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“THE ENVOY” – A NEW TRAVEL DOCUSERIES ON AMAZON PRIME – EXPLORES THE HEALING POWER OF FINLAND THROUGH FOOD, FORAGING, AND SISU

From the award-winning team behind Anthony Bourdain’s travel storytelling, the series debuts a new Finland episode February 16, 2026

HELSINKI, FINLAND (FEBRUARY 16, 2026) – Finland, consistently ranked the happiest country in the world by the [World Happiness Report](#), takes center stage in an upcoming episode of [The Envoy](#), premiering *February 16, 2026* and available for streaming on [Amazon Prime](#). The episode invites viewers to experience Finland through a fresh lens, traveling from forests and lakes to city streets to uncover how food, nature, and community shape one of the world’s most resilient and content societies.

Developed by former journalist and [Forbes 30 Under 30 Honoree](#) Anne Marie Hagerty, *The Envoy* brings the same cinematic, journalist-led approach to travel made iconic by its award-winning creative team, exploring destinations through the lens of culinary diplomacy: food as a gateway to culture, connection, and place.

Creative leaders and chefs featured in the episode were hand-selected to offer a deeper, more nuanced portrait of Finland beyond its most familiar images. Each voice reflects traditions and ways of life long woven into the country’s cultural fabric, yet rarely seen on screen. Among them is former international supermodel Saimi Hoyer, who stepped off the runway and into Finland’s forests, turning to nature – and the medicinal power of mushrooms – to reclaim her health.

“We’re always searching for places the world hasn’t fully discovered yet – destinations quietly doing something extraordinary. Finland stopped us in our tracks. There’s a rare calm in its forests and in the way people move through daily life that I haven’t felt anywhere else. As we followed that thread – back to the food, the land, and the rituals – we realized Finland isn’t just a beautiful place to visit. It’s a blueprint for how to live. That’s what *The Envoy* exists to find,” said Anne Marie Hagerty, founder and host of *The Envoy*.

The episode features a mushroom foraging experience on [Lake Saimaa](#), lakeside cooking over open fire, and a visit to destination restaurant [Solitary](#), where hyper-local ingredients and community storytelling take center stage. It also showcases [Rauhalinna](#), a historic lakeside villa, as a gathering place for shared meals and conversation.

The journey continues in the [Helsinki](#) region, where modern Finnish life unfolds through music, wellness, and innovation. The episode features a powerful vocal performance by the ensemble [Tuuletar](#) in [Finlandia Hall](#), an exploration of Finland’s sauna culture at [Löyly](#) with author and journalist Katja Pantzar, and a look at the future of sustainable innovation through [KÄÄPÄ Biotech](#), a company transforming forest-grown chaga mushrooms into next-generation wellness solutions.

Throughout the episode, *The Envoy* explores the Finnish concept of “sisu” – a quiet determination rooted in resilience, balance, and connection to nature – illustrating how Finland’s traditions continue to inform its forward-looking approach to food, health, and sustainability.

The Finland episode of *The Envoy*, available on Amazon Prime, offers an intimate look at Finland as a year-round destination, where food, nature, and culture shape daily life across the country.

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PHOTOS

High-resolution stills from the episode are available [here](#).

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ABOUT THE ENVOY

The Envoy is a travel docuseries that explores food as a powerful driver of diplomacy, cultural exchange, and economic connection. Created by Emmy® and Academy Award-winning storytellers from Netflix, CBS, and Google, including producers from Anthony Bourdain's award-winning travel series, the show travels the globe to spotlight how cuisine can unite communities and reshape how we see the world.

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