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**Church of the Rock**

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Three Soroptimists (Italian and German Union) visited by Tram 3T the Temppeliaukio Church (Church of the Rock) built in 1968 by the famous Finnish architects Timo and Tormio Suomalainen. The elliptical church was excavated out of a solid piece of rock. The construction of the cupola is of glass and steel and copper and gives special light and colour effects. The acoustics are excellent, especially when the pipe organ is being played.

Walking through the birch park we reached the Sibelius monument designed by a Finnish female artist Eila Hiltinen in 1967 in honour of the great Finnish musician.

Going back we strolled the Olympic Tower at the stadium and had a fantastic view of the city. Finally we had a stop at the railway station from 1916. It is one of the most significant works of the Finnish national romantic style.