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Discover the romantic, wooden-house districts of Supilinn and Karlova (marked in the areas of F-2 and G-3 of the map)

Estonia's second largest city by population, but the largest city in terms of youthfulness and cutting-edge thinking. But that's not to say that Tartu or Dorpat, as it was once called, is without its history. There are still plenty of magnificent reminders of a glorious past - see our Sightseeing section (p.29) for the full list of sights in Tartu.

Tartu is the kind of town you'd want to hang around in at any time of the year, however, it really comes alive during the warmer months. This fairly green city with its winding river and numerous bridges is the perfect setting for those who want to fill their days with quiet strolls, and end their nights with loud delights. There's so much to do and see that you'll probably want to spend more than just a couple of days here.

This summer, Tartu, the town where the Estonian song festival tradition has its roots, will again be filled with the sound of choral music in the form of the '2012 Nordic & Baltic Male Choir Festival' (see feature on p.12). Men's and boys choirs from all over Scandinavia and the Baltics will join one another in song, firmly upholding this age-old, oral tradition. From baritones to tenors, over 4,000 singers are expected to perform at this year's festival.

Always remember though that this is just a guide, we try our best to provide as accurate information as possible by print time. We write about our experiences and also the experiences of our readers, we can't guarantee that your encounters at various establishments will be the same as we had when we visited, but we welcome your feedback. You can write to us on Facebook or send an e-mail to the editor at: nsi@inyourpocket.com.

Cover story



On the cover of this issue of *Tartu In Your Pocket*, the audience trickles in to fill the spaces at the Tartu Song Festival grounds. This June, the grounds will again be filled with choirs and thousands of attendees of the 2012 Nordic & Baltic Male Chor Festival. Read all about it on p.12.

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The World of In Your Pocket



It has been a busy start to the year for *In Your Pocket*, with a brand new guide published in **Italy** (*Cagliari*), and many more in the early stages of production, including what will be our first guide in **Belgium** (*Ghent*). We have also just launched a new version of our **iPhone app**, which can now be downloaded from the *AppStore*. Search for 'IYP Guides'.

The number of cities we cover has now climbed past **75**, and the number of *In Your Pocket* guides published each year is approaching an amazing **five million**. To keep up to date, *like In Your Pocket* on **Facebook** (facebook.com/inyourpocket) or follow us on **Twitter** (twitter.com/inyourpocket). You can also now follow our tips on **Foursquare** (foursquare.com/inyourpocket).

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Even if Tartu is your final destination, it's likely that your first stop in the Baltics will be Tallinn or Riga. Pick up the appropriate *In Your Pocket* guide to learn the intricacies of arriving in those cities.

By bus

For anyone without a car, the bus is by far the most convenient way to get from Tallinn to Tartu. Each day more than 30 express buses make the 2.5-hour trip from the capital, departing from Tallinn's bus station (*bussijaam*) at Lastekodu 46. The ride costs about €9 - 10. See www.bussireisid.ee for a complete schedule. Buses arrive at Tartu's bus station at Turu 2, C-2. **Left luggage** (*Pakihoold*), open 24hrs, is located just next door at the Hotel Dorpat and costs start from €0.64 day, depending on the size of the bag. The **ATM** is in the main waiting hall, near the door to the platforms, and the WC is next to platform 4.

Getting to town Taxis are usually standing out front, but you're only a 5-minute walk from the heart of Tartu. Follow the buses leaving the station until you hit the first large street, then turn right. After 1.5 blocks you'll be at the corner of Turu and Riia. Cross to the left, so you are going uphill on Riia. At the first big crossing, follow the crowds turning right to cross over Riia, then keep going straight. You'll be at Town Hall Square in no time.

By train

Compared to the buses, trains to Tartu are scarce, with only 4-5 of them rolling in from Tallinn's Balti Jaam each day. Rides take about two or three hours, depending on the train. Ticket prices are comparable to the buses, but on express trains you can spoil yourself and splurge for first-class ticket, which gives you nice seats, coffee and an internet connection.

Although undergoing renovations, Tartu's derelict train station located at Vaksali 6, provides the least flattering introduction to the city. The station's only arrival conveniences are the bus stop and taxi stand out front.

Now you can also take the train to and from Valga, which lies on the Estonian-Latvian border. Although not the most direct route, you can even get all the way here from Riga by changing trains in Valga. See www.ldz.lv for schedules and more info on the Riga-Valga connection and www.edel.ee for schedules from Valga to Tartu.

Getting to town The city centre is about 1.5km away, so walking isn't out of the question, but a taxi should only cost about €3.80. Buses No 7, 20, 21 and 22 will also get you there.



By car

Driving from Tallinn is fairly simple. Just head out of town on Tartu mnt. and once you get past the airport, it's a straight shot all the way down. Once you reach Tartu, there are a couple of twists and turns you'll have to make to get into the centre, so we recommend you glance at a map before arriving. Those driving from Latvia will be glad to hear that since the joining of Schengen, the border crossing is swifter than ever.

Please note that there are occasionally insane drivers on the Tallinn-Tartu highway whose need to never have anyone drive in front of them outweighs that of public safety. They can usually be identified by a newer model BMW, Mercedes or sport utility vehicle. Use caution when they try to pass you or when they come straight at you in your own lane.

By plane

You can reach Tartu by air through Helsinki or Tallinn. Flights from Tallinn and Helsinki arrive six times per week at Tartu's small but fully functional airport. Transferring to the city is now also a breeze thanks to the airport shuttle.

Getting to town from the airport is fairly simple using the 912 bus, which leaves approx. 20 times per day, the ride costs €0.96 and the duration of the trip is usually about 30 minutes. Alternately you can opt for the 11km taxi ride, which will set you back around €10 or the convenient Airport Shuttle that will take you to and from your hotel, a one-way ticket costs €4 and can be paid to the driver by card or cash.

If you're arriving in Estonia via the Tallinn Airport and will be taking the road from there, here is some info that will certainly be of help:

The capital's airport is modern and so small you can't possibly get lost. ATM's and currency exchanges are in the main hall, car rental offices are downstairs. If you're transferring to Tartu by bus, you can splurge on a taxi to the bus station, which is just a few minutes away. The ride should cost no more than €6.50, but agree on a price beforehand.

Tourist information

Tartu Visitor Centre B-2, Raekoda (Town Hall), tel. (+372) 744 21 11, info@visittartu.com, www.visittartu.com. Located in the beautiful, old Town Hall, the Tartu Visitors' Centre is a full-service affair. They provide travel tips on all of Estonia, but of particular interest is the wealth of information available for Southern Estonia. Here they'll arrange for tour guides, book accommodation, hold onto your luggage and even sell you some cool Tartu trinkets. There are three internet terminals, free for tourists, a coffee machine and exhibitions on the city of Tartu in an adjoining room. ► Open 09:00 - 18:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 17:00. September 16 - May 14 open Mon 09:00 - 18:00, Tue - Fri 09:00 - 17:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 14:00. www.tartu.ee; tartu@visitestonia.com.



Borders

Estonia belongs to the Schengen visa area, which includes 22 EU countries, Norway and Iceland. It means that if you are travelling to Estonia from within the Schengen border control-free area, you will not be required to show any documentation when you arrive in Estonia, whether it be by ship, plane or by car. In fact you will not have to go through customs at all, but each individual country still maintains the right to perform intermittent checks. Of course if you arrive in Estonia from outside the Schengen zone you will still be required to show your passport or EU identity card if applicable. For more information on Schengen and how it might apply to your trip to Estonia, log on to the Estonian Foreign Ministry's website at www.vm.ee.

Ethnic groups

About 68% of Estonia's population is made up of ethnic Estonians, descendants of Finno-Ugric tribes that settled this area about 5,000 years ago. The largest minority in today's Estonia is by far the Russians, at roughly 26% of the national population. Along with Ukrainians and Byelorussians, thousands of Russians moved or were sent here during Soviet times, and chose to remain after independence. Though some integration is taking place among the younger generation, language and cultural barriers tend to keep Estonians and Russian-speakers apart.

Free internet for all



By now most have heard that Estonia is indeed a pretty tech-savvy country. In fact much of the country is blanketed in WiFi or wireless internet hotspots. From long-distance buses to cafés, pubs and even some shops and public areas - WiFi is everywhere. For foreigners visiting Tartu this means you'll be able to check e-mails, Skype with friends back home or share photos on Facebook using your Android phone, iPhone or Blackberry - free of charge. Just look for the orange and black WiFi sign and you're good to go. In Estonia, WiFi information including WiFi locations is provided by www.WiFi.ee.

WC

Toilets are generally fairly easy to find in the relatively small 'down town' core of Tartu. If you have urgent business to attend to you can usually just duck into any restaurant, pub or shopping centre. Alternately, Tartu does provide two, paid public facilities - see details below.

Pay toilet C-2, on the corner of Vallikraavi and Künini. The newest and by far the most high-tech toilet in all of Tartu came with a rather hefty price tag of about €90,000. Nothing but the best for the citizens and guests of the 'City of Good Thoughts'. The toilet is self-cleaning, uses a coin lock and costs a mere €0.20, no matter if you need to sit or stand up. ▶

Pay toilet C-2. Find Tartu's most central public facility in a blue house behind the Kivisilla Art Gallery (leaning house) on Raekoja plats 18. It only costs €0.20, but if you have €1.60 you can take a 15-minute shower here. They have also other services available such as ironing and towel rental - more information, on these and other services, is available on-site. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00, Sun 09:00 - 20:00.



The cathedral ruins (see p.29)

Language

Confused? Join the crowd. 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 speak English. You can find some of the more essential words and phrases on the opposite page.

Money

In 2011 Estonia joined the common European currency, good news for all of the tourists who visit Estonia from countries that already use the Euro. If you happen to come from a country that does not use the Euro, it should also be easier to change your money before you arrive as most banks around the world stock this currency. Standard Euro denominations are legal tender, however you may find it difficult to pay with any bills over 50. All ATMs operate on international systems. Credit cards are easy to use - major hotels, most restaurants and a pretty much all downtown shops accept Visa, Mastercard and EC. American Express, Globus and Diner's Club are less common.

Making the call

There are no pay-phones in all of Estonia. If you wish to call inside or outside the country you'll have to arrange to do so from a landline at your hotel or by using your mobile phone. If you have a lot of calls to make we suggest picking up one of the many local starter packages which always includes a sim card and a certain amount of calling time. These can be purchased at any super-market, petrol station or R-Kiosk location.

Calling other phones in Estonia To call any Estonian number, fixed or mobile, from within the country, just dial the number as written. Estonian mobile numbers all begin with '5'.

International calls To call Estonia from abroad, dial your country's international access code, then Estonia's country code, +372, then the number. To phone abroad from Estonia, dial '00' then the country code and number.

Roaming If you've brought your mobile in from abroad and want to call a number in Estonia, you may have to dial Estonia's country code, +372, before continuing with the rest of the number.

Basic data

Tartu

Population: 98 670 (as of 01.10.2011)

Density: 2,535 inhabitants/km²

Ethnic composition: Estonians 80.5%, Russians 15.5%, Ukrainians 1.2%, Finns 1%, Others 1.8%

Estonia

Population: 1,340,021 (as of 01.10.2011)

Density: 31 inhabitants/km²

Ethnic composition: Estonians 71.8%, Russians 21.6%, Ukrainians 2.1%, Byelorussians 1.2%, Finns 0.8%, Others 2.5%

Territory: 45,227km²

Elevation: The highest point in Estonia (and the Baltics) is Suur Munamägi (318m) in Võru County

Islands: 1,521. The three largest are Saaremaa 2,673km², Hiiumaa 1,023km², and Muhu 206km²

Lakes: Lake Peipsi, on the Russian border, covers an area of 3,555km², of which 1,529km² is in Estonia. It also holds the title as the 4th largest lake in Europe.

Rivers: Estonia's longest rivers are the Võhandu 162km, Pärnu 144km, and Põltsamaa 135km.

Other cities: Tallinn 413,730, Narva 64,435, Pärnu 42,625, Kohtla-Järve 40,330

Local time: Estonia is in the Eastern European Time Zone (GMT+2hrs). Summer time (GMT+3hrs) is in effect from the last Sunday of March until the last Sunday of October.

Distances

Tartu is 184km from Tallinn and 173km from Pärnu by road. As the crow flies, it's 210km from Riga, 240km from St. Petersburg, 560km from Stockholm and 850km from Berlin.

Religion

Some locals will tell you that Estonians are all tree-worshipping pagans at heart, but the truth is that this isn't a very religious country at all. There is no state religion, and according to the 2000 census, only 31.8% of the population claims any religious affiliation. Of those that do, about 180,000 are Lutheran and 170,000 Russian Orthodox.

Visas

Estonia is in the European Union and lucky citizens can conveniently enter the country with just a national ID card. All others need valid passports. You can enter Estonia visa-free and stay 90 days if you're a citizen of any EU country, Norway, Iceland, Switzerland, Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Israel, Argentina, South Korea 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. Because of the Schengen Border Treaty, anyone requiring a visa for Schengen countries only need to obtain a visa from one of these countries in order to visit Estonia. Anyone staying in Estonia for more than 90 days (180 days for UK citizens) needs either a residents 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, which has more information than you'll ever need.

National holidays

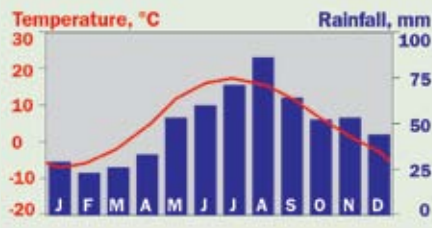
January 1	New Year's Day
February 24	Independence Day (1918)
March 29 (2013)	Good Friday
March 31 (2013)	Easter Sunday
May 1	May Day
June 23	Victory Day (1919 Battle of Võnnu - Cēsis)
June 24	St. John's Day (Midsummer)
August 20	Day of Restoration of Independence (1991)
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26	Boxing Day

Key phrases

Hello	Tere
Goodbye	Head aega
Please	Palun
Thank you	Aitäh
Excuse me	Vabandust
Yes	Jah
No	Ei
Maybe	Võibolla
Zero	Null
One	Üks
Two	Kaks
Three	Kolm
Four	Neli
Five	Viis
Six	Kuus
Seven	Seitse
Eight	Kaheksa
Nine	Üheksa
Ten	Kümme
Hundred	Sada
Thousand	Tuhat
Push (on a door)	Lükka
Pull (on a door)	Tõmba
I would like...	Ma sooviksin...
Where is... ?	Kus asub...?
How much does ... cost?	Kui palju maksab...
Bon appetit!	Head isu!
One beer, please!	Palun üks õlu!
Cheers!	Terviseks!
Will you marry me?	Kas sa abielluks minuga?

Climate

The weather in Estonia is notoriously unpredictable, so be prepared for anything. For current conditions and a live picture of Tartu's main square, see www.weather.ee/tartu.



Tartu through the ages

Ancient times In 3,000BC Finno-Ugric tribes arrive from the east, mixing with Neolithic tribes that had been in the area since the Ice Age. The first mention of Estonia comes in the 1st Century AD when Roman historian Tacitus writes of a people called *Aestii*.

7th Century Around 600AD, Estonians build a wooden fortress on the east side of Toome Hill. This settlement, Tarbatu, develops into a strategic trade link between Scandinavia and Russia.

11th Century Kievian prince Jaroslav the Wise conquers Tarbatu in 1030, renaming it Jurjev. The Russians remain in control until the Estonians manage to drive them out in 1061.

13th Century In 1193 Pope Celestine III calls for a crusade against the pagans around the Baltic Sea, and by the beginning of this century, several regional powers take up his call. One of them, the German Order of the Knights of the Sword, begins conquering and Christianising Estonia. Tartu, the last Estonian holdout, falls in 1224. As a result, Tartu is made a bishopric, part of the Riga-based Livonian state. Ethnic Estonians are reduced the status of serfs in a new feudal system under which ethnic Germans own the land. In 1262, Prince Dmitry of Novgorod attacks and destroys Tartu, but fails to capture the Germans' new stone fortress on Toome Hill. During this century Tartu develops into a busy merchant town. Dorpat, as its mainly German residents call it, joins the Hanseatic League in the 1280s.

16th Century Ivan the Terrible begins attacking Estonia, touching off the Livonian War (1558 - 1583). Tartu surrenders to the Russians at the start of the conflict, but soon Denmark, Poland and Sweden enter the fray, each battling for control of the collapsed Livonian state. A peace treaty in 1582 cedes Tartu to the Polish-Lithuanian empire. In 1584, the Polish king gives Tartu the distinctive red-and-white flag, which it still uses today.

17th Century Sweden is still battling Poland for possession of southern Estonia at the start of the century and finally gains control in 1625. The Swedish period of rule in Estonia is marked by cultural advancement and a relatively enlightened view on treatment of Estonian peasants. In 1632, King Gustavus Adolphus II founds Academia Gustaviana, now known as Tartu University.

18th Century The Northern War breaks out on 1700, with Russia attempting to capture the Baltic territories from Sweden. Peter the Great leads an attack on Tartu in 1704, and in 1708, afraid the Swedes would retake it, gives the order to blow up the town. Tartu's German citizens, 824 in all, are imprisoned and taken to Russia. In 1710, the university closes, and by the war's end in 1721, the population stands at just 21. Fires ravage the town, with the worst, in 1775, obliterating the last remnants of the medieval city. Things finally turn around the end of the century when the town undergoes a period of rebuilding and revival.

19th Century Tartu University to reopens in 1802, paving way for the city's development into the 'Athens on the Emajõgi', an intellectual centre that feeds the growing awareness of Ethnic Estonian culture. During the 'National Awakening' in the second half of the century, Estonians begin an active period of scholarship and literary creation. The first Estonian Song Festival is held in Tartu in 1869, and in 1870 Estonia's first national theatre, the Vanemuine, is established here.



Statue of King Gustavus Adolphus II (B-2)

A new republic

On February 24, 1918, taking advantage of the chaos in Russia caused by the WWI and the Bolshevik Revolution, Estonia declares independence. But by the end of February, Germany takes the infant country by force. When Germany capitulates in November, Bolshevik forces move in. The War for Independence lasts 13 months. On February 2, 1920, the Soviets sign the Tartu Peace Treaty, renouncing claims to Estonian territory "for all time". After an economically shaky start, the new republic develops quickly, with social welfare laws on par with those of Western Europe. Political crisis in the 1930s brings the country on the verge of authoritarianism, but president Konstantin Päts maintains popular support.

War & Occupation

On August 23, 1939, the USSR and Germany sign the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact, secretly ceding the Baltics to the Soviet sphere of influence. Soviet forces move in to occupy in June 1940, and in sham elections, establish a puppet parliament that votes to join the USSR. In 1941, Germany pushes out the red forces, beginning a three-year occupation. In 1944, bombing by Soviet forces destroys much of downtown Tartu. By September, the Soviets regain control, and arrests and deportations immediately follow. Estonia endures political repression and isolation, while Estonians who fled to the West try to keep their culture alive in exile. In Tartu, hopes for independence never completely die, however. In 1977, the Estonian flag is raised illegally over the Vanemuine Theatre to mark the 59th anniversary of the republic. A new National Awakening, centred in Tartu, begins in 1987, eventually leading to mass protests and calls for independence throughout Estonia.

Independence & Beyond

On August 20, 1991, immediately after a failed Soviet coup, Estonia declares its independence from the USSR. Tartu quickly dusts off the Soviet grey and once again takes up its role as the intellectual capital of the nation. Commercial development and links with international institutions pick up pace during the late 1990s, and by today, the 'City of Good Thoughts' is well on its way to becoming a thriving EU city.

Tartu's famed Vanemuine Theatre (encompassing three houses) acts as an all-in-one cultural institution, handling the bulk of the city's music, theatre and ballet events. For details on upcoming events, check the city's culture portal at kultuuriaken.tartu.ee.

Festivals and major events

Tartu International Literature Festival Prima Vista 2012 May 10 - 12, various locations throughout Tartu, www.kirjandusfestival.tartu.ee. Librarians, struggling writers and bookworms rejoice! Finally there is a festival for you too. This event dedicated to all things printed on paper and bound between a folded cover, includes meetings with writers, book presentations, discussions, lectures, a book fair, a Park Library and even concerts and films. You'll also get to meet authors from abroad as well as several acclaimed Estonian writers.

Tartu Cycling Weekend 2012 May 25 - 27, www.tartumaraton.ee. On your mark, get set, go! Tartu will again be awash with wheels as this annual race revs up. The first few days will play host to opening events, qualifying rounds and kids' races followed by the 65km and 135km main races on the 29th, which will start at Turu street in Tartu. See website for course map and registration details.

Regiöö - Archaic Art Festival June 01 - 02, St. Anthony's Guild courtyard, Toy Museum, Theatre House and St. John's Church, www.tartu.ee/regioo. Dedicated to an antiquated Estonian singing style, this event features talented musicians who want to breathe life into these valuable music traditions. Tickets can be purchased on site. See website closer to the event dates for details.

Nordic-Baltic Male Choir Festival June 15 - 17, Tartu Festival Arena / Laululava (E-2), www.tartu2012.eu. Involving as many as 4,700 singers, this massive, three-day festival is bound to be the event locals will be talking about for years to come. For the full skinny, see the article on page 13.



Tartu Midsummer's Eve Bonfire June 23, Raadi Manor Park, www.erm.ee. For Estonians, Jaanipäev, or Midsummer, is the single most important holiday of the year barring Christmas. The day itself is on the 24th, but people traditionally celebrate on the night prior, with bonfires, beer and wildness. The idea to stay awake until sunrise, which this time of year is about 04:00. If you happen to be in Tartu at that time, you can also join in the activity by heading to this bonfire concert involving well-known Estonian rock bands.

Tartu City Day June 29, <http://kultuuriaken.tartu.ee>. The summer fun continues as Tartu celebrates its annual day with cultural programmes, folk music, dancing and other entertainment. Events happen in various locations throughout the city.

43rd International Physics Olympiad (IPhO2012) July 15 - 24, www.ipho2012.ee, also part of Hanseatic Days "City of Physics" events. Hundreds of school-aged Einsteins from nearly 90 countries will descend on Tartu to compete in this long-held event, which was set up to stimulate young people's interest in physics and build up international schoolastic contacts.

Vanemuine Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert July 29 at 20:00, Kassitoome valley (A-2), www.vanemuine.ee. What better way to spend a Sunday evening than with an outdoor concert by the city's renowned orchestra? And it's free.

Tartu Hanseatic Days July 20 - 22, Tartu centre, www.hansapaevad.ee. Tartu gets back in touch with its roots as a Hanseatic trading city with this all-encompassing Medieval festival. Expect the town to fill with people in historic costumes and Old Town to turn into a gigantic market place. There are also plenty of modern things to see and do as well as activities for the kids. Check the website for the extensive schedule.



8th Annual Cheering Horn - Wind Music Festival Aug 02 - 05, throughout the city, www.potartu.ee. Brass orchestras from around the country and Europe will be participating in workshops and performances all over town, but the main opening concert will be held at Town Hall Square on the 2nd at 19:00, and the big gala concert at Town Hall Square on the 5th at 15:00. It's going to be a pretty windy festival and believe us, the audience will appreciate that.

tARTUFF August 06 - 11 Town Hall Square, www.tartuff.ee. Also known as the Tartu Love Film Festival, this lovely cinematic event is loved for screening most of its films outdoors, right on Town Hall Square. Those weary of the weather should note that part of the programme takes place in indoor venues - see the website for details.

7th Emajõe Festival August 17 - 18, www.tartu.ee/emajoeffestival. A festival offering a rich cultural programme on the banks of the Emajõgi River. Expect events and activities related to life on the river.



Eclectica 2012 - Festival of Avant-Garde Culture August 31 - September 09, various locations, www.eclectica.ee. This interdisciplinary avant-garde culture festival has concerts, dance performances, film shows, workshops and much more of interest.

19th Annual Diatonic Accordion Festival August 31 - September 02, www.lootspill.ee. Now in its 19th season, the first national festival of melodeons in Tartu was organised in 1991 in order to promote and renew interest in this folk music instrument. In the first year there were 36 participants from all over the country, however, this time around they'll have accordion players from all over the Baltics and Scandinavia along with plenty of Estonia's top musicians and up-and-comers.

Tickets you say?

Tickets to concerts and other performances in Tartu are sold at the theatres' individual box offices, but they can also be bought at any of the **Piletilevi**, **Piletimaailm**, or **Ticketpro** offices throughout Estonia. See www.piletilevi.ee, www.piletimaailm.com or www.ticketpro.ee for sales points. In Tartu, tickets can also be bought at the Tartu Kaubamaja's information desk.

ART IST KUKU NU UT 2012 September - October www.artistkukunuut.org. It is a contemporary art 'happening' that will probably not make any sense to the ordinary, let alone the extraordinary human being. Being held for the second time, this gathering of 'like-minds' aims to incite a different way of thinking for the masses. Perhaps a quote from one of last year's themes might help "a metaphor for self-regulation in economics is indeed invisible, i.e. we do not see the hand, but rather the result of its action. True, in one case the artists managed to capture the hand on thermal camera, but there is still much unexplained in the hand's micro-movements. ...We are surrounded by the puppet theatre of an invisible hand...". That pretty much sums it up.

Estonian Theatre Festival Drama 2012 September 10 - 16, www.festival.ee. Drama Kings and Queens from all over Estonia will ascend upon Tartu for this seven-day festival dedicated to...you guessed it - theatre. Performances will be expertly acted out by the top troupes in the country. See website for ticket information and locations.

15th Tartu Bicycle Marathon September 16, Otepää - Elva, www.tartumaraton.ee.

We're not too sure why the spring bicycle event is called a race and this one a marathon - as the spring one is actually longer than this one, however, crazy endurance fanatics still flock from all over Europe to both. As always, the first few days will play host to opening events and qualifying rounds followed by the 89km main race on the 18th, which will start at the Otepää, Tehvandi Sports Centre. They also have a couple of shorter-length races for those who want to start their little ones down the path of eternal sports-related injuries. Check the website for course map and other details.



7th Tartu Science Festival 2012 September 23 - 30, **Ahhaa Science Centre** and around Tartu, www.ahhaa.ee. Tartu will be a true nerds' paradise for a week as the AHHA Science Centre puts on loads of colourful demonstrations, science cafés, workshops and games.

17th International Early Music Festival "Orient et Occident" October 04 - 07, www.festivitas.ee. No, not as in early in the morning - this yearly event is dedicated to early European and medieval music and its relationship with Oriental cultures. As usual, it will feature talented musicians who want to breathe life into these valuable musical traditions. See website for locations and ticket information.

1st Tartu City Marathon October 06, **Start and finish are at Raekoja Square**, www.tartumaraton.ee. Also called the 'Autumn Run,' this foot race comes with 42km and 10km options. Be sure to register beforehand.

Autumn Student Days 2012 October 15 - 21, www.studentdays.ee. Every autumn students take over town for this week-long event, a scaled back version of the more famous Spring Student Days. Expect an event packed week and enough silly, cheeky (oh yes all kinds of cheeks) fun to fill every corner of the city and its parking lots, parks, bars and clubs and possibly even sketchy former Soviet-era factories - cool.



Playing for all the marbles



Glasperlenspiel 2012 July 19 - 24, various venues, www.erpmusic.com, www.piletilevi.ee. This long-standing, classical music festival directed by Peeter Vähi will be presenting a number of auditory treats including performances by Tallinn Sinfonietta, the European Union Baroque Orchestra, Estonia's Prezioso string quartet, US-born pianist Mark Kostabi, Germany's Raschèr Saksofonikvartett and a show called 'Barock'n'Roll' by the Ensemble Musica Antiqua Russica of St Petersburg.

Cinemas

Ahhaa 4D Adventure Cinema E-4, Ringtee 75 (Lõunakeskus), tel. (+372) 731 56 50, 4d@ahhaa.ee, www.ahhaa.ee/en. Inside the 'Ahhaa 4D Adventure Cinema' you'll get to feel, as well as watch the interesting adventure films. Your riveting experience will include such elements as wind, rain, snow and moving seats among other things, depending on the film. On Sundays they run a special children's cinema for those under 110cm tall, the only difference is that the chairs don't move - making it a safer experience for the little ones. See website for full film schedule. ▶ Open 11:30 - 20:00. Tickets €2.50 - 3.50.

Athens Cultural Centre B-2, Kõutri 1, tel. (+372) 53 36 45 62, info@athena.ee, www.athena.ee. The Athens Centre hosts mainly art-films and more provocative pictures. It has largely taken over this role from the Sadamateater. ▶ Ticket box is open 1 hour before show, but can be purchased from the Volga Restaurant next door or through Vanemuine Theatre box office (see listing). Ticket prices vary.

Cinamon C-2, Turu 2 (Tasku Centre), tel. (+372) 630 41 13, info@cinamon.ee, www.cinamon.ee. Tartu's newest, high-tech theatre plays Hollywood blockbusters as well as Estonian and Russian productions in a central location. Now offers some films in 3D. ▶ Tickets €3.50 - 5.50 and 3D shows €4.15 - 7.50. 

Ekraan B-3, Riia 14, tel. (+372) 1182/(+372) 740 40 20, info@forumcinemas.ee, www.forumcinemas.ee. The 2-screen, 3D-capable Ekraan mostly shows Hollywood fare and is still a viable choice if you want to catch a mainstream flick - even if it's not as central as Cinamon. ▶ After 17:00 regular tickets €4.50 - 5 and 3D shows are €5.50 - 7.

NEW

Elektriteater B-1, Lai 37 (Tartu Uus Teater), tel. (+372) 56 46 10 01, kadri@elektriteater.ee, www.elektriteater.ee. The Electric Theatre serves up an irregular menu of irregular films, i.e. off-beat, art-house offerings, in a groovy theatre at the north edge of Old Town. Keep a careful eye on the schedule because you'll rarely see the same thing twice. ▶ Tickets €5. 

Galleries/Art exhibitions

Galerii Noorus B-3, Riia 11, tel. (+372) 734 99 54, galerii@artcol.ee. Located just a short walk from the centre, the Tartu Art College's "Youth Gallery" naturally showcases works by the best and the most promising of the student body. ▶ Open 12:00 - 19:00. Closed Mon, Sun.

Tampere Maja B-1, Jaani 4, tel. (+372) 738 63 00, maja@tamperemaja.ee, www.tamperemaja.ee. The Tampere house hosts new exhibits every few weeks, everything from photos to graphics to textiles. **May 10 - June 03:** Sauli ja Minna Iso-Lähteenmäki. **June 06 - July 01:** Kirs Kuusisto. **July 05 - 29:** Heli Innala. Tampere Artists' Association. **August 02 - 26:** Mari Hokkanen. **August 30 - September 23:** Anssi Hanhela. **September 27 - October 21:** Museum Centre Vapriikki. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00. Admission €3, €2 for the first floor only. [G]

Tartu Art Museum (Tartu Kunstimuseum) C-1, Raekoja plats 18, tel. (+372) 744 10 80/(+372) 744 19 20, tartmus@tartmus.ee, www.tartmus.ee. Also called the Kivisilla Gallery, this gallery in Tartu's famous 'Leaning House' hosts temporary exhibitions on its ground floor (separate ticket), while upper floors present works by great Estonian artists of the past. **Through June 03:** Great vase. **June 06 - July 01:** Works from Tartu University Painting department. **July 07 - August 26:** Luxe, Calme et Volupté. **September 07 - November 18:** Contemporary Art Festival ART IST KUKU NU UT. ▶ Open 12:00 - 18:00, Sun 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission €3, €2 for the first floor only. [G]

Tartu Centre for Creative Industries C-1, Kalevi 13, tel. (+372) 735 50 03, raul@lmk.ee, www.lmk.ee. Housed in a beautiful old building, this development centre for creativity in Tartu is home to the photo gallery Fuaajee, café Spargel, a fashion studio and a photo studio among others. There are revolving exhibitions, workshops and many assorted creative happenings to be found here. ▶ Art shop in Kalevi 15 open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 11:00 - 15:00. Closed Mon, Sun. [H]

Cultural centres

Athena Cultural Centre B-2, Küttri 1, tel. (+372) 53 36 45 62, info@athena.ee, www.athena.ee. Built in the 18th Century, the beautifully restored Athena Centre is located in the historical heart of Tartu, just a stone's throw from the University's Main Building. Along with theatre performances, world-class cinema presentations and art exhibitions, the centre is home to conference facilities and the historic Volga restaurant. Check the centre's website for complete performance details. ▶ Ticket box is open 1 hour before show, but can be purchased from the Volga Restaurant next door or through Vanemuine Theatre box office (see listing).

SubCultural Centre B-1, Magasini 5, tel. (+372) 55 59 56 61, info@genklubi.ee, www.genklubi.ee. Brought to you by the groovy folks over at Club Genialistid, and in fact located in the same facilities, the SubCultural Centre is indeed a Mecca for all things - sub-cultural. They've got an 'open library', indy record store, café, second hand shop, sound studio, the Tartu New Theatre... the list goes on and on. Actually, it's quite reminiscent of the Warhol Factory if you ask us. Everything you'll find here is edgy and avant-garde and you can either count yourself among the spectators or the creators. See website for a list of happenings and full range of disinformation. ▶ Open 12:00 - 03:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 04:00. Closed Sun. [G] [A] [B] [C] [D] [E] [F] [G] [H]

Tartu Kunstimaja B-3, Vanemuise 26, tel. (+372) 742 76 71/(+372) 530 12 277, galerist@kunstimaja.ee, www.kunstimaja.ee. Run by the Estonian Artists' Union, the Tartu Art House has gallery rooms on two floors. **Through May 06:** Darstellung Vorstellung. **May 11 - June 03:** Mees, seksuaalsus, kunst. **June 04 - July 01:** Puudersell 90. **July 02 - 29:** Peeter Laurits / Meta Narusberk. **July 30 - August 26:** Raivo Kelomees / Nadežda Tšernobai. **August 27 - September 23:** ART IST KUKU NU UT. **September 24 - October 21:** Ilmar Kruusamäe / Maris Tuuling. ▶ Open 12:00 - 18:00. Closed Tue. Admission free. [G]

Y Galerii B-2, Küttri 2, tel. (+372) 737 60 36, ygalerii@gmail.com, ygalerii.blogspot.com. The university's hip, edgy gallery in Old Town concentrates on new art from young artists. Exhibitions here last about two weeks. ▶ Open 12:00 - 19:00, Sat, Sun 12:00 - 17:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission free. [G]

Gallery shops

E-Kunstisalong C-2, Raekoja plats 20, tel. (+372) 736 67 77, info@e-kunstisalong.ee, www.e-kunstisalong.ee. A wide range of fine art, from nudes to landscapes can be found at this commercial gallery. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. [G]

Gildi Galerii B-2, Gildi 2, tel. (+372) 744 21 70. This Old Town gallery deals in oil paintings, watercolours and graphic art as well as some leather goods. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun.

Keraamikagalerii B-1, Jaani 14, tel. (+372) 507 45 73, kristel@keraamikagalerii.ee, www.keraamikagalerii.ee. Ceramics gallery. ▶ Open 11:00 - 16:00. Closed Sat, Sun. [G] [E]

Mikkeli Galerii G-3, Tähe 39, tel. (+372) 734 40 65, mikkeligalerii@hot.ee. Ceramics, glass and porcelain, some made right on the spot. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 11:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun.

Tuvikese Galerii C-2, Poe 9, tel. (+372) 742 34 07, umas@tuvikene.ee. Paintings, graphics, porcelain. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun.

Theatres & Concert Halls

Vanemuine Concert Hall C-3, Vanemuise 6, tel. (+372) 737 75 36, pileet.tartu@concert.ee, www.concert.ee. Tartu's foremost concert hall is located in the same 1967 facility as the Vanemuine Theatre and even though it's an oldie, it's a goodie. ▶ Box office open Mon - Sat 12:00 - 19:00, Sun one hour before performances. [G]

Vanemuine Sadamateater (Harbour theatre) D-2, Soola 5b, tel. (+372) 734 42 48/(+372) 744 01 65, kassa@vanemuine.ee, www.vanemuine.ee. Modern and experimental productions are performed at this riverside venue, which includes a black-box theatre. ▶ Box office open one hour before performances.

Vanemuine Theatre C-3, Vanemuise 6, tel. (+372) 744 01 65, kassa@vanemuine.ee, www.vanemuine.ee. Tartu's premiere theatre is housed in this large, downtown facility built in 1967. The same building is home to the Vanemuine Concert Hall. ▶ Box office open Mon - Sat 10:00 - 19:00, Sun one hour before performances. [G]

Vanemuine Theatre - Small House B-3, Vanemuise 45a, tel. (+372) 744 01 60/(+372) 744 01 65, kassa@vanemuine.ee, www.vanemuine.ee. This classic, Italian-style theatre hall is Tartu's most charming stage venue. Originally used by Tartu's German Theatre, it was taken over by the Vanemuine theatre in 1944. ▶ Box office open one hour before performances. [G]

World's largest male choir festival

Those lucky enough to be in Tartu June 15–17 (or clever enough to plan ahead) will see history in the making in the form of this summer's grand event, the Nordic-Baltic Male Choir Festival.

Appropriately held in the city that gave birth to the Estonian song festival tradition, the gathering will involve nearly 2,000 guest singers from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and the Faeroe Islands; 1,000 Estonian male choir singers and 1,700 boys choir singers. All together, that's 90 male choirs, 10 young men's choirs and 53 boys' choirs all in the same place at the same time, making this the largest male choir festival held anywhere. Ever.

Impressed? You should be. But more impressive than the numbers will be the performances themselves, which involve the top choirs of each country. These will be happening in a number of venues and culminating in the main event at the Tähtvere Festival Grounds on the evening of June 16. There the combined choir will perform songs from each country, in the original language, as well as some well-known international classics. Imagine the powerful sensation of being in the audience when, for the first time in history, the "Chorus of the Slaves" from Verdi's Nabucco and Sibelius' "Finlandia" are performed by 3,000 male singers.

Historic Rots

Anyone who knows a little about Estonia will understand the fundamental role that song festivals have played in shaping the nation's history and identity. The ground-breaking event for Estonian culture, the first national song festival, was held in Tartu in 1869. That gathering was also an all-male choir affair, involving just 267 singers.

Continuing the tradition, Estonians made song festivals part of their protest against Soviet rule in the late 1980s. Massive singing events, literally involving hundreds of thousands of spectator/participants, earned the independence movement the name "The Singing Revolution."

It was against this backdrop that the Estonian Male Choirs Association, the organiser of the Nordic-Baltic Male Choir Festival, was established in 1988. After joining the Nordic Singers' Association, the group got the idea to share the experience of having thousands of singers and spectators – typically practised only in Estonia and other Baltic states –

with its regional neighbours. In 2006, the two organisations put together the first Nordic-Baltic Male Choir Festival in Tallinn. That event, however, was just a small prelude to this summer's festival, which will be far larger, outdoors and most importantly, in Tartu, where the whole story began.

Sharing the sounds

As amazing as the main concert at the Tähtvere Festival Grounds is going to be, there wouldn't be much point in bringing so many choirs to Tartu without letting them perform on their own. Hence there are numerous other concerts included in the festival's programme, many taking place in nearby towns around southern Estonia, and nearly all of them with free admission.

The University of Tartu's Assembly Hall, a church in Viljandi, a school in Elva, the Alatskivi Castle and other venues in Kanepi, Jõgeva, Otepää, Põlva, Lääne, Reola and Puurmanni, Mooste and even Tallinn will play host to the free concerts, each involving guest choirs and one Estonian choir.

One of the events to watch out for (and for this one you will need a ticket) will be held in Tartu's Vanemuine Concert Hall on June 15. Here the audience will be treated to three of the world's top male choirs: Sweden's Orphei Drängar, founded in Uppsala in 1853, Finland's Ylioppilaskunnan Laulajat Male Voice Choir and the Estonian National Male Choir. Aficionados will recognise that this rare gathering is to choir music what The Three Tenors is to opera – definitely a show not to be missed. It will be repeated at the Estonia Concert Hall in Tallinn on June 17.

Tickets & tips

Accommodation in Tartu, and indeed all of southern Estonia, is expected to be booked out for the weekend, so you don't already have your bed sorted, you may have to turn to friends, pitch a tent or otherwise think outside the proverbial box. In any case, we recommend figuring it out as soon as possible.

Tickets to the main shows are available from Eesti Kontsert, Piletilevi and Piletimaailm sales locations, as well as online at www.piletilevi.ee and www.piletimaailm.com.

For the programme and all other information about the Nordic-Baltic Male Choir Festival, see www.tartu2012.eu.



Due to the city's increasing popularity, new hotels are springing up everywhere. However, just because there is a lot of choice these days in Tartu, doesn't mean that you should just show up in town without a reservation, so book as far ahead as you can to guarantee getting a place that suits both your style and your price range. Prices listed below include VAT and breakfast unless otherwise indicated.

Upmarket

Barclay B-2, Ülikooli 8, tel. (+372) 744 71 00, fax (+372) 744 71 10, barclay@barclay.ee, www.barclay.ee. A definite feeling of old-fashioned elegance comes through in this stylish hotel. Rooms in the 1912-era building have high ceilings and artistic décor. You'd never guess that this was a military administrative building in Soviet times. Ask about the room where Chechen President Dudayev had his office. Rooms in front overlook Old Town's Barclay Square, while others have a view of a tree-filled park. ▶ 49 rooms (singles €67 - 74, doubles €101, suites €118 - 153). Extra bed €23, pets €7.

Dorpat D-2, Soola 6, tel. (+372) 733 71 80, fax (+372) 733 71 81, info@dorpat.ee, www.dorpat.ee. Modern, stylish, full of amenities and just steps from the bus station - what more could you ask? Tartu's largest hotel is a professionally-run, 205-room affair on the banks of the Emajõgi. Features include the city's largest conference centre, a spa and a little, red car parked in the lobby. Guests get vouchers for a morning sauna and swim at the nearby Aura Keskus, and room keys are good for free entrance at some local nightclubs. ▶ 205 rooms (singles €41 - 69, doubles €61 - 89, triples €89 - 111, suites €99 - 135, family room €115). Extra bed €22, pets €13.

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Payment in cash only	Conference facilities
Facilities for disabled	LAN connection
Guarded parking	Fitness centre
Non-smoking rooms	Restaurant
Casino	Sauna
Swimming pool	Fireplace
Air conditioning	Pets allowed
★★★ Star rating (optional)	WiFi connection

Draakon B-2, Raekoja plats 2, tel. (+372) 744 20 45, fax (+372) 742 30 00, draakon@draakon.ee, www.draakon.ee. Probably the best location in terms of accommodation in Tartu, Draakon is situated right on Town Hall Square and is literally spitting distance from the Kissing Students fountain - but we don't suggest you try it. With 40 rooms, the hotel is a fair size and most of the sleeping quarters, although a little lived in, are also quite roomy. Just one caveat though - the staff seem a little rigid, but perhaps it's just because they are fearful of the dragon. ▶ 40 rooms (singles €63, doubles €98 - 120, suites €140 - 160). Extra bed €24, pets €16. Breakfast included.

Hansahotell G-3, Aleksandri 46, tel. (+372) 737 18 00/(+372) 569 81 700, fax (+372) 737 18 01, info@hansahotell.ee, www.hansahotell.ee. Big, colourful and cosy rooms, some decorated with striped wallpaper, others with brick, set Hansa apart from its rivals. Some suites

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London B-2, Rütli 9, tel. (+372) 730 55 55, fax (+372) 730 55 65, london@londonhotel.ee, www.londonhotel.ee. Tartu's first four-star hotel brings a welcome touch of class to Old Town - there's even a fountain in the lobby! Rooms are modern and plush, nicely decorated in daring colours, and some have interesting views of the surrounding old streets and rooftops. Big, artistic photos of Tartu add a cerebral touch. ▶ 60 rooms (singles €65 - 75, doubles €80 - 95, triples €100 - 115, suites €125 - 175). Extra bed €25. pets €15.                                                                    

Villa Margaretha F-3/G-3, Tähe 11/13, tel. (+372) 731 18 20, fax (+372) 731 18 33, info@margaretha.ee, www.margaretha.ee. This delightfully restored Art Nouveau house once again joins the land of the living in the form of a small hotel. The attention to detail in recreating the mood of this home away from home earns it a top spot in our books. Rooms which are warm and quaint leave guests in the realm of a bygone era while at the same time offering up the modern comforts of today. Be sure to enquire about the house's history while you're there.

► Extra bed €25, pets €20.17 rooms (singles €50 - 75, doubles €60 - 85, suites €70 - 155, family room €80).



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Mid-range

Aleksandri Hotel G-3, Aleksandri 42, tel. (+372) 736 66 59, fax (+372) 734 94 46, aleksandri@aleksandri.ee, www.aleksandri.ee. A decent, mid-priced hotel with fairly new renovation and even little candies on the pillows. Some rooms have saunas and jacuzzis. The city centre is a 15-minute hike from here, but in case you're thirsty, the huge, popular Õle Tare beer hall is right next door. ▶ 41 rooms (singles €39, doubles €47, triples €57, quads €63, suites €64 - 85). Extra bed €20, pets €20, breakfast €7. 

Carolina Guesthouse E-2, Kreutzwaldi 15, tel./fax (+372) 742 20 70, tel. (+372) 516 76 06, tartu@carolina.ee, www.carolina.ee. Carolina might feel a bit like a home-stay accommodation - it's in a residential-style house, you're treated like a real guest, and you even take your shoes off when you come inside. On the other hand it has a 24-hour reception, nicely decorated and fully-equipped hotel-style rooms, Sat-TV and WiFi. The house is a full 2km from the centre, so management helpfully provide guests with free transport in the morning. ▶ 12 rooms (singles €25 - 30, doubles €45 - 50, suites €60 - 70). Extra bed €15 - 20, pets €5 - 7. 

Park Hotel B-2/3, Vallikraavi 23, tel. (+372) 742 70 00, fax (+372) 742 76 55, info@parkhotell.ee, www.parkhotell.ee. True to its name, this hotel sits in a downtown park, just a short walk from all the major sights. Opened in 1940, it's not the newest of hotels, and has the creaky floors to prove it. There's a distinct air of timelessness here - management still proudly talk about the Kekkonen suite, where that Finnish president stayed, albeit very briefly, in 1964. Rooms vary, but are done up in pale yellows and greens, and come fully-equipped. ▶ 19 rooms (singles €45, doubles €58, suites €70 - 95). Extra bed €13, pets €13. 

Raadi mõisa G-1, Mõisavärava 1, Vahi village, tel. (+372) 733 80 50, fax (+372) 733 80 51, info@raadihotell.ee, www.raadihotell.ee. This hotel is a little off the beaten track, but still a quick and picturesque drive into the centre. This ultra-modern facility offers many amenities including a party room and sauna, as well as a full-fledged, international-style restaurant perfect for large groups. As if that were not enough, the Raadi mõisa boasts a fully equipped conference room with seating for 100. Booking of the facility should be done well in advance. ▶ 40 rooms (singles €51, doubles €61, suites €134, family room €95).  ★★★

Rehe F-5, Võru 235, tel. (+372) 730 72 87/(+372) 502 35 76, fax (+372) 730 72 88, rehehotell@rehehotell.ee, www.rehehotell.ee. Large by Tartu standards, this rambling hotel is located just on the outskirts of town. The Rehe is popular with groups, which explains the large restaurant, two group saunas and a 'party room' big enough for you and 200 of your closest friends. While staying at the Rehe you'll also want to take advantage of the health centre, which offers numerous treatments including something called therapeutic gymnastics, guaranteed to bend you the right way. ▶ 85 rooms (singles €35 - 38, doubles €50 - 55, suites €93 - 100, double with sauna €66 - 73). Extra bed €15, pets €10, caravan €10, motorbike in garage €4. 

Riia Villa E-4, Riia 117a, tel. (+372) 738 13 00/(+372) 55 67 76 20, riiavilla@riiavilla.ee, www.riiavilla.ee. This lovely, little villa on Riia street comes with romantically-named rooms such as 'Cleopatra's Room', the 'Aristocrat', and 'Romance'. Some are even furnished with bathtubs. They've also got a lovely garden and a sauna complete with cooling pool. ▶ 6 rooms (doubles €37 - 50, quads €64). Extra bed €13. Breakfast €3.50. 



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Park Hotel is located in the city centre, and set in beautiful Toomemäe park. The hotel is ideal for guests who enjoy nature and wish to stay in a cosy environment with a touch of old-fashioned class. The hotel has 19 rooms, a café with fireplace and facilities for meetings and conferences.



Tampere Maja B-1, Jaani 4, tel. (+372) 738 63 00/ (+372) 56 45 38 22, maja@tamperemaja.ee, www.tamperemaja.ee. Tampere House, named for Tartu's sister city in Finland, operates some very cosy, home-style guest rooms for Finns and non-Finns alike. The Old Town dwelling is actually one of the oldest buildings in the city, and wooden beams give it an old-fashioned feel. Apartments come with their own kitchens, and there are two additional kitchen that the four other rooms share. Guests are also free to use a computer terminal in the corridor. The house is also a base for cultural exchange, so be prepared to get cultured. ▶ 6 rooms (singles €44 - 66, doubles €66 - 88, triples €88, family room €110). Extra bed €19, pets €10.

Tartu Hotel D-2, Soola 3, tel. (+372) 731 43 00/(+372) 518 00 09, fax (+372) 731 43 01, info@tartuhotell.ee, www.tartuhotell.ee. Probably one of the more cheerful places to stay in Tartu, this hotel next to the bus station is certainly one of the city's best value-for-money establishments. Rooms are small but respectable, fully-outfitted and decorated with funky and bright paintings. Guests can use the lobby computer, the 15-person sauna for €16/hr, or take advantage of the health centre, in the same building. ▶ 64 rooms (singles €43, doubles €60, triples €75, quads €85). Extra bed €19.

Vikerkaare Guesthouse E-2, Vikerkaare 40, tel. (+372) 742 11 90, fax (+372) 742 11 92, info@vikerkaare.com, www.vikerkaare.com. Vikerkaare is an unexpected find - a small but respectable guesthouse on a residential street in the Tähtvere district, just outside the centre. The rooms are new-looking, all with wooden furniture, TVs and their own shower/WC. There's also a conference room for up to 40 people. ▶ 11 rooms (singles €26, doubles €39, twin room with sauna €49). Extra bed €13, pets €7, breakfast €5.

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Hostel Looming F-3, Kastani 38, tel. (+372) 56 99 43 98, info@loominghostel.ee, www.loominghostel.ee. This shiny new hostel just a little outside of the centre is bright, clean and ecologically friendly - in fact over 99% of the décor has either been reused or recycled. They have loads of amenities including games, free WiFi, free parking, hammocks and more. The hostel also happens to be attached to the Young Estonian Creativity Center, just in case you feel inspired to make your own creations while visiting Tartu. ▶ (singles €25 - 30, doubles €33 - 36, triples €48 - 51, quads €64 - 68). Extra bed €10. Pets €3.   

Hostel Narva mnt. 27 (Tartu Student Village) C-1, Narva mnt. 27, tel. (+372) 742 03 93, fax (+372) 736 26 06, hostel@kyla.ee, www.tartuhostel.eu. Tartu Student Village is the organisation that runs Tartu University's dorms, which provide much nicer accommodation than you'd ever expect for a student residence. For location, quality and price, they're one of the best deals in town. This one on Narva mnt. has five apartments, each with kitchen, bedroom and living room. You can rent the large sauna here for €6/hr. ▶ 5 rooms (singles €20, doubles €30). Extra bed €6. Breakfast not included.   

Hostel Pepleri (Tartu Student Village) B-3, Pepleri 14, tel. (+372) 742 76 08, fax (+372) 740 99 58, hostel@kyla.ee, www.tartuhostel.eu. You'll wish you had a dorm like this back in college! At the bigger of the two Student Village options, each room has own kitchen, bathroom, TV and internet connection. There's also a laundry facility in the building. Breakfast isn't provided, but reception can arrange to have it brought to your room by the Kotka Kelder pub, downstairs. The downtown location is a big plus. ▶ 40 rooms (singles €20, doubles €30, suites €35 - 50, family room €35 - 50). Extra bed €6. Breakfast €4.50.   

Hostel Vaksali 4 A-3, Vaksali 4, tel. (+372) 510 46 98/(+372) 744 16 10, info@hostel4.ee, www.hostel4.ee. This hostel is located in a beautifully renovated wooden house right next to the railway station. A little bit of a walk to the city centre, but its cosy atmosphere makes up for the distance and if you happen to come to Tartu by train it's a perfect pick. Toilets and showers are shared and, although there is no kitchen proper, there are fridges and a microwave for preparing light bites. ▶ 28 rooms (singles €20, doubles €35, triples €50, quads €70). Extra bed €15, pets €10. Breakfast not included.   

Rändur A-3, Kuperjanovi 66, tel. (+372) 742 71 90, fax (+372) 742 72 75, randur66@hotmail.ee, web.zone.ee/randur. This guesthouse near the train station could do with a large amount of sprucing up, but at least the price is right and staff are friendly. There's a definite feeling here of being a visitor in someone's old house. Potted plants give it a homey feel. All the rooms have TVs, and the higher-priced ones come with their own showers/WCs. ▶ 9 rooms (singles €20, doubles €28 - 35). Extra bed €10, pets €7, caravan €10, tent €10. Breakfast not included.  

Starest H-3, Mõisavahe 21, tel. (+372) 740 06 74, fax (+372) 748 93 62, info@starest.ee, www.starest.ee. Starest has unbelievably spiffy rooms for the price. All are brightly decorated, have wood floors and Sat-TV. Nearly all have their own shower/WC, others share with one neighbour. There's even a café, guest kitchen, sauna and lobby computers. The only catch here is the distant location, in the Annelinn suburb. Take bus N°1 or 5 to the Mõisavahe stop. ▶ 38 rooms (singles €32, doubles €40, triples €53, quads €63, suites €49). Extra bed €17. Pets €7.   

Tartu Kutsehariduskeskuse Hotell (Hotel of Tartu Vocational Education Centre) F-4, Kopli 1C, tel. (+372) 736 18 50, hotel@khk.tartu.ee, hotel.khk.ee. The newly refurbished 'Hotel of Tartu Vocational Education Centre' provides service with a smile and affordable prices to the weary and budget-conscious traveller. The hotel is actually a training facility for hospitality students of the Tartu Vocational Education Centre and thus should provide its guests with a pretty great experience given that the students need to perform well. Don't worry though, they probably won't be watching you sleep. ▶ 42 rooms (singles €27, doubles €36, suites €63 - 72). Extra bed €7, pets €6, breakfast €6.   

Terviseks B&B C-2, Raekoja plats 10, tel. (+372) 565 53 82, terviseksbbb@gmail.com, www.terviseksbbb.com. If cheap, communal living is your bag, then this fun and eclectic back-packer's haven is certainly where you'll want to lay your head, no matter what time of day or night. You really can't beat the location right on Town Hall Square and it certainly won't take long to stumble to your bed from most of the local bars or parks. Oh, and did we mention that a light breakfast is included - awesome! ▶ 2 dorm rooms €15 a person. Private room €20.  

Torni Hostel E-2, F. R. Kreutzwaldi 52, tel. (+372) 731 32 62/(+372) 731 32 63, Piret.Kytt@emu.ee, yhikas.emu.ee/hostel. It's a good 20-minute hike to the centre from here, but these newly renovated rooms in the Estonian University of Life Sciences' dormitory have all the modern conveniences. Every two shares bathroom and kitchen. There are also laundry facilities and internet connections. Arrange your arrival ahead of time by e-mail because reception is only open weekdays 09:00 - 16:00. ▶ 13 rooms (singles €19 - 25, doubles €38). 

Rooms in private homes

A good chunk of Tartu's budget accommodation is provided by ordinary homeowners who have renovated and opened up their rooms to guests. Don't be surprised if you have to take your shoes off when you come inside!

Eha Sulja Guesthouse E-4, Tamme pst. 73a, tel. (+372) 760 40 80/(+372) 508 68 34, eha.sulja@mail.ee, www.hot.ee/ehasulja. Located in the Tamme district, about 3km from centre, this guesthouse might bring to mind a tropical villa. Its big bedrooms surround a sunny common room decorated with a lot of wood panelling and wicker. Here guests are served breakfast and can surf Satellite TV channels. Most rooms share facilities, but some have their own sinks. There should be a grill house in the yard in summer. ▶ 9 rooms (singles €19, doubles €32). Pets €6.40, caravan €6.40.   

Gretchen B&B E-4, Tamme põik 7a, tel. (+372) 747 44 66, www.hot.ee/gretchenkodumajutus/. These six rooms on the upper floor of a residential home have a definite 1980s look, but everything is clean and in working order. They surround a common room that has satellite TV. The host has provided a kitchen of sorts where you can make tea, however, breakfast is included. ▶ €16 a person. 

Herne F-2, Heme 59, tel. (+372) 744 19 59/(+372) 516 78 91, rek.saks@neti.ee, www.hot.ee/suplinn. This house at the far end of the colourful Suplinn neighbourhood is probably the most hotel-like option in this category. Its rooms are fairly new, built onto the back of the house, and have a minimalist, cosy style. There's a kitchen with fireplace for guests use, and a huge yard where visitors can pitch a tent. ▶ 5 rooms (singles €20, doubles €32, quads €50). Breakfast €3.20. Caravan €6.50, tent €6.50.  

Hile Maja E-2, Hile 10, tel. (+372) 742 12 36, info@bed.ee, www.bed.ee. Just your average, ordinary, everyday residential house, with simple and comfy rooms upstairs. All rooms share the shower/WC. There's a common room with TV, internet-connected computer, microwave and fridge. Find it in the Tähtvere district, slightly northwest of the town centre. ▶ 4 rooms from €17, breakfast €5.50, tent €4/person.

livi Oja B&B F-1, Vainke 20, tel. (+372) 740 14 29 / (+372) 53 81 76 82, livi.oja@mail.ee, www.livimaja.ee
It's quite a hike from the centre - literally over the river and far away - so you might want to consider other transport options if you stay here. The rooms are fairly large, and one even comes with a traditional, woven rug. Guests can use the sauna and a computer in the kitchen. Prices do not include breakfast but it's possible to order one for a reasonable price. ▶ 5 rooms (singles €16, doubles €25, triples €34, quads €38). Breakfast €3. Extra bed €10, pets €4, tent €5 a person.    

Kastani B&B A-2, Kastani 3, tel. (+372) 742 76 63 / (+372) 529 77 03, kastanikodu@hot.ee, www.hot.ee/kastanikodu. A brilliantly restored, early-20th-century wooden house is the setting for this quiet, spiffy B&B, which features old-fashioned touches like hardwood floors, antique furniture, quilts and framed postcards of old Tartu. There's also satellite TV, a computer for guests' use, and a coffee corner. One room has its own shower/WC, others share. Find it behind Kastani 5.

▶ 3 rooms (singles €25 - 29, twins €32 - 39). Extra bed €13, pets for free. Breakfast €3.90.    

Liiva B&B F-2, Liiva 38, tel. (+372) 733 36 45/(+372) 58 00 42 62, liivakodumajutus@turism.ee, www.liivakodumajutus.ee. An ideal set up for families, this home-like B&B consists of two adjoined twin rooms sharing a spotless kitchen and bathroom, all built onto the back of a residential house. Outdoorsy types should note that there's also a little summer hut in the yard and plenty of space for pitching a tent or grilling sausages. The family can also arrange excursions and transport by arrangement. English is spoken, as are Estonian, Russian, Lithuanian and Georgian. ► 2 doubles (€16 a person). Extra bed €10. Pets €7. Breakfast €3.    

Viive Koni B&B E-4, Õuna 32, tel. (+372) 522 68 34 / (+372) 738 14 33, viiveko@hot.ee, www.hot.ee/viiveko. Much nicer than your average home accommodation, this B&B in the Tammelinn district has a beautiful kitchen and common area, all decorated in a cosy wood motif. Bedrooms are equally comfy, and there's even laundry facilities and wireless internet. Weather permitting, you can also pitch a tent in the yard. ▶ 3 rooms (singles €13, doubles €26). Extra bed €9.60, breakfast €3.20.   

Apartment rentals

Carolina Apartments C-2, Raekojä plats 11, tel./fax (+372) 742 20 70, tel. (+372) 516 76 06, tartu@carolina.ee, www.carolina.ee. Not only is the Town Hall Square location unbeatable, these apartments come with everything you could possibly need, from stereo systems to washing machines to locked parking. There's even a sauna. They tend to get booked up, so reserve far in advance. ▶ 2 apartments €70 per night, up to three people for short-term rental.    

Domus Dorpatensis B-2, Raekoja plats 1/Üllikooli 7, tel. (+372) 733 13 45/(+372) 53 33 30 31, fax (+372) 733 13 40, dorpatensis@dorpatensis.ee, www.dorpatensis.ee/kulaliskorterid. Domus Dorpatensis is actually a science and liberal arts foundation that happens to rent out guest apartments in a building right next to the Town Hall. The

furnishing is surprisingly fresh and stylish for an institution though, and everything is new. ► 12 apartments €32 - 63 per person. Extra bed €13.       

LUS Guest Apartment B-3, W. Struve 2, tel. (+372) 734 19 35, elus@elus.ee, www.elus.ee. This apartment tucked away on the upper floor of the Estonian Naturalists' Society office is usually snapped up by academic types, so book early. The 18th-century building just across from the university library has a historic feel, as does a lot of the furniture, which seems to have come in with Perestroika. Still, the kitchen is fully outfitted, there are two beds (and a spare), Sat TV and Wi-Fi. Little English spoken. ▶ 1 apartment (1 person €25, 2 people €40).     

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Ottomar Apartments B-1, Magasini 12a, tel. (+372) 56 22 27 25, korter@ottomar.ee, www.ottomar.ee. A prime location right in the old part of Old Town is a strong selling point for these two apartments, but they're also comfy and come with plenty of conveniences. One has old-fashioned, stone walls and the other, a fireplace. Be sure to check out the sauna. ▶
2 apartments €45 - 70/night. Extra bed €20.   

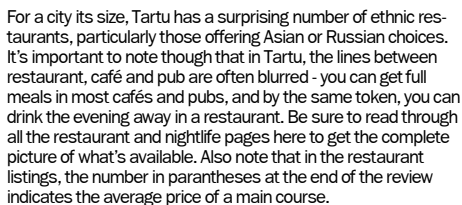
Päikesemaja Apartment A-1, Tähtvere 6, tel. (+372) 516 07 28, info@sunnyhouse.ee, www.sunnyhouse.ee. This is a sunny house indeed. Originally built in the 1800s, it has been thoroughly renovated to reflect its old-world heritage and is fully equipped with new-world conveniences. Although technically situated in Tartu's Old Town, its got some great views on the Suplinn district and is just a short walk to pretty much anything you'd want to see or do. Oh, and just in case you're staying with several other people, the three hypo allergenic rooms are clearly marked by room number so you don't accidentally end up sleeping with the wrong person, now aren't they considerate. ▶ Price €52 - 130.    

Savi Street Apartments E-4, Savi 6, tel. (+372) 730 40 80/(+372) 508 68 34, eha.sulja@mail.ee, www.hot.ee/savikorter1. These two apartments occupy a typical apartment building in the Tammelin dist. Their interiors are better than typical though - they're newly renovated with modern kitchens, wood floors, and nice colour schemes. One is a 3-room apartment, while the other has a single, huge bedroom. ► 2 apartments (€40 for 2 people, €7 each additional person). Breakfast by arrangement.  

Tartu Restaurator's Guest Apartment B-1/C-2, Kompanil 6, tel. (+372) 510 06 70, fax (+372) 736 23 45, tartrest@tartrest.ee, www.tartrest.ee. Only a very short distance from Town Hall Square, these delightfully renovated apartments are actually owned by a renovation company. The apartments are comfortable and cosy and the old architectural details add a special feel to the place. They offer all the amenities you'd expect of a modern rental and the location can't be beat. If you can afford the extra €35 per night, we suggest taking apartment number 3. ► Apartments 1&2 - €60. Apartment 3 - €95. Extra bed €10. Pets €6,40. 

Wilde Guest Apartments C-2, Üllikooli 3 & 6, tel. (+372) 511 38 76 / (+372) 505 43 02, info@wildeapartments.ee, www.wildeapartments.ee. Definitely among the nicest in this category, Wilde's apartments are large and tastefully furnished, with stylish, modern kitchens. They come fully loaded with conveniences - everything from ironing boards to internet connections. The bigger one at Üllikooli 6 sports some antique furniture, a bathtub and sauna. All are conveniently within a couple minutes walk of Town Hall Square.

► 3 apartments (€58 - 84).   



Asian Chef C-3, Võru 2, tel. (+372) 735 50 29/(+372) 53 30 04 64, info@asianchef.ee, www.asianchef.ee. What do China, India and Thailand have in common? Asia. And at Asian Chef you'll find dishes from all of these Asian nations. If you're lucky, you can also catch a belly dancing and flamenco show while you feast on fried rice and fried ice cream. The food is 'well worth' the slightly elevated price considering the slightly smaller portions. Just be prepared to wait for up to an hour, even when ordering take-away. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 01:00. (€6.40).     

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Graz F-3, Rila 15B, tel. (+372) 56 09 92 66. If you happen to be in the neighbourhood, you've got loads of time to kill and you want to punish yourself, then we can enthusiastically recommend Graz. After a ridiculously long wait, we were eventually served mediocre schnitzels with a side of overly greasy potatoes. As one small mark of authenticity, this little, Austrian eatery at least serves Gösser beer. ► Open 12:00 - 15:00; 18:00 - 23:00. (€8.20). 

Balkan B-2, Rüttili 5, 2nd floor, tel. (+372) 740 68 90, balkan@hot.ee, www.restorankalkan.ee. Located atop a massive flight of stairs on Rüttili tänav, the Balkan is a fairly accurate rendition of a small tavern in the Balkans - only with less tobacco smoke. Expect a hearty cuisine consisting of fried meats and cheeses, with the odd vegetable thrown in to ward off the high cholesterol. The food is decent, although we're not entirely sure why both fries and rice accompany a main course. We suggest you create your own meal by ordering mains and sides separately.

► Open 12:00 - 24:00. (€8.60).

Tbilisi C-2, Küni 7, tel. (+372) 742 27 27, tbilisi@gmail.com, www.tbilisi.ee. This little Georgian place right off the main walking street combines just the right amount of kitschiness with a host of delicious items from the kitchen. And although they do offer up *shashlyk*, we found some of their other dishes to be even more to our liking. They also stock quite an impressive array of wines from the home country. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00, Thu, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 24:00, Sun 12:00 - 21:00, (€4).

City centre location	Facilities for disabled
Child friendly	Pets allowed
Live music	Take away
Smoking area	WiFi connection
Fireplace	Parking available
Payment in cash only	Home delivery
Outdoor seating	

Kung Fu B-2, Üllikooli 5, tel. (+372) 740 07 87, www.kungfu24.ee. Probably the best Chinese food we've ever had in Estonia. We suppose the review could stop right there, but we'll continue, the food is interesting, inexpensive and owned by someone who knows a thing or two about authentic Chinese cuisine. You'll absolutely have to try either the ginseng or snake vodka... yeah that's right, snake. Great place to dine with a small group in order to try a bunch of the dishes out. ► Open 12:00 - 23:00. (€6).

Panda D-3, Turu 14 (Zeppelin centre), tel. (+372) 742 30 74, info@pandarestoran.ee, www.pandarestoran.ee. Panda offers all the style and romance one would expect of a shopping centre eatery, complete with crashing shopping carts and plastic chairs. Choose from the wide menu and order at the counter. Our noodles seemed somewhat un-Chinese - we imagine they were fried up by Estonian folk dancers. Still, the service was fast and friendly, and they did manage to dig up a pair of chopsticks when asked. ► Open 11:00 - 21:00. (€7). 

Tsinsk Plekk Pang B-2, Küütri 6, tel. (+372) 730 34 15, pang@pang.ee, www.pang.ee. The name might sound like Chinese, but Tsinsk Plekk Pang is actually Estonian for 'zink plated bucket'. That's a big clue as to what this four-storey establishment in Old Town is all about and nothing is really taken too seriously. The menu includes choices like American chopsy, rusty busty porky, angry cow and crazy lamb, with a few Indian choices thrown in. More than anything though, Tsinsk Plekk Pang is just a popular, local hangout where young people gather for milkshakes, beer and now cigars too. Cigar room open Thu - Sat 19:00 - 02:00. ► Open 12:00 - 23:00, Thu, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 24:00. (€8).

Zen Zen A-2, Näituse 7, tel. (+372) 742 16 48 / (+372) 556 96 859, hiinakeskus@gmail.com, www.zenzen.ee. Despite having very Estonian-sounding *pelmeenid* (dumplings) on the menu, Zen Zen is a surprisingly authentic find in the Tähtvere area, just outside the centre. The few items of décor it has - including a very cool panda clock - are genuine imports, and the great tasting food is in fact prepared by Chinese chefs. If you're on a budget, consider getting one of the heaping platefuls of noodles, available for €3.50-4.80. ▶ Open 11:00 - 21:00, Sun 12:00 - 21:00. (€9.60).  

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Quick & Cheap

Dedi Bistrot C-2, Riia 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 731 48 50, dedi@dedi.ee, www.dedi.ee/dedi. Attached to the stylish café of the same name, the bistro is purely for those who want food and quickly. The focus is on the fresh side though, making this a good alternative to the dirty burger joints around town. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. (€3.50).

KiirSöökla C-2, Ülikooli 4, tel. (+372) 505 58 06/ (+372) 56 87 77 37, info@kiirsookla.ee. The funky, red interior at KiirSöökla, which simply means 'quick cafeteria', is a tongue-in-cheek nod to the kitchen décor of the old Soviet days. But this place's real value is in its sandwich offerings, including wraps and ciabattas. Customers get to pick and choose their own ingredients at the counter and there's no sign of a ration ticket in sight. ▶ Open 11:00 - 06:00, Mon 11:00 - 22:00. Closed Sun. (€2-3).

Metro C-1, Raatuse 18, tel. (+372) 748 47 47, www.kiirtoit.ee. Certainly a popular student spot that fills a wide variety of needs. Friendly staff with good English are happy to chat while they make your inexpensive meal. ▶ Open 08:30 - 05:00, Mon, Tue 08:30 - 23:00, Sat 09:00 - 05:00, Sun 09:00 - 23:00.

Opera Pizza B-3, Vanemuise 26, tel. (+372) 742 07 95, info@operapizza.ee, www.operapizza.ee. This unadorned little café seems to draw in a transient crowd from nearby university classes. That's no shocker since the pizza is actually darned quick and fairly good. Medium pizzas for €3.70-4.80. A word to the wise, the English level of the staff can be a little lacking and sign language may be your best bet. ▶ Open 11:00 - 21:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 22:00.

Pappa Pizza C-3, Riia 7, tel. (+372) 742 79 33, www.pappapizza.ee. This cosy niche on a busy street is Tartu's representative of a popular national chain. Normal pizzas go for around €4.50, whereas pan pizzas are in the €5 range. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00, Sun 12:00 - 22:00.

Peetri Pizza C-2, Turu 2, tel. (+372) 731 22 77, www.peetripizza.ee. These joints are all over Estonia, and like them or not they do provide a piping hot pizza when you most need it. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00. (€3.50 - 5.90).

Ruunipizza/Pannkoogikohvik B-2, Rüütli 2, tel. (+372) 743 35 75/ (+372) 51 92 92 11, oy.sunna@mail.ee, www.ruunipizza.ee. The pizza is edible, but this very central spot offers something far more Estonian - pancakes. These come in every variety, filled with cheese and beans, tuna and pickles, crab noodles and cucumber... If that sounds too adventurous, you can also get them with jam, ice cream on the side. While the décor is cheerful, the service may have another mood. ▶ Open 08:15 - 22:00, Fri, Sat 08:15 - 23:00, Sun 09:15 - 22:00. (€4.20).

WuPa Meals C-2, Künli 5b, tel. (+372) 744 14 42, info@wupameals.com, www.wupameals.com. Bratwurst, and things that go with bratwurst, are the speciality at this simple, little diner. They also do baguettes, which might be easier to handle for those who need to munch on the run. ▶ Open 08:00 - 22:00, Thu, Fri 08:00 - 24:00, Sat, Sun 09:00 - 24:00.

Healthy

Vilde Tervisekohvik C-2, Vallikraavi 4, tel. (+372) 734 41 91, vilde@tervisekohvik.ee, www.tervisekohvik.ee. Tartu's first health café offers a broad selection of foods that taste, well, healthy. The young at heart won't leave with a guilty conscience after eating breakfast or lunch here. All menu items listed with full nutritional information. The tomato and red lentil soup is amazing. Some foods marked gluten-free, vegetarian and suitable for the lactose-intolerant. If you're looking for any grease whatsoever, you should probably head upstairs to the restaurant/pub. ▶ Open 09:00 - 19:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. (€6).

International

Antonius B-2, Ülikooli 15, tel. (+372) 737 03 77, sales@hotelantonius.ee, www.hotelantonius.ee. Those looking for a dining experience of the starched linen, candlelight and hovering waiter variety should head straight to the Hotel Antonius' elegant, cellar restaurant. The food and service are right on the mark and the wine list won't disappoint either. Most tables are arranged under the large, domed skylight, but if you're here on a date, you can ask to be seated in one of the half-hidden nooks. ▶ Open 18:00 - 23:00. (€18).

Atlantis C-2, Narva mnt. 2, tel. (+372) 738 54 95, info@atlantis.ee, www.atlantis.ee. The lost island of Atlantis may still be elusive, but this large restaurant/club complex jutting out over the river is impossible to miss. With its starched formality and piped in classical music, it has the feel of a hotel restaurant without actually being one. Here you can get mains ranging from lamb to butterfish, but there's also a 'Kaunas menu' - a tongue-in-cheek nod to Atlantis' Soviet-era name - offering choices like Seljanka. In summer, you can dine on the riverside terrace, under an improbable, flower-shaped umbrella. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 01:00. (€12).

Dorpat D-2, Soola 6, tel. (+372) 733 71 89, info@dorpat.ee, www.dorpat.ee/restoran. This shiniingly new eatery located inside the hotel of the same name has got a lot going for it. Perfect for groups as it seats 100, the interior is stylish and the food equally well designed. We suggest you try out the food sampler menu, which gives you the opportunity of tasting all the à la carte items without the hefty price-tag. Dorpat also offers breakfast and soup buffets as well as a lunch buffet, a bargain at €7.50. ▶ Open 12:00 - 22:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 23:00. (€8.70).

Eduard Vilde Lokaal B-2, Vallikraavi 4, tel. (+372) 734 34 00, vilde@vilde.ee, www.vilde.ee. Formerly the 'Wilde Pub' this vast restaurant is practically an institution in Tartu. Built inside an old, brick printing house, it combines a classic, pub-style area with a winter garden and a large terrace. The extensive menu offers up a good mix of pub favourites and international cuisine. The 'Oscar Schnitzel' was quite decent, the desserts were tasty and the service, quite friendly. ▶ Open 11:30 - 23:00, Fri 11:30 - 01:00, Sat 12:00 - 01:00, Sun 12:00 - 22:00. (€8).

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Eesti rahvuspubi Sõprade Juures (At Friends') C-2, Raekoja plats 12, tel. (+372) 730 18 93/(+372) 730 18 92, info@sopradejuures.ee, www.sopradejuures.ee. It's hard to pin down just exactly what this long-named, non-pub is, but suffice it to say that it serves up a long list of international cuisine with Estonian leanings, a pretty decent daily dish, a sizable children's play area and on warm days a great patio on Town Hall Square. As the name suggests, it is also a cosy spot to meet friends for a drink. ▶ Open Sun, Mon 10:00 - 22:00, Tue-Thu 10:00 - 23:00, Fri-Sat 10:00 - 03:00. (€6). 

Entri B-2, Rüütli 9 (entrance from Küütri), tel. (+372) 740 92 23, entri@entri.ee, www.entri.ee. The Hotel London's cellar restaurant is a colourful oasis of vaulted ceilings, earthy colours and funny, sculptured faces. The menu offers a couple of surprisingly daring dishes like shark fillet with lemon sauce and roast elk with potatoes. Otherwise it's the standard hotel fare. The large bar at the back is open for an evening cognac or beer. ▶ Open 07:00 - 23:00, Fri 07:00 - 01:00, Sat 08:00 - 01:00, Sun 08:00 - 21:00. (€9). 

NEW Kalarestoran Neljapäev B-2, Ülikooli 8, tel. (+372) 744 71 05, kalarestoran@markinsen.ee, www.neljapae.ee. Tables at Fish Restaurant Thursday are covered with seashells, nets and other nautical nicknacks. And the fact that the waitress is dressed as a pirate might encourage you to scream out 'Haaaaa!'. Please don't. Though it's certainly fun, this establishment in the Hotel Barclay is a plush destination that prides itself on quality dining. We found the food to be fantastic, especially given the friendly prices. Haaaaa! Oops. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. (€7.70). 

Lokaal Sumin G-3, Turu 21, tel. (+372) 730 34 03, info@lokaalsumin.ee, www.lokaalsumin.ee. For a quick and affordable lunch or even dinner before hitting the club upstairs, Sumin offers an eclectic range of dishes. This writer frowns upon the word 'eclectic', but wishes to use it again to describe the stylish, spacious and comfortable interior. Ladies' and Gents' rooms located at opposite ends of the restaurant ensures maximum privacy. A quick walk from the centre will reward a hungry visitor with what is probably Tartu's finest beef carpaccio. ▶ Open, Mon, Tue 11:30 - 21:00, Wed 11:30 - 23:00, Thu 11:30 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 11:30 - 02:00. Closed Sun. Fri and Sat admission €4. (€8.40). 

NEW Meat Market B-2, Küütri 3, tel. (+372) 653 34 55, info@meitseelamused.ee, www.meatmarket.ee. That's 'meat market' in both senses - this popular hangout works both a smart, steak-centred restaurant and an evening cocktail lounge, complete with guest DJs. We liked the minimalist décor, cool paintings and clock collection. As the name implies, this is a carnivore's dream with a wide menu that even runs to game dishes like venison. The grill items were particularly good. Make a reservation on weekends. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 02:00, Sun 12:00 - 21:00. (€12). 

Werner B-2, Ülikooli 11, tel. (+372) 742 63 77, cafe@werner.ee, www.werner.ee. The more exclusive, upstairs portion of the famous Werner café is a full-fledged restaurant with a high degree of flair. Designers gave it a timeless, dreamy look by packing it with candelabras, linen-draped chairs and art. After sipping on complimentary water (a rarity in Estonia), you can choose from 'Light and Fresh' selections, Italian dishes and mains like fried butterfish and duck fillet. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 01:00, Sun 11:00 - 21:00. (€9.70). 



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Italian

Itaalia Kõök B-2, Gildi 7, tel. (+372) 742 37 47, ela.karu@gmail.com, www.hot.ee/itaallarestoran. It's hard for us to understand what it is about Itaalia Kõök that keeps locals coming here. Is it the charm of hanging seashells and plastic grapes? It certainly isn't the food. Our bruschetta was soggy and our pasta had the opposite problem. Adding more to the mystery is the fact that there's a much more genuine Italian place right across the street. ▶ Open 11:30 - 22:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 24:00. (€7).    

La Dolce Vita B-2, Kompanii 10 (entrance from Gildi), tel. (+372) 740 75 45, ladolcevita@ladolcevita.ee, www.ladolcevita.ee. Everything you could possibly want in a casual, Italian restaurant - checkered tablecloths, pleasant aromas and authentically thin, crunchy pizza crusts - it's all here. The owners are actually Italian, so this is the real deal. The menu includes minestrone, a choice of bruschettas, salads, fresh pastas and around 40 kinds of tasty pizza, all made in a wood-burning oven. And to top off your meal, there's a selection of home-made gelatos for dessert. ▶ Open 11:30 - 23:00, Fri, Sat 11:30 - 24:00, Sun 12:00 - 23:00. (€6).    

Taverna C-2, Raekoja plats 20, tel. (+372) 742 30 01, taverna@hot.ee, www.taverna.ee. Most people wouldn't think of Taverna as an Italian place - it just doesn't have that kind of feel. But this old favourite on Raekoja plats mainly serves pizzas and pastas, so the category is fitting. The pizzas here, which are mostly in the €3.50 - 6.50 range, are substantial. Other mains, including various grill dishes, are also available. The interior at this underground tavern is nice and cosy, with stained glass and other artistic touches. ▶ Open 11:30 - 24:00, Sun 11:30 - 23:00. (€6.30).   



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Tipping tips

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 the bill was brought to your table (i.e., you didn't order and pay at the bar). Also, it's better to tip in cash rather than writing the tip on a credit card receipt. This helps get around accounting and tax hassles.

Japanese

Tokyo Sushi Baar B-1, Jaani 20 (entrance off Lai), tel. (+372) 740 12 18/(+372) 518 30 22, info@tokyosushibaar.ee, www.tokyosushibaar.ee. Tokyo brings the right blend of Japanese styling and cuisine to the table. You'll find all your favourite *makis* and *nigiris* on offer as well as a few interesting in-house-sushi creations. They even offer a decent selection of Japanese-inspired non-sushi items for those who can't stand the thought of swallowing a chunk of raw fish, and we think that's *ichiban*. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00, Mon, Sun 12:00 - 22:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 01:00. Also at: E-4, Ringtee 75 (Lõunakeskus), 654 33 70. Open 10:00 - 21:00. (€6).

Yakuza Sushi Bar C-2, Turu 2 (Tasku Centre), tel. (+372) 741 27 32, info@yakuzasushi.ee, www.yakuzasushi.ee. Tartu's best selection of sushi and *maki*, fittingly located above a cinema. Enjoy freshly rolled and prepared food of imported aquatic origins while overlooking the winding Emajõgi River. The "Calibre .45" is especially good, but make sure they top it with mustard. Perhaps someday they'll even let you take your sushi into the theatre with you - one can dream. No Saku on tap, but they do have sake. ▶ Open 12:00 - 22:00. (€7).

Russian

Kalinka B-2, Ülikooli 10, tel. (+372) 730 59 97, info@tavernkalinka.ee, www.tavernkalinka.ee. This restaurant/tavern, located right in the centre of Tartu, is a fairly decent establishment with an extensive menu and colourfully presented dishes. Certainly a decent choice if you have a hankering for something Russian. This place is so popular with local Russians that they have a tendency to reserve the whole place on weekend nights and therefore we recommend a reservation. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 07:00, Sun 12:00 - 22:00. (€7.40).

Vassillissa C-2, Kompanil 2, tel. (+372) 646 20 01, info@vassillissa.eu, www.vassillissa.eu. Inviting, relaxing and elegant in a slightly kitschy way, this roomy establishment just off Town Hall Square is exactly what we look for in a Russian restaurant. The *bliny* (pancakes) with mushrooms were fantastic and the fish Russian-style was surprisingly quiche-like. The smiling service was another plus. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 24:00. (€5.90).

Volga B-2, Küttril 1, tel. (+372) 730 54 44, sale@restaurantvolga.ee, www.restaurantvolga.ee. Set in the historic Athena Centre, this restaurant is a carefully renovated Art Deco revival of an exclusive café from the 1930s and the atmosphere just doesn't get any better than this. We found the cuisine quite decent and although not as inexpensive as many other Tartu offerings, the experience will make it well worth your while. Live music performances on weekends, reservations are recommended. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 01:00. (€10.90).

Cafés

Anna Edasi F-3, Tähe 20, tel. (+372) 558 13 11/(+372) 514 69 20, annaedasi@gmail.com, www.annaedasi.ee. The name of this quaint little Karlova-area café is kind of a play on words using the name of one of the owner's grandmothers and a phrase in Estonian which means 'pass it on' - and after tasting their delicious little cakes you will certainly want to pass the news on. ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Sun. (€1.60).

Armastus Café Amore B-2, Rüttil 5, tel. (+372) 782 55 22, evaboutique@gmail.com. The name means 'Love' and this is certainly a romantic, little destination where you can settle in with pastries, cakes, tea and the occasional, piped-in Cher song. Cushy seating and wall art give it even more of a feminine touch. By night it takes full advantage of its prime, Rüttil street locale and turns into a casual drinking spot. ▶ Open 09:00 - 05:00, Mon, Tue, Sun 09:00 - 01:00. (€6).

Café Truffe C-2, Raekoja plats 16, tel. (+372) 742 88 40, cafe@truffe.ee, www.truffe.ee. This sharp, quasi-French place on Town Hall Square seems to be a particular hit for its modern, comfy style and tasty salads. If you're feeling reckless, skip the specially-marked low-calorie dishes and go for the excellent, hand-made truffles. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 01:00, Sun 11:00 - 22:00. (€10).

Café Villa Margaretha F-3/G-3, Tähe 11/13, tel. (+372) 731 18 20, info@margaretha.ee, www.margaretha.ee. You might have to break a small sweat to get here, but the hike will be rewarding for anyone looking for something a little different. Although our meals were not a cut above average, the authentic roaring twenties atmosphere and smiling service would bring us back again. ▶ Open 08:00 - 22:00, Sun 08:00 - 20:00. (€9).

Cookbook C-2, Turu 2 (Tasku Centre), tel. (+372) 731 22 12, info@cookbook.ee, www.cookbook.ee. What gives this classy, little café its name is the fact that it's attached to the Rahva Raamat bookshop. So if you can't wait to break open that steamy, romantic physics textbook you just bought, this the place to do it. Pastas, risottos and soups are on offer. There are indeed cookbooks set in the tables in case you want to brush up on your culinary skills - and your Estonian. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 18:00.

Crepp B-2, Rüttil 16, tel. (+372) 742 21 33, crepp@crepp.ee, www.crepp.ee. A touch of France comes to Tartu's Old Town in the form of this classic, old-fashioned Parisian-style café. Crepes play heavily in the menu, but you can also find salads, baguettes and quiche. The food leaves nothing to be desired, however it's often quite busy so you'll want to leave a little time in order to wait for a table. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 24:00.

Dedi Café & Terrass C-2, Riia 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 731 48 50, dedi@dedi.ee, www.dedi.ee/terrass. The slick, café/eatery on the top floor of the Kaubamaja offers fresh, reasonably priced meals for mall shoppers. However, it's so central that you may even want to just pop in for a coffee with friends and enjoy the great view while you're at it. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. (€6.10).

Genialistide Klubi Vats B-1, Magasini 5, tel. (+372) 528 61 68, kohvikvats@gmail.com, www.genklubl.ee/kohvik/. This second living room of a café is the daytime incarnation of a nightclub that kind of breaks all the rules of conventionality. The decor is shabby chic, the prices are student friendly and atmosphere is inspiring - in kind of a bohemian way. ▶ Open 12:00 - 03:00. Closed Sun. (€2).

Kohvipaus B-2, Rüütli 8, tel. (+372) 733 00 21, info@kohvipaus.ee, www.kohvipaus.ee. This tiny place on Rüütli is both central and filled to the brim with great pastries and fresh bites too. The prices are even reasonable enough for anyone living off their parent's weekly money transfer - just get there early or the good stuff will already be gone. ▶ Open 07:00 - 19:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. ☎ 📍 📞

Lõvisüdame C-2, Raekoja plats 8, tel. (+372) 55 58 02 60, muldex@hotmail.ee, www.lõvisüdame.eu. Kind of a cross between an upscale pub and café, the Lionheart, which has nothing at all to do with the Richard who was held captive in Austria, did not overly impress us with its food (definitely avoid the pasta). On a good day, however, it can be a decent spot to sink your teeth into a slightly more creative version of some of the pub offerings around town while watching some of the local talent cruise by the window. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00, Sat, Sun 11:00 - 24:00. (€7.20). ☎ 📍 📞

Moka B-2, Küütri 3, tel. (+372) 744 20 85, moka@moka.ee, www.moka.ee. Moka isn't as big on style as its rivals. It does however offer a selection of tea, wine and cakes, as well as the all-important paintings of zebras. Moka also doubles as a passable pizzeria (order at the counter). Prices are a little high considering the fatigued interior and lack-lustre attitude of the servers. For bit of fun though, ask your Finnish friends what the café's name means in *their* language. ▶ Open 10:30 - 23:00, Fri 10:30 - 24:00, Sat 11:30 - 24:00, Sun 11:30 - 21:00. (€9.50). ☎ 📍 📞

Museum Café Katarina C-1, Narva mnt. 23, katarina@muuseumikohvik.ee, www.muuseumikohvik.ee. The Tartu City Museum's little café has an appropriately historic feel, making it the perfect spot for a coffee and cake break after touring the exhibits. The service, with its old-fashioned hospitality, gets our star rating. ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon, Sun. 📍

Nälg (Hunger) B-2, Rüütli 8, tel. (+372) 53 79 04 60, janu@nalg.ee, www.nalg.ee. Unquestionably among Tartu's coolest hangouts, Nälg has the feel of a place designed by the hip girls for the hip girls. The furniture is a groovy mix of second-hand retro, black and white TVs included, and the kitchen serves up a variety of creative soups, pastas and *lavash* snacks. At night it turns into a kind of alternative club, charging a small cover when live music acts are on. ▶ Open 12:00 - 03:00, Mon 12:00 - 20:00, Tue, Wed 12:00 - 23:00. Closed Sun. ☎ 📍 📞

Newton D-3, Sadama 1, tel. (+372) 737 10 30, evelin@dorpat.ee, www.newtonkohvik.ee. Newton, as in Sir Isaac, is attached to the AHHA Science Centre, which explains the somewhat play-school look of the front seating area. Head to the clinical-looking tables farther back to avoid the kiddies. A variety of snacks and light meals make up the menu. The food, while decent, isn't going to win any Nobel prizes. ▶ Open 10:00 - 19:00, Fri, Sat 10:00 - 20:00. (€7). ☎ 📍 📞

Pierre Chocolaterie B-2, Raekoja plats 12, tel. (+372) 730 46 80, tartu@pierre.ee, www.pierre.ee. Chocoholics rejoice! The same team that created the much-loved Chocolaterie in Tallinn have brought their act to Tartu's Raekoja plats. That means delicate, handmade chocolate truffles as well as hot chocolate, coffee, tea and full meals of the European cuisine variety. Expect an old-fashioned ambience in a very central location. Chocolate making workshops are also available for those wanting to make their very own delicious souvenirs. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00, Fri 08:00 - 01:00, Sat 10:00 - 01:00, Sun 10:00 - 22:00. (€10). ☎ 📍 📞

Rotund B-2, Toomemägi, next to cathedral ruins, tel. (+372) 742 33 91. This little, octagonal café on Toome Hill is a historic landmark in its own right. It was originally a lemonade stand dating from 1879, and inside you'll find the old sketches that prove it. These days it's still a convenient place to stop for an ice cream or a schnitzel. ▶ Open 10:00 - 20:00. From October to April open 10:00 - 17:00. ☎

Shakespeare C-3, Vanemuise 6, tel. (+372) 744 01 40, cafe@shakespeare.ee, www.shakespeare.ee. One would expect a café in Tartu's Vanemuine Theatre to have a somewhat theatrical air, but Shakespeare goes far beyond the requirement. For a café, this is a large establishment, colourful and comfortable, with framed sketches of Victorian costume designs. The atmosphere here is far more creative than the cuisine, however, more than anything Shakespeare is an evening destination with live piano or guitar performances on Thursday to Saturday nights. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 01:00. (€8). ☎ 📍 📞

NEW Spargel C-3, Kalevi 13, kohvik@spargel.ee, www.spargel.ee. This low-key café, located just a stone's throw away from the centre, makes its home in a stylish, Art Nouveau building it shares with the city's creative industries bureau. Drop in for a cup of wine (that's right, a cup), grab a bite to eat or just hang out and absorb the creative vibes. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 01:00. Closed Sun. (€7). ☎ 📍 📞

Trendy Lounge Cafés

Café Noir B-2, Ülikooli 7, tel. (+372) 744 00 55, info@cafenoir.ee, www.cafenoir.ee. Noir is not just another pretty face, it's a self-indulgent place for lounging, dining or sipping on a fine wine, of which they have quite the selection. The seats are almost too comfortable, the food elegantly prepared and the service is snappy. However, if you have a pending engagement to a Baptist minister, we do suggest closing your eyes while using the toilet. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 24:00. Closed Sun. (€9.70). ☎ 📍 📞

Kapriis C-2, Raekoja plats 9, tel. (+372) 734 11 66, kapriis@kapriis.ee, www.kapriis.ee. Very likely the best steak in town for the price. Not that it's amazing, but for €7 no one can complain. The 'customers' favourite salad' is so named for a reason, go find out why! It also has a relaxed atmosphere, good staff and super central location right on Town Hall Square - especially great in the summer time. ▶ Open 10:00 - 01:00, Fri, Sat 10:00 - 03:00. (€4.70). ☎ 📍 📞

Lokaal Suudlevad Tudengid C-2, Raekoja plats 10, tel. (+372) 730 18 93, info@suudlevadtudengid.ee, www.suudlevadtudengid.ee. Kissing Students (named after the famous fountain) is really four places in one. Downstairs features a more traditional, brick-lined café complete with a cigar-lounge where you can savour a stogie hand-rolled on the thighs of a Cuban virgin. The upstairs sports a 1920's-themed lounge with windows looking out over Town Hall Square and a whiskey lounge where you can enjoy a glass of barrel-aged grains. ▶ Open Sun, Mon 10:00 - 24:00, Tue-Thu 10:00 - 01:00, Fri-Sat 10:00 - 07:00. (€6.40). ☎ 📍 📞

Werner B-2, Ülikooli 11, tel. (+372) 742 63 77, cafe@werner.ee, www.werner.ee. Werner has actually been around since 1895, but after its transformation into a lounge café, you'd never guess. Grab your coffee and snacks at the well-stocked pastry counter in front, then head to the back room for cushy chairs and piped-in Jazz. Be sure to check out the long menu, which offers breakfasts and lunch mains for incredibly friendly prices. ▶ Open 07:30 - 23:00, Sat 08:00 - 01:00, Sun 09:00 - 21:00. ☎ 📍 📞

Tartu has a respectable variety of pubs and clubs for a town its size, and quite a few of them exhibit a kind of creative daring that you won't find in Estonia's capital.

Pubs

Big Ben Pub C-3, Riia 4, tel. (+372) 730 26 62, bigbenpub@bigbenpub.ee, www.bigbenpub.ee. A bright, red phone box, a portrait of Her Majesty... this place is even more English than pubs in England! A vast, two-level affair, Big Ben is roomy enough to accommodate several cricket teams. Better still, phones on the tables let you ring the bar or tele-flirt with other patrons. If you're feeling posh, head upstairs to the cigar/wine/whiskey area and sink into one its leather wing chairs. The menu at Big Ben naturally includes fish & chips, but you can also get a huge meat dish called 221b Baker Street, as well as around 30 varieties of beer. ▶ Open 07:00 - 01:00, Mon 07:00 - 24:00, Fri 07:00 - 02:00, Sat 08:00 - 02:00, Sun 08:00 - 24:00. After 22:00 age restriction 20+. 📞 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵 🎶

Hansa Tall G-3, Aleksandri 46, tel. (+372) 737 18 02, info@olletare.ee, www.hansatall.ee. Decked out like an old tavern from Hanseatic times, the Hansa Tall goes all out for creating a cosy, country-style feeling. Most of the action happens in the wide courtyard, where visitors enjoy the fresh air and occasional band. For chillier nights, here's also a fireplace and traditional smoke sauna. ▶ Open 07:00 - 22:00, Thu 07:00 - 23:00, Fri 07:00 - 24:00, Sat 08:00 - 24:00, Sun 08:00 - 21:00. 📞 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵 🎶

Hookah bar Habibi A-1, Tähtvere 4, tel. (+372) 514 79 10, habibi@habibi.ee, www.habibi.ee. Habibi I love you! If you're dying for an afternoon or evening of water-piping while listening to Arabic music, this den of sweet smelling smokes will probably fill that void. They have a huge selection of variously flavoured tabaccos, friendly service and even a private room with attached sauna in case you want to act out that whole 'Arabian Nights' fantasy. Sauna, catering and room rental prices are available on the website. ▶ Open 18:00 - 01:00, Thu, Fri, Sat 18:00 - 03:00. 📞 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵 🎶

Illegaard B-2, Ülikooli 5, tel. (+372) 740 17 14. A cellar sports bar with a strong presence of deep-fried snacks, this subterranean second living room often becomes standing-room-only as students, intellectuals, football fans or anyone else interested in chilling with a pint drifts in. Be aware though that on scheduled big-screen football nights the mood changes quite a bit, which could be a good thing depending on what you're in for. ▶ Open 17:00 - 03:00, Sat 14:00 - 03:00, Sun 14:00 - 01:00. 📞 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵 🎶

Kolme Ahvi Pubi B-2, Rüütli 12, tel. (+372) 748 10 04, kolmeahvipub@gmail.com. Located just below Teine Maailm, the 'Three Monkeys Pub' has no primate theme or



How to toast in Estonian

If you want to get in good with the locals, it never hurts to learn how to toast in the national language. Luckily it's fairly simple here: Estonians toast by clinking their glasses and saying 'Terviseks' (health). It's crucial, however, that you look your drinking companion in the eye just as your glasses are clinking. If you miss this step, the toast doesn't count and you'll have to start all over!

decoration at all. It's instead named for the three cooks. If you're feeling brave, ask why. The menu is inexpensive and the "beef burger" quite a bargain. Quite possibly the only place in Tartu that serves fries without the Estonian national obsession: potato seasoning. Staff extremely friendly, beer selection not so much. Good for lunch as well. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 02:00. Closed Sun. 📞 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵 🎶

Kotka Kelder B-3, Pepleri 14, tel. (+372) 742 01 41, kiri@kotkakelder.ee, www.kotkakelder.ee. The portrait of Kenny Rogers on the wall should be a clue as to what this rustic-style basement pub is all about. An older crowd of locals drifts in on weekends to hear live bands, and the preference swings decidedly (though not exclusively) toward country. The sizable kiddie play area also makes it a family-style eatery during the day, offering a menu of omelettes, schnitzels and the like. ▶ Open 12:00 - 22:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 01:00, Sun 12:00 - 20:00. 📞 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵 🎶

Krooks B-1, Jakobi 34, tel. (+372) 744 15 06, info@krooks.ee, www.krooks.ee. Most Estonian towns have a place for rockers to gather, and in Tartu, that place is Krooks. That's not to say that others won't be welcome. It's worth ducking in here, if anything just to see the weird strings of beer flags, medieval armour and other assorted junk that decorates the place. Krooks is also popular for pub meals, and beer snacks. ▶ Open 11:00 - 04:30, Mon, Sun 11:00 - 03:00. 📞 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵 🎶

Mint Lounge C-2, Ülikooli 4, tel. (+372) 656 29 89, info@mintlounge.ee, www.mintlounge.ee. Look up 'trendy lounge' in the dictionary and it'll probably just give you directions to Mint. Here you'll find groups of dressed up young women whispering over complicated cocktails before heading off to the clubs. The smart interior is mostly white and includes a large front window, naturally, because people have to be seen, don't they darling? Get here early if you want a seat. ▶ Open, Wed, Thu 12:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 03:00. Closed Mon, Tue, Sun. (€4.90). 📞 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵 🎶

Möku B-1, Rüütli 18, tel. (+372) 740 45 14, mokublog.wordpress.com. The smallest pub in all of Tartu, Möku, a term for a kind of born loser in Estonian, is like a second Zavood albeit of lilliputian proportions. On weekend evenings the place is so packed that you will probably find more people outside than in, but we found the dynamic quite interesting. They also offer stand-up comedy evenings, where the audience must also stand. ▶ Open 18:00 - 03:00. Age restriction 18+. 📞 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵 🎶

NoTT B-2, Vallikraavi 3/5a, tel. (+372) 56 22 10 03. Everything you'd expect from a bar built into a one-room bunker at the foot of Toome hill, cheap drinks and cheap students included. If you manage to get one of the well-worn seats, you're here on an off night - it's typically standing room only. There's still time to check it out, as plans to demolish it have now been postponed. ▶ Open 19:00 - 03:00, Fri, Sat 19:00 - 04:00. 📞 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵 🎶



Õlle Tare G-3, Aleksandri 42, tel. (+372) 734 47 66, info@olletare.ee, www.olletare.ee. From the outside, the pub looks like a giant beer stein, complete with a two-storey handle. That's a fairly straightforward clue as to what goes on here. Õlle Tare is essentially a beer hall where older locals flock to dance to country tunes. Live bands perform here on weekends, at which time you may have to pay to get in. ▶ Open 12:00 - 01:00, Mon 12:00 - 17:00, Thu 12:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 03:00. Closed Sun. 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵

Pool Kuus B-2, Rüütli 1, tel. (+372) 744 11 75, poolkuus@hot.ee. If you thought the term 'grease pit' had something to do with motorsport, you obviously haven't been to this lived-in pub just off Town Hall Square. The smell alone is enough to clog arteries. Still, it does attract an undiscerning after-hours crowd by serving 'Est-Mex' food until late, and there's a happy hour where you can get €1 beers. ▶ Open 12:00 - 04:00, Wed, Thu 12:00 - 05:30, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 07:00. 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵

Püssirohukelder B-2, Lossi 28, tel. (+372) 730 35 55, pyss@pyss.ee, www.pyss.ee. If you're a newcomer to Tartu, make at least one stop at the Gunpowder Cellar while you're here. The world's highest pub is a former gunpowder vault that was carved into a downtown hillside in the mid-18th Century. If you're hungry, try the soup served in a bread bowl or the dangerous garlic bread dish called 'kiss me more'. The very decent red house beer can be ordered by the litre. The cellar tends to fill up when live bands hit the stage (you may have to pay admission). ▶ Open 12:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 03:00, Sun 12:00 - 24:00. Admission when live bands perform €2 - 5. 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵

Wine bars

Vein ja Vine B-2, Rüütli 8, tel. (+372) 743 05 53, info@veinjavine.ee, www.veinjavine.ee. A student hangout through and through, Vein ja Vine is a buzzing destination crammed with little tables and deep conversations. You can order a reasonably-priced bottle from the chalkboard menu, or go for the house wine at just €9 a litre. A few antipasti, paninis and cakes are available too. On weekends, arrive early if you want any hope of getting a seat. ▶ Open , Tue, Wed, Thu 17:00 - 01:00, Fri, Sat 17:00 - 02:00. Closed Mon, Sun. 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵

Vilde Veinikelder C-2, Vallikraavi 4, tel. (+372) 53 02 44 44, www.vilde.ee/est/veinikelder/. With just five tables, this intimate venue tucked into the brick cellar of the Vilde Lokaal has the feel of a true wine-lovers' hideout. Despite the size, it carries a respectable range of vintages from all the world's main wine-growing regions. If the door is locked, call the number listed on the door and the sommelier will come and open up. ▶ Open 12:00 - 18:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 22:00. Closed Mon, Sun. 🍷

Ränduri Pub C-2, Turu 2 (Tasku Centre), tel. (+372) 730 19 70, merle@randur.ee, www.randuripubi.ee. The Traveler's Pub evidently hasn't made up its mind whether it's a family-style restaurant, a sports bar or a log cabin. Built in a box-like structure that floats weirdly over the bus station, it is indeed a convenient spot for travellers. The comfy booths and pub food make it more hospitable than the benches downstairs in any case. We didn't detect much genuine nightlife though, unless you count the listless aquarium fish. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00, Fri, Sat 10:00 - 24:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵

Ristiisa C-2, Kääni 7, tel. (+372) 730 39 70, ristiisapubi@hot.ee, www.ristisapubi.ee. Tartu's favourite mafia-themed pub (that's mafia-themed, not mafia-owned) is Godfather, a fairly big establishment in a busy, Old Town pedestrian area. Generally it's just like any other classic, old-fashioned pub - the only difference is that Al Capone and other famous mobsters are honoured on the walls, and there are other hints of antique Americana. ▶ Open 11:00 - 01:00, Mon, Sun 11:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 03:00. 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵

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Shooters C-2, Poe 10, tel. (+372) 748 80 30, tartu@shooters.ee, www.shooters.ee. For that pulsing, party feel, it's hard to beat this popular, two-storey joint - it comes complete with upbeat music its own small dance floor. Here patrons slide up to the bar to order embarrassingly-named shots, all sold in sets of five. Climb the stairs if you're looking for more seating and less spillage. ▶ Open 17:00 - 04:00, Mon, Tue, Sun 17:00 - 02:00. Age restriction 18+. 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵

Trehv F-2, Narva mnt. 25a, tel. (+372) 740 31 37, info@trehv.ee, www.trehv.ee. Though it sometimes calls itself a 'club', Trehv is really a sports bar and has the TVs, foosball table and onion rings to prove it. Quick, attentive staff can answer all your questions in English about the Estonian-only menus. Extremely wide selection of tasty yet equally rich food. Frequent live music in the evenings, be prepared to pay a cover to enter, even if you're just eating. ▶ Open 18:00 - 01:00, Fri 18:00 - 02:00, Sat 12:00 - 02:00. Closed Mon, Sun. 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵

Trepp B-2, Rüütli 16, tel. (+372) 552 87 10, crepp@crepp.ee. Brought to you by the same folks who created the delicious café downstairs, Trepp, or 'stairs' in English, is a shots bar set in an old-world space that has been styled down to look like a student's apartment, only without the roaches. Choose your shots, offered as singles or sets of five, from the chalkboard menu. 'Jelloshot' is Estonian for jelloshot. 'Suhuvõtt' is Estonian for blow job. Anything beyond that you'll have to work out with the barmaid. ▶ Open 19:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 19:00 - 03:00. Closed Sun. 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵

Underground B-2, Kääni 7, tel. (+372) 742 20 98, info@rocknroll.ee, underground.rocknroll.ee. The address of this pub is officially on Kääni street but this little hole-in-the-wall rocker paradise is actually in an empty lot next to Rüütli 5, and is in fact 'underground'. Brought to you by the same folks who own Tartu's only Rock and Roll club and catering to the same crowd, we just have one warning - Jack does live here and he's pissed. ▶ Open 18:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat 18:00 - 04:00. Closed Sun. Age restriction 18+. 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵

Zavood B-1, Lai 30, tel. (+372) 744 13 21, publi@zavood.ee. Popular with the alternative crowd, Zavood is a funky, little dive bar that's somehow managed to maintain its popularity through the years. The name resembles the Russian word for 'factory' and there's certainly a raw, industrial feel to the place - car seats and water valves line the walls and cheap drinks keep the crowds thirsty for more. ▶ Open 19:00 - 04:00, Thu, Fri, Sat 19:00 - 05:00. 🍷 🍺 🍻 🍽️ 🎵

Casinos

Casino Monte Carlo (in Tasku) C-2, Turu 2, tel. (+372) 731 21 20, info@montecarlo.ee, www.montecarlo.ee. ▶ Open 24hrs. Age restriction 21+.   

Olympic Casino B-2, Ülikooli 8A, tel. (+372) 730 08 31, estonia@oc.eu, www.olympic-casino.com. There's a slight rock-and-roll/guitar theme going on at this flashy, downtown casino, but mainly it's about playing the slots, poker, roulette and blackjack. There's also reasonably-priced beer on tap. ▶ Mon - Fri 17:00 - 05:00, Sat - Sun 24hrs. 

Clubs

Ahi D-3, Turu 21, tel. (+372) 734 42 66, info@klubi.ah.ee, www.klubi.ah.ee. "It's gettin' hot in here, so take off all your clothes". Things at the 'Oven' do tend to get rather hot, especially for the dressed-up, 28+ crowd that tends to pour in. Between the retro/Top 40 dance hits and the seemingly hungry patrons, this club could qualify for a good night out. We didn't stick around for quite long enough to see just how hot it can get, you'll have to see if you can handle the heat for yourselves. ▶ Open , Fri, Sat 23:00 - 04:00. Closed Mon - Thu, Sun. Admission €3 - 6. Age restriction 18+.   

Atlantis C-2, Narva mnt. 2, tel. (+372) 738 54 85, info@atlantis.ee, www.atlantis.ee. If there's one club in Tartu that tries to appeal to a mass audience, it's Atlantis.

The riverside club is typically packed, and is a particular magnet for sexy young things in miniskirts. There are frequent special events, but in general the DJs lean towards pop hits that everyone can dance to. There's also a separate area in the club that sports a kitschy rose garden motif, where separate DJs spin retro music tracks. ▶ Open 23:00 - 04:00. Closed Mon, Sun. Admission €3 - 6.   

Club Tallinn C-1, Narva mnt. 27a, tel. (+372) 505 88 87, info@clubtallinn.ee, www.clubtallinn.ee. Probably the most stylish of all Tartu clubs, it has a respectable DJ line-up and vast amounts of interesting chill-out space. For something a little different, try the boom-boom hip-hop room, guaranteed to satisfy your urban fix. There's even a glassed-in smoking section here for those who don't want to drag their butts outside. ▶ Open , Wed, Thu 23:00 - 03:00, Fri, Sat 23:00 - 04:00. Closed Mon - Tue, Sun. Admission €1 - 7. Age restriction 18+.  

Genialistide Klubi B-1, Magasini 5 (entrance from Lai), tel. (+372) 55 59 56 61, info@genklubi.ee, www.genklubi.ee. 'Gen Klubi' as it's known to insiders is a hidden gem. To get the feeling of what a night at 'Gen' is like, imagine for a moment a large, student flat with all sorts of little rooms, your friends are tending bar and there's a big common area upstairs where 'cool cats' take turns spinning their favourite eclectic hits on the turntables and dance to their own rhythm. Add to that a really big mix of assorted arts students, intellectuals and society's non-conformists and you get the picture. There are all sorts of happenings at Genialistid so be sure to check out the website for times, prices and details. ▶ Open 12:00 - 03:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 04:00. Closed Sun. Admission €1 - 5. Age restriction 17+.     



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Illusion D-1, Raatuse 97, tel. (+372) 742 43 41, info@illusion.ee, www.illusion.ee. One of Tartu's most exclusive nightclubs makes its home in what used to be a Stalin-era cinema house, and it has the antique projectors out front to prove it. The theatrical look intensifies inside, where the lavish, draped interior includes massive, mirrored balls and balconies looming over the dance floor. A mellow upstairs lounge is done up in an artistic chandelier-and-dripping-paint motif - a lot like the haunted house ride at Disneyland ...but with more blondes in short skirts. A hip diet of trendy beats makes up the DJ menu. ▶ Open , Wed 23:00 - 03:00, Fri, Sat 23:00 - 04:00. Closed Mon - Tue, Thu, Sun. Admission €3.20 - 8, age restriction 18+. 📍 📞 📺 📺

Kink Konk B-2, Vallikraavi 4, tel. (+372) 51 96 72 04, kinkkonk@kinkkonk.ee, kinkkonk.ee. This alternative club has a less junky and more chummy lounge feel than its rival, the better-known Gen Klubi. Here the focus tends toward electronica and experimental music. After getting your drink at the bar, which is made from a lightning-struck tree, you can settle into one of the old sofas and get lost in the sounds. ▶ Open , Tue, Wed 19:00 - 04:00, Thu 19:00 - 05:00, Fri, Sat 22:00 - 06:00. Closed Mon, Sun. Admission Fri - Sat €3. Age restriction on Fri - Sat 18+. 📍 📞 📺 📺

Maasikas C-2, Küüni 7, tel. (+372) 736 62 73, maasikas@maasikas.com, www.maasikas.com. Maasikas means strawberry in Estonian. It also means hickey, which may be an insight into the hopes of the 30+ crowd that tends to gather here. The club is something different for Tartu, with its relatively swank feel, higher prices and quilted walls. Check the website for the events schedule. ▶ Open , Thu 23:00 - 03:30, Fri, Sat 23:00 - 04:30. Closed Mon - Wed, Sun. Admission €4 - 7. Age restriction 21+. 📍 📞 📺 📺

Grownup fun

Stripclub B-1, Lai 28, tel. (+372) 517 15 71, info@stripclub.ee, www.stripclub.ee. Tartu's only central, adult entertainment establishment is located at the very edge of Old Town and fittingly in a cellar. We have it on good word though that they actually have fairly regular floor shows, some beautiful talent and the drink prices also won't break you - unless of course it's a 'ladies drink'. They also have a strip club on wheels, so to speak, and a number of interesting private shows. ▶ Open 22:00 - 05:00, Thu, Fri, Sat 21:00 - 07:00. Admission €10. 📍 📞 📺 📺

Midnight munchies

City Kiirtoit C-2, Küüni 5b, tel. (+372) 740 73 97, www.citykiirtoit.ee. This place has decidedly a large selection of the types of foods that one might want in the wee hours of the morning following a successful or unsuccessful attempt at filling that empty pillow on your bed. Food is reasonably priced, decent for what it is and they have a small selection of canned booze just in case you didn't get your fill at the bar. ▶ Open , Mon, Tue, Sun 10:00 - 01:00, Wed, Thu 10:00 - 03:00, Fri, Sat 10:00 - 06:00. 📍 📞

Fasters Express C-2, Küüni 7 (entrance from Ülikooli 3/5), tel. (+372) 740 03 08, fasters@fasters.ee, www.fasters.ee. Slide into this downmarket eatery and join the queue for Fasters' late-night offerings, all of which seem to come fried or deep-fried. There's even a šašlōkk (kebab) burger. We can't vouch for the quality either way, but at 4 o'clock in the morning, do you really care? ▶ Open 24 hr. 📍 📞

Jam Jam C-1, Narva mnt. 27a, tel. (+372) 740 60 35, info@jamjam.ee, www.jamjam.ee. This food window around the corner from Club Tallinn serves up a huge variety of items in addition to the usual burgers and fries. We won't ask why you need sushi in the middle of the night, but this is the place to get it. ▶ Open , Mon, Tue 10:00 - 24:00, Wed, Thu 10:00 - 04:00, Fri, Sat 10:00 - 05:00, Sun 11:00 - 22:00. 📍

Teine Koht C-2, Küüni 5A (Barclay Park). The 'Other Place' is a tiny little joint located in a former slot hall, but the location is perfect if you want to grab a €1.90 hamburger or a €2.10 wrap after loading your liver with Tartu's cheap booze. ▶ Open , Mon, Tue, Wed 10:00 - 05:00, Thu, Fri, Sat 10:00 - 07:00, Sun 10:00 - 22:00. 📍 📞

Rock & Roll Heaven A-3, Tiigi 76a, tel. (+372) 742 20 98, roll@rocknroll.ee, www.rocknroll.ee. This slightly-out-of-the-centre club is so underground that most locals haven't heard of it. If you manage to make your way here, you'll find a cellar full of rock posters and beer sold in plastic cups. Typical nights see a number of live acts from around Estonia performing everything from funk to metal. Needless to say, those in the crowd are not your typical club bunnies and the dresscode, although not officially regulated, should involve various shades of black. ▶ Open only for special events and live acts, see website for details. Admission €3 - 5. Age restriction 18+. 📍 📞 📺 📺

Teine Maailm B-2, Rütli 12, tel. (+372) 742 90 99 / (+372) 58 58 85 65, www.teinemaailm.ee. This trendy nightclub takes advantage of its centuries-old architecture to create an almost personal atmosphere. Great parties on a regular basis, but it doesn't really start to fill up until just after midnight. The 'Other World' boasts Estonia's best bouncer and cleanest smoking room. Also its most dangerous staircase. ▶ Open , Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat 23:00 - 04:00. Closed Mon - Tue, Sun. Admission €2 - 5. 📍 📞 📺 📺

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A large part of Tartu's charm is that it's an incredibly easy city to explore on foot. The most interesting bits are all concentrated in the same general area, with the historic Old Town flanked on one side by the leafy Toome Hill and on the other by the peaceful Emajõgi river. Please note that the admission prices we have listed for museums and other attractions, as a rule, list the regular adult price only. Children, senior, group and student prices may be offered at a discount.

Old Town

The heart and soul of Tartu is without a doubt the Old Town, a criss-cross of narrow, pedestrian streets that hold the town's most interesting architecture, as well as its biggest concentration of restaurants and pubs. This is the area where a medieval city once stood, but wars and fires, particularly the 'Great Fire' of 1775, wiped out nearly all signs of that version of Tartu. Most of what you see now is its replacement – an attractive neoclassical ensemble from the late 18th and early 19th centuries.



Town Hall Square B/C-2. If you're standing on Town Hall Square, you've reached the very heart of Tartu. Since the 13th century, this spot has served as a marketplace, a cultural gathering point, and more recently, a massive outdoor café. Apart from the Town Hall, its most noticeable feature is the somewhat cheeky Kissing Students fountain. This is a relatively recent addition – designed

by Mati Karmin and installed in 1998 – but locals have already adopted it as a symbol of the town. The buildings around the square all date from after the 1775 fire. Those on the north side are neo-classical, whereas those on the south side, which was wrecked during World War II, are actually Stalinist. Look carefully and you can still see sickles and hammers in the plaster. At the lower side of the square stands the 'Leaning House' (see below), and the Arch Bridge, which has spanned the Emajõgi since 1959. It replaced the much nicer 18th-century Stone Bridge destroyed in 1944. Taking a daring walk over the top of the arch has become a time-honoured student tradition.

Town Hall B-2, Raekoja plats.

The majestic, pink building that lords over Town Hall Square is Tartu's Town Hall, built in 1789 by the town's master builder, Rostock-born Johann Heinrich Bartholomäus Walter. It's actually the third town hall to have stood on this spot – the previous two were destroyed by fire. This incarnation mixes early classicism with touches of baroque and rococo. In its day, the cellar and the ground floor on the left side housed a prison, while the right side was a weigh house. Rooms for the Town Council were on the upper floors, and continuing the tradition, the building serves as the city's administrative centre even today. The Town Hall's 18-bell carillon sounds every day at 12:00, 18:00 and 21:00.



Leaning House C-2, Raekoja plats 18.

Estonia's answer to the Leaning Tower of Pisa is the so-called 'Leaning House' at the northeast corner of Town Hall Square. Builders in the 1790s unwisely set part of its foundation on the old city wall and another part on wooden piles. The latter eventually sank, giving the house a noticeable lean. It was in danger of falling over until Polish engineers managed to shore it up during the Soviet period. You can see the inside of the house by visiting the Tartu Art Museum (see 'Culture').

St. John's Church (Jaani Kirik) B-1, Jaani 5, tel. (+372) 744 22 29, tartu.jaani@eelk.ee, www.jaani.kirik.ee.

This magnificent, 14th-century edifice is not only Tartu's oldest surviving church, it's also a treasure trove of medieval sculpture. Its most famous feature is the approximately 1'000 terracotta figures that inhabit the church, both inside and out, remnants of 2'000 that it's thought to have had in the middle-ages. The church was wrecked in World War II and stood derelict for nearly a half-century. After 16 years of renovation, it was finally reconsecrated and opened to the public on June 29, 2005. The tower's viewing platform is open to the public during the church's regular opening hours, closed for concert or service time only. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00. Closed Sun. From June to August open 10:00 - 19:00, closed Sun. Sunday service at 11:00. Admission to tower €1.60.



Tartu University Main Building B-2, Ülikooli 18, tel. (+372) 737 53 84, kunstimuseum@ut.ee, www.ut.ee/artmuseum.

Built in 1809 for the Tartu University's reopening, this grand, neo-classical structure is the symbol of Estonia's biggest brainfactory. The building holds three main attractions for visitors: Estonia's oldest museum the **University Art Museum**, which displays a collection of classical sculptures, as well as a creepy mummy from the 2nd millennium BC. Sadly, nearly all the sculptures here are plaster copies, as the originals were taken to Russia during World War II. At the museum, get separate tickets to see the fabulously decorated **Assembly Hall (Aula)**, and the building's most interesting feature, the **Student Lock-up**. The only one of five such lock-ups that survived a fire in 1965, this is an attic room where, in the 19th Century, students were incarcerated for minor offences. The punishment for returning a library book late was 2 days. Insulting a cloakroom attendant would get you 5 days, and duelling, 3 weeks. Cartoons and graffiti the students scribbled still cover the walls. You can experience a complete **virtual tour** of the university by logging on to www.ut.ee/virtualtour. ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Sat, Sun. Admission to Art Museum €1, Student Lock-up €1, assembly hall €1. @



Toome Hill

Rising above Old Town, the quiet, leafy Toome Hill (Toomemägi) is an archeologist's dream. Tartu's original settlement, Tarbatu, was established here in 600AD, and if you trace the hill's outline on a map, you can still see the shape of fortifications built here in the 17th and 18th centuries. Nowadays the hill is home to some of the town's most fascinating historic sights. More than that though, it's a peaceful place to stroll, look out over the town, and ponder what makes this the 'city of good thoughts'.

Cathedral ruins B-2, Lossi 25, tel. (+372) 737 56 77, www.alajoomuseum.ut.ee.

The massive, red-brick structure at the northwest tip of the hill is the remains of the Dome Cathedral, which dates to the late 13th Century when Tartu was a bishopric. It was heavily damaged during the Livonian War and finally finished off by fire in 1624. In 1804, with the reopening of the university, the choir end of the cathedral was rebuilt into a library. Now it houses the University History Museum (see Museums). For a €1.60 fee paid in the museum, visitors can climb the renovated towers. Open 10:00 - 19:00 all summer, in May and September 11:00 - 17:00 and in October and November from Sat to Sun 11:00 - 17:00.





Old Observatory (Tähetorn) B-2, Lossi 40, tel. (+372) 737 69 32/(+372) 737 56 77, tahetorn@ut.ee, www.ajaloomuseum.ut.ee.

This grand, yellow building was the university's original observatory, founded in 1810. It's most famous director, F. G. W. Struve (in charge 1820 - 1839) installed what was then the most powerful telescope in the world. A shiny plaque in front honours Struve's Geodetic Arc, a string of survey triangulations

stretching 2,820km from Norway to the Black Sea, that is now on UNESCO's Cultural Heritage List. The Observatory houses a fairly new museum (see Specialty museums) and features planetarium shows and star-gazing, depending on the weather - inquire inside. Perhaps also the world's only observatory physically located over a pub ... said pub also being the 'world's tallest'. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon. Admission €2.60. Planetarium admission €2.

Sacrificial stone and Kissing Hill

Pre-Christian Estonians used to worship their pagan gods at the Sacrificial Stone, a large boulder on the north side of the cathedral. This is one of about 400 sacrificial stones scattered around the country where (typically bloodless) sacrifices were made. And the sacrifices continue - nowadays, as a cathartic way to end the academic year, students burn their lecture notes here after exams. Behind the stone is the romantic Kissing Hill, where newlywed couples are supposed to carry their (hopefully thin) brides. The padlocks you see clamped to the rails at the top are part of a Russian newlywed tradition, the locks symbolising the bonds of matrimony.



Angel's Bridge (Inglisild) Toome Hill's larger bridge is the yellow and white, classical style Angel's Bridge, which stretches over Lossi tänav. It was built in 1838, and dedicated to the university's first rector (post-reopening), G. F. Parrot. The

name is thought to come from a linguistic twist - part of the hill is landscaped like an English garden and the words 'English' (Inglise) and 'Angel' (Ingel) are nearly the same in Estonian. Locals like to hold their breath when crossing it and make a wish.

Devil's Bridge (Kudaridild)

Visible from Angel's Bridge, the darker, stone Devil's bridge is newer, built in 1913 to honor the 300th anniversary of Romanov rule in Russia. Like the Angel's bridge, its name might also come from a play on words - the bridge was built under the supervision of a professor Mannteuffel, whose name in German translates to 'man-devil'.



Old Anatomical Theatre B-2, Lossi 38, tel. (+372) 737 5674, (+372) 737 5420/(+372) 737 56 77, www.ajaloomuseum.ut.ee, ut.ee/771531.

The Old Anatomical Theatre is an impressive piece of neo-classical architecture. It was built by architect J. W. Krause in 1803-05, and was used as an anatomical theatre until 1999. Currently under renovation until 2013 - it will house an anatomical and health museum and will probably be a lot less creepy than it was.



Toome Hill monuments

Toome hill is sprinkled with memorials to the university's best and brightest; most are clustered on the north side of the cathedral ruins. Starting from the cathedral, the first is **Kristjan Jaak Peterson** (1801 - 1822), a poet and philosopher. He carries a walking stick to remind us of his habit of travelling to the university from his home in Riga by foot. Next is national activist **Willem Reiman** (1861 - 1917). A bit further, near the edge of the hill is a relatively plain monument to **Johann Carl Simon Morgenstern** (1770 - 1852), a philologist who founded the university's library. The most prominent monument, surrounded by its own fence and garden patch, is to **Karl Ernst von Baer** (1792 - 1876). Probably the most famous of the university's minds, he founded modern embryology. Last but certainly not least, we find the newest monument, dedicated to **Johan Skytte** (1577 - 1645). Unveiled in 2007 by Queen Silvia of Sweden, this striking and modern monument honours the Swede responsible for bringing the university to Tartu.



Wilde & Wilde



One of Tartu's favourite landmarks is this statue bench that depicts an imaginary meeting between Irish writer Oscar Wilde and Estonian writer Eduard Wilde (pronounced *vil-de*) that stands in front of the Wilde Restaurant and Café at Vallikraavi 4 (B-2). An exact copy of the statue now sits on a popular pedestrian area in downtown Galway, Ireland, a gift from Estonia in 2004.



Guided tours

If you're interested in tours of Tartu, you can check out any of the operators we have listed here. The Tartu Guide's association provides a list of guides and the various languages they offer tours in. Alternately you can give Beneficium a call or for a small €1.50 fee you can pay a visit to the Tourist Information Centre at Town Hall Square (see p.6) and they'll set you up with other certified guides, provided you give them a reasonable amount of advance warning. The guides typically charge between €16 - 22/ hr. Allow at least one and a half hours, preferably more, to see the main points in town.

Beneficium tel. (+372) 53 60 38 10/(+372) 734 39 50, ellina.aro@beneficium.ee, www.beneficium.ee. Mainly a guide organiser, the very experienced people at Beneficium can arrange for guided tours, in English, Finnish, German, Greek and if need be, Swedish (with some exceptions during summer). Ten different areas of southern Estonia can be covered and they can even provide minivan transport. Prices and tours according to your needs and amount of people in your group.

Elamusturism tel. (+372) 53 46 00 78, triinu.akkermann@gmail.com. This active company has got a great walking tour of Tartu designed with the whole family in mind. The informative hour-long tour focuses on stories, basic facts, famous buildings and people. The tour runs throughout the year. Groups of up to 30 can go for €20 - 30.

Quality Tourism tel. (+372) 56 57 76 09, tellimused@qualitytourism.ee, www.qualitytourism.ee. Brought to you by the experienced folks over at Beneficium, Quality runs tours mostly around Tartu including adventures to Setumaa, Mulgimaa, Lake Peipsi, various nature tours and a Soviet Era Estonia tour. In Tartu itself they've developed a great little excursion called 'The Manors of Tartu'. Concert tours, tours involving traditional cuisine dinners and in-depth lectures can also be arranged. See website for prices and further details.

South-Estonia DMC C-3, Kalevi 13, tel. (+372) 56 48 00 65, info@south-estonia.com, www.south-estonia.com. The South-Estonia Destination Management Company organises a plethora of creative tours, activities and happenings. During the warmer months they run the 'Café Tour' and the 'Intelligent Pub Tour'. See website for details and prices.

Tartu Guide's Association B-2, Raekoda (Town Hall), tel. (+372) 56 49 42 38, orekhova.irina@gmail.com, www.tartuglid.ee. The Tartu guide association can provide personalised tours in 11 languages, just not all at the same time because that would be confusing. Tours can be arranged through the Tourist Information Centre and should be booked in advance. Prices also vary depending on how many people are in your group, the length of the tour etc. ► ☎

Karlova District & Manor



The Karlova district, just south of the town centre, is unique in Europe for its large number of early-20th-century Art Nouveau wooden houses. The district was once an estate governed from the beautiful 18th-century

Karlova Manor House, which stands on the corner of Salme and Eha. The manor is closed to the public but interested parties can contact tel. 53 60 38 10 for details.

Crafty guild

St. Anthony's Guild B-1, Lutsu 5, tel. (+372) 742 38 23/(+372) 58 58 82 45, antonius@antonius.ee, www.antonius.ee. If you want to get a first-hand look at how leather goods, pottery, stained glass, printed textile, quilts and other crafts are traditionally made, the newly renovated St. Anthony's Guild (Antoniuse Gild) in Old Town should be your first stop. Members of the guild, a collective of artisans and craftsmen working in disciplines ranging from pottery to doll-making, demonstrate their skills to the public in their workshops. Visitors are encouraged to wander the halls of their guild, drop into any open door and chat with the artist at work. In summer the guild's courtyard acts as a picnic area and often comes alive with special festival events, as well as concerts and performances. ► Open 12:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon, Sat, Sun. ☎ ☎



Uspensky Orthodox Church (see below).

Churches

Find Tartu's most famous church, the St. John's Church, listed in the 'Old Town' category. Here are some of the city's other notable churches:

Church of St. George the Conqueror F-2, Narva mnt. 103, tel. (+372) 733 32 60, www.orthodox.ee. A testament to the exotic beauty of Russian Orthodox architecture, this picturesque, pink church just east of the river was originally built in 1870, then re-consecrated in 1945 after post-war restoration. Try to get a peek inside at the elaborate iconostas. ▶ Services every Sat 09:00 and 18:00, Sun 10:00.

Church of the Virgin Mary A-1, Veski 1a, tel. (+372) 742 27 35/(+372) 554 11 62, fax (+372) 742 18 41, www.neltsimaarja.ee. Its full name is actually the Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but rather than pondering that long label, we suggest coming here for a close-up look at this charming example of late-19th-century, neo-historicist architecture. The church was built in 1899 by architect Wilhelm Schilling, and features a vaulted interior with stained glass windows. The altar painting 'Virgin Mary with Jesus' dates to 1905.

St. Paul's Church (Pauluse Kirik) F-3, Riia 27, tel. (+372) 742 02 58, tartu.pauluse@eelk.ee, www.eelk.ee/tartu.pauluse. Look for this towering church topped with its distinctively square, copper spire along Riia, just out of the centre. If the style here looks a bit different from the town's other brick churches, there's good reason - it was built by Finnish architect Eliel Saarinen in 1917. Despite some post-World War II repairs yet to be made, St. Paul's is worth a visit for a peek at its bright, Art Nouveau interior. ▶ Services in Estonian Sunday 10:00.

St. Peter's Church (Peetri Kirik) F-2, Narva mnt. 104, tel. (+372) 733 32 61, tartu.peetri@eelk.ee, www.eelk.ee/tartu.peetri. Rivalling St. John's Church as Tartu's most imposing and impressive, St. Peter's is a red-bricked, pseudo-Gothic gem that's definitely worth the short trip over the river to see. It was built in 1884, and features a vast nave wrapped in two levels of galleries, allowing it to seat up to 3'000 people. The large altar painting was created by Estonia's seminal artist, Johann Köler, in 1897. ▶ Services in Estonian on Sundays at 10:00.

Uspensky Orthodox Church B-1, Magasini 1, tel. (+372) 744 20 61/(+372) 528 71 82, www.eoc.ee. Built in 1783 on the former site of the Dominican cloister of St. Mary - Magdalena, which was founded sometime before 1300, this striking albeit faded Orthodox church is a fine example of early Russian classical architecture. The interior design is fairly modest when compared to other Orthodox worship houses of this size, but it's still certainly worth checking out. ▶ Services in Russian every Saturday at 17:00 and Sundays at 10:00.

History museums

19th-Century Tartu Citizen's Home B-1, Jaani 16, tel. (+372) 736 15 45/(+372) 55 64 20 66, linnakodanik@katarina.ee, linnamuseum.tartu.ee. Providing a fascinating glimpse of what Tartu life was like in the early 19th Century, this re-created middle-class dwelling from 1830s is comprised of a number of rooms, and decorated with the Biedermeier furniture that was popular in that era. Detailed explanations in English offer a good understanding of the exhibition. ▶ Open 11:00 - 17:00, Sun 11:00 - 15:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission €1. Foreign language tour €8.

Estonian National Museum (Eesti Rahva Muuseum) A-3, Kuperjanovi 9, tel. (+372) 735 04 45/(+372) 735 04 00, erm@erm.ee, www.erm.ee. Various aspects of the Estonian nation and its history are explored in this good-sized museum. The permanent exhibition centres on traditional Estonian folk culture - here you'll find folk costumes, extremely well-made displays on peasant life. Temporary exhibitions might encompass anything from furniture to photography. ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon. Admission €2. Foreign language guide, €30, should be booked in advance.

Tartu City Museum C-1, Narva mnt. 23, tel. (+372) 746 19 11, info@katarina.ee, linnamuseum.tartu.ee. The best overview of Tartu's history can be found at the City Museum, housed in a beautiful, 18th-century mansion just across the river from Old Town. The collection here isn't terribly extensive, but all the major periods are covered. Don't miss the computer-generated video that shows what medieval Tartu would have looked like. ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon, Sun. Admission €2. Foreign language tour €10.

University of Tartu History Museum B-2, Lossi 25, tel. (+372) 737 56 77, ajaloomuseum@ut.ee, www.ajaloomuseum.ut.ee. Part of the Dome Cathedral is now a museum chronicling the history of Tartu University from its founding in 1632 to the present time. Everything from old lab equipment to student life is presented in this large exhibit, which covers a number of floors. The beautiful old library is especially intriguing. Start at the top and work your way down. ▶ Open 11:00 - 17:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission €1.60. ☒



View of the Town Hall clock tower from Toome Hill.

Something different

A. Le Coq Beer Museum F-2, Laulupeo 15, tel. (+372) 744 97 11, info@alecoq.ee, www.alecoq.ee/meietegemised/ollemuseum. Mmmm... beer. On the A. Le Coq brewery tour you'll get a glimpse into the mostly automated process by which the company cranks out 65 million litres of beer every year. Most of the tour is spent in the extensive beer museum, set in the old malt drying tower that was still in operation until 1997. The exhibit starts with the beer-making culture of the ancient Sumerians and moves on to show equipment used in this factory since it started up in 1879. Yes, you *do* get a sample at the end! Tours for individuals are held Thurs. at 14:00 and Sat. at 10:00, 12:00 and 14:00. Groups can come at other times, but should phone ahead regardless. ▶ Admission €3. Group bookings must be made in advance (Mon-Fri) and can be scheduled for various time slots on Wed-Sat of each week.

Foucault's Pendulum C-3, Tähe 4, tel. (+372) 737 46 02. In case you're a physics nut, or you're just worried that the Earth has stopped spinning, you can pre-arrange to have the university's physics department demonstrate their swinging pendulum. It rotates about 10 degrees per hour, provided of course that all is right with the world. Excursions take place on Tuesdays and Fridays between 10:00 - 14:00, but you'll need to book in advance.

KGB Cells Museum (KGB Kongid) B-3, Riia 15b, tel. (+372) 746 17 17/(+372) 746 19 14, kgb@katarina.ee, linnamuseum.tartu.ee. As if you needed more reason to dislike the KGB... The KGB Cells Museum is housed in Tartu's infamous 'Grey House' which was the regional KGB headquarters in the 1940s and 50s. Apart from the lock-ups themselves, the museum has extensive exhibits here on deportations, life in the gulags and Estonian resistance movements. To make the experience complete, across the street at the Kotka Kelder you can even order an authentic 'prisoner meal', for €3.20. ▶ Open 11:00 - 16:00. Closed Mon, Sun. Admission €2. Foreign language tour €8.

Tartu University Botanical Gardens (Tartu Ülikooli Botaanikaääd) B-1, Lai 38, tel. (+372) 737 61 80, botaed@ut.ee, www.ut.ee/botaed. The university's Botanic Garden isn't just about studying and classifying plant species. It's also a peaceful place where visitors can stop and smell the roses - quite literally. You can escape the northern climate in the steamy, jungle-like palm house, which has its own fish pond and tropical birds. The Gardens hold 6'500 plant species from all climatic zones of the world, making it the most species-dense area in the entire Estonia. Be sure to check out both of the greenhouses.

Literary/Cultural figures

Estonian Literary Museum (Eesti Kirjandusmuuseum) B-3, Vanemuise 42, tel. (+372) 737 77 00, kirmus@kirmus.ee, www.kirmus.ee. True Estonian literary buffs might want to see the museum's changing exhibitions on Estonian literary figures, but others should skip the displays and head straight to the archive library. Here there's a magnificent ceiling, created in 1896, that will have you staring for hours. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00, Fri 09:00 - 16:30. Closed Sat, Sun. Admission free.

K.E. von Baer Museum A-2, Veski 4, tel. (+372) 742 15 14, baer@emu.ee, baer.emu.ee. One of Tartu's better known heroes is professor Karl Ernst von Baer (1792 - 1876) a founder of modern embryology. You can find his portrait on the old 2kr note (mostly only in museums and Estonian's sock drawers these days). His former office/library is on display in this two-room museum. Explanations in English and German. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun. Admission free.

Oskar Luts House Museum F-3, Riia 38, tel. (+372) 746 10 30, livi@oluts.tartu.ee, linnamuseum.tartu.ee. Often referred to as the 'Estonian Dickens', Oskar Luts (1887 - 1953) wrote touching stories that continue to be near and dear to the hearts of all Estonians. His most famous novel *Kevade* (Spring), published in 1912, has been adapted into plays, ballets and even a well-known film. Set in the house Luts lived in for the last years of his life, this museum displays an extensive exhibition on his life and works, and includes a his quaint old sitting room, preserved for posterity. ▶ Open 11:00 - 17:00. Closed Mon, Tue, Sun. Admission €1. Foreign language tour €8.

▶ Open 07:00 - 21:00. Greenhouses open 10:00 - 17:00. Admission to greenhouses €2. English-language tour available, see website for pricing.

Võit Factory Museum F-1, Kalmistu 21/23, tel. (+372) 56 60 19 81. What's now the Tartu Metal Factory was in Soviet times the *Võit* (Victory) Metal Factory that produced farm machinery used all over the USSR and beyond. This somewhat dusty museum chronicles the factory's 120-year history. The more interesting parts are the odd 1980s-era posters advertising the machines, and the office artefacts from the same time period. To see the museum, you have to make arrangements in advance and speak Estonian or Russian. ▶ Admission free.



BEER MUSEUM

Laulupeo pst. 15 Tartu
Ph +372 7 449 711 (Mon-Fri)
info@alecoq.ee
www.alecoq.ee

Guided tours for individual visitors without previous registration
Thu 14.00, Sat 10.00, 12.00 and 14.00.
For groups Wed, Fri, Sat – prior registration required.

Ahoy matey!



Hansalodi F-2, Ujula 98, tel. (+372) 551 83 86/(+372) 742 02 20, info@lodi.ee, www.lodi.ee. In Hanseatic times, Tartu was the place merchants would reload their cargo onto river barges for the trip eastward into Russia. These barges, called Hansalodi, had a very specific design based on Dutch technology, and were still a common sight on the Emajõgi at the beginning of the 20th century.

In 2005 a group of enthusiasts began recreating one of these boats, and in spring 2006 they finally moved their project to the river. The society has finished work on an exact replica of Viking ship, which can be seen at their shipyard on Ujula Street. For information on tours and lodi-related activities, be sure to check out the official website.



Pegasus C-2, Narva mnt. 2, tel. (+372) 53 08 64 64, tar-tusadam@transcom.ee, www.transcom.ee/99est.html. If you have a thing for boats or just want to

see Tartu and the surrounding areas with the waves under your feet, the Pegasus will whisk you away for a one hour cruise up the Emajõgi River. Tickets cost €6, but you can also rent the boat for private functions. See website for full pricing information, schedules and any changes to boat launching point. ▶ In May and September Tue - Fri 15:00; Sat - Sun 13:00, 15:00. From June to July Tue - Thu 13:00, 15:00; Fri - Sun 13:00, 15:00, 17:00.

Speciality museums

Estonian Sports Museum B-2, Rüttil 15, tel. (+372) 730 07 50, info@spordimuseum.ee, www.spordimuseum.ee. Anything and everything to do with Estonia's sporting history is on display in this modern museum. Here you'll see photos of early 20th-century bodybuilders, ancient wooden skis and hundreds of medals and awards. Don't miss out on the interactive tug-of-war, upstairs. Website in Estonian only. ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission €2.30. [G]

Museum of the Estonian National Defense College B-3, Riia 12, tel. (+372) 717 61 61, museum@ksk.edu.ee, www.ksk.edu.ee. The Defense College's military museum is chiefly meant for educating cadets, but interested parties can phone ahead, or drop by reception to ask of the curator is around. The small museum has a collection of medals, patches and uniforms, as well as some rifles and the all-important Maksim heavy machine gun that was decisive in so many battles. Book in advance. ▶ Open 08:30 - 16:30, Fri 08:30 - 15:30. Closed Sat, Sun. Admission free.

Old Observatory (Tähetorn) B-2, Lossi 40, tel. (+372) 737 69 32/(+372) 737 56 77, tahetorn@ut.ee, www.ajaloomuseum.ut.ee. Opened in 2011, this branch of the Tartu University History Museum takes visitors through the observatory's history from the early-19th-century days of its pioneering director F.G. W. Struve right up until the time of the Soviet space program. Here visitors can check out antique stargazing devices, turn the rotating dome roof and climb

outside for city views. Old-school planetary shows done on a mechanical projector will help you keep your zodiac signs straight - call ahead for the schedule. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon. Admission €2.60. Planetarium admission €2.

Paper and Print Museums F-3, Kastani 38, tel. (+372) 55 57 25 00, anne@paberimuseum.ee, www.paberimuseum.ee. Two museums in one house, the Paper Museum and Print Museum are in fact operating workshops where visitors can get in touch with these unique forms of art. A huge variety of old-fashioned printing, cutting and binding equipment takes up the downstairs hall, and the funky notebooks, cards and posters produced here are on sale. Upstairs, you'll learn that paper isn't just a two-dimensional medium. Amazing paper sculptures line the walls and shelves. Both museums are free, so be sure to sign the guestbooks so they can stay that way! ▶ Open , Fri, Sat, Sun 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu. Print Museum tel: (+372) 511 86 19, www.trykimuseum.ee, lemmi@trykimuseum.ee.

Postal Museum B-2, Rüttil 15, tel. (+372) 731 14 50/(+372) 730 07 74, muuseum@tartu.post.ee, www.erm.ee. This building at Rüttil 15 served as a post office for more than 200 years. Now it's home to both the Sports Museum and the Post Museum. The latter includes recreated post offices from Soviet era and Estonia's first period of independence, old teletype machines, and more stamps than you could ever lick. Send a postcard from here and it gets a special postmark, unique to the museum. ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission free.

Song Festival Museum D-1, Jaama 14, tel. (+372) 746 10 20, laulupeomuseum@katarina.ee, linnamuuseum.tartu.ee. Located in the wonderfully restored nineteenth-century Vanemuine society house, this recently opened museum exhibits and showcases the history and ideas behind Estonia's most powerful display of national identity - The Song Festival. The heart and soul of the collection here is an exhibit entitled "The Power of Song", which sheds light on the background of the famous Singing Revolution of 1988 that ultimately led Estonia to regain its independence. ▶ Open 12:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon, Sun. Admission €2. Foreign language tour €8.

Tartu Toy Museum (Mänguasjamuseum) B-1, Lutsu 8, tel. (+372) 746 17 77, muuseum@mm.ee, www.mm.ee. With more toys than even the most shamefully spoiled of children could possibly imagine, this museum could easily keep most youngsters, and probably more than a few adults, wide-eyed for hours. Here you'll see everything from antique paper pop-ups and a 130-year old doll to an elaborate electric train set that will move if you drop in a coin. Upstairs is a free playroom for kids. Your ticket includes entry to the neighbouring Theatre House (see review under Interactive section), which displays puppets and archeology in its low cellar. Tall visitors are supplied with hard hats. ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Play room open 11:00 - 16:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission €4, €0.30 - 3 for children. [G]

University of Tartu Natural History Museum B-3, Vanemuise 46, tel. (+372) 737 60 76, looduseum@ut.ee, natmuseum.ut.ee. This museum houses both geology and zoology exhibitions, but if you think this is just another collection of bones and rocks, you're wrong. Though there is a nice collection of minerals in the corridor, most of the display is taken up by hundreds of fossils - mainly small marine animals, but also primates and a few mammoth bits from Siberia. If the fossils don't make your worms dance, check out the zoology side's creepy exhibit of the rat king, 13 rats who managed to survive with their tails knotted together. ▶ Open 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission €1.70.

Biking

Jalgratas shop F-2, Lauupeo pst. 19, tel. (+372) 742 17 31, virgo.usin@mail.ee. Tartu's small size makes it a perfect place to explore using your own pedal-power. Here you can rent bikes for a 24hr period. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 14:00. Closed Sun. €15/24hrs.

Tandem Bikes E-3, Kulli 8 - 5, tel. (+372) 53 54 09 90, helle8@hotmail.ee. Tandem - as in two people on one bike - is the speciality of this rental service. They'll even deliver to your hotel or guesthouse. ▶ €18/day.

Family fun

Theatre House (Teatri Kodu) B-2, Lutsu 2, tel. (+372) 746 10 60/(+372) 746 10 61, teatrikodu@teatrikodu.ee, www.teatrikodu.ee. The Theatre House is actually a theatre inspired by the Tartu Toy Museum (see listing under Sightseeing Specialty museums) and is equally intriguing and loads of fun for the whole family. It's here that you can see puppet shows, perform your own puppet shows, create your own puppets and discover the exciting behind-the-scenes life of a theatre from backstage. Guests of the house are also beckoned to check out the hidden room, which dates from the 14th-century and was discovered during the renovations of the theatre house. Inside there are some fantastic ancient items including a cannonball, ancient tools and as of yet unidentified items. ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission €4, €0.30 - 3 for children (includes Tartu Toy Museum). @

Sporty fun

NEW
FunBowling F-3, Võru 55F, tel. (+372) 740 41 11, www.funbowling.ee. The extrafun at this active bowling centre comes at night when they turn on the groovy, neon light system. Two pool tables. ▶ Open 14:00 - 23:00, Thu 14:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 24:00, Sun 12:00 - 23:00. 10 lanes, €10.80 - 16.20/hr.

Lõunakeskus Ice Skating Rink E-4, Ringtee 75, tel. (+372) 731 56 16, info@luuvali.ee, www.lounakeskus.com. Tartu's indoor ice rink is inside the town's biggest shop-

ping mall. The kids skate, the parents shop, everyone wins. A 45-minute session is €2 - 2.60 for kids under 14, and €2.70 - 3.80 for adults. Skate rental €1.40 - 2. Call ahead to make sure ice time is available. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00.

Megazone C-2, Turu 2 (Tasku Centre), tel. (+372) 731 21 07/(+372) 502 52 93, tartu@megazone.ee, www.megazone.ee. This underground fun zone in the basement of the Tasku Centre is where groups of kids (or adults) sneak around in the dark and shoot their friends with lasers. It's a safe and innocent way to work off aggression unless, of course, you poke someone in the eye. Pizza also available. ▶ Open 14:00 - 21:00, Sat, Sun 11:00 - 21:00. €4 - 5/game. @ @

Tähtvere Leisure Park E-2, Lauupeo pst. 25, tel. (+372) 742 24 09, arena@arena.ee, www.arena.ee. If you are staying in Tartu for more than a couple of days and have seen everything there is to see, or you just have a daily need to burn off more calories than you take in - Tähtvere Leisure Park can certainly help you. There's an 850m asphalt track for roller-blading and roller-skiing a wood-chip track for running and Nordic walking. They also the largest skateboard/BMX park in the Baltics. There are many activities and a park for the kids as well. ▶ @

Tamme Stadium F-3, Tamme pst. 1, tel. (+372) 746 10 62/(+372) 516 49 12, tammestaadion@tartusport.ee, www.tartusport.ee. As the weather can be quite unpredictable in Estonia, this newly renovated indoor and outdoor centre offers an artificial grass field with a large grand-stand, a huge gym, a wrestling hall, tennis courts, three outdoor basketball courts, a 1km track for running and a 600m cycling circuit. We're already tired just thinking about all the activities. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 21:00.

Tartu Shooting Range F-3, Riia 26, tel. (+372) 56 46 21 82/(+372) 502 94 11, virge@laskmine.ee, www.laskmine.ee. Serious about guns and ammo? This professional shooting range will provide instruction and let you try out those weapons you've seen so many times on the silver screen. Book a day in advance. ▶ Open 12:00 - 20:00. Closed Sun.

Make a splash



Aura Keskus D-3, Turu 10, tel. (+372) 730 02 80, info@aurakeskus.ee, www.aurakeskus.ee. Located right in the centre of town, Tartu's indoor water park features two large tube slides, 4 smaller water-slides, waterfalls, Jacuzzis, fountains and a number of pools, including a 25 x 50m competition-sized pool and a 25 x 8m beginners' pool. The ticket is good all day, so stay as long as you like, or until your fingers get all wrinkly. There's also Finnish, steam and aroma saunas for all those who want to sweat it out, and, thankfully separated, a café for winding down. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00, Sat, Sun 09:00 - 22:00. Swimming pool open 06:30 - 22:00, Sat, Sun 09:00 - 22:00. **NB! Closed for the month of July.** Admission €5 - 10, includes a 20% discount at the AHHA Science Centre located right next door. Only swimming pool €3 - 5.

AHHHHHH HAAAAA!!!!

AHHA Science Centre D-3, Sadama 1, tel. (+372) 745 67 89/(+372) 515 67 66, ahha@ahha.ee, www.ahha.ee/en/. AHHA! as in, 'Oh, that's how that works!' One of the city's biggest attractions by far,



this vast, super-modern centre invites people of all ages to discover - or rediscover - just how fun science can be. Here you can spend hours trying out the over 80 riveting, often wacky hands-on exhibits. These will have you taking an elevator into the bowels of the earth, biking across a tight-rope and losing yourself in mirror maze. Be sure to check the schedule for the amazing Science Theatre shows where things bubble, smoke and go bang. The cutting-edge planetarium shows (slightly extra) are also well worth checking out. ▶ Open 10:00 - 19:00, Fri, Sat 10:00 - 20:00. Admission: adults €12, kids over 6 years of age €9, family ticket €26. Group rate is €8 a person - upon prior arrangement. Ticket price includes a 20% discount at the Aura Keskus water park located right next door. @ @ @

Tartu is certainly a fun and fascinating city, but it's also the centre of Tartu County and a launching point for travel to other parts of Southern Estonia. There are quite a few interesting things to do in this part of the country. Here are some things you might want to check out if you have a bit of time to spare and your own set of wheels ...and if what you read here inspires you to rent a car, you'll find a couple options for doing that listed our 'Getting Around' section. We strongly recommend getting a good map or GPS before you leave the city, as rural road markings sometimes confuse even the locals!

Museums

Estonian Agricultural Museum (Eesti Põllumajandusmuuseum) Pargi 4, Ülenurme, 7km from Tartu along Võru road, tel. (+372) 738 38 10/(+372) 738 38 16, epm@epm.ee, www.epm.ee. Just outside Tartu is this sprawling outdoor museum, set up on the grounds of what was the Ülenurme manor house. The museum explores every aspect of Estonian agriculture, from the old days of hand plows to modern horticulture. It's spread out over a number of buildings on the manor site. When you get to reception in the main building, ask for the map in English. This will guide you around the various exhibition buildings, where you can see antique carriages and harnesses, a working blacksmith shop, flax-making equipment and even a re-created poultry shed with stuffed birds and recorded chirping. The most interesting part of the museum has to be the extensive collection of old farm machinery (tractors and such) lined up in rows in the courtyard. These include everything from the American-manufactured International built in 1919 to Soviet tractors from the 1950s. If it's not crowded, you may also have to ask them to go and unlock some of the exhibition houses. **Getting there:** Take bus no 37 next to Tartu Kaubamaja (see Shopping section for details) to Ülenurme keskus stop (about a 15-minute ride). ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00, Thu 12:00 - 20:00. Closed Mon. Admission €3.50.

Hit the road



Estonian Road Museum (Eesti Maanteemuuseum) Varbuse, Kanepi district, tel. (+372) 797 07 90/(+372) 799 30 57, maanteemuuseum@mnt.ee,

muuseum.mnt.ee. The history of Estonian roads, and the many vehicles that have travelled them, is the focus of this fascinating museum in Põlva County. It's one-of-a-kind, outdoor exhibition, Teeaeg (Road Time), will let you stroll through the centuries, catching a glimpse of vehicles of both the past and future. Loads of special events are planned for summer, including those for kids. See the website for details. **From May 1:** Laadawärk (Fair Things) - a view of fair life from centuries ago and Soviet times. ▶ Open 11:00 - 15:00. Closed Mon, Sun. In May and September open 11:00 - 18:00, closed Mon. From June - August open 10:00 - 20:00, closed Mon. Admission €4.

Luke Manor and Park



Luke Manor and Park Luke, Nõo parish, tel. (+372) 508 83 59/(+372) 55 68 90 96, info@lukemois.ee, www.lukemois.ee. Located in the Nõo district at Luke, the manor, dating back to 1557, has seen its share of history, from the

extraordinary to the horrific. The manor's main buildings were destroyed during the Second World War, however there are still a few renovated structures on display such as the gardener's house, the pond with a series of cascades, and a small pavilion. While at the manor you'll certainly want to roam the magnificent Napoleonic style park, which was reconstructed at the end of the 19th century. The park features a steep terrace, which is divided into upper and lower sections via a staircase, flanked by fierce looking concrete lions...grrrr. ▶ Opening hours for Gardener's House Visitors' Centre: From June to August 11:00 - 18:00; Fri, Sat 11:00 - 20:00. Closed Mon - Tue. In May and September 12:00 - 18:00; Fri, Sat 12:00 - 20:00. Closed Mon - Wed. Grounds and park

Estonian Aviation Museum (Eesti lennundusmuuseum) Veskiorg, Lange, Haaslava parish, tel. (+372) 502 67 12, info@lennundusmuuseum.ee, www.lennundusmuuseum.ee. When you come upon this museum, about 16km from Tartu, you might get the feeling that some guy has parked a MiG in his backyard. On closer inspection you'll see that the museum is actually more sophisticated than that. The inside of the exhibition house is filled with glass cases containing more than 200 model aircraft, fighters and bombers of every type and manufacture from around the world. It's the outside that most people will be interested in however. Here there are two helicopters and many fighter jets, including a MiG-21MF and a JA Viggen 37. Visitors can climb ladders to peek into the cockpits. Don't expect the staff to speak much in the way of English, but the exhibits speak for themselves. **Getting there:** Take Võru street towards Ülenurme, turn left at the Haaslava/Kurepalu/Roiu signs, after 5 km turn right at the Aviation Museum sign, drive straight for another 6 km and you're set. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00. Operates May - Nov, weather permitting, and from Nov - April only by pre-arranged appointment. Admission €5.

Tartu Observatory Tõravere, Nõo district, tel. (+372) 741 02 61/(+372) 741 04 43, mare@aai.ee, www.aai.ee/stellar/?src=stel. Re-opening in August after renovations, this observatory about 10 - 15 minutes out of town picked up where the old Tartu observatory left off back in the 1950s. It consists of a number of telescopes and the 1.5m reflector is the largest in Northern Europe. You can always stop by to have a look at the buildings on the vast grounds, but tours (about 1.5 hours) must be booked in advance. **Getting there:** Take a bus to Tõravere from the bus station (see Getting Around section for details). ▶ Open only after 17:00 in August. Admission €2.



Nature reserves and trails

Alam-Pedja Nature Reserve Tooma village, Jõgeva parish, tel. (+372) 676 79 99/(+372) 53 05 97 56, emajoe-suursoo.looduskeskus@rmk.ee, www.rmk.ee/teemad/looduses-liikujale/kaitsealad/alam-pedja-looduskaitseala. Located to the northwest of Tartu, the Alam-Pedja Nature Reserve is recognized as a wetland of international importance and is the second largest reserve in Estonia. The relatively untouched nature here provides a home for many protected and rare species of flora and fauna.

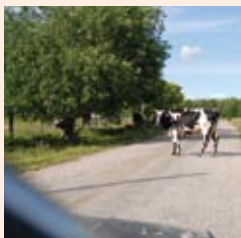
Elva Holiday Area (Vapramäe-Vellavere-Vitpalu hiking trails) Elva, tel. (+372) 525 41 72/(+372) 508 83 59, sihtasutus@vvvs.ee, www.vvvs.ee. This is a wild and primitive area covered in primeval forests that are characteristic of the South Estonian landscape. While hiking through the areas wilderness it's even possible to tread upon ground, which has not been touched for nearly a millennia. There are also some ancient villages here such as the 1,000-year-old Vellavere community, where you might want to check out the traditional village swing. See website for special events and tours.

Emajõe Suursoo Nature Reserve Centre Kavastu village, Luunja parish, tel. (+372) 53 05 09 99/(+372) 676 79 99, emajoe-suursoo.looduskeskus@rmk.ee, www.rmk.ee/teemad/looduses-liikujale/kaitsealad/emajoe-suursoo-looduskaitseala/1741. The Emajõe-Suursoo is one of the oldest and, at 200km², the largest of all delta swamps in Estonia. Because of its environmental importance and its rare and endangered species, it was placed under protection in 1981. The visitors' centre is located 25 km from Tartu on the left bank of Emajõe River in the renovated ruins of a 14th century castle. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00.

Ilmatsalu-Kärevere Bird Watching Trail Ilmatsalu, Tähtvere parish, www.visittartu.com/11377. This 5.2km trail that unites Tartu County's most interesting birding areas has been developed for walking, bicycling, horseback riding and as luck would have it - bird watching too. There are a total of five resting places along the trail, which give you the opportunity for making a fire and having a picnic. Over 120 species of birds breed in the area, so make sure to take along your telephoto lens.

Postal road

Postitee www.postitee.ee. For a real journey back in time to the old days when Estonia relied on horses for transport instead of metal boxes with wheels that use horse-power, you might want to consider taking the scenic route of Postitee. Even if your final destination isn't Võru. You'll enjoy the sights and silence of this historic postal route. Along the road you'll find old taverns, stone post offices, manor houses old schools, the Estonian Road Museum and abundant natural sites as well. We've taken the drive and it's well worth it. To get there follow the signs from Tartu that point you toward Võru, you know you are travelling on the right road if you drive through Liiva, Karilatsi, Ihamaru and Puskaru.



Onion road tour



Sibulatee tel. (+372) 53 46 00 78, info@sibulatee.ee, www.sibulatee.ee. Not to be confused with the 'Garlic Road' in Transylvania, travelling down the 'Onion Road' towards Peipsi will leave you smelling equally as fresh. This day-long tour takes you through historic villages, visits several area sights and museums (Liivi,

Kolkja and Alatskivi Castle) and will explain, through taste and smell, just why this area is known as the 'Onion Region' of Estonia. ▶ Leaves from Tartu, lasts about 8 hours and costs €35 per person.

Järvselja Forestry District (Järvselja õppe- ja katsemetsakond) Järvselja, Meeksi parish, tel. (+372) 741 13 34, info@jarvselja.ee, www.jarvselja.ee. Home to some of Estonia's tallest trees, Järvselja is a small village of about 50 inhabitants near Lake Peipsi. The spectacular forests and wetlands of the area are well known both at home and abroad for their unspoiled beauty and richness of wildlife species. Since 1921, the village has also played host to a centre for forestry study and research.

Tamme Outcrop Lake Võrtsjärv, Rannu parish, tel. (+372) 745 41 18, www.rannu.ee/docs/rada.jpg. The Tamme Outcrop hiking trail showcases the old, magnificent red sandstone cliffs, which were formed approximately 380 million years ago also making them an important fossil site. While hiking the trail you'll get a chance to see magnificent views of the lake and if you've eaten your porridge you might even make it all the way to the caves at the base of the cliffs.

Vooremaa Landscape Reserve and Elistvere Animal Park Elistvere, Tabivere parish, tel. (+372) 676 79 99/(+372) 676 70 30, elistvere@rmk.ee, www.rmk.ee/teemad/looduses-liikujale/elistvere-loomapark. Contained within this beautiful nature reserve is one of Estonia's hidden gems in the form of a wildlife sanctuary. The Elistvere Animal Park sanctuary contains animals species native to Estonia, and there is no better place to ensure you catch a glimpse of them than here. From the brown bears to wild boars this is a great place to bring the kids. Besides the sanctuary, you can enjoy the reserve, which is dotted with forests, rolling countryside and numerous lakes. ▶ Animal Park open March - May, September, October 10:00 - 17:00. June - August 10:00 - 20:00. November - February 11:00 - 15:00. Animal Park admission €3.20.

Visitors' centres

Elva Hiking Centre Pargi 2, Elva, tel. (+372) 733 01 32, i-punkt@elva.ee, matkakeskus.elva.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 14:00; 14:30 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00, Sun 10:00 - 15:00.

Võrtsjärve Visitors' Centre Jõeääre road, Verevi, Rannu parish, tel. (+372) 527 56 30, maret@vortsjarv.ee, www.vortsjarv.ee/vortsjarve-kulas-tuskeskus. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sun 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Mon.

Adventure and travel

Jaaniussi Holiday Centre Mehikoorma village, Meeksi parish, tel. (+372) 520 42 01, tarmo@bed.ee, jaaniussi.ee. The 'John Worm' Holiday Centre not only offers accommodation but also loads of activities to help you occupy your time such as boat-rental (weather permitting), fishing equipment, snowmobile rental and they'll even cook you a delicious fish-dish caught from their very own lake. You can rent the whole house for €450/night. ▶   

Karl-Erik Horse Farm Pangodi, Kambja parish, tel. (+372) 510 08 89/(+372) 515 68 46, karin@rahvamatkad.ee, www.rahvamatkad.ee. They offer horseback riding, training and stable facilities. But just in case you've gotten a little sore from all of the riding, oh you know what we mean, they also have some hiking packages available. ▶ 1hr of field riding €13 or 1hr of riding in the woods €15.

Pakker Avio Tõrvandi, Ülenurme parish, tel. (+372) 730 92 20/(+372) 53 03 42 52, piret@pakkeravio.ee, www.pakkeravio.ee. Although not a huge outfit, Pakker offers huge views on their sightseeing flights. The flights take you high above Tartu County aboard a Cessna 172 or Robinson 22 helicopter. ▶ Cessna flight €95 for 12 minutes and the helicopter flight costs €56 for 5 minutes.

Pärna Talu Lammiku village, Tartu parish, tel. (+372) 506 86 90, Hillar.Kald@mail.ee, www.parnatalu.ee. The folks over at the Tori Stud farm in Pärnu County aren't the only ones with famous Tori horses, you can ride them here too. ▶ Riding €15/h.

NEW

Rahinge Extreme Park Rahinge village, Tähtvere parish, tel. (+372) 505 75 27, martin@rahinge.ee, www.rahinge.ee. This place is extreme! And fairly wet. Located '9km from the bus station', the park has a 3-level dry slope where you slide down and land in water, Estonia's best wakeboard facilities, two trampolines, a beach soccer/volleyball site, a great swimming beach and an amusement centre. Keep an eye on the calendar for extreme events throughout the summer.

SK Elevus - ATV sports Papiaru village, Vara parish, tel. (+372) 529 01 83, elevus@elevus.ee, www.elevus.ee. Located a mere 10km outside Tartu, SK Elevus offers up a whole host of 4-wheeled fun. You can book any number of off-road ATV experiences or safaris, some of them even include a post-adventure sauna and food. ▶ 1hr 'ATV Safari' €38.40 or €57.50 for two. Custom packages also available.

Tartumaa Health Sport Centre (Tartumaa Tervise-spordikeskus) Uderma village, Rõngu parish, tel. (+372) 745 63 33/(+372) 55 51 24 92, info@tervisesport.ee, www.tervisesport.ee. Offering lots of sporting entertainment, including a shooting range for guns and bows, minigolf. There are also hiking trails and an adventure trail for children.

NEW

Vudila Kaivere village, Tabivere parish, tel. (+372) 58 22 42 24, info@vudila.ee, www.vudila.ee. If you're looking for a place to take the kids for the day, then head out to this playland on the shores of Lake Kaivere, a combination water park, amusement park, trampoline centre and beach, with plenty to do for the toddlers-to-teens set. The list of activities includes everything from face-painting to motor racing, but you can also just relax, picnic and work on your tan. ▶ Open 10:00 - 19:00. Closed Mon. Open from May 22 through August. Daily admission: age 1 - 3: €5; age 4 - 17: €15; adults: €10.

Adventurous sauna



Huck Adventures - River Sauna Vanajõe, Luunja parish, tel. (+372) 56 22 23 13, sten@huck.ee, www.huck.ee. In order to revive the old tradition of having a sauna while floating down the river on a raft (just like Huckleberry

Finn and his pals), the Huck team will make sure you get the full service. For those who think it's wise to go fishing while enjoying a sauna - they can arrange that too; just make sure that it's a *worm* on your hook before you cast it into the river.

Boating

Boat Rental (Paadilaenutus) Pihlaka tee 4, Kärevere, Laeva parish, tel. (+372) 502 04 11/(+372) 511 84 11, paadirent@paadirent.ee, www.paadirent.ee. All types of boats for rent, fishing and camping equipment too. ▶ All the boat types for rent. They also rent fishing and camping equipment.

Jõesuu Tourism Farm Verevi village, Rannu parish, tel. (+372) 516 37 77/(+372) 504 59 79, info@joesuu.ee, www.joesuu.ee. Besides a plethora of wet and wild activities, they offer boat rentals, an ATV safari, motorbike tours and the perfect end to any busy day... a floating sauna called 'Orgy'. Enough said.

Saadjärve Yachtclub Äksi village, Tartu parish, tel. (+372) 511 86 80, madis.toots@gmail.com, www.saadjarveyahtklubi.ee. Located just 18km from Tartu on Lake Saad, the yacht club actually offers all sorts of recreational possibilities that are sure to make you happy. Perhaps the best thing though is the boat trip out on the lake for up to 20 people. You'll be able to barbecue while cruising over the water and they'll even take you to a tourism farm where 'nice ladies' will prepare a meal for you using the local fish. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00.

Fishing

Kivi Holiday Home Kauda village, Vara parish, tel. (+372) 735 13 51/(+372) 53 49 22 25, info@kivipuhkemajad.ee, www.kivipuhkemajad.ee. Not only trout fishing, they offer a whole load of sweaty sauna experiences and archery too. Please note that it is not recommended to use a bow and arrow while in the sauna.

Lasita Puhkemaja Kalmi, Puhja parish, tel. (+372) 509 19 02, www.kavilda.ee. Just 17km from Tartu or 10km as the crow flies, they offer trout fishing, accommodation and a tiny indoor pool, complete with a waterfall.

Vapramäe Forell Allika farm, Tõravere parish, tel. (+372) 53 62 66 66, info@vapramae.ee, www.vapramae.ee. Not only does Allika Farm offer trout fishing, but like a lot of country folks they will be more than happy to put you up for the night. In their summer restaurant, they'll even cook what you catch or you can just eat what they've caught. ▶ Open 12:00 - 21:00.

Alatskivi area

Alatskivi Castle (Alatskivi Loss) Lossi 10, Alatskivi parish, tel. (+372) 745 38 16/(+372) 528 65 98, info@alatskiviloss.ee, www.alatskiviloss.ee. To find Alatskivi's spectacular castle, follow the signs to 'Alatskivi Loss', a few hundred metres off to the left once you reach town. The estate was first mentioned in the late 16th Century. The castle itself is a fairly new building, constructed in the 1880s by the estates owner Baron Arved von Nolcken in the neo-gothic style. The design is based on the Balmoral Castle in Scotland, resulting in something that looks like it belongs in the UK rather than in rural Estonia. Don't miss the surrounding parks and lakes or the recently opened Eduard Tubin museum - dedicated to one of Estonia's most renowned composers, the museum pays homage to his life and works. ▶ Open 11:00 - 19:00. In May and September open Wed - Sun 11:00 - 18:00, closed Mon - Tue. Admission €5. A 45-minute English-language tour costs €15.

Kolkja Russian Old Believers Museum Kolkja, tel. (+372) 745 34 31/(+372) 53 92 24 44, www.hot.ee/kolkjamuseum/index_en.html. This stretch of the shore of Lake Peipsi is home to a good number of Russian Old Believers, of which there are about 15,000 in Estonia. These were Russians whose ancestors went against reforms in the Russian Orthodox Church 300 years ago and for centuries were persecuted by the Tsars as a result. Kolkja is one of the villages where they were able to thrive and practice their devoutly religious lifestyle, which involves a large degree of ritual. The small museum gives a bit of insight into what that life is like, with ordinary objects collected from old homes, traditional clothing and so on. The museum is located in back of the village's school and you have to phone in advance to arrange to see it. When you're here, try to visit the locally-famous Kolkja Fish and Onion restaurant (see p.41). ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Mon, Tue. Admission €2.

Liivi Museum Rupsi village, Alatskivi, tel. (+372) 745 38 46/(+372) 514 48 51, info@muusa.ee, www.muusa.ee. On the left side of the road about 3km before you get to Alatskivi, you'll find what looks like an idyllic, little farm with green grass and fences. This is actually a museum dedicated to the lives of writers Juhan and Jakob Liiv, who lived here on the Oja farm. The museum will tell you everything you want to know about their lives and works, but more than that, there are exhibits in the barn which provide a glimpse into 19th-century peasant life in the area. This is one of the most peaceful stopping places you'll find anywhere. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00. From Sept - May open 10:00 - 16:00, closed Mon, Sun. Admission €1.60. English-language tour costs €6.50, but must be booked in advance.

Peipsimaa Visitors' Centre Suur tee 25, Kolkja, tel. (+372) 56 62 93 29/(+372) 55 63 93 98, info@peipsimaa.ee, www.peipsimaa.ee. ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00. ☎

Treat yourself

Pühajärve SPA Hotel Pühajärve, Otepää, tel. (+372) 766 55 00/(+372) 504 42 38, pjpk@pjpk.ee, www.pyhajjarve.com. You'll find this spa-hotel just 42km south-west of Tartu. It makes its home in a 14th-century manor house on the Pühajärve lakeshore, among the beautiful rolling hills of the Otepää region. Pühajärve offers a wide selection of spa treatments as well as fitness activities such as bowling, a gym and sports equipment rental. If you'd rather just enjoy the lovely surroundings, the hotel is perfect for a romantic getaway. Other amenities include a restaurant, pub and conference facilities. ▶ 99 rooms (singles €55 - 63, doubles €70 - 80, suites €114 - 153). Extra bed €20, pets €16. 📞 📧 📱 🚗 🚶 🏠 🍷 🍴 🍺 🍻 🍽 🍷 🍴 🍺 🍻 🍽



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Where to stay

Alatskivi Castle Suites Lossi 10, Alatskivi parish, tel./fax (+372) 745 38 74, tel. (+372) 53 03 24 85, alatskivi@lossirestoran.eu. How often do you get to stay in a fairytale castle? After years of renovation, this famous southern Estonian landmark is now open for business, offering accommodation as well as stunning surroundings. ▶ (suites €80). Extra bed €20, breakfast €5.

Ilmatsalu Motel Järve tee 15, Ilmatsalu, tel. (+372) 749 91 35/(+372) 514 64 47, fax (+372) 749 91 73, info@ilmatsalumotell.ee, www.ilmatsalumotell.ee. This simple motel is situated near a picturesque lake and surrounded by beautiful nature. Nearby you can find the Kärevere birdwatching path. ▶ 11 rooms (singles €24, doubles €32 - 40, suites €56). Extra bed €13, pets €6, caravan €13, tent €6.50.

Kambja Hotel Võru mnt. 2, Kambja, tel. (+372) 731 04 15, info@kambjahotell.ee, www.kambjahotell.ee. Located in the Kambja parish 16km south of Tartu, this surprisingly stylish and well-equipped establishment offers a wide array of services in a quiet setting. Management will even book theatre tickets, arrange dry-cleaning and order transfers to and from Tartu Airport, which is just 8km from here. ▶ (singles €21, doubles €34, family room €58). Extra bed €11.

Kivi Holiday Home Kauda village, Vara district, tel. (+372) 735 13 51/(+372) 53 49 22 25, info@kivipuhkemajad.ee, www.kivipuhkemajad.ee. A small country complex with a sauna, offering archery training courses and trout fishing. ▶ Price €16 per person, extra bed €9.59, breakfast included. Pets €4, tent €3, caravan €13.

Kure Tourism Farm Guesthouse Kure tee 4, Rahinge village, Tähtvere parish, tel. (+372) 749 47 05/(+372) 504 74 12, kuretal@kuretal.ee, www.kuretal.ee. A modern farm house just 7km from Tartu. It's a good choice if you want to spend a day or two in nature. They've also got a sauna for rent by the hour and a large, old-fashioned wooden tub for those who enjoy bathing with friends. ▶ (singles €25, doubles €50). Breakfast included. Caravan €15 + breakfast €6.

Loodus Health Centre Muri village, Luunja parish, tel. (+372) 735 19 32/(+372) 509 35 81, info@loodus.net, www.loodus.net. More than just a place to sleep, the spa and wellness centre offers various healthcare packages, including their special fasting cure. ▶ 13 rooms (singles €80, doubles €100 - 120, triples €135, quads €160). Extra bed €25, caravan €15 + €2 a person, breakfast €8.

Verevi Motel H. Raudsepa 2, Elva, tel. (+372) 745 70 84, fax (+372) 730 43 20, verevi@verevi.ee, www.verevi.ee. A renovated motel in a picturesque setting, just a few minutes' walk from Elva. ▶ (singles €32, doubles €55, triples €70, family room €82). Extra bed €13, pets €5.

Waide Motel Kão village, Rõngu county, tel. (+372) 730 36 06/(+372) 520 42 19, info@waide.ee, www.waide.ee. A holiday village close to Elva with caravan facilities. ▶ 26 rooms (doubles €44, triples €63, quads €84). Extra bed €20, pets €7. Caravan €16, tent €7 + breakfast €5.

Willipi Guesthouse Pusi village, Alatskivi parish, tel. (+372) 56 35 21 17/(+372) 56 95 57 58, info@willipu.ee, www.willipu.ee. Located at lake Peipsi, they offer guest-rooms, tent and caravan facilities. ▶ Price €20 per person. Extra bed €10, tent €3 per person, caravan €10. Breakfast €4.

Where to eat

Alatskivi Castle Restaurant Lossi 10, Alatskivi parish, tel. (+372) 745 38 74/(+372) 53 03 24 85, alatskivi@lossirestoran.eu, www.lossirestoran.eu. For a royal dining experience while in the Alatskivi area why not check out the restaurant situated within the castle walls. The cuisine here is a mix of Estonian country cooking, German manor dishes and Scottish. You might think it's an odd combination, but when you visit the castle you'll understand why. ▶ Open 11:00 - 21:00. (€11).

Café Ameli Keskk 19, Elva, tel. (+372) 56 84 38 46/(+372) 58 58 54 16, kohvik.ameli@gmail.com. This little café combines the love of tempting treats with the appreciation of artisanal handicrafts. While enjoying a pastry and a coffee you'll be able to peruse some delightful and unique Estonian wares. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 19:00, Sun 11:00 - 15:00. (€2.50).

Kalarestoran (Fish restaurant) Pangodi, Kambja district, tel. (+372) 741 18 40, kalarestoran@kalarestoran.ee, www.kalarestoran.ee. This delightfully modern seafood restaurant is located 23km from Tartu on the road to Otepää and has a great country view. All the menu items, with the exception of desserts of course, consist of fish or seafood dishes. ▶ Open 12:00 - 21:00. (€7.50).

Kivikõrts Tartu mnt. 2, Alatskivi, tel. (+372) 506 76 05/(+372) 745 38 72, info@kivikorts.ee, www.kivikorts.ee. The Kivikõrts or 'stone tavern' is a simple and classic tavern located in the Alatskivi area just a few km from Lake Peipsi. The cuisine consists of hearty country fare, and assorted fried meats most of which come with fries. ▶ Open 10:00 - 16:00, Sat 12:00 - 18:00; 21:00 - 24:00. Closed Sun. From June - August open 09:00 - 22:00, Fri - Sat 09:00 - 24:00. (€5).

Kolkja Fish & Onion Restaurant Kolkja, Pelpsiääre parish, tel. (+372) 745 34 45, www.hot.ee/kolkjarestoran/. If you've come to see how the Old Believers live there is no better way to do it than eating as the locals do. This traditional fish and onion restaurant is immensely popular, so make reservations. ▶ Open 12:00 - 18:00. (€6.50).

Savikoja Kõrts Kirepi village, Rõngu parish, tel. (+372) 56 45 47 08/(+372) 745 94 42, rongu.ivalia@mail.ee. This is a traditional stonewalled, roadside tavern with big fireplace and a cosy down-to-earth atmosphere. Expect your usual hearty tavern fare, consisting of meat and potatoes. ▶ Open 11:00 - 20:00. Closed Mon, Sun. (€6).

Tavern Hellas Puleste 8, Luunja, tel. (+372) 55 66 34 20/(+372) 525 50 28, ilona.martinson@mail.ee. You might ask yourself what a Greek restaurant is doing in the middle of South Estonia. We actually asked the same question and discovered that the proprietors loved Greek food and culture so much they just had to open a restaurant dedicated to the flavours of Greece. It's not 100 percent authentic, not having a Greek chef, but they certainly try their best to bring Greece to this part of Estonia and from what we hear it's decent. Next time we're in the neighbourhood we'll be sure to pay it a visit. ▶ Open 12:00 - 19:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 20:00. Closed Sun. (€6).

Vedu Kõrts Vedu, tel. (+372) 749 79 26/(+372) 505 13 37, Silla.Must@mail.ee, www.wedu.ee. This is another cute stone-walled roadside tavern, which happens to share its roof with the small local shop. It's located about 16km out of Tartu on the road to Narva. The food is heavy, simple and goes great with beer. If you want to grab a bite here on the weekends you'll have to book in advance. ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Sat, Sun. (€3).

Public transport

Buy a single-use ticket from any kiosk for €0.83, or from the bus driver for €1. Be sure to punch your ticket once on board or risk a hefty fine if an inspector catches you. Other options sold in kiosks include a 1-day ticket (€2.50), and a 10-day ticket (€7.99). These are valid for the dates stamped on them.

Car rental

Avis B-3, Vallikraavi 2, tel. (+372) 744 03 60/(+372) 528 88 24, tartu@avis.ee, www.avis.ee. ▶ Open 08:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun. ☎

City Car C-2, Turu 2, tel. (+372) 523 96 69 (24hrs), info@citycar.ee, www.citycar.ee. Although the office is closed on the weekend, it is still possible to arrange for a car by calling the 24hr telephone number. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun. ☎

Europcar D-2, Soola 3 (Hotel Tartu), tel. (+372) 511 06 94 (24hr), tartu@europcar.ee, www.europcar.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun. ☎

Hertz C-2, Turu 2, tel. (+372) 506 90 65, tartu@hertz.ee, www.hertz.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00. Closed Sat, Sun. ☎

Parking

Driving to Tartu is easy, but finding convenient parking in the city centre might not be, especially during working hours. Here's what you need to know: Parking anywhere is free for the first 15 minutes. You have to leave a note, or a so-called 'parking clock' (often provided with rental cars), on your dash to indicate the time you parked. There are also some zones, notably along Vabaduse pst. near the river, where parking is free for one hour. Again, mark your time. There are two free lots just east of the river, one next to Atlantis nightclub (Narva mnt. 2), the other on Raatuse, in front of the Raatuse department store. Other parking in the centre, either on the street or in small lots, costs €0.50, 1 or 1.50 an hr. Buy a ticket from one of the vending machines you see on the street and leave it on your dash. Paid public parking is valid between 08:00 - 18:00. Weekends and public holidays are free. Alternately you can opt for a private paid lot at Tartu Kaubamaja or the Tasku Centre, both are reasonably priced and centrally located.

Tartu Kaubamaja parking C-2, Riia 1, tel. (+372) 731 48 00. First hour free, second hour €0.60, and €1/h from then on. ▶ Open 08:30 - 22:30, Sun 09:30 - 20:30.

Tasku parking C-3, Turu 2, tel. (+372) 731 22 51/(+372) 644 02 00. Parking on 2-4 floor: first hour free, and €0.60/h after that. ▶ Open 24hrs.

Taxis

Meie Takso tel. (+372) 733 33 33, www.meietakso.mobilisite.ee. €2.50 + €0.55/km.

Mercedes Takso tel. (+372) 733 36 66/(+372) 513 33 66, info@taxtuo.ee, www.taxtuo.ee. €1.90 + €0.70/km.

SV Takso tel. (+372) 734 33 33/(+372) 524 33 33, svtakso.telemedia.ee. €1.90 + €0.55/km.

Takso 1 tel. (+372) 1210/(+372) 742 00 00, info@taksod.ee, www.taksod.ee. €2.50 + €0.55/km.

Tartu Linna Takso tel. (+372) 736 63 66, tartu@taksod.ee, www.tartu.taksod.ee. €2.50 + €0.55/km.

Tartu Taksoпарк tel. (+372) 1555, 1200/(+372) 730 02 00, info@gobus.ee, www.gotaksopark.ee. €2.50 + €0.65/km.

Airplanes

Estonian Air Tartu mnt. 101, Tallinn, tel. (+372) 16 101/(+372) 640 11 62, ov@estonian-air.ee, www.estonian-air.ee. Operating the Tallinn-Tartu-Tallinn line six-times per week.

Flybe, tel. (+358) 60 09 44 77, customerfi@flybe.com, www.flybe.com. Flights from Helsinki to Tartu six-times per week.

Tartu Airport Tõrvandi, Tartumaa, tel./fax (+372) 730 92 10, tel. (+372) 56 61 44 08, tartu.info@tl.aero, www.tartu-airport.ee/eng. Flybe and Estonian Air both offer flights to and from Tartu via Helsinki and Tallinn respectively at this small but fairly modern airport. Please refer to the Arriving section for details on transportation to and from the airport.

Long-distance buses

Bus Station (Autobussijaam) C-2, Turu 2, tel. (+372) 12550/(+372) 734 00 75. Tartu's bus station might be small but it is very centrally located. It's best to buy your tickets from the booths inside the station, but you may be able to purchase tickets from the driver directly if they are sold out. Two or three buses depart for Tallinn each hour; these leave from Platform 1, on the opposite side of the building from most of the other platforms. There is also an early morning bus that departs at 3am every day and costs €17. The trip to Tallinn usually takes two and a half hours and regular tickets generally cost about €9-10. Long-distance buses to farther away places like Riga and Kiev are available through Lux Express and can be purchased from the ticket agents inside the terminal, open 08:00 - 19:00, information tel. (+372) 731 13 00. WIFI is also available on some of the more expensive express buses.

Be warned that calling the number for the infoline will cost you €0.30 per minute in addition to your regular roaming charges. ▶ Open 06:00 - 21:00.

Trains

Train Station A-3, Vaksali 6, tel. (+372) 1447, info@edel.ee, www.edel.ee. Though buses are still the primary way people get to Tartu from the capital, the train is now making a comeback. About four trains make the journey from Tartu to Tallinn each day, offering less cramped conditions and a more scenic journey. The one drawback - especially if you're travelling with more than a backpack - is that the station in Tartu is quite a ways from the centre and is still undergoing renovations. There's no real office here, so buy your ticket from an agent on the train. Tickets to/from Tallinn cost around €6.71 - 9.91, but we suggest you splurge a little and go for the first-class ticket which offers more comfort and amenities than economy.

Now you can also take the **train to and from Valga**, which lies on the Estonian-Latvian border. Although not the most direct route, you can even get all the way to Riga by changing trains in Valga. See www.edel.ee for schedules and more info on the Valga line and for the Riga connection see the Latvian Railways website www.ldz.lv.

www.inyourpocket.com

Antiques

Antik B-2, Üllikooli 11, tel. (+372) 744 23 02/(+372) 517 74 01, agnessa@barokk.ee, www.barokk.ee. ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00, Sat 11:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun. ☹
Antikvariaat C-3, Riia 7, tel. (+372) 55 67 52 31, info@antikvariaat.eu, www.antikvariaat.eu. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun.
Gildi B-2, Rüütli 12, tel. (+372) 744 17 82. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun. ☹
Saurus B-2, Kūitri 2, tel. (+372) 742 33 35, andrus.ryyti@mail.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun. ☹ ☹

Books

Apollo C-2, Riia 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 633 60 00, info@apollo.ee, www.apollo.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. ☹ ☹
Krisostomus C-2, Raekoja plats 11, tel. (+372) 744 00 10, kriso@kriso.ee, www.kriso.ee. Books from all over the world. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00. Closed Sat, Sun. ☹
Rahva Raamat C-2, Turu 2 (Tasku Centre), tel. (+372) 731 21 04/(+372) 626 65 92, info@rahvaraamat.ee, www.rahvaraamat.ee. Tartu's largest bookshop even has its own café. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 18:00. ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹
Tartu Ülikooli Raamatupood B-2, Üllikooli 11, tel. (+372) 744 11 02, bookshop@ut.ee, www.ut.ee/raamatupood. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. ☹

Markets

Taaskasutuskeskus G-2, Pulestee 114, tel. (+372) 748 70 03/(+372) 538 87 121, info@taaskasutuskeskus.ee, www.taaskasutuskeskus.ee. The Tartu Recycling Centre organises this flea market which is open for all who wish to buy or sell used or old things. All sorts of previously loved items can be found here, such as clothing, shoes, books, toys, furniture etc. Who knows what sort of cool stuff you might find - after all, one man's garbage is another man's treasure. There's also an outdoor version open every Saturday from 09:00 - 15:00, all year long. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 09:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun. ☹

Tartu Market C-2, Vabaduse pst. 1, tel. (+372) 738 71 01, www.tartuturg.ee. Housed in a riverside building that dates to 1938, Tartu Turg, as it's called in Estonian, is filled with vendors selling all manner of onions, sausages, eggs and fragrant fish. Its outdoor extension is just as lively - find it across Riia between the bus station and the Sadamateater. ▶ Market hall open 07:30 - 17:30, Sat 07:30 - 16:00, Sun 07:30 - 15:00. Outdoor market open 07:00 - 16:00, Sun 07:00 - 15:00. ☹ ☹ ☹



Handicrafts/Souvenirs

DisainiMaja C-3, Kalevi 15, tel. (+372) 506 96 92, www.disainimaja.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 17:30, Sat 11:00 - 16:00. Closed Mon, Sun.
Käsitöö Kelder B-2, Rüütli 8 (entrance from Kūitri). ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00, Sat 11:00 - 16:00. Closed Mon, Sun. ☹ ☹
Keraamikagalerii B-1, Jaani 14, tel. (+372) 507 45 73, kristel@keraamikagalerii.ee, www.keraamikagalerii.ee. ▶ Open 11:00 - 16:00. Closed Sat, Sun. ☹
Pille-Resa Nukumaja (Doll Artist gallery) B-1, Munga 14, tel. (+372) 504 13 73, pille@masing.tartu.ee. ▶ Open 11:00 - 17:00, Sat 11:00 - 16:00. Closed Mon, Sun. ☹
Rae Käsitöö B-2, Kūitri 2 (entrance from Raekoja plats), tel. (+372) 742 34 24. ▶ Open 09:00 - 22:00. ☹
Saare Hobu Käsitööpood B-2, Raekoja plats 8, tel. (+372) 782 81 78, kasitööpood@kris.ee, www.kris.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 19:00, Sat 09:00 - 18:00, Sun 10:00 - 17:00. ☹
Tartu Visitor Centre B-2, Raekoda (Town Hall), tel. (+372) 744 21 11, info@visittartu.com, www.visit-tartu.com. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 17:00. September 16 - May 14 open Mon 09:00 - 18:00, Tue - Fri 09:00 - 17:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 14:00.
Varalaeagas B-2, Gildi 2, tel. (+372) 744 18 88. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. ☹

Jewellery

City Gold C-2, Turu 2 (Tasku Centre), tel. (+372) 731 21 22, info@jewel.ee, www.jewel.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 18:00. ☹
Gold Time C-2, Turu 2 (Tasku Centre), tel. (+372) 731 22 00, tasku@goldtime.ee, www.goldtime.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 18:00. ☹
Juveel B-2, Raekoja plats 6, tel. (+372) 730 36 10. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. ☹
Konplott C-2, Turu 2 (Tasku Centre), tel. (+372) 527 42 00. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 18:00. ☹

Food

Comarket C-2, Kūitri 7, tel. (+372) 744 19 12, www.comarket.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 22:00, Sat 10:00 - 20:00, Sun 10:00 - 18:00. ☹
Konsum F-2, Ujula 2, tel. (+372) 731 18 51, www.etk.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 22:00.
Maxima D-3, Turu 14, tel. (+372) 733 75 00, info@maxima.ee, www.maxima.ee. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00.
Rimi C-2, Turu 2 (Tasku Centre), tel. (+372) 730 55 02, rimi.tasku@rimibaltic.com, www.rimi.ee. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00. ☹ ☹
Tartu Kaubamaja C-3, Riia 1, tel. (+372) 731 51 00, tartu@kaubamaja.ee, www.kaubamaja.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 22:00, Sun 10:00 - 20:00. ☹

Fashion

The highest concentration of clothes shops are in malls like Eeden, Tartu Kaubamaja, Lõunakeskus and Tasku (see Shopping centres). Beyond that, try these:

Baltman C-3, Riia 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 731 48 97, www.baltman.eu. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. ☺

Mohito C-2, Turu 2 (Tasku Centre), tel. (+372) 776 88 07. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 18:00. ☺

Monton C-2, Riia 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 731 48 96, www.montonfashion.com. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. ☺

Mosaic C-2, Riia 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 731 48 98, www.mosaic-fashion.com. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. ☺

Sangar G-2, Sõpruse pst. 2, tel. (+372) 730 73 07, sangar@sangar.ee, www.sangar.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 19:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun.

Seppälä C-2, Küüni 7 (Kaubahall), tel. (+372) 744 16 80, www.seppala.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 20:00, Sat 10:00 - 18:00, Sun 10:00 - 16:00. ☺

Vintage clothing

Kutshi Mutshi & Härä April B-2, Küütri 2, www.kutshimutshi.com. ▶ Open 12:00 - 19:00, Sat 12:00 - 17:00. Closed Mon, Sun. ☺

Manna Couture C-2, Küüni 4 (entrance from Poe), tel. (+372) 741 10 84, info@mannacouture.ee, www.mannacouture.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00. Closed Sat, Sun. ☺

Shoes

Although we've listed just a few, there are loads of shoe stores all over Tartu, specifically in centres such as Tasku, Tartu Kaubamaja, Lõunakeskus and Eeden.

ABC King C-2, Riia 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 731 48 13, tartukaubamaja@abcking.ee, www.abcking.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. ☺

Ecco C-2, Turu 2 (Tasku Centre), tel. (+372) 731 21 28, www.ecco.com. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 18:00. ☺

NS King C-2, Turu 2 (Tasku Centre), tel. (+372) 734 42 91, www.nsking.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 18:00. ☺

Shu C-2, Riia 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 731 48 24, tartukaubamaja@shushop.eu, www.shu.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. ☺

Speciality shops

75cl Wineshop B-2, Küütri 16/Kompanil 4, tel. (+372) 743 00 30, info@75cl.ee, www.75cl.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 14:00, 15:00 - 18:00, Sat 11:00 - 15:00. Closed Mon, Sun. ☺

Garmin C-2, Turu 2 (Tasku Centre), tel. (+372) 730 55 20, www.garmin.ee. GPS and accessories. ▶ Open 10:00 - 19:00, Sat 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Sun. ☺

Hilpharakas C-2, Küüni 7 (Kaubahall), tel. (+372) 742 70 15, www.hilpharakas.ee. Badges, studded belts, body piercing jewellery and other anti-social accessories. ▶ Open 10:00 - 20:00, Sat 10:00 - 18:00, Sun 10:00 - 16:00. ☺

IS Music Team B-2, Rüüti 14, tel. (+372) 730 23 25, tartu@ismusic.ee, www.ismusic.ee. Musical instruments and sheet music. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. ☺

The shopping hotspot in Tartu



**Mo-Sa 9am-9pm
Su 10am-7pm**

www.tartukaubamaja.ee
Riia 1, Tartu



The biggest shopping centre in South-Estonia

Lõunakeskus

Ringtee 75, Tartu | info +372 731 5500 | www.lounakeskus.com

Kalev Chocolate Shop C-2, K  ni 4 (entrance from Poe), tel. (+372) 54 54 77 74, tartu@kalev.eu, www.kalev.eu. Home of Estonia's well known chocolates and sweets, this shop also serves up some lovely coffees too. ▶ Open 09:00 - 19:00, Sat 10:00 - 18:00, Sun 10:00 - 16:00. ☎

Klick C-2, Turu 2 (Tasku Centre), tel. (+372) 666 81 63, tasku@klick.ee, www.klick.ee. A computer/electronics shop. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 18:00. ☎

Mahepool C-2, K  ni 7, tel. (+372) 742 32 83. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 11:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun. ☎

Ordi C-2, K  ni 5B, tel. (+372) 737 78 55, tartu@ordi.ee, www.ordi.ee. A computer/electronics shop. Get your spare digital camera memory and blank DVDs here. ▶ Open 09:30 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun. ☎

R.Music B-2, Gildi 7, tel. (+372) 740 40 72, tartu@muusikaristad.ee, www.muusikaristad.ee. Music and recording instruments. ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00, Sat 11:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. ☎

Rosalind C-2, K  ni 7 (Kaubahall), tel. (+372) 740 74 42, www.rosalind.ee. Cosmetics and perfume. ▶ Open 09:00 - 20:00, Sat 10:00 - 18:00, Sun 10:00 - 16:00. ☎

Tea & Coffee Centre C-2, Riia 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 515 07 00, info@polarest.ee, www.teacoffeecentre.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. ☎

Shopping centres

Eeden G-3, Kalda tee 1c, tel. (+372) 740 24 30, eeden@eeden.ee, www.eeden.ee. This shopping complex contains a couple of electronics and other specialty shops along with the usual vendors hawking their fashionable wares. There are even several 'active' opportunities available, including bowling and a large fitness centre. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00. ☎

GMP Ostukeskus C-2, K  ni 5b. ▶ Open 09:00 - 20:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 18:00. ☎

Kaubahall C-2, K  ni 7, tel. (+372) 730 83 00, estiko@estiko.ee, www.kaubahall.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 20:00, Sat 10:00 - 18:00, Sun 10:00 - 16:00. ☎

L  nakeskus L  nakeskus E-4, Ringtee 75, tel. (+372) 731 55 00, info@lounakeskus.com, www.lounakeskus.com. By far the largest shopping centre in South-Estonia, it even has a sizeable ice-skating rink. Free bus service from the Bus station (see Getting Around). Buses leave every half an hour to an hour from 11:00 till 21:00. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00. ☎

Tartu Kaubamaja C-3, Riia 1, tel. (+372) 731 48 00, tartu.kaubamaja@kaubamaja.ee, www.tartukaubamaja.ee. Centrally located, from food to fashion, everything under one roof. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. Food department open 09:00 - 22:00, Sun 10:00 - 20:00. ☎

Tasku Centre C-2, Turu 2, tel. (+372) 731 22 11, info@tasku.ee, www.tasku.ee. In Tasku, 'pocket' in Estonian, you can expect a plethora of high-end retail shops and dining experiences along with a large movie theatre and a supermarket for stocking up on all your party supplies. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 18:00. Food department open 08:00 - 23:00. ☎

Zeppelin D-3, Turu 14, tel. (+372) 734 42 62, www.zeppelin.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 20:00. ☎

Tasku Shopping Centre

Tasku, "pocket" in Estonian, is the newest and trendiest shopping, eating and entertainment complex in Tartu. We have unique brand shops in Tartu, large movie theatre and different eating places – including pizza, gourmet, sushi.

Open 10.00-21.00,
Sun 10.00-18.00,
Rimi food store is open
8.00-23.00 every day.

Mango
Guess
New Yorker
Esprit
Jack&Jones
Camel Active
Levis
Gant
Make Up Store
Ecco
Reserved
Mohito
Sony Center
etc.

TASKU

Turu 2, tel (+372) 731 2211,
www.tasku.ee



Banks & Exchanges

Monex C-2, Rila 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 731 48 02, www.monex.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. ☎

Nordea C-2, Rila 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 628 33 00, fax (+372) 710 16 61, estti@nordea.com, www.nordea.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 19:00, Sat 09:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. Also at: D-2, Kaluri 2, tel. (+372) 628 33 00. Open 09:00 - 18:00, closed Sat, Sun.

Sampo Pank C-2, Ülikooli 6a, tel. (+372) 680 08 00, fax (+372) 675 31 11, info@sampopank.ee, www.sampopank.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00. Closed Sat, Sun. ☎

SEB C-2, Ülikooli 2, tel. (+372) 665 51 00/(+372) 665 85 40, info@seb.ee, www.seb.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun. ☎

Swedbank C-2, Turu 1, tel. (+372) 631 03 10, www.swedbank.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00, Sat 09:00 - 14:00. Closed Sun. Also at: C-2, Rila 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 631 03 10. Open 09:00 - 19:00, Sat 09:00 - 16:00, closed Sun. ☎

Tavib B-2, Rüütli 2, tel. (+372) 730 11 70/(+372) 1771, tartu@tavib.ee, www.tavib.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 19:00. Closed Sat, Sun. ☎

Dentists

Kaarsilla Hambaravi C-2, Vabaduse pst. 2-1, tel. (+372) 744 18 78. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00. Closed Sat, Sun. ☎

Massage

Chinese Centre (Hiina Keskus) C-3, Rila 7, tel. (+372) 740 60 98, hiinakeskus@gmail.com, www.hiinakeskus.ee. Chinese massage and paraphernalia.

▶ Open 10:00 - 19:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun.
Marita D-2, Soola 3 (Hotel Tartu), tel. (+372) 53 95 35 25/(+372) 56 67 57 80, marl.paas@mail.ee, www.marita.ee. Massage salon. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00. Closed Sat, Sun. Sat, Sun open on prior arrangement. ☎ ☎

Maxilla D-2, Soola 8, tel. (+372) 737 11 00, tartu@maxilla.ee, www.maxilla.ee. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00. Closed Sat, Sun. ☎

Tähe Hambaklinnik C-3, Tähe 3, tel. (+372) 734 39 97, info@hambaklinnik.ee, www.hambaklinnik.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 19:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Tartu Ülikooli Kliinikumi Stomatoloogiklinnik B-2, Raekoja plats 6, tel. (+372) 731 91 00/(+372) 731 81 11, www.kliinikum.ee/stomatoloogia/. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 10:00 - 14:00. Closed Sun.

Health & Beauty

Dorpat Spa D-2, Soola 6, Hotel Dorpat, tel. (+372) 733 71 96/(+372) 525 18 00, info@dorpatspa.ee, www.dorpatspa.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 16:00.

Estee Ilusalong B-2, Munga 4, tel. (+372) 744 16 23, info@estee.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 19:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. ☎

Iluhuov B-2, Rüütli 4, tel. (+372) 744 14 57/(+372) 744 10 87, iluhuov@hotmail.ee, www.iluhuov.ee. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 09:00 - 19:00. Closed Sun. ☎

Imago B-2, Ülikooli 7, tel. (+372) 742 09 56. ▶ Open 09:00 - 20:00, Sat 09:00 - 16:00, Sun 10:00 - 14:00. ☎ ☎

Juuksestúdio C-2, Raekoja plats 8, tel. (+372) 744 13 51, info@juuksestudio.ee, www.juuksestudio.ee. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00, Mon 08:00 - 17:00, Sat 08:00 - 18:00. Closed Sun. ☎

Salon+ C-2, Raekoja plats 16, tel. (+372) 744 78 05, tartu@salonplus.ee, www.salonplus.ee. ▶ Open 08:00 - 21:00, Sat 09:00 - 18:00. Closed Sun. Also at: C-2, Rila 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. 56 26 29 26. Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. ☎

Salon Gildi B-2, Gildi 12, tel. (+372) 734 00 10, info@salongildi.ee, www.salongildi.ee. Professional service, cosy atmosphere and wide selection of beauty services. ▶ Open 09:00 - 20:00, Sat 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sun. ☎

Sinisalong G-3, Ülikooli 1, tel. (+372) 742 36 23, www.sinisalong.ee. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00, Mon 09:00 - 18:00, Sat 09:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. ☎

Thaleia B-2, Gildi 9, tel. (+372) 56 22 00 07, info@thaleia.ee, www.thaleia.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00. Closed Sat, Sun. ☎ ☎

Veetlus B-2, Raekoja plats 6, tel. (+372) 744 11 58. ▶ Open 07:00 - 19:00, Sat 08:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun. ☎ ☎

Laundries/Dry Cleaning

Rea C-3, Rila 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 747 14 64, www.pesumaja-rea.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. ☎

Sauberland C-2, Fortuuna 1, tel. (+372) 740 33 69/(+372) 56 84 00 34, sol@sol.ee, www.sol.ee. ▶ Open 08:00 - 19:00. Closed Sat, Sun. Also at: E-4, Ringtee 75 (Lõunakeskus), 738 18 81. Open 09:00 - 21:00.

Library

Tartu Linnaraamatukogu C-2, Kompanii 3/5, tel. (+372) 736 13 80, oskar@luts.ee, www.luts.ee. For in-house reading, present a photo ID at the ground-floor desk and get a one-day visitor's card. If you need to take books out, get a full-fledged library card by presenting an ID and a passport-type photograph. Both options are free. There's also an internet room with 9 computers. It's free for the first hour, €0.64/h thereafter. ▶ Open 09:00 - 20:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. From June 25 till August 19 open 10:00 - 18:00, closed Sat, Sun. ☎ ☎

Opticians

Eagle Vision D-2, Kaluri 2, tel. (+372) 733 39 38, tartu@eagle-vision.ee, www.eagle-vision.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun.

Eesti Optik B-2, Rütli 10, tel. (+372) 742 36 59, www.optika.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun. ☎

Instrumentarium C-2, Riia 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 731 48 49, tartu@instru.ee, www.instru.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00.

Norman Optika C-2, Turu 2 (Tasku Centre), tel. (+372) 730 55 22, tartu@normanoptika.ee, www.normanoptika.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 18:00.

Raeoptika B-2, Raekoja plats 1, tel. (+372) 744 12 79, tartu@raeoptika.ee, www.raeoptika.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun.

Also at: C-2, Küüni 5b, tel. 748 46 42, tartuoptika@raeoptika.ee. Open 10:00 - 19:00, Sat 10:00 - 15:00, closed Sun. ☎

Tallinna Optika B-2, Rütli 1/Raekoja plats 8, tel. (+372) 740 09 00, tartu@opti.ee, www.opti.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun. ☎

Pharmacies

Apotheka C-2, Riia 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 731 49 14, kaubamaja@apotheka.ee, www.apotheka.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00.

Kaubahalli Apteek C-2, Küüni 7, tel. (+372) 740 72 76, kaubahall@farmacia.ee, www.farmacia.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 20:00, Sat 10:00 - 18:00. Closed Sun.

Raekoja Apteek B-2, Town Hall, Raekoja plats, tel. (+372) 742 35 60/(+372) 744 22 77, raekoja@apotheka.ee, www.raekojaapteek.ee. ▶ Open 24hrs. ☎

Tartu Ülikooli Kesklinna Apteek C-2, Poe 8, tel. (+372) 742 35 93, kesklinnaapt@ut.ee, www.ut.ee/kesklinnaapteek/. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 09:00 - 17:00, Sun 10:00 - 16:00. ☎

Ülikooli Apteek C-2, Küüni 5b, tel. (+372) 734 68 10/(+372) 730 08 44, tartu@ya.ee, www.ya.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 20:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 18:00.

Photo services

Anu Foto C-3, Riia 2, tel. (+372) 730 13 13/(+372) 730 13 12, anufoto@hot.ee, www.anufoto.ee. ▶ Open 10:00 - 19:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 17:00.

Fotoluks C-2, Ülikooli 6a, tel. (+372) 730 95 40, tartu@fotoluks.ee, www.fotoluks.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. ☎

Photopoint C-2, Riia 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 731 48 28/(+372) 508 00 89, kaubamaja@photopoint.ee, www.photopoint.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. ☎

Post office

Central Post Office (Kesklinna Postkontor) C-3, Riia 4, tel. (+372) 730 68 04, www.post.ee. Handle any postal operations at the different windows. You can also buy cards and stamps here. If you just want to mail a letter or a card, you don't need to come here. Just buy a stamp at a kiosk and drop your letter into any of the orange post boxes around town. ▶ Open 08:00 - 19:00, Sat 09:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun.



Public internet access

7 päeva G-3, Kalda 1c, tel. (+372) 740 41 45, teenus@astri.ee, €1.6/h. ▶ Open 08:30 - 21:00.

Free Caffee E-4, Ringtee 75, tel. (+372) 730 38 50, marianne@astri.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00. €1.6/h. ☎

Kaubamaja Meestemaailm C-3, Riia 1, tel. (+372) 731 51 00, www.kaubamaja.ee. 6 terminals, €1.6/hr. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. ☎

Tartu Library Reading Room C-2, Raekoja plats 11, tel. (+372) 748 30 12, www.luts.ee. This little reading room on Town Hall Square offers a safe place to read and free internet access. ▶ Open 09:00 - 20:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. From June 25 till August 19 open 10:00 - 18:00, closed Sat, Sun. ☎

Tartu Linnaraamatukogu C-2, Kompanii 3/5, tel. (+372) 736 13 79, oskar@luts.ee, www.luts.ee. The upper floor of the library has 9 terminals available. They're free for the first hour, €0.64/hr thereafter. ▶ Open 09:00 - 20:00, Sat 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun. From June 25 till August 19 open 10:00 - 18:00, closed Sat, Sun. ☎ ☎

Tartu Visitor Centre B-2, Raekoda (Town Hall), tel. (+372) 744 21 11, info@visittartu.com, www.visittartu.com. 3 internet terminals free for tourists. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 17:00. September 16 - May 14 open Mon 09:00 - 18:00, Tue - Fri 09:00 - 17:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 14:00. ☎

Shoe repair

Jalatsiparandus B-1, Munga 3a, tel. (+372) 742 32 49. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00. Closed Sat, Sun. ☎ ☎

Kingapof C-3, Riia 1 (Tartu Kaubamaja), tel. (+372) 55 65 57 75, www.kingaprof.ee. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10:00 - 19:00. ☎

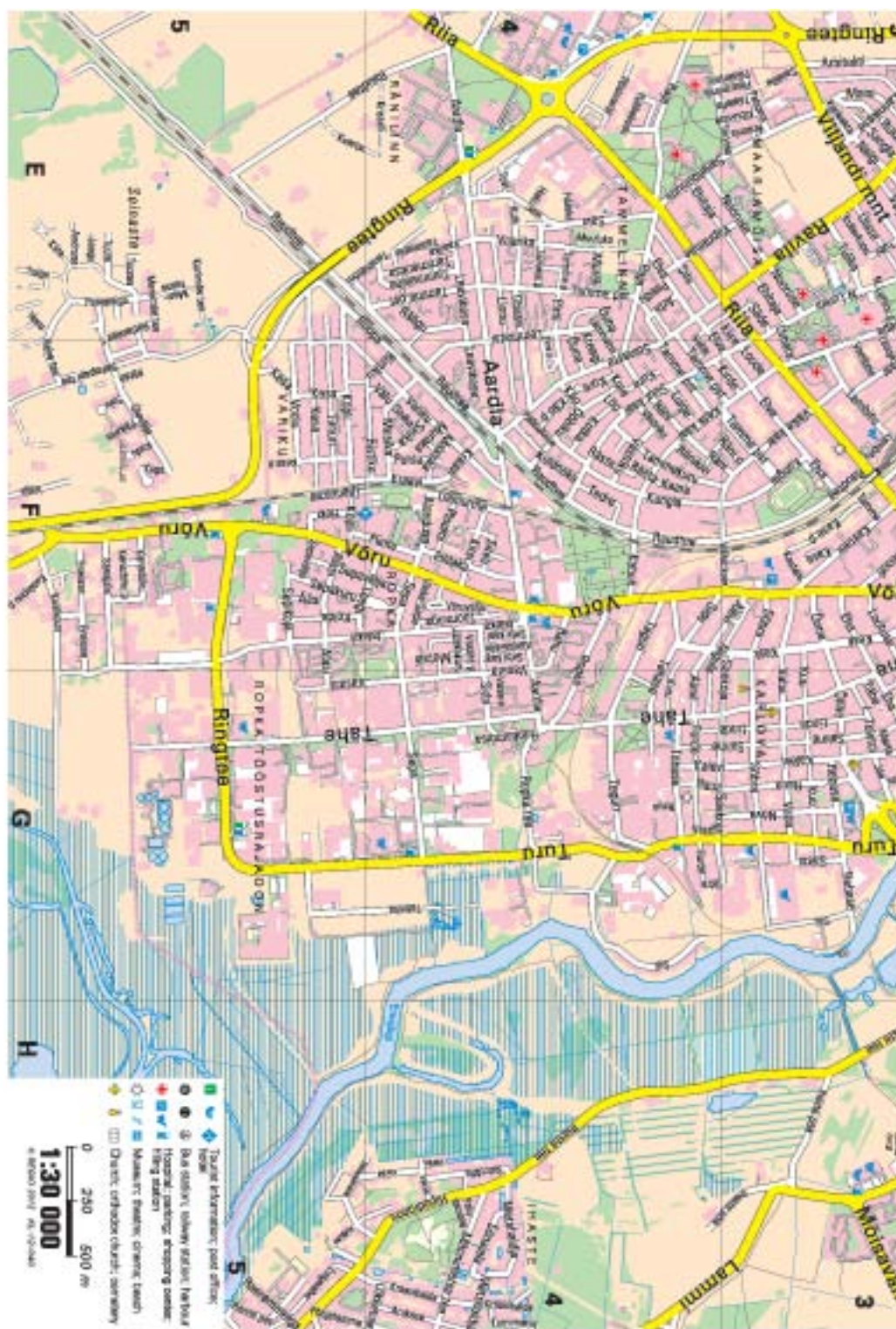
Rento-Maksi C-3, Kalevi 4, tel. (+372) 734 00 43. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun.

Sauna

Emajõe Ärikeskus Sauna C-2, Soola 8, tel. (+372) 733 71 80/(+372) 733 71 82, info@dorpat.ee, www.dorpat.ee/index.php?page=420&. Though most people here refer to it as 'the flask', that tall, shiny building on the edge of the river is in fact the Emajõe business centre, and the view from the top is spectacular. Sadly, there aren't really any places up there for the average visitor to go. The one exception is the two saunas on the 13th floor. Rent the sauna and you'll be able to enjoy the best view in town ... while you're naked and sweaty, that is. ▶ Saunas open 24hrs. €26-45 per hour, see website for details.

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