwing and the competitions are suitable for adults and kids alike.

SEE ALL THE EVENTS AT
evenemang.kimitoon.fi



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LAURA JOHANSSON, SANNI SEPPÖ, OSKARI HÄRMÄ (P. 5)

“Kimitoön offers a wide range of outdoor activities for the adventurous.”

A Paradise for Nature Lovers

Kimitoön’s unique archipelago offers fantastic experiences for those who long for the tranquillity of nature and a fresh sea breeze. The island’s diverse nature can be enjoyed both on the water and on land through a wide range of activities.

Nature trails

Nature and culture trails are a great way to experience Kimitoön. The trails vary in length from half an hour to a full day. Some of the marked nature trails are located in the Archipelago Sea National Park, where there is plenty to see and do all year round. The national park protects the unique nature and culture of the archipelago, and its special feature is the cultural landscape of the old pasture islands.

The archipelago’s environment and sparkling waters

There are several beautiful beaches along the coast, where you can sunbathe and swim in the fresh archipelago air. One of the most popular is Ölmos beach, known for its fine sand and shallow waters, making it perfect for the whole family. Here, you can enjoy the archipelago environment with views of the sparkling sea and horizon. Read more about the beaches of Kimitoön at www.visitkimitoon.fi.



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The Joy of Being Active on Kimitoön

Social activities in nature

For those with energy to burn, try frisbee golf – a fun and sociable way to get moving while enjoying the surrounding nature. If you're more into racket sports, Kimitoön has both padel and tennis courts, which have quickly become popular meeting places for both locals and visitors.

Amosparken – a multi-purpose activity park

Amosparken in Kimito is a versatile activity park with something for everyone. There is a playground for young and old, a mini basketball court and an illuminated mini stadium with artificial turf. The park also features a beach volleyball court, a roller skating rink with ramps and several football pitches, not to mention an outdoor gym and staircase intended for exercise use.

Explore nature on horseback

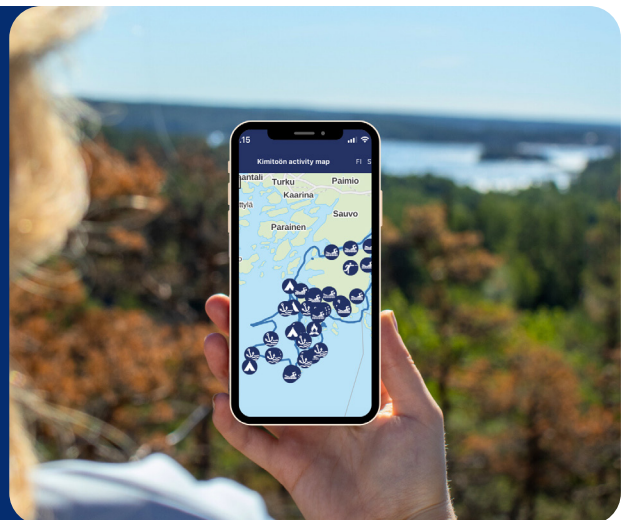
For horse lovers, there are several stables on Kimitoön that offer horseback riding in the beautiful countryside. Exploring the island's forests and meadows from horseback is a new experience and one of the best ways to get close to nature and wildlife.

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Find all the outdoor activities on the Kimitoön Activity Map

The Kimitoön Activity Map, launched in May 2024, brings together all the outdoor activities and destinations on Kimitoön, covering both summer and winter options. The map portal helps you to find activities and destinations around the island and works in computer and mobile phone browsers. The 'Find my location' function makes it easy to navigate in nature.





A Magical Sauna in a Magical Forest Village

Björkboda on Kimitoön is home to a sauna that is unique even in the land of the sauna: the smoke sauna at Storfinnhova Gård. Visiting is like stepping into a fantasy world where the surroundings exude magic, like something out of a fairytale. In addition to the sauna, Storfinnhova also offers accommodation, conference facilities and party services.

It takes 1.5–2 days to heat up the huge but very atmospheric underground granite sauna, which can accommodate about 40 people. The temperature stays at 63–66 degrees Celsius and provides a mild and pleasant sauna experience. About 230 tea lights are placed all along the soot-blackened walls.

A stream flows into the sauna and down into two paved water basins, which are kept at a pleasant temperature by the surrounding heat – so you can take a dip in the water, which in the summer months is around 20 degrees Celsius, while you are in the sauna. However, in

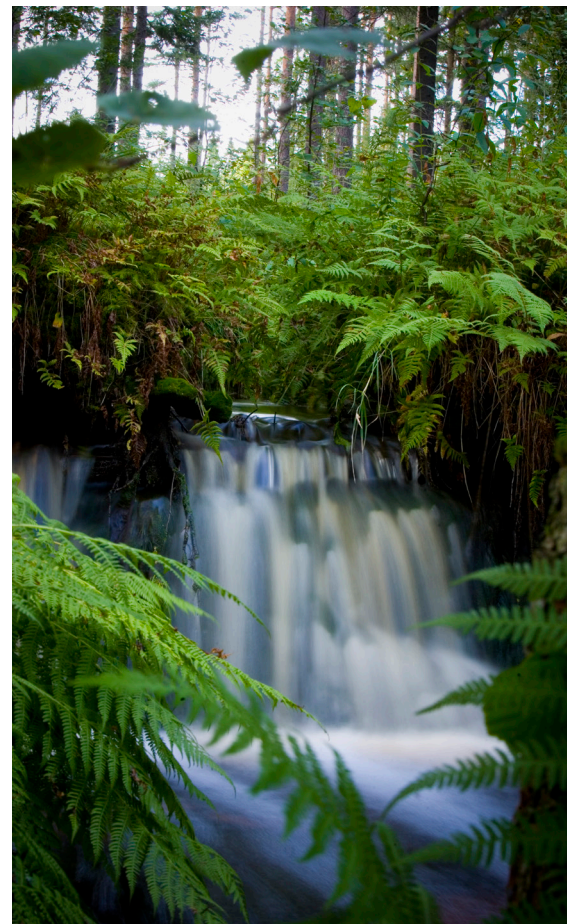
the middle of winter, the temperature drops closer to zero.

The atmosphere at Storfinnhova Gård can be described as magical, like a scene from *Game of Thrones* or *The Hobbit*. Group bookings are welcome, but individual guests and families can also book onto public sauna sessions held three to six times per month.

Storfinnhova Gård also offers dinners made using local produce, such as potatoes and vegetables grown by the neighbour, Oskar.

For more information, visit storfinnhova.com.

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Hundreds of Eiders Nest Safely at Bengtskär Lighthouse

Out on Bengtskär, the whole island is filled with nesting eiders in spring. Over 500 nests are built in every corner: along walls, under benches, in flower beds and under shelters built for them.

The eiders have found a safe home in the presence of humans, where white-tailed eagles dare not go. Since the lighthouse was opened to tourism, the number of nests has increased 100-fold in three decades.

In May, the boat M/S Sissel organises an eider safari from Kasnäs to Bengtskär. Whether you are a bird lover or not, it is an unforgettable experience to see hundreds of friendly eiders just a few metres away.

Over the decades, the eiders have become accustomed to humans, and the staff make sure guests know how to behave so as not to disturb the birds. The trip also includes a visit to the lighthouse, where traditional fish soup and homemade bread rolls are served.

Every year, over 1,500 eider ducks hatch on the island. If you want to have a chance to see the cute downy ducklings, the best time is the end of May or the first week of June.

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Experience the Magical Darkness of Kimitoön

When autumn and winter embrace Kimitoön, darkness becomes an asset rather than an obstacle. Here, darkness becomes both an experience and an attraction. With the night sky as a canvas, Kimitoön offers nature experiences and events that celebrate the charm of darkness.

On clear nights, a spectacular starry sky opens up, and the many nature trails, such as the Dalsbruks, Söderlångviks and Eknäs trails, attract hikers. Pack snacks, grab your torch and stop at the shelters – here you can light a fire and be mesmerised by the sky.

But the darkness on Kimitoön offers more than just experiences with nature – it's also the stage for unique events. Celebrate the darkness with events such as Dark Öro – family-friendly adventures on Öro, Mörkö Festival – a celebration

of shadows and silence, or the impressive LUX Söderlångvik light art festival.

Kimitoön shows that darkness can be more than just the absence of light – it's a place where stars glow, creativity flourishes and minds are sharpened. Pack warm clothes and a thermos full of something tasty and experience a side of the Finnish archipelago that is as unique as it is inspiring.



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Top Activities to Experience in Kimitoön

Sailing: a historical voyage

Step aboard the yacht **Eugenia**, a historic wooden schooner, for a sailing adventure through Kimitoön's stunning archipelago. Enjoy guided tours, get involved with the sailing, or relax while learning about the region's maritime history. Day trips, overnight stays, and private charters will make this an unforgettable journey.

Climbing: reach new heights

Kimitoön offers exceptional opportunities for climbers of all levels. Popular spots like Oxhagaberget and Senatsberget provide routes ranging from beginner to advanced. For an adventurous experience, visit Kyrkskär, accessible by boat or kayak, with its scenic climbing routes surrounded by the beauty of the archipelago. Nordic Activities offers a professional guide to ensure a safe and exciting experience for all ages.

Paddling: embrace the waters

Explore the archipelago's tranquillity by kayak, gliding past serene shores and curious seals. Whether you're a novice or an experienced paddler, on a guided tour you can benefit from safety tips and local insights, blending adventure with peaceful immersion in nature.

Book a guided climbing or kayaking adventure through Nordic Activities.



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The Coastal Route

– cycling the Archipelago

The Coastal Route is a 220-kilometre signposted cycle route connecting Kimitoön, Salo, Hanko and Raseborg. Much of the route is on quiet tarmac roads through forests, countryside and the archipelago, with unique stops at historic ironwork and archipelago villages as well as three national parks along the way. Hence, the route is one of the most distinctive in Finland.

The route runs from Salo via Mathildedal to Ekenäs and Hanko, then by boat via Bengtskär to Kasnäs and back to Salo via Kimitoön.



Plan your trip

With so much to see and do, it is advisable to book 4-8 days in order to enjoy the whole route. For tips on daily stages and services, please visit the route's website Coastalroute.fi or scan the QR code below!



Summertime highlights

During summertime, you can combine cycling with a sea voyage - take your bike on a liner from Hanko to the iconic lighthouse island of Bengtskär and onwards to Kasnäs. On the sea leg, you can experience the history and magnificent nature of the archipelago from a new perspective. Bengtskär Lighthouse and a detour to Söderlångvik Manor are among the highlights of the route in Kimitoön, according to cyclists.

A year-round adventure

During other seasons, the route is ideal for a sightseeing tour of Kimitoön, and you can even stop by Mathildedal and Teijo National Park.

National parks and archipelago forests

The route is marked by three national parks - Archipelago, Teijo and Ekenäs - which feature hiking trails and spectacular views. The coastal route offers a range of unique accommodation options, from cottages and hotels to camping sites and areas. Want to experience something unconventional? Try staying in a tree house, a tentsile or even at Bengtskär Lighthouse! There are plenty of cafés, breweries, restaurants and service points along the way.

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Tailor-made Group Trips to Kimitoön – Experiences for Everyone

Kimitoön is an ideal destination for group travel, offering everything from tailor-made experience packages to flexible meeting venues and activities to suit both business and leisure travellers. With nature always nearby and no shortage of quality services, the island has something for every type of group. Here are just some of the operators offering group arrangements on Kimitoön.

Personalised group trips in the archipelago

VISIT SOUTHPPOINT

Visit Southpoint is a tour operator and event company founded in 2008 and managed by Mats Grönblom since 2021. The company specialises in tailor-made trips and events for groups, companies and individuals, mainly in Raseborg, Kimitoön, Hangö and Ingå.

With a wide network of contacts, Visit Southpoint can handle even the most complex of arrangements. The company motto – ‘We can solve this!’ – reflects their commitment to service. They offer day visits, overnight trips and packages of cultural experiences and activities, taking on responsibility for all liaisons with partners and creating realistic itineraries to ensure a smooth experience. With a focus on personal service, Visit Southpoint strives to make every event a success. Visit their website at www.visitsouthpointfinland.fi/en to plan your next adventure in Southwest Finland.

MATKA-LAUNOKORPI

Matka-Launokorpi organises adventurous package tours to the most beautiful destinations in the archipelago. www.turunsaaristomatkat.fi

Matka-Launokorpi offers a wide range of trips and can easily take customers to Kimitoön, with trips combining the beautiful archipelago environment, historical and cultural sites and unique local restaurants. In addition to their range of standard package tours, they also offer tailor-made packages for individual groups.

Group trips and experiences are also offered by Archipelago Booking of Finland www.saaristovaraus.fi and Rosala & Bengtskär travels www.rosala.fi!

| PHOTOS: JASKA POIKONEN, KASNÄS

A unique setting for inspiring meetings

STORFINNHOVA

Storfinnhova is a great setting for corporate guests. When you book Storfinnhova, you have the entire facility available for your exclusive use. With dedicated and service-oriented staff, a successful event is guaranteed! With three different meeting rooms – the Sauna (12–14 people), the Banquet Hall (60–80 people) and the Knight’s Hall (10–40 people) – you can easily tailor your event to suit your needs. Storfinnhova also has two saunas, including an underground smoke sauna with stream-fed pools for relaxation. Storfinnhova also offers overnight accommodation for up to 40 people.

ÖRÖ

Örö offers a unique environment for meetings and group trips, with several varied and modern meeting rooms for groups of different sizes. The island has excellent facilities for camps and confirmation classes, as well as a wide range of tailor-made activities such as guided tours and nature walks. With high quality accommodation and dining services, guests get a holistic experience of island life, where the proximity to nature and history makes for an unforgettable stay.



KASNÄS

Kasnäs organises events throughout the year for both corporate clients and leisure visitors. Party and meeting facilities are available upstairs in the spa area and in the conference building near the guest harbour. The beautiful beach sauna with hot tub is perfect for both small meetings and relaxation. An idyllic meeting room by the breakwater

is also popular for a variety of events. Meeting rooms are available with catering or the option to prepare your own food. Meetings can be tailored to your needs and combined with indoor and outdoor activities or excursions to nearby islands. The area also offers mini golf, tennis and padel courts. All accommodation prices include breakfast and free access to the spa and gym during your stay.

SÖDERLÅNGVIK

Söderlångvik Manor offers business groups cultural excursions and experiences in nature amidst beautiful surroundings, with guided tours of the museum, park, apple orchard, and nature trails. Amos Krog restaurant serves buffet, à la carte and café options, and there is a sauna building next door. The Carriage Museum is available for meetings and can accommodate up to 30 people. There is also an ice cream parlour selling farm produce and local handicrafts. A typical occupational well-being day could include a meeting, lunch, a guided tour, and time to explore the area.

Bjärkas Golf and **Uppgårds Fotisgolf** footgolf facility also offer excellent opportunities for group activities, with good venues for meetings and gatherings before or after the activities.

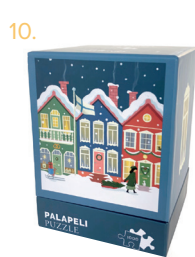
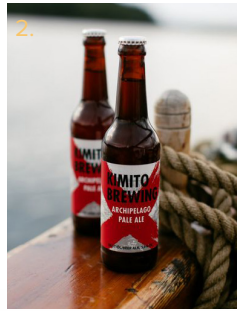



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Paper Products inspired by the Archipelago

Sofia Koistinen is an illustrator, biologist and shopkeeper. Koistinen designs and sells her paper products in the Fröken & Rouva shop in Dalsbruk and through her web shop. Koistinen is inspired by the nature of the archipelago and the local people. The range includes several postcards and art posters with archipelago and Kimitoön themes. Koistinen's products reflect the bilingualism of Kimitoön and the cards are available in both Finnish and Swedish. All paper products are printed in Finland on 100% recycled paper.

SOFIA IN THE FRÖKEN & ROUVA SHOP. PICTURE: SANNA WALLENIOUS

Glass Blowing in the Heart of Dalsbruk

In Dalsbruk's old cast-iron foundry, glass artist **Jarl Hohenthal** runs his workshop Glashyttan, where he uses traditional glassblowing techniques to create both functional objects and unique works of art.



"I work exclusively with glass," says Jarl. "Glass has a dynamic that fascinates me – the ability to work with both transparency and form." He produces a range of items, from bowls and glasses to custom pieces, with an increasing focus on artistic expression.

From Vänoxa to Dalsbruk

After his studies, Jarl spent his summers working with glass on the island of Vänoxa, but in 2017 he moved his business to Dalsbruk. "It was a dream to work in my home region. Here, I can make a living and contribute to the local culture at the same time," he explains.

The local area is important to Jarl, who enjoys the contact with locals, summer residents and tourists alike. He sees meeting visitors as an important part of the job and appreciates the community that has been built. "I think that in a city you might meet more people, but there is a greater risk of losing contact and community. Here on Kimitoön, I feel

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*Glass has a
dynamic that
fascinates me.*

part of a community, which makes for a much richer experience.”

The inspiration behind the art

The inspiration for Jarl's work comes from the stories and experiences he wants to convey. "The dynamics of glass and the physical power of glassblowing are my greatest driving forces," he explains. The versatility of glass allows him to create objects with different looks – from transparent to matte, at times resembling other materials such as ceramics, wood or steel.

The nature of Kimitoön as a source of inspiration

The environment of the archipelago strongly influences Jarl's art. "The sea and the archipelago make the place special and give me a sense of closeness and belonging," states Jarl. Through his workshop in Dalsbruk, he wants to create art that gives back something special to the archipelago.



PHOTOS: SANNA WALLENIOUS, CAMILLA MOBERG-NORDGREN



Illustrations from Kimitoön Making Waves Around the World

Joyful illustrations and beautiful colours – these are the elements that create the unique paper products sold by Finland’s Polka Paper, based in the beautiful and inspiring village community of Dalsbruk.

Founded over 20 years ago by illustrators **Kristiina Haapalainen** and **Sami Vähä-Aho**, Polka Paper is a brand and design agency known for its illustrated paper products. Designed in Dalsbruk, the range includes postcards, calendars and notebooks and is available throughout Finland and internationally.

Haapalainen and Vähä-Aho moved to Kimitoön 12 years ago, attracted to the island by its beautiful nature, proximity to the sea and convenient location close to both Turku and Helsinki. The couple have gradually built up a network and found their place on the island – their children are thriving at the Finnish-speaking school in Dalsbruk and the whole



family are enjoying the variety of leisure activities Kimitoön offers.

Haapalainen and Vähä-Aho are pleased that more creative people have moved to Kimitoön in recent years, and they have started a number of collaborative projects with various new residents.

Even today, Kimitoön’s diverse nature, seashores, gardens and historical surroundings are important sources of inspiration for Polka

Paper’s design work. Haapalainen and Vähä-Aho also draw inspiration from music and everyday objects.

Polka Paper’s illustrations often feature familiar landscapes from Kimitoön, such as the beach at Ölmos and the coastline of Dalsbruk, and are inspired by the island’s nature and environment. Söderlångvik Manor, for example, has used Polka Paper’s unique designs in its products. However, not all of Polka Paper’s illustrations are related to Kimitoön – over the years it has collaborated with various brands both in Finland and abroad.

Polka Paper’s studio is open during the summer season and by appointment. The products can also be purchased from Polka Paper’s online shop and from retailers in Finland, elsewhere in Europe and even Japan.

Address: Dalscenter, Dalsbruk

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KRISTIINA HAAPALAINEN

An Artist Inspired by the Sea

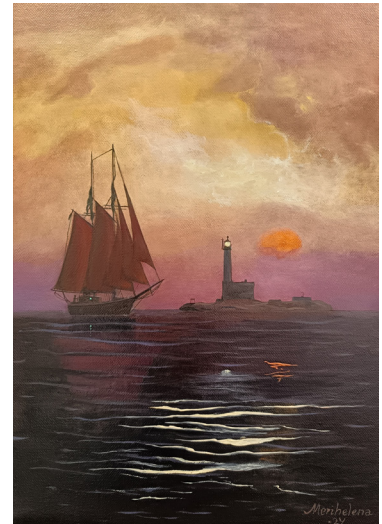
Merihelena Leskinen is an artist whose passion for painting the sea began at the age of nine. During an autumn storm in the Gulf of Finland, while sailing with her family, she decided that when she grew up she would paint the sea. Life took her first to the world of music, where she worked as a pianist for three decades. In 2004, after a month-long voyage across the Atlantic with her husband Olli, she decided to fulfil her childhood dream and moved from the piano to the paintbrush to capture the mighty Atlantic waves.

From city life in Espoo to coastal Dalsbruk

In 2021, Merihelena and her husband moved to Dalsbruk. They were attracted to Dalsbruk by its proximity to the Archipelago Sea. She was already familiar with Dalsbruk's guest harbour, having had her first exhibition of marine paintings there in 2005. Establishing her studio and gallery close to the marina was the natural choice, as it allows passing visitors and sailors to discover her art every day.



| THE SUN SEA, ON THE SHORE OF PURUNPÄÄ



| GALLEASS ALBANUS AT BENGTSKÄR LIGHTHOUSE

Inspired by nature and life on Kimitoön

Kimitoön and Dalsbruk constantly inspire Merihelena with the presence of the sea, nature and the history of the place. The landscape of Purunpää in particular has long fascinated her and Olli, who have been admiring the magnificent bedrock outcrops from their boat for years. Now they can enjoy the same views from land. Once she even saw a wild boar on Glasberget!

Merihelena works mainly with oil paint on a linen canvas, a technique that best captures the depth and light of the sea. She has been running Galleria Fabrik in Dalsbruk since 2022. Despite challenges such as the pandemic, rising electricity prices and the economic crisis, she has remained true to her artistic calling. In 2024, the gallery moved to the old pharmacy building in Dalsbruk, where its central location and large windows allow more people to discover her art.

Community and culture

The active local community in Dalsbruk has been an important part of Merihelena's working life on the island, with collaborations with local entrepreneurs leading to new projects and joint activities.

Merihelena wants to make art accessible to everyone, which is why she has set up an art loan service at the gallery, so that those who wish to can rent a piece of art for their home or office for a monthly fee. By doing this, she hopes to lower the threshold for Kimitoön residents to explore the world of art and enjoy her painted seascapes.



Taste the Local Treasures of Kimitoön

On Kimitoön, local food isn't just a trend – it's a way of life that combines high quality, sustainability and support for the local community. Here, you can enjoy a wide range of products, from freshly collected honey and crisp vegetables to fresh fish, often directly from the producer.



Kimitoön's local markets are a lively meeting place where visitors can buy everything from farm produce to small-scale food crafts. Dalsbruk's market square, particularly busy on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the summer months, and Kimito's market square on Fridays are some of the places where people meet to shop and enjoy a real taste of the archipelago. Outside of market days, it is possible to

buy local produce direct from farms all year round, making it easy to support local agriculture and always have access to fresh and locally produced ingredients.

Food crafts are a growing movement on Kimitoön, where dedicated producers transform their raw materials into unique products. Their work reflects not only passion, but also Finland as a country where food takes high priority and is produced according to the strictest quality standards – from farm to fork.

When you choose local food from Kimitoön, you are investing in healthier choices, climate-friendly consumption and a deeper connection with the food on your plate. It's a taste experience that also tells a story – one of tenacious entrepreneurs, scenic surroundings and local community.

Discover for yourself what Kimitoön's local flavours have to offer and make your visit a feast for the palate and the conscience!



| PHOTOS: JASKA POIKONEN, LAURA JOHANSSON



Enjoy the Freshest Produce from Local Farm Shops

Björknäs Trädgård produces Finland's tastiest tomatoes

Near Söderlångvik is Björknäs Trädgård, a garden where Johan and Diana Kinon grow and sell tasty vegetables. In addition to their own vegetables, they also sell locally produced vegetables and products from many different producers in the region. The business was established in 1991 and has since become a favourite of many who want locally grown and fresh produce.

From tomatoes to a variety of vegetables

When Björknäs Trädgård was founded more than 30 years ago, the focus was on growing tomatoes. However, over the years, the farm's range has grown to include cucumbers, peppers, lettuce, herbs and other crops, offering customers the opportunity to buy a variety of products directly. The farm sells its products in its own shop and also delivers some to nearby shops, especially during the summer when the number of visitors to Kimitoön increases.

After a generational change in the early 2000s, Johan and Diana took over the business and have been running it

ever since. They emphasise that the direct contact with customers through their farm shop is one of their greatest sources of inspiration. The opportunity to talk directly to customers, to hear their positive feedback and, above all, to be recognised for growing 'Finland's tastiest tomatoes' motivates them to continue.



An important element of Björknäs Trädgård's philosophy is the way they grow their tomatoes: Johan and Diana have chosen peat soil as their growing medium, which they believe brings out the natural sweetness of the tomatoes and gives them a richer flavour.

Närboden in a nutshell – jams, delicacies and a salt-of-the-earth atmosphere

Kimitoön is also home to Närboden, where Sabina and Torsten Ekholm run a farm shop specialising in locally grown vegetables, homemade jams, juices and pastries. Närboden offers a wide range of local delicacies all year round, from seasonal vegetables to award-winning jams.

PHOTOS: JANINA NORDGREN,
CAMILLA MOBERG-NORDGREN

PASSION, TRADITION AND FLAVOUR:

Kimito Brewing Puts Kimitoön on the Drinks Map

Kimito Brewing is a family business established in 2016 with a focus on brewing beer, as well as also producing spirits, including gin. The company is run by husband and wife **Jonas Sahlberg** and **Stina Meller-Sahlberg**, with **Tony Myrskylä** in charge of the distillery. Together, they strive to produce tasty, easy-to-drink, high-quality beer.

Their main ingredients are barley malt, hop water and yeast, and they use local ingredients whenever possible. Jonas Sahlberg is enthusiastic about the local resources: “Kimitoön’s water is excellent for brewing beer, we are really happy with it!”

Ahead of Kimitoön’s 700th anniversary, Kimito Brewing is making a big push and has developed some anniversary products, including a beer made from barley malt produced on the island. “We are making some ultra-local products for the anniversary year,” explains Jonas.

Jonas has worked in the alcohol industry all his life, so setting up a brewery was a natural progression. It took no more than 15 minutes to get Stina on board too, and then it was just a matter of getting started.

For Jonas, their work is both a passion and a profession, where the interest is so strong that the boundaries between work and leisure are sometimes blurred. “I feel like I’m

both never at work yet always at work,” he laughs. Despite the challenges he faces, he finds great inspiration in the big picture: “You never reach a point where you’ve learned all there is to learn, and that’s what makes my work both challenging and inspiring.”

Kimitoön holds a special place in the hearts of Jonas and his family. After living away for a few years, they now joke that they never want to live anywhere else. “The climate for entrepreneurs on the island is good and only getting better over time,” he says. Over the years, he has seen cooperation between businesses grow and the community and local entrepreneurs support each other. “There is a real spirit of dialogue here; you can get help if you ask, sometimes even from complete strangers.”



Jonas and Stina at the Southwest Finland Entrepreneurship Gala, where Kimito Brewing won the Kimitoön Entrepreneur of the Year 2024 award.

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Tips and Tricks

An active and action-packed holiday requires good equipment.
On Kimitoön you can rent a boat, car, SUP board, kayak, canoe or bike!



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- SEAPPOINT



- DB MARINA
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IN DALSBROK)
- NORDIC ACTIVITIES



- KASNÄS
- HÖGSÅRA
- ÖRÖ

RIGHT OF PUBLIC ACCESS

Public access rights in Finland allow everyone to roam freely in the countryside, regardless of who owns the land. You can hike, pick berries and mushrooms and camp temporarily on non-private land without asking permission. However, it is important to be considerate: you must not disturb wildlife, damage nature or inconvenience the landowner. Fires may only be lit where permitted, and it is forbidden to leave rubbish in the countryside. The right of public access offers freedom, but it also brings with it responsibility for nature, animals and other people.

WEATHER TIPS AND PACKING

All-weather clothing:

- the weather in the archipelago can be changeable, so it's a good idea to pack layers and rain gear, even in summer

Sunscreen and mosquito repellent:

- the sun can be strong at sea, so sunscreen is essential. Mosquito repellent is also a good idea for forest walks and evenings by the water. Ticks are common on Kimitoön, so it is wise to check your body after spending time in nature.

KIMITOÖN TOURIST INFORMATION

Tourist information services will be available at Dalsbruk guest harbour and Sagalund in the summers 2025–2026.

- tips on attractions, accommodation, restaurants, events and activities
- tourist brochures and maps of Kimitoön.

Dalsbruk and **Kasnäs guest harbours** also have touch screens with tourist information, as well as bicycle shelters, charging stations and storage facilities.

Salon Oppaat Kemiönsaari offers guided tours and local information to enhance visitors' experience of Kimitoön, covering topics from nature and history to culture and sights.

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Sustainable Tourism Requires Innovation and Dialogue

The Archipelago Sea, with its unique natural environment, is a popular tourist destination, especially during the summer months. Its changing landscapes, rugged beauty and rich biodiversity attract many visitors, but its fragile ecosystems also make it vulnerable to the impacts of tourism. Sustainable tourism in the Archipelago Sea area means finding a balance between experiencing nature and protecting it.

The Archipelago Sea's nature is unique

The Archipelago Sea features tens of thousands of islands, islets and skerries, creating a varied landscape. It is home to many rare species that depend on its specific environment, however, threats to these species include eutrophication, pollution and habitat loss.

Conservation of this unique nature is essential for sustainable tourism. Tourism creates economic opportunities and contributes to a vibrant archipelago, but it can exert excessive pressure that damages ecosystems and reduces the ability of local people to influence their future. A balance must be struck so that both nature and communities can thrive.

What is sustainable tourism?

Sustainable tourism in the Archipelago Sea is about meeting the needs of tourists without putting too much pressure on the environment and local communities. It means integrating tourism with conservation and cultural preservation, while also ensuring long-term economic sustainability.

Negative impacts can be minimised by targeting tourism at specific areas, limiting visitor numbers and introducing environmentally friendly alternatives, such as electric boats and eco-labelled activities. Extending the tourist season to other times of the year, for example by attracting visitors during the long warm days of autumn, can reduce pressure on the area during the height of summer.

Sustainable tourism also means strengthening the local economy by supporting local businesses that use sustainable practices and materials. Restaurants, accommodation and craftspeople working with archipelago resources can both preserve and promote local culture. Involving local people in the development of tourism also ensures that decisions are made with their needs in mind.

Sustainable infrastructure balances pressures

The fragile ecosystem of the Archipelago Sea means that the area's small islands have a limited capacity for visitors. Overcrowding can lead to wear and tear on vegetation, disturbance of wildlife, and pollution. To mitigate these effects, tourism needs to be organised with respect for the natural environment.

The necessary infrastructure, such as harbours and toilets, can disrupt the natural landscape. Solutions such as ecological toilets, sewage treatment systems for boat traffic and marked nature trails are needed to guide tourists and minimise damage to the environment.

Another challenge is transport. Boat transport is necessary to move between islands, but fossil-fuel-powered motorboats emit pollutants that affect both air and water. Promoting environmentally friendly alternatives and restricting motorised boat traffic in sensitive areas can reduce these problems.

Cooperation and technological development support sustainable tourism

Despite the challenges, sustainable tourism offers many opportunities. Through local cooperation, tourism activities such as guided nature walks, bird watching and sustainable fishing can be developed. These activities are low-intensity and attract visitors interested in learning about and respecting nature and local culture.

Demand for nature-based experiences is growing as more people seek out quiet, unspoilt environments. This creates an opportunity to offer tourism that not only preserves but also enhances the cultural and ecological values of the area.

Research and education are also important. By working with universities and environmental organisations, strategies can be developed to protect the Archipelago Sea. Studies can highlight the impact of tourism and lead to concrete

measures to minimise it. Education of both tourists and tourism businesses is key to raising awareness, which in turn can help prevent the most harmful impacts.

Technology can play an important role in the future. Apps can help visitors find sustainable accommodation, transport and activities, and provide information on restrictions and weather. Digital tools can also guide visitors to less sensitive areas and reduce pressure on the most popular sites.



The Archipelago Sea is a unique area that requires careful management to preserve its beauty and biodiversity. Applying sustainable tourism principles can create long-term development that benefits the environment, local communities and tourists alike.

The Municipality of Kimitoön is working to look after the Archipelago Sea

The Municipality of Kimitoön is one of three pilot areas in Southwest Finland in the Government's Archipelago Sea Programme, focusing on improving the state of the Archipelago Sea and reducing nutrient discharges.

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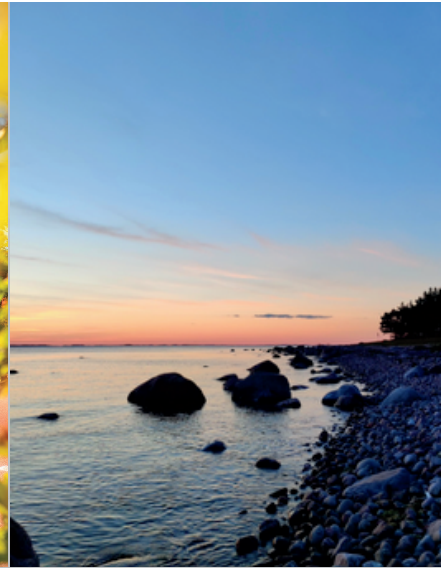
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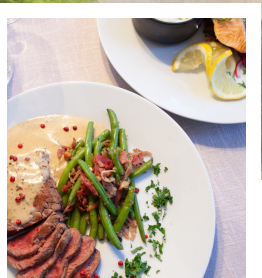
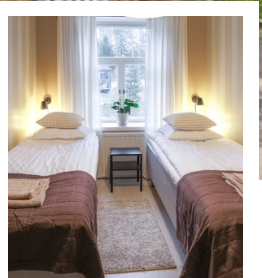
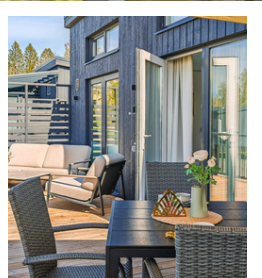
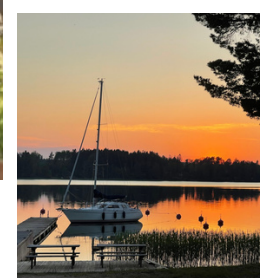


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