



## **We are glad to announce that there will be a FinLine skating event next summer too!**

To commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> FinLine next summers FinLine will be a special one extended with two days. The 2011 event will take place from Friday 1st of July to Saturday 9th of July. This time FinLine will be skated across Finland from east to west along the Blue Highway starting in Niirala by the Russian border and ending up in Vaasa. There will be bus transportation from Helsinki to Niirala and again from Vaasa to Helsinki. The route is very beautiful and quite varied (some up-hills and down-hills – not very high though). Our service bus is following the skaters all the time and it enables you to choose the amount of skating days as well as the daily skating kilometres. I.e. if you don't want to skate the whole skating distance some day, you can take the bus instead and keep company with Ari, our nice bus driver!

Depending of the number of skaters there will be 3 - 6 skating groups going at the different speed (averaging 15-25 km/h). Thus you can choose a suitable group to yourself and it is also possible to change the group whenever you feel like it. The aim is to get started by 9 a.m. each morning, with the slower groups going first, to be able to reach our next destination by 4-5 p.m. including stops for lunch swimming and other possible activities, in order to have time for our daily sauna before dinner.

To be able to have a cosy relaxed atmosphere the maximum number of participants is limited to 30.

### **Accommodation and food**

Dormitory accommodation including breakfasts and dinners are booked by the organisers utilising affordable and different places by the route. I.e. during some night we will stay at a hotel, but some other night we will stay in a holiday centre, summer cottage or something similar.

Our service bus is following the skaters all the time giving water and some snacks (fruits, biscuits, pickled cucumber) during the breaks, but otherwise (e.g. lunch) the skaters have to take care of their food.

### **What does it cost?**

The participation fee will be 200 euro including the services of the bus, transportation of your equipment during the skating, a technical t-shirt, and the bus transportation from Helsinki to Niirala and back to Helsinki from Vaasa on the last day. In addition you have to pay a membership fee to the Street Gliders for 2011 (25 eur). Furthermore there are the costs of the dinners and accommodations (including breakfasts), about 40 - 60 euro per day.

If you are not able to participate in the whole FinLine, but would like to join, you can build your own FinLine selecting the days you would like to participate. The price is then 25 euro/day (not including the technical t-shirt, which you can order separately for a price of 25 €) + the Street Gliders' membership fee (25 eur). In this case you also have to take care of your transportation to and/or from your starting/finishing destination, where they

are not Niirala or Vaasa (e.g. a six day tour Joensuu-Vaasa including transportation to Helsinki from Vaasa (the 7<sup>th</sup> day) is 175 euro + membership fee and then you also have to care of your transportation to Joensuu).

The Street Gliders' aim is not to make a profit on the FinLine skating event. The only goal is to cover the real costs of the arrangements by the participation fee. If the participation fee turns to be too high compared to the costs, the surplus will be credited to participants during the trip.

### Can I participate?

Finline is a skating event also YOU can participate in. Previous experience of several day skating tours is not necessary. To join you only need to

- have experience of longer skating tours – you are able to skate 30 to 50 km a day at your own speed
- be able to enjoy a vacation week among other skaters
- be a member of Streetgliders/join Streetgliders

### The route and daily skating program

Friday	1.7.	Bus from Helsinki to Niirala and Niirala – Tohmajärvi	17 km
Saturday	2.7.	Tohmajärvi – Joensuu	56 km
Sunday	3.7.	Joensuu – Tuusniemi	79 km
Monday	4.7.	Tuusniemi - Maaninka	80 km
Tuesday	5.7.	Maaninka - Viitasaari	97 km
Wednesday	6.7.	Viitasaari – Kyyjärvi	76 km
Thursday	7.7	Kyyjärvi – Lapua	83 km
Friday	8.7	Lapua – Vaasa	87 km
Total			575 km
Saturday	9.7	Bus from Vaasa to Helsinki	

### • Registration

For us to be able to organise FinLine 2011, please register as soon as possible.

<http://www.katukiitajat.fi/tiedotus/finline/ilmo.htm> The final dead-line for registration is May 15 2011.

Registration is on first come first serve basis - if we have 30 registrations before May 15 we close the registration. For you to be registered you need to pay Streetgliders membership fee (25 €) and the registration fee (200 € or parts thereof depending on your selected route) + possible bank charges.

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

Bank: Nordea Bank Finland Plc  
Swift code (BIC): NDEAFIHH  
In favour of: Katukiitäjät ry  
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Best regards

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