Finland

- Culture
  - Cinema
    - Finland has a growing film industry with a number of famous directors such as Aki Kaurismäki, Timo Koivusalo, Aleksi Mäkelä and Klaus Härö. Hollywood film director/ producer Renny Harlin (born Lauri Mauritz Harjola) was born in Finland.
  - Music
    - Pop
      - Modern Finnish popular music includes a renowned heavy metal music scene, in common with other Nordic countries, as well as a number of prominent rock bands, hip hop performers, pop music and dance music acts such as Bomfunk MCs, Darude and Waldo's People.
    - Rock and Heavy Metal
      - In 1990s Finnish rock and metal music started to gain international fame with such bands as Amorphis, Children of Bodom, Ensiferum, Norther, Impaled Nazarene,Nightwish, Sentenced, Sonata Arctica, Stratovarius.
      - Tuska Open Air Metal Festival, one of the largest open-air heavy metal music festivals in the world, is held annually in Kaisaniemi, Helsinki.
- Food
  - Finnish cuisine is notable for combining traditional country fare and haute cuisine with contemporary continental style cooking. Fish and meat (pork, beef or reindeer) play a prominent role in traditional Finnish dishes in some parts of the country, while the dishes elsewhere have traditionally included various vegetables and mushrooms
- History
  - The region of present day Finland was first inhabited in 9000 BCC, right after the last ice age.
  - Most of the region was a part of the Kingdom of Sweden from the 13th century to 1809, when most of the Finnish-speaking areas of Sweden were ceded to the Russian Empire, making this area the autonomous Grand Duchy of Finland.
  - In 1917, Finland declared independence and civil war between the Red Guards and the White Guard ensued with the White Guard gaining the upper hand.
  - Finland joined the European Union in 1995 and replaced the Finnish markka with the euro in 2002.
- Nature
  - Vegetation
    - Finland is mostly covered with taiga from northern regions of southern provinces to the north of Lapland.
    - On the southwest coast there are mostly mixed forests.
    - On the extreme North of Finalnd Montane Birch forests are common.
  - Climate
    - Finland is mainly characterized characterized by warm summers and freezing winters.
    - Finland's climate can vary between the southern coastal regions and the extreme north, showing characteristics of both a maritime and a continental climate.
  - Animals
    - Bears
    - Wolves
    - Swans
    - Perch
    - Salmon
- People
  - Population
    - 5.5 Million
  - Religion
    - Finland's largest religious body is the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland with 7 out of 10 Finns being members of the church.
    - About 25% of Finns have no religious affiliation.
- Geography
  - Finland is the northernmost country in the European Union.It is bordering the Baltic Sea, Gulf of Bothnia, and Gulf of Finland, as well as Sweden, Norway, and Russia
  - Area
    - Total Area
      - 337,030 km2
    - Coastline
      - 1,250 km
    - Highest Point
      - The Haltitunturi fell 1,328 m