



## FinLine 2019

***It is now time to register yourself for the no. 1 skating event in Finland!***

The FinLine skating event will take place next summer for the 28<sup>th</sup> time. The tradition started in 1992 with a weekend skate from Jyväskylä to Helsinki. Since then FinLine has become a one-week-event, with a different route every year.

This time FinLine will be skated in South Ostrobothnia and Satakunta provinces. We will see agricultural flat lands during the first few days while the rest of the trip we enjoy the beautiful coast of the Gulf of Bothnia. Although there are fewer lakes in this area, rivers and the sea will still give us unforgettable mid-skating swimming experiences.



Skating on FinLine 2019 starts from the administrative center of Seinäjoki, consisting of buildings designed by the famous Finnish architect Alvar Aalto. The event ends in Uusikaupunki, a small but heavily growing city on the western coast of Finland.



On the way, we will see e.g. the small Swedish-speaking coastal town Kristinestad, the huge (in European context) sand dune area of the Yyteri beach and the old wooden downtown of Rauma. We will work on finding more sights to visit while skating and during the evenings – FinLine shall be an experience not only for the body but also for the soul!

*These pictures from the area are taken on FinLine 1999 and FinLine 2008.*

## Event Schedule

The bus will start from Helsinki early Sunday morning July 7 and skating will finish in Uusikaupunki on Friday July 12. The return trip to Helsinki will start on Saturday July 13 with an estimated arrival time in Helsinki around 5 p.m.

Daily skating distances for the basic route are (minor changes still possible):

Sunday	Seinäjoki – Kurikka	42 km
Monday	Kurikka – Kristinestad	76 km
Tuesday	Kristinestad – Merikarvia	67 km
Wednesday	Merikarvia – Pori	68 km
Thursday	Pori – Rauma	82 km
Friday	Rauma – Uusikaupunki	47 km
<b>Total</b>		<b>382 km</b>

In order to serve the needs of different skaters we have designed the basic route to contain only reasonable day-trip distances. However, our plan is to define optional “extras” on the route map for most of the days. Skaters that like to enjoy more kilometers can choose to skate the extras depending on their feeling and weather.

For a detailed up-to-date version of the route map, visit:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=13BfxpDki4IPQp9xreEGzDaYCESzvTCCa>

Link to the daily elevation profiles will be added on the route map soon.

## Can I participate?

FinLine is a skating event that almost everyone can attend. No previous experience of multi-day skating tours is necessary. To join the FinLine you only need to:

- have some experience of skating trips of 50+ km – i.e. you are able to skate 50 km a day at your own speed
- enjoy a vacation week among other skaters
- be a member of Street Gliders (or join Street Gliders, which can be easily done at the same time when you register for the event)

In this traditional event, we are not competing against the clock, but we are enjoying the skating and the sceneries. There will be skaters of varied skill and fitness levels participating and we all want to enjoy skating at speed enjoyable for ourselves. Five to seven skating groups allow you to choose your skating speed between 15 and 25 km/h. You can also change your group whenever you feel like that.

The service bus is following the skaters all the time and enables you to choose the number of skating days as well as the daily skating distance according to your feelings and weather conditions. The organizers will take care of the accommodation and meal arrangements, so you can concentrate fully on skating and enjoying.

## What does it cost? What is included?

The participation fee is 150 €, including the services of the bus, snacks, transportation of your equipment during skating, a technical t-shirt, and bus transportation from Helsinki to Seinäjoki and back from Uusikaupunki to Helsinki. In addition, because FinLine is officially organized only for members of the club, you have to pay the annual membership fee 25 € of Street Gliders.

Furthermore, there are the costs of the dinners and accommodations (including breakfasts), about 40 – 70 € per day, and your own lunch and personal snack costs during skating.

## Registration Information

Because we want to maintain the cozy small event feeling of FinLine and in order to find suitable accommodations for the group, the number of participants is limited to 30.

**The official registration starts now!** You will find the registration form on our web pages ([www.katukiitajat.fi](http://www.katukiitajat.fi)). Skaters who have recently participated on FinLine can alternatively register themselves just by sending email to the organizers if there is no need to change any personal information, like the T-shirt size.

To confirm your registration you need to pay Street Gliders' membership fee **25 €** and the registration fee **150 €** (+ possible bank charges). The last day to confirm your registration by paying the registration fee is **29<sup>th</sup> of March 2019**. After that, any unconfirmed registrations are cancelled in favour of skaters on the waiting list (if any).

**Please instruct your bank to forward payment orders through:**

Bank:	Nordea Bank Abp
Swift code (BIC):	NDEAFIHH
In favour of:	Katukiitäjät ry
IBAN:	<b>FI25 2185 1800 0329 49</b>

If you have any questions, please contact [info@katukiitajat.fi](mailto:info@katukiitajat.fi) or directly the organizing team:

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*Hoping to see you next summer!*

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