SUOMENLINNA REPRESENTS OUR SHARED UNIVERSAL HERITAGE

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.

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!

THE HISTORY OF THREE COUNTRIES

In 1745, 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, 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.

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SOLUTION:

WORD PUZZLE

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

A dark place where you need a flashlight

A weapon you can see on the ramparts of Kustaanmiekka

The other job of the Suomenlinna church

The submarine you can visit on Suomenlinna

A place where old sailing ships are repaired

The southernmost island of Suomenlinna

The person buried on the Great Courtyard

A vehicle that can bring you to Suomenlinna round the year

A weapon you can see on the ramparts of Kustaanmiekka

Answer: island, brick, museum, ferry, UNESCO, church
The tiny café for all ages. Open all year. Located in the heart of the fortress, Museum or the house cat! Spot the teddy bears from the Toy place and freshly baked delicacies. The feeling of an old-time grandmother's atmosphere. Delicious pastries and soup of the day. Bastion Bistro serves straightforward bistro food. Restaurant close to the main quay. Suomenlinna's finest neon lights. Museum and get to know the story. Did you know you can visit Suomenlinna year-round? The sea voyage is particularly exciting during the winter! In the biarths of ice hang 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 exciting expedition around the sea fortress. Suomenlinna is full of exciting places to explore. Please remember to be careful, as the island also has dangerous, sudden drops. Make sure to stay close to an adult. SÄRKKÄ

BE CAREFUL!

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PIKKU MUSTASAARI

LÁNNI MUSTASAARI

SUSISAARI

KUSTAANMIEKKA

VALLISAARI