



FinLine 2012

The Finline skating event takes place next summer for the 21st time. The tradition started in 1992 with a weekend skate from Jyväskylä to Helsinki. Since Finline has become a week long event, with a different route every year.

FinLine 2012 starts next summer Monday July 2 in Hanko and ends Saturday July 7 in Kotka.

The total skating distance is about 350 km, with daily skating distances between 50 and 80 km.

In this traditional event we are not competing against the clock. We are enjoying the skating and the scenery. There will be skaters of varied skill levels participating and we all want to enjoy skating at speed enjoyable for ourselves. 3 to 6 different skating groups allows you to choose the skating speed between 15 to 25 km/h. You can change group whenever you feel like it. The service bus following the skaters all the time enables you to choose the number of skating days as well as the daily skating distance, according your feeling and weather conditions. The organisers will take care of accommodation and meal arrangements, so you can concentrate fully on skating.

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 skating tours of 50 km – you are able to skate 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

Monday 2.7. In the morning bus from Helsinki to Hanko

Monday	2.7	Hanko – Pohja	59 km
Tuesday	3.7.	Pohja – Karkkila	73 km
Wednesday	4.7.	Karkkila – Kärkölä	81 km
Thursday	5.7.	Kärkölä – Elimäki	83 km
Friday	6.7	Elimäki – Kotka	49 km

Total skating distance 345 km

Saturday 7.7. In the afternoon bus from Kotka to Helsinki

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 during the day.

What does it cost? And what is included?

The participation fee will be 150 euro including the services of the bus including snacks, transportation of your equipment during the skating, a technical t-shirt, and the bus transportation from Helsinki to Hanko and back to Helsinki from Kotka on the last day. In addition you have to pay a membership fee to the Street Gliders 25 euro. Furthermore there are the costs of the dinners and accommodations (including breakfasts), about 50 - 70 euros per day and possible lunch and own snack costs during the skating.

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.

Registration and additional information:

As we want to maintain a cozy small event feeling on Finline and because it will be easier to find accommodations for the group the number of participants is limited to 30. To guarantee your participation you can register immediately using the Streetglider's Finline registration form (<http://www.katukiitajat.fi/english/finline-in-english/registration-form/>). The final dead-line for registration is May 15 2012. Registration is on first come first serve basis - if we have 30 registrations before May 15 we close the registration. To be registered you need to pay Street Gliders membership fee (25 €) and the registration fee (150 €) + possible bank charges. **At the moment we have 18 reservations/registrations for Finline 2012 (missing payment).**

Please instruct your bank to forward payment orders through:

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Hope to see you next summer ☺

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