

# Marttinen.

## Youth Centre in Virrat

Youth Work - Conferences - Educational Travel



*Join the adventure!*





Are you planning youth exchanges, study visits, training courses or seminars, conferences or vacation for yourself?

We are here to help you

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# Youth Centre Marttinen - a safe environment with rich experiences

Our center is located in beautiful natural landscapes in Virrat, about 270 km from Helsinki, 100 km from Tampere and Seinäjoki and 115 km from Jyväskylä.

We have activities, conference facilities, restaurant with organic and local food, and accommodation in hotel rooms and log house apartments.



## A Safe, Goal-oriented and High-quality Youth Centre Environment

The Youth Centres offers a safe and responsible environment for various camps, courses, training sessions and other events throughout the year. We are Finland's most popular school camp organiser, with an emphasis on experiential education. We also organise themed camps, nature schools and many other international youth events.

### Experienced staff

Our instructors are highly qualified and have certification in youth work, education, sports or environmental studies. They are positive, have good social skills and are all-round professional group leaders.

Finnish Youth Centres are supervised and subsidised by the Ministry of Education and Culture.



Read more on  
the website of  
Finnish Youth  
Centres  
[snk.fi/en](http://snk.fi/en)



## International youth work

**One of the basic tasks of all Finnish Youth Centres is to promote peace education and the international activities for young people, as has been the case at Marttinen.**

We co-operate extensively with both the European Youth Centres, which have been awarded the **Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres**, and with an extensive network of European partners working around wide range of topics. In addition, Marttinen is a partner in projects that develop international youth work and methods for youth work. Cooperation will create policies, events and training to support the growth of children and young people towards responsible and active global citizenship.



Marttinen's international work coordinators **Antti Korhonen** and **Sami Sorjonen** (email: [kv@marttinen.fi](mailto:kv@marttinen.fi)) guide and help in the twists and turns of internationalisation by providing information, opportunities project advice related to **Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps projects**.

Various Job shadowing and study visits for those working with young people are also under the coordination of Marttinen's international youth work.



**Experiences**

**Being  
together**

**Equality**

**Diversity**

**Participation**

**Safety**



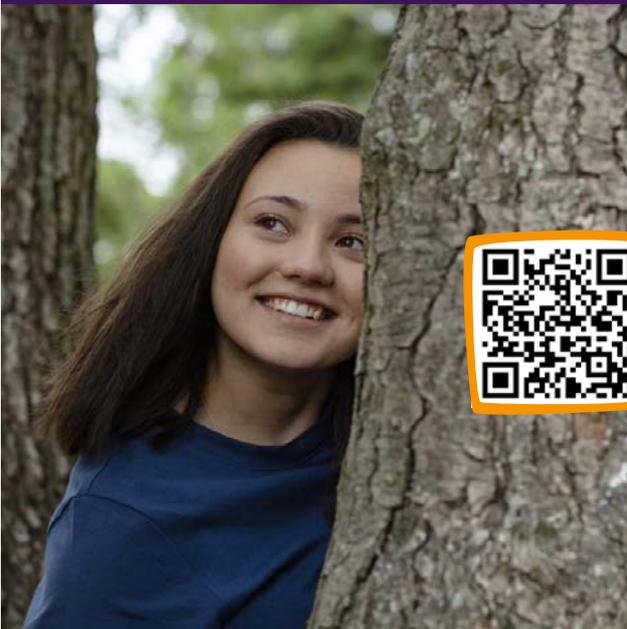
## Pathways for internationality

For information and guidance contact our International Youth Work Coordinators Antti Korhonen and Sami Sorjonen  
[kv@marttinen.fi](mailto:kv@marttinen.fi)

### For young people we offer:

#### Youth exchanges

From couple of days to a couple of weeks, young people (from 13–30 years old) and their leaders can come together to exchange and work on topics that are meaningful for them. Groups from different countries go through the process of designing, communicating, implementing the experience together with the help of Marttinen's tailored support. An easy way to start your international journey!



#### ESC Volunteering

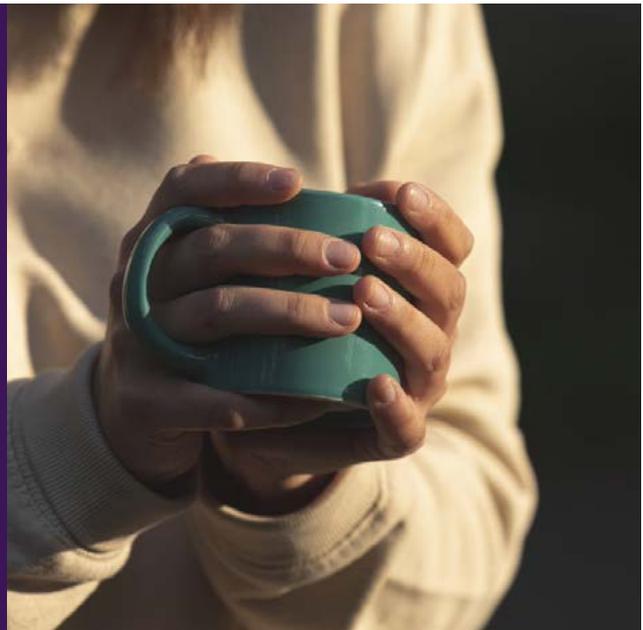
Individuals (18–29 years old) can jump in to an experience of a life time to volunteer and help a cause or organisation they want to support, at the same time learning and living in a different culture. Volunteering activities can range from a couple of weeks to a full year, working for a wide variety of non-profit organisations, public services and more. The process includes thorough coaching and supported reflection from start to finish, definitely leaving an international mark for the years to come!



## For people working with young people we offer:

### Training courses and seminars

Whether you're hoping to improve your language skills, gain international experiences or focus on some serious personal and professional development, there's an international learning opportunity for you out there! Trainings and seminars are a form of "educational travel for adults" where you embark on a learning journey focusing on a specific topic, catered to your needs. Marttinen helps you find that need, and putting your learning in to practice once you return.



### Study visits

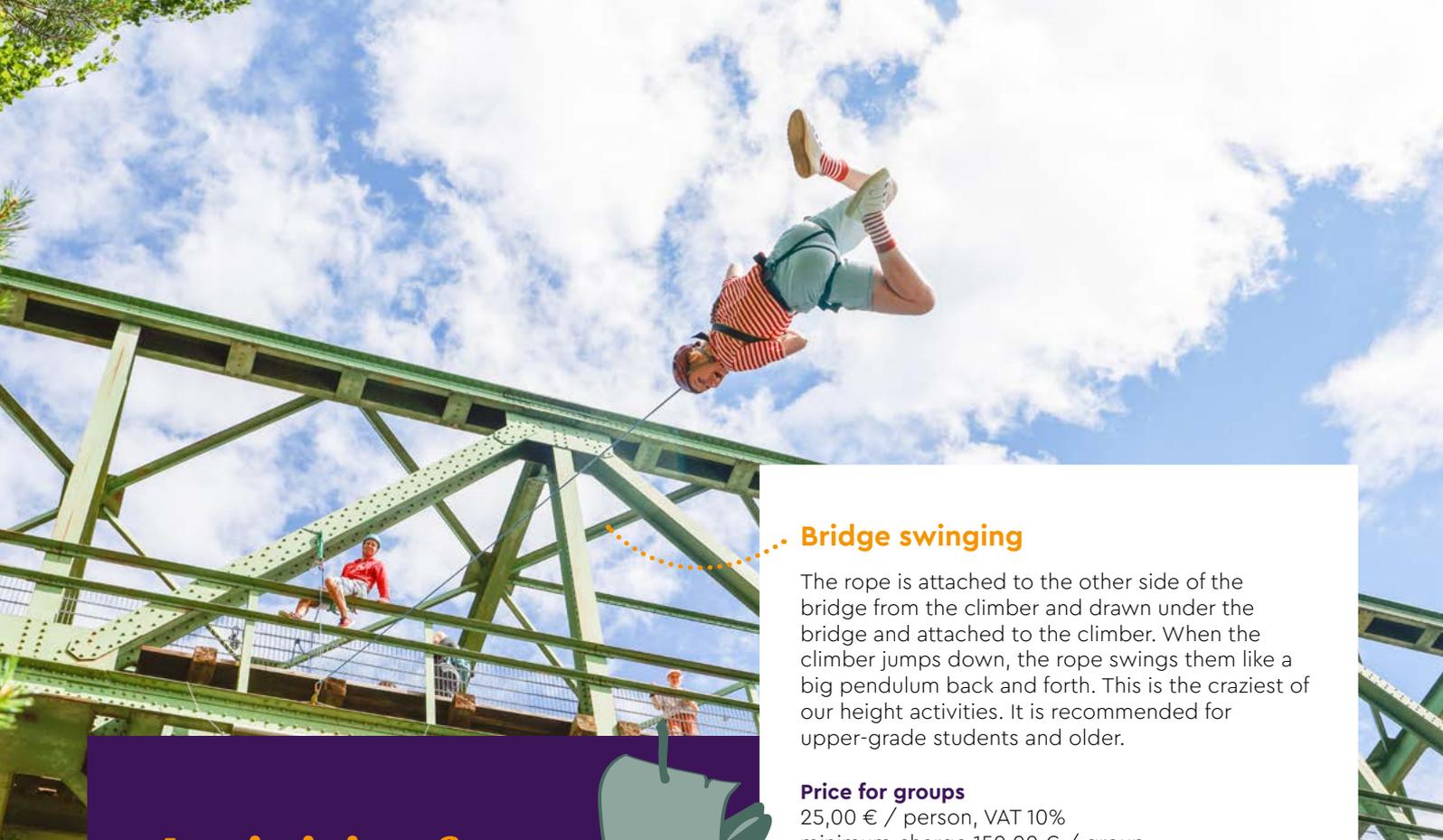
Catering to groups and networks wishing to see how "the bread is made abroad", study visits are a great way to take off for a few days with your colleagues to gather knowledge and learn from different realities, from a different country. You can join a study visit program to simply "see and hear" your international counterparts sharing their stories, practices and approaches and bring back a lot of ideas for your own development.

### Job shadows

From a few days to few months, one can travel to "shadow" a peer professional in another country, in order to learn different approaches, methods, tricks of trade and "new spices" to bring back home to your own practices. An easy way of "changing the professional scenery" for a bit, and getting new ideas and steam for yourself and your organisation. Job shadows are customised tailored to fit the needs and learning objectives of each individual.

### Coordination and support for organisations

Embarking on processes and introducing internationalisation to your own reality can be demanding, but you don't have to do it alone! Marttinen's coordination team has extensive experience on international processes, partnerships and funding opportunities, and our mission is to support your organisation to benefit from them as well! We support projects and processes start to finish, and are always ready for you to reach out to us when needed! For tasters of internationality – you can also approach us if you want host international workshop, hear about our experiences, find new partners, or just are interested internationality!



### Bridge swinging

The rope is attached to the other side of the bridge from the climber and drawn under the bridge and attached to the climber. When the climber jumps down, the rope swings them like a big pendulum back and forth. This is the craziest of our height activities. It is recommended for upper-grade students and older.

#### Price for groups

25,00 € / person, VAT 10%  
minimum charge 150,00 € / group  
4 h, max 30 persons.

## Activities for summer time



The nature of Marttinen Island and its forests, waters and paths provide everything you need for both independent and guided activities. Youth Centre Marttinen wants to strengthen everyone's relationship with nature and environmentally friendly thinking.



### Canoeing around the island

Marttinen is the island so it's time to paddle around that, through the canal and towards the Herraskoski rapids or on the lake. With good cooperation with your paddling team, it's usually possible get through the rapids without getting wet. The water and weather conditions affect the choice of route.

NB! For those over 12 years old. Available between May 1 and September 30.

#### Price for groups

25,00 € / person VAT 10%  
3 h, max 16 persons,  
minimum charge 250,00 € / group  
4 h, 17-32 persons,  
minimum charge 425,00 € / group

## Fatbikes

Mountain biking by electric bike NEW in Marttinen. Explore the surrounding area by bike. With the help of the electric assistant, the journey is also folded on steeper uphill. The recommended minimum length for drivers is 165 cm, practically suitable for high school students and older.

### Price for groups

42,00 € / person VAT 10%

1,5 - 2 h, max 15 persons

Minimum charge 170,00 €



## Climate escape NEW in Marttinen

How you make environmental friendly choices in your daily life? This is main point in the tasks of a live game played in the forest.

### Price for groups

20,00 € / person VAT 24%

minimum charge 200,00 €

2 h, max. 15 persons

## Let's go fishing

Get to know rod-fishing equipment and lures and go fishing at nearby shores or on a boat. In spring, more fishing is done with lures from boats while in autumn the emphasis is on rod-fishing. In winter, ice-fishing is done, when the ice conditions allow. Who will get the biggest catch? In winter, there is a charge for transport. The distance from Marttinen is 10 km.





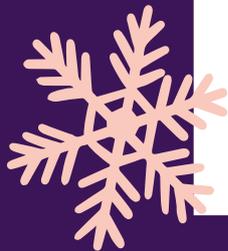
### Ice climbing

Climb safely up to the 12 meters ice wall. There are challenges for beginning and the more experienced climbers.

**Price for groups**

25,00 € / person VAT 10%, minimum charge  
340,00 € / group  
2,5 h, max 15 persons

## Activities for winter time



Enjoy nature in winter time many ways by packing some snacks, a hot drink and extra clothes for break times. With the Youth Centre Martinen's activities you can experience many sides of winter.

### Rescue suit floating

Dress on rescue suits and walk on thin ice courageously and safely. How does it feel like when the ice gives way underfoot and you have to get out of the water? We rescue each other by helping our buddies get back on top of the ice and experience what it feels like when we get a buddy on to safe ice again!

**Price for groups**

35,00 € / person VAT 10%  
minimum charge 175,00 € / group  
2h, max 8 persons.



## Snowshoe hike

Dress the snowshoes and hike in the area around Marttinen to the Toriseva gorge lakes or the Lake Helvetinjärvi National Park. Learning to walk in snowshoes is easy and will allow you to enjoy nature in winter. Differences in height, snowy conditions and the walking speed bring challenges for people with all kinds of challenges and aims. On hikes of over three hours, we make lunch outdoors on the hike.

### Price for groups

25,00 € / person, VAT 10%  
minimum charge 150,00 € / group  
1,5 h, max 30 persons



## High rope course

We have some tasks for you and your group. Tasks are on the Marttinen's 6–8 m high ropes course. You'll need daring, cooperation and problem-solving skills.

### Price for other groups

25,00 € / person VAT 10%  
minimum charge 340,00 € / group  
2,5 h, max 15 persons.



## Independent activities

### Equipment rental

Rent an electric fat bike, SUP board or a canoe and experience our area from a new point of view!

### New in Marttinen – Adventure Golf of Marttinen's Island

Adventure golf is much more than mini golf. Marttinen's 18-lane experience golf course offers variety and challenges for camp groups, families and groups of friends.

Read more [marttinen.fi/todoinmarttinen](https://marttinen.fi/todoinmarttinen)





## Accommodations, restaurant and conference rooms

At the Youth Centre Marttinen, a good night's sleep is guaranteed for all of groups, from camps to international youth groups and from companies' work well-being groups to management. And of course individual travellers on work or leisure trips are welcome.



### Accommodation

#### Log house apartments

Marttinen's log house apartments are a cozy and comfortable accommodation for families and small groups. The apartments with own sauna and terrace.

The apartments are located by Lake Tarjanne, each villa has own terrace.

The apartments have three or four bedrooms with separate beds, a private sauna and a well-equipped living room / kitchen.

#### Hotel rooms

Youth Centre Marttinen's hotel rooms are located in separate buildings close to our main building. Youth hotels rooms are for two to six people. The common space of buildings include a living room for spending time together or watching tv and a minikitchen for making a cup of evening tea.





## Saunas

### Vihta sauna

Marttinen's Vihta Sauna is a meeting place as a lake landscape surrounded by nature.

The Vihta sauna can host events for up to 40 people. There are two saunas on the premises, both with lake views. There is also a large terrace facing the lake. Meals can be ordered for the sauna from the restaurant Herranen.

## Restaurant Herranen

The restaurant Herranen is Marttinen's main restaurant. Most of the youth centre's guests enjoy their breakfast, lunch, dinner and supper in our restaurant located in the main building.

Environmental matters are close to the heart of the restaurant Herranen. There is used Finnish ingredients when it's possible. The used meat and dairy products are Finnish. The restaurant Herranen don't use overfished fish species; instead, they use the pike perch and perch from local waters.



## Conference rooms

### Hut

The hut provides a comfortable setting for evening parties and small meetings. Our chef will also prepare a tasty meal or snack over an open fire in the heat of a pot or barbecue shelter! The group size can be about 10–20 people.

### Conference hall in main building of Marttinen

You can organise an event for up to 160 people in the conference hall in main building of Marttinen. Catering can be organised in the restaurant which operates in the same building. The hall has modern conference equipment, a podium/stage and an induction loop.



Check our other meeting rooms  
[marttinen.fi/conferencerooms](http://marttinen.fi/conferencerooms)



- 1 Marttinen's main building  
Reception, Restaurant Herranen
- 2 Old Vicarage
- 3 Antintalo
- 4 Log house Apartments
- 5 Hotel rooms
- 6 Herraskoski hut
- 7 Vihta sauna & conference room
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Challenge your friend to play. The 18 tracks offer a suitable challenge for players of all levels and ages.



## Nearby destinations

There are places near Marttinen that are worth considering when planning a visit, vacation, camp school, camp or meeting.





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