

# VILLA ELÄINTARHA RESIDENCY

Villa Eläintarha is an artist residency in a wooden villa in the centre of Helsinki, next to Töölönlahti bay. Villa Eläintarha focuses on production residencies – residencies that aim for a realisation or presentation of a piece of work in Helsinki. Minimum residency duration is 1 week, maximum 2 months.

Villa Eläintarha is maintained by HIAP – Helsinki International Artist Programme. HIAP does not provide production support for the projects, the support is provided by the organisations that invite the artists (festivals, galleries, museums, etc). The residency is made possible with the support of City of Helsinki and is developed further in dialogue with the city.

## Who can apply?

The artists' residence in Villa Eläintarha is mainly intended for foreign artists and Finnish artists who reside permanently abroad. The residence is open to artists who come to Helsinki as a guest of a local association or who come to work independently. Professionals from all fields of culture can apply for the residency.

Following applications are prioritized:

- Production residencies (residencies that aim for a realisation or presentation of a piece of work in Helsinki)
- Performing arts residencies and residencies that aim for a realisation of work in public space
- Residencies organised in collaboration with small cultural organisations (which don't necessarily have the financial means to realise residencies without the affordable facilities of Eläintarha Villa)

Furthermore, the applications are considered based on how the residency contributes to the art and cultural life of Helsinki.

## Prices

### Prices / 2019

The rent for the room for one person is 38 €/night for the first 14 nights and 16 €/night thereafter. For additional persons in the room the price is 16 €/night per person. The minimum period is six nights, and minimum charge is 228 euros (tax incl.).

## Prices / 2020

The rent for the room for one person is 60 €/night for the first 3 nights, 30 €/night for the following 4 nights and 16 €/night thereafter. For additional persons in the room there is a service fee of 40 € per person. The minimum period is 3 nights and minimum charge is 180 euros (tax incl.).

The maximum duration of a residency is 2 months. A visitor of a resident (such as the spouse of an artist), who sleeps in an extra bed in the same room, must be approved in advance.

Babies who have their own bed and bed linen can stay at the villa free of charge. An assistant of a disabled artist can stay in the same room in extra bed free of charge.

If there are any additional charges that occur during the residence period due to for example a lost key or damaged property, they will be invoiced in arrears.

We offer: free WIFI, towels and bed linen (one set per week).

## Application procedure

To apply, please fill in the Online Enquiry Form. You may submit an application at any time.

Applications concerning the following year can be submitted from 1st of April.

We handle applications usually within 1-3 weeks of receiving them. If the evaluation criteria is met, and there is capacity for the applied period, we will confirm the residency by email. If a residence period cannot be granted, we will also inform the applicant by email.

## Terms of booking

Confirmation of the booking is effective when you have received an email with acceptance of your application. By confirming a booking, you agree to abide by the following terms and conditions. **In case the application has been filed by another person than the resident, the applicant is responsible for informing the resident on the following terms and conditions.**

**Any changes or cancellations must be made by email no later than 30 days before the start of your residency.** For any changes or cancellations later than that, you will be charged as if you had used the residency according to your original application. We strongly advise the resident /applicant to contact the villa supervisor well in advance in case of canceling the booking.

An invoice for the rent will be sent approximately one month prior to the residency period. **The invoice must be paid according to the due date on the invoice prior to arrival to the residency. The invoice cannot be paid in cash or by credit card at the villa.**

The person who receives and signs for a key to the residence is responsible for it for the entire duration of the residency. If the key is lost, the person who signed for the key or a party represented by them is responsible for the payment of a new key. Rekeying the locks of the whole residence due to lost keys is considered on a case-by-case basis. If rekeying is necessary, the person who signed for the lost key is responsible for the costs. Damage to the property or any movables must be reported immediately.

The resident is responsible for his personal property and for taking out any necessary personal insurance.

The resident/applicant agrees to inform the date and place of birth and nationality as given in the passport. This personal information of the resident is collected for safety reasons only, and it will not be used for any commercial reasons. We do not want a copy of the passport.

The resident agrees to give his consent of publishing his name in context of Villa Eläintarha public communication (website/social media/etc), along with the mention of the organization or the party that has invited his to the residence. In case he/she will not accept the publishing of the name, please let the supervisor know in advance.

## Check-in to the Villa Eläintarha

You must **notify the villa supervisor of your exact arrival time no later than one week** before the start of your residency.

**The check-in time is Monday to Friday within office hours.** If you will be arriving outside office hours, it is possible to hand over your keys to a designated contact person in advance; this is decided on a case-by-case basis.

The keys are preferably handed over to and signed by the resident him/herself, on arrival day.

**The check-out time is 12 noon at the latest, if not agreed otherwise with the supervisor.** For a later check-out time, please contact the supervisor. When checking-out, you must leave the key in the residence room and close the door and windows.

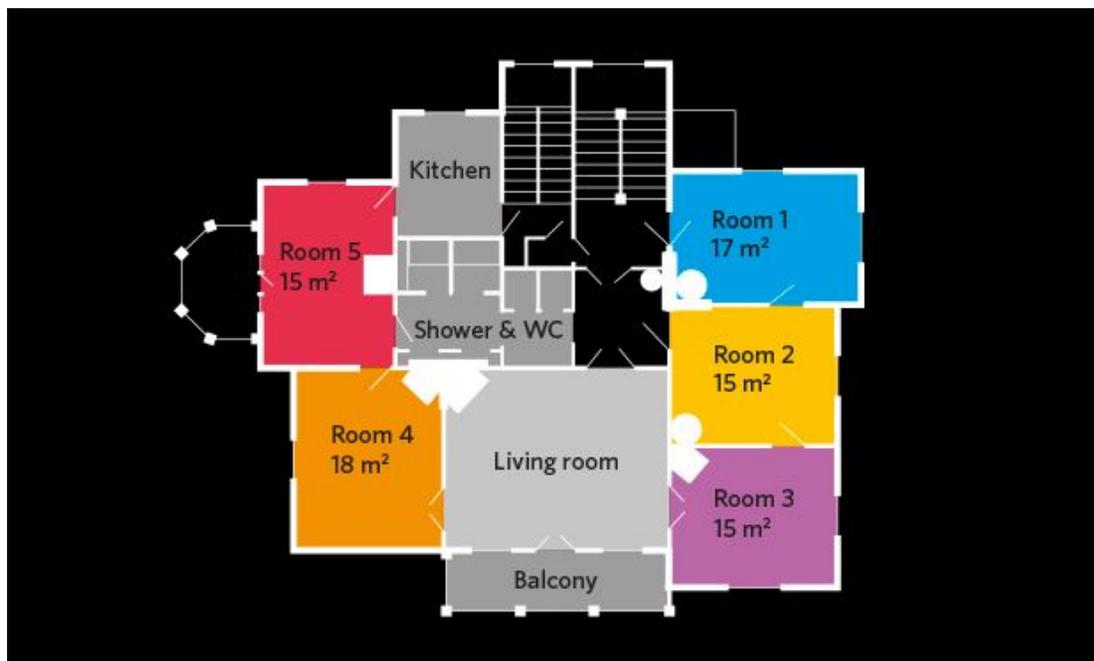
## Facilities

Villa Eläintarha is an old wooden villa that is located in Tokoinranta, near Töölönlahti bay. The vicinity of the bay and a peaceful park around the villa ensure a pleasant and quiet living environment. The busy Hakaniemi marketplace with shops and versatile transport connections is located only a five-minute walk from the villa. The main railway station is about a kilometre away and is easily accessible by foot.

The facilities in the villa offer residents a home-like environment. There are five individually decorated single rooms and four of the rooms also have a possibility for an extra bed.

The residents share a living room equipped with a television, two bathrooms with a shower, two toilets and a kitchen. The kitchen is fully equipped so the residents can cook their meals. A washing machine and a dryer are also available to the residents. The artists' residence is located on the second floor and it is not accessible to people with certain physical disabilities.

## Floorplan



In addition to the 5 rooms available upstairs at Villa Eläintarha, there is one more room available for a residency downstairs (similar to Room 3).

## House rules

The residents must abide by the house rules which are written in detail in the "House Book" at the residence.

Please note that the villa is not barless or wheelchair accessible.

Pets are not allowed in the residence.

The Villa is a communal residence. The resident should be aware that he /she will share the premises partly with other residents.

The residence is a non-smoking house.

In case the resident needs to call for Palmia Company (supervising authority) to open the door, a charge of service will be invoiced from applicant according the fees by Palmia. Palmia 24/7 service number is: + 358 9 856 59 406 (24/7). The residence will also charge for the additional cleaning in case of smoking in the house, or any damage.

## History of the villa

Villa Eläintarha ("Zoo Villa"), the neo-Renaissance wooden villa, was built in 1889 as a home for Oskar Frans Blom and his wife Olga Cecilia Blom (née Wikander) for his life's work for the state railway company. The villa used to be part of a larger villa community on the outskirts of the city, but only part of it remains today. Through the years, the buildings have had to make way for new railway lines.

The old wooden villa was later bought by the City of Helsinki, and it has been carefully restored, retaining the building's original spirit. The operating idea has been to create a window into the atmosphere of a 19th century bourgeois home as closely as possible.

The house was converted back to residential use as an artists' residence in 2000.

## Contact information

Any questions about Eläintarha Villa can be sent via email to [villa@hiap.fi](mailto:villa@hiap.fi).

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