



**Let's celebrate
together**

IT COULD BE AN EVENTFUL ANNIVERSARY YEAR



KUOPIO250



**"Anything
but a sleepy,
half-dead life!"**

-Minna Canth

Kuopio 250

**In Kuopio, we believe in good life, lived our way.
Kuopio's goal is to be the capital of good life
for every Kuopio resident and
an example to the rest of the world.**

**Now, we celebrate our 250-year journey as a city.
Our story has been shaped throughout the ages
by role models from J.V. Snellman to Minna Canth.
The Kuopio spirit has been created through
culture, encounters, and conversations.**



**Heartfelt
Joyful
Beautiful**

That's our Kuopio.



Let's Celebrate the 250-Year-Old Kuopio

The city of Kuopio will celebrate its respectable 250th anniversary on 17 November 2025. Both Kuopio residents and visitors to the city during the anniversary year have been given a wonderful time to experience. We get to come together to celebrate the city's jubilee and leave a mark on its history.

The opening of the anniversary year was celebrated in November 2024, and we will celebrate for a whole year. There is plenty of programme in store: events, exhibitions, and publications, all planned by the citizens and various organisations. The anniversary year can be seen on the city streets as well as in the suburbs and rural areas. Our greatest wish is for increased well-being and trust in the future among children and young people, and for everyone across Kuopio to be able to enjoy the anniversary year. This is not boasting but a joyful fact, one that can be confirmed by visiting Kuopio during the anniversary year.

As everyday as life in Kuopio may be, it is also truly special. As a city, Kuopio is vibrant, quirky, warm, and easygoing. Here, you have the freedom to live your life your way. Here, you don't need to fit into a mould, always have everything figured out, or, let alone, be perfect. We hope that this atmosphere comes across to everyone who visits the city.

Whether you are a resident of Kuopio or a visiting star – be it a traveler, vacationer, or passerby – you get to enjoy the ever-changing program of the anniversary year. We want everyone, creators and participants alike, to have access to the events of the anniversary year. And that experience of ownership and belonging to the city will increase. We want you to be able to honestly say: **Kuopio is a lovely city.**

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Attraction

Kuopio is an international and growing city that is a leader in well-being and health expertise. There are already more than 125,000 of us in Kuopio, and it may be that 2024 was a record year in population growth. There are 200,000 residents in the contiguous commuting area, and the population of the entire Eastern Finland is 900,000.

Kuopio is the driving force in Eastern Finland and an international university city. Thanks to cutting-edge research and expertise, we are one of the most significant global hubs of health and safety expertise in Finland.

Kuopio is a city with great attraction! Resident satisfaction is high, and Kuopio is a desirable destination for movers. Kuopio is the 8th largest city in Finland and the second most attractive city in terms of internal migration within the country. Our distinct competitive advantage and strength, according to research, lie in the quality of life factors, environmental factors, reasonable costs, and friendly people. Here, the sense of community is our strength – we like our neighbours and enjoy chatting with them.

In Kuopio, the elements of good life are in order. Life here has quality, with work and leisure striking a balance. There are experiences to be had in both culture and nature. Our strengths are precisely our expertise combined with quality of life and communal spirit, all seasoned with the ease of everyday living.

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Savilahti – the Future Lives Here

In the heart of Kuopio, a new district for 35,000 operators is being built by the shores of Lake Kallavesi. Savilahti is one of Finland's most versatile urban development projects. The area will become an advanced hub for learning, innovation, and employment, where top expertise is combined with pleasant living and leisure in the midst of stunning lakeside nature.

In Savilahti, innovations, businesses, a campus with three levels of education, and a new form of housing will merge. It is an internationally attractive platform for growth, development, and experimentation, as well as for inspirational living, nestled in the heart of the purest Finnish lakeside nature and at the crossroads of global connections.

In the 2030s, the number of students in Savilahti will grow to 22,000. There will be 16,000 jobs for skilled professionals, and the area will include homes for 7,500 residents. The total investment is estimated at 2 billion euros. The result is new business opportunities, services, well-being and quality of life.

The development of Savilahti is based on its strengths: expertise, sense of community, and the opportunity to live your life your way in an inspiring environment. **Savilahti is a home for people and ideas, where the sense of community is a superpower!**

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Expertise

Kuopio is home to a national hub for well-being and health expertise. The University of Eastern Finland trains the most physicians in Finland and coordinates the Neurocentre Finland, which is a collaboration network for neuroscience research and development in Finland. Kuopio has special expertise in the research of cell and gene therapy diseases and drug development. Significant international companies and ecosystems have found their home here.

Kuopio is a nationally significant hub for security and supply reliability. Emergency Services Academy Finland is located here, along with its rescue services training area for hands-on practice, which is unique in Europe. The Centre of Excellence for Comprehensive Security, to be established in Kuopio, will produce know-how on securing functions vital to the operation of civil society, as well as on enhancing citizens' mental resilience in the face of crises under all circumstances. In the coming years, the location of new fighter jets in the region and NATO membership will increase the role of the Karelia Air Wing. The Air Force is a major employer in the region and a significant air wing in Finland. From the perspective of Finland's supply security, food production and processing, human security, and expertise in environmental and water management are linked to national security of supply.



Student City

The University of Eastern Finland, Savonia University of Applied Sciences, and Savo Vocational College have concentrated their activities in Savilahti, located just under two kilometres from the centre of the world, Kuopio Market Square. At the Savilahti campus, future professionals are studying at the forefront of new information. The spirit of collaboration creates something new and significant – innovations of the new era emerge in these multidisciplinary connections and encounters. The intelligence capital of Savilahti holds the future of our region!

Kuopio is a traditional city of education also in other respects. Special upper secondary schools operating here include **the upper secondary alpine school in Nilsä, the upper secondary sports school of Kuopion klassillinen lukio, and the upper secondary art school, Lumit**. The national training centre for emergency services and emergency response operations, **the Emergency Services Academy**, is also located in Kuopio, along with the **Sibelius Academy's Department of Church Music** and **Humak University of Applied Sciences**. In Kuopio, music students can start their journey from music classes for babies and continue all the way to university level. Similarly, the English-language school path can begin at the daycare centre and continue to higher education.

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City of Tourism and Events, Sports and Arts

Kuopio is a city strongly associated with events, dance, music, and joy.

Throughout the year, hundreds of events are held, and we also have a strong vision of becoming a sustainably growing city of events. New event venues, such as the Savilahti sports and event centre, Luola, and the stunning upper secondary art school, Lumit, in the city centre, provide opportunities to expand the variety of events offered.

The successful yellow-and-black sports teams competing in the top leagues are our flagships that are putting Kuopio on the world map! Every summer the city is filled with international cultural events and festivals.

Our lakeside nature is an impressive experience for both international visitors as well as the more local ones. Kuopio's port network is second to none. On the islands near the city, there are lean-tos and campfire spots, and in fact, you can even reach the seven seas via the Saimaa Canal. The same leisure services also enhance the quality of life for residents.

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Tahko

Tahko's year-round resort offers services and experiences for even the most demanding travellers. At Tahko, you can ski downhill or cross-country, ride a horse or a bike, golf, kayak, hike, and the list goes on. We are focusing on international tourism, with the goal of increasing the number of overnight stays fivefold by the end of the decade. Local businesses also believe in this growth – there are ongoing development projects worth 100 million euros around the lake area and Tahko's tourism.

Together, the Kuopio region and Tahko form a unique combination of pristine nature, a wide range of activities, vibrant city life, and high-quality restaurant and cultural offerings.

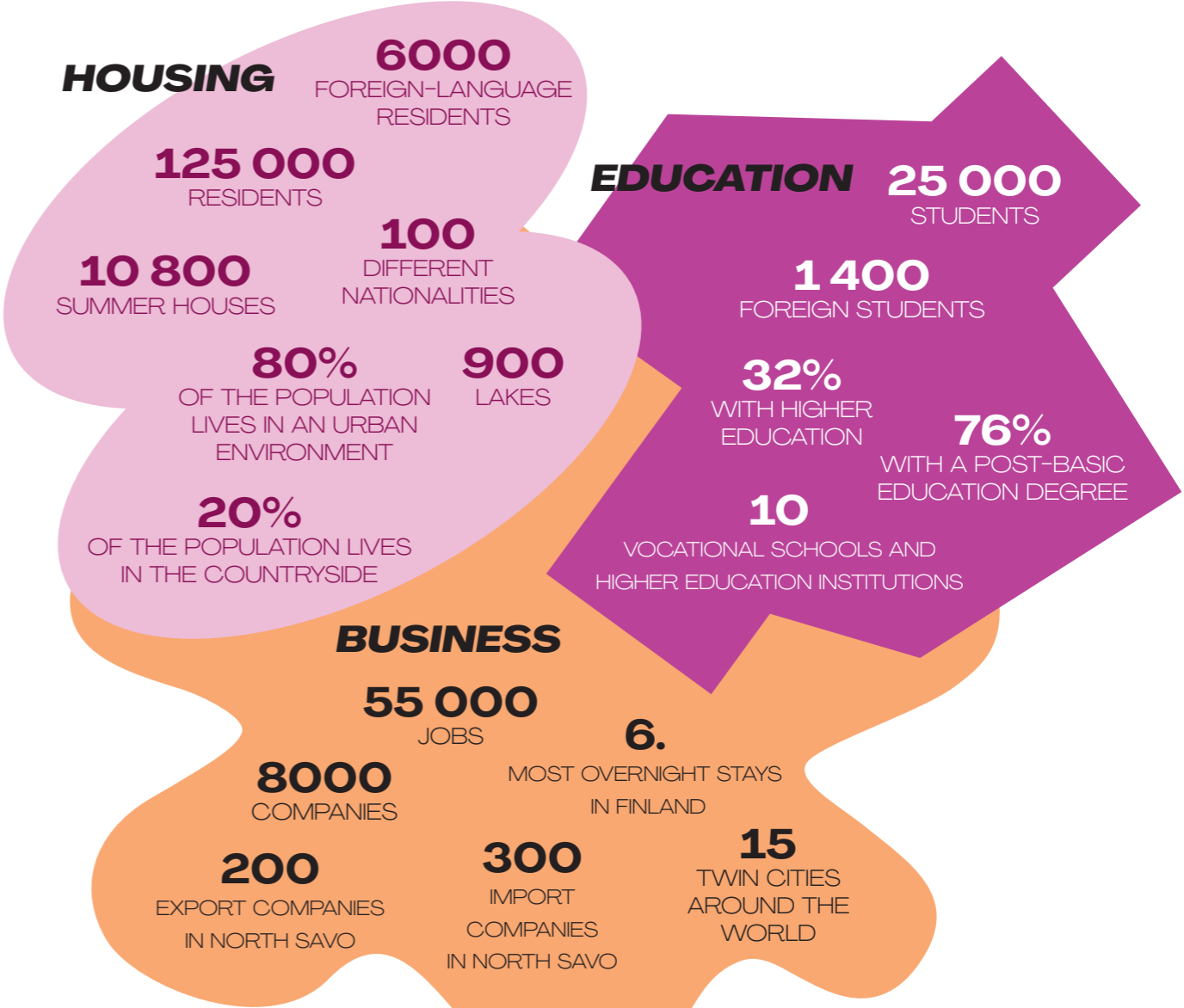
And you certainly don't have to experience all of this alone, as the chatty Savo natives will make sure there's plenty of social interaction. There is a strong sense of community in the city of kalakukko-pie, and that is something we very much want to hold on to.

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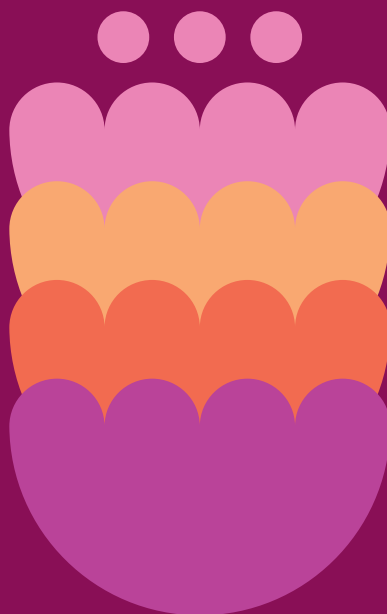
Finland's
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250 years of good life, joy and living in Kuopio.



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