

Dear all,

Please, find below some practical information about how to get to and from Oulu and about your stay here.

Enclosed is a **map (pdf) of Oulu city centre** with some key spots marked. Even if you arrive late, there will be daylight.

Rooms are booked for you at:

**Hotel Holiday Inn
Kirkkokatu 3, 90100 OULU**

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http://www.finland.holidayinn.com/hotellit/oulu/en_GB/contact-information/

- The hotel has saunas and swimming pool that are free of charge for visitors.
- The hotel has two free WLANs: Sonera homerun and PanOulu (which is available and free in the city centre area and at Linnanmaa university campus)

Coming from Oulu airport (in Oulunsalo) to Oulu centre

Local bus company *Koskiliinat* bus nr 19 drives between airport and city centre, on weekdays every 20 minutes between 08:05 and 16:50, and after that every 30 minutes. Late in the evening/at night the buses go from airport to the centre at 20:50, 21:50, 23:10 and 01:25. If you miss the last bus, you have to take a taxi (costs about 40 EUR). Look around you to see whether there are other CLIOHWORLD partners that need to go to Oulu, and share the taxi if at all possible.

Bus ticket costs 4,10 EUR; after 23:00 it is 8,20 EUR.

The bus stop is right in front of the airport. It takes about 25 minutes to get to the centre. When coming to Oulu, get off at **bus stop "Pokkitörmä"** (see the map; the bus stop names are displayed in the bus; "Pokkitörmä" comes after "Toripakka"). From the bus stop walk two blocks (200 m) to the hotel.

When leaving for airport by bus, go to bus stop "Toripakka" (see the map). Bus nr 19 is the only one to the airport. On Sunday mornings bus nr 19 begins only at 10:10, and runs once per hour, until 22:10. For the ones that need to leave earlier on Sunday, 6 June, we will organize a table of planned departure times so that you can share a taxi with colleagues.

Airport website: http://www.finavia.fi/airports/airport_oulu

Friday, 4 June

On Friday 4 June, the meeting takes place at Oulu University's main campus in Linnanmaa which is located 6½ km to the north of the city centre. Therefore, I've arranged a bus to pick us up in front of the hotel at 8:40. I will meet you at the hotel lobby at 8:30.

If you miss the bus, walk to bus stop "Pokkitörmä", get on Koskilynkat bus nr 4, 5, 6, 7, 19, or 22 and ride some 15 minutes to Linnanmaa. Get off at one of the two university bus stops: Yliopisto or Yliopistokatu and ask someone to direct you to the Faculty of Humanities or Pegasus library (main library).

After the meeting we will board the same bus in Linnanmaa at 18:15 and drive straight to the dinner venue Maikkulan Kartano, which is 7 km to the east of the city centre. We will not stop at the hotel. I hope this does not cause any trouble for you.

Maikkulan Kartano (<http://www.maikkulankartano.fi/sivu/fi/kartanoalue/>) is an old farm estate by the Oulu River bank. If the weather is nice, before the dinner at 19:00 we can walk around the place and enjoy the scenery and get some fresh air.

After dinner the bus takes us back to hotel Holiday Inn at 23:00.

Saturday, 5 June

On Saturday, 5 June, I will meet you at the hotel lobby at 9:00 to walk with you to the meeting venue. The meeting takes place at 9:30–18:00 at the Dept. of Architecture which is in the city centre (see the map). If you walk there by yourself, enter the yard from Aleksanterinkatu or Pakkahuoneenkatu gate if they are open. If not, gate at Rantakatu is always open. The Architectural School is a complex of old and new wooden and stone buildings and surrounded by a wooden fence between the buildings.

Lunch is within a short walk in Sokeri Jussi Tavern (http://www.sokerijussi.net/en_index.html), an old storehouse. Dinner is at 20:00 in Restaurant Puistola (see the map), some 300 m from your hotel.

Weather

So many have asked about the weather, that it is wisest to tell something here. Right now, mid-May, we have experienced an unusually warm week with +29 degrees Celsius!

In average May it would be anything between +10 and +20, and the forecast says by Monday 24 we'll have rain and +9 degrees. Therefore, it is better to check before departing to Oulu: <http://www.fmi.fi/weather/local.html?place=Oulu>

At the moment the length of day between sunrise and sunset is 19½ hours, and it will be somewhat longer in two weeks.

Places to go

The shops are open on weekdays between 9:30 and 18:00, bigger ones until 20:00, on Saturdays they are open until 14:00, bigger ones until 18:00. On Sundays most shops are open from 12:00 to 16:00.

Worth visiting, if you have time, is the market place and market hall which sells local food and specialties. The market hall opens at 8:00 every day. Right next to the hotel is the Oulu Cathedral which is open at 10–21. On the other side of the hotel you will find Ainola Park, a big green living room of the local people. Right in the heart of it is Ainola museum, the Northern Ostrobothnia museum (<http://oulu.ouka.fi/ppm/English/index.html>) that is open on weekdays at 10–18 and on Saturday and Sunday at 11–18.

The Oulu city website for visitors offers more information:
<http://www.oulutourism.fi/en/etusivu.aspx>

If you have time to visit the Arctic Circle and Santa Claus, take the train from Oulu to Rovaniemi (http://www.visitrovaniemi.fi/VisitRovaniemi/In_English.iw3). Trains are run by state railway company VR: <http://www.vr.fi/eng/>

Welcome to Oulu!

- Seija

P.S. Here is my mobile nr in case you need to ask something or happen to be late or...
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