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The Newest Fancypants Airline Lounge Amenity Will See You in HEL

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When we think of awesome airport lounge experiences, our mind typically turns to big, bad international carriers like [Lufthansa](#) or [Cathay Pacific](#). However, there's no reason to overlook the smaller major carriers from other regions, such as [Finnair](#), especially now that the airline is installing a full-fledged sauna right into the hustle and bustle of the terminal.

[Finnair](#) just released details on their new premium lounge at their home in Helsinki, schedule to open its doors on July 1, which is perfect timing to delight the summer tourist rush to Scandinavia.



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Plans have this new lounge doing its thing near Gate 36, adjacent to the airline's standard lounge offerings, but do note that the spot is in **the non-Schengen area of the airport**. This means access is only for travelers departing on international flights to a country outside the Schengen zone ([country list](#)). Private shower suites are among the usual lounge niceties, but what set things apart is the sauna room. We're not sure if you can sweat out the toxins from an overnight flight to Europe, but it certainly can't hurt!

According to our pals over at [Australian Business Traveller](#), the airline promises that Finnish design will take center stage, so expect things like Marimekko dishes and Iittala Ultima Thule glasses. Even the seats will be fancy pants, as **furniture options will include Tulip and Womb chairs designed by Eero Saarinen**.

Just be aware that business class tickets aren't enough to walk through the door, as only those holding frequent flyer status with the airline—or partner carriers on Oneworld alliance—will get to check things out.

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