



FINLAND



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My trip

Porvoo



This is where I stayed for 3 weeks : in the beautiful city of porvoo

I had the chance to visit 3 cities/town : Helsinki, Fiskars and Turku.



Culture and differences

Foods



Even if I prefer French food, it was very interesting to discover the finnish cuisine, here are some foods that I've seen the most in the finnish school

Culture and differences

School system



It is one of the that shocked me the most in Finland, the school system. It's much better than the french one, it gives much more freedom and free time to the students and it is a very good point about Finland.

Differences

- Patriotism
- Military
- Language
- No secularism
- More introvert

Here are some characteristics that are different from France in my opinion :

I think the Finnish people are more patriotic and they feel more concerned about military compared to French people. They have, of course, a different language and the fact that it has no similarity with European languages made it really difficult for me to understand it, but I must say this is a beautiful language even if it's difficult.

Another big difference with France is that there is no secularism in Finland, and I found that people were more open to talk about religion (they even have a religion class/course). But if I have to say one flaw about Finland is that there are, in general, more introverts than French people, they don't really like small talk or things like social interaction with strangers and that's why I think it was more difficult for me to be integrated than it was for my penpal when he went to France.

Why should you go to Finland ?



Here are some pics of reasons to go to Finland. They are really good at ice hockey and the karjalanpiirakka (top right) is very good, but in my opinion the most beautiful thing about Finland are the landscapes : the lakes, the forest, the cities, Lapland... There is so much to see, and that's why you should definitely visit this country, it was one of the best experiences in my life !