

Oulu, Northern Ostrobothnia, Finland

Finland's cycling capital on the Gulf of Bothnia — flat, friendly, and refreshingly uncrowded. An industrial port gives way to a charming city of wooden islands, riverside parks, and exceptional Nordic food.

-  Pier (Oritkari Quay — shuttle required)
-  Typical call: 6–8 hrs
-  Currency: Euro (cashless city)
-  Language: Finnish / English widely spoken
-  European Capital of Culture 2026

MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier at Oritkari Quay (~5 km from city center; walking not permitted from port)

Best For: Nordic culture, cycling, Finnish food, beaches, architecture

Walk to center: Shuttle or taxi only from port; city center itself is fully walkable

Don't Miss: Market Hall reindeer soup, Pikisaari island, Toripolliisi statue

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  €15–€20 one way ·  **Rideshare**  Uber, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Market Square & Market Hall** — The heart of Oulu.
- Pikisaari Wooden Island** — A 10-minute walk across a pedestrian bridge from Market Square brings you to Pikisaari, an island of colorful...
- Hupisaaret City Park** — A cluster of river islands connected by picturesque white wooden bridges in the Oulujoki delta.
- Nallikari Beach** — Known as the 'Riviera of the North,' Nallikari is a broad stretch of fine white sand on the Bothnian Bay, about 3.5 km...
- Kierikki Stone Age Centre** — About an hour northeast of Oulu in Yli-Ii, this archaeological park features a reconstructed Neolithic village where...

BEST WALKS

- Market Square to Pikisaari Loop** 2 km · 30–45 min · Easy — Start at Oulu Market Square (Kauppatori), browse the Market Hall, then cross the pedestrian bridge south to Pikisaari island.
- Hupisaaret Islands Park Walk** 3 km loop · 45–60 min · Easy — Head east from Market Square along the riverbank to Hupisaaret.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:42AM–8:55PM · Aug 5:03AM–9:38PM · Sep 6:40AM–7:44PM · Oct 8:11AM–5:54PM	
Apr	40°	27°	8d	Currency: Euro (cashless city)	
Jun	63°	50°	10d		
Aug	65°	54°	15d		
Sep	56°	46°	12d		
Oct	42°	35°	13d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Shuttle is essential. Walking from Oritkari port is not permitted — arrange the ship shuttle or a taxi before disembarking. Return shuttles fill up near the end of the day.
- Go cashless. Oulu is almost entirely card-only. Even market stalls and bus tickets take contactless payment. Don't bother with an ATM

Oulu, Northern Ostrobothnia, 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 Heinätorinpuisto park | A central park with a historic wooden house district. | 2 Tietomaa Science Centre | Interactive science museum for all ages. |
| 3 Rotuaarin pallo | A large, iconic, heated sphere sculpture in the city centre. | 4 Oulu Market Hall | Historic indoor market selling local food and crafts. |
| 5 Mannerheim park | A peaceful city park with a statue of Mannerheim. | 6 Oulu Cathedral | Neo-Gothic Lutheran cathedral with a tall bell tower. |
| 7 Nallikari Beach | Popular sandy beach and holiday village by the sea. | P Cruise port / terminal | |