

Sketches of tours in Finland.

ITINERARY Ia.

Helsingfors—Viborg—Imatra—Helsingfors

- Friday, Aug. 6th.* Leave Helsingfors 10,15 pm by night train (sleeping car).
Saturday » 7th. Arrive Viborg early morning 7,10 am. Visiting the town, the old Viborg castle, drive to the park Monrepos. Lunch Esplanad Pavillon or »Round Tower». Leave by train 12,40 pm. Arrive Imatra 3,13 pm. See Imatra rapids the biggest rapids in Europe. Imatra is not a perpendicular fall like Niagara for example, but a mighty cataract, in which a huge volume of water is confined in a narrow rocky gorge. The fall is about 19 metres, and the channel at its narrowest point is only 20 metres wide. It is now proposed that the huge volume of water power here available, 117,000 H. P., should be utilized in the early future as a source of electric power for the railways and industry. — Lodging in sleeping cars or State Hotel.
- Sunday, Aug. 8th.* Drive to the Wallinkoski rapids, also well worth seeing. Some people think them more beautiful than Imatra itself. Leave Imatra by night train 7,22 pm.
- Monday, Aug. 9th.* Arrive Helsingfors 7,42 am.
Fare incl. sleeping cars, rooms, breakfast, lunch, dinner & tips.
second class Fmk. 592:—
first » » 1,002:—

ITINERARY Ib.

Helsingfors—Viborg—Imatra—Helsingfors

- Saturday, Aug. 7th.* Leave Helsingfors by day train 11,35 am. Arrive Viborg 5,50 pm. Hotel Andrea. Dinner Hotel Andrea, »Round Tower» or Esplanade Pavillon.
- Sunday, Aug. 8th.* Visiting Viborg, leave 12,40 pm. Arrive Imatra 3,13 pm. State Hotel. Visiting Imatra.
- Monday, Aug. 9th.* Leave Imatra 6,18 am. Arrive Viborg 10,46 am. Leave Viborg 12,52 pm. Arrive Helsingfors 7,00 pm.
Fare incl. sleeping cars, rooms, breakfast, lunch, dinner & tips
second class: Fmk. 740:—
first » » 1,045:—

ITINERARY II.

Helsingfors—Viborg—Imatra—Punkaharju—Savonlinna—Lappeenranta—Helsingfors

- Friday, Aug. 6th.* to Sunday, Aug. 8th as Itinerary I a.
Sunday, Aug. 8th. Leave Imatra by night train 10,59 pm. (sleeping car).
Monday, Aug. 9th. Arrive Punkaharju 4,30 am. (Hotel Finlandia).
Punkaharju, a pearl of lake views, is a high narrow ridge, four miles long and so narrow that from the drive which runs along the top of the ridge, a stone can be thrown into the clear waters which lap its steep pine covered shores. Lovely views of the islands which thickly dot the surrounding lakes are to be seen on both sides of the ridge.
- Tuesday, Aug. 10th.* Leave Punkaharju by train 9,32 am. Arrive Savonlinna 10,48 Visiting the town, the old castle of St. Olof, the Bathing Establishment and Casino. Savonlinna is a little town built on islands in a narrow strait, through which the waters from two long arms of the system stretching to north and east empty themselves into lake Saimaa. The mediaeval castle of St. Olof stands in a most picturesque position on one of the islands in the middle of the strait. — Leave by steamer at 1,45 pm. for Lappeenranta (Villmanstrand). The traveller crosses Lake Saimaa, the central basin of the system which bears its name, a passage of about 80 miles, forming a typical example of Finnish lake scenery. He sees thousands of islands and scors of narrow straits and open sounds. The tranquillity and mysterious twilight of summer broods over all, the scene is one of unique and restful calm.
- Wednesd., Aug. 11th.* Arrive Lappeenranta 8,00 am. leave by train 11,12 am.
Arrive Simola 11,45 am. leave Simola by the day express train 1,38 pm., arrive Helsingfors 7,00 pm.
Fare incl. sleeping cars, rooms, breakfast, lunch dinner & tips
II cl. train, I cl. steamer Fmk. 1,100:—
I » » I » » » 1,590:—

