



# Tallinn

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Steeped in Medieval charm yet always on the cutting edge of modernity, Tallinn offers today's travellers plenty to see. This city, intriguing enough to explore for days on end, yet compact enough to capture in just a few hours, promises an unforgettable journey through time. Immerse yourself in Tallinn's unique blend of old and new.

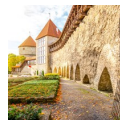


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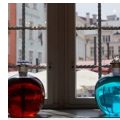
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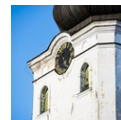
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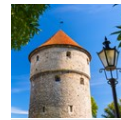
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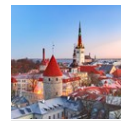
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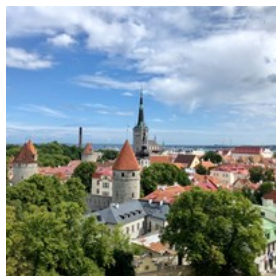
## THE CITY



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Tallinn'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 cutting-edge restaurants, cafes and clubs that give Tallinn its energy and buzz.

### Old Town — Tallinn's Beating Heart

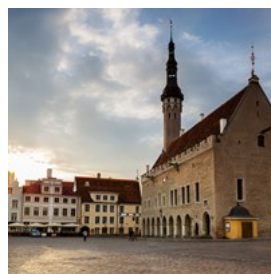


Twisting cobblestone lanes and iron street lamps. Gothic spires and medieval markets. This is the city's famous Old Town. If you're looking for that mix of historic ambiance and cutting-edge culture that defines Tallinn, you'll find it here.

Built up from the 13th to 16th centuries, when Tallinn — or Reval as it was known then - 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 fairy tale charm.

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### City Center — Past & Present



With medieval churches nestled between modern high-rises, Tallinn's city centre is a place of fascinating contrasts. The area boasts a number of major landmarks, which are conveniently located a short stroll away from each other. Among these is the Rotermann Quarter, a 19th century industrial complex that has been developed into a contemporary shopping quarter with a very unique urban vibe. Those looking for a dose of culture and art can visit the historical Estonian Opera House to enjoy a performance in what is considered one of the 20th-century's architectural masterpieces.

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### Kalamaja — Wooden Houses & Bohemian Charm



This quiet neighborhood has long been known for its colorful hodgepodge of old fashioned, working class houses. Throughout most of Tallinn's history, Kalamaja served as the town's main fishing harbor. The wooden houses built to accommodate workers became Kalamaja's architectural legacy and are now what gives the neighborhood its unforgettable charm. The most architecturally unique of these are called 'Tallinn Houses'. Built in the 1920s and 30s, these two - to three-story 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.

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### Kadriorg — Elegant Park & Fine Art



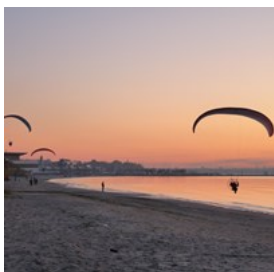
Kadriorg is a quiet, leafy area within easy walking distance of the Old Town. The park is one of Tallinn's favourite spots for a stroll. It's

remarkable for its diverse landscape architecture, which is showcased by the various smaller gardens on the estate, such as the Japanese Garden. Visitors can enjoy a refreshing cup of coffee and fresh pastries in one of the many cosy cafés in the area.

Culturally-minded visitors should note that Kadriorg is home to the nation's best art museums, the quaint 1920-30s style houses of many classic Estonian authors and a children's museum. The Kadriorg Palace itself acts as the showcase for the nation's foreign art collection, while the extensive Kumu, opened in 2006, displays both classical and contemporary Estonian art, and hosts international exhibitions.

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### Pirita — Sea Adventures & Historical Landmarks



With its popular beach, adventure park and yachting harbour, Pirita is Tallinn's destination for summer fun. The district, only a few kilometres

from the city centre, is also one of breathtakingly beautiful nature and the refreshing scent of pine trees. A quieter way to enjoy Pirita is to head across the road to the Pirita River delta, where row boats, canoes and water bicycles can be rented. This is the location of Pirita's own little

piece of medieval architecture — the ruins of 15th century St Bridget's Convent. The convent is still active today, although it is housed in a modern building beside the ruins. The Tallinn Botanic Garden is located nearby. Filled with rare plant species, the garden is a perfect place to go for a walk or do sports.

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### Rocca al Mare — Sea, Air & Recreation

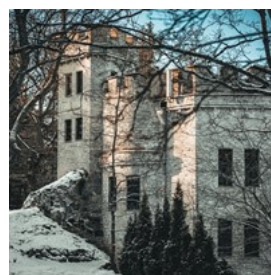


Sitting at the western edge of the city is the coastal Rocca al Mare district. It is the site of the sprawling Estonian Open Air Museum, a

forested park where a traditional Estonian village life is recreated. The museum is home to 74 buildings from the past two centuries, including farms, mills, net sheds, a village school, a chapel, a firehouse and more. Museum workers in period costume demonstrate old crafts and provide a glimpse into the lifestyles of bygone days. The area also holds some other interesting attractions like the Tallinn Zoo, which claims to have one of the best collections in the Nordic/Baltic region, and the FK Keskus centre where adrenaline seekers can try their hand at motorized karting and paintball.

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### Nõmme — The Village within the City



Just inside the city limits at the southwestern 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, newly opened cafés and pubs, and it even has its own castle of sorts, not to mention a number of other attractions. Glehn's Castle, situated about 2 km east of the Nõmme centre, is now a prime Nõmme attraction, as is the park that surrounds it. Among the more bizarre features von Glehn had installed in the park, an enormous granite crocodile and a towering statue of Estonia's mythical hero, Kalevipoeg.

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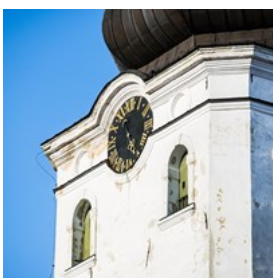
## TOP 10



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In Tallinn for a limited time? Want to make sure you've hit all the main sights? The city's pride and joy is without a doubt its Medieval Old Town, but equally enchanting is the Kadriorg district, a throwback to the time when Estonia was ruled by the Russian Tsars. Here's a list of places that you'll definitely want to put on your itinerary.

### Cathedral of Saint Mary the Virgin & its Tower



The Medieval church that stands at the centre of Toompea hill is one of the county's most fascinating historical attractions.

Traditionally catering to the nobility, it is filled with spectacular,

wood-carved artwork and elaborate coats of arms. Visitors can climb the 69-metre baroque bell-tower, added in 1779, for amazing views of the city.

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Address: Tallinna toomkirik, Toom-Kooli 6, Tallinn

Phone: +372 644 4140

### Estonian History Museum – Great Guild Hall



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. Children can look for the museum's very own dragon, displayed for centuries on the building's pillar.

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Address: Pikk 17, Tallinn

Opening hours: Tue–Sun 10am–6pm, Mon closed

Phone: +372 696 8690

Internet: [www.ajaloomuuseum.ee/en](http://www.ajaloomuuseum.ee/en)

Email: [post@ajaloomuuseum.ee](mailto:post@ajaloomuuseum.ee)

### Kiek in de Kök



The name of this massive, 38-metre-high cannon tower and museum of the town's defences literally means "peek into the Kitchen". It was so high that Medieval guards joked they could see right down the chimneys and into the kitchens of the houses below. Make sure to pay a visit to the top floor cafe for beautiful Old Town views.

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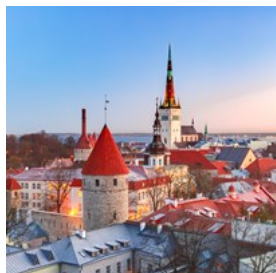
Address: Komandandi tee 2, Tallinn

Opening hours: Daily 11am–8pm

Phone: +372 644 6686

Internet: [linnamuseum.ee/en/kiiek-in-de-kok](http://linnamuseum.ee/en/kiiek-in-de-kok)

### Kohtuotsa Viewing Platform



On the east corner of Toompea hill sits quite a spacious viewing platform with unforgettable views to the medieval neighbourhood against the backdrop of its more modern district. From here you can see most of the Tallinn's spires, even the highest of them, the Tallinn TV Tower in the distance.

During the summer season outdoor cafe and dance evenings take over the space.

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Address: Kohtu 12, Tallinn

Opening hours: Open 24/7

### Town Hall Square



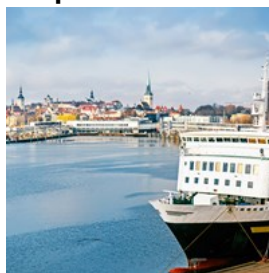
From this spot, with a little stretching and bending, you can see the tops of all five of Old Town's spires. Today, the square remains the social heart of the city, a venue for open-air concerts, handicraft fairs and Medieval markets. Each winter, it's home to the town's Christmas tree — a tradition that stretches back to 1441 — and a buzzing Christmas Market. In spring it hosts the Old Town Days festival, a modern version of a medieval carnival, where traditions from the Middle Ages are kept alive.

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Address: Raekoja plats, 1, Tallinn

Internet: [raekoda.tallinn.ee/en](http://raekoda.tallinn.ee/en)

### Seaplane Harbour



With the help of modern multimedia, the Seaplane Harbour in the wooden architecture suburb Kalamaja tells exciting stories about the Estonian maritime and military history promising a "sea full of excitement" for the whole family in an area that would take nearly 2 million A4 paper sheets laid down side by side. The museum's display that comprises of more than a couple of hundred large exhibits revitalizes the colourful history of Estonia. In the outdoor area, visitors can tour a collection of historic ships, including the Suur Tõll, Europe's largest steam-powered icebreaker.

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Address: Vesilennuki 6, Tallinn

Opening hours: October to April: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm. May to September: daily 10am-7pm

Phone: +372 620 0545

Internet: [meremuuseum.ee/lennusadam/en](http://meremuuseum.ee/lennusadam/en)

Email: [info@meremuuseum.ee](mailto:info@meremuuseum.ee)

### Kadriorg Art Museum



A trip to Tallinn isn't complete without a visit to this magnificent northern Baroque palace, built by Peter the Great for his wife, Catherine I, in the early 18th century. Designed by Italian architect Niccolo Michetti, the grandiose palace and surrounding manicured gardens are a humbling example of Tsarist extravagance, but just as important a reason to visit is that this is also home to the foreign art collection of the Art Museum of Estonia.

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Address: August Weizenbergi 37, Tallinn

Opening hours: Tue 10am-6pm, Wed 10am-8pm, Thu-Sun 10am-6pm, Mon closed  
Phone: +372 606 6400  
Internet: kadriorumuseum.ekm.ee/en  
Email: kadriorg@ekm.ee

### Kumu Art Museum



The Kumu Art Museum is 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. The museum program features art from the 18th century until today, Estonian art until the II World War, art of the Soviet era and a temporary exhibition program of contemporary art.

Photo: yegorovnick/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Kumu kunstimuseum, August Weizenbergi 34/Valge 1, Tallinn  
Opening hours: Tun-Wed 10am-6pm, Thu 10am-8pm, Fri-Sun 10am-6pm, Mon closed  
Phone: +372 602 6000  
Internet: kumu.ekm.ee/en  
Email: kumu@ekm.ee

### Tallinn TV Tower



Built for the 1980 Moscow Olympics and extensively revamped in 2012, Tallinn's 314-metre TV Tower is one of the city's most popular tourist attractions. In addition to the panoramic views from its observation deck at the 170-metre level, visitors will be treated to a real TV studio tour and an interactive exhibition. Adrenaline lovers should check out the Walk on the Edge experience.

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Address: Kloostrimetsa tee 58a, Tallinn

Opening hours: Daily 10am-7pm  
Phone: +372 5911 9335  
Internet: www.teletorn.ee/en

### Estonian Open Air Museum



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. An ideal place for families to take a picnic and escape from city life.

Photo: LeStudio/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Eesti Vabaõhumuseum, Vabaõhumuseumi tee 12, Tallinn  
Opening hours: Museum park: daily 10am-8pm. The building are open until 6pm. Everything closes an hour earlier in the winter  
Phone: +372 654 9100  
Internet: evm.ee/en  
Email: info@evm.ee

### DO & SEE



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Tallinn is 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 the city centre.

Whatever your agenda, whichever of the Tallinn's you need — the romantic, Medieval Tallinn or the trendy, high-tech one — the doors are open. Just take your pick and head on in! The Tallinn Card gives you free entry to 40 museums and other interesting attractions, one free sightseeing tour of your choice, free use of public transport and a variety of entertainment options.

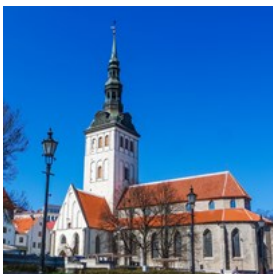
### St Catherine's Passage



What makes this easily the most picturesque of Old Town's lanes particularly interesting is that it's home to the St Catherine's Guild. This narrow alleyway features a collection of craft workshops where artists use traditional methods to create and sell glassware, hats, quilts, ceramics, jewellery, hand-painted silk and other wares. Stop at one of the cosy cafes, too.

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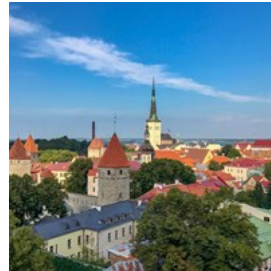
### St Nicholas Church & Museum



This impressive 13th-century church 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 with Death. The building's acoustics also make it a prime concert venue, with organ or choir performances held here most weekends.

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Address: Niguliste muuseum, Niguliste 3, Tallinn  
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, Mon closed  
Phone: +372 631 4330  
Internet: [nigulistemuuseum.ekm.ee/en](http://nigulistemuuseum.ekm.ee/en)  
Email: [niguliste@ekm.ee](mailto:niguliste@ekm.ee)

### Patkuli Viewing Platform



The viewing platform on the north side of Toompea hill sits visibly on the limestone cliff. On the right you'll see the Town Wall with its defensive towers. On the left lies Kalamaja and Pelgulinn areas with Railway Station as landmark. Winding series of steps, built in 1903, lead down the cliff face to Nunne Street and Shnelli park below.

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Address: Rahukohtu 3, Tallinn  
Phone: +372 645 7777

### Alexander Nevsky Cathedral



This spectacular, onion-domed structure perched atop Toompea Hill is Estonia's main Russian Orthodox cathedral. Built in 1900, when Estonia was part of the tsarist Russian empire, the cathedral was originally intended as a symbol of the empire's dominance. The church towers hold Tallinn's most powerful bell ensemble, consisting of 11 bells, including the largest in Tallinn.

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Address: Aleksander Nevski katedraal, Lossi plats 10, Tallinn  
Phone: +372 644 3484  
Internet: [nevskysobor.ee](http://nevskysobor.ee)

### St Olav's Church & Tower



Once upon a time, from 1549 to 1625 to be precise, this 14th century Gothic church was considered to be the tallest building in the

World. But it's gigantic, 159-metre spire, meant as a signpost for approaching ships, also turned out to be a very effective lightning rod.

Throughout the church's history lightning hit the spire repeatedly, completely burning down the structure three times.

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Address: Oleviste kirik, Lai 50, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-9:30pm, Sun closed

Phone: +372 641 2241

Internet: oleviste.ee

### Tallinn Town Wall



With 1.9km of its original city wall still standing, Tallinn boasts one of Europe's best preserved medieval fortifications together with 20

defensive towers. In fact, a large part of what gives Old Town its fairy tale charm is the system of walls and towers that surrounds it.

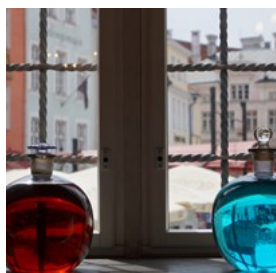
Photo: peacefoo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Väike-Kloostri 1, Tallinn

Opening hours: Daily 10am-7pm

Phone: +372 644 9867

### Town Hall Pharmacy



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. Marzipan was one of the pharmacy's best sellers, one that local legend insists was actually invented as a curative here in the 15th century.

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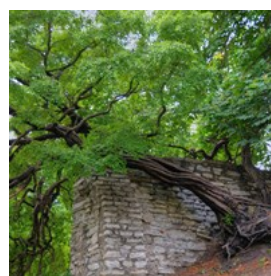
Address: Raekoja plats 11, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun closed

Phone: +372 631 4860

Internet: www.visitestonia.com/en/town-hall-pharmacy

### Danish King's Garden



This open, garden-like area on the slopes of Toompea Hill happens to be the legendary birthplace of the Danish flag, according to a

well-known legend. 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 from the heavens. Taking this as a holy sign, the Danes were spurred on to victory. Today the garden remains a place where locals honor the role Denmark played in Estonia's history. Halfway down the steps towards Rüütli street you can see an iron sword and shield with a Danish cross, and each summer, Dannebrog Day is celebrated here.

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Address: Lühike jalg 9, Tallinn

Internet: www.visitestonia.com/en/danish-kings-garden

### Estonian Maritime Museum — Fat Margaret's Tower



This museum dedicated to all sea-faring aspects of Estonia's history is housed in one of Tallinn's fattest cannon towers. Fat Margaret Tower

(Paks Margareeta) and the attached Great Coastal Gate (Suur Rannavärav), two of Tallinn's most impressive defensive structures, stand guard at the north end of Pikk street. They were built not only to defend the city from the seaward side of town, but also to impress any visitors arriving via the harbour.

These days Fat Margaret's cannon tower is home to the Estonian Maritime Museum, which provides a detailed look at the nation's seafaring past by displaying such things as Neolithic fishing gear, antique diving equipment, and even the entire wheelhouse from a 1950s-era trawler. The extensive museum covers four floors of the historic tower.

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Address: Pikk 70, Tallinn

Opening hours: Museum: daily 10am-7pm. Fat Margaret is open May to September: daily 10am-7pm; October to April: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm.

Phone: +372 641 1408

Internet: meremuuseum.ee/en

Email: info@meremuuseum.ee

### Estonian Museum of Natural History



The Estonian Museum of Natural History tells stories about the nature of Estonia and helps you to make sense of its secrets. The museum offers a fascinating look at the creatures and habitats of Estonia, as well as wildlife from around the world. There are several seasonal, temporary themed exhibitions every year from alive spiders, edible and poisonous mushrooms to minerals.

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Address: Lai 29a, Tallinn

Opening hours: Tue, Wed & Fri-Sun 10am-5pm, Thu

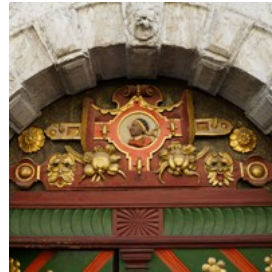
10am-7pm, Mon closed

Phone: +372 641 1739

Internet: www.loodusmuuseum.ee

Email: muuseum@loodusmuuseum.ee

### House of the Blackheads



This beautiful, Renaissance-style guild hall is truly a star among the Old Town's architectural treasures.

This was the historic home of the Brotherhood of Black Heads, a medieval guild made up of young, single merchants and foreigners.

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Address: Mustpeade maja, Pikk 26, Tallinn

Phone: +372 631 3199

Internet: www.filharmoonia.ee/en/mustpeademaja

Email: info@mustpeademaja.ee

### Kalev Marzipan Museum Room



See nearly 200 intricate, marzipan figurines and watch Tallinn's favourite sweet being made in this historic shop-museum-café. In the

Kalev Marzipan Museum Room, you'll learn all about Tallinn's love affair with marzipan. Here you'll find dozens of amazing marzipan creations as well as a marzipan forms belonging to Georg Stude, who founded the shop over a century ago. Children and adults can watch how marzipan figures are hand painted or try their own hand in this craft at a workshop.

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Address: Pikk 16, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Phone: +372 646 4192

Internet: kalev.eu

### Maiden's Tower



Explore this sturdy, 14th-century tower, sip coffee in its swank café or walk along the Town Wall for some amazing views.

Maiden's Tower, one of the most famous of Tallinn's medieval defence towers, was recently renovated and reopened a museum, complete with an exhibition hall in its vaulted cellar. Its famous café, a big hit in the 1980s, has also been restored to its past glory. Meghede torne, as it was originally called, was built in 1370-1373 along with the wall that runs through the Danish King's Garden.

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Address: Lossi plats 11, Lühike jalg 9a, Tallinn

Opening hours: Tue, Wed & Fri-Sun 10am-5pm; Thu 10am-8pm, Mon closed

Phone: +372 601 2751

Internet: [linnamuseum.ee/en](http://linnamuseum.ee/en)

Email: [neitsitorn@linnamuseum.ee](mailto:neitsitorn@linnamuseum.ee)

### Museum for Puppet Arts NUKU



Visitors get a behind-the-scenes look at the city's famous puppet theater, operating since 1952, at this fun, high-tech museum. The

museum outlines the theater's history and displays dozens of the puppets that have starred in its popular plays. Exhibits include puppets from around the world and a 'Chamber of Horrors' where the 'scarier' puppets are safely corralled.

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Address: Lai 1, Tallinn

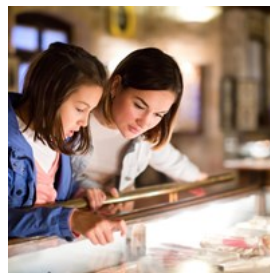
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, Mon closed

Phone: +372 667 9500

Internet: [www.eestinoorsooteater.ee/en/museum/about](http://www.eestinoorsooteater.ee/en/museum/about)

Email: [kassa@nuku.ee](mailto:kassa@nuku.ee)

### Tallinn City Museum



Housed in a 14th century merchant house, this comprehensive museum provides an excellent introduction to Tallinn's history. It covers all the

vital aspects of the city's past and its development. Various sectors of medieval society are explained using a combination of texts, artifacts, life-sized models and sound effects. High-quality displays on the upper floors are devoted to 20th-century life, its turbulent wars, Soviet occupation, and finally Estonia's re-independence.

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Address: Vene 17, Tallinn

Opening hours: Tue 10am-8pm, Wed-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm, Mon closed

Phone: +372 615 5180

Internet: [www.linnamuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuseum.ee)

Email: [info@linnamuseum.ee](mailto:info@linnamuseum.ee)

### Tallinn Town Hall



Nothing says power like the impressive Gothic Town Hall that dominates medieval Tallinn's main square. It was built in 1402-04 as a meeting

place for the ruling burgomeisters and has been a showpiece of the city ever since. Nowadays the Town Hall — the only intact Gothic town hall in Northern Europe — is used mainly for concerts or for entertaining visiting kings or presidents. From June to August, visitors can climb up the 64-meter tower to get some amazing Old Town views, or head down to the cellars for the occasional exhibition.

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Address: Raekoja plats 1, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon–Thu 11am–6pm, Fri–Sun 11am–4pm

Phone: +372 645 7900

Internet: raekoda.tallinn.ee/en

Email: raekoda@tallinnlv.ee

### Toompea Castle



Perched on a limestone cliff and towering over the rest of the city, Toompea Castle has always been the seat of power in Estonia. Ever since the German Knights of the Sword first built a stone fortress here in 1227-29, every foreign empire that ruled Estonia used the castle as its base. Today, appropriately, it's home to Estonia's Parliament.

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Address: Lossi plats 1a, Tallinn

Phone: +372 631 6331

Internet: www.riigikogu.ee/en

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### Towers' Square



In 1931–33, the square was turned into a communal park. Now the square boasts playgrounds for children and fitness areas, and has become known for the Tallinn International Flower Festival, which takes place here every summer. With nearly 2 km of its original city wall still standing, Tallinn boasts one of Europe's best preserved Medieval fortifications. In fact, a large part of what gives Old Town its fairy tale charm is the system of walls and towers that surrounds it.

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Address: Tornide välja, Tallinn

Internet: [www.visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor/see-do/things-to-do/attractions-museums/176599/towers-square](http://www.visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor/see-do/things-to-do/attractions-museums/176599/towers-square)

### Viru Gate



This pair of picturesque, ivy-covered towers at the entrance to Viru Street is often the first glimpse visitors get of Old Town. Anyone passing between them couldn't be blamed for thinking they've left the 21st century behind and landed smack in the middle of the 18th. The towers are actually only the foregates of what was a much more complex gate system built in the 14th century. It included a large, square tower that stood farther back along the street, close to where the city wall can be seen.

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Address: Viru, Tallinn

Opening hours: Open 24/7

Phone: +372 645 7777

### Freedom Square

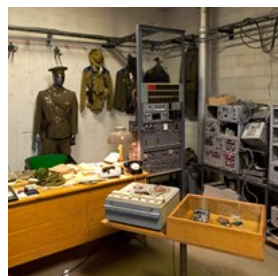


From the last days of the Tsars and through Estonia's first period of independence, this open area at the edge of Old Town had been a place of national symbolism and civic pride, as well as a favourite public gathering spot. The Monument to the War of Independence is commemorating Estonia's hard-fought struggle in 1918–1920 to free itself of foreign rule.

Photo: Pavel Astra/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vabaduse väljak, Tallinn

### Hotel Viru & KGB Museum



Those intrigued by the city's secret history can take the guided tour of the KGB Museum on the 23rd floor of Sokos Hotel Viru. In Soviet times it was rumoured that the KGB had files on everyone and that they operated in the Viru Hotel. The latter rumour turned out to be true, as you will see on this fascinating tour. Not only will you get an inkling of what the operatives were up to, you'll also get some great insights into the history of the hotel, which was designated exclusively for foreign guests visiting the USSR.

To continue the 1980s throwback theme, you can pay a visit to the hotel's second floor Currency Bar.

Photo: Paul Kuimet/Visit Tallinn

Address: Original Sokos Hotel Viru, Viru väljak 4, Tallinn

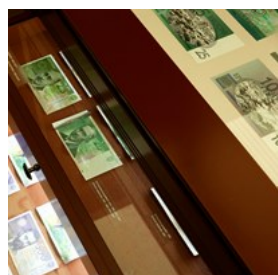
Phone: +372 680 9300

Internet: [viru.ee/en](http://viru.ee/en)

Email: [viru.reservation@sok.fi](mailto:viru.reservation@sok.fi)

More Info: Advance booking required

### Bank of Estonia Museum



It's all about the money — and the finance — at the Estonian central bank museum. Here, games, interactive machines and video exhibitions tell the complex story of money, aiming to pique the interest of all visitors, even those who don't know much about finance. Guests will learn the role of money in society, have the arcane mysteries of central bank policy explained and get an overview of how the financial system operates. You will leave with a better grasp of

how the euro works as well as how the central bank manages its external assets, payment methods and payment environment.

The museum has a shop and a currency exchange point — the only place where Estonian kroon can still be converted into euros.

Photo: Paul Kuimet/Visit Tallinn

Address: Eesti Panga muuseum, Estonia pst 11, Tallinn

Opening hours: Tue–Fri noon–5pm, Sat 11am–4pm, Mon closed

Phone: +372 668 0760

Internet: [www.eestipank.ee/en/museum](http://www.eestipank.ee/en/museum)

Email: [muuseum@eestipank.ee](mailto:muuseum@eestipank.ee)

### St Charles's Church



Tallinn's grandest 19th-century church sets itself apart with its twin steeples, immense size and neo-Roman style. It was built from 1862 to 1882 as a long overdue replacement for the original Kaarli Church, itself founded in 1670 on the order of Sweden's King Charles XI. Like many wooden structures located outside the city wall, the first Kaarli Church burned down during the Great Northern War in the early 1700s.

Architect Otto Pius Hippus from St Petersburg built the present limestone church using a special arch technique that gave it a vast, open interior.

The Kaarli Church is home to the first Estonian fresco, "Come to Me", painted in 1879 by famed Tallinn artist Johann Köler. It also boasts the country's largest church organ, installed in 1924. With its wonderful acoustics and seating capacity of 1,500, the church is often used as a venue for concerts.

Photo: Visit Tallinn

Address: Kaarli kirik, Toompea 10, Tallinn

Opening hours: Sun 9am-noon; Mon & Thu-Sat 11am-3pm;

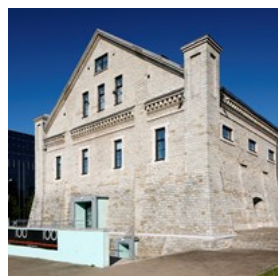
Tue & Wed 2pm-6pm. Concert night: Tue 5:30pm

Phone: +372 619 9100

Internet: kaarlikogudus.ee

Email: tallinna.kaarli@eelk.ee

### Museum of Estonian Architecture



Estonian architecture through the ages is fittingly presented in a grand, limestone structure in the Rotermann district. The Rotermann Salt Storage building, itself a potent example of local design, is the ideal place for the museum. Its permanent exhibition presents an overview of the nation's architectural history as well as a scale model of central Tallinn, while temporary exhibits focus on various movements.

Photo: Visit Tallinn

Address: Eesti Arhitektuurimuuseum, Ahtri 2, Tallinn

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11am-6pm, Mon closed

Phone: +372 625 7000

Internet: www.arhitektuurimuuseum.ee/en

Email: info@arhitektuurimuuseum.ee

### Vabamu Museum of Occupations & Freedom



USSR.

This modern museum is dedicated to the period when Estonia was occupied briefly by the Germans, then for decades by the

Audio-visual displays, photos and sound recordings highlight the events of the 1940-91 era, repression and popular resistance, as well as showing how ordinary people coped with the day-to-day realities of this difficult period.

Photo: Visit Tallinn

Address: Okupatsioonide ja vabaduse muuseum Vabamu, Toompea 8, Tallinn

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, Mon closed

Phone: +372 668 0250

Internet: vabamu.ee/en

Email: muuseum@okupatsioon.ee

### St John's Church



The bright yellow, neo-Gothic Lutheran church that dominates the Freedom Square is a true survivor among the city's churches. Despite two attempts to tear it down in the last century, it has persevered and is likely to be around for a long time to come.

The idea for St John's church first came about in the mid-19th century when the city's growing population of ethnic Estonians made the Holy Spirit Church too small for its congregation. A new church, which at the pastor's suggestion was named for St John the Evangelist, was founded.

Construction lasted from 1862 to 1867, and was carried out under the supervision of the church's designer, Tallinn-born architect Christoph August Gabler. Building on this spot was no easy task. The area here outside the old city wall had earlier been the site of the town moat, so the land was too soft to hold up the structure's foundation. The solution was to ram dozens of thick oak trunks into the ground for extra support.

By the 1930s, a new crop of art deco and functionalist buildings had appeared around Freedom Square, leaving the church's neo-Gothic appearance dramatically out of step

with its surroundings. However, the city's plans to pull down the church and reconstruct the square were never realised due to the war and subsequent occupation of Estonia. Likewise, avant-guard architects had similar ideas in the 1950s, but fortunately, these were never followed through.

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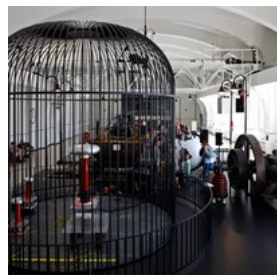
Phone: +372 644 6206

Internet: [www.tallinnajaani.ee](http://www.tallinnajaani.ee)

Email: [tallinna.jaani@eelk.ee](mailto:tallinna.jaani@eelk.ee)

More Info: Services on Thursdays at noon and Sundays at 10 am.

## Energy Discovery Centre



With over 130 interactive, hands-on exhibits, this museum is a mad scientist's dream come true. The family-oriented centre, housed in a unique industrial heritage site, focuses mainly on natural, technical and physical sciences.

The main hall with its "island of lightning" is devoted to everything related to electricity, while the planetarium with its 10-metre dome introduces astronomy and space projects created by Estonia's own scientists. Another exhibition allows visitors to see and feel the sounds.

With over 3,000 square metres of space, the centre has seven permanent exhibitions in fields such as energy, classical physics, sound and optics, as well as temporary exhibitions. It also has a birthday room, a teachers' room, a physics classroom and a seminar area.

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Address: Energia avastuskeskus, Põhja pst 29, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 10am-4pm, Fri & Sat 10am-6pm, Sun closed

Phone: +372 620 9020

Internet: [www.energiakeskus.ee/en](http://www.energiakeskus.ee/en)

Email: [info@energiakeskus.ee](mailto:info@energiakeskus.ee)

## Kalma Sauna



The architect of this 1928 grand Neoclassical sauna complex with Art Deco elements is Aleksander Vladovski. The wood heated city sauna offers men's, women's and hourly charged saunas for groups.

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Address: Kalma Saun, Vana-Kalamaja 9A, Tallinn

Phone: +372 627 1811

Internet: [www.kalmasaun.ee/eng-ajalooga-koht/](http://www.kalmasaun.ee/eng-ajalooga-koht/)

## Telliskivi Creative City



Telliskivi Creative City is a new, artist-friendly complex that has become a popular hangout for shoppers and restaurant-goers. Located in a reclaimed factory area not far from the Old Town, it is Estonia's biggest creative economic enterprise centre, bringing together a diverse range of activities and businesses. For example, there is a 160-seat eatery, a childcare centre, a printing shop, a furniture shop, a theatre and an antique book store. Dance evenings are held on Tuesday evenings, Saturdays bring a flea market.

More than anything, the hub is a bohemian place for relaxation and business that encourages people with similar interests to get together.

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Address: Telliskivi 60a

Phone: +372 504 7353  
Internet: telliskivi.cc/en  
Email: info@telliskivi.eu

### Kultuurikatel — Tallinn Creative Hub



The "Cauldron of Culture" Is a creative hub and an art space in the very centre of Tallinn. Here, life is in full swing, with a variety of creative workshops, seminars, conferences, festivals, concerts, exhibitions and much more.

From 1913 to 1979, the thoroughly restored building housed the Tallinn Central City Power Plant. It was the first major step in the electrification of Tallinn.

The former boiler room gave the cultural centre its name. The first serious contact between the former power plant and art occurred in 1977, when Andrei Tarkovsky filmed his cult film "Stalker" in this complex.

Photo: Magnus Heinmets/Visit Tallinn  
Address: Kultuurikatel, Kursi 3, Tallinn  
Phone: +372 5620 1115  
Internet: kultuurikatel.ee/en  
Email: info@kultuurikatel.ee

### Pirita Convent Ruins



For a unique, historic experience, explore the eerily beautiful ruins of St Bridget's, a medieval convent destroyed in 1577. Founded in 1407 as part of a Swedish religious order, St Bridget's was the largest convent in the Livonian territories and operated until the Livonian War, when it was decimated by the forces of Ivan the

Terrible. The most striking feature that remains is a mysterious, 35-metre gabled facade towering above the trees next to Pirita River.

In addition to its facade, visitors to the ruins can see several walls, staircases and cellars, as well as a farmer's cemetery that developed here in the 17th century. The walls of the main structure are still standing, making it an excellent venue for outdoor performances. The spot is often used for concerts, most notably those of the Birgitta Festival, which happens here each August.

Nearby is the modern building of the St Bridgettine Order, who re-established a convent here in 2001.

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Address: Merivälja tee 18, Pirita, Tallinn  
Phone: +372 605 5000  
Internet: www.piritaklooster.ee  
Email: lagle@osss.ee

### Tallinn Botanic Garden



The Tallinn Botanic Garden's extensive, lush greenhouses — where you can find everything from banana plants to decorative house plants — are open to visitors all year round. The garden frequently hosts special exhibits of beautiful, sensual, fragrant and exotic flowers. There are also displays following a different theme each month such as medicinal and poisonous plants, exotic fruits, taste and smell, mushrooms, cutting flowers and more.

In summer, the garden makes a perfect, family-friendly spot for picnics and the occasional outdoor concert, and a stroll through the rose garden is always a must.

Thematic tours are also conducted throughout the year, the most popular among them being the summer-night aroma tours and the rose days.

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Address: Tallinna Botaanikaaed, Kloostrimetsa tee 52, Tallinn  
Opening hours: May through September: daily 10am-7pm.  
October through April: daily 11am-4pm  
Phone: +372 606 2666  
Internet: [botaanikaaed.ee/en](http://botaanikaaed.ee/en)  
Email: [aed@botaanikaaed.ee](mailto:aed@botaanikaaed.ee)

### Pirita Beach



Pirita beach is by far the largest and most popular in Tallinn. In the summer it can attract up to 30,000 visitors a day. The 2-km-long beach has a magnificent view of the 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.

The beach has been awarded The Blue Flag eco-label, which means that in addition to clean water and necessary communications, the beach also provides environmentally friendly and educational activities.

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Address: Merivälja tee 5, Pirita linnaosa, Tallinn  
Opening hours: Lifeguards are on duty Mon-Fri 9am-8pm,  
Sat & Sun 9am-9pm  
Internet: [www.visitestonia.com/en/pirita-beach](http://www.visitestonia.com/en/pirita-beach)

## DINING



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Estonian cuisine is based on fresh and natural ingredients that vary according to the season. Whether you want to have a cosy dinner with your family or meeting your friends for some drinks in a modern lounge bar, there are countless choices — from medieval to modern, from traditional Estonian to exotic international. In summertime, tables and chairs are set up outside restaurants, and sitting at backyards or terraces is a great pastime and holiday activity in itself.

### Dominic



Top-notch European dining and a superbly-restored Medieval interior make this Old Town establishment an

excellent option for those searching for something a cut above the ordinary. Dominic also bills itself as a 'wine restaurant' and indeed its knowledgeable sommelier stocks among the best vintages in town.

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Address: Vene 10, Tallinn  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-midnight, Sun noon-9pm  
Phone: +372 641 0400  
Internet: [www.restoran.ee](http://www.restoran.ee)  
Email: [dominic@restoran.ee](mailto:dominic@restoran.ee)

## Elevant



Head up the iron spiral staircase and then settle into a wicker chair to enjoy Elevant's peaceful, sophisticated ambiance.

Here you'll find a selection of tasty Indian standards, along with daring dishes like wild boar kebab and moose curry, all served up by friendly staff. For a dessert with a difference, try the fritter banana in crunchy chickpea dough.

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Address: Vene 5, Tallinn

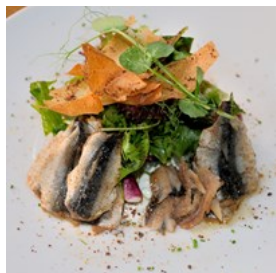
Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm

Phone: +372 631 3132

Internet: elevant.ee

Email: elevant@elevant.ee

## Pegasus



Just as the name promises, this sharp, Old Town restaurant focuses on all sorts of fish dishes - from herring fillet salad and tiger prawn pasta to

oven-baked baby trout - and offers a decent selection of wines. Some non-fish dishes, such as a risotto and a beef burger, are also available, and it opens early to serve decidedly fish-free omelettes and porridge.

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Address: Harju 1, Tallinn

Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-11pm, Fri & Sat noon-midnight

Phone: +372 662 3013

Internet: restoranpegasus.ee

Email: info@restoranpegasus.ee

## Tchaikovsky



The ultra-elegant Telegraaf Hotel has created this superb restaurant where the traditions of Russian and French cuisine are

combined to create a symbiosis of rich flavors. Chef de Cuisine Vladislav Djatšuk, a 2009 finalist in the world's top gastronomy contest, the Bocuse d'Or, has reproduced the recipes of forgotten masters, infusing them with his own experience and vision.

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Address: Vene 9, Tallinn

Phone: +372 600 0610

Internet: www.telegraafhotel.com/et/restoran-tallinnas

Email: tchaikovsky@telegraafhotel.com

## Rataskaevu 16



This restaurant in the old town has become a favorite of Tallinners as well as visitors, with its tasty foods and friendly service showing that

every customer is a welcome guest here. A terrace is open in the summer where you can have dinner and spend time, protected from wind and noise. The bread baked on location is definitely worth a try. As this is a popular place, it would be a good idea to make a reservation.

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Address: Rataskaevu 16, Tallinn

Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-11pm, Fri & Sat noon-midnight

Phone: +372 642 4025

Internet: www.rataskaevu16.ee

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### Restoran Controvento



This fascinating restaurant makes the most of its unique location — you'll find it halfway down the famous St Catherine's Passage in

the heart of Tallinn's Medieval Latin Quarter. It's long been known in Tallinn for its top-notch, traditional Italian food, which is served up in unforgettably charming, centuries-old dining rooms.

Photo: Carlos Davila Cepeda/unsplash.com

Address: Vene 12, Tallinn

Opening hours: Daily noon-10:45pm

Phone: +372 644 0470

Internet: [www.controvento.ee](http://www.controvento.ee)

Email: [info@controvento.ee](mailto:info@controvento.ee)

### Chedi



Run by the same group that created the illustrious Bocca, Tchaikovsky and other award winners, Chedi offers Asian-style

creations such as Singapore roast chicken and Mongolian-style venison stir fry. The grilled lamb chop with chocolate sauce is a favorite.

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Address: Sulevimägi 1, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Thu noon-11pm, Fri & Sat noon-midnight, Sun 1pm-10pm

Phone: +372 646 1676

Internet: [www.chedi.ee](http://www.chedi.ee)

Email: [info@chedi.ee](mailto:info@chedi.ee)

### Kaerajaan



An off-beat interior and inventive dishes make Kaerajaan a great place to experience a modern take on Estonian folk

cuisine. Located right on the Town Hall Square, this comfortable restaurant takes its name from an old folk song and dance, and both the decor and the food resonate with the echoes of the nation's ethnic heritage.

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Address: Raekoja plats 17, Tallinn

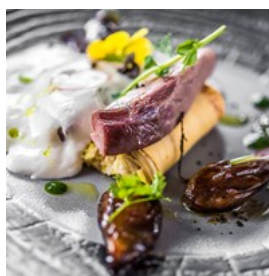
Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-10pm, Fri & Sat noon-11pm

Phone: +372 615 5400

Internet: [www.kaerajaan.ee](http://www.kaerajaan.ee)

Email: [kaerajaan@kaerajaan.ee](mailto:kaerajaan@kaerajaan.ee)

### Hermitage



A cozy restaurant in the boutique hotel St Petersburg in the heart of the Old Town, the oldest hotel in Estonia, opened in 1850. The

restaurant's menu follows the traditions of Russian cuisine, but the dishes are served with a modern twist. Examples of the menu of Hermitage include a selection of handmade pelmeni or slow-roasted duck hearts. The legendary chicken Kiev and boeuf a la tartar are also available. There is just one selection that you can never know what it will contain - a six-course surprise menu created for the customer by the chef personally.

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Address: Rataskaevu 7, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 6pm-10pm

Phone: +372 628 6560

Internet: [lermitagehotel.ee/dining-in-tallinn](http://lermitagehotel.ee/dining-in-tallinn)

## Peppersack



Hungry diners flock to Peppersack, a medieval-themed restaurant in the Old Town, to enjoy hearty meals, sample fine drinks and witness the sword fight that takes place every evening in the lively, historic ambiance of this 14th-century venue. Order Alderman Johan's Special or Master Hansu's Feast and follow it with some house beer, made according to historical recipes.

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Address: Viru 2, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-midnight, Sun 9am-11pm

Phone: +372 646 6800

Internet: peppersack.ee

Email: peppersack@peppersack.ee

## Restoran Spot



The menu of this centrally located restaurant is rich in grilled delicacies in its entrees as well as main dishes selection. You can sit back and watch the city bustle from the terrace in the summer, or if you prefer peace and quiet, the arched medieval interior of the restaurant with its niches spreading on three floors is the place for you.

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Address: Vene 4, Tallinn

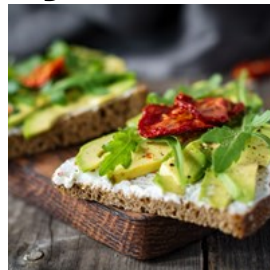
Opening hours: Mon-Thu noon-11pm, Fri & Sat noon-midnight, Sun noon-10pm

Phone: +372 600 4977

Internet: www.restoranspot.ee

Email: spot@restoranspot.ee

## Vegan Restoran V



Next to the Von Krahl theatre, V serves nothing but vegan food. The restaurant is located in a small and cozy room in the middle of the sturdy limestone walls of the Old Town, and to date, it has received nothing but praise from critics and visitors alike. An indicator of the level of the restaurant is the fact that you can seldom find a seat without making a reservation. The chick pea burger is one of the favourite main dishes. The delicious foods on offer in this restaurant will make short work of the myth that vegan food is boring.

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Address: Rataskaevu 12, Tallinn

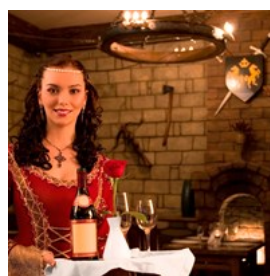
Opening hours: Mon-Thu noon-11pm, Fri & Sat noon-11:30pm, Sun noon-4pm

Phone: +372 626 9087

Internet: www.veganrestoran.ee

Email: info@veganrestoran.ee

## Maikrahv



Right in the heart of Old Town you'll find a fine restaurant known for serving exceptional food in distinctive surroundings. Maikrahv, built in a 15th-century town house, offers an inviting, medieval atmosphere and a selective array of international cuisine. For a unique drink experience, try the house shot or the kir royal.

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Address: Raekoja plats 8, Tallinn

Opening hours: Daily noon-midnight

Phone: +372 631 4227

Internet: maikrahv.ee

Email: reserve@maikrahv.ee

## Mix Fusion



Restaurant Mix Fusion is a place, where European dishes are served with an Oriental flourish. Fusion cuisine is a surprising and harmonious mix of tastes, styles, with ingredients taken from the culinary traditions of Japan, France, Italy and Russia.

Address: Vana-Posti 11-13, Tallinn

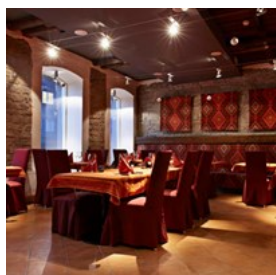
Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm

Phone: +372 622 0998

Internet: [mixrestoran.ee/en](http://mixrestoran.ee/en)

Email: [info@mixrestoran.ee](mailto:info@mixrestoran.ee)

## Argentiina



Meat and seafood grilled Latin-American style are the specialty at this long-time Tallinn favourite, which makes its home in a warmly-decorated locale just a little ways from Old Town. Guests can watch as the chef prepares their cuts over the flaming coals, and on Friday and Saturday evenings be dazzled by a hot dance revue.

Photo: Visit Tallinn

Address: Tartu maantee 80, Tallinn

Opening hours: Sun-Tue noon-10pm, Wed-Sat noon-midnight

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Email: [info@argentiina.ee](mailto:info@argentiina.ee)

## CAFES



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A romantic hideaway, a trendy hangout or just somewhere to get a decent cappuccino — whatever kind of cafe you're looking for, you can find it in Tallinn. But hungry travellers should also know that the line between “restaurant” and “cafe” in Estonia is somewhat blurred, with many cafes offering extensive food menus. Meals typically range from simple, meat-and-potatoes dishes to elaborate salads and pastas. If it's just dessert you're after, try one of the cafes that specializes in handmade chocolates.

## Pierre Chocolaterie



The historic setting of the Masters' Courtyard adds an extra touch of charm to this little café where tempting truffles are the specialty. Visitors can sip coffee or cognac at one of the tables in the frilly, 19th-century interior, or if the weather allows it, opt for a table in the open air.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vene 6, Tallinn

Opening hours: Daily 9am-10pm

Phone: +372 641 8061

Internet: [www.pierre.ee](http://www.pierre.ee)

Email: [tallinn@pierre.ee](mailto:tallinn@pierre.ee)

### Maiasmokk



Tallinn's oldest café still retains its amazing, pre-war interior and offers a variety of tempting cakes and pastries, as well as fresh coffee and other treats. This old charmer lives up to its name (Estonian for 'sweet tooth') by serving up a variety of baked goods – all made right on the spot – as well as hot drinks and other snacks. Children will appreciate the adjacent Kalev Marzipan Room with its display of artistic marzipan creations.

Photo: surachet khamsuk/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Pikk 16, Tallinn  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-9pm, Sat & Sun 9am-9pm  
Phone: +372 646 4066  
Internet: [www.kohvikmaiasmokk.ee/en](http://www.kohvikmaiasmokk.ee/en)  
Email: [maiasmokk@orkla.ee](mailto:maiasmokk@orkla.ee)

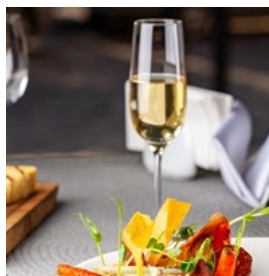
### Bogapott



A popular destination for the discerning tourist, Bogapott is an intriguing pottery studio, shop and cosy café all rolled into one. This is a unique family-run set-up, where there are many creations on sale that can't be found anywhere else in town. In summer, visitors can relax in the cafe's courtyard, sipping coffee from cups that were made right on the spot.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Pikk jalg 9, Tallinn  
Opening hours: Daily 10am-7pm  
Phone: +372 631 3181  
Internet: [www.visitestonia.com/en/cafe-and-art-studio-bogapott](http://www.visitestonia.com/en/cafe-and-art-studio-bogapott)  
Email: [bogapott@gmail.com](mailto:bogapott@gmail.com)

### C'est la vie



This inviting, Old Town venue is where the charm, romance and atmosphere of the French café scene meet the peak of 1930s art. The menu is inspired by French cuisine, while the selection of wines and Champagnes will satisfy even the most demanding of palates. Head downstairs to find more formal dining in the elegant, medieval cellar.

Photo: Zu Kamilov/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Suur-Karja 5, Tallinn  
Opening hours: Mon-Thu noon-9pm, Fri & Sat noon-11pm  
Phone: +372 641 8048  
Internet: [www.cestlavie.ee/en](http://www.cestlavie.ee/en)  
Email: [info@cestlavie.ee](mailto:info@cestlavie.ee)

### Narva Café



A visit to this friendly, downtown café is a must for those who want a glimpse of the Soviet era. Pastries, salads and a long list of hot dishes are on offer, all at prices that are considerably lower than elsewhere. Narva Cafe's bakery is also known throughout the city as a worthy place to pick up birthday cakes and tasty pretzels.

Photo: TAGSTOCK1/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Narva maantee 10, Tallinn  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-8pm, Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 10am-6pm  
Phone: +372 660 1786  
Internet: [narakohvik.ee](http://narakohvik.ee)  
Email: [info@narakohvik.ee](mailto:info@narakohvik.ee)

### Maiden Tower Museum-Cafe



The interaction of museal elements with modern Estonian design has contributed to the birth of a unique restaurant-café situated on three floors of a fourteenth-century defence tower. Through the large floor to ceiling windows, the Old Town can be overlooked while enjoying delicious dishes.

Photo: Rawpixel/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lossi plats 11, Lühike jalg 9a, Tallinn

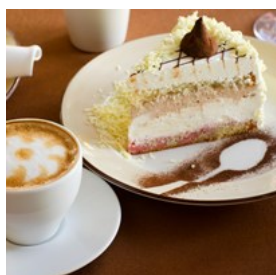
Opening hours: Tue, Wed & Fri-Sun 10am-5pm, Thu 10am-8pm

Phone: +372 601 2751

Internet: [linnamuseum.ee/en](http://linnamuseum.ee/en)

Email: [neitsitorn@linnamuseum.ee](mailto:neitsitorn@linnamuseum.ee)

### Saiakang Café



This small café on the Saiakang lane, just off Town Hall Square, has been a neighbourhood staple for years and continues to offer the quintessential café experience. This is a place where you can drop in for a cup and a chat, have a slice of cake and be on your way. Alternatively you can settle down with a bowl of soup or stick around to chat with friends.

Photo: Olinchuk/Shutterstock.com

Address: Saiakang 3, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 10am-6pm

Phone: +372 644 3055

Internet: [www.instagram.com/saiakangikohvik](https://www.instagram.com/saiakangikohvik)

Email: [indrek@saiail.ee](mailto:indrek@saiail.ee)

### Mmuah



This smart, downtown café has become a popular stopping place both for those shopping in the nearby Kaubamaja department store and for nearby office workers looking for a decent lunch option. The extensive menu includes wraps, warm salads, quiches and savoury pancakes.

Photo: Pavel L Photo and Video/Shutterstock.com

Address: Gonsiori 2, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-10pm, Sun 11am-7pm

Phone: +372 683 1199

Internet: [www.mmuah.ee/en](http://www.mmuah.ee/en)

Email: [info@mmuah.ee](mailto:info@mmuah.ee)

### Kloostri Ait



This cafe of the Teatrum theatre in the Old Town is a cosy meeting place with that will make you feel at home. The café serves simple foods and tasty coffee. In the winter it is nice to warm up in front of the fireplace, in the summer you can spend time on the terrace in the café's courtyard. Kloostri Ait is also a meeting place for music, words, dance, song, ideas and people who are young at heart. Kloostri Ait's Facebook page will give you an overview of the evening cultural program.

Photo: Milan Ilic Photographer/Shutterstock.com

Address: Teatrum, Vene 14, Tallinn

Phone: +372 644 6889

Internet: [www.facebook.com/kloostriait](https://www.facebook.com/kloostriait)

### Sõõrikukohvik



Doughnuts sold by the kilo are the speciality at the Doughnut Café's two Tallinn locations. Created the classic way - fried and sugared - the

doughnuts only come in one variety, but other food is also available including salads, pancakes and even spaghetti.

Photo: Anna Hoychuk/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kentmanni 21 / Jaama 12, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-7pm, Sat & Sun 9am-7pm

Phone: +372 660 5002

Internet: [www.soorikukohvik.ee](http://www.soorikukohvik.ee)

Email: [kentmanni@soorikukohvik.ee](mailto:kentmanni@soorikukohvik.ee)

More Info: Second location at Jaama 12

### Kohvik Komeet



Komeet is a simple, cosy café on the 4th floor of the Solaris Centre, where you can enjoy a beautiful view of the surrounding neighbourhood while

sipping a cup of coffee and eating a slice of delicious chocolate cake. Various cakes, pies, salads, snacks and hot dishes are on offer. In summer, its rooftop terrace is one of downtown Tallinn's most attractive destinations.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Estonia pst. 9, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-11pm, Sun 11am-9pm

Phone: +372 614 0090

Internet: [www.kohvikkomeet.ee](http://www.kohvikkomeet.ee)

Email: [info@kohvikkomeet.ee](mailto:info@kohvikkomeet.ee)

### Boheem



This unpretentious venue just past the train station is a favourite haunt of local young, artsy crowd. Wood floors and old-style furniture give it a

timeless feel. In addition to the usual drinks, light meals are available.

Photo: Paul Kuimet/Visit Tallinn

Address: Kopli 18, Tallinn

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +372 631 1928

Internet: [www.instagram.com/kohvikboheem](http://www.instagram.com/kohvikboheem)

Email: [info@boheem.ee](mailto:info@boheem.ee)

### Must Puudel



Must Puudel (Estonian for Black Poodle) is a cosy and friendly cafe in Old Town that is known for their culinary creations, especially for

breakfast and brunch. Great food, friendly staff and good company — what more is there to ask for!

Photo: Toa Hefitaba/unsplash

Address: Kuninga 4, Tallinn

Opening hours: Sun & Mon 9am-11pm, Tue 9am-midnight,

Wed & Thu 9am-12:30am, Fri & Sat 9am-1:30am

Phone: +372 5332 5072

Internet: [www.instagram.com/kohvikmustpuudel](http://www.instagram.com/kohvikmustpuudel)

Email: [kohv.kohv@gmail.com](mailto:kohv.kohv@gmail.com)

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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In addition to being the best places to unwind during the evening, the city's bars and pubs also operate during the day, serving up reasonably priced dishes to the frugal masses. In local pubs, the menus tend toward schnitzels and potatoes, whereas international-style pubs will serve you everything from Tandoori chicken to an English breakfast. Look for a chalkboard menu advertising the päevapraad (daily lunch special), which is a good way to fill your belly without emptying your wallet.

### Breweryclub



Brewery beer club is located in Tallinn's Old Town in the old Pearl complex. But now it has been going through a renovation in which there are side by side ancient architecture and modern design. Brewery offers 47 different types of beer, seven of them are draft beers and five of them are brewed in our own house's brewing factory. Our cuisine is a combination of different meals and food cultures all over the world. All foods are made to go together with offered beers and also with wines for our wine friends.

Photo: savitskaya iryna/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Pikk 1, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Wed noon-1am, Thu-Sat noon-3am,  
Sun noon-1am  
Phone: +372 631 3631  
Internet: [www.brewery.ee](http://www.brewery.ee)  
Email: [info@brewery.ee](mailto:info@brewery.ee)

### Gloria Wine Cellar (Veinikelder)



Not only does Gloria Wine Cellar offer the widest choice of wines in the Nordic countries, it's also one of the most elegant and cosy spots in the entire city. Built right into the medieval town wall, this underground hideaway is as good a place for a romantic rendezvous as it is for finding the perfect vintage.

Photo: LightField Studios/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Müürivahe Tänav 2, Tallinn  
Opening hours: Tue-Sat 2pm-11pm, Sun & Mon closed  
Phone: +372 640 6804  
Internet: [gloriaveinikelder.ee/en](http://gloriaveinikelder.ee/en)

### Hell Hunt



Known for its comfortable, local atmosphere and good food, the Gentle Wolf is a popular destination every night of the week. Tallinners and foreigners alike are drawn by its friendly prices and service, as well as the extensive list of beers, which include ten draught varieties and over 50 in bottles.

Photo: Lordn/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Pikk 39, Tallinn  
Opening hours: Mon-Thu noon-2am, Fri & Sat noon-3am,  
Sun noon-1am  
Phone: +372 681 8333  
Internet: [www.hellhunt.ee](http://www.hellhunt.ee)  
Email: [hellhunt@hellhunt.ee](mailto:hellhunt@hellhunt.ee)

### Deja Vu Lounge



One of the city's trendiest lounges, this intimate venue keeps its regulars entertained with a venerable schedule of guest artists.

Performances can range from jazz singers and trumpet players to dance beat DJs. The extensive food menu, which includes nachos, club sandwiches and Thai soup, is also worth note.

Photo: Jacob Lund/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vana-Viru 8, Tallinn

Phone: +372 5688 4455

Internet: [www.dejavu.ee](http://www.dejavu.ee)

Email: [info@dejavu.ee](mailto:info@dejavu.ee)

### Von Krahl Bar



Attached to a theatre in Old Town, this down-to-earth bar is known as Tallinn's main destination for alternative bands and alternative

crowds. Anything from Reggae to progressive rock can be found on stage here. Some fans will dance in the small area in front of the stage, while others watch from the wooden-railed balcony above. There's a small entrance charge when bands are playing.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rataskaevu 10, Tallinn

Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-1am, Fri & Sat noon-3am

Phone: +372 626 9090

Internet: [www.vonkrahle.ee](http://www.vonkrahle.ee)

Email: [baar@vonkrahle.ee](mailto:baar@vonkrahle.ee)

### Depeche Mode



There's only one band you'll hear on the sound system at this unusual bar. Started years ago by the Estonian Depeche Mode fan club, it has

remained a staple of the town's alternative bar scene and is a particular favourite of foreign students. Those who want to avoid the bustle of front bar area can find a table in the spacious side room.

Photo: Alexey Bagmanyant/Shutterstock.com

Address: Voorimehe 4, Tallinn

Phone: +372 631 4308

Internet: [www.depechemode.ee](http://www.depechemode.ee)

Email: [bar@depechemode.ee](mailto:bar@depechemode.ee)

### Beer House



Nothing goes with good food like good beer, and at Beer House, you can enjoy both! This spacious restaurant-brewery just off Town Hall Square

produces seven tasty varieties of natural, live beer, which visitors can enjoy with a hearty meal or buy in a bottle to take away. Live music plays every Thursday to Saturday.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Dunkri 5, Tallinn

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 1pm-11:30pm, Fri & Sat 1pm-midnight

Phone: +372 644 2222

Internet: [www.beerhouse.ee](http://www.beerhouse.ee)

Email: [info@beerhouse.ee](mailto:info@beerhouse.ee)

### Drink Bar & Grill



Owned and run by an English beer connoisseur, Drink specialises in offering brews that aren't available in most other Tallinn establishments.

Though not aiming to be a typical English pub, it nevertheless offers English visitors what they may be missing from home, namely fish and chips, pub quizzes and comedy nights.

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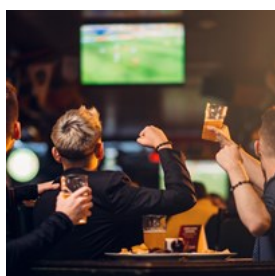
Address: Väike-Karja 8, Tallinn

Opening hours: Sun-Thu noon-11pm, Fri & Sat noon-2am

Phone: +372 644 9433

Email: drinkbaar@live.com

### Nimeta Baar



The Pub With No Name is a focal point of Tallinn's night scene, with tourists, expatriates, business people and Estonian bar-hoppers all making at

least one stop here on any given Friday night. On weekends DJs will make sure that something is happening on the small dance floor. Nimeta also doubles as a sports bar, with multiple TV screens showing crucial English football matches and the like.

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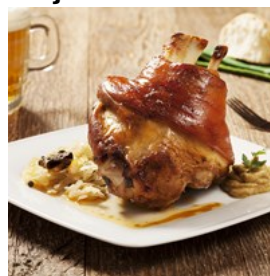
Address: Suur-Karja 4, Tallinn

Phone: +372 641 1515

Internet: [www.nimetabaar.ee](http://www.nimetabaar.ee)

Email: [nimetabaar@hotmail.ee](mailto:nimetabaar@hotmail.ee)

### Karja Kelder



Part of the Vana Villem chain of earthy pubs, this Old Town cellar bar is decorated in the traditional style that Estonians tend to love.

Lots of iron and wood is used in the décor, while wagon wheel chandeliers and other rural artefacts give it a homey feel. The large variety of beer is the big hit here, but Karja Kelder is also a good spot to enjoy a reasonably-priced, hearty meal.

Photo: gkrphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Väike-Karja 1, Tallinn

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 2pm-11:30pm, Fri & Sat noon-3am

Phone: +372 644 0434

Internet: [karja-kelder-pub.business.site](http://karja-kelder-pub.business.site)

Email: [karjakelder@gmail.com](mailto:karjakelder@gmail.com)

### Mad Murphy's



The large venue draws in the crowds with televised sports and a tasty pub menu, which includes a full Irish breakfast served all day long. Live bands, often featuring Irish folk music, take to the stage most weekends.

Photo: View Apart/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mündi 2, Tallinn

Phone: +372 601 1070

Internet: [www.madmurphys.ee](http://www.madmurphys.ee)

Email: [info@madmurphys.ee](mailto:info@madmurphys.ee)

### Põrgu



Unbelievably large selection of draught beers and their bottled cousins, delicious à la carte dishes and almost holy atmosphere makes this

hell-themed pub seem like a paradise on earth, where you can feel free and let yourself be carried away by tasting pleasure.

Photo: Master1305/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rütli 4, Tallinn

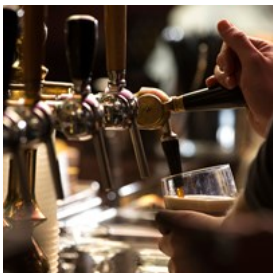
Opening hours: Mon–Thu noon–midnight, Fri & Sat noon–2am

Phone: +372 644 0232

Internet: [www.porgu.ee](http://www.porgu.ee)

Email: [porgu@porgu.ee](mailto:porgu@porgu.ee)

### St Patrick's Pub



St Patrick's is your standard friendly Irish pub, situated right in the city centre. Enjoy a good meal and be part of the vibrant city life. Check

out the second floor for views over the old city. The pub is not only good for evening drinks — it is a popular spot for weekday lunch.

Photo: IsabellaO/Shutterstock.com

Address: Foorum, Narva mnt 5, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon–Thu & Sun 10am–11:30pm, Fri & Sat 10am–2am

Phone: +372 6640 443

Internet: [patricks.ee/en](http://patricks.ee/en)

Email: [info@patricks.ee](mailto:info@patricks.ee)

More Info: Second location at Supluse pst. 1

### Texas Honky Tonk



The US and Texas flags hanging out at the front, the steer horns, beer ads and other trappings of an American country-style bar may make you think

you are in the Lone Star State. The food here is appropriately Tex-Mex, with burritos and quesadillas on the menu. A frozen margarita mixer churning away at the bar provides the perfect way to wash these delicacies down.

Photo: stockcreations/Shutterstock.com

Address: Pikk 43, Tallinn

Opening hours: Daily noon–midnight

Phone: +372 631 1755

Internet: [www.texas.ee](http://www.texas.ee)

Email: [texas@texas.ee](mailto:texas@texas.ee)

### The Dubliner



A relative newcomer among Tallinn's Irish pubs, Dubliner has all the trappings one would expect of the genre. In addition to offering an

array of tasty snacks, the pub keeps its regulars happy by showing the day's sporting events on TV. On Saturday nights a live band provides further entertainment.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Suur-Karja 18, Tallinn

Opening hours: Sun & Mon 11am–11pm, Tue–Thu 11am–midnight, Fri & Sat 11am–1am

Phone: +372 644 4694

Internet: [restaurantguru.com/Dubliner-Tallinn](http://restaurantguru.com/Dubliner-Tallinn)

Email: [dubliner@hot.ee](mailto:dubliner@hot.ee)

### Valli Baar



This legendary bar is a true anachronism and a welcome sight to anyone interested in a 70s-style watering hole. If there's one Tallinn watering hole

that everyone should check out, it's Valli Baar. The tiny venue has seen few changes since it first open — its interior is actually under cultural heritage protection. Valli Baar's famous house shot is the potent, spicy Millimallikas (jellyfish), which is also the traditional welcome drink for new employees of Skype in Tallinn.

Photo: George Rudy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Müürivahe 14, Tallinn

Phone: +372 641 8379

Internet: [visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor/near-me/177489/bar-valli](http://visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor/near-me/177489/bar-valli)

### Old Estonia



From this 40-seat wine restaurant on Town Hall Square, guests can gaze through wide windows and enjoy beautiful views of Old Town life. It

features high quality wines from around the world as well as tasty Estonian dishes like marinated wild boar and a variety of choices from the grill.

Photo: Fanfo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Raekoja plats 8, Tallinn

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10am-midnight, Fri & Sat 10am-1am

Phone: +372 641 2183

Internet: [oldestonia.com](http://oldestonia.com)

Email: [info@oldestonia.ee](mailto:info@oldestonia.ee)

### Chicago 1933



Chicago 1933 is an elegant and sophisticated bar-restaurant on the edge of Tallinn Old Town inspired of 1930s

America. It offers an

international kitchen, a bounty of drinks and a wide variety of wine. The Live music on every evening is inspired by the legendary jazz and swing era. Tobacco lovers can enjoy the luxury cigar room.

Photo: Nejron Photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Aia 3, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Fri noon-late, Sat 2pm-2am, Sun 2am-11pm

Phone: +372 627 1266

Internet: [chicago.ee](http://chicago.ee)

Email: [info@chicago.ee](mailto:info@chicago.ee)

### Club Münt



Münt, which means both mint and coin in Estonian, is a small establishment on a narrow, Old Town street. Despite its intimate size, it still aims

to pack a full-fledged club experience, complete with go-go dancers on some evenings. Münt is also noted for offering a range of inexpensive drinks, most of them costing just one euro.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Müürivahe 22, Tallinn

Phone: +372 5358 0904

Internet: [clubmynt.eu](http://clubmynt.eu)

Email: [info@clubmynt.eu](mailto:info@clubmynt.eu)

### Club Hollywood



One of the hottest nightclubs in Tallinn, Hollywood is always popular, packed and pulsing with energy. The club's large dance floor

and heart-of-Old-Town location makes it a great place to drop in with friends at the end of a night of pub hopping. Expect different music and crowds depending on what events are on, including everything from Hip Hop Café to Latin Lust to Retro Night. Minimum age: 18 years.

Photo: glazok90/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vana-Posti 8, Tallinn

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 11pm-5am

Phone: +372 615 5100

Internet: clubhollywood.ee

Email: info@clubhollywood.ee

## SHOPPING



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In Tallinn, folk tradition exists alongside everything contemporary. You can find some of the most amazing art pieces exclusively made with traditional skills. Many shops and galleries offer a wide range to choose from, so everyone is sure to find something to their liking. The most unique Estonian souvenirs are traditional Estonian handicrafts: knitwear, linen, ceramics, leather, and wood, especially juniper wood. Most of Estonian design can be seen in small

galleries, design boutiques and fashion stores. You will find many unique, handcrafted pieces from some of the most imaginative designers in Estonia, ranging from ceramic, textile and fashion, to wood, furniture, jewellers and handicraft.

### Olde Hansa Shoppe



This medieval shop, based in Olde Hansa along with a typical restaurant, sells souvenirs from local and international producers

including glassware, pottery, silver jewellery and authentic replicas of items used by medieval townsfolk.

Photo: János Korom Dr./cc by-sa 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Vana turg 1, Tallinn

Phone: +372 627 9020

Internet: www.oldehansa.ee

### Masters' Courtyard



Hidden in a quiet, Old Town courtyard is this site dedicated to the master craftsmen of old. 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.

Photo: Polly Allen/cc by-nd 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Vene 6, Tallinn

Opening hours: Shops & office: daily 10am-6pm; Cafe: daily 8am-11pm

Phone: +372 504 6113

Internet: hoov.ee

Email: jaan.parn@mail.ee

More Info: Hours can vary from shop to shop. Check the

website for further information.

### Estonian House



This shop gathers together local craftsmen, small businesses and farm food producers.

There is a fun mix of modern and traditional

handicraft or design items, which make perfect gifts buy.

Photo: Grisha Bruev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Eesti Esindus Tallinnas, Viru 3, Tallinn

Opening hours: Daily 10am-8pm

Phone: +372 640 4037

Internet: [www.estonianshop.com](http://www.estonianshop.com)

Email: [info@eestiesindus.ee](mailto:info@eestiesindus.ee)

### Navitrolla Gallery



Navitrolla is an Estonian artist whose art has sold well around the world.

The walls in the gallery are all covered with his funky works, which

explore intriguing themes. Oil paintings, the most valuable of them all, can only be purchased at the gallery. Graphics by the artist are available both framed and unframed.

Photo: Uladzimir Dyliuk/Shutterstock.com

Address: Sulevimägi 1, Tallinn

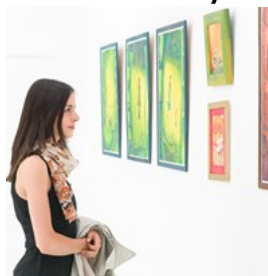
Opening hours: Tue-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 11am-5pm

Phone: +372 631 3716

Internet: [www.navitrolla.ee/en](http://www.navitrolla.ee/en)

Email: [pood@navitrolla.ee](mailto:pood@navitrolla.ee)

### Draakoni Gallery



Draakoni Gallery primarily shows works by young Estonian artists, with foreign art exhibitions a few times a year. The "inside of the

Dragon" can contain pictures in various techniques as well as 3D objects, while performance art events are organised from time to time in the cellar room. The gallery's salesroom has a large selection of contemporary Estonian prints, paintings and photographs. The gallery, founded in 1983, is located in the Old Town in an Art Nouveau building featuring dragons on the facade. It is run by the Estonian Artists' Association.

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Address: Pikk 18, Tallinn

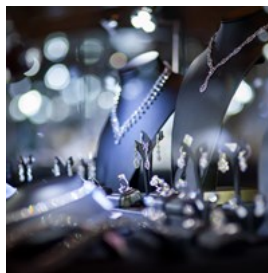
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 11am-5pm

Phone: +372 646 4110

Internet: [www.eaa.ee/en/draakon-gallery](http://www.eaa.ee/en/draakon-gallery)

Email: [galerii@eaa.ee](mailto:galerii@eaa.ee)

### A-Galerii



One of the most unique jewellery galleries in the Nordic countries, A-Galerii offers Estonian contemporary jewellery art of the highest quality.

Exhibitions and sales are taking place in parallel: the works of around 70 jewellery artists are showcased and sold here.

Photo: zhgee/Shutterstock.com

Address: Hobusepea 2, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-4pm

Phone: +372 646 4101

Internet: [agalerii.ee/en](http://agalerii.ee/en)

Email: [info@agalerii.ee](mailto:info@agalerii.ee)

### Asuur Ceramics Studio



This ceramics studio inside the historic Löewenschede Tower is a place where you can watch artists at work, buy or order their creations, and see exhibitions. The studio organises regular ceramics courses that are suitable for drop-ins. Booking by phone, it's also possible to organise your own group event for your colleagues, friends or family.

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Address: Kooli 7, Tallinn

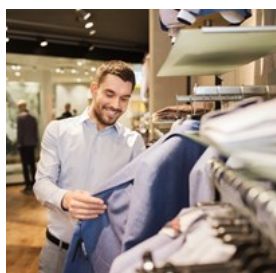
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 11am-3pm

Phone: +372 646 4096

Internet: [asuurkeraamika.com](http://asuurkeraamika.com)

Email: [asuurkeraamika@gmail.com](mailto:asuurkeraamika@gmail.com)

### Gowri Style House



Gowri is a family business focusing on men's clothing. The brand brings ageless British style together with brave colours. Custom-made shirts, waistcoats, ties and tailored suits are all created by the hands of dedicated tailors.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rütli 28, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-3pm

Phone: +372 663 1696

Internet: [www.gowri.eu](http://www.gowri.eu)

Email: [stylehouse@gowri.eu](mailto:stylehouse@gowri.eu)

### Helina Tilk



Helina Tilk, a much-loved Estonian artist, is famous for her colourful drawings of cats, pigs, bears and other friendly animals. These happy creatures decorate the vast selection of kitchen ceramics sold in her Old Town shops. Ceramics with the artist's fanciful Tallinn-related designs also make superb souvenirs.

Photo: Giorgio Rossi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rataskaevu 8, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-3pm

Phone: +372 646 4280

Internet: [www.helinatilk.ee](http://www.helinatilk.ee)

Email: [info@helinatilk.com](mailto:info@helinatilk.com)

### Ivo Nikkolo



Founded in 1994, Ivo Nikkolo is one of Estonia's oldest and most successful labels. The collection caters exclusively to women, offering sophisticated, high-end attire with an emphasis on quality tailoring.

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Address: Suur-Karja 14, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-4pm

Phone: +372 641 9058

Internet: [ivonikkolo.com](http://ivonikkolo.com)

### St Catherine's Guild

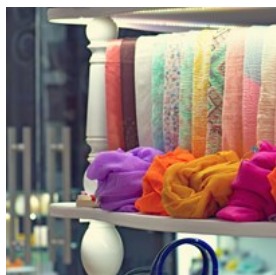


Craftsmen's workshops, merchanting and medieval atmosphere are all combined at "Katariina Guild". Visitors can watch artists practise their craft

in open studios: leather, textile, patchwork, glass, jewellery, hat and ceramic. The guild has been active since 1995.

Photo: Vivian Pereira/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Vene 12, Tallinn  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-6pm  
Internet: [www.katariinagild.eu](http://www.katariinagild.eu)  
Email: [kontakt@katariinagild.eu](mailto:kontakt@katariinagild.eu)

### Lühikese Jala Gallery

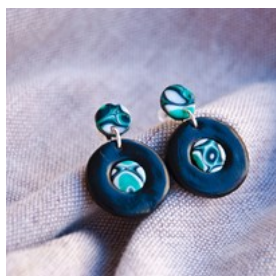


The gallery displays a wide range of modern textiles, silk paintings and tapestry, ceramics and sculpture, glass, jewellery, leather-work

and hand-made postcards. Unique accessories as well as exclusive pieces for interior design are on offer.

Photo: Olga Niko/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Lühike jalg 6, Tallinn  
Opening hours: Daily noon-6pm  
Phone: +372 631 4720  
Internet: [lyhikesejalagalerii.com](http://lyhikesejalagalerii.com)

### Tali Concept



This shop offers Estonian designers' original creations. Tali Concept features different young designers and well known painters. You'll find

unique jewellery, leather goods, applied art, hand made toys and natural beauty products.

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Address: Telliskivi 60a-2, Tallinn

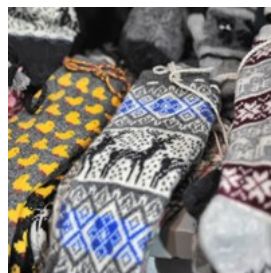
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-7pm, Sat & Sun 11am-5pm

Phone: +372 5380 6821

Internet: [www.talidesign.eu/en](http://www.talidesign.eu/en)

Email: [info@talidesign.eu](mailto:info@talidesign.eu)

### Rewill Handicraft Store



This shop is an excellent place to find genuine Estonian handicrafts.

Rewill offers a variety of knit items like sweaters, blankets, hats, scarves,

socks and mittens, as well as souvenirs made from wood, fur and stone. Visitors who knit as a hobby will also find yarn and other supplies here.

Photo: Evdoha\_spb/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vene 7, Tallinn

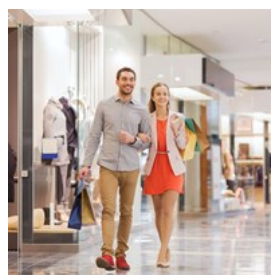
Opening hours: Fri & Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Phone: +372 5665 9129

Internet: [www.rewill.ee](http://www.rewill.ee)

Email: [rewill@rewill.ee](mailto:rewill@rewill.ee)

### Foorum



Numerous shops offering fashion and footwear, for adults and children alike, play a starring role in this modern, downtown

shopping centre. It's also

home to popular dining spots such as Bonaparte Bistrot and the Cuban restaurant Cubanita.

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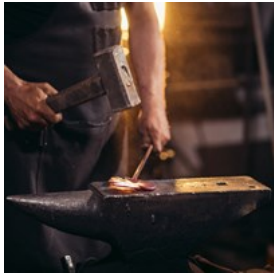
Address: Narva maantee 5, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat & Sun 10am-6pm

Internet: [foorumkeskus.ee](http://foorumkeskus.ee)

Email: [info@foorumkeskus.ee](mailto:info@foorumkeskus.ee)

### Blacksmiths of Saaremaa



In this shop, you'll find unique items crafted by Estonian "sepad", namely blacksmiths, who painstakingly follow the old traditions. There are over 300 different ironwork items available here, including furniture, interior design accessories, chimney and grill utensils, souvenirs and more.

Photo: UfaBizPhoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Olevimägi 11, Tallinn

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Phone: +372 680 0971

Internet: [sepad.ee/en](http://sepad.ee/en)

Email: [sepad@sepad.ee](mailto:sepad@sepad.ee)

### Balti Jaam Market



Balti Jaam Market takes you back to a different time. It offers a wide selection of foods, clothes, bric-a-brac and Soviet-era antiques. It's also home to numerous hip eateries.

Photo: Peeter Langovits/Visit Tallinn

Address: Balti Jaama Turg, Kopli 1, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 9am-5pm

Phone: +372 515 7211

Internet: [en.astri.ee/bjt](http://en.astri.ee/bjt)

Email: [jaama.turg@mail.ee](mailto:jaama.turg@mail.ee)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Tallinn Airport (TLL)



The city's international airport, Lennart Meri Tallinn Airport, provides excellent facilities and a wide variety of services. Its convenient location —

just 4 km from the city centre — means transport to most destinations takes surprisingly little time.

You can get to and from the airport with tram #4 or busses #2 and #15. You can pay the fare with both the Ühiskaart (Tallinn's public transport card), or by tapping your contactless payment card against the card reader. In the latter case, a single ticket is €2.

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Address: Lennart Meri Tallinna lennujaam, Tartu maantee 101, Tallinn

Phone: +372 605 8888

Internet: [www.tallinn-airport.ee/en/](http://www.tallinn-airport.ee/en/)

## Ferries



Ferries cross the Gulf of Finland between Tallinn and Helsinki several times a day, covering the distance in roughly 2 to 3 hours. From late spring to late autumn, high-speed vessels also operate on the route, reducing travel time to just 1.5 hours.

Ferries between Tallinn and Stockholm depart every evening, with the trip taking approximately 15 hours.

All St Peter Line's cruise ships make a Baltic Sea circuit twice per week and can be used for one-way overnight travel from Tallinn to St Petersburg. A return trip is possible by bus or train. In some cases, continuing cruise passengers can stay in St Petersburg visa-free.

The world's largest cruise agencies have included Tallinn in their itineraries — the city receives over 300 calls per season, making it the third busiest cruise destination in the Baltic Sea region.

Passenger terminals are located within walking distance of the medieval Old Town.

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Phone: +372 631 8550

Internet: [www.ts.ee/en](http://www.ts.ee/en)

## Passport/Visa



Estonia can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travellers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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## Buses



International connections are provided by Lux Express and Ecolines. Regular routes connecting Tallinn with Riga, Vilnius and St Petersburg operate several times a day.

International and intercity buses arrive and depart via the Tallinn Central Bus Station (Tallinna Bussijaam).

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Address: Tallinna Bussijaam, Lastekodu 46, Tallinn

Phone: +372 681 3408

Internet: [bussijaam.ee](http://bussijaam.ee)

## Public Transport



Central Tallinn is very compact and easy to get around, and reaching farther out destinations is simple thanks to the city's network of buses, trolleybuses and trams.

The public transport network operates from 6 am

to 11 pm (some lines until midnight). The ticket system works on a random-inspection basis, so you can board via any door and don't have to show anything to the driver. You must, however, have a validated ticket or you risk a €40 fine.

When planning no more than 3 journeys on public transport use the single journey tickets costing €2. This ticket is valid for 60 minutes, and you must re-scan it at each entry during your travel period. You can purchase the tickets by tapping your contactless payment card against the terminal.

If you plan more than 3 journeys on public transport, it is cheaper for you to get the plastic (non-registered) smart card. This smart card is easy to top up with money or travel cards and then to validate your e-ticket(s) at the start of each journey. One smart card can be used by different people (family members, colleagues, etc.).

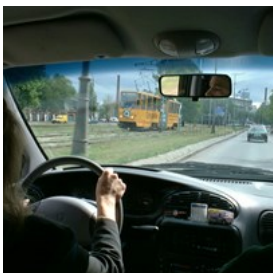
Tallinn Card holders travel free on public transport. Validate your Tallinn Card by touching the orange card readers (at all entrances) at the start of each journey.

Photo: Kevin Lehtla/unsplash

Internet:

[visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor/plan/transport/public-transport](https://visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor/plan/transport/public-transport)

### Taxi



Taxis can be hailed on the street, ordered by phone or ordered via the Taxify app. They can also be found queued up at taxi stands in front of larger hotels and at some major intersections. You also can order a ride using Bolt, Forus and Uber apps.

Rates are not uniform — they are set by the taxi company or operator, and can vary widely. Each taxi's rates are posted on a yellow sticker on the car's right rear window. The cost usually consists of a base fare (starting fare) plus a per-kilometre fare. Above is an example of the typical fare range. If you want to avoid misunderstandings, you can ask the driver to approximate the cost of the trip in advance.

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Internet: [visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor/plan/transport/taxi](https://visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor/plan/transport/taxi)

### Post



You can use the Omniva's website to find the closest post office. Alternatively, you can visit the Tallinn Tourist Information Centre at Niguliste 2 to buy stamps or send postcards.

Photo: Sonia Kardash/unsplash

Address: Kaubamaja Omniva Postkontor, Gonsiori 2, Tallinn

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-3pm, Sun closed

Phone: +372 661 6616

Internet: [www.omniva.ee](https://www.omniva.ee)

Email: [info@omniva.ee](mailto:info@omniva.ee)

### Pharmacy



Pharmacies are usually open from 10 am to 7 pm. Two Sūdameapteek pharmacies stay open all night: one at Tõnismägi 5 (+372 644 2282) and the other one at Vikerlase 16 (+372 638 4338).

Pharmacies in shopping centres are usually open from 9 am to 9 pm.

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Address: Súdameapteek, Tõnismägi 5, Tallinn

Phone: +372 644 2282

Internet: [www.sudameapteek.ee](http://www.sudameapteek.ee)

[visit@tallinn.ee](mailto:visit@tallinn.ee)

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

## Telephone



Country code: +372

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## Electricity



The electrical current is 220 volts AC, 50 Hz, European-style plugs with two round pins are used.

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## Population

453,864 Tallinners (2023)

## Currency

Euro, €1 = 100 cents

## Opening hours

The shops in Tallinn are usually open from 10 am to 7 pm. Banks are open from 9 am to 6 pm on weekdays (some are also open on Saturday morning) and the post office from 9 am to 6 pm on weekdays and from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturdays.

## Internet

[visittallinn.ee](http://visittallinn.ee)

## Newspapers

Postimees (in Estonian, English & Russian) — [www.postimees.ee](http://www.postimees.ee)

Õhtuleht (in Estonian) — [www.oh tuleht.ee](http://www.oh tuleht.ee)

Eesti Päevaleht (in Estonian) — [epl.delfi.ee](http://epl.delfi.ee)

## Emergency numbers

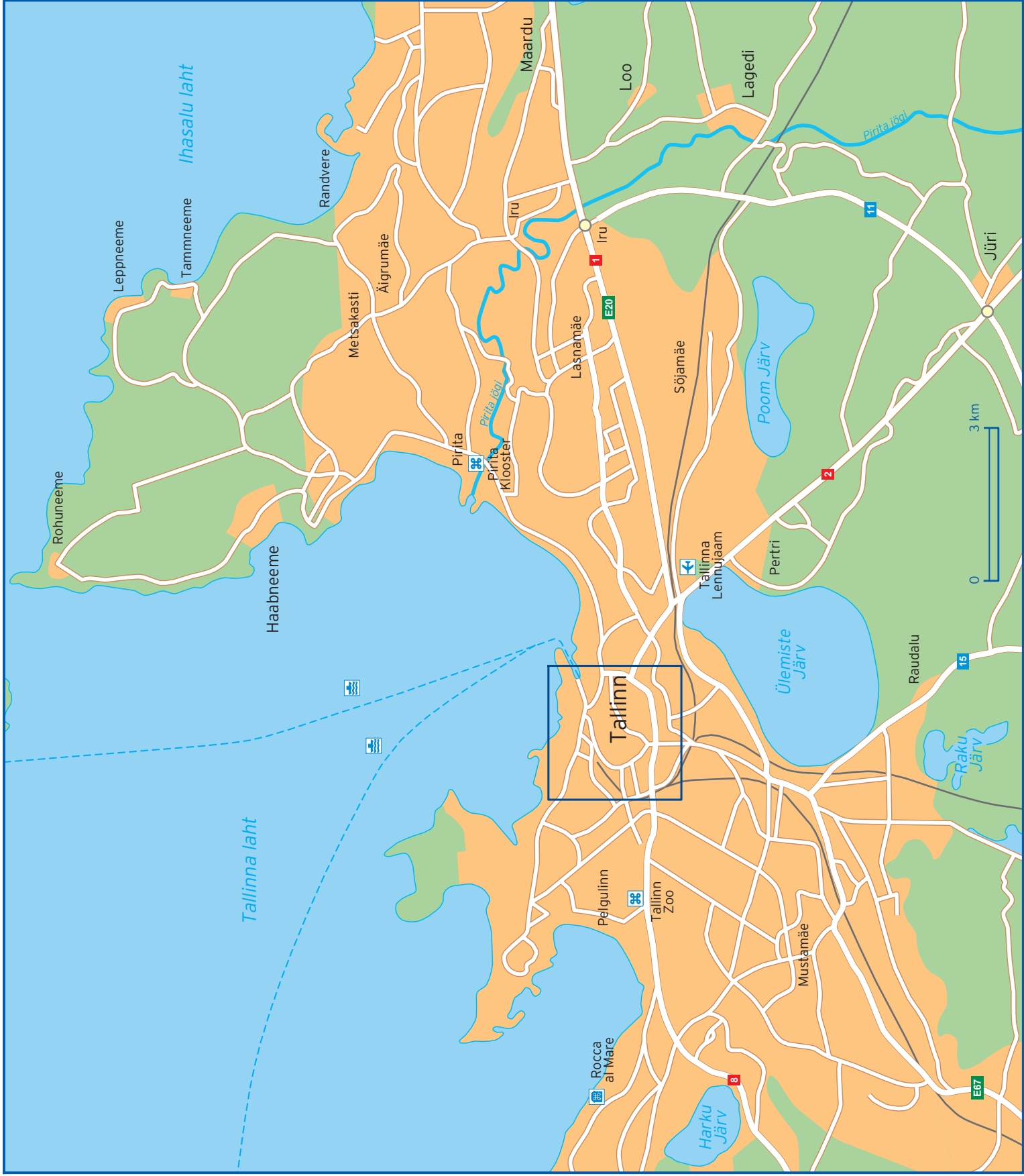
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Tallinn Tourist Information Centre

Niguliste 2, Tallinn

+372 645 7777





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