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**The Galerie Ojemark and Lutheran Cathedral**

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During the Helsinki Convention, 75 Finnish Soroptimists showed Finnish Arts at The Galerie Ojemark, mainly oil paintings, pastels, textiles, photos, jewels..... By the way, we learned that the purest flax is grown in Finland because of the abundant light of the summer (we still had sunshine at 10.30 pm). So the unique eco-linen is cultivated on a clean soil and a piece of linen is a symbol of good luck. All the works were very impressive.

Afterwards we went up to the cathedral for the Lutheran people. The other three sides of the very important square are represented by the University Buildings and the Government. Only a few steps and you are at the Harbour, the big market hall reminding us of the Quincy Market - just smaller. Huge ferry boats on the sea in a special and beautiful light, and we had a look at antique shops with old Russian art.