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2019 F.I.C.B. International Wine Tasting and Rating Challenge

The Knights of the Vine of Finland will host the first edition of the F.I.C.B. International Wine Tasting and Rating Challenge in Finland **from 6 to 9 June 2019**. In addition to a superb gastronomic, wine and touristic programme, an individual blind wine tasting competition and a collective rating of all the wines served during the event are included. The rules will be published by F.I.C.B. before September 2018.



PROGRAMME OF THE 2019 F.I.C.B. CHALLENGE

Thursday, 6 June 2019, Day 1

Upon arrival at Helsinki-Vantaa airport : transfers to *Haikko Manor and Spa* (driving time ca 30-35 minutes).

- 14:00 - 18:00 Registration at the *Haikko Manor and Spa* in Porvoo
- 18:00 - 19:00 Welcome Reception Hosted by the Knights of the Vine Finland
- 19:00 - 22:00 Get-together dinner with wine presentation at Haikko Manor – live music





Friday, 7 June 2019, Day 2

Introduction of Porvoo and Finland (Independent State for 100 years in 2017), brief history, economy and culture.

- 09:00 - 10:30 First session of the FICB Wine Blind Tasting Competition (for the participants having registered for the contest)
- 10:45 - 12:00 Porvoo Old Town walking tour and exclusive program by City of Porvoo
- 12:00 – 13:30 Enthronement to the Finland Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine, reception hosted by the Mayor of Porvoo
- 13:30 - 15:00 Traditional Finnish lunch by the sea, prepared the way it has been done for centuries by local fishermen.
- 15:00 Free time (shopping time) in Old Town of Porvoo or relax at the Haikko Manor
- 16:00 - 17:00 Wine Tasting in the Wild
- 18:00 Transfer to Kiala Manor (built 1796 by general Carl Johan Adlercreutz) and dinner in Arched Cellar
- 22:00 Back to the hotel



Saturday, 8 June 2019, Day 3

- 09:00 - 10:30 Second session of the FICB Blind Wine Tasting Competition (for the participants having registered for the contest)
- 10:00 - 12:00 Traditional Finnish Fishing Competition – guided and organized by 4H-youth association
- 13:00 - 15:00 Visit with lunch at Navetta/Kannonnokka Farmhouse
- 15:30 Back to Haikko, free time to enjoy Finnish Sauna, Spa or just relax



19:00 - 23:00 Haikko Manor – Villa, **F.I.C.B. Gala with Awards' Ceremony**, together with the Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine Finland's Chapter for its 20th Anniversary.
Announcement of Winners of F.I.C.B. Blind Wine tasting competition.
And last but not least announcement of the Best Wines of the event. Evening will be entertained by World Famous Finnish artists. Are you ready to dance !

Sunday, 9 June 2019, Day 4

09:00 - 11:30 Farewell – Champagne breakfast together with all participants.

Transfers to Helsinki-Vantaa airport or agreed spot to continue lovely extra program.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION IN HELSINKI AND TALLINN, ESTONIA

Sunday, 9 June 2019, Day 1 Helsinki, the capital of Finland

12.00 Departure from Haikko Manor

13.00 - 18.00 Helsinki sightseeing tour with visit to Unesco World Heritage Suomenlinna fortress

18.00 Check-in to Hotel President

20.00 Dinner at Restaurant Juuri specializing in organic products from Finland

Monday 10 June 2019, Day 2 Cruise to Tallinn the capital of Estonia, a former Soviet state

08.30 Departure from hotel to Länsi-Satama harbour

10.30 – 12.30 Ferry to Estonia

13.00 - 16.00 Tallinn Old Town tour around the former Hanseatic League medieval city

16.00 Late Lunch at medieval restaurant Olde Hansa

19.30-21.30 Ferry back to Helsinki

Tuesday, 11 June 2019, Day 3 Time to explore Helsinki

09.00 Breakfast & Check-out

09.00 Free time for shopping and the great museums of Helsinki

It is possible to extend the program with a 2-night cruise across the beautiful **Finnish Archipelago to Stockholm, Sweden** or with a **Visa-free cruise to St Petersburg, Russia**. The pricing and schedule for the cruises for either destination are not yet available and will be published latest in January 2019.

PACKAGE OPTIONS

1- FICB Challenge 6-9 June 2019

Haikko Spa Hotel

Standard	890,00 € per person twin/double room	for single stay 1100,00 €
Superior	990,00 € per person twin/double room	for single stay 1250,00 €
De Luxe	1120,00 € per person twin/double room	for single stay 1450,00 €

Haikko Manor

Classic	1150,00 € per person twin/double room	for single stay 1450,00 €
Imperial	1290,00 € per person twin/double room	for single stay 1650,00 €
Suite	1500,00 € per person twin/double room	for single stay 2000,00 €

Enthronement to the Finland Brotherhood of the Knights of the Vine (optional) 150,00 € per person
One free enthronement per wine brotherhood represented

All prices for F.I.C.B. Wine Challenge registration include:

Hotel for 3 nights inclusive of breakfast, 3 dinners with wines, 2 lunches with wines, all visits as program, transports, entertainment.

2- Extension 2 nights + visit to Estonia: 9-11 June 2019

Hotel President 650 € per person twin/double room for single stay 780,00 €

REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

<https://kovfinland.org/2019winechallenge>

Useful websites:

<http://www.visitfinland.com/>

<https://www.visitporvoo.fi/>

<http://www.haikko.fi/en>

<http://www.kannonnokka.com/> (only in Finnish)

<http://www.taidetehdas.fi/en/>

<http://kialagard.com/en/index.htm>

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