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The most international summer festival of Finland is in Hamina

Hamina Tattoo, originally a pure military music festival when it was first launched in 1990, has evolved into a vibrant urban festival that continues from morning till the wee hours. Nowadays it offers its visitors not only military music but also concerts, exhibitions, jazz and other culture experiences plus much more.

Hamina Tattoo urban festival from 30 July to 4 August covers more than 80 events in one week. The festival attracts over 100,000 visitors, which means that the number of people in this seaside town grows more than five times the regular population during the event week. This year the event is bigger than ever, spreading to the actual event arena and also to the streets, parks and galleries of the fortress town, presenting the unique milieu to the guests.

The festival arranged every second year brings hundreds of music professionals from all over the world to perform in Hamina. The March Shows are the culmination of the military music festival. The bands in the March Shows represent the absolute pinnacle in their field in the world. As an example, in the summer of 2018 Hamina will feature the Central Military Band of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation directly from Moscow, the oldest professional military band in the United States – Quantico Marine Corps Band, and the South Korean band with its traditional instruments and dancers, sure to provide immensely exotic experiences. The same composition also appeared in the 2018 Winter Olympics hosted by South Korea.

After a March Show at the fortress arena Hamina Bastion, you can continue the festival day in the numerous ancillary events. The Jazz Palace offers a fine line-up of Finnish top artists. The Tattoo Club at the Market Place provides the festival guests with entertainment in the European, Finnish, American and African theme evenings.

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The Junior Tattoo on 29 July is a free event dedicated to children and young people, and there are also concerts for children and adolescents, with the artists having appeared in the Finnish Idols television show and in children's programmes.

The novelty in 2018 are the church and morning coffee concerts that open the doors to many interesting and perhaps unexplored places of the Tattoo town. For example, during the Imperial morning coffee, you can admire the portraits of Russian Tsars in the magnificent Town Hall. More hidden treasures of Hamina are revealed in Hotel Seurahuone: wall paintings by Tove Jansson, the creator of the Moomin characters, from 1952 depict the sea and the history of Hamina.

During the event week, you can also enjoy great free concerts in Kesäpuisto Park, the Tattoo Parade at the Town Hall Square, and the stalls and musical performances of the Tattoo Street. Moreover, you can explore and admire the old private gardens within the fortress area. There are also many other interesting events going on in Hamina, from a daily market to art exhibitions.

One contribution to the international atmosphere is the newest attraction, Flag World of Hamina. The first parts of the Flag Park opened in May 2018. In the coming years, the large flag of Finland and the flags of the 193 member states of the United Nations will fly in Hamina.

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