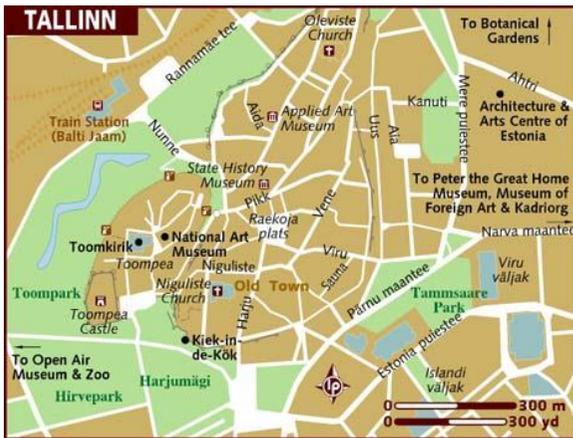


What and where is Tallinn?

Tallinn is a coast city of 406,000 inhabitants and it is located on the northern coast of Estonia. In Tallinn you can find gothic architecture and traditional customs which are mixed up with cultural events and an exciting nightlife.



Tallinn



Tallinn's history

Tallinn was founded as a fortress in 1219 by Valdemaro II of Denmark. Since the XVI century it had been conquered by the Swedes and the Russian and in 1918 became the capital of the independent country of Estonia. In 1940 it lost its independence and was annexed to the USSR until 1991. In the 1990s, Tallinn started its development and became the biggest and most important commercial and economic centre of Estonia.

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Let's go sightseeing!

Old Town is one of Tallinn's main tourist attractions which became a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1997: it is surrounded by a Town Wall which has up to 25 towers. In the Old Town there is **Alexander Nevsky Cathedral** which is located on Toompea Hill. The Cathedral was ordered to be built in 1894 by the Russian tsar Alexander III.



Moreover, it is worth visiting **St. Olav's Church** which has a Gothic architecture and was built at the end of the XV century. During the XVI century it was the tallest church in the world with his 159 m. After a lot of fires, it was rebuilt and now is 123 m high.



Have a break and relax!



Don't miss **Kadriorg Palace** with its beautiful and big park. This palace was the summer residence of Russian tsar Peter I which now houses a lot of Western European and Russian works of art at the Estonian Art Museum's foreign collection. In the park you can relax or have a picnic watching the lake nearby.

At the harbour and in **Town Hall Square** you can find every kind of restaurant and cuisine.



In fact, you can reserve a covered outdoor table in Town Hall Square or eat in the city's best restaurant, **Stenus**.

Estonian cuisine & drinks

- ✓ **Keel Hernestega** is a typical dish based on bull's tongue which is served with radish;
- ✓ **Verivorst** is a dish based on sausages which is served with blackberries jam at Christmas Time;
- ✓ **Marineeritud Angerjas** is a dish based on soured eel which is served cold;
- ✓ **Vana Tallinn** is a famous liquor which has a strong and sweet taste and that is served mainly with coffee or champagne.



Let's have fun!

For shopping lovers, the best place to go is the **New Town** where you can find a lot of designer outlets and shopping centres for every taste and pocket.



For the most curious it is worth visiting the **Botanical Garden** which contains more than 8,000 plant species from all over the world.

For those who want to have a vibrant nightlife, in Tallinn there are a lot of bars and pubs, wine bars, casinos and night clubs that you can find everywhere.

Events in Tallinn

- ✓ **In April:** **International Choir Festival** is a high-level competition for all choir categories in Estonia; **International festival Jazzkarr** is an annual festival which has become one of the most important and biggest jazz festivals in the Baltic.
- ✓ **In August:** **Tallinn Chamber Music Festival** is created to add and enrich some classical music to the busy cultural life in Tallinn.
- ✓ **In December:** In the Old Town there is a **Christmas Market** where there are a lot of stalls with Christmas decorations and cards, local Christmas food and handmade Estonian presents. Moreover, the **Spirit of Christmas** includes concerts to wish Merry Christmas with music.

