



**FINNAIR INCREASES NORTH ATLANTIC SERVICE
Six flights per week starting October 26**

NEW YORK (October 20, 2008) - Effective October 26, 2008, the start of its winter season, Finnair will offer six flights per week between New York and Helsinki. For the national carrier of Finland, this is an increase from five flights per week during last winter season.

According to Christina Colliander, Director of Sales North America, Finnair, "Sophisticated international travelers like to use the Great Circle Route to travel to their final destination via Helsinki, especially to destinations in Scandinavia, Russia and the Baltics – but also to India and Asia. It is markedly quicker to many parts of the world. And of course, Finnair's in-flight product has all the amenities one needs to arrive rested and ready to do business!"

Flights this winter, scheduled every day of the week except on Wednesdays, will depart New York (JFK) at 5:45 p.m., to arrive in Helsinki at 8:50 a.m. the next morning, while flights from Helsinki depart at 2:20 p.m. and arrive at JFK at 3:55 p.m. on the same day.

On Finnair's intercontinental flights, Business Class offers modern lie-flat seats and a complimentary full beverage service, while in Economy Class beer, wine and sparkling wine are free of charge. Recently, minor changes have been made in the maximum weight allowance per checked bag. USA passengers are now allowed two (2) checked pieces of luggage free of charge, and each bag may weigh up to 50 lbs.

Finnair offers a quick minimum connection time of just 45 minutes at Helsinki-Vantaa Airport, and because of the airport's lay-out, transfers are quick and easy. Finnair's route network includes more than 50 international destinations, and 700 more through its cooperation with oneworld alliance partners.

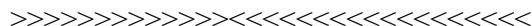
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About Finnair

Finnair was established in 1923, and its major shareholder is the Finnish government with a 55.8 % holding. From North America, Finnair offers non-stop flights from New York and seasonal service from Boston and Toronto to Helsinki, Finland, connecting with its global network including more than 50 international destinations. In addition to passenger and cargo traffic, the Finnair Group operations cover technical and ground handling operations, catering, travel agencies as well as travel information and reservation services. The Group's current number of

employees is approximately 9,500, while the fleet comprises 63 aircraft. During 2007, Finnair carried a total of 8,653,200 passengers. Finnair is a member of oneworld, the leading global airline alliance.

Finnair Group website: www.finnair.com/group



Librarian needed

Finnish American Home Association, FAHA is a Retirement community and a Finnish American Cultural Center located in Sonoma, California. Part of the center is a library with about 1300 books mostly Finnish (novels, history, travel logs and children's books) and some English translations of Finnish books.

FAHA is currently looking for a librarian to bring up to date the work done by our original librarian. We hope to find a librarian with outstanding knowledge of Finnish literature and especially current books in Finnish and English translations of them. The work includes updating the current cataloging system, sorting out duplicates and general organization of the library. We estimate the duration of the job to be about a month.

We are applying for a grant from Finlandia Foundation and depending on the outcome we would pay for the trip to Sonoma and provide housing for the month in one of our guest units. The position is not salaried. Finlandia Foundation Grants are awarded in March 2009 and we hope to have the project completed before end of June 2008.

Please send or Email a written resume/application to FAHA Library Committee by November 30, 2008.

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