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Tampere, a growing international centre of business, education and culture, is the second largest city region in Finland. The birthplace of Finnish industry, Tampere has over the years developed into a versatile and charismatic regional capital with a strong reputation as a city of culture and events.

Besides the numerous events and cultural experiences, visitors are also drawn to Tampere by the city's atmospheric and unique milieu. The city's industrial past is visible in the city centre, dominated by the Tammerkoski rapids national landscape with its redbrick factories.

According to us Finns, Tampere is the most loved residential and tourism city in Finland. Culture is flourishing in all genres and layers of the society, from underground to opera, from rock to literature and visual arts. Tampere is Finland's theatre capital, cradle of Finnish rock music, and the sauna capital of the world.

As a city that is continuously developing and investing in culture together with local, national and international communities and partners, our ambitious goal is to be the European Capital of Culture in 2026.

Tampere has a long history of connecting culture and art to strategic development of the city in the fields of healthcare, education and urban planning, and we are happy to present our best practices of cross-sectoral collaboration to our international colleagues.

On behalf of the City of Tampere and my colleagues from the educational and cultural sector, I'm delighted to invite all IAEC Executive Committee and Member Cities to Tampere in March 25th to 27th!



Lauri Lyly

Mayor of Tampere

