



The central "highway" in the Karhuseutu area is the river Kokemäenjoki that runs through most of the Karhuseutu municipalities and floats finally into the Baltic Sea. The importance of waterways is great in all the municipalities in the area.

The coastline of the Baltic Sea was shaped by ice sheets. Post-glacial rebound is typical for the Bothnian Sea region. Post-glacial elevation can be best observed in the changes in the waterside vegetation. The fauna and the birdlife of the Delta is one of the richest in the Nordic countries.

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# LAG Karhuseutu in Finland



LAG Karhuseutu ry is one of Finland's 55 LAGs. The most important task is to encourage local actors, associations and enterprises to develop their actions.



- Located on the Western Coast of Finland
- 56 000 inhabitants
- The area 2253 km<sup>2</sup>
- Density of the population 18/km<sup>2</sup>



# Six municipalities in Karhuseutu

## Ulvila

Inhabitants 13800,  
[www.ulvila.fi](http://www.ulvila.fi)



Ulvila medieval festival is held 1st weekend in every august.



The beautiful Leineperi iron works, were many different artisans practice their trade, and where markets are held annually.



Lake Joutsijärvi offers an excellent environment for camping and hiking, with the Reitti hiking-network.

## Luvia

Inhabitants 3392  
[www.luvia.fi](http://www.luvia.fi)

The seaside municipality of Luvia boasts an exquisite archipelago.



Luvia has strong traditions in shipbuilding. A traditional sailing ship, Ihana was built on 2011.



Icefishing is very popular in wintertime.

## Kokemäki

Inhabitants 8515  
[www.kokemaki.fi](http://www.kokemaki.fi)



The Puurijärvi-Isosuo national park offers unique natural scenery at the heart of a cultural environment by the Kokemäenjoki River. Large marshy areas and the shallow and rich lake Puurijärvi, which is an internationally renowned for its birdlife, belong to the national park.



The village of Kauvatsa is an important strawberry cultivating area.

## Harjavalta

Inhabitants 7736  
[www.harjavalta.fi](http://www.harjavalta.fi)



At Hiittenharju sports centre you can practice different sporting activities the all year.

## Nakkila

Inhabitants 6000  
[www.nakkila.fi](http://www.nakkila.fi)



The Arantila rapids lure fisherman to the banks of the salmon-rich Kokemäenjoki to fish its abundant waters.

## Pori

Inhabitants 76200  
[www.pori.fi](http://www.pori.fi)  
Pori is the centre of the Satakunta province.



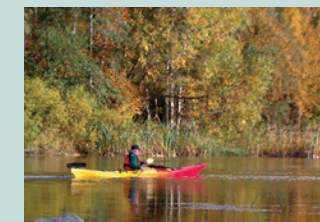
The main street of village Ahlainen has been elected one of Finland's cultural landscapes.



Reposaari is an idyllic fishing village which had a notable role already during days of sailboats due to its location. It is an island where the river meets the sea, and it has therefore been an important port for the sawmill industry, amongst others.



Yyteri is Finland's best known and most beautiful beach, where one can engage in wind-surfing, for example. Yyteri's alluvium is known by ornithologists all over the world.



The authentic forests, rivers and lakes offer an exceptional opportunity for hiking, canoeing and camping. The Ahlström iron works is one of the best preserved iron works in Finland.