

UBC Planning & Sustainable Cities Commission meeting

Revitalizing urban space connected to the Sea

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Turku, Finland

Travelling to Turku

ARRIVAL BY PLANE | Turku international airport offers direct connections to/from Helsinki* (Finnair), Riga (AirBaltic), Gdansk (Wizzair), and Stockholm (SAS), and is located 8,5 km from the city centre. The regular bus connection (line 1), departing from the terminal every 15-20 minutes ([check next available bus](#)), is available daily for the single ticket price of 3 EUR (contactless card payment or mobile app [Föli](#)); approximate time of journey to the city centre (Kauppatori) is 15-20 minutes. Taxi stand can be found right outside the terminal or ordered by calling +358 0200 10041; the approximate cost of the ride to the city centre is 30-35 euro. Alternatively, you could use [Uber](#) to grab yourself a ride, the prices are sometimes cheaper than taxis.

**to reduce CO2 emissions, Helsinki-Turku connections are offered as a bus transfer. This information can be checked when booking the flight through the Finnair website.*

ARRIVAL BY FERRY FROM STOCKHOLM | Ferries connecting Stockholm with Turku operate every day by [Viking Line](#) and [Silja Line](#). Bus connection (line 1 & 1B), departing from the ferry terminal every 5-10 minutes during the peak times ([check the next available bus](#)), is available to the city centre (Kauppatori) for a single ticket price of 3 EUR (card payment or mobile app [Föli](#)) and the ride takes 10-15 minutes.

ARRIVAL BY BUS FROM HELSINKI VANTAA AIRPORT | Bus schedules can be checked and tickets booked from www.matkahuolto.fi/en/ (there are often discounts for online tickets purchases, compared to tickets bought from the driver): the departing station "Helsinki Airport (Vantaa)" and arrival stop closest to the city centre is "Turku Tuomiokirkko" (Cathedral). The approximate travel time is 2h 30min and might involve a change of the bus (the driver will normally announce when it happens).

The same website also provides bus connections from the Kamppi bus station in Helsinki centre.

ARRIVAL BY TRAIN FROM HELSINKI VANTAA AIRPORT | Train schedules can be checked, and tickets booked from www.vr.fi/en/ (tickets are cheaper if bought online in advance than from the station at the departure). The approximate travel time from the airport is 2h 30min and involves the change of the train at Pasila station in Helsinki (approx. after 20 min of travel). From the same website train connections from the main railway station in the centre of Helsinki can be checked as well.

Please note that currently there is construction work between Turku (Central) and Kupittaa stations. The railway line is closed between Turku and Kupittaa, and trains to Helsinki arrive and depart from the Kupittaa station instead of Turku central railway station (the Kupittaa station is located in Turku, 5 min drive, 15 minutes by bus or 30 min walk from the Kauppatori main square).

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN TURKU | Local buses are operated by the [Föli](#) company, its schedules and stops can be checked using the Föli planner website: www.foli.fi/en or by using Google Maps. Bus tickets (regular price 3 EUR) can be purchased directly on the bus by using contactless payment, or with cash (4 EUR) from the driver. Another payment option for buses is the mobile app Föli (available for Android and iOS, www.payiq.net/turku).

FÖLLARI – TURKU CITY BIKES | There are 700 bikes and more than 100 bike stations in the renewed Turku city bike system. The locations of the stations can be found in [Föli's journey planner](#), [City of Turku's service map](#) and [Donkey Republic's application](#). Learn more on how to rent a bike on the [Turku region traffic webpages](#).

Meeting venues

GET TOGETHER | Café Pegasus

Café Pegasus is the café of the Museum of History and Contemporary Art Aboa Vetus Ars Nova.

Address: Itäinen Rantakatu 4, 20700 Turku

Website: <https://www.kahvila-otava.fi/cafe-pegasus>

Phone: +358 44 2390 454

JOINT COMMISSION MEETING | The main event's venue is Forum Marinum/ Auditorium Ruuma

The Forum Marinum Maritime Centre is a lively and versatile centre for maritime activities, comprising a National specialist museum for Maritime History, and the Finnish Navy Museum.

Address: Linnankatu 72, 20100 Turku

Website: <https://www.forum-marinum.fi/en/>

Phone: +358 40 5525 477

RECEPTION | Turku City Hall

Turku City Hall, a Neo-Renaissance masterpiece designed by Charles Bassi and constructed in 1810-1811, graces the banks of the Aura River. This iconic building serves as the gathering place for the Turku City Council.

Address: Aurakatu 2, 20100 Turku

DINNER VENUE | Restaurant Kåren

Kåren is located on Hämeenkatu, in the heart of Turku - one of Turku's most important landmarks and event venues.

Address: Hämeenkatu 22, 20500 Turku

Website: <https://www.karen.fi/>

Phone: +358 50 536 5754

LUNCH VENUE | Restaurant Göran

Göran is the restaurant located in the lobby of the Forum Marinum.

Address: Linnankatu 72, 20100 Turku

Website: <https://www.goran.fi/>

Phone: +358 20 741 7330

All the venues and task areas on the [Google Maps](#)

The location of the Auditorium Ruuma in Forum Marinum



The location of the Auditorium Bryggan in Forum Marinum



Accommodation in Turku

RADISSON BLU MARINA PALACE HOTEL

Overlooking the Aura River, this hotel is comfortably located near the old and new centre of Turku, making it a perfect location for exploring the city and using the services of central Turku. The event venue can be easily reached from the hotel on foot by taking a 25-minute picturesque river sidewalk towards the Turku medieval castle or by taking a convenient ride on bus number 1 which would take only 7 minutes.

Address: Linnankatu 32, 20100 Turku

Website: <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-marina-turku>

Phone: +358 20 1234710

Email: info.turku@radissonblu.com

30 rooms have been pre-booked in **Radisson Blu Marina Palace Hotel** for the participants with the special price: 110 EUR single room/night and 130 EUR twin room/night. Bookings can be made until **15.08.2023** (until rooms are sold out) with booking code **UBC2023** by contacting the hotel directly via phone at +358 300 870 010 (Mon-Fri 10:00-18:00)/email reservations.finland@RadissonBlu.com

Please quote the code: **UBC2023** when making a booking

SCANDIC PLAZA TURKU

Scandic Plaza is a protected building - a true pearl of 1920s functionalism along a pedestrian street in the centre of Turku. The Market Square, the banks of the Aurajoki River and other sights of Turku are easily reachable. The event venue can be easily reached from the hotel on foot by taking a 30-minute riverside walk towards the Turku medieval castle or by taking a convenient ride on bus number 1 which would take only 13 minutes.

Address: Yliopistonkatu 29 FIN-20100 Turku

Website: <https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/finland/turku/scandic-plaza-turku>

Phone: +358 300308421

Email: plaza.turku@scandichotels.com

30 rooms have been pre-booked in **Scandic Plaza Turku** for the participants with the special price: 109 EUR single room/night and 129 EUR twin room/night. Bookings can be made until **29.08.2023** (until rooms are sold out) with booking code **BUBC120923** by following the link: [Scandic Hotels | Book your stay now | Scandic Hotels](#) (please select the desired length of stay and the hotel: **Scandic Plaza Turku**) or by contacting the hotel directly via phone at +358 2 33200 /email plaza.turku@scandichotels.com

Please quote the code: **BUBC120923** when making a booking

MUSEUM SHIP HOSTEL S/S BORE

S/S Bore, or 'Zero Bore' as Turku residents know it, was completed in 1960 in Oskarshamn, Sweden. The location of Bore, now a museum ship, and the hostel operating onboard the ship is ideal – on the Aura River, near the Turku Medieval Castle, in front of the event venue – Forum Marinum.

Address: Aurajoki, Linnankatu 72 20100 Turku, Finland

Website: <https://www.hostelbore.fi/>

Phone: +358 40 8436611

Email: julia@scandichotels.com

The booking can be done individually through the link:

<https://cloud.hotellinx.com/NetReservationsBore/Home/SetLanguage?lang=EN>

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