



RAAHE

A CITY WITH LOTS OF NATURE!





A COSY HAVEN OF EVERYDAY LIFE

Raahen is a small and cosy city embraced by the sea and nature on the shore of the Bay of Bothnia in North Ostrobothnia. Raahen residents enjoy an easy everyday life, high-quality services and diverse recreational opportunities, close to nature. Here, everything is close by so you don't waste time commuting!

Raahen combines a strong and long history of the sailing ship era history with modern day: it is a naturally beautiful, historical and interesting place to live, while also providing a well-functioning service centre and commuting area with short distances.

Raahen, the second largest city in Northern Ostrobothnia, with approximately 24,000 residents, invests heavily in the future, which is reflected in such things as zoning and the range of available plots that support a high-quality of life.

The perfect small city town cares for its residents well and everyday life is safe and easy going. Raahen has been recognized as the educational influencer of the year 2021. The city's child-friendly approach is evident in its high-quality basic education and early childhood education and care services as well as in its investments in new, modern school buildings. There is an abundance of

hobbies available for people of all ages, and they are affordable! There is a wide range of activities for athletes, outdoor enthusiasts as well as creative culture lovers.

In Raahen, the sea is right in the heart of the city, as is the Raahen archipelago, which was chosen as the excursion destination of the year in 2016. Old Raahen is a cultural historical gem: a charming neighbourhood of more than 300 wooden buildings where time has stopped but life continues!

Within a short distance, you can find both hypermarkets and unique boutiques, as well as all services and a diverse range of cultural events.

Fast fibre optic connections enable smooth remote work also from rural areas.

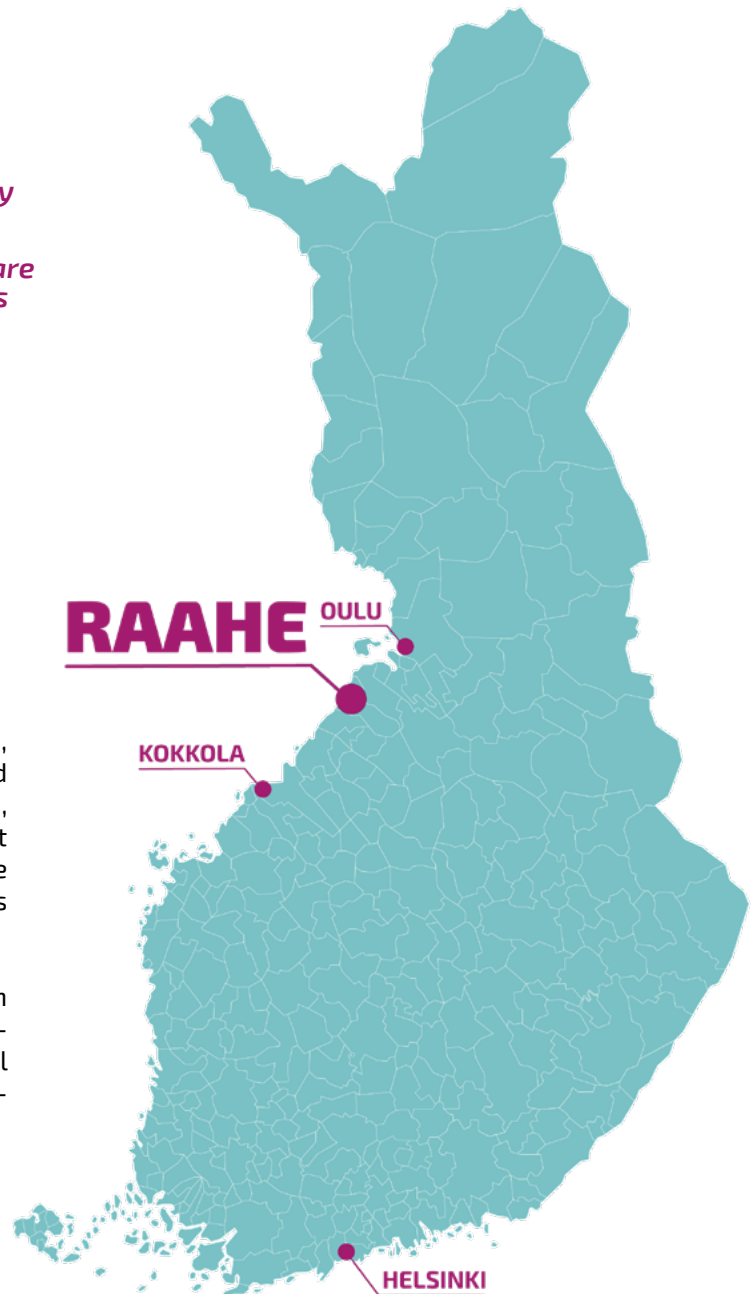
INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY

- *Founded by Count Per Brahe in 1649*
- *A city with a strong workplace self-sufficiency and some 24,000 residents*
- *Job vacancies in industry, and the social welfare and health care, education and service sectors*
- *Raahe's appeal as a city of green industry, entrepreneurship and tourism is growing*
- *Consolidations of municipalities: Saloinen 1973, Pattijoki 2003, Vihanti 2013*
- *The Raahe sub-region comprises the municipalities of Raahe, Pyhäjoki and Siikajoki*

WHETHER BY CAR, BUS, TRAIN OR AIR – YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE!

Raahe is located just over 70 kilometres south of Oulu, by Highway 8. Quick flights to anywhere in the world are available only about an hour's drive away in Oulu, and environmentally friendly trains stop in the district of Vihanti less than half an hour's drive from the centre of Raahe. The bus connections to various cities are extensive.

Bus and taxi services serve both the airport and train station. More detailed information on the bus schedules is available on [Matkahuolto](#) website and on-call and airport taxi services on [Raahe taxi station](#) website.



YOUR DREAM HOME AWAITS YOU IN A SAFE SMALL-CITY MILIEU WITHOUT TRAFFIC JAMS

Whether you want a new home with spacious and peaceful countryside or one close to the sea, Raahe can make your dream come true. We can also offer cosy urban communities, high-value properties in the middle of the city and affordable rental apartments a few minutes' bike ride away from the amenities.

Living in Raahe is affordable, safe and relaxed, with particular emphasis on good basic services. We do not have traffic jams or parking fees. We can promise that you will have more time for living!

Raahe also offers high-quality rental apartments for many needs: there are plenty of size options in the apartments, and there are also furnished rental apartments available.

For more information on the City of Raahe's vacant plots and their location and prices, please visit [our website](#).



TRADITIONAL SCHOOL CITY PROVIDES A GREAT SETTING FOR STUDENT LIFE



Students have walked the streets of Raahе for hundreds of years. Just like their predecessors, modern students are provided with high-quality teaching.

Post-comprehensive school study opportunities and tailor-made education for adults are provided by the Raahе Business College and Brahe Education Centre. Raahе Upper Secondary School provides high-quality upper secondary education.

In Raahе, you can complete an entire Bachelor's degree or complete some higher education studies as part of your vocational upper secondary qualification. City has cooperation with several higher education partners. For more information on education opportunities, please visit [our website](#).

The Summer University of Northern Ostrobothnia's Raahе unit offers open university instruction and supplementary vocational training. Basic education in the arts is provided in Raahе Music Institute and Raahе Adult Education Centre.

We have all you need for a good student life: affordable apartments are easy to find, and there is no need for a car as all the services can be found within walking or cycling distance.



RICH CULTURAL OFFERINGS AND DIVERSE LEISURE OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE

Whether you are always on the move or a culture vulture, daydreamer or handicraft enthusiast, there is plenty to do in Raahе with all the diverse hobbies, thrilling events, excellent cultural and library services and vibrant association activities on offer every day of the year. There is something to do for all age groups, with special attention paid to children and young people.

Raahе Event House is a lively cultural centre and versatile meeting venue in the heart of the city, just a few steps from the idyllic Old Raahе. Raahе Event House's engaging repertoire includes musical, artistic and cultural experiences as well as events such as meetings, educational sessions and fairs. Check out the lively programme on the [Raahе Event House website](#).

Raahе Museum is the oldest local museum in Finland, with a diverse collection that provides you with the opportunity to delve deep into the fascinating history of Raahе from the prehistoric period through the Age of Sail to the industrial period. Today, Raahе Museum consists of seven museum sites and offers virtual museum tours to some of the collections available on the [Raahе Museum website](#).

Raahе City Library offers diverse and high-quality library services in cosy facilities. Mobile library services complement the service. Raahе City Library is part of the OUTI library data system, meaning that the services of all OUTI libraries are available to the customers of Raahе City Library. For more information on the library services, please visit [our website](#).

Raahе Adult Education Centre is maintained by the city and provides the joy of learning for people of all ages. The centre offers diverse recreational and educational opportunities in the fields of music, visual arts, literature, handicrafts, languages, information technology, sports and dance, to name but a few. For more information concerning what's available, please visit the [Raahе Adult Education Centre website](#).





EXCITING EVENTS TO ENJOY ALL YEAR ROUND

Charming Raahe spoils its residents and guests with many popular events all year round. The events are organised by the city, private operators and associations alike.

Highlights of the summer season include the traditional home region days, Pekanpäivät, Pooki Flakkaa – Raahe Maritime Festival, which celebrates maritime Raahe and the Raahe Jazz on the Beach, which offers unique musical experiences. Enjoy the early autumn ambiance on the night of the arts and in Raahen Pimiät Festival.

Traditional events during the autumn include Autumn market at Rantatori Square and Lapaluoto fish market. Friends of literature, on the other hand, will enjoy the Raahe Book Fair.

Christmas time offers family events from Raahe's Christmas opening to Annanpäivä day and Old Raahe's Christmas calendar to Seminaarin joulu. The annual Spring Market at Rantatori Square and the Fiian Valakiat Market Weekend are certain signs of the spring.

All year round, you get to enjoy concerts and other experiences at the Raahe Event House and shows at the Raahe Theatre, not forgetting the exciting moments of watching sports at the baseball stadium and several other sports arenas.

You can check out the recommendations for all the events, entertainment and activities on the [Visit Raahe website](#).

Raahe is a vibrant sports city where you can play and compete in a variety of sports, even at the national level. The city's leisure services provide sports services for various age groups. Our diverse winter and summer sports facilities offer a great opportunity for sports and relaxation.

Koivuluoto Sports Park is located close to the city centre with easy access. The area includes a skating rink, an athletics field and the Arina Areena indoor sports hall, enabling sports activities in the wintertime, too. There are also sports parks in the Pattijoki and Vihanti districts.

The Pikkulahti recreational area features Raahe's main beach and many other activities to enjoy all year round such as canoeing, fishing, stand-up paddleboarding, fatbiking and ice swimming.

You can also exercise in stunning maritime surroundings at a high-quality outdoor gym.



ENJOY PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR



Raahe has an extensive network of illuminated trails for skiing and outdoor recreation, including two ski huts. There is also an almost 100-km-long network of hiking trails in Vihanti and several shorter nature trails around the city. There are several illuminated ice rinks for playing ice hockey and skating. The sea ice and terrain attract people to engage in traditional or new activities, offering unforgettable experiences for tour skaters, skiers and snowmobile riders, for example.

Swimming Centre and Spa Vesipekka is a recreational sports centre where you can enjoy spa-level services at the cost of a swimming pool fee. Raahe Sports Hall offers facilities for various ball games, physical exercise and athletics, while Raahela Sports House provides excellent facilities for martial art and group exercise, for example. Raahe also has a wide range of sports facilities maintained by private parties.

For more information on Raahe sports facilities and opportunities, please visit [our website](#).

UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES AMIDST UNIQUE ARCHIPELAGO NATURE

The Raahe archipelago, awarded as Finnish Outdoor Destination of the Year 2016, is a compact urban archipelago consisting of around 50 small islands and islets. Due to its ease of access and close proximity, the Raahe archipelago is a popular recreational site both in summer and winter.

In the summertime, you can enjoy the popular archipelago cruises and transport services or kayak- and SUP tours, for example. In the wintertime, ice conditions permitting, a lot of people go out on the ice and islands by skiing, walking or skating, among other things. Many of the islands have moorings for boats and resting huts for hikers. For more detailed information on recreational opportunities in the archipelago, please see the [Visit Raahe website](#).

A significant part of the archipelago off the coast of Raahe belongs to the Natura 2000 network due to its birdlife, vegetation and habitat types. The archipelago forms a scenically valuable entity shaped by post-glacial rebound and early means of livelihood, such as cattle herding, fishing and maritime transport.



INVEST IN LOCATION – LAND PLOTS AND COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR ALL ENTREPRENEURS

It is but a short hop from Raahe to the world, with projects worth billions within your reach! As a business location, Raahe is located in an excellent place right by Highway 8 and Main Road 88, along an electrified railway line. Oulu Airport is only an hour's drive away.

The Port of Raahe, one of Finland's busiest ports, serves maritime operators smoothly, reliably and safely throughout the year.

The city is prepared for growth, with an excellent selection of pre-planned land plots for business. The city has a special industry advisor to support entrepreneurs planning to establish their business in the region, and Raahe Region Development offers personal advice, assists in organising practical matters and provides up-to-date information in all matters related to entrepreneurship, free of charge. For more information about the services, please visit the [Raahe Region Development website](#).






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