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# Tallinn



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# Welcome to Tallinn!







## Tales of Tallinn

Charmingly Medieval or amazingly modern?


Figuring out which describes Tallinn is a tough job. On one hand, the city's pride and joy is its historic Old Town, an enchanting neighbourhood of centuries-old streets, houses, towers and squares that looks like it was torn right from the pages of a storybook. On the other hand, the Old Town and the City Centre are full of cutting-edge restaurants, cafés and clubs that give Tallinn its energy and buzz. Visitors are often amazed by the newness of the place: the gleaming shops, the stylish interiors, the plush hotels. High-tech solutions go hand-in-hand with life in Tallinn, like free, wireless Internet available practically everywhere and the common practice of paying for parking by mobile phone. This is, after all, the country that invented Skype.

Call it old, new, or some kind of hybrid, Tallinn is an ideal destination for a short break. For one, it is a highly compact city, most of which can easily be explored on foot without taxis or buses. Most of the best opportunities for sightseeing, cultural events, dining, shopping, and nightlife are conveniently massed in the city centre. There's plenty to do, but if you're coming here for a real break, you should know that Tallinn is also a great place to do very little: take a quiet stroll through a park, relax in a health spa or – if the weather permits – sit on a beach.

Whatever your agenda, whichever Tallinn you need – the romantic, Medieval Tallinn or the trendy, high-tech Tallinn – the doors are open. Just head on in!



# Explore Tallinn



Go right ahead and gape. You'll be in good company – curious visitors have been awestruck by Tallinn ever since the city sprang up eight centuries ago. Steeped in Medieval charm, yet always on the cutting edge of modernity, the city offers today's travellers much to see.





## The Story of Tallinn

**8,000–3,000 BC:** Finno-Ugric ancestors of the Estonians migrate to the Baltic coast.

**11<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> centuries AD:** Estonian clans use what's now the Tallinn area as marketplace and a harbour; maintain a wooden fortress on Toompea hill.

**1154:** Tallinn first mentioned in historic records by Arab cartographer al-Idrisi.

**1219:** Danish forces capture Tallinn.

**1227–1238:** German merchant families from Gotland settle at the base of Toompea, sowing the seeds of Tallinn as a Germanic trade town.

**13<sup>th</sup>–15<sup>th</sup> centuries:** City sees rapid growth as a major trading point between East and West. In 1248, Lübeck Law is adopted, giving Tallinn self-governing status. In 1284 Tallinn joins the Hanseatic League.

**1346:** Danes sell their Estonian holdings to the Livonian Order.

**1558–1583:** During the Livonian War, Tallinn is attacked and besieged by the forces of Ivan the Terrible. Estonia ends up under Swedish rule.

**1710:** Great Northern War (1700–1721) leaves Estonia under Russian Empire. Tsar Peter the Great sets up a summer estate and calls it Kadriorg.

**1860–1880:** National Awakening gives Estonians a newfound sense of cultural identity.

**1918:** With World War I raging, Estonia declares independence on February 24.

**1920s–30s:** Republic of Estonia is an internationally recognised independent country.

**1940–1944:** Red Army forces occupy and annex Estonia into U.S.S.R. Mass arrests and deportations follow. Nazi invasion in 1941 brings its own occupation and Holocaust. When U.S.S.R. reinvades in 1944, tens of thousands flee to Sweden by ship.

**1945–1991:** Soviet occupation, Estonia is cut off from the West.

**1987–1988:** The "Singing Revolution" – large-scale protests against Moscow's rule in the form of traditional mass singing events.

**1991:** Estonia declares independence on August 20.

**1990s:** Economic transformation accompanied by widespread development of IT infrastructure. In 1997, Tallinn is added to UNESCO's World Heritage List.

**2004:** Estonia joins the European Union and NATO.

**2011:** The country becomes the 17<sup>th</sup> member of the Eurozone. Tallinn takes on its role as European Capital of Culture.

# Medieval Old Town

## Tallinn's Old Town



Twisting cobblestone lanes and iron street lamps. Gothic spires and Medieval markets. Cappuccino and Wi-Fi. This is the city's famous Old Town. If you're looking for that mix of historic ambience and cutting-edge culture that defines Tallinn, you'll find it here. Built up from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> centuries, when Tallinn was a thriving member of the Hanseatic trade league, this enclosed neighbourhood of colourful, gabled houses, half-hidden courtyards and grandiose churches is, quite rightly, the city's biggest tourist draw. And the fact that it's all neatly packaged within a mostly-intact city wall and dotted with guard towers gives it an extra dose of fairytale charm. In 1997, UNESCO acknowledged the importance of this unique area by adding it to its World Heritage List.

### Town Wall & Towers

The power politics of the Middle Ages meant that, Tallinn was constantly under threat of attack by one ambitious neighbour or another. The solution, launched in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, was to maintain a system of high, thick walls, guard towers and gates. Today 1.9km of the wall and roughly half of the original 46 towers still loom over Old Town, evoking images of heroic knights and damsels in distress. To learn more, see page 12.



### Town Hall Square & Town Hall

Raekoja plats 1  
[www.tallinn.ee/raekoda](http://www.tallinn.ee/raekoda)

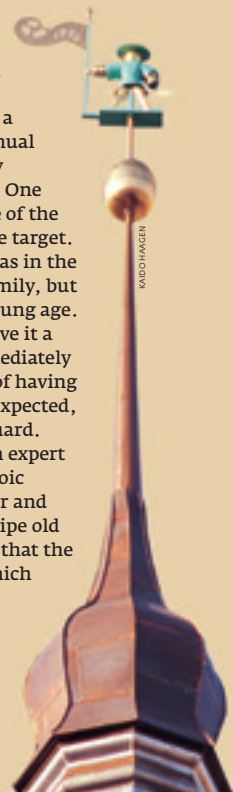
Picturesque Town Hall Square has been the undisputed hub of Old Town for eight centuries. Surrounded by historic merchant houses and, in summer, packed with café tables, it's a natural magnet for tourists. Originally it served as a market and a meeting place, and was the site of at least one execution (resulting from a dispute over a bad omelette). Find the round stone marked with a compass rose in the middle of the square. From this spot, with a little stretching and bending, you can see the roofs of all five of Old Town's spires. Dominating the square's east side is the Town Hall, built in 1402–1404 as the headquarters for the ruling burgermeisters. Today it's Northern Europe's only intact – and best-preserved – Gothic town hall. Look closely at the top of the 64-metre spire to see a weather vane in the shape of Old Thomas, Tallinn's mustachioed mascot.



ALLAN ALAJARIN

### OLD THOMAS, THE TOWN'S FAVOURITE GUARD

Back in the days of yore, an archery contest was held each spring to see who could shoot a wooden parrot off the top of a high pole. It was a serious annual tradition, reserved exclusively for the men of noble families. One year, so the legend goes, none of the contestants was able to hit the target. A plucky boy called Thomas was in the crowd. He was from a poor family, but had learned archery from a young age. Urged on by his friends, he gave it a shot, hit the parrot, and immediately got into trouble. But instead of having his ears boxed as his mother expected, he was made an apprentice guard. Thomas eventually became an expert soldier, performing many heroic deeds during the Livonian War and serving with distinction to a ripe old age. Years later locals noticed that the Town Hall's weather vane, which is shaped like a soldier with a bushy moustache, looked a lot like their hero guard and started calling it Old Thomas in his honour. Nowadays Old Thomas, both the legend and the weather vane, is a much-loved symbol of Tallinn.



KARDO HAGEN

AIN AVIK





### Town Hall Pharmacy

Raekoja plats 11 • [www.raeapteek.ee](http://www.raeapteek.ee)

Open since as far back as 1422, this curious little shop on the corner of Town Hall Square is in fact the oldest continuously running pharmacy in Europe. Medieval remedies like burnt bees and powdered unicorn horn have been replaced by their 21<sup>st</sup>-century counterparts, but one room in the back displays a collection of medicinal bric-a-brac from bygone days.

ANU VAINTRA



### St. Olav's Church

Lai 50 • [www.oleviste.ee](http://www.oleviste.ee)

Once upon a time, from 1549 to 1625 to be precise, this 14<sup>th</sup>-century Gothic church was the tallest building in the world. In Medieval days its 159-metre spire would have made it a truly inspiring sight. Sadly it also made an excellent lightning rod, and the resulting fires burned the church to the ground in 1625 and in 1820. Today, at 124 metres, the current spire still towers over Old Town, and in spring and summer daring visitors can climb up for an amazing view.

ANU VIK



STANISLAV TERSHIKO

### St. Nicholas' Church

Niguliste 3 • [www.nigulistemuuseum.ee](http://www.nigulistemuuseum.ee)

Saints, dancing skeletons and silver – not to mention the occasional organ concert – are the main attractions at this imposing, 13<sup>th</sup>-century church. Destroyed in a World War II bombing raid, it was painstakingly reconstructed in the 1980s. Nowadays St. Nicholas' acts as a museum specialising in works of religious art, most famously Bernt Notke's beautiful but spooky painting *Danse Macabre* (Dance with Death).



ANNIKA PALVARI

### St. Catherine's Passage & Masters' Courtyard

Vene 12 • [www.katariinagild.ee](http://www.katariinagild.ee)

Vene 6 • [www.hoov.ee](http://www.hoov.ee)

Easily the most photogenic of Old Town's lanes, St.

Catherine's runs between Vene and Müürivahe streets, along the back of what was St. Catherine's Church.

The street is home to St. Catherine's Guild, a collection of craft shops where artists create and sell hats, quilts, ceramics, hand-painted silk and other wares. Not far from here is the beautifully restored Masters' Courtyard where handicrafts, jewellery and chocolate confections are sold.



MARKETANEL

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[www.3d.tallinn.ee](http://www.3d.tallinn.ee)



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### Holy Spirit Church

Pühavaimu 2 • [www.eelk.ee/tallinna.puhavaimu](http://www.eelk.ee/tallinna.puhavaimu)

Just off Town Hall Square stands a radiant, white church with an octagonal tower. This is the 14<sup>th</sup>-century Holy Spirit Church, a spectacular structure both inside and out. The colourful painted clock on its facade is Tallinn's oldest public timepiece, but don't miss the carved wood interior and 15<sup>th</sup>-century altar painted by Bernt Notke.

### Dominican Monastery

Vene 16 • [www.kloostri.ee](http://www.kloostri.ee)

Do not be surprised if you think you can hear monks chanting as you wander through the corridors of St.

Catherine's Monastery. Established in 1246, this is Tallinn's oldest intact building. Its beautiful courtyard can be accessed through the yard of the adjacent Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church. To see the inner rooms, visit the Claustrium on Müürivahe street.

### Horse Mill

Lai 47

The funny, round building at the end of Lai street served a vital function: from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> century, it was the town's horse-driven flour mill. Now it operates as a venue for concerts and plays.



ANU WHITTA



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### MARZIPAN OR MART'S BREAD

Historians might tell you that marzipan, that sweet confection made from almonds and sugar, comes from Persia or Italy, but local legend insists the delicacy was invented right here at Tallinn's Town Hall Pharmacy. Long ago, so the story goes, a town alderman fell ill and summoned the apothecary to prescribe a cure. The expert apothecary knew an elaborate formula he was certain would work, but the alderman insisted that the apothecary test the medicine on himself. As fate would have it, the apothecary caught a nasty cold, so the preparation (and guinea pig) duty fell to his young apprentice, Mart. Being a clever lad, Mart replaced each bitter ingredient with a sweet one. Not only did the tasty remedy work, but the alderman loved it so much that he ordered it in large quantities and made it famous throughout Tallinn and beyond. The sweet bread-like confection became known as *Mardileib*, or *Mart's bread*.



ANU WHITTA

### Kalev Marzipan Room

Pikk 16 • [www.kalev.eu](http://www.kalev.eu)

In this historic shop combined with museum, you'll learn about Tallinn's love affair with marzipan and see some of the most intricate marzipan creations. On display are close to 200 marzipan figures and 100-year-old Georg Stude marzipan forms.



# History Museums

Old Town itself often feels like a big, living museum, but the area has plenty of actual museums to give visitors a context for what they're seeing. Below are some museums in Old Town that chronicle various aspects of Tallinn's past. For a complete list of museums throughout the city, see page 47.



JAN HENRIK

## Tallinn City Museum

Vene 17 • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

Housed in a 14<sup>th</sup>-century merchant house, this modern museum provides an excellent introduction to Tallinn's history, from the first settlements right up to the Singing Revolution and 1991 restoration of independence.



SHEILA BARRY



CHRISTEBERK

## Estonian History Museum – Great Guild Hall

Pikk 17 • [www.gjaloomuuseum.ee](http://www.gjaloomuuseum.ee)

This extensive museum presents Estonia's history from prehistoric times right up to the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Films and interactive displays show how people here lived, fought and survived over the last 11,000 years. The museum is housed in the 15<sup>th</sup>-century Great Guild Hall, a spectacular relic of Tallinn's past. The Estonian History Museum has another branch at Maarjamäe Palace (see page 16).



TAVI GEBER

## Estonian Maritime Museum

Pikk 70 • [www.meremuuseum.ee](http://www.meremuuseum.ee)

In one of Tallinn's main defense tower, Fat Margaret, you'll find the Estonian Maritime Museum, where you can learn everything you need to know about Tallinn's nautical past. Ancient diving equipment, antique maps, models of ships and the like fill its four floors. Be sure to climb to the roof for a great view of the city and port.



TALLINNCITY MUSEUM

## Town Prison – Museum of Photography

Raekoja 4/6 • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

In Medieval times this building was used as a prison. Now it's a museum covering Estonian photography from 1840 to 1940. Displays include an early 20<sup>th</sup>-century darkroom, old photos of Tallinn, and hundreds of antique cameras, including a 1930s-era Minox, designed in Estonia.



SHEILA BARRY

## Museum of Occupations

Toompea 8 • [www.okupatsioon.ee](http://www.okupatsioon.ee)

This modern museum on the border of Old Town is the first in the nation dedicated to the 1939 – 1991 time period, during which Estonia was occupied briefly by the Germans, and for a longer time by the Soviet Union. Audio-visual displays, photos and sound recordings highlight the events of the era, repression and popular resistance, as well as showing how ordinary people coped with the day-to-day realities of this difficult period.

## GHOST STORIES OF OLD TOWN

Spooks, ghosts, haunts... if the stories are to be believed, Tallinn is positively infested with things that go bump in the night. Old Town even has a ghost street (Vaimu), which residents thought was haunted centuries ago. More recent tales – from as late as the 1990s – tell of spectral nuns in the Gustav Adolph Gymnasium and a monk-like figure who could be seen drinking wine in the Maiden's Tower. The nearby Short Leg Gate Tower probably takes the prize for the most reported incidents: through the years there have been countless sightings of a pair of monks, a woman in old-fashioned dress, and even a ghost dog. Old Town's most famous haunted house stands at Rataskaevu 16, where legend insists that the Devil once held a wedding party. In any case, for centuries the location has been connected with unexplained, late-night party noises and in the last few years, mysterious, thundering footsteps on its wooden staircase.



## Viewing platforms

In the old days the nobles living on Toompea hill would look down – both literally and figuratively – on the merchants and artisans living in the town below. Now so can you. Two viewing spots in particular, the Kohtu street and Patkuli platforms, give sweeping panoramas of Old Town's rooftops, towers and beyond. From the Kohtu street platform there's an unforgettable view of the city's Medieval neighbourhood against the backdrop of its new financial district. The Patkuli platform, on the other hand, offers the best vantage point to see Tallinn's fairy tale city wall and towers, as well as St. Olav's Church and the harbour. From Patkuli, a winding series of steps lead down to the cliff face to Nunne street, below.

### TALLINN'S TWO LEGS

Old Town is divided into two distinct parts: Lower Town and Toompea hill. Connecting these areas are two picturesque streets known as Tallinn's two 'legs': Pikk jalg (Long Leg) and Lühike jalg (Short Leg). Most visitors prefer to climb up to Toompea on one of these 'legs' and return to Lower Town on the other.

In days of old, the long, straight Pikk jalg was the passageway for carriage traffic heading to and from Toompea. It starts at the four-storey Long Leg Gate Tower, which dates to 1380, and ends at the striking, onion-shaped domes of the St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. One of the walls that flanks Pikk jalg has become a favourite spot for local artists selling their sketches and paintings.

The much narrower, winding Lühike jalg used to be the main way to get to and from Toompea by foot. This curious, little lane, most of which runs up a set of stairs, is home to a number of small art shops, as well as a museum and a café. At the top of the street stands the Short Leg Gate Tower, which was built in 1456 and is reputed to be one of the most haunted buildings in Old Town. The tower was extensively rebuilt in the 1980s, but the huge, 17<sup>th</sup>-century wooden door you'll pass here is original.



ANU VAITRA

## Toompea Castle & Pikk Hermann Tower

Lossi plats 1 • [www.riigikogu.ee](http://www.riigikogu.ee)

Toompea Castle has been seat of power in Estonia since the German Knights of the Sword built the first stone fortress here in 1227-29. Even these days it's home to the nation's Parliament, Riigikogu. Most visitors' first view is the pink, Baroque palace dating to the time of Catherine the Great. Go around back, down the hill to the left, for a more Medieval view. From below, the castle takes on a much more fortress-like appearance. Standing at the southwest corner of Toompea Castle is the Pikk Hermann (Tall Hermann) Tower, a vital symbol of Estonian nationhood. Originally built in 1371, it reached its current, 46m height after reconstruction in 1500. Because it's the castle's tallest tower, accepted wisdom has long held that whichever power flies its flag here rules Estonia. In 1989, the Estonian blue, black and white replaced the Soviet flag on Pikk

Hermann for the first time, a key symbolic victory for the independence movement. Nowadays the Estonian flag is raised here each morning to the tune of the national anthem.

## Cathedral of St. Mary the Virgin

Toom-Kooli 6 • [www.eelk.ee/tallinna.toom](http://www.eelk.ee/tallinna.toom)

The more common name for this gleaming, white church on Toompea is "Toomkirik" (Dome Church) and it's now the main Lutheran church in Estonia. Established sometime before 1233 (and rebuilt several times), it was the church of the elite, German nobility. Inside you'll find their coats of arms, and tombs.



KARDO HAGEN



MARI KADANEK



### LEGEND OF DANNEBROG

A well-known legend, both in Estonia and Denmark, holds that the Danish flag, the Dannebrog, originated on this very spot, in what's now called the Danish King's Garden. According to the story, Valdemar's forces were losing their battle with the Estonians when suddenly the skies opened and a red flag with a white cross floated down. Taking this as a holy sign, the Danes were spurred on to victory.



ANDRÉS TREJAL

### Danish King's Garden

Lühike jalg 9A

On one slope of Toompea hill, between the city wall and Lower Town, you'll find an open, garden-like area and a terraced set of steps that leads down to a courtyard on Rüütli street. This relaxing spot was supposedly where King Valdemar II of Denmark and his troops camped before conquering Toompea in 1219.



SHEILA BARRY

### St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral

Lossi plats 10 • [www.nevsky.orthodox.ee](http://www.nevsky.orthodox.ee)

One piece of Old Town architecture that seems out of place here among its Medieval neighbours is the colourful, onion-domed Russian church that lords over the city from atop Toompea hill. Most Estonians aren't thrilled about the church due to its placement and early political significance: it was established here in 1900 as a symbol of tsarist power over the Estonian people, who at the time were starting to contemplate about independence. Now the cathedral is the main place of worship for Estonia's Russian Orthodox faithful.

## The Pikk Street Guilds

From the 14<sup>th</sup> century onwards, much of the everyday life in Tallinn was controlled by powerful merchant and craft guilds, associations that not only regulated trade in certain spheres, but also played a role in local politics and social life. Today the guild houses along Pikk street stand as testaments to the prowess of these organisations, and also represent some of the most eclectic architecture in Old Town.



KARDOHALGEN

### House of the Brotherhood of Black Heads

Pikk 26 • [www.mustpeademaja.ee](http://www.mustpeademaja.ee)

The Brotherhood of Black Heads gets its odd name from the fact that its patron saint, Mauritius, was a dark-skinned Moor. This guild of unmarried German merchants was responsible for organising the town's defenses as well as its spring festivals. The beautiful Renaissance facade dates to 1597, and the much-photographed red, green and gold door dates to 1640. Today Tallinn Philharmonic Society operates here.



*Fragment of the painted epitaph, dedicated to the memory of those in the Brotherhood of the Black Heads who were killed in the Livonian War. Lambert Glandorf, 1561.*

### Great Guild Hall

Pikk 17 • [www.ajaloomuuseum.ee](http://www.ajaloomuuseum.ee)

It's no surprise that this hulking, gabled hall with its gigantic porch and lion's head door knockers belonged to the Great Guild. It was at the top rung of the guild ladder in terms of power and wealth. Its members, who had to be married German merchants, controlled the Town Council. The building, which dates to 1410, now houses the Estonian History Museum (see page 9).



ARBO TALMANSAR

### Kanut Guild Hall

Pikk 20 • [www.saal.ee](http://www.saal.ee)

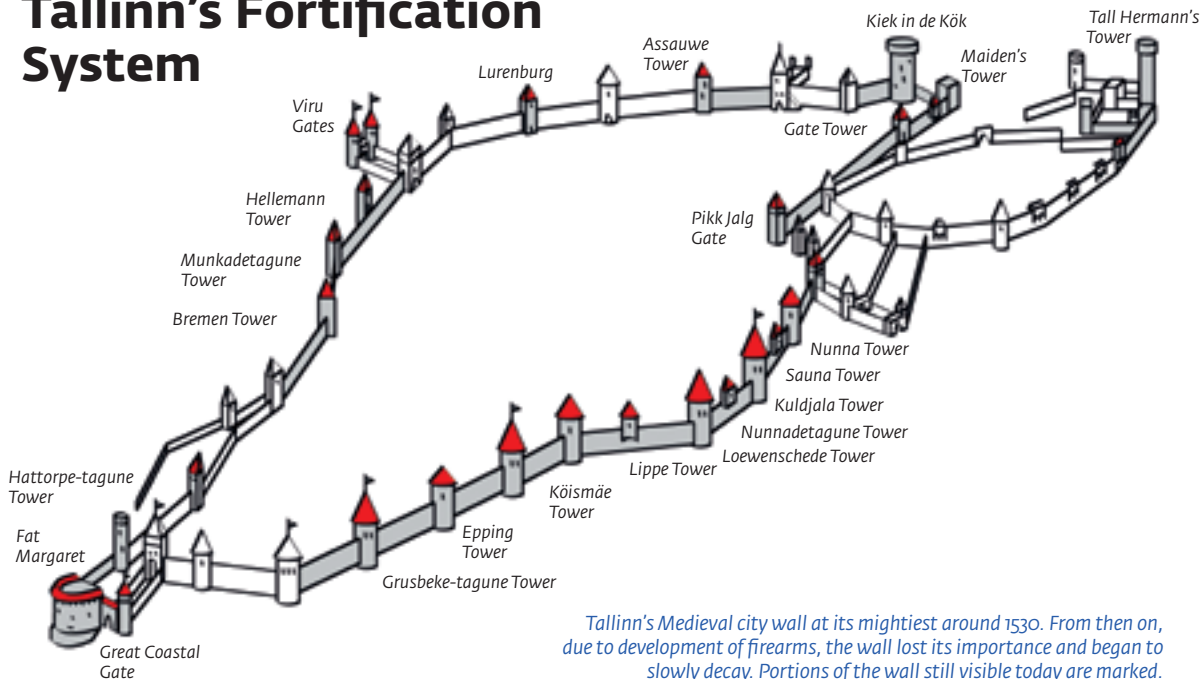
The Kanut Guild was made up of skilled craftsmen from various trades. Though the building is much older, its facade dates to 1863–64 and is done in an English, Tudor style, with statues representing St. Kanut and Martin Luther. The hall is now a modern dance theatre. Directly across the street, high atop the Baroque facade, you'll see the odd figure of a man wearing old-fashioned spectacles. Legend insists that the "Peeping Man" was put there by a jealous wife – a warning to the ladies practising dance in the guild hall that her husband was watching them.

### St. Olav's Guild Hall

Pikk 24 • [www.mustpeademaja.ee](http://www.mustpeademaja.ee)

St. Olav's Guild united those practising what were considered the lower-class trades – butchers, tanners, gravediggers – who were by and large Estonians. They used this hall from the 14<sup>th</sup> century, but in 1919 it was bought by, and merged with, the Black Heads' house next door.

# Tallinn's Fortification System



*Tallinn's Medieval city wall at its mightiest around 1530. From then on, due to development of firearms, the wall lost its importance and began to slowly decay. Portions of the wall still visible today are marked.*

Medieval forts first appeared during the early development of the Medieval city in the late 13<sup>th</sup> century and surrounded the downtown to create a closed off defense zone. Constant additions and improvements meant that, by the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Tallinn boasted one of the most powerful and strongest defence systems in Northern Europe.

Sweden ruled Estonia from the late 1500s to 1710, during which it put a lot of work into improving Tallinn's defenses. In addition to strengthening the city wall and its towers, builders installed secret tunnels around the bastions.

These days 1.9km of the wall still stands, as do 20 defensive towers and portions of two of the six outer gates. The best places to see the wall are the Patkuli viewing platform on Toompea and Tornide väljak (Towers Square), located near the train station. Many towers are also open to the public.



## Fat Margaret's Tower – Great Coastal Gate

Pikk 70 • [www.meremuuseum.ee](http://www.meremuuseum.ee)

This fat, sturdy defense tower was built between 1511 to 1530 to protect Tallinn from attacks by sea, but it was also part of the older Great Coastal Gate, now the town's last intact outer gate. Fat Margaret's has become home to the Estonian Maritime Museum.

## Kiek in de Kõk

Komandandi tee 2 • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

Those interested in walls, towers and cannons should drop into this museum of the town's defenses. The name of this 38m tower means "peep into the kitchen," since it was so high that guards joked they could see right down the chimneys of the houses



below. It was built in the 1470s, but quickly expanded and strengthened, giving it walls up to 4m thick. This museum is also the starting place for visitors who want to tour the tunnels hidden under Toompea.

## Bastion Tunnels

Komandandi tee 2 • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

The Bastion Tunnels can only be visited by guided tours held Tuesday to Sunday. On the tunnel tour, visitors can see some of the old equipment left over from that era, as well as parts of the tunnel that still retain their more Medieval look. The tour includes a slow-moving train ride, where guests are shown the various stages of the tunnels' past, and even a few decades into their possible future. Booking well in advance is highly recommended.





ERIC JANINEN/SHUTTERSTOCK

### Maiden's Tower

Lühike jalg 9A • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

This three-storey Town Wall tower was first mentioned in 1373 and played a major role in the defense system of medieval Tallinn. It has been used as a prison, artists' studio and a café. The renovated tower now houses a museum and a café.

### Nunna, Sauna & Kuldjala Towers

Väike-Kloostri 9

One of the few sections of the wall that's open to the public can be found here on Väike-Kloostri street. From the entrance in the Nunna Tower you can walk along the wall to Sauna and Kuldjala Towers. Views from here are dazzling.

### Loewenschede Tower

Kooli 7 • [www.asuurkeraamika.ee](http://www.asuurkeraamika.ee)

Built in the 1370s, this old defence tower now functions as a ceramics studio, gallery and a gift shop.

### Viru Gate

The two small, round towers at the bottom of Viru street are called the Viru Gates, but they're actually only the foregates of a much more complex gate system that was demolished in the 1880s to make room for traffic. The remaining two towers, covered in vines, have become a symbol of the town.



JANK KOLIBIK



ANU VAIK

### Epping Tower

Laboratooriumi 31 • [www.eppingtower.info](http://www.eppingtower.info)

Medieval arms and armour are the focus of the hands-on displays in this skinny, six-storey tower, a great place to try on chain mail or handle replica swords.



ANU VAIK/REX

### Hellemann Tower

Müürivahe 48 • [www.hellemann.ee](http://www.hellemann.ee)

A visit to this three-storey tower next to Old Town's knit market also gives visitors a chance to walk along a 200-metre stretch of the wall. Dating to the 14<sup>th</sup>-century, it has been used as a prison and a weapons store, but nowadays houses an art gallery.

### THE OLD MAN OF ÜLEMISTE LAKE

When you're here in Tallinn, if a mysterious old man approaches you and asks whether the city is finished yet, your answer had better be an emphatic "no." One of Tallinn's oldest legends tells of Ülemiste Vanake, the old man from Lake Ülemiste, on the outskirts of town near the Tallinn airport. One dark night each autumn he rises from the lake, knocks on the city gates and asks, "Is the city finished yet, or is there still work being done?"

The guards have strict orders to answer that no, there's still loads of construction going on and it'll probably be years before it's ready. The disappointed old man then turns and leaves, grumbling all the way back to the lake. The belief was that if the answer was ever "yes", the old man would call up the waters of the lake and wipe out the city in a great flood. Luckily, despite ups and downs in the local economy, there's always some construction going on in Tallinn so the city is safe from the old man for the time being.

### Under the City

Like any Medieval town, Tallinn has its share of underground passageways, particularly the defensive tunnel systems built in the 1600s during the time of Swedish rule. Back then, the threat of an attack was a constant worry, so planners constructed high bastion walls around the outside of the fortified city. They also installed tunnels under the base of the walls so they could safely move soldiers and ammunition where they were needed, not to mention spying on the enemy.

Some tunnels were forgotten. As recently as 2003, workers digging a foundation near the Museum of Occupations found a pentagonal system of limestone-lined tunnels dating to the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

Other tunnels have always been well known, in particular the ones that run underneath Harju Hill and Linda Hill at the edge of Toompea, which are open for tours. These tunnels have a fascinating history: they were built in the 1670s, but hardly used until they were turned into bomb shelters in the 20<sup>th</sup> century for World War II. During the Soviet period they were further modernised to add electricity, running water, ventilation and phones.



JANK KOLIBIK

# Kadriorg

Kadriorg is a quiet, leafy area within easy walking distance of Old Town. After Russian tsar Peter the Great conquered the Baltics in the early 1700s, he established an estate with a public park on this spot. He named the area Ekaterinental (Catherine's Valley, or Kadriorg in Estonian) after his wife, Catherine I. The Baroque palace he had built – along with the surrounding forests, ponds and fountains – are still the neighbourhood's prime draw. Over the next two centuries the streets near the park became lined with ornate wooden mansions as Kadriorg developed into the upscale residential district that it remains today.

Culturally-minded visitors should note that Kadriorg is also home to the nation's best art museums – all the more reason to head to Kadriorg for a Sunday stroll.

Kadriorg is also the birthplace of Estonia's spa culture. In 1813 Georg Witte opened the first seaside spa here.



ANLU VANTSA

## Kadriorg Art Museum – Kadriorg Palace

A. Weizenbergi 37  
[www.kadriorumuuseum.ee](http://www.kadriorumuuseum.ee)

Standing at the centre of Kadriorg is the stunning, Northern Baroque palace that Peter the Great built as a summer residence in 1718. To experience the full measure of imperial grandeur, you should visit the manicured garden in back, but at the any case look inside to see the foreign art branch of the Estonian Art Museum.

## Kadriorg Park

[www.kadriorupark.ee](http://www.kadriorupark.ee)

Surrounding the palace is the vast Kadriorg Park, the best place in town for feeding pigeons and pondering life.

Criss-crossed with paths and dotted with statues, Kadriorg holds many surprises. A good stopping spot is the rectangular Swan Pond, with its fountain, gazebo and nearby cafés.

An uphill stroll from here leads past flower beds to another fountain area. In recent years the park has gained a Japanese garden and rainwater channels system. The park is 296 years old in 2013.



KRISTJANI MANDJAK



TOMASKOVIITSE





### Peter the Great's Cottage

Mäekalda 2 • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

This humble, 17<sup>th</sup>-century cottage is where the mightiest of the Russian tsars, Peter the Great, spent his Tallinn stays while the nearby Kadriorg Palace was being built. Decorated with period furnishings, it now serves as a museum, displaying some of the tsar's personal belongings.



ANNA PIK

### Kumu Art Museum

A. Weizenbergi 34 / Valge 1 • [www.kumu.ee](http://www.kumu.ee)

A must-see museum, Kumu serves as both Estonia's national gallery and a centre for contemporary art. The complex itself is a work of art – it was opened in 2006 after nearly a decade of planning and construction, and is considered a modern architectural masterpiece. Curves and sharp edges define the copper and limestone structure, built into the side of a limestone cliff.



SCANPIX TOOMAS RUIK

### Miia-Milla-Manda Museum

L. Koidula 21C • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

(See page 22)

### The Song Festival Grounds

Narva mnt 95 • [www.lauluvaljak.ee](http://www.lauluvaljak.ee)

This sprawling event venue in Kadriorg has a special place in the hearts of Estonians. It was here in 1988 that the Singing Revolution, a massive, musical demonstration against Soviet rule, set Estonia on the road toward independence. The grounds feature an outdoor concert arena, built in 1959, and a number of indoor halls, and they host a multitude of large concerts and festivals through the year. The site is home to the Estonian Song and Dance Festival, an unforgettable event that takes place every five years, bringing together up to 30,000 performers and 200,000 spectators. Next to the concert arena is the 42-metre Song Grounds Light Tower, open for visitors upon request.

TOOMAS RUIK

### Eating Out

Nordic or Mediterranean, traditional or exotic, cuisines of all types can be found in Kadriorg.

#### Restaurants

##### Cantina Carramba

A. Weizenbergi 20A • [www.carramba.ee](http://www.carramba.ee)

##### Kadriorg

A. Weizenbergi 18 • [www.restorankadriorg.ee](http://www.restorankadriorg.ee)

##### Riis

Tina 21 • [www.riis.ee](http://www.riis.ee)

##### Salt

Vase 14 • [www.saltrestoran.ee](http://www.saltrestoran.ee)

##### Villa Thai

J. Vilmsi 6 • [www.villathai.ee](http://www.villathai.ee)

##### Katharinenthal

A. Weizenbergi 22 • [www.katharinenthal.ee](http://www.katharinenthal.ee)

#### Cafés

##### Bonaparte in Kumu Art Museum

A. Weizenbergi 34 • [www.bonaparte.ee](http://www.bonaparte.ee)

##### Gourmet Coffee

Koidula 13A • [www.gourmetcoffee.ee](http://www.gourmetcoffee.ee)

##### NOP

Köleri 1 • [www.nop.ee](http://www.nop.ee)

##### Väike Boheem Kohvik Kadriorus

J. Vilmsi 45 • [www.facebook.com/VaikeBoheemKohvikKadriorus](http://www.facebook.com/VaikeBoheemKohvikKadriorus)



ANU WHITTE

### Russalka

This angel statue on Kadriorg beach is a monument to the armored ship Russalka, which sank on its way to Helsinki in 1893. The memorial was installed in 1902 to commemorate the ship's crew, all 177 of whom perished.

### How to get there?

Trams no 1 and 3 take you to Kadriorg stop from downtown.

# Pirita

A little farther down the shoreline from Kadriorg is the Pirita district. With its 3km stretch of sand beach and a yachting harbor, Pirita is best known as a centre for summer fun. A quieter way to enjoy the area is to head across the road to the Pirita River delta, where row boats, canoes and water bicycles can be rented. Pirita is also worth visiting for its own bit of Medieval architecture – the ruins of St. Bridget's Convent.

## Estonian History Museum – Maarjamäe Palace

Pirita tee 56 • [www.ajaloomuuseum.ee](http://www.ajaloomuuseum.ee)  
Buses no 1A, 8, 34A

Maarjamäe Palace is now home to a large-scale exhibition devoted to the Republic of Estonia. It tells the story of the birth, development, occupation and regained independence of the republic. A variety of objects, documents and stories highlight Estonians' pursuit of freedom and self-determination throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The Estonian Film Museum is housed here.

## Tallinn TV Tower

Kloostrimetsa tee 58A • [www.teletorn.ee](http://www.teletorn.ee)  
Bus no 34A and 38

At 314 metres, the TV Tower in Pirita is the tallest structure in the country. More than that, it's a prime example of the kind of grand, concrete building projects that appeared in the later Soviet period. Originally opened in 1980, the tower now allows visitors onto an observation deck 170 metres off the ground with displays of Estonia's greatest achievements, as well as a café and a television studio.



ARVE MANSIK



KRESTIAN MANDMÄE

## Tallinn Botanic Garden

Kloostrimetsa tee 52 • [www.botaanika.ee](http://www.botaanika.ee)  
Bus no 34A and 38

With over 4,500 plant species and 123 hectares of space, this is the best place in Tallinn to stop and smell the flowers. In summer, a stroll through the rose garden is a must, but the extensive, lush greenhouses make this a popular destination all year round.

## Metsakalmistu

Kloostrimetsa tee 36 • [www.kalmistud.ee](http://www.kalmistud.ee)  
Bus no 34A and 38

The 'Forest Cemetery', located in the Pirita district, was established in 1933 and quickly became the favoured resting place of the nation's luminaries. The writer Eduard Vilde was the first to be buried here.

## Pirita Beach

Pirita Beach is by far the largest and most popular in Tallinn – in the summer it can attract up to 30,000 visitors a day. The 2km-long beach has a magnificent view of Old Town and the busy sea traffic on the Gulf of Finland. Here you'll find ball courts, playgrounds for children, lockers, chaise longues and water sport equipment rental.

## Pirita Promenade

A long-time favourite of pedestrians, cyclists and skaters, this 2km paved pathway stretches along the waterfront from Kadriorg to Pirita, offering the most spectacular views of Tallinn's rocky shoreline with the Old Town cityscape in the distance.

## St. Bridget's Convent Ruins

Kloostri tee 9 • [www.piritaklooster.ee](http://www.piritaklooster.ee)  
Buses no 1A, 8, 34A and 38

The mysterious, triangular shape towering above the trees next to Pirita River belongs to the ruins of St. Bridget's Convent, which operated here from 1407 until it was destroyed during the Livonian war in the late 16<sup>th</sup> century. The 35-metre facade, along with several walls, staircases and cellars, can still be seen, as can a farmer's cemetery that developed here in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Nearby is the modern building of the St. Brigittine Order, which re-established a convent here in 2001.

## Eating Out

You can enjoy good food together with a sea view at the following Pirita area restaurants:

### Kalev Yacht Club

Pirita tee 17 • [www.jahtklubiresto.ee](http://www.jahtklubiresto.ee)

### Regatta & Seaside Lounge

Regati pst 1 • [www.tallinkhotels.com](http://www.tallinkhotels.com)

### St. Patrick

Merivälja tee 5 • [www.patricks.ee](http://www.patricks.ee)

### Teletorn

Kloostrimetsa tee 56 • [www.teletorn.ee](http://www.teletorn.ee)

### Silk Sushi Bar

Merivälja tee 1 • [www.silk.ee](http://www.silk.ee)

### Café Velvet

Merivälja tee 5 • [www.cafevelvet.ee](http://www.cafevelvet.ee)

### River Restoran

Merivälja tee 1 • [www.riveris.ee](http://www.riveris.ee)



# Rocca al Mare

Sitting at the western edge of the city, Rocca al Mare is best known as the site of the sprawling Estonian Open Air Museum, where 19<sup>th</sup>-century village life is recreated. The area is also home to other major attractions, such as Tallinn Zoo.

## Estonian Open Air Museum

Vabaõhumuuseumi tee 12 • [www.evm.ee](http://www.evm.ee)  
Bus no 21

This museum lets you travel back in time of the rural Estonia. The vast, forested park is filled with thatched, 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century farm buildings, windmills, a wooden chapel and a village school, with the staff demonstrating how people lived and worked during these times. Visitors can buy handicrafts and try out the traditional food served in the village tavern Kolu Kõrts.

## Tallinn Zoo

Paldiski mnt 145 • [www.tallinnzoo.ee](http://www.tallinnzoo.ee)  
Bus no 21. Trolley-buses no 6 and 7

If you want to get in touch with your wild side, take a trip to Tallinn's sizeable zoo and spend some time communing with your fellow creatures.



TALLINN ZOO

Spread across 87 hectares of forested land, the zoo boasts one of Northern Europe's best collections. The list of its residents includes rhinos, vultures, camels, polar bears, pythons, lions, bison and dozens of other species. You can visit the crocodiles and chimpanzees in the Tropical House, or make your way to the Elephant House to see a pigmy hippo, a chinchilla, various snakes and, of course, an elephant.

The zoo happens to have one of the best collections of mountain goats and sheep in the world, but its real stars are the incredibly rare Amur leopards; only 30 to 35 of these animals exist anywhere in the world.

Kids will love the petting zoo, which is open from June to August, between Wednesdays and Fridays. Group tours in English and other languages can be arranged with prior booking.



TOOMAS VOLLMER

## Eating Out

The Rocca al Mare shopping centre boasts cuisines from all over the world, and nearby you'll find many family-friendly restaurants.

### Kolu Kõrts

(in Estonian Open Air Museum)  
Vabaõhumuuseumi tee 12 • [www.evm.ee](http://www.evm.ee)

### Lucca

Keskpäevatee 1 • [www.restoranlucca.ee](http://www.restoranlucca.ee)

### Rucola

Ehitajate tee 114A • [www.rucola.ee](http://www.rucola.ee)



FK CENTRE

## FK Centre

Paldiski mnt 229A • [www.fkkeskus.ee](http://www.fkkeskus.ee)

This adventure centre has a number of activities designed to get your adrenaline pumping, including paintball and a 730m motorised go-kart track.

## Škoda Icehall

Haabersti 3 • [www.icearena.ee](http://www.icearena.ee)

A favourite training ground for Estonia's hockey champions and future figure skating stars, this world-class ice sports centre is also a fun, cool destination for recreational skaters of all ages. Non-skaters can watch all the action from the cosy, upstairs café. Call ahead or check the web to make sure the ice is available.

## Rocca al Mare Promenade

This 2.5km promenade runs through a peaceful, woodsy residential area in north Tallinn. The wood and steel walkway connects two popular suburban beaches – Stroomi and Kakumäe – and goes past the famous Estonian Open Air Museum.



ESTONIAN OPEN AIR MUSEUM

# Kalamaja

If you love architecture or history, or want to get a feel for the grittier edge of Tallinn's art scene, pay a visit to Kalamaja, one of the 'wooden house districts' that cover the northern part of the city. This quiet neighbourhood just beyond the main railway station has long been known for its colourful hodgepodge of old-fashioned, working-class houses. Recently it has also taken on a Bohemian atmosphere, becoming the residence of choice for young, creative types.

Throughout most of Tallinn's history, Kalamaja served as the town's main fishing harbour. In fact, 'Kalamaja' means 'fish house' in Estonian. Starting from the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the area was traditionally dominated by fishermen, fishmongers and boatwrights.

Everything changed in 1870, when Tallinn was connected to St. Petersburg by railroad. Suddenly enormous factories started to sprout up in this part of the town, bringing with them an influx of thousands of new workers.

The wooden houses built to accommodate these workers became Kalamaja's architectural legacy and are now what gives the neighbourhood its unforgettable charm. The most architecturally unique of these are called "**Tallinn Houses**". Built in the 1920s and 30s, these two- to three-storey apartment houses are made of two symmetrical wooden wings separated by a stone central staircase. There are about 500 of these in the city today.



REINO VÕSA/TANGSOO



SEAPLANE HARBOUR

## Seaplane Harbour (Lennusadam)

Vesilennuki 6 • [www.lennusadam.ee](http://www.lennusadam.ee)

This cutting-edge museum tells exciting stories about Estonian maritime and military history with attractions for the whole family. The museum's multimedia display comprises over 200 large exhibits. The British-built submarine Lembit, weighing 600 tonnes, is the centrepiece of the new museum.

## Estonian Design House

Kalasadama 8 • [www.estoniandesignhouse.ee](http://www.estoniandesignhouse.ee)

Tucked away in the Kalamaja historic fishing area is the Estonian Design House, home to the Estonian Association of Designers, design companies and designers' studios. Estonian Design House's showroom is the best place to see Estonian designers' creations and purchase your favourites.



REINO VÕSA/TANGSOO



PAUL KUIJET

## Markets

Kalamaja is home to two well-known markets selling speciality items, food and second-hand goods.

**Tallinn Fish Market** (Kalaranna 1) operates every Saturday morning, specialising in freshly caught seafood. **Balti Jaam Market** (Kopli 1), located behind the main train station, offers a wide selection of food, Soviet-style bric-a-brac and antiques.

## Eating Out

The creative use of space and dedicated use of local produce, make these bohemian restaurant-café an integral part of the Kalamaja atmosphere.

### Boheem

Kopli 18 • [www.boheem.ee](http://www.boheem.ee)

### F-hoone

Telliskivi 60A • [www.facebook.com/F-hoone](https://www.facebook.com/F-hoone)

### Kukeke

Telliskivi 57 • [www.kukeke.ee](http://www.kukeke.ee)

### Moon

Võrgu 3 • [www.kohvikmoon.ee](http://www.kohvikmoon.ee)

For a full list of venues, please visit [www.tourism.tallinn.ee/kalamaja](http://www.tourism.tallinn.ee/kalamaja)

## How to get there?

Kalamaja is only a stone's throw from the city centre: follow the 'Culture Kilometre' gravel path, starting near the Estonian Design House, for all the main museums and attractions.



# Nõmme

Just inside the city limits at the southwestern edge of Tallinn lies Nõmme, a far cry from the bustle and glass high-rises of the metropolitan urban centre. Nõmme, a quiet, forested district filled with 1920s and 30s houses, has the feel of a small rural town. It boasts its own historic centre complete with a farmers market, cafés and pubs, and even its own castle.

If Nõmme feels like a village completely detached from the rest of the city, there's a good reason for this – before being absorbed into Tallinn in 1940, it was just that. The area owes its existence to the Baltic-German landowner, **Nikolai von Glehn** (1841–1923), who succeeded in turning his tsarist-era estate into a real town, and also earned a reputation for being somewhat eccentric. He was, after all, practically giving away land and the castle-like manor house he had built flew in the face of convention.

## The Castle and Park of Glehn

Vana-Mustamäe 48

The castle, situated about 2km east of the Nõmme centre, was the home of Nikolai von Glehn, the founder of Nõmme. The Medieval Swiss-style castle itself, completed in 1886, can only be viewed from the outside, but the vast, surrounding area is well worth exploring. Right in front of the castle is the **Palm House**, a garden grotto with an otherworldly feel.



KÜRSITEERIK



KÜRSITEERIK

Among the more bizarre features von Glehn had installed in the park are an enormous, granite **crocodile** and a towering statue of Estonia's mythical hero, **Kalevipoeg**. A particularly beautiful spot on the grounds is the **von Glehn family cemetery**, where Nikolai's wife Carolina Henriette Marie and their grandchildren are buried. The stairs adjacent to the castle lead down to a meadow which is crisscrossed by trails, perfect for walking or jogging in summer and skiing in winter.

## Nõmme Adventure Park

Külmallika 15A • [www.nommeseikluspark.ee](http://www.nommeseikluspark.ee)

At this adventure park, visitors make their way from tree to tree using a variety of clever rope-and-bridge setups. Six different tracks are available, including one for young children.

## Nõmme Museum

Jaama 18

The museum makes its home in a picturesque, 1930s-era railway station. In addition to displaying a

number of photos and household items from the town's early 20<sup>th</sup>-century boom period, the museum tells the story of the von Glehn family.

## Nõmme Market

Turu plats 8 • [www.tallinnaturud.ee/nomme](http://www.tallinnaturud.ee/nomme)

A lively, recently renovated market on the outskirts of the city. The market has a long history and is much loved among the Nõmme residents. The market offers local produce from farmers alongside quality goods from abroad. Next to outdoor stands are also little sales booths specialising in particular products like meat, honey and potatoes.



SVENJAZEK

## Eating Out

A walk in the Nõmme area is an opportunity to buy local fresh seasonal produce from the market, taste sugar-coated doughnuts, eat in a homey café, or try out spicy dishes from Georgia.

### Pirosmani

Üllipiilaste tee 1 • [www.pirosmani.ee](http://www.pirosmani.ee)

### Sõõrikukohvik Nõmme

Jaama 12 • [www.soorikukohvik.ee](http://www.soorikukohvik.ee)

### Tädi Anni juures

Vabaduse pst. 61/Valdeku 66 • [www.annikohvik.ee](http://www.annikohvik.ee)



NOMME SEIKLUSPARK

# Soviet Legacy

At the end of World War II, Soviet forces were firmly in control of Estonian territory. The country had been annexed by the USSR. The half-century of occupation that followed left an indelible mark, not only on the national psyche, but also on the architecture and layout of Tallinn. Most of the Soviet monuments are from the Stalinist 1940s and 50s, but there are also some from the 80s, when the Moscow Summer Olympics brought the sailing competition to Tallinn. The Viru Hotel is a legend in its own right, as it marked the first breakthrough of the western world in Estonia.

## Viru Hotel & KGB Museum

Viru väljak 4  
www.sokoshotels.fi

In Soviet times it was said that the KGB had files on everyone and that they operated in Viru Hotel. The latter rumour turned out to be true. Those intrigued by the city's secret history can now take a guided tour at the KGB Museum on the 23<sup>rd</sup> floor of Sokos Hotel Viru or order drinks from the Currency Bar. Booking in advance is highly recommended.

## Eating out

Moscow buns, potato salad, solyanka soup or Chicken Kiev... All these Soviet treats and other meals are still served in these Soviet-style cafés.

### Energia Kohvik

Kaubamaja 4

### Kohvik Narva

Narva mnt 10 • www.kohviknarva.ee

### Valutabaar

Viru väljak 4 • www.sokoshotels.fi



AND VINTERA

## Maarjamäe War Memorial

Pirita tee 56 • www.ajaloomuseum.ee

That mystifying ensemble of hulking concrete shapes and grass-covered earthworks you see along the coastal Pirita road is actually a memorial to Soviet soldiers killed in World War II. Though the obelisque is older (dating to 1960), most of the complex was built in 1975. A German war cemetery stands behind the site.

## KGB Headquarters

Pikk 59

The most feared building in Soviet times was Pikk 59, the Tallinn headquarters of the KGB. Here perceived enemies of the state were processed and interrogated before being shot or sent to Siberia. Nowadays the only clues to its sinister past are the strangely bricked up basement windows and a plaque that reads, "This building housed the headquarters of the organ of the Soviet occupational power. Here began the road to suffering for thousands of Estonians." The building today houses luxury apartments.

## Patarei Prison

Kalaranna 2 • www.patarei.org

Barbed wire, attack dogs, execution rooms ... it doesn't get much grimmer than this. Originally built as a fortress in 1840, this seaside complex served as a prison from 1919 until 2004.

The museum is open during summer only.

## Museum of Occupations

Toompea 8 • www.okupatsioon.ee

This high-tech museum chronicles life in Estonia during the 1940–1991 period when the nation was occupied by Nazi and Soviet regimes. It's a must-see for 20<sup>th</sup>-century history buffs or anyone who wants to understand the roots of modern Estonian society.



KINO SÕPRUS

## Architecture

Everyday buildings from Soviet times can be seen all over Tallinn – entire residential districts were built from scratch in the 60s, 70s and 80s. The Stalinist era's most prestigious residential areas are found on Koidu street, the Kassisaba area and Asula street. The 1980 Olympic games that brought the sailing regatta to Tallinn also brought the building of the Olympic venues and other projects that have expanded the city to Pirita area and are visible even today. Major buildings from that era include: the newly renovated Tallinn Lennart Meri Airport, the Olümpia Hotel (now Radisson Blu Hotel Olümpia), Tallinn TV Tower and Olympic sailing centre at Pirita. Retro fans will enjoy Pirita TOP SPA hotel and the Pirita harbour area.



SHEILA BARRY



# Modern Tallinn

## Freedom Square: A Modern Meeting Place

Freedom Square (Vabaduse väljak), a plaza at the edge of Old Town, has traditionally been a place of national symbolism and civic pride. "Thanks to the major construction works in 2009, it's now a trendy and sophisticated area filled with benches, cafés and art galleries.

The buildings around Freedom Square represent a mixture of architectural styles. Here you'll see evidence of the city's 1930s building boom, with **art deco and functionalist buildings** flanking two sides of the square. The area is also home to the bright yellow, Neo-Gothic **St. John's Church**, built here in the 1860s. The large pillar with the cross dominating the west side of the square is the **Monument to the War of Independence**, fought in 1918 to 1920.

To get a glimpse of the square's older history, just look down. A glass panel in the street on the northwest corner of the square reveals the foundation and stairs of the **Harju Gate Tower** that stood here in Medieval times.



PAUL QUINNET

## The Rotermann Quarter

To see where Tallinn is heading in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, take a stroll through the Rotermann Quarter, a former factory complex that sits between Old Town and the Passenger Port. What was a collection of dilapidated buildings just a decade ago is now a commercial centre with avant-garde architecture powerfully pointing to how far Tallinn has come in re-inventing itself in recent years.

The area's biggest project is the **Rotermann Centre**, a trendy shopping and dining zone opened in 2007. The

centre is made up of cleverly revamped, 19<sup>th</sup>-century factory buildings and modern structures, which give it a completely unique appearance. In between its shops and restaurants is a **central square** that's home to open-air activities.

There's also the striking **Rotermann Salt Storage** building nearby, which houses the Museum of Estonian Architecture, and in summer **the former flour warehouse** is the site of an exhibit of Soviet-era relics.

### Eating out

Modern food in contemporary surroundings.

#### Alter Ego

Roseni 8 • [www.alterego.ee](http://www.alterego.ee)

#### Kork

Rotermanni 5 • [www.kork.ee](http://www.kork.ee)

#### Platz

Roseni 7 • [www.platz.ee](http://www.platz.ee)

#### Sushihouse

Rotermanni 5 • [www.sushihouse.ee](http://www.sushihouse.ee)

#### Veinituba

Rotermanni 12 • [www.manipenny.ee](http://www.manipenny.ee)



TALLINN/ANDRANATSELET



INGMAR MULLIKUS

# Tallinn with Kids

Tallinn is a fun, family-friendly city with a multitude of treasures for visitors of all ages. The whole family will appreciate the sights in Tallinn's Medieval Old Town. An entire day can be well spent in the Tallinn Zoo, discovering Kadriorg and the Pirita district or diving into the underwater world at the Seaplane Harbour. A holiday with the kids in Tallinn can be educational and enjoyable – and if you have time to spare, you can find shopping and food suitable for kids in a wide variety of fine restaurants.



KADRIOG

## Family museums

### Natural History Museum

Lai 29A • [www.loodusmuuseum.ee](http://www.loodusmuuseum.ee)

This exciting museum displays Estonia's flora and fauna on three floors, as well as temporary exhibitions and wildlife from polar bears to penguins.

### Children's Museum

Kotzebue 16 • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

As the name implies, this little museum is home to all sorts of dolls, teddy bears and other toys. The rarest item is a 250-year-old rococo fashion doll from Holland.

### Miia-Milla-Manda Museum

L. Koidula 21C • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

Kadriorg is home to the 1930s wooden recreation centre that operates today as a cosy and creative museum for 3- to 11-year-olds. It is surrounded by a park and a playground.

### Museum of Puppet Arts NUKU

Lai 1 • [www.nuku.ee](http://www.nuku.ee)

Ever since it opened in 1952, the Estonian Puppet and Youth Theatre has been captivating audiences of all ages with its imaginative stories. Now this fun, high-tech museum outlines its history and displays dozens of the puppets that have starred in its popular plays.



ANDRESTEIS / LENNUSADAM

## Something new

### Seaplane Harbour (Lennusadam)

Vesilennuki 6 • [www.lennusadam.eu](http://www.lennusadam.eu)

The century-old Seaplane Hangars are home to a modern sea centre displaying boats, planes and a submarine (see page 18).

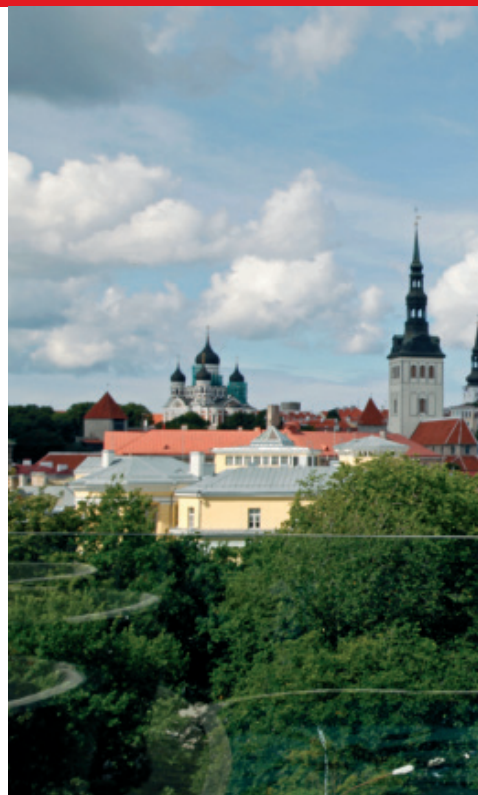
### Tallinn TV Tower

Kloostrimetsa tee 58A • [www.teletorn.ee](http://www.teletorn.ee)

Estonia's highest building (314 m) offers great views of Tallinn and even a glimpse of Finland.



NÖMMESEIKLUSPARK



## Fun for the whole family

### Nõmme Adventure Park

Külmallika 15A • [www.nommeseikluspark.ee](http://www.nommeseikluspark.ee)

The park is perfect for a day out for families, offering all kinds of vertical thrills. Many different tracks are available, including one for young children.

### Pirita Adventure Park

Merivälja tee 5 • [www.piritaseikluspark.ee](http://www.piritaseikluspark.ee)

This 6-trail adventure park in the woods near Pirita beach is the biggest in Tallinn and offers scenic views and plenty of excitement. In 2014, the park will receive an additional picnic area and tracks for young children.

### Harju Ice Rink

Harju 32 • [www.uisuplats.ee](http://www.uisuplats.ee)

When the cold weather hits, skating around Old Town's outdoor ice rink is a great way for the whole family to get into the winter spirit.

### Skypark

Pärnu mnt 139E • [www.skypark.ee](http://www.skypark.ee)

Kids of all ages will love this trampoline centre. It comes with a huge, exciting play area, loads of interesting games, a café with wireless internet in a friendly atmosphere.





ANDRUVAHTEA

## Parks and Playgrounds

Tallinn is a green city, with its parks full of playgrounds for children of all ages. When taking a stroll in the Old Town area, peek into Hirvepark, Komandandi Garden, Towers Square or take a look at the Snelli pond area. On your visit to Kadriorg, don't let your kids miss out on the playground next to the Miia-Milla-Manda children's museum.



KADRIORG

## Beaches

Tallinn boasts five public swimming beaches perfect for fun under the sun. Walk, bike or skate down the well-developed seaside pathways. Pirita promenade is especially popular among families with its breathtaking views of the Old Town.

Find more information about travelling to Tallinn with kids at [www.tourism.tallinn.ee](http://www.tourism.tallinn.ee).



KALEV SPA

## Kalev SPA

Aia 18 • [www.kalevspa.ee](http://www.kalevspa.ee)

Kalev Spa Hotel & Water Park, located in Tallinn's Old Town, is a surefire option for those who want to let their kids play on the water slides while they pamper themselves with luxury treatments. You don't have to stay in the hotel to take advantage of the high-quality beauty, wellness and health services here. More than 25 different treatments available, as well as the jacuzzi and saunas are offered in the water park.



## Tallinn Zoo

Paldiski mnt 145 • [www.tallinnzoo.ee](http://www.tallinnzoo.ee)

If it hops, flies or slithers, you can find it at the Tallinn Zoo. Spread across an 87-hectare swathe of forested land, the zoo boasts one of Northern Europe's best displays.

The list of its residents includes rhinos, vultures, camels, polar bears, pythons, lions, bison and dozens of other species. You can visit the crocodiles and chimpanzees in the Tropical House, or make your way over to the Elephant House to see a pigmy hippo, a chinchilla, various snakes and, of course, an elephant.

Kids will love the petting zoo, which operates here between June and August, open Wednesday – Sunday.



TALLINN ZOO

## Sweets, sodas and coffee

Family outings tend to include tasty food and treats. Kalev confectionery, Balbiino and Premia ice creams and Limpa soda have been local kids' favourite treats, and they have proved to be a hit with international kids of all ages too.

### "Piip ja Tuut" Playhouse

Toom-Kooli 13 • [www.piipjatuut.ee](http://www.piipjatuut.ee)

This playhouse is an environmentally friendly do-it-yourself theatre and family cafeteria.



# City of Culture





Whether you're the type who dresses up for the opera, dresses down for a rock concert or just gets lost in a Cubist painting, you'll find plenty of food for your soul in Tallinn.



There is never a shortage of cultural events in Tallinn, some replaying Tallinn's past and others shaping an artistic future. Here's a sampling of major events in Tallinn's cultural calendar. Please visit [www.tourism.tallinn.ee](http://www.tourism.tallinn.ee) for the latest information and full events list.

### Tallinn Fire and Ice Festival

January • [www.tallinnfireandice.ee](http://www.tallinnfireandice.ee)

The Festival of Light dazzles the audience with a spectacle of fire sculptures, using art to express the spiritual and magical power of fire.

### MustonenFest

February • [www.concert.ee](http://www.concert.ee)

Baroque music festival featuring acclaimed international and local performers.

### Simpel Session

March – April • [www.session.ee](http://www.session.ee)

The Baltic states' biggest skateboard and BMX festival.

### Tallinn Music Week

April • [www.tallinmusicweek.ee](http://www.tallinmusicweek.ee)

Music festival and networking event featuring dozens of concerts from both upcoming and established musicians.

### Jazzkaar International Jazz Festival

April • [www.jazzkaar.ee](http://www.jazzkaar.ee)

Exciting international guest performers meet with local talent to put on the largest annual jazz fest in the Baltics.

### Tallinn Flower Festival

May – August • [www.lillefestival.tallinn.ee](http://www.lillefestival.tallinn.ee)

A display of remarkable garden plots by local and international horticulture enthusiasts.



HARER ROPOU

# Cultural Highlights

## Old Town Days

May – June • [www.vanalinnapaevad.ee](http://www.vanalinnapaevad.ee)

Old Town bursts into a frenzy of celebration as musicians, Medieval characters, markets and events fill the streets.

## Nargen Festival

June – September • [www.nargenfestival.ee](http://www.nargenfestival.ee)

The classical music festival combines good music with extraordinary locations, such as Tallinn's sea coast and Naissaar island.

## Õlesummer (Beer Summer)

July • [www.ollesummer.ee](http://www.ollesummer.ee)

The biggest outdoor beer festival in the Baltics, Beer Summer doubles as a music festival featuring the country's best popular acts along with some well-known international stars.

## Medieval Days

July • [www.folkart.ee](http://www.folkart.ee)

Medieval Tallinn comes to life as costumed characters demonstrate their crafts and sell their wares on the streets of Old Town.

## Tallinn Maritime Days

July • [www.tallinnamerepaevad.ee](http://www.tallinnamerepaevad.ee)

The city's biggest maritime festival features water-related attractions including boat trips, concerts and activities for kids.

## International Organ Music Festival

July – August • [www.concert.ee](http://www.concert.ee)

A classical music festival featuring top-notch performances in the ambience of the nation's historic churches.

## Birgitta Festival

August • [www.birgitta.ee](http://www.birgitta.ee)

The Tallinn Philharmonic Society presents outdoor concerts in the stunning ruins of St. Bridget's Convent.

## Tallinn Chamber Music Festival

August • [www.plmf.ee](http://www.plmf.ee)

Classical music concerts by Estonia's top soloists and ensembles, held in Tallinn's historic concert halls and churches.

## August Dance Festival

August • [www.saal.ee](http://www.saal.ee)

The Kanut Guild hosts this two-week event showcasing the latest trends in international contemporary dance.

## Tallinn Marathon

September • [www.jooks.ee](http://www.jooks.ee)

One of the region's most popular sporting events with over 15,000 annual participants.

## Design Night Festival

September • [www.disainioo.ee](http://www.disainioo.ee)

Exhibitions and fashion shows, seminars and workshops introduce the world of design to the public at this well-established festival.

## International Festival of Orthodox Sacred Music CREDO

September – October • [www.festivalcredo.com](http://www.festivalcredo.com)

This concert series features traditional and modern Orthodox religious music.

## St. Martin's Day Fair

November • [www.folkart.ee](http://www.folkart.ee)

National handicraft workshops and sales accompanied by traditional culinary delights, folk music and Martinmas costumes.

## PÖFF – Black Nights Film Festival

November – December • [www.poff.ee](http://www.poff.ee)

World cinema is the focus of this major annual film event. Sub-festivals also cover student films and animation.

## Jazzkaar Christmas Jazz Festival

November – December • [www.jazzkaar.ee](http://www.jazzkaar.ee)

A traditional winter festival bringing many international stars to Estonian stages.

## Christmas Market

December – January • [www.christmasmarket.ee](http://www.christmasmarket.ee)

Christmas comes to Town Hall Square in the form of a charming market, where traditional gifts, food and drink are sold.



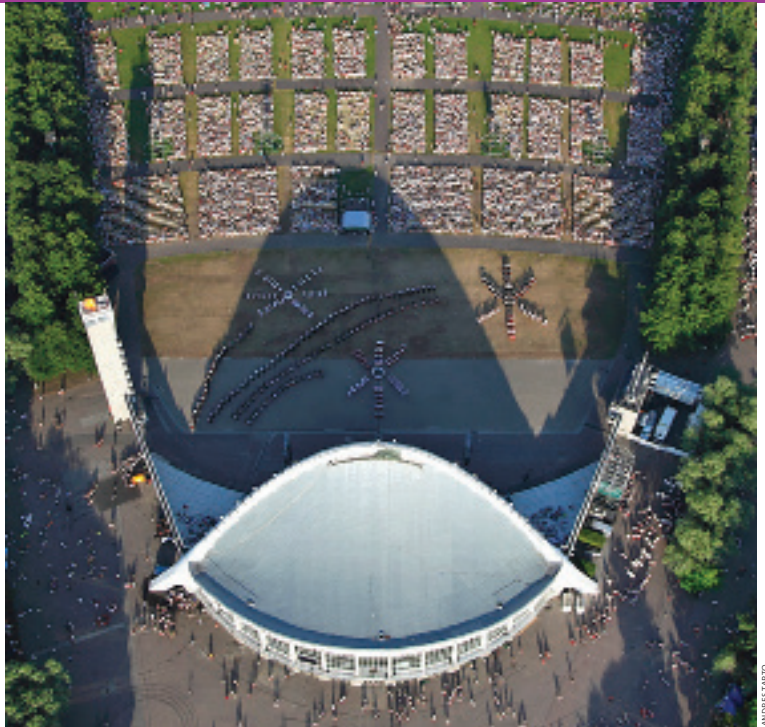
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## Estonian Song and Dance Celebrations

Ask any Estonian what it means to be Estonian, and the first idea that will leap into his or her mind will be the Estonian Song and Dance Celebration. These massive folk gatherings, involving thousands of colourfully-dressed performers from all over Estonia and abroad, have helped define the nation's spirit ever since the days of the first Estonian Song Celebration in 1869. During the 20<sup>th</sup> century the celebration developed into a regular cultural phenomenon, and is now held once every five years.

A separate Youth Song and Dance Celebration was introduced in the early 1960s to accommodate the huge numbers of youth choirs and dance groups that wanted to participate. It's held on separate years from the main celebration, but is every bit as spectacular.



ANDRESTARTO

### Touched by Time. The Time to Touch 2014

The next nationwide Song and Dance Celebration takes place in Tallinn from 4 July to 6 July, 2014. The festival pays homage to the cultural legacy of Estonian ancestry and aims to enhance our emotional connection with the present day.

[www.laulupidu.ee](http://www.laulupidu.ee)



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ESTONIA

## Estonian National Opera

*Estonia pst 4*  
[www.opera.ee](http://www.opera.ee) • [www.concert.ee](http://www.concert.ee)

The "Estonia" opera house is the heart of Estonian musical theatre year-round. The Jugend-classical theatre building designed by Finnish architects Armas Lindgren and Wivi Lönn was the largest building in early 20<sup>th</sup>-century Tallinn. One side of the two-wing building was built as a theatre and the other a concert hall. During World War I, the theatre building operated as a military hospital. On 23 April, 1919 the first Estonian Constituent Assembly formed on the premises of the "Estonia" theatre. A new era began in the history of the theatre and the whole country. The building was renovated in the second half of the 1940s following the designs by Alar Kotli and Edgar Johan Kuusik.

### Premieres 2014

#### Ball im Savoy

15 January

The operetta by Pál Ábrahám reflects the hedonism, love and the swing of the 1930s.

#### Medea

13 March

The ballet by Gianluca Schiavoni tells a tragic story of a betrayed love.

#### The Long Christmas Dinner

12 April

Paul Hindemith's opera portraying a family throughout a century.

#### L'elisir D'amore

15 May

Gaetano Donizetti's 19<sup>th</sup> century Italian opera about the eccentricities of love.

# Art & Design

Artistic juices have been flowing in Tallinn for a long time. Even as far back as the 15<sup>th</sup> century Estonian-born painter Michael Sittow travelled through Europe creating portraits for the Hapsburg royalty. These days contemporary Estonian art and design works are still making their way abroad. For a glimpse of the local art scene, visit one of the many museums and galleries in town.

## Art Museums

The oldest artworks on permanent display in Tallinn, including Bernt Notke's famous, skeletal painting *Danse Macabre*, can be found at St. Nicholas' Church (see also page 7), the branch of the Estonian Art Museum that specialises in religious art. To get the full picture of what Tallinn has to offer in terms of art, you need to wander through other major museums like these:

### Kumu Art Museum

*Weizenbergi 34 / Valge 1 • www.kumu.ee*

This modern facility wedged into a limestone hill at the end of Weizenbergi street is Estonia's biggest and newest art

museum. The focus here is on Estonian art, which is divided into two eras: the 18<sup>th</sup> century to World War II, and the Soviet period, 1940–1991. Temporary exhibitions display more modern works.

### Kadriorg Art Museum – Kadriorg Palace

*Weizenbergi 37 • www.kadriorumuseum.ee*

Peter the Great's Baroque Palace makes a perfect home for the museum that displays the nation's collection of foreign art. Hundreds of Western European and Russian paintings from the 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries can be seen here, as can prints, sculptures and other objects.

### Mikkel Museum

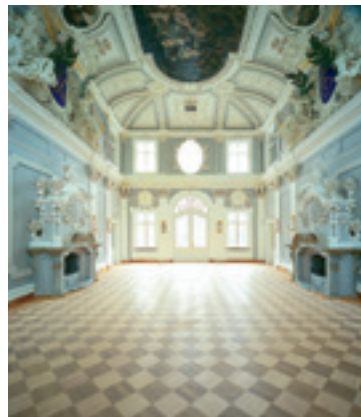
*Weizenbergi 28 • www.mikkelimuseum.ee*

Flemish and Dutch paintings, Italian engravings and Chinese porcelain are among the exquisite works here. Private collector Johannes Mikkel donated them to the Estonian Art Museum in 1994. The stars of the show are four etchings by Rembrandt, including one self-portrait.

### Adamson-Eric Museum

*Lühike jalg 3 • www.adamson-eric.ee*

Located in an Old Town merchant's house, this museum specialises in the works of Adamson-Eric (1902–1968), one of the most versatile Estonian artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Everything from oil paints to furniture design is on display.



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ANNIKA PALVARI



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## Art Galleries

### Draakon Gallery

Pikk 18 • [www.eaa.ee/draakon](http://www.eaa.ee/draakon)

A pair of Art Nouveau dragons mark this airy, Old Town gallery run by the Estonian Artists' Association.

### Galleries in Kumu Art Museum

Weizenbergi 34 / Valge 1 • [www.kumu.ee](http://www.kumu.ee)

Two floors of the museum are used for contemporary exhibits and events.

### Haus Gallery

Uus 17 • [www.haus.ee](http://www.haus.ee)

This commercial gallery specialises in high-quality Estonian works.

### Hobusepea Gallery

Hobusepea 2 • [www.eaa.ee/hobusepea](http://www.eaa.ee/hobusepea)

Contemporary art created by both the famous and the up-and-coming.

### The Museum of Contemporary Art of Estonia

Põhja pst 35 • [www.ekkm.ee](http://www.ekkm.ee)

Open: April – September

The freshest and newest in young Estonian art.

### Tallinn Art Hall & Gallery

Vabaduse väljak 6 • [www.kunstihoone.ee](http://www.kunstihoone.ee)

Housed in an imposing, 1930s-era building, the Art Hall hosts major Estonian and international exhibitions. Its street-level gallery is also used for smaller shows.

### Tallinn City Gallery

Harju 13 • [www.kunstihoone.ee](http://www.kunstihoone.ee)

The third branch of the Art Hall trio is an active venue for cutting edge art.

### Vaal Gallery

Tartu mnt 80D • [www.vaal.ee](http://www.vaal.ee)

A modern gallery in unusual surroundings, exhibiting contemporary fine art and organising auctions.

### Vabaduse Gallery

Vabaduse väljak 6 • [www.kunstihoone.ee](http://www.kunstihoone.ee)

A small gallery near the Tallinn Art Hall. Exhibitions of fine and applied arts.



ANU WINTERA

## Design and Architecture Museums

Some critics have credited the Scandinavian influence, but for one reason or another Estonians have proved to have a particular flair for design, pushing the limits in everything from furniture and home textiles to fashion.

### Estonian Museum of Applied Art and Design

Lai 17 • [www.etdm.ee](http://www.etdm.ee)

The nation's top applied art museum covers the whole spectrum, showing wonderful examples of textile art, ceramics, porcelain, leather, glass, jewellery, metalwork, furniture and product design. Located in a 17<sup>th</sup>-century storehouse in Old Town.

### Museum of Estonian Architecture

Ahtri 2 • [www.arhitektuurimuuseum.ee](http://www.arhitektuurimuuseum.ee)

The striking Rotermann Salt Storage building near the port is a fitting place for this museum dedicated to developments in Estonian architecture. Displays include drawings, photos and a scale model of central Tallinn.

## Design Galleries

### A-Gallery

Hobusepea 2 • [www.agalerii.ee](http://www.agalerii.ee)

This should be your first stop for high-quality artistic jewellery.

### Estonian Design House

Kalasadama 8  
[www.estoniandesignhouse.ee](http://www.estoniandesignhouse.ee)

Tucked away in Kalamaja historic fishing area is the Estonian Design House, home to designers' studios, design companies and the Estonian Association of Designers.

### Gallery of Design and Architecture

Pärnu mnt 6

Frequently changing exhibitions in a bright, downtown space.

### Hop Gallery

Hobusepea 2 • [www.eaa.ee/hop](http://www.eaa.ee/hop)

Exhibitions of applied art and design by Estonian and foreign artists.

### Lühikese Jala Gallery

Lühike jalg 6 • [www.hot.ee/lgalerii](http://www.hot.ee/lgalerii)

Gallery focusing on local applied art.



PAUL KUMMET



DRAAKON GALLERY



SHEILA BARRY

Traditional Estonian, cutting edge fusion or maybe something with a Medieval theme... Whatever strikes your mood, you'll easily find an interesting, affordable place to eat in Tallinn. We could never fit all the choices in these pages but here are some options to start you off. Bon appétit, or as we say in Estonian, *head isu!*



# Wining & Dining



# Estonian Cuisine

Estonian food, like its people, is a combination of all the best of the nations who have lived here. It has the calm of the Swedes, the common sense of the Danes, the pragmatism of the Germans and the confidence of the Russians. Modern Estonian cooking is based on the traditional methods of preparing food from raw, fresh produce and from local ecological farms where possible. Modern Estonian menus include local cheeses, meat and fish. Equally important is home-made bread served with genuine butter dusted with salt flakes. Modern Estonian Cuisine is full of contrasts but calm and harmonious by nature.



**Rene Uusmees**

*Executive chef of MEKK restaurant*

## Modern Trends

The cutting edge of Tallinn's culinary scene.

### Leib Resto ja Aed

*Uus 31 • www.leibresto.ee*

Trendy restaurant in a cosy Old Town courtyard highlighting the best of local, seasonal produce.

### Moon

*Võrgu 3 • www.kohvikmoon.ee*

A top-rated chef and an inviting interior have made the Poppy Café one of the most popular destinations for Tallinn's food-loving set.

### Neikid Resto

*Wismari 3 • www.neikid.ee*

Light Mediterranean delights offered in aesthetic, cosy atmosphere.

### Neh

*Lootsi 4 • www.neh.ee*

The culinary team from the respected Pädaste Manor on Muhu island treats guests at this bistro style foodie heaven. Neh is dedicated to Nordic cuisine, offering dishes made with authentic, seasonal produce.

### Ribe

*Vene 7 • www.ribe.ee*

Founded by three highly experienced waiters, this artistically decorated restaurant specialises in French classics with an Estonian twist.

### Sfäär

*Mere pst 6E • www.sfaar.ee*

Doubling as a hip fashion boutique, 'Sphere' serves up inventive dishes in open, casual surroundings.

### Ö

*Mere pst 6E • www.restoran-o.ee*

At Ö (the Scandinavian word for "island"), the interior is artistic, the ingredients are fresh and the crowd is discerning.

## Authentic Estonian

You haven't really experienced Estonia until you've tried the nation's traditional food.

### Kaerajaan

*Raekoja plats 17 • www.kaerajaan.ee*

Estonian favourites with a modern twist at this artsy restaurant on Town Hall Square.

### Kuldse Notsu Kõrts

*Dunkri 8*

*www.hotelstpetersbourg.com/kuldse-notsu-korts*

This country-style restaurant is a great place to try sausages, pork-knuckle and wild game.



WWW.FOTOBRAF.EE

### MEKK

*Suur-Karja 17/19 • www.mekk.ee*

This cosy, Old Town restaurant serves up the best of modern Estonian cuisine.

### Vanaema Juures

*Rataskaevu 10/12 • www.vonkrahl.ee*

Grandma's Place serves hearty, traditional fare in a comfy, antique-filled cellar.

## Medieval

The historic milieu of Old Town has given rise to a new genre of restaurants.

### Olde Hansa

*Vana turg 1 • www.oldehansa.ee*

Tallinn's most famous restaurant has won accolades for its elaborate, Medieval ambience, which is enhanced by candlelight, chamber music and a friendly service.

### Peppersack

*Viru 2 • www.peppersack.ee*

A 15<sup>th</sup>-century dining venue where waitresses in Medieval costumes, belly dancers and sword fights keep the visitors entertained.

## Dining basics

**Prices:** Main courses in most Old Town restaurants cost €10–30. A 0.5-litre beer will be €3–4.5.

**Hours:** Restaurants generally open at noon and stop serving at 11 p.m.

**Tippling:** It has become customary to leave a 5% tip in restaurants with table service.

**Credit Cards:** Nearly all restaurants, cafés and bars accept credit/debit cards.

**Smoking:** Smoking is banned by law inside all restaurants, bars and clubs. It's allowed, however, on outdoor terraces and in designated smoking rooms.





## Cafés, lounges and bars

New and original dining spots pop up regularly in Tallinn, and shaping the image of the local community has become the ethos of many of these creative venues. Here you will find numerous acclaimed world-food restaurants specialising in Asian, Russian, Italian, French and other international cuisines. Tallinn is also well-known for its vibrant nightlife, and you will find chic restaurant-lounges for cheap eats as well as sophisticated wine bars, pubs and nightclubs for every taste. For a cosy and romantic daytime sit-down, explore the city's diverse café scene for gourmet coffees and handmade confectionery. Find out more by visiting [www.tourism.tallinn.ee/wining&dining](http://www.tourism.tallinn.ee/wining&dining)

### Wine Bars

Get lost in a conversation over a refreshing glass of pinot noir at one of these quiet and romantic evening settings.

#### Gloria Wine Cellar

Müürivahe 2 • [www.gloria.ee](http://www.gloria.ee)

The Gloria restaurant's celebrated wine cellar radiates 1930s elegance and offers about 2,000 wines, whiskeys and cognacs.

#### In Vino Veritas

Lai 6 • [www.invinoveritas.ee](http://www.invinoveritas.ee)

This small, family restaurant doubles as an intimate wine bar.

#### Kork

Rotermanni 5

[www.facebook.com/KorkVeinibaarPood](http://www.facebook.com/KorkVeinibaarPood)

Wine bar and a shop in a modern architecture area. There are over 200 different wines, sparkling wines and champagnes on offer.

#### Luscher & Matiesen

Kohtu 12 • [www.matiesen.ee](http://www.matiesen.ee)

This cosy wine terrace is located on the very spot where Estonia's very own winery and juice factory operated a century ago.



#### Musi

Niguliste 6 • [www.musi.ee](http://www.musi.ee)

The name in Estonian means 'kiss', and Musi is appropriately romantic, artsy and inviting.

#### Osteria del Gallo Nero

Rataskaevu 4

This tiny delicatessen-cum-wine lounge is given its personality by the Italian staff, who will sit and chat with the patrons, taking time to discuss the vintages or any other subjects that come up.

#### Veinipööning

Viru 18, 4th floor • [www.veinipooning.ee](http://www.veinipooning.ee)

In keeping with its name, the Wine Attic is a cosy, top-floor venue decked out with comfy chairs and a hodgepodge of antique furniture.

#### Wine Library

Raekoja plats 8 / Kinga 6

[www.winelibrary.ee](http://www.winelibrary.ee)

This small venue conveniently located at Town Hall Square not only offers a selection of affordable wines by the glass, but also presents a brief menu of grilled mains that's comparable to what other nearby restaurants are offering.



### Estonian Beer

Beer brewing is a tradition kept alive and well in Estonia, which similarly to local cuisine has been influenced by historical events and the subsequent cultural developments. If you're looking to sample an Estonian brew, your choices in most venues are **Saku** and **A Le Coq**, which dominate the nation's market. A typical Estonian beer tends to be a light and refreshing lager type barley brew. With the emerging success of new microbreweries, the Estonian beer market is becoming more diverse every year. To expand beyond the common brews, try **Puls Extra Lager**, **Wiru Kadakaõlu** (juniper beer) and more recent speciality beers **Õo** and **Rukkirääk**.

### Gay Nightlife

Tallinn's nightlife also has much to offer for gay visitors. Find out more about the gay scene in Tallinn by visiting [tallinn.gaymap.ee](http://tallinn.gaymap.ee)





# Relax & Recharge

Thanks to the country's highly developed spa industry, Estonians know how to truly pamper their guests. There are also a number of peaceful park and beach areas around town that are perfect for relaxing strolls, as well as plenty of active, sporty ways to unwind.

# The Great Outdoors



MARK KADRIK

There's nothing like fresh air and sunshine to clear your head, and Tallinn has lots of beautiful, wide-open spaces where you can stretch your legs and enjoy the weather. Visitors to Estonia within a few weeks of the summer solstice (June 21) can experience the Light Nights, when the sun barely sets before midnight and rises again at around 4 a.m.

## Parks

You never have to go far to find green areas in Tallinn – the west and south edges of Old Town are bordered by well-maintained parks. These include the park at **Tornide väljak** (Towers Square) with excellent views of the city's Medieval wall and towers. Just south of here is **Snelli Pond**, an elongated moat where ducks gather. Take a stroll through Lindamägi (Linda Hill) and Harjumägi (Harju Hill), located next to **Toompea Castle**.

Downtown's largest and most famous park is **Kadriorg**. This vast area of paths, ponds, manicured gardens

and fountains is centred around a Baroque palace built by Peter the Great. In 2011 Kadriorg Park received a truly wonderful addition in the form of a Japanese garden designed by renowned Japanese landscape designer Masao Sone.

For a little education along with your greenery there's also the **Estonian Open Air Museum**, where traditional villages have been recreated, and the **Tallinn Botanic Garden**, which covers 123 hectares of land. Both are on the edges of the city.

## Cycling in Tallinn

The many parks, promenades and paved lanes in Tallinn make cycling a relatively hassle-free and a very enjoyable activity, especially during the summer months. For casual cycling head to

Pirita promenade (page 16) leading to Pirita beach, or visit nearby Kadriorg Park (page 14) which is especially suitable for younger cyclists. Rocca al Mare promenade (page 17) also passes various attractions and sights.

Keep in mind the right-hand traffic and we warmly recommend wearing a helmet, which is compulsory for all cyclists aged 16 and under. There are many cycle lanes in town and the surrounding areas, which you can view at [www.kaart.tallinn.ee](http://www.kaart.tallinn.ee)

During the summer season (May–September), free bike parking areas open on Freedom Square and in front of the Tourist Information Centre.

For more information on bicycle rentals, tours, shops and repairs, please visit [tourism.tallinn.ee/cycling](http://tourism.tallinn.ee/cycling)



RAINER GÖRSTE



# Coastal Tallinn

The sea is a key ingredient in Tallinn's natural appeal. Tallinn boasts a 46km coastline and a vibrant maritime history. From medieval trade centre to Tsarist stronghold, the city and the local culture has been greatly influenced by its advantageous geographical position. A good way to experience the beauty of Tallinn Bay is to walk, cycle or skate down Tallinn's paved promenades, sunbathe on the beach, and swim or sail along the calm waters of the Tallinn coast.

## Promenades and beaches

Pirita Promenade is a nearly 2km-long paved path tracing a curve from Kadrioru to Pirita. It opens onto a scenic view of Tallinn city centre, Viimsi village and the Gulf of Finland. Take a relaxing stroll through the nearby pine woods and you will arrive at Pirita

## Eating Out

Seaside restaurants and cafés.

### Café Maru

Vesilennuki 6 • [www.lennusadam.eu/en/step-into-the-cafe](http://www.lennusadam.eu/en/step-into-the-cafe)

### Café Noble

Tööstuse 48 • [www.facebook.com/cafe.noble.noblessner](http://www.facebook.com/cafe.noble.noblessner)

### Café Velvet

Merivälja tee 5 • [www.cafevelvet.ee](http://www.cafevelvet.ee)

### City Marina

Kuunari • [www.citymarina.ee](http://www.citymarina.ee)

### Klaus

Kalasadama 8 • [www.klauskohvik.ee](http://www.klauskohvik.ee)

### Regatta & Seaside Lounge

Regati pst 1 • [www.tallinkhotels.ee](http://www.tallinkhotels.ee)

### St. Patrick's

Merivälja tee 5 • [www.patrick.ee](http://www.patrick.ee)



Beach, the largest and most popular sandy beach spot in Tallinn. Here you'll find ball courts, playgrounds, water sport equipment rental and cafés.

Rocca al Mare Promenade is a 2.5-km paved path passing through a peaceful residential area in Northern Tallinn, connecting two suburban beaches (Stroomi and Kakumäe). Stroomi Beach is a child-friendly sandy beach in Northern Tallinn, which has ball courts, trampolines, a café and plenty of greenery. For something a bit more secluded, head a couple of kilometres north of the city to Viimsi for Haabneeme Beach.

## Tallinn Harbours

Tallinn's many ports and harbours offer an excellent opportunity to take off and explore the attractive cityscape from an entirely new angle.

A stone's throw from the city centre in the midst of the idyllic Kalamaja area lies the tsarist military harbour turned yacht marina and cultural venue, Noblessner Quarter. Here you will find Bagjump Activity Centre for water activities. The Foundry is appreciated for its acoustics and holds concerts such as the Nargenifestival. Here you can also visit the nearby Seaplane Harbour and explore the award-winning seaplane hangars, home of the Estonian Maritime Museum, as well as board ships and take sea tours. The Pirita Harbour and Olympic Yachting Centre is a famous landmark from the 1980 Moscow Summer Olympics and a nice place for seaside

dining or taking a trip on the coast. BellMarine operates a speed boat rental at the Pirita Harbour.

Tallinn coastal areas host a number of markets. Find out more on page 46.

## Annual Coastal Events

As the long days of summer approach, Tallinn's coastal areas turn into busy cultural venues hosting a variety of regular and one-off events. The most well-known of these are the Tallinn Maritime Days in Northern Tallinn, a weekend festival celebrating Estonian maritime culture and presenting an eclectic programme of entertainment for everyone. Birgitta Festival is held in the medieval surroundings of the 15<sup>th</sup>-century Pirita convent, hosting an international programme of classical and modern theatre acts. On the night of 31 August, the coasts of the Baltic Sea light up, celebrating the end of the summer with the Night of Ancient Lights.



# Spa

Health spas have been drawing visitors to Estonia ever since the first seaside resorts opened in Pärnu and Haapsalu in the early 1800s. More recently Tallinn itself has been developing as a spa destination and now has many establishments offering health and beauty treatments like hot stone massages, chocolate body wraps and facials.

Spas come in two varieties: spa hotels, which offer 2- to 6-day packages including accommodation, meals and other services along with a choice of treatments; and day spas, which offer treatments only. For both types, prior booking is essential.

## Spa Hotels

### Kalev SPA

Aia 18 • [www.kalevspa.ee](http://www.kalevspa.ee)

This well-equipped spa hotel at the edge of Old Town sets itself apart by having its own, full-fledged, indoor water park.

### Meriton Grand Conference & Spa Hotel

Paldiski mnt 4 • [www.meritonhotels.com](http://www.meritonhotels.com)

The city's newest spa hotel offers guests the perfect balance between traditional comfort and the latest facilities.



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### Pirita TOP Spa Hotel

Regati pst 1 • [www.tallinkhotels.com](http://www.tallinkhotels.com)

A wide range of treatments and beauty services, along with a gym and swimming pool, is available in this sprawling seaside facility.

### Tallink Spa & Conference Hotel

Sadama 11A • [www.tallinkhotels.com](http://www.tallinkhotels.com)

Located next to the Passenger Port, this spa hotel has all the latest treatments on its menu, along with its unique Aqua Spa – a collection of saunas and pools.

### Tallinn Viimsi SPA

Randvere tee 11 • [www.spatallinn.ee](http://www.spatallinn.ee)

Set in a scenic area just north of the city, this spa delivers modern luxury as well as a wide choice of treatment and relaxation options.

## Day Spas & Beauty Salons

Treating yourself to a salon visit is an easy way to unwind and boost self-confidence. Better still, it's often much cheaper here than in many European countries. You'll find a number of inviting day spas, beauty salons, as well as specialised nail salons throughout the centre of Tallinn. Just drop in and book a time.

### Aloe Spa

Roseni 10 • [www.aloespa.ee](http://www.aloespa.ee)

### Babor Spa

Narva mnt 5 • [www.baborspa.ee](http://www.baborspa.ee)

### City Spa

Rävala pst 4 • [www.cityspa.ee](http://www.cityspa.ee)

### Day Spa

Vana-Posti 4 • [www.dayspa.ee](http://www.dayspa.ee)

### Olive Spa

Narva mnt 59 • [www.olivespa.ee](http://www.olivespa.ee)

### Reval Day Spa

Pikk 7 • [www.tallinnspa.eu](http://www.tallinnspa.eu)

### Shnelli Day Spa

Toompuiestee 37 • [www.spalife.ee](http://www.spalife.ee)



TALLINK HOTELS



MADOIS PALM



# Active Tallinn

For people who unwind best through playing sports, boating, or other active holidays, Tallinn has numerous options. Here are some:

## Boating and yachting

Rent a rowboat or a canoe to explore the beautiful, marshy channels of the Pirita River. A yacht is a great way to see Tallinn Bay.

### Bellmarine

Kloostri 6A • [www.bellmarine.ee](http://www.bellmarine.ee)



MARI KODANIK

## Ice skating

Indoor arenas offer skating year-round, but for skating with a view, head to the outdoor Uisuplats ice rink in Old Town, which operates in the colder months.

### Škoda Ice Hall

Haabersti 3 • [www.icearena.ee](http://www.icearena.ee)

### Uisuplats

Harju 32 • [www.uisuplats.ee](http://www.uisuplats.ee)

## Tennis

The Estonian climate being what it is, tennis is an indoor sport here. Phone ahead to book a court.

### Kadrioru Tennis Center

Koidula 38 • [www.kadriorutennis.ee](http://www.kadriorutennis.ee)

### Tallinna Kalevi Tennis Club

Herne 28 • [www.kalevitenniseklubi.ee](http://www.kalevitenniseklubi.ee)

### Pirita TOP Tennisekeskus

Regati pst 1 • [www.toptennis.ee](http://www.toptennis.ee)

### Rocca al Mare Tennis Centre

Haabersti 5 • [www.ramtennis.ee](http://www.ramtennis.ee)

### Tere Tennis Center

Sõjakooli 10 • [www.teretennis.ee](http://www.teretennis.ee)

## Golf

### CityGolf

Narva mnt 95 • [www.citygolf.ee](http://www.citygolf.ee)

### Estonian Golf & Country Club

Manniva, Jõelähtme, Harju County  
[www.egcc.ee](http://www.egcc.ee)

### Golfest

Suuresta, Harju County • [www.golfest.ee](http://www.golfest.ee)

### Niitvälja Golf Course

Niitvälja, Harju County • [www.golfikeskus.ee](http://www.golfikeskus.ee)

## Bowling

### Al Mare Bowling

Paldiski mnt 96 • [www.almarebowling.ee](http://www.almarebowling.ee)

### KU:LSA:L Bowling

Mere pst 6E • [www.kuulsaal.ee](http://www.kuulsaal.ee)

### Zelluloos Bowling

Tartu mnt 80B • [www.zbowling.ee](http://www.zbowling.ee)

## Winter sports

### Nõmme Ski Club

Vana-Mustamäe 16

### Nõmme Sport Centre

Külmallika 15A • [www.sportkeskus.ee](http://www.sportkeskus.ee)

### Pirita Sport Center

Rummu tee 3 • [www.piritasportikeskus.ee](http://www.piritasportikeskus.ee)

## Swimming

### Kalev SPA Hotel & Water Park

Aia 18 • [www.kalevspa.ee](http://www.kalevspa.ee)

### Pirita TOP Spa Hotel

Regati pst 1 • [www.tallinkhotels.com](http://www.tallinkhotels.com)

### Tallinn Viimsi SPA

Randvere tee 11 • [www.spatallinn.ee](http://www.spatallinn.ee)

## Health clubs

### City Spa Fitness Club

Rävala 4 • [www.cityspa.ee](http://www.cityspa.ee)

### My Fitness

Viru väljak 4, Haabersti 5 • [www.myfitness.ee](http://www.myfitness.ee)

### Reval Sport

Aia 20 • [www.revalsport.ee](http://www.revalsport.ee)

## Horse riding

### Kivisaare Ratsatalu

Aegviidu, Harju County • [www.hobused.ee](http://www.hobused.ee)

### Rebala Stable

Rebala, Harju County

### Ruila Stable

Ruila, Harju County

### Tondi Maneež

Tondi 30 • [www.tondimaneez.ee](http://www.tondimaneez.ee)

### Veskimetsa Riding Centre

Paldiski mnt 135 • [www.veskimetsa.ee](http://www.veskimetsa.ee)



TALLINN GOLF CLUB

## Go-Karts

### FK Centre

Paldiski mnt 229A • [www.fkkeskus.ee](http://www.fkkeskus.ee)

### Triobet Indoor Kart Centre

Pärnu mnt 558A • [www.hobikart.ee](http://www.hobikart.ee)

### Viimsi Go-Karting

Rohuneeme 1/1 • [www.sisekardirada.ee](http://www.sisekardirada.ee)

## Shooting range

### Männiku Jahilasketiir

Trapi tee 3, Männiku, Harju County  
[www.tiir.ee](http://www.tiir.ee)

### Tactical Shooting Center

Kopli 103 • [www.tacticalshooting.ee](http://www.tacticalshooting.ee)

## Paintball

### Estonian Paintball Club

Madara 22A • [www.paintball.ee](http://www.paintball.ee)

## Indoor laser gaming

### Lazergame Megazone

Madara 22A • [www.lasergame.ee](http://www.lasergame.ee)

### Zelluloos Centre

Tartu mnt 80F • [www.megazone.ee](http://www.megazone.ee)

## Segway

### Super Segway

Viru 7 • [www.supersegway.ee](http://www.supersegway.ee)



ANDRES PUTTING

## SEB Maijooks and Tallinn Marathon 2014

May 18 • September 8–9 • [www.jooks.ee](http://www.jooks.ee)

The May Run is a popular 7km women's race with over 10 000 participants each year. Tallinn Marathon annually sees over 15 000 runners, making it the region's biggest sporting event.

# Days Out

Coming to Tallinn may be an adventure in itself but it's also a door to a magical world of nature and history. Consult the Tallinn Tourist Information Centre or contact a tour operator to get the most out of your adventures.



ALLAN PALJAN

## Viimsi

Jutting out from the coast just 15km north of Tallinn's city centre, the rocky Viimsi peninsula is both a nature-lovers' getaway and a valued destination for history buffs. It's the perfect place to spend a day on the beach or relax at a spa.

### Attractions

#### Estonian War Museum

Mõisa tee 1 • [www.esm.ee](http://www.esm.ee)

The Estonian War Museum takes us back to the age of the Viking, tells Estonia's story in the time of the Livonian Crusade and concludes with the present-day Estonian mission in Afghanistan. The museum is housed in Viimsi manor – once the summer cottage of famed Estonian War of Independence leader Johan Laidoner.

#### Museum of Coastal Folk

Nurme tee 3 • [www.rannarahvamuuseum.ee](http://www.rannarahvamuuseum.ee)

This authentic maritime museum, situated in the old schoolhouse of Pringi village, exhibits the crafts of fishing, boat building and seal hunting.

#### Viimsi Open Air Museum

Rohuneeme tee 51  
[www.rannarahvamuuseum.ee/viimsi-vabaohumuuseum](http://www.rannarahvamuuseum.ee/viimsi-vabaohumuuseum)

This museum exhibits historic fishing village life, displaying old fishing tools and showing how they were used. On Saturdays a farmers market is held in the museum's yard from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

#### RMK Viimsi Nature Centre

Rohuneeme tee 29 • [www.rmkk.ee](http://www.rmkk.ee)

The State Forest Management Centre's (RMK) Viimsi nature centre is the first of its kind to operate near Tallinn. It's situated in the former forest district house. You can ask for information about hiking in the forest or take part in educational walks.

#### Viimsi Church

Nurme tee 2, Pringi küla  
[www.viimsijaakobi.edicypages.com/kirik](http://www.viimsijaakobi.edicypages.com/kirik)

St. Jacob's Church in Viimsi boasts modern architecture well suited to the seashore landscape. This is the only Lutheran church built in Estonia after World War II. Although designed to be modern, architects Martin Aunin and Erkki Ristoja have followed all the canons of classical sacral building.



KRISTIAN MANDIMAA

### Active Holiday

Safe bicycle roads, Haabneeme beach, Tallinn Viimsi SPA ([www.spatallinn.ee](http://www.spatallinn.ee)), Harmoonikum day spa ([www.harmoonikum.ee](http://www.harmoonikum.ee)), FK Viimsi indoor carting centre ([www.sisekardirada.ee](http://www.sisekardirada.ee)) and Viimsi Sport Hall ([www.viimsihall.ee](http://www.viimsihall.ee)) offer different activities every season.

### Eating Out

Right by the sea next to the Viimsi Open Air Museum is the upside down boat-shaped **restaurant Paat** ([www.paat.ee](http://www.paat.ee)). Close by is the snug and cosy village **Roots restaurant** ([www.rootsu.ee](http://www.rootsu.ee)). The old Viimsi manorhouse has a family-friendly **restaurant Coccodrillo** ([www.kroko.ee](http://www.kroko.ee)) serving Italian cuisine.

**Jussi Õletuba** (Juss's beer room) ([www.jussikas.ee](http://www.jussikas.ee)) lies on the border of Tallinn city and Viimsi municipality. This tavern with its open fireplace, children's play area and summer beer garden charms visitors and locals alike.



MAREKADANIK

### How to get there?

Take Bus no 1A and route taxi no 260 to get to Viimsi from Tallinn city centre.





ANTTICA MANDIMAA

### How to get there?

**Aegna:** by vessel JUKU  
More information: [www.veeteed.com](http://www.veeteed.com)

**Naissaare:** by vessel Monica  
More information: [www.monica.ee](http://www.monica.ee)

**Prangli:** by vessel Vesta  
More information: [www.veeteed.com](http://www.veeteed.com)

## Aegna, Naissaar and Prangli islands

In summer, passenger ferries make regular trips to these three small islands just off the coast of Tallinn. Aegna and Naissaar have military histories stretching back to the Russian tsarist era. They were part of a tightly-controlled border zone, so access to all three islands was restricted during Soviet times. Today the islands are known for their quiet pine forests, secluded beaches, working narrow gauge railway and – for those who are interested – the remnants of its military infrastructure. On the other hand Prangli has maintained its fishing-village culture since the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

## Lahemaa National Park

Lahemaa is a vast national park along Estonia's north coast, about an hour's drive from Tallinn, and beloved for its nature and serenity. Mushroom and berry picking are popular. Its main sights are the striking Palmse, Sagadi and Vihula manorhouses, the ancient fishing village of Altja, the wealthy Captain's Village of Käsmu, and Viinistu, site of the nation's largest private art collection.  
More information: [www.visitestonia.com](http://www.visitestonia.com)



ANNEKAER



TALLINN CRUISES

## Suurupi lighthouse

North Estonia has 14 lighthouses altogether, but distinctive among them is Suurupi lower lighthouse. The wooden tower is the oldest Estonian lighthouse and belongs to UNESCO's World Heritage List.

### How to get there?

Suurupi village is in Harku county, approximately 25km from central Tallinn, 15km from the city border towards Klooga.



EDUARD PULKONEN

## Paldiski

This coastal town 45km from Tallinn is a curious destination for Soviet history buffs – it was a highly restricted submarine and rocket base during Soviet times, but after the Red Army left in 1994, much of it fell into ruin. Aside from crumbling barracks, the Pakri peninsula on which Paldiski sits is worth a visit for its striking limestone cliffs and rare wildlife.

Paldiski is home to the boutique museum of prestigious Estonian sculptor and creator of Russalka monument, Amandus Adamson ([www.amandusadamson.eu](http://www.amandusadamson.eu)).  
More information: [www.paldiski.ee](http://www.paldiski.ee)



NIKKO SOVERI

## Helsinki

It's rare in Europe to find two capital cities so close together and so different. Getting from one to the other is easy ([www.ts.ee](http://www.ts.ee), [www.tallinn-airport.ee](http://www.tallinn-airport.ee)). A day in the sleek elegance of Helsinki is an interesting contrast to the romantic, medieval mysteries of Tallinn. Find out more about Helsinki's sights from [www.visithelsinki.fi](http://www.visithelsinki.fi).

# Shopping





Souvenir hunters, fashion fans and casual browsers can shop to their hearts' content in Tallinn. City centre malls offer an international-style experience, but for boutique shopping, Old Town should be your destination.





# What to Buy

## Estonian Handicrafts

The most uniquely Estonian souvenirs to bring home from Tallinn are examples of traditional Estonian handicrafts – beautiful, usually functional items created by hand following centuries-old methods. Knitwear of all types is popular: colourful jumpers, scarves, hats, socks, gloves and mittens can be found in a wide variety of patterns. Linen – both for clothing and for home décor – is also widely sold, as are household items made from leather, stone and wood. Keep an eye out especially for products made from juniper wood, typically butter knives, sugar bowls and the like. Their delicate look and strong, sweet fragrance make them great gifts.

### Allikamaja Käsitöö

Lühike jalg 6A • [www.folkart.ee](http://www.folkart.ee)

Large selection of handicrafts by master craftsmen from all over Estonia.

### BogaPott

Pikk jalg 9 • [www.bogapott.ee](http://www.bogapott.ee)

A ceramics studio, art/design shop and café all in one.

### Eesti Esindus

Viru 3

Estonian handicraft and food provided by Estonian masters.

### Estonian Handicraft House

Pikk 22 • [www.folkart.ee](http://www.folkart.ee)

A variety of authentic Estonian handicrafts.



MADRILUNT

### Helina Tilk

Rataskaevu 6 and Lühike jalg 5  
[www.helinatilk.com](http://www.helinatilk.com)

Household items decorated with this artist's sweet, cartoon-like animals.

### Hää Eesti Asi

Viru 23

Large selection of handicrafts by Estonian masters.

### Krambude

Vanaturu 1 • [www.oldehansa.net](http://www.oldehansa.net)

Medieval shop.

### Lühikese Jala Gallery

Lühike jalg 6 • [www.hot.ee/lgalerii](http://www.hot.ee/lgalerii)

A tourist-friendly shop selling textiles, silk paintings and tapestry, ceramics and sculpture, glass, jewellery, leatherwork and hand-made postcards.

### Masters' Courtyard

Vene 6 • [www.hoov.ee](http://www.hoov.ee)

In this medieval courtyard, visitors can shop for jewellery, glass, textiles, handicrafts, and view exhibitions.

### St. Catherine's Guild

Vene 12 • [www.katariinagild.eu](http://www.katariinagild.eu)

A collection of traditional craft studios where artists create and sell their wares.

## A Taste of Estonia

### Marzipan

This heavenly confection made from sugar and almond paste has been a favourite Tallinn treat since the Middle Ages. In fact, local legend insists it was invented in Tallinn's famous Town Hall Pharmacy back in Hanseatic times. Nowadays handmade marzipan figurines, usually in the shape of cute, little animals, are available in larger food shops. The most interesting place to buy them however is in the historic Kalev Marzipan Museum Room, where you can watch experts painting the figurines by hand.

### Kalev Chocolate

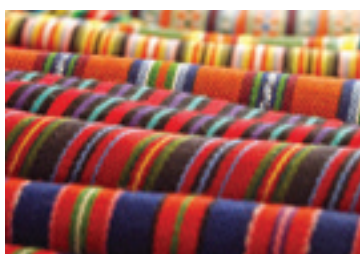
Assortments of chocolates from Estonia's famous chocolate producer, Kalev, are always highly appreciated gifts. There are dozens of varieties to choose from, but look for boxes decorated with historic Tallinn scenes.

### Kalev Marzipan Room

Pikk 16 • [www.kalev.eu](http://www.kalev.eu)

### Kalev Chocolate Shop in Rotermand Quarter

Roseni 7 • [www.kalev.eu](http://www.kalev.eu)



ANNIKA RAVIPÄRI



KRISTJAN MANDMAA



ANU VANITSA





DUMKO

## Vana Tallinn

Estonia's national liqueur, Vana Tallinn, is a sweet, potent drink that can be found in any alcohol shop. It goes down easy on its own, but is delicious when mixed with coffee or dribbled over ice cream. There are two main varieties: the original, with its rum and citrus flavour, and the newer Vana Tallinn Cream Liqueur.

## Music

For music lovers, bringing home a CD of Estonian classics (Arvo Pärt and Erkki-Sven Tüür, for instance) is a must, especially if the performance is by the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir. Recordings of Estonian folk music also make a fine addition to any music collection.

## Animation

Film buffs will be glad to hear that Estonia is home to a small but active animation scene. The most famous artist in the field is Priit Pärn, whose surreal, primitivist works have been winning awards since the 1970s. More recently a series of films by Heiki Ernits and Janno Põldma have become a huge hit: "Tom and Fluffy," "Lotte from Gadgetville", "Lotte and the Moonstone Secret", and "Ladybird's Christmas." Though the cartoons are made for children, they're loaded with philosophy that adults can appreciate. They're also available on DVD in English.

In addition to the shops listed below, CDs and DVDs of Estonian music and cartoons can be found in Tallinna Kaubamaja and Stockmann department stores.

### Apollo

Estonia pst 9, Solaris Centre  
[www.apollo.ee](http://www.apollo.ee)

### Lasering

Viru väljak 4, Viru Centre  
[www.lasering.ee](http://www.lasering.ee)

### Rahva Raamat

Viru väljak 4, Viru Centre, 3rd and 4th floor  
[www.rahvaraamat.ee](http://www.rahvaraamat.ee)



ANUVAHTEA

## Estonian Fashion

Estonia is home to an active fashion industry and produces several commercial labels, each with a personality of its own. Look for clothing brands like Mosaic ([www.mosaic.ee](http://www.mosaic.ee)), Monton ([www.monton.ee](http://www.monton.ee)), Bastion ([www.bastion.ee](http://www.bastion.ee)), Baltman ([www.baltman.eu](http://www.baltman.eu)) and Sangar ([www.sangar.ee](http://www.sangar.ee)).

### Baltika Kvartal

Veerenni 24 • [www.baltikakvartal.ee](http://www.baltikakvartal.ee)

A refurbished factory complex selling Estonian fashion by the renowned Baltika group and other local designers.

### Ivo Nikkolo

Suur-Karja 14 • [www.ivonikkolo.ee](http://www.ivonikkolo.ee)

Sharp-looking clothing by the nation's best-established designer.

### Kristina Viirpalu

Suur-Karja 2 • [www.kristinadesign.ee](http://www.kristinadesign.ee)

Collections created using traditional skills and natural materials.

### Naiiv

Pikk 33 • [www.naiiv.eu](http://www.naiiv.eu)

Highly original label by Liina Viira, where traditional Estonian folk patterns are used as a basis for modern clothes and accessories.



SIREBYTIRE

## Home Design

Estonian-designed housewares have been making a splash on the international stage for their fresh, modern look.

### Estonian Design House

Kalasadama 8 • [www.estoniandesignhouse.ee](http://www.estoniandesignhouse.ee)

Tucked away in Kalamaja historic fishing area is the Estonian Design House, home to designers' studios, design companies and Estonian Association of Designers.

### Etno.ee

Tartu mnt 6 • [www.etno.ee](http://www.etno.ee)

Wide array of contemporary design items made using Estonia's colourful folk patterns.

### Lutheri Stuudio

[www.lutheristuudio.ee](http://www.lutheristuudio.ee)

The studio introducing and selling products and product ranges of Estonian designers and smaller furniture manufacturers.

### Mang

Pärnu mnt 67B • [www.mang.ee](http://www.mang.ee)

This boutique of an upholstered furniture company, shows off the work of Estonian designers.

### Nu Nordik

Vabaduse väljak 8 • [www.nunordik.ee](http://www.nunordik.ee)

Fresh, offbeat clothing, fashion accessories and home décor.

### 4 Room

Paldiski mnt 102, Rocca al Mare Centre • [www.4room.ee](http://www.4room.ee)

An Estonian lamp company with a unique style and philosophy. Friendly and functional pieces.



KAREL MIKKIN

## Art

At these galleries you'll find the best of Estonian art, past and present.

### Draakoni Gallery

Pikk 18 • [www.eaa.ee/draakon](http://www.eaa.ee/draakon)

A large selection of contemporary Estonian prints, paintings and photographs.

### Haus Gallery

Uus 17 • [www.haus.ee](http://www.haus.ee)

Exhibitions and auctions of professional Estonian art.

### Vaal Gallery

Tartu mnt 80D • [www.vaal.ee](http://www.vaal.ee)

A modern gallery in unusual surroundings, exhibiting contemporary fine art and organising auctions.

## Bookshops

Souvenir picture books of Tallinn and Estonia, along with a wide selection of other books in English, are available at these shops.

### Apollo

Estonia pst 9, Solaris Centre • [www.apollo.ee](http://www.apollo.ee)

Central and well-stocked.

### Rahva Raamat

Viru väljak 4, Viru Centre  
[www.rahvaraamat.ee](http://www.rahvaraamat.ee)

Tallinn's largest, also sells music and DVDs.



PAUL KUMMET

## Department Stores & Shopping Centres

Establishments like these are naturally the best places to find the largest selections of fashion, shoes and speciality items.

### Forum Centre

Narva mnt 5 • [www.foorumkeskus.ee](http://www.foorumkeskus.ee)

Architecturally interesting shopping mall of brand shops and boutiques.

### Kristiine Centre

Endla 45 • [www.kristiinekeskus.ee](http://www.kristiinekeskus.ee)

One of central Tallinn's largest malls, with over 150 shops and services.

### Rocca al Mare Centre

Paldiski mnt 102 • [www.roccaalmare.ee](http://www.roccaalmare.ee)

A well-appointed, sprawling mall at the city's western edge.

### Solaris Centre

Estonia pst 9 • [www.solaris.ee](http://www.solaris.ee)

A newly-built mall, complete with cinema, attached to the city's largest concert hall.

### Stockmann

Liivalaia 53 • [www.stockmann.ee](http://www.stockmann.ee)

An extensive, multi-storey branch of Finland's most famous department store.

### Tallinna Kaubamaja

Gonsiori 2 • [www.kaubamaja.ee](http://www.kaubamaja.ee)

Estonia's main department store; the widest array of goods.

### Viru Keskus (Viru Centre)

Viru väljak 4 • [www.virukeskus.com](http://www.virukeskus.com)

The largest, busiest shopping mall in the downtown area.

### Ülemiste Centre

Suur-Sõjamäe 4 • [www.ulemiste.ee](http://www.ulemiste.ee)

With over 160 shops and services, this enormous mall near the airport is an easy place to spend a large portion of your day.

## Markets

There are a few outdoor markets in and around Old Town selling handicrafts, most notably the knit market along the Town Wall on Müürivahe street. Elsewhere in the city large outdoor markets cater to locals and are interesting places to browse and explore, provided you keep an eye out for pickpockets.

### Balti Jaam Market

Kopli 1

A sprawling market behind the train station selling just about everything.

### Central Market

Keldrimäe 9

Food and cheap clothes.

### Nõmme Market

Turu plats 8 / Piiri 6

[www.tallinnaturud.ee/nomme](http://www.tallinnaturud.ee/nomme)

A lively, recently renovated market on the outskirts of the city.

### Sadama Turg

Sadama 25-4 • [www.sadamaturg.ee](http://www.sadamaturg.ee)

An indoor market at the Passenger Port, specialising in fresh food, and local produce.

### Fish Market

Kalaranna 1 • [tallinnaturud.ee/kalaturg](http://tallinnaturud.ee/kalaturg)

Weekly market specialising in fresh and local.



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## Annual markets

### Christmas Market

Sept-Jan • Town Hall Square

Famous market celebrating the beauty of the snow-covered Old Town, where food, drinks and traditional gifts are sold.

### Medieval Market

July • Tallinn Old Town

Medieval theme performances, workshops and handicrafts.

### St. Martin's Day Fair

Nov

National handicraft market celebrating the bloom of autumn.



# Museums & Attractions

## Adamson-Eric Museum

Lühike jalg 3 • [www.adamson-eric.ee](http://www.adamson-eric.ee)

Works by the venerated Estonian artist Adamson-Eric (1902–1968).

## A. H. Tammsaare Museum

Koidula 12 A • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

A chronicle of the life and works of Estonia's greatest writer, set in his 1930s home.

## Children's Museum

Kotzebue 16 • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

Hundreds of dolls, teddy bears and other toys.

## Dominican Monastery Claustrum

Müürivahe 33 • [www.mauritanum.edu.ee](http://www.mauritanum.edu.ee)

The remaining inner chambers of St. Catherine's Monastery, established 1246.

## E. Vilde Museum

Roheline aas 3 • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

Dedicated to one of Estonia's principle writers, Eduard Vilde (1865–1933).

## Eesti Pank Museum

Estonia pst 11 • [www.eestipank.ee](http://www.eestipank.ee)

Brand new exposition on the history of Estonian money and on the activities of the central bank.

## Epping Tower

Laboratooriumi 31 • [www.eppingtower.info](http://www.eppingtower.info)

A renovated, 15th-century tower with interactive displays on Tallinn's fortifications, medieval weapons and armour.

## Estonian History Museum - Great Guild Hall

Pikk 17 • [www.ajaloomuuseum.ee](http://www.ajaloomuuseum.ee)

This extensive museum presents Estonia's history from prehistoric times right up to the end of the 20th century.

## Estonian History Museum - Maarjamäe Palace

Pirita tee 56 • [www.ajaloomuuseum.ee](http://www.ajaloomuuseum.ee)

Covers developments from the 19th century to the first Estonian Republic, World War II and the 1950s. Also home to the Estonian Film Museum.

## Estonian Natural History Museum

Lai 29A • [www.loodusmuuseum.ee](http://www.loodusmuuseum.ee)

Estonian flora and fauna on three floors.

## Estonian Maritime Museum

Pikk 70 • [www.meremuuseum.ee](http://www.meremuuseum.ee)

Extensive displays on Estonia's seafaring history, housed in the historic Fat Margaret cannon tower.



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## Estonian Museum of Applied Art and Design

Lai 17 • [www.etdm.ee](http://www.etdm.ee)

Works in glass, ceramics, textile, leather, metalwork and jewellery, displayed in the historic Old Town granary.

## Estonian Open Air Museum

Vabaõhumuuseumi tee 12 • [www.evm.ee](http://www.evm.ee)

An extensive park where traditional Estonian village life is recreated. Exhibits include numerous thatched, 18-20th-century farm buildings, windmills, a village school and a tavern.

## Estonian Theatre and Music Museum

Müürivahe 12 • [www.tmm.ee](http://www.tmm.ee)

Antique instruments and hand-cranked, 19th-century music machines.

## Viru Hotel & KGB Museum

Viru väljak 4 • [www.sokoshotels.fi](http://www.sokoshotels.fi)

Those intrigued by the city's secret history can take a tour at the KGB Museum on the 23rd floor of Sokos Hotel Viru.

## Kadriorg Palace – Kadriorg Art Museum

Weizenbergi 37 • [www.kadriorumuuseum.ee](http://www.kadriorumuuseum.ee)

The foreign art branch of the Art Museum of Estonia, housed in Peter the Great's Baroque palace (1718).

## Kiek in de Kōk & Bastion Tunnels

Komandandi tee 2 • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

Displays cover military history from the 13th to the 18th centuries, including developments in the town's fortifications. Also serves as access point for Toompea's hidden tunnels.

## Kumu Art Museum

Weizenbergi 34/ Valge 1 • [www.kumu.ee](http://www.kumu.ee)

The nation's premier art museum, housed in an immense, high-tech facility.



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### Mikkel Museum

Weizenbergi 28 • [www.mikkelimuuseum.ee](http://www.mikkelimuuseum.ee)

An extensive collection of antique Chinese porcelain, Flemish and Dutch paintings and Italian engravings; across from the Kadriorg Palace.

### Museum of Estonian Architecture

Ahtri 2 • [www.arhitektuurimuuseum.ee](http://www.arhitektuurimuuseum.ee)

Estonian architectural development through the ages.

### Museum Miia-Milla-Manda

L.Koidula 21C • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

A kid-oriented museum in Kadriorg park offering a variety of activities for 3- to 11-year-olds.

### Museum of Occupations

Toompea 8 • [www.okupatsioon.ee](http://www.okupatsioon.ee)

Dedicated to the 1940–1991 time period when Estonia suffered both a German and Soviet occupation.

### Museum of Puppet Arts (NUKU)

Lai 1 / Nunne 8 • [www.nuku.ee](http://www.nuku.ee)

This fun, high-tech museum gives visitors a behind-the-scenes look at the theatre, outlining its history and displaying dozens of puppets.

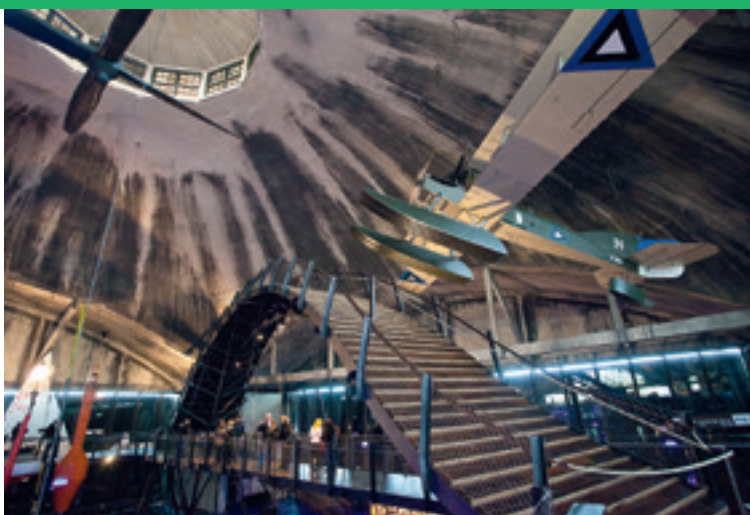
### Niguliste Museum (St. Nicholas' Church)

Niguliste 3 • [www.nigulistemuuseum.ee](http://www.nigulistemuuseum.ee)

The 13th-century church houses a museum dedicated to church art, displaying Medieval altarpieces and Tallinn's most famous painting, Bert Notke's Danse Macabre (Dance with Death).



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### St. Olav's Church Tower

Lai 50 • [www.oleviste.ee](http://www.oleviste.ee) • Open: 1.04–31.10

Panoramic views from atop Old Town's tallest tower.

### Peter the Great's Cottage

Mäekalda 2 • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

A small house in Kadriorg where Russian Tsar Peter the Great lived during his visits to Tallinn in the early 18th century.

### Seaplane Harbour

Vesilennuki 6 • [www.lennusadam.eu](http://www.lennusadam.eu)

Region's biggest sea centre and maritime museum in architecturally unique hangars boast life-size submarine and replica seaplane. Outdoor collection of war ships and ice breakers.

### St. Bridget's Convent

Kloostri tee 9 • [www.piritaklooster.ee](http://www.piritaklooster.ee)

The fascinating ruins of a 15th-century convent, destroyed in 1577.

### Tallinn Botanic Garden

Kloostrimetsa tee 52 • [www.botaanikaaed.ee](http://www.botaanikaaed.ee)

Over 4,500 plant varieties on display in extensive gardens and modern greenhouses.

### Tallinn City Museum

Vene 17 • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

A modern and well-presented chronicle of Tallinn history.

### Tallinn's Town Hall Tower

Raekoja plats 1 • [www.tallinn.ee/raekoda](http://www.tallinn.ee/raekoda)

Open: 1.06–31.08

The Town Hall's 64-metre bell tower offers a bird's eye view of Old Town.

### Tallinn TV Tower

Kloostrimetsa tee 58A • [www.teletorn.ee](http://www.teletorn.ee)

Amazing panoramic views, café at the 170m level, sci-fi inspired interiors and interactive exhibits.

### Tallinn Zoo

Paldiski mnt 145 • [www.tallinnzoo.ee](http://www.tallinnzoo.ee)

One of the largest zoological collections in Northern Europe. Includes various habitats, aquariums and a petting zoo for kids.

### Town Prison – Museum of Photography

Raekoja 4/6 • [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

The history of photography in Estonia, housed in the Town Council's former prison.

### Town Wall

Gümnaasiumi 3

Three defense towers and the only publicly accessible section of the Town Wall.



### Sightseeing Tours

A variety of guided tours are available in Tallinn, everything from ghost walks to pub crawls. To explore the wide list of options, drop by the Tourist Information Centre or visit [www.tourism.tallinn.ee/tours](http://www.tourism.tallinn.ee/tours)





# Facts and Tips

## Facts about Estonia

### Area

45,227 km<sup>2</sup>

### Population

1,286,540 (as of 1 January 2013).

### Time Zone

Estonia is in the Eastern European Time Zone:

In winter: GMT + 2 hours.

In summer: GMT + 3 hours.

### Language

Estonia's official language is Estonian. Russian, English and Finnish are also understood and widely spoken.

### Religion

The largest denomination is Lutheran (30%), followed by Russian Orthodox (28%) and Catholic (3%). However, only about 20% of Estonians practice any religion.

### Climate

The climate in Estonia is characterised by a fairly cold winter, a cool spring with little precipitation, a moderately warm summer and a long and rainy autumn. However, some summers have weeks at a stretch of temperatures around +30°C, and a warm, sunny summer can keep autumn at bay until mid-October. Average temperature in July: +16.7°C  
Average temperature in February: -4°C

Weather forecast:

[www.weather.ee/tallinn](http://www.weather.ee/tallinn)

## Facts about Tallinn

### Area

159.2 km<sup>2</sup>

### Sea coast

46 km

### Population

The population of Tallinn is 428,778 (as of October 2013).

Nationalities: Estonian 53%, Russian 38,2%, Ukrainian 3,5%, other 5,3%.

### Public Holidays, 2014

**1 January** New Year's Day

**24 February** Independence Day, the anniversary of the declaration founding the Republic of Estonia (1918).

**18 April** Good Friday

**20 April** Easter Sunday

**1 May** Spring Day

**8 June** Whitsunday

**23 June** Victory Day

**24 June** St. John's Day (Midsummer)

**20 August** Day of Restoration of Independence, marking Estonia's regained independence from the Soviet Union (1991).

**24 December** Christmas Eve

**25 December** Christmas Day

**26 December** Boxing Day

## Travel Information

### Visa Regulations

Estonia is part of the Schengen visa-free area. Passengers arriving from other Schengen countries won't go through customs and immigration checks at the border, but are still required to carry valid travel documents, either a passport or, in the case of EU citizens, a national ID card.

Anyone arriving from outside the Schengen zone will be required to show those same documents at the border.

Nationals of EU and EEA member states can freely enter Estonia. The required travel document is a national ID card or a passport.

For more specific information, please contact your nearest Estonian consulate or embassy, or check the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website, [www.mfa.ee](http://www.mfa.ee).

### Customs

In order to avoid misunderstandings it is recommended that you learn about the requirements of your country of destination before you travel and ask for any necessary information from local customs authorities.

You can get further information from [www.customs.ee](http://www.customs.ee).



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### Currency & Exchange

Since January 2011, Estonia has been using the euro (EUR) as its national currency. One euro is made up of 100 cents. Other currencies can easily be exchanged in banks and exchange offices.

Most larger hotels, stores and restaurants accept Visa, MasterCard, Eurocard, Diners Club and American Express; however, it is advisable to carry some euros in cash with you.

Banks are plentiful and easy to find in Tallinn. Most are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays, while some offices are also open on Saturday mornings. All banks offer currency exchange services. Exchange offices can also be found in larger hotels, the airport, harbour, railroad station and major shopping centres.

### Communications

To call Tallinn from abroad, dial your international access code and 372 for Estonia and then the telephone number.

Within Estonia, you can make local and international calls from any phone. To call abroad, dial 00 and the country code.

The same GSM mobile phones used throughout Europe will also work in Estonia; please check with your operator for roaming charges and compatibility.

### Internet

Public Internet access points have been set up all over Estonia. They are located in local libraries and post offices. All hotels, conference centres, as well as the airport, shopping malls, downtown cafés, restaurants, and public parks offer public Wi-Fi. Tallinn Tourist Information Centre offers free public Wi-Fi.



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### Post Offices

The Tallinn Central Post Office is located in the city centre, at Narva mnt 1, and is open Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
ph. +372 661 6616, [www.post.ee](http://www.post.ee)

The Toompea Post Office at Lossi plats 4 is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The post office in Old Town at Viru 20, is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### The Medical Services

No vaccinations or health certificates are required for entry into Estonia. A health insurance policy is optional.

Pharmacies are usually open from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., but one stays open all night: Tõnismäe Apteek, Tõnismägi 5, ph. +372 644 2282.

Standard medication is available in all pharmacies.

**In case of an accident or sudden illness, call the ambulance free of charge from any phone: 112.**

### Police

[www.politsei.ee](http://www.politsei.ee)

Call free of charge from any phone: 110.

### Power Supply

The current is 220 volts AC, 50 Hz.

European-style two-pin plugs are used.



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### Travellers with Reduced Mobility

Although there is still a lot of work to be done to make Tallinn more accessible to all its visitors, improvements are being made.

The Estonian Union Of Persons With Mobility Impairment has compiled a list of recommended routes, accommodation, etc. for travellers with reduced mobility (including wheelchair users). It can be found at [www.tourism.tallinn.ee](http://www.tourism.tallinn.ee).

### Tourism Organisations

Estonian Tourism Board:  
[www.visitestonia.com](http://www.visitestonia.com)

Estonian Association of Travel Agents:  
[www.etfl.ee](http://www.etfl.ee)

Estonian Hotel and Restaurant Association: [www.ehrl.ee](http://www.ehrl.ee)

Estonian Spa Association:  
[www.estonianspas.eu](http://www.estonianspas.eu)



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# Arrival

## By Air

### Located Meri Tallinn Airport

Located just 4km from the Tallinn city centre, the newly refurbished Lennart Meri Tallinn Airport provides excellent facilities and a wide variety of services to meet the demands of all its customers.

Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the passenger terminal. A Skype booth is also available at the airport.

### Information at the airport

An information desk operates in the airport's departure hall. It opens 2 hours before the first flight of the day and closes after the last arriving flight.

ph. +372 605 8888  
www.tallinn-airport.ee

### From the airport to the city

**Bus no 2** leaves the airport for the city centre and port every 20–30 minutes, and operates from 7 a.m. until midnight. The price is € 1.60 (free with Tallinn Card); tickets can be bought from the driver. The bus stop is down the escalator on level 0.

A taxi stand can also be found just outside the arrivals terminal. The fare from the airport to the city centre is about € 7.

### International Flights

The latest information about international flights and airline companies can be found at:

www.tallinn-airport.ee

## Domestic Flights

Flights from Tallinn to Kuressaare and from Tallinn to Kärdla are operated by Avies:

### Avies

ph. +372 605 8887 • www.flyavies.ee

## By Sea

For Estonia's neighbours, sea travel is the most widely-used method of reaching Tallinn, with over 7 million passengers making their way through the Port of Tallinn each year. The vast majority of them come via the Tallinn-Helsinki sea-lane, one of the busiest international passenger routes in the world. Passengers arrive at the modern and well-equipped Old City Harbour or the adjacent Linnahall, both located in the city centre.

### Main Routes

Ferries cross the Gulf of Finland between Tallinn and **Helsinki** several times a day, covering the distance in two to four hours, depending on the ship. From late spring to late autumn, high-speed vessels also operate on the route, reducing travel time to just an hour and a half. Ferries between Tallinn and **Stockholm** depart every evening, with the trip taking approximately 15 hours. The **St. Petersburg** – Tallinn – Stockholm – Tallinn – St. Petersburg cruise line ferry visits Tallinn twice a week. A trip between Tallinn and St. Petersburg takes approximately 8 hours.

## Terminals

The Old City Harbour's passenger terminals, labelled A through D, as well as the Linnahall, are located a short distance from the Medieval Old Town.

**Passenger information at the harbour:**  
ph. +372 631 8550 • www.portoftallinn.com

**A-terminal** serves Viking Line and Eckerö Line ferries to Helsinki and St Peter Line ferry to/from St. Petersburg.

**B-terminal** serves Viking Line and Eckerö Line ferries from Helsinki.

**D-terminal** serves Tallink's high-speed vessels and ferries to/from Helsinki, and Tallink ferries to/from Stockholm.

**Linnahall terminal** serves Linda Line's high-speed vessels to/from Helsinki

### From the harbour to the city

**Bus no 2** stops in front of A and D-terminals. Tickets cost € 1.60 (free with Tallinn Card). A taxi from the port to other locations in the city centre costs about € 5. Because the harbour is so central, many arriving passengers prefer to walk.



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## Passenger Lines

### TO HELSINKI

#### Ferries

##### Eckerö Line

ph. +372 664 6000 • [www.eckeroline.ee](http://www.eckeroline.ee)

##### Tallink

ph. +372 640 9808 • [www.tallink.ee](http://www.tallink.ee)

##### Viking Line

ph. +372 666 3966 • [www.vikingline.ee](http://www.vikingline.ee)

#### High-Speed vessels

##### LindaLine Express

ph. +372 16100 • [www.lindaline.ee](http://www.lindaline.ee)

### TO STOCKHOLM

##### Tallink

ph. +372 640 9808 • [www.tallink.ee](http://www.tallink.ee)

### TO ST. PETERSBURG

##### St Peter Line

ph. +372 666 0809 • [www.stpeterline.com](http://www.stpeterline.com)

#### Cruises

Most of the cruise lines touring in Northern Europe now include Tallinn in their itineraries, and the city receives over 300 calls per cruise season – a truly remarkable achievement by European standards. The Old City Harbour can accommodate cruise vessels of over 300m in length. For further information: [www.portoftallinn.com](http://www.portoftallinn.com).

Tallinn also participates in the **Cruise Baltic network**:

[www.cruisebaltic.com](http://www.cruisebaltic.com).

#### Yachts

##### Pirita Harbour

ph. +372 639 8980 • [www.piritatop.ee](http://www.piritatop.ee)

##### Old City Marina

ph. +372 631 8085 • [www.ts.ee](http://www.ts.ee)

##### Noblessner Yacht Club, Peetri Harbour

ph. +372 502 2920 • [www.noblessner.com](http://www.noblessner.com)

## By Rail

International rail connections between Tallinn – Moscow and Tallinn – St. Petersburg are offered by GoRail.

#### GoRail

ph. +372 631 0044 • [www.gorail.ee](http://www.gorail.ee)

#### From the railway station to the city

The railway station is located just outside the northern edge of Old Town, not far from the harbour. Take tram no 1 or 2, or go by foot through the underground passage towards the Old Town, about 200 metres away.

## By Bus

International bus lines offer bus connections from many European cities.

#### Lux Express

ph. +372 680 0909 • [www.luxexpress.eu](http://www.luxexpress.eu)

#### Ecolines

ph. +372 606 2217 • [www.ecolines.net](http://www.ecolines.net)

#### Hansabus

ph. + 372 627 9080 • [www.hansabus.ee](http://www.hansabus.ee)

#### Tallinn Central Bus Station

Lastekodu 46 • ph. +372 12550

International bus lines, as well as most lines connecting Tallinn with other cities in Estonia, arrive at and depart from Tallinn's Central Bus Station, located in the city centre.

#### From the bus station to the city

Take tram no 2 or 4, or bus no 17, 17A or 23. A taxi from the bus station to the city centre costs about € 5.

# In the City

## Public Transport

### Buses, trolleys, trams

Buses, trolleys and trams operate regularly from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. A smart-card and e-ticket system is in place in Tallinn. **Single journey tickets can be bought directly from the driver for € 1.60.**

Smartcards are on sale in post offices, R-kiosks, larger shop-chains and at Tallinn City Council customer service desk (Vabaduse väljak 7). You need to pay € 2 deposit for your new smartcard.

**Tallinn Card** holders travel free on public transport. Validate your Tallinn Card by touching the orange card readers (at all entrances) at the start of each journey.

**When planning no more than 3 journeys on public transport** use the single journey tickets costing € 1.60. You can purchase the tickets from the driver directly when entering at the front door.

**If you plan more than 3 journeys on public transport** it is cheaper for you to get the plastic (non-registered) smartcard. This smartcard is easy to top up with money or travel cards and then to validate your e-ticket(s) at the start of each journey. One smartcard can be used by different people. Top up your smartcard at different sales points (listed at [www.pilet.ee](http://www.pilet.ee)).





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### Travel free on public transport when:

- You have a valid Tallinn Card. Validate your Tallinn Card at the start of each journey!
- You are a child under the age of 7.
- You are an adult travelling with a child under 3 years of age.
- You are a registered Tallinner and you have the registered smartcard. Note that you still need to validate your smartcard at the start of every journey.

See transportation map on page 64.

### Taxis

Taxi stands are located at major intersections and in front of larger hotels. Passengers can choose from any of the available taxis at a taxi stand. Taxis can be also ordered by phone or hailed on the street.

The price list for taxi services is determined by the taxi operator and includes the flag fare, the per-kilometre charge and the waiting charge.

### Useful to know

Be sure you understand the approximate cost of the trip. Prices are not uniform; taxi operators can set their own rates. Take a close look at the yellow price list, which is posted on the right side rear door.

The rates:

1. the base fare (usually € 2 – € 5);
2. the waiting charge, used only when the taxi is actually standing (usually 6 – 20 €/hr)
3. the per-kilometre charges: a daytime charge used from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., and a nighttime charge used from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. (both usually 0.50 – 1 €/km).

Anything much more than these is considered high.

Make sure the taxi driver holds an operator's card – a white plastic card with the driver's photo and name, attached to the middle of the dashboard and that the meter is turned on. By law you are only obliged to pay what is on the meter and receive a paper receipt.

To make suggestions or lodge complaints, please contact:

### Tallinn Transport Department's Taxi Commission:

ph. +372 640 4619 • [tta@tallinnlv.ee](mailto:tta@tallinnlv.ee)

### City Advice Telephone

ph. 1345 (24-hour hotline)

## By Car

### Parking

Parking on streets in the city centre, the Old Town and the Pirita area must be paid for. Nearly all locals simply pay for their parking via SMS message, but newcomers should follow these guidelines:

Cars should display a sign (usually a clock) on their dashboards indicating the time they parked. The first 15 minutes of parking is free. You can purchase a parking ticket from a street-side machine. In some areas, tickets are sold by parking guards.

Information about parking in Tallinn can be found at: [www.parkimine.ee](http://www.parkimine.ee)

## Tourist Information Centre



Tallinn Tourist Information Centre, located in the heart of the Old Town, provides information on everything from tour or guide bookings to shopping tips.

### Contact us:

Niguliste 2, 10146 Tallinn, Estonia  
ph. +372 645 7777  
fax +372 645 7778  
[turismiinfo@tallinnlv.ee](mailto:turismiinfo@tallinnlv.ee)

### Opening hours:

1 May – 14 June  
Mon–Fri 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
Sat–Sun 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

15 June – 31 August  
Mon–Fri 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Sat–Sun 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

1 September – 30 April  
Mon–Fri 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sat–Sun 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Closed on January 1, December 25 and 26.

Facebook: [VisitTallinn](#)

Twitter: [@VisitTallinn](#)

Read or download Tallinn's tourism publications from

[www.tourism.tallinn.ee/materials](http://www.tourism.tallinn.ee/materials)  
[www.tallinn.mobi](http://www.tallinn.mobi)

[www.tourism.tallinn.ee](http://www.tourism.tallinn.ee)

Download the Tallinn Official City Guide app from **Play Store** or **App Store**.



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App Store



THREE SISTERS HOTEL



THREE SISTERS HOTEL



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### Helpful phrases

Hello — **Tere**

Goodbye — **Nägemist**

Please — **Palun**

Thank you — **Tänan / aitäh**

Excuse me / sorry — **Vabandust**

Yes — **Jah**

No — **Ei**

Help! — **Appi!**

Push — **Lükka**

Pull — **Tõmba**

Cheers! — **Terviseks!**

Bon appétit! — **Head isu!**

How much? — **Kui palju?**

How much does it cost? —  
**Kui palju see maksab?**

Where is...? — **Kus on/asub...?**

What's your name? —  
**Mis su nimi on?**

My name is ... —  
**Minu nimi on...**

# Accommodation

## Accommodation

A wide range of accommodation is available in Tallinn, and the number of choices grows yearly. Options range from upmarket business hotels to budget sleepovers; from historic, Old Town settings to plush, brand-new buildings in prime locations. There are also plenty of secluded establishments on the outskirts of town. Registered accommodation in Tallinn is high quality, since the minimum standards here are more stringent than the European average. Advance booking directly from the accommodation establishment or through a travel agency is essential for the busy period of May through September, but it is strongly recommended at any time of year.

Nearly all hotels accept major credit cards. Rates are quoted per room, not per person, and as a rule prices include breakfast and tax.

## Description of accommodation types:

**Hotel** - an establishment of at least 10 rooms that corresponds to high standards and offers dining service (restaurant).

**Guesthouse** - an establishment of at least 5 rooms, which offers dining service.

**Hostel** - a simple establishment for holiday, sport or study visitors, which offers dining or cooking facilities.

**Guest apartment** - an establishment with self-catering facilities, which is rented out in entirety.

**Bed & Breakfast** - accommodation service at a house, apartment or private farm, which includes breakfast.

**Camping site** - an establishment providing limited accommodation service, that has cottages and/or enclosed areas for tents and/or caravans, parking lot and cooking facilities.

## Price Range:

A: up to € 35

B: € 36 – 55

C: € 56 – 85

D: € 86 – 120

E: over € 121



– Location



– Distance from Airport



– Distance from Port



– Number of Rooms



– Number of Rooms for Handicapped



– Number of Beds



– Price Range

\* Price range shows an average price for a standard double room per one night. Check for official websites for up to date price information.



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## Hotels



<b>Baltic Hotel Imperial</b> • Nunne 14 ph +372 627 4800 • www.baltichotelgroup.com	Old Town	6	1.5	32		52	D
<b>Baltic Hotel Vana Wiru</b> • Viru 11 ph +372 669 1500 • www.baltichotelgroup.com	Old Town	6	1.5	82	2	140	C
<b>Barons</b> • Suur-Karja 7 / Väike-Karja 2 ph +372 699 9700 • www.barons.ee	Old Town	6	1.5	33	1	58	D
<b>Bern</b> • Aia 10 ph +372 680 6630 • www.tallinnhotels.ee	Old Town	3	0.8	50	1	92	C
<b>Braavo</b> • Aia 20 ph +372 699 9777 • www.braavo.ee	Old Town	3	0.8	29	1	68	B
<b>City Hotel</b> • Narva mnt 24 ph +372 640 0405 • www.cityhotel.ee	City Centre	2.5	0.8	55		121	B
<b>City Hotel Portus</b> • Uus-Sadama 23 ph +372 680 6600 • www.tallinnhotels.ee	City Centre	6	0.2	107	2	250	B
<b>City Hotel Tallinn</b> • Paldiski mnt 3 ph +372 660 0700 • www.uhotelsgroup.com	City Centre	4.5	2.3	17		34	B
<b>CRU Hotel</b> • Viru 8 ph +372 611 7600 • www.viruinn.ee	Old Town	6	1.5	15		27	D
<b>Dzingel</b> • Männiku tee 89 ph +372 610 5201 • www.dzingel.ee	Nõmme	7	7	270	2	520	B
<b>Ecoland</b> • Randvere tee 115 ph +372 605 1999 • www.tallinnhistoricalhotels.com	Pirita	12	9	35	1	70	C
<b>Economy Hotel</b> • Kopli 2C ph +372 667 8300 • www.economyhotel.ee	Põhja-Tallinn	6	1.5	38		88	A
<b>Go Hotel Shnelli</b> • Toompuiestee 37 ph +372 631 0102 • www.gohotels.ee	City Centre	6	1.5	124	2	244	B
<b>Hotel Euroopa</b> **** • Paadi 5 ph +372 669 9777 • www.euroopa.ee	City Centre	4	0	185	2	370	C
<b>Hotel G9</b> • Gonsiori 9 ph +372 626 7130 • www.hotelg9.ee	City Centre	5	1.5	22		44	B
<b>Kalev SPA Hotel</b> • Aia 18 ph +372 649 3300 • www.kalevspa.ee	City Centre	3	0.9	100	3	200	C
<b>Koim Õde / The Three Sisters</b> ***** • Pikk 71 / Tolli 2 ph +372 630 6300 • www.threesistershotel.com	Old Town	6	0.5	23	1	46	E
<b>Kreutzwald Hotel Tallinn</b> • Endla 23 ph +372 666 4800 • www.uniquehotelmihkli.com	City Centre	6	2.5	79	2	163	D
<b>L'Ermitage</b> • Toompuiestee 19 ph +372 699 6400 • www.lermitagehotel.ee	City Centre	6	3	90	1	179	D
<b>Lilleküla Hotel</b> • Luha 18B ph +372 627 1120 • www.lillekulahotel.ee	Kristiine	5	3	31		60	B
<b>Merchant's House Hotel</b> • Dunkri 4/6 ph +372 697 7500 • www.merchantshousehotel.com	Old Town	6	2	37		70	D



<b>Meriton Grand Conference &amp; Spa Hotel</b> • Paldiski mnt 4 ph +372 628 8100 • www.meritonhotels.com	City Centre	7	3	465	7	942	D
<b>Meriton Old Town Garden</b> • Pikk 29 / Lai 24 ph +372 664 8800 • www.meritonhotels.com	Old Town	3.4	1.3	50	1	100	C
<b>Meriton Old Town Hotel</b> • Lai 49 ph +372 614 1300 • www.meritonhotels.com	Old Town	6	0.7	41	1	79	C
<b>Metropol</b> • Roseni 13 ph +372 667 4500 • www.metropol.ee	City Centre	3	0.8	149		298	B
<b>My City Hotel</b> • Vana-Posti 11/13 ph +372 622 0900 • www.mycityhotel.ee	Old Town	6	1.5	68	2	136	D
<b>Nepi</b> • Nepi 10 ph +372 655 1665 • www.nepihotell.ee	Kristiine	6	4	10	1	16	A
<b>Nordic Hotel Forum****</b> • Viru väljak 3 ph +372 622 2900 • www.nordichotels.eu	City Centre	5	1	267	2	534	D
<b>Old Town Maestro's</b> • Suur-Karja 10 ph +372 626 2000 • www.maestrohotel.ee	Old Town	6	1.5	23		46	C
<b>Oru Hotel***</b> • Narva mnt 120B ph +372 603 3300 • www.oruhotel.ee	Kadriorg	6	3.5	51	1	86	C
<b>Park Inn Central Tallinn by Radisson****</b> • Narva mnt 7C ph +372 633 9800 • www.parkinn.com/hotel-centraltallinn	City Centre	5.5	0.5	245	2	490	C
<b>Pirita TOP SPA Hotel</b> • Regati pst 1 ph +372 639 8600 • www.tallinkhotels.com	Pirita	7	5	267	4	497	A
<b>PK Ilmarine</b> • Põhja pst 23 ph +372 614 0900 • www.pkhotels.eu	City Centre	6	1	152	2	304	C
<b>Radisson Blu Hotel Olümpia****</b> • Liivalaia 33 ph +372 631 5333 • www.radissonblu.com/olumpiahotel-tallinn	City Centre	3.5	2	390	1	688	D
<b>Radisson Blu Hotel Tallinn</b> • Rävåla pst 3 ph +372 682 3000 • www.radissonblu.com/hotel-tallinn	City Centre	3	2	280	4	560	E
<b>Reval Park Hotel &amp; Casino****</b> • Fr. R. Kreutzwaldi 23 ph +372 630 5305 • www.parkhotel.ee	City Centre	5	3	121	2	218	C
<b>Rocca al Mare Hotell</b> • Lillevälja 2 ph +372 664 5950 • www.roccahotels.ee	Haabersti	9	7	36	1	71	C
<b>Savoy Boutique Hotel</b> • Suur-Karja 17/19 ph +372 680 6688 • www.tallinnhotels.ee	Old Town	6	2	43	1	75	E
<b>Schlössle*****</b> • Pühavaimu 13/15 ph +372 699 7700 • www.schlössle-hotels.com	Old Town	6	1	23	1	42	E
<b>Sokos Hotel Viru</b> • Viru väljak 4 ph +372 680 9300 • www.sokoshotels.fi/ee	City Centre	6	1	516	3	1020	C
<b>St. Barbara Hotel</b> • Roosikrantsi 2A ph +372 640 0040 • www.stbarbara.ee	City Centre	6	2	53		104	C
<b>St Olav Hotel</b> • Lai 5 ph +372 616 1180 • www.tallinnhistoricalhotels.com	Old Town	3.5	1.4	78		150	C





<b>St. Petersburg</b> **** • Rataskaevu 7 ph +372 628 6500 • www.hotelstpetersbourg.com	Old Town	6	1.5	27		49	D
<b>Stroomi</b> ** • Randla 11 ph +372 630 4200 • www.stroomi.ee	Põhja-Tallinn	9	5	137		250	B
<b>Swissotel Tallinn</b> • Tornimäe 3 ph +372 624 2220 • www.swissotel.com/tallinn	City Centre	4	2	238	2	505	E
<b>Taanilinna</b> • Uus 6 ph +372 640 6700 • www.tallinnhotels.ee	Old Town	3.5	1.2	20	1	37	C
<b>Tähetorni</b> *** • Tähetorni 16 ph +372 677 9100 • www.thotell.ee	Nõmme	11	10	36	1	63	C
<b>Tallink City Hotel</b> • A. Laikmaa 5 ph +372 630 0800 • www.tallinkhotels.com	City Centre	6	1	332		664	B
<b>Tallink Express Hotel</b> ** • Sadama 1 ph +372 667 8700 • www.tallinkhotels.com	City Centre	5	0	163	1	326	A
<b>Tallink Spa &amp; Conference Hotel</b> • Sadama 11A ph +372 630 1000 • www.tallinkhotels.com	City Centre	5	0	275	2	580	C
<b>Tatari 53</b> • Tatari 53 ph +372 640 5150 • www.tatari53.ee	City Centre	5	2.5	36	1	64	B
<b>Telegraaf</b> ***** • Vene 9 ph +372 600 0600 • www.telegraafhotel.com	Old Town	5	1	86	2	162	E
<b>Von Stackelberg Hotel Tallinn</b> • Toompuiestee 23 ph +372 660 0700 • www.uniquestay.com	City Centre	6	2	45	1	90	D
<b>Ülemiste Hotel</b> **** • Lennujaama tee 2 ph +372 603 2600 • www.ylemistehotel.ee	Lasnamäe	0.5	6	131	2	250	C

## Hostels

<b>16eur Hostel</b> • Roseni 9 ph +372 501 3046 • www.16eur.ee	City Centre	3.5	0.9	16		28	A
<b>Academic Hostel</b> • Akadeemia tee 11 ph +372 620 2275 • www.ttu.ee/academichostel.ee	Mustamäe	9	8	108		216	B
<b>Dormitorium Hostel</b> • Karu 17 ph +372 662 3739 • www.dormitorium.ee	City Centre	3	0.6	22		49	B
<b>Mahtra hostel</b> • Mahtra 44 ph +372 621 8828 • www.mahtra.ee	Lasnamäe	5	6.5	9		21	A
<b>OldHouse Hostel</b> • Uus 26 and Uus 32 ph +372 641 1281 • www.oldhouse.ee	Old Town	6	1	23		78	C
<b>Olematu Rüütel</b> • Kiriku põik 4A ph +372 631 3827 • www.olematu.ee	Old Town	5	2	3		10	A
<b>Tallinna Teeninduskooli Hostel</b> • Lastekodu 13 ph +372 681 1352 • www.teeninduskool.ee/hostel	City Centre	4	2.5	16		31	A



## Guesthouses

<b>Alexi Villa</b> • Sihi 49 ph +372 670 0096 • www.alexi.ee	Nõmme	7	7	6	14	B
<b>Dorell</b> • Karu 39 ph +372 666 4333 • www.dorell.ee	City Centre	6	0.8	31	59	A
<b>Gloria Guesthouse</b> • Müürivahe 2 ph +372 644 6950 • www.gloria.ee	Old Town	6	1.5	6	10	D
<b>OldHouse Guesthouse</b> • Rataskaevu 16 ph +372 641 1464 • www.oldhouse.ee	Old Town	6	1	6	14	B
<b>Olevi Residence</b> • Olevimägi 4 ph +372 627 7650 • www.tallinnhistoricalhotels.com	Old Town	6	1.5	26	52	B
<b>Pirita kloostri Guesthouse</b> • Merivälja tee 18 ph +372 605 5000 • www.oss.ee	Pirita	9	6.5	21	41	C
<b>Poska Villa</b> • J. Poska 15 ph +372 601 3601 • www.hot.ee/poskavilla	Kadriorg	6	3	8	13	C
<b>Valge Villa</b> • Kännu 26/2 ph +372 654 2302 • www.white-villa.com	Kristiine	6	5	10	20	A
<b>Villa Lepido Guesthouse</b> • Pärnu mnt 364 ph +372 670 1291 • www.lepido.ee	Nõmme	8	9	7	19	B

## Guest Apartments

<b>Adelle Apartments</b> • Viru väljak 6 ph +372 742 7700 • www.adelle.ee	Old Town	6	1	8	18	C
<b>Apartment24</b> • Narva mnt 5-1 ph +372 5568 5351 • www.apartment24.ee	City Centre	3	1	2	4	C
<b>Breakfast in Bed</b> • Videviku 30 ph +372 503 4107 • www.breakfastinbed.ee	Kristiine	8	4	3	13	B
<b>Briston Apartments</b> • Harju 7 ph +372 699 9670 • www.briston.eu	Old Town	6	1.5	11	22	C
<b>Classic Apartments</b> • Suur-Karja 18 ph +372 5850 2290 • www.tallinnapartment.eu	Old Town	6	1	6	9	C
<b>Erel Apartments</b> • Raekoja plats 8 ph +372 663 1640 • www.erel.ee	Old Town	6	1.5	21	84	E
<b>Flat Management Apartments</b> • Kaupmehe 8 ph +372 523 2239 • www.flatmanagement.ee	City Centre	5	3	3	8	A
<b>Härjapea Guest Apartment</b> • Härjapea 18-1 ph +372 515 1424 • www.ritasmaja.ee	Põhja-Tallinn	5	3	2	3	A
<b>ites Apartments</b> • Harju 6 ph +372 5621 7114 • www.ites.ee	Old Town	6	1.5	14	18	D
<b>Kullassepa Residence</b> • Kullassepa 9 ph +372 5344 4464 • www.residence.ee	Old Town	6	1	8	19	D





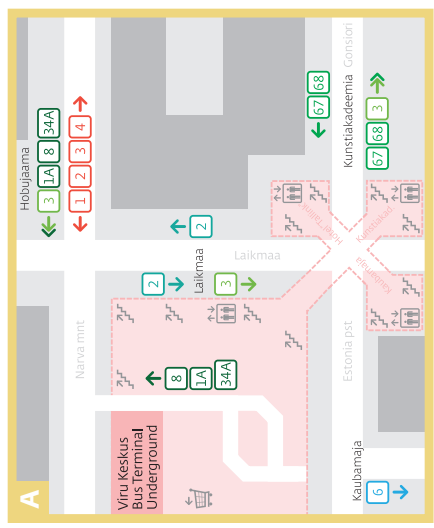
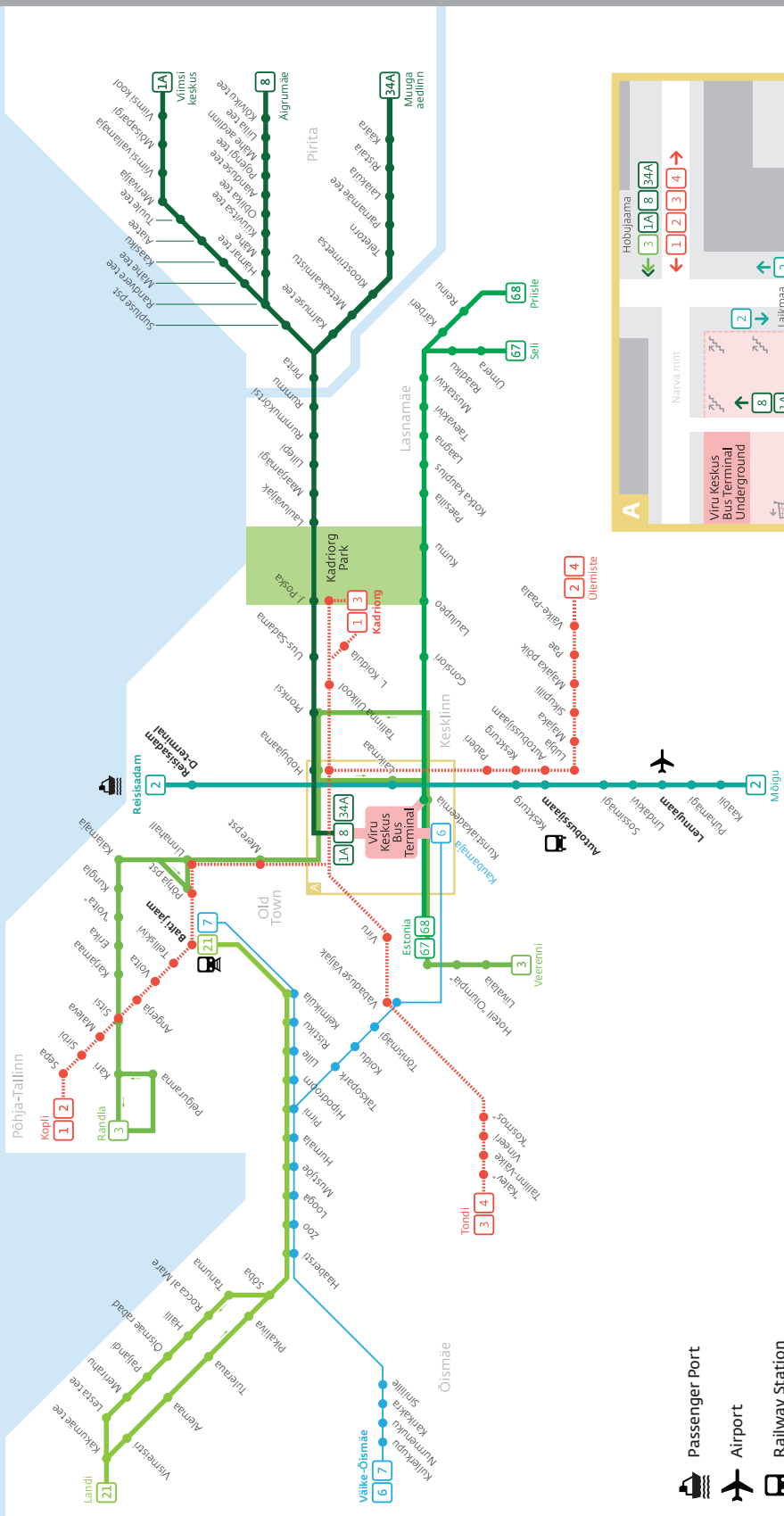
<b>Kuninga Apartments</b> • Kuninga 1 ph +372 644 2432 • www.kuninga.com	Old Town	6	1.5	5	10	C
<b>Mahtra Apartments</b> • Mahtra 44 ph +372 621 8828 • www.mahtra.ee	Lasnamäe	7	9	17	55	A
<b>Nancy V. Apartments</b> • Roopa 19 ph +372 501 3579 • www.sleepintallinn.com	City Centre	6	2	2	6	B
<b>OldHouse Apartments</b> • Rataskaevu 16 ph +372 641 1464 • www.oldhouse.ee	Old Town	6	1	43	77	D
<b>Olevi Residence</b> • Olevimägi 4 ph +372 627 7650 • www.tallinnhistoricalhotels.com	Old Town	6	1.5	26	52	B
<b>Pille House</b> • Lääne tee 14 ph +372 5698 8101 • www.pillehouse.ee	Pirita	13	9	3	5	D
<b>Rasastra B&amp;B</b> ph +372 661 6291 • www.bedbreakfast.ee	City Centre	6	0.5	3	6	A
<b>Rataskaevu Apartment</b> • Rataskaevu 9 ph +372 5665 0721 • www.rataskaevu.eu	Old Town	6	1.5	1	4	C
<b>Red Group Apartments</b> • Jõe 5 ph +372 666 1650 • www.tallinn-apartments.goodsonandred.com	City Centre	6	1.5	12	43	D
<b>Romeo Family Apartments</b> • Suur-Karja 18 ph +372 5690 4786 • www.romeofamily.ee	Old Town	6	1.5	5	8	C
<b>Vabriku</b> • Vabriku 24 ph +372 646 6287 • www.tatarihostel.ee	Põhja-Tallinn	6	2.5	5	10	B
<b>Villa Hortensia</b> • Vene 6 ph +372 504 6113 • www.hoov.ee	Old Town	6	1.7	6	12	B
<b>Villa Maestro</b> • Suur - Karja 10 ph +372 626 2000 • www.maestrohotel.ee/villa.html	City Centre	6	2	2	5	E

## B & B

<b>B&amp;B Rex</b> • Tartu mnt 62 ph +372 507 8650 • www.hot.ee/allarp3	City Centre	2.5	4	3	10	A
<b>Rasastra B&amp;B</b> ph +372 661 6291 • www.bedbreakfast.ee	City Centre	6	0.5	3	6	A

## Camping

<b>Pirita Harbour Camping</b> (15.05–15.10) • Regati pst 1 ph +372 639 8980 • www.piritatop.ee	Pirita	12	9		40 caravan places	A
<b>Tallinn City Camping</b> (22.05–15.09) • Pirita tee 28 ph +372 613 7322 • www.tallinn-city-camping.ee	Pirita	8	5		30 caravan places	A

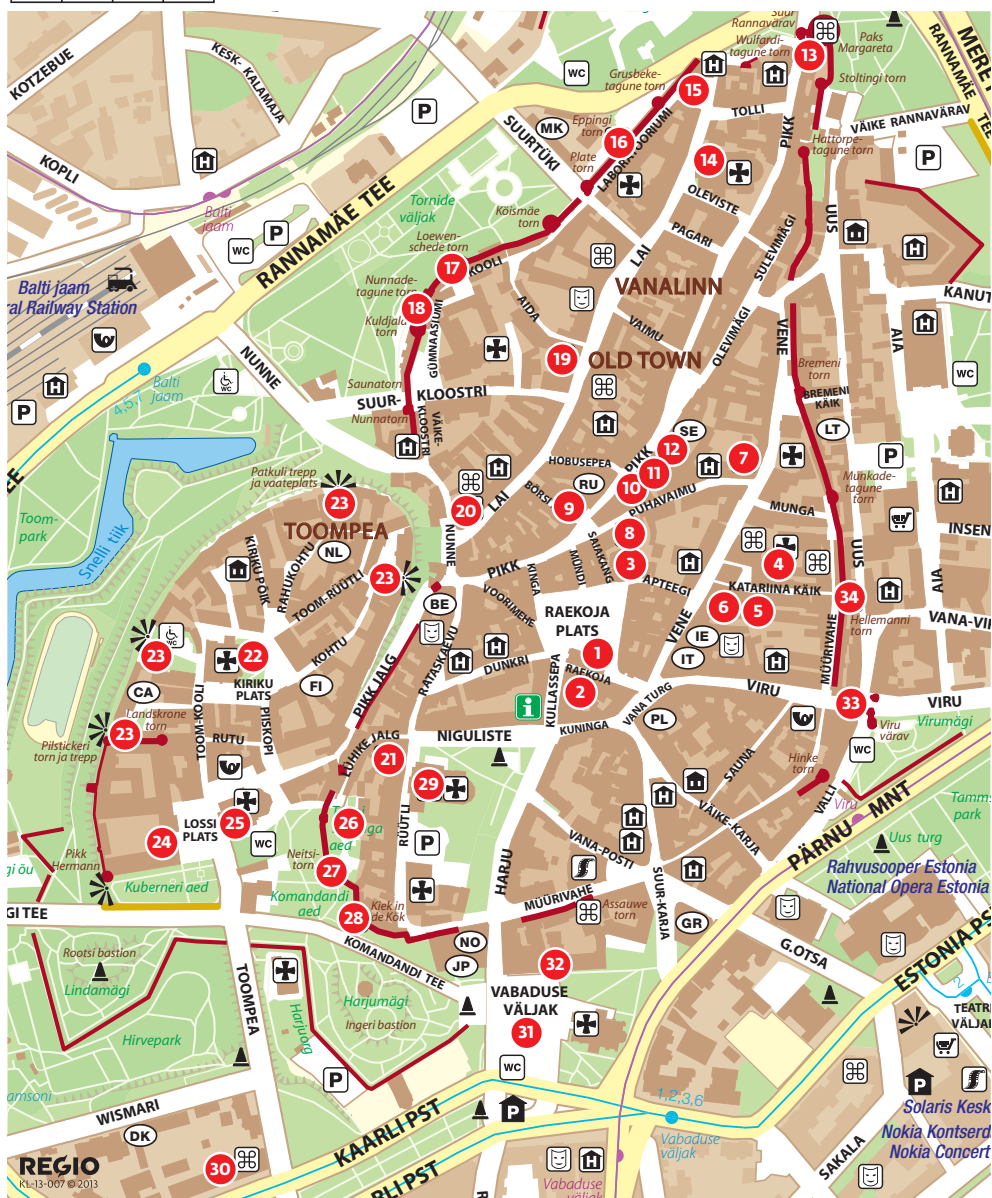


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- Airport
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- Central Bus Station
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| 1 Town Hall Square & Town Hall               | 12 House of the Brotherhood of Black Heads          | 23 Viewing Platforms                   |
| 2 Town Prison – Museum of Photography        | 13 Estonian Maritime Museum & Fat Margaret's Tower  | 24 Toompea Castle & Pikk Hermann Tower |
| 3 Town Hall Pharmacy                         | 14 St. Olav's Church                                | 25 St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral      |
| 4 Dominican Monastery                        | 15 Horse Mill                                       | 26 Danish King's Garden                |
| 5 St. Catherine's Passage                    | 16 Epping Tower                                     | 27 Maiden's Tower                      |
| 6 Masters' Courtyard                         | 17 Loewenschede Tower                               | 28 Kiek in de Kōk & Bastion Tunnels    |
| 7 Tallinn City Museum                        | 18 Nunna, Sauna and Kuldjala Towers                 | 29 St. Nicholas' Church                |
| 8 Holy Spirit Church                         | 19 Estonian Museum of Applied Art and Design        | 30 Museum of Occupations               |
| 9 Estonian History Museum – Great Guild Hall | 20 Museum of Puppet Arts NUKU                       | 31 Freedom Square                      |
| 10 Kanut Guild Hall                          | 21 Adamson-Eric Museum                              | 32 Tallinn Art Hall & Gallery          |
| 11 St. Olav's Guild Hall                     | 22 Cathedral of Saint Mary the Virgin (Dome Church) | 33 Viru Gates                          |
|  |   | 34 Hellemann Tower                     |





**Places of Interest**

- 1** Tallinn TV Tower
- 2** Tallinn Botanic Garden
- 3** Metsakalmistu Cemetery
- 4** St. Bridget's Convent Ruins
- 5** Estonian History Museum – Maarjamae Palace
- 6** Song Festival Grounds
- 7** Kadriorg Park
- 8** Kadriorg Palace – Kadriorg Art Museum
- 9** Museum Miia-Milla-Manda
- 10** Kumu Art Museum
- 11** Museum of Estonian Architecture
- 12** Rotermann Quarter
- 13** Seaplane Harbour
- 14** Tallinn Zoo
- 15** Estonian Open Air Museum

**Legend**

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- Stopping Area for Tour Buses
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- Camping
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- Beach
- Monument
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