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Welcome to study at the Kemi-Tornio University of Applied Sciences! You are starting a new phase in your life, perhaps even in a new city. If you are not already familiar with the Sea Lapland region, this guide will help you get started and make it easier to become familiar with the area. Kemi and Tornio are about the same size, and provide nearly similar services to all of their residents. There is also a variety of activities in these cities for many kinds of needs, so it pays to be active and leave your student dormitory to be among people. The surrounding area also provides interesting natural attractions for those interested in outdoor recreation, and Lapland’s four seasons guarantee many different kinds of experiences from winter darkness to the midnight sun.

Student life in Kemi-Tornio includes certain traditions, a variety of common events and a relaxed atmosphere. It is worthwhile to learn about the activities organised by the student associations: they offer a variety of exercise, culture and even student parties. Many kinds of events are held in the Sea Lapland region throughout the year. More information on them is available at the student’s databank edu.tokem.fi or from local newspapers.

Hopefully these tips help you find interesting things to do and new hobbies alongside your studies. And if something is bothering you, feel free to ask for advice and help from student tutors and from us. We are here for you!

Hannele Keränen
Substitute Principal
Finland is bordered on the east by Russia, on the south by the Gulf of Finland and Estonia, on the west by the Gulf of Bothnia and Sweden, and on the north and northwest by Norway. A quarter of its territory is north of the Arctic Circle.

**IF YOU’RE FINNS**

You are familiar with many TV personalities and celebrities, Finnish and foreign. The latter are, in decreasing order of probability, American, English, Scandinavian (rarely), French or German (very, very rarely).

You believe in the news on TV and in the newspapers. In fact, you are used to believing in most of what you read or hear.

You have (or you plan to have) a family, which means a spouse and 1 to 3 children (but not having one doesn’t mean a catastrophe).

You may state that “old people should be respected”, but you know you don’t have to obey your parents, at least not if you are over 18.

You are accustomed with the society (rather than families, churches or charity organizations) taking care of the poor, sick and disabled.

You may like football (if you are a young urban male, perhaps even the strange American version of so-called “football”). In general, however, you feel most comfortable watching sports where people wear helmets: Formula One, ice-hockey or ski-jumping.

Cricket is something incomprehensible, but for baseball you have a version of your own, the Finnish pesäpallo. “Skiing” means cross-country skiing, but if you are under 25, you might prefer the snowboard.

You have a vacation of at least a month a year and you do take it, preferably in July (although it is generally complained that “in Europe” nobody has vacations of more than a week and we should follow that trend). You spend it at
your summer cottage, bathing in the sauna and swimming in the lake, or visiting the numerous summer events in every village Finland has, from opera festivals to world championships in wife-carrying or rubberboot-throwing. In winter, you take a week or a prolonged weekend to travel to the Mediterranean or the Canary Islands.

You are most probably a Lutheran (which usually means that you go to church in Christmas or never, get married in church and have your children baptized). You may also be an Orthodox or sometimes even a Catholic (in the latter case, you are usually of foreign descent or an intellectually oriented convert looking for “something different”).

If you are middle-aged or younger and urban, you believe in a kind of all-European gourmet cooking (anything from pesto to paella) and also visit McDonalds or other junk food places. You have also eaten in a Chinese restaurant and, if you are old and rural, you might like sushi. If you are old and rural, you eat rye bread and potatoes every day, with either fish (mostly Baltic herring in different forms) or “saucers” with different kinds of meat. You feed your foreign guests with reindeer and arctic brambleberries (an exquisite taste and seeds like pebbles between your teeth) and try to convince them that these belong to a typical Finnish menu.

If you are Finn, you drink milk for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Your favourite drink is coffee. Coffee is considered by a “national drink”.

**Did you know**

**that Finland has?**

- 5.3 million people (17 people per sq km)
- 180,000 islands
- 230,000 reindeer
- 100,000 salmon
- 188,000 lakes (accounts for 10% of the total area)
- 465,000 summer cottages
- 35 national parks
- 1.8 million saunas (approx 500 are traditional smoke saunas)
- 5.2 million mobile phones (Nokia is a Finnish brand)
Key population centers of

THE KEMI-TORNIO AREA

Kemi

“The Monaco of Finland - 10 km of beach and as many inhabitants”
www.ihmekaupunki.fi ja www.kemi.fi

Valtakatu “the main street of Kemi”
Inner harbour area is the centre of Kemi in the summer.

Gemstone Gallery
At the Church of St. Michael (Pyhän Mikaelin Kirkko) can find a mummy. A vicar named Nikolaus Rungius, who served in the early 1600’s, said: “If my word’s are not true, my body will decay, but if they are true then it won’t decay.” Rungius died in 1629 and was buried under the church floor. With no embalming, his body mummified and can still be seen today.
Tornio

“LIFE WITHOUT BOARDERS”
www.tornio.fi

Old Tornio

Pikisaari Beach  Tornio Church  Rajalla På Gränsen shopping mall

The Water tower
Tornio

The "Engage" Statue on the border

Outokumpu

City Hall

Kukkolankoski/Kukkolaforsen
Haaparanta

“OASIS OF CANDY LAND”
www.haparanda.se

Over the years Haaparanta has developed into a shopping destination. In the 1970’s people came here to buy low-priced butter and sugar from as far away as Ostrobothnia and Kainuu. Today the stores of Haaparanta offer low-priced beverages, bulk candy and shoes. The return to the good old days, when people came shopping from far away, took place in 2006, when IKEA Haparanda-Tornio was opened.

Remember that you can also take care of business almost everywhere in Haaparanta using the Finnish language, too. The currency is the Swedish krona, but euros work in most places.

Tutor’s Tips

SPORT ACTIVITIES
• Haaparanda’s Carting Course
  Vojakkala Haparanda
tel. +46 70 33 557 23

• Aspen Hall
  Västra Esplanaden 25
tel. +46 (o)922 150 53

• Swimming Hall
  Åkergatan 1
tel. +46 (o)922 150 49
  “Affordable prices”

CULTURE
• Folketshus
  (People’s house), Åkerg. 1
tel. +46 922 145 49

SHOPPING
• IKEA, Norrskensvägen 2
tel. +46 775 700 700

• Sko Punkten
  Norrskensvägen 4
www.skopunkten.com
  “Good offers & fashionable shoes.”

• Netto, Kraftvägen 3
  “Cheap sodas and energy drinks.”

• Maxi ICA (shopping mall)
  Hästskovägen 2
tel. +46 (o)922 688 80
  “huge selection”

• Candy World
  Norrskensvägen 4
tel. +46 (o)922 123 50

• Rusta, Lillvägen 4
www.rusta.se
The following places are worth checking out in the Kemi-Tornio area:

- In Sweden, Kalix and Luleå are so close that you can made a day trip there.
- On the Finnish side of the Torniojoki river, as you go northward you find the town of Ylitornio, which is home to the Aavasaksa hill, from which you can see far into Sweden, and the town of Pello, which is located within the arctic circle.
- If you go 100 km northeast from Keminmaa, you get to the city of Rovaniemi, where Santa Claus has built his own tourist trap. From Rovaniemi you should continue on toward Ranua and stop by the Ranua zoo to say hello to Jaska, a talking raven.
- Also not too far is Oulu, which is a little over 100 km from Kemi. Before you get to Oulu there is a stone age village in the town of Ii.
BY BUS
The easiest way to travel from Kemi to Tornio or from Tornio to Kemi is by bus. Local bus operators include Veljekset Salmela and Net Matkat

- www.veljeksetsalmela.fi
- http://netmatkat.palvelee.fi/

A Kemi-Tornio regional ticket (*seutulippu*) entitles you to unlimited trips, while the ticket is valid, on regularly scheduled transportation in the municipalities that are included on the ticket:

- Kemi, Tornio, Keminmaa, Tervola, Simo and Kuivaniemi.
- www.matkahuolto.fi

Tapanis Bus arranges trips from Haparanda to Stockholm for quite a reasonable price.

- www.tapanis.se

BY AIRPLANE
The Kemi-Tornio airport is situated in Keminmaa, where daily flights leave to Helsinki via Finncom.

- Lentokentäntie 75, 94500 Lautiosaari
tel. 016 211 8777
www.fc.fi

BY TRAIN
The train to Rovaniemi and Kolari stops at Kemi for those that want to go even farther north. The railway station is located in the middle of Kemi on Rautatiekatu 3. You can board the train at the Tornio station a couple of times a day. Go to www.vr.fi for planning help or train ticket sales.

During the winter time people are also using kick sled for mode of transportation.

The kick sled is a small sled consisting of a chair.

www.esla.fi/english
University students belong to the municipal student health care system. There are school nurses working in the departments and students can go and see them personally. If the school nurse is not available, students can contact the nearest health station or health care centre.

Information of the health care services you may find from edu.tokem.fi | student life | health care

**IN CASE YOU...**

... are worried about your or your friends drug or alcohol use, gambling, internet addiction or mental health issues you can contact to school nurse, school social worker or the health care services of the town.

... need help with difficult situations in your life:

**Emergency policlinics**

**(SUDDEN ACCIDENT AND ILLNESS)**

**IN KEMI**

Weekdays 8 am-4 pm

Länsi-Pohjan keskussairaala (Central hospital)
Kauppakatu 25, Kemi
tel. 016 259 750

Kriisikeskus Turvapoiju (Crisis center)
Etelärantakatu 6, Kemi
tel. 040 544 1750
IN TORNIO
Weekdays 8 am-4 pm

Tornion terveyskeskus
(Health care centre)
Sairaalakatu 1, Tornio
tel. 016 432 814

Evenings 4 pm-8 am, weekends and
holidays for Kemi and Tornio students:

LÄNSI-POHJAN KESKUSSAIRAALA
(central hospital)
Kauppakatu 25, Kemi
tel. 016 243 120

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

KTUAS’ school social worker helps you
with different problems on your studying or
your private matters. You may arrange an
appointment with the school social worker by
e-mail or phone.

maria.sipila@tokem.fi
tel. 040 847 4219

General
emergency number

in Finland and Sweden is 112
(police, fire department and
ambulance). If you need to call to
the emergency number tell your
name, address and the city where
you are and what has happen.
If you move

Change of address www.posti.fi

If you want to register your home municipality and get Finnish social security number

LOCAL REGISTRATION OFFICE
Keskuspuistokatu 20-22, Kemi
tel. 071 876 0261

If you need to renew your residence permit

PERÄPOHJOLA POLICE STATIONS
Valtakatu 28, Kemi
tel. 071 8766418
Pitkäkatu 1, Tornio
tel. 071 8766142

If you need help in career planning or employment

EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
www.mol.fi

If you have questions concerning taxation

MERI-LAPIN VEROTOIMISTO
(REVENUE OFFICE)
Meripuistokatu 16, Kemi
tel. 020 6134170
Puutarhakatu 3, Tornio
tel. 020 612 000

If you need legal advices

LEGAL AID OFFICES
Asemakatu 19, Kemi
tel. 010 3661500
Suensaarenaku 4, Tornio
tel. 010 3652950
Hopefully you have already found an apartment, but if you want to find a different or larger one you can ask:

**IN KEMI**
- Kiinteistö Oy Itätuuli  
  www.kiinteistoitatuuli.fi  
  Valtakatu 34  
  tel. 016 259 288 at 1 pm to 2 pm

- Kemin Opiskelija-asuntosäätiö  
  www.keoas.kemi.fi  
  Keskuspuistokatu 6–8  
  tel. 020 1774 732  
  minna.laitinen@avaraisannointi.fi

**IN TORNIO**
- Tornion Krunni Oy  
  www.tornionkrunni.com  
  Lukiokatu 10  
  tel. 016 432 11

You can also find rental apartments through local real estate agents. Individuals announce available apartments in newspapers like *Pohjolan Sanomat* and free newspapers like *Torniolainen*, *Lounais-Lappi* and *Merilapin Helmi*. You should also go check out edu.tokem.fi | housing exchange.
The student restaurants in Kemi and Tornio operated by Lappia Vocational College are:
- **Melissa** (Health Care, Kemi)
- **Rosmarini** (Social Services, Kemi)
- **Aurinko** (Technology and Business Management, Kemi)
- **Pikantti** (Lappia’s main building, Tornio)
- **Minttu** (Mercuria, Tornio)

Students receive government-sponsored meal support (discount) when eating at student restaurants. You get your discount card when you start your studies. If you have a special diet you should notify the restaurant where you most frequently eat (doctor’s certificate required).

There are also two training restaurants: In Kemi **Pikku Mestari** (Technology) and in Tornio **Pikantti** (Lappia main building). At these restaurants you can order from an a’ la carte menu. It is not possible to get meal support at these restaurants.
Traditional Finnish food is a combination of European, Scandinavian and Western Russian elements. Table manners are European. The food is generally simple, fresh, healthy and not so spicy.

**TRADITIONAL FINNISH FOODS**

MÄMMI porridge which is made mostly of water, malt and rye flour (traditional Easter food).

KALAKUKKO baked rye dough in the shell filled with pork and ribs (traditional Savonian food).

SALMIAKKI salty liquorice.

MUSTAMAKKARA traditional blood sausage from Tampere.

KARJALANPIIRAKKA traditional pasties from the region of Karelia.

RUISLEIPÄ rye bread.
There are clusters of stores in Kemi, Tornio and Haaparanta with clothing and daily consumer needs for many tastes.

**IN KEMI FOR EXAMPLE**
- In Karjalahti shopping mall **CORONA**
- In Valtakatu shopping malls **CITYKULMA** and **PRIMA**

**IN TORNIO**
- In Länsiranta shopping mall **RAJALLA PÅ GRÄNSEN**

**IN HAPARANDA**
- **IKANO**, next to **IKEA**

*Satulli handicraft shop in Kemi*

*National dress of Peräpohjola. Tornio and Kemi belong to that area.*
Tutor’s tips

IN KEMI

• VIICKOTORI -SECOND HAND SHOP
  Keskuspuistokatu 15–17
  www.viikkotori.com

• MONITARMO -RECYCLING CENTRE
  Asemakatu 4
  “cheapest to buy clothes, shoes, utensils, bag…”

• KEMIN MUSIIKKI (music store)
  Keskuspuistokatu 5
  www.keminmusiikki.fi

• SUBWAY
  Valtakatu 7–9
  “Quite cheap clothing store. Always has some good offers”

• LIDL
  Täikönkatu 4
  www.lidl.fi
  “cheapest to buy groceries items.”

• CITYMARKET
  Asemakatu 1
  www.k-citymarket.fi

• SATULLI
  Keskuspuistokatu 10
  “shop which sells handmade crafts.”

IN TORNIO

• TOSITORI -SECOND HAND SHOP
  Keskikatu 14
  “Nice employees, much to see, cheap.”
Freetime Activities

There are many kinds of opportunities for exercise. Check out these websites to begin your search:

- [edu.tokem.fi | student life – spare time- sports](edu.tokem.fi)

The gymnasium is reserved for floorball and volleyball turns for students of UAS. More information is available from your own student society or the Accommodation Officer of Kemi-Tornio UAS. You can also ask Mr. Jukka Ikäläinen for tips on other hobbies.

Accommodation Officer Mr. Jukka Ikäläinen jukka.ikalainen@tokem.fi, tel. 050 461 2335

**Jukka’s tips for people interested in Spectator Sports:**

- Football: TP47 and PS Kemi
- Bandy: Tornion palloveikot, Veitsiluodon Vastus and in Haparanda HT-bandy
- Floorball: Sastamolo, Tornion Palloveikot
- Volleyball: Tornion Lentis

**WHAT HAPPENS AND WHERE**

[edu.tokem.fi](edu.tokem.fi)

[PAKKASRAJA-event calendar](paakasraja-event-calendar)
From pastel painting to hunting courses and everything in between provided by:

- **Kemin Työväenopisto**
  Marina Takalon katu 3
  tel. 016 258 240
  www.kemi.fi/kto/
  “good selection of many kind of hobbies”

- **Tornion Kansalaisopisto**
  Opistotalo, Seminaarinkatu 14
  tel. 040 770 5972
  www.tornio.fi/Kansalaisopisto
  “lots of different courses for everybody”
**Tutor’s Tips**

**IN KEMI**

- **KEMIN KEILA- JA TENNISHALLI**  
  (bowling and tennishall)  
  Tervaharjunkatu 16, tel. 045 279 3119  
  www.keminkeilajatennishalli.com  
  “Room for lots of people. Good opening hours. Little expensive.”  
  "Disco-Fever bowling."

- **BODYCENTER**  
  Valtakatu 3, tel. 010 396 8000 and  
  Asemakatu 9, tel. 010 396 8003  
  www.bodycenter.fi  
  “Good and professional instructors. Nice gymnastic exercises.”

- **SWIMMINGHALL**  
  Meripuistokatu 28, tel. 016 259 455  
  “Nice swimming hall but small. Has music. Quite expensive prices. Water gymnastics are effective and has good instructors.”

- **MANSIKKANOKKA BEACH**  
  In downtown Kemi, Sauvosaari district  
  “When you need to relax you can go to the beach, enjoy the sun and sea. It’s a good way to reline your pressure.”  
  “swimming and beachvolley”

- **VÄHÄMAAN BEACH, VÄHÄMAA**  
  CAMPING AND COURSE GROUNDS reservations  
  tel. 016 223 320

- **KIIKELI, in ruutinranta**  
  “Nice and big dogpark. Empty during morning and evenings. Lot’s of people during afternoon”  
  “Hiking path and lean-to.”

- **RIDING SCHOOLS**  
  Keminmaa riding schools  
  www.lur.fi and www.koskenratsutila.fi

- **NAISVOIMISTELIJAT**  
  (Female gymnastics)  
  Lukkarilankatu 2, tel.040 026 2400  
  “Affordable. Student friendly.”

- **MINIGOLF**  
  Luulajankatu (in Inner Harbour)

- **JOGGING PATHS: TAKAJÄRVI PATH AND MANSIKKANOKKA PATH**

- **GOLF COURSE, Jungonkatu**

- **HALL HOURS FOR STUDENTS**  
  Junkohalli, Iso-Törmänkatu 4,  
  tel. 040 757 7124  
  www.junkohalli.fi
Tutor’s Tips

IN TORNIO

• **Tornio swimming hall**
  Viidankatu 22
  tel. 050 597 1256
  www.tornio.fi
  “Nice, relaxing. Swim hall also has a gym.”

• **Pikisaari**
  in centre of Tornio
  “Nice place for picnic, peaceful, possible to swim.”

• **Tornion naisvoimistelijat**
  (Female gymnastics)
  Arvontie 10
  http://tornionnv.sporttisaitti.com/
  “Cheap and it’s easy for newcomers to hop in.”

• **Tornio-Haaparanta**
  “Jogging route”
  “Route has signposts. Goes nicely around the river, nice scenery.”

• **Tornio bowling hall**
  Teollisuuskatu 8–10,
  tel. 016 445 722
  “Cheapish if you reserve a lane with a group. Has music, cafeteria and disco-fever during evenings.”

• **Ammattiopisto gym**
  Downstairs of the dormitory at Kauppakatu 35
  “Gym is in good shape and is free for student.”

• **Hall hours for students**
  Lappiahalli, Etappitie 4
  www.lappiahalli.fi
  “Nice place for soccer.”

• **Climbing wall at Kiviranta**
  Tapiolantie 8

• **Bodycenter**
  Kauppakatu 12
  tel. 010 396 8001
  www.bodycenter.fi
  “Good and professional instructors. Nice gymnastic exercises.”

• **David Club**
  Torikatu 21
  tel. 016 431 920.
  www.davidclub.com
There are some natural sights we recommend that you check out:

- Between Simo and Keminmaa is the nature preserve of Martimoaava – Lumiaava – Penikat. It provides visitors with hiking trails, night lodging in wilderness huts, bird watching, and eating in lean-to shelters.

- The coastal region is home to the Perämeri National Park, where visitors can become familiar with the marine habitat of Bothnian Bay (Perämeri) as well as the fishing outposts and traditional landscapes produced by the traditional fishing industry.

- In the bird watching tower of Alkunkari in Puuluoto of Tornio, visitors can watch the lives of birds and enjoy campfire coffee at the campfire area, which is large enough for twenty visitors at a time.

- Another place worth visiting near Tornio is Kukkolankoski rapids, where you can watch and admire living traditional fishing culture of the Tornionlaakso Valley.

- On the Swedish side, the island of Seskarö is famous for its great beaches and Mr. Jari Sillanpää.

- People in the Arctic like winter swimming and ice fishing in the wintertime. The coastal region of Kemi and the Torniojoki river provide excellent opportunities for both of these activities.

Winter is the coldest and longest season in Finland, but with the right clothes you won’t feel the cold. Part of the winter period is known as the polar night, when the sun doesn’t rise above the horizon at all. During the winter the temperature variates usually from -0 degrees Celsius to -20 degree Celsius. On a windy day, the weather is colder than the thermometer shows.
**Facts**

- Average annual temperature 0– +2 °C
- Average annual high about +28 °C
- Average annual low about -30 °C
- Warmest month, July, average +16 °C
- Coldest month February, average -11 °C
- Duration of thermal growing season when temperature is at least +5 °C is about 135–145 days
- Average annual precipitation is 500–550 mm/year
- Permanent snow exists about 4–5 months/year
- Length of day during summer is at most 24 hr
- Length of day during winter is 3 hr at its shortest

During the winter it is wise to wear several layers of clothes: the air gets trapped between the layers and it keeps you warm. The buildings in Finland are warm and well-heated: when you get inside you can easily take off some of the layers.
The associations for the students are the Student union KETOAKKU and student bodies of the different fields of study: KeIO, Kemi’s Business students, KETOSOK, KETOTERVE and TOKKO: edu.tokem.fi | student life.

Another worthwhile option is student tutoring, if you want to help fellow students to start their studies and for free time activities. edu.tokem.fi | study info tutoring.

- SAMOK, Union of Students in Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences, SAMOK ry, is the voice of student unions in universities of applied sciences.

By joining SAMOK you get SAMOK-studentcard. With SAMOK-card you get benefits and discounts from several boutiques and shops around Finland.

There are also volunteer opportunities from firefighting to protecting animals.

- Unicef, www.unicef.fi
- The Finnish Red Cross, www.redcross.fi
- Finnish Federation for Animal Welfare Associations (SEY), www.sey.fi
- Volunteer fire departments operate in both Kemi and Tornio.

**Student Union**

**KETOAKKU**

**Meripuistokatu 26, Kemi**

Secretary General
tel. 040 416 4521,
paasihteeri.ketoakku@tokem.fi

edu.tokem.fi
The culture of Finland combines indigenous heritage, as represented for example by the country's Uralic national language Finnish, and the sauna, with common Nordic and European culture. Because of its history and geographic location Finland has been influenced by the adjacent areas' various Finnic, Baltic and Germanic peoples as well as the former dominant powers Sweden and Russia.

**FINNISH SAUNA**

The Finnish sauna is a substantial part of Finnish culture. There are five million inhabitants and over two million saunas in Finland - an average of one per household. For Finnish people the sauna is a place to relax in with friends and family, and a place for physical and mental relaxation as well. Finns think of saunas not as a luxury, but as a necessity. www.sauna.fi

**EVENTS FOR EVERY TASTE**

Sea Lapland area has several events throughout the year.

### Annual events in Kemi
- In January Pakkasukko Blues & Jazz
- In March Sea Lapland Ski *(Lapin meren hiihto)*
- In May Cartoon festival *(Sarjakuvapäivät)*
- In August Satama Open Air, music festival
- In August Venetsialaiset

### Annual events in Tornio-Haaparanta area
- In March Ice Fishing event *(Suurpilkit)*
- Several times a summer Peräpohjola Fair
- In July Twin City Festivals
- In July Tradional Whitefish Festival in Kukkolankoski
- In November Artbazaar on the Aine Museum

In Keminmaa
- In June No Limit Drifting day
- Throughout the summer Otto Wallenius Art Week
PEARLS OF FINNISH CULTURE

LITERATURE
- Tove Jansson: Moomin stories
- Mauri Kunnas: Tales from Doghill
- Kalevala: The national Epic of Finland
- Mika Waltari: Sinuhe the Egyptian

MUSIC
Modern Finnish popular music includes a renowned heavy metal music scene, in common with other Nordic countries, as well a number of prominent rock bands, jazz musicians, hip hop performers, pop music and dance music acts such as Amorphis, Nightwish, The Rasmus, Sonata Arctica.

MOVIES
- Miesten vuoro, Finnish men in sauna, speaking straight from the heart by Joonas Berghäll and Mika Hotakainen
- Rare export, different Christmas tale by Jalmari Helander
- Movies by Aki and Mika Kaurismäki
- Napapiirin sankarit, lappland Odyssey by Dome Karukoski

Tutor’s tips

IN KEMI
- KEMIN KULTTURIKESKUS (culture centre)
  Marina Takalonkatu 3
tel. 016 258 202
- MUSEUM OF ART
  “Free entrance on Fridays”
- LIBRARY
  “Lot of magazines and books also in English.”
- THEATRE
  “Nice and small theatre. Brilliant actors.”
- KEMI MUSEUM OF HISTORY
  Sauvosaarenkatu 11
- KINOPIRTTI (movie theatre)
  Valtakatu 11
tel. 016 220 460
www.kinocity.fi
- GALLERY VOIMA
  Sankarikatu 12
www.kulttuurivoimala.com
- SUMMER THEATRE
  Meri-Lapin Estradi

Library and Theatre are in Kemi’s Culture Centre
IN TORNIO

- AINE MUSEUM OF ART
  Torikatu 2
  tel. 016 432 438
  www.tornio.fi/aine

- MUSIC HOUSE
  Etappitie 6
  http://meteli.net/musiikkitalo
  “Student bands. Usually free entrance.”

- Pop & Jazz Konservatorio Lappia arranges student concerts during the academic year. Follow the event calender on edu.tokem.fi

- CULT CINEMA (movie theatre)
  Itäranta 6
  tel. 044 020 2902
  www.cultcinema.fi
  “Enjoyable place, has also events during evenings and has a nice movie theatre.”
  “Nice place to hang around.”
  “Has bands, games and other possibilities to spend evenings with friends.”

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  Tornion kesäteatteri
FINNISH FAMOUS HOLIDAYS

EASTER – MOVEABLE HOLIDAYS
It is probably the holiday that has the most kept its religious meaning. Going to church is one of the most important parts of Easter. Children grow grass on plates indoors, they decorate Easter eggs and Easter cards. On Palm Sunday, children dress up as Easter witches going around houses with springs of willows in their hands. As a reward for reciting a special verse they get chocolate eggs or money.

“VAPPU”, MAY DAY 1.5.
It is the celebration for younger generations. On this day, every Finn celebrates the spring even though most years it’s still snowing. During this day, many celebrations combined take place, including: international workers movement, celebration of spring, springtime revelry of students, modern street carnival and the Finnish enthusiasm for drinking alcohol. This day is probably the wildest one all over Finland during the year. Restaurants and dance halls are full and people dance in the streets. Old students dig their graduation hats out of their bags and wear them all day long.

It has remained the second most important celebration in Finland. Midsummer, celebrated at the summer solstice, has been an important ritual since the Pagan times. Most people go to their waterside summer cottages, or if they don’t have one, they rent one from somewhere. Lighting a huge bonfire is the climax of midsummer.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 6.12.
It is the most important national holiday in Finland’s history. There are parades, patriotic speeches, special Church services, cakes with blue and white icing and other festivities. At 6 p.m. it’s customary to turn the lights off and burn two blue and white candles on the window sill, out of respect for those who fought for Finnish independence under the repression of the last few years of Russian rule.

CHRISTMAS 24.–26.12.
It has remained the main festivity in Finland. Finnish Christmas is all about families and homes. Christmas Eve is the main day for festivities. At about midday on Christmas Eve, “Christmas Peace” is declared by the president from Turku, the former capital of Finland. This ritual has a long tradition deriving back to the Medieval laws and it serves as the opening of Christmas season for the Finns. In most families Santa Claus will come and give presents.
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1. MINERVA (Kauppakatu 58)
   Kulttuuriala / Visual and Media Arts
   Tietojenkäsittely / ICT
   Tornion oppimiskeskus / Tornio Learning Centre
   eOppimiskeskus / eLearning Centre

2. MERCURIA (Kauppakatu 29)
   Liiketalous / Business

3. Kulttuuriala / Visual and Media Arts
   (Urheilukatu 6)

4. LIIKEIKKUNA
   (Länsiranta 10, kauppakeskus / shopping centre)
   Työelämän ja opiskelun kohtaamispaikka / Open Learning Environment

5. Koulutustori
   (Hallituskatu 2, käynti Länsirannan puolelta)