

Kotka, South Finland, Finland

Finland's 'City of Parks' sits on its own island in the Gulf of Finland, where award-winning gardens, a world-class maritime museum, and a Tsar's fishing lodge await within easy reach of the pier.

-  Pier (Kantasatama or Mussalo)
-  Typical call: 8-10 hrs
-  Euro (cards everywhere)
-  Finnish — English widely spoken

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Kantasatama (city center) or Mussalo (shuttle provided)

Walk to center: 10-15 min from Kantasatama pier; not walkable from Mussalo

Best For: Parks, maritime history, Finnish cuisine, relaxed strolling

Don't Miss: Maritime Centre Vellamo, Sapokka Water Garden, a warm Posso pastry

 Getting around:  Taxi  €18–€24 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Maritime Centre Vellamo** — A wave-shaped architectural landmark right at the Kantasatama pier, housing the Maritime Museum of Finland and Museum of Kymenlaakso.
- Sapokka Water Garden** — Consistently ranked among Finland's most beautiful parks, Sapokka features a near-20-meter waterfall, rock sculptures, and masses of rhododendrons...
- Langinkoski Imperial Fishing Lodge** — Built in 1889 for Tsar Alexander III, this wooden riverside lodge sits among rushing rapids in a nature reserve.
- Maretarium Aquarium** — A unique freshwater and Baltic Sea aquarium focused entirely on Finnish fish species.
- Katariina Seaside Park & Beach** — A former oil harbor transformed into a sweeping recreational park with ruins of Fort Katarina, a giant labyrinth, and Mansikkalahti beach — sandy...

BEST WALKS

- City Center & Sculpture Promenade** 1.5 km · 30 min · Easy · Free — Walk from the pier along Keskuskatu — Finland's largest outdoor sculpture gallery — to the Market Square, then loop through Sibelius Park before returning along the...
- Vellamo to Sapokka Water Garden** 2 km · 40 min · Easy · Free — Start at the Maritime Centre Vellamo, walk south along the waterfront promenade, and arrive at the award-winning Sapokka Water Garden with its waterfalls and flowering...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:54AM–8:31PM · Jun 3:43AM–10:42PM · Aug 5:24AM–9:06PM · Sep 6:40AM–7:33PM · Oct 7:53AM–6:01PM	
Apr	45°	33°	9d	Euro (cards everywhere)	
Jun	66°	53°	10d		
Aug	68°	58°	12d		
Sep	59°	50°	10d		
Oct	47°	40°	12d		

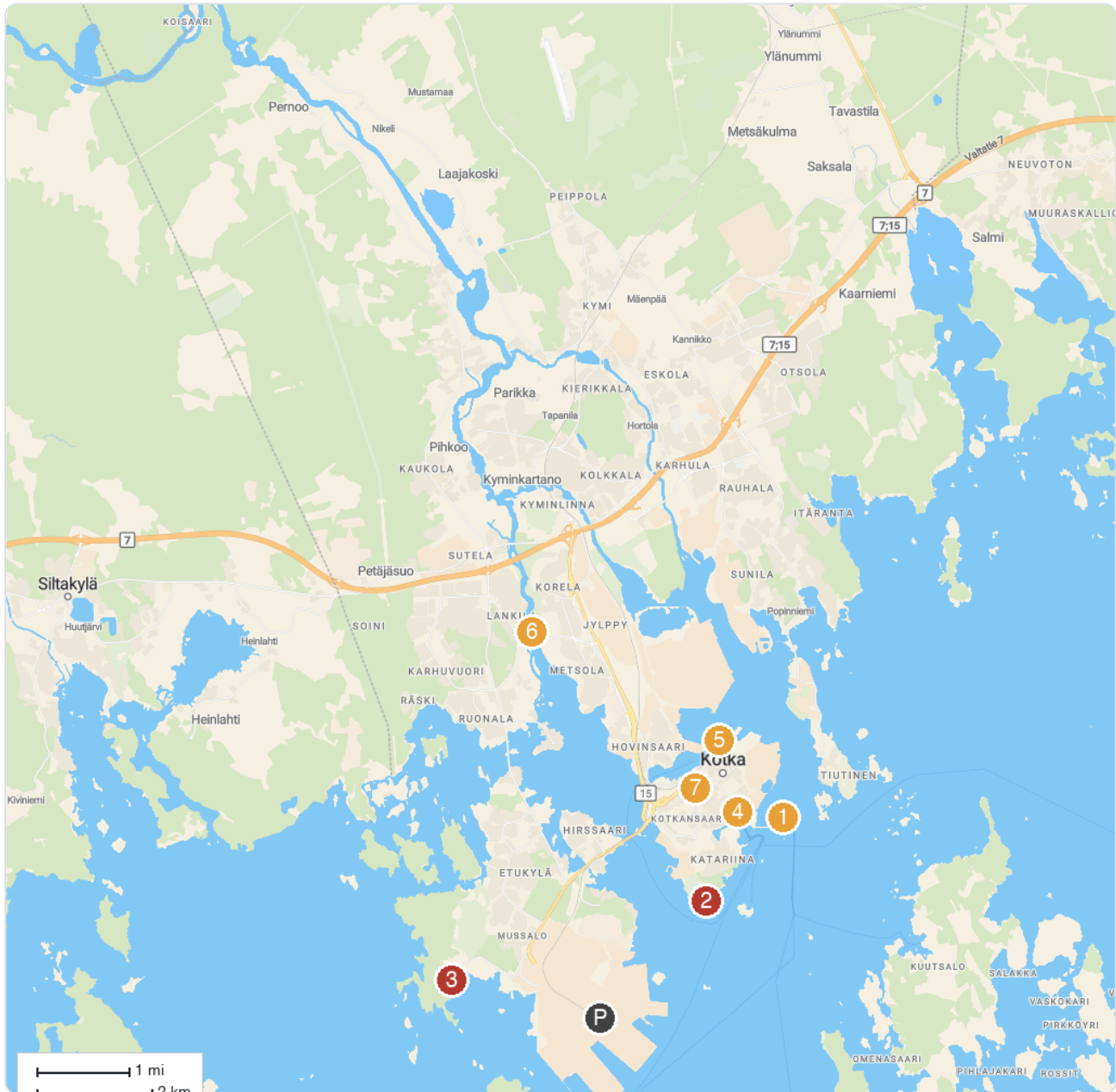
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Cards everywhere: Finland is nearly cashless. Every café, market stall, and museum accepts contactless payment — don't bother getting euros.
- Mussalo shuttle: If your ship berths at Mussalo, check the onboard daily program for shuttle times and whether there's a fee before heading out.
- Eat a Posso: This sugar-coated apple-jam doughnut is Kotka's civic pride. Find them at the Market Square food tents — warm from the fryer, they're exceptional.
- Bike the parks: City bikes are available near the pier — Kotka's flat terrain makes cycling an easy way to cover the Water Garden, Maretarium, and Katariina Park in one loop.
- Best in summer: Kotka's parks peak in June and July when rhododendrons and azaleas bloom. Spring and autumn visits are quieter but still rewarding.
- Langinkoski takes planning: The Tsar's lodge is about 6 km from the port — allow 2 hours round trip by taxi or Bus #12, and check museum opening times before going.

Kotka, South Finland, Finland — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Luotsi-Kuusinen Scenic Spot | A beautiful viewpoint offering panoramic sea and island vistas. | 2 Katariina Seaside Park | A large, beautiful park with sea views and activities. |
| 3 Nature trail | A walking path through natural landscapes, often with information. | 4 Maretarium | An aquarium dedicated to Finnish fish and aquatic life. |
| 5 Maritime Museum of Finland | Finland's national museum of maritime history and seafaring. | 6 Langinkoski Imperial Fishing Lodge | Historic imperial fishing lodge of Russian Emperor Alexander III. |
| 7 Church of Kotka | A beautiful, historic granite church in the city center. | P Cruise port / terminal | |