



Charming Sastamala, a town close to Tampere

Sastamala

Sastamala offers pristine lakes and natural surroundings, beautiful churches and baroque music at Sastamala Gregoriana festival. Come and visit us as well as Mr. Clutterbuck, the somewhat silly sleepwalker from Mauri Kunnas' children's books.



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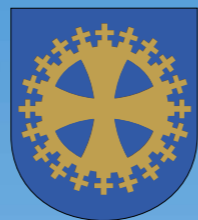
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Find your holiday highpoints in Sastamala



What kind of a traveller are you? Are you looking for something to keep the whole family buzzing? Or are you yearning for the relaxing peace and quiet of hiking in the forest along marked tracks? Is culture your thing? Whatever your preference, Sastamala offers a multitude of things to see and do!

The highlights of a family holiday take place at Mr. Clutterbuck's house that offers the fun fairy tale world of Mauri Kunnas' children's books and in the neighbouring Pukstaavi Museum of the Finnish Book that is a wonderland of literature. Kiviniitty farmyard zoo is a place to get to know both traditional farm animals and some more exotic creatures. For an active family, you cannot get higher than the highest points of the superbly renovated Ellivuori climbing park followed by a fat bike tour to Pirunvuori hill, and the Ellivuori Ski Center is perfect for downhill skiing for the whole family in winter.

Culture-lovers will appreciate old books, old churches, old music and old houses which Sastamala has traditionally been known for – but even though the basics are old, the attractions and events are new every year and they always offer interesting and fresh perspectives. Every year, the annual old books event attracts about 15,000 book lovers to Sastamala and takes place on the weekend after Midsummer. The Sastamala Gregoriana early music festival offers Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque tones in the cultural scenery of Lake Rautavesi.

There are numerous concerts, exhibitions and village markets during the weekends in and around Sastamala, and there is plenty of choice for sports lovers too. Among other things, you can put yourself to the test on one of the two 18-hole golf courses of Lakeside Golf, Ritajärvi hiking trails or fishing on the generous lakes of Sastamala.

This brochure presents the tourism highlights of Sastamala but take a look at our website too at www.visitsastamala.fi

You are warmly welcome to Sastamala!

**TOURIST INFO
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SASTAMALA

Founded: 1 January 2009

Population: 24,301
(November 2019)

Area: 1,429 km²

Travel: Trunk roads 11 and 12 and the railway provide good connections between Sastamala and, for example, Pori, Turku and Tampere, which is less than an hour's drive away. The railway stations at Karkku and Vammala are situated amidst the most beautiful scenery along the Tampere–Pori railway. Tampere–Pirkkala airport is only about 50 km away.

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Events in SASTAMALA

WHAT ARE THE INGREDIENTS OF SUMMER IN SASTAMALA?

Books, music and art. Culture both high and rustic. Events surrounded by natural beauty. Summer events and sports, particularly volleyball, as we are in the home town of the Finnish volleyball champions, team VaLePa. Old and new. Speed and serenity. Something for everyone. Come and see for yourself!

1. Old books

Book lovers always find their way to Sastamala a week after Midsummer for the old books event (Vanhan kirjallisuuden päivät) that focuses on a new theme every year.

The main attraction of the event held at a local school, Sylvään koulu, are the used book sellers' stalls, but if you take the steps up to the first floor you can find stands with dozens of exhibitors, both associations and companies, offering you the latest works and news in the diverse literary sector. In addition to book sales,

the huge tent in the yard also has restaurant services.

This free event attracts some 15,000 visitors to Sastamala every year. The full event programme is always published during the spring.

www.vanhankirjallisuudenpaivat.com
[Finnish only]

Address: Sylvään koulu, Ojansuunkatu 8

You can always find up-to-date information about events online or ask for tips in English from the tourist information office: matkailu@sastamala.fi

2. Kiikoisten Purpurit folk music event

The old village centre of Kiikoinen will also be bursting with merriment during the weekend after Midsummer with the Kiikoisten Purpurit folk music event.

This event including folk music, folk dance and cherishing our heritage has music and dance everywhere, both planned and improvised, and everyone is happy to take to the floor for folk dances of all sorts.

www.kiikoistenpurpurit.fi [Finnish only]
Address: Kiikostentie 47





3. Sastamala Gregoriana

Sastamala Gregoriana celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2020.

The series "Cities by water" shows the way for the festival in the years 2018–2023 taking us to cities that have been connected with the world via their location by seas or rivers. They have been centres for arts and culture for centuries and home to some of the world's most famous composers and performers.

From Venice the festival journey continues to Paris, Bruges, Vienna and Rome before finally ending in London.

Enter the magical atmosphere of Sastamala Gregoriana!

www.sastamalagregoriana.fi/en/



6. Old houses of Sastamala

Old houses open their doors to interested visitors in mid-August in and around Sastamala.

Sastamala is a municipality of many towns and villages covering a large area where farming is still a significant means of livelihood and a prominent part of the scenery. Sastamala lives and breathes from its rural green core. Fine fields and well-kept heritage housing and production

buildings adorn the scenery both by the side of lakes and next to open farmland.

On designated days, old houses welcome visitors throughout Sastamala. You can visit farmhouses, manor houses, horse stables, small tenant farmers' cabins and parsonages. The "Wanhat talot" old houses event became an instant success in Sastamala. More than 50 buildings open their doors to the public each year, and

during the day, thousands of people come and visit.

Both private people and public entities present their properties from the perspectives of building traditions, interiors, upholding history, maintaining landscapes and individual rural living. Every house has its own unique history and the owners are happy to share their stories with you.

There are no admission fees, but many places sell food, coffee, pastries or other products, so it's good to bring some cash with you. An event brochure is published in July with more than 100 pages of photos and introductions to the buildings to help you plan your tour.

www.wanhattalot.fi [Finnish only]



4. Satakunnan kansansoutu rowing event

Waters, and particularly the Kokemäenjoki River, are prominent in Sastamala and surrounding areas, and an impressive flotilla can be seen rowing and canoeing along the ancient waterway from Sastamala to Pori in early July attracting cheering crowds to the riverbanks.

For participants, Satakunnan Kansansoutu is an event of three E's: experiences, excitement and euphoria. It offers physical challenges, excitement, togetherness, friendship, beautiful scenery and heritage values. Many of the participating groups have been so enchanted at their first experience that they've turned participation into an annual tradition. At the busiest times, there have been over 400 boating teams with some 3,000 participants.

People of all ages, even whole families, can participate, as everyone proceeds at their own pace along the river and the whole flotilla comes together at rest stops as well as for the final stage, the "grand finale", ultimately arriving in Pori.

en.kansansoutu.fi
Starting point address:
Marttilankatu 22

5. Tyrvää jazz

Tyrvää Jazz in September.

The historical Kivinavetta stone barn in Sastamala will be filled with jazz rhythms in September. An array of interesting names starts with the first tunes on Friday and they continue all the way to a jazz brunch on Sunday, so it is a weekend of good music and fine food organised in cooperation with the Tyrvää Parsonage.

For more information about the performers and details of the whole programme, see:
www.tyrvaajazz.fi
[Finnish only]



7. Summer theatres

Ellivuoren kesäteatteri
www.ellivuori resort.fi/en

Kiikoisten kesäteatteri
www.kiikoistenkotiseutuyhdistys.fi/kesateatteri [Finnish only]

Kelaran kesäteatteri in Suodenniemi
www.suodenniemi-seura.fi/suodenniemi-viikko/ [Finnish only]

Romulan taiteellinen teatteri
www.romulantaiteellinenteatteri.com
[Finnish only]

Rämsöön kesäteatteri
www.ramsoo.fi/kesateatteri
[Finnish only]

Vesarannan teatteri
www.vesarannakesateatteri.com

Tyrvään Pappilan amfiteatteri
www.tyrvaanpappila.fi/fi/briefly-in-english/

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matkailu@sastamala.fi

Refreshing waters, enchanting forests

In Sastamala, there is unspoiled nature all around you.

The heart of the town is nestled between the biggest lakes along the Kokemäenjoki River: Lake Rautavesi and Lake Liekovesi. The Vammaskoski Rapids between them can be crossed via the massive granite bridge.

The long and narrow waterway of Kokemäenjoki River offers boaters 60 kilometres of free routes, and you can stop over on many islands. The waterways offer fine views of, for example, Tyrvää Church, St. Olaf's Church and St. Mary's Church as well as the whole of Sastamala from a new perspective.

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By boat or canoe

Finland is the land of thousands of lakes, and Sastamala has 176 of them, both big and small, and many in active leisure use.

The whole Sastamala area offers excellent opportunities for taking to the waters in a leisurely manner. There are rental sites around the town where you can rent SUP boards, rowing boats, kayaks, canoes or even a giant canoe or a "church boat", a long rowing boat, for a bigger group of people.

Sastamala covers a large geographical area, and the Kokemäenjoki River runs right through it. So even when you're driving, cycling or walking along roads not immediately at the waterfront, you can still almost always spy the river winding along somewhere in the scenery.

There is so much to catch for those who enjoy fishing, as the varied waters are home to pike, perch and pikeperch, among many other species. In early summer you can even find natural populations of the predatory asp, rare elsewhere in Finland, in river sections with a strong current in the Kutala and Ellivuori areas. If you're lucky, you can see dozens of asp jumping in the evenings.

The Majava Cup trolling competition is organised every year in the waters of Sastamala.

By bike

You can also admire beautiful scenery by bike. To make it easy, hop on one of our proposed routes – ask for more information at matkailu@sastamala.fi

Admire birds and their songs

Sastamala is also appreciated by bird watchers. You can spot many species just by taking a short biking trip from the town, perhaps around Lake Liekovesi to the Vaunusuo area, the plywood mill area and the Nokkakylä area, which are all good places for bird watching.

Or why not choose the Lake Rautavesi side of town and head for the Heinoo area? During late spring and early summer, it is a wonderful experience to listen to birdsong at night with the light northern summer nights or in the early mornings in the yard of St. Mary's Church of Sastamala, for example.

The Villilä area of Keikyä is the place to spot the first lapwings, starlings and stock doves of spring in the region, and in early spring you can follow the migration of sea eagles, sometimes even golden eagles. From here, it is not far to the Puurijärvi and Isosuo National Park that is known as being a wonderful bird watching area.



Ritajärvi nature conservation area

Ritajärvi is a hidden gem of natural beauty in Southern Finland. It is one of the largest areas protected as part of the forest owners' voluntary METSO nature conservation programme: it covers 127 hectares of forest and 50 hectares of lakes.

The Ritajärvi nature conservation area is a beautiful untouched undulating area of small wilderness forest lakes and connecting streams. There are versatile biotopes of natural forests, rocky areas and huge boulders.

You can download a map via a link at <http://www.visitsastamala.fi/ritajarvenluonnonsuojelualue/> [Finnish only, but you can find a map using a link on the page] to help you plan a hike suitable just for you but you can even take off without a map as the trails are clearly marked with signs.

The shortest and easiest trail is the 2.3-kilometre trail known as "Valkeajärven reitti", while the "Ylisen Ritajärven kier-

ros" trail (4.4 kilometres) and the "Alisen Ritajärven lenkki" trail (4.8 kilometres) already offer some challenges for hikers. A route around all three lakes adds up to 8 kilometres of hiking.

There are several campfire sites and dry toilets along the routes, and there's even a lean-to if you need some shelter for a while or just want to rest on the narrow strip of land between Lake Valkeajärvi and Lake Ylinen Ritajärvi.

Families with children and children themselves have praised the varied and interesting terrain in the Ritajärvi area and particularly the bridges, gravel paths and duckboards in wet areas that make hiking easy.

www.facebook.com/Ritajarvenluonnonsuojelualue/

Address for the main entrance to the hiking area and one of the three parking areas: Ritajärventie 358.

Kuasman kiäppi hiking trail

The hiking trail around Kuorsumaa village and Lake Kuorsumajärvi in Kiikoinen offers lakeland, forest and wetlands scenery, sounds and smells of nature, and an opportunity to observe animals, plants and other little wonders of nature.

"Kuasman Kiäppi" is a hiking trail of 14 kilometres maintained by the local village association. "Lisäkiäppi" is an extra few kilometres that takes you to wet spruce forest where – who knows – you might even spot a troll or two. There are signs along the route telling you about the environment, points of interest and local history. There is a bird watching tower with a barbeque and open fire site as well as a lean-to shelter nearby. Other places to rest your legs are the Pappilankallio and Kiikanhuhdanmäki rest spots as well as a barn called Pikku-Tyrvään taukolato.

The starting points with map and information boards can be found along trunk road 44, at the beginning of Hepokorventie road and Pikku-Tyrvääntie road as well as close to the parking area for the bird watching tower along Kakkurilamintie road.

www.visitsastamala.fi/kuasman-kiäppi-patikkareitti/ [Finnish only, but you can find a map using a link on the page]

Tyrvään Mantan luontopolku nature trail

A nature trail that winds around a hilly area almost in the centre of the town, next to the Ranta-Kukkuri new housing area hails the local folk healer "Tyrvään Manta", officially Amanda Jokinen (1853–1922) and her life's work using various plants as well as local nature.



The clearly marked nature trail named after "Tyrvään Manta" is also suitable for families with chil-

dren, as it is well marked and only just over one kilometre. You can immerse yourself in history along the trail thinking back to how people used to prepare natural medicines in the very same area while also admiring the scenery by Lake Rautavesi with the historic Kalapirtinsaari Island and St. Olaf's Church in Tyrvää on the other side of the lake.

www.visitsastamala.fi/tyrvaan-mantan-luontopolku/ [Finnish only, but you can find a map using a link on the page] Address: Tampereentie 170



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Keikyä hanging bridge

The 228-metre long and 165 cm wide Keikyä hanging bridge is the longest wooden hanging bridge in Finland. It takes pedestrians and cyclists over the Kokemäenjoki River connecting Peevola village with Peuhula. It is located on the eastern side of the Äetsä power plant.

The bridge is being renovated during 2020 and it should be ready by the autumn. The renovation work, coordinated by a local heritage association Keikyän Perikunta, is being carried out by volunteers. You can follow the progress of the



project at <https://www.keikyanniippusilta.fi/> [Finnish only]

The bridge is located in the Keikyä area of Sastamala and it crosses the Koke-

mäenjoki River between Myllytie road and Peevontie road.

Address: Myllytie 22, 32740 Sastamala

Pirulanvuori observation tower

Sastamala is a geographically extensive municipality that provides ample impressive scenery and wonderful viewpoints. There is also a rich heritage of stories about the devil, in Finnish “piru”, having frequented the area, which can also be seen in many local names. You can climb to the top of one of his hills, Pirunvuori, in Karkku, or up to the observation tower on Pirulanvuori in Suodenniemi, for example. The 15-metre Pirulanvuori observation tower offers beautiful scenery overlooking lakes and forests – the view is even represented on the Finnish 1 Euro coin.

www.visitsastamala.fi/
pirulanvuoren-nakotorni

Address: Laviantie 600; the observation tower is 250 metres away from the parking area.

Otamus

Otamus is “an experience park” maintained by the village association of Mouhijärvi. The area provides striking scenery and has an idyllic summer cafe, a rocky beach for swimming, a lean-to for resting in the forest, barbeque spots and a pier for visiting boats.

There is an easy two-kilometre nature trail in the Ristijärvi area and the “Tilankierros” trail and “Salmin kierros” trail are 6–8.5 kilometres. All of the trails are clearly marked and there are information boards to explain the nature and history of the area.

With a canoe, you can start from Otamus along the narrow Saikkalanjoki River towards Lake Mätikköjärvi (route 11 km).

The “Arvon askel” hike (20 km) organised in the autumn passes by the villages of Jyränvuori, Nohkua, Tyrisevä and Pakkala.

www.otamus.fi [Finnish only]

Address: Otamussillantie 65



Golf

Golf can also be regarded as a kind of nature experience, and in Sastamala you get to play amidst cultural scenery. The 36-hole Lakeside Golf centre has two different courses, both with their own unique geography and atmosphere.

The “Järvenranta” course offers varied elevations, sporting challenges and beautiful scenery next to Lake Riippilänjärvi, whereas forest scenes, a rocky area dating back to the most recent ice age, open rocky hills and the small Lake Sorvijärvi give the more recently constructed “Pirunpelto” course its characteristic feel. They are both beautiful while at the same time challenging for players!

www.lakesidegolf.fi [Finnish only]

Address: Sastamalandantie 1901

Vehmaanniemi

Vehmaanniemi is a seven-hectare heritage landscape area close to the centre of Sastamala. A nature trail goes around the cape jutting into Lake Rautavesi, and you can find several Iron Age burial mounds along the trail.

The area is part of the Finnish Natura nature protection network, and WWF volunteers have been actively maintaining it – although in summertime, the landscape artistry is done by sheep grazing in the area. **Address:** Tampereentie 258

Kutalan kasino

Like any major metropolis, Sastamala even has a casino – although Kutalan Kasino is not a place for gambling or anything of the sort, as it is in fact a summer kiosk frequented by travellers, summer dwellers and locals as well as visitors coming by boat.

The Kasino, located on a spot of natural beauty by Lake Kulovesi, is the place to

go for coffee, pastries, ice cream, or even to get a fishing licence. There is a playground for children and, as well as occasional summer events, it hosts a regular village market every Friday and a meeting for motorcyclists on Mondays.

www.kutala.net/kasino [Finnish only]

Address: Kutalantie 783



Nature attractions

www.visitsastamala.fi/luontokohteet

Jogging tracks, gym parks and other open air sports venues – ask for tips, maps and locations at matkailu@sastamala.fi

Ellivuori Resort

gets you going

The renovated Ellivuori Resort offers versatile possibilities for meetings, events, cultural travel and all kinds of leisure activities.

Ski Centre

The downhill ski centre is located right next to the hotel. It has six slopes that are well lit and managed using artificial snow if needed. The slopes range from green level for children and other beginners all the way up to black level.

Ski Center Ellivuori has four anchor lifts taking skiers up, the children's slope has a pome lift, and there is even a Pinocchio lift for the smallest of all. You can hire an instructor and rent skis, snowboards and other equipment.

<http://www.ellivuori.fi> [Finnish only]

Address: Ellivuorentie 131, Karkunkyläntie 600



Ellivuori Resort

The whole Ellivuori Resort area has undergone renovation. Hotel rooms, restaurant facilities and most sauna facilities have been totally rebuilt, while new villas and apartments are being constructed in the area that also serves campers, caravans and motor homes – and even visiting boaters, as there is also a guest pier. The range of activities has also increased, and now you can go climbing in the adventure park, play a round on the mini-golf course or relax in the surroundings of the glow in the dark bowling alley. You can even easily start out on a nature hike right from the main entrance, either on your own or with a guide. Summertime also offers a lot of water sports, while winter provides plenty of opportunities for skiing.

There has been an increase in wellness and sports services as well as entertainment and culture, so you are bound to find things to do whether you are coming as part of a group or on your own. Meetings and special events are no problem either.

Ellivuori LIVE evenings provide entertainment from top Finnish artists and musical evenings can be topped off with delicacies prepared by our chefs using a lot of local produce. A lunch buffet and an à la carte menu are available every day.

www.ellivuoriresort.fi/en/

VuoriSport

Splendid scenery on the shores of Lake Rautavesi and the fabulous surroundings for outdoor activities entice, if not downright force you to get up, go out and get active. Just take your pick and go downhill or cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, boating, canoeing, fishing, swimming, standup paddleboarding or climbing – and then top it all off by bathing in a real Finnish sauna!

VuoriSport is the active heart of Ellivuori with a reception area downstairs in the hotel.

If you prefer to stay indoors, you can visit the glow in the dark bowling alley or play table tennis, but there are enough outdoor activities to keep you busy for several days particularly in the summertime. There is mini-golf, standup paddleboarding, fat biking, canoeing, rowing, frisbee games, football, volleyball, basketball, traditional yard games – just how would you like to have fun?

HighPark is a summer favourite offering excitement and exercise among the treetops for children as well as adults. There are wire and high rope courses between trees and poles where you can go climbing and gliding using a harness and a safety wire.

<https://ellivuoriresort.fi/en/activities/>

Pirunvuori and Danielsson's stone castle

Pirunvuori hill in Karkku was a popular tourist destination already back in the 19th century and the stunning scenery and peace of nature still attract visitors today.

In addition to the impressive views, Pirunvuori ("the Devil's Mount") also has a cave which locals say the devil himself used once upon a time. You can take a guided tour to see exciting places and listen to enchanting stories, but the area has marked paths, so you can visit on your own as well. A path to the cave starts from the Ellivuori hotel.

In the summer of 1906, the painter Emil Danielsson (1882–1967) had a wilderness atelier built for him using natural stone on Pirunvuori and he stayed in his stone castle in Karkku every summer after that for almost 60 years with his wife Saga.

Today, the town of Sastamala maintains the stone castle that is open during the summer and hosts changing exhibitions.

You can visit Pirunvuori and the stone castle on a two-hour guided walking tour for 110 euros all year round. Tour reservations are available from Sastamala tourist information, matkailu@sastamala.fi.

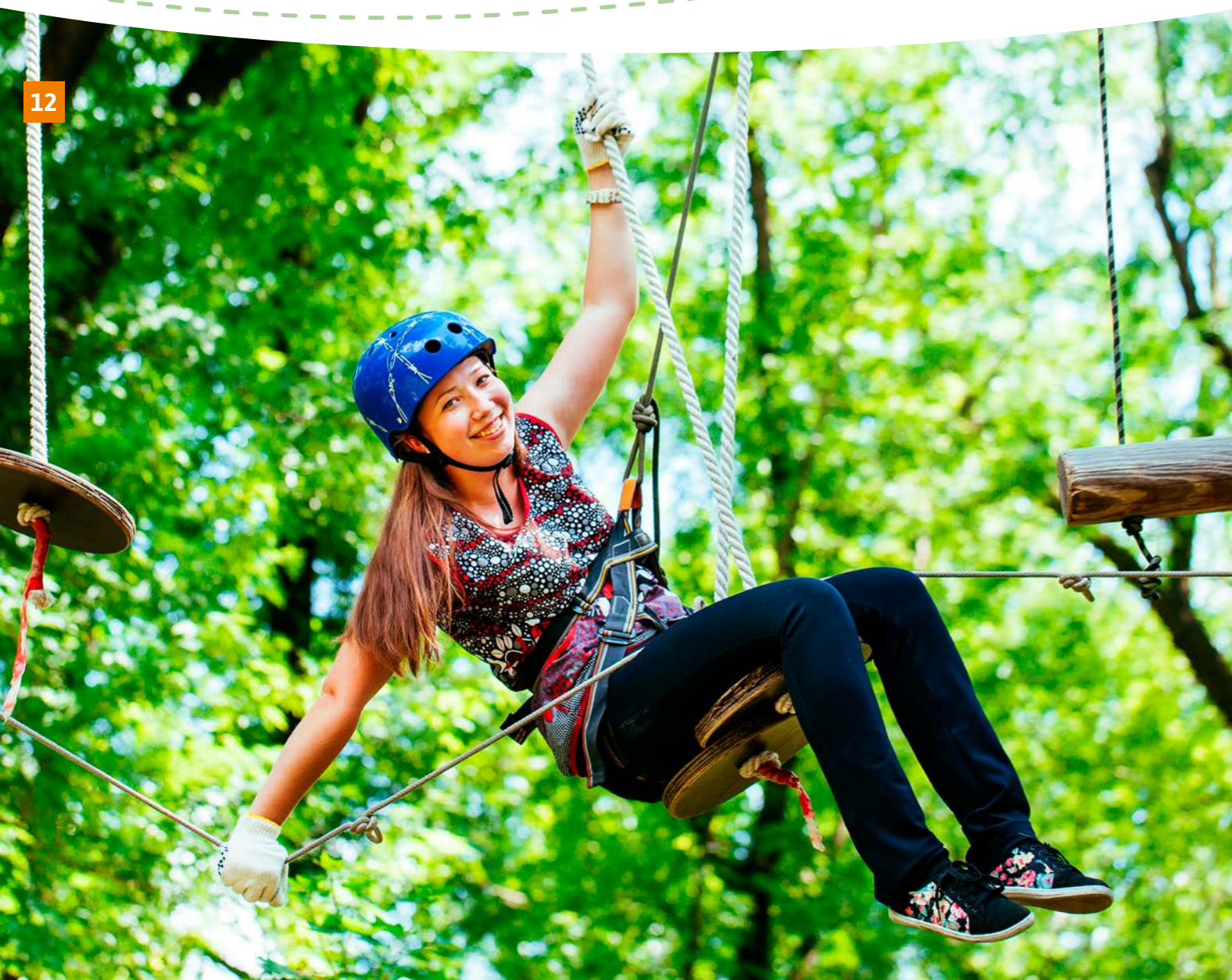
Address: Ellivuorentie 131, a path starts from the parking area to the stone castle and is about one kilometre long.

<http://www.visitsastamala.fi/pirunvuorenkivilinna/> [Finnish only]

Brochure in English http://bit.ly/StoneCastle_ENG

Exciting experiences for children

You can see, hear, do and experience so many things with your children all around Sastamala. You can enter a fairy tale world at Peikkovuori troll land, climb or ski in Ellivuori, pat sheep in a farmyard zoo, groom horses at the Kärppälä riding farm or visit Mr. Clutterbuck's house of fun activities. Many of the nature trails in the area are also suitable for children.



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Mr. Clutterbuck's House

Characters familiar from the children's books of Mauri Kunnas come to life at Mr. Clutterbuck's house ("Herra Hakkaraisen talo"). Mr. Clutterbuck is a somewhat silly sleepwalker who walks through worlds illustrated by Kunnas with little regard for what is going on around him. He is the most famous sleepwalker in Sastamala – or maybe even in the whole world!

At Mr. Clutterbuck's house, you can play house in his own home, get involved in a sword-fight as a knight under the watchful eyes of a dragon, fly all the way up to space to visit space ships and alien planets as well as enjoy the leisurely

feeling of a 19th century market. The numerous details familiar from the pages of Kunnas' books are sure to capture your imagination here as well.

In addition to the inside rooms that are open all year round, you can have lots of fun in the yard where you can drive pedal cars and tricycles from May until the end of October.

www.herrahakkaraisentalo.fi/in-english/
Address: Marttilankatu 10



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Ellivuori

The Ellivuori area has ample opportunities for outdoor activities and exercise all year round.

The downhill ski centre is suitable for the whole family, for school groups and beginners. Ski Center Ellivuori has versatile slopes right next to the hotel.

VuoriSport provides sporting experiences and equipment rental. There are many thrilling activities in the summertime for children, young people and adults alike. The HighPark climbing park has courses that will challenge people at

all levels, and there is a miniature climbing village with safety nets for the smallest ones.

Hotel and VuoriSport
<https://www.ellivuori resort.fi/en>
address: Ellivuoventie 131

Ski Center Ellivuori
<http://www.ellivuori.fi> [Finnish only]
address: Karkunkyläntie 600





Pukstaavi

Next to Mr. Clutterbuck's house is the Pukstaavi museum of the Finnish Book. Both venues follow child-friendly principles of encouraging everyone: "Do touch!"

Themed tours and exciting adventures as well as hands-on workshops are arranged for children in Pukstaavi.

www.pukstaavi.fi/en/

Address: Marttilankatu 12

More information
on our website

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Kiviniitty farmyard zoo

Would you like to pat sheep, feed calves or just watch other traditional farm animals? Do you know what an alpaca, a degu, a mouflon or a llama look like? These and many other animals are waiting for you at Kiviniitty farmyard zoo in Mouhijärvi.

On a beautiful summer's day, you can easily spend the whole day in the farmyard, where children can also ride on a wagon, jump about on trampolines and

the bouncy castle and drive pedal cars.

The area has a summer café and several barbeque places where you can enjoy your own packed lunch.

The farmyard zoo is open daily in the summertime and at weekends in the autumn.

www.kiviniitty.fi/english/

Address: Iirilantie 108

Peikkovuori troll land at stone castle

A path starts from the Ellivuori hotel to the Pirunvuori hill and Emil Danielsson's stone castle. Deep in the forest at the foot of impressive rocks you can find the exciting Peikkovuori troll land. The troll village with a giant tree stump and barns is a place where you can search for trolls using virtual glasses, listen to a fairy tale, do arts and crafts, play troll and visit the forest café and troll shop. Visitors of all ages can also experience wonderfully special moments in the forest.

You can also book the troll land and experience programme for group outings and other special events.

www.peikkovuori.fi [Finnish only]

Address: Ellivuorentie 131

Kärppälä riding farm and Mattila Inn

Idyllic accommodation and fine horses in Kärppälä

Mattila Inn and Kärppälä Riding Farm are located in the midst of the most beautiful countryside in the Kärppälä area of Sastamala, 45 km from Tampere.

The main building of the Mattila farm dates back to the mid-19th century and, along with the "Pytinki" building, it has been refurbished to serve as an idyllic place for overnight stays and for private parties. The spacious rooms are for two people, and the guests also have free use of a fully fitted large kitchen area, two dining rooms and a large sauna with a hot tub at request. The price for accommodation includes an abundant breakfast.

The beautiful surroundings and comfortable venue make for an excellent location for parties and meetings. Catering and entertainment services can also be arranged on request.

Mattila Inn is also suitable for school group visits of 10–25 people, for example.

The Kärppälä Riding Farm located at the Mattila farm offers professional horse and riding activities for riders of all ages and abilities. We offer riding lessons and coaching by acclaimed coaches and the wonderful farm offers excellent opportunities for organising dressage and show jumping competitions throughout the year.

There is a safe riding track of more than 2 km going around the fields and pastures, a large sand-based riding arena and a spacious manège.

You are warmly welcome to meet our horses and to stay in the idyllic countryside milieu of Mattila Inn!

www.mattilanmajatalo.fi

[Finnish only]

www.karppalanratsutila.fi

[Finnish only]

Address: Kärppälänraitti 112



Town of churches

Sastamala has no less than 11 churches. The two oldest ones date back to medieval times, even though one of them has experienced a second birth as it had to be fully renovated after a fire at the turn of the millennium.

More information
on our website
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St. Olaf's church in Tyrvää

The most famous church in Sastamala, the medieval St. Olaf's church in Tyrvää (Tyrvään Pyhän Olavin kirkko), was burned down by an arsonist in September 1997 but it rose from the ashes thanks to devoted volunteers taking charge of the renovation work. The final touches were placed by artists Kuutti Lavonen and Osmo Rauhala with their new paintings. The doors opened again in August 2009, and almost half a million people have visited the church since then.

The church is located a few kilometres from the town centre. It is open from 11am–5pm on Sun–Fri from June to August and on Sundays in September.

Address: Kallialan kirkkotie 50

Highlights

- The hand-worked wooden surfaces by volunteer church builders
- 101 new paintings
- The whole milieu of the church and surrounding areas, the national scenery of Lake Rautavesi and Kalliala village

Muut kirkot

Karkku church (1913), Riippiläntie 366

Keikyä church (1912), Käsityöläistie 7

Kiikka church (1807), Kiikanojantie 8

Further information:

www.pyhaolavi.fi/english.shtml • www.facebook.com/pyhaolavi

St. Mary's church in Sastamala

The oldest church in Sastamala, St. Mary's Church in Sastamala (Sastamalan Pyhän Marian kirkko), located in the Karkku area was built at the end of the 15th century. It took its present form in the 1960's and the wooden floor was changed back to an earthen floor in 1977.

St Mary's Church is the main venue for the Sastamala Gregoriana festival of early music and also serves as a road church in the summer.

Open every day from 11am–5pm in the summer months.

Address: Sastamalan kirkon tie 119

Highlights

- Acoustics – the church is a top-quality concert hall
- Historic details, such as a rare baptism bowl made of stone dating back to the 13th century, medieval wooden sculptures of saints and stretchers
- Pulpit from the 17th century with wood cuttings that inspired artist Osmo Rauhala in his work with the new pulpit of St. Olaf's Church in Tyrvää

Kiikoinen church (1851), Kiikoistentie 300

Mouhijärvi church (1858), Kinkerikuja 3

Salokunta church (1960), Kärrpäläntie 266

Tyrvää church

The main church of the congregation, Tyrvää Church (Tyrvään kirkko) was finished next to the Vammaskoski Rapids in 1855. It was designed by Turku-based architect P.J. Gylich who has been compared with the architect of many Finnish landmarks, C.L. Engel. Gylich also designed the Mouhijärvi and Kiikoinen churches in Sastamala.

There are only two churches with twin towers in Finland, one being Tyrvää Church and the other one St. John's Church in Helsinki.

Open 1 June–31 August on Mon–Fri from 10am–4pm.

Address: Kirkkokatu 1

Highlights

- The altar piece that is a triptych ordered by the Tyrvää congregation from court painter R.W. Ekman, who also did the frescoes in the choir of Turku cathedral, among others
- A plaster cast of the sculpture of Christ by Ville Vallgren
- The beautiful graveyard on the cape jutting into Lake Liekovesi

Sammaljoki church (1924), Sammaljoentie 606

Suodenniemi church (1831), Koippurintie 9

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Heart of Sastamala, VAMMALA

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Something old, something new and something vintage

Old books, old music, old churches and other significant buildings. Feasts for the eyes and for the palate alike. Sastamala is a symphony of old elements with new tones arranged for modern times.



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Tyrvää Parsonage

Unique food, art and events.

You can find one of Finland's most beautiful and elegant parsonages in the centre of Sastamala, by Lake Liekovesi. Tyrvää Parsonage combines delicious food, art, experiences and events throughout the year even spilling outside to the lush terrace and the amphitheatre in the summertime.

The Tyrvää Parsonage's impressive historical milieu, versatile culture and delicious food make every visit unique. The Parsonage has been carefully refurbished and caters for individual diners, private parties and company events alike with chefs making sure that every visitor enjoys new tastes and unforgettable meals with as many courses as you like. Food is prepared using fresh, local produce and with a focus on local specialities. The Parsonage handpicks and imports striking wines from vineyards in Italy, Hungary, France and Spain.

The impressive Parsonage is a perfect venue for memorable events and inspiring meetings, we also offer total service packages including catering and activities for groups coming for day outings, evenings and private parties.

Next to the Parsonage is the Kivinavetta stone barn that hosts various events and unique art exhibitions in the summertime. The summer exhibition of 2020 presents a wide array of enchanting graphic arts by Marc Chagall. The Daphnis and Chloe lithography series featured in the exhibition has even been translated into a charming musical that will be performed in the stone barn during the summer.

<https://www.tyrvaanpappila.fi/fi/briefly-in-english/>

Address: Asemakatu 4

Pukstaavi museum of the Finnish book

The Pukstaavi Museum of the Finnish Book is naturally located in Sastamala, as Sastamala with its annual old books event is known as being the book capital of Finland. Pukstaavi is located in the centre of Sastamala in an old apothecary's house known locally as Bäckman's house. The building is of high cultural value and opened its doors to the public as a museum in 2011 after a thorough renovation.

The main exhibition at Pukstaavi presents the story of the Finnish Book from the 15th century to the present day – knowing the history helps you to understand the future of books as well. The changing exhibitions focus on topical themes.

www.pukstaavi.fi/en/

Address: Marttilankatu 12

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Ask for guided walking and bus tours, tours of specific places of interest and historical re-enactment tours with a guide in costume. Guided tours are available in Finnish, English, Swedish and German.



Cultural Centre Jaatsi

The childhood home of painter Akseli Gallen-Kallela nowadays serves as the cultural centre for the town of Sastamala. Jaatsi is the place for art exhibitions, small-scale concerts and other cultural events.

The exhibitions are normally open Tuesday–Sunday 12 noon–6pm and you can pre-book guided tours for groups.

There is a memorial plaque on the wall detailing the history of the building: “This house of Jaatsi, serving as town-owned premises for the Tyrvää municipality since 1920, was built by Peter Wilhelm Gallen at the birth of municipal autonomy during the great famine of 1867–1868.”

<http://www.visitsastamala.fi/kulttuuritalo-jaatsi/> [Finnish only]
Brochure in English
<http://bit.ly/JaatsiEN>
Address: Gallen-Kallelan katu 1

Herkkujuustola cheese company

In 2002, Swiss-born Peter Dörig set up his own cheese company Herkkujuustola in Häijää next to trunk road 11, and about a year ago he opened up a part of the production facility for visitors to see how cheese is made. Dörig, who moved to Finland in the 1990’s bringing along his family’s cheese making traditions, produces a lot of speciality cheeses using milk from nearby farms. Many of them have excelled in competitions and the cheese-maker himself has received many awards.

In addition to cheese production, the family-owned company has a café and restaurant, “Juustotupa”, that serves meals throughout the day, and naturally cheese, cream and churned butter from the company’s own production are well represented. There is even a shop where you can buy cheese as well as fresh yoghurt and real original churned butter.

Visitors get to see and learn how cheese is made by following the processes through windows between the restaurant and production facilities, and there are even windows looking into the cellars where different types of cheese are maturing. Groups can book packages to get to know the place, the processes and the products in even more detail. The restaurant also arranges, for example, cheese making nights, cheesy brunches and other special events with a focus on delicious cheese.

“Juustotupa welcomes locals, passers-by and groups interested in cheese making. We are happy to serve our customers in Finnish, English, German, Swedish and even Japanese”, says Peter Dörig, master cheese-maker of Herkkujuustola.

www.herkkujuustola.fi [Finnish only]
Address: Kurvosentie 3



Villa Royal

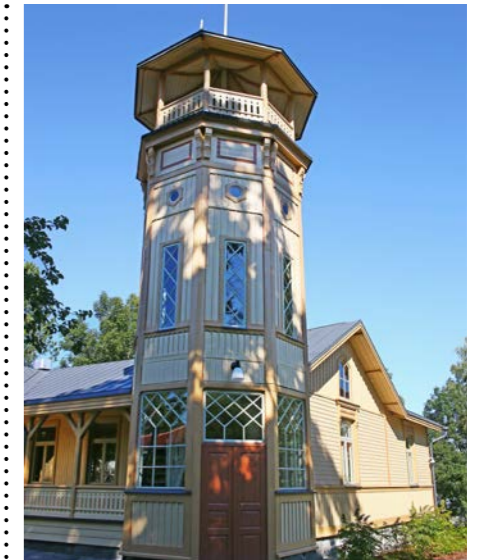
Travel in time from the Baroque era to Art Nouveau as you get the chance to see interiors inspired by incredible halls, parlours and a Roman spa. There is plenty of golden glimmer, and porcelain collections and wonderful furniture shimmer in the light cast by the crystal chandeliers. Villa Royal now even opens up the smaller upstairs parlours to the public. Open for groups.

www.suomenvillaroyal.fi [Finnish only]
Address: Kortejärventie 200



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Sastamala regional museum

Sastamala regional museum is located in the beautiful tower villa on the same lot as Pukstaavi thus offering visitors two museums in one location and on one ticket.

1 October 2019 – 31 August 2020
Grand exhibition of sports in Sastamala.

The exhibition places the spotlight on stories and moments from local sports history. For example, did you know that a world record has been set on the bridge over the Vammaskoski Rapids or that people have been resorting to questionable tactics when racing with kicksleds?

The exhibition details the huge variety of sports seen in Sastamala from the 19th century to the present day. Kicksleds and bicycles were favourites at times when people still didn’t know anything about volleyball or floorball, while skiing, gymnastics and track and field are classics that are still going strong.

Sports are good for you in both the physical and the emotional sense, and this can be experienced in the exhibition very clearly. In addition to familiarising yourself with local history, this exhibition lets you jump, punch control cards, play ball or even climb on a vaulting horse.

Additionally, from 3 October 2020 onwards, there will be an exhibition on the Viipurin Pyhäjärvi area, once part of Finland but nowadays located in Russian Carelia.

Other exhibitions in 2021 are still undecided at the time of writing.

www.pukstaavi.fi/fi/sastamalan-seudun-museo.html [Finnish only]
Address: Marttilankatu 12

Tuomisto manor

The history of the manor in the Karkku area goes all the way back to the 16th century. It has been owned by the same family since 1871, with the present owner representing already the 5th successive generation. However, farming has been replaced by wellness services, as the refurbished manor has become a place for retreats, courses, meetings and private parties. “We want to maintain Tuomisto Manor as a place where people can come

together and still have space for empowerment: grounding and finding inspiration. This is a good place to experience something that takes you beyond everyday life, something deeper and surprising”, says Tuuli Lovén, who is the hostess at the manor of wellbeing and pampering.

www.tuomistonkartano.fi/in-english
Address: Riippiläntie 32





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