



# Welcome to Jyväskylä, the City of Dynamic Appeal

Youthful, lively Jyväskylä is Finland's top city in terms of appeal. Jyväskylä is Finland's seventh largest city with the population of 130 000 inhabitants. As a centre of growth Jyväskylä is one of Finland's most important urban areas.

Jyväskylä is situated 270 km from Helsinki at the northern end of Päijänne, Finland's second largest lake. A third of Lake Päijänne lies within the boundaries of Jyväskylä. The transport connections are excellent: airport is 20 minutes from city centre and there is a rail/coach interchange in the very centre of the city.

## Strong Will to Develop

Jyväskylä is famous for an active, innovative, and successful enterprise policy. Special expertise is particularly focused on ICT, energy technology, nanotechnology, environmental technologies, and forest industry future branches.

## High-Quality Education

Jyväskylä's reputation as the city of education is beyond dispute. The University of Jyväskylä, JAMK University of Applied Sciences, and the Air Force Academy are among Finland's most popular and prestigious institutions of higher education. The University of Jyväskylä is the second largest producer of master's degrees in Finland.

## City of Light

Jyväskylä, the City of Light, is a forerunner in urban outdoor lighting. The City of Light Project is one of the most important development projects for Jyväskylä. The project is acknowledged also internationally. Jyväskylä – the City of Light Project won the first prize in the 2009 city.people.light. awards organised by LUCI association.

## City of Alvar Aalto

Jyväskylä boasts more buildings designed by Alvar Aalto, the world-famous architect, than any other city in the world. The Alvar Aalto museum, the only museum in the world dedicated to life and work of Aalto is among of the top tourist attractions of the city.

Other tourist attractions are Nyrölä rock planetarium, and Oravivuori triangulation tower, a UNESCO world heritage site. The city centre's pedestrian precinct is ranked among the best in the country.

### *In Brief*

- 130 000 inhabitants, 170 000 inhabitants in the region as a whole
- some 47 000 schoolchildren and students
- surface area 1 171km<sup>2</sup>, 1 500 km of lake shore
- celebrates its 175th birthday in 2012

### *City of international events*

- WRC Neste Oil Rally Finland
- Jyväskylä Festival
- International Alvar Aalto Symposium
- International Alvar Aalto Design Seminar
- Volvo Lake Päijänne Sailing Race
- Annual Martti Ahtisaari lecture. Mr Martti Ahtisaari is the 2008 Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

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