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## HOUSING AND APARTMENTS

Long-term apartments are usually rented unfurnished, but they do include fitted kitchen cupboards, wardrobes, a refrigerator and a stove (often also a dishwasher). It is advisable to reserve enough time for looking for rented accommodation. Have a chat with your new local colleagues and/or friends for tips on shops and services, schools, childcare, etc.

**For long-term rented accommodation, see for example, the following pages:**

[vuokraovi.com/vuokra-asunnot/Kauhajoki](https://vuokraovi.com/vuokra-asunnot/Kauhajoki)

[portaali.suupohja.fi/site?node\\_id=542](https://portaali.suupohja.fi/site?node_id=542) (FI)

## TRANSPORT

There are a few bus connections to the nearby towns of Seinäjoki and Kurikka, and even to further locations, but as the buses do not run very frequently, a car is recommended while living here.

**Bus and train timetables are available at:**

[matkahuolto.fi/passengers/timetables](https://matkahuolto.fi/passengers/timetables)

[vr.fi/en](https://vr.fi/en)

## FREETIME

**In Finland, leisure time is often spent with hobbies. Kauhajoki offers a wide range of different hobbies which you can enjoy either by yourself or with others.**

**Kauhajoki's main library** is located at Prännärintie 2 C. The library also arranges events and activities catering for all ages. **The Adult Education Centre** offers courses from languages to music, cooking and many others. [opistopalvelut.fi/kauhajoki](https://opistopalvelut.fi/kauhajoki)

**Swimming hall Virkku** is located at Urheilutie 3, with a gym on the same premises. [kauhajoki.fi/virkistysuimala-urheilutalo-virkku](https://kauhajoki.fi/virkistysuimala-urheilutalo-virkku) (FI)

**The local sports clubs** offer a variety of hobbies from soccer to cheerleading and basketball to ice hockey and many others. [kauhajoki.fi/seurat-ja-yhdistykset](https://kauhajoki.fi/seurat-ja-yhdistykset) (FI)

There are also several **nature trails** in the area. [visitsuupohja.fi/en/luontokohteet-ja-reitit/](https://visitsuupohja.fi/en/luontokohteet-ja-reitit/)

In winter, there are numerous skiing tracks and skating areas around the town, often located near schools. Kauhajoki is also fortunate to have its own downhill skiing centre, Sotka. [sotkanrinteet.fi](https://sotkanrinteet.fi) (FI)

## WORKING IN FINLAND

There are a lot of work opportunities available in Finland. For your benefit, employment laws and agreements determine what the rights and obligations of workers are. The laws define, for example, working hours, holidays, sick pay, the terms of termination and minimum wages.

If you become unemployed, the TE Office will help you in the search for a new job or in applying for training. In addition, you will be advised on starting your own business.

Source: [welcomeoffice.fi/en/south-ostrobothnia/etela-pohjanmaa-tyo-eng](https://welcomeoffice.fi/en/south-ostrobothnia/etela-pohjanmaa-tyo-eng)

**Useful websites when searching for a job:**

[infofinland.fi/work-and-enterprise/finnish-working-culture](https://infofinland.fi/work-and-enterprise/finnish-working-culture)

[tyomarkkinatori.fi/en](https://tyomarkkinatori.fi/en)

[ttl.fi/en](https://ttl.fi/en)

[toimistot.te-palvelut.fi](https://toimistot.te-palvelut.fi) (FI)

[jobwelldone.fi](https://jobwelldone.fi)





## IMMIGRATION SERVICES

Integration services are offered to all foreigners moving to Kauhajoki. You are provided information on Finnish social services and the rights and responsibilities of people moving to Finland. For further information, contact:

### Immigration Coordinator

Agnes Szeman  
VUOKSI International Service,  
Oppitie 4, 61800 Kauhajoki  
Tel. +358 40 641 6374  
Email. [agnes.szeman@vuoksi.fi](mailto:agnes.szeman@vuoksi.fi)

Please make an appointment to ensure flexible service.

### WELCOME 2EP

Welcome2EP is a guidance and counselling service operating in Southern Ostrobothnia for people who have moved to Finland from another country.

[welcomeoffice.fi/  
etela-pohjanmaa/kauhajoki](https://welcomeoffice.fi/etela-pohjanmaa/kauhajoki)

## LEARNING FINNISH

Learning the local language will help you to integrate into Finland, to find work and things to do in your leisure time.

[welcomeoffice.fi/en/south-ostrobothnia/etela-pohjanmaa-suomen-kielen-koulutus-eng/](https://welcomeoffice.fi/en/south-ostrobothnia/etela-pohjanmaa-suomen-kielen-koulutus-eng/)

## HEALTH CARE

If you need health care urgently, please call for an appointment at the Kauhajoki Health Centre on +358 (0) 6 2413 3200. In non-urgent cases, please call +358 (0) 6 2413 3220. In an emergency, always call 112.

### Pharmacies in Kauhajoki

Kauhajoen 1. apteekki (Topeeka 65)  
Kauhajoen Nuotti Apteekki (Puistotie 51)

### Dental health

If you have a municipality of residence in Finland, you are entitled to public dental care services. You can make a booking by calling the central number +358 (0)6 2413 3340.

# Welcome to Live in Kauhajoki!

## SERVICES FOR NEW INHABITANTS IN A NUTSHELL



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Kauhajoki is a town of 13,000 inhabitants located in the province of Western Finland. We offer everything from excellent services to diverse hobby opportunities and invigorating nature. With us, you can experience the modern community spirit, an entrepreneurial mindset and the Nordic way of life.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE:

[kauhajoki.fi/working-and-living-in-kauhajoki](https://kauhajoki.fi/working-and-living-in-kauhajoki)

[welcomeoffice.fi/en/  
south-ostrobothnia/kauhajoki](https://welcomeoffice.fi/en/south-ostrobothnia/kauhajoki)

