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Save Money by Flying to European via Helsinki on Finnair

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A lesser-known tactic for saving on trans-Atlantic flights is to fly to your ultimate destination on Finnair via [Helsinki](#). True, this may require a stopover and a few hours-long connection time in the Finnish capital, and the advantageous fares will not permit departures on a weekend. But if you'll accept those drawbacks, you can get to [London](#) this coming September for as little as \$728 round-trip, including all taxes, fees and surcharges.

Your saving will be even greater if your ultimate destination is one of those expensive-to-reach eastern destinations like [Warsaw](#), [St. Petersburg](#), [Kiev](#), [Budapest](#), or [Moscow](#). Again, you go there via Helsinki, and you'll need to be prepared to cool your heels there for

a few hours before boarding a connecting flight. You've flown a fairly long distance out of your way, but you'll save as much as \$300 off the cost of making a non-stop flight to such cities.

Go to Finnair's webstie (www.finnair.com), and you can test this thesis.

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