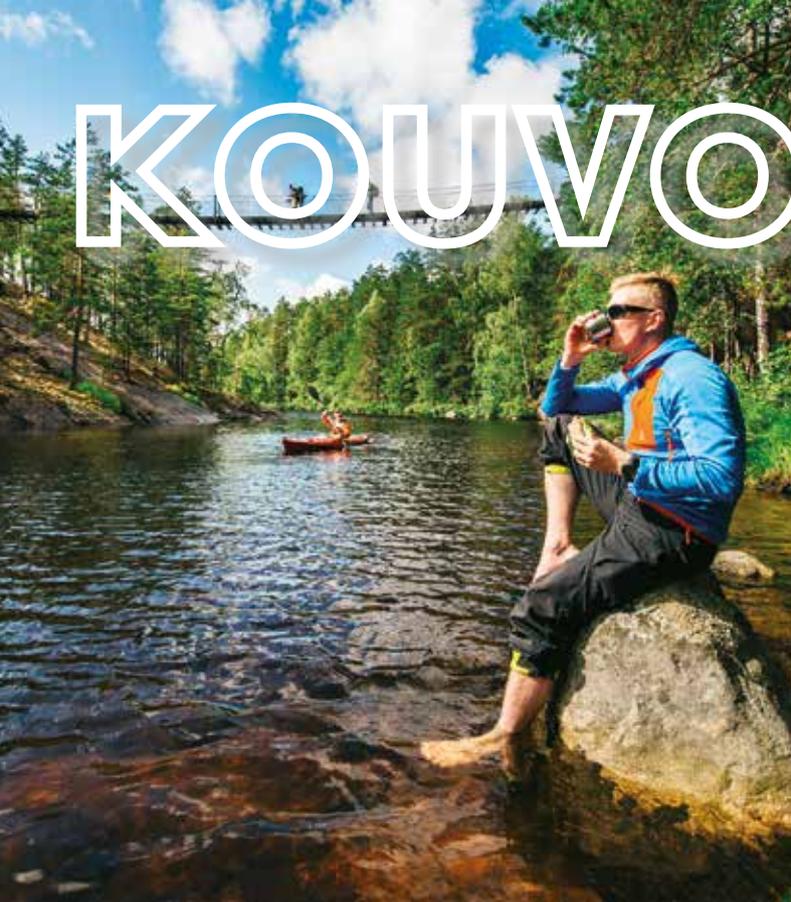


KOUVOLO



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An exciting day trip to Kouvola is waiting for you! Your day trip can include an adventure in a National Park, local food in a forest or a stroll in a culture park. Pristine Finnish nature invites you to explore it with a friend. You can easily get to Kouvola from Helsinki with public transport. Just jump in a train and in an hour and half you are in the centre of Kouvola.

SEE

In the **UNESCO World Heritage Site Verla Groundwood and Board Mill** you'll step into the end of the 19th century. A verdant garden, architectonically valuable buildings and an old cardboard factory with its original equipment have been preserved perfectly in their original state.

Ankkapurha Culture Park is the perfect setting for exploring the area around the Kymijoki River. The park is a haven for outdoor activities and different cultural events. Fans of the famous Finnish architect **Alvar Aalto** will fall in love with Kouvola's Tehtaanmäki area, which is located right across the river from Ankkapurha.

Kouvola's Museum Quarter is a tribute to the railroad history of Kouvola. Nowadays, the area is filled with workshops for artisans and small boutiques. **Poikilo Museums** are also located in Kouvola's Museum Quarter. Poikilo has interesting art exhibitions for culture lovers and fans of modern art.

EXPERIENCE

Arboretum Mustila is one of the most significant forest parks in Northern Europe. The park is located along route 6, just an hour's drive from Helsinki. You can explore the woods and after that relax with a cup of coffee in a café. You might also like to visit **Mustila Viini**, where you can taste and buy locally made berry wine and other products.

Tykkimäki Amusement Park is Kouvola's very own amusement oasis and the area is perfect for families. The amusement park has over 40 rides and games, a petting zoo, Atrernalin rope trail and also a camping area. Right next to the amusement park, you'll find **Tykkimäki Aquapark** where you can savor the sun. Aquapark is located at Kouvola's very own Copacabana, **Käyrälampi beach**.

Along the way to Repovesi National Park, **Vuohijärvi Nature and Culture House**, which used to serve as a Lutheran church, provides a perfect pit stop. You can explore the interesting art exhibitions and have a snack on the terrace. Lovers are welcomed to leave a love lock in the garden.

YOUR DAY IN KOUVOLO

We have planned an unforgettable day in Kouvola for you. You can do the programme independently or with a local guide. First, take a train to Kouvola. Kouvola's main railway station is located in the city centre, thus,

you'll immediately be in the hot spot. Now, you are in Kouvola! First and foremost, welcome!

Your next step is a taking the bus to **Repovesi National Park**. The busses leave from the main railway station, so you are right where you need to be. Remember to check the timetables and routes tours from visitkouvola.fi. The city centre has a modern and fast VisitKouvola WiFi, feel free to use it.

Before heading inside the park for your nature adventure, enjoy lunch at **Repotassu** café, located near the Lapinsalmi entrance at the parking area.

Alright, now you are truly ready to head inside the park. Your first highlight is **Lapinsalmi suspension bridge**. The bridge is one of most popular and important landmarks in the park. Before crossing to the other side, take a moment to admire the serene lake view that surrounds you.

Then it's time to head to the Fox Trail. The Fox Trail is about 5 kilometers long, easy to walk and it will show you the best Repovesi has to offer.

The trail will take you along the ponds and rugged forest trails on top of a mighty cliff, where you will gaze upon the entire park. The view is a perfect souvenir. Please, make sure your phone has some juice in it, so you can capture this postcard image.

Did you think the excitement was over? No, not at all. The trail has one more surprise at the

very end. Remember when you crossed the water with a suspension bridge at the beginning of your super-awesome-adventure? Now it's time to take the **Fox ferry** and cross the waters of Repovesi one last time! The ferry is powered with your own muscles, so you'll get a nice workout.

Take one last look at the magnificent nature that gives the Finns so much energy and vigor every day. It's time to take the bus back to the city centre. Naturally, you can hop in a train but we also have wonderful accommodation services. Why not spend the night with us? Or would you dare to experience a night in a rental hut in Repovesi National Park? Enjoy!

TOP EVENTS IN 2017

Kymi GP, an international trotting race, 17 June.

Iitti Music Festival, a chamber music festival in the idyllic village of Iitti, 14-17 June.

Local Food Fair, a celebration for local food and the countryside in the village of Elimäki, 9-10 September.

Christmas Market, a traditional Christmas celebration held in Kouvola's Museum Quarter, 3 December

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