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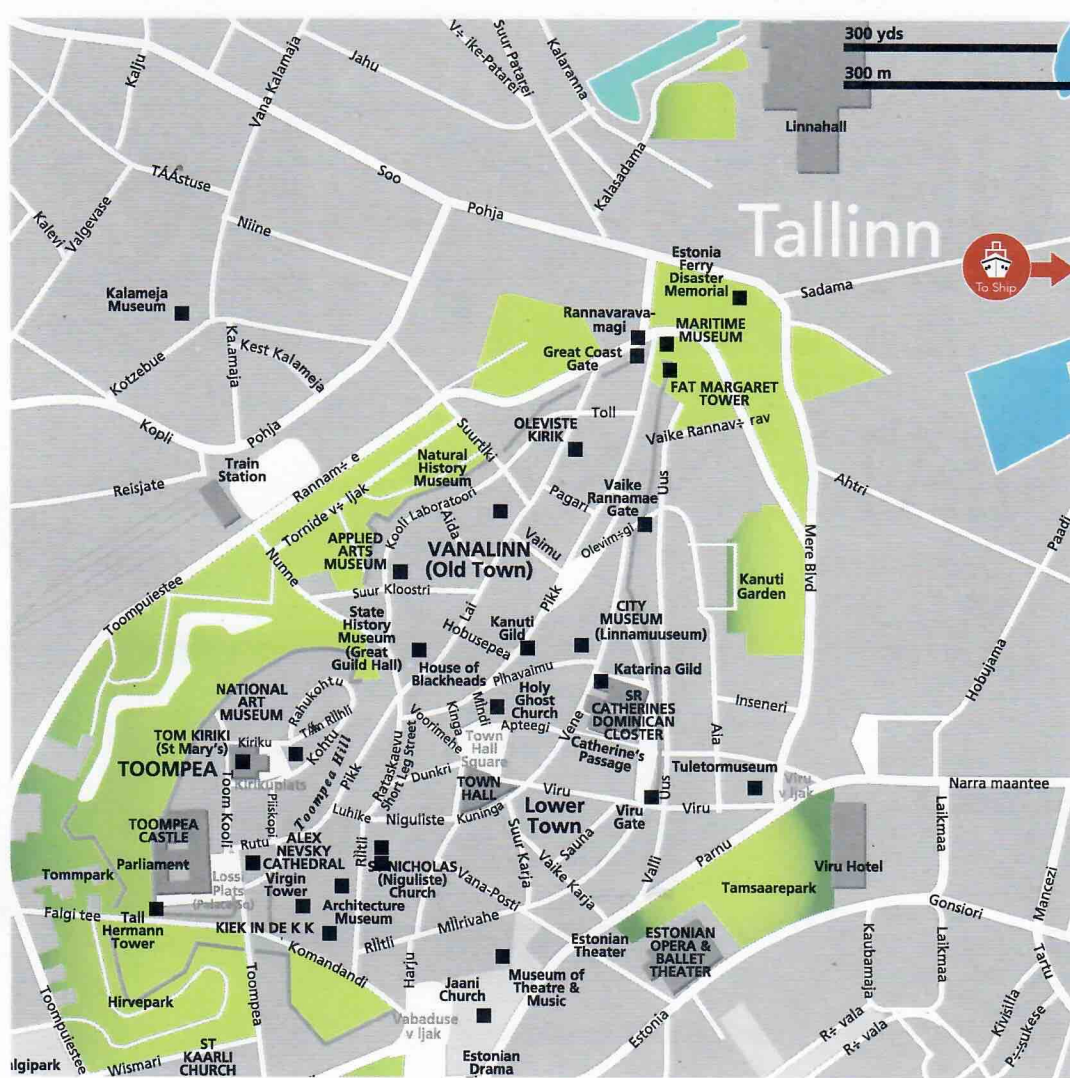


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Travel Safety Tips

As in any tourist destination, you will want to take some basic precautions to make the most of your time ashore.

- Be aware of your surroundings, especially in crowded areas.
 - Avoid wandering from the main shopping and tourist areas into unfamiliar territory. If venturing out independently, have a plan, use only licensed taxi operators.
 - Leave your valuables in your stateroom safe and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Exercise caution when using ATMs.
 - Cameras and handbags should be carried close to your body or concealed out of sight. People who carry handbags or backpacks are particularly vulnerable to purse snatchers on scooters.
 - When going ashore, each adult and child is required to carry a passport or other government-issued photo ID. – Note: Some ports may require Guests to carry passports ashore.
 - In general, use the same level of precaution you would use in any tourist destination.
- Please remember that while in a foreign country, you are subject to its laws.



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Capital: Tallinn

Location: Eastern Europe, bordering the Baltic Sea

Taxi: Taxis are available all over the city. Old Town is for pedestrians only, find taxis outside of this area. Complimentary shuttles are available at the end of the pier to take you close to the Old Town area.

Currency: The local currency is EUR. Other main currency such as USD is also accepted.

Language: Estonian, Russian, English and Finnish

Population: City, 435,245 Metro, 542,983

Banking: Major Estonian banks are Hansapank, Ühispank and Sampo Pank. Banks are open Monday to Friday from 9:00am until 4:00/5:00pm. Most banks are closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

Post Office: Central Post Office in Tallinn is located in the city center.

TALLINN OVERVIEW

The name Estonia (which is Eesti in Estonian language) seems to derive from Aestii, used by a Roman chronicler in 100 B.C. to describe all the tribes east of Germany. Its capital –Tallinn– was first mentioned in written chronicles in 1154 by a famous Arab explorer Al-Idrisi, who back then marked it on its world map as Kolōvan. Throughout the history Tallinn has had other names given by its hostile neighbors: Lindanise by the Scandinavians and Reval by the Germans. Eventually the name Tallinn stayed.

The present-day Tallinn was first inhabited in the 10th century when a stronghold was built on Toompea Hill, which ever since remained the seat of the ruling power and the church authorities. The location was chosen by the first settlers for its favorable geographical position—a hillside in the immediate vicinity of the port, which conveniently remained on the East-West trading route. The advantageous position of the town was an object of desire to many neighboring nations, which, at the end, turned to be a motive for continuous warfare. In 1219 the first foreign invasion occurred when the Danish invaded Northern Estonia. But 100 years later they got tired of the constant native rebellions, sold the territory to German Teutonic Order for 19.000 silver marks. A couple of centuries passed and then the Swedes came and then the Russian Empire conquers the country. Estonia declares its first independence in 1918, which lasted until the first Soviet occupation in 1940, followed by Nazi occupation the year after



and the second Soviet occupation in 1944. The Republic of Estonia enjoys its freedom at the fullest for the last 16 years, when the Soviet regime fell into pieces and a totally new future opened up for many ex Soviet Republics.

Nowadays Tallinn is inarguably a beautiful town, which, in spite of numerous wars, rulers and reconstructions, has managed to retain its medieval environment and structure. Actually, the fact that the town's network of medieval streets, churches and houses has been preserved practically intact, has earned the town an honor to be inserted in the Unesco World Heritage List as a living museum.