

# Tips on what to do in your spare time in Jyväskylä during the JSS34

**Interested in sports? Take a look at these options:**

## **Secto Rally Finland 2023**

The history of the Secto Rally Finland – Round 8 of the FIA World Rally Championship – dates back to 1951. Formerly known as the Thousand Lakes Rally, this legendary event is famous for its fast gravel roads, impressive jumps and magnificent lake scenery. The Secto Rally Finland is among the largest annual events in the Nordic countries, and it attracts one of the highest numbers of participants in the World Rally Championship series. With its 290,000 spectators, the Secto Rally Finland has been selected as the best event in the series on several occasions.

**When:** 31st of July – 3th of August

**Tickets and further information:** <https://sectorallyfinland.fi/en/etusivu-english/>

<https://visitjyvaskyla.fi/en/rallyfinland/>

## **Matti Nykänen's hill**

The observation tower of a ski jump legend Matti Nykänen is open for public. Get to see the city of Jyväskylä through the eyes of “the Eagle”. Apart from spectacular views you will have a chance to enjoy pastries, ice cream and refreshments from the canteen.

**When:** Open for public on Saturday – Sunday at 12 pm – 4 pm

**Where:** Matti Nykänen's ski jumping hill. <https://goo.gl/maps/tuNxb2kEje8QwUfo9>

**Tickets:** Adults 5€, children (6-15 yo) 3€, students and pensioners 3€, children under 6 free of charge.

Family ticket 12€ (2 adults + children).

## **Various kinds of outdoor activities available at Laajis, multipurpose recreational area**

At Laajis you can rent a normal, electric, enduro or downhill bike and explore the nature trails. Or if you are travelling with family or friends, go and try out the adventure park. The beautiful surrounding nature can also be explored through a guided tour at the woods. See opening hours at <https://www.laajis.fi/en/opening-hours/>

**Where:** Laajavuorentie 15, 40740 Jyväskylä. <https://g.page/laajavuori?share>

**Further information:** <https://www.laajis.fi/en/#>

## Explore local culture!

### Europe's Coolest City Walking Tour

Named one of Europe's coolest destinations by The Sunday Times, Jyväskylä invites you to explore its vibrant charm. Join a guided walking tour of this modern university city, birthplace of the famous Finnish education system. Learn about the world-renowned architect Alvar Aalto and visit the venue of the annual World Rally Championship race. The tour ends at the harbour, a vibrant hub for locals, offering cozy restaurants and space for relaxation or picnics by Lake Jyväsjärvi.

**When:** 9<sup>th</sup> of August at 2 – 3.30 pm and 12<sup>th</sup> of August at 6 – 7.30 pm

**Tickets:** 10 euros

**Further information:** [Europe's Coolest City Walking Tour – Visit Jyväskylä Region](#)

### Alvar Aalto Museum

Alvar Aalto Museum is part of the Aalto2 Museum Centre; a unique meeting place of architecture, design and cultural heritage in Jyväskylä. There are both permanent exhibitions as well as upcoming ones. When visiting the exhibitions, make sure to stop by at Aalto2 Café! In the summertime you can also enjoy refreshments at museum's beautiful courtyard surrounded by architecture. Aalto2 Café is open during the opening hours of the museum centre.

**Further information:** <https://aalto2.museum/en/home/>

### The World of Hydrogen

The Aalto2 exhibition takes people of all ages into the world of the smallest but most abundant element in the universe: hydrogen. The exhibition focuses on green hydrogen, exploring how it is present in our daily lives in Central Finland today and in the future. Through the exhibition, Cefmof aims to raise awareness and interest in the potential of green hydrogen.

The exhibition is organized by the Central Finland Mobility Foundation (Cefmof), a foundation established by the City of Jyväskylä, TOYOTA GAZOO Racing World Rally Team, and the Toyota Mobility Foundation. The exhibition has been created in collaboration with the Aalto2 Museum Centre, Jyväskylä University of Applied Sciences, and the University of Jyväskylä.

**Further information:** [The World of Hydrogen - Aalto2](#)

### **Visit Petäjävesi old church (UNESCO World Heritage site)**

Visit the real gem of churches in Finland, the Petäjävesi old church which was built in the 1760s. An entrance ticket to the church includes a guided tour in which you will hear fascinating stories about the church, covering time period from 1760's to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The cost is 9€ per person. Guided tours begin at 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm and 5 pm or by request. The ticket includes entrance fee and a private guided tour for your group (30 minutes).

**When:** The church is open daily from 10 am to 6 pm.

**Further information and tickets:** <https://petajavesioldchurch.fi/verkkokauppa/>

### **Rya rug. Now.**

What does a rya rug look like in the 2020s? How does this traditional pile textile transform within the fields of contemporary art and design? The exhibition Rya Rug. Now., curated by the Craft Museum of Finland, presents modern rya rugss and their creators, embracing bold experimentation and reinterpreting tradition.

**Where:** The Craft Museum of Finland, Kauppakatu 25.

**Price:** 10/8/6/0 €

**Opening hours:** Tuesday – Sunday at 11 am – 6 pm.

**Further information:** [www.craftmuseum.fi/en/craft-museum-finland/visit-us/opening-times-and-admissions](http://www.craftmuseum.fi/en/craft-museum-finland/visit-us/opening-times-and-admissions)

### **Traditions across borders**

Photos of national costumes and traditional gloves from Estonia, Finland and Latvia

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### **Alvar Aalto – e la natura – architectural cruise From Jyväskylä**

Hop on board and enjoy the beautiful lake scenery and Finnish architecture at the same trip! During

this cruise on the Lake Päijänne you get to travel to Särnätsalo by a steamboat. At Särnätsalo you will visit the Särnätsalo town hall where an experienced guide will tell you more about the building designed by Alvar Aalto.

**When:** On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Aug and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Aug from 2pm to 5.00 pm

**Price:** 38 euros (includes: the cruise, guidance and the bus ticket from Särnätsalo to Jyväskylä city centre). It is possible to eat lunch or have a cup of coffee on board for extra price.

**Further information and tickets:** [Alvar Aalto - e la natura Cruise from Jyväskylä - Päijänne-risteilyt Hilden](#)

### Interested in nature? Check out these possibilities:

#### Places with scenic views in the Jyväskylä region

In the Jyväskylä Region, there are many wonderful nature sites with breathtaking views. Leave the hustle and bustle of the city behind as you head to the top of the Kanavuori Hill, take a day trip to the Vaarunvuoret hills via the breathtaking Kärkistensalmi strait or escape to Paljaspää Island, where the legendary Finnish architect Alvar Aalto once lived. At Korpilahti you can visit the Oravivuori triangulation station that is part of the Struve Geodetic Arc and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You can also find beautiful sceneries in Laajavuori, where you can admire the views and enjoy a wide range of activities throughout the year. If you'd rather stay in the city, the Harju Tower has great views over Jyväskylä's rooftops.

**Further information:** <https://visitjyvaskyla.fi/en/places-with-scenic-views/>

#### Visit the Oravivuori triangulation point in the Struve chain (UNESCO world heritage site)

Oravivuori arc point is a part of Struve Geodetic Arc. This UNESCO world heritage site near Jyväskylä represents the cultural heritage of science and technology. The Struve Geodetic Arc was laid out and measured in 1816-1855 with the aim of determining the size and shape of the Earth. The Struve Geodetic Arc is a chain of survey triangulation measurements stretching from the Arctic Sea to the Black Sea, through ten countries and over 2,820km. (Source: Visit Jyväskylä.)

**Address:** Vanhanpääntie 65, Korpilahti, Jyväskylä

**Further information:** <https://visitjyvaskyla.fi/en/attractions/struve-geodetic-arc-oravivuori-arc-point/>

## Cruises

In the Jyväskylä region, the wonderfully lush nature surrounding the bodies of water is always close by. The largest of the lakes in the Jyväskylä region is Päijänne, which is also the longest lake in Finland. The harbour, located right next to the city centre, offers high-quality services and a variety of things to do for both landlubbers and boaters. The area also hosts events from markets to music festivals. The jogging and cycling route Rantaraitti, which is popular with the locals, goes past the harbour.

**See options for Lake Päijänne cruises at:** <https://www.paijanne-risteilythilden.fi/en/fun-cruises/fun-cruises-from-jyvaskyla/>

## Give sauna a try!

The Jyväskylä Region is also known as the Sauna Region of the World! Here are a few options for you to test out:

- Try the sauna-restaurant complex, **Sataman Viilu** in the harbour.

<https://goo.gl/maps/DVrJ8ydtjbK6nKY7>

- Kangas public sauna is located near the city centre in the gatehouse of a former paper mill.

This is the ultimate sauna experience in urban settings. <https://goo.gl/maps/f5cg2XmUgnTreyDx6>

- Have you already tried the normal sauna and want to experience something new? Then try the world's largest smoke sauna at Tupaswilla which can hold as many as 150 people.

<https://goo.gl/maps/Jr72gaYKC4BsHL4z5>

- Try the Lehtisaari sauna on an island. Boats to the island leave from Viitaniemi beach every hour if the island has space. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/fw8BhE8AZfyYJTY56>

For other activities, please check Visit Jyväskylä's website: [The Official Travel Guide of the Jyväskylä Region, Lakeland Finland – Visit Jyväskylä Region](#) !