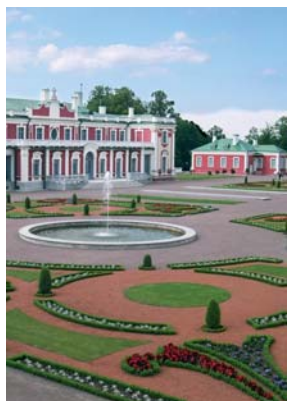


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## Introducing Tallinn

Tallinn is always billed as “that charming medieval city,” and it certainly lives up to that reputation. But just take a good, long look at all those sparkling office towers, the busy people running around with wireless digital gadgets, the young people obsessing over the latest fashion trends and dressing better than you... This is *not* the Eastern Europe they talked about back home. Not by a long shot. It's no wonder so many first-time visitors to Tallinn wander through the streets of Old Town, eyes bulging, jaws dropping, and exhibiting all the signs of stark-raving madness. Tallinn is a very old city. But it's also a new city - a city ready to carve out its niche in 21st-century Europe. This instant guide will give you an excellent introduction to both Tallinns, the old and the new.

## Instant Tallinn



This small PDF guide has been written to aid the traveller to Tallinn who wants to get a taste of Tallinn's essentials before arriving in the city. A bold experiment in travel writing, it boils down the best bits of Tallinn and condenses them into one fun-sized read for the lightweight traveller. The best way to experience Tallinn is to pick up the full-fledged (but still pocket-sized!) *Tallinn In Your Pocket* city guide upon arrival.

## Communism

...is still very much a dirty word in Estonia. Before you start quoting *Das Kapital*, be warned that you won't find many people lamenting the 'good old days' of Soviet rule around here, not surprising when you consider the number of Estonians who wound up in Siberia or worse during that difficult chapter of the nation's history. Practically all hammers and sickles vanished back in 1991.

## Customs

EU residents really lucked out with the expansion of the bloc to include Estonia! Now each individual aged 18 and over may carry in (or out) duty-free from another EU country 90 litres of wine and 110 litres of beer and 10 litres of hard alcohol (over 21%alc/vol), 800 cigarettes, 400 cigarillos, 200 cigars and 1kg of pure tobacco. (Beware of special tobacco restrictions if you're going to the UK, Sweden or Finland). Relatively unlucky travellers from non-EU countries can carry in 2 litres of wine (not exceeding €175EUR in combined value), 2 litres of beverages up to 21%alc/vol and 1 litre of hard alcohol; 200 cigarettes or 100 cigarillos or 50 cigars or 250g pure tobacco. When entering or leaving Estonia you must declare currency exceeding €15,000. For more information, contact the Customs Department, Lökke 5, tel./fax 630 82 33, [info@keskus.customs.ee](mailto:info@keskus.customs.ee), [www.customs.ee](http://www.customs.ee).

## Electricity

The electrical current is 220 volts AC, 50Hz. The standard European plugs work in most sockets.

## Health

The answer is *yes*, you *can* drink the water. Foreign residents report drinking unfiltered tap water for years with no adverse effects, and recent improvements to Tallinn's water system have dramatically improved the taste. Health care services have also made great strides in recent years, but state-run hospitals are still underfunded and under-equipped. Most foreigners in need of serious medical care will seek it elsewhere.

## Tipping

Until recently, Estonia was a non-tipping culture. Now; however, with more Estonians travelling the world and more foreign visitors influencing the local habits, there is a growing tendency to leave tips in restaurants. There is still no rule per se, but the general practice is to leave roughly 10% in any restaurant where you ate a full meal and where your bill was brought to your table (i.e., you didn't order and pay at the bar).

## Language

If it sounds more foreign than foreign, there's a reason. Estonian is completely unrelated to Russian, Latvian, Swedish, German, or any other Indo-European tongue. Along with Finnish and Hungarian, Estonian belongs to the Finno-Ugric group of languages, thought to have originated somewhere beyond the Urals thousands of years ago. Luckily, the younger generation and those in the tourist industry understand the value of the international language, so you should have little trouble getting around in English.

## Money

The Estonian kroon (rhymes with 'tone') is pegged to the Euro at €1 to 15.65kr. Keep in mind that Euros are not legal currency here as Estonia won't join the common currency until at least 2007. Paper bills come in denominations of 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100 and 500kr. Some luggage lockers take 5kr coins, which are rare and have to be requested. 1kr coins are in common use, and the annoying 10, 20 and 50 senti coins are unavoidable.

ATMs operating on international systems are ever present. Credit cards are easy to use in Tallinn. Major hotels, most restaurants and a growing number of stores accept Visa, Mastercard and EC. American Express and Globus are less common. Banks offer cash advances on credit cards, usually for a 1% fee. Mastercard is slightly harder to find. American Express and Thomas Cook travellers' cheques are exchangeable at most banks. Krediidipank, Narva mnt. 4, tel. 640 50 12, offers Western Union wire transfers.

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## Arriving

As European capitals go, Tallinn is a remarkably easy-access city. The passenger port and train station are both within easy walking distance of the centre and Old Town, and the bus station and airport are a fast and cheap 10 - 15 minute taxi ride away.

## By plane

Tallinn's airport may be a super-modern affair, but it's so small you're in no danger of getting lost. **ATMs** and **currency exchange** are located in the centre of the hall. Car rental offices are downstairs.

**Getting to town** A taxi from the airport should cost roughly 70kr. The more frugal can take bus N°2 which leaves every 20 - 30 minutes from in front of the arrivals hall to the centre of town, i.e. the Teenidusmaja stop, next to the Viru Hotel/shopping centre. A ticket from the driver costs 15kr, and the ride takes nine minutes.

## By ship

Most ferries and catamarans arrive at the Passenger Port (*reisiasadam*), terminals A, B and C. **Left Luggage** and a helpful **tourist information** booth can be found in the main hall of terminal A. Here **exchange offices** are plentiful but not always economical. **ATMs** are easy to find. Terminal D, just across the small neck of water, has similar services. Lindaline's boats arrive at the neighbouring Linnahall Speedboat Harbour, but keep in mind that this service doesn't run if the weather gets too windy. In this harbour, a **currency exchange** booth is open whenever boats are arriving. Rates here are decent.

**Getting to town** You can just head for the spires of Old Town on foot, but a taxi from the Passenger Port or the Linnahall should cover the short ride to town for 35 - 40kr.

## By helicopter

Copterline, the 18-minute helicopter service from Helsinki, lands at the Linnahall harbour. See the 'By ship' section for details of how to get into town.

## By car

Crossing the border from Latvia may take up to an hour if there's a long queue, but it should be fairly hassle-free, especially now that both countries are now in the EU. Getting over the border from Russia can take quite a bit longer thanks to that country's notoriously strict border controls. In both cases, be sure to bring your car's registration papers and a valid insurance policy, such as the international green card. If you don't have international insurance, you can buy it right at the border station. For fares and regulations on bringing a car by ship from Finland or Sweden, contact the ferry companies or a travel agent.

## Tourist information

**Tallinn Tourist Information Centre Niguliste 2/Kullassepa 4, tel. 645 77 77, fax 645 77 78, turismiinfo@tallinniv.ee, www.tourism.tallinn.ee.** June - Aug open 09:00 - 20:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 18:00; Sept open 09:00 - 18:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 17:00; Oct - May open 09:00 - 17:00, Sat 10:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun.

## Visas

You can enter Estonia visa-free for up to 90 days if you're a citizen of any EU country, Norway, Iceland, Switzerland, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, Israel, Argentina and a number of other countries listed on the website below. All others, including South Africans, Russians, Byelorussians and Ukrainians do need a visa to come to Estonia. South Africans may enter Estonia if they hold a visa for Latvia or Lithuania. Visas are not issued at the border. Anyone staying in Estonia for more than 90 days (180 days for UK citizens) needs either a residence permit or a visa, though there are certain very specific exceptions for EU citizens. For all the details, contact the consular department of the Foreign Ministry, tel. 631 74 40, or check their website, [www.vm.ee](http://www.vm.ee).

## By bus

Buses arrive at the bus station (*autobussijaam*), off the main highway from Tartu, but Eurolines passengers coming in from Riga or Vilnius should strongly consider hopping off at the much more central Viru väljak stop (ask other passengers where), rather than continuing on to the bus station itself. Once at the station, you'll find **Left luggage** in the basement. The cash-only **currency exchange** takes all major currencies, including Russian roubles, but gives appallingly bad rates. The ATM by the main entrance is probably a better bet.

**Getting to town** The city centre is just 1km away, down Juhkentali tänav from behind the station. Buses N°17, 17A, 23 and 23A leave directly from the station to Vabaduse väljak (4th stop) in the centre, while bus N°52 (which replaces trams N°2 and 4 during summer line repairs) runs from nearby Tartu maantee to Viru väljak (4th stop), also in the centre. A taxi to Old Town should cost 50kr.

## By train

Arriving by train at Tallinn's Balti Jaam puts you just a couple hundred metres from the walls of Old Town. The station itself is undergoing renovation that, we hope, will finally bring it into the modern age. **Exchange booths** here offer decent rates on all Scandinavian, Baltic and Russian currencies. **ATMs** are just next to the front doors.

**Getting to town** Just cross the street at the underpass and walk up Nunne tänav into Old Town, or take trams N°1 or 2 from behind the station three stops to the Mere pst. stop.



## Restaurants

Tallinn's restaurants have upped their standards in the last few years and nowadays most of them will meet the expectations of the international traveller. The number of ethnic restaurants has also increased. Even with all this development, there's still good value for money. It's not hard to find a full meal for €6 - 8. Service is nearly always English-speaking and foreign-language menus are the rule, not the exception. VAT (18%) is always included and service is never added to the bill.

**Admiral Lootsi 15, tel. 662 37 77, fax 631 84 44, admiral@estpak.ee, www.aurlaev-admiral.ee.** A meal at Admiral, a smart restaurant built into an old steam ship, has to be of the most unforgettable dining experiences in town. The service and atmosphere here harken back to times when a luxury sea voyage was the height of class. While the impressive view of Tallinn harbour through the portholes is unquestionably 100% Estonian, the menu here is actually Balkan, with Serbian beef and other lamb and fish dishes from that region. **Open 12:00 - 23:00.**

**African Kitchen Uus 34, tel. 644 25 55, info@afrikankitchen.ee, www.afrikankitchen.ee.** This highly funky African-themed establishment has won the hearts of young locals, both with its weekend DJ nights and with its affordable, exotic meals. Traditional and contemporary cuisine from the continent is served in a hip, colourful atmosphere. Lounge tables in the main room are a bit low, so reserve a spot in the cosier 'Cave Room' for more comfortable dining. **Open 12:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 01:00.**

**Bocca Olevimägi 9, tel. 641 26 10/641 26 11, fax 641 26 11, bocca@bocca.ee, www.bocca.ee.** A smart, slick establishment where you'd expect to run into super-chic members of Tallinn's A-list, or maybe a supermodel or two. Bocca delivers formal, professional service and an inventive array of pastas and *filletos* (filets), all under the glow of gigantic lamps that look like an artist's representation of the sun. The attached lounge bar is a swank place for post meal cognac. Make reservations on weekends. **Open 12:00 - 24:00.**

**Cantina Carramba Weizenbergi 20a, tel. 601 34 31, fax 601 34 32, carramba@hot.ee, www.carramba.ee.** If the amazing pueblo décor isn't enough to get you out to Kadrioru for a Mexican meal, the spice level might be: Unlike many 'ethnic' restaurants in Tallinn, Carramba isn't afraid to pour on the peppers, and the huge burritos arrived on our table still sizzling. **Open 12:00 - 23:00, Sun 12:00 - 20:00.**

## Vegetarian

Unless you've got an odd fascination with potatoes and cabbage, you probably won't find Estonia to be a very vegetarian-friendly country. On many menus it's hard to find anything that doesn't involve the ever-present pork chop. Your best bet is to go the ethnic food route. Indian, Thai and Chinese restaurants usually have vegetarian sections, and Italian/Pizza restaurants can always make something without meat. Beware that soups and salads can surprise you with their ingredients, so if you're strict, ask before ordering.

## Cheap lunches

Most cafés and pubs offer a *päevapraad* (daily special) - typically a basic meat-and-potatoes ensemble for about 35kr. Aside from that, here are our favourite cheap lunch destinations:

**Kompressor Rataskaevu 3, tel. 646 42 10.** Enormous portions of pancakes (in Estonia they're not just for breakfast) can be had here for 20 - 45kr. Fillings like garlic cheese, shrimp and smoked turkey make them a hearty, if not over-sized meal. **Open 11:00 - 23:00, Fri, Sat, Sun 11:00 - 02:00.**

**St. Patrick's Suur-Karja 8, tel. 641 81 73, stpatrick@hot.ee, www.patrick.ee.** Whereas most pubs have one *päevapraad* (daily special) on the menu, on weekdays St. Patrick's usually offers a choice of five (count 'em!) different plates for a mere 35kr. **Open 11:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 04:00.**

**Von Krahl Rataskaevu 10/12, tel. 626 90 96, baar@vonkrahl.ee, www.vonkrahl.ee.** This live music club has become a popular daytime spot for an economical meal. Even a half-portion of the cheese-and-mushroom-filled pancakes (35kr) is enough to cure the hungries. **Open 12:00 - 01:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 03:00.**

**Controvento Vene 12/Katarina käik, tel. 644 04 70, fax 646 46 77, info@controvento.ee, www.controvento.ee.** It is near impossible to select a disappointing meal at Controvento. This stylish Italian eatery has been a well deserved favourite of expats and locals for years now and its popularity seems unlikely to diminish considering the consistent superb quality of food. A cosy rustic setting and good selection of Italian wine further compliments the excellent cuisine. Best to make a reservation, as you will never be the lone diner. **Open 12:00 - 23:30.**

**Elevant Vene 5, tel. 631 31 32, elevant@elevant.ee, www.elevant.ee.** Beautiful décor from the entry foyer's antique wrought iron staircase to the sparse earthy sheik furnishings make this a place to linger over your meal. The sophisticated East meets West style also extends to the menu, offering a wide selection of innovative, carefully prepared dishes. Adventurous diners should pay particular attention to the meat selection. **Open 12:00 - 23:00.**

**Gloria Müürivahe 2, tel. 644 69 50, gloria@gloria.ee, www.gloria.ee.** Gloria has been synonymous with class and style since it opened in 1937, and once you get a look at the intricate, pre-war interior, you'll understand why this was the restaurant of choice for the Pope and several visiting heads of state. In case you need more convincing, Condé Nast named Gloria one of the world's 100 best. We found our meal here a relaxing, well-orchestrated experience. **Open 12:00 - 24:00.**

## Pizza

**Americana Müürivahe 2, tel. 646 42 65/644 88 37, pizza@americana.ee, www.americana.ee.** Nearly 60 varieties of thick, tasty pizza that will keep your stomach full for days. Delivery 45kr. **Open 11:30 - 22:30.**

**Peetri Pizza Mere pst. 6; Pärnu mnt. 22, tel. 661 61 81, www.peetripizza.ee.** Estonia's fast food pioneer. Eat in or take away. **Open 11:00 - 22:00.**

## Cafés

**Café Anglais** Raekoja plats 14, tel. 644 21 60. A long-time favourite of Tallinn's foreign community, Anglais is extremely popular for its consistently excellent food and friendly atmosphere. The menu is made up of a handful of hearty sandwiches, quiche, and fresh, leafy salads. You'll also find tempting cakes and one of the finest cups of coffee in town. Open 11:00 - 23:00.

**Moskva** Vabaduse Väljak 10, tel. 640 46 94, fax 640 46 82, moskva@moskva.ee, www.moskva.ee. Head upstairs to the trendy second floor for some casual gourmet. A variety of salads and a few inventive mains are available, but more important is that you're in the right place, being seen by the right people. Open 09:00 - 24:00, Fri 09:00 - 04:00, Sat 11:00 - 04:00, Sun 11:00 - 24:00.

**Tristan ja Isolde** Raekoja plats 1 (Town Hall), tel. 644 87 59. This small, cave-like café built right into the 15th-century Town Hall has the kind of historic ambience you won't find at your local Starbucks' back home. Play chess, drink cognac, or try one of the many exotic varieties of fresh-roasted, gourmet coffee. Open 08:00 - 23:00.

**Golden Dragon** Pikk 37, tel. 631 35 06, golden.dragon@mail.ee, www.goldendragon.ee. A long-time favourite among Tallinn's experienced diners, this little cellar restaurant consistently delivers mouth-wateringly good Chinese fare and portions of spring rolls big enough to feed 1.2 billion people. Be warned though that the service, while always friendly, can slow to a crawl when things get busy. Come by for the economical weekday lunch special. Open 12:00 - 23:00.

**Meister Michel (Around the Apple)** Rataskaevu 22, tel. 641 34 14, restoran@meistermichel.ee, www.meistermichel.ee. Tallinn's first and only apple restaurant is a smart affair laid out in a nice, soothing cellar venue. As can be expected, everything on the menu has some apple element to it, from the flamed foie gras on apple sashimi to the pork fillet with apple-catsup glazing. Our pike dish was expertly prepared, and came with complimentary fried apple chips as an appetiser. Open 12:00 - 23:00.

**Mõõkkala** Kuninga 4, tel. 641 82 88, mookkala@hotmail.ee, www.mookkala.com. An exercise in edgy semi-formality, the Swordfish's interior is marked out by romantic, blue lighting effects and other funky, artistic touches. The real strength here though is the top-notch cuisine, which has made this one of the most respected establishments in Tallinn. A wide variety of seafood is on offer, including the signature swordfish dish for 280kr. Count on impeccable service and a relaxing atmosphere. Open 12:00 - 24:00.

**Õ** Mere pst. 6e, tel. 661 61 50, fax 661 60 80, 0@restoran-0.ee, www.restoran-0.ee. Despite being named for one of Estonia's hardest-to-pronounce vowels, Õ is well worth seeking out. Here tie-clad lunchers discuss business in an atmosphere of stylish, charcoal-coloured furniture, with dove-wing chandeliers overhead adding an artistic touch. The menu is inventive and modern with seafood leanings. Open 12:00 - 24:00, Sun 13:00 - 22:00.

**Olde Hansa** Vana turg 1, tel. 627 90 20, reserve@oldehansa.ee, www.oldehansa.com. This mecca of medievalism in the heart of Old Town doesn't just serve historically authentic fare made from carefully-researched recipes, it provides guests with a whole experience using a combination of candlelight, waiters and waitresses in period costume and medieval background music. Chamber musicians round out the ambience. Open 11:00 - 24:00.



**Pegasus** Harju 1, tel. 631 40 40, pegasus@restoranpegasus.ee, www.restoranpegasus.ee. This innovative, three-storey restaurant overlooking Niguliste Church has already made quite a mark on Tallinn's dining scene with its daring menu of world cuisine and progressive interior design, but Pegasus stays in the limelight with its constantly-changing selection of dishes. It only takes one bite to confirm that the London-trained kitchen staff really know what they're doing. Stop by the bar on a Friday night to hang with Tallinn's movers and shakers. Open 08:00 - 01:00, Fri 08:00 - 02:00, Sat 10:00 - 02:00. Closed Sun.

**Sisalik** Pikk 30, tel. 646 65 42, fax 644 22 02, sisalik@sisaliku.ee, www.sisaliku.ee. Neither the cute lizard (*sisalik*) on the sign nor the quiet, tasteful interior give any indication of what category of cuisine is served here. The menu leans decidedly towards the French and includes choices like chicken provencale and frogs' legs. On the other hand, there are also Spanish *tapas* as well as Italian *tagliatelle* on offer. In any case, the food and service were not commendable, so give it a try. Open 12:00 - 23:00. Closed Sun.

**Stefanie's** Maakri 19/21, tel. 661 26 12. A smart, sophisticated little restaurant in the shadow of the Radisson SAS, Stefanie's offers an ambience that's stylish without being pretentious. Fillet-type mains as well as a small selection of pastas make up the menu. The chili pasta we had was unusual and surprisingly satisfying. Fresh rolls and professional service, overall a good value for this level of experience. If you have a bit of time after dinner, you can spend it in the secluded cognac room in back. Open 11:00 - 23:00, Sun 11:00 - 21:00.

**Sushi House** Rataskaevu 16, tel. 641 19 00, fax 641 19 04, info@sushihouse.ee, www.sushihouse.ee. An awe-inspiring affair where the décor is a combo of medieval stone retro and 21st-century chic. Immaculate sushi is served on banana leaves, and sake cocktails flow freely. There's even a cigar room hidden inside here somewhere. If you were looking for a way to impress someone, you've found it. Open 12:00 - 24:00.

**Troika** Raekoja plats 15, tel. 627 62 45, fax 631 40 91, restoran@troika.ee, www.troika.ee. One of Tallinn's must-see cellar restaurants, Troika wows its clientele with a cosy, old-style Russian décor and a singer who belts out folk songs from a balcony from time to time. But the best thing about this place is the food - excellent *bliny* and *pelmeni* as well as a selection of traditional main courses. Great service. Book ahead. Open 12:00 - 24:00.

**Vanaema Juures** Rataskaevu 10/12, tel. 626 90 80/626 90 99, vanaema.juures@mail.ee. True to its name, *Grandma's Place* treats its guests to a warm welcome and a cosy dining room filled with antiques. Take heart that there's no sign of the big, bad wolf here, though wild boar is occasionally on the menu. Elk roast is a regular feature and the lamb with bleu cheese comes highly recommended. Open 12:00 - 22:00, Sun 12:00 - 18:00.

## Bars

One could get the impression that Estonians are hopeless party animals. For a town its size, Tallinn has a suspiciously high number of bars. Here are a few that you should definitely not miss.

### Local favourites

**Cafe VS** Pärnu mnt. 28, tel. 627 26 27, fax 627 26 26, info@cafevs.ee, www.cafevs.ee. You will never be alone in this groovy well-established favourite bar of locals and expats alike, which interestingly doubles as an Indian restaurant. There's always a vibrant ambience which, depending on the time of day, will have you chilling on the comfy lounges or grooving when the DJs are in the house later in the evening. Open 10:00 - 01:00, Mon 10:00 - 24:00, Fri 10:00 - 02:00, Sat 12:00 - 02:00, Sun 12:00 - 24:00.

**Hell Hunt** Pikk 39, tel. 681 83 33, hellhunt@hellhunt.ee, www.hellhunt.ee. An open, comfortable drinking establishment with a strong sense of style, the recently revamped Gentle Wolf has been pulling the customers in by the droves with its no-nonsense atmosphere, good bar service and cheap beer. It even sells its own Hell Hunt brand of light and dark beers (brewed in Saaremaa) for a very reasonable 24kr. Open 12:00 - 02:00.

**Kaheksa** Vana-Posti 8 (entrance from Müürivahe), tel. 627 47 70, kaheksa@bdg.ee. A somewhat posh, sophisticated establishment. Kaheksa is popular with Tallinn's young, social elite who can often be caught taking advantage of the lounge's boxing-ring layout to compare fashion notes. Strong hints of the tropics (latticed panels, palm leaves) give it the right touch of class. Don't leave without trying one of the fruit smoothies. Open 12:00 - 24:00, Wed, Thu 12:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 04:00.

**Karja Kelder** Väike-Karja 1, tel. 644 10 08, karjakelder@hot.ee, www.karjakelder.ee. With a more relaxed, local feel than its expat-oriented neighbours, Karja Kelder is definitely one to seek out. It's not loudly marked on the outside, so tourists (including, thankfully, the lager louts) tend to pass it over. The variety of cheap beer (and food) makes it a hit, as do the occasional live bands. Open 11:00 - 02:00, Mon, Sun 11:00 - 01:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 04:00.

**Molly Malone's** Mündi 2, tel. 631 30 16, www.baarid.ee. The location right on Town Hall Square makes Molly's an easy meeting spot, and it's not a bad one at that. A healthy amount of space and a laid-back atmosphere make this classic Irish pub a magnet for all sorts of travellers as well as the more mature expat set. Live bands get the place buzzing on weekends, but you can find at least a small crowd here just about every night of the week. Open 11:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 04:00.

## Trendy

**Popular** Vana-Viru 6, tel. 614 15 65, info@popular.ee, www.popular.ee. Though it's a bit smaller than the other fashionable lounges in town, Popular still manages to fill its little seats and sofas with a respectable volume of trend monkeys. They seem to be pulled in by the availability of tobacco-filled water pipes, and progressive DJ music on weekends. Open 09:00 - 01:00, Fri, Sat 09:00 - 04:00.

## Clubs

Tallinn's clubs range from dull hotel affairs with sad, tie-wearing businessmen to wild party spots teeming with sexual tension. Here's a few that tend towards the latter.

### Hot & Happening

**BonBon** Mere pst. 6e, tel. 661 60 80, info@bonbon.ee, www.bonbon.ee. The trendy BonBon made a very prudent move last year when it dropped its ill-advised members-only policy and quickly rose to become one of Tallinn's hottest clubs. It's still somewhat exclusive thanks to a higher than average ticket price and a more serious than average crowd. The establishment sports a classically decadent look, with huge chandeliers and a portrait of Bacchus watching over the dance floor. Open 23:00 - late. Closed Mon, Tue, Thu, Sun. Admission 65 - 130kr. Special events 150kr+.

**Hollywood** Vana-Posti 8, tel. 627 47 70, bdg@bdg.ee, www.clubhollywood.ee. 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. The dance floor features three large overhead video screens and raised platforms where scantily-clad go-go dancers jiggle to the beat. Wednesday night is the infamous Ladies' Night - free entrance for ladies, hence a wall-to-wall meat market for the lads. Open 22:00 - 04:00, Fri, Sat 22:00 - 05:00. Closed Mon, Tue, Sun. Admission 50 - 100kr, special events 100kr+.

**Privé** Harju 6, tel. 631 05 45, info@clubprive.ee, www.clubprive.ee. The exclusive (and pricey) Privé is known for delivering good music, which usually excludes the radio friendly tunes played on rotation at other clubs. Beware though - depending on the night, the the crowd might be either cool sophisticates or self-important teens. People with money to burn should head to the Oxygen bar where 50kr buys a hit of pure oxygen with the flavour of one's choice. Open 22:00 - 06:00. Closed Mon, Tue, Sun. Admission 100 - 200kr.

**Venus** Vana-Viru 14, tel. 641 81 84, venus@venusclub.ee, www.venusclub.ee. Rows of classical cherub statues added to an Arabian dessert motif may give the impression of a palace decorator gone mad, but the overriding mood at Venus is of serious partying and flirting by a mixed Russian and Estonian crowd. Special events - many with an erotic edge - happen almost weekly. If you land here on the wrong night though, the tacky pop dance music could be off-putting. Open 22:00 - 04:00, Fri, Sat 22:00 - 05:00. Closed Mon, Tue, Sun. Admission 150kr, discount for ladies.

### Live music

**Scotland Yard** Mere pst. 6e, tel. 653 51 90, scotlandyard@scotlandyard.ee, www.scotlandyard.ee. Take an old English sitting room, expand it to 20 times its size, add a dance floor and you've pretty much described this quirky pub just outside Old Town. Despite the pub's gargantuan size it still fills to the brim on weekends, when there's almost always a band playing on the stage. Open 12:00 - 24:00, Thu, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 03:00. Admission free.

**Von Krahl** Rataskaevu 10/12, tel. 626 90 96, baar@vonkrahl.ee, www.vonkrahl.ee. This down-to-earth pub attached to a local theatre is where Tallinn's alternative bands come to play, and naturally the crowd tends towards students, punks and artsy types. Open 12:00 - 01:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 03:00. Admission 45-90kr.

## Sights

Tallinn is a sightseer's dream, in no small part due to its compact nature. Almost all the major sights are conveniently located in and around the medieval Old Town.

### Toompea hill

Climb Pikk jalg and you'll find yourself on Castle Square (Lossi plats), smack-dab between the seat of the Estonian government at Toompea Castle and the 19th-century symbol of the Tsar's power in Estonia, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. You are standing at the birthplace of Tallinn, where the Knights of the Sword built a fortress in 1229. The limestone mound is held to be the grave of Old Kalev, the hero of the Finnish national epic, but others say it is the resting place of his son, Kalevipoeg.

**View platforms** The Kohtuotsa and Patkuli view platforms are usually the first place that tourists want to see when they visit Tallinn. From here, sweeping views of the town, its red-tiled roofs, its towers, its walls and all of its charm open up. Get your camera ready.

**Toompea Castle** The part you see is actually a 20th-century building with a pink Art Nouveau facade built on the foundations of a medieval convent-style structure. It now houses the Riigikogu, Estonia's parliament. Fittingly, the parliament rests solidly on an embankment of limestone, one of Estonia's most plentiful resources. On one corner of the castle you can see Pikk Hermann tower with the blue, black and white tricolour flag waving above it. It's commonly recognised that whoever's flag flies on top of this tower is the ruler of Estonia. For a more castle-like view of this building, head behind it, down the opposite side of the hill.

**Alexander Nevsky Cathedral** Lossi plats 10, tel./fax 644 34 84. Toompea's dominating landmark is the Russian Orthodox cathedral named for the duke who attacked southeastern Estonia and Pskov in the early 13th century. Tsar Alexander III ordered the cathedral designed in 1894 by St. Petersburg master Mikhail Preobrzhenky and it was completed in 1900. According to legend, the cathedral was built on the grave of Estonian hero Kalevipoeg and has suffered structurally as a result. **Open 08:00 - 19:00. Admission free.**

**Dome Church (Toomkirik)** Toomkooli 6, tel./fax 644 41 40, tallinna.toom@eelk.ee, www.eelk.ee/tallinna.toom. The oldest church in Estonia was founded in 1219 by the first wave of Danish forces. The Gothic exterior dates to the 14th century, but the interior was rebuilt after the 1684 fire. The Baroque pulpit (1686) and organ loft (1780) are worth a look. As you enter be sure to step on the tomb of Otto Johann Thuve, who asked that his grave be placed in this humbling location. **Open 09:00 - 16:00. Admission free.**

### Town fortifications

The city of Tallinn has been under siege or threat of siege for most of its history, spurring near-constant reinforcement of the town walls. With 66 towers, medieval Tallinn was known as 'one of the most fortified burghs in all Northern Europe'. Today only 20 towers survive, many serving as museums, such as Fat Margaret, and Kiek in de K ok, and restaurants, including Hellemann Tower and Neitsitorn. Others are office and residential space. The oldest towers, Nunna, Sauna and Kuldjala, are open to the public.

### Lower Town

**Town Hall (Raekoda)** Raekoja plats 1, tel. 645 79 00, raekoda@tallinniv.ee, www.tallinn.ee/raekoda. Tallinn's civic life has been centred here at the southern edge of Town Hall Square since 1341, but the imposing Gothic building of today dates to 1404. Old Thomas, the weather vane who symbolises Tallinn, has been keeping watch since 1530. The town hall is still used for state functions but is open to the public in June and July. At other times, tours can be arranged by phoning in advance. **Exhibition Hall (cellar) open 11:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun.**

**Town Hall Square (Raekoja Plats)** As a medieval market and a modern meeting place, Town Hall Square, has been the heart of city life for seven centuries. With the Town Hall at your back, you can survey some of the most impressive examples of Gothic architecture in Tallinn. The most significant may be the unassuming building at Raekoja plats 11, the town's apothecary since 1422, passing through 10 generations of the same family. Hunt for a circular stone in the centre of the square; from here you can see the tops of all five Tallinn spires.

**Town Hall Pharmacy (Raeapteek)** Raekoja plats 11, tel. 631 48 60, fax 631 48 61, raeapt@hot.ee. One of the oldest continuously running pharmacies in Europe is on



Town Hall Square. Records show that the Raeapteek was already on its third owner in 1422. In Medieval times patients could buy mummy juice and burnt bees for treatment, and healthy folks could even drop in for a glass of spiced wine. Keeping up with the times, the pharmacy sells the usual aspirin and condoms, but part of the shop is also a museum, displaying old medical instruments and other curiosities. **Open 09:00 - 19:00, Sat 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sun. Admission free.**

**Dominican Monastery (Dominiiklaste klooster)** Vene 16, tel. 644 46 06/51 554 89, kloostri@hot.ee, www.kloostri.ee. One of Tallinn's oldest existing buildings is this monastery founded 1246. The part of the monastery administered by the museum includes the courtyard and surrounding passageways, where fascinating 15th- and 16th-century stone carvings are on display. To see the inner rooms, visit the Claustrium, at Muurivahe 33, tel. 644 65 30. After the summer season ends, both parts of the monastery museum are only open for groups, by prior arrangement.

**Holy Spirit Church (Puhavaimu kirik)** Puhavaimu 2, tel./fax 644 14 87, tel. 646 44 30, www.eelk.ee/tallinna.puhavaimu. Built in the late 13th century by the Order of the Holy Ghost, Puhavaimu was always a church for the people: after the Reformation, it was here that the first sermons were given in Estonian. From 1563 to 1600 Balthasar Russow, from whose Livonian Chronicle most of Estonia's medieval history has come down to us, served as priest here. The interior and furnishings are a mixed bag of styles, including Baroque pews and a Renaissance pulpit (the oldest in Tallinn). **Open 10:00 - 15:00. Closed Sat, Sun.**

**Niguliste Museum-Concert Hall** Niguliste 3, tel. 644 99 11, niguliste@ekm.ee, www.ekm.ee. This 13th-century Gothic church, now an affiliate of the Estonian Art Museum, houses a fascinating collection of medieval art, with altars from the 15th and 16th centuries and a collection of Baroque and Renaissance chandeliers. Most notable is a fragment of Bernd Notke's 15th-century masterpiece, *Dance Macabre*. Organ concerts are held here every Saturday and Sunday in the late afternoon. **Open 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission 35kr.**

### Elsewhere in Tallinn

**Kadriori Palace** Weizenbergi 37, tel. 606 64 00, fax 606 64 01, muuseum@kadriori.ekm.ee, www.ekm.ee. Designed by Italian master Nicolo Michetti at the request of Peter the Great in 1718, the Kadriori Palace is an essential stop on any Tallinn tour. The palace is named in honour of Peter's wife, Catherine I, for whom it was built. (Catherine = Kadri in Estonian). Not only is it the best example of the Northern Baroque architectural style in the country, the palace is also home to the Foreign Art Museum of Estonia (see Culture for details.) Don't miss the manicured gardens, out back. **Open 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission 45kr.**

**Estonian Open Air Museum** Vabaohumuuseumi tee 12, tel. 654 91 00/654 91 01, fax 654 91 27, evm@evm.ee, www.evm.ee. Nearly 100 farm buildings nestle on 80ha of forest in Rocca al Mare, on the shore of the Kopli Gulf. Informative signs in Estonian, Russian, English and German guide you through 150 years of farming history. Sample the pea soup and other traditional foods at Kolu Tavern (Kolu K rts). Take bus N 21 or 21b from the train station or minibus 234 from behind the Estonia theatre to Vabaohumuuseum stop. **Open 10:00 - 20:00. Admission 15-30kr.**

### History museums

**Estonian History Museum - The Great Guild Hall (Eesti Ajaloomuuseum)** Pikk 17, tel. 641 16 30, fax 644 34 46, post@eam.ee, www.eam.ee. Housed in the Great Guild Hall, the museum's exhibitions cover Estonia's earliest history up through the 18th century, with text in Estonian, English and Russian. The building itself (built 1407-1410) is significant as the home of Tallinn's union of wealthy merchants. **Through December: Men's Toys - 13th-20th-century weapons from around the world. Open 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Wed. Admission 10kr.**

**Estonian History Museum- Maarjam e Palace (Maarjam e Loss)** Pirta tee 56, tel. 601 45 35, fax 644 34 46, maarjamagi@eam.ee, www.eam.ee. The branch of the Estonian History Museum that covers the 19th and 20th centuries makes its home in this landmark house on the road to Pirta. Excellent exhibitions on the War for Independence and the first Estonian Republic. **Open 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission 10kr.**

**Kiek in de K ok (Peep into the Kitchen)** Komandandi 2, tel. 644 66 86, www.linnamuuseum.ee/kiekindekok. This tower/museum is an excellent introduction to the history of Tallinn's defences. Built 1475-1481, the 45m, six-storey cannon tower played a key role in the Livonian War and still has nine of Ivan IV's cannonballs embedded in its walls. Check out the voyeur's view from the windows for yourself as you climb upward. **Open 10:30 - 17:30. Closed Mon. Admission 25kr.**

**Tallinn City Museum (Linnamuuseum)** Vene 17, tel. 644 65 53, fax 644 15 74, lmuuseum@online.ee, www.linnamuuseum.ee. Far and away the most modern and complete introduction to Tallinn. Appropriately built into 14th-century merchant house, the City Museum houses elaborate displays, with English captions, demonstrating various aspects of Tallinn life through the ages. The 20th-Century exhibit on the top floor has fascinating WWII photos and propaganda posters, as well as artifacts from the Soviet era. **Thru November 2005: Tender As Spider's Net...** exhibition on women's lingerie through the ages. **Open 10:30 - 18:00. Closed Tue. Admission 35kr.**

### Soviet Tallinn

**KGB headquarters** Pagari 1, at the corner of Pikk 59. The only thing that sets this Old Town building apart from its neighbours are the bricked-up basement windows and a somber-looking plaque in Estonian which reads, 'This building housed the headquarters of the organ of repression of the Soviet occupational power. Here began the road to suffering for thousands of Estonians.' Originally the Estonian War Department during the 1920s and 30s, it was taken over by the NKVD when the Soviets invaded the first time in 1940. It was here that perceived enemies of the regime were interrogated and either shot or sent to Siberian work camps. After Stalin's death people were still hauled in and questioned about possible subversive activities. Interestingly, the KGB used the tall spire of the nearby 13th-century St. Olaf's Church to send radio transmissions.

**TV Tower Kloostrimetsa 58a, www.teletorn.ee.** Officially opened on November 7th (Soviet Revolution Day) in 1980, the 314m tower was, and is, an imposing example of Soviet engineering. From its observation deck at the 170m level, you can see Finland on a clear day. Once you pay your 40kr entrance fee and ride up the lift, you're entering a world that hasn't changed much in the last 22 years. The furnishings are the same, and last time we were here we saw some folks that look like they came for the grand opening and never left - or at least they hadn't updated their wardrobes. While you're here, be sure to try the Galaxy restaurant, which in its own way is also a trip back in time.

**Maajam e War Memorial** On the highway to Pirta. It's hard to miss the pointed obelisk alongside the highway to Pirta Beach - it's part of the Maarjam e War Memorial complex, a cement-filled park similar in its imposing style to other large complexes created in the USSR in the 1960s and 70s. The spire was put up in 1960 in memory of Russians who died in 1918, while the surrounding inspirational concrete and iron figures were added in 1975 to honour Soviet soldiers killed trying to fend off the Nazis in 1941. Ironically, this was also the site of an earlier German cemetery, as the solemn groups of crosses behind the complex remind us.

### Cats' Well

Before you complain about the taste of Tallinn's tap water, you might want to stop to consider what the town's Medieval residents had to put up with. This wheel well on the corner of Rataskaevu and Dunkri in the Old Town was once one of the main sources of water for the Tallinn. According to legend, some of the locals decided that an evil water spirit lived in the well and threatened to make all the town's wells run dry if it wasn't given regular animal sacrifices. To keep the spirit happy, some cattle and sheep carcasses were thrown down the well, but the main victims were stray cats, who were rounded up and tossed, sometimes live, down the shaft. This practice was so common that the locals started calling this watering hole 'Cat's Well'. In a sense, the sacrifices worked - the town's wells never ran dry. But the practice of throwing animals down the well didn't do much for the water quality, and the Cat's Well had fallen into disuse by the mid 19th century. Rest assured that nowadays Tallinn's water is much safer to drink, and the cats of Old Town no longer live in fear.





## Hostels

**Academic Hostel Akadeemia tee 11, tel. 620 22 75, fax 620 22 76, info@academichostel.com, www.academichostel.com.** A large hostel 5km from the city centre situated on the Tallinn Technical University campus grounds, offering brand new rooms for one or two persons (kitchen, dining room and bathroom shared between every two) and all surrounded by a quiet and peaceful forest. Perks include free parking, laundry facilities and internet connections in some of the rooms. 108 rooms (108 doubles 495kr). Extra bed 250kr; pets 100kr.

**Eurohostel Nunne 2, tel./fax 644 77 88, info@eurohostel.ee, www.eurohostel.ee.** This newly-built, friendly place in Old Town is a good choice for backpackers and other budget travellers. Furnishings are simple, but are new and stylishly wooden, and floors are carpeted. Other than the double, all rooms have bunks with 4 to 6 beds per room. Guest kitchen. Showers, WC shared. **No breakfast.** 1 double, 3 dorm rooms. 225kr/bed.

**Vana Tom Väike-Karja 1, tel. 631 32 52, fax 612 05 11, hostel@nttrade.ee, www.hostel.ee.** The biggest thing Vana Tom has going for it is that it's smack dab in the middle of Old Town. It's a friendly place, though it's been getting grungy over the years. Singles and doubles are as available as dorm rooms, breakfast is included and there's even a kitchen for guests' use. Don't be wary of the strip club upstairs. 15 rooms (doubles 595kr, Place in a dorm room 235kr). 15kr discount with HI card.

## Budget

**City Guesthouse Pärnu mnt. 10, tel./fax 628 22 36, info@cityguesthouse.ee.** Divided among several floors of a hefty, Old Town building, this fairly new guesthouse offers a range of budget choices from respectable singles to spacious, 5-person dorms. Rooms are sparsely furnished with plain, white walls and all but the suites have their shower/WC in the corridor. There are some creature comforts though, like in-room TVs and WiFi in some areas. 21 rooms (singles 500kr, doubles 700kr, 3 suites 1200kr). Extra bed 200kr. Place in dorm 350kr.

**City Hotel Portus Uus-Sadama 23, tel. 680 66 00, fax 680 66 01, tallinnhotels@tallinnhotels.ee, www.tallinnhotels.ee.** This fairly new hotel just opposite the Passenger Port's D-Terminal is a boon for economical travellers offering a convenient location as well as decent rooms and services at a no-nonsense price. The friendly, slightly goofy interior makes it inviting. 113 doubles 986kr. Extra bed 250kr, pets 250kr.

**Dzingsel Männiku tee 89, tel. 610 52 01/610 53 11, fax 610 52 45, hotell@dzingsel.ee, www.dzingsel.ee.** This biggish hotel is a good budget option for anyone who doesn't mind a bit of a commute to the centre. The Dzingsel comes fully outfitted with restaurant, sauna, and respectable conference facilities - seven meeting rooms in all. Take bus N°5 or 57 to the P.Kerese stop. 250 rooms (singles 540kr, doubles 760kr, triples 960kr, suites 1040kr, apartments 1800 - 2730kr, family rooms 1440kr). Extra bed 200kr, pets 220kr.

**Hotell G9 Gonsiori 9, tel. 626 71 00, fax 626 71 02, info@hotelg9.ee, www.hotelg9.ee.** Just a five-minute walk from Old Town, this small hotel on the third floor of an office building is a good pick for location and quality. Rooms are modern and spotless. 23 rooms (10 singles 550kr, 13 doubles 670kr, 1 suite 1000kr). Extra bed 180kr, pets 150kr.

## Getting around

It's never hard to get from A to B within Tallinn, and connections to nearby cities are frequent and cheap.

### Car rental

**Avis Liivalaia 13/15, tel. 667 15 15, fax 667 15 01, avis@avis.ee, www.avis.ee.** Open 08:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun, J-5, Tallinn Airport, tel. 605 82 22, fax 605 82 20. Open 08:45 - 17:45.  
**Budget Lennujaama tee 2, Tallinn Airport, tel. 605 86 00, fax 605 85 99, airport@budget.ee, www.budget.ee.** Open 09:00 - 18:00.  
**Hertz Tallinn Airport, tel. 605 89 23, fax 605 89 53, airport@hertz.ee, www.hertz.ee.** Open 09:00 - 18:00.   
**National Tallinn Airport, tel. 605 80 71, fax 605 80 79, arental@online.ee, www.nationalcar.ee.** Open 09:00 - 18:00.  
**R-Rent Tallinn Airport, tel./fax 605 89 29, tel. 50 36 446, info@rrent.ee, www.rrent.ee.** Prices starting from 500kr/day. Open 09:00 - 18:00.  
**Sir Autorent Juhkentali 11, tel. 661 43 53/56 51 353, sirrent@online.ee, www.sirrent.ee.** Open 09:00 - 18:00.  
**Sixt Tallinn Airport, tel. 605 81 48, fax 605 81 42, rent@autolising.ee, www.sixt.ee.** Open 09:00 - 18:00.  
**Also: Rävälä pst. 5, tel. 613 36 60, fax 613 36 61.** Open 09:00 - 17:00.  
**Tulikarent Tihas 34, tel. 612 00 12/50 90 717, fax 612 00 13, rent@tulika.ee, www.tulikatakso.ee.** Open 08:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

### Taxis

Be warned that local taxi drivers are known for fixing their meters to run at a higher rate than normal when a foreigner is in the car. This is less likely to happen when the taxi is ordered by phone, which also avoids 8 - 25kr the 'waiting fee' they typically charge when you pick them up on the street.

**Krooni Takso tel. 638 11 11/56 60 60 00,** 5.50kr/km.  
**Linnataksa tel. 1242/644 24 42, www.linnataksa.ee.** 7kr/km. Also provides taxis for disabled passengers.  
**Peretakso tel. 646 00 06/16111, www.peretakso.ee.** 7-9kr/km.  
**Silver Takso tel. 15 222/627 88 50, www.silvertakso.ee.** 7kr/km.  
**Tulika Takso tel. 1200, www.tulikatakso.ee.** 7kr/km.  
**Viiking Takso tel. 601 43 33, www.viikingtakso.ee.** 5.50kr/km.

### Public transport

About 98% of the time, you can just hop on any door. Tallinn's buses, trolleybuses and trams work on a ticket inspection scheme, so you almost never need to show your ticket to the driver. The exceptions are a few buses (notably bus N°2 from the airport) with 'no-entry' signs on their rear doors. If you see this sign and the door doesn't open, head to the front and punch your ticket/show your pass to the driver. In all cases, once on board, you should punch your ticket, or risk a 600kr fine if the inspector catches you. **Tickets:** A single type of ticket (*talong*) is good on all three systems. Buy one from nearly any kiosk for 10kr (a book of ten tickets is only 80kr) or from the driver for 15kr. Express bus lines cost 15kr from a kiosk, 20kr from the driver.

## Useful information

### Hospitals

**Tallinn Central Hospital Ravi 18, tel. 620 70 15/697 30 02, info@itk.ee, www.itk.ee.**  
**Tallinn Children's Hospital Tervise 28, tel. 697 71 13, admin@lastehaigla.ee, www.lastehaigla.ee.**

### Pharmacies

**Aia Aptek Aia 10, tel. 627 36 07.** Open 08:30 - 24:00.  
**Tallinna Linnaapteek Pärnu mnt. 10, tel. 644 02 44, linnaapt@uninet.ee.** Open 24 hrs.  
**Tõnismäe Aptek Tõnismägi 5, tel. 644 22 82.** Open 08:00 - 21:00, Sat 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 17:00.  
**Vanaturu Aptek Vene 1, tel. 644 64 52.** Open 08:00 - 19:00, Sun 09:00 - 17:00.

### Phoning

Estonia's country code is 372. To make an international call from Estonia, dial 00 + country code + number. To call any local number from within Estonia, just dial the number as is (there are no special prefixes or city codes). If you are roaming with the mobile phone you brought from home, you will have to insert a +372 before the number you are dialing. If you have a lot of local calls to make and you want to avoid paying roaming charges, pick up a Simpel or Smart starter kit for 150kr at a kiosk. This will give you a SIM card with a local number and 100kr credit. Add more units of credit later by buying scratch-off cards.

## Shopping

### Department stores & Malls

**Stockmann Liivalaia 53, tel. 633 95 39, www.stockmann.ee.** The local branch of Finland's premiere department store. Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sat, Sun 09:00 - 20:00. Food and cosmetics stay open one hour later.  
**Viru Keskus (Viru Centre) Viru väljak 4/6, tel. 610 14 00, fax 610 14 01, info@virukeskus.com, www.virukeskus.com.** A very classy addition to downtown's commercial scene. Open 09:00 - 21:00. Food store open 08:00 - 23:00.

### Gifts & souvenirs

**Estonian Handicraft House Pikk 22, tel. 631 40 76, info@crafts.ee, www.crafts.ee.** Traditional Estonian handicrafts made by approved specialists to ensure authenticity. Open 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sun.  
**Zlobin Pikk 7, tel. 646 44 13.** A spectacular variety of everything from the sublime to the downright tacky. Open 09:00 - 20:00.

### Markets

**Knit Market corner of Viru and Müürivahe.** Little old ladies sell their knitwear along the Old Town wall. Shopping here is almost a tradition for visitors. Open 09:00 - 17:00.  
**Merekusku Mere pst. 10, tel. 644 91 38.** Cheap, tacky goods are sold here, mainly to Finnish day-trippers. Pick up some bargain-priced underwear or a questionable CD. Open 08:00 - 19:00.



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