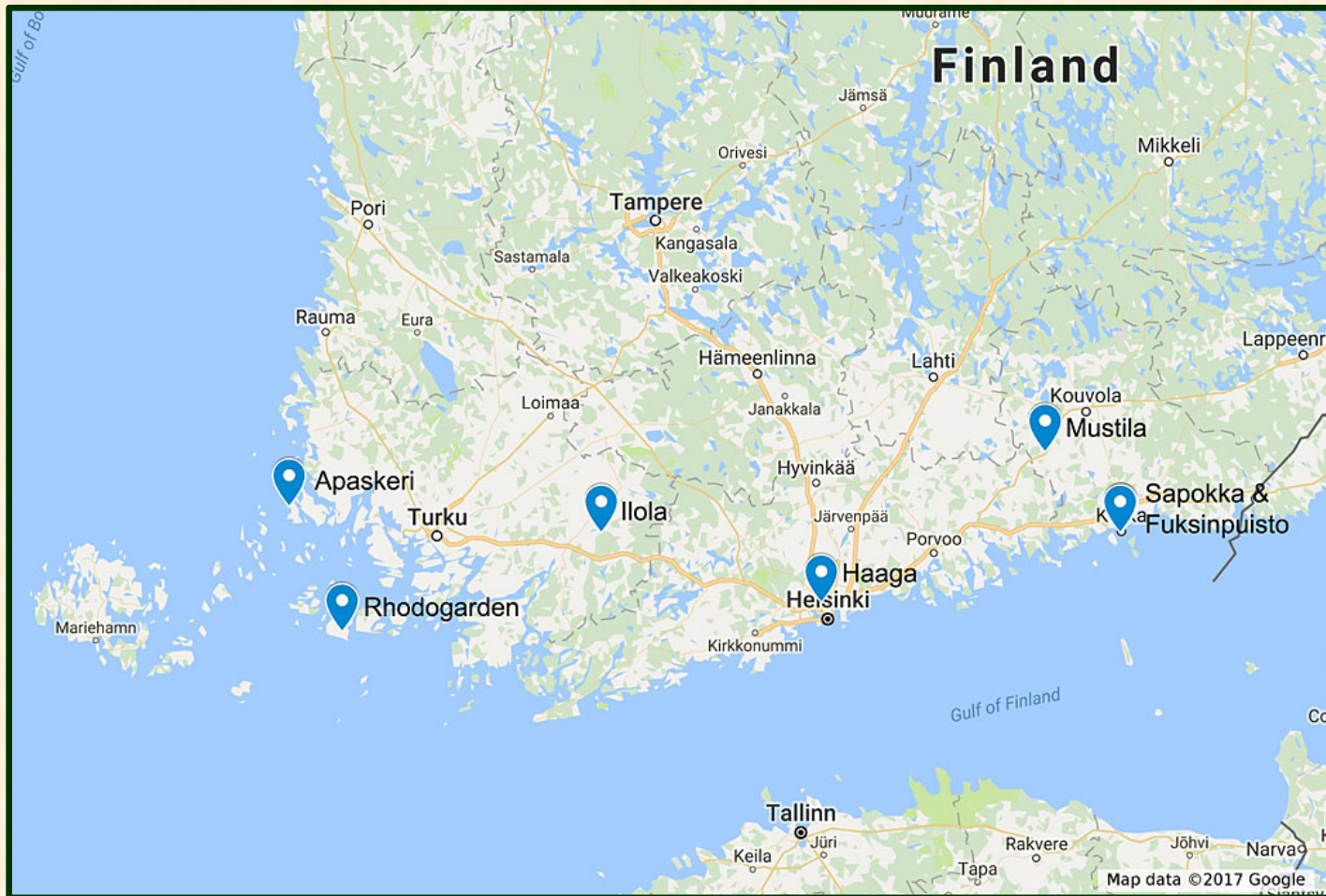


ARS 2018 Convention Post Tour in Finland



May 27 to 31, 2018

Schedule

Sunday, May 27

- Flight from Hamburg to Helsinki

Monday, May 28

- Haaga Rhododendron Park, Helsinki
- Porvoo, a walk in the Old Town
- Arboretum Mustila, Elimäki
- Sapokka Water Garden and Fuksinpuisto Park, Kotka

Tuesday, May 29

- Ilola Arboretum, Salo
- Arboretum Apaskeri, Kustavi

Wednesday, May 30

- Rhodogarden, Parainen

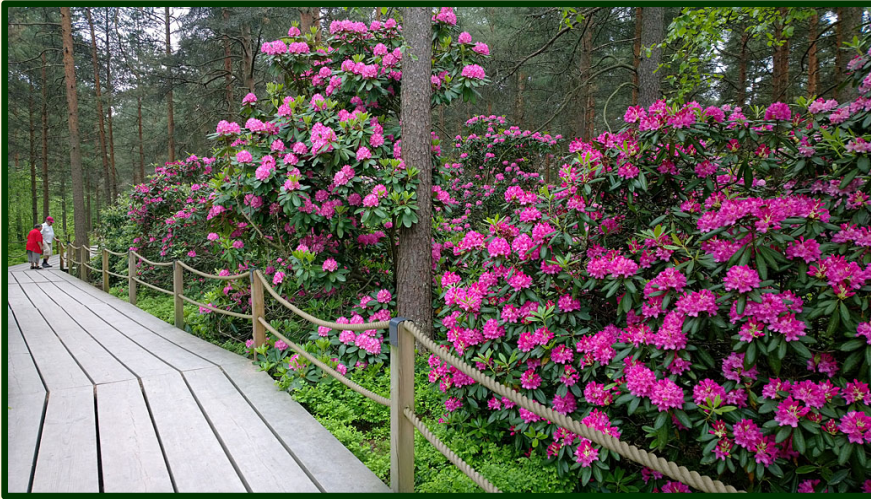
Thursday, May 31

- Departure day or continue travel in Finland



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Haaga Rhododendron Park, Helsinki



The Haaga Rhododendron Park is a unique city park in which to admire huge rhododendrons and beautiful azaleas.

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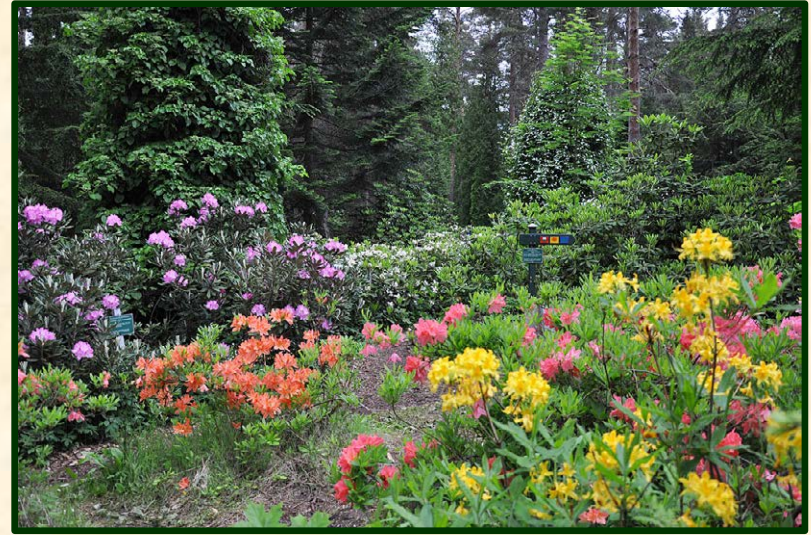
Old Town of Porvoo



The Old Town of Porvoo is unique. The mosaic-like town plan with its maze of streets and irregularly shaped plots dates back to the Middle Ages. Since then the town suffered many fires, but always the stubborn citizens rebuilt their houses on the same foundations.

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Arboretum Mustila, Elimäki



Arboretum Mustila was founded in 1902 as a test site for exotic conifer species. The Arboretum is especially famous for its rhododendrons and azaleas. In early June a colourful sea of flowers can be seen in the Rhododendron Valley when hundreds of different species and hybrids are blooming.

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Sapokka Water Garden, Kotka



The Sapokka Water Garden offers many things to admire through every season of the year. In the spring, there are tens of thousands of bulb flowers, and in the early summer the rhododendrons and azaleas come into bloom.

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Fuksinpuisto Park, Kotka



Fuksinpuisto Park was established in 1995 as a test planting area for azaleas from the Finnish azalea hybridizing program. Later the plantings were diversified with other plants.

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Ilola Arboretum, Salo



The private Ilola Arboretum in the countryside of Salo demonstrates the ultimate in landscaping design, enhancing the diversified natural Finnish landscape in an extraordinary arboretum.

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Arboretum Apaskeri, Kustavi



Osmo Jussila has planted hundreds of rhododendrons and other trees and shrubs in the forest and along the shores of Arboretum Apaskeri. Its ten hectares (25 acres) include rhododendron species and cultivars, but also many of Osmo's own hybrids.

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Rhodogarden, Parainen



Rhodogarden is on an island in the Turku Archipelago, in valleys surrounded by high rocks, close to a hidden bay. Kristian Theqvist has planted over 1000 rhododendrons and azaleas in Rhodogarden below a canopy of pines.

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