

Get to know the city by walking



Walking is a nice way to see new places. We have planned these five routes for you to get to know Turku. Two first maps are from the town centre to the event venue EduCity at TUAS campus and the other three focus more on the sights. All routes are available on Google Maps and you can easily adjust the routes to your liking.

All the routes can be walked in both directions. You can also walk only a selected section of each route if you so please. You can also combine routes since many of them go past the same sights.

Even though it gets dark early in November, it is generally very safe to walk in Turku. The weather on the other hand is a whole other matter. With some weatherproof outdoor clothing and an open-minded attitude walking is a real option, even in Turku in November.

Walking increases serotonin, endorphin and dopamine, which are hormones that make you feel good, boost your immune system and improve your physical and mental well-being. Go with a new or old friend to add a social dimension. It is also a great way to see new places. Even a short walk has positive effects, so you can try just one of these walks or only a shorter section.



Figure 1 Vill Media Oy/Turku City 2024

Picture: Vill Media Oy, 2024

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Historic walk: From Market Square to EduCity

36 min, 2,5 km <https://maps.app.goo.gl/pprhuuvav8Lz57a18>

On this route you can admire some of the best sights of the oldest town in Finland.

Highlights along the route:

Turku City Hall from 1885 (Aurakatu 1)

Aurajokiranta (The Aura River Bank) with nice old houses.

Kirjastosilta (Library Bridge) is a bridge from 2013 with nice theme lights.

Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova has two museums in one: an archaeological museum of the medieval Turku and a modern art museum in a 1928 palace. A nice café in the lobby with a peak to a medieval cobble street. [Aboa Vetus Ars Nova](#)

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Porthaninpuisto (Porthan Park) [Porthaninpuisto – Porthan Park | Turku.fi](#)

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Akatemiatalo (The Old Academy Building) from 1815 [Old Academy Building Square | Turku.fi](#)

Kerttulinmäki (Kerttuli Hill) old gallows hill and memorial address Kertturlinkatu 12.



Figure 3 Leino, P./Turku City 2024



Figure 2 Visit Turku Archipelago



Figure 5 Visit Turku Archipelago



Figure 4 Räisänen, H./Turku City 2021

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Leino, P. 2024 <https://mediapankki.turku.fi/sharing/product/78be84b88a7aa889?lang=fi>

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Räisänen, H. 2021 <https://mediapankki.turku.fi/sharing/product/74dc80699ae2f754?lang=fi>

A walk in the parks: Market Square > EduCity

35 min, 2,5 km <https://maps.app.goo.gl/VZxb4Tm256sqSPjT6>

This route allows you to fill your lungs with fresh air and enjoy nature right in the middle of the town.

Highlights along the route:

Vartiovuori (The guard hill/mountain) has some beautiful old trees, a former observatory from 1819, an open air museum Käsityöläismuseo, prehistoric sea level signs and an open air summer theatre [Vartiovuorenpuisto – Vartiovuori Park | Turku.fi](https://www.turku.fi/vartiovuorenpuisto)

Kupittaaanpuisto (Kupittaa Park) is a vast green area (the largest urban park in Finland) that has something for everyone, at least in the summer. You can spot a statue of a moose, children's playgrounds, outdoor pool (closed for winter), a pavilion restaurant, an old well house in the place where the Kupittaa spring used to be and a sports hall with several sports amenities. Maybe [Kupittaaanpuisto – Kupittaa Park | Turku.fi](https://www.turku.fi/kupittaaanpuisto)

If you start from the Kakola Hotel, you can enjoy the riverbank, skip the market square and head right to Vartiovuori. This will take more time (56 min, 3,9 km) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/eKgU3tV4JcRpVmkG8>



Figure 7 Kurkilahti, M./Turku City 2021



Figure 6 Närhi, R./Turku City 2022

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Town Centre Sights

1 h 12 min, 5 km <https://maps.app.goo.gl/URFDFDDENZ7R2PP3A>

Museums, shopping, history and parks – check them all out or pick your favourites!

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Kauppatori Newly renovated Market place [The New Turku Market Square | Turku.fi](#)

Taidemuseo (The Art Museum) in a gorgeous 1904 granite palace nestled in **Puolalanpuisto** (Puolala Park) with nice views over the town. [Turku Art Museum, Puolalanpuisto – Puolala Park | Turku.fi](#)

Hansakortteli ostoskeskus (shopping centre in a covered block) [In english - Hansakortteli](#)

Aurajokiranta (Aura river bank) and **Teatterisilta** (theatre bridge)

Kaupunginteatteri (Town theatre) and next to it the building site of a new music hall Fuuga (You need to come back when it's open. Try to come in summer). [Frontpage - Turun Kaupunginteatteri, Turku Music Hall Fuuga | Turun musiikkitalo Fuuga](#)

Biologinen museo (The Biological Museum) A beautiful building from 1907. Check opening hours or just admire from the outside. [The Biological Museum | Turku.fi](#)

Samppalinnan puisto (Samppalinna Park) with nice town views. If the stairs up this hill are a problem, you can just skip this section and walk along the river. Info in Finnish: [Samppalinnanpuisto | Turku.fi](#)

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Vähätori (The Small Market Place) makes you feel you are in Europe (in the summer at least) [Vähätori square | Turku.fi](#)

Kirjasto (The City Library) a dry and well-lit haven where you can grab a cup of coffee or just hang out either in the old section from 1903 or the modern addition from 2007 [Turku City Library | Turku.fi](#)

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Kantola, C. <https://mediapankki.turku.fi/sharing/product/1993eaa782dcbca2?lang=fi>

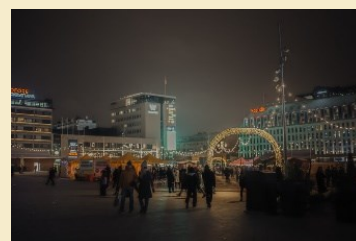


Figure 8 Mama Creative Oy/Turku City 2022



Figure 9 Pulli, P./Turku City 2020



Figure 10 Räisänen, H./Turku City 2020



Figure 11 Kantola, C./Turku City

Adventure trail

2,5 h 10 km <https://maps.app.goo.gl/iWugnszymHS78B4x8>

This mega walk leads from the medieval castle to the cathedral and beyond and offers both town vibes and surprising nature pockets right in the centre of Turku. There is also a side path to a park on a hill called Samppalinna with nice views of Turku centre that includes steep steps. If this section is skipped, the walk is reasonably flat. On the other hand, if you want to up the challenge with even more hills, you could easily add Urheilupuisto (Sports Park) and Vartiovuori (for more info check the Walk in the Parks -route) before and after Samppalinna for some more steps, trees and views.

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Mikaelinkirkko is a beautiful architectural jewel from 1905 [Michael's Church - Turun ja Kaarinan seurakunnat](#)

Kakolanmäki (Kakola Hill) is a former prison, now a beautiful site with a museum, a café, restaurants, a spa and a hotel. [Kakolanmäki Hill Museum and Cafe Kakola - Visitturku.fi](#)

You might be lucky enough to take the **funicular** down the hill, but chances are that it is on one of its many maintenance breaks.

Along Linnankatu (Castle Street) you can spot 270 meter long building that used to be a **rope factory** and next to it **Varvintori** [Varvintori square | Turku.fi](#). On **Turku Energia chimney** you can see some numbers, can you figure out what would be the next number?

Forum Marinum is a Maritime Centre with some museum ships on Aura river [Front page | Forum Marinum](#)

Turun linna (Turku Castle) is a medieval fortress that used to sit on an island [Turku Castle | Turku.fi](#)

Föri is a city ferry from “this side” to “that side” and back [Föri, the City Ferry | Turku.fi](#)

Wäinö Aaltosen Museo WAM (Turku city Art Museum) is now unfortunately being renovated.

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Figure 13 Räisänen, H./Turku City 2020



Figure 14 Westerlund, J./Turku City 2023



Figure 15 Liina alho, J./Turku City



Figure 16 Mäki, T./Turku City 2028

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Tuomaansilta is a bridge further up the river. It offers a nice view of the cathedral, as does the walking path along the western bank of the river. Although if you can't make during the daylight hours, you won't be able to see much and you can skip this section and use Kirkkosilta (Church Bridge) instead.

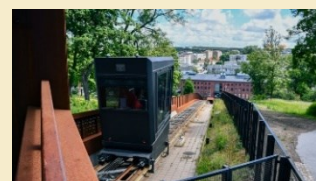


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Taponen, H./Turku City 2024 <https://mediapankki.turku.fi/sharing/product/6820e680aa70d59e?lang=fi>

Karikon lenkki

20 min 1,4 km <https://maps.app.goo.gl/TT4GH3CSFQQVYes5>

A nice walk/jog/run around Urheilupuisto (Sports Park) with street lights [Sports Park | Turku.fi](#), and [Karikon Lenkki, Southwest Finland, Finland - 3 Reviews, Map | AllTrails](#)

There are many more walks available, for example on this site: [Cultural exercise routes | Turku.fi](#)

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