



PROGRAMME

Inauguration of
the Kvarken World Natural Heritage site
8th of September 2007





The Kvarken archipelago was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list on July 16th, 2006. This natural landscape formed by the ice age has outstanding universal values to be preserved as a common global natural heritage.

Seminar

Åbo Akademi University, Academill, Rantakatu 2, Vaasa

9.30 COFFEE

10.00 PRESENTATIONS

- Ms *Mechtild Rössler*
Chief of the Europe and North America Section
at the UNESCO World Heritage Centre
- Minister of the Environment *Paula Lehtomäki*
- Minister of Culture and Sport *Stefan Wallin*
- Executive Director *Olav Jern*
Regional Council of Ostrobothnia

The first public performance of the newly composed Kvarken World Heritage song and presentation of photographs from the site.

11.45 Bus transportation to Svedjehamn harbour



Inauguration of the World Natural Heritage

Björköby / Svedjehamn, in the municipality of Korsholm,
40 km from Vaasa.

12.30 LUNCH

13.30 INAUGURATION CEREMONY

– **Welcome speech**

Monica Sirén-Aura

Chairman of the Municipality Council in Korsholm

– **Inaugural speech and unveiling of
the World Heritage commemorative stone**

President *Martti Ahtisaari*

Programme by pupils from the junior level school and
villagers of Björköby.

14.00 PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE OLD SALTING HOUSE

15.00 BOAT CRUISE IN THE WORLD HERITAGE SITE

– 17.30 Route: Björköby archipelago – Valsörarna – Söderudden

During the cruise we will be able to experience the
uniqueness of the land uplift archipelago. We can
observe some of the extraordinary features of the
site, such as De Geer moraines, fladas and glo-lakes,
and land uplift forests.

19.00 DINNER

– 21.00 Kalle's Inn, Söderudden,

50 km from Vaasa, in the municipality of Korsholm.

Informal dress.

14.00 – 18.00

Additional programme

- A World Heritage exhibition will be on display at the old Salting House.
- The children can take part in a nature trail with a boat cruise of the archipelago as the main prize.
- The certified World Heritage guides will be at hand and will guide groups around the "Bodvattnet Runt" trail every half hour.
- There will also be rowing competitions, quizzes and much more!

20.00 – 24.00

World Heritage dance at Replot Bridge

Food and drinks available at restaurant Berny's.

Free entrance to all events.

There will also be free buses going from Vaasa, Maxmo, Bergö and the villages of Replot-Björkö to the inauguration in Svedjehamn, as well as the dance at Replot Bridge and back. For further information and timetables, please visit our website www.kvarkenworldheritage.fi