

COASTAL GUIDE

Latvia, Estonia

Sights,
maps, services

USEFUL INFORMATION:

AIRPORTS

Estonia:

Tallinn Airport, TLL

▶ Tartu 101, Tallinn, Estonia
www.tallinn-airport.ee

Kärdla Airport, KDL

▶ Hiieassaare, Hiiumaa
www.kardla-airport.ee

Kuressaare Airport, URE

▶ Roomassaare 1, Kuressaare, Saaremaa
www.kuressaare-airport.ee

Pärnu Airport, EPU

▶ Eametsa, Pärnu county
www.parnu-airport.ee

Kihnu Airfield

▶ Sääre, Kihnu island
www.parnu-airport.ee

Ruhnu Airfield

▶ Ruhnu, Ruhnu island
www.kuressaare-airport.ee

Latvia:

Rīga International Airport, RIX

▶ 10/1 Rīga Airport, Mārupe district
www.riga-airport.com

Liepāja International Airport, LPX

▶ Lidostas 8, Cimdnieki
www.liepaja-airport.lv

Ventspils Airport, VNT

▶ Ganību 115, Ventspils
www.airport.ventspils.lv

FERRY LINES

Liepāja - Travemünde
(Lübeck, Germany)

▶ Brīvostas 14A, Liepāja

Ventspils - Nynäshamn
(Stockholm, Sweden)

▶ Dārzu 6, Ventspils, www.stenaline.lv

Tallinn - Helsinki (Finland)

Tallinn - Mariehamn (Åland)

▶ www.tallink.com, www.vikingline.com

Ferry lines to Estonian islands:

Rohuküla - Vormsi

Hiiumaa - Saaremaa

Munalaud - Kihnu

Munalaud - Manilaid

Munalaud - Ruhnu

Pärnu - Ruhnu

Ruhnu - Saaremaa

Laaksaare - Piirissaar

Tallinn - Aegna

▶ veeteed.com

Tallinn - Naissaar

Tallinn - Aegna

▶ www.monica.ee, www.sunlines.eu

Leppneeme - Kelnase (Prangli)

▶ www.tuuleliinid.ee

TOURIST INFORMATION

Estonia: ▶ www.visitestonia.com

Latvia: ▶ www.latvia.travel

Coast of Latvia and Estonia:

▶ www.coastalhiking.eu

All three Baltic countries - Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania - are members of the EU, NATO and Schengen Zone, and use the Euro.

ATMs are widely available.

Weather forecast: ▶ www.weather.ee, www.meteo.lv

Emergency: 112

Information: 1188



Estonian Small Ports
Competence Center



WELCOME TO THE EAST BALTIC COAST!

Latvia and Estonia are great places for recreation, offering a wide range of opportunities to discover something new. Both countries are truly blessed by wild nature and striking natural landscapes. There are over 1,500 islands in Estonia, whereas Latvia is famous for having over 500 kilometres of coastline, much of it sandy beaches.

A large part of Latvia's coast remains as it has been since time immemorial, untouched, and subject only to the changing of the seasons. Further inland the Latvian landscape includes numerous lakes, rolling hills, plains, rivers, and pristine forests.

In addition to bucolic beauty, Latvia offers an enlightening journey of the mind through its castles, manor houses, churches, and architectural masterpieces. It is home to stunning works of art, fascinating museums, and world-class classical music and opera. It's common to find celebratory folk festivals with dance, song, poetry and traditional Latvian clothing all evident.

Estonia is a compact country with distinct regional differences, and its many perks include relatively short distances between cities and low population density in between them. The coastline of Estonia is an important stop-over site for migratory waterfowl, and seals can be found around the numerous islands.

Estonia has a rich cultural heritage of folk song and dance, colourful handicrafts, wooden saunas and rustic food. The traditional and modern sides of Estonian culture can be experienced first hand at its markets, workshops, museums and festivals.



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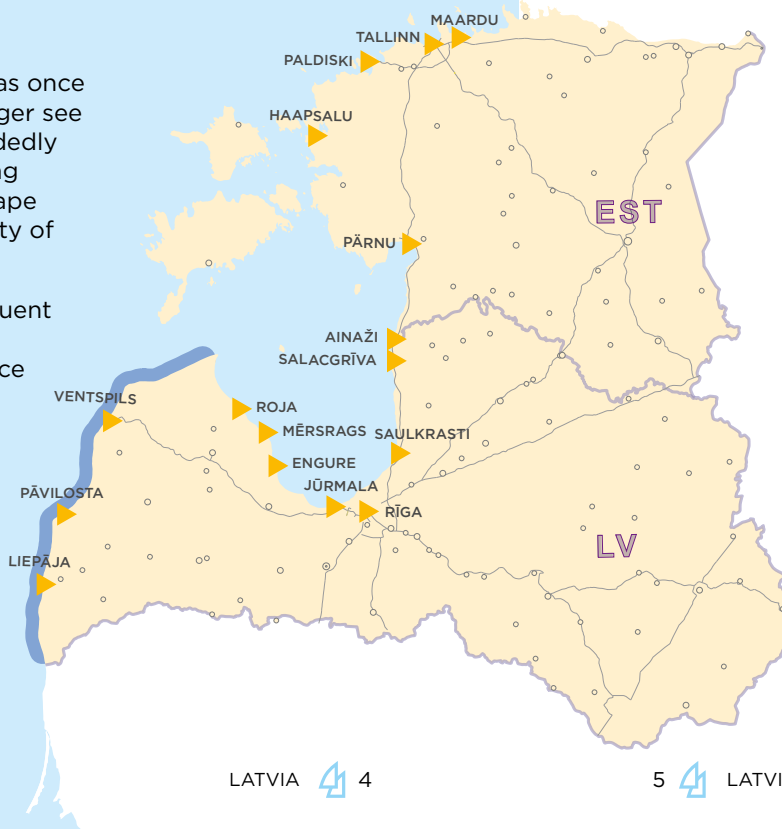
WESTERN LATVIA

Latvia's westernmost region, Kurzeme or Courland was once a seafaring power in its own right. While you'll no longer see galleons setting out for the Caribbean, it's still a decidedly maritime setting, and with the western coastline facing Sweden from the Lithuanian border to the point of Cape Kolka measuring around 250 kilometres, there is plenty of room for manoeuvre.

This part of the coast is known for its strong and frequent winds, making it a favourite haunt of windsurfers and kitesurfers. After a strong storm there's also the chance of finding your own piece of Baltic amber washed up on the beach.

Back on land, take your pick from tranquil little villages, the large Pape nature reserve or the bustle of the main urban centres, Liepāja and Ventspils.

Of particular interest is the 'Liv coast', a few remaining fishing villages that are the last refuge of the Livs, a Finno-Ugric people whose Livonian language is in the process of a revival after almost dying out completely.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGION:

Pape Nature park – the first place in Latvia where wild horses, wild oxen and bison were reintroduced into the wild, ► www.pdf-pape.lv

Liepāja – a city of culture, architecture, recreation and activity, ► www.liepaja.travel

Karosta – former military territory in Liepāja with its own story, ► www.karosta.lv

Kuldīga – see the inspiring old town and **Venta Waterfall**, the widest waterfall in Europe, ► www.kuldiga.lv

Pāvilosta – enjoy the charming village and smoked fish of Pāvilosta, ► www.visitpavilosta.lv

Ventspils – a paradise for families with kids and cycling enthusiasts, ► www.visitventspils.com

Cape Kolka and the historical **Liv villages**, ► www.kolkasrags.lv

Fishing villages along the coast, ► www.kurzeme.lv

i www.kurzeme.lv



LIEPĀJA

Liepāja is Latvia's third-largest city (population 68,000), but might justifiably claim to be the country's seafaring capital with a rich maritime history and – unlike Rīga – a location right on the coast. It boasts a long and well-maintained Blue Flag beach with cafes and playgrounds right on the sand, with attractive park-land and villas on the boulevards immediately behind.

As the major city of the Kurzeme region Liepāja has good infrastructure, the full range of administrative offices if you need to complete any paperwork, and plenty of high-end shopping and dining opportunities including a legendary French patisserie.

Culturally the city shines – literally in the case of the spectacular Great Amber (Lielais Dzintars) concert hall – and Liepāja has its own symphony orchestra, theatre and a delightful puppet theatre. A large student population adds to the laid-back vibe and means there is always something happening.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

1. Holy Trinity Cathedral

► Lielā 9, www.trinitatis.lv

A unique treasure of the church is the oldest unreconstructed mechanical organ in the world. The organ has over 7000 pipes. An organ presentation or a small concert is possible by prior arrangement. From the cathedral tower you can see a panorama of the city.

2. 17th–19th century Interior Museum

► Kungu 24, +371 29570855, www.liepajasmuzejs.lv

Mrs. Hoijer's guesthouse, where in 1697 the Russian Tsar Peter I stayed for almost a week. On the second floor of the building there is the family apartment of notary Christoph Wilhelm Stender, where you can see an authentic 19th century interior.



3. St. Anna's Church

► E. Veidenbauma 1

The neo-Gothic building includes a wooden altar made in 1697, which is one of the most outstanding works of art surviving in Eastern Europe from that time.

4. Peter's Market

► Kuršu 5/7/9, www.petertirgus.lv

Built in 1910, the Art Nouveau style market pavilion is one of the most elegant buildings in Latvia. Trading takes place in the pavilion and in the area surrounding it. There is always a wide assortment of in-season fruit, vegetables, forest products, flowers, plants and other produce from farms available.

5. Seaside Park

This fifty-hectare park is currently one of the largest planted parks in Latvia. The park has several sightseeing objects: the environmental object "Ghost Tree", the Swan Pond, concert garden, a monument to in commemoration of the perished fishermen and sailors, cafes and tennis courts. In the eastern part of the park, you can admire the luxurious wooden villas from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, with fine wood carvings on the balconies, stair rails and façades.

6. Latvian Musicians Walk of Fame

► M.Valtera 7

Liepāja is the hometown of many beloved Latvian musicians, so it is the perfect location for the Walk of Fame, a place where anyone can compare their own hands with the handprints of many prominent musicians.

7. Sculptures of Liepāja Anthem characters

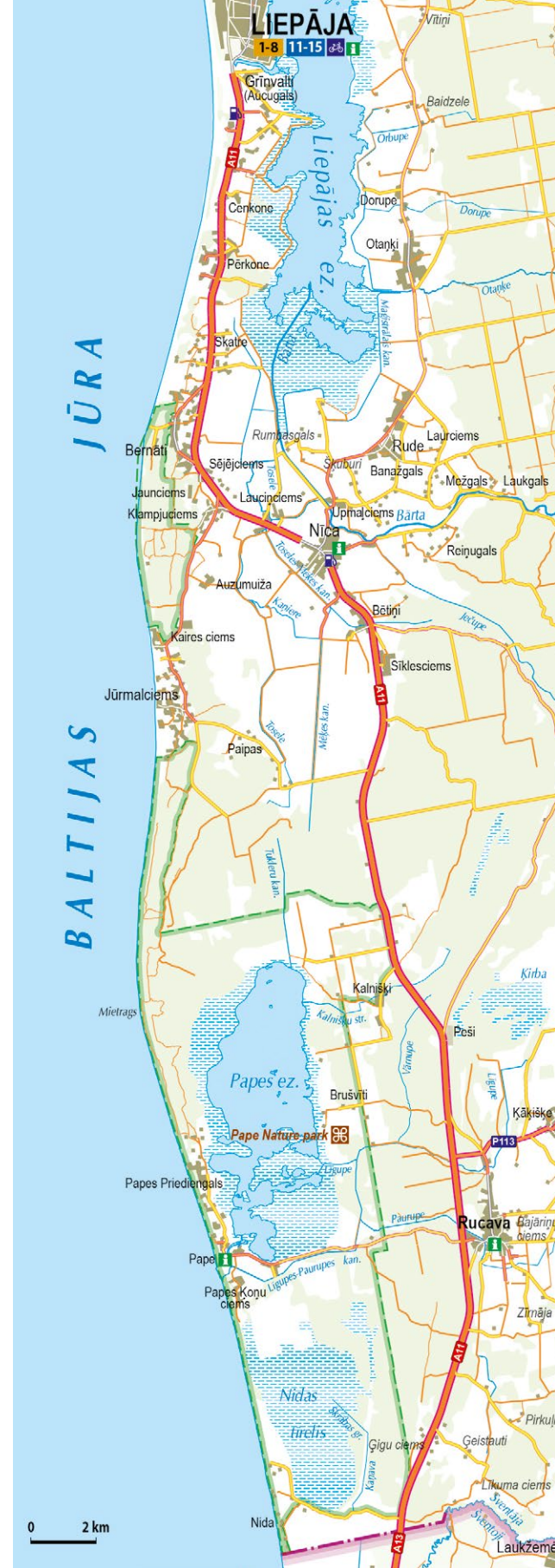
► Kūrmājas prospekts

Liepāja is known as the city of music, even having its own anthem "The city where the wind is born". The locally well-known characters of the anthem – a boatman, a crow, amber Latvians, and the human forest – have been recreated as bronze sculptures all along Kūrmājas prospekts.

8. Concert hall "Great Amber"

► Radio 8, +371 63424555, www.lielaisdzintars.lv

A venue for high-quality cultural and artistic events where listeners can enjoy outstanding acoustics. The sunny tone of



the façade of the concert hall creates visual associations with amber stone, which is often washed up by the Baltic Sea after a storm on nearby Liepāja beach.

9. Karosta

Karosta is a wondrous, paradoxical and unique place not only in the context of Latvia, but also in the historical and architectural context of the world. Karosta is the largest historical military garrison in the Baltics and constitutes almost a third of Liepāja's total territory.

10. Fortification system around Liepāja

► Jātnieku 19, Tobago 1 and

14. novembra bulvāris 82/86

At the end of the 19th century, in order to protect the Liepāja navy base from potential enemy attack, a system of fortifications was built which surrounded the entire city – Coastal battery No.2, the Northern Fort and its 'Redan' (redoubt) were part of this.

Guide services by prior appointment:

Liepāja Region Tourist Information Centre,
www.liepaja.travel

GUIDED TOURS:

Let's meet at Square of Roses!

Jun - Aug, daily at 12:00

Old city guided tours

Sept - May, Sat and Sun at 12:00

Libau Train

Peldu 64, +371 25875696

The tourist train offers circa 35 minutes long audio-visual guided trip (audio language – Latvian or Lithuanian, subtitles – in Russian or English) around the city centre, Seaside park and promenade.

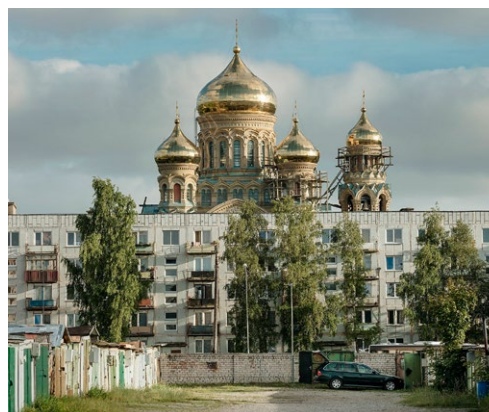
TOURIST ROUTES WITHOUT GUIDE:

Information: Liepāja Region Tourist Information Centre, www.liepaja.travel

Liepāja – follow the notes!

This is the easiest way to see Liepāja and get to know the most significant historical, cultural and architectural sites in the city center. Just follow the musical notes that are embedded in the pavement along the entire route.

Map: www.liepaja.travel



CYCLING ROUTES:

Old Liepāja (11 km) leads through the historic center of the city, along the Trade Canal, Seaside Park, the beach and along Lake Liepāja.

Map: www.liepaja.travel

Karosta (12 km) here you will find military and civilian buildings in the late 19th century Russian architectural style, Soviet-era heritage, and a modern business and industrial environment.

Map: www.liepaja.travel

Bertschy architecture

Architect Paul Max Bertschy created the look of the city in the second half of the 19th century. The buildings designed by Bertschy are mostly built of red bricks. There is a plaque signed by the architect on the façades of several buildings.

Map: www.liepaja.travel

Art Nouveau

Art Nouveau tenement houses, as well as socially important buildings – theatres, schools, cinemas and office buildings – were built at the beginning of the 20th century. Most of them are built in a restrained and laconic manner.

Map: www.liepaja.travel

Liepāja Street Art

Take to the streets of Liepāja and discover large-scale artworks adorning the façades of buildings in the city centre, residential building murals and fortifications in the Karosta.

Map: www.liepaja.travel

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

11. Recreation and entertainment centre “Dzintara Boulings”

► Miķeļa Valtera 4, +371 63480080
www.dzintaraboulings.lv

12. LOC tennis hall

► Liedaga 7, +371 20227900, www.loc.lv

13. Spa centre at the Promenade hotel

► Vecā ostmala 40, +371 63488288
www.promenadehotel.lv

14. LOC pool & spa

► Brīvības 39, +371 63480000, www.loc.lv

15. Adventure park “Tarzāns”

► Lībiešu 8, Karosta, +371 27088933,
www.tarzans.lv/liepaja

Eight obstacle routes including the 330-metre-long slide across the Beberliņi water pit.

BICYCLE RENTAL:

Gandrs, Bāriņu 14, +371 28003364

www.gandrs.lv/noma

Libau bike, Raiņa 35, +371 26488877

Velo-moto, Kungu 6, +371 26447726

Liepu Hostel, Ganību 36/48, +371 24243933

Boutique Hotel Roze, Rožu 37

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ELECTRIC SCOOTER RENTAL:

Bolt, www.bolt.eu

Fiqsy, +371 25480010, www.fiqsy.com

YACHT HARBOUR:

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Vecā ostmala 39, Liepāja

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PĀVILOSTA

Until ten or fifteen years ago Pāvilosta was a sleepy little fishing port, but recent years have seen significant numbers of wealthy Rīgians buying and renovating properties in the area so that it has become one of the most fashionable spots along the Kurzeme coast.

Happily, it has not been completely gentrified. Away from the fashionable cafes and out of season it remains a working, welcoming port and the whole place has that indefinable feel of being linked to the sea. Highlights include a shop selling souvenirs and jewellery created from items shaped by the sea and the local museum, located in an old boathouse, which presents local and regional history in an attractive, modern exhibition.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

16. Akmeņrags lighthouse

► 10 km from Pāvilosta towards Liepāja
+371 28350899

The lighthouse can be reached by personal transport, bicycle or on foot. The 38m high lighthouse is located in one of the most dangerous places for sailing on the Baltic coast.

17. Former army tower - observation tower

► At the South Pier

Open from April 1 to October 31

The tower is equipped with a stationary binoculars, from which you can watch both ships at sea and birds on the beach.

18. Pāvilosta promenade, beach, pier

A place for leisurely walks to enjoy the charm of this coastal settlement. From the end of the pier, you can watch the sunset every evening of the year, and enjoy a refreshing drink on the promenade on warm summer nights. In windy weather, surfers and windsurfers are in evidence on the beach.

19. Pāvilosta Museum

► Dzintaru 1, +371 63498276
pavilosta.muzejs@tvnet.lv

In the museum you will be able to discover the history of the town via several modern, interactive exhibitions outlining fishing traditions, stories of the "forbidden zone" and the most important events in the history of Pāvilosta.

20. Jewellery workshop, shop "Jūras rotas"

► Dzintaru 2C, +371 29401273
redzetdebesis@inbox.lv

Made with inspiration in Pāvilosta! A unique souvenir shop, where the owners make jewellery and other small items from materials found on the seashore.

21. Coastal fishing and fish smoking

► Smilšu 17, +371 29207243
viesumaja.zvilnis@gmail.com

Opportunities to participate in the process of smoking locally caught fish and tasting sessions.

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

22. Surf equipment, shop "Vilnis"

► Dzintaru 27, dagnis@windsurf.lv

23. Pāvilosta SURF Club

► Kalna iela 25, +371 26444934
dagnis@windsurf.lv

24. Wake Park Das Crocodill

► Dzelzceļa 21, +371 26654754
www.wakecrocodill.lv

BICYCLE RENTAL:

Āķagals, Dzintaru 3, +371 29498899
akagals.cafe@gmail.com

YACHT HARBOURS:

Pāvilosta Marina

Ostmalas 4, Pāvilosta, +371 29125521
pavilosta@pavilostamarina.lv
www.pavilostamarina.lv

Pāvilosta Port

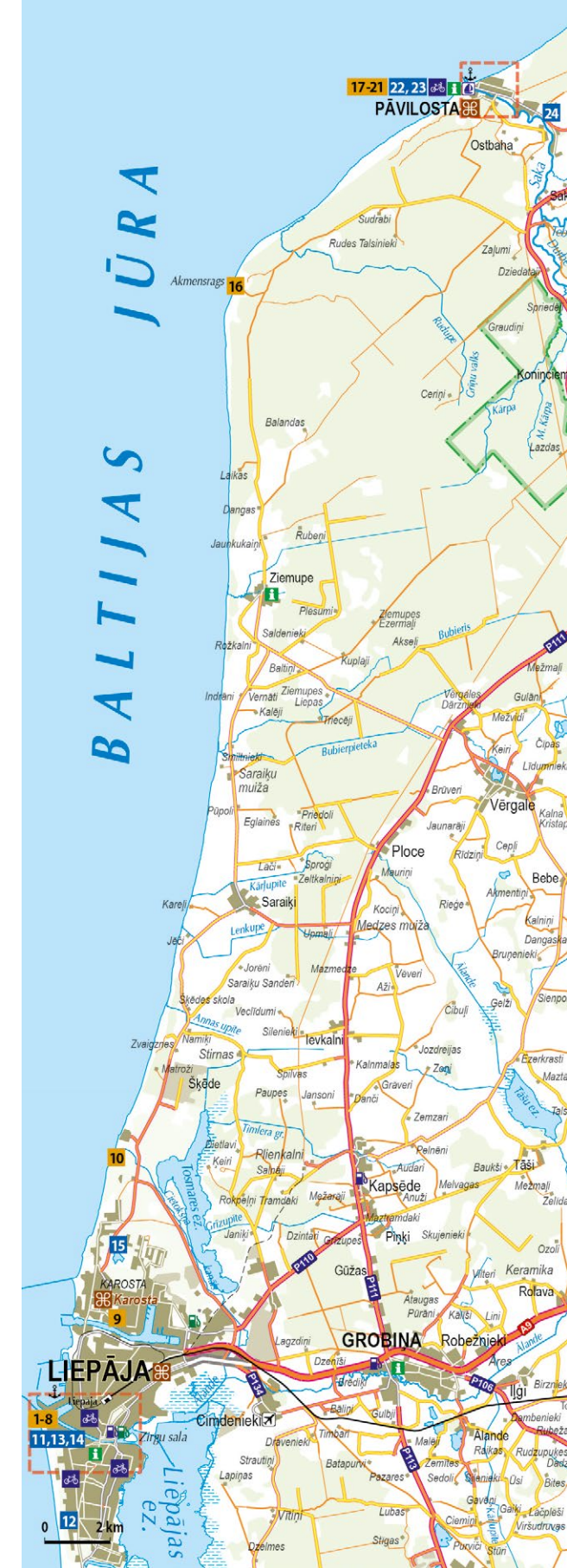
Dzintaru iela 2A, Pāvilosta, +371 29125521
info@pavilostaport.lv, www.pavilostaport.lv

Boat Park Pāvilosta

Ostmalas 12A, Pāvilosta, +371 29274532
edgars@boatpark.lv, www.boatpark.lv

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www.dienvidkurzeme.travel





VENTSPILS

Though the skyline and suburbs of Ventspils are dominated by fairly ugly cranes, stockyards and oil pipes, the city itself has made a concerted effort to present a more attractive face to the world with large, well-maintained parks (many designed with children's activities prioritised) and some very worthwhile attractions including a restored medieval castle and a narrow-gauge steam railway that runs during the summer months. A strangely-shaped artificial hill offers a brief burst of downhill skiing when conditions allow. Easier on the eye is the area around the old market with the central library and the historic writers' house, where you may catch a glimpse of someone working on their latest novel.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

25. Science centre "VIZIUM"

► Rūpniecības 2, +371 66776633, www.vizium.lv
Everybody can easily get to know and explore the complexities of physics, mathematics, engineering and science of technology. More than 80 interactive exhibits, 20 study programmes, 6 technical creative workshops, and 6 science shows welcome visitors to the Science centre.

26. Concert Hall "Latvija"

► Lielais laukums 1, +371 25773303
www.koncertzalelatvija.lv
The activity of the Concert Hall "Latvija", the North Kurzeme music, arts and cultural education centre, launched in July 2019. The repertoire of the new concert hall regularly features performances by Latvia's best musicians, as well as by exclusive guest concerts by foreign artists.

27. Seaside Open Air Museum

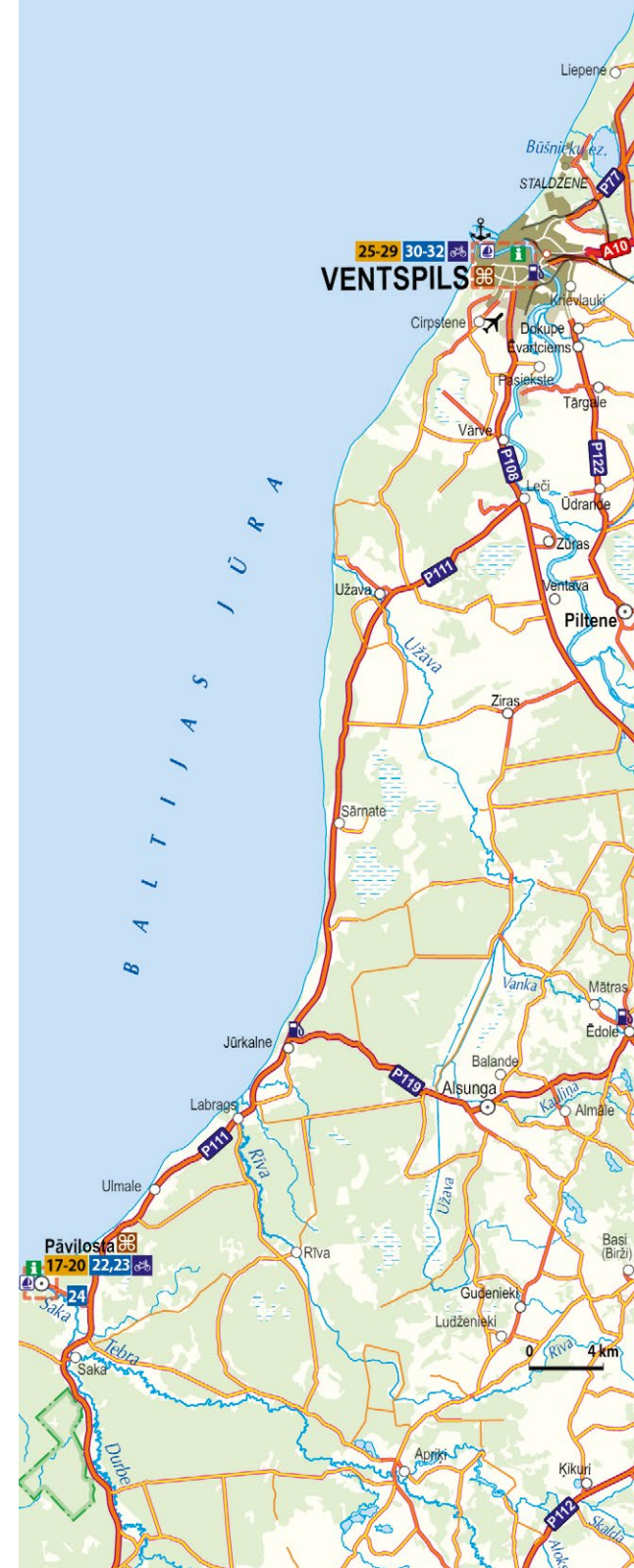
► Rīnka 2, +371 63624467, +371 22466099
muzejs.ventspils.lv
The Seaside Open Air Museum was founded in 1954 to preserve the heritage of the seaside fishing village. It features fishermen's homesteads, barns, windmills, smokehouses, curing cabins, net sheds and other examples of native building and household artefacts. In an area of 4 hectares you will find an extensive sea boat collection and the largest anchor collection in the Baltics with 152 exhibits dating from the 17th century to the present day.

28. Livonian Order Castle

► Jāņa 17, +371 63626288, muzejs.ventspils.lv
The Livonian Order castle differs from other medieval fortresses with its interior, where modern museum exhibit design blends harmoniously with the historic environment. It offers activities all year round: concerts, history and art exhibitions.

29. Ostas Street Promenade

► Ostas iela, www.visitventspils.com
The Ostas Street promenade offers a wide view of the River Venta, the sea gate, the old port workshops, an impressive collection of buoys, exhibited pilot ship "Rota" and environmental object – propeller "Human power".





Guide services by prior appointment:
Ventspils Tourist Information Centre,
www.visitventspils.com

TOURIST ROUTES WITHOUT GUIDE:

Walking routes - on the map you will find four walking routes of different lengths that will lead you to the most beautiful places in the city

Map: Ventspils Tourist Information Centre,
www.visitventspils.com

Museum in the town (11 km) the Ventspils Museum invites you to go on a long thematic walk, looking at various objects in the urban environment. The walking route map also contains questions that can be answered in the immediate vicinity of each object.

Map: www.visitventspils.com

Narrow-gauge railway steam locomotive "Mazbānītis" – the historic narrow gauge railway steam locomotive puffs its way through the Seaside Park to the Adventure Park. At the end of the Kalna line, a locomotive turntable has been installed, with passengers invited to lend a hand!
Riņķa 2, muzejs.ventspils.lv

Ventspils train. During a 40 minute ride you can see the most noteworthy sites of Ventspils, the most popular tourist and entertainment objects, historic buildings, beautiful city parks and squares. An audio guide reveals interesting stories about ancient Ventspils, as well as information about the sights along the route in Latvian, Russian, English, Lithuanian and German.
Information: www.ventspilstrain.lv

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

30. Adventure Park

► **Saules 141, +371 28611333,**
www.piedzivojumuparks.lv
 A wide range of attractions available for the whole family.

31. Beach waterpark

► **Medņu 19, +371 26429684,**
www.pludmalesakvaparks.lv

32. Water Amusement Park

► **Lauku 5, +371 25636777, www.udensparks.lv**

BICYCLE RENTAL:

Ventvelo, Rindas 44, +371 27583888,
www.ventvelo.lv

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Bolt, www.bolt.eu

Easy rent Ventspils, Raiņa 7, Kuldīgas 43/45,
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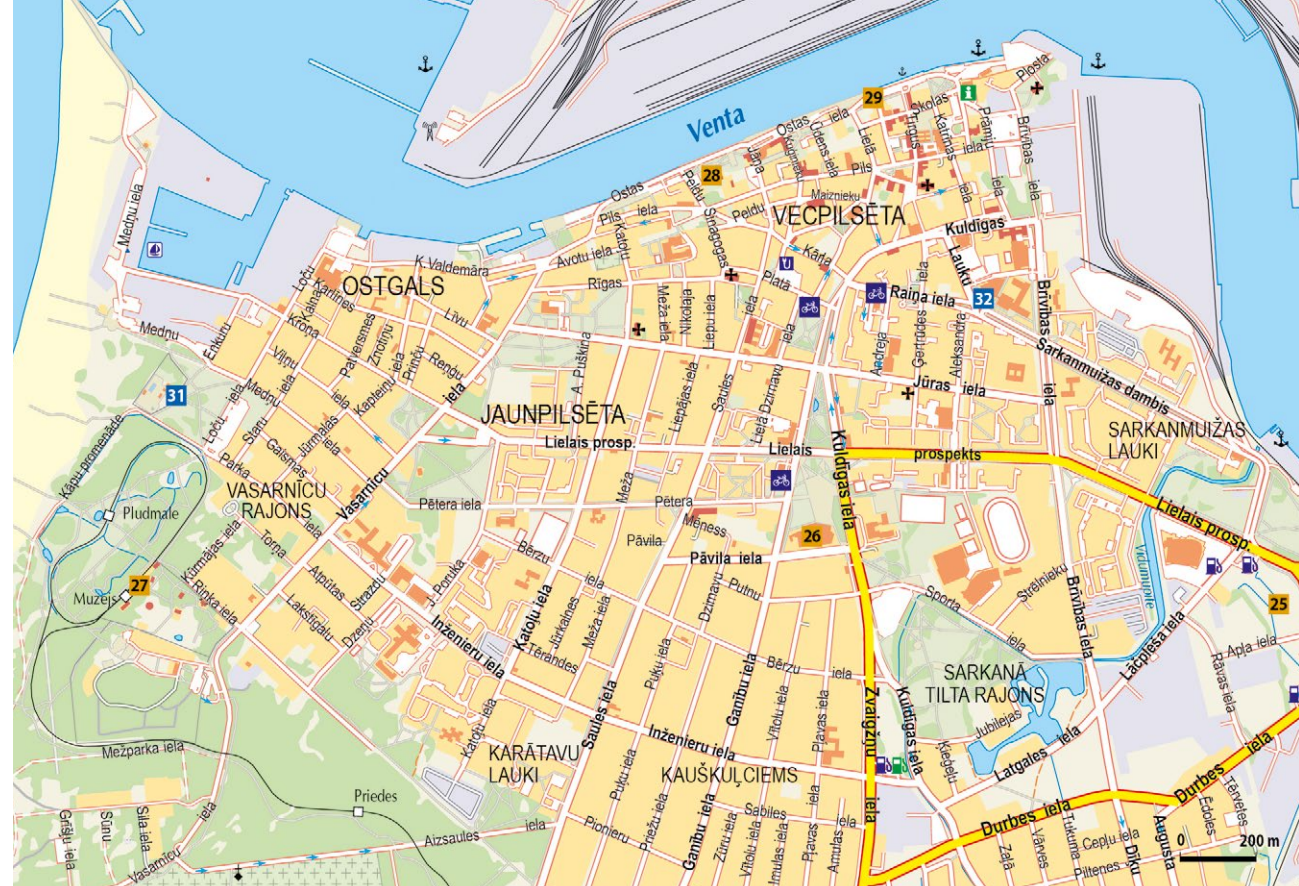
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GULF OF RĪGA

For more than 800 years, the Gulf of Rīga has been a major international hub for shipping and commerce. The medieval trading vessels may have given way to more modern tankers, cargo ships and cruise liners, but the economic importance is undiminished. Add the strategic importance of this major port, and the continued importance of the Baltic as a source of food and work, and you shouldn't be surprised to see naval vessels and fishing boats out on the waters, too.

Though the distance from Cape Kolka in the west to the Latvia-Estonia border in the east is just over 100 kilometres, the broad, deep curve of the Gulf of Rīga results in a coastline of some 250 kilometres which includes sandy beaches, extensive dunes and the 'Vidzeme rocky coast' of very varied stones and boulders peppering the shoreline.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGION:

- Roja** – a fishing village with its own **Sea and Fishing Museum**,
▶ www.roja.lv
- Kaltene and Mērsrags** – the only rocky coastline in Kurzeme region
- Lake Engure Nature Park** – nature trails with gorgeous orchids, a paradise for bird-watchers and hikers, ▶ www.visittukums.lv
- Fishing villages** along the coast, ▶ www.kurzeme.lv
- Bog trail in Ķemeri** – walk in the swamp with unique landscapes, ▶ www.visitjurmala.lv
- Rundāle Palace** – a marvel of Baroque art in an unspoiled rural landscape, ▶ www.rundale.net
- Live Silver Museum** – explore the element of silver in many forms, ▶ www.sudrabamuzejs.lv
- Saulkrasti** – the White Dune, Bicycle Museum and Jazz Festival, ▶ www.visitsaulkrasti.lv
- Museum of Ainaži Naval School** – exhibition of Latvia's naval and seafaring past, ▶ www.rigamuz.lv
- Cēsis** – charming and artistic Hanseatic town, ▶ www.turisms.cesis.lv



ROJA

The fishing port of Roja is another small town that is enjoying a modest rebirth after becoming rather run down for a while. The essential ingredient for this revival is the local fish (two of them form the town's official coat of arms), which are renowned throughout Latvia, and in particular the smoked fish, which are a true delicacy and can be bought from little kiosks and stalls all along the main P131 road running from Engure to Cape Kolka, but which are particularly dense around Roja, where a couple of high-class restaurants have also spring up to cater to seafood fans. The town festival, and 'RoyaL film festival' in summer are always fun.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

33. Local market

► Selgas 1R, +371 28630590

At the market, you can buy homemade souvenirs, vegetables, flowers and fish products.

34. Roja Open-air concert stage

► Jūras 10, +371 29196478

Summer event centre with one of the largest open-air stages in Latvia and an acoustic roof. In the summer season, concerts, performances, exhibitions, festivals, cinema and other events take place here.

35. Sea Fishing Museum

► Selgas 33, +371 29432899

The interactive exhibition tells the story of the coastal villages, the local people and their contribution to the development of the area, including fishing and shipping.

Guide services by prior appointment:

Roja Sea Fishing Museum,

Selgas 33, +371 29432899

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+371 28630590

TOURIST ROUTES WITHOUT GUIDE:

Nature trail along River Roja

In the territory along and around the River Roja, there are circular nature trails with 3 different lengths: 2 km, 7 km and 15 km.

Map: Tourist Information Centre,
+371 28630590

Route of art and crafts

During this walk you will find art and environmental objects created by locals

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BICYCLE RENTAL:

Camping Roja, Silupītes 9, Roja, +371 29147505

YACHT HARBOUR:

Roja Port

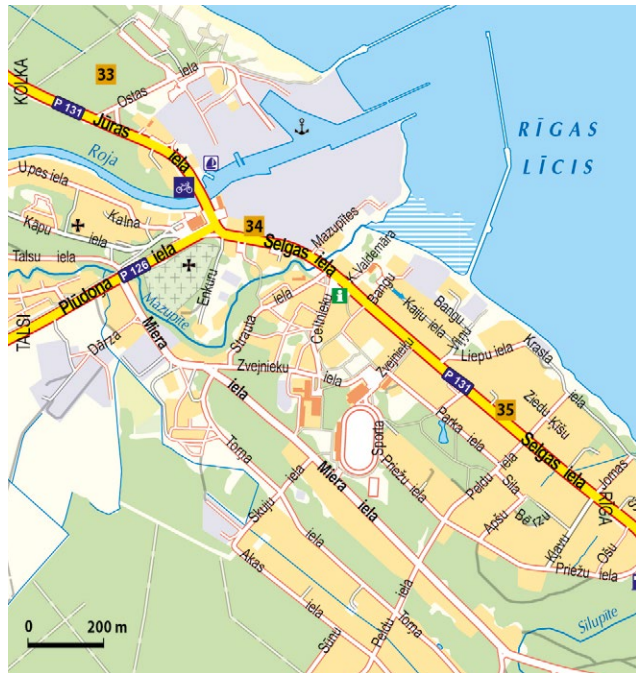
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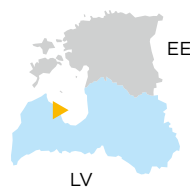
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MĒRSRAGS

'Small but pleasant' would be a good way to sum up a lot of things in Mērsrags, from the resident population to its little lighthouse, a 21-metre-tall structure that was ordered from France. The beach at Mērsrags is equally appealing: a curious mixture of fine sand and large stones partly submerged in the Baltic waves.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

36. Mērsrags Lighthouse

► Bākas 60, +371 63237704

Sightseeing available from April 1 to October 31, by prior appointment at the Tourist Information Office.

37. Museum Meeting House

► Rožu 16, +371 63235995, www.mersrags.lv

The museum is located in the oldest house in the village, built in 1811. Here you can

see the way of life in Mērsrags and its surroundings at the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century. Particular importance is paid to ancient Latvian folklore and symbols.

38. Statue of Oskars the Fisherman

► Zvejnieku 2, www.mersrags.lv

A symbol of the development of the fishing industry and wealth, the statue was present during Soviet times, disappeared in the early 1990s, but was found in 2011 and returned to Mērsrags municipality.

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

39. Homemade smoked fish

► Lielā 46, +371 26742847

BICYCLE RENTAL:

Holiday house Piparmētras,

Skolas 12, +371 26385967, www.piparmetras.com

ELECTRIC SCOOTER RENTAL:

Saule Camping, Bākas 28, +371 27797555, www.sauleskempings.lv

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ENGURE

Engure is yet another small fishing village, but is most readily associated not with the sea but with Lake Engure, a 12-kilometre-long lagoon that runs parallel with the coast a couple of kilometres inland. There are several fine hiking trails within the Engure National Park plus viewing towers from which you can spot a wide variety of plant, animal and bird life, including, if you are very lucky, Sea Eagles.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

40. The former Engure Naval School

► Saieta nams, Jūras 114, +371 24400170

The building now hosts a meeting house. Previously, the Engure Naval School was one of the 10 naval schools established following a suggestion of Krišjānis Valdemārs (a prominent public figure in the 19th century). Now there is a community centre with an exhibition on the history of Engure rural territory and the naval school on the ground floor.

41. Fisherman's Sculpture and Zušuciems Park

► Jūras 85

Zušuciems Park is formed of several sculptures, installations and objects depicting the life cycle of eels. An impressive fisherman's sculpture is set up here, including a creel basket, boats and other objects. The park is illuminated and has benches and beautiful flowerbeds.

► **Undas iela**
Engure castle mound or Mary Hill is located on the shore of the Gulf of Riga. Externally, the hill does not look like a castle mound, but rather resembles an elevated dune.

► **Labiešu 2**
From May to October, local crafts, fish products, farm goods as well as various plants can be purchased at the Engure Seaside Market. From the market you can enjoy a leisurely stroll along the new Engure promenade, which leads to the white sands of the South Pier beach.

► **Jūras 58, www.enguresbaznica.lv**
Engure Lutheran Church is one of the few wooden churches in Kurzeme. It was built in 1804, but later rebuilt and repaired several times. The altar, the pulpit (1835) and the organ are all noteworthy.

Route “Around Engure”
Approximately 14 km. The route is circular, so it is up to the walker to choose the start and end points. This route has been marked on natural objects in the forest with paint and as stickers in the village. If you walk or ride the route with a bicycle, you will discover the history of Engure, the most scenic places and get to know the lives of locals.

Map: Meeting house or www.kurzeme.lv

► **Jūras iela 95, Engure, +371 29179184**
During tasting sessions, guests have an opportunity to taste eight different species of fish caught in the Baltic Sea. The fish offered for tasting is prepared according to traditional recipes.

► Jūras 66, +371 26417818, +371 26565812,
www.perlerada.com
Creative workshop in screen printing and
batik.

► Jūras 41, +371 29167255
Homemade fish products.

Watersports centre "Vējā", Jūras 60,
+371 29517551, www.veja.lv

**“Pērle rada”, Jūras 66, +371 26417818,
www.perlerada.com**

**Watersports centre “Vējā”, Jūras 60,
+371 29517551, www.veja.lv**

**Guest house “Villa Elizabete”, Jūras 88,
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Latvia's largest and best-known resort town was regarded as the epitome of western-style luxury during the Soviet era and in more modern times has been reinventing itself as a high-class spa and cultural destination. The former sanatoriums are gradually being upgraded or replaced by more luxurious and intimate hotels, while Jūrmala's distinctive art nouveau wooden villas are finally getting the sympathetic restorations they deserve. Jomas Street is the central promenade, at one end of which you will find the beautiful Dzintari concert hall, which hosts numerous musical events



The area of the national park is 38,165 hectares, making it the third-largest national park in Latvia. Ķemeri National Park offers walks on nature trails, cycling routes, educational classes for children and adults, and themed events for the whole family.

► **Kemerı, +371 67147900**
Kemerı Cultural and Historical Park was renovated in 2021. The park, which covers more than 20 hectares, features historical architectural examples – a pavilion, a rotunda, and twelve bridges crossing the

Vërshupite River, which flows through the park. A tourist information point and an exhibition on the history of the Ҷемери resort have been set up in the Ҷемери Water Tower. The tower's 42-metre-high top platform offers an observation deck from which you can view the surroundings of Ҷемери. To go to the observation deck, you must book a visit. Entrance is free of charge.

The uniqueness of Jurmala's 24-kilometre-long beach is not only its white, sugar-like quartz sand, but also its expanse. The sand cover from the water line to the dune

embankment in the middle of the city forms an area from 25 to 50 metres wide. The sea itself slopes very gently and in some places you can go almost a hundred metres towards the horizon, listening to your footsteps splash all the way.

51. Wooden architecture

Jurmala cultural and historical centres, starting from Priedaine to Ķemeri Summer houses crowned with decorative towers and glazed verandas are one of the most distinctive features of Jurmala. The special aesthetics of wooden architecture embrace the motifs of neoclassicism, Art Nouveau and national romanticism. Several renovated summer houses hold cultural attractions available to visitors: cottage of Rainis and Aspazija, Aspazija house, Rainis farmstead, Bulduri exhibition house.

52. Jomas street

The central artery of Jūrmala is this pedestrian street along which locals, vacationers and other guests flow in an unending stream in summer. There are a number of cafés and restaurants on Jomas Street, as well as a shopping center and cinema.

53. Jūrmala Museum

► **Tirgoņu 29, +371 67761915**

Jūrmala City Museum will tell visitors about the beginnings and rapid development of Jūrmala resort from the end of the 19th century to the middle of the 20th century. An average of 20 different art and cultural history exhibitions take place in the exhibition halls of Jūrmala City Museum every year.

54. Dzintari Concert Hall

► **Turaidas 1, +371 67762092,**

www.dzintarukonzertzale.lv

One of the city's most important cultural and architectural monuments, offering an extensive cultural programme performed by local and guest international artists.

55. Dzintari Forest Park and Observation Tower

► **Lazdonas iela, Dzintari**

In the park, there are playgrounds for children of different ages, paths for roller skaters and pedestrians, a skate park and cafes. There is also Jūrmala Net Park, Jūrmala Tarzāns Park and a 33.5-metre-tall observation tower giving spectacular views.

56. Ragakāpa Nature Park

► **Tīklu 1A, Bullūciems, +371 67730078**

Ragakāpa Nature Park is a specially protected nature territory created to preserve dunes overgrown with old pine forests. In the territory of the park there are two nature trails made of wooden footbridges. The Jurmala Open-air Museum is located in the park territory.

57. Jūrmala Open-air Museum

► **Tīklu 1A, +371 67754909**

This is the largest and most attractive museum in Jūrmala, located at the foot of the Ragakāpa Nature Park. The museum includes a coastal fisherman's homestead of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, with a net hut, dwelling house, barn, fish farm, swimming hut and more.

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

58. Water park "Līvu akvaparks"

► **Viestura 24, Bulduri, +371 67755636,**

www.akvaparks.lv

More than 20 different slides, more than 10 pools of different depths and sizes, children's attractions, a spa complex with saunas, cold pool, salt room, whirlpools, air and underwater massage equipment, as well

as catering services and bars on the water are located on three floors of the largest indoor water park in Northern Europe. An additional outdoor area is open in summer.

59. Jūrmala Golf Club

► **Golfa 1, Piņķi, +371 29404905, jurmala.golf.com**

Strategically located on 75 hectares of land between Rīga and Jūrmala lies the spectacular 18-hole Jūrmala golf course along with an enjoyable 9-hole par-3 Academy golf course. This combination makes an interesting proposition for golfers of all skill levels. The course was created by one of the world's leading golf course design companies: Nicklaus Design.

60. Waterski & Wakeboard park

► **"Smilgas", Jūrmala, +371 29404905,**

www.waterskis.lv

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RĪGA

The largest Baltic metropolis in the Baltic states, Rīga (population 640,000) has a big-city feel that Tallinn and Vilnius struggle to match, and a fascinating, if turbulent, history that forms a backdrop to many of its attractions.

Most cities would be content with the Old Town, but even that is outshone by the glorious Art Nouveau (Jugendstil) district with the majestic Alberta Street undoubtedly one of Europe's most elegant urban streets.

The Central Market, located in five enormous former Zeppelin hangars is a perennial favourite with tourists, but for something out of the ordinary, explore the eclectic architecture and laid-back atmospheres of the up-and-coming Agenskalns and Miera Street parts of the city.

Riga International Airport serves as a hub not only for Latvia but for the entire region, it's also possible to catch a bus to numerous destinations around the Baltic's from the Riga International Coach Terminal or to destinations in Latvia from Riga Central Railway Station. Getting around the city is easy with trams, buses, trolleybuses and minibuses all integrated into the public transport system.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

61. Kalnciema Quarter – 19th century wooden architecture

► Kalnciema 35, kalnciemaiela.lv

Kalnciema Quarter is a bright and lively district of Rīga on the left bank of the River Daugava, in the green and colourful area of Pārdaugava. It consists of a unique 19th century complex of wooden buildings renovated with the idea of preserving its spirit and the historic atmosphere while adapting it to the dynamics of the 21st century. The quarter showcases Latvian and European design, art exhibitions and workshops in its courtyards. An audio guide gives visitors to Kalnciema Quarter an opportunity to learn more about the wooden architecture in Rīga and Kalnciema Quarter for half an hour, independently guiding them in Latvian or English. The audio guide is available at Kalnciema Quarter Wine Shop and Café.

62. St. Jacob's Church

► Jēkaba 9, www.catholic.lv

The church is the seat of the Roman Catholic Church's cardinal in Latvia. The construction of Riga St. Jacob's Cathedral, initially designed in the early Gothic style, started in 1225 and was finished around 1330. Over the subsequent centuries, the building has undergone various transformations and alterations.

63. Rīga Dome Cathedral

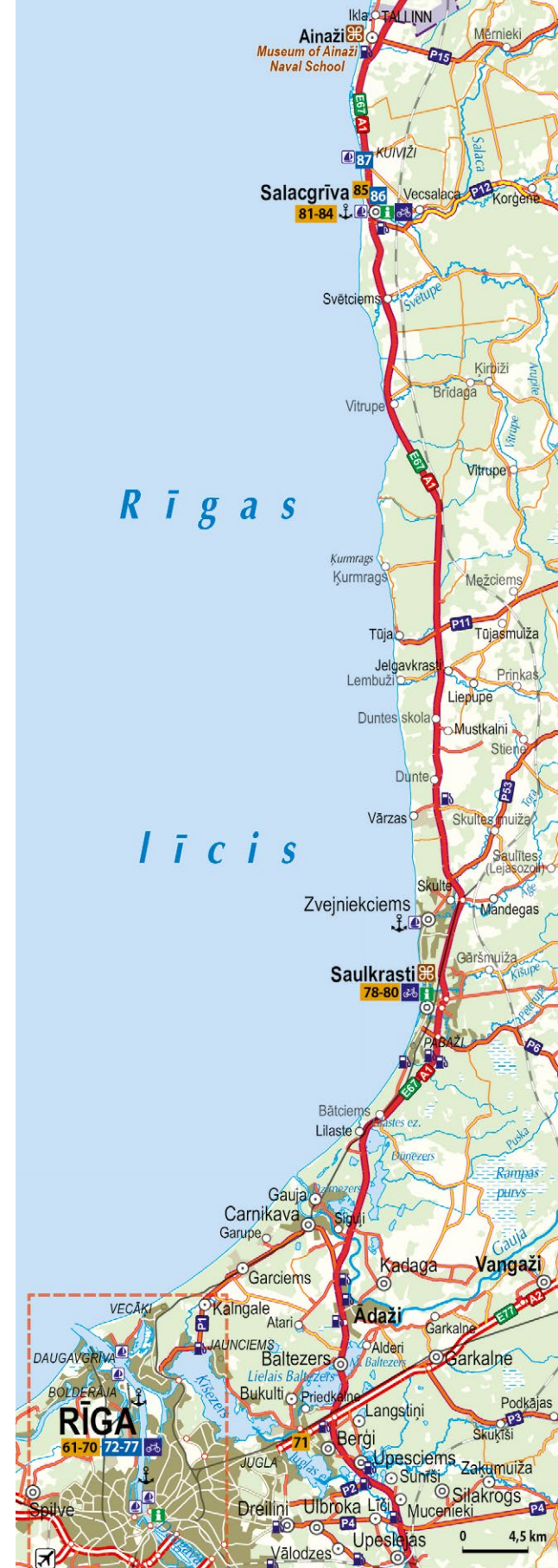
► Herdera laukums 6, www.doms.lv

Now the seat of the Latvian Lutheran Church's archbishop, its foundation stone was laid in the 13th century and features a magnificent organ with outstanding sound quality.

64. Museum of the History of Riga and Navigation

► Palasta 4, +371 67211358, www.rigamuz.lv

This is the oldest public museum in Latvia and one of the oldest in Europe, the origin of which dates back to 1773. The museum's 16 exhibition halls tell of the creation and development of Rīga over more than 800 years, as well as the role of shipping in the territory of Latvia from the 10th century to the present day.



65. St. Peter's Church

Reformācijas laukums 1, peterbaznica.riga.lv
It features the highest church tower in the city with a viewing platform; it was completed at the end of the 15th century but then rebuilt after collapse. In 1690, a new tower was built in the Baroque style, with several domes and galleries, being the highest wooden construction in the world at the time.

66. Central Market

► Nēģu 7, www.rct.lv

Rīga Central Market is situated in the heart of the capital, a few hundred meters from the Old Town on the banks of the River Daugava. It is not only one of the largest marketplaces in Eastern Europe, but also one of the most visited, as 80,000-100,000 people shop here each day on average. The architecturally-imposing food pavilions, originally built in the 1920s as airship hangars, are Rīga Central Market's iconic calling card.

67. Latvian National Opera and Ballet

► Aspazijas bulvāris 3, +371 67073777, www.opera.lv

The grandiose building was unveiled in 1863, and was originally constructed and used as the Rīga City Theater building according to the design of architect Ludwig Bohnstedt. After a fire damaged it, the building was rebuilt, and became the home of the Latvian National Opera in 1919. During the season which lasts from mid-September to the end of May, around 200 performances including symphonic and chamber music concerts are staged here.

68. Freedom Monument

► Brīvības laukums, Rīga

Unveiled in 1935, the Freedom Monument has played a major role in the country's subsequent tumultuous history. The ensemble by sculptor Kārlis Zāle depicts the nation singing, working and fighting for liberty, crowned by a beautiful woman holding aloft three stars.

69. Alberta Street

► www.jugendstils.riga.lv

Alberta Street is the Art Nouveau epicentre of Riga, its magnificent buildings located along the entire length of the street. Eight of them have been recognised as architectural monuments of national

significance and all are noteworthy. Each house is decorated by figurative sculptures, façades with protruding balconies, columns and other elements covered in abstract curls in keeping with the best traditions of Art Nouveau.

70. Riga Zoo

► Meža prospekts 1, www.rigazoo.lv

You can go on a long walk around the zoo area and meet other four-legged, swimming and flying friends. And who knows, maybe a small animal baby who has come to the world will be waiting for you.

71. Latvian Ethnographic Open-air Museum

► Bonaventuras 10, +371 67994510, www.brivdabasmuzejs.lv

The Latvian Ethnographic Open-air Museum is one of the oldest open-air museums in Europe. Now its territory covers 87.66 hectares of forest on the banks of Lake Jugla. The museum displays 118 historic buildings from all Latvian regions - Kurzeme, Vidzeme, Zemgale and Latgale dating from the 17th century to the beginning of 1930s.

TOURIST ROUTES WITHOUT GUIDE:

Riga by bicycle

Riga is a green and scenic city, and the most pleasant way to observe and experience it is by going on a bike ride. No matter which direction you choose, our recommended and tested cycling routes will take you through the most dynamic points of Riga, into diverse and colorful neighborhoods, towards a gulp of fresh air.

Maps: www.liveriga.com

Hiking routes

Feel the fresh air and enjoy nature, within Riga and its outskirts.

Maps: www.liveriga.com

Running Routes in Riga

Discover the city one jog at a time!

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SERVICE PROVIDERS:

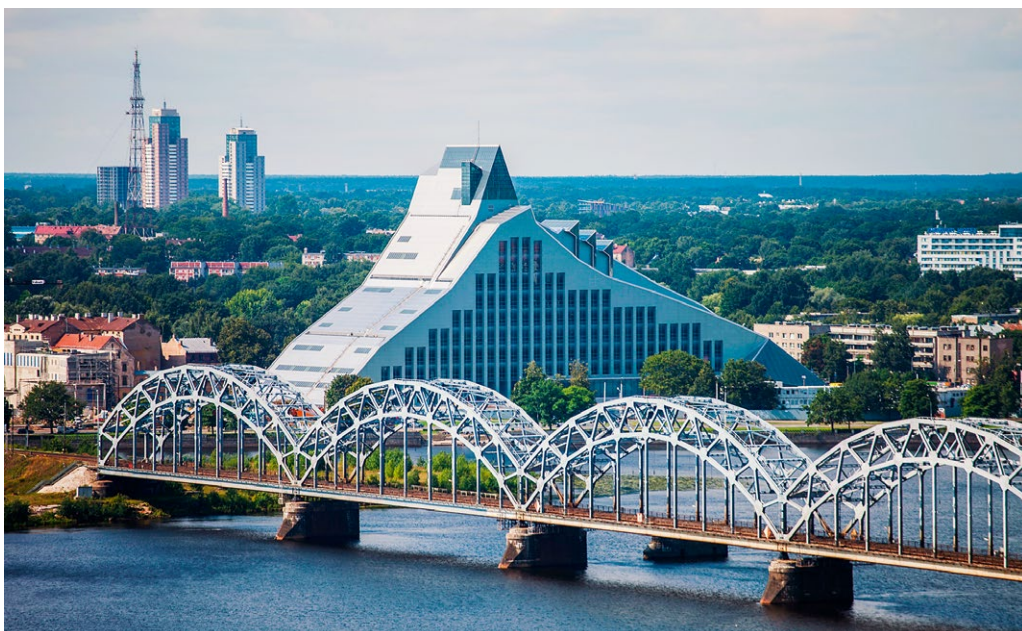
72. Wellton Spa

► Kalēju 33, +371 67130680
wellton.com

73. Kempinski Spa

► Aspazijas 22, +371 67670127
www.kempinski.com





74. Hedonic Spa

► Raiņa 5/6, +371 60008613, grandpoet.semarahhotels.com
Swimming pool, jacuzzi, bio-sauna, Finnish sauna, steam room, aroma room, fitness centre.

75. Taka Spa

► Kronvalda bulvāris 3A, +371 67323150, www.takaspa.lv

76. ESPA Rīga

► Baznīcas 4A, +371 67715222, www.espariga.com
The six-floor spa of exquisite interior and design is skillfully created to offer an unforgettable experience.

77. Joker Club

► Katrīnas 12, +371 26441212, www.jokerklubs.lv
Water relaxation center, fitness center with a fully equipped gym, TRX gym, as well as fitness studio and squash courts.

BICYCLE RENTAL:

NextBike, www.nextbike.lv
Riga Bike Rental, Pils 14, Rātslaukums 1A, www.bicyclerental.lv
Sixt Rent, +371 67676780, app nextbike
Gandrs, Kalnciema 28, www.gandrs.eu

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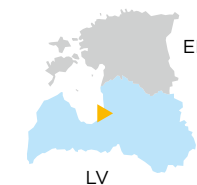
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SKULTE

The little village of Skulte has a population of around 500, though it sometimes feels slightly larger in summer thanks to a large number of summer houses, and the fact that the similar village of Zvejniekiems (literally 'Fisher's village') and the larger resort town of Saulkrasti are practically adjacent. Beaches here are excellent, which accounts for the summer homes, with pine-filled dunes and good quality water. If it feels like an isolated coast, it isn't: the main A1 highway from Rīga to Tallinn is just metres away and Skulte is also the terminus of a direct rail line to Rīga with several services per day.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

78. The white dune

► Kāpu 1, Saulkrasti, www.visitsaulkrasti.lv
The 18-meter-high dune is located on the right bank of the Inčupe River at the mouth of the river. The dune offers a beautiful view of the Gulf of Riga, the Inčupe estuary and the wide beach.

79. Saulkrasti Bicycle Museum

► Rīgas 44A, Saulkrasti, +371 29276832, www.velomuseum.lv
The largest collection of ancient bicycles in the Baltics. The collection depicts the history of the Latvian bicycle industry before the Second World War, and alongside unique exhibits, an ancient workshop and shop can be visited here.

80. The Sea Park and Blue Flag swimming area

► Ainažu 13B, Saulkrasti, www.visitsaulkrasti.lv
The Sea Park invites you to play beach volleyball and to work out on the outdoor gym. There is a playground for children, but parents can enjoy sunbathing on one of the sun loungers. "Centrs" swimming area is a blue flag beach in Saulkrasti.

TOURIST ROUTES WITHOUT GUIDE:

The Sunset trail

Kāpu 1, Saulkrasti, www.visitsaulkrasti.lv
The Sunset Trail connects small rivers of Inčupe with Pēterupe, running parallel to the sea for 3.6 km from the White Dune to the Sun Bridge. Here you can see the landscape typical of Saulkrasti seashore – the wide, sandy beach and the dunes, and enjoy the fresh air of the seashore surrounded by pine forests.

BICYCLE RENTAL:

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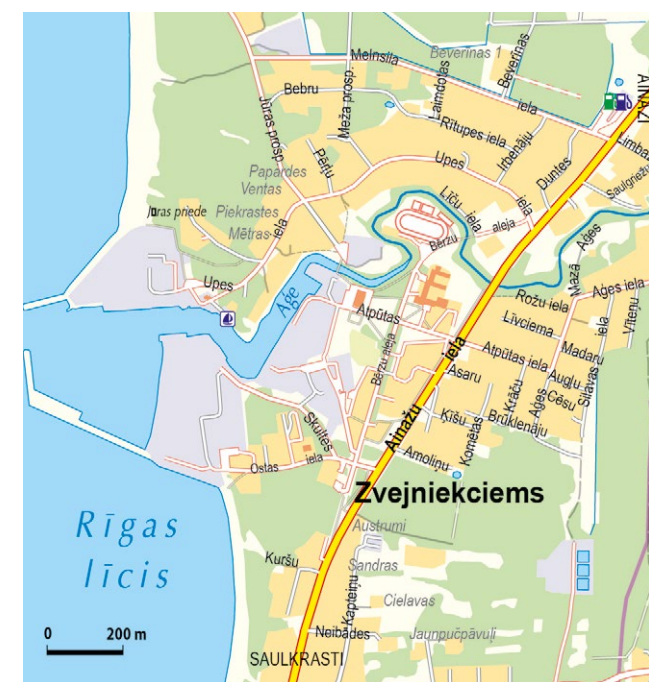
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SALACGRĪVA, KUIVIŽI

Salacgrīva was once a very popular resort for ordinary folk in northern Latvia as well as being a major fishing and canning port. While the fishing industry has continued to be a major employer and is still the backbone of the place, only now is Salacgrīva finally starting to smarten itself up again, with the first results being some improved infrastructure, modern shops and a maintained beach. Kuiviži is a linked settlement to the north, and a little further on you'll find the Randu meadows, a protected natural habitat rich in bird life.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

81. The Museum of Salacgrīva

► Sila 2, +371 64071981, muzejs.salacgriva.lv
In 1998, marking the 70th anniversary of Salacgrīva, a decision was made to establish a museum. It is located on Sila Street 2 in a house built in 1989 on the foundations of a much older house. The museum pays particular attention to local lamprey fishing.

82. Fisherman's farm "Kurķis"

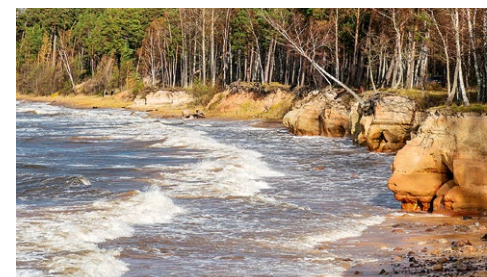
► Meldru 18, +371 29268299
The lamprey is appreciated as a special delicacy among gourmands, but lamprey fishing is not widespread in the world these days. However, in Salacgrīva a traditional lamprey trap is still used for real lamprey fishing, a unique fishing technique with centuries of history.

83. The lighthouse and promenade

► Ostas iela
To protect the Salaca coast from erosion, it was decided to build a promenade. With the involvement of locals who brought the stones it was built and opened in May 2014. Next to the promenade is the Salacgrīva lighthouse, which has become a symbol of the town as well as showing the way to sailors.

84. Alley of Fame

► Krīperu iela
On July 16, 2016, an 'Alley of Fame' was launched on the promenade, the idea of the town mayor. In 2021, 24 bronze handprints of prominent people who have visited Salacgrīva and the surrounding area was unveiled.



85. Fishermen's Park

► Sporta 6, zvejniekuparks.lv
In 1967, an open-air stage was built in the sports and recreation complex "Zvejnieku parks" established by the fishermen's collective farm "The free waves", which was one of the largest and most visited open-air stages on the Vidzeme coast. The stage was completely renovated in 2021.

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

86. Tennis courts

► Sporta 4, +371 64041553, zvejniekuparks.lv

87. SPA "Kapteiņu osta"

► Pērnavas 49A, +371 29390312
www.kapteinuosta.lv

BICYCLE RENTAL:

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YACHT HARBOURS:

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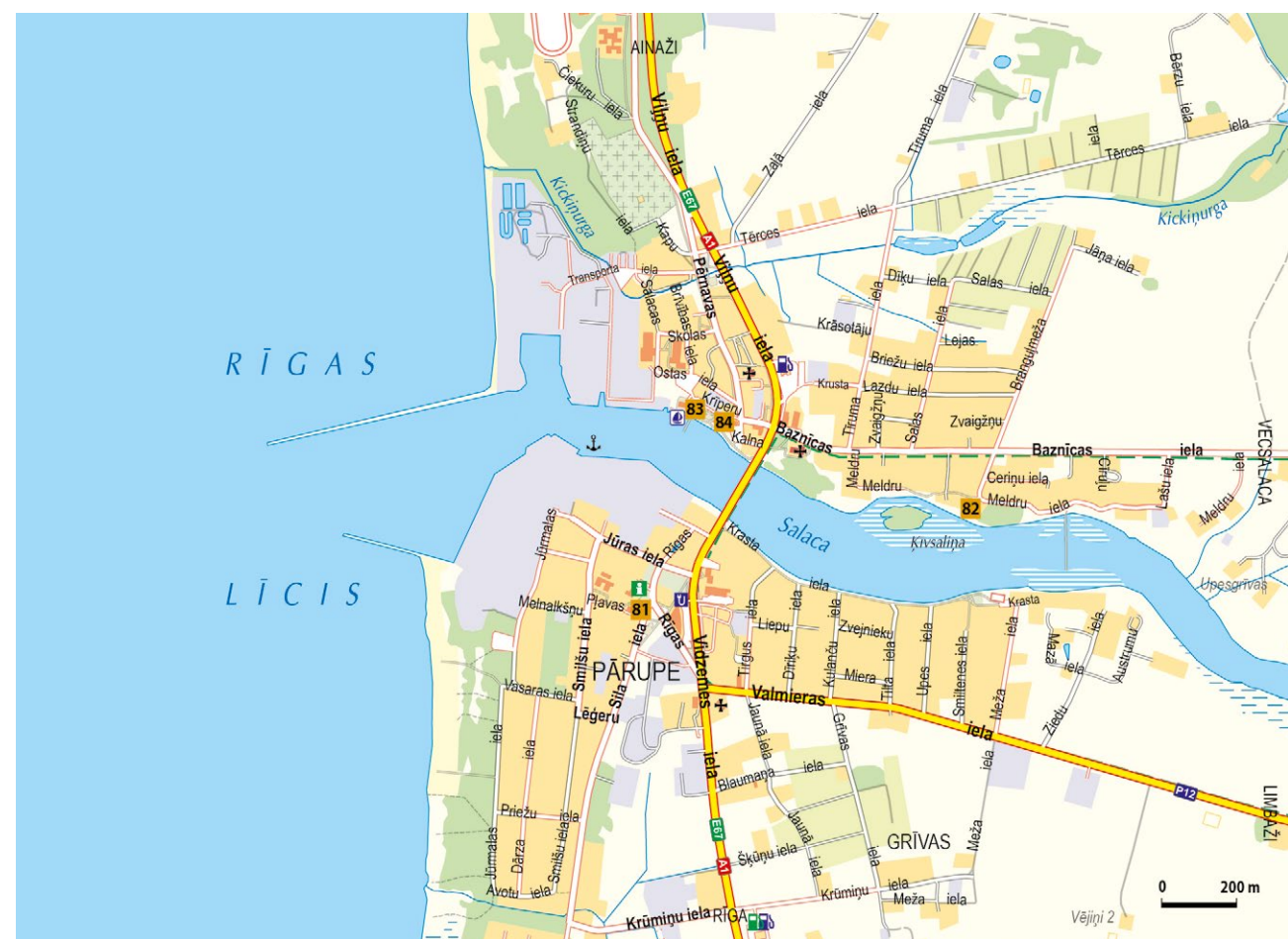
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ESTONIA



PÄRNU AND SOUTHWEST ESTONIA

From the Latvian border the coast runs roughly north for 40 kilometres parallel with the main Via Baltica highway linking Riga and Tallinn. The easy access makes it popular for camping, both in the wild and on private campsites. Then the coast dips inland to form the broad Pärnu bay, where you are likely to see the sails of yachts tacking back and forth to and from the islands of Kihnu and Manija and, closer to shore, windsurfers and wakeboarders. North of Pärnu the coastline becomes wilder and more erratic, making it perfect for sea kayaks.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGION:

Valgeranna Adventure Park – an excellent place next to the white sandy beach to find new challenges or spend an active holiday with family and friends, ► www.valgerannaseikluspark.ee

Lottemaa Theme Park – the largest family theme park in the Baltic states, ► www.lottemaa.ee

Sassi Horse Farm – a place to have a great, active holiday, ► www.sassitalu.com

White Beach Golf – an 18-hole golf course, located near the most beautiful beach on Pärnu Bay, ► www.wbg.ee

Pärnu Bay Golf Links – the first links-type course in the Baltic countries with an impressive club house stands by the sea, ► www.parnubaygolf.com

Porsche Ring Racetrack – Estonia's only permanent racing circuit, ► www.audruring.ee

Kabli Nature Centre and nature study trail – a destination at which you can find useful information about the natural life of the region. There is also a birdwatching centre and lovely beach nearby, ► www.loodusegakoos.ee, www.visitparnu.com

Jõulumäe Recreational Sports Centre – beautiful location surrounded by a stunning landscape, ► www.joulumae.ee

Estonian Museum Railway at Lavassaare – More than 70 items of rolling stock, including five steam engines, can be seen in the museum, ► www.museumrailway.ee

Herbal garden of Tamme Farm – a great spot to learn about a variety of herbs in one of their sample gardens or check out their exciting vegetables and to see what decorative plants can also be used in cooking, ► www.visitparnu.com

Tõstamaa manor and museum – The beautifully renovated Baltic-German manor is one of the best-known sights in the area, introducing the lives of both gentry and locals through exhibitions and tours, ► mois.tostamaa.ee



Official tourist information for Estonia: www.visitestonia.com

Estonian Rural Tourism: www.maaturism.ee

Pärnu Tourist Information: www.visitparnu.com





PÄRNU

Once upon a time Pärnu was a port to rival Rīga and Tallinn, and while it still has a working port, these days tourism plays the key role in the city's economy. Regarded as Estonia's summer capital, Pärnu has a huge number of spa hotels and accommodation to suit every pocket, plus several large shopping malls that attract people from a large part of southern Estonia and northern Latvia. Be aware that accommodation prices tend to be much more expensive during the summer season or when there is a major festival in progress.

The red spire of the Lutheran Elisabeth's Church and the green ones of the Orthodox St. Catherine's make useful landmarks to orient you while walking the streets. Pärnu is likely to be a major beneficiary of the Rail Baltica regional high-speed rail project when it is completed sometime in the next decade.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

88. Mole of Pärnu

Constructed once to deepen the port and boost trade, the mole of Pärnu (often also referred to as the Jetty of Pärnu) is one of the city's most interesting sights. For better access to the mole an illuminated boardwalk has been built, starting at the Beach Park (Rannapark) and winding along the Pärnu River.

89. Pärnu Mud Baths (Hedon Spa & Hotel)

► Ranna 1, www.hedonspa.com

Constructed in 1838, the building of the Mud Baths gave impetus to the development of Pärnu as a health resort. After standing empty for years, the beautiful building was completely renovated in 2014, when a new spa and hotel were opened there. In addition to the renovated section of the building, an entirely new modern extension was built, which is connected to the renovated mud baths.

90. The Moat and Tallinn Gate

► Õhtu 1A

The city's biggest events and festivals (including Estonia's largest food festival Grillfest and the Hanseatic Days) take place at the Pärnu Moat (Vallikäär). When no events are taking place, the Moat is an excellent place to enjoy a stroll all year round. There are children's playgrounds both in the moat and in the nearby Munamäe park. When coming from the heart of the city, you will see the Tallinn Gate, the only remaining seventeenth-century gate with an embankment in the Baltics.

91. Pärnu Town Hall

► Uus 4, www.visitparnu.com

The Town Hall is located in a house built in 1797 by the merchant P.R. Harder; with its early-Classicalist decor, it was one of the most prominent houses in the city at the time it was built. In 1804, the Russian Tsar Alexander I stayed in this house during his visit to Pärnu.



92. Old Town

Rüütli Street is the heart of Pärnu's Old Town. The street is not very long, requiring only about five minutes to traverse at a brisk stroll. However, it's likely to take you longer, as there are many tempting small shops and cafés along the street and close by. The recently-renovated Independence Square is located at the end of the street, near the bus station.

93. Maarja-Magdaleena Guild

► Uus 5, www.maarjamagdaleenagild.ee
Mary Magdalene Guild showcases the best in Estonian applied art and handicrafts. Here you can buy and custom-order works made by the artists and craftsmen of Pärnu.

94. Red Tower

► Hommiku 11, www.parnumuuseum.ee
A modern circular panoramic cinema is now open in the Red Tower, which was originally built in the 15th century as a defence and prison tower. It is the only defensive tower and oldest medieval building.

95. Pärnu Museum

► Aida 3, www.parnumuuseum.ee
Pärnu Museum offers both traditional and interactive exhibits in order to transport visitors through all 11,000 years of Estonian history starting with an Early Mesolithic settlement, through the years of the Hanseatic League, the Baltic German aristocracy and the proclamation of the Republic of Estonia.

96. Pärnu Prison

► Sillutise 6, www.pogenemistoad.ee
Closed in 2007, Pärnu Prison is now home to the largest escape room complex in Scandinavia and the Baltics. There are many legends and tales associated with the complex, which you will definitely hear while planning your breakout.

GUIDED TOURS:

Pärnu Private Tours

► +372 5595 8038
www.parnutours.com
Pärnu Private Tours offers a diverse selection of excursions with a professional guide – from traditional to taste experience tours. One could even have a tour with electric scooter or by bicycle. Get to know about Pärnu's history of beer brewing, follow the footsteps of the holidaymakers

or hear the most incredible stories of prominent people in history.

TOURIST ROUTES WITHOUT GUIDE:

There are over 70 kilometres of light traffic roads in Pärnu, making the bicycle one of the best ways of discovering the city and its surroundings. In a few hours you can make a wide tour of the city, seeing areas that the average visitor often does not reach.
Map: www.visitparnu.com

Jaanson's Path forms a 10-kilometre loop around the Pärnu River and offers lovely views of the river, parks and local neighbourhoods. On Jaanson's Path you can try cycling, Nordic walking, running, skateboarding or rollerblading.
More info: www.visitparnu.com

Nature Study and Hiking Trails

Pärnu is home to more than 18 hiking and study trails that provide a variety of opportunities for recreation in nature. Many hiking trails are situated in bogs and marshes, but a special beach meadow trail sits right by the sea on Pärnu beach.
More info: www.visitparnu.com

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

97. SPA centers in Pärnu

Pärnu city has a total of 9 different spas. Every spa is unique and all visitors should be able to find their preferred experience. In 2019, Pärnu was also chosen as the best health and wellness tourism destination in Estonia in the European Destinations of Excellence. www.visitparnu.com

98. Pärnu Surf Centre

► Ranna 11, www.surfcenter.ee

99. Aloha Surf Centre

► Ranna 11, www.aloha.ee

100. Tervise Paradiis Water Park

► Side 14, www.terviseparadiis.ee

101. Strand Minigolf

► A. H. Tammsaare 35, www.strand.ee

102. CityKart Go-kart centre in the heart of Pärnu

► Lai 7, +372 523 3989, www.citykart.ee

103. OKOK Leisure Centre

► Lai 18, www.okok.ee
Bowling, GlowGolf mini golf courses, darts, VR experience.

104. Fishing Village

► Uus-Sauga 62, www.fishingvillage.ee
Fishing trips, boat rental, fishing, archery.

105. Pärnu Go-Karting Centre indoor track

► Savi 36, +372 505 0433, FB: [parnukardikeskus](https://www.facebook.com/parnukardikeskus)

BICYCLE RENTAL:

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www.bicyclerentalparnu.eu
Baltreisen, Pühavaimu 17, +372 5696 9760
www.baltreisen.ee

ELECTRIC SCOOTER RENTAL:

Bolt, www.bolt.eu
Tuul, www.tuul.xyz

YACHT HARBOURS:

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www.visitparnu.com





KIHNU

Estonia's seventh-largest island is sometimes overlooked, possibly literally, as its highest natural point is less than 10 metres above sea level. It is a charming place, its small population of around 700 giving it the feel almost of a village. One of its more unusual characteristics is the preference of the locals to travel by motorcycle and sidecar, with cars distinctly frowned upon.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

106. Kihnu St. Nicholas Church

► Lemsī village, www.visitkihnu.ee
Kihnu Church, built in 1784, is one of the few Orthodox churches converted from a former Lutheran sacral building. Inside the church, you can admire a simple but beautiful iconostasis that covers almost the entire width of the room.

107. Kihnu Museum

► Linaküla, www.visitkihnu.ee
The museum preserves and explains the cultural space of Kihnu island, which has been entered in the UNESCO's list of Masterpieces of Oral and Intangible heritage. Here you will find everything that concerns the everyday lives of people over the years.



108. Exhibition Gallery of Kihnu Community Centre

► Linaküla, www.visitkihnu.ee
The exhibitions in the lobby of the ground floor of Kihnu Community Centre are open to all visitors and can be viewed free of charge. There are many different exhibitions, from paintings to tapestries and local crafts, exhibitions on cultural heritage, history, nature, and more.

109. Metsamaa Traditional Farm

► Rootsiküla, www.kultuuriruum.ee
This traditional farm complex reveals the different sides of everyday island life. It includes a farmhouse, granary, sauna, outdoor kitchen, and a cellar. Traditional Kihnu household tools, folk costumes and handicrafts are also on display. Guests can watch films about the islands.

110. Kihnu Lighthouse

► Rootsiküla, www.kultuuriruum.ee
Kihnu lighthouse is situated on the southernmost tip of the Pitkänä peninsula. It was brought here in pieces in 1864 from England and was reassembled on site. The light shines 29 metres above sea level. The tower was renovated in 2018.

GUIDED TOURS:

Tour of Kihnu with the tour guide Mare Mätas

Linaküla, +372 507 1453, www.kihnumare.ee

A guided tour of Kihnu Island in a truck car

Rootsiküla, +372 513 7099, www.puhkakihnus.ee

Excursion on Kihnu Island

Lemsī village, +372 525 5172, www.kihnurand.ee

TOURIST ROUTES WITHOUT GUIDE:

Kihnu Travel Wheel / Kihnu Reesuratas
Kihnu Travel Wheel is the perfect circular route for discovering the cultural and natural sights of Kihnu island by foot, on a bicycle or even from an old-fashioned sidecar.

Information: www.visitkihnu.ee

BICYCLE RENTAL:

Pärnamõisa, Port of Kihnu, +372 522 2609

www.parnamoisa.ee

VisitKihnu, Port of Kihnu, +372 5621 8869

www.visitkihnu.com

Sadama Guesthouse, Lemsī village

+372 513 7099, www.puhkakihnus.ee

Kihnu Rand, Port of Kihnu, +372 525 5172

www.kihnurand.ee

ELECTRIC SCOOTER RENTAL:

Pihlaka, Linaküla village, +372 528 8258

www.pihlakamajutus.ee

YACHT HARBOURS:

Suaru Marina (Kihnu)

Kihnu Marina

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i www.visitkihnu.ee



RUHNU

Ruhnu island is a fascinating oddity in the Gulf of Rīga, choosing to become part of Estonia in 1919 with both Latvia and Sweden making overtures to the small but independently-minded island community. Originally a sealing island ('Ruhnu' means 'seal' in Estonian), these days it relies on fishing and tourism, with around 3,000 people paying a visit each year. Two churches stand side by side, and there is the opportunity to take some pleasant walks and cycle rides around. The main landmark is the 36-metre lighthouse, designed by Gustave Eiffel, from which spectacular views can be enjoyed.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

111. Museum and Korsi Farm

► Ruth Keskaik, +372 5667 5269,
www.visitestonia.com

The museum displays old Ruhnu working and household implements, folk costumes, photos and texts on the history and nature of the island. The collection comprises the rare quartz tools of seal hunters, a dragon head-shaped weather vane of the church from 1644, a seal gun and. The three-century-old Korsi Farm, the only fully preserved farm complex of the Ruhnu Swedes, is under renovation.

112. Churches of Ruhnu

The wooden church of Ruhnu, built in 1644, is one of the oldest wooden buildings in Estonia. A new church was completed in 1912, located just a couple of metres from the historic wooden church. Both churches

are in active use, with concerts, lectures, exhibitions and other events as well as church services.

113. Ruhnu Lighthouse

► visit.ruhnu.ee

The lighthouse is made of iron sheets and is 40 metres high. The metal lighthouse has been operating for over one hundred years and is still operating today, the only one of its type remaining in the Baltic Sea region.

114. Ruhnu Kultuuriait, Creative Centre of Art

► kultuuriait@ruhnu.ee, visit.ruhnu.ee

Located in an old lifeboat shed near the Port of Ringsu. In ceramics workshops visitors can get to grips with the local Ruhnu clay. There are souvenirs for sale as well as SUP-board and electric bike rental.

GUIDED TOURS:

Ruhnuring

+372 56221913, www.ruhnuring.ee

There is a selection of tours to choose from: a visit to Ruhnu Museum, Korsi Farm complex and the local churches. The guide introduces the island, the history of the Ruhnu Swedes, Soviet-era daily life and life today. A longer tour takes you to the famous Ruhnu Lighthouse.

YACHT HARBOUR:

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www.slmairinas.com

i visit.ruhnu.ee

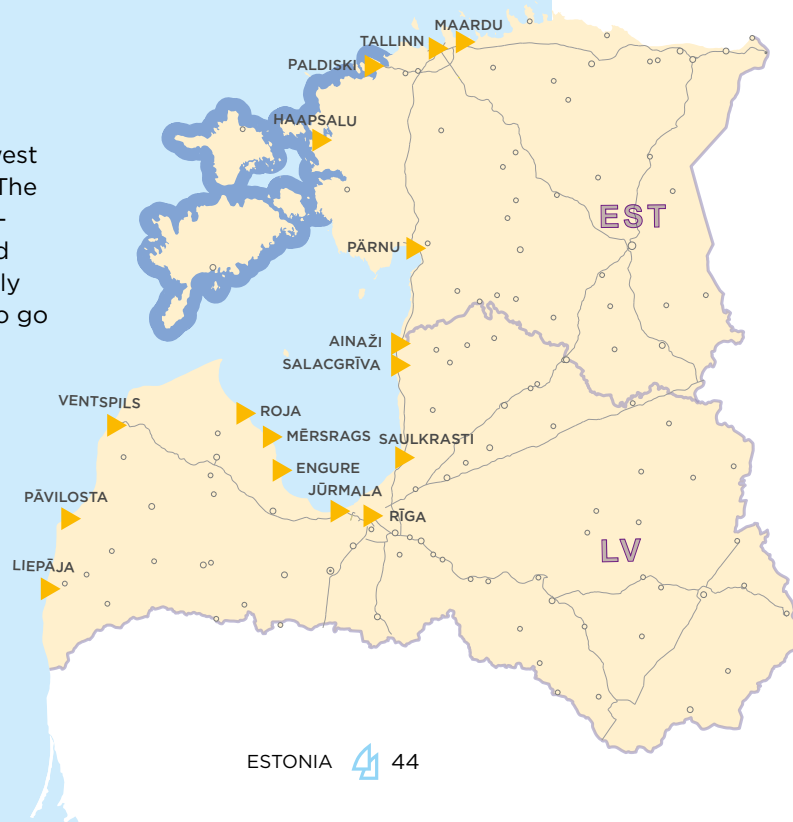
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WESTERN ESTONIA AND ISLANDS

Estonians from all over the country tend to head west when the sun shines, and it's not hard to see why. The western coastline possesses some of the most eye-catching natural scenery, several historic towns and cities that retain their original town and a constantly zig-zagging, irregular shore that encourages you to go exploring around the next headland, then the next and the next. In Soviet times the whole region was a high-security border zone which inadvertently prevented the development that has blighted other coasts, and which perhaps explains why Estonians are now so keen on visiting beautiful places that were once forbidden to this enthusiastically seafaring nation.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGION:

Sõrve lighthouse – the tallest lighthouse in Saaremaa. If the weather is good, you can even see the shore of Latvia.

Angla windmills – the best-preserved group of windmills in Estonia, ► www.anglatuulik.eu

Kaali meteorite craters – the most easily accessible meteor craters in Europe, ► www.visitsaaremaa.ee

Kuressaare Castle – the best-preserved medieval fortress in the Baltic States, with a large museum, ► www.saaremaamuseum.ee

Viidumäe Nature Reserve – a hiking trail with a nearly 30-metre-high observation tower, from which can enjoy the beautiful landscape, ► www.kaitsealad.ee

Hiiumaa is famous for its diverse nature. Enjoy hiking trails, museums, fishing villages, and various lighthouses, ► www.hiiumaa.ee

i www.westestonia.com

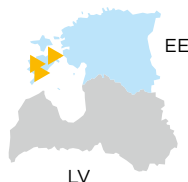


SAAREMAA, ABRUKA, MUHU

Saaremaa, the largest of Estonia's islands, has a special place in all Estonians' hearts, and is intimately involved in the nation's folklore and political history. It also happens to be exceptionally beautiful and largely unspoiled, with the juniper bushes of the Sõrve peninsula, the impressive 100-metre-wide meteorite crater at Kaali and the iconic row of Angla windmills are all excellent photographic opportunities. There is an airport with regular flights to Tallinn for people in a hurry.

The smaller island of Muhu is the gateway to Saaremaa for most people arriving by ferry from the mainland at the small Kuivastu port, but Muhu is interesting in its own right and has a separate identity of its own. Keep an eye open for cafes serving freshly-caught fish, or if you fancy something a lot more luxurious, Pädaste Manor offers some of the finest dining and accommodation in the country.

Abruka is a small island 6 kilometres from Saaremaa. A small ferry service operates from Roomassaare harbour delivering a handful of tourists each day. According to a local joke there are just three things on Abruka: fishermen, sheep and writers.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

115. Sõrve Lighthouse

► Tuletorni linnak, Sääre village, Saaremaa,
+372 453 6766, FB: sorvekeskus
The Baltic's highest lighthouse at
52 meters. On a clear day, beautiful
panoramas can be enjoyed from the
viewing platform.

116. Vilsandi National Park

► www.loodusegakoos.ee
Vilsandi allows us to admire the beauty of
wildlife in orchids, flocks of migrating birds
and lighthouses. The oldest nature protection
area in the Baltics, Vilsandi was founded as a
bird reserve in 1910. Visiting the National Park
should be planned in advance. There is a
regular boat connection between Papissaare-
Vikati-Papissaare that fits 11 passengers
organised by the local municipality.

117. Panga cliff

A relic of the Ice Age, demonstrating crust
uplift and ancient plant and insect fossils.
Panga cliff is the highest bedrock outcrop
in western Estonia and its islands.



118. Angla windmill hill and Heritage Culture Centre

► Situated about 40 km from Kuressaare and
25 km from Kaali meteorite craters.
angla@kylastuskeskus.ee, www.anglatuulik.eu
Four of the five windmills on Angla
Windmill hill are typical trestle windmills
characteristic of the island of Saaremaa.
A slightly taller windmill is a Dutch-style
windmill. At Angla Heritage Culture
Centre you can take part in a number of
workshops, trying your hand at pottery,
felting, bread-making and more.



119. Kaali meteorite crater

Demonstrating the power and
unpredictability of nature. The Kaali
meteorite fell here around 7,500-7,600
years ago, leaving a large crater that is now
a fascinating natural landscape.

Guide services by prior appointment:
www.visitsaaremaa.ee

GUIDED TOURS:

Saaremaa Daytours

+372 5619 9001, FB: Saaremaa Day Tours

TOURIST ROUTES WITHOUT GUIDE:

Koigi bog hiking trail

www.loodusegakoos.ee

Enjoy true peace and tranquility on a
four-kilometre-long hiking trail that passes
a beautiful bog lake and also includes an
observation tower.

Kudjape-Upa Nature Trail

www.terviserajad.ee

The trail is 5 kilometres long. There are
forests of broad-leaved trees and pines. It
starts by the Kudjape Cemetery.

The NaviCup mobile application provides
an overview of all the attractions of
Saaremaa. Download the app and all of
Saaremaa is accessible on your mobile.

CYCLING ROUTES:

Kihelkonna - Leisi (70 km) This journey
around Saaremaa will introduce you to the
ancient Estonian country towns of Valjala
and Kaarma, historical objects and many
beautiful places.

Map: www.puhkaestis.ee

Cycling route to Sõrve peninsula (160 km)

A three-day cycling route from Kuressaare
through Tehumardi and Viidumäe Nature
Reserves that is suitable for everyone.

Map: www.puhkaestis.ee

Cycling on the island of Muhu (80 km)

Sleepy fishing villages, working windmills,
country houses with thatched roofs, wild
goats, elk and birds.

Map: www.puhkaestis.ee



Cycling tour around Saaremaa This cycling tour starts and ends on in Kuressaare. The route includes the most famous sights of Saaremaa
Map: www.puhkaeestis.ee

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

120. Suure Tõllu Holiday Village

► Lilbi village, Saaremaa. www.suurtoll.ee

121. Saaremaa Adventure Park Hallikivi

► Vennati village, Saaremaa, www.hallikiviseikluspark.webnode.com

122. Muhu Adventure Park

► Piiri village, Muhu, www.muhuseikleja.ee

BICYCLE RENTAL:

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FB: Saaremaa Day Tours

YACHT HARBOURS:

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i Muhu Tourist Information

www.muhu.ee



KURESSAARE

Kuressaare's wonderfully preserved castle dates from the 14th century and is the obvious place to start exploring the capital of Saaremaa island. It's worth checking if any concerts are being held during your time in Kuressaare, as this provides a wonderful setting for a recital. Nor is this the only beautiful building in the city, which is richer in old, stone-built houses than most cities in the country despite its relatively small size. The central town hall, guarded by stone lions, is the place to head for tourist and other information. Many visitors are attracted by several high-end spa hotels close to the shore, Kuressaare.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

123. WOW Experience Centre

► Merikotka 1, Kuressaare, www.wowkeskus.ee
WOW experience centre is a great place to enjoy an interesting time with children and friends.

124. Kuressaare Episcopal Castle

► Lossihoov 1, Kuressaare
www.saaremaamuuseum.ee
Kuressaare Episcopal Castle, also known as Kuressaare Castle, is one of the most interesting and best-preserved fortresses in Estonia. Built between the 14th and 19th centuries, the castle became one of the most remarkable buildings in Northern Europe.

125. Saaremaa Museum

► Lossihoov 1, Kuressaare
www.saaremaamuuseum.ee
Kuressaare bishopric castle-fortification, telling a colourful story of the past with its rooms full of history. Today the castle houses the Saaremaa Museum.

126. Kuressaare Town Park and Kuursaal

► Lossipark 1, Kuressaare
www.kuressaarekuursaal.ee

127. Kuressaare Town Hall

► Tallinna 2, Kuressaare
Kuressaare Town Hall was built in 1654-1670. The initiator of the construction was Count M. G. De la Gardie.

128. Saaremaa Windmill

► Pärna 19, Kuressaare, www.saaremaaveski.ee
Saaremaa Windmill offers the best food, drinks and atmosphere in Saaremaa, being situated inside an historic windmill.

129. St. Laurence Church

► Tallinna 13, Kuressaare
Single-naved Classicist Kuressaare St. Laurence Church was established in its current location in the 17th century.

Guide services by prior appointment:
www.visitsaaremaa.ee

GUIDED TOURS:

Kuressaare city tours

Jul - Aug, Sat at 11:00. Tour starts at Town hall, Tallinn 2, Kuressaare

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

130. Saaremaa Golf & Country Club

► Merikotka 35, Kuressaare
www.saaregolf.ee

131. Georg Ots Spa hotel

► Tori 2, Kuressaare, +372 455 0000
www.gospa.ee

132. ASA Spa HOTEL

► Pargi 12, Kuressaare, +372 454 8100
www.asaspa.ee

133. Arensburg Boutique hotel & Spa

► Lossi 15, Kuressaare, +372 452 4700
www.arensburg.ee

134. Johan Spa hotel

► Kauba 13, Kuressaare, +372 454 0000
www.johan.ee

135. Grand Rose Spa hotel

► Tallinna 15, Kuressaare, +372 666 7000
www.grandrose.ee

136. Kuressaare Adventure Park

► Kaevu 18, Kuressaare
www.kuressaareseikluspark.ee

BICYCLE RENTAL:

Bivarix bike rental, Pikk 54, Kuressaare,
+372 455 7118, www.bivarix.ee

Kuressaare tourist information centre,
Tallinna 2, Kuressaare, www.visitsaaremaa.ee

Saaremaa Daytours, +372 5619 9001
FB: Saaremaa Day Tours

Hotel Staadioni, Staadioni 4, Kuressaare,
+372 453 3556, www.staadionihotell.ee

ELECTRIC SCOOTER RENTAL:

Bolt, www.bolt.eu

YACHT HARBOURS:

Kuressaare City Harbour

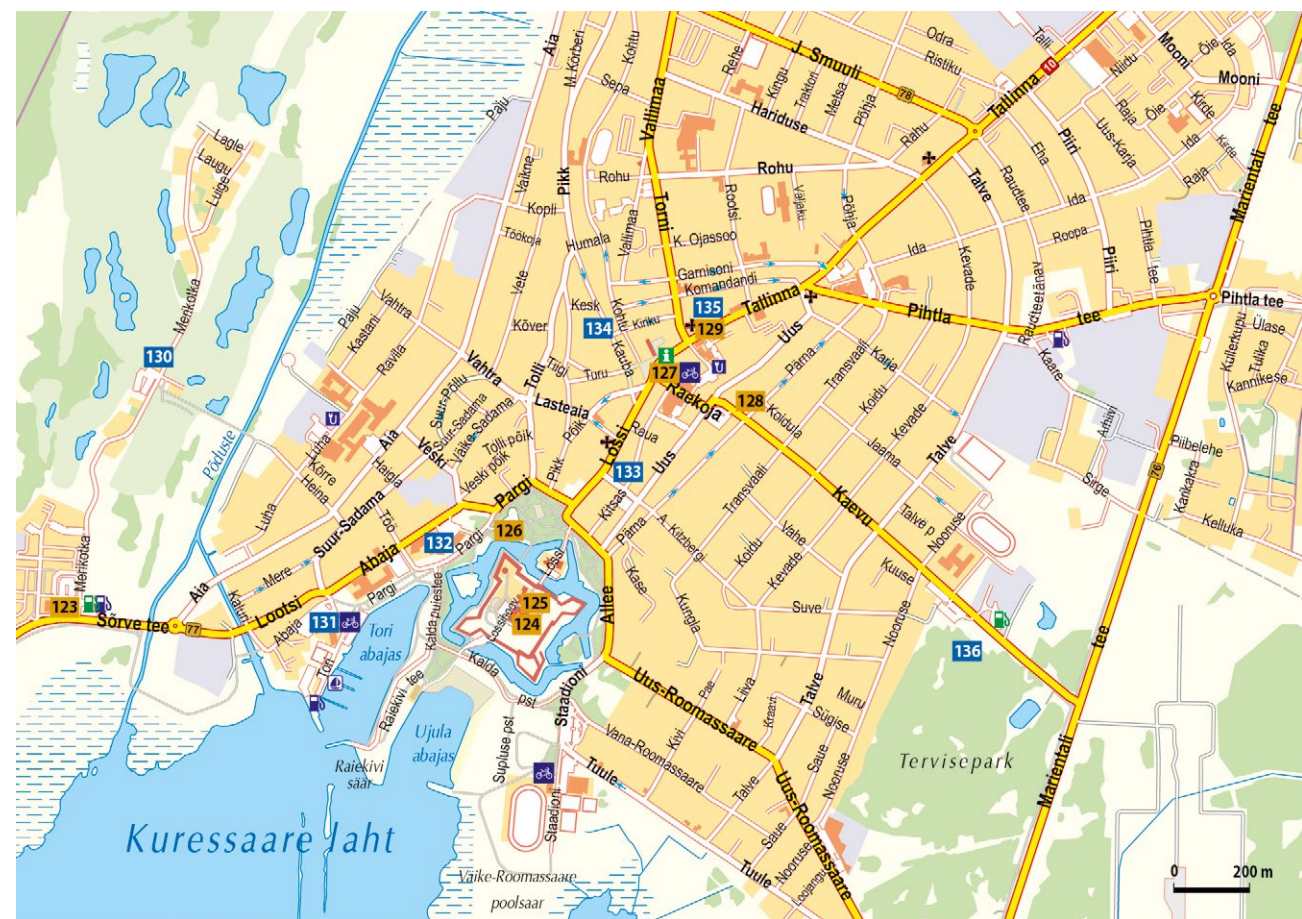
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HIIUMAA, VORMSI

Hiiumaa has developed particular popularity among Finns and Swedes, many of whom have holiday homes on the island and which help contribute to its prosperous, relaxed feel. Bird-watchers, cyclists and nature enthusiasts will enjoy what it has to offer, while Heltermaa harbour is one of the more modern and better-equipped facilities in the Baltic region. Worthwhile sights include the Kassari peninsula, long popular with Estonian writers and painters, plus the lighthouses of Kõpu (100 metres) and Tahkuna (43 metres).



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

137. Ristna Lighthouse

► Ristna nina-Ülevataja, Kalana village
www.etts.ee

Located on the Ristna northern cape, which is relatively close to the Kõpu Lighthouse. It was ordered from France in 1873 and started working in 1874. A 7-pood (115 kg) copper bell was also installed.

138. Kõpu Lighthouse

► Mägipe village, Hiiumaa

Kõpu lighthouse is not only the oldest lighthouse in Estonia, it is the oldest lighthouse on the Baltic Sea coast. While the lighthouse itself is only a modest 36 metres tall, the hill it is on means it stands a towering 102 metres above sea level.

139. Tahkuna Lighthouse

► Viktori, Tahkuna village, Hiiumaa, www.etts.ee
Built in 1873 and soaring to an impressive height of 43 metres is Tahkuna Lighthouse.

140. Kassari Exhibition House of the Hiiumaa Museum

► Kassari village, Hiiumaa
www.muuseum.hiiumaa.ee

Thousands of years of human life are presented here. The museum shop has a wide selection of handicrafts and souvenirs from Hiiumaa.

141. Windtower Experience Centre

► Mäe 4, Käina village, www.tuuletoorn.ee
Just as Hiiumaa is very diverse with its beautiful nature and culture, the Windtower is a combination of a museum, a research centre, and a game world.

142. Vaemla Wool Factory

► Hiuvilla, Vaemla village, Hiiumaa, www.hiuvill.ee
This is a family-run business and one of very few remaining wool manufacturing companies in Estonia, using 19th century machinery of Polish origin (carding and roving machines), which the owners are happy to demonstrate. A café is open in summer; woollen handicrafts are sold all year round.

143. Suuremõisa castle

► Lossi 3, Suuremõisa village, Hiiumaa, www.suuremoisaloss.ee
Built in 1760, the castle contains both a museum and a wonderful restaurant.

144. Pühalepa church

► Suuremõisa village, Hiiumaa
The oldest stone church on Hiiumaa, constructed in the late 13th century.

145. Saxby lighthouse

► Saxby village, Vormsi, +372 5553 3065
Built in 1864, this 24-metre-tall lighthouse is a short walk from Saxby, the island's

westernmost settlement. It's especially scenic at sunset.

146. Vormsi cemetery

► Hullo village, Vormsi, +372 472 4072
Vormsi cemetery is one of the most interesting cemeteries in Estonia. In the older part you will find many limestone and sandstone wheel crosses. More than 330 wheel crosses have survived and there are many more conventionally shaped crosses, too.

147. St. Olav's church

► Hullo village, Vormsi, www.vormsi.ee
St Olav's Church in Vormsi is the main monument of the island's history and culture. After the Swedes fled from the island during World War II, the church, which is located in Hullo village, remained empty for a long time. The church was reconsecrated on St Olav's Day in 1990.





148. Vormsi Farm Museum

► Sviby village, Vormsi, +372 5308 8320

Vormsi Farm Museum is a typical pre-World War II farm of the Estonian Swedes. The farm has been restored with the help of old photographs, written sources, and the memories of the people of Vormsi who fled to Sweden to escape the war.

149. Osmussaar Lighthouse

► Osmussaar, +372 508 1180

The current lighthouse was built in 1954 to replace the temporary wooden structure which was erected after the war. The lighthouse is made of reinforced concrete and is 35 metres high.

GUIDED TOURS:

To get to know the island of Vormsi and find the best places, make use of local guides who can tell you about the nature, history and culture of the island. Information about guides: www.vormsi.ee

Bicycle trips with picnics

Sviby village, Vormsi, +372 517 8722

www.svibyrent.ee

You can discover Vormsi with the help of an experienced guide. There are itineraries both for nature-lovers and for culture-lovers. A tour can even include a picnic lunch at the end of the tour, which starts and ends at the camping area in Sviby port.

TOURIST ROUTES WITHOUT GUIDE:

Paluküla health trails There are three (1.8 km, 2.7 km and 9 km) hiking trails and a disc golf park with 18 baskets. Take the cycle and pedestrian track from Kärkla to Paluküla health trail.

Map: www.terviserajad.ee

Neljateeristi study trail (2.7 km) A versatile one-hour trail between glacial terraces and patches of spring-fed bogs. Located in

Kõpu Nature Reserve on the northern coast of Kõpu peninsula, in the middle of the forest, about 1 km from Mägipe village.

Map: www.alltrails.com

Allika Hiking Trail

A varied assortment of springs, ponds, forest and bog habitats lie north of Lake Prästvike. The hiking trail is two kilometres long and it is possible to walk in any weather. Four information boards were placed on the trail and there is a nice view to lake Prästvike from the observation tower.

Information: www.vormsi.ee

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

150. Kalana Holiday village

► Kalana village, Kõrgessaare, www.kalana.ee
Water skiing, kayak and pedal boat rental, sea cruises by speedboat.

151. SUP board rent

► Sõru sadam, Emmaste, +372 5303 4650

152. Adventure game and Hiiumaa memory map "My Trail"

► +372 5665 9155, www.reisivolur.ee

153. Kassari Ratsamatkad

► Ristitee Talu, Esiküla, Kassari island
+372 518 9693, ratsa.kassari@neti.ee

www.kassari.ee

Horse-riding excursions.

154. Huusi Active Holiday

► Hellamaa village, Hiiumaa,

www.huusi.weebly.com

Kitesurf courses, stand up paddle surf adventure trips.

155. Hiiumaa Kärusaun

► Palleri, Paluküla, Hiiumaa, www.retrovisiit.ee

This mobile sauna means you can enjoy the benefits of a sauna anywhere on Hiiumaa.

156. Floating sauna in Vormsi

► Rumpo village, Vormsi, +372 5330 2152
siimsuusk@hotmail.com

157. SUP in Vormsi

► Hullo village, Vormsi, +372 514 3104
supvormsi@gmail.com

158. Surf club Surfar

Roosta Holiday Village, +372 5192 8802
www.surfar.ee

BICYCLE RENTAL:

Hundi Holiday Home, Hiiesaare village

Hiiumaa, www.hundi.ee

Kassari Resort, Puhkekeskuse, Kassari village

Hiiumaa, +372 463 6146

Bike Rental Hiiumaa, Käinas village, Hiiumaa

+372 554 1799

Sviby jalgrattalaenuetus, Sviby, +372 5344 1883

BICYCLE RENTAL in Vormsi, Sviby village,

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Sõru Harbour

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i Vormsi Tourist Information

www.vormsi.ee





Kärkla, where you can admire characteristic small wooden houses surrounded by beautiful gardens, as well as the artesian wells around Pika and Aia streets.

Map: www.visitestonia.ee

Kärkla hiking trail (4 km) The trail is suitable for a longer walk. The trail is circular and stretches through various sections of forest. It starts at the end of Tiigi Street in Kärkla, is marked with signs and is suitable for all seasons. The trail takes about an hour to complete. Note that out of summer season it may be damp in places and is not passable by bicycle or motor vehicle.

Information: www.loodusegakoos.ee

Bicycle tour on Tahkuna peninsula in Hiiumaa County (45 km) The highlight of the tour of Tahkuna is undoubtedly the Tahkuna lighthouse, which is of French origin and has a 140-year history. The route runs intermittently on a cycle and pedestrian track, a quiet highway, and a forest road.

Map: www.visitestonia.com

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

163. Tiit-Reisid

► +372 501 4266, www.tiitreisid.ee

Seal-watching trips.

164. KlaasiPank glass studio

► Heltermäa 6, Kärkla, Hiiumaa

+372 503 2246, ideeklaas.ee

BICYCLE AND CAR RENT:

Tevi Car, +372 5567 9728, www.tevi.ee

YACHT HARBOUR:

Kärkla Marina

Sadama 28/30, Kärkla, Hiiumaa

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www.hiiumaasadamad.ee

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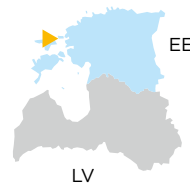
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KÄRDLA

Hiiumaa's island capital of Kärkla is very picturesque, partly because of the complete absence of large apartment blocks. Originally made prosperous by a textile factory, these days it is a popular tourist town and a viable base from which to explore not only Hiiumaa but all the western Estonian islands.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

159. Artesian wells

► Pikk tänav, Kärkla, Hiiumaa

The artesian wells of Hiiumaa are open to the public. The water flows naturally out of the ground, thanks to water pressure caused by a prehistoric meteor.

160. Long House of Hiiumaa Museum

► Vabrikuväljak 8, Kärkla, Hiiumaa

www.muuseum.hiiumaa.ee

The main house of the Hiiumaa Museum has been located in the old directors' residence of the former Kärkla Broadcloth Factory, popularly known as the Long House, since 1998. The house was constructed in the 1830s and 1840s and at 60 m long is one of the longest wooden houses in Kärkla.

161. Kärkla Church

► Posti tänav, Kärkla, Hiiumaa

Kärkla Church is an architecturally harmonious hall church with an "open" bell tower crowning the western façade, which is unique in Estonia.

162. Kärkla city park

► Uus 6, Kärkla, Hiiumaa

The city park takes up 5.2 hectares. The first part of the park was established in the 1860s after the church was completed in a place called Kirikupõllu (Church field).

TOURIST ROUTES WITHOUT GUIDE:

Beautiful Kärkla (5 km) The most beautiful spots in Kärkla are the beach park behind Hiiumaa Museum or the Long House, city park, and the co-called wool-factory era



HAAPSALU

Haapsalu has become one of the most fashionable resorts in Estonia in recent years after spending a long time as a bit of a back-water (partly because an air base made it a restricted area in the Soviet era). Before that, in the Tsarist era, it was ultra-fashionable with the imperial family and Tchaikovsky among regular visitors. It is a compact but vibrant place with a thriving art scene (with both contemporary and classic art museums), and a hugely enjoyable annual horror film festival in a historic old cinema. Haapsalu has always been dominated by its huge castle and attached cathedral, and that's still the case today. The modern exhibition inside the recently restored castle is outstanding, while enjoyable walks can be taken along the main promenade and a sea lagoon. There is a small beach near the city centre, but a much larger one with better quality water a couple of kilometres away at Paralepa.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

165. Haapsalu Railway Station, Railway and Communications Museum

► Lossiplats 3, Haapsalu, www.salm.ee
The Railway and Communications Museum is located in an ornate, historic wooden building. It takes you on a journey through the history of Estonian railways and communications.

166. Haapsalu Castle and Cathedral

► Lossiplats 3, Haapsalu, www.linnus.salm.ee
This imposing castle with a linked cathedral was founded in the thirteenth century as the seat of the Bishopric of Ösel-Wiek. According to local legend, during full moons in August the image of a maiden dubbed 'The White Lady' appears on the inner wall of the chapel.

167. Ilon's wonderland

► Kooli 5, Haapsalu, www.salm.ee
Ilon's Wonderland is a small theme park for children and families that showcases the work of Ilon Wikland, the illustrator of Astrid Lindgren's children's books.

168. Gulf Tagalaht birdwatching tower

► Promenaadi 3, Haapsalu

169. Haapsalu Sundial

► Promenaadi tänav, Haapsalu
www.visithaapsalu.com
The sundial was designed by artist Roman Haavamäe. The face of the dial depicts the life of man – starting with a child and ending with an old man supported by a cane.

170. Haapsalu Resort Hall

► Promenaadi 1, Haapsalu
The timber-laced building on the seaside Promenade was built at the end of the 19th century and is one of very few that have survived in their original shape. In the first half of the 20th century as well as today, the resort hall was the centre of summer activities in Haapsalu.

171. Tchaikovsky's bench in Haapsalu

► P. Tchaikovski puiestee, Haapsalu
The world-famous Russian composer Pyotr Ilych Tchaikovsky stayed in Haapsalu in 1867. To commemorate him, a memorial bench was erected on the Promenade, where the maestro loved to watch the sunrise from the shore.

GUIDED TOURS:

Walking tours in Haapsalu
Jul-Aug, www.visithaapsalu.com

Trips by minitrain "Peetrike"

Raudtee tänav 2, Haapsalu, +372 473 4574, salm.ee

TOURIST ROUTES WITHOUT GUIDE:

Haapsalu Väike Viik (2.1 km) The trail is primarily used for hiking, walking, and nature trips and is accessible all year round.
Map: www.alltrails.com

Paralepa Beach to Õhtu-Kallas (3.7 km)

The trail is located near Haapsalu, and offers scenic views whether walking, running, bird-watching or fishing.
Map: www.alltrails.com

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

172. Fra Mare Thalasso Spa

Ranna 2, Haapsalu, +372 472 4600
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173. Hestia Hotel Haapsalu Spa

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Rakser Sport, Karja 20, Haapsalu

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Mõhk ja tõlpa, +372 5901 2355

www.matkakeskus.eu

ELECTRIC SCOOTER RENTAL:

Bolt, www.bolt.eu

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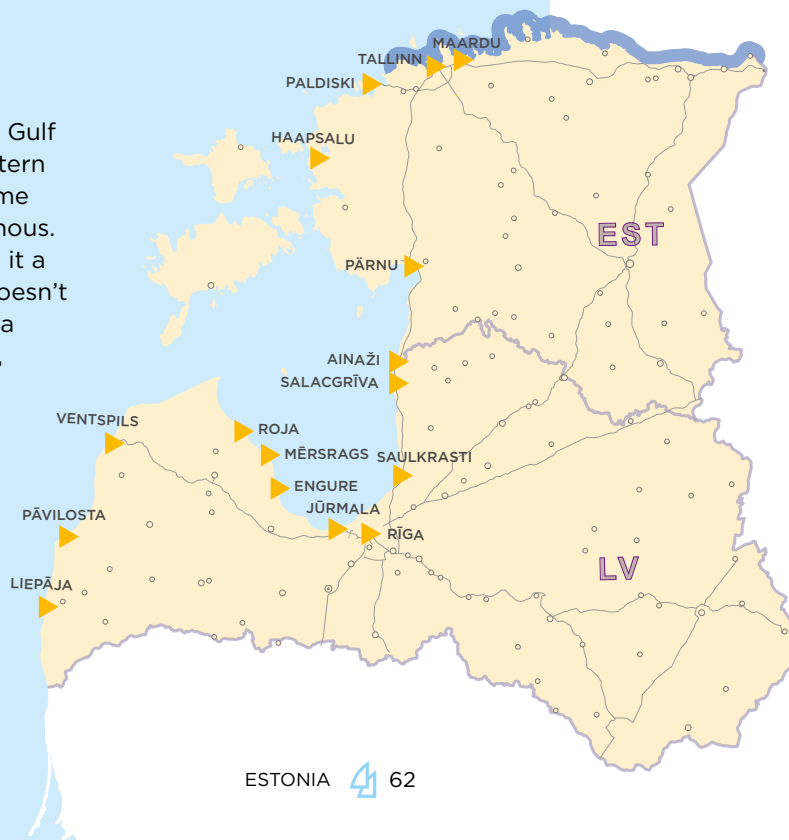
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NORTH ESTONIA

The North Estonian coastline, facing out across the Gulf of Finland, is very different in character to the Western Coastline. It's a little straighter, though still with some interesting headlands to stop it becoming monotonous. It's also rather overlooked by many people, making it a good area in which to find peace and quiet. That doesn't mean it's inaccessible, though: the fast Tallinn-Narva highway and railway line run just a little way inland, connecting a series of interesting towns and cities, Rakvere and Sillamäe among them. An undoubted highlight is the Lahemaa National Park which offers fine cycling, camping and hiking opportunities and in 2020 won a prestigious award for the sustainable nature of its tourism offerings.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REGION:

Mohni Island, in addition to its beautiful nature, attracts visitors with the Mohni lighthouse, which has guided sailors since ancient times, as well as with the more recent Soviet border guard buildings. There is also the protected Mohni linden tree, sand dunes, and rocky mosaics. Mohni Island used to belong to a monastery. Later, according to a legend, it was a sanctuary for pirates. ► www.visitestonia.com

Viinistu Art Museum – displays works of hundreds of Estonian artists from various periods. The museum has about 1,000 Estonian works of art in total. ► www.viinistu.ee

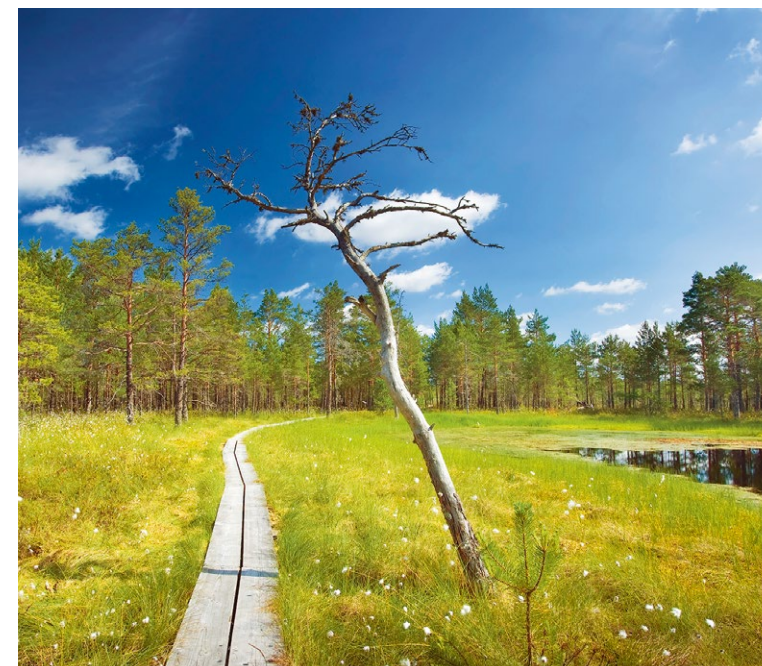
Padise Monastery – The monastery was founded in the 14th century by monks of the Cistercian order and built over a period of more than 200 years. After the last extensive restoration work, the monastery is open to visitors. ► www.padise.ee

Rummu Quarry – The mining of Vasalemma limestone and marble in the Rummu quarry started as early as 1938 and the prisoners of Murru Prison were used as labour. The spoil gradually turned into an ash hill. At one point, the work ended, the drainage of water was stopped, and the quarry flooded. The industrial buildings, equipment, and trees were submerged. ► www.rummu.ee

Jägala Waterfall – the waterfall is approximately 8 metres high and more than 50 metres wide. It is the widest natural waterfall in Estonia. ► www.visitestonia.com

The Viking Village – The Viking Village offers educational, exciting, and inclusive memories inspired by a distant era, as well as adventures and challenges for children, the young, and the elderly. ► www.viikingitekyla.ee

Käsmu Captains Village – the earliest written records of a village in Käsmu date from 1453. It was home to a maritime school, and virtually every family had its captain or coxswain schooled there. ► www.visitestonia.com



GUIDED TOURS:

Cycling trips in Lahemaa National Park

Võsu-Käsmu-Võsu (12 km, 4 hours) – exciting forest roads along the seashore take us from Võsu to the captains' village Käsmu. Võsu-Palmse-Võsu (~23 km, 5 hours) – Palmse manor belonged to the von der Pahlen family. The manor complex has been completely restored and serves as an open-air museum. Võsu-Sagadi-Võsu (~20 km, 4 hours) – RMK Sagadi Forest Museum is located in Sagadi village, which is an ideal excursion for nature teachers.

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TOURIST ROUTES WITHOUT GUIDE:

Viru Bog Trail – a very beautiful hiking trail that takes you through the bog on a boardwalk. www.visitestonia.com

Nature and cultural tour to Harju County and Lahemaa National Park This is a tour in the North of Estonia that you can do by yourself if you have a bicycle or a car. www.puhkaeestis.ee

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www.visitviimsi.ee
www.visit harju.ee
www.idaviru.ee





TALLINN

Estonia's capital city (population 445,000) manages to combine a great variety of different districts with individual characters into a relatively compact area. Passenger ferries can constantly be seen crossing to Helsinki, just 80 kilometres away, and there are also routes to Stockholm and other destinations.

The medieval Old Town, centred on the historic Old Town Square a very popular tourist area, particularly with visiting cruise ships, but it is worth the short trip to the beautiful Kadriorg park district where several excellent museums are located, the most striking of which is the KUMU Modern Art Museum.

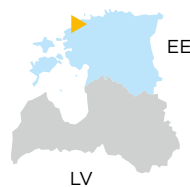
Tallinn has top-class onward transport connections with fast, modern trains departing the central station and the easily accessible Lennart Meri airport just 5 kilometres from the city centre. For anyone with an interest in ships, boats and other maritime craft (including submarines!) a visit to the seaplane hangars of the Estonian Maritime Museum Seaplane Harbour is an absolute must-visit.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

174. Noblessner Seafront quarter

► Tööstuse 48, www.noblessner.ee
The former submarine shipyard Noblessner is the fastest-developing, and therefore arguably the most interesting, area in

Tallinn today. Situated next to the trendy Kalamaja district and the renowned Seaplane Harbour, Noblessner has distinctive and colourful architecture, boldly combining old and new. Style and design are also a focus of many of the area's shops, restaurants and bars.



175. Estonian Maritime Museum

► Vesilennuki 6, www.meremuuseum.ee

The Seaplane Harbour is home to an impressive and modern maritime and military museum, complete with historic ships to tour. Located in Tallinn's famed, wooden-house district of Kalamaja, the harbour is best known for its architecturally unique Seaplane Hangars. Built more than a century ago, in 1916 and 1917, as a part of the Peter the Great sea fortress, these hangars were the world's first reinforced concrete shell structures of such a great size. Charles Lindbergh, the man who performed the first solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean, landed here in the 1930s.

Now the vast hangars house an extensive, high-tech museum telling stories of Estonia's maritime and military history and promising a 'sea full of excitement' for the whole family.

176. Telliskivi Creative City

► Telliskivi 60A, www.telliskivi.cc

Telliskivi Creative City is located in the former industrial complex of Tallinn, which houses galleries, small shops, various creative companies, start-ups, and restaurants. More than 800 different cultural events take place in the Creative City throughout the year. In addition, more than twenty different works of street art can be found in the creative city.

177. Toompea Castle

► Lossi plats 1A, www.visittallinn.ee

A castle is located on Toompea hill in the central part of Tallinn. The site of an ancient stronghold, in use since at least the 9th century, today it houses the Parliament of Estonia.

178. St. Mary's Cathedral (Dome church)

► Toom-Kooli 6, www.visittallinn.ee

The medieval church that stands at the centre of Toompea hill is one of the country's most fascinating historic attractions. Established some time before 1233 and repeatedly rebuilt since, the church displays a mix of architectural styles.

179. Town Hall and Town Hall Square

► Raekoja plats 1, www.raekoda.tallinn.ee

It was built in 1402-1404 as a meeting

place for the ruling *bürgermeisters* and has been a showpiece of the city ever since. Nowadays the Town Hall – the only intact Gothic town hall in Northern Europe – is used mainly for concerts or for entertaining visiting dignitaries.

180. Kadriorg Palace and Park

► A. Weizenbergi 37, www.kadriorupark.ee

Kadriorg Palace was founded by Russian Tsar Peter I in 1718. The palace was named Kadriorg (Katharinenthal in German) in honour of his wife Catherine I. The palace designed by Italian architect Nicola Michetti with its magnificent main hall is one of the most beautiful examples of Baroque architecture in Northern Europe.

181. Kumu Art Museum

► A. Weizenbergi 34, www.kumu.ekm.ee

Kumu is the main building of the Art Museum of Estonia and the largest and most representative exhibition place in Estonia. The task of the Kumu Art Museum, opened in 2006, is to preserve and make sense of Estonian art from the 18th century to the present day.

182. Song Festival Ground

► Narva 95, www.lauluvaljak.ee

This iconic location is best known as the place where the Estonian Song Festival is held every five years, in which nearly 25,000 singers take part, attracting an audience of nearly 100,000. Anyone interested can climb to the top of the tower, which is 42 metres high and from which you can see all the way out over the city and bay.

183. Tallinn TV Tower

► Kloostrimetsa 58A, www.teletorn.ee

The Tallinn Television Tower is the tallest building in Estonia at 314 metres. The TV Tower is a great tourist, culture, and leisure centre.

GUIDED TOURS:

Communist Stories of Tallinn walking tour (2 hours)

This free tour will reveal the history and politics, but will also give you real-life tales from locals about what it was like to live in Communist Tallinn. Some of the stories will shock you, some are so absurd they will make you laugh.

www.estadventures.ee

Tallinn in a Nutshell walking tour (2 hours)

This free tour covers all the most important sights in Tallinn's Old Town and will take you through its fascinating history from medieval times, through the Soviet period and right up to the present day. In addition to history, you will hear stories and legends to get a better understanding of the Estonian people and how they see the world.
www.estadventures.ee

TOURIST ROUTES WITHOUT GUIDE:

Various bicycle routes connect different areas of the city, from panoramic seaside promenades and quiet forest trails to bike lanes on busy streets. See the map of Tallinn's bike lanes:
www.visittallinn.ee

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

184. Nõmme Adventure Park

► Külmallika 15A, www.nommeseikluspark.ee

185. Mustamäe Elamus Spa

► Akadeemia 30, elamusspa.ee

186. Opensky

► www.opensky.ee

Helicopter tours above Tallinn's Old Town, as well as over all of Estonia.

187. BaasJaam Virtual Reality Centre

► Kaarli 8, www.baasjaam.ee

188. Adventure Golf Centre

► Vabaduse 9, www.elamusgolf.eu

189. Kalev Spa Water Park

► Aia 18, www.kalevspa.ee

190. KU:LSA:L Bowling and Billiards Club

► Mere 6, www.kuulsaal.ee

191. Aqua Spa Aquatic Centre

► Sadama 11A, www.tallinkhotels.com

192. Pirita Adventure Park

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NARVA

Located right on the border, Estonia's third-largest city is famous for its castle which stares across the River Narva at the Ivangorod fortress in Russia, and indeed you can expect to hear Russian spoken in the streets more often than Estonian. Narva proper is actually several kilometres upriver, with the related but separate resort town of Narva-Jõesuu found right on the coast. In summer it is possible to travel from one Narva to the other by riverboat. In the 19th century Narva-Jõesuu with its 13-kilometre beach was a fashionable place. It suffered neglect during the Soviet occupation but has recently started to regain some lost ground.



TOURIST ATTRACTIONS:

193. Narva-Jõesuu ethnography museum

► Nurme 38, Narva-Jõesuu
www.sinimagedemuuseum.ee
This museum in Narva-Jõesuu has picture archives illustrating the history and culture of the resort town. You will find out about the notable people who have lived here, and those who have spent their summers on the 'Estonian Riviera'.

194. Marc Chagall memorial stone

► Jõesuu 73, Narva
At the beginning of the twentieth century, the famous avant-garde artist Marc Chagall stayed at the now destroyed Ferdinandshof

estate, where a memorial stone was erected in 2021. The hospitality of his hosts and the environment itself inspired the artist to paint more than 40 works, of which at least four have survived that are directly related to the city: "My room in Narva", "My workshop in Narva", "House in the park" and "Portrait of the artist's sister".

195. Narva Bastions

► Jõe 1A, Narva, www.bastion.visitnarva.ee
In the 17th century, Narva was a city on the border between Sweden and Russia, which Sweden planned to turn into a regional capital. A total of seven bastions were built in support of this initiative: Honor, Gloria,

Victoria, Fama, Triumph, Fortuna, and Spes. An existing bastion called Vrangl was renamed Paks ('Fat').

196. Narva River Promenade

The River Promenade is 967 metres long and situated on the riverbank in the historic heart of Narva. It borders the Narva River in the east, the bastion walls and the Hermann castle in the west, the Narva harbour in the north, and the Joaorg recreational area in the south. The promenade is right along the European Union's external border between Estonia and Russia.

Information: www.visitnarva.ee

197. Narva Castle

► Peterburi 2, Narva, www.narvamuseum.ee
More than 700 years old, the Hermann Castle in Narva has been ruled over by Danes, Germans, Swedes and Russians through the centuries, but now finally belongs to Estonians. In 2020, the full reconstruction of Narva Castle was completed and it is open to visitors.

198. Narva Museum

► Peterburi 2, Narva, www.narvamuseum.ee
Narva Museum collects and showcases the history of the city and surrounding region and its architectural, cultural and natural heritage. It includes Narva Castle and Narva Art Gallery.

199. Alexander Cathedral

► Kiriku 9, Narva
The cathedral was built in 1881-1884 for the Lutheran workers of Krenholm Manufacturing Company, and was designed by architect Otto Pius von Hippus from St. Petersburg.

GUIDED TOURS:

Narva city audio guide

Discover the unique history of Narva while walking on the city streets and listening to an audio guide. You can choose from several different thematic routes full of facts: Sights of Narva (long and short tour) Narva stronghold buildings, Legends and true stories. You can rent an audio guide from the Narva Tourist information centre.



TOURIST ROUTES WITHOUT GUIDE:

Adventure quest “Narva circle”

Turn an ordinary walk into a fascinating adventure with the help of an application on your smartphone. Test yourself and your friends with an interactive game, walking in the most beautiful places of the town. Solve puzzles and learn an alternative history of Narva. Questions suit the whole family and a game takes 1.5-2 hours. A fully charged smartphone is required.

Information: www.questme.ee

Adventure quest “Dark secrets of Hungerburg”

In another mobile app-based quest, you can take charge of the resort of Hungerburg which has been fighting devastation and desolation for 30 years. It's time to clear the town of the evil forces pulling it to the bottom, and put it on the path of development and prosperity! A full game takes about 2.5-3 hours and requires a fully charged mobile telephone with Android/iOS.

Information: www.questme.ee

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

200. Tubing in Äkkeküla

► Rahu 18B, Narva

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