FINNISH NATURE – EVERY PERSON’S RIGHT
Relationship with nature

Finland and Finns have a uniquely strong emotional connection with nature.

This can be seen in the importance of environmental values and sustainability in Finnish society and business.
80% of Finnish people find the forest quite important or very important to them personally.
Every Person’s Right

The unique Finnish concept of jokamiehenoikeus or Every Person’s Right decrees that anyone may hike, camp and gather mushrooms and berries in any forest or uninhabited area, regardless of who owns it.
In Finland nature is everywhere

Finland is Europe’s most forested country and one of its most sparsely populated.

75% of Finland is covered by trees and a further 10% by lakes, rivers and other bodies of water.
Accessible outdoor activities

There are **more than 500,000 summer cottages** in Finland – a country with a population of 5.5 million.

Finland’s **40 national parks are extensive nature conservation areas** with the task of ensuring biodiversity and giving people the opportunity to relax and enjoy nature.
According to the World Health Organization, Finland has *the cleanest air in the world*. Finnish lakes also count among the cleanest in the world.
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Forests as a part of Finnish economy

Nature also plays an important role in the Finnish economy.

Finland’s rise to prosperity is based on expertise in using renewable natural resources sustainably.

Two-thirds of Finnish forests are owned by private citizens.
Conservation through education and sustainable forestry

Finns take conservation and sustainability issues very seriously. Environmental education is a part of the curriculum in all Finnish schools from kindergarten to university.

Finland is a world leader in sustainable forest management. Commercial forestry must take into account forest biodiversity and carbon sinks.
Finnish nature in numbers

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Thank you!