

CAGR 2026: Trip to Suomenlinna fortress

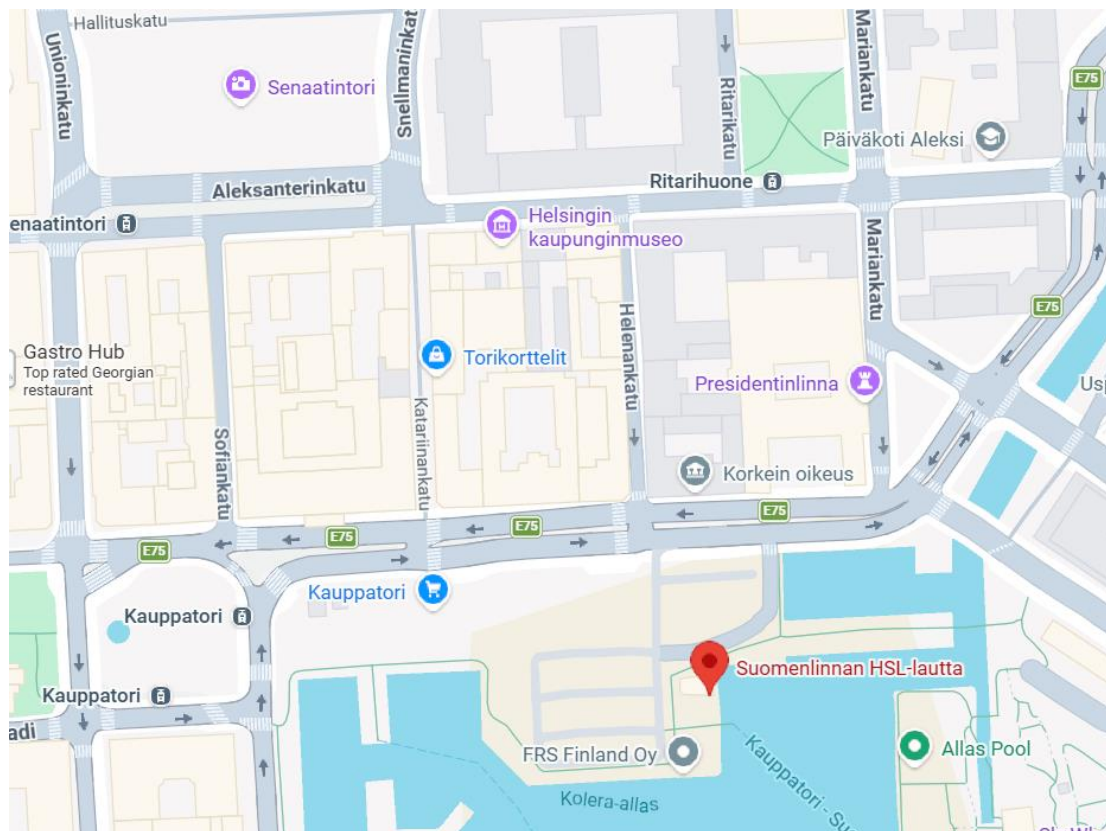
Suomenlinna is a historic sea fortress and a UNESCO World Heritage site situated just off the coast of Helsinki. It's one of the city's most popular attractions as well as a unique residential district.

We invite CAGR participants to spend the evening on Suomenlinna island with us on Wednesday 27 May, after the pre-conference workshops.

We will take a short and scenic ferry ride to Suomenlinna from Market Square (Kauppatori). It's less than a 5-minute walk from Senate Square (Senaatintori), with the big white cathedral.

If you want to eat before departure, there are multiple restaurants around this area, and there is traditional Finnish food served in the Market Square stalls. There is also a grocery store as well as restaurants on the island.

We will meet at the ferry docking point, which is marked with a red pin on the map below.

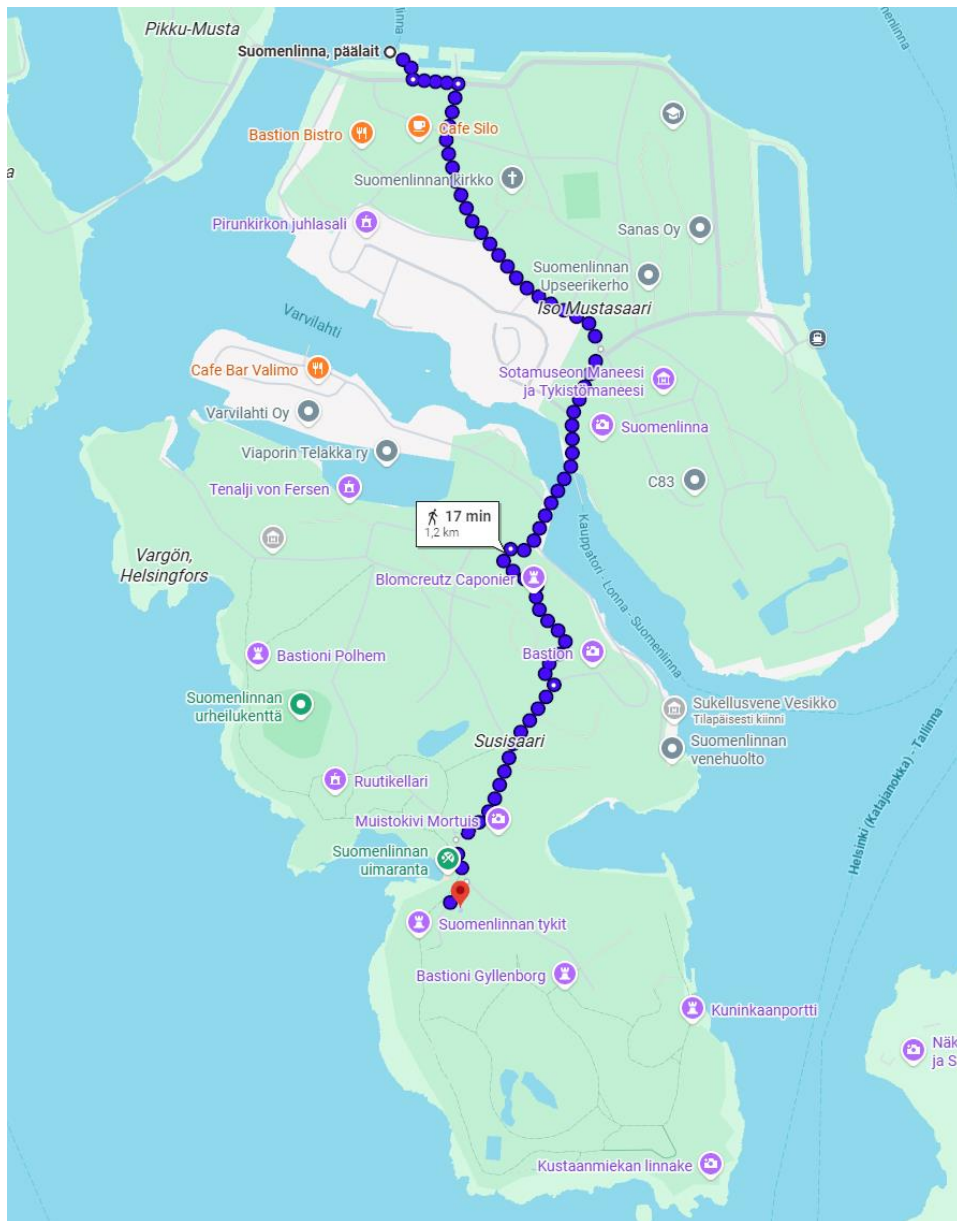


A host will be waiting at the ferry departing point with a visible sign. The joint departure times are listed below. **Please arrive 15 to 20 minutes before the ferry departure time.**

18:00 **18:20** **18:40**

Don't worry if you miss these departures. Ferries leave every 20 minutes, and you can catch us with the next one.

In Suomenlinna, we will have a meeting point 1,5 km walk from the ferry stop. The meeting point is marked with a red pin in the map below. It's number 40 in the [official Suomenlinna map](#).



There will be some relaxed programme between 18:30-21:00:

- Finnish yard games at the meeting point
- Walking tour to the furthest part of the island, departure at 19:15 from the meeting point
- Free programme around the island

Please schedule your own return to Helsinki by ferry. Hosts will leave latest at 21:00. After 20:00, ferries leave every 20 minutes.

Wear comfortable shoes and active outerwear, especially if you aim to explore the Suomenlinna island. The paths on the island are paved with stone, gravel, or sand, and the terrain is hilly and uneven at places. Weather can change quickly. In the case of a storm, we will cancel the trip and inform everyone of our new plans via email.

There is a K-market at the arrival point, you can buy snacks or drinks there. There are public toilets near the meeting point.

More about accessibility in Suomenlinna: [Accessibility - The official website of Suomenlinna](#)

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How to buy a ferry ticket:

You can travel to Suomenlinna with any HSL (Helsinki public transportation service) ticket that includes zone A (AB, ABC, or ABCD). For the journey between Market Square and Suomenlinna, an AB ticket is sufficient. You can use the same ticket across all HSL modes of transport.

You can buy the ticket by:

- Using contactless card payment
- Downloading the HSL app
- Using the ticket machine located at the ferry departure point

The ferry ride takes about 15 minutes. Single one-way ticket costs 3,30 €.