Skata - the old town of Pietarsaari



Jakobstad's historical neighborhood, known as both Skata and Norrmalm, is one of the largest cohesive wooden house neighborhoods in Finland.

It is a culturally and historically valuable place, on both the local and national level. The old wooden houses of Skata create a harmonic atmosphere, and carry with them interesting stories.

The first houses in Skata were built already in the beginning of the 18th century and until the latter part of the 18th century most of Skata's inhabitants were seamen and their families since Skata is just a 10 min walk away from the seashore and the Old harbor of Pietarsaari. The district was rapidly changed to a working-class district when the Strengberg Tobaccofactory expanded in the 1890s and became the biggest employer in the town.

This protected neighborhood has for the most part been preserved in its original condition. Strict regulations ensure that the area will retain its authentic look and history. Today, Skata is one of Jakobstad's most attractive residential areas.

The best way to explore Skata is on foot. The Tourist information can arrange guided tours in the area, please contact us in advance by email: tourism@jakobstad.fi .

Enjoy the colourful and decorated wooden houses and idyllic street views which create a delightful milieu for enjoying a nice stroll in every season.

Things to see & do in Skata:

The Strengberg tobacco museum Adress: Skolgatan 25

Summercafé Skorpan Adress: Loveret 14

A cozy artesan marmelade shop MarmeladKompaniet Adress: Hamngatan 4

Antique shop Alla tiders antikt Adress: Strengbergsgatan 5

The Old Harbor of Pietarsaari is just a short walk from Skata.

To Stay in Skata:

Westerlunds Inn Adress: Norrmalmsgatan 8

Jugend Home Hotel Adress: Skolgatan 11

There is also a very active association in Skata that arranges different events in the area, for example Open garden day in July and a Christmas calender in December. Check for more information on the Skata -page! (coming soon in english)

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