

HELSINKI SEA FORTRESS



The boat pulls out of Helsinki harbor on the way to Suomenlinna.



We enter the harbor of the island of Suomenlinna. Our first view is of the fort walls. The fortress construction was started in 1748 as protection against Russian expansionism.



Joanne finds a church with an unusual fence as well as an unusual watch bird. The church is the Suomenlinna Church, built in 1854.





Joanne finds an entrance into the fortress. The walls are 10 meters thick.



Inside the walls we find the tomb of Augustin Ehrensvar who was given the responsibility of the construction of the fortress in 1748.



A close up of the fortress walls.





The island is a popular swimming location. Below: Helsinki skyline from the island.



Left: One of the guns installed by Russia in 1877. Below: Guns used in the 1700's.





View showing much of the islands fortifications. Below: The ferry comes to pick us up and return us to Helsinki.

