

WELCOME TO JYVÄSKYLÄ

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INFO

Welcome to Jyväskylä, Bienvenue à Jyväskylä

Jyväskylä in general

Jyväskylä is a vibrant city in the heart of Finland (269 km up north from Helsinki). It is surrounded by beautiful lakes and forests right in the middle of beautiful Finnish nature. Despite of being in the middle of the nature the city of Jyväskylä offers all the needed services that one needs and even more.

In Jyväskylä there are approximately 132 000 habitants and the most important companies in the area are Metso Paper Ltd, Moventas Ltd and UPM Kymmene Ltd.

Furthermore Jyväskylä is extremely proud for its position of being a student city. The most famous schools in Jyväskylä area are Jyväskylä University and JAMK University of applied sciences. The city of Jyväskylä educates and offers great possibilities to local youngsters to become "future professionals".

Jyväskylä en général

Bienvenue à Jyväskylä. Jyväskylä est une ville vivant dans le Coeur de la Finlande (269 km au nord de Helsinki). La ville est située au milieu des lacs et des forêts dans le magnifique nature Finlandaise. Malgré d'être au milieu des forêts Jyväskylä s'offre plein des choses pour chacun goût et plus.

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Jyväskylä est tellement fiere d'être la ville des étudiants. L'école plus connus dans la région de la Jyväskylä est *L'Université de Jyväskylä* et *L'Institut de l'universitaire de technologie de Jyväskylä*. Jyväskylä s'enseigne et offre les grandes possibilités pour les jeunes locales et l'étrangères pour devenir les professionnelles de l'avenir.

Free-time activities

The city of Jyväskylä offers plenty of different kind of activities; from sport activities to symphony orchestra concerts and theatre plays. In addition Jyväskylä offers many museums and sites where a tourist can visit during his or her stay.

Museums in Jyväskylä area:

The region of Jyväskylä offers plenty of different kind of Museums that presents Finnish history, - architecture and designs.

Alvar Aalto Museum (Museum established for grand Finnish designer/architect Mr. Alvar Aalto (1898-1976). The museum presents the colourful live of Alvar Aalto and his designed products).

Address: Alvar Aallon Katu 7, 40600 Jyväskylä. Open from every Tuesday- Sunday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Tickets: 6€ per person.

Finnish handcraft Museum (Museum where Finnish handmade hand craft are displayed. From the museum one can find the Finland's national costumes that differ by region etc.)

Address: Kauppakatu 25 (In the centre of Jyväskylä), 40100 Jyväskylä. Open from Tuesday- Sunday 11 a.m. -6 p.m. Tickets 6€ per person.

Art Gallery Holvi (Museum for Finnish design and art. In March/April 2012 museum displays wooden sculptures made by designer/artist Kirsi Tapper.)

Address: Kauppakatu 23, 40101 Jyväskylä. Open Tuesday to Sunday 11.am. To 6 p.m. Tickets 6€ per person.

Central Finland Museum (Reveals a piece of central Finland's history and how people have lived in Jyväskylä area.)

Address: Alvar Allon katu 7, 40101 Jyväskylä. Open from Tuesday to Sunday 11.a.m to 6 p.m. Tickets 6€ per person

If you want to find more information about museums in Jyväskylä area, go and have a look: www.jyvaskylanseutu.fi-> In English -> History and culture-> Museums

Restaurants in Jyväskylä area:

Jyväskylä provides food for every taste, here is a list from different restaurants in Jyväskylä area

Amarillo Restaurant (Mexican style restaurant, dish prices vary from 10€-30€)

Address: Puistokatu 2, 40100 Jyväskylä. (Located in the centre)

The Old Brick's Inn (British style bub and restaurant, dish prices vary from 5€ to 30€. The restaurant offers lunch during the lunchtime and à la carte menu)

Address: Kauppakatu 41, 40100 Jyväskylä. (Located in the centre)

Memphis Restaurant (American style restaurant, dish prices vary from 7€to 30€).

Address: Kauppakatu 30, 40100 Jyväskylä (Located in the centre)

Restaurant Huviretki (Traditionnel à la carte restaurant, dish prices vary from 10€ to 35€)

Address: Väinönkatu 5, 40100 Jyväskylä (Located in the centre)

Restaurant Gengish Khan (Chinese restaurant, dish prices vary from 7 € to 59€)

Address: Kauppakatu 39 A, 40100 Jyväskylä (Located in the centre)

Restaurant Torero (Spanish style restaurant, dish prices vary from 8€ to 49€)

Address: Sokos Hotel Jyväshovi, Kauppakatu 35, 40100 (Located in the centre)

Restaurant Banthai Deli (Thai-restaurant, dish prices vary from 12€ to 20€)

Address: Asemakatu 5, 40100 Jyväskylä (Located in the centre)

Viking restaurant Harald (Medieval styled Viking restaurant, dish prices vary from 7€ to 47€)

Address: Kauppakatu 33, 40100 Jyväskylä (Located in the centre)

Restaurant Rosso (Italian styled restaurant, dish prices vary from 10€ to 30€)

Address: Asemakatu 9, 40100 Jyväskylä (Located in the centre)

Restaurant Etrusco (Italian and Greek style restaurant, dish prices vary 7€ to 59€)

Address: Asemakatu 4, 40100 Jyväskylä (Located in the centre)

Restaurant Pöllöwaari (Traditional à la Carte food restaurant- Named to be one of the best restaurant in Jyväskylä, dish prices vary from 14€ to 30€)

Address: Yliopistonkatu 23, 40100 Jyväskylä (Located in the centre)

Restaurant Kissan viikset (Traditional à la Carte food restaurant, dish prices vary from 6€ to 34€)

Address: Puistokatu 3, 40100 Jyväskylä (Located in the centre)

Sport possibilities in Jyväskylä:

The city of Jyväskylä offers a great variety of different sport activities to the sport enthusiastic people, from wall climbing to Flamenco lessons. Just to keep on mind Jyväskylä and its surrounding areas offers splendid opportunities for outdoor sport activities.

Liikuntakeskus Hutunki –Sports center Hutunki (Located about 8 km away from Jyväskylä centre the Sport centre Hutunki offers different kind of sport activities from bowling, tennis, badminton to wall climbing. Prices vary from 8€ to 25€ depending on the activity.)

More information: www.hutunki.fi-> In English. Tel: +35810 423 2200

Wellamo Indoor swimming hall (Located about 7 km away from the centre of Jyväskylä (In Vaajakoski). The swimming hall offers great possibility to go to gym and swim afterwards the training. In addition swimming hall Wellamo offers a possibility to try famous Finnish Sauna.

Prices: e.g. swimming + gym 6, 7 €)

Address: Savonmäentie 7, 40800 Vaajakoski . Tel: +35814 266 4331

Spa Hotel Peurunka (Located about 30 km away from Jyväskylä in a town called Laukaa. The spa-hotel Peurunka is just renovated and it offers plenty of different kind of activities; Spa, swimming pools, gym etc.)

More information: www.peurunka.fi -> In English-> Spa Hotel Peurunka

Jyväsjärvi jogging rout/ path (Jyväsjärvi (Lake in the middle of Jyväskylä) offers a good possibility for walking-, jogging- and running enthusiastic. The route is about 13 km long, but there are several possibilities to shorten the route. The lake around going route is also perfect for seeing and enjoying the Finnish nature).

Harju jogging path (Jogging path situating right in the middle of Jyväskylä (Near Harju water tower). The path is about 2 km long and it is perfect for jogging and walking purposes.)

More information about sport activities can be found from:

www.jyvaskylanseutu.fi/travel-> Activities

Theatres and concert halls:

Finnkino – movie theatre (Situates right in the centre of Jyväskylä (In Jyväskeskus). The Finnkino movie theatre offers the newest International and Finnish movies. The ticket prices vary from 6€ to 14€ depending of the time and the type of movie played).

More information provided: www.finnkino.fi/eng -> Tickets->Prices-> Movie tickets

Address: Asemakatu 9, Jyväskeskus, the third floor. 40100 Jyväskylä

Jyväskylän kaupungin teatteri- Jyväskylä theatre (The theatre of Jyväskylä offers traditional Finnish theatre plays from musicals to dramas and children theatre plays. The prices vary from 20€ to 32€.)

Address: Vapaudenkatu 36, 40100 Jyväskylä

Jyväskylä symphony orchestra (Offers good music for classic music lovers. The Jyväskylä sinfonia has a lot of visiting musicians performing with the orchestra. Tickets for Jyväskylä sinfonia concert can be

bought from Nikolainkulma ticket office (Address: Asemakatu 6) or from Sokos (big department store in the centre of Jyväskylä).

More information: www.jyvaskylasinfonia.fi/english

Lutakko Live Music Venue (Situated in the centre of Jyväskylä. Lutakko Live Music Revenue offers a lot of different kind of artists/bands (both international and Finnish) for music lovers performing in Jyväskylä. Tickets prices vary from 8€ to 35€.)

Address: Tanssisali Lutakko, Schaumanin katu 3, 40100 Jyväskylä

More information: www.jelmu.net/en/shows

Jyväskylä central hospital:

In case of emergency the Finnish emergency number is 112. From this number you can call the police, the paramedics or the fire department.

In case of sicknesses or injuries Jyväskylä central hospital is the place to get treatment from (situated 2 km away from the centre of Jyväskylä), address: Keskussairaalantie 19, 40620 Jyväskylä.

Tel: +35814 269 1098 <- **Use this number only if the sickness or injury is not urgent, in other case call directly 112.**)

Buses in Jyväskylä area:

Jyväskylä is an easy city to be observed by walking, but the bus connections (local buses) in the centre and suburb area are quite well organized. Bus tickets cost 3, 2€ each and you can buy them from the bus driver in the bus.

More information about buses and their schedules: www.jyvaskylanliikenne.fi-> In English

Taxis in Jyväskylä:

Taxis are an easy-going way to move around in Jyväskylä during evening/night time. The taxi-fee is relatively high when compared for example with southern European taxi rates, but it is 100% secure way to move around. In addition most of the drivers speak English (at least a little) and they know Jyväskylä extremely well, so do not hesitate to ask help from them.

Local taxi number: +358100 6900

The taxis can be found from the railway station and from the nearby of Jyväskylä market place. The easiest way to get a taxi is to call to the number above

HISTORY

History 1

In Jyväskylä region, there are archeological findings from the Stone Age and cultivation had already started 3500 years ago. According to the oldest available taxation documents (*maakirja*) there were seven estates in the Jyväskylä region in 1539. One of them, the estate of Mattila, alone possessed the areas stretching from the village of Keljo to the villages of Vesanka and Palokka. The oldest estate in Jyväskylä that has been held continuously by the same family is the estate of Lahti which emerged when the estate of Mattila was split for two brothers in 1600. The history of the estate of Lahti and the family of Lahti has had a significant impact on the development of Jyväskylä region. Lahdenrinne in the south-west corner of Jyväsjärvi Lake belongs to the old heartland of the estate of Lahti.

The City of Jyväskylä was founded on 22 March 1837 by Czar Nicholas I of Russia and the infrastructure was essentially built from scratch. The original town was built between Lake Jyväsjärvi (which is connected to Lake Päijänne) and the Jyväskylä ridge (Harju), and consisted of most of the current grid-style city center.

The establishment of schools in the 1850s and 1860s proved to be the most important step from the point of view of the later development of Jyväskylä. First three Finnish-speaking schools in the world were founded in Jyväskylä, the lycée in 1858, the teachers' college in 1863, and the girls' school in 1864. Well-trained teaching staff and pupils from different parts of the country changed the atmosphere of Jyväskylä irrevocably.

In the early 20th century, the town expanded several times. Most of today's Jyväskylä was built after the Continuation war, when refugees from Karelia and other parts of the country moved to the city and housing was badly needed. Today, Jyväskylä is growing fast – by approx. 1,000 inhabitants/year.

Säynätsalo was consolidated with Jyväskylä in 1993. Jyväskylän maalaiskunta and Korpilahti, for their part, on January 1, 2009.

History 2

Jyväskylä was founded in 1837, thus in 2012 the city celebrates its 175th birthday. The city of Jyväskylä is located in the lake district of Central Finland.

Jyväskylä's population growth rate is one of the highest in Finland, currently the population is at 132 000. From 1 January 2009, three municipalities the City of Jyväskylä, the Rural Municipality of Jyväskylä and the municipality of Korpilahti merged into one city, Jyväskylä. As a result, the City of Jyväskylä is the seventh largest city in Finland.

The Jyväskylä region is easily reached by land and air: the distance of 270 kilometers from Helsinki takes only 35 minutes by plane and some 3 hours by car or by rail.

City of education

Jyväskylä is a city of education: every fourth passer-by is a school goer or a student in Jyväskylä. Jyväskylä is a school and university city with 47 000 students during the academic year, providing a diversity of educational offerings for people of all ages. The multidisciplinary University of Jyväskylä* and the JAMK University of Applied Sciences* are among Finland's leading research and educational

institutions with an increasing number of international students. Jyväskylä achieved the best grade for cooperation between companies and schools in annual municipality image survey. Jyväskylä is also the forerunner in education export.

City of culture and events

Jyväskylä is home for a large variety of cultural activities such as concerts, festivals, museums and theatres. The Jyväskylä Arts Festival, which is the oldest on-going summer festival in Scandinavia, concentrates on non-verbal theatre. Jyväskylä is also a broad-based city of music with its own symphony orchestra, Sinfonia Finlandia Jyväskylä, as well as a children's music orchestra called Loiskis*. In Jyväskylä art as a hobby can be started even before school age and continued until a professional qualification is attained.

Jyväskylä is the second most important fair city in Finland. A total of 23 international congress's and events was held in Jyväskylä in 2010. Every year, several domestic and international congresses are held at the congress and trade fair center, Jyväskylän Paviljonki*.

Internationally Jyväskylä is perhaps best known for the architecture of Alvar Aalto*, for the world championship rally "Neste Oil Rally Finland*" and for Graphica Creativa, an international triennale for graphic art.

City of skills, competence and innovations

Jyväskylä is one of Finland's centers of growth. Special expertise can be found in the fields of paper manufacturing and paper machinery as well as energy production, environmental, information and wellness technology. Nanotechnology is one of the newest areas of expertise.

An important incubator for new business and companies is the Jyväskylä Innovation Ltd* combining newest research and development to the needs of business life. The Human Technologies Centre Agora focuses on developing human-centered information technology and creates new kind of interaction between high-level research, education, enterprises, and the local community.

City of sports

The landscape of Jyväskylä is varied with lakes, forests and hills within a walking distance of the city center. Jyväskylä has a wide range of possibilities for those keen on excising and sports. There are approximately 450 sports venues and 200 local sports clubs in Jyväskylä.

The Laajavuori* skiing center and recreation area provides excellent opportunities for winter sports and other activities. Lively pedestrian precinct and beautiful university campus right in the city center are central places for different events.

Foreign residents and international networks

There are approximately 3175 foreign residents in Jyväskylä from 113 different countries. Russians, Estonians, Afghans and Iranians constitute the largest groups in the foreign community. Jyväskylä Public Library is able to offer most immigrants material in their native language. Jyväskylä is a member of several international networks and has twin cities in twelve countries.

Facts about Jyväskylä:

Founded in 1837

Area 1171 km²

132 000 inhabitants

First class university and polytechnic

Special expertise in paper manufacturing, information technology, wellness, energy, environmental and nanotechnology

MAPS

All kind of map in Jyväskylä :

<http://kartta.jkl.fi/>

NATURE

Jyväskylä is located in the middle of beautiful Central Finland's nature with its gorgeous forests, blue lakes and never ending hills. Nature offers something for everyone whether you like to do something extreme or just go for a relaxing Sunday walk.

Close to the city center is Lake Jyväsjärvi. There is a very nice illuminated walking track around it which is maintained all year around. It doesn't matter if there is snow on the ground, you can still enjoy the track.

There are plenty of nature trails available and the closest one for the city center is Laajavuori. If you are interested in bird watching, there are five bird watching towers in Jyväskylä area (Eerolanlahti, Rautpohjanlahti, Hämeenlahti, Pitkäruoho and Hyrkkölä)

Jyväskylä is known also from its beautiful parks around the city. There are couple marvelous parks in the city center Lounaispuisto and Kirkkopuisto (church park).

Harju (ridge) in the middle of Jyväskylä city center offers beautiful scenery, walking paths and a football stadium. In the highest point of Harju is lookout tower over Jyväskylä. There is also restaurant and nature museum in the tower.

In Jyväskylä, closeness to nature is combined with the rhythm of the city. You can live peacefully in the wild, near a densely populated area or the center with a fascinating lake view, or right in the heart of the city – still near the green recreational areas.

Jyväskylä also provides good opportunities for nature-oriented leisure housing, as there are 4,000 summer cabins within the boundaries of the city.

Jyväskylä's city center is between Jyväsjärvi and Harju. There is a viewpoint and a restaurant at Harju. Harju Ridge is a popular green area in the center of the city. Landmark of the area, Steps of the Harju Ridge, are a sight whether flanked by array of flowers in the summer of illuminated for the City of Light –event.

Harju area features also Vesilinna –water tower, Natural History Museum of Central Finland, a sports stadium, a summer theatre and a network of footpaths.

There are also many outdoor activities you can do in Jyväskylä, for example parks, paths and ski tracks, lake Jyväsjärvi short route etc.

Harju Ridge

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Parks

Jyväskylä has about one hundred parks which are available for everyone free of charge. The “Jyväskylän pyöräily- & puistokartta 2007” map deals with the parks of Jyväskylä. The map is available for sale in the Hannikainen service location (Hannikaisenkatu 17) and the Jyväskylä Region Tourist Office (Nikolainkulma, Asemakatu 6). There are playgrounds and locations for children all around the city.

The city’s largest park is Kirkkopuisto that surrounds the City Church in the center of town. It has recently been refurbished and the lighting has been renewed.

Family parks

There are four family parks in Jyväskylä, with good playgrounds for kids: climbing frames, swings and sandboxes. The parks also have guided activities for children and families with children. The parks are free to enter.

The family parks are located as follows:

- The Mäki-Matti family park is situated in the city center at Oikokatu 7.
- The Pupuhuhta family park is located at the address Vemmelsääri 1.
- The Yrttisuo family park is situated in Kuokkala, at Kekkulantie 18.
- The Mansikkapuisto family park is located in Kangaslampi, at Mansikkakuja 1.

The Viitaniemi traffic park

In the Viitaniemi traffic park (on Eeronkatu), children can ride their own bicycles and, during the official opening hours of the park in summer, also drive pedal cars. For more information about the traffic park, contact the Hannikainen service location, tel. (014) 266 0108, e-mail: palvelupiste.hannikainen[at]jkl.fi

Sport parks and ice rinks

There are all together 11 sports parks in the city where an ice rink can be found during the winter. At Viitaniemi, there is a large ice rink that serves speed skaters and bandy players. The ice rink is also excellent for normal public skating. More information: www.jyvaskylanseutu.fi/kannat/latuinfo

Lake Jyväsjärvi shore route

The Rantaraitti route for bicycle and pedestrian traffic travels the shores of Lake Jyväsjärvi. The Rantaraitti is a beautiful and practical activity area. On the Rantaraitti, it is safe to move on foot, on a bicycle, or rollerblades, as there are few car crossings. Thanks to the bridges, you can conveniently choose the route length you prefer. The Rantaraitti also provides a fluent route from various parts of the city to the city center. The total length of the shores of Lake Jyväsjärvi is about 14 kilometers.

Laajavuori outdoor recreation area

Laajavuori outdoor recreation area and winter sports center can be found immediately close to the city center. The network of cross-country skiing tracks is vast in Jyväskylä. There are over 200km of maintained cross-country skiing tracks and at Laajavuori alone, there are 62,5km of them. There is 33km of cross-country skiing track that is lit in Jyväskylä. Tracks usually start from one of the sports parks. More information: www.laajavuori.com

Nature paths and ski tracks

The city has plenty of nature paths, exercise tracks and paths, ski tracks and other outdoor activity opportunities.

More information (in Finnish):

<http://www.jyvaskyla.fi/ymparisto/ymparistonsuojelupalvelut/luontopolutjalintutornit>
http://www.jyvaskyla.fi/liikunta/ulkoilu_ja_virkistys

Moving around in the wild

In Finnish nature, pursuant to the public rights access, you can freely move around on foot, skis, or a bicycle, with some restrictions. According to the public rights access, you are also allowed to; for example, pick berries and mushrooms in nature. The public rights access also applies to foreigners. You need to obtain a permit from the land owner to light an open fire.

More information about the public rights access in English: www.environment.fi/everymansright*

Environment department of the city

Nature is an important, but vulnerable, part of the Finnish way of life, which means that we must take good care of it. In Jyväskylä, monitoring related to environmental protection and nature conservation is carried out by the city's environment department.

Authority tasks of the environment department are to monitor compliance with the Waste Act, carry out permit and control tasks pursuant to the Environmental Protection Act, perform certain tasks pursuant to the Water Act, Water Services Act, and the acts related to cross-country and water-borne traffic, as well as carry out permit and monitoring tasks pursuant to the Land Extraction Act. Further practical tasks deal with the fields of air protection, nature conservation, and noise prevention.

The environment department's other work methods for promoting environmental protection include planning and development, monitoring the condition of the environment, reports and studies, counseling and guidance, issuing statements, proposals and initiatives as well as communication, and promoting co-operation.

Besides these environmental protection tasks, the environment department produces laboratory services and is in charge of the maintenance of the city's environment system



Harju

Kirkkopuisto (church park)

Lounaispuisto (park)

Lake Jyväsjärvi

Local bus stop, busses to Laajavuori (walking path) and to bird watching towers leave here.

Tel. (014) 266 5167

Fax (014) 266 5168

Opening hours:

Mon–Thu from 8 am to 4 pm

Fri from 8 am to 3:30 pm

Street/postal address:

City of Jyväskylä / Environment Department

Eeronkatu 10

40720 Jyväskylä

Alvar Aalto resorts in Jyväskylä

Jyväskylä is the hometown of the world-famous architect Alvar Aalto and houses several buildings designed by him. The Alvar Aalto Museum familiarizes the visitor with the life and work of this great talent.

Upon walking through the doors of the museum, visitors will see his works on architecture, furniture, textiles and glassware. Here visitors can explore his works as they depict the rapid economic growth and industrialization that Finland experienced during the first half of the 20th century.

A permanent exhibition on Alvar Aalto's work which officially opened in 1998, marking the 100 years since the birth of Aalto, is also available for visitors to explore.

Alvar Aalto

Alvar Aalto Museum

Aalto's buildings in Jyväskylä

Säynätsalo Town Hall (Internet exhibition)

Alvar Aalto Symposium

Alvar Aalto Design Seminar

EXHIBITIONS AND GALERIES

There are many exhibitions and galleries in Jyväskylä area. These are the significant exhibitions and galleries that have been gathered by <http://www.jyvaskylanseutu.fi/>

Exhibitions

Jyväskylä

Design Katja Rauhamäki

See location

Mobile phone: +358 50 413 5633

Järvilinnatie 213

41330 VIHTAVUORI

katja.rauhamaki@gmail.com

www.katjarauhamaki.com

Elvis-tupa gallery

Marjatta Kinnunen

Mobile phone: +358 400 343 503

Elviskuja 1

40800 Vaajakoski, JYVÄSKYLÄ

Kissakartano

See location

Mobile phone: +358 40 554 3257
Keuruuntie 1651
41930 KUOHU
jokke.siven@kissakartano.fi
www.kissakartano.fi

Kuokkalan Kartano

See location
Tel: +358 10 321 5800
Mobile phone: +358 50 320 7730
Fax: +358 14 612 991
Hämeenpohjantie 50
40520 JYVÄSKYLÄ
kartano@kuokkalankartano.fi
www.kuokkalankartano.fi

Villa Cawén

Villa Cawén constitutes the heart of the village of Oittila, providing villagers, summer residents and passers-by alike with a place to meet, gather, participate and spend time. The building can be rented for meetings and other events and also contains a café and sales point for farm produce and craft products. Villa Cawén has become a popular venue for summer exhibitions of art.

Mobile phone: +358 43 214 0020
Raidanlahdentie 783,
41880 Oittila, Korpilahti, JYVÄSKYLÄ
www.villacawen.info

Wanha Woimala - Old Power Station, space for exhibitions and events

Mobile phone: +358 40 414 4433
Konttisentie, Naissaari
40800 Vaajakoski, JYVÄSKYLÄ
woimala@kulttuurikeskus.fi
www.kulttuurikeskus.fi

Laukaa

Taidekeskus Järvinlinna

Tel: +358 14 378 1802
Järvilinnantie 213
41330 VIHTAVUORI
punainen.pirtti@pp.inet.fi
www.jarvinlinna.com

Hankasalmi

Korhola Farm

Mobile phone: +358 40 548 9371, +358 40 548 9372
Saksalansaarentie 24
41550 HANNULA

korholantila@gmail.com
www.korholantila.net

Villa Mathilda

See location

Mobile phone: +358 41 432 0748
Sauvomäentie 609
41580 Sauvamäki, HANKASALMI
maria.juudin@villamathilda.fi
www.villamathilda.fi

Toivakka

Art collections of Toivakka library

In addition to normal library services Toivakka library features permanent exhibitions in one of the library's rooms, where four frescos by Pellervo Lukumies are also on view. Visitors can acquaint themselves with the works of Toivakka artists and library artifacts from the 19th century. Works by Jonas Heiska, Reino Vihinen, Erkki Ruuhinen and Paula Marttila among others are on display. The library is also home to Toivakka's very first library dating from 1891. Open: 1.9.-30.4. Mon and Wed 14-19, Tue, Thu and Fri 10-16, Sat 10-14. 1.5.-31.8. Mon and Wed 14-19, Tue and Thu 10-16, Fri 13-18.

Mobile phone: +358 50 551 7514
Iltaruskontie 4
41660 TOIVAKKA
kirjasto@toivakka.fi
www.toivakka.fi/kirjasto

Galleries

Jyväskylä

Kirsi Neuvonen's Workshop Gallery

The gallery is printmaker Kirsi Neuvonen's proofing workshop. On sale are a selection of her prints and art postcards, as well unique sketch pads and calendars made from recycled proofing papers. The gallery is located within walking distance of the center of Jyväskylä. It is open on Fridays 12-18. Open also by arrangement. Changes are announced in more detail on the website. Kirsi Neuvonen's work can also be viewed online at www.kirsineuvonen.fi/web-shop.htm

Workshop Gallery Art Gallery Shop Copperfield

Printmaker Kirsi Neuvonen
Mobile phone: +358 44 030 0120
Puutarhakatu 10 B
40200 JYVÄSKYLÄ
kirsi.neuvonen@copperfield.fi
www.copperfield.fi/index_en.htm

Design Alonen

See location

Mobile phone: +358 400 121 420
Laukaantie 30
40320 JYVÄSKYLÄ
samuli.alonen@designalonen.fi
www.designalonen.fi

Gallery Höyry-galleria/Emalipuu shop

Mobile phone: +358 50 412 1611
Korpilahdentie 10
41800 Korpilahti harbour, JYVÄSKYLÄ
info@hoyrygalleria.fi
www.hoyrygalleria.fi

Centre for Printmaking/Galleria Harmonia

See location

The atmospheric Halonen building opposite the Travel Centre contains a gallery exhibiting photographic art and prints. The gallery shop sells prints by local graphic artists as well as art postcards and books. On the ground floor is the Printmaking workshop, where members of the public can learn the secrets of printmaking on courses run by professionals. The gallery is unsuitable for those with impaired mobility. Open Tue-Sun 11-18. Admission free. The Centre for Printmaking and its gallery will move in autumn 2012 to the old Locomotive Shed.

Tel: +358 14 266 4389
Hannikaisenkatu 39
40100 JYVÄSKYLÄ
taidemuseo@jkl.fi
www.jyvaskyla.fi/taidemuseo/english

Galleria Becker

See location

Jyväskylä Artists' Association is a professional association of visual artists from Central Finland, the main functions of which – the gallery, artothèque and residency apartment – all form part of the wooden Becker house, built in 1903, in an area of culture-historical importance close to the University of Jyväskylä, the Alvar Aalto museum and the Museum of Central Finland. Exhibitions change at three-week intervals, while prints, paintings, sculpture and photographs can be bought or rented from the artothèque. The lowest rental fee is 10 €/month.

Mobile phone: +358 40 824 3031
Seminaarinkatu 28
40100 JYVÄSKYLÄ
jkl.taiteilijaseura@kolumbus.fi
www.jkltaiteilijaseura.net

Laukaa

Gallery Waalea Eläin

Mobile phone: +358 40 774 9507
Suolahdentie 1091
41340 LAUKAA
sveta.peura@pp.inet.fi

Culture in Jyväskylä

Jyväskylä is especially known for its rich variety of culture; museums, art exhibitions, concerts, events and theatre performances.

The festival-summer of the city begins with Jyväskylä Arts Festival, the oldest on-going cultural festival in the Nordic countries. The Alvar Aalto Symposium and Alvar Aalto Design Seminar, held at three-year intervals, bring hundreds of architects and designers from all over the world to Jyväskylä. The Graphica Creativa printmaking festival and the international photography triennial LUMO are also held every three years.

Pedestrian Street in the city center is the city's business center. The street was pedestrianized in 1992. Now, more than 10 years later, people agree on the benefits of the street and are considering of extending it. During the summer, people spend their time on the pedestrian street and even during the winter, the street with no snow invites them into the shops and restaurants there.

Museums

Alvar Aalto Museum

Jyväskylä Art Museum

Museum of Central Finland

The Jyväskylä Centre for Printmaking

Craft Museum of Finland

Jyväskylä University Museum*

Events Calendar- Exhibitions

Tourist attractions in Jyväskylä

The Harju ridge – an oasis in the heart of the city

The silhouette of the Harju ridge provides the backdrop for Jyväskylä's city center and it is the best known of the city's green areas. Lined with flowers, the massive Nero steps lead you to the top of the ridge, from where wonderful views of the city and its attractive surroundings unfold. The area contains a network of footpaths, a sports ground, summer theatre and – in the Vesilinna water tower – Central Finland Natural History Museum, an observation platform and panoramic

Towards the City of Light

Jyväskylä is Finland's City of Light, with already over 70 illuminated sites to admire! Some of these are located outside the city center. Visit Tourist Information for a free walking tour map providing information on the various sites.

The market place – an original spot to shop and meet

The market place on the corner of Väinönkatu and Yliopistonkatu is open all year. Particularly in summer the market is a pleasant spot for people to do some shopping and meet over coffee.

Naissaari – on the rapids route

Naissaari, an island enclave in the Jyväskylä suburb of Vaajakoski, is one of the region's most legendary attractions. This atmospheric collection of wooden houses is flanked by rapids on both

sides. Attractions include a café, the Vaajakoski lock on the Keitele-Päijänne canal, summer exhibitions in the Wanha Woimala (Old Power Station), theatre and other events in summer as well as a beach for swimming.

Seminaarinmäki – Ylistönrinne, the University of Jyväskylä hill to hill

This publication describes the architecture, history and other attractions to be found in the University of Jyväskylä's different campus areas. Price 2 €, available from the university library and elsewhere.

Restaurants in Jyväskylä

***Harald**, a restaurant with a Viking theme, serves food with a difference roughly 8 meters below Jyväskylä's pedestrian precinct.

*At the **Vesilinna** panoramic restaurant on the Harju ridge it is possible to dine in style at a height of 157 meters above sea level.

***Katrina** Restaurant, near the city center. The only vegetarian restaurant in Jyväskylä. Unfortunately, it is open only for lunch between 11 am and 2 pm.

***Hong Kong City**, across the street from Katrina, serves up pretty decent Chinese cuisine every day until 11 p.m.

***Figaro**, a good small restaurant located a bit off from city center (at Asemakatu 4), however it only serves lunch between 10.30 am - 2.00 pm

* **Old Brick's Inn**, English pub in the middle of Finland.

* **Ban Thai** Great Thai-food restaurant right at the city center of Jyväskylä!

PARKING IN JYVÄSKYLÄ

The transportation connections to Jyväskylä by car are working remarkably well from all over Finland and the roads are quite well-kept. Easily accessible and fairly affordable parking spots can be found both in the center and further.

In the central area, there are two different kinds of parking opportunities: indoor and outdoor parking garages and street parking. Both of these are chargeable.

In Jyväskylä, compliance with parking rules and regulations is controlled jointly by the police and the municipal parking control unit.

A parking fine in Jyväskylä amounts to EUR 40. If the parking fine has not been paid by the deadline (two weeks), the amount of the fine will be multiplied by 1.5.

Objections concerning parking fines

Persons dissatisfied with the fine may present a written objection to the traffic warden. The objection must be presented within two weeks after the fine was issued. If the objection is

presented after the deadline, it may be ignored. Instructions for making the objection are found on the reverse side of the payment slip.

The objection must include the name and address of the complainer and the relevant case number. The case number is located on the upper right corner of the payment slip.

The objection will not extend the term of payment. If the objection is accepted, the paid sum is returned to the payer.

A review of the decision given by the traffic warden can be sought by appealing to the Hämeenlinna Supreme Administrative Court within 30 days after being notified of the decision, in accordance with what has been provided in the Administrative Judicial Procedure Act (586/1996).

In addition to what is separately provided in the decrees concerning the letter of complaint, a certificate of the payment of the fine within the deadline must be attached to the letter: otherwise, the complaint will be ignored. However, the case can still be investigated as a material appeal.

Public Garages

There are almost ten public parking garages in the center of Jyväskylä. They are located on the biggest streets and therefore are easily found and accessible. Clear signs and instructions to use the garages can be found on the entrances. The signs also announce the current number of free spots before entering.

The majority of the garages in Jyväskylä are open 24/7. Those garages are so-called cold garages though. The garage of the shopping center Forum is a heated garage. It's located under the shopping center and has entrances both out and inside. The opening hours of Forum's garage are a little more limited more information here: (<http://www.kauppakeskusforum.fi/pysakointi>)

The prices in the cold garages depend on the length of stay. In most garages the first hour of parking is 1,5€ and from that on 1€ per hour. In Forum's heated garage the prices are a little higher; first two hours are 1€ per hour and three or more are 3€ per hour. A weekend parking card can also be bought. The card costs 30€ and entitles parking from Friday 4 p.m. till Monday morning 9 a.m.

Some of the hotels in Jyväskylä have their private garages or parking spots. Those can be required straight from the hotel receptions.

Information of the locations, functions and prices can be found here:
(<http://www.jyvasparkki.fi/pysakointitalot.php>, <http://www.kauppakeskusforum.fi/pysakointi>)

The street parking

The streets parking spots can be found in all over the center of Jyväskylä, and only the certain, closest to the center areas are chargeable. The chargeable areas are shown here:
(<http://www.jyvasparkki.fi/kadunvarsipysakointi.php>)

There are two different chargeable parking zones in the center, Zone 1 and Zone 2. The red block is the Zone 1 and yellow Zone 2.

	Arkisin	Lauantaisin
Vyöhyke 1	8 - 20	(8 - 16)
Vyöhyke 2	8 - 18	(8 - 16)

These are the operating hours of the zones; the first one is for week days and the ones in the blackest are for Saturdays. Sundays are always free of charge.



2€ Ensimmäinen tunti	1€ Kolmas tunti	á 0,5€ Seuraavat tunnit
1€ Toinen tunti	1€ Neljäs tunti	

These show the prices of parking. In the Zone 1, the fee is 2€ per hour in the operating hours. In the Zone 2 the only the first hour is 2€ , next 3 hours 1€ per hour and the following ones 0,5€ Euros per hour. In the Zone 1, one day parking ticket costs 24€ (16€ on Saturdays) and in the Zone 2, 8€ (6€ on Saturdays).

Outside the centermost part of Jyväskylä, there are plenty of parking spots free of charge. All the parking garages and spots in the center and outside are in a walking distance from the competition area.

More information and a map of all parking opportunities can be found here: (<http://www.jyvas-parkki.fi/liikennekartta.pdf>)

(All of the links are unfortunately in Finnish, couldn't find English ones...)

WMA 2012 - Hotels

Jyväskylä has seven hotels in the vicinity of the centrum: Hotels Scandic, Cumulus, Alba, Jyväshovi, Alexandra, Omena Hotel Jyväskylä and Hotel Rantasipi Laajavuori.

Hotel Scandic is located right in the central area of Jyväskylä and is a stone's throw away from the Matkakeskus. All the sights of Jyväskylä, including the harbour and main street are close to the hotel. There are many additional services in Scandic for the well-being and leisure of the residents, like the pool, sauna, gym and many more.

More info: <http://www.scandichotels.com/en/Hotels/Countries/Finland/Jyvaskyla/Hotels/Scandic-Jyvaskyla/>

Hotel Cumulus is also located in central Jyväskylä, close to most important events and locations. In addition to accommodation, it offers space for meetings and festivities. Restaurant Huviretki and Irish Bar Parnell's operate under the same roof.

More info: http://www.cumulus.fi/cumulus!/en_GB/

Hotel Alba resides on the shore of Jyväsjärvi, only three kilometers from the centrum. A restaurant and two meeting spaces are available for hotel residents. There are also free parking spaces for cars, and some are equipped with electric sockets.

More info: <http://www.hotellialba.fi/en/alba/>

Sokos Hotel Jyväshovi is a traditional hotel right at the heart of Jyväskylä and close to the best shops and stores that Jyväskylä has to offer. The hotel houses a total of five restaurants: Dance restaurant Jyväshovi, club Bra, Public Corner, restaurant Torero and Coffee House. The newly-renovated rooms are comfortable and relaxed.

More info: <http://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/>

Sokos Hotel Alexandra is also located in a central location in Jyväskylä, across from the Matkakeskus and a short walk away from Jyväskylä Paviljonki. The hotel has modern rooms, good meeting spaces and an attractive restaurant.

More info: <http://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/>

Omena Hotel Jyväskylä is also located in central Jyväskylä, close to the Matkakeskus and various shops and services. Even though the hotel does not have its own restaurant, it is possible to order breakfast (5,10€/person) to Café Picnic in Matkakeskus. The restaurants of the centrum are also conveniently close by.

More info: <http://www.omenahotels.com/en/hotels/hotel-jyvaskyla/>

Rantasipi Laajavuori Hotel resides in Laajavuori, about 5 kilometers from the centrum of Jyväskylä. There are great opportunities for leisure sports and activities, in addition to spa services. All the rooms, restaurants and meeting rooms have been renovated in 2008.

More info: http://www.rantasipi.fi/rantasipi!/en_GB/

TIMETABLES

Local Buses

Jyväskylän Liikenne Oy
tel. +358 207 425 800
www.jyvaskylanliikenne.fi

A convenient way to travel by local bus in the Jyväskylä Region is to purchase a travel card (valid for 1 day).

Price (adults/children under 12):

- Flat fare zone 8€/4 €
- Other local transport 12 €/6 €

Travel cards on sale at Tourist Information, timetables also available

Taxi

Taxi (1.16 € / call + LCC)

tel. +358 100 6900 (Jyväskylä, Muurame)
 tel. +358 100 6999 (Taxis for the disabled)
 tel. +358 100 6911 (Laukaa)
 tel. +358 100 87710 (Hankasalmi)
 tel. +358 14 106 444 (Urainen)
 tel. +358 14 854 230 (Petäjavesi)
 tel. +358 14 106 458 (Korpilahti built-up area)

Connections to Jyväskylä

Jyväskylän Matkakeskus - Travel Centre
 Hannikaisenkatu 20, Jyväskylä
www.jyvas-parkki.fi
 Open Mon-Sat 6-22, Sun 8-22.

Planes

FINAVIA - Jyväskylä airport

Open according to flight times at least one hour ahead of scheduled departure.

20 km north of Jyväskylä.

Lentoasemantie 70, Tikkakoski

tel. +358 20 708 5761

fax +35820 7085799

EFJY@finavia.fi

firstname.surname@finavia.fi

www.finavia.fi/lentoasema_jyvaskyla

FINNAIR

Tickets, timetables and further information www.finnair.fi

Customer Care Center tel. +358 600 140 140 (3.15 € / answered call + LCC)

Ticket sales at the airport, tel. +358 2 07 107 340

FLYBE

Tickets, timetables and further information www.flybe.fi

Nordic customer service center tel. +358 6 009 4477 (Calls cost 0.96 EUR/minute + LCC)

ESTONIAN AIR

Flight operations start March 2012

Tickets, timetables and further information: www.estonian-air.ee

Customer service tel. +372 6401 162 (LCC/MCC + Estonian international call charge)

Airport transfers

Public transport

Please see www.finavia.fi/lentoasema_jyvaskyla

Airport taxi

Must be booked 2 hours before flight departure, tel. +358 100 6900 (1.16 € / call + LCC)
www.jklaluetaksi.fi

Coaches

OY MATKAHUOLTO AB

Timetable enquiries / ticket sales:

tel. +358 200 4000 / national (price 1.71 € / minute + LCC, **open** 8-19)

www.matkahuolto.fi

Trains

VR - Finnish State Railways

Information, reservations, timetables

tel. +358 600 41 900 (price 1 € / call + LCC, **open** 7-22)

www.vr.fi

Libraries in Jyväskylä

Jyväskylä City Library:

Situated in city central, in Vapaudenkatu.

The city library has 14 side libraries in the area of Jyväskylä and 1 main library.

Opening hours in the main library are

Mon-Fri 10-20

Sat 10-16

The magazine hall is open

Mon-Fri 10-20

Sat 10-16

Sun 11-17

The smaller side libraries are not open so long, the information about other libraries opening hours can be found in <http://www.jkl.fi/kirjasto/aukiolo>

Contact information:

Vapaudenkatu 39–41 (PL 50)

40100 Jyväskylä

p. 014 266 4104 (info)

The university library:

The university library is located in the main campus of Jyväskylä university.

Main campus's library is the biggest of university libraries. There are also 2 side libraries in different campuses, Mattilanniemi and in Ylistönmäki.

Opening hours for main library are:

Mon-Thu 8-20

Fri 8-18

Sat-Sun 9-16

Contact information:

PL 35, 40014 Jyväskylän yliopisto
Seminaarinkatu 15

Jamk library:

The main library is situated in the main campus area.

There are also 3 side libraries in Jamk library. They are situated in Lutakko in Dynamo campus, in Music campus and in Nature campus.

Opening hours in main library are

Mon-Thu 9-18

Fri 9-16

Sat 9-14

Contact information:

Rajakatu 35, F- ja G-siipi
40200 JYVÄSKYLÄ

SPORT

Places to play table pool in center of Jyväskylä

Snooker: <http://www.jyvas-snooker.com/>

Matsi- bar: <http://matsi.fi/>

Grand Star Café: http://www.grandstarcafe.fi/ravintolat/fi_FI/jyvaskyla/

Hemingway's: http://www.hemingways.fi/ravintolat/fi_FI/jyvaskyla/

Players Billiard & Bar: <http://www.playersjkl.fi/tervetuloa>

All of these places are bars/restaurants except Snooker. Snooker is a place only to play pool. They also offer beverages there but the place is mainly only for people who want to play pool.

There is also a small “sport bar” near the hippos called Cheers. There is also a possibility to play pool. Check the website for more information: <http://www.cheers.fi/>

JYVÄSKYLÄ’S THEATERS AND MOVIES

There are two main theaters in Jyväskylä. The bigger one is Jyväskylän Kaupunginteatteri (Jyväskylä’s city theater). And the other one is called Jyväskylän huoneteatteri. There is also one Movie Theater, which is called Finnkino. Theaters are spoken in Finnish but in movies there are only Finnish subtitles, so it’s spoken in original language e.g. English.

Jyväskylän kaupunginteatteri (Jyväskylä’s city theatre)

Location: Vapaudenkatu 36,

40100 Jyväskylä.

Phone number: 014 266 0110, you can book tickets from that number.

If you want buy your tickets straight from the office, its open Monday-Saturday at 12-19pm.

Tickets cost 15-32 euros. From children is 10-23 euros.

You can see what shows are now available from here:

<http://www.jyvaskyla.fi/kaupunginteatteri/liput>

Jyväskylän huoneteatteri (Jyväskylä’s room theatre)

Location: Sammonkatu 4,

40100 Jyväskylä.

phone number: 014 217 945

If you want book tickets by calling, the phone number is 014-266 0114.

The webpages are <http://www.huoneteatteri.fi/>

Movie Theater Finnkino

There is one **movie theater/cinema** called Fantasia in Jyväskylä’s city center. It is located inside the Jyväskeskus shopping center. Address: Kauppakatu 29-31, 40100 Jyväskylä. Fantasia’s box office is located on the first floor of Jyväskeskus. Theatre auditoriums, snack shop and office are located on the third floor.

Jyväskeskus has also a plenty of other leisure facilities such as Rosso Restaurant, Cafe-bakery Elonen, Arnold's Donuts, McDonald's and Game Center. There are also plenty of parking spaces.

Location: in Jyväskeskus shopping center. Address: Kauppakatu 29-31.

There are good webpages in English: http://www.finnkino.fi/eng/cinemas/jyvaskyla_fantasia/

Tickets are around 10 euros. There are also 3D-movies.

Phone reservations and customer service 0600 007 007 (1,50 € /min. + local network charge)

See more details: http://www.finnkino.fi/eng/cinemas/jyvaskyla_fantasia/#salitiedot

You can **rent movies** from **Videofirma Makuuni**. There are three Makuunis in Jyväskylä. Addresses: Kauppakatu 3 (in the city center), Tourulantie 2 and Syöttäjänkatu 2.

<http://www.makuuni.fi/fi/>

You can also rent movies from **Filmtowns**. There are three Filmtowns in Jyväskylä as well. Addresses: Yliopistonkatu 42 (city center), Voionmaankatu 15 and Ahjokatu 14-16.

<http://www.filmtown.fi/>

EDUCATION IN JYVÄSKYLÄ

Introduction

Jyväskylä is a prominent school and university city with 40.000 students during the academic year. The University of Jyväskylä and the JAMK University of Applied Sciences are among the most popular higher education institutions in Finland.

The University of Jyväskylä is home to Finland's first Faculty of Information Technology and the only Faculty of Sport and Health Sciences, a strong Faculty of Natural Sciences and a highly extensive range of study programmes in Humanities, Economics and Social Sciences.

Tertiary education is offered in JAMK University of Applied Sciences, a multidisciplinary institution, which has extensive cooperation with the business sphere. On the whole, the education given in Jyväskylä is characterized by a keen awareness of what the future will demand.

Let's delve into more detail. We start with University of Jyväskylä.

University of Jyväskylä.

Core values and mission

Core values

The core values of the University of Jyväskylä are excellence, enlightenment, and engagement.

The humanistic values of the European university institution and responsibility for the future of humanity constitute the foundation for the University's ethos. The University follows and nurtures ethical values and promotes sustainability with regard to economic, social, and ecological development. The operating culture at the University is based on openness, equality, and trust.

Mission

The mission of the University of Jyväskylä is, on the basis of research, to seek out truths, to produce and disseminate new knowledge, and to enhance and renew the cultural heritage.

The University aims at profoundly understanding and explaining human thinking and activity, natural phenomena, and their interaction. The University promotes the favorable development of human beings, nature and society, anticipating the needs for renewal and aiming at the highest possible level of quality.

The University cultivates strong basic sciences, fosters interdisciplinary cooperation and fruitful interaction between research and education, and makes the competence created therein available to society as a whole. The University educates academic experts who are able to change the world through the production and application of new knowledge, and through a critical approach based on scientific thought.

JAMK University of Applied Sciences

Creating Competence

JAMK is an attractive, internationally oriented higher education institution with a strong role among the developers of the Jyväskylä region and Central Finland. The number of students is 8,000.

We offer first- and second-cycle degree education, open studies, continuing education, and vocational teacher education. We maintain close contacts with regional enterprises and organizations. The orientation of JAMK's education and the contents of the various curricula are based on the needs of working life.

JAMK was nominated as a center of excellence in regional impact for the years 2006-2007. We participate in the creation and implementation of regional development strategies and likewise strongly promote the innovation and development of competence in the regional labor force. Collaboration with our partners and experts in different fields through research and development produces new products and service concepts for the region. Our work is an active contribution to the social and cultural development of Central Finland.

The Best General Image, High Employment Rate

The overall public image of JAMK was rated as the best among the universities of applied sciences included in the image survey made by Taloustutkimus in 2007. According to the survey, JAMK's popularity as a study environment and the versatility of its fields of study can be regarded as the cornerstones of its public image. Jyväskylä, as a city known for its educational institutions, attracts young people. They also see the fact that JAMK is highly valued on the labor market as one of its advantages.

70 per cent of JAMK's students have a job upon graduation. A year after graduation, as much as 83 per cent have a job and only 3 per cent is unemployed. Students find that the practical training periods included in the education are the most significant route to employment. The majority of graduates are employed in Central Finland.

Centre of Excellence in Entrepreneurship

In the year 2000, the Ministry of Education nominated Jyväskylä Team Academy as a center of excellence in education. Minister of Trade and Industry Mauri Pekkarinen declared Team Academy a center of excellence in entrepreneurship at the unit's 15th annual jubilee. Team Academy offers the opportunity to learn entrepreneurship in a unique way – through work in one's own team enterprise. 30 per cent of the unit's graduates become entrepreneurs, while the respective rate for graduates from other corresponding units in Finnish universities of applied sciences is about 4 per cent.

International Orientation

We are an internationally oriented institution of higher education, which is manifested by our versatile cooperation with international partners, both in education and project activity. We have partners in more than 40 countries around the globe. Over 2,500 international degree and exchange students have contributed to the internationalization of JAMK and the city of Jyväskylä over the past 10 years, while enjoying JAMK's high-quality education and the opportunity to complete their studies in close interaction with working life.

Nearly 3,000 of JAMK's students have spent periods of study or practical training outside of Finland. We coordinate the Finnish Network for International Programmes. Our internationality is also demonstrated by the wide variety of programmes with instruction in English, as well as by the excellent opportunities for cultural and language study.

Jyväskylä Educational Consortium

'We provide general education as well as vocational education.'

Vocational Institutes

- Jyväskylä Institute of Adult Education
- Jyväskylä College
- Jämsä College
- Jyväskylä Apprenticeship Training Center
- Jyväskylä General Upper Secondary Schools
- Cygnaeus Upper Secondary School
- Jyväskylä Upper Secondary School for Adults
- Jyväskylän Lyseo Upper Secondary School
- Seppä Upper Secondary School
- Tikkakoski Upper Secondary School
- Voionmaa Upper Secondary School

The Jyväskylä Educational Consortium forms one of the largest institutions of vocational education providers in Finland. We provide general education as well as vocational education and training for altogether 8 000 youth and 13 000 adult students every year.

Our vocational colleges provide education in the following areas: welfare and culture, business and services, technology, logistics and forestry. We also facilitate the transition from comprehensive school to upper secondary education for students who are in danger of educational exclusion.

Jyväskylä Institute of Adult Education offers adult learners flexible solutions and tailor-made training paths for developing professional know-how in several fields. Both the training and development services of the Institute take the development requirements of both the customer companies and the students into account. The Institute offers over one hundred competence-based qualifications.

The Institute also provides training for updating skills in languages, project management, and various permits, such as computer driving license, hygiene pass and electrical safety permit.

In the vocational institutes, a significant share of the learning takes place on the job. Work placement provides students with a possibility of gaining valuable practical work experience.

It is of vital importance for vocational institutes to develop their education in cooperation with trade and industry and the public sector. Our partners include the Regional Council of Central Finland, municipalities, development organizations, employment and economic development offices, provincial governments, other educational organizations, entrepreneur associations, and companies. Our development activities are based on regional cooperation, and they range from the development of the whole region to personal learning paths.

Entrepreneurship education is one of the focus areas of the Jyväskylä Educational Consortium. The students in our vocational college are able to focus up to one quarter of their studies on entrepreneurship, and they also have the possibility to integrate real business activities in their studies. The Jyväskylä Educational Consortium offers personal study paths ranging from inner entrepreneurship to further and specialist vocational qualifications.

Our vocational teachers have national and international experience in organizing and carrying out tasks as skill supervisors, trainers and experts in the World Skills and Euro Skills Competitions. Several students of the Jyväskylä College recently competed successfully in Restaurant Service, Fashion, Mobile Robotics and Industrial Electronics in the WSC and Euro Skills.

The education services of the City of Jyväskylä

The education services of the City of Jyväskylä are responsible for basic education. Basic education (comprehensive school) is free of charge all-round education. Every child residing permanently in Finland is obliged to attend comprehensive school. Comprehensive school takes nine years and is intended for children/teenagers from 7 to 16 years of age. This also applies to immigrant children/teenagers residing permanently in Finland. In comprehensive school, the teaching groups are established by class year. From the 1st to the 6th year, there usually is a class teacher providing education in most of the subjects. From the 7th to the 9th year, education is provided by subject teachers specializing in their respective subjects.

Compulsory education ends once the student has completed the years (from first to ninth years) of comprehensive school, or ten years has passed since the student first went to school. After that responsible for the upper secondary school education, vocational upper secondary education and apprenticeship training is the Jyväskylä educational consortium, <http://www.jao.fi/>.

Teaching is based on a national curriculum for all schools in Finland.

In Comprehensive schools students are supplied with books, school meals and health care free of charge. Commuting to school is also paid for, with the following conditions: the distance to school for students in first to third year must exceed 3.5 kilometers, and the distance for pupils in fourth to ninth year must exceed 5 km.

Co-operation between the school and parents is part of the teaching process. This co-operation is based on teachers and parents engaging in mutual contact. Examples of this include parents' meetings, personal meetings with the teacher, and evaluation discussions for primary schools.

The City Education Department is open from 8 am to 4 pm.

Jyväskylä Adult Education Centre

Our center forms an integral part of Finnish non-formal adult education. We offer inexpensive general interest courses on skills and knowledge that help adults cope with everyday life. Anyone can attend the courses, irrespective of their age, profession, gender or educational background. The leading concepts are lifelong learning and self-enhancement.

We have modern premises in the City Library-Adult Education Centre building at Vapaudenkatu 39 - 41, 40100 Jyväskylä. Courses are also held in various schools and buildings throughout Jyväskylä and the municipalities of Luhanka, Muurame and Uurainen. The education services of the city of Jyväskylä are responsible for providing non-formal adult education, too. We are among the largest adult education centers in Finland.

News in Jyväskylä education

Finnish language training in central Finland

A number of Finnish language courses are being arranged in the Jyväskylä Region and in other parts of Central Finland in the spring of 2012. The courses are arranged by a variety of educational institutions and the employment office.

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Would you like to study in a multicultural environment and to get a degree that will get you places while living in a vivid student city? Jyväskylä, known for the high quality education it provides, offers a great variety of opportunities for those wanting to take an international degree.

Get a glimpse of student life in Jyväskylä by reading Student's Diary written by the students of JAMK University of Applied Sciences: <http://blogit.jamk.fi/studentsdiary/about/>

Brave up and apply

University of Jyväskylä hosts a wide array of Master's programmes, which are conducted in English, and aligned with the university's areas of expertise. Graduate students at the university come from around 90 different countries! The application period for Master's programmes offered by the University of Jyväskylä is now open! Read more: www.jyu.fi/studywithus

International Bachelor's- and Master's Programmes offered at JAMK University of Applied Sciences were among the most sought after international degrees in the country last year! In 2012, the overall student intake will be 215 seats. The application period will open January 9, 2012. Read more: www.jamk.fi/english/education