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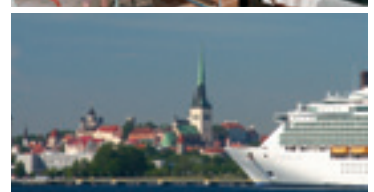
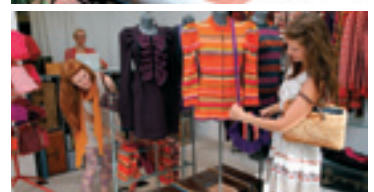
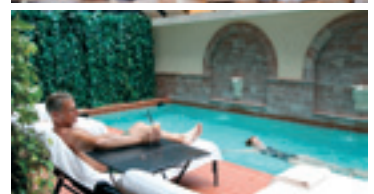
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Welcome to Tallinn!



A Tale of Two Tallinns


Charmingly Medieval or amazingly modern?

Figuring out which describes Tallinn better would be 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, threaded through that same Old Town and its environs are the 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. There are also the high-tech solutions that go hand-in-hand with Tallinn life, 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 city break destination. For one, it's a highly compact city, most of which can easily be explored on foot without the need for taxis or buses. Most of the best opportunities for sightseeing, cultural events, dining, shopping, and nightlife are conveniently massed in city centre. There's certainly plenty to do, but anyone coming here for a real break 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 cooperates – sit on a beach.

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

Exploring 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 plenty to see.



The Story of Tallinn

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

11th–12th Centuries AD: Estonian clans use what's now the Tallinn area as marketplace and harbour; maintain 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.

13th–15th Centuries: City sees rapid growth as major trading point between East and West. In 1248, Tallinn adopts Lübeck Law, giving it self-governing status. In 1284 it joins the Hanseatic League.

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

1558–1583: During the Livonian War, Tallinn was 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 summer estate in 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: Independent Estonia establishes itself on world stage.

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. 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 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 entered on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

2004: Estonia joins the European Union and NATO.

2011: The country becomes 17th 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 13th to 16th 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 being what they were, Tallinn was constantly under threat of attack by one ambitious neighbour or another.

The solution, starting in the 13th 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.



AN AVIK

Town Hall Square & Town Hall

Raekoja plats 1
www.tallinn.ee/raekoda

Picturesque Town Hall Square has been the undisputed hub of Old Town for the last eight centuries. Surrounded by elaborate merchant houses and, in summer, packed with café tables, it's a natural magnet for tourists.

Historically it served as a market and 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 tops 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, the mustachioed Tallinn mascot.

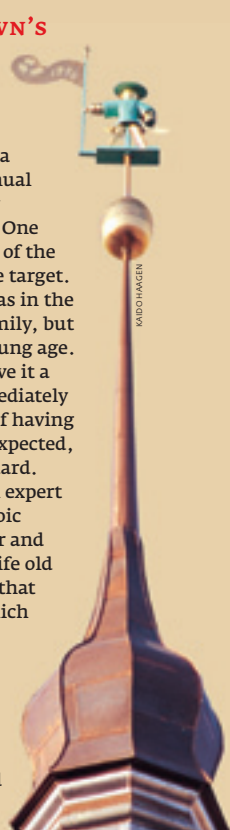
ALLAN ALAJAAN



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 rifle old age. Years later locals noticed that 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, as legend and weather vane, is a much-loved symbol of Tallinn.

KARDO HAGEN





THOMAS VOLMER



Town Hall Pharmacy

Raekoja plats 11 • 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 21st-century counterparts, but one room in the back displays a collection of medicinal bric-a-brac from bygone days.



INGA JAANSON

St. Olav's Church

Lai 50 • www.oleviste.ee

Once upon a time, from 1549 to 1625 to be precise, this 14th-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.

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.



STANISLAV STEPISHKO

St. Nicholas' Church

Niguliste 3 • www.ekm.ee

Saints, dancing skeletons and silver – not to mention the occasional organ concert – are the main attractions at this imposing, 13th-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).

St. Catherine's Passage & Masters' Courtyard

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 the 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.



ANNIKA PALMARI



EPOS



TUNICREPP

Holy Spirit Church

Pühavaimu 2 • www.eelk.ee/tallinna.puhavaimu

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

Dominican Monastery

Vene 16 • www.kloostri.ee

You won't be blamed for imagining if 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 Claustum on Müürivahe street.

Horse Mill

Lai 47

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



ANU WÄHTEA



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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.



SIGRID VIRE

Old Town Cafés

The buzzing café scene is an integral part of Old Town. There are plenty of places you can soak in Tallinn's Medieval atmosphere and get a shot of caffeine at the same time. Some examples are **Chocolaterie** in the Masters' Courtyard (Vene 6), **Kehrwieder** on Town Hall Square, and **Bogapott** (Pikk jalg 9).

History Museums

Old Town itself often feels like one big, living museum, but the area has plenty of actual museums to help visitors put what they're seeing into proper context. 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 52.



PANHEIMAA

Tallinn City Museum

Vene 17 • www.linnamuuseum.ee

Housed in a freshly-renovated, 14th-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 independence.



SHEILA BARRY



CHRISTEBEK

Estonian History Museum – Great Guild Hall

Pikk 17 • www.gjaloomuuseum.ee

This extensive museum presents Estonia's history from prehistoric times right up to the end of the 20th 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 15th-century Great Guild Hall, itself a spectacular relic of Tallinn's past. Estonian History Museum has another branch at Maarjamäe Palace (see page 16).



TAVICEREP

Estonian Maritime Museum

Pikk 70 • 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

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 20th-century darkroom, fascinating 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

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... whatever you call them, 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 centuries ago thought was haunted. More recent tales – coming from as late as the 1990s – tell of spectral nuns in the Gustav Adolph's 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 spectral 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.



ERIK RANGIDA

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 fairytale city wall and towers, as well as St. Olav's Church and the harbour. From Patkuli a winding series of steps leads down 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', i.e. Pikk jalg (Long Leg street) and Lühike jalg (Short Leg street). 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 is taken up by 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, 17th-century wooden door you'll pass here is original.



KIRSTEERIK

Toompea Castle & Pikk Hermann Tower

Lossi plats 1

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, there has always been an accepted wisdom 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

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.



KANDI HAGEN



MARI KADANIK

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.



ANDRES TREIAL

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 lead 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.



TOOMASVOLLMER

St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral

Lossi plats 10 • www.hot.ee/nsobor

One piece of Old Town architecture that seems out of place here among its Medieval neighbours is the colourful, very Russian-looking, onion-domed 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 make noises about independence. Now the cathedral is the main place of worship for Estonia's Russian Orthodox faithful.

The Pikk Street Guilds

From the 14th century onwards, much of life in Tallinn was controlled by powerful merchant and craft guilds, associations that not only regulated trade in certain spheres, but also had 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

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.

Great Guild Hall

Pikk 17 • 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. 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 also page 9).



ARBO TALMESHAR



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

Kanut Guild Hall

Pikk 20 • 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.

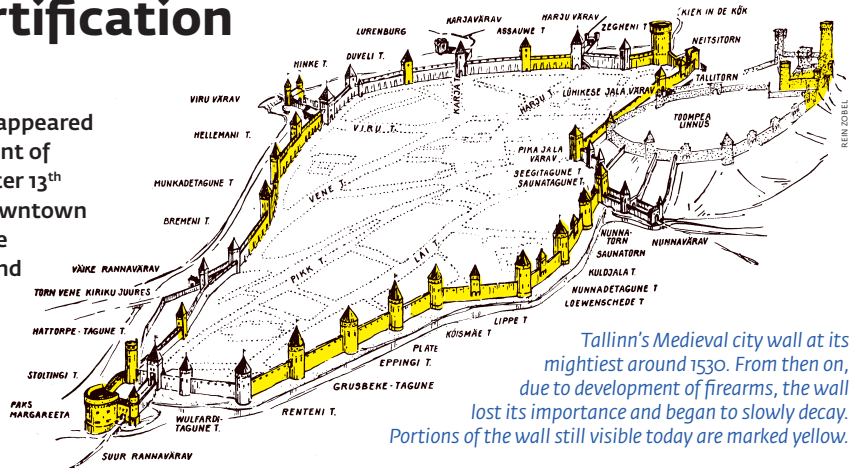
St. Olav's Guild Hall

Pikk 24

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

Tallinn's Fortification System

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



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 yellow.

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 view platform on Toompea and the Tornide väljak (Towers Square), a park area near the train station. Many towers are also open to the public.



THE OLD MAN OF THE 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 the Ülemiste Vanake, the old man from Lake Ülemiste, which sits on the outskirts of town. 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 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 were 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.



Fat Margaret's Tower – Great Coastal Gate

Pikk 70 • www.meremuuseum.ee

This fat, sturdy defense tower was built from 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 Kök

Komandandi tee 2 • www.linnamuuseum.ee

Those interested in walls, towers, cannons and the like 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

The Bastion Tunnels can be only visited by guided tours held Tuesday to Sunday. On the tunnel tour, visitors can see some of the old equipment leftover 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.

Nunna, Sauna & Kuldjala Towers

Gümnaasiumi 3

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

Maiden's Tower

Lühike jalg 9A

This square tower next to the Danish King's Garden dates to the 14th century. Naming it "Maiden's" or "Virgin's" Tower is another example of that wacky, Medieval irony: it used to house a prison for prostitutes.



PAUL KUHMET

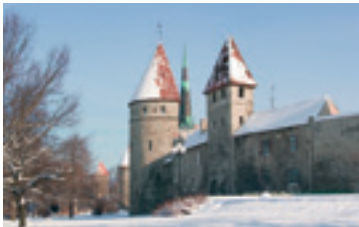
Viru Gates

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

Loewenschede Tower

Kooli 7 • www.asuurkeraamika.ee

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



JACK KOGAK

Epping Tower

Laboratooriumi 31 • 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.

Hellemann Tower

Müürivahe 48 • 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 14th century, it has been used as a prison and a weapons store, but nowadays houses an art gallery.



Most of the bastions in the Tallinn defence system had tunnels built into them.

Under the City

Like any respectable 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 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 to where they were needed, not to mention spy on the enemy.

Some tunnels were forgotten. As late 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 17th 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 the 20th century when they renovated into bomb shelters in time for World War II. During the Soviet period they were further modernized to add electricity, running water, ventilation and phones.



JARIN KONNAP



TOOMASKOOLMER

Kadriorg

Kadriorg is a quiet, leafy area within easy walking distance of Old Town. After Russian emperor Peter the Great conquered the Baltics in the early 1700s he established an estate and public park on this spot. He named the area Ekaterinental (Catherine's valley, or Kadriorg in Estonian) after his wife, Catherine I. The elaborate 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.

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

How to get there?

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



ANU VANTRA

Kadriorg Art Museum – Kadriorg Palace

A. Weizenbergi 37 • www.ekm.ee

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

Museum will be closed for renovations from July 1, 2012.

Kadriorg Park

www.kadriorgupark.ee

Surrounding the palace is the vast Kadriorg Park, the best place in town for pigeon feeding and life pondering. Criss-crossed with paths and dotted with statues, it positively dominates the neighbourhood. 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.



KRISTJAN LINDHAK



TOMAS VOLMER



Peter the Great's Cottage

Mäekalda 2 • www.linnamuuseum.ee

This humble, 17th 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-appropriate furnishings, it now serves as a museum, displaying some of the emperor's personal belongings.



AINA/NIK

Kumu Art Museum

A. Weizenbergi 34 / Valge 1 • www.ekm.ee

A must-see for culture creatures, Kumu, the main building of Art Museum of Estonia, serves both as Estonia's national gallery and as 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 mark out the copper and limestone structure, which is built into the side of a limestone cliff.



SCANERK TOOMAS NUIK

The Song Festival Grounds

Narva mnt 95 • 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 its road towards independence. The grounds feature an outdoor concert arena, built in 1959, a number of indoor halls, and host a multitude of large concerts and festivals through the year. Most famously the site is home to the Estonian Song and Dance Celebration, an unforgettable event that takes place every five years, drawing together up to 30,000 performers and 200,000 spectators. Next to the concert arena is the 42-metre Song Grounds Light Tower, opened for visitors all year long upon request.

TOOMAS TUUL

Eating Out

Nordic or Mediterranean, traditional or exotic, cuisine of all types can be found in Kadriorg. The cosy cafés, local café-shops and NOP meeting place, provide a wonderful dining experience for all tastes.

Restaurants

Cantina Carramba

A. Weizenbergi 20A • www.carramba.ee

Kadriorg

A. Weizenbergi 18 • www.restorankadriorg.ee

Villa Thai

J. Vilmsi 6 • www.villathai.ee

Cafes

Bonaparte in Kumu Art Museum

A. Weizenbergi 34 • www.bonaparte.ee

Gourmet Coffee

Koidula 13A • www.gourmetcoffee.ee

NOP

Köleri 1 • www.nop.ee

Park Café

A. Weizenbergi 22 • www.park-cafe.ee

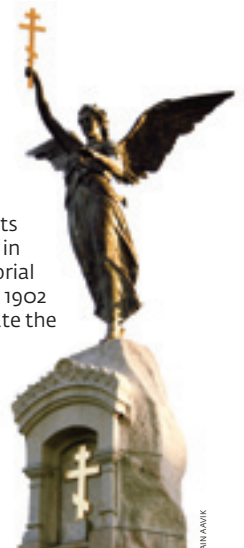
Miia-Milla-Manda Museum

L.Koidula 21C • www.linnamuuseum.ee

Those visiting Kadriorg with children will definitely want to put this new museum on their to-do list. Built in a 1930s-era recreational centre, Miia-Milla-Manda offers fun, creative activities. Its exhibits are based around the theme of friendship.

Russalka

This angel-shaped statue on Kadriorg's 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.



AINA/NIK

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 frolicking. 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
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' desire for freedom and self-determination throughout the 20th century.

TV Tower

Kloostrimetsa tee 58A • www.teletorn.ee
Bus no 34A

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 is now being modernised to add more attractions to its 170-metre high observation deck. It will reopen in spring 2012.



ARNE MÄRSIK



KRISTJAN MANDMÄE



KATJO HÄGGEN

Tallinn Botanic Garden

Kloostrimetsa tee 52 • www.tba.ee
Bus no 34A

With over 4,500 plant species and 123 hectares of space, the Botanic Garden 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. While in the area, you can also visit the adjacent Metsakalmistu (forrest cemetery), where public figures of all sorts, from poets to politicians, are buried.

Pirita Beach

Pirita beach is by far the largest and most popular in Tallinn – during 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 lounges and water sport equipment rental.

Pirita Promenade

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

St. Bridget's Convent Ruins

Kloostri tee 9 • www.piritaklooster.ee
Buses no 1A, 8, 34A

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 16th 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 17th century. Nearby is the modern building of the St. Bridgettine Order, which re-established a convent here in 2001.

Eating Out

You can enjoy both good food and a sea view at the following Pirita area restaurants:

Kalev Yacht Club

Pirita tee 17 • www.jahtklubibaar.ee

Pärl

Merivälja tee 5 • www.piritaparl.ee

Regatta & Seaside Lounge

Regati pst 1 • www.hotels.tallink.com

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 19th-century village life is recreated. But the area also holds some other interesting attractions like the Tallinn Zoo.

Estonian Open Air Museum

Vabaõhumuuseumi tee 12 • www.evm.ee
Bus no 21

This museum lets you travel back in time to the rural Estonia of old. The vast, forested park is filled with thatched, 18-20th century farm buildings, windmills, a wooden chapel and a village school, with staff demonstrating how people lived and worked in times past. 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
Bus no 21. Trolley-buses no 6 and 7

Want to get in touch with your wild side? Take a trip to Tallinn's extensive zoo – an enjoyable day out for visitors of all ages – and spend some time communing with your fellow critters.



TALLINNZOO

Spread across an 87-hectare swathe 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 over 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 its incredibly rare Amur leopards; only 30 to 35 of these animals still exist worldwide.

Kids will love the petting zoo, which operates here June to August, open Wed – Sun. Group tours in English and other foreign languages can be arranged with prior booking.



TOOMASVOLLER

Eating Out

Rocca al Mare shopping centre boasts of kitchens from all over the world, but nearby are also splendid, family friendly restaurants.

Lucca

Keskpäevatee 1 • www.restoranlucca.ee

Rucola

Ehitajate tee 114A • www.rucola.ee

Kolu Kõrts

(in Estonian Open Air Museum)

Vabaõhumuuseumi tee 12 • www.evm.ee



FKCENTRE

FK Centre

Paldiski mnt 229A • www.fkkeskus.ee

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

Premia Icehall

Haabersti 3 • www.icearena.ee

A favourite training ground for Estonia's hockey champs 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 2.5kilometre promenade runs through a peaceful, forest-like residential area in north Tallinn. The wood and steel walkway connects two popular suburban beaches – Stroomi and Kakumäe – going past the famous Estonian Open Air Museum.



TOOMASVOLLER

Kalamaja

Architecture and history buffs or anyone who wants to get a feel for the grittier edge of Tallinn's art scene should pay a visit to Kalamaja, one of the so-called 'wooden house districts' that covers 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' literally means 'fish house' in Estonian. Starting from the 14th century the area was traditionally dominated by fishermen, fishmongers and boat wrights.

Everything changed in 1870, however, when Tallinn was connected to St. Petersburg by railroad. Suddenly enormous factories started to sprout up in this part of the town, and they brought 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 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/PANGODOO



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Discovery Centre Energy

Põhja pst 29 • www.energiakeskus.ee

Science is made fun in this family-oriented, hands-on science centre located in a former power station. Interactive see-and-do displays on electricity, optics and other branches of physics fill all three floors of the vast museum.



KIC/OO

Seaplane Harbour

Küti 17 • www.lennusadam.ee

A great way to get an up-close look at the nation's maritime history is to visit the museum ships docked at the old Seaplane Harbour in Kalamaja. In spring 2012, the harbour's early-20th-century seaplane hangars will see the opening of a vast, new, high-tech museum and sea centre. Covering 7,000 m² on three levels, it will feature a seaplane, 30-metre long aquarium with Baltic Sea fishes and many more attractions.

Estonian Design House

Kalasadama 8 • www.estoniandesignhouse.ee

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

Tallinn Fish Market

Kalaranna 1

Operating every Saturday morning, Tallinn Fish Market specialises in freshly caught produce and its visitor-friendly nature makes it a great place to explore.

Balti Jaama Market

Kopli 1

A sprawling market behind the train station selling just about everything. This market takes you back to a different time. It offers a wide selection of foods, clothes bric a brac and antiques all of which have a Soviet feel to them.



PAUL KUINETS

Eating Out

Kalamaja restaurants and cafés bring a bohemian, languid, suburban atmosphere to local produce.

Boheem

Kopli 18 • www.boheem.ee

F-hoone

Telliskivi 60A • www.facebook.com/F-hoone

Kukeke

Telliskivi 57 • www.kukeke.ee

Moon

Võrgu 3 • www.kohvikmoon.ee

Oot-oot

Kalasadama 8 • www.lounge.oot-oot.com

Nõmme

Just inside the city limits at the south-western edge of Tallinn is an area that couldn't be any farther removed from the bustle and glass high-rises of the metropolis. Nõmme, a quiet, forested district filled with 1920s- and 30s-era houses, has the feel of a small country town. It boasts its own historic centre complete with a farmers' market, cafés and pubs, and it even has its own castle of sorts, not to mention a number of other attractions.

If Nõmme feels like a village that's completely detached from the rest of the city, there's good reason – 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 not only succeeded in turning his Tsarist-era estate into a real town, but also earned a reputation for being somewhat eccentric. He was, after all, practically giving away land and the castle-shaped manor house he had built flew in the face of convention.



KIRSTI TEERIK

How to get there?

The frequently running buses no 36 and 23 from downtown take about 25 minutes to reach the centre of Nõmme.



KIRSTI TEERIK

The Castle and Park of Glehn

Vana-Mustamäe 48

The castle, situated about 2km east from 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 so-called **Palm House**, a garden grotto with an other worldly feel. More bizarre features von Glehn had installed in the park are an enormous, granite **crocodile** and a towering, granite 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 grandchildren are buried. The stairs adjacent 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

At this adventure park, swashbuckling 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 SEIKLUSPARK

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 20th century boom period, the museum tells the story of the von Glehn family.

Nõmme Market

Turu plats 8 • www.nommeturg.eu

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



SVENZAKER

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

Üliõpilaste tee 1 • www.pirosmani.ee

Sõorikukohvik Nõmme

Jaama 12 • www.soorikukohvik.ee

Tädi Anni juures

Vabaduse pst. 61/Valdeku 66 • www.annikohvik.ee

Soviet Legacy



ANDREAS MECHNER

Viru Hotel & KGB Museum

Viru väljak 4
www.sokoshotels.fi

In Soviet times it was rumoured 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 23rd floor of Viru Hotel. Booking in advance is highly recommended.



JOHANNES ARBO

Maarjamäe War Memorial

Pirita tee 56 • www.ajaloomuuseum.ee

That bizarre 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 obelisk is older (dating to 1960), most of the complex was built in 1975. A German war cemetery stands behind the site.



ANUVAHTRA

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."



JOHANNES ARBO

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 most interesting Soviet architectural objects though are those built in so-called Stalinist style, used from 1945 to 1955. Good examples are the grandiose **Naval Officer's House** (Russian Culture Centre) at Mere pst 5 with its sickle and hammer, built in 1954; the **residential house** at Tartu mnt 24, topped by a spire and star; and the **Sõprus cinema**, Vana-Posti 8, which opened in 1955.

At the end of World War II, Soviet forces were firmly in control of Estonian territory. The country had been absorbed, at gunpoint, into the USSR. The half-century period of occupation that followed left an indelible mark, not only on the national psyche, but also on the architecture and layout of Tallinn. After the "Singing Revolution" of the late 80s and the country's return to independence in 1991, there was an understandable desire to get rid of all things Soviet. Fortunately, many fascinating sights from this period can still be seen today.



TOOMAS VOLLMER

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.



SHEILA BARRY

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 20th century history buffs and anyone who wants to understand modern Estonian society.

Modern Tallinn



SCOTT W. MICHAEL / SHUTTERSTOCK

Freedom Square: A Modern Gathering Spot

Freedom Square (Vabaduse väljak), an open area at the edge of Old Town, has traditionally been a place of national symbolism and civic pride. Thanks to major construction in 2009, it's now a sophisticated spot to relax, filled with benches and cafés, and faced by two art galleries.

The buildings around Freedom Square are hodgepodge of architectural styles. Here you'll see evidence of the city's 1930s-era 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 that dominates the west side of the square is the **Monument to the War of Independence**, fought from 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.

For even more historic information – along with some educational fun – visit the **AHHA Science Centre** in the square's underground gallery. In addition to plenty of interactive, science-themed displays, the centre has a permanent exhibition on the square's 5,000-year-old history and archaeology.



INCHARE/SHUTTERSTOCK

The Rotermann Quarter

To see where Tallinn is heading in the 21st 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



ANU WARTTA



PAUL KUMMET

a decade ago is now a commercial and cultural centre, whose avant-garde architecture stands as a powerful symbol of just 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 cultural zone opened here in 2007. The centre is made up of both cleverly revamped, 19th-century factory buildings and modern structures, which gives it a completely unique appearance. In between its shops and restaurants is a **central square** that's home to an 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.

Tallinn with Kids

Tallinn is a fun, family-friendly city with exciting opportunities 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 exciting zoo, discovering Kadriorg and the Piritä district or taking a venture into the world of sea at the Seaplane Harbour. A holiday with the kids in Tallinn is educational and enjoyable – and if the activities leave you with time to spare, you can go shopping and dine on fine food in a wide variety of restaurants.



AHHA Science Centre

Vabaduse väljak 9 • www.ahha.ee

A whole world of adventure and discovery opens up at this modern activity centre that aims to make science fun for the whole family. Here you can try your hand at a number of interactive displays and take entertaining quizzes

Children's Museum

Kotzebue 16 • www.linnamuuseum.ee

Just as the name implies, this little museum is home to all sorts of dolls, teddy bears and other toys, ranging from traditional folk dolls to the more familiar Teletubbies. The rarest item in the collection is a 250-year-old rococo fashion doll from Holland.

Discovery Centre Energy

Põhja pst 29 • www.energiakeskus.ee

Science is made fun in this family-oriented, hands-on science centre located in a former power station. Interactive see-and-do displays on electricity, optics and other branches of physics fill all three floors of the vast museum.



Museum Miia-Milla-Manda

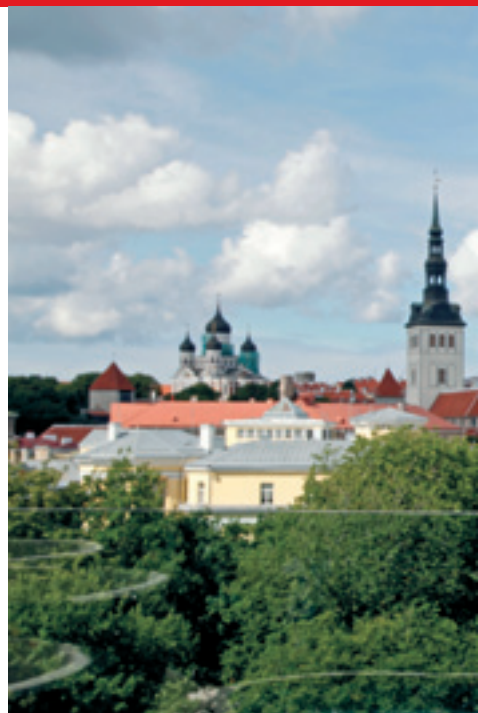
L. Koidula 21C • www.linnamuuseum.ee

Those visiting Kadriorg with children will definitely want to put this new museum on their to-do list. Built in a 1930s-era recreational centre, Miia-Milla-Manda offers fun, creative activities for 3- to 11-year-olds. It's exhibits are based around the theme of friendship.

Museum of Puppet Arts NUKU

Lai 1 • www.nuku.ee

Ever since it opened back in 1952, the Estonian Puppet and Youth Theatre has been captivating audiences of all ages with its imaginative stories and colourful characters. Now its fun, high-tech museum gives visitors a behind-the-scenes look at the theatre, outlining its history and displaying dozens of the puppets that have starred in its popular plays.



Kalev SPA

Aia 18 • www.kalevspa.ee

Kalev Spa Hotel & Water Park, located in Tallinn's Old Town, is a fine 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 be staying in the hotel to take advantage of the high-quality beauty, wellness and health services here either. There are more than 25 different treatments available, as well as the jacuzzi and saunas offered in the water park.



Skypark

Pärnu mnt 139E • www.skypark.ee

Kids of all ages will love this unique trampoline centre, the likes of which you won't find anywhere else in Europe. It comes with a huge, exciting play area, fabulous rooms for celebrating birthdays, loads of interesting games, a café with wireless internet and a friendly atmosphere.



Parks and Playgrounds

Tallinn is a green city with surprisingly many playgrounds for children in different ages in its parks. When taking a toll in the Old Town area peek into Hirvepark, Komandandi Garden, Towers Square or take a look at the Snelli pond area. Not one visit to Kadrioru area with kids will miss jumping around the playground right next to Miia-Milla-Manda children's museum.

More on green areas and parks in Tallinn can be found on Tallinn's tourism site www.tourism.tallinn.ee.



Tallinn Zoo

Paldiski mnt 145 • 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 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 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 June to August, open Wednesday – Sunday.

Kalev Marzipan Room

Pikk 16 • www.kalev.eu

Marzipan is a treat that's been enjoyed in Tallinn for at least five centuries. In this historic shop/museum, you'll learn about Tallinn's love affair with marzipan and see some of the most intricate marzipan creations.



Beaches

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



City of Culture



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



Cultural Highlights 2012

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 for the latest information and full events list.

Festival of Light

January • www.tallinnfireandice.ee

Burning fir trees is an old pagan Estonian folk custom. The Festival of Light will dazzle with a spectacle of fire sculptures, using art to express the spiritual and magical power of fire.

Baroque Music Festival

January – February • www.concert.ee

Performances by international guests as well as Estonia's own legendary group, Hortus Musicus.

Simpel Session

March – April • www.session.ee

The Baltic states' biggest skateboard and BMX festival.

Tallinn Music Week

March • www.tallinnmusicweek.ee

Concerts by dozens of bands, both established and upcoming, will showcase their talent in this music networking event.

Music, Estonian style

It's impossible for Estonians to talk about music, particularly choral music, without waxing nostalgic about our history. This is, after all, the country of the 1988 "Singing Revolution." Choral singing and Estonian identity became connected as far back as the mid-19th century when the first nationwide Song Festival was held. Even today Estonia's most renowned composer, Arvo Pärt, orients most of his work toward choral music, though his minimalist style is radically different from the tunes our grandparents sang. To hear his works first hand, try to catch a performance by the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir, or pick up one of their CDs in a shop.

Jazzkaar International Jazz Festival

April • www.jazzkaar.ee

Intriguing guest performers from around the globe meet up with local talent to put on the largest annual jazz fest in the Baltics.

POT Tallinn Festival

April – May • www.pot.ee

All possible combinations of theater, music, dance and film come together in this international performing arts festival.

Tallinn Flower Festival

May – August • www.lillefestival.tallinn.ee

Horticulture enthusiasts from Estonia and abroad create remarkable garden plots that remain on display throughout the summer.

Old Town Days

June • www.vanalinnapaevad.ee

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

Õlesummer (Beer Summer)

July • www.ollesummer.ee

The biggest outdoor beer festival in the Baltics, Beer Summer doubles as a music festival that pulls in the country's best rock, pop and jazz performers along with some well-known international stars.

Medieval Days

July • www.folkart.ee

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



HARRI ROPSI

Tallinn Maritime Days

July • www.tallinnamerepaevad.ee

The city's huge, sea-faring festival involves all sorts of water-related attractions including boat trips, concerts and activities for kids.

International Organ Music Festival

July – August • www.concert.ee

This concert series features top-notch performances, and gives audiences a chance to experience the acoustics and ambience of the nation's historic churches.

Birgitta Festival

August • www.birgitta.ee

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

Tallinn Chamber Music Festival

August • www.plmf.ee

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

August Dance Festival

August • www.saal.ee

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



KUUSIK

Tallinn Marathon

September • www.jooks.ee

Over 10,000 runners typically take part in one of the region's most popular sporting events.

Design Night Festival

September • www.disainioo.ee

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

International Festival of Orthodox Sacred Music CREDO

September – October • www.festivalcredo.com

Orthodox religious music, traditional and modern, features in this concert series.

International New Music Festival NYDD

October • www.concert.ee

This festival introduces the latest in contemporary music, composed in Estonia and abroad.

St. Martin's Day Fair

November • 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

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

Already a traditional winter festival bringing many international stars to Estonian public.

Christmas Market

December – January • www.christmasmarket.ee

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



ALANARAJAN



ESTONIA

Estonia Theatre

Estonia pst 4 • www.opera.ee • www.concert.ee

The nation's preeminent performing arts institutions are the **Estonian National Opera**, the **Estonian National Ballet**, and the **Estonian National Symphony Orchestra**. All have active schedules, and a convenient quirk is that they hold their performances in the same building: the Estonia Theatre on Estonia pst. 4. Built in 1913 and last refurbished in 2005, the grand, Art Nouveau structure still belongs to the "Estonia" theatrical company. The state concert agency, **Eesti Kontsert**, is also headquartered here, which means that tickets for nearly all classical events, even those happening elsewhere in town, are available in its box offices here.

Premieres 2012

Julius Caesar • January 27
Opera by Georg Friedrich Handel, one of the greatest composers of the late baroque period.

Norma • February 11
Vincenzo Bellini's opera Norma is considered the most popular work of the era of Romanticism.

God Studies. After the World • February 28
Kenneth Flak's and Külli Roosna's double performance. Third production within the frameworks of "AtticDance" at the Estonian National Opera Chamber Hall.

Man of La Mancha • March 22
Mitch Leigh's musical Man of La Mancha is a sparkling amalgam of romance, adventure, humour and

tragedy that is based on Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra's novel Don Quixote.

Othello • April 14
Marina Kesler's ballet is inspired by one of the most captivating and exciting dramas of all times – William Shakespeare's Othello and by Arvo Pärt's music.

Modigliani – the Cursed Artist • May 11
Thomas Edur's ballet to the music of Tauno Aints. World premiere!

Faust • September 20
Opera by Charles Gounod. The classic story of the Faust legend is brought to life by Dmitri Bertman's fantastic staging of one of the most famous operas of all times.

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. In the 20th 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.

The next nationwide Song and Dance Celebration takes place in Tallinn from July 4 to July 6, 2014.

www.laulupidu.ee



TOOMASTUL

Art & Design

Artistic juices have been flowing in Tallinn for a long time. Even as far back as the 15th century Estonian-born painter Michael Sittow was travelling Europe creating portraits for the Hapsburg royalty. These days contemporary Estonian art and design works are still making their way abroad, but luckily most can be viewed without buying a ticket to Vienna.

Art Museums

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

Kumu Art Museum

Weizenbergi 34 / Valge 1 • www.ekm.ee

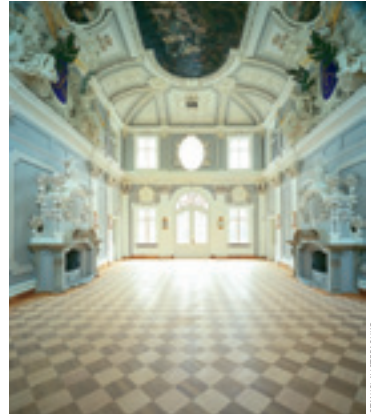
This modern facility wedged into a limestone hill at the end of Weizenbergi street is by far Estonia's biggest and newest art museum. The focus here is on Estonian art, which is

divided into two eras: 18th 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.ekm.ee

Peter the Great's Baroque Palace makes this perfect home for the museum that displays the nation's collection of foreign art. Hundreds of Western European and Russian paintings from the 16th to 20th centuries can be seen here, as can prints, sculptures and other objects. Closed for renovation from July 1, 2012.



STANISLAW STERSIŃSKI

Mikkel Museum

Weizenbergi 28 • www.ekm.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.ekm.ee

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



ANNIKA PALVARI



JANNE HEINIMAA



KAREL KOPLAETS

Art Galleries



PILIK KUMNET

Contemporary Museum of Art, Estonia

Põhja pst 35 • www.ekkm-came.blogspot.com

The freshest and newest in young Estonian art.

Open: April 28 – September 30, 2012

Draakon Gallery

Pikk 18 • 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.ekm.ee

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

Haus Gallery

Uus 17 • www.haus.ee

This commercial gallery specialises in high-quality Estonian works.

Hobusepea Gallery

Hobusepea 2 • www.eaa.ee/hobusepea

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



DRAKON GALLERY

Tallinn Art Hall & Gallery

Vabaduse väljak 6 • 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 showings.



TULLJANTSOV

Tallinn City Gallery

Harju 13 • 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

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

Vabaduse Gallery

Vabaduse väljak 6 • www.kunstihoone.ee

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

Design and Architecture Museums

Some observers chalk it up to 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 to home textiles to fashion.

Estonian Museum of Applied Art and Design

Lai 17 • 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. Find it in a 17th-century storehouse in Old Town.

Museum of Estonian Architecture

Ahtri 2 • www.arhitektuurimuuseum.ee

The unusual 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.



SHELBARBY

Design Galleries

A-Gallery

Hobusepea 2 • www.agalerii.ee

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

Estonian Design House

Kalasadama 8 • www.estoniansdesignhouse.ee

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

Gallery SooSoo

Telliskivi 60A • www.soosoo.ee

A funky design, furniture and art gallery.

Gallery of Design and Architecture

Pärnu mnt 6

Frequently changing exhibitions in a bright, downtown space.

Hop Gallery

Hobusepea 2 • 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

Gallery focusing on local applied art.



ANUVAHTRA

Dining Out



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. There's no way to list all the choices, but here are some options to start you off. Bon appetite, or as we say in Estonian, *head isu!*



Estonia's food culture reflects the climate with its clearly defined four seasons and its people's earthy nature; their closeness to land and sea.

Traditional Estonian food is quite similar to Swedish and Finnish food. There are also significant German and Russian influences. Fresh meat and fish is very popular especially pork often served with sauerkraut. Popular dishes which may be unfamiliar to native English-speakers are jellied meats (sült) marinated eel (marineeritud angerjas) sauerkraut stew with pork (mulgikapsad) and pea soup (hernesupp).

Estonia's yule time dish isn't turkey or goose, but black pudding a dish – which is in fact eaten all year round.

A popular dessert is kama, a light fare made from powdered peas and sour milk.

If you want to enjoy Estonian food in town, many restaurants cater for this. Local chefs prefer to use local produce but have adopted European methodology in the way the food is cooked and served.

Classic Gourmet

Make a reservation, wear something nice and prepare to be dazzled.

Bonaparte

Pikk 45 • www.bonaparte.ee

Bonaparte serves up fine French cuisine in an exquisitely restored Medieval house.

Bordoo

Pikk 71 • www.bordoo.ee

The showcase restaurant at The Three Sisters, one of Tallinn's top boutique hotels, is an appropriately high-class affair.



ARUJANTKA

Egoist

Vene 33 • www.egoist.ee

This restaurant's old-fashioned, bourgeois luxury and exclusive feel are enough to boost any ego.

Gloria

Müürivahe 2 • www.gloria.ee

Often chosen as a VIP dining destination, Gloria is a chic, 1930s-style establishment with the distinction of once being included on Condé Nast Traveller's top-100 list.

Stenus

Pühavamu 13/15 • www.stenus.ee

The Schloßle Hotel's cosy cellar venue was named Best Gourmet Restaurant in Estonia for four years running.

Modern Trends

The cutting edge of Tallinn's culinary scene.

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 of Tallinn's food-loving set.

Museum

Vana-Viru 14 • www.museum.ee

One of Tallinn's hotter dining spots is this restaurant-lounge built into what was once a firehouse museum. Risotto, pasta, sushi and a trendy ambience are all on offer.



SANDRA LURIK

Sfäär

Mere pst 6E • www.sfaar.ee

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

Ribe

Vene 7 • www.ribe.ee

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

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.

Estonian

You haven't really experienced Estonia until you've tried the country's national food.

Kaerajaan

Raekoja plats 17 • www.kaerajaan.ee

A modern twist on classic Estonian favourites can be found in this artsy restaurant on Town Hall Square.

Kuldse Notsu Kõrts

Dunkri 8 • www.notsu.ee

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

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.vonkrahli.ee

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



LAUREL JANN

Medieval

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

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 friendly service.

Peppersack

Viru 2 • www.peppersack.ee

A 15th-century dining venue where waitresses in Medieval costume, belly dancing and sword fights keep the visitors entertained.

Russian

You don't have to cross the eastern border to sample the rich offerings of Russian cuisine.

Klafira

Vene 4 • www.klafira.ee

Waitresses in bright folk costumes serve Russian favourites in an old-fashioned, Old Town venue.

Nevskij

Rataskaevu 7 • www.nevskij.ee

This elegant restaurant in the St. Petersburg Hotel is crammed with paintings, books and even has its own parrot.

Tchaikovsky

Vene 9 • www.telegraafhotel.com

A fusion of Russian and French cuisine is on offer at the Telegraaf Hotel's luxury restaurant.

Troika

Raekoja plats 15 • www.troika.ee

Something out of a Russian fairy tale, Troika dazzles guests with elaborate décor, good food, music and dancing.



Local & Bohemian

Cosy and creative restaurant-lounges that are easy on the wallet.

F-hoone

Telliskivi 60A • www.facebook.com/F-hoone

Part of a smart re-developed factory complex in the bohemian Kalamaja district, Building-F has developed a reputation for inventive meals in unusual, retro, environment.

Kamahouse

Kopli 25 • www.kamahouse.net

A former furniture factory, the Standard house serves as a home to small creative businesses and as a bohemian, rendezvous and restaurant with a focus on local, seasonal food.

Must Puudel

Müürivahe 20

www.facebook.com/Kohvik-Must-Puudel

This cosy retro, lounge-café, in the middle of the Old Town is an affordable place to enjoy the romantic ambience of a meal, and live music once in a while.

NOP

Köleri 1 • www.nop.ee

One of the Kadriorg area's most popular café destinations, NOP is an earthy venue that prides itself on healthy, delicious food.

Cafés & Chocolateries

Peruse the city's diverse café scene to find gourmet coffees, handmade chocolates and trendy hangouts.

Café Josephine

Vene 16 • www.pierre.ee

An extravagant, 1930s-style, French café with wide selection of chocolates and cakes on sale.

Kehrwieder Chocolaterie

Saiakang 1 • www.kohvik.ee

A perennial hit thanks to its cave-like cosiness, antique furniture and candlelight, not to mention the quality coffee and sweets.

Komeet

Estonia pst. 9 • www.kohvikkomeet.ee

Excellent cakes and full meals are served on top floors of the Solaris Centre, including its trendy rooftop terrace.

Pierre Chocolaterie

Vene 6 • www.pierre.ee

The historic setting of the Masters' Courtyard adds an extra touch of charm to this little café where tempting truffles are the speciality.

Reval Café

Müürivahe 14 • www.revalcafe.ee

Comfortable sofas and soft lighting create a romantic mood at the Reval chain's flagship location.

Spirit Café

Mere pst 6E • www.kohvikspirit.ee

Drop by this modern, relaxed café for wine, sushi or dishes like penne with smoked chicken.

Dining basics

Prices: Main courses in most Old Town restaurants cost €10–20. A 0.5-litre beer will be €2.5–3.

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

Tippling: It has become customary to leave a 5 percent 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 specialised smoking rooms.

A Night on the Town



With so many bars, pubs and clubs squeezed into Old Town, you'll never have trouble finding a place to grab a pint and watch the match, party the night away or just sit by the fire sipping a fine cognac.





SIGRID MIIR

Wine Bars

Quiet, romantic places where you can get lost in conversation over a good pinot noir.

Gloria Wine Cellar

Müürivahe 2 • 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

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

Musi

Niguliste 6 • www.musi.ee

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

Olematu Rüütel

Kiriku põik 4A • www.olematu.ee

Located in a well-renovated stone house on Toompea hill, the Non-Existent Knight comes complete with cafe-bar, Estonian wine room and a Medieval-style restaurant hall.



RENE RIIGALU

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

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

This small venue conveniently located on 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 restaurants nearby are offering.

Live Music Venues

Get a taste of the local band culture.

Chicago 1933

Aia 3 • www.chicago.ee

The old gangster days of the Windy City come back to life in this vast, elaborately-decorated affair at the edge of Old Town.

Clazz

Vana turg 2 • www.clazz.ee

On most evenings this polished, Old Town restaurant presents live acts, usually of the Brazilian, Latin or reggae variety.

Rock Cafe

Tartu mnt 80D • www.rockcafe.ee

An edgy club set in a renovated factory building, Rock Cafe is the place to go to see Estonia's most active rock bands.

Scotland Yard

Mere pst 6E • www.scotlandyard.ee

Local bands take to the stage Wednesday through Saturday at this sprawling, crime-themed pub.

Von Krahli Baar

Rataskaevu 10/12 • www.vonkrahli.ee

A well-worn venue where young people come to hear alternative music.

Lounges

Sink into a sofa and sip cocktails with the trendy crowd.

Butterfly Lounge

Vana Viru 13 / Aia 4 • www.kokteilibaar.ee

This downtown cocktail lounge is popular for its colourful furnishings, butterfly décor and award-winning bartenders.

Deja Vu

Vana-Viru 8 • www.dejavu.ee

An intimate, exclusive bar featuring weekend DJs and an extensive menu.

Lounge 24

Rävala pst 3 • www.radissonblu.com/hotel-tallinn

Cocktails, comfy sofas and incredible city views are all on offer here on the 24th floor of the Radisson Blu Hotel Tallinn.



ANU VAHTRA

Pubs

Snacks, sports and rounds of lager.

Beer House

Dunkri 5 • www.beerhouse.ee

This sprawling, raucous, German-style beer hall is Tallinn's only micro-brewery, serving seven varieties of house beer.

Hell Hunt

Pikk 39 • www.hellhunt.ee

Known for its comfortable, local atmosphere and good food, the Gentle Wolf is a popular destination every night of the week.

Karja Kelder

Väike-Karja 1 • www.karjakelder.ee

Fill up on garlic bread and local vibes at this old-fashioned, Estonian cellar pub.

Molly Malone's

Müüdi 2 • www.mollymalones.ee

Located right on Town Hall Square, Tallinn's main Irish pub draws in the crowds with televised sports, a respectable pub menu and live music.

Nimeta

Suur-Karja 4 • www.nimetabaar.ee

A popular, international sports bar made all the more lively by weekend DJs and dancing.

Clubs

Places to go for high-energy mixing and mingling, not to mention dancing.

Apollo

Tartu mnt 17 • www.apolloclub.ee

Apollo is easily among the largest clubs in the city, specialising in live music and cabaret performances.



SECRET/VIIR

Café Amigo

Viru väljak 4 • www.amigo.ee

Amigo, a buzzing nightclub in the basement of the Sokos Hotel Viru, emphasizes on live music - some of the nation's most famous bands can be found on stage here.

Club Hollywood

Vana-Posti 8 • www.clubhollywood.ee

A celebrated, Old Town party spot, Hollywood is a magnet for tourists and young locals alike.

Club Privé

Harju 6 • www.clubprive.ee

The top-notch DJ lineup and the "in" atmosphere are the main draws to this exclusive club.

Vabank

Harju 13 • www.vabank.ee

Housed in a former bank, the ultra-trendy Vabank features hot DJs and even full beds for lounging.

Venus Club

Vana-Viru 14 • www.venusclub.ee

This big club built into an old firehouse remains one of Tallinn's most popular.

Gay Nightlife

Though attitudes here aren't so cosmopolitan as in Western Europe, Tallinn is home to its own thriving gay scene.

X-Baar

Tatari 1 • www.xbaar.ee

Located just outside Old Town, this popular, old standby continues to be a focal point for the community.

Estonian beer

If you're looking to sample the Estonian brew, your choices in most pubs are Saku and A. Le Coq, the two major brands that dominate the nation's market. Of the Saku beers, **Saku Originaal** (Original) is the most common, though the more elite Saku Kuld (Gold) has recently gained popularity with its smoother taste.



SAKU

A. Le Coq's flagship brand is **A. Le Coq Premium**. Both firms produce several other varieties, including ice beers, which are typically served in a 0.33-litre bottle capped with a lemon slice. Fans of dark beer can try the Saku Tume and A. Le Coq Porter.



A. LE COQ

To expand your beer horizons beyond the big breweries, look for **Puls Extra Lager** or the unique **Wiru Kadakaõlu** (juniper beer). A couple Tallinn pubs, namely Hell Hunt and Beer House, also sell their own labels.



PULS



Relaxing & Recharging

Thanks to the country's highly developed spa industry, Estonians truly know how to 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



MARI 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 do just that. Visitors who come here within a few weeks of the summer solstice (June 21) have the added bonus of experiencing the "White 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) from where there are excellent views of the city's Medieval wall and towers. Just south of here is **Snelli Pond**, an elongated moat where ducks gather. Next to **Toompea Castle** you can stroll around Lindamägi (Linda Hill) and Harjumägi (Harju Hill).

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 the Kadriorg Park received a truly wonderful addition in form of the Japanese garden designed by renowned landscape designer from Japan, 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.

Seacoast & Beaches

The sea is another key ingredient in Tallinn's natural appeal. A favourite way to experience the beauty of

Tallinn Bay is to walk, bike or skate down the **paved promenade** that runs from Kadriorg toward the Pirita district. Nearly 2km long, the path follows the waterfront, providing views of the rocky shoreline with the cityscape in the distance.

Sand beaches are easy to find and are well developed, but don't expect crashing waves. The geography of the Baltic Sea makes for gentle lapping and, in summer, warm waters. The largest and most popular is **Pirita Beach**, barely outside the city centre. Suburban beaches like **Stroomi Beach** and **Kakumäe** will also fill up on a summer's day. For something a bit more secluded, head a couple kilometres north of the city to **Haabneeme**, on the Viimsi coast.



ANU VAITRA

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 that include 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

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

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



ANDRU VAHTRA

Pirita TOP Spa Hotel

Regati pst 1 • www.hotels.tallink.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.hotels.tallink.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.

Viimsi SPA

Randvere tee 11 • www.viimsitervis.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 usually much cheaper here than in other 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.

Babor Spa

Narva mnt 5 • www.baborspa.ee

City Spa

Rävala pst 4 • www.cityspa.ee

Day Spa

Vana-Posti 4 • www.dayspa.ee

Dr. Fisch Health and Beauty

Rotermanni 5 / Roseni 10 • www.kalaterapia.ee

Reval Day Spa

Pikk 7 • www.revaldayspa.ee

Shnelli Day Spa

Toompuiestee 37 • www.spalife.ee

Wiide Päeva Spa & Salong

Wiedemanni 13-1A • www.wiidesalong.ee



TALLINK HOTELS



MADOIS PALM



SCRENVIER

Active Tallinn

For a lot of people relaxation goes hand in hand with sports, boating or various ways of moving around. Here are some options:

Cycling

Rent a bike to explore Tallinn's paths, parks and seaside promenade.

CityBike

Uus 33 • www.citybike.ee

Hawaii Express

Regati pst 1 • www.hawaii.ee

16eur Hostel Bike Rental

Roseni 9 • www.16eur.ee

Boating on the Pirita River

Kloostri 6A • www.bellmarine.ee

Rent a rowboat or a canoe to explore the beautiful, marshy channels of the Pirita River.

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.

Premia Ice Hall

Haabersti 3 • www.icearena.ee

Uisuplats

Harju 32 • www.uisuplats.ee



MARI KADANIK



TODDASVOLMER

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

Kalev Tennis Club

Herne 28 • www.kalevitenniseklubi.ee

Pirita TOP Tennisekeskus

Regati pst 1 • www.toptennis.ee

Rocca al Mare Tennis Centre

Haabersti 5 • www.ramtennis.ee

Tere Tennis Center

Sõjakooli 10 • www.teretennis.ee



TALLINN GOLF CLUB

Yachting

Renting or chartering a yacht is a great way to see Tallinn Bay, not to mention regain some perspective on life.

Yacht Charter

www.bellmarine.ee

Golfing

CityGolf

Narva mnt 95 • www.citygolf.ee

Estonian Golf & Country Club

Manniva, Jõelähtme, Harju County
www.egcc.ee

Golfest

Suuresta, Harju County • www.golfest.ee

Niitvälja Golf Course

Niitvälja, Harju County • www.golfikeskus.ee

Bowling

Al Mare Bowling

Paldiski mnt 96 • www.almarebowling.ee

KU:LSA:L Bowling

Mere pst 6E • www.kuulsaal.ee

Zelluloos Bowling

Tartu mnt 80B • www.zbowling.ee

Winter activities

Nõmme Ski Club

Vana-Mustamäe 16

Nõmme Sport Centre

Külmallika 15A • www.sportkeskus.ee

Pirita Sport Center

Rummu tee 3 • www.piritaspordikeskus.ee

Swimming

Kalev SPA Hotel & Water Park

Aia 18 • www.kalevspa.ee

Pirita TOP Spa Hotel

Regati pst 1 • www.hotels.tallink.com

Viimsi SPA

Randvere tee 11 • www.viimsispa.ee

Health clubs

City Spa Fitness Club

Rävala 4 • www.cityspa.ee

My Fitness

Viru väljak 4, Haabersti 5 • www.myfitness.ee

Reval Sport

Aia 20 • www.revalsport.ee

Horse riding

Kivisaare Ratsatalu

Aegviidu, Harju County • www.jb.ee

Rebala Stable

Rebala, Harju County • www.rebalatallid.com

Ruila Stable

Ruila, Harju County • www.ruilatall.ee

Tondi Maneež

Tondi 30 • www.tondimaneez.ee

Veskimetsa Riding Centre

Paldiski mnt 135 • www.veskimetsa.ee

Squash

Kadrioru Health Center

Narva mnt 63 • www.kadrioru.ee

Reval Sport

Aia 20 • www.revalsport.ee

Metro Squash

Tondi 17 • www.metro squash.ee



NÕMME SEIKLUSPARK



ESTRAVEL



ANDRES PUTING



KATRIE LINNO

Adventure park

Nõmme Adventure Park

Külmallika 15A • www.nommeseikluspark.ee

Trampoline centre

Skypark

Pärnu mnt 139E • www.skypark.ee

Karting

FK Centre

Paldiski mnt 229A • www.fkkeskus.ee

Triobet Indoor Kart Centre

Pärnu mnt 558A • www.hobikart.ee

Viimsi Go-Karting

Rohuneeme 1/1 • www.sisekardirada.ee

Shooting range

Männiku Jahilasketiir

Trapi tee 1, Männiku, Harju County
www.sporting.ee

Tactical Shooting Center

Kopli 103 • www.tacticalshooting.ee

Paintball

Estonian Paintball Club

Madara 22A • www.paintball.ee

Indoor laser gaming

Lazergame Megazone

Madara 22A • www.lasergame.ee

Zelluloos Centre

Tartu mnt 80F • www.megazone.ee

Segway

Super Segway

Viru 7 • www.supersegway.ee

Tallinn Marathon

September 8-9, 2012 • www.jooks.ee

Over 10,000 runners typically take part in one of the region's most popular sporting events.

Days Out

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

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

Estonian war history 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

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



MARE KUDRIK



ALLAN PALAMAN

Viimsi Open Air Museum

Rohuneeme tee 51
www.rannarahvamuuseum.ee/viimsi-vabaohumuuseum

This museum exhibits historic fishing village life, displaying old fishing tools and showing the ways in which they were used. On Saturday a farm 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

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

Viimsi Church

Nurme tee 2, Pringi küla • 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 the World War II. Although designed to be modern, architects Martin Aunin and Erkki Ristoja have followed all the canons of classical sacral building.

Active Holiday

Safe bicycle roads, Haabneeme beach, Viimsi SPA (www.viimspa.ee), FK Viimsi indoor carting centre (www.sisekardirada.ee) and Viimsi Sport Hall (www.viimsihall.ee) offer different activities every season.



TOOMAS VILMEER

Eating Out

Right by the sea next to the Viimsi Open Air Museum is an odd upside down-boat-shaped **restaurant Paat** (www.paat.ee). Close by is the snug and cosy village **restaurant Roots** (www.rootsu.ee). The old Viimsi manor house has a family friendly **restaurant Coccodrillo** (www.kroko.ee) that serves Italian cuisine.

Jussi Õletuba (Juss's beer room) (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. Also in Viimsi is the theme **pub Scotland Yard**, "The place to arrest free time" (www.scotlandyard.ee).

How to get there?

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



TALLINN CRUISES

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 Tsarist Russian 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 13th century.



ANNIKA MANDAKA

How to get there?

Aegna: by vessel JUKU
More information: www.veeteed.com

Naissaare: by vessel Monica
More information: www.monica.ee

Prangli: by vessel Vesta
More information: www.veeteed.com



PANEIDER

Lahemaa National Park

Lahemaa is a vast national park along Estonia's north coast, about an hour's drive from Tallinn beloved for its nature and serenity. Mushroom and berry picking are popular. Its main sights are the striking Palmse, Sagadi and Vihula manor houses, 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

Paldiski

This coastal town 45km from Tallinn is an curious destination for 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 a 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).



MIKKO SOVIERI

Helsinki

It's rare in Europe to find two capital cities that are so close and so different. Getting from one to the other is easy (www.ts.ee, www.tallinn-airport.ee). A day in elegant, modern ambience of Helsinki, Capital of Design in 2012, is an interesting contrast to romantic, Medieval feel of Tallinn. Find out more about Helsinki's sights from www.visithelsinki.fi.

Tallinn-Paldiski Journey

Taking the scenic, coastal route to Paldiski can be just as rewarding as seeing the town itself. Your first stop should be the Türisalu cliff. At 31 metres, it's one of the most impressive limestone cliffs in the country. From here you'll get a good view of Naissaar island and nearby Vääna-Jõesuu, a beautiful sandy seashore. Farther along is Keila-Joa, where you can see the third highest waterfall in the country and a 19th-century, Neo-Gothic manor house. On the coast nearby is Laulasmaa, a beach area named after "singing sands." It's a perfect place for swimming in summer, not to mention walking and jogging.

More information: www.paldiski.ee



EDUARDO PUJONEN

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 you can 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 a special eye out 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.



ANU VARTHA

Allikamaja Käsitöö

Lühike jalg 6A • www.folkart.ee

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

BogaPott

Pikk jalg 9 • www.bogapott.ee

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

Craftsmen House

Pikk 15 • www.folkart.ee

Large selection of Estonia's craftsmen's products.

Eesti Esindus

Viru 3

Estonian handicraft and food provided by Estonian masters.

Estonian Handicraft House

Pikk 22 • www.folkart.ee

A variety of authentic Estonian handicrafts.



TOOMAS VOLMER

Helina Tilk

Rataskaevu 6 and Lühike jalg 5
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

Medieval shop.

Lühikese Jala Gallery

Lühike jalg 6 • www.hot.ee/igalerii

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

Masters' Courtyard

Vene 6 • www.hoov.ee

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

St. Catherine's Guild

St. Catherine's Passage (Katariina käik)

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



KRISTIAN MANDMAK



ANU VARTHA

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 Museum Room

Pikk 16 • www.kalev.eu

Kalev Chocolate Shop in Roteramn Quarter

Roseni 7 • www.kalev.eu



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 also great 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) 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 Preet Pärn, whose surreal, primitive-style works have been winning awards since the 1970s. More recently a series of films by Heiki Ernits and Janno Põldma have become a success: "Tom and Fluffy", "Lotte from Gadgetvill", "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

Lasering

Viru väljak 4, Viru Centre • www.lasering.ee

Rahva Raamat

Viru väljak 4, Viru Centre, 3rd and 4th floor • www.rahvaraamat.ee

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), Monton (www.monton.ee), Bastion (www.bastion.ee), Baltman (www.baltman.eu) and Sangar (www.sangar.ee).

Baltika Kvartal

Veerenni 24 • 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

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

Kristina Viirpalu

Suur-Karja 2 • www.kristinadesign.ee

Collections, created using traditional skills and natural materials.

Naiiv

Pikk 33 • www.naiiv.eu

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

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

Tucked away in Kalamaja historic fishing area is the Estonian Design



House, home to designers' studios, design companies and Estonian Association of Designers.

Lutheri Stuudio

Vana-Lõuna 39 • www.lutheristuudio.ee

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

Mang

Mustamäe tee 3A • www.mang.ee

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

Nu Nordik

Vabaduse väljak 8 • www.nunordik.ee

Fresh, offbeat clothing, fashion accessories and home décor.

4 Room

Paldiski mnt 102, Rocca al Mare Centre • www.4room.ee

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



Art

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

Draakoni Gallery

Pikk 18 • www.eaa.ee/draakon

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

Haus Gallery

Uus 17 • www.haus.ee

Exhibitions and auctions of professional Estonian art.

Vaal Gallery

Tartu mnt 80D • www.vaal.ee

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

Antiques

The peculiarities of Estonia's 20th-century history mean there are some unique finds here, from oak furniture to Soviet-era bric-a-brac.

Aigrette Antiik

Väike-Karja 4 • www.aigrette.ee

A wide assortment, particularly strong in Estonian art from the 1920s and 30s.

IDLA Antiik

Pikk 30 • www.idla.ee

Everything from ceramics to sideboards.

Book Shops

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

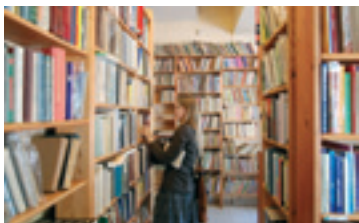
Apollo

Estonia pst 9, Solaris Centre • www.apollo.ee
Central and well-stocked.

Rahva Raamat

Viru väljak 4, Viru Centre, 3rd and 4th floor • www.rahvaraamat.ee

Tallinn's largest, also sells music and DVDs.



PAUL KUMMET



KARBEL MIKIN

Department Stores & Shopping Centres

Establishments like these are naturally the best places to find the largest selections in the least amount of time, particularly in regard to fashion, shoes and speciality items.

Kristiine Centre

Endla 45 • 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

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

Solaris Centre

Estonia pst 9 • www.solaris.ee

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

Stockmann

Liivalaia 53 • www.stockmann.ee

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

Tallinna Kaubamaja

Gonsiori 2 • www.kaubamaja.ee

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

Viru Keskus (Viru Centre)

Viru väljak 4 • www.virukeskus.com

The largest, busiest shopping mall in the downtown area.

Ülemiste Centre

Suur-Sõjamäe 4 • 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 • www.jaamaturg.ee

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

Central Market

Keldrimäe 9 • www.keskturg.ee

Food and cheap clothes.

Nõmme Market

Turu plats 8/ Piiri 6 • www.nommeturg.ee

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

Sadama Turg

Sadama 25-4 • www.sadamaturg.ee

An indoor market at the Passenger Port, specialising in fresh food, opening in spring 2012.



MIELIS LOKK

Practical Information

Sightseeing Tours



A variety of guided tours are available in Tallinn, everything from ghost walks to pub crawls. Drop by the Tourist Information Centre for a complete list. Here are some examples:

Audio Guide Tour on iPod

www.euroaudioguide.com

Set your own pace as you're taken on a detailed, self-guided tour of Old Town, complete with stories, legends and jokes. You can rent the iPod from the Tourist Information Centre and from some hotels. Tours are available in English, Finnish, French, German, Russian and Estonian.

Tallinn's Old Town Tour with the AudioGuide

www.audioguide.ee

The specialised audioguide service provides fascinating narrated information on the key sights of Old Town. Tours are available in English, German, Russian, Finnish, Swedish, and Estonian.

Hop-on Hop-off City Tours

www.citytour.ee

Red double-decker buses make a circuit around the city's main attractions, allowing you to hop off where you want, see the sights, and hop back on a later bus. Buses run on three different routes, and audio commentary is available in 10 languages.

Tallinn Official Sightseeing Tour

www.travelzbaltics.com

This 2.5-hour tour is a good way to orientate yourself to the city. It starts out by bus, introducing you to the most interesting districts of central Tallinn, then continues on foot through Old Town.

Welcome to Tallinn by bike

www.citybike.ee

Small groups are taken on a 2-hour cycle trip around Tallinn's beauty spots, seeing places that most tourists wouldn't find. Bike rental, safety equipment and a soft drink are all included in the tour price.

Tallinn Free Tour

www.traveller.ee

This walking tour, guided by local young students, is an alternative to normal sightseeing trips and is made specially for true travelers. As a youth project the Free Tour operates for tips only.



TOMAS VOJMER

Museums & Attractions

Adamson-Eric Museum

Lühike jalg 3 • www.ekm.ee

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

AHHA Science Centre

Vabaduse väljak • www.ahhaa.ee

A modern, hands-on activity centre designed to get young people interested in science.

A. H. Tammsaare Museum

Koidula 12 A • 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

Hundreds of dolls, teddy bears and other toys.

Discovery Centre Energy

Põhja pst 29 • www.energiakeskus.ee

A fun, hands-on science museum where kids learn about different aspects of physics and space through interactive displays.

Dominican Monastery Clastrum

Müürivahe 33 • www.mauritanum.edu.ee

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

E. Vilde Museum

Roheline aas 3 • www.linnamuuseum.ee

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

Eesti Pank Museum

Estonia pst 11* • 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

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

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

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

Estonian Maritime Museum

Pikk 70 • www.meremuuseum.ee

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

Estonian Museum of Applied Art and Design

Lai 17 • 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

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

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

Viru Hotel & KGB Museum

Viru väljak 4 • www.sokoshotels.fi

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

Kadriorg Palace - Kadriorg Art Museum

Weizenbergi 37 • www.ekm.ee

The foreign art branch of the Art Museum of Estonia, housed in Peter the Great's Baroque palace (1718). *Due to renovation the palace will be closed to the public as of July 1, 2012.*

Kiek in de Kōk & Bastion Tunnels

Komandandi tee 2 • 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.ekm.ee

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

Mikkel Museum

Weizenbergi 28 • www.ekm.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

Estonian architectural development through the ages.

Museum Miia-Milla-Manda

L.Koidula 21C • 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

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

Museum of Puppet Arts (NUKU)

Lai 1 / Nunne 8 • 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.ekm.ee

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

Oleviste Church Tower

Lai 50 • 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

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

Seaplane Harbour

Küti 17 • www.lennusadam.ee

At the Seaplane Harbour visitors can tour a collection of historic ships, including the Suur Tõll, Europe's largest steam-powered icebreaker. Starting from 10 May 2012, the harbour's hangars will be the site of a thrilling museum and sea centre.

St. Bridget's Convent

Kloostri tee 9 • www.piritaklooster.ee

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

Tallinn Botanic Garden

Kloostrimetsa tee 52 • www.tba.ee

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

Tallinn City Museum

Vene 17 • www.linnamuuseum.ee

A modern and well-presented chronicle of Tallinn history.

Tallinn's Town Hall Tower

Raekoja plats 1 • 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

Amazing panoramic views, café at the 170m level, sci-fi inspired interiors and interactive exhibits. Opens in spring 2012.

Tallinn Zoo

Paldiski mnt 145 • 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

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.



Facts about ...

Facts about Estonia

Area

45,227 km²

Population

1,364,001 (1 January 2012).

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

Facts about Tallinn

Area

159.2 km²

Sea coast

46 km

Population

The population of Tallinn is 414,353 (1 September 2011).
Nationalities: Estonian 52.5%, Russian 38.5%, Ukrainian 3.7%, other 5.3%.

Public Holidays, 2012

- 1 January** New Year's Day
- 24 February** Independence Day, the anniversary of the declaration founding the Republic of Estonia (1918).
- 6 April** Good Friday
- 8 April** Easter Sunday
- 1 May** Spring Day
- 27 May** Whitsunday
- 23 June** Victory Day
- 24 June** St. John's Day (Midsummer)
- 20 August** Day of Restoration of Independence, Estonia 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.

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.



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Currency & Exchange

Since January 2011, Estonia has been using the euro (EUR) as its national currency. Each 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 with you.

Traveller's cheques can be exchanged in most banks but are less likely to be accepted in shops. Eurocheque is the most widely accepted traveller's cheque, but American Express and Thomas Cook are also accepted.

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.



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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.

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.-8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
ph. +372 661 6616, www.post.ee

The Toompea Post Office is located in the Old Town, at Lossi plats 4, and is open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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 ambulance free of charge from any phone: 112.

Police

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.

Tourism Organisations

Estonian Tourism Board:
www.visitestonia.com

Estonian Association of Travel Agents:
www.etfl.ee

Estonian Hotel and Restaurant Association: www.ehrl.ee



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ESTONIAN AIR



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TALLINN PORT

Arrival

By Air

Lennart 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.

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 EUR; tickets can be bought from the driver. The bus stop can be found in front of the terminal of arrivals.

Bus no 90K operates between the airport and centrally located Tallinn's hotels. The bus leaves from the airport every half and full hour between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. One way ticket costs 2 EUR and can be bought from the driver.

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

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 Tartu are operated by Estonian Air:

Estonian Air

ph. +372 640 1161 • www.estonian-air.ee

Flights from Tallinn to Kärdla are operated by Avies:

Avies

ph. +372 630 1390 • www.avies.ee

Helicopter Flights

FAST CLASS by **Copterline** is the fastest way to travel between Helsinki and Tallinn – from city center to city center in 18 minutes. Ten scheduled flights are on each workday.

ph. +372 610 1818 • www.copterline.com

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. **St. Petersburg** – Tallinn – Stockholm – Tallinn – St. Petersburg cruise line ferry visits Tallinn twice a week on Sundays and on Tuesdays. A trip between Tallinn and St. Petersburg takes approximately 8 hours.

Terminals

The Old City Harbour's passenger terminals, lettered 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 EUR. A taxi from the port to other locations in the city centre costs about 5 EUR. Because the harbour is so central, many arriving passengers prefer to walk.



TALLINN PORT

Passenger Lines

TO HELSINKI

Ferries

Eckerö Line

ph. +372 664 6000 • www.eckeroline.ee

Tallink

ph. +372 640 9808 • www.tallink.ee

Viking Line

ph. +372 666 3966 • www.vikingline.ee

High-Speed vessels

LindaLine Express

ph. +372 699 9333 • www.lindaline.ee

TO STOCKHOLM

Tallink

ph. +372 640 9808 • www.tallink.ee

TO ST. PETERSBURG

St Peter Line

ph. +372 666 0809 • www.stpeterline.com

Cruises

Most of the cruise lines touring in Northern Europe now include Tallinn in their itineraries, and the city receives about 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.ee.

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

www.cruisebaltic.com.

Yachts

Pirita Harbour

ph. +372 639 8980 • www.piritatop.ee

Old City Marina

ph. +372 631 8085 • www.ts.ee

Noblessner Yacht Club, Peetri Harbour

ph. +372 502 2920 • www.noblessner.com



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By Rail

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

GoRail

ph. +372 631 0044 • 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

Ecolines

ph. +372 5637 7997 • www.ecolines.net

Hansabuss

ph. + 372 627 9080 • www.hansabuss.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 17A, 23 or 23A. A taxi from the bus station to the city centre costs about 5 EUR.



PAUL KUJMET

In the City

Public Transport

Buses, trolleys, trams

Buses, trolleys and trams operate regularly from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. All take the same types of tickets, which can be purchased at newsstands for 1 EUR or from the driver for 1.60 EUR. You can also buy a 10-ticket package for 8 EUR. Find Tallinn **transportation map** on **page 64**.

Tallinn Card holders can use public transport for free while their card is valid.

Other ticket options include 1-hour tickets as well as 1-, 3- and 5-day tickets. These can only be bought at newsstands, not from the driver. A 1-hour ticket costs 1.20 EUR. A day ticket (24 h) costs 4 EUR, 3-day (72 h) ticket 6 EUR and a 5-day (120 h) ticket 7 EUR. Electronic devices for registering these tickets can be found near the second door of the vehicle and will print the time and date of validity on the ticket.

Anyone over 65 years old, no matter what country they come from, can ride Tallinn's public transportation for free. If a ticket inspector comes on board, present a personal ID document or pension certificate to prove your age.

A separate system of minivans, which follow fixed routes, also operates in Tallinn. Pay the driver as you get in.



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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.

Before getting in

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 2.50 – 4 EUR);
2. the waiting charge, used only when the taxi is actually standing (usually 9.50 – 16 EUR/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 EUR/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.

Starting out

Make sure the taxi's meter is turned on. It is illegal for the driver to smoke or to allow others to smoke in the taxi.



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At the end of the ride

The driver is not allowed to ask for more than what is on the meter. The driver must be paid in euros. Ask the taxi driver for a receipt from the meter's printer. If the meter or printer is out of order, the driver should not be in service and you have the right to refuse to pay the fare.

To lodge complaints or make suggestions, contact:

Tallinn Transport Department's Taxi Commission:

ph. +372 640 4991 • 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 possibilities in Tallinn can be found at: www.parkimine.ee



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Tourist Information Centres

Tallinn Tourist Information Centres are located in the centre of the Old Town and in the Viru Keskus shopping centre.



The centres provide information on accommodation, cultural events, sights, sightseeing tours, transportation, catering, shopping, leisure facilities, sporting events, sports facilities, conference facilities, certified tour guides, Tallinn's environs and general tourist information about the rest of Estonia.

Tallinn Tourist Information Centre in Old Town

Kullassepa 4 / Niguliste 2, 10146 Tallinn, Estonia
 ph. +372 645 7777 • fax +372 645 7778
turismiinfo@tallinnlv.ee • www.tourism.tallinn.ee

At the I-Centre:

- the staff will answer your questions (also by phone, fax, post or e-mail);
- you can order a professional tour guide;
- you can buy publications about Tallinn and Estonia;
- you can buy a Tallinn Card.

The I-Centre is open:

1 May – 14 June
 Mon-Fri 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 Sat-Sun 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

15 June – 14 August
 Mon-Fri 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
 Sat-Sun 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

15 August – 30 September
 Mon-Fri 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
 Sat-Sun 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

1 October – 30 April
 Mon-Fri 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Sat 10 a.m. – 3 p.m, Sun closed

Closed on public holidays (see p. 53)

Tallinn Tourist Information Centre in Viru Keskus shopping centre

Viru väljak 4, 10111 Tallinn, Estonia
 ph. +372 610 1557 / +372 610 1558
 fax +372 610 1559
turismiinfo@tallinnlv.ee • www.tourism.tallinn.ee

At the I-Centre:

- the staff will answer to your questions (also by phone, fax, or e-mail)
- you can buy a Tallinn Card

The I-Centre is open daily 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
 Closed December 25.



THREE SISTERS HOTEL



THREE SISTERS HOTEL



REIN KOTV

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 accommodation establishment or through a travel agency is essential for the busy period of May to September, but it is also 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 food-preparing 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

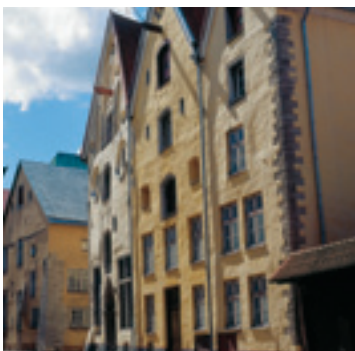


– Number of Beds



– 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



Baltic Hotel Imperial • Nunne 14 ph +372 627 4800 • www.baltichotelgroup.com	Old Town	6	1.5	32		52	D
Baltic Hotel Vana Wiru • Viru 11 ph +372 669 1500 • www.baltichotelgroup.com	Old Town	6	1.5	82		140	C
Barons • Suur-Karja 7 / Väike-Karja 2 ph +372 699 9700 • www.barons.ee	Old Town	6	1.5	33		58	D
Bern • Aia 10 ph +372 680 6630 • www.tallinnhotels.ee	Old Town	3	0.8	50		92	C
Braavo • Aia 20 ph +372 699 9777 • www.braavo.ee	Old Town	3	0.8	29		68	B
City Hotel • Narva mnt 24 ph +372 640 0405 • www.cityhotel.ee	City Centre	2.5	0.8	55		121	B
City Hotel Portus • Uus-Sadama 23 ph +372 680 6600 • www.tallinnhotels.ee	City Centre	6	0.2	107		250	B
Clarion Hotel Euroopa **** • Paadi 5 ph +372 669 9777 • www.euroopa.ee	City Centre	4	0	185		370	C
Domina Inn Ilmarine • Põhja pst 23 ph +372 614 0900 • www.dominahotels.com	City Centre	6	1	152	2	304	C
Dzingel • Männiku tee 89 ph +372 610 5201 • www.dzingel.ee	Nõmme	7	7	270	2	520	B
Ecoland • Randvere tee 115 ph +372 605 1999 • www.tallinnhistoricalhotels.com	Pirita	12	9	35	1	70	C
Economy Hotel • Kopli 2C ph +372 667 8300 • www.economyhotel.ee	Põhja-Tallinn	6	1.5	38		88	A
Go Hotel Shnelli • Toompuiestee 37 ph +372 631 0102 • www.gohotels.ee	City Centre	6	1.5	124	2	244	B
Hotel G9 • Gonsiori 9 ph +372 626 7130 • www.hotelg9.ee	City Centre	5	1.5	22		44	B
Kalev SPA Hotel • Aia 18 ph +372 649 3300 • www.kalevspa.ee	City Centre	3	0.9	100	3	200	C
Kolm Õde / The Three Sisters ***** • Pikk 71 / Tolli 2 ph +372 630 6300 • www.threesistershotel.com	Old Town	6	0.5	23		46	E
Kreuzwald Hotel Tallinn • Endla 23 ph +372 666 4800 • www.uniquehotelmihkli.com	City Centre	6	2.5	79		163	D
L'Ermitage • Toompuiestee 19 ph +372 699 6400 • www.lermitagehotel.ee	City Centre	6	3	90	1	179	D
Lilleküla Hotel • Luha 18B ph +372 627 1120 • www.lillekulahotel.ee	Kristiine	5	3	31		60	B
Merchant's House Hotel • Dunkri 4/6 ph +372 697 7500 • www.merchantshousehotel.com	Old Town	6	2	37		70	D
Meriton Grand Conference & Spa Hotel • Paldiski mnt 4 ph +372 628 8100 • www.meritonhotels.com	City Centre	7	3	465		942	D



Meriton Old Town Garden • Pikk 29 / Lai 24 ph +372 664 8800 • www.meritonhotels.com	Old Town	3.4	1.3	50		100	C
Meriton Old Town Hotel • Lai 49 ph +372 614 1300 • www.meritonhotels.com	Old Town	6	0.7	41		79	C
Metropol • Roseni 13 ph +372 667 4500 • www.metropol.ee	City Centre	3	0.8	149		298	B
My City Hotel • Vana-Posti 11/13 ph +372 622 0900 • www.mycityhotel.ee	Old Town	6	1.5	68		136	D
Nepi • Nepi 10 ph +372 655 1665 • www.nepihotell.ee	Kristiine	6	4	10		16	A
Nordic Hotel Forum**** • Viru väljak 3 ph +372 622 2900 • www.nordichotels.eu	City Centre	5	1	267		534	D
Old Town Maestro's • Suur-Karja 10 ph +372 626 2000 • www.maestrohotel.ee	Old Town	6	1.5	23		46	C
Oru Hotel*** • Narva mnt 120B ph +372 603 3300 • www.oruhotel.ee	Kadriorg	6	3.5	51	1	86	C
Park Inn Central Tallinn by Radisson**** • Narva mnt 7C ph +372 633 9800 • www.parkinn.com/hotel-centraltallinn	City Centre	5.5	0.5	245	2	490	C
Pirita TOP SPA Hotel • Regati pst 1 ph +372 639 8600 • www.hotels.tallink.com	Pirita	7	5	267	4	497	A
Radisson Blu Hotel Olümpia**** • Liivalaia 33 ph +372 631 5333 • www.radissonblu.com/olumpiahotel-tallinn	City Centre	3.5	2	390	1	688	D
Radisson Blu Hotel Tallinn • Rävåla pst 3 ph +372 682 3000 • www.radissonblu.com/hotel-tallinn	City Centre	3	2	280	4	560	E
Reval Park Hotel & Casino**** • Fr. R. Kreutzwaldi 23 ph +372 630 5305 • www.parkhotel.ee	City Centre	5	3	121	2	218	C
Rocca al Mare Hotell • Lillevälja 2 ph +372 664 5950 • www.roccahotels.ee	Haabersti	9	7	36		71	C
Savoy Boutique Hotel • Suur-Karja 17/19 ph +372 680 6688 • www.tallinnhotels.ee	Old Town	6	2	43	1	75	E
Scandic Palace • Vabaduse väljak 3 ph +372 640 7300 • www.scandichotels.ee	City Centre	6	2	86	2	148	C
Schlössle**** • Pühavaimu 13/15 ph +372 699 7700 • www.schlossle-hotels.com	Old Town	6	1	23		42	E
Sokos Hotel Viru • Viru väljak 4 ph +372 680 9300 • www.sokoshotels.fi/ee	City Centre	6	1	516	3	1020	C
St. Barbara Hotel • Roosikrantsi 2A ph +372 640 0040 • www.stbarbara.ee	City Centre	6	2	53		104	C
St Olav Hotel • Lai 5 ph +372 616 1180 • www.tallinnhistoricalhotels.com	Old Town	3.5	1.4	78		150	C
St. Petersburg**** • Rataskaevu 7 ph +372 628 6500 • www.hotelstpetersbourg.com	Old Town	6	1.5	27		49	D



Stroomi** • Randla 11 ph +372 630 4200 • www.stroomi.ee	Põhja-Tallinn	9	5	137	0	250	B
Susi*** • Peterburi tee 48 ph +372 630 3300 • www.susi.ee	Lasnamäe	3	7	101	2	202	C
Swissotel Tallinn • Tornimäe 3 ph +372 624 2220 • www.swissotel.com/tallinn	City Centre	4	2	238		505	E
Taanilinna • Uus 6 ph +372 640 6700 • www.tallinnhotels.ee	Old Town	3.5	1.2	20		37	C
Tähetorni*** • Tähetorni 16 ph +372 677 9100 • www.thotell.ee	Nõmme	11	10	36		63	C
Tallink City Hotel • A. Laikmaa 5 ph +372 630 0800 • www.hotels.tallink.com	City Centre	6	1	332	2	664	B
Tallink Express Hotel** • Sadama 1 ph +372 667 8700 • www.hotels.tallink.com	City Centre	5	0	163	2	326	A
Tallink Spa & Conference Hotel • Sadama 11A ph +372 630 1000 • www.hotels.tallink.com	City Centre	5	0	275		580	C
Tatari 53 • Tatari 53 ph +372 640 5150 • www.tatari53.ee	City Centre	5	2.5	36		64	B
Telegraaf**** • Vene 9 ph +372 600 0600 • www.telegraafhotel.com	Old Town	5	1	86		162	E
Uniquestay City Hotel Tallinn • Paldiski mnt 3 ph +372 660 0700 • www.uniquestay.com	City Centre	4.5	2.3	17		34	B
Viru Inn Hotel • Viru 8 ph +372 611 7600 • www.viruinne.ee	Old Town	6	1.5	15		27	D
Von Stackelberg Hotel Tallinn • Toompuiestee 23 ph +372 660 0700 • www.uniquestay.com	City Centre	6	2	45	0	90	D
Ülemiste Hotel**** • Lennujaama tee 2 ph +372 603 2600 • www.ylemistehotel.ee	Lasnamäe	0.5	6	131	4	250	C

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



Tallinna Teeninduskooli Hostel • Lastekodu 13
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City Centre 4 2.5 16 31 A

Vana Tom • Väike-Karja 1
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Old Town 6 1.5 14 64 A

Guesthouses

Alexi Villa • Sihi 49
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Nõmme 7 7 6 14 B

Dorell • Karu 39
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City Centre 6 0.8 31 59 A

Gloria Guesthouse • Müürivahe 2
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OldHouse Guesthouse • Rataskaevu 16
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Old Town 6 1 6 14 B

Olevi Residence • Olevimägi 4
ph +372 627 7650 • www.tallinnhistoricalhotels.com

Old Town 6 1.5 26 52 B

Pirita kloostri Guesthouse • Merivälja tee 18
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Villa Lepido Guesthouse • Pärnu mnt 364
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Adelle Apartments • Viru väljak 6
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Old Town 6 1 8 18 C

Apartment24 • Narva mnt 5-1
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City Centre 3 1 2 4 C

Breakfast in Bed • Videviku 30
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Kristiine 8 4 3 13 B

Briston Apartments • Harju 7
ph +372 699 9670 • www.briston.ee

Old Town 6 1.5 11 22 C

Classic Apartments • Suur-Karja 18
ph +372 5850 2290 • www.tallinnapartment.ee

Old Town 6 1 6 9 C

Erel Apartments • Raekoja plats 8
ph +372 663 1640 • www.erel.ee

Old Town 6 1.5 21 84 E

Flat Management Apartments • Kaupmehe 8
ph +372 523 2239 • www.flatmanagement.ee

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Härjapea Guest Apartment • Härjapea 18-1
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Põhja-Tallinn 5 3 2 3 A



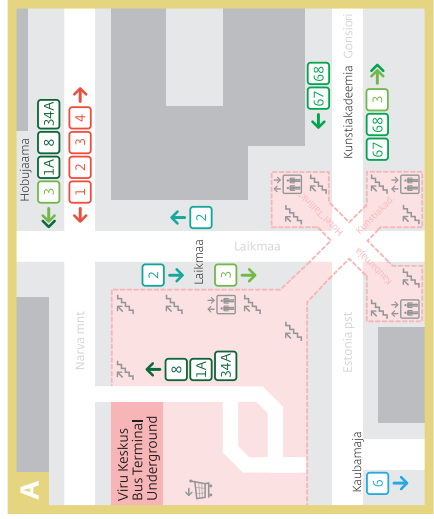
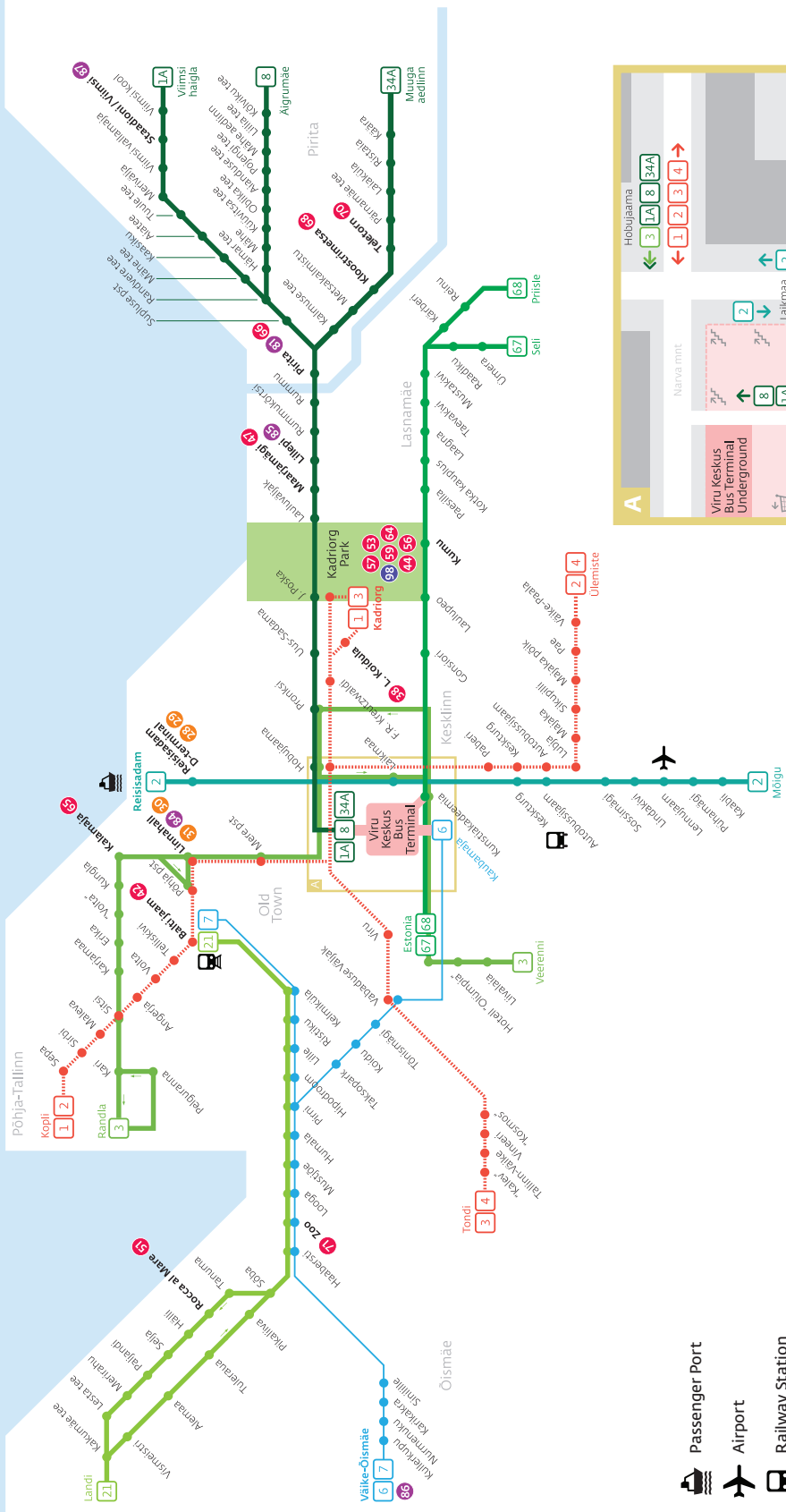
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Mahtra Apartments • Mahtra 44 ph +372 621 8828 • www.mahtra.ee	Lasnamäe	7	9	17	55	A
Nancy V. Apartments • Roopa 19 ph +372 501 3579 • www.sleepintallinn.com	City Centre	6	2	2	6	B
OldHouse Apartments • Rataskaevu 16 ph +372 641 1464 • www.oldhouse.ee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

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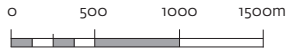
B&B Rex • Tartu mnt 62 ph +372 507 8650 • www.hot.ee/allarp3	City Centre	2.5	4	3	10	A
Rasastra B&B • Mere pst 4 ph +372 661 6291 • www.bedbreakfast.ee	City Centre	6	0.5	3	6	A

Camping

Pirita Harbour Camping (01.05-30.10) • Regati pst 1 ph +372 639 8980 • www.piritatop.ee	Pirita	12	9		40 caravan places	A
Tallinn City Camping (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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- Bus



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 Miiä-Milla-Manda
- 10** Kumu Art Museum
- 11** Museum of Estonian Architecture
- 12** Rotermann Quarter
- 13** Discovery Centre Energy
- 14** Seaplane Harbour
- 15** Tallinn Zoo
- 16** Estonian Open Air Museum

Legend

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- Beach
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- Monument
- Church
- Police Station
- Synagogue



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