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of the universe*

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THIS IS NOKIA.

Easy to get to

Nokia is so conveniently located that getting here is quick and effortless, however you choose to travel: **by train, bus, car, bike, or boat.**

In this guide, we will give you plenty of reasons to make the trip.

Easy to enjoy

In Nokia, you can spend a day or a whole weekend at your own pace. Everything is within easy reach, and there is heaps to see and do, whether you are into **culture, sport, nature, art, good food, laid-back moments, or simply enjoying life.** Your choice.

Easy to fall for

So what makes Nokia so easy to fall for? That's the part you cannot know in advance – and that's part of the charm. We all have our own ideas of what makes a place special. It might be a lake view from a forest ridge. The smell of fresh buns at a café door. A romantic village road on a summer evening. An unexpected vintage find. The hiss of sauna steam above the sound of flowing water. An extraordinary earthwork in the middle of nowhere. Or something else entirely. **You'll know it when you find it.**

This guide is here to help you begin – or deepen – your own relationship with Nokia. **See you there!**



AN EASY DAY TRIP TO NOKIA BY TRAIN

Nokia makes an easy day trip without a car. The train from Tampere takes just fifteen minutes, and once you step off at the station, everything is within easy walking distance. You can explore at your own pace, stopping whenever something catches your eye. Here is one way to spend a summer day in Nokia – feel free to follow it or make the day your own.

Start your day by train

When you arrive at Nokia railway station, you are already right in the centre. There is no need for complicated route planning: cafés, parks and cultural sights all fit naturally along the way.

Culture and local history at Hinttala

A good first stop for the morning is the Hinttala Museum Area. Its old courtyard, red-painted wooden buildings and heritage trail offer a glimpse into the past. Take a break at Café Hinttala and, if the weather is kind, settle in on the inviting outdoor terrace.

Green spaces in the heart of town

From Hinttala, continue on foot towards the green areas in the centre. The route through Penttilänpuisto park leads into leafy riverside scenery. Close by, there is also a disc golf course, which hosted the 2025 World Championships.

Lunch in a villa setting

Feeling peckish already? Villa Silva is a lovely place to pause for a meal, combining the easy charm of an old villa with carefully prepared food.

Boutique browsing

After lunch, take a look around the small independent shops in the centre. Eveliinan talo, NT-Box and Marikan Kukkaputiikki are all worth a stop, with local finds you may not come across elsewhere.

Down to the river

In the afternoon, head towards the Nokianvirta river. In the Tehdassaari area, old industrial surroundings meet the water. The floating sauna might tempt you, or perhaps a quiet coffee by the river is all you need.

An easy walk back

As the evening draws in, make your way back towards the railway station. This sample route adds up to around 7–8 kilometres on foot, but it is an easy walk with plenty of variety along the way. After a full day out, you can sit back and rest your feet on the train home.



Things to do in Nokia

There's no shortage of things to do in Nokia. You will find familiar favourites and new activities to try, for all ages, indoors or outdoors, at a relaxed pace or with a bit more energy. Here are just a few ideas.

Flipper Haus Nokia Rounionkatu 95

- Classic and modern pinball machines
- Open game nights on Wed. and Sat.
- Private bookings
- Licensed bar and light snacks

Tehdassaari floating sauna Souranderintie 2

- Enjoy a sauna experience to the sound of flowing water
- Private bookings
- Treat yourself to delights from the neighbouring café

Keilaamo Pirkkalaistie 1

- Bowling, billiards and darts for all skill levels
- Glow Bar & Grill keeps you fed and refreshed
- Birthday packages for children and adults
- Book the sauna or reserve the whole venue

Vire dog exercise forest Koukkujärventie 298

- A fenced forest area for dogs
- Plenty of space to run, play and practise
- Safe setting for dogs of all sizes

Motor sports tracks Louhostie 8

- A full-size motocross track
- Mini motocross and speedway tracks
- An RC car track

Nokia swimming pool Välikatu 24

- 25-metre fitness pool, therapy pool and cold pool
- Children's pool and paddling pool
- Gym and café

AGCO Power Arena Kankaantaankatu 6

- Top-level sports arena
- BC Nokia basketball games
- Home arena of FC Nokia futsal
- Home games of the Nokian KrP floorball team

Play a round of DISC GOLF IN NOKIA

Nokia is one of Finland's leading disc golf cities. The sport has a strong history here, and the 2025 World Championships brought international attention to Nokia DiscGolfPark.

Disc golf is a great activity for all ages and skill levels – children, teenagers, adults and seniors alike, from first-timers to dedicated enthusiasts and top-level players. It is easy to get started, and Nokia has plenty to choose from. The free courses each offer a different setting and playing experience, from a top-level competition course to an easy-going park course.

Nokia DiscGolfPark

Nokia's best-known course has 18 holes and combines parkland and forest terrain. During the 2025 Disc Golf World Championships, it went by the suitably formidable name The Beast. Although known for major competitions, the course is open to everyone. There is plenty of variety and challenge along the way, but you can play it at your own level and at your own pace.

Karakorpi DiscGolfPark

A compact, park-style course especially well-suited to beginners. Its shorter holes and more open surroundings make it an easy place to learn the basics and get a feel for the game's rhythm. A popular choice for families and new players.

Linnavuori DiscGolfPark

This 18-hole course winds through varied forest terrain, bringing plenty of variety to the game – a good choice for more active players looking for a full round. It is popular with regular players and also hosts local competitions.

Vihola Disc Golf Park

A 5-hole course in level terrain, set in calm and leafy surroundings. Ideal for beginners, families and anyone looking for a lighter, more relaxed round. The Vihola course is playable year-round.



Places people return to

Nokia has places that have become summer favourites for many. Whether it is culture, leisure or simply a certain atmosphere, they are the kind of places you will want to return to again and again. Here are a few enduring favourites that keep their appeal year after year.

Nokian Kesäteatteri **Nokianvaltatie 1**

Nokian Kesäteatteri, a warm summer evening and a full audience – an essential part of summer in Nokia. Tickets are available on the theatre's website, by phone, at the box office and through [Lippu.fi](http://lippu.fi).



Siuron Koski-Teatteri **Kuljuntie 1**

With the rushing rapids close by, Siuron Koski-Teatteri has an atmosphere all its own. Book tickets and find more info at koskiteatteri.fi.

Etunäyttämö **Souranderintie 2**

Etunäyttämö has established itself as a distinctive and ambitious theatre in Nokia's cultural life. Book tickets and find more info at etunayttamo.fi.

Tehdassaari **Souranderintie 2**

Built on the banks of the Nokianvirta in the early 20th century, Tehdassaari is a unique meeting place for concerts, exhibitions and events. Its charming café serves lunch and sweet treats. You can also stay overnight on the island and enjoy a sauna right in the middle of the river.

Nokia River Golf **Alastalontie 33**

Nokia River Golf is a favourite among golfers in the Pirkanmaa region. Surrounded by rural scenery, the River course offers one kind of challenge, while the Rock course is mostly open and links-style. Restaurant Bufferi also draws in visitors beyond the golfing crowd.

Scandic Eden Nokia **Paratiisikatu 2**

The Scandic Eden Nokia spa hotel is a long-standing favourite for a relaxed break at any time of year. With its fresh new look, tropical warmth, Day Spa, restaurants and wide range of services, it invites the whole family to unwind.

Ossi Somma **Sculpture Park** **Siuronvaltatie 617**

Ossi Somma Sculpture Park in Siuro is a striking and thought-provoking place, and at times, unexpectedly humorous too. Over the years, it has gradually taken shape in the artist's own garden, nestled among lush greenery. Admission is always free, and the park is open around the clock throughout the summer.



A taste of culture in Nokia

Hinttala: local history, café atmosphere and summer events

The Hinttala Museum Area brings together local history, café culture, summer events and stories from the past. Here you can explore the history of Nokia – especially the village of Kankaantaka – as well as 19th-century rural buildings.

The **Pirtti museum building** offers a glimpse of life before industrialisation. Farm servants' cupboards, looms, a spinning wheel, wide plank floors, and a large baking room with its dough trough all evoke the everyday life of a traditional farmhouse.

Inside Pirtti, the exhibition **Foods of the Past** presents the everyday ingredients of an ordinary working person's diet. **Ihmenäyttely** ("Wonder exhibition") combines local history, natural science and heritage learning, inviting children to discover life in earlier times through fun activities. **Perspectives on Time** takes visitors along a 16-metre timeline through the history of Hinttala and Kankaantaka from the 16th century to the present day.

Hinttala also hosts events for all ages. The **handicraft stalls** offer unique products and art, literary events bring book lovers together, and Thursday evenings feature the **Hinttala soi** concert series. You'll always find up-to-date information in the City of Nokia's event calendar.

Café Hinttala is housed in one of the historic buildings and serves homemade sweet and savoury pastries, as well as light lunch dishes.

Public art

Nokia's best-known public artwork by far, one that is also internationally respected, is Nancy Holt's **Up and Under**. Read more about it on pages 12-13.

In Nokia, art is also a natural part of sports venue design. The façade of AGCO Power Arena is adorned by Jaakko Himanen's **Ball Frenzy**, a work made up of more than 150 hand-cast basketball halves.

Books, art, and local history at Virta

Virta Library and Cultural Centre in the centre of Nokia is a welcoming meeting place for residents and visitors alike. Even its façade, reminiscent of crumpled paper, alludes to books and to Nokia's industrial history.

In addition to the main library's collection of more than 90,000 works, Virta offers permanent art exhibitions in the **Romu art space** as well as changing displays in the **Raami art space** and on the pop-up wall on the second floor.

The Story of Nokia tells how industrialisation began with the power of water and helps explain how the town of Nokia became what it is today.

The library also hosts summer events at Hinttala (see opposite page). The programme includes animal-themed **story picnics, short story sessions, book walks, a photo trail** linked to the Ihmenäyttely exhibition, and **reading tips**.

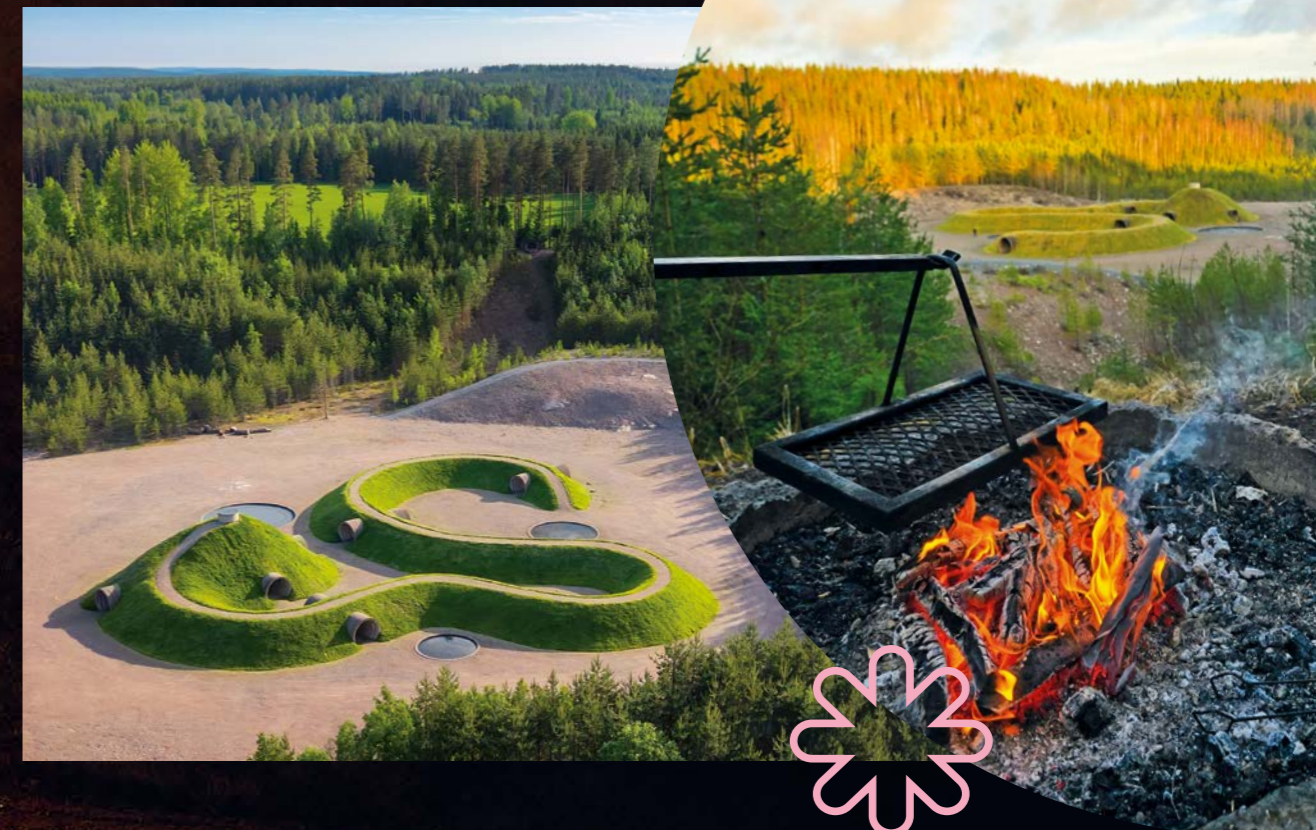




THE CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSE

is in Pinsiö

A gravel pit in the middle of nowhere is not the first place you'd expect to find a vast, mysterious work of art that you can actually step inside and marvel at the secrets of the universe. There aren't many places like that in the world. In Pinsiö, there is one.



The world-renowned American artist **Nancy Holt** was endlessly fascinated by ancient monumental earthworks such as the Nazca Lines in Peru and the Uffington White Horse in England. No one knows why they were created thousands of years ago, which is exactly why they still set the imagination in motion.

The same is true of **Up and Under**, which Holt designed for the City of Nokia as part of a landscape restoration project for a gravel pit in Pinsiö. It was completed towards the end of the last millennium.

The contrast contained in the work's name is a vital part of its strange appeal. Out of a lifeless gravel pit, green life seems to rise magically. The work is part of nature, yet at the same time separate from

it, shaped by human hand. You can experience it from above, looking down, or from below, reaching up to the skies; from the outside as much as from within.

Earth mounds, concrete tunnels, and circular ponds form a whole that you cannot really grasp at a glance; they invite exploration. The tunnels run precisely along the north-south and east-west axes. At their crossing point, you stand symbolically at the centre of the universe.

Osmo set things in motion

Much of the credit for bringing Up and Under to life belongs to the Pinsiö-based artist **Osmo Rauhala** and the association he founded, Strata, which creates public artworks in local gravel pits. It was Osmo who inspired Nancy Holt to take an interest in the project, and through his extensive networks, he also helped secure funding for the work.

What makes Up and Under so ingenious is that it doesn't need to be interpreted or explained. It is a perfect place to come with children to run free, play hide-and-seek or enjoy a picnic. From the nearby lookout shelter, you can also admire the work while sitting by a campfire.

This magical setting also feels made for events of many kinds. For example, **Unordinary Series**, the unforgettable electronic music and light art event held here in August 2025, is set to continue.

Head out on a NATURE TRAIL

If you enjoy walking, Nokia offers plenty of choices. Its nature trails lead through ridge forests, lakeside scenery, marshes, lush groves, streamside habitats and flower meadows. Most of the trails are easy to walk, while a few are a little more demanding. Some also have campfire spots or lean-to shelters for a break along the way. Here's a quick overview of Nokia's nature trails.

Ruutana Nature Trail Length: about 4 km

An easy and varied nature trail through lush grove and dry heath forest, with almost jungle-like greenery as you approach Lake Ruutanajärvi. The slopes of Ruutanvuori are dotted with huge glacial erratics.

The route is signposted. Halfway along, there is a campfire site by the lakeshore.

Ikävänmaa Trail Length: 3.2 km

An easy circular trail through beautiful lake and forest scenery, also passing through marshland on duckboards.

The trail is marked with blue signs. There are several bridges and duckboard sections across wetland areas, as well as a campfire site and lean-to shelter near Lake Alinenjärvi. The final part of the route passes by a swimming beach.

Laajanoja Nature Trail Length: 3.4 km one way; 5 km there and back

A peaceful trail along the Laajanoja stream, with the sound of running water and lush grove-like woodland. Along the way, you can get to know the habitat of the critically endangered brown trout. The trail also works well for a shorter outing of around two hours.

The trail is marked with red signs and features duckboard sections across wetter ground.

Kivikesku Length: about 1 km one way

Wilderness and peaceful nature: this rocky trail leads to the shore of Lake Kivikesku through bog woodland and marshland. Kivikesku is a nesting area for red-throated divers, but the marked trail remains open during the nesting season.

The trail is marked. Along the route, there is a viewing platform overlooking the small marsh pond of Pikku Kivikesku. At the lakeshore, you'll find two campfire sites, a lean-to shelter and another viewing platform. The ground can be wet in places, so waterproof shoes are recommended.

Maatialanharju Length: about 5 km

Starting at the shore of Lake Vihnusjärvi, the Maatialanharju nature trail climbs steeply to a ridge top. The lakeside section is partly rocky with exposed roots in places, but the forested ridge top makes for easy walking. Maatialanharju is also known for its meadow plants and especially its grassland fungi. The route is signposted.



Discover Nokia's charming villages

Before industrialisation began in the 19th century, the Nokia region was shaped for centuries by farming and rural life. Even today, the town's lively villages still carry traces of both that old countryside atmosphere and Nokia's industrial past. Set out on a day trip to Nokia's villages.

The Siuro area

Through the historic village of Siuro run the **Siuronkoski rapids**, framed by old power stations and stone bridges. Along narrow village roads lined with charming wooden houses, you can make your way up to **Siuronkallio hill** for lovely lake views. The area's oldest cultural landmarks are its manors, including **Knuutila Manor** and the **Kulju** and **Kauniaiainen manors** near Lake Kulovesi.

Taivalkunta

South of the Nokianvirta waterway, Taivalkunta is defined by open rural scenery and wide stretches of farmland. **Nokia River Golf** draws golf enthusiasts to the area. Taivalkunta lies along a route linking several of Nokia's villages.

Tottijärvi

The historic village of Tottijärvi was once a municipality in its own right. Its past lives on in the **wooden church**, completed in 1841, with the bell tower dating back to the 18th century. On summer Saturdays, you can visit the **summer market** and experience the unique atmosphere of a traditional Finnish dance pavilion evening at **Hämyslava**.

Sarkola

Set among fields and lakes, Sarkola has a lively village community. The **Vahalande Cultural House**, opened last year, hosts events and exhibi-

tions throughout the summer. Sarkola is also home to the **wooden church of Suoniemi**, Nokia's oldest, dating to 1803.

Sorva

The village of Sorva stretches in a ribbon-like line along the shore of Lake Pyhäjärvi. **Riihilahti Leisure House** is a local gathering place that hosts celebrations and sauna evenings. Riihilahti also has a public **swimming beach** and a couple of **rental cottages**.

Pinsiö

Settled since the 18th century, Pinsiö is known, among other things, for its log-built **wilderness church**, raised by the villagers themselves – a lasting embodiment of the local communal spirit. The village hosts the **Villa Alpaca llama farm** and other farms. The famous earthwork **Up and Under** (see pages 12–13) lies about two km north of the church.

Day trips to Nokia's villages

Siuro

Start your day by the **Siuronkoski rapids**: stroll along the water and climb up to **Siuronkallio hill** to take in the views. Browse for finds at the quaint **vintage shop Vintiikki**.

Spend the middle of the day on culture. If you choose the right summer date, you can catch an open-air performance at **Siuron Koski-Teatteri**. Or, for something completely different, visit **Ossi Somma Sculpture Park** – a truly one-of-a-kind and memorable place.

Before evening, there is still time for a nature outing, perhaps along the **Ruutana Nature Trail**. Pack your swimsuit and a picnic. Or, if you have already walked enough for one day, head down to Siuro harbour and settle in at the legendary **Koski-Baari** for pizza or wings.

After a rewarding day, you can rest your head at the idyllic **Granary hotel** at Knuutila Manor and wake the next morning to birdsong.

Cycling through Taivalkunta, Sarkola and Tottijärvi

By bike, you can experience several very different villages in a single day. Start out in the wide-open fields of **Taivalkunta**. Enjoy a hearty lunch at **Restaurant Bufferi** at Nokia River Golf, set in the charming surroundings of Alastalo Manor.

Continue towards the lake scenery of **Alasenlahti** and **Taulajärvi**. Both are good birdwatching spots, so if you pack a pair of binoculars, you can try a little bird spotting along the way.



Continue into the rolling landscapes of **Sarkola**. Stop for coffee at **Vahalande Cultural House**. From Sarkola, pleasant village roads lead on to **Tottijärvi**. For an evening sauna and an overnight stay, book the idyllic **Villa Alma** cottage right by Lake Pyhäjärvi. If you happen to be travelling on a Tuesday or Saturday, you can round off the day with a visit to the traditional dance pavilion at **Hämyslava** before retreating to your cottage.



WHERE TO EAT

Whether you're looking for lunch, coffee and something sweet, or a relaxed evening meal, Nokia offers plenty of choice. Here is a small selection from the town's wide range of cafés and restaurants.

For lunch

Villa Silva Penttilänkatu 1

A restaurant in the former residence of the factory manager. In summer, its French-inspired bistro serves into the evening, including weekends. Weekday lunch is also available.

Kerhola Souranderintie 13

Set in a beautiful and historically valuable building, Kerhola serves a high-quality weekday buffet lunch. There are also changing themed days and a generous salad table.

Restaurant Bufferi Alastalontie 33

Located at Nokia River Golf in Alastalo Manor. Weekday lunch served. The varied menu makes good use of ingredients from local producers.

Nokian Kartano Emäkoskentie 6

Set in a historic manor setting, the stable restaurant serves tasty lunches made with local and seasonal ingredients.

Lunch Café Varjoska Kolmenkulmantie 1

A versatile lunch spot in Kolmenkulma, with an emphasis on quality ingredients. In addition to the hot dishes, Varjoska is particularly known for its generous, fresh salad buffet.

For coffee or something sweet

JAM Café & Bar Välikatu 19

A relaxed café and bar with sweet and savoury treats, as well as breakfast, meals and weekend brunch. Good drink selection.

Food & Café Frida Välikatu 14

A cosy café and eatery in the town centre, serving cream cheesecakes, waffles and toasted sandwiches, as well as lunch.

Lehtosen Konditoria Rautatienkatu 17

A traditional bakery and confectioner just near the town centre, with more than 50 years behind it. Homemade sweet and savoury treats, and breads baked on a traditional stone hearth.

Tehdassaari Café Souranderintie 2

A characterful café in an old red-brick factory building by the river. Sweet treats, salads and toasted sandwiches, plus weekday soup lunch. Play corner for children.

For the evening

Pepper Bar & Restaurant Välikatu 18

An atmospheric restaurant and bar in the town centre. Weekday lunch buffet. At other times, the menu offers hearty dishes to suit many tastes.

Pancho Villa Pirkkalaistori 1

The Nokia branch of this popular restaurant chain is known for its Mexican-inspired food, generous burgers, fajitas and steaks.

Koskibaari Siurontie 71

A traditional village bar on the banks of the Siuronkoski rapids: pizzas, burgers and other unfussy pub food. In the evenings, there is live music, karaoke and other entertainment.

For something different

Indian Kitchen Härkitie 2-4

An Indian restaurant in the centre of Nokia. Open later in the evening and at weekends, with a menu of traditional Indian dishes. A varied weekday lunch buffet.

Yuki House Kankaantaankatu 32

A Japanese restaurant specialising mainly in bento meals and sushi. Open until late, with takeaway delivery also available. Lunch served during the day.



Find something special in Nokia

Here and there across Nokia, you will come across distinctive little shops where you can pick up lovely – and sometimes unexpected – finds for your home, as gifts, to wear, for your bookshelf, your fridge and just about anything else. Happy exploring!



- 1 Nousu Pirkkalaistie 1**
Durable, timeless clothing made in Finland. The entire chain, from design and manufacturing to packaging, is Finnish work.

- 2 NT-Box Alinenkatu 35**
A specialist in bags, with handbags, backpacks, briefcases, suitcases and other travel accessories.



- 3 Ankin Korttipaja Syyjärkatu 3 ovi 1**
Locally made postcards, greeting cards and other paper goods and gift items.
- 4 Vintiikki second-hand and vintage shop Siurontie 53**
A small and charming vintage shop with a focus on objects from the 1940s to the 1970s.
- 5 Vaasan Saippua Liekokatu 2**
The Vaasan Saippua brand shop offers fresh sauna soaps and bath products made with vegetable fats and Finnish ingredients.
- 6 Stuff Bookshop Kuljuntie 2, yläpiha**
A bookshop in an idyllic old mill, specialising in art and contemporary comics. A rewarding stop for lovers of books and visual culture.
- 7 Eveliinan Talo Välikatu 19**
A wide selection of home décor and gift items, as well as women's clothing and accessories.
- 8 Keisari Shop & Taproom Nuijamiestentie 17**
A wide range of beers, ciders, soft drinks and mocktails from Nokian Panimo Brewery. The taproom also serves draught products you won't find anywhere else.

- 9 Nanso Outlet Penkola Rounionkatu 93**
An outlet store where you can find Nanso pieces at lower prices. In addition to women's clothing, the selection includes accessories, socks and home textiles.

- 10 Nanso Nuijamiestentie 5**
Quality women's clothing and Finnish design from Nanso, with timeless styles and current colours.



See the shop locations on → the map on the next spread!



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