LOCAL INFORMATION

How to reach Oulu

Arriving by Plane

Finland is known as a safe and reliable destination, easily accessible from all over the world. The Helsinki airport offers 130 non-stop destinations around the world and 350 departures a day.

Oulu airport, the second busiest in Finland, offers over 20 daily flights to/from Helsinki by Finnair and Norwegian. The flight time is less than 1 h. There is also a direct connection from Stockholm Arlanda operated by SAS (in May 2019 on Sundays and Thursdays).

There are comfortable bus connections from the Oulu airport to the city centre. The 15-kilometre journey takes approximately half an hour by bus. Taxi from the airport to the city centre costs around 40-50 EUR.

Arriving by Train

Oulu is easily accessible by several daily train and bus connections. Travel time between Helsinki and Oulu is six hours by train, and many daily train connections via Tampere serve Oulu.

How to get to the University of Oulu Linnanmaa Campus from the city centre:

The venue of the meeting, University of Oulu main campus, is in the district of Linnanmaa around 6 km North from the city centre.

Public transportation

- Public Bus Connections to Linnanmaa Campus from the City Centre
- Bus routes: 1, 2, 2N, 3, 8
- Downtown bus stops for example: Toripakka, Kaupungintalo and Pokkitörmä.
- The journey takes around 15–20 minutes.
- NOTE! Only cash is accepted in the busses! For mobile tickets see: [https://www.oulunjoukkoliikenne.fi/mobile-ticket](https://www.oulunjoukkoliikenne.fi/mobile-ticket)
- To reach the university Linnanmaa campus, exit the bus at the bus stop Yliopisto P
- Time Tables: [https://www.oulunjoukkoliikenne.fi/english](https://www.oulunjoukkoliikenne.fi/english) and in the Google Maps
Taxi

Taxi service from the city centre to the University costs between 15 and 20 Euros. The address to give to the taxi is Main Building University of Oulu, Pentti Kaiteran katu 1.

Meeting venue – University campus in Linnanmäa (ca 6km from city centre)

If arriving to University of Oulu Linnanmäa Campus by taxi, enter the door P at Pentti Kaiteran katu 1 and the registration desk should be visible almost from the door.

If arriving by bus, enter the R door and follow the signs.

The meeting rooms in the campus are

- Monday-Tuesday 27-28 May: Saalastinsali (main room), TS101, TS128
- Wednesday 29 May: TS101, TS128, TS127
- Registration desk in front of the Saalastinsali
Wi-Fi
Panoulu free Wi-Fi is available in the campus as well as in the city centre. *Eduroam* is also available for those who have an account.

Hotels

The local organizers have reserved a room quota for the COST meeting participants in three hotels in the heart of the city, one with a local atmosphere and two representing the Scandinavian style:

Price incl. buffet breakfast, use of hotel gym room, evening sauna and wireless internet connection
single room: 95 € / room / night        twin room: 110 € / room / night
BOOKING: Room block for 26.-29.5.2019 **valid with the code BCOSTIRACON until 8 May** (subject to availability)
On the website www.sokoshotels.fi or e-mail sales.oulu@sokoshotels.fi or phone +358(0)83123255

**Scandic Oulu Station** [https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/finland/oulu/scandic-oulu-station](https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/finland/oulu/scandic-oulu-station) Kajaaninkatu 17, 90100 Oulu
Price incl. buffet breakfast, wireless internet connection, use of hotel sauna and swimming pool
single room: 110 EUR / room / night       double room: 120 EUR / room / night
BOOKING: Room block for 26.-29.5.2019 **valid with the code COST IRACON until 19 May** (subject to availability)
Reservations by email oulucity@scandichotels.com or phone +358 8 5431 00 with the code COST IRACON
Scandic Oulu City https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/finland/oulu/scandic-oulu-city Saaristonkatu 4, 90100
Price incl. buffet breakfast, wireless internet connection, use of hotel sauna and gym
single room: 115 EUR / room / night  double room: 125 EUR / room / night
BOOKING: Room block for 26.-29.5.2019 valid with the code COST IRACON until 19 May (subject to availability)
Reservations by email oulucity@scandichotels.com or phone +358 8 5431 000
Other hotels include

If you are looking for a low budget alternative... Forenom Aparthotel Oulu www.forenom.com/aparthotels/oulu/
(rooms from € 55 /night)

If you prefer an international brand in a maritime setting... Radisson Blu Hotel Oulu www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-oulu

If you value a place to stay with an arctic twist... Lapland Hotel Oulu www.laplandhotels.com/EN/urban-hotels/oulu/lapland-hotels-oulu.html

If you would rather choose a riverside location a short walk away from the centre... Hotel Lasaretti www.lasaretti.com

Social events

Welcome Reception on Monday 27th of May 19:30-21:00, Oulu City Hall
An event by invitation of the City of Oulu. A light dinner buffet and drinks provided. Hosts for the event will welcome all guests personally so please come in time. The City Hall is within walking distance from the hotels. Address: Oulu City Hall, Kirkkokatu 2a, 90100 Oulu, Finland
Dinner on Tuesday 28th of May at 19:30-23:00, Maikkula Mansion

The dinner venue Maikkula Mansion is located by the Oulu river 15 minutes’ drive away from Oulu city centre. After a delicious buffet dinner, two saunas are reserved for the private use of COST IRACON participants. There are both a traditional wood-heated sauna and even more traditional smoke sauna available. Take your swimsuit and a towel with you (water in the river may be cold but all ice should have already melted...). The dinner is sponsored by Keysight Technologies Finland.

Bus transportation from/to the city centre and Linnanmaa campus is organized: departure from the city to Maikkula at 19:00 and return from Maikkula to the city at 23:00 approximately. [http://www.maikkulankartano.fi/en/](http://www.maikkulankartano.fi/en/)

Address: Maikkulan Kartano, Maikkulanrinne 21, 90240 Oulu, Finland

Currency

Currency unit in Finland is euro.

About the city of Oulu

Oulu ([https://goo.gl/maps/YcHf2qxWFVP2](https://goo.gl/maps/YcHf2qxWFVP2)) is the capital of Northern Scandinavia located at the Gulf of Bothnia, in the Oulujoki river delta. It is the largest city in Northern Finland with some 190 000 inhabitants. In Oulu modern business, technology and tourism meet northern peace.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-67WDpMdvg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-67WDpMdvg) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxQsIr6flrI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SxQsIr6flrI)

Nature and outdoor activities play a central part in Oulu. You can find beautiful parks all around and the city centre with the pedestrian street and market place is especially inviting during summer time. The Market Square area along with Rotuaari Promenade and the other streets in downtown Oulu form an urban living room. There are also a wide variety of high-calibre cafés and restaurants on offer. Cultural events are organized in Rotuaari Square all year round. The Market Square is full of life all day long, and the surrounding old storehouses are now home to restaurants, cafés and boutiques.

Oulu has many interesting attractions to visit especially during summer time, the time of the midnight sun. Pikisaari, an idyllic wooden town and industrial area await visitors crossing the river at the Market Square. It was used in the 17th century as a place to build boats. This unique island also boasts Oulu’s oldest wooden building, which is now a museum. Located approximately three kilometres from the centre of Oulu you can reach the Nallikari beach which offers different kind of activities especially during summer time and a spa with many types of relaxing treatments.
The Tietomaa science centre has Åström’s leather factory and 19th-century large-scale industry to thank for its distinctive landmark - its tower. The exhibitions with changing themes from different scientific fields guarantee a thought-provoking experience at Finland’s first science centre.

The island of Hailuoto is unique because of its abundant nature and well-preserved old buildings. The island can be reached with a ferry leaving some 15 km from the Oulu airport. Attractions and activities are free to be explored by tourists, but guided tours can be taken as well. Sights include an old lighthouse, interactive nature exhibition, a museum, a church, sandy beaches and bird watching spots.

The Turkansaari Open-Air Museum located about 20 km from Oulu city centre has over 40 museum buildings complete with their articles. The buildings include a church built in 1694 and the old country manor house, completed in 1894.

Koitelinkoski is a beautiful place for nature lovers. The Koiteli region is surrounded by rolling forested hills and rich vegetation, and its many islands provide excellent opportunities for fishing, canoeing and kayaking, and trekking. The Koitelinkoski rapids are part of the free-flowing River Kiiminki. The rapids are about four kilometres from downtown Kiiminki and a quick 24-kilometre drive from Oulu.

Lapland can be experienced with a single day trip to the City of Rovaniemi at the Arctic Circle. The sun never sets between June 6 and July 7 in Rovaniemi. Places to visit are the Arktikum Science Centre, the Santa Claus Village and reindeer farms.

You can find information about the culture and activities in Oulu from www.visitoulu.fi/en/home.

Weather

**Weather in May – average high 15° low 9°**  
Daylight: 03:07 – 23:26,  
Twilight 23:26 – 03:07,  
Night: not at all for the dates 27-29 May

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Looking forward to meeting you in Oulu,

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