

Services

The following shops are grocery stores:

- *Sale*
- *S-Market*
- *Prisma (also department store)*
- *K-Market*
- *K-Extra*
- *K-Supermarket*
- *K-Citymarket (also department store)*
- *Siwa*
- *Valintatalo*
- *Euromarket*
- *Lidl*
- *Minimani (also department store)*
- *Halpa-Halli*

The bigger shops are usually slightly cheaper than the smaller ones, but the smaller ones are also often open longer than the bigger ones. To find your nearest grocery store, check these webpages:

- www.s-kanava.fi > Toimipaikat (Sale, S-Market, Prisma)
- www.kesko.fi/fi/Kaupat-ja-palvelut/K-ryhman-kaupat/Ruokakaupat/ > Kaupat (K-Market, K-Extra, K-Supermarket, K-Citymarket)
- www.lahikauppa.fi/fi/kaupat/kauppahaku/ (Siwa, Valintatalo, Euromarket)
- www.lidl.fi/cps/rde/www_lidl_fi/hs.xml/myymalahaku.htm (Lidl)
- www.minimani.fi/myymalat (Minimani)
- www.hhnet.fi (Halpa-Halli)

Note that grocery bags cost about 10 – 20 cents, but they are roomy, sturdy and reusable. They also double nicely as trash bags. You pack your own bags when you pay at the cashier in the grocery store. Alcohol is not sold in grocery stores except for beer and cider. All other alcoholic beverages are sold at Alko (www.alko.fi/en/shops/). Alcohol is not sold in stores before 9.00 and after 21.00. The age limit for the purchase of beer and wine is 18, for stronger drinks 20. Most bottles and cans can be returned to grocery stores and in return you will get some money back (*pant/pantti*). Note that bottles bought from Lidl can only be returned to Lidl and bottles from Alko can only be returned to Alko.

Second hand Shops

There are second hand shops in both Åbo and Vasa. For temporary Sunday flea markets check your local newspaper or the newspaper *Turkulainen* (in Åbo) under *Kirpputorit*. You can also look for flea market groups on Facebook. At www.kirppikset.info/ you can look for flea markets and second hand shops in different cities. Many of the second hand shops sell clothes, but some also have kitchen utensils and furniture for instance.

Lost property

The Lost Property Office
(Hittogodsbyrån/Löytötavaratoimisto)
Åbo Police Station
Eriksgatan 40–42
20100 Åbo
Phone: +358 (0)295 445 179

The Lost Property Office
(Hittogodsbyrån/Löytötavaratoimisto)
Vasa Police Station
Korsholmsesplanaden 45
65100 Vasa
Phone: +358 (0)295 415 517

The Lost Property Office holds everything found in public areas. Some department stores, hotels, and companies also have their own 'lost and found' departments. At least in Åbo there are also some private lost and found companies who work with certain bars, restaurants and bus companies for instance. Everything that is found in these places can be picked up from the private lost property offices.

Varsinais-Suomen Löytötavaratoimisto Oy
(Private Lost Property Office)
Martinsgatan 7
20810 Åbo
www.vslt.net

If your luggage was lost or damaged during the flight to Finland, look up the contact information of the airline in question through the website of the specific airport you arrived at. All this information is available at the website of the *Finnish Civil Aviation Administration*, www.finavia.fi.