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# Kruunuvuorenranta

# Urban living with a maritime atmosphere





# A district of light by the sea

Visible from the city centre across Kruunuvuorenselkä, the Silo 468 light art piece shines a white light in the evening and turns red as the evening fades into the night. The piece indicates the location where the construction of the new seaside district of Kruunuvuorenranta is about to begin.

Kruunuvuorenranta is located in a fabulous setting by the sea, in the midst of nature, opposite the city centre in the south-western part of Laajasalo island. The new city district will open the previously inaccessible shores to city residents for living and leisure. Kruunuvuorenranta will be built within the next fifteen years. At the end of the 2020s, the area will be home to 11,000 Helsinki residents, offering extensive local services and it will be known for its great scenery as well as summertime marine activities.

# **Residential quarters with many faces**

Kruunuvuorenranta will be a city district with many faces. The residential quarters will include different types of blocks of flats and small blocks, terraced houses and small urban houses, a few plots with their own shoreline and floating homes. The central section, **1** Haakoninlahti, will be dominated by blocks of flats. By the shore, small urban houses will line the urban, pier-like shore promenade. Haakoninlahti will include a school, a day-care centre, a play park, commercial services and an indoor arena for ball games. A residential quarter with mostly blocks of flats, a school and a sports

park will be built in **(2) Hopealaakso**. The extension of the 3 Kaitalahti detached housing area will feature 43 new plots for detached houses by Hopeakaivoksentie. The southern part of **4** Kruunuvuori will be built into small-scale quarters that rise up the hillside in terraces, offering a view of the city centre across Kruunuvuorenselkä. On 5 Koirasaari islands, which are separated with channels, small urban houses and blocks of flats will be located near the water. Some of the plots may have their own shoreline, and there will also be room for floating homes. The embankment park on the south-western shore will offer protection against the harsh sea climate. Featuring small-scale gardentype quarters, 6 Stansvikinnummi will be modelled after old Finnish towns with wooden buildings. 7 Gunillankallio and 8 Borgströminmäki will be connected to the old residential quarter structure of Laajasalo. The 3-6-storey residential blocks are adapted to the terrain between the cliff tops. 9 Stansvik Manor and its surroundings will remain an open recreational area. The manor has been restored and is managed by the City of Helsinki. The

manor's buildings have been let out for summer home activities.

## An oasis of marine leisure

The entire area of Kruunuvuorenranta is a short walk away from the sea. Extending across more than six kilometres, the shoreline will feature steep rocky shores, shallow reedy areas, parks, a beach, promenades, boat harbours and piers. Residents and visitors will have excellent opportunities for all kinds of marine hobbies. In the summer, you can go boating, surfing, fishing and swimming. Wintertime activities include ice-fishing and ice-swimming. The sea scenery can be admired year-round. Outdoor enthusiasts will appreciate the wooded, rocky nature around Kruunuvuorenranta as well as the nearby manor parks.

# Lights over Kruunuvuorenranta

The location of Kruunuvuorenranta behind an open expanse of sea, opposite the city centre will be highlighted by lighting up the southern and western shore façades of the area into a work of environmental art and by providing a site for changing light art events. The lighting will be implemented on the basis of the results of the design competition organised for the purpose.

# Silo 468 – from an oil silo into a work of light art

A few oil silos, structures and piers will be preserved as a reminder of the old oil port in Kruunuvuorenranta. The largest oil silo has been renovated and converted into a versatile outdoor space by cutting openings in its wall. As a work of light art, it will also





serve as a beacon for the construction of the new Kruunuvuorenranta.

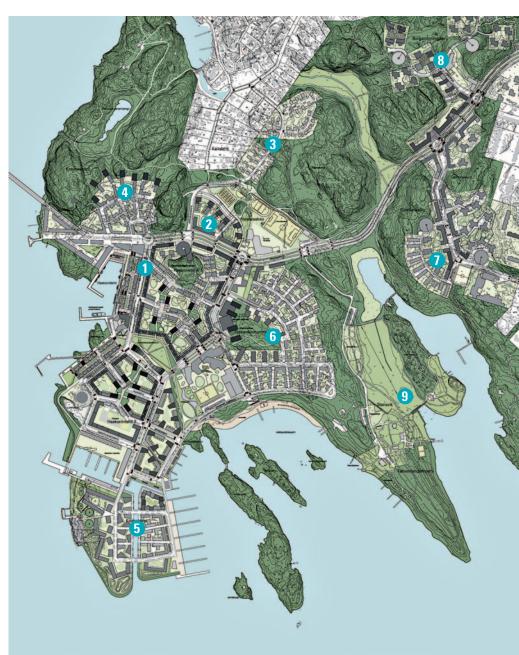
# **Traffic**

The traffic connection from Kruunuvuorenranta to the city centre, via Herttoniemi, is about 10 kilometres long. The planned bridge connection for public transport from Kruununhaka via Sompasaari to Kruunuvuorenranta would bring all of Laajasalo closer to the city centre. The bridge connection would also shorten the trip to the centre for cyclists. Ferry traffic has been studied as an alternative for the bridge. Ferries would transport buses and their passengers between the city centre and Laajasalo. The water traffic connection between Kauppatori and Kruunuvuorenranta would also emphasise the marine nature of Kruunuvuorenranta and all of Helsinki.



# **Public services**

- Two schools and six day-care centres
- A sports hall and sports park
- A beach and small boat harbour
- Three grocery stores
- Restaurants, cafés
- Street-level business premises





## Estimated construction start

Gunillankallio	2013
Kaitalahti	2013
Borgströminmäki	2014
Hopealaakso	2014
Haakoninlahti	2014
Kruunuvuori	2015
Koirasaaret	2016
Stansvikinnummi	2018

### Kruunuvuorenranta in numbers

Gross floor area for housing, m <sup>2</sup>	500000
Gross floor area for offices, m <sup>2</sup>	50000
Residents	11000
Jobs	700–800
Housing quarter and traffic areas, ha	95
Recreation and nature areas, ha	106





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