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FOLK CULTURE FESTIVAL ESTOFOLK 2026

International Festival ESTOFOLK 2026

Estofolk 2026 is a one-summer festival that takes place over four weekends. The goal is to develop mutual folk culture contacts between Estonia and other countries.

We will preferentially invite groups from countries that have repeatedly hosted Estonian folk culture groups.

Unfortunately, we have to announce that Estonia is not a cheap country. But we hope that this will not become an obstacle.

In the summer of 2026, we will organize four festivals.

the main program will take place in Tallinn

Four festival times:

1. **4-9.06.2026** At the same time, other folk culture events are taking place in Tallinn: Tallinn Old Town Days and IFF Baltica.

Tallinn is full of various concerts and events during the **Old Town Days**. In addition, in 2026, the international folklore festival Baltica will also be held in Tallinn at the same time.

The Baltica Folklore Festival is an international folklore festival that takes place alternately in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. It is a CIOFF festival.

2. **20-25.06.2026** At the same time, other folk culture events are taking place in Estonia, which you can participate in if you are interested (see additional program): Midsummer. You can visit and participate in them.

Midsummer is a holiday celebrated in Estonia on June 24. The day before June 24, June 23, is called Midsummer Saturday and the night between them is called Midsummer Night's Eve and is celebrated with Midsummer bonfires in Estonia, Latvia and the Nordic countries. In Estonia, Midsummer is celebrated everywhere in Estonia, from large parties to private parties in home gardens. These parties take place on June 20, 21, 22 and 23, sometimes also on June 24. You can definitely visit and perform at various Midsummer bonfire nights during this time.

3. **9-14.07.2026** At the same time, other folk culture events are taking place in Estonia, which you can participate in if you are interested (see additional program): Võru Traditional Dance festival. You can visit and participate in them. See additional options and prices

The Võru Traditional Dance Festival (formerly known as the Võru Folklore Festival) is an annual folklore event that has been held since 1995. During the festival, open-air concerts, theatre performances, various fairs (e.g. a handicraft fair) and workshops take place. Võru is 270 km from Tallinn. A minimum of two full days with



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one overnight stay is required to travel there. There are two options for getting there and back. Cheaper by regular bus Tallinn-Võru-Tallinn. More expensive, but more interesting and with visits to different parts of Estonia, the trip is by chartered bus.

4. **5-10.08.2026** At the same time, other folk culture events are taking place in Estonia, which you can participate in if you are interested (see additional program).. Kuressaare Sea Days. You can visit and participate in them. See additional options and prices

The open-air event **Kuressaare Sea Days**, held every August, has been delighting both locals and visitors for 29 years. The first Kuressaare Sea Days were held in 1997, and the Sea Days to be held in the summer of 2026 will be the thirtieth in a row.

In addition to Kuressaare, concerts and maritime fun take place in the small ports of Kaunispes, Triigi, Turja, Muratsi, etc. on Saaremaa.

MAIN PROGRAM without additional options. Location : Tallinn.

Day 1

Groups arrive in Tallinn. Accommodation in the hotel. Free time in the Old Town, guided tour possible

Day 2

Possible outing-hike into nature (sports shoes!). Lunch. Time 6-9 hours.

Opening concert in Tallinn Lindakivi Cultural Centre or elsewhere

Day 3

City tour. Free time. Tallinn Maritime Museum, Fat Margareta or other muuseum.

Performance

Day 4

Rocca al Mare open-air museum and possible performance there

Day 5

Free time. Performance. Finishing and dinner

Day 6

Departure. To the airport or port.

Price **330** euros includes:

5 nights in a hotel with buffet breakfast.

Tallinn 5-day ticket for unlimited free travel on city buses and trams on all lines 1-94.

Nature hike (transport, lunch, possible entrance fees)

Tickets to Tallinn Maritime Museum and other museums (not all)

Festival closing and dinner

Airport transport upon arrival and departure, also possible by city public transport

The price does not include

lunch and dinners not included in the main program

excursions outside the program, museums, concert and other entrance tickets



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Note: Tallinn officially has **53** museums, **481** restaurants and various eateries, **128** cafes, up to **50** different exhibitions etc.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM (of your choice)

Since nature is Estonia's value, we offer it to you. The price of the main program also includes a one-day nature hike. Our climate, sometimes stormy and in winter cold and frozen sea, has throughout history created a different, autonomous lifestyle on the Estonian sea islands. That is why we offer you the opportunity to visit the sea islands. Boat trips from Tallinn and Leppneeme port near Tallinn to the sea islands. The price includes: transport to the port, boat trip, one-day visit, exploring the island's history and present, a walking tour or a tour with local extreme transport, picnic or lunch.

Prangli - from **60** €, total time ca 7 - 9 hours

Prangli is an island in Northern Estonia in the Gulf of Finland. Prangli is the only island in Northern Estonia that has been permanently inhabited since the 13th century. Up to 75 inhabitants live on the island continuously, even in winter. The boat ride from Leppneeme port takes up to 1 hour.

Naissaar - from **50** €, total time ca 10 hours

There are three villages on the island. The island is home to the ruins of several military buildings and the Naissaar Museum, which is dedicated to the war. In 1939, 404 people lived on the island. After the Soviet annexation in 1940, the island was emptied. Only nine people currently live in the three villages on the island. The boat ride from Tallinn takes up to 1 hour.

Aegna - from **30** €, total time ca 5 hours

There are 2317 sea islands and islets in Estonia, the 17th largest is Aegna Island. The boat takes 30 minutes from Tallinn.

Trip to other large sea islands:

Vormsi Island - 125 km from Tallinn. One day. From **60** €, ca 17 hours

Bus, boat, excursion, meeting and performance with local folkdance group, catering. Departure from Tallinn at 6.00 and return at 23.00 on the same day. Vormsi is the fourth largest island in Estonia. About 200 permanent residents live on the island all year round.

Vormsi Island – Two days. with accommodation, meals. From **90** €. The program is the same as for a one-day trip. When going on the ship and coming back, there is time to visit other places (Haapsalu, Padise, Laitse, Keila-Joa, etc.)

Muhu and Saaremaa - at least two days with overnight stay in Kuressaare. Meeting with local dancers. Performance. Visit to Kuressaare Bishop's Palace. Various locations in Saaremaa and Muhu County. Total approx. 600 km. Transport, boat trip, hotel, excursions and meals from **130** euros.



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Muhu Island is the third largest island in Estonia. Muhu Island is connected to Saaremaa by dam. Ferries operate between Muhu and the mainland, but in winter an ice road can also be used to cross the sea.

Saaremaa is the largest island in Estonia. Saaremaa has over 31,500 inhabitants.

The Võru Traditional Dance Festival two days with one night stay from **130** euros, three days with two nights stay from **200** euros. Price includes: transportation, accommodation, meals.

*We can calculate more accurate prices once we know the number of participants.
This means: after December 1, 2025.*

If you received this information, you are warmly welcome to Estonia!

Tallinn, 21.June 2025

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