

## WELCOME TO TALLINN!

City Bike has gathered a selection of hints and tips about Tallinn just to make your stay more pleasant and interesting.

Information is divided into two sections:

❖ What to do and see in Tallinn

❖ General information and facts about Tallinn

While reading it just keep in mind that all the information and suggestions are just our personal taste, views and opinions. We have tried to cover the questions which we have heard the most from the travellers visiting us and Tallinn.

Those pages contain general information about more or less alternative sites and places to visit not the typical tourist information.

Of course you are anytime very welcomed to ask for more...

We hope you will enjoy your stay in Estonia!!!

All the best,  
CityBike team

## SOME USEFUL WORDS

Hello- tere

Good morning – tere hommikust

How are you? - kuidas läheb?

Please/you are welcome - palun

Thank you – aitäh

Sorry – vabandust

Yes- jah

No- ei

Cheers - terviseks

How much does it cost?- kui palju maksab?

You are so beautiful! - sa oled nii ilus!

What's your name? –mis su nimi on?

Help – appi

## SOME FACTS ABOUT TALLINN

- ❖ Area is 159.2 km<sup>2</sup>
- ❖ Population 400 911 inhabitants
- ❖ The largest lake in Tallinn is Lake Ülemiste (covers 9.6 km<sup>2</sup>). It is the main source of the city's drinking water.
- ❖ The highest point of Tallinn, at 64 meters above the sea level, is situated in the district of Nõmme, in the south-west of the city.
- ❖ The length of the coastline is 46 kilometres. It comprises 3 bigger peninsulas: Kopli peninsula, Paljassaare peninsula and Kakumäe peninsula.
- ❖ Average temperature in July +16°C in February -9°C. Check current weather at [www.weather.ee](http://www.weather.ee)
- ❖ During the 1980 Summer Olympics a regatta was held at Pirita
- ❖ The Tallinn Old Town became a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site in 1997
- ❖ Tallinn is subdivided into 8 administrative districts
- ❖ Skype is one of the best-known of several Tallinn IT start-ups
- ❖ The most important economic sectors of Tallinn are the light, textile, and food industry, as well as the service and government sector.
- ❖ At the end of the 15th century a new 159 m high Gothic spire was built for St. Olav's Church. Between 1549 and 1625 it was the tallest building in the world.

## USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT TALLINN

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Police	110	Emergency	112
Ekspress Hotline	1182	Tourist information	645 7777

### KROON OR EURO?

The Estonian kroon (EEK) is the only legal tender. It is not possible to pay with foreign currencies (euros, dollars, etc.). 1 EUR=15.65 EEK. You can change money in all the banks or in Tavid Currency Exchange, located at 5 Aia Street, opened 24H. Tavid has usually the best exchange rate. Euro rate should be above 15, otherwise it is not a good deal.

### ATM AND CREDIT CARDS

Most accepted credit cards are Visa and Mastercard. Maestro and Visa Electron cards are also welcome. AMEX is usually not accepted. All ATMs accept foreign cards and there are ATMs at the airport and harbor. ATMs can be found almost anywhere in the rest of the country.

### 24H OPEN CHEMIST'S SHOP

Called Farmacia, located at 5 Tõnismäe Street.

### POST OFFICE AND POST INFORMATION

Information about all the post services in Tallinn you can find in main post office, located at 1 Narva mnt. [www.post.ee](http://www.post.ee)

### ESTONIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

[www.vm.ee](http://www.vm.ee) - info about consulates and embassies.

Also info about Estonia, Nato, EU etc.

### WIRELESS INTERNET

We have free internet and Wifi at our hostels. Public Internet access points have been set up all over Estonia. They are located in local libraries and post offices. There are over 300 wireless Internet zones in town, many of them in rather unexpected places - beaches, Old Town squares, stadiums, and concert halls. Places where you can use wifi are listed here: [www.wifi.ee](http://www.wifi.ee)

### DRY-LAW

Meaning that you cannot buy any alcohol after 8p.m. until 8a.m. from the shops. Bars, pubs and restaurants still serve alcohol as long they are opened. Also its forbidden to drink alcohol in a public places, police will charge you 600 EEK. Watch out!

### BIGGEST BANKS IN TALLINN

SEB Eesti Ühispank- 2 Tornimäe str. [www.seb.ee](http://www.seb.ee)

Hansapank - 5 Narva mnt. [www.hansa.ee](http://www.hansa.ee)

Sampo Pank- 11 Narva mnt. [www.sampo.ee](http://www.sampo.ee)

### LAUNDRY SERVICE

Sauberland at 23 Maakri Street. Located behind Radisson SAS hotel

### NATIONAL LIBRARY OF ESTONIA

The National Library is the centre of Estonian literature and national bibliography, the most valuable information provider for our legislative body and other constitutional institutions. A visitor's card costs 5 EEK it is valid for 1 day. Address is 2 Tõnismäe Str. Easy walking distance from Old Town.

## TRANSPORTATION

Buses, trolleys and trams in Tallinn operate regularly from 6:00 to 23:00. Info about timetables and lines [www.tak.ee](http://www.tak.ee)

**Tickets:** You can buy ticket from kiosks all over Tallinn, most known one is R-Kiosk. Other option is to buy a ticket while entering the bus, tram or trolley. Make sure you always mark the ticket at the beginning of your trip at a machine located throughout the vehicle. Ticket cost 13 EEK, for students with ISIC card 6 EEK if you buy it beforehand. If you buy it from driver it is 7 EEK more expensive.

**Taxi:** It is not environmental way of moving but sometimes you cant without taxis! Taxis cheating? That's might happen! Average fare airport-Old Town around 150 eek (if not traffic jams and printed receipt should show up to 7 km maximum). Some rules: fares should be visible on the taxi windows. There is no uniform price list. The base fare (usually 35-70 EEK) and then meter fare 7-11 eek per km. There can be also different charges daytime and nighttime but no difference between working or weekend days. Pay only for the sum on the taximeter. If the meter is not running passenger is entitled not to pay. Estonian Kroons only accepted officially. some companies accept also CC-s. Taxi driver should print a receipt from his printer, that is only way to get right bill. No handwritten checks. Some taxi companies:

Tulika taxi 1200	Peretakso 6311312
Sõbrataks 6215080	Klubi takso 6380638

City Bike also offers **transfer services**, airport/bus station to/from our hostel is 150 eek (up to 4persons) or 200 eek with minivan (up to 8 persons). Also possible to transfer bicycles and their boxes!

**Bus transport around Estonia:** Buses from the Central Bus Station (Bussijaam) take you to any village or city in Estonia. Info about lines and timetables: [www.bussireisid.ee](http://www.bussireisid.ee) or call 12550.

Bus station is located at 46 Lastekodu Street. From the center it is around 20 minutes walk or catch the tram 2 or 4. Stop to get off is called "Autobussijaam".

International bus companies Eurolines ([www.eurolines.ee](http://www.eurolines.ee)) and Ecolines ([www.ecolines.ee](http://www.ecolines.ee)) leave to Europe also from the Central Bus Station.

**Train connections:** Main railway station is called Balti jaam. Check [www.elektriraudtee.ee](http://www.elektriraudtee.ee) and [www.edel.ee](http://www.edel.ee) for train connections. International connection between Estonia and Russia [www.gorail.ee](http://www.gorail.ee)

**Tallinn Airport:** Bus number 2 goes from harbour to the airport. Website [www.tallinn-airport.ee](http://www.tallinn-airport.ee), Estonian air [www.estonian-air.ee](http://www.estonian-air.ee)  
Info about lost and found: (+372) 6401124.

### Ferries from/to Tallinn port

Harbour is just 10 minutes walk distance from Old Town.  
[www.tallinksilja.com](http://www.tallinksilja.com), D-terminal (Tal-Helsinki, Tal-Stockholm, Helsinki-Rostock, Helsinki-Stockholm, Turu-Stockholm, Riga-Stockholm)  
[www.eckeroline.ee](http://www.eckeroline.ee), B-terminal (Tallinn-Helsinki)  
[www.nil.ee](http://www.nil.ee) C-terminal (Tallinn-Helsinki)  
[www.lindalini.ee](http://www.lindalini.ee), City Hall terminal (Linnahalli terminal), Tallinn-Helsinki  
[www.vikingline.ee](http://www.vikingline.ee), A-terminal (Finland, Sweden, Aland, Gotland)  
[www.superseacat.com](http://www.superseacat.com), A-termina (Tallinn-Helsinki)

## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2008

Most of the banks, offices and shops are closed.

**24 February Independence Day:** the 90th anniversary of the declaration founding the Republic of Estonia (1918). Regardless of the weather, which in February may vary between mild thaw and fierce frost, a military parade takes place in the morning. In the evening, the majority of Estonians gather in front of their television sets to watch the President's reception

**21 March Good Friday**

**23 March Easter Sunday**

**1 May Spring Day**

**11 May Whitsunday**

**23 June Victory Day:** Commemorating the anniversary of the Battle of Võnnu (1919).

**24 June St. John's Day:** Estonia's most significant holidays. On that night, darkness lasts for only a few hours. Hundreds of bonfires are lit all over Estonia, people sing and dance around them, and when the flames have died down a bit, those who are brave enough leap through them to shake off the year's evils. St. John's (Midsummer's) Day marks the lightest time of the year, and the customs relating to it go back to pre-Christian pagan times. It is on St. John's night alone that ferns are said to blossom; the lucky finder of the 'rarest of blooms' may expect great happiness and wealth. This is also the day when girls, by employing a hundred different means, may predict who will be their future husband.

**20 August Day of Restoration of Independence:** Estonia regains independence after Soviet times

**24 December Christmas Eve** Celebrated after the winter solstice, falls in the darkest period of the year; it is primarily a family-centered holiday. Dinner usually consists of roast pork, black pudding with cowberry jam, and sauerkraut with roast potatoes. We spend some time in the kitchen, baking and sugar-frosting gingerbread men.

**25 December Christmas Day**

**26 December Boxing Day**

## SOME OTHER, A BIT FREAKY CELEBRATIONS IN ESTONIA

**EVERY SECOND TUESDAY IN FEBRUARY VASTLAPÄEV**-We go to sledge in this day. Also we eat bean soup with pig-legs and pig-ears, and buns with whipped cream.

**08 MARCH NAISTEPÄEV WOMEN DAY**- the day when all the man have to bring flowers for women!!!

**EVERY SECOND SUNDAY IN MAY EMADEPÄEV MOTHERS DAY**- a day to celebrate mother's importance in our lives! Flowers essential!

**02 NOVEMBER. HINGEDEPÄEV - DAY OF THE DEAD SOUL'S.** Traditional people put candles on the window for memory of the dead relatives.

**10 NOVEMBER. MARDIPÄEV - MARTINS DAY.** Mart brings you luck in cattle. Nowadays children are disguised and going door-by-door, singing and dancing and asking candies for that. Real Mart wishes you a good luck for next year.

**25 NOVEMBER. KADRIPÄEV- DAY OF KADRI.** Kadri's Day is similar to Martin's Day. Kadri's are wearing mainly white things!

## SOME TRADITIONAL ESTONIAN DISHES

**'Sült'** -This dish is traditionally served during Christmas and wintertime. According to an old custom pigs were butchered before Christmas. Served with potatoes.

**Mulgi Sauerkraut** - The sauerkraut is put to boil in a small amount of water, and hulled barley and slightly salted meat is added. Stewed until tender. Served with boiled potatoes and slices of meat.

**Blood Sausage** - Washed hulled barley is placed in water and cooked over low heat. Seasoning and pork cubes are added to the swollen barley. The porridge may not be stirred while stewing, because the porridge must be gritty, the barley grains must remain separate. Chopped onions heated in butter, blood that has been strained through a sieve and browned bacon cubes are added to the finished porridge. Pork intestines are filled with the porridge and heated in water seasoned with a little salt until boiling. After taking the sausages from the water, they are left to cool, after which they are fried with slices of fatty pork. Served with cowberry jam or pumpkin salad.

**Barley Bread** - Sour milk along with sour cream and baking soda is mixed; salt, sugar, melted butter, caraway seeds, and barley flour are added. The resulting dough is shaped into loaves and baked in the oven. Served with honey and milk.

**Curd (Kohupiim) and Cottage Cheese (Kodujuust)** - Estonians eat a lot of cottage cheese and curd that both come in a large range of varieties, with salty as well as sweet additions. Fish, ham, shrimps and herbs are some of the more common salty ingredients. Sweet curd products can contain jam, raisins, vanilla, sugar, cacao or come in the form of short sticks covered with chocolate that are called "kohuke" in Estonian. You can also find at least 30 different sorts of cottage cheese and curd in an average shop. Curd also goes in to the cakes: cold or hot cakes made of biscuits and curd or biscuits and chocolate butter are also common and very delicious..

## LANGUAGE

As is typical of small peoples, the Estonian identity is closely connected to the language; it is natural, therefore, that Estonians speak Estonian. Just fewer than 1.1 million people use it as a mother tongue. Approximately 950 000 of these live in Estonia: the remainder in Sweden, Canada, the United States, Russia and elsewhere.

Estonian belongs to the Finno-Ugric language family, which also includes Finnish and Hungarian. Estonian has 14 cases, but no articles or grammatical gender.

Foreigners are certainly not accustomed to the vowels õ, ä, ö and ü which have been added to the usual 'a', 'e', 'i', 'o' and 'u'. The role of vowels in Estonian is among the greatest in any European language, whereby a string of vowels can form meaningful words around the frame of few consonants. For example: huaõõõdused ('horrors of the night in the grave').

## SOME ESTONIAN PROVERBS

Beauty does not fill your tummy.

Where there's work, there's bread.

Make fun of the man, not of his hat.

Don't put off today's work till tomorrow.

The mouth is the interpreter for the heart.

Man is after money, but money is after his soul.

## FITNESS DURING YOUR HOLIDAY

Toomas from City Bike team does a bit Triathlon, so he goes to gym, swimming, jogging, cycling, skiing and wrote up those thoughts. Tallinn has plenty of possibilities to get your heart beating. Here our suggestions.

First outdoors: **Cycling** – you can basically do it all year round. City Bike offers also sport rental (road bike and qualitative mountain bikes). You can use your own pedals or ours. Best places to ride: Pirita: with road bike there is 5 km loop (1 climb) and with mountain bike you can go in Pirita's pine forests, there is several tracks, longest 8 km. You can meet there also other cyclists, close by is also cycling club of Jaan Kirsipuu (in his glory days he won tour de France and wore yellow shirt several stages). **Jogging** – from downtown to Pirita, by seaside promenade and then into pine forests again. Nice scenery and different tracks. Quite nice is also on limestone cliff and fields of biggest blockhouses area in Lasnamäe (ask about inside arenas too).

**Winter Sports:** if we have snow (and sometimes we have it on ski tracks and not in the city) you can practice in Pirita and Nõmme sport centres and even hire skis (gross country) and skates from there.

**Gym and fitness:** In Old Town we recommend Reval Sport Club - there are best equipment and team trainings (concept, spinning, fighting and much more). One time pass 200 eek, 7-days 500 eek and includes everything.

Hotel Olümpia Fitness centre Club 26: it is up in the sky, ticket to gym, pool and sauna from 160 eek. If you looking for good price you have to travel outside city centre and you can get to gym for 50 eek.

**Swimming:** Kalev Spa ([www.kalevspa.ee](http://www.kalevspa.ee)) - morning swimming with saunas from 105 eek (6.45 am – 3.00 pm) or take multi-ticket any time for 210 eek (gym + aerobics+ water aerobics + water park).

**More information to come soon (based on your feedback and questions)!**

## CITY BIKE OFFERS

For our hostel customers 10% discount!!!

### RENT A BIKE

It is the best way to travel in Tallinn, you definitely see the most and are not stuck in traffic jams.

City Bike has more than 100 bicycles

City bikes, mountain bikes, tandems, children's bikes

1 hour 35 EEK, every next hour 30 EEK, 6 hours 150 EEK,

1 day 200 EEK

All year round!!!

### "WELCOME TO TALLINN" BIKE TOUR

Easygoing bicycle tour takes you to Kadriorg and Pirita areas

Every day at 11.00! Summer period 11.00 and 17.00

Cycle 16 km, 2-2,5 hours

Slow cycling, stops at sights

16 EUR/250EEK

Book at least one hour before the tour

### "DISCOVER NOT DISCOVERED TALLINN" BIKE TOUR

2-hour bike tour will take you to alternative districts of Tallinn: Kalamaja, Kopli and Paljassaare. Highlights are Sea fortress Battery, Maritime museum, nature protection area and much more! Good opportunity to experience out of tourist track.

Every Monday, Wednesday, Saturday at 12.00

200 EEK / 13 EUR

Book at least one hour before the tour

### LAHEMAA NATIONAL PARK BY MINIBUS

A full day guided tour

Discover biggest waterfall, restored manorial estate, 400 years old fishing village and authentic Estonian tavern

Nature walk in forest

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

759 EEK / 49 EUR

Book at least 17.00, day before

### LAHEMAA NATIONAL PARK BY BIKE

Discover Estonian countryside near to Tallinn on your own by bicycle in Lahemaa National Park

Transportation in both ways by car, bike rental with all the useful equipment (helmets, safety vests, locks, repair set), maps with additional material (bicycle tracks, places to visit).

Every day

759 EEK / 49 EUR

Book at least 19.00, day before

### OLD TOWN WALKING TOUR:

#### LEGENDS AND "SECRET TUNNELS"

Two hour walking tour

Discover once world's tallest building, old towers, rope makers, cannon towers, old prison towers, City wall, the numerous and mysterious passages inside the bastions

Every Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday at 14.00

160 EEK / 10 EUR

Book at least 11.00, same day

More info [www.citybike.ee](http://www.citybike.ee) or ask from reception upon arrival!!!

## 5 IDEAS HOW TO SPEND AN ACTIVE AND ALTERNATIVE DAY

**ACTIVE PICNIC DAY.** Today Pirita is one of the favorite places in Tallinn for spending free time, with its bathing beaches, coastline, pine-forested parks, and picturesque Pirita River valley. Have a picnic staff ready, rent a bike and ride to Pirita, visit St. Bridget's Convent which dates back to XV century, check out whats happening at the most popular beach in Tallinn. Then rent a boat or canoe and wonder along Pirita river. Stop at the sandy river bank for picnic!

**DAYTRIP TO ONE OF THE ISLANDS.** Aegna Island is a protected nature area which, thanks to the sandy beach on its north shore, is becoming a popular vacation spot. Its main sights are the ruins of military structures dating back to various periods, an old cemetery and several picturesque boulders.

Naissaare Island is the largest and oldest island of North-Estonia. Naissaar has been designated as a military island for the defense of Tallinn and St. Petersburg for a long time. Naissaar Landscape Reserve was formed in 1995.

Prangli Island - Prangli is in Viimsi commune, Harju county. The area is 6 km<sup>2</sup>, distance between Leppneeme and Kelnase harbours is 18 km. Population is 151. Unfortunately there are no good websites in English about how to reach the islands. If you are interested spending a day on an island ask from our hostel reception for more information upon arrival!!! We will do our best to help!

**CONTROVERSIAL TRAMLINE NUMBER 1.** Railway station Balti jaam and its surroundings. Behind railway station you will find a market where you can buy possible everything you can imagine – creasy meat pie, homemade honey, second-hand clothes, driving licence with Putins face etc. Region around Balti jaam is called Kalamaja. Kalamaja ("Fish House") has what can only be described as soul.

Kopli has negative reputation. Because of the dominant Russian-language population, this is considered a high crime area. Statistics, however, show something else. If you walk around in Kopli, free of prejudices, you have to admit that this is one of the most picturesque areas in Tallinn.

Kadriorg -The emergence and development of Kadriorg was influenced first and foremost by the high society of the tsar's empire, as well as the wealthiest layer of local society. Even the dignified architecture of Kadriorg's preserved historical wooden residential buildings give proof to the fact that this was a wealthy seaside resort area. But Kadriorg is famed mostly for its baroque palace and park ensemble.

You can end your day with a weird experience – visit Kalma sauna! More info [www.bma.ee/kalma](http://www.bma.ee/kalma)

**DAY IN ROCCA AL MARE.** The name "Rocca al Mare" alludes to its seaside location - the "cliff by the sea". The area has become an attractive centre for spending free time, with cultural events, relaxation, sporting and shopping opportunities. The best well-known attractions in Rocca al Mare are Open Air Museum and Zoo.

**VISIT LASNAMÄE** - this 30km<sup>2</sup> conglomeration of tower blocks, plonked on a limestone plateau east of Tallinn, is huge. It is also home to nearly a third of the city's population. Built for workers from the Soviet Union. Best to travel by bike and combine with Pirita as a day trip.

## SOME OTHER IDEAS HOW TO KILL TIME IN TALLINN

### TALLINN CARD

Good opportunity to explore the town. Accepted in nearly 100 locations, the card presents a simple, cost-effective way to explore Tallinn on your own, choosing the sights that interest you most. Free city transport! Find out more about it at [www.tourism.tallinn.ee](http://www.tourism.tallinn.ee). Or ask City Bike staff! City Bike office also sells Tallinn Card! Free Bike tour and 2-hour bicycle rental with TC 24h, 48h or 72h cards.

### BUS TOUR HOP ON HOP OFF

More traditional way to discover city is with double-decker bus.

Audio commentary available in 10 languages, the tour makes 16 stops covering the city centre, Kumu and Kadriorg Art Museums, Lasnamäe, the port area and Kalamaja. Audioguide speakers are in English, German, French, Russian, Finnish, Swedish, Spanish, Italian, Japanese and Estonian. More info: [www.citytour.ee](http://www.citytour.ee)

### BEACHES IN TALLINN

There are 3 public beaches in Tallinn:

Pirita – the most popular beach in Tallinn. Buses nr 1,5,34,38 leave to Pirita from the bus station located under Viru shopping center. It is possible to rent a paddleboat or canoe to explore Pirita river. Just across the Pirita River lie the majestic ruins of St. Bridget's Convent. Yacht club is also in Pirita.

Stroomi – another beach, bus number 40 goes to Stroomi.

Paljassaare – newest public beach in town. Next to the beach you find a protection area for birds. Bus number 59 goes to Paljassaare from Railway Station. Get out on the last stop and continue walking...

**HORSE RIDING** – take a riding lesson at Veskimetsa Riding Center, 135 Paldiski mnt. More info [www.veskimetsa.ee](http://www.veskimetsa.ee)

**DAY SPA** – Kalev Spa at 18 Aia str. offers a nice day-spas, swimming pool and sauna. More info [www.kalevspa.ee](http://www.kalevspa.ee)

**ICE SKATING**: all year around - [www.jeti.ee](http://www.jeti.ee), [www.icearena.ee](http://www.icearena.ee). In winter ice field is open in Old Town at Harju street.

**BOWLING**: Kuulsaal ([www.kuulsaal.ee](http://www.kuulsaal.ee)) at 6 Mere pst. And Zelluloos Bowling [www.zbowling.ee](http://www.zbowling.ee)

**INDOOR CARTING** -FK keskus at 1/1 Rohuneeme str. in Viimsi. More info [www.fkkeskus.ee](http://www.fkkeskus.ee)

**ZAPCAT** - Zapcats originate from South Africa. Developed from life saving surf rescue craft for racing and leisure. Try out zapcat in Tallinn bay With a power to weight ratio of 340bhp per tonne you are going to have an adrenalin pumping, action filled ride... not as a passenger but as a co-pilot as it is your "responsibility" to ensure the Zapcat makes the turns! More info [www.zapcat.ee](http://www.zapcat.ee)

**CINEMAS**-There are 2 main cinemas in Tallinn:

Coca Cola Plaza at 5 Hobujaama str. Mainly Hollywood movies. More info [www.superkinod.ee](http://www.superkinod.ee)

"Sõprus" at 8 Vana-Posti str. Art-house cinema.

**THEATRE**-Estonia Theatre and Concert Hall at 4 Estonia pst. Venue for classical concerts, theatre and operas. More info [www.concert.ee](http://www.concert.ee)  
Von Krahli Theatre at 12 Rataskaevu str. Experimental theatre. Time to time some plays in English.

Check [www.piletilevi.ee](http://www.piletilevi.ee) for advance tickets for concerts, theatre, sport, cultural and other entertainment events. Piletilevi main office is located in Viru Shopping Centre. You can find information also about the events in Tallinn - [www.tourism.tallinn.ee](http://www.tourism.tallinn.ee)

## TOP 7 MUSEUMS

**THE KUMU ART MUSEUM** is a modern multifunctional art building, which contains exhibition halls, a lecture hall offering diverse facilities, and an educational centre for young visitors and for art lovers. It is situated on the limestone hillside between the Kadriori Park and Lasnamäe district. More info: [www.ekm.ee](http://www.ekm.ee)

**THE MUSEUM OF ESTONIAN ARCHITECTURE** – The main collection of the architecture museum contains maps of towns and other settlements, architectural drawings and projects, textual materials connected with them, models, papers on architecture and town building, reflecting the formation and development of Estonian professional architecture through the 20th century to the present day. More info: [www.arhitektuurimuuseum.ee](http://www.arhitektuurimuuseum.ee)

**MUSEUM OF OCCUPATIONS** - The permanent exposition of the Occupations Museum, which was opened in 2003, reflects developments in Estonia from 1940 to 1991, when Estonia was alternately occupied by the Soviet Union, Germany, and by the Soviet Union once more. More or less thematic temporary exhibition are also organized. More info: [www.okupatsioon.ee](http://www.okupatsioon.ee)

**TALLINN CITY MUSEUM** - The first statute of the Tallinn City History Museum founded in 1937 reads: "The aim of the Tallinn City History Museum is to obtain, gather and preserve all the items of historical and artistic value that are directly or indirectly connected with Tallinn, as well as to study them and introduce them to the wider public." The same principles have been leading collecting and studying through decades. More info: [www.linnamuuseum.ee](http://www.linnamuuseum.ee)

**SEA FORTRESS PATAREI (BATTERY)** is a unique monument of architecture. The defence system completed in 1840 by order of Emperor Nicholas I has preserved its beautiful limestone facade. With the development of technology the fortress lost its value as defence structure and became a barrack for soldiers from different army units. Special period for Patarei arrived in 1919 when the fortress became a prison. More info: [www.patarei.com](http://www.patarei.com)

**ESTONIAN OPEN AIR MUSEUM** - get acquainted with the Estonian 18—20th century vernacular architecture and rural milieu in a beautiful forest park of 80 hectares on the coast of the Bay of Kopli. The twelve exhibit farmyards offer a wonderful review of the old-time life of households of different wealth and subsistence. Just like in a proper village, here is a church (1699), an inn, a schoolhouse, several mills, a fire station and net sheds by the sea – altogether 72 buildings. More info: [www.evm.ee](http://www.evm.ee)

**ESTONIAN MARITIME MUSEUM** – is founded in 1935. Located in the cannon tower, Paks Margareeta (Fat Margaret), forming a part of medieval defence system. The exposition on the history of Estonian maritime - ship- and boat building, ports, navigational aids on the ships, lighthouses – is displayed on the four floors of the museum. In the course of years the Estonian Maritime Museum has acquired a number of historical ships whose value of memorial pieces is growing with the years. From the autumn of 2004 all ships were assembled in the historical Seaplane harbour (built in 1916) which has become the homeport of our museum ships and the place for our open air exposition in the future. More info: [www.meremuuseum.ee](http://www.meremuuseum.ee)

## WHERE TO EAT

Most of the pubs offer not expensive special daily lunches (usually between 35-50 EEK) from Monday to Friday. We recommend:

**Texas Honky Tonk** at 49 Pikk str.

**Hell Hunt** at 39 Pikk str.

**Karja Kelder** at 1 Väike-Karja str.

**Kolumbus Krisostomus** at 24 Viri str.

**Express Café-bar** at Reval Inn Hotel, soup gallery - all you can eat for 59 EEK. Opened every day from 12.00-18.00.

**Kompressor** at 3 Rataskaeva str. Good range of inexpensive pancakes with different fillings.

**Pai Pagar** at 1/3 Estonia pst. Cheap homestyle food.

**Café EAT** at 2 Sauna str. Different dumplings and delicious doughnuts. [www.eat.ee](http://www.eat.ee)

**Doughnut Café** at 21 Kentmanni str. Nice food with reasonable prices. Also breakfast.

**Gauranga** at 12 Gonsiori str. Vegetarian food. The multicultural vision on selection of music and food [www.gauranga.ee](http://www.gauranga.ee)

**African kitchen** at 32 Uus srt. Traditional African food and drinks. In the summer there is upstairs patio. [www.africankitchen.ee](http://www.africankitchen.ee)

**Restaurant Aed** at 8 Rataskaevu – offers tasty organic food.

**Olde Hansa** at 1 Vana turg str – medieval style restaurant

### ESTONIAN CUISINE

**Kuldne Notsu** at 8 Dunkri str. The authentic country style restaurant. Large variety of true Estonian food. On summer days, you can also enjoy the hustle and bustle of the pedestrian area on Kuldse Notsu Kõrts outside terrace.

**Eesti Maja restoran** at 1 A.Lauteri str. The menu is filled with Estonian favourites like marinated eel, sauerkraut stew with pork, blood sausage and, of course omelettes.

**Rocca al Mare Kõrts** at 12 Vabaõhumuuseumi tee str. Situated in Open Air Museum. 18—20th century vernacular architecture and rural milieu in a beautiful forest park of 80 hectares on the coast of the Bay of Kopli.

**Restaurant Vanaema juures** at 10 Rataskaevu - Home-style and tasty meals. Interior reminiscent of the 30's.

### CAFES

**Kehrwieder Saiakang** at 1 Saiakang str. Cozy atmosphere, excellent coffee and cakes.

**Apollo reading café** at 23 Viru str. Good place to enjoy your drink and read a book. Located at the bookstore, second floor.

**Chocolaterie** at 6 Vene str. Check out the coziest 19th century style café at Masters Courtyard with homemade truffles...

**Narva Kohvik** at 10 Narva mnt. Sovietic style café.

**Maiasmokk** at 16 Pikk str. More expensive café-restaurant which is famous for its excellent pastries and marzipan since 1864.

**Reval Cafes** - Cozy cafés have emerged in the centre of Tallinn recently, bearing the name Reval Café. There are eight of them in the capital, most of them in the Old Town or in its immediate neighbourhood.

**24 hours home delivery** – pizzas. Asian food and pancakes!

[www.pizzakoju.ee](http://www.pizzakoju.ee), (+372) 53 499 111

### Shopping groceries

Viru Shopping Centre at 4 Viru väljak, Rimi Supermarket at 7 Aia str.

At the market behind railway station.

## NIGHTLIFE

Most nightlife activity is contained in the area in and around Tallinn's compact Old Town. The advantage of this particular geographic quirk is that, instead of picking a specific destination, visitors can peek into several venues, many of which are just meters apart, to see which has the most interesting crowds and music.

Nightclubs in Tallinn open their doors at 10 or 11pm, but they really get going sometimes after midnight. Most people will linger in nearby bars until then. On Fridays and Saturdays clubs stay open until 4 or 6am.

List of all kind venues: [www.inyourpocket.com](http://www.inyourpocket.com)

### CITY BIKE WORKERS PREFER

**Club Hollywood** - If there's one club in Tallinn that's guaranteed to be jumping, it's Hollywood, the mixing bowl for tourists and Tallinn's young (repeat, young) party crowd. At str. Vana-Posti 8

**BonBon**-Often packed to the gills, the trendy BonBon is where you're most likely to find Tallinn's beautiful set. It's arguably the town's most exclusive club, thanks to a high ticket price. At 6e Mere pst.

**Club Prive** - Heading here is a bit of a gamble though. If you hit it on the right night, it can be a very cool scene where you'll hear the region's best DJs, but on the wrong night it's just another club full of fog and foreigners. At 6 Harju str.

**"Levist Väljas"** all the parties end in Levist Väljas. In weekends its open until 07.00 am. Cellar bar with broken furniture. Love it or hate it, this is a fantastic place to mingle with the laid-back locals. Must see underground bar in Tallinn at Olevimägi str. 12.

**Von Krahl Teater Baar** one of the best bars in city, Von Krahl hosts live bands and cool parties on weekends (reggae, rock, indie), and its good place to meet interesting locals!!! Live music cover charge is usually 75-120 eek. But its worth it! Located in Str. Rataskaevu 12

### SHOPPING

Favourite souvenirs from Estonia include:

Handicraft items such as hand-knitted woolen sweaters with traditional Estonian folk patterns, carved wooden beer mugs, fun felt hats, juniper coasters and limestone candle holders. Original art such as graphic prints, handmade jeweler, colorful glassware or fine ceramics. CDs of Estonian composers of international acclaim (Tormis, Pärt, Tubin, Tüür). Dark, bittersweet Estonian chocolate and other local sweets produced by the Kalev confectionery. Hand-painted marzipan. Estonian folk art shop at 22 Pikk steet.

### Some biggest shopping centers

Kristiine Shopping Centre, Endla 45 shops open 9.00-21.00.

Viru Shopping Centre, Viru 4/6. Shops open 09.00-21.00

Ülemiste Shopping Centre, Suur-Sõjamäe 4. Open 10.00-21.00.

### Book Shops

Apollo Raamatupood - 23 Viru str.

Rahva Raamat- in Viru Shopping Centre

Second hand book shop in 1 Harju str.

### Markets in Tallinn

There are two main Markets in Tallinn. In those markets you can buy food, clothes (also second-hand) and all kind of crap and soviet stuff.

They open usually at 9.00 –17.30. You can pay there only in cash.

Keskurg - by tram number 2 or 4, stop called "Keskurg"

Balti Jaam- next to Railway Terminal