

# Tallinn

## City Break





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- Free entrance with Tallinn Card
- Recommended for children
- Located in Old Town
- Stairs

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## **A modern city with a medieval twist, the Estonian capital is one place where the past is still alive and kicking!**

Tallinn has made huge strides in transforming itself into a high-tech, cosmopolitan city over the past decade, but as much as Estonians are proud of the forward-looking nature of their capital, there's no question that the city's most valuable treasure is its connection to the past.

The jewel in Tallinn's crown is its medieval city centre, otherwise known as Old Town. This web of winding cobblestone streets and properties, dating mainly from the 11th to 15th centuries, has been preserved nearly in its entirety thanks to a strong defensive wall - much of which is still standing - and a strict ban on the use of combustible building material. That bit of foresight means that 21st-century visitors can still stroll through Old Town's streets, wandering past the same churches, squares, towers, and rows of peak-roofed houses that their predecessors did centuries ago. Considering that this is the best-preserved medieval city in Northern Europe, it came as no surprise when, in 1997, UNESCO decided to add Tallinn's Old Town to its World Heritage list. Simply put, Old Town captures the feeling of the medieval era like no other place in the world.



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## MEDIVAL HERITAGE

The unique value of Tallinn's Old Town lies first and foremost in the well-preserved completeness of its medieval milieu and structure, something that has been lost in most other northern European capitals. The area's winding cobblestone streets and properties, which date from the 11th to 15th centuries, are remarkably well-preserved thanks to the powerful defensive structures that protected Tallinn from being destroyed in wars, and a lack of wooden buildings, which protected it from fire. Since 1997, the Old Town has been included in UNESCO's World Heritage list.

## The Old Town - Lower Town

### 1. Town Hall Square

For at least seven centuries now, the square in front of the Town Hall has been the centre of life in Tallinn. It functioned as a marketplace even before the Town Hall itself was built, and has been used for celebrations as well as executions. Today, the square is still a focal point of the city's social activity. It's filled with outdoor cafés in the summer, and hosts numerous open-air concerts, handicraft fairs and medieval markets. In the winter, crowds here are enchanted by a Christmas Market, and by the town's Christmas tree, put up for a month or more – a tradition whose roots stretch back to 1441. Town Hall Square has also become the traditional centre of the Old Town Days festival (see Events p. 20), a modern version of a medieval carnival. The festival brings back to life certain traditions of the Middle Ages, including parades, and a knights' tournament.

### 2. Town Hall

Raekoja plats 1 · ph. +372 645 7900 · [www.tallinn.ee/raekoda](http://www.tallinn.ee/raekoda)

**Open:** 15 May - 30 June and 1 September - 15 October → Tue-Sat 11:00 - 16:00 (exhibition hall)

July - August → Mon-Sat 10:00-16:00 (town hall and exhibition hall)

**Price:** 40 EEK

### Town Hall Tower:

**Open:** June - August → every day 11:00-18:00

Closed on 23, 24 June and 20 August.

**Price:** 30 EEK

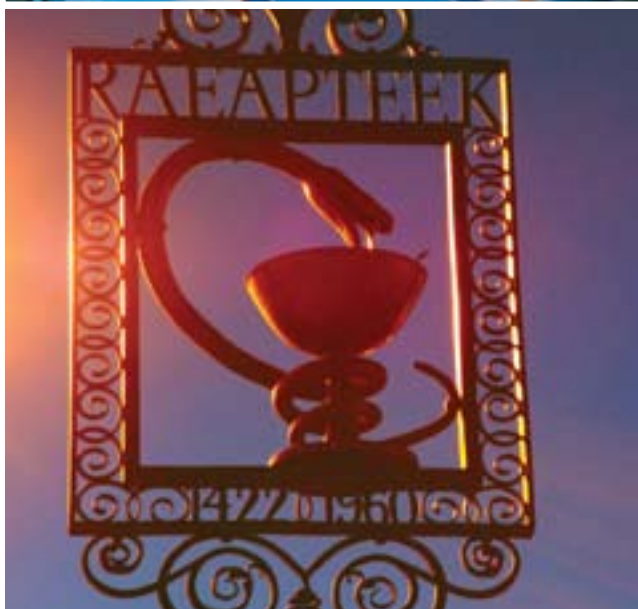
The only intact Gothic town hall in Northern Europe, Tallinn's Town Hall was first mentioned in records as early as 1322; however, it wasn't until 1402-1404 that it was reconstructed and given the external appearance we see today. Festive receptions and concerts are held in Town Hall's reception rooms on the second floor, and the three-nave cellar hall is open to citizens and visitors alike as an exhibition room. In summer months, visitors can also climb up the long, spiral staircase to the top of the octagonal gothic tower for truly amazing view of Old Town and city centre. 📷 📱 📺

### 3. Town Hall Pharmacy

Raekoja plats 11 · ph. +372 631 4860

**Open:** Tue-Sat 9:00-17:00

Right on the corner of Tallinn's Town Hall Square stands the oldest active pharmacy in all of Europe, still operating on the



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same spot it occupied in 1422 when it was first mentioned in records. It has been slightly modified over the centuries, now selling modern medicine while still retaining the favour of bygone days. 🏰

## Medieval Churches

### 4. St. Olav`s Church

Lai 50 · ph. +372 641 2241 · [www.oleviste.ee](http://www.oleviste.ee)

**The Church Tower is open:** April – October → every day 10:00-18:00

**Price:** 30 EEK

The first recorded mention of St. Olav`s Church, one of the most imposing Gothic churches of medieval Europe, was in 1267. Around the year 1500, the building reached a height of 159m and became what was then the world`s tallest structure. It`s thought that the motivation for building such an immensely tall steeple was to use it as a kind of maritime signpost, making the trading city of Tallinn visible from far out at sea. These days the tower is open for visitors, who, after a vigorous climb to the top of the stone portion of the tower, are rewarded with a magnificent view of the entire Old Town, Toompea hill and the port. 📺 🏰 🏰

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### 5. St. Nicholas' Church

Niguliste 3 · ph. +372 631 4330 · [www.ekm.ee](http://www.ekm.ee)

**Open:** Wed-Sun 10:00-17:00

*Closed on national holidays.*

**Price:** 35 EEK

German merchants from the island of Gotland originally built this church to honour St. Nicholas, the protector of sailors. Today, the impressive 13th-century structure houses a museum dedicated to church art, displaying medieval burial stones, exquisite altarpieces and Tallinn`s most famous painting, 15th-century artist Bernt Notke`s eerie composition, Dance Macabre (Dance with Death). The hall has superb acoustics, and forms an ideal concert venue. Organ music concerts take place every weekend, and jazz and choir music concerts are occasionally held. 📺 🏰

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### 6. Holy Spirit Church

Pühavaimu 2 · ph. +372 646 4430 · [www.eelk.ee/tallinna.puhavaimu](http://www.eelk.ee/tallinna.puhavaimu)

**Open:** Open: May - September → Mon-Sat 9:00-17:00

October - April → Mon-Fri 10:00-14:00

*Closed on national holidays.*

**Price:** 15 EEK

The Holy Spirit Church, the only sacred building from 14th-century Tallinn preserved its original form, holds an important place in Estonia`s cultural history. This is where first Estonian-language sermons were held, and the famous Livonian chronicler Balthasar Russow worked as a teacher here in the late 16th century. The interior is richly decorated – an exquisite example of wooden sculpture from the Gothic era. The altar, commissioned from Berndt Notke in 1483, is one of the four most precious medieval works of art in Estonia. The ornately painted clock on the church`s facade is also the oldest public timepiece in Tallinn. Services in English are held every Sunday at 15:00. Musical hours are held each Monday starting at 18:00. 📺 🏰

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## The Latin Quarter

### 7. Dominican Monastery Museum

Vene 16 · ph. +372 515 5489 · [www.kloostri.ee](http://www.kloostri.ee)

**Open:** 15 May - 24 September → every day 10:00-18:00

Closed during special events.

**Price:** 90 EEK

Dominican Monastery is the oldest cloister in downtown Tallinn. Monastery was founded in 1246. The structure of the building is that of a typical Catholic cloister. The most powerful building in the cloister complex is the church. St. Catherine's Church is thought to have reached its present state at the end of the 14th century and in surface area was the largest downtown church of its time. 📺 🏠

### 8. Dominican Monastery Claustrum

Müürivahe 33 · ph. + 372 511 5236 · [www.mauritanum.edu.ee](http://www.mauritanum.edu.ee)

**Open:** 15 May - 31 August → every day 10:00-17:00

Closed during special events.

**Price:** 90 EEK

The fascinating inner chambers of the Dominican Monastery once included three wings, together called the Claustrum, of which the east wing still remains. It's made up of a monks' dormitory, library, refectory, prior's living quarters and other rooms, all of which provide an interesting peek into the lives of medieval monks. Visitors shouldn't miss the mysterious Energy Pillar in the cellar, thought to be a source of physical and spiritual health. 📺 🏠

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### 9. St. Catherine's Passage

Vene/Müürivahe Str.

St. Catherine's Passage (Katariina käik), which connects Vene and Müürivahe streets, is a landmark that combines master craftsmen's workshops with a medieval atmosphere. Here visitors can watch artists and craftsmen practise their craft. While each workshop is unique in appearance and function, they are all united in the principle of the open studio where one can not only view works as finished products, as in an ordinary gallery, but also witness the various processes that the studio presents to the visitor. 🏠

### 10. Masters' Courtyard

Vene 6 · ph. +372 504 6113 · [jaan.parn@mail.ee](mailto:jaan.parn@mail.ee)

This site, hidden in a quiet Old Town courtyard, is dedicated to the master craftsmen. Here visitors can shop for handicrafts and jewellery, view art exhibitions, and sample the heavenly confections created in the popular Chocolaterie Café. Comfortable accommodation is available in the courtyard's guesthouse. 🏠

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## Town Wall, Towers and Gates

Medieval forts, which first appeared during the early development of the medieval city in the latter 13th century, surrounded the downtown to create a closed-off defence 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. The town wall was then 3m thick and 16m high, stretching 4km around the city, and connecting 46 defence towers. Today, 2km of the original wall and 26 of the towers remain intact.

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### 11. Nunna, Sauna and Kuldjala Towers

Gümnaasiumi 3 · ph. +372 644 9867

**Open:** April, May, September, October → Mon-Wed, Fri 12:00-18:00, Sat-Sun 11:00-16:00

June – August → Mon-Fri 11:00-19:00, Sat-Sun 11:00-16:00

November – March → Mon, Tue, Fri 12:00-17:00, Sat-Sun 11:00-16:00  
Closed on public holidays.

**Price:** 15 EEK

These three medieval towers, and the portion of the wall that connects them, are among the few towers open to tourists. The wall is popular for its picturesque view of the red-tiled roofs of Old Town and Toompea hill. 📷 🐾 🗺

### 12. Kiek in de Kök

Komandandi tee 2 · ph. +372 644 6686 · [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

**Open:** March – October → Tue-Sun 10:30-18:00

November – February → Tue-Sun 10:30-17:00

Closed for visits from April 2008.

**Price:** 25 EEK (adult), 8 EEK (child)

Built in the late 15th century, this massive, medieval defence tower on the slopes of Toompea hill was oddly dubbed Kiek in de Kök (literally "peep into the kitchen") because, from up here, soldiers could peep into the kitchens of the houses below. Today the tower holds a permanent exhibition on the emergence of Tallinn and its more important military events. 📷 🗺

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### 13. Maiden Tower (Neitsitorn)

Lühike jalg 9A

The „Virgin Tower” has been rebuilt several times since its original construction in the 14th century. In the Middle Ages this tower was used as a prison for prostitutes, but today it's simply a pleasant spot to enjoy a grand view of the downtown area. 🗺

### 14. Great Coastal Gate & Fat Margaret's Tower

Pikk 70 · ph. +372 641 1408 · [www.meremuuseum.ee](http://www.meremuuseum.ee)

**Open:** Wed-Sun 10:00-18:00

**Price:** 40 EEK (adult), 20 EEK (child)

These conjoined towers on the seaward side of town were built not only for defensive purposes, but also for impressing visitors coming in by sea. The Fat Margaret cannon tower now houses the Estonian Maritime Museum, which exhibits Estonian nautical and fishing history. 📷 🗺

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### 15. Viru Gates

The two picturesque towers that make up the Viru Gates are all remain of what was once a much larger 14th-century gate system. These days, the Viru Gates still mark one of the main entryways into Old Town, allowing pedestrians to pass through the Town Wall by way of Viru Street, a major shopping street in the Old Town area. 🗺

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### 16. Hobuveski

Lai 47 · ph. +372 645 7171

**Open** in July every day 10-18

From the 14th to the 18th centuries, this squat, round house in the corner of Old Town was the site of a horse-powered mill. Nowadays it's home to a museum that displays a fascinating collection of artistic stonemasonry from the Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque periods. A model showing how the mill worked during the middle-ages is also on exhibit.

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## Guild Houses

In medieval times, the city's merchants and craftsmen belonged to guilds, organisations that protected their members' common interests. In those days, the guild houses were centres of professional as well as social life. Today, many of them still stand as fine examples of medieval architecture, housing museums and concerts halls.

### 17. Great Guild Hall – Estonian History Museum

Pikk 17 · ph. +372 641 1630 · [www.eam.ee](http://www.eam.ee)

**Open:** May - August → Mon-Sun 11:00-18:00

September - April → Thu-Tue 11:00-18:00

**Price:** 25 EEK (adult), 15 EEK (child)

The Great Guild, an organization uniting the city's wealthiest merchants, played a major role in city politics in medieval times. The guild's enormous hall has managed to retain its impressive 15th-century look, and is now home to the Estonian History Museum. 🏰

### 18. House of the Brotherhood of Black Heads

Pikk 26 · ph. +372 631 3199 · [www.mustpeademaja.ee](http://www.mustpeademaja.ee)

The Brotherhood of Black Heads, a guild made up of unmarried merchants, was a fundamental part of the life and politics of medieval Tallinn, and its impressive house on Pikk street shows as much. Here visitors can get a glimpse of the Renaissance-style White Hall, the gothic-style Olav's hall, and the hidden, romantic inner courtyard, downstairs. The house has also become a popular concert venue. 🏰

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### 19. Oleviste Guild Hall

Pikk 24

The Olav Guild united craftsmen working in the kinds of simpler trades typically occupied by Estonians: tanners, butchers, carpenters, boat makers, watchmakers, and gravediggers. The guild had a meeting house here as early as the 14th century, but it was completely rebuilt in the 15th century. Today, the two-naved, vaulted guildhall has been preserved, along with six star vaults. 🏰

### 20. Kanut Guild Hall

Pikk 20

Originally founded in the 13th century as a religious brotherhood, the Kanut Guild was a union whose members operated in the more complex fields of handicrafts. They were goldsmiths, mitten-makers, watchmakers, milliners, bakers, cobblers, and painters, mostly of German extraction. Today, the building is a home to a restoration school and a centre for modern dance, theatre and music. 🏰

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## The Old Town - Upper Town

### 21. Toompea Castle & Tall Hermann's Tower

Lossi plats 1 · ph. +372 631 6537

The Medieval Order Castle is one of Estonia's oldest and grandest architectural ensembles. Built in the 13th and 14th centuries, the castle is situated on a steep limestone cliff, 50 m above sea level. It is one of the most potent symbols of reigning power, conquered by various nations over the centuries. Today, the Estonian Parliament is housed here, and the Estonian flag waves atop the adjacent 48-metre Tall

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Hermann tower. Sightseeing tours inside the Parliament are available when booked in advance. 🏰

### 22. Cathedral of Saint Mary the Virgin (Dome Church)

Toom-Kooli 6 · ph./fax +372 644 4140

[www.eelk.ee/tallinna.toom](http://www.eelk.ee/tallinna.toom)

**Open:** April – May, September – October → Tue-Sun 9:00-17:00

June – August → Mon-Sun 9:00-18:00

November – March → Tue-Sun 9:00-16:00

The main Lutheran church in Estonia, the Dome Church, is one of Tallinn's three functioning medieval churches. The original church, a temporary, wooden structure, is thought to have existed on Toompea Hill as far back as in 1219. The general appearance of the church we see today was formed during a mid-15th-century reconstruction. The walls of the Dome Church are decorated with the coats-of-arms of Estonia's noble families, and gravestones of many well-known figures such as Pontus de la Gardie, Samuel Greigh, A. J. Krusenstern and Count F. Tiesenhausen can be found in the church as well. 🏰

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### 23. Viewing Platforms

Toompea hill's viewing platforms are the best place to find magnificent city panoramas. One platform at the end of Toom-Kooli and Kohtu streets offers views of Old Town, the sea and the harbour, while another at the end of Rahukohtu St. also overlooks a nearby business district, providing a delightful contrast to the older buildings. 🏰

### 24. Danish King's Garden

The Danish King's Garden next to Toompea hill is the spot where, according to old legend, the Danes first received their national flag. On the brink of losing the battle on July 15, 1219, the flag was handed down to them from the heavens and the battle tide was miraculously turned. Denmark's victory resulted in over a hundred years of Danish rule in Tallinn and northern Estonia. Each summer, Danneborg Day is celebrated in the newly renovated, romantic garden. 🏰

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## Beyond the Old Town

### 25. St. Bridget's Convent

Kloostri 9 · ph. +372 605 5044 · [www.piritaklooster.ee](http://www.piritaklooster.ee)

1A, 8, 34A, 38 Pirita Stop

**Open:** April, May, September, October → 10:00-18:00

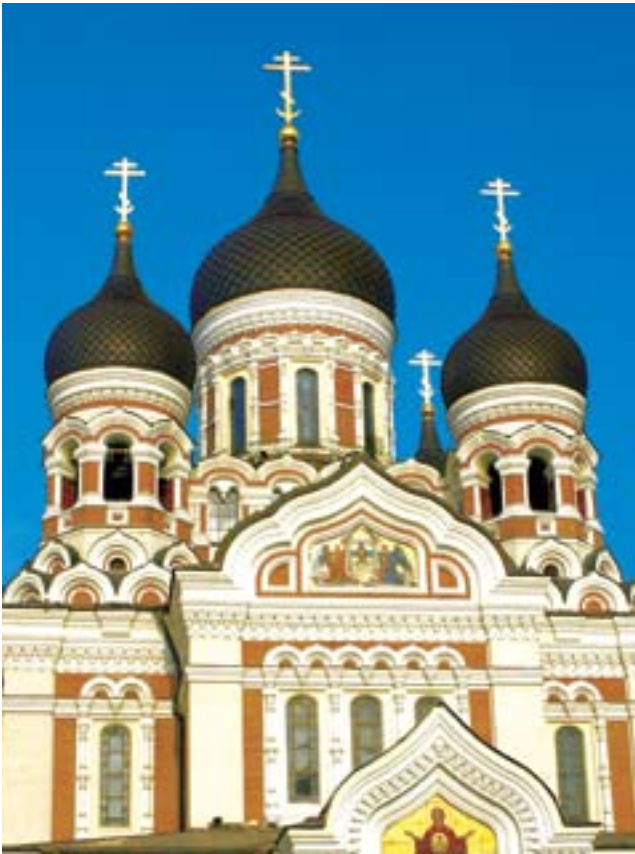
June – August → 9:00-19:00

November – March → 12:00-16:00

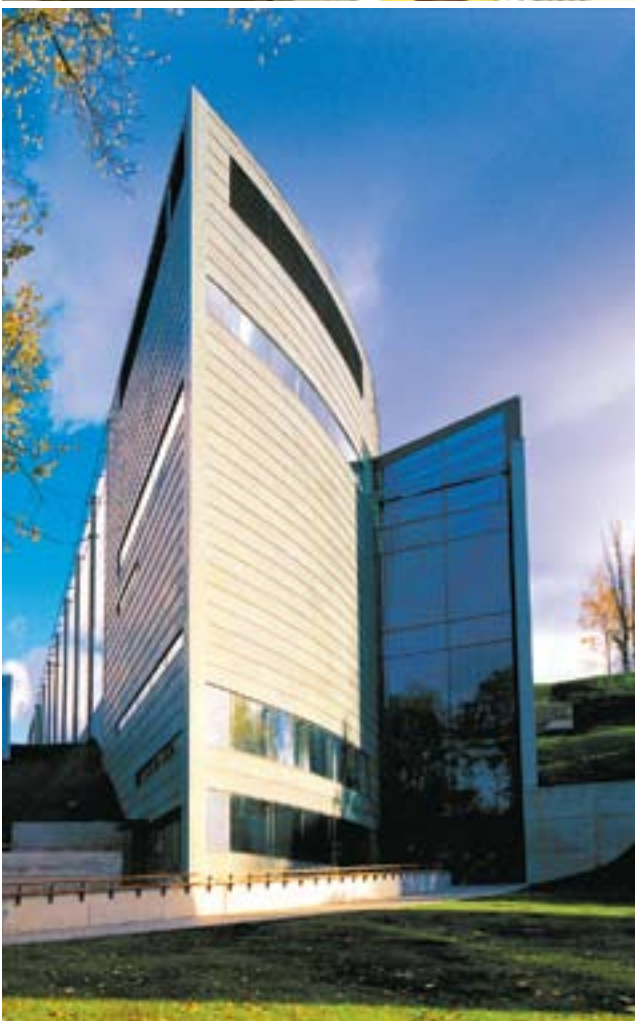
**Price:** 20 EEK

Wealthy Tallinn merchants established Old Livonia's largest convent, St. Bridget's Cloister, in 1407. The church operated here on the banks of the Pirita River until it was destroyed in the late 16th century. In the 17th century, a farmers' cemetery developed in front of the ruins. There are also tales of secret underground passageways between the convent and Old Town. Today the 35-metre-high western limestone gable and its side walls are all that remain standing. These impressive ruins and their surrounding greenery make a pleasant spot for relaxation and sightseeing. In addition, events such as open-air concerts are held here, and each year a Convent Day is celebrated, which entails a traditional fair on the convent grounds. 🏰

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## THE TSARIST PERIOD

From the time that Peter the Great captured Tallinn in 1710 until just after the Bolshevik revolution of 1917, Tallinn was under Russian Tsarist rule. Though the Baltic Germans still played a dominant role in town life, the Russian empire brought its own customs, architecture, and the Russian Orthodox religion, all of which heavily influenced the development of Tallinn through the 18th and 19th centuries. The most lasting remnants of that era are symbols of the Tsar's power and extravagance, such as the magnificent Kadriorg palace and surrounding parks, and the symbols of the empire itself, such as the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral.

## Kadriorg

The emergence and development of the leafy Kadriorg district, a neighbourhood not far from Old Town, was influenced first and foremost by the high society of the tsar's empire. The streets are themselves a unique architectural museum, weaving together various centuries and cultures. Noble villas and summer estates, new modern Kumu Art Museum, functionalist apartment buildings with stately flats are interspersed with cheaper Estonian rented wooden houses. Kadriorg is one of Tallinn's more dignified areas even today, and one of the best-loved residential regions in the city. The Estonian President's residence and many foreign embassies are located here. The park is one of the favourite spots for walking of Tallinners young and old. But Kadriorg is famed mostly for its baroque palace and park ensemble.

### 26. Kumu Art Museum


Weizenbergi 34/Valge 1 · ph. +372 602 6000 · [www.ekm.ee/kumu](http://www.ekm.ee/kumu)

Tram 1 and 3, Kadriorg stop, Bus 31, 67, 68 Uuslinna stop

**Open:** May – September → Tue-Sun 11:00-18:00

October – April → Wed-Sun 11:00-18:00

**Price:** 80 EEK (adult), 45 EEK (student)

Opened in 2006, the impressive new main building of the Art Museum of Estonia is naturally a magnet for every visitor interested in Estonian culture. It comprises the museum collections and the restoration centre, as well as the multifunctional Kumu Art Museum, where permanent exhibitions, the gallery of contemporary art, the programmes held in the auditorium and the educational activities are all equally significant. 

### 27. Kadriorg Art Museum - Kadriorg Palace

A. Weizenbergi 37 · ph. +372 606 6400 · [www.ekm.ee/kadriorg](http://www.ekm.ee/kadriorg)

Tram 1 and 3, Kadriorg stop

**Open:** May-September - Tue-Sun 10:00-17:00


October – April → Wed-Sun 10:00-17:00

**Price:** 55 EEK (adult), 30 EEK (child)

When Peter I began building this grand, Baroque palace in 1718, he named it Ekaterinental, or Catherinental, in honour of his wife, Catherine I. It's said that the tsar himself laid the palace's first foundation stones, but the architect of this temporary summer residence palace and park was the Italian Niccolò Michetti, who was later involved with the famous Peterhof Palace. In the 1930s, the palace became the official residence for Estonia's head of state. Today the president's office building, which serves as the residence of the President of the Republic of Estonia, stands behind

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the palace, across the back flower garden. It was built just before World War II. The palace is now home to the foreign art collection of the Estonian Art Museum. In addition to art exhibitions, the museum organises concerts, theatre performances, lectures and receptions. 

### 28. Kadriorg Palace Ensemble

Surrounding the Palace are several interesting palace side buildings. For example the restored kitchen building is now occupied by a cosy art museum called the Mikkel Museum, and the humble summer estate is the Peter the Great's Cottage. The palace governor's house (the castellan's house) is now home to the Kastellaanimaja Gallery and the Eduard Vilde House Museum. Kadriorg Park Museum traces the park's development from the time Peter the Great founded it.

### 29. Peter the Great's Cottage

Mäekalda 2 · ph. +372 601 3136 · [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

Tram 1 and 3, Kadriorg stop

**Open:** September – April → Wed-Sun 11:00-16:00

May – August → Wed-Sun 11:00-19:00

**Price:** 15 EEK(adult), 7 EEK(child)

During his visits to Tallinn in the early 18th century, the Russian Tsar, Peter the Great, lived in this humble cottage in Kadriorg Park. The house is now a museum, and its few rooms are furnished with items from that era. Some of the Tsar's own personal belongings are also on display here.

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### 30. Kadriorg Park Museum and Library

Weizenbergi 26 · ph. +372 601 3183

Tram 1 and 3, Kadriorg stop

**Open:** January – April, November – December → Wed-Sun 10:00-17:00

May – October → Tue, Wed, Fri-Sun 10:00-17:00, Thu 10:00-21:00

Free entrance

A sensible stop on any tour of Kadriorg Park, this small museum traces the park's development from the time Peter the Great founded it 1718 right up until the present day. Its collection includes Peter's original plans, 19th-century sketches, old photos and a few park artefacts. With advance notice, the administration can also arrange thematic tours of the park led by expert guides.

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### 31. Kadriorg Park

The park was originally nearly 100 hectares in size, but has not been preserved in its entirety. One of the most popular spots in the park is the symmetrical Swan Lake and its surroundings. Originally, the park included a dignified formal Italian-French garden on the other side of the Swan Lake from the road. Only a small part of the large park was designed as a formal park in its time. Most of it was intended to preserve the look of the natural landscape, with meadows and forest groves traversed by paths.

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### 32. Russalka

"Russalka" (1902), an angel-shaped statue located on Kadriorg's beach, is a monument to the armoured ship Russalka, which headed out from Tallinn to Helsinki in 1893. A storm prevented the ship from ever reaching its destination and all 177 of its crewmen perished. The Russalka sculpture, by A. Adamson, is one of the classics of Estonian art.

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## The Old Town

### 33. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral

Lossi plats 10 · ph. +372 644 3484 · [www.hot.ee/nsobor](http://www.hot.ee/nsobor)

**Open:** every day 8:00-20:00

This large, richly decorated Orthodox church was founded in Tallinn in the late 19th century, a time when tsarist Russia carried out an imperialist policy of Russification in the outskirts of its conquered territories. Its powerful impression can be witnessed both in Tallinn's silhouette and in the spacious room in the cathedral's interior. The church tower contains Tallinn's grandest church bell ensemble, among them the largest bell, which weighs a massive 15 tons. One can hear the entire bell ensemble playing before church services. The interior, decorated with mosaics and icons, is well worth a visit. 🏰

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### 34. St. Nicholas' Orthodox Church

Vene 24 · ph. +372 644 1945

**Open:** Mon-Thu 9:30-17:00, Fri 9:30-18:30, Sat 9:00-19:00,

Sun 9:00-15:00

Around the 12th century, a medieval Russian marketplace was located in the Sulevimäe and Vene St. area of Lower Town. At the centre of the market was an Orthodox church, predecessor of the one still functioning today. In conjunction with the rebuilding of the city wall, a new Russian church was founded on Vene (Russian) Street in 1442. The lovely neoclassical building that currently houses the church was designed by Luigi Rusca, an architect from St. Petersburg, and built in 1820-27. The church is known for its treasured iconostasis. The Orthodox congregation that maintains the church belongs to the Moscow patriarchate. 🏰

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## TALLINN'S SOVIET LEGACY

Estonia was first occupied by the Soviet Union in 1940, then by Nazi Germany in 1941, and again by the Soviets in 1944. The country remained occupied, forcibly integrated into the USSR, from the end of the war until the country regained its independence in 1991. During that time, Soviet rule left indelible marks on Tallinn's landscape, which today serve as reminders of the powerful regime that once exercised tight control over every aspect of life in Estonia. They're also fascinating places to visit for foreign guests interested in that chapter of the world's history. Note that visitors willing to invest the time travel outside Tallinn can see some fascinating remains of Soviet military bases in Naissaar, an island 8.5 km of the coast, and in the port town of Paldiski, 49 km from the capital.

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## Key Sites

### 35. KGB Headquarters

Corner of Pikk 59 and Pagari 1

It's safe to say that this ominous-looking building with bricked-up basement windows was once the single most feared place in the city. It was here at the headquarters of the NKVD (later renamed the KGB) that perceived enemies

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of the state were interrogated and then either shot or sent to Siberian work camps. The plaque outside in Estonian reads, “This building housed the organ of repression of the Soviet occupational power. Here began the road to suffering for thousands of Estonians.” It’s interesting to note that the spire of the neighbouring 13th-century St. Olav’s Church was used by the KGB to send radio transmissions. 🏠

### 36. Tallinn TV Tower

*Kloostrimetsa 58A · ph. +372 623 8250 · www.teletorn.ee*

*Bus 34A, Motoklubi stop*

*Closed for visits due to renovations.*

Opened in 1980, this 314m tower is an impressive example of Soviet engineering. The imposing concrete monolith has an observation deck at the 170 m level, from which visitors can get an excellent view of the nearby port, the surrounding forest, and the monotonous and sprawling Soviet-era residential district, Lasnamäe. The coast of Finland is said to be visible from here on a clear day. For those interested in the Soviet period though, the real draw here is the interior (as well as the restaurant), which have remained almost unchanged since the tower’s opening. 📺 🍴

### 37. Maarjamäe War Memorial

*Along Pirita Road*

*Bus 5, Maarjamägi stop*

During the 60s and 70s a grandiose, sprawling World War II memorial was created in virtually every Soviet city. Tallinn’s war memorial complex is located on the coast, along the road that leads to Pirita Beach. The four-sided spire was put up in 1960 as a memorial to Russians who died in 1918. The rest of the complex, with its avenues cut into the grassy hillside, amphitheatre, and concrete and iron figures, was created in 1975 as a memorial to the Soviet soldiers killed here in 1941. The site was originally a cemetery for German war dead, and a memorial to them, made up of multiple concrete crosses, is visible behind the complex.

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## Architecture

Of the many types of buildings that cropped up during the Soviet period, the one that’s most stereotypically Soviet, and most photographic, is the Stalinist style, employed from 1945 to 1955. Tallinn’s most beautiful example of Stalinist architecture is the **Naval Officers’ House** (Mere pst 5) completed in 1954. The grandiose design is based on St. Petersburg empire style, and a sickle and hammer are still visible at the top of the facade. **The residential structure** at Tartu mnt 24 looks like a miniature copy of its colossal tiered “wedding cake” buildings found in Moscow, Riga and other Soviet cities. It’s made impressive by its spire, topped with a Soviet star. The best example of a Stalinist structure created by a local architect is the **Sõprus (Friendship) cinema** opened in 1955 at Vana-Posti 8 in the Old Town. After Stalin’s death in 1953, there was a shift from the grandiose nature of Stalinist architecture to more practical forms. Construction projects concentrated on boring, prefabricated residential apartment buildings. Whole new districts sprang up - **Mustamäe** in the 1960s, **Väike-Õismäe** in the 1970s and **Lasnamäe** in the 1980s. **The Song Festival Grounds** in Kadriorg, completed in 1960,





was considered an achievement in Modernism. Ironically, song festivals held here in the 1980s became an important part of Estonia's independence movement. For the coming of the Olympic games in 1980, other monumental structures were built to show off the might of the Soviet Union. Most relied heavily on the use of concrete slabs. The terraced **yachting centre** in Pirita is one good example. The sprawling **Linnahall** near the port, which houses an ice-rink and a concert hall, is another. Like many buildings from this era though, the Linnahall is decaying rapidly.


## Museums

### 38. Museum of Occupations

Toompea 8 · ph. +372 668 0250 · [www.okupatsioon.ee](http://www.okupatsioon.ee)

**Open:** Tue-Sun 11:00-18:00

**Price:** 20 EEK (adult), 10 EEK (child)

This modern museum is the only one in Tallinn dedicated specifically to the 1939 - 1991 period. Video screens display narrated documentary films covering each sub-period of the Soviet era. Ordinary items from Soviet times like telephones, food packages, etc, bring the history to life, while the row of suitcases that ring the main room serve as a sad reminder of those who were deported to Siberia and never returned. 



### 39. Tallinn City Museum

Vene 17 · ph. +372 644 6553 · [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

**Open:** March - October → Wed-Mon 10:30-18:00

November - February → Wed-Mon 10:30-17:00

**Price:** 35 EEK (adult), 10 EEK (child)

One large room of the Tallinn City Museum is dedicated to WWII and the Soviet period. This is an excellent place to see photos of Tallinn with its famous buildings covered by gigantic portraits of Stalin. It also houses a small collection of fascinating propaganda posters, as well as some ironically displayed items from everyday Soviet life such as vodka bottles and ration cards.  

### 40. Estonian History Museum - Maarjamäe Palace

Pirita tee 56 · ph. +372 622 8630 · [www.eam.ee](http://www.eam.ee)

Bus 5, Maarjamägi stop

**Open:** March - October → Wed-Sun 11:00-18:00

November - February → Wed-Sun 10:00-17:00

**Price:** 25 EEK(adult), 15 EEK(student)

The branch of the Estonian History Museum that covers the 19th and 20th centuries has two rooms containing displays related to the period from 1940 to 1950. Most is related to the war itself, with uniforms, arms, etc, however there is a recreated hut like those used by the "Forest Brothers," resistance fighters who took to the woods by the thousands in the early days of Soviet occupation. The most fascinating item in the museum however is the propagandistic mural "Friendship" by Evald Okas. Arrange ahead of time to see it. 

### 41. Patarei Naval Fortress

Kalaranna 2 · ph. +372 504 6536 · [www.patarei.com](http://www.patarei.com)

**Open:** May-September

**Price:** 30 EEK (adult), 20 EEK (student)

In Tallinn's port area, behind strings of barbed wire and guard towers, stands one of Estonia's most unusual attractions - the Patarei Prison. Founded in 1840 as a naval fortress, this sprawling facility was converted into a prison in 1919 and housed inmates until as late as 2002.

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## OPEN AIR ATTRACTIONS

Gently rolling slopes, forested parks and fresh sea air have been attracting visitors to Tallinn for centuries, so it's fair to say that anyone who spends his time in Tallinn confined in hotels and museums is truly missing out. Whether it's a stroll through the first flowers of spring, a romp through autumn leaves or a tour of Tallinn's magical winter landscape, there's no substitute for experiencing the great outdoors. Several of the city's attractions are, by their nature, perfectly suited to an open-air environment, and make an excellent day out.

### 42. Estonian Open Air Museum

Vabaõhumuuseumi tee 12 · ph. +372 654 9100 · [www.evm.ee](http://www.evm.ee)

Bus 21, Rocca al Mare stop

**Open:** May – September → Mon-Sun 10:00-20:00, houses 10:00-18:00

October – April → Mon-Sun 10:00-17:00, houses closed.

**Price:** May – September → 80 EEK(adult), 35 EEK(student)

October – April → 35 EEK(adult), 20 EEK(student)

Spread out on a 79-hectare expanse of seaside land, the Estonian Open Air Museum is a self-contained world of farm buildings, windmills, water mills and other trappings of farm life from various periods and regions of Estonia. Here folk holidays are celebrated in traditional style, and often folk dance and music can be enjoyed. The museum is located outside of the city and its hectic hubbub, an ideal place to take a picnic and escape from it all. 📺 🐾

### 43. Tallinn Zoo

Paldiski mnt 145 · ph. +372 694 3300 · [www.loomaaed.ee](http://www.loomaaed.ee)

Trolley-bus 6 or 7, Bus 21, Zoo stop

**Open:** March, April, September, October → Mon-Sun 9:00-17:00

May – August → Mon-Sun 9:00-19:00

November – February → Mon-Sun 9:00-15:00

**Price:** May – September → 90 EEK (adult), 45 EEK(student), 8 EEK(child)

October – April → 50 EEK(adult), 25 EEK(student), 4 EEK(child)

The Tallinn Zoo has one of the most exciting collections in Scandinavia. Established in 1939, the Zoo is home to over 5,400 animals, representing nearly 350 species. The zoo has many rare creatures from temperate and Arctic zones, as well as animals from more exotic climates. In the relatively new tropical house you can see crocodiles, chimpanzees, and many other rain forest dwellers. The petting zoo (open only in summer) is a delight for children, who can meet hamsters, rabbits and other small animals. 📺 🐾

### 44. Tallinn Botanical Garden

Kloostrimetsa tee 52 · ph. +372 606 2666 · [www.tba.ee](http://www.tba.ee)

Bus 34A and 38, Kloostrimetsa stop

**Open:** Park every day 11:00-19:00

Greenhouses and Palm House: May-August → 11:00-18:00

September – April → 11:00-16:00

**Closed:** 29 September – 12 October, 22 December – 4 January

**Price:** Park – free of charge,

Palm House and Greenhouses: 45 EEK (adult), 25 EEK (student)

The Botanical Garden exhibits over 8,000 plant classes and species. The majority of plants growing in Estonia's parks and gardens can be seen here, as well as rarer plant types and new decorative species able to survive in Estonia's climate. Specialized exhibits change nearly every month, and cover such themes as medicinal and poisonous plants; exotic fruits; taste and smell; mushrooms; various cutting flowers; butterflies and much more. Thematic tours are available throughout the year, most popular among them being the summer-night aroma tours and the rose days. 📺 🐾

# Cultur

- **Theatre** performances usually start at 19:00
- **Tickets** to most events can be purchased at [www.piletilevi.ee](http://www.piletilevi.ee), [www.piletipunkt.ee](http://www.piletipunkt.ee)
- **An up-to-date cultural calendar** at Tallinn's official tourism website: [www.tourism.tallinn.ee](http://www.tourism.tallinn.ee)
- Estonian National Opera: [www.opera.ee](http://www.opera.ee)
- The State Concert Institute Eesti Kontsert: [www.concert.ee](http://www.concert.ee)



## From ballet to beer festivals, Tallinn's rich cultural scene has just what your soul is craving.

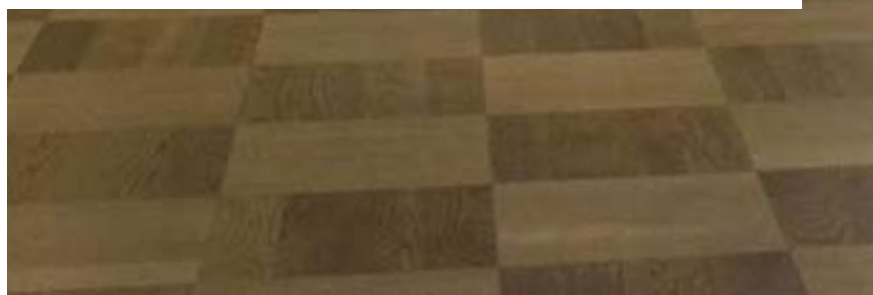
Tallinn has always been home to a lively cultural scene - boisterous festivals were a key part of the town's social calendar as far back as the Middle Ages. Lately however, thanks to an increasing amount of international exposure, Tallinn's cultural life has taken on a new character, one that's young, lively, and inclusive. Attitudes here come from a melange of Scandinavian, Slavic, and central European influences, the combination of which has created an atmosphere of flexibility, tolerance and innovation.

Likewise Tallinn's galleries have expanded their horizons. They now showcase Estonian and international artists alike, spotlighting everything from experimental multimedia to grand old classics. Several larger museums also have changing exhibits on a broader scale, often with conceptual themes or overviews of the state of the arts.

While festivals, sports competitions and other mass events have been part of Tallinn's cultural landscape for a long time, a new crop of popular events has been attracting visitors from near and far. Large projects such as Old Town Days, jazz, film, theatre and art festivals, and even a beer festival are rapidly becoming annual traditions.

Meanwhile the older traditions are still going strong in Tallinn. Fans of folklore and traditional culture will not be disappointed at what's on offer, particularly at the Rocca al Mare Open-Air Museum, a 79-hectare seaside park just west of the city.

The most impressive of all Tallinn's folk traditions, however, are the National Song and Dance Festivals, held every five years. Performed by a 25,000-member choir, these much-anticipated singing festivals echo with national songs and contemporary choral music, and are sure to leave an unforgettable impression.



# al Life





## CULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS 2008

**December 27, 2007 – January 12, 2008**

### II TALLINN WINTER FESTIVAL

Organiser: Pille Lill Music Fund

Ph. +372 511 4077 · [plmf@plmf.ee](mailto:plmf@plmf.ee) · [www.plmf.ee](http://www.plmf.ee)

### January

#### 10th ESTONIAN FILM DAYS

National film festival.

Organiser: Estonian Film Union

Ph. +372 646 4610 · [kinoliit@kinoliit.ee](mailto:kinoliit@kinoliit.ee) · [www.kinoliit.ee](http://www.kinoliit.ee)

### February 1-9

#### BAROQUE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The 19th International Baroque Festival will present numerous high-quality concerts and inspired interpretations during 10 days of crisp February weather. This year, the festival takes the listeners' wish to participate seriously and delves deeper with portrait concerts of the famous Baroque composers (Vivaldi, Couperin, C. Ph. E. Bach, J. S. Bach), balanced with excellent musical performances.

Organiser: Eesti Kontsert

Ph. +372 614 7700 · [info@concert.ee](mailto:info@concert.ee) · [www.concert.ee](http://www.concert.ee)

### February 1

#### BALLET PREMIERE: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

One of the most well-known Hungarian choreographers and stage directors Gyula Harangozo, and popular Hungarian designer Kentaur stage an unbelievably cheerful and dashing family ballet at the Estonian National Opera. Music by Tibor Kocsak.

Organiser: Estonian National Opera

Ph. +372 683 1260 · [info@opera.ee](mailto:info@opera.ee) · [www.opera.ee](http://www.opera.ee)

### February 10

#### JAZZ TRIUMPH FESTIVAL:

##### Oleg Lundstrem's jazz chamber orchestra

Oleg Lundstrem's state jazz chamber orchestra is the longest running big band in the world, as testified even in the Guinness book of records. The credo of the orchestra is to dive into the very being of jazz music and its classical traditions, although the group also tries to contribute to the development of jazz as a genre through performing original pieces and arrangements.

Organiser: Art Music Concert Agency

Ph. +372 641 2155 · [art@artmusic.ee](mailto:art@artmusic.ee) · [www.artmusic.ee](http://www.artmusic.ee)

### February 13-23

#### ESTONIAN THEATRE IN THE „ESTONIA“ FESTIVAL

The National Opera celebrates the 90th anniversary of the Republic of Estonia with the „Estonian theatre in the Estonia“. Seven original Estonian shows will be performed.

Organiser: Estonian National Opera

Ph. +372 683 1260 · [info@opera.ee](mailto:info@opera.ee) · [www.opera.ee](http://www.opera.ee)

### March 15

#### CONCERT PERFORMANCE: Simon Boccanegra

Giuseppe Verdi's powerful melodies illustrate one of the greatest tales of intrigue in which love, the thirst for power, and dark forces intertwine with humanity, forgiveness and conciliation. "Simon Boccanegra" was an important step in Verdi's compositional style toward musical drama, of which "A Masked



Ball”, “The Force of Destination”, “Don Carlo”, “Aida” and “Othello” are good examples.

Organiser: Estonian National Opera

Ph. +372 683 1260 · info@opera.ee · www.opera.ee

### April 3

#### MUSICAL PREMIERE: My Fair Lady

Frederick Loewe’s musical “My Fair Lady”, based on Bernard Shaw’s witty play Pygmalion, will premiere at the Estonian National Opera. The most popular show in American musical history has been staged countless times world-wide, and it was turned into a popular film in 1964 with Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison in title roles.

Organiser: Estonian National Opera

Ph. +372 683 1260 · info@opera.ee · www.opera.ee

### April 18-19

#### ST. GEORGE’S DAY FAIR in Old Town

Handicrafts and farm goods sold on the streets of Old Town.

Organiser: Estonian Folk Art and Craft Union

Ph. +372 660 4772 · info@folkart.ee · www.folkart.ee

### April 21 – 27

#### 19th Tallinn International Festival JAZZKAAR 2008

The annual Jazzkaar Festival has become one of the most important cultural landmarks in Estonia and the biggest jazz festival in the Baltic States - concerts are held in Tallinn, Tartu, Pärnu, Viljandi and other cities. International stars and local jazz talents represent various styles.

Organiser: MTÜ Jazzkaare Sõprade Ühing

Ph. +372 611 4405 · piletid@jazzkaar.ee · www.jazzkaar.ee

### April 29 and May 3

#### BALLET GALA, INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY

Ballet soloists of the Estonian National Opera perform with guest performers from Finland, Sweden, Germany and Latvia.

Organiser: Estonian National Opera

Ph. +372 683 1260 · info@opera.ee · www.opera.ee

### May 17, 24 and 31; June 7

#### OPERA PREMIERE: Tristan and Isolde

Richard Wagner became one of the greatest reformers in the history of opera, thanks to his brave but contradictory ideas. “Tristan and Isolde”, a beautiful example of the new form of music drama, premiered in 1865 in Hoftheater, Munich. Since its premiere, the opera has had great success and is included in the repertory of many opera theatres. This performance will only be shown on four weekends.

Organiser: Estonian National Opera

Ph. +372 683 1260 · info@opera.ee · www.opera.ee

### June 2-8

#### XXVII TALLINN OLD TOWN DAYS

The streets Tallinn Old Town are filled with minstrels and craftsmen, artists, merchants and street markets.

Organiser: City Centre Administration

Ph. +372 645 7220 · info@vanalinnapaevad.ee · www.vanalinnapaevad.ee

### June 20-22

#### FOLK ART FAIR in Old Town

Handicrafts, by both adults and children, and farm goods sold on the streets of Old Town.

Organiser: Estonian Folk Art and Craft Union

Ph. +372 660 4772 · info@folkart.ee · www.folkart.ee



**July 2-6**

**ÖLLESUMMER 2008**

Öllesummer (or “BeerSummer”), the open-air festival of music, entertainment, food and beverages, will be celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2008 at the Tallinn Song Festival Grounds. One of the biggest festivals in the Baltic States and Scandinavia, it attracts more than 80 thousand visitors of all ages every year. Over 400 artists attend the festival, with a wide choice of high quality concerts of Estonian pop, folk music, jazz and a selection of international music and artists.

Organiser: Meediaekspress OÜ

Ph. +372 611 2112 · [info@ollesummer.ee](mailto:info@ollesummer.ee) · [www.ollesummer.ee](http://www.ollesummer.ee)



**July 10-13**

**MEDIEVAL MARKET in Old Town**

An authentic medieval atmosphere created by concerts, workshops, activities for children and handicrafts sales. The skills of ancient masters are brought to life and nobles, musicians, and fools roam among the market stalls.

Organiser: Estonian Folk Art and Craft Union

Ph. +372 660 4772 · [info@folkart.ee](mailto:info@folkart.ee) · [www.folkart.ee](http://www.folkart.ee)



**August 1-10**

**TALLINN XXII INTERNATIONAL ORGAN MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Artistic director Andres Uiho

Organiser: Eesti Kontsert

Ph. +372 614 7700 · [info@concert.ee](mailto:info@concert.ee) · [www.concert.ee](http://www.concert.ee)

**August 5 – 10**

**NORDIC-BALTIC CHOIR FESTIVAL**

A festival for mixed choirs from the Nordic and Baltic states as well as other countries: a big open-air concert with a common repertory for choirs from Finland, Sweden, Iceland, Denmark, Norway, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (in original languages), a competition, concerts, workshops, and seminars.

Organiser: Estonian Choral Association

Ph. +372 627 4451, 627 4450 · [kooriyhing@kul.ee](mailto:kooriyhing@kul.ee) · [www.kooriyhing.ee](http://www.kooriyhing.ee)

**August 7-17**

**BIRGITTA FESTIVAL**

A unique festival program featuring work steeped in the spirit of the setting at the medieval convent (including operas, vocal-symphonic masterworks and more).

Organiser: Tallinn Philharmonic Society

Ph. + 372 669 9940 · [fila@filharmonia.ee](mailto:fila@filharmonia.ee) · [www.birgitta.ee](http://www.birgitta.ee) · [www.filharmonia.ee](http://www.filharmonia.ee)

**August 18-23**

**TALLINN CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL**

The Festival takes place in the historic concert halls and churches of Tallinn and adds some classical spice to the busy cultural life in the city.

Organiser: Pille Lill Music Fund

Ph. +372 511 4077 · [plmf@plmf.ee](mailto:plmf@plmf.ee) · [www.plmf.ee](http://www.plmf.ee)



**September**

**15th INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC “Credo”**

An Orthodox ecclesiastical music festival dedicated to the birthday of the Virgin Mary, with both old and modern music in various churches.

Organiser: Vaimuliku Muusika Festival Credo

Ph. +372 513 2213 · [zoya@viivomuusika.ee](mailto:zoya@viivomuusika.ee) · [www.festivalcredo.com](http://www.festivalcredo.com)



## September

### ARTS AND LIGHTS

Cultural layers and artistic genres cover the city in patterns of events, creating surprising combinations of art and light in unexpected places.

Organiser: Consultor MTÜ, Design Management OÜ  
leart@estpak.ee

## October 17

### OPERA PREMIERE: Nina Gluckstein

World premiere of an opera by Mari Vihmand, libretto Maimu Berg

Organiser: Estonian National Opera  
Ph. +372 683 1260 · info@opera.ee · www.opera.ee

## October 24-31

### KLAVER 2008 International Pianists' Festival

Artistic director Lauri Väinmaa

Organiser: Eesti Kontsert  
Ph. +372 614 7700 · info@concert.ee · www.concert.ee

## November 6-9

### ST. MARTIN'S DAY FAIR in Saku Suurhall

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

Organiser: Estonian Folk Art and Craft Union  
Ph. +372 660 4772 · info@folkart.ee · www.folkart.ee

## November – December

### 12th TALLINN BLACK NIGHTS FILM FESTIVAL

Tallinn's largest film festival presents a comprehensive selection of world cinema in all its diversity. It encompasses a main feature film festival, with sub-festivals for animated films, student films and children's/ youth films.

Organiser: MTÜ Pimedate Ööde Filmifestival  
Ph. +372 631 4640 · poff@poff.ee · www.poff.ee

## December

### CHRISTMAS MARKET in Old Town

The charming Christmas market brings magic to the heart of the Old Town. Its medieval atmosphere brings old traditions to life and lifts the spirits. Visitors can buy Estonian handicrafts, enjoy a cultural program and taste traditional food and drink.

## December 31

### NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

Organiser: Estonian National Opera  
Ph. +372 683 1260 · info@opera.ee · www.opera.ee

## December 31

### NEW YEAR'S EVE CONCERT

Organiser: Eesti Kontsert  
Ph. +372 614 7700 · info@concert.ee · www.concert.ee

# A Night

- **Most nightlife activity** is contained in the area in and around Tallinn's compact Old Town
- **Friday** is when Tallinn's night activity reaches its peak, going at full steam from about 23:00 to 3:00.
- **A cocktail** costs about 4 Euros.
- Many nightclubs feature **live bands**.



## Cosy pubs, cool clubs, or just a place for a romantic drink – it's all here.

After the day winds down, the city tours finish, and the museums and shops lock up for the evening, Tallinn barely has time to breathe a sigh before her streets reawaken with the rhythm and rumble of the night. Visitors are often surprised that a city as small as Tallinn has such a variety of after-hours entertainment to offer. There's something to suit every taste, from the quiet sophistication of a cigar lounge to the raucous mania of a packed nightclub.

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Much more so than any other night of the week, Friday is when Tallinn's night activity reaches its peak, going at full steam from about 23:00 to 3:00. Thursday and even Saturday, while still active enough, are somewhat less charged, with the rest of the week quieter still. This divide isn't quite so noticeable in the summer season, when more tourists and students inhabit the capital's pubs and clubs. With this in mind, visitors can plan their evenings accordingly.

What follows is selected list of venues meant to show a visitor the most interesting options for his or her particular area of interest. Read through it, pick your favourites, make your plans, and most importantly, enjoy your evening.



# on the Town





## Bars and Pubs

Tallinn's bars and pubs are usually open until at least midnight on weeknights, a couple hours later on Friday and Saturday nights. The more popular Old Town pubs will stay open until the last client leaves.

A pint of local brew - Saku Originaal and A. le Coq Premium are the two local favourites - usually runs between 30 and 45 EEK, equivalent to 2 – 3 EUR.

### Traditional Estonian Pubs

Although they might not be the taverns that Estonian peasants of centuries past would recognise, the following places are decorated in a certain old-fashioned, down-home Estonian style that makes them popular with locals and interesting for tourists.

- **Karja Kelder** - Väike-Karja 1 · [www.karjakelder.ee](http://www.karjakelder.ee)
- **Seiklusjutte Maalt ja Merelt** - Tartu mnt 44  
[www.seiklusjutte.ee](http://www.seiklusjutte.ee)

### International

Expatriates and foreign visitors tend to gravitate towards the same few Old Town bars and pubs, and the resulting ambience has a certain “anything goes” character. While not devoid of locals by any means, these venues are where you're most likely to bump into someone from your hometown.

- **Club Havana** - Pikk 11 · [www.baarid.ee](http://www.baarid.ee)
- **Molly Malone's** - Mündi 2 · [www.baarid.ee](http://www.baarid.ee)
- **Nimega Baar** - Suur-Karja 13 · [www.baarid.ee](http://www.baarid.ee)
- **Nimeta Baar** - Suur-Karja 4 · [www.nimetabaar.ee](http://www.nimetabaar.ee)
- **O´Malley's** - Viru 24 · [www.baarid.ee](http://www.baarid.ee)

### Trendy

Tallinn's hip party crowd is style-conscious, photogenic, and dressed to the nines on weekend evenings. The following places are where to look for them.

- **Basso** - Pikk 13 · [www.basso.ee](http://www.basso.ee)
- **Café VS** - Pärnu mnt 28 · [www.cafevs.ee](http://www.cafevs.ee)
- **Déjà Vu Lounge** - Sauna 1 · [www.dejavu.ee](http://www.dejavu.ee)
- **Lounge24** - Rävåla 3 · [www.tallinn.radissonSAS.com](http://www.tallinn.radissonSAS.com)
- **Lounge Kaheksa** - Vana-Posti 8 [www.lounge8.ee](http://www.lounge8.ee)
- **Moskva** - Vabaduse väljak 10 · [www.moskva.ee](http://www.moskva.ee)
- **Pegasus** - Harju 1 · [www.restoranpegasus.ee](http://www.restoranpegasus.ee)
- **QuamQuam** - Lai 6 · [www.quamquam.ee](http://www.quamquam.ee)
- **Spirit** - Mere pst 6E · [www.kohvikspirit.ee](http://www.kohvikspirit.ee)
- **Stereo Lounge** - Harju 6 · [www.stereolounge.ee](http://www.stereolounge.ee)

### Local Favourites

There's nothing traditionally Estonian about the places listed below, but if you're looking for the pubs with mainly local crowds, these are good choices. You may notice that Estonians tend to sit around tables with their own crowd rather.

- **Hell Hunt** - Pikk 39 · [www.hellhunt.ee](http://www.hellhunt.ee)
- **Kompressor** - Rataskaevu 3
- **St. Patrick's Pub** - Suur-Karja 8 · [www.patricks.ee](http://www.patricks.ee)
- **The Lost Continent** - Narva mnt 19 · [www.lostcontinent.ee](http://www.lostcontinent.ee)

### Theme Pubs

A few of Tallinn's pubs have a style that's so unique that they don't fit into any other category. Try these for something a little different.

- **Beer House** - Dunkri 5 · [www.beerhouse.ee](http://www.beerhouse.ee)
- **Depeche Mode** - Nunne 4 · [www.edmfk.ee/dmbaar/](http://www.edmfk.ee/dmbaar/)
- **Woodstock** - Tatari 6 · [www.woodstock.ee](http://www.woodstock.ee)

### Live Music

Many of the bars and pubs listed above will feature local bands on Friday and Saturday evenings, but the ones in this section are particularly geared towards live performances. It should also be mentioned that Café Amigo, listed under Nightclubs, is known for pulling in Estonia's big-name musical acts.

- **Guitar Safari** - Müürivahe 22 · [www.guitarsafari.ee](http://www.guitarsafari.ee)
- **Kolumbus Krisostomus** - Viru 24 · [www.kolumbus.ee](http://www.kolumbus.ee)
- **Rock Café** - Tartu mnt 80D · [www.rockcafe.ee](http://www.rockcafe.ee)
- **Scotland Yard** - Mere pst 6E · [www.scotlandyard.ee](http://www.scotlandyard.ee)
- **Von Krahli Baar** - Rataskaevu 10 · [www.vonkrahli.ee](http://www.vonkrahli.ee)

### Wine Bars

Whether you're a true wine aficionado looking for a particular vintage, or just want a quiet tête-à-tête with someone special, Tallinn has a number of wine bars to fit the bill.

- **Fish & Wine Bar** - Sakala 20
- **Gloria Veinikelder** - Müürivahe 2 · [www.gloria.ee](http://www.gloria.ee)
- **In Studio Vinum** - Suur-Karja 18
- **Kolm Õde** - Pikk 71 · [www.threesistersshotel.com](http://www.threesistersshotel.com)
- **Kolme Näoga Mees** - Kuninga 1
- **Musi** - Niguliste 6 · [www.musi.ee](http://www.musi.ee)
- **Veinipööning** - Viru 18
- **Vein & Seltskond** - Mere pst 6E · [www.grape.ee](http://www.grape.ee)

### Nightclubs

Generally speaking, nightclubs in Tallinn open their doors at 22:00 or 23:00, but they only really get going sometime after midnight. Most people will linger in nearby bars until then. On Fridays and Saturdays clubs stay open until 4:00 or 6:00. Anyone visiting on a Sunday, Monday or Tuesday should keep in mind that most clubs don't bother operating on those traditionally slow days.

- **BonBon** - Mere pst. 6E · [www.bonbon.ee](http://www.bonbon.ee)
- **Bonnie&Clyde** - Liivalaia 33 · [www.revalhotels.com](http://www.revalhotels.com)
- **Café Amigo** - Viru väljak 4 · [www.amigo.ee](http://www.amigo.ee)
- **Club Hollywood** - Vana-Posti 8 · [www.club-hollywood.ee](http://www.club-hollywood.ee)
- **Club Parliament** - Tartu mnt 17 · [www.clubparlament.com](http://www.clubparlament.com)
- **Club Privé** - Harju 6 · [www.clubprive.ee](http://www.clubprive.ee)
- **Club Von Überlingen** - Madara 22A · [www.uberclub.ee](http://www.uberclub.ee)
- **Papillon** - Ahtri 10 · [www.papillon.com.ee](http://www.papillon.com.ee)
- **R.I.F.F Club & Lounge** - Viru väljak 6 · [www.riff.ee](http://www.riff.ee)
- **Terrarium** - Sadama 6 · [www.terrarium.ee](http://www.terrarium.ee)
- **Venus Club** - Vana-Viru 14 · [www.venusclub.ee](http://www.venusclub.ee)

### Gay Nightlife

Although attitudes in Tallinn have become more open and in line with those of Western Europe over the last few years, overt public displays of affection are still rare here. Similarly, Tallinn's gay nightlife venues tend to keep a low profile, with a couple of exceptions. The two places listed below are the most accessible for tourists.

- **X-Baar** - Sauna 1 · [www.zone.ee/xbaar](http://www.zone.ee/xbaar)
- **Angel Gay Club** - Sauna 1 · [www.clubangel.ee](http://www.clubangel.ee)

### Cigar Lounges

Not only are Tallinn's cigar lounges excellent places to enjoy an after-dinner smoke, they all double as shops, selling high quality tobacco products that may be more reasonably-priced than those back home.

- **Davidoff Sigari Maja** - Raekoja plats 16
- **La Casa del Habano** - Dunkri 2 · [www.havanas.ee](http://www.havanas.ee)
- **Tabacalera** - Müürivahe 2 · [www.hot.ee/tabacalerasalong/](http://www.hot.ee/tabacalerasalong/)

# Winning

- **Restaurants** typically open at 12:00 and close at 24:00, Kitchens close at 23:00.
- Most restaurants accept **credit cards**.
- The average **price for a main course** in the restaurant is about 10-15 Euros.
- **A beer** costs about 2-3 Euros, and a glass of wine 2.5-4 Euros.



## An adventurous palate and a few kroons are all you need to start your tour of Tallinn's diverse culinary world.

No matter what kind of food and drink your stomach demands or how fat your wallet, you should have no trouble finding what you're looking for in Tallinn. The city is home to a wide array of dining venues, everything from inexpensive, cosy cafés that serve local fare to exclusive, gourmet restaurants, one of which even made Conde Nast Traveler's top-100 list. And ethnic cuisine abounds in Tallinn, with choices including Argentinean, Chinese, Georgian, Hungarian, Mexican and, yes, even Medieval food, just to name a few.

Many first-time visitors will naturally want to sample Tallinn's more home-spun flavours. Though influenced by both German and Russian traditions, Estonian cuisine consists of hearty peasant fare from the countryside and relies heavily on potatoes, pork, chicken and sausage. There are plenty of restaurants that can do justice to these dishes as well as serve them in an appropriate atmosphere, be it a hall resembling a rustic folk-style farmhouse or a 1930s-era salon harking back to the days of the first Estonian Republic.

Any fine Estonian meal is best washed down with a glass of good ale, brewed locally in Estonia. Compared with most European varieties, Estonian beer is light, fairly flat and of medium strength. Estonia's dark beer is usually a malt lager, but Bock beers and porters are also easy to find. Another local speciality worth mentioning is Vana Tallinn, a dark, thick, bittersweet and potent liquor, which is often mixed with coffee. Some liken it to cough syrup; others swear by it.

Of course a perfect epilogue to a perfect meal involves enjoying a superb vintage in an elegant wine bar or a smoke in a sophisticated cigar lounge, both of which are easy to find in Old Town.



# & Dining



- **Shops** are typically open from 10:00 to 18:00 on weekdays and from 10:00-17:00 on Saturdays. Most shops in the Old Town are also open on Sundays.
- **Department stores** are typically open every day from 10:00 to 20:00.
- **The local currency** is Estonian kroon (EEK). 1 EUR = 15.65 EEK.
- **Visa, MasterCard and Eurocard** are accepted at larger shops.

# Sho

## Roam Tallinn's shopping streets in search of the perfect gift, and pick up an extra bargain or two along the way!

Great news for those itching to spend: Tallinn is a consumer friendly city! Most shops in the Old Town and department stores throughout the city are open seven days a week, and major credit cards are widely accepted. It's also worth mentioning that prices for many goods, particularly handicrafts, are lower here than in Western Europe.

The best places to find quality fashion, shoes, perfume and the like are the elegant boutiques along Old Town's Viru and Müürivahe streets, and the large, full-service department stores and malls that have recently been appearing all over Tallinn. Many of the latter offer also cafeterias and playrooms for children.

Items with a more local flavour like souvenirs, art and handicrafts are best found in the myriad of tiny to medium-sized gift shops that line just about every Old Town street. A visit to a dozen or so of these shops is also an excellent excuse to spend an afternoon exploring Old Town's intriguing lanes, courtyards and basements.

A required stop on any shopping tour of Tallinn is the outdoor knit market on Müürivahe street, where craftswomen sell their knitted products in the shadow of the town wall. Even more intriguing for the adventurous shopper is the Katariina Passage. Here in medieval-style workshops run by the Katariina Guild's artists, onlookers watch as glasswork, ceramics, leather goods, quilts and other items are created right before their eyes.

Favourite souvenirs from Estonia include hand-knitted sweaters, stained glass, ceramics, CD-s of Estonian music, leather and wooden handicrafts, local art, hand-made jewellery, chocolate, marzipan and Vana Tallinn liqueur.



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# Practical Info





## VISAS & CUSTOMS

Nationals of EU and EEA member states are free to enter Estonia. The required travel document for entry is a national ID card or passport.

**Nationals of the following countries do not need visa to enter Estonia, and can stay for up to 90 days in any 6-month period:** Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Guatemala, El Salvador, Holy See, Honduras, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Macao, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, San Marino, Singapore, South Korea, USA, Uruguay, Venezuela. The required travel document for entry is a valid passport.

Citizens of South Africa can enter Estonia if they hold a visa for Latvia or Lithuania.

**Citizens of countries NOT mentioned above require a visa to enter Estonia.**

Visitors arriving in Estonia with visa must have national passports valid at least 3 months after their planned departure from Estonia.

Children aged 7 to 15 years must have their own passport when travelling to Estonia or, if they are registered in their parent's passport, must have their photo next to the name. Children under 7 years need not have a photo if they are registered in their parents' passports. Persons above 15 years must have a separate travel document with photo.

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

**A Customs Guide for travellers to Estonia can be found at [www.customs.ee](http://www.customs.ee)**

## ARRIVAL

Tallinn's airport, harbours as well as bus and train stations are all located within easy reach of the city centre and Old Town

### Distances to Tallinn

City	Distance to Tallinn			
	By plane / km	Flight dur. / h	By boat / h	By train / h
Helsinki	82	0,5	1,5-4,0	-
Riga	280	1,0	-	-
St. Petersburg	315	-	14,0	-
Stockholm	380	1,0	15,0	-
Vilnius	530	1,5	-	-
Gothenburg	760	1,5	-	-
Oslo	800	1,5	-	-
Warsaw	830	1,5	-	-
Copenhagen	860	1,5	-	-
Moscow	860	1,5	-	16,0
Berlin	1 045	1,5	-	-
Kiev	1 075	2,5	-	-
Hamburg	1 100	2,0	-	-
Prague	1 200	2,5	-	-
Frankfurt	1 400	2,5	-	-
Amsterdam	1 470	2,5	-	-
Brussels	1 600	2,5	-	-
Manchester	1 700	2,75	-	-
London	1 750	2,75	-	-
Milan	1 830	2,75	-	-
Paris	1 900	3,0	-	-
Dublin	2 000	3,0	-	-

## By Air

Located just 4 km from the Tallinn City centre, the modern Tallinn Airport provides excellent facilities and a wide variety of services to meet the demands of all its customers.

### Information at the airport

The information service in the departure hall is open from 5:00 until after the last arriving flight.

Ph. +372 605 8888 · fax +372 605 8433 · [www.tallinn-airport.ee](http://www.tallinn-airport.ee)



### From the airport to the city

Bus no 2. Tickets cost 15 EEK and can be bought from the driver. The airport bus stop is located in front of the departure hall. The downtown bus stop is located on Laikmaa Street, between the Tallink City Hotel and the large Viru Centre, attached to the Sokos Hotel Viru.

A taxi stand is located in front of the airport. The fare from the airport to the city centre is about 120 EEK.

### International flights

There are direct flights to Tallinn from Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Copenhagen, Dublin, Dubrovnik, Frankfurt, Gothenburg, Hamburg, Helsinki, Kiev, London, Milan, Moscow, Oslo, Paris, Prague, Riga, Simferopol, Stockholm, Vienna, Vilnius and Warsaw (November 2007).

### Flights to Tallinn are operated by following companies:

- **Aero Airlines** - ph. +372 611 0740 · www.aeroairlines.ee
- **Air Baltic** - ph. +372 640 7750 · www.airbaltic.com
- **Airest** - ph. +372 605 1230 · www.airest.ee
- **Avies** - EstAir - ph. +372 605 8022 · www.avies.ee
- **City Airline** - ph. +46 3160 0385 · www.cityairline.com
- **CSA Czech Airlines** - ph. +372 630 9397 · www.csa.cz
- **easyjet** - ph. +372 605 8887 · www.easyjet.com
- **Estonian Air** - ph. +372 640 1160 · www.estonian-air.ee
- **Finnair** - ph. +372 626 6309 · www.finnair.ee
- **Finncomm Airlines** - ph. +358 9 4243 2000 · www.fc.fi
- **flyLAL - Lithuanian Airlines** - ph. +372 605 8887 · www.flylal.com
- **flynordic** - ph. +46 8 5280 6820 · www.flynordic.com
- **KLM Royal Dutch Airlines** - ph. +372 699 9696 · www.estonia.klm.com
- **LOT Polish Airlines** - ph. +372 605 8355 · www.lot.com
- **Lufthansa** - ph. +372 681 4630 · www.lufthansa.com
- **Norwegian** - ph. +47 2149 0015 · www.norwegian.no
- **Scandinavian Airlines** - ph. +372 666 3030 · www.flysas.com

### Domestic flights

Flights from Tallinn to Kärdla and Kuressaare are operated by **Avies** and **Estonian Air**.

### Taxi flights

- **Avies** - ph. +372 605 8022 · www.avies.ee
- **Enimex** - ph. +372 686 7001 · www.enimex.ee
- **Pakker Avio** - ph. +372 606 2004 · www.pakkeravio.ee



## By Sea

### Ferries and high-speed vessels

The Tallinn-Helsinki sea-lane is one of the busiest international passenger routes in the world. Ferries cross the Gulf of Finland between Tallinn and Helsinki several times a day, covering the distance in roughly four hours. 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.

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

**Passenger terminals** are located a short distance from the medieval Old Town.

### Terminals

- **A-terminal** serves Viking Line and Eckerö Line ferries and SuperSeaCat's high-speed vessels to Helsinki
- **B-terminal** serves Viking Line and Eckerö Line ferries and SuperSeaCat's high-speed vessels from Helsinki
- **C-terminal** serves Nordic Jet Line's high-speed vessels to/from Helsinki
- **D-terminal** serves Tallink's ferries and high-speed vessels to/from Helsinki, and Tallink ferries to/from Stockholm
- **Linnahall terminal** serves Linda Line's high-speed vessels to/from Helsinki

### From the port to the city

Bus no 2. Tickets cost 15 EEK. A taxi from the terminals to the city centre costs about 60 EEK.

### Passenger lines

#### 1. TO HELSINKI

Ferries →

- **Eckerö Line** - ph. +372 631 8606 · 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
- **Nordic Jet Line** - ph. +372 613 7000 · www.njl.ee
- **SuperSeaCat** - ph +372 610 0000 · www.superseacat.com
- **Tallink** - ph. +372 640 9808 · www.tallink.ee

#### 2. TO STOCKHOLM

- **Tallink** - ph. +372 640 9808 · www.tallink.ee



### Cruises

Most of the cruise lines touring in Northern Europe have now included Tallinn in their itineraries, and the city receives over 200 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](http://www.portoftallinn.ee)

### Yachts

Pirita Yacht Harbour (59°28,2' N 24°49,2' E, VHF 16, depth 2,8m) is located just 5 kilometres from the city centre.

- **Pirita Harbour Contact information**  
ph +372 639 8800 · [www.piritatop.ee](http://www.piritatop.ee)

## By Rail

International rail connection from Tallinn to Moscow and St. Petersburg is offered by AS GoRail.

**AS GoRail** - ph. +372 631 0043 · fax +372 615 6720 · [www.gorail.ee](http://www.gorail.ee)

The railway station is located adjacent to the northern part of the Old Town, not far from the harbour.

### From the railway station to the city

Take tram no. 1 or 2 or just walk through the underground passage towards the Old Town, about 200 metres away.

## By Bus

Eurolines offers international bus lines to many European cities.  
**Eurolines** - ph. +372 680 0909 · [www.eurolines.ee](http://www.eurolines.ee)

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

### Tallinn Central Bus Station

Lastekodu 46 · ph. +372 680 0900

### From the bus station to the city

Tram no. 2 or 4, bus no. 17A, 23 or 23A. Taxi from the bus station to the city centre costs about 80 EEK.

### Buses to the area surrounding Tallinn

depart from the railway station.

Harju County bus information - ph. +372 640 6780



## By Car

In Estonia, as in continental Europe, cars drive on the right hand side of the road. Estonian law requires an international driver's license and valid insurance policy. During daylight hours, dipped headlights or daytime driving lights must be switched on. After dark, the main headlights must be switched on. The driver and the passengers must wear seat belts at all times.

### Speed limits are as follows, unless marked otherwise:

1. In residential areas, the maximum speed limit is 20 km/h
2. In built-up areas, maximum speed limit is 50 km/h
3. Outside built-up areas, the maximum speed limit is 90 km/h. In summer, some roads allow maximum speeds of 110 km/h.

International-quality petrol stations are easy to find. The largest chains operating in Estonia are Statoil and Neste.

### 24h road assistance:

#### Automobile Club of Estonia

Ph. +372 697 9188 · [www.autoclub.ee](http://www.autoclub.ee)

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Buses, trolleybuses, trams, and minibuses operate regularly from 6:00 to midnight. Tickets can be purchased at newsstands for 10 EEK or from the driver for 15 EEK (express bus 15 EEK and 20 EEK accordingly). Tallinn public transport also offers 1 and 2-hour tickets as well as 1 and 3-day tickets. These tickets can only be bought at newsstands, not from the driver.

Tallinn Card holders may use unlimited public transportation for free while their card is valid.

## TAXI

Taxis can be hailed on the street or ordered by phone. Taxi stands are located at major intersections and in front of the larger hotels. 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. The per-kilometre charge is either a daytime (from 6:00 to 23:00) or night charge (23:00 to 6:00). The taxi meter should always be turned on. The passenger pays for the ride according to the reading on the meter and the driver must be able to provide a receipt from the meter's printer.



## ACCOMMODATION

A wide range of accommodation is available in Tallinn, and the number of choices grows yearly. Everything is available, 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.

Certified accommodation in Tallinn is high quality, since the certification standards here are more stringent than the European average. Advance booking is essential from the busy period of May to September, but it is also strongly recommended at any time of year.

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

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, 2008

1 January	New Year's Day
24 February	Independence Day, the 90 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration founding the Republic of Estonia (1918).
21 March	Good Friday
23 March	Easter Sunday
1 May	Spring Day
11 May	Whitsunday
23 June	Victory Day
24 June	St. John's Day (Midsummer)
20 August	Day of Restoration of Independence, Estonia regains independence after Soviet period (1991).
24 December	Christmas Eve
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Boxing day

## TALLINN TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

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

### 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, mail or e-mail);
- you can order a professional tour guide to Tallinn;
- you can buy publications about Tallinn and Estonia.

#### Information from the I-Centre:

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.

#### The I-centre is open:

**May - June** → Mon-Fri 9:00 – 19:00, Sat-Sun 10:00 – 17:00  
**July - August** → Mon-Fri 9:00 – 20:00, Sat-Sun 10:00 – 18:00  
**September** → Mon-Fri 9:00 – 18:00, Sat-Sun 10:00 – 17:00  
**October - April** → Mon-Fri 9:00 – 17:00, Sat 10:00 – 15:00, Sun closed  
 → Closed on public holidays

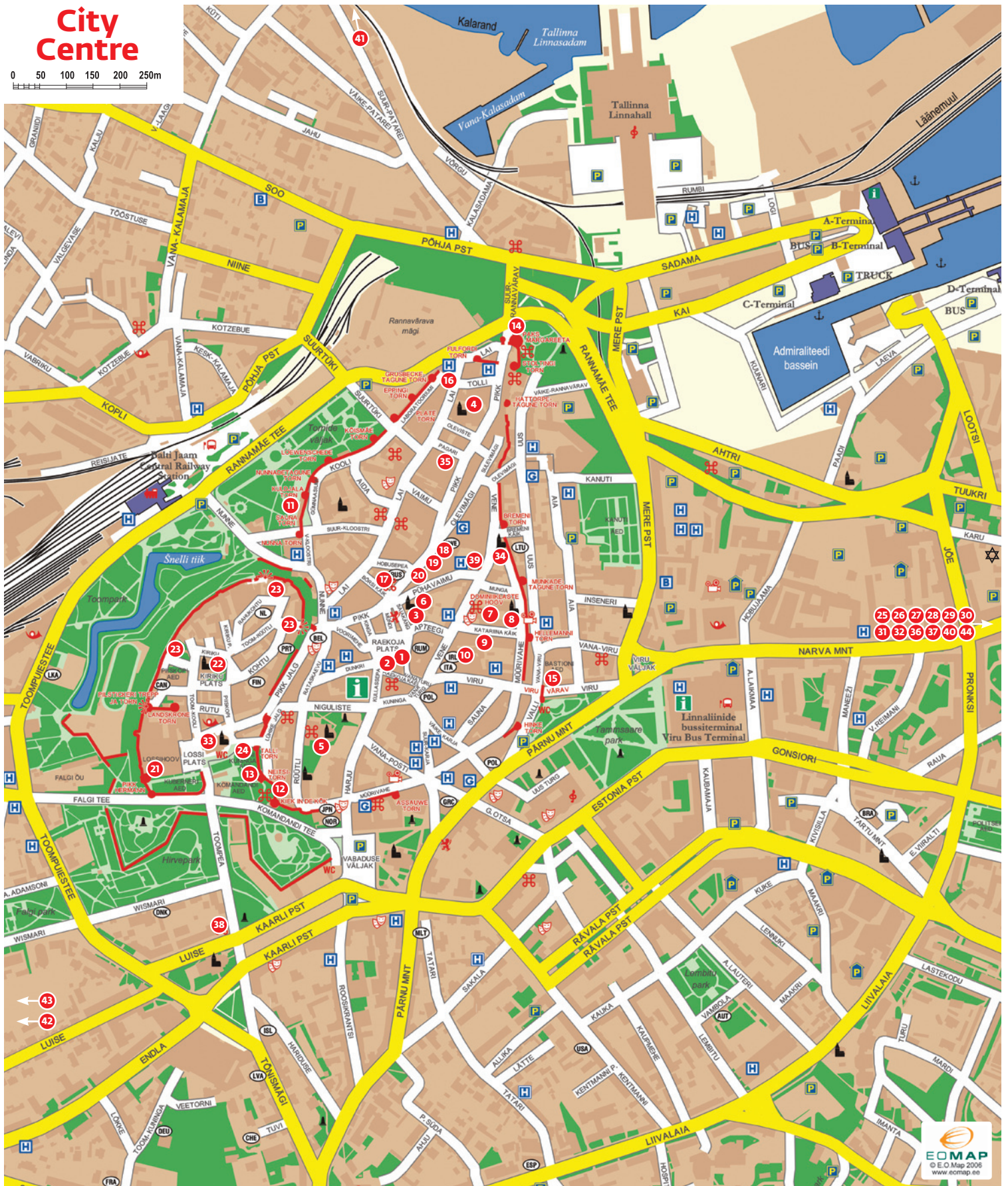
### Tallinn Tourist Information Centre in Viru Keskus

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

**Open every day 9:00 - 21:00**  
**Closed on 25.12**

# City Centre

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|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1 Town Hall Square                  | 12 Kiek in de Kōk                                   | 23 Viewing Platforms                | 34 St. Nicholas' Orthodox Church              |
| 2 Town Hall                         | 13 Maiden Tower (Neitsitorn)                        | 24 Danish King's Garden             | 35 KGB Headquarters                           |
| 3 Town Hall Pharmacy                | 14 Great Coastal Gate & Fat Margaret's Tower        | 25 St. Bridget's Convent            | 36 Tallinn TV Tower                           |
| 4 St. Olav's Church                 | 15 Viru Gates                                       | 26 Kumu Art Museum                  | 37 Maarjamäe War Memorial                     |
| 5 St. Nicholas' Church              | 16 Hobuveski  | 27 Kadriorg Palace                  | 38 Museum of Occupations                      |
| 6 Holy Spirit Church                | 17 Great Guild Hall – Estonian History Museum       | 28 Kadriorg Palace Ensemble         | 39 Tallinn City Museum                        |
| 7 Dominican Monastery Museum        | 18 House of the Brotherhood of Black Heads          | 29 Peter the Great's Cottage        | 40 Estonian History Museum - Maarjamäe Palace |
| 8 Dominican Monastery Claustrium    | 19 Oleviste Guild Hall                              | 30 Kadriorg Park Museum and Library | 41 Patarei Naval Fortress                     |
| 9 St. Catherine's Passage           | 20 Kanut Guild Hall                                 | 31 Kadriorg Park                    | 42 Estonian Open Air Museum                   |
| 10 Masters' Courtyard               | 21 Toompea Castle & Tall Hermann's Tower            | 32 Russalka                         | 43 Tallinn Zoo                                |
| 11 Nunna, Sauna and Kuldjala Towers | 22 Cathedral of Saint Mary the Virgin (Dome Church) | 33 Alexander Nevsky Cathedral       | 44 Tallinn Botanical Garden                   |

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