

TALLINN 16.–19.06.2016
XV INTERNATIONAL FISAIC CHOIR FESTIVAL
XV INTERNATIONALES FISAIC-CHORFESTIVAL
XV FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL FISAIC DE CHANT CHORAL

Welcome
TO TALLINN!



Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, is located in Northern Europe in the north-eastern part of the Baltic Sea region. Area of Tallinn is 159.2 km² and the population is 433 653 (02.10.2014).

Area of Estonia is 45 227 km² and national currency is Euro. Nationalities living in Estonia: Estonians 69%, Russians 25%, and others 6%. Estonian's official language is Estonian. Russian, Finnish, English and German are also widely spoken.

Since 1997, Tallinn Old Town is listed in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Unique medieval environment is the main value of the Old Town.

NB: The Program includes 3-hour City Excursion (walk in the Old Town, bus tour).

ESTONIANS TRADITIONAL SONG AND DANCE CELEBRATION

Celebration tradition began with the first Song Celebration in 1869 organized by Johann Voldemar Jannsen and the "Vanemuine" society. There were 878 singers and musicians in the first celebration. Nowadays, the Song Celebrations have taken place every five years. In July 2014 took place 26th Song- and 19th Dance Celebration with total 42,000 singers and dancers attending - 33,000 of them were singers and about 22,000 fitted on the stage simultaneously.

The term "singing nation" expresses well the Estonian identity that has united the nation in its struggle for national independence in beginning of 20th century and during the period of the Soviet Occupation (1941-1991). The "Singing Revolution" began in 1988, based on the Song Celebration tradition, when hundreds of thousands of people gathered in the Song Festival Grounds to make political demands and sing patriotic songs. The „Singing Revolution“ has become a symbol of freedom. In 2003, UNESCO declared Estonia's Song and Dance Celebration tradition a masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity.



FREE TIME EXCURSIONS (OPTIONAL)



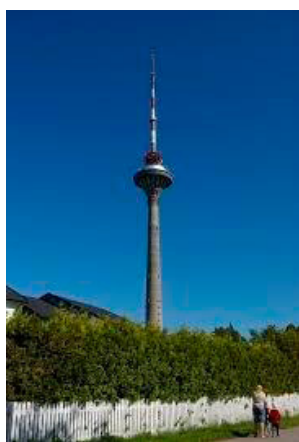
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Tallinn Seaplane Harbour www.lennusadam.eu/en/

Tallinn Botanic Garden www.tallinnbotanicgarden.org/

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CONCERT HALL: Russian Culture Centre

- former House of the Officers of the Fleet, built in 1954,
- locates Mere Avenue 5, near the Old Town,
- 826 seats in the Concert hall

NATIONAL EVENING: Saturday 18 June in Rocca al Mare, The Estonian Open Air Museum

- national open-air dinner party, surprises
- transport from hotel last appr. 20 minutes

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