

生活報告 4：Day trip to Porvoo(芬蘭小鎮波爾沃之旅)

I went to Porvoo by bus, and it took around 1 hour from Kamppi. It is a small old town near Helsinki. The name comes from Swedish Borgå which means the important area between castle and river. In this place, it's full of the old and classic atmosphere.

The most impressive thing for me was that there were a lot of colorful houses such as pink, green, yellow and blue. The colors are not vivid ones but more like lighter colors. As you can see in the photo, every house has its own tone to show different styles.



Meanwhile, Porvoo River was covered by snow. It was a pity that you couldn't see the clear river during winter. I hope I could come here again in May to see the difference between snow white and grass green. After walking by the river, it was time to have a cup of coffee.



Café Helmi is a good place for the cake called Runebergintorttu. Because Porvoo is also the hometown of the famous poet Johan Ludvig Runeberg, you can try his favorite cake here and visit his home (Runebergin Koti) as well. I already had this kind of cake on February, but it could be even more meaningful to eat again here. Even there was a handcraft shop also selling the



Another famous sweet in Porvoo is the chocolate produced by Brunberg. As the ones shown below, 'The name is kissing chocolate, while eating the chocolate filling with mallow, it is just like kissing.' said the owner.

Compared to Helsinki, there are much more old style houses. I really recommend to go to Porvoo, since you can explore the lovely atmosphere in this small but classic place! In the end of the trip, I met some students wearing formal costumes, because it was the day of Vanhojen tanssit! It was very impressive to see these students in this kind of clothes and at the old city!

