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Practical information

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ARRIVING IN TALLINN

Lennart Meri Tallinn Airport, TLL (www.tallinn-airport.ee/eng) is located approximately 4 km from the centre of Tallinn.

How to reach the city centre from the airport:

- **By bus or tram:** The bus and tram stops are located north of arrival hall. **Public bus line "2"**, connects the airport with the city centre. The journey takes around 15 minutes, the stop is called "A. Laikmaa". **Make sure to take the direction: "Reisisadam" or Tram line „4"**, to stop called „Hobujaama". A ticket costs €2 when bought in the bus/tram/trolleybus (cash only) and €1 when bought from Internet (QR ticket only) <https://tallinn.pilet.ee/buy>
- **By taxi:** Taxis with a taximeter and a credit card payment option are available in front of the arrivals hall. Tallinn Airport contractual taxi partners are Tulika Takso, Tallink Takso, Airport Taxi. The fare from the airport to the city centre of Tallinn is approximately **6-10€**.
- **Taxify, Uber :** Taxify and Uber can be ordered to the airport, they will arrive at Kiss-and Fly parking spot. 0- level at parking house in front of arrival/departure hall.



How to reach the city centre from the Tallinn Central Bus Station:

- **Take a tram nr. 2 or 4** from a stop "Autobussijaam" to a stop "Hobujaama" (3rd stop): direction Kopli or Tondi, respectively.
- **Bus 17 (A):** get off at stop called "Estonia" or **bus 23** until a stop called "Kaubamaja". The journey takes approx. 10 minutes on both cases.
- **Taxi** is available near bus station. Price is around **€5**.

How to reach the city centre from the port:

- **Bus nr 2,** get off at the stop "A. Laikmaa".
- **Walk** approx. 20 minutes.
- **Taxis are** available at the port.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT TICKETS & TAXIS

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Old Town is best navigated on foot. A network of buses, trams and trolleybuses covers the rest of the city. Make sure to check the price list on the window of the car (obligatory). You will get a printed receipt from legal taxis, if not the ride is free. In Tallinn there are more than 20 different taxi companies.

Public transportation operates buses, trolleybuses, and trams between 6AM and 12AM.

Timetables in English can be found here: <https://transport.tallinn.ee/#tallinna-linn/en>

Best way to reach the venue in Tallinn University of Technology is a Trolleybus nr 3 it goes to Tallinn University of Technology every 10 minutes. From a stop "Kaubamaja" until a stop "Keemia" (takes 2 minutes) Direction "Mustamäe". Or **Bus 11** from "Vabaduse väljak" until a stop "Keemia" direction Kadaka. Venue is 5 minutes walk from trolley-bus stop.

Bus nr 23 goes to Tallinn University of Technology until stop "Trummi" from Tallinn Central Bus Station but it takes 37 minutes. Venue is 4 minute walk from bus stop.

Tickets and fares. Single journey tickets can be bought from the drivers in cash (€2).

TAXIS

Selection of reputable taxi companies are:

- **Tallink** (not to confuse with Tallinn Taxi, who also have their cars painted yellow). Tel: **1921** or **+372 640 8921**. Starting fee € 3.50; time tariff €16, price per km day tariff (06.00-23.00) is €0.77 and a night tariff (23.00-06.00) € 0.88.
- **Tulika**, usually white Toyota Avensis. Tel: **1200** or **+372 612 0000**. Starting fee € 3.10; time tariff € 11.82 price per km day tariff (06.00-23.00) is € 0.65 and night tariff (23.00-06.00) € 0.77.



IMPORTANT: You should only take taxis with onboard taximeters. Once arrived at your destination, you can ask for a taxi meter receipt. The receipt will contain details of your trip and can be used as an expense note.

HOTELS: LOCATION & GETTING AROUND

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=19qLSBACsFi00HI6p0w1-vyZqt2CuXFIZ&usp=sharing>

ESTONIA & TALLINN MUST-KNOW

Weather

The weather of Tallinn is generally known for being continental, with much of the extremes being determined by its northerly coastal location next to the Baltic Sea. As soon as November arrives, the harsh winter climate starts to make itself known and frosty weather sees night-time temperatures falling to -1°C. In March the temperatures are usually -5° to +5° C.

Time Zone

Eastern European Time (EET): GMT plus two hours

Language

Estonians are a Finnic people, and the official language, Estonian, is closely related to Finnish. English and Russian are widely spoken.

Currency & ATMs

The currency used in Estonia is euro. ATMs spread all over town. In most of the places it is possible to pay with a credit/payment card.

Telephone

To call Estonia you have to dial +372

112 is the national emergency telephone number.

SIGHTSEEING RECOMMENDATIONS

Old Town: Tallinn's medieval Old Town is known around the world for its well-preserved completeness and authentic Hanseatic architecture. Enchanting atmosphere, rich cultural scene, beautiful surroundings and plenty of galleries, cafes and restaurants.

Rotermann Quarter: This magnificently-restored former factory area just outside the Old Town is home to a number of shops and restaurants, as well as an active cultural scene. The quarter's main square is often used for festivals and outdoor performances.

Vabaduse väljak (Freedom Square): This open area at the edge of Old Town is a place of national symbolism and civic pride, as well as a favourite public gathering spot.

Lennusadam (Seaplane Harbour): Region's biggest sea centre and maritime museum in architecturally unique seaplane hangars boast life size submarine and replica seaplane. NB! It is also the dinner venue.

KUMU Art Museum: Kumu, opened in 2006, is the new and grand headquarters of the Art Museum of Estonia, which attracts everyone that is interested in Estonian art and culture. Both Estonian art classics as well as the works of artists that cultivate modern trends are on display at Estonia's largest museum. In 2008, the Kumu Art Museum won the European Museum of the Year Award.

KGB Museum (Viru väljak 4, Sokos Hotel Viru): If you're interested in authentic spy history, time your visit to go to the KGB Museum. The museum preserves the equipment and rooms the KGB used to eavesdrop and spy on individuals for the first 20 years of the hotel's existence. The tour of the museum includes stories about the hotel and local KGB history - a history which becomes richer as visitors add their recollections, experiences, and knowledge about the time period and the city. The museum can be visited only with a local guide (Estonian, Finnish, English and Russian). Pre-booking is required.

RESTAURANTS

Restaurant Leib Resto ja Aed (Uus tn 31) offers handmade bread together with meals made of local products: a simple but wonderful cuisine experience. The restaurant cooperates with local farmers, fishers and other small producers every day.

Tchaikovsky (Vene tn 9) The fusion of Russian and French cuisine has given the world a symbiosis rich in flavours. In 2011, Flavours of Estonia has ranked the restaurant as Estonia's 2nd best in the fine dining category.

Neh (Lootsi 4) Neh is Pädaste Manor seasonal kitchen in the city. A bistro style food heaven that invites to meet Estonia's best culinary team whose' true home is at Pädaste Manor on Muhu Island.

Olde Hansa (Vana Turg 1) Medieval-themed restaurant.

Sfäär (Mere pst. 6e) In terms of décor, this eatery/fashion and wine shop is a kind of a cross between an old Soviet-era cafeteria and a stylishly retro second living room. The 'New Estonian' cuisine with Italian leanings and artisan bread.

THE ORGANISERS



Established in 1918, Tallinn University of Technology (TalTech) is the only technical university in Estonia. TalTech is a modern, international university teaching the newest knowledge and skills necessary for today's international and competitive marketplace. With strong emphasis on internationalization, TalTech has a strong multicultural student body (there are students from over 60 countries), many international professors, great cooperation with the world's top universities (e.g., Berkeley, Stanford, Aalto, Shanghai Jiao Tong) and with international companies (e.g., Microsoft, Samsung, Skype etc). There are 19 fully accredited international degree programmes (Bachelor and Master level) that are available fully in English and 11000 students.

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