

Travel and Transport

In order to get a student discount you have to show proof of being a formal exchange or degree student. This is either done by showing your official student card or a signed and stamped form from Åbo Akademi University.

Long Distance Buses

With their Finnish student card, or with a student card issued by VR and Matkahuolto, exchange and degree students get a 50% reduction on long distance bus fares if they travel for a minimum distance of 80 km. PhD or visiting students cannot buy tickets at reduced student rates.

The main bus stations in Åbo and Vasa are:

Åbo Bus Station
Aningaisgatan 20
20100 Åbo

Vasa Bus Station
Bangatan 1
65100 Vasa

For more information about timetables, fares and routes, please see www.matkahuolto.fi/en. You can also find cheap tickets at www.onnibus.fi and at www.xn--bus-tla.fi/en/front-page (Åbo).

Taxi

Taxis in Finland are more expensive than in many other countries. To get a taxi you should call and order one. Flagging taxis in the streets is rare and may not work.

In Åbo, call +358 (0)2 10041

In Vasa, call +358 (0)6 100 411 or +358 (0)600 300 11

Car Rental

To be able to rent a car in Finland you must be at least 20 years old and have had your driving licence for at least one year prior to renting. For more information, please contact the car rental companies directly, for instance:

Autovuokraamo Sixt, <http://fi.sixt.com>

Avis car rental, www.avis.fi

Budget, www.budget.fi

Hertz, www.hertz.fi

Europcar, www.europcar.fi

Transwell, www.transwell.fi

Trains

All railway traffic in Finland is handled by the state owned railway company VR (www.vr.fi). Exchange and degree students with a Finnish student card, or a student card issued by VR and Matkahuolto, have the right to a discount on long distance fares. The discount varies between 45% and 55% depending on the time and route you wish to travel. Students also get a 50% discount on one-way tickets and serial tickets with local trains. Please note that if you cannot present a Finnish student card or a student card issued by VR and Matkahuolto onboard the train, you will have to buy a new ticket for the full price. Note that PhD and visiting students cannot buy discounted student tickets.

Åbo Railway Station
(*Turun rautatieasema/Åbo järnvägsstation*)
Bangårdsgatan 37, 20100 Åbo

Kupittaa/Kuppis Railway Station,
(*Kupittaan rautatieasema/Kuppis järnvägsstation*)
Joukahainengatan 6., 20520 Åbo

Vasa Railway Station
(*Vaasan rautatieasema/Vasa järnvägsstation*)
Bangatan 1, 65100 Vasa

For more information about the opening hours of the train stations, ticket prices, timetables etc., please visit VR's website: www.vr.fi.

8.3 Accommodation

The webpage www.turkutouring.fi has a collection of places to stay in Åbo and in the neighbouring areas. For Vasa, see the website of the tourist information in Vasa: www.visitvaasa.fi. In addition to hotels, there are also hostels, B&B's and companies offering apartments for longer stays. You may also be able to find cottages for rent in the archipelago. If you plan to travel in the rest of Finland, we recommend you have a look at www.visitfinland.com for tips on where to stay, how to travel there and things to see and do.