



### Welcome to Turku Castle for a historical guided tour and dinner!

*Turku Castle is a medieval building in the city of Turku. Together with Turku Cathedral the castle is one of the oldest buildings still in use in Finland and stands on the banks of the Aura River.*

*The history of Turku Castle begins in the 1280s. An encampment of the governor representing King of Sweden and his soldiers grew into a solid granite fortress over the centuries. The castle was inhabited by both Duke John in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and Governor-General Per Brahe at the beginning of the 17<sup>th</sup>. When the administrative tasks moved away from the castle, it was turned into a prison and storage space for the Swedish crown. After many different developments, the castle was destroyed by bombing in 1941. After the war, restoration work started and was finished in 1961. Most of the rooms in the castle are restored to their original state.*

As a part of the 47<sup>th</sup> Nordic Paediatric Cardiology Meeting, we will have the opportunity to have dinner at the King's or Queen's Hall on the Banquet Floor of the castle. Before dinner, those interested can join a guided tour around the castle, concentrating on the history of everyday life, celebrations, war, and love within the castle walls.

#### Practical tips:

- Both the dinner and guided tour are included in the participation fee.
- There will be bus transportation from the hotel to the castle and back.
  - Guided tour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.
- Take extra shoes with you if needed. High heels may be inconvenient during the tour with lots of steps.
- The temperature in the castle is about normal room temperature, so no extra clothes are needed.
  - During the dinner, a few pieces of Finnish chamber music will be heard.
  - There will be dancing after dinner.
  - Bar will be open after dinner.

