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WELCOME TO TALLINN!

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Although your days in Tallinn are already filled with **EYFDM activities**, we still hope you will get to explore the city!

Here we have prepared a **short overview of Tallinn**: a little bit of **history**, **best places** to spend your **free time** and great spots to seek for **good food** in times of trouble.

You can use this little "book" as your tour guide or just keep it as a memory of your time spent in Tallinn.

All the info about the forum itself can be found on our [WEBPAGE](#).

- EYFDM Forum 2026 Organising team





GENERAL INFORMATION

The home of free public transportation

We will send you a **QR code that guarantees free public transport for 26.01–02.02.2026**. Please use bus no. 2 or 15 to get to the city center from the airport. The **timetables** are correct but Google maps is also updated in Estonia and shows accurate information - bus and tram schedules can easily be found there! If needed, you can also use **Bolt** for your journeys.



Visit Tallinn

Your most important helper during your stay in Tallinn is the **VisitTallinn homepage**.

CLICK HERE to visit their website!



CURRENCY AND PAYMENTS

The currency here is **euro (€)** and you can pay by card or apple pay basically everywhere.

WEATHER

In late January, Estonia usually experiences true winter conditions. Daytime temperatures in Tallinn typically range from **-10°C to 0 °C**, but conditions can feel colder due to wind and humidity, with snow, icy streets, or light sleet all possible.

Therefore, we recommend to **dress warmly in layers**, including a winter coat, hat, scarf, and gloves, along with waterproof, insulated footwear suitable for snow and ice. Indoors are well-heated, so layers that can be adjusted are ideal for conference settings.



THE OLD TOWN

**A walk through one of the best preserved
Unesco Heritage sites in the world!**

The real-life fairytales

If someone were to ask, '**Is the Old Town just a life-size museum?**', the only correct answer would be, 'No, of course not!' The fact that it is included in the **UNESCO World Heritage** List confirms that it is a valuable treasure.



But the number of important and exciting events that still take place there also prove it is lively and constantly evolving. The heart of the Old Town, the **Town Hall Square**, is where Estonians greet their heroes returning home from big accomplishments abroad. In summer, the Old Town Days and Medieval Days attract Estonians and foreigners alike to the Town Hall Square.

Town Hall Square

Tallinn Town Hall is the **oldest city hall** in Northern Europe. In 2022, Tallinn Town Hall celebrated the **700th anniversary** of its first mention in 1322. The story of the building dates back to the 13th century and it was completed, in its current form, in 1404. The magnificent Gothic arches, the unique wood carvings, tapestry, and paintings reflect the wealth and ideals of the former Hanseatic town.





THE OLD TOWN

Where our café culture started!

Tallinn's long-standing café culture has always revolved around the Old Town, be it **Maiasmokk**, the oldest café in Tallinn dating back to 1864, **Pierre Chocolaterie** in the hidden Masters' Courtyard, or a number of other trendy establishments.

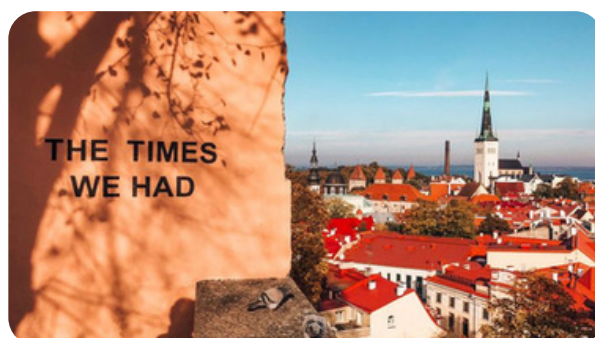


The City Walls

When it comes to views, you can't beat those from the **Old Town Wall**, its towers and **Toompea Hill's viewing platforms**. The Old Town is like a good book, rewarding those who read beyond its cover with delightful secrets.

The Viewing Platforms

Kohtuotsa and **Patkuli** viewing platforms are on the northern side of Toompea hill. There you can enjoy excellent views over the red roofs and towering spires of the Old Town as well as of the gleaming highrise buildings in the new part of the city. Another picturesque view opens up from the [Niguliste Church Museum's](#) tower, the church itself is worth exploring as well.





THE OLD TOWN

Viru Gates

Viru Gates are the **entryway to the Old Town**. **Built in the 14th century**, it has been preserved in the best way possible. Before you enter the Viru Gates, you can see the flower booths that have been selling flowers on Viru street for decades!



Danish King's Garden

The Danish King's Garden is located next to Toompea, on the slope facing St. Nicholas' Church. According to legend, this is the spot where the Danish flag (Dannebrog) fell from the sky in 1219 during the Danish invasion, inspiring King Valdemar II's forces and turning the tide of the battle.

St Catherine's Passage

Catherine's Alley, formerly known as Monk's Alley, is thought to have been built more than 700 years ago. A number of **handicraft workshops** can be found here, in which you can watch the artists at work such as creating ceramics, hats, glass, and more.





TOWN HALL SQUARE

Amazing scenery and beautiful architecture!



Medical special:

Town Hall Pharmacy

Tallinn Town Hall Pharmacy **is the oldest pharmacy in Europe** that has continually operated on the same premises. It was first mentioned in town records in **1422**. During the long history of the town hall pharmacy, many dignified men have been pharmacists here. A special honor belongs to the Burchart family, who worked in the pharmacy for as many as ten generations.

Today, there is a museum next to the pharmacy, where you can learn about the history and medieval healing methods.





TOOMPEA

Toompea Castle

Toompea Castle was built on the foundations of the eastern wing of a medieval fortress dating from the 13th and 14th centuries. Today, it is a complex of buildings occupied by the **Estonian Parliament** (Riigikogu). The distinctive pink parliament building, visible from the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral side, is a later addition built in the 1920s. The blue, black, and white national flag flies atop the 45.6-metre **Tall Hermann Tower**, symbolising Estonia's independence.



Kiek in de Kök & Bastion passages

The Bastion passages are part of the Kiek in de Kök **Fortification Museum**. The mysterious passages in Tallinn's earthwork fortifications were built along with the Bastions in the 17th and 18th centuries to conceal the movement of soldiers, ammunition, and other equipment from the enemy. They were also used to monitor the enemy's underground activities of planting mines.



KADRIORG

Kadriorg Park

The centrepiece of Kadriorg is **Estonia's only Baroque Palace** and park ensemble, built more than 300 years ago on the orders of Russian Tsar, Peter the Great. Stroll the promenades, enjoy views of the swan pond, take time out in the rose garden, or admire the landscaping of the Japanese garden.



Kadriorg Castle

In the majestic halls of Kadriorg Palace, you can get acquainted with the **Estonian Art Museum's** collection of foreign art. Even if you are not an art fan, the castle is worth a visit!

KUMU

KUMU is the main building of the **Art Museum of Estonia** and the largest and most representative exhibition place in Estonia. The task of the KUMU Art Museum, opened in 2006, is to preserve and make sense of Estonian **art from the 18th century to the present day**. Kumu sees its role as an initiator of social and cultural debate, both in the exhibitions of art history and in the gallery of contemporary art.





NOBLESSNER

Noblessner is a **stylish seaside district** in Tallinn, located next to Kalamaja and the Seaplane Harbour Maritime Museum. Once an important submarine shipyard, it has been transformed into a **vibrant waterfront quarter** where historic industrial architecture meets modern culture, dining, and leisure.



The area offers a scenic promenade, marina, and a **lively food and culture scene**. Here you'll find Põhjala Brewery & Tap Room, Lessner Bar, Brewklyn Craft Beer Bar, La Prima Noble, and UMA Restaurant. For unforgettable dining, **180° by Matthias Diether** stands out as the **only two Michelin-starred restaurant in the Baltics**.

For relaxation, visitors can enjoy the unique **Iglusaunas** by the sea, offering a true Nordic sauna experience with **stunning Baltic Sea views**.

Did you know?

It's the only marina in the city centre where you can admire a sunset standing on the quay!





TELLISKIVI AREA

Telliskivi Creative City: a home for the finest of Estonian design, the [Fotografiska photography centre](#), and bohemian restaurants, pubs, and bars. Add in a variety of events, and it is no wonder that Kalamaja has become a **social hub of Tallinn**.

Telliskivi is only a short walk away from the Old Town but also accessible by bus or tram (or taxi).



Enjoy an unforgettable meal at **F-hoone**, **Fotografiska Café**, **Frenchy**, **Kivi Paber Käärid**, or **Lendav Taldrik**, **Purtse** restaurant and tap room, **Burger Box**, **ÜLO**.

You can find one the **best bakery in town** there too — **Karjase Sai**!

Balti Jaam Market

Balti Jaam Market located between Tallinn Old town and Telliskivi area is a unique and vibrant market in Tallinn, home to nearly **300 traders across three floors**. It offers a rich variety of **street food options**, including vegan choices, making it a perfect spot to explore and taste diverse flavors. Beyond food, the market is also a **treasure trove for vintage and second-hand shopping**, where visitors can find everything from clothing and accessories to curiosities and antiques.





ROTTERMANN QUARTER

Rotermann Quarter — a stylish mix of historic **19th-century industrial architecture and modern design**, shops, cafés, and restaurants. Located just a short walk from the Old Town, it's perfect for a leisurely stroll, a shopping trip, or a relaxed meal in a vibrant urban setting. **The quarter offers a wide range of dining options**, from quality pastries, bread, and coffee at RØST and Levier, to tasty sandwiches at SANGA, and more fine dining meals at Bruxx, Chicago 1933, FUME, GOBI, NOMADE, Pull, R14, Om.house, and Orangerie.

Jenk Korean BBQ is a popular choice, though booking in advance is recommended. When it comes to **drinks and nightlife**, visitors can enjoy a lively atmosphere at Stalker, Pühaste Tap Room, and Mnemonic bar.



SPECIAL RECOMMENDATION

Skywheel of Tallinn



The Ferris wheel, which is one of a kind in Europe, will take you **120 metres above sea level**, offering a completely new view of Tallinn. The 27 weatherproof passenger cars offer a safe and comfortable experience all year round. In winter, the cars have heating, and in summer, air conditioning is turned on. Each passenger car seats up to six people (you can stand or sit). NB! The cars are also accessible by wheelchair and with a stroller.



MORE RECOMMENDATIONS



Food & drinks near the venue, Radisson Blu Hotel Olümpia

- **Ragu Café** — cozy spot, ideal for lunch
- **Sõõrikukohvik** — nostalgic doughnuts at affordable prices
- **Cat Cafe Nurri** — eat healthy food and play with 10 adorable kitties
- **VÕI VÕI** — modern café with creative dishes
- **HAN's Restaurant** — true Chinese food
- **Härg** — known for steaks and meat dishes
- **Kolm Sibulat** — international / fusion-kitchen
- **Päris** — French bakery, deli shop & restaurant
- **Viru Keskus Food Hall** — wide variety of street food
- **Solaris Shopping Centre** — various cafes and restaurants
- **Issei** — rooftop restaurant offering Peruvian-Japanese fusion, cocktails and city views
- **Horisont** — fine dining with panoramic city views, perfect for cocktails and a luxurious meal

Vegan and vegetarian

Almost every restaurant in Tallinn offers vegan/vegetarian options.

Some of the fully vegan places:

- **Vegan Restaurant V** — first fully vegan restaurant in Tallinn that opened in 2014
- **VegMachine** — street food/burgers
- **Karutalu šokolaad** — delicious vegan pastries/chocolates
- **Rohe** — offers seasonal bowls and cakes!
- **Nihe** — vegan meals and pastries
- **Kringel cafe** — vegan breakfast dishes and fresh pastries





BARS AND CLUBS

FOR THE CONNOISSEURS

- **Põhjala** Brewery & Tap Room
- **Mikkeller** Tap Room
- **Junimperium** Distillery

LOOKING FOR A GOOD COCKTAIL?

- **Manna La Roosa**
- **Ärkel** Rooftop Bar
- **Nümf** Bar
- **Whisper Sister** and **Sessel speakeasy** - more "hidden" gems

LOOKING FOR A SPECIFIC VIBE?

- **BailaBaila** — for latin vibe lovers
- **Labor** — shots bar with a fitting theme
- **Möku** — a casual bar for everyone who doesn't take themselves too seriously
- **Fonoteek** — a grungy, underground vibe, perfect for music lovers



WANT TO DANCE?

- Club **Studio**
- Club **Hollywood**
- Club **Venus**
- Club **Privé**
- Club **D3**

*For a more underground or offbeat event or club, just ask the organisers — we might know a thing or two about the city!

SOME LGBT+ FRIENDLY PLACES

- **X-Bar** — Estonia's oldest gay bar
- **Hello! Bar** — Small, lively gay bar in Tallinn's Old Town
- **Heldeke! Theater Bar** — burlesque shows, theatre, stand-up comedy, and themed parties. Tickets should be purchased in advance.
- **TOPS** — a cozy bar in Kalamaja that attracts arts-minded and free-spirited people, not only LGBT+
- **Club Uus Laine** — A social club that brings the community together
- **Paavli Culture Factory** — it is home to Tallinn's largest second-hand store, in the evening, it becomes a nightlife hub



FAMILY FRIENDLY OPTIONS



For more information, check [Tallinn with kids](#) webpage.

Some of the child-oriented and family-friendly places in the area:

- **Halos Children's Wellness and Salt Centre**
- Children's Museum **MiiaMilla**
- **Trampoline and Play centre** and a hands-on science centre at **Super Skypark** in T1 Mall
- **Proto Invention Factory**
- **Estonian Health Museum**
- **Seaplane Harbour**
- **Fat Margaret Museum** and visitor center
- You can also go **ice skating** to [Uisupark](#) and **sledding** to the [Tallinn Song Festival Grounds](#)

SAUNA CULTURE

And don't forget, **Estonia is the land of SAUNAS!** Find the best spa&sauna option for yourself while visiting the wintery Tallinn. For more information check [HERE!](#)



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See you soon in Tallinn!

We hope you enjoy our recommendations

We also have **cute little robots** who deliver food and packages! If you see one who's in need of assistance - don't hesitate to help out!

