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Welcome to Ikaalinen – where wellbeing comes naturally.

For over a century now, Ikaalinen has been known for its spa and waterways, which offer relaxation and a new start to both visitors and residents. The glimmering waters of Lake Kyrösjärvi, the clean, green natural environment, and the gentle rhythm of the town invite you to stay—and possibly to put down roots!

Everyday life unfolds smoothly in Ikaalinen, where reliable services support residents of all ages, from young people and working adults to seniors and families with children. Diverse educational opportunities, a rich cultural scene, and well-maintained public services together form a warm, secure environment for everyone to learn and live.

Ikaalinen's excellent location, just fifty-five kilometres from the city of Tampere, offers all the advantages of a major region—bringing the opportunities of Pirkanmaa county within reach, while preserving the tranquillity of a rural setting. Convenient transport connections ensure the town is easily accessible and an appealing choice for residents and entrepreneurs.

A strong sense of community is one of the town's most vibrant, dynamic qualities, helping you build the life you want. Active residents in our surrounding villages form a cohesive, welcoming whole. Local communities organise events, support their neighbours, and greet newcomers with genuine warmth. Everyday interactions, shared projects, and volunteer efforts all reflect this spirit.

There's room for everyone in Ikaalinen.

Eeva Viitanen

Mayor

Ikaalinen at a glance

- founded in 1641
- approx. 7,000 residents
- area: 844 km²,
including 93 km² of lakes
and waterways





*The town of Ikaalinen is shaped by its peaceful ridges,
serene lakes, and strong community spirit
—a place where the mind and body can rest,
much like the warm pools of a spa or the gentle heat of a sauna.*





Make a home in Ikaalinen!

Discover nature and living space

In Ikaalinen, natural beauty, a vibrant community, and diverse services come together to create an exceptional environment to work, study, relax, and live. Whether dreaming of owning or renting a home—or even of acquiring a plot to build the house of your dreams—Ikaalinen has everything you need.

Build the home of your dreams!

Ikaalinen provides safe, spacious, comfortable living right in the heart of nature, yet close to essential services. Here, everyday life runs smoothly. You'll find a home that is truly your own. Beautiful lake views and well-maintained parks help shape the town's landscape. Lakeside plots are available for very inviting prices in the picturesque Sarkinranta area.

The town also offers a **child discount** on municipally owned single-family plots of land: a 10% price reduction for each child under 18 (excluding promotional campaigns).

Get more for less in Ikaalinen

Housing in Ikaalinen is significantly more affordable than in larger urban centres. Here, you can enjoy a more spacious home, a generous yard, and beautiful surroundings—all at a fraction of city prices.

Tampere is only 55 kilometres away, with a travel time of just over half an hour along Finland's well-lit Highway 3.



The vitality of village communities

Ikaalinen is a town of villages. Beyond the town's central area, a network of communities stretches around Lake Kyrösjärvi, each offering beautiful scenery, peaceful surroundings, and an active village life—an ideal choice for anyone seeking a home in the countryside.

Experience country life

Residents can choose from a wide range of housing options in the area, from traditional red nordic cottages and lakeside plots to comfortable rental homes. These settings suit modern living exceptionally well, allowing remote work, holiday stays, and year-round residence to blend seamlessly together.

A charming village culture

Village life in Ikaalinen is rich in tradition and local character.

The Röyhiö village summer theatre delights audiences in its picturesque rural setting, while Huopio market in Luhalampi attracts visitors from across the region.

In east Ikaalinen, the village flea-market trail and Vanha Niemen kyläpuoti village shop in Luhalampi offer local treats, handcrafted goods, and unique discoveries.

Community spirit in daily life

In Ikaalinen's villages, neighbours know one another and greet passers-by. Shared village projects, seasonal celebrations, and volunteer activities keep communities vibrant and connected. Local associations and active residents work closely with the town to develop services and housing and business opportunities.





A gentle learning environment —from early childhood to upper secondary school

Small units of early childhood education across Ikaalinen offer children a safe, welcoming start to their educational journeys. Nature and the forest play an important role in daycare activities, enriching pedagogy with meaningful outdoor learning experiences.

The idyllic regional schools in Tevaniemi and Kilvakkala—together with the Valkean Ruusun school in the town centre—give primary school pupils space to grow and succeed. A new facility for upper comprehensive school students will be completed next to Valkean Ruusun school, in the autumn of 2026.

The IDEA-kampus hosts the largest, most diverse centre for arts and crafts education in the Nordic region

The SASKY Municipal Education and Training Consortium's IDEA-kampus in Ikaalinen is home to: the Ikaalinen Business College, IKATA – the Ikaalinen College of Crafts and Design and the Ikaalinen Upper Secondary School.

With around 700 students, more than twenty fields of study, and a strong sense of community, the campus offers a unique and inspiring learning environment. Students attend the IDEA-kampus from over one hundred municipalities across Finland. Specialised programmes include gunsmithing, guitar building, and upper-secondary-level architectural studies.

The SASKY Ylä-Satakunta Music Institute complements this educational offering with both basic and advanced music studies in Ikaalinen.





Hobbies and exercise —for joy and energy!

In Ikaalinen, people of all ages can enjoy a rich variety of activities supporting health, creativity, and wellbeing—from sports and music to handicrafts and theatre. Local sports services, associations, businesses, and clubs offer a wide choice of leisure opportunities.

Ikaalinen library welcomes visitors with an extensive collection of books, newspapers, and magazines, along with sports equipment available for loan.

Valkean Ruusun Areena serves as a versatile sports and events centre right in the heart of town.

School-age children can discover their own communities in youth spaces where ideas and enthusiasm come together in a wide range of activities. The national Finnish Model for Leisure Activities provides free opportunities for children and young people to explore new interests, while the local adult education centre encourages learners of all ages to develop their skills.

Spending time outdoors is a favourite way to unwind in Ikaalinen.

The town's lakes and forests offer endless opportunities for recreation, from nature trails and an outdoor gym to Seitsemien National Park and the stunning landscape of Vatulajärvi. These environments invite residents and visitors alike to enjoy the outdoors in every season.

From Ikaalinen to the top of the field

Cross-country skier Krista Pärmäkoski and sprinter Samuli Samuelsson are among many notable athletes who grew up in Ikaalinen.

You can explore the Ikaalinen hobbies calendar here: ikaalinen.fi/harrastukset and sign up for the next sports or hobbies session.



Health and wellbeing for every resident

Ikaalinen's social and healthcare services support residents of all ages. Local services are provided by the Wellbeing Services County of Pirkanmaa. The town health centre offers doctor and nurse appointments, maternity and child health clinics, and student healthcare. Home care and other support services are available to residents whenever additional assistance is needed.

The region's digital clinic provides guidance and advice online every day, while specialised medical care is available at TAYS, the Tampere University Hospital.

Jyllin Kodit, located in the town centre, offers seniors a safe and community-oriented living environment. Operated by the Jyllin Säätiö Foundation, the service centre provides round-the-clock housing, home services, and rehabilitation. Also within the Jyllin Kodit complex, **Lähitori Ikaalinen** serves as a warm, low-threshold meeting place for seniors and individuals with disabilities, offering guidance on local services as well as opportunities for social interaction.

The new **Aalto Senior Home** provides an accessible, independent living option in the Jyllin Kodit area, conveniently close to essential services.





*Ikaalinen is open to everyone
—new people and ideas are always welcome!*



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INO - Ikaalinen Youth Orchestra



Dive into Ikaalinen's diverse culture!

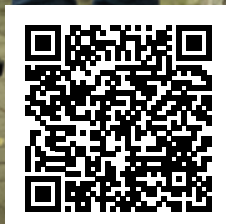
Ikaalinen invites you to immerse yourself in its rich history and calendar of local events. Cultural life thrives here through collaboration between the town, associations, volunteers, and local businesses. In Ikaalinen, art is not just consumed –it's created and experienced together.

The town offers an impressive variety of art, music, community activities, and forums for thought and dialogue, with events ranging from Puistofilosofia (Philosophy in the Park) to the RantaBlues festival, from concerts by leading Finnish artists to public dances and church concerts, and from summer theatre to art exhibitions and children's events.

Finland's oldest, smallest, and most charming historic market district offers a unique 19th-century setting of leafy boulevards and historic buildings. The Rahkolan Kesä summer festival invites both residents and visitors to enjoy its exhibitions, cafés, and events programme. Oma Tupa hall hosts exhibitions and gatherings throughout the year, while the Altin Sali cinema screens new releases and special showings during autumn, winter, and spring.

Culture is a living component of everyday life in Ikaalinen, offering inspiration, meaningful encounters, and opportunities to participate.

You'll find the Ikaalinen events calendar at
ikaalinen.fi/en/tapahtumat
—feel free to join in!





Add a splash of steam to your holiday!

In a spa town like Ikaalinen, every visit leaves you refreshed. Enjoy the town culture, the natural setting, and unique local events—and take in the atmosphere of **Wanha Kauppala**, the old market district.

The warm waters of Ikaalinen's spa have comforted travellers for over 140 years.

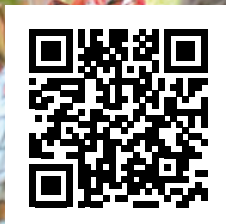
Today, the ever-evolving **Ikaalinen Spa & Resort** offers a perfect blend of relaxation and new experiences—from dancing and music festivals to spa treatments and great food. Its newest attraction, **Sauna world Utu**, is a multi-sensory sauna world that elevates steam bathing to an entirely new level. Lovers of traditional sauna will delight in visiting **Villa Vihta** on Toivolansaari Island, whose wood-heated sauna by the waters of Lake Kyrösjärvi provide peace and relaxation throughout the year. In summer, the **Ikaalinen Sauna Festival** brings sauna enthusiasts together to celebrate Finland's iconic sauna heritage.

Nature is Ikaalinen's greatest treasure. The scenic landscapes of the Ulvaa and Vatula ridges, the nearby forest trails, **Seitseminen National Park**, and the seemingly endless village paths offer quiet routes for hiking and relaxing. The area's lakes—Kyrösjärvi, its rivers, and many smaller lakes around it—invite visitors into the water, or in winter, onto sunny ski trails on the ice.

Wonderful accommodation completes any holiday. Choose from luxurious suites, peaceful cottages, idyllic farm accommodations, or cosy campsites—each offering its own unique atmosphere. Days drift by pleasantly between outdoor activities, relaxing in nature, and visiting local cafés and restaurants.

**Ikaalinen – a town of unforgettable experiences
and thrilling events.**

Your journey to Ikaalinen begins at
visitikaalinen.fi/en



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Kompassi: your dedicated business partner

Welcome to Kompassi, the business services unit of the town of Ikaalinen! We're here to support and accelerate your company's growth.

Ikaalinen offers a strategic location along Finland's Highway 3, a business-friendly operating environment, access to a skilled workforce, and opportunities for cooperation with local educational institutions. You'll also find affordable premises and development plots to aid the growth of your business—alongside fast and flexible zoning processes, a cost-effective operating environment, and a support package for employees moving to the area.

Kompassi also offers guidance for new entrepreneurs as well as sparring and brainstorming on new ideas, guidance at every stage of business growth, information on funding, permits, and subsidies, and up-to-date news and insights on development projects and local opportunities. We'll help you find skilled employees, connect with business networks, discover business mentors, and cooperate with the town.

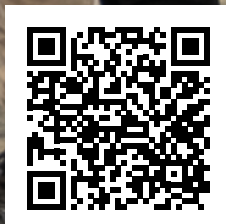
You can explore local businesses through our online business register: ikaalinen.yrityshakemistot.fi

**So get in touch. Visit us, call, or send a message.
Let's explore what Ikaalinen can do for you!**

Feel free to contact any member of our business services team. We'll ensure your request receives prompt attention.

Let's make it happen together.







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