

Suomenlinna for kids

— great adventures at the sea fortress

Vesikko is a Finnish submarine, built in the 1930s, that served in the Second World War. Today, Vesikko is a museum open to the public in the summer. Inside the submarine, you can see the cramped conditions in which the crew used to work. Colour in Vesikkol

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SUOMENLINNA REPRESENTS OUR SHARED UNIVERSAL HERITAGE

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PUZZLE

Six words related to Suomenlinna are hidden in the puzzle. Find them!

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Answer: island, brick, museum, ferry, UNESCO, church

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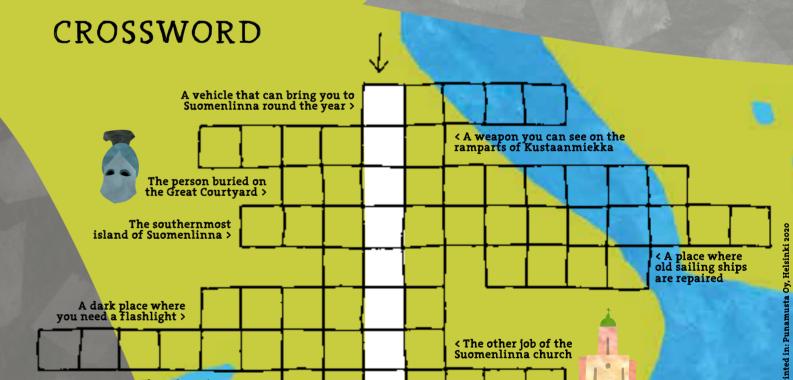
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World Heritage Sites are treasures of the Earth — places so amazing that people have decided together to conserve them for future generations. There are more than a thousand World Heritage Sites around the world, and Suomenlinna is one of them.

The World Heritage sites are selected by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization UNESCO. The sites may have been built by man or shaped by nature, but they have one thing in common: they are so unique that everyone should join in their protection.

THE HISTORY OF THREE COUNTRIES

In 1748, when Finland was still a part of Sweden, Augustin Ehrensvärd began the construction work on the sea fortress. The fortress was needed to protect Sweden against Russia. Back then, Suomenlinna was known as Viapori. In 1808, Viapori surrendered to the Russian forces, and the next year, the entire country of Finland became a part of Russia, which it would stay for more than one hundred years. The fortress became the property of independent Finland in 1918, and its name was changed to Suomenlinna,



Suomenlinna is owned by the state of Finland. The old fortress needs constant repairs and maintenance. These are the tasks of the Governing Body of Suomenlinna, where gardeners, architects, carpenters, plumbers, among many others, take care of the fortress.

Do you want to help us protect Suomenlinna? It's easy: make sure to put your trash in a bin, stay on the marked paths, and respect the buildings, plants, and animals of the fortress. Thank you! which means "the castle of Finland".

Today, Suomenlinna is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Finland and attracts visitors from around the world. Suomenlinna is also a district of Helsinki, with 800 residents living there year-round. The fortress is like a small village with a kindergarten, school, grocery shop, and library.

The submarine you can visit on Suomenlinna >

SOLUTION:_____

Answers: ferry, cannon, Ehrensvärd, Kustaanmiekka, dry dock, tunnel, lighthouse, Vesikko

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RESTAURANT WALHALLA An optimal place for fine dining.

LINNA BAR Located in the heart of the fortress, the cosy local café offers delicious snacks for all ages. Open all year.

TIP

New children's menu every day. We recommend reserving a table in advance.

LONNA RESTAURANT Beautiful and colourful organic local food from seasonal delicacies.

LONNA COFFEE SHOP Paradise for waffle lovers.

Did you know you can visit Suomenlinna year-round? The sea voyage is particularly exciting during the winter frost as the blocks of ice bang against the sides of the ferry. From the beginning of December until Epiphany, you can search for the gnomes of Suomenlinna on the Fortress Gnome's Trail, which will take you on an excit-ing expedition around the sea fortress.

Sail in an 18th century atmosphere aboard the cannon sloop Diana.

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Picnic shelter

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King's Gate

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