FORSSA
A thriving regional city
A LITTLE BIG CITY

Approximately 17,000 people live in the regional city of Forssa in southern Finland, an hour away from the cities of Helsinki, Turku and Tampere. Forssa and its four neighbouring municipalities form a vibrant economic area of 35,000 people.

Forssa is an attractive and densely built-up city with lots of parks, and it has been granted the status of a National Urban Park. This recognition reflects the city’s respect towards its cultural scenery, rich nature and the valuable urban landscape.

Forssa has all the services of a large city. Anything you may need can be found in the town’s shopping centres and stores. Forssa is also well known for its extensive selection of health and well-being services.

There are over 100 parks in Forssa with a total area of 386 hectares

The market city of Forssa was established in 1923 and Forssa was awarded city privileges in 1964

The city of Forssa was built around textile industry activities
The bright green city of Forssa has everything you need within the distance of a short bike trip. The city is densely built up, but there is still room for high-quality living. Forssa consists of an urban city centre as well as quiet and verdant sub-urban neighbourhoods.

The residents of Forssa are enthusiastic about sports and culturally active. You can engage in a wide variety of activities in Forssa. For example, you can visit a cinema, theatre or various events and concerts. The Wahren Centre provides an extensive selection of cultural services and local sports teams arrange a variety of opportunities to engage in sports activities. The city’s parks and recreational areas are equipped with exercise equipment.

A colourful and unique dialect is spoken in Forssa

The river Loinijoki flows through Forssa from the Pyhäjärvi delta in Tammela to the river Kokemäenjoki

Forssa’s busy market square is open for business three days a week
Forssa has a long industrial tradition. Current significant employers in the area include companies in the food and environment sectors and the technological and construction product industry. Environmental safety and sustainable development are key areas of the city’s strategy and economic development. Operators and experts receive their education at the Häme University of Applied Sciences (HAMK) and the Forssa Vocational Institute.

The HAMK Forssa campus provides education in bioeconomy, nursing, sustainable development and, as the latest addition to the selection, equine industries. Some modules are also arranged in English. HAMK has formed a strategic partnership with Aalto University. The Forssa Vocational Institute (FAI) arranges vocational upper secondary education for students in the logistics, machinery and metal, construction, business and IT and communications industries, among many others.

Forssa is a pioneer of processing electrical and electronic waste. A substantial proportion of Finnish recyclable glass is recycled in the Forssa region.

The history of Forssa stems from the cotton mill established in 1847.
The area of the Forssa National Urban Park is 849 hectares

Distances:
- Helsinki 110 km
- Tampere 87 km
- Turku 88 km
- Pori 125 km

1.6 million Finns live within a radius of 120 km from Forssa

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