

Mighty by nature

The finest and the mightiest

With a surface area of more than 17,000 km², Inari is the largest municipality in Finland, and Lake Inari accounts for more than half of its 2,000 km² of lakes and rivers. Nestled between its thousands of lakes and islands are hundreds of majestic fells that shape its landscape.

Modern and dynamic

Distinct seasonal variations generate their own challenges but also create opportunities. Inari has been successful in harnessing its unique characteristics in business life. Alongside traditional livelihoods, the development of cold technology and Arctic nature tourism play key roles in shaping the Inari of today and the future. Cooperation between specialists in different sectors and local entrepreneurs has resulted in a constantly evolving service network that encourages a wide range of activities and tourism in the municipality. And there is an endless variety of accommodation ranging from wilderness cabins in small outlying villages to the pulsating beat of Saariselkä tourist resort.

International

International Inari municipality is part of the European Union's Northern Dimension, which includes Finnish Lapland, Finnmark in Norway and northwest Russia. The Arctic Ocean Corridor passing through the municipality brings these three countries together and forms a gateway to the Arctic Ocean and the Kola Peninsula. Inari's superb road network and the international Ivalo Airport allow fast and easy movement in changing conditions.

Inari's excellent traffic connections, location and unsurpassed nature make the municipality the pearl of Lapland, and its magnetism captivates tourists and businesses all around the world. Inari is the North European gateway to Russia and the city of Murmansk as well as part of the Barents Sea Cooperation, which includes North Cape (Nordkapp), the most northern point in continental Europe and a firm favourite among tourists.





Multilingual and multicultural

The Sámi identity is part of Inari's multicultural heritage. The Sámi are an indigenous people with their own colourful culture, language, identity and history. Inari is the only municipality in Finland with four official languages: Finnish, Inari Sámi, Skolt Sámi and North Sámi.

The culturally rich and distinctive Sámi identity is an integral part of Inari's character. The Sámi identity of today forms a natural bond with tradition; reindeer husbandry, handicrafts, fishing and hunting are still important, but other livelihoods have risen alongside. Sámi culture is traditionally international. The Sámi live in four countries: Finland, Sweden, Norway and Russia.

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It's hard to find anywhere else in the world that compares with the wilderness of Inari. Its four sharply contrasting seasons provide never-to-be-forgotten experiences: the nightless nights of summer, the blazing colours of autumn, the dazzling white snow and ice of winter, and the awakening and intensity of nature in the spring.

The legendary gold deposits in the Lemmenjoki and Ivalojoki rivers lure travellers to try their luck, and surging rapids beckon visitors on an unforgettable adventure. The mighty and ancient Ukko arouses the respect of all who travel on Lake Inari, and the Lemmenjoki National Park and hiking trails provide an exceptional setting for nature outings and trekking. And you can explore the wintery landscape enshrouded in icy twilight along an extensive network of ski trails or accelerate the pace on a snowmobile safari all the way to the Arctic Ocean.

The municipality is actively growing on the terms of nature. Inari's strength lies in its mighty and magnificent nature that we cherish with all our hea**rt**.

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