

Estonia

EESTI



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Where can you find us? In North Europe!



Some facts



Full Name: the Republic of Estonia

Total Area: 17,461.86 sq miles
45,226 sq km

Population:
1 million 34 thousand

Languages:
Estonian (official),
also spoken:
Russian, English, Finnish,
Swedish, German ...

Currency was : Estonian
Kroon (EEK)

1928–1940 AND 1992–2011

Since January 2011: Euro



Our symbols



Is Estonia the smallest country in the world?

- No it is not :)

Population: 1.3 million inhabitants

Area: 45 227 km²



- But we like to say that everything here is small:

- Largest town Tallinn (capital city) has 400 000 inhabitants.

- The highest point of Estonia is Suur Munamägi (BIG EGG HILL)
 - only 318 meters high(The best reaction I have got to it: "It is like a swamp!").



What language do we speak?

Eesti keelt (=Estonian language)

- **Estonian** is the official language of Estonia, spoken by about 1.1 million people in Estonia and tens of thousands in various emigre communities in Sweden, USA, United Kingdom, Australia.



Is it difficult to learn it? Yes!

- Estonian is one of the most beautiful languages in the world but it is also a really complicated language to learn.
- Estonian language has the vowel " Õ ". We have also letters Ä, Ö, Ü.

Let's practice:

ÕUN = APPLE
ÕÖ = NIGHT
ÜKS = ONE
JÄÄTIS = ICE CREAM



- Also, the Estonian language has 14 cases!
- And finally - the language has no genders, no future tense in grammar

Let's learn some more

- You can try to spell this:

HAUAÖÖÖUD

(= grave night horror)



Tallinn - the capital

population - 414,000

known for its Old Town and the sea



Tallinn



Pärnu - seaside resort



Tartu - a university town



University of Tartu

founded in 1632, a classical university
20 thousand students

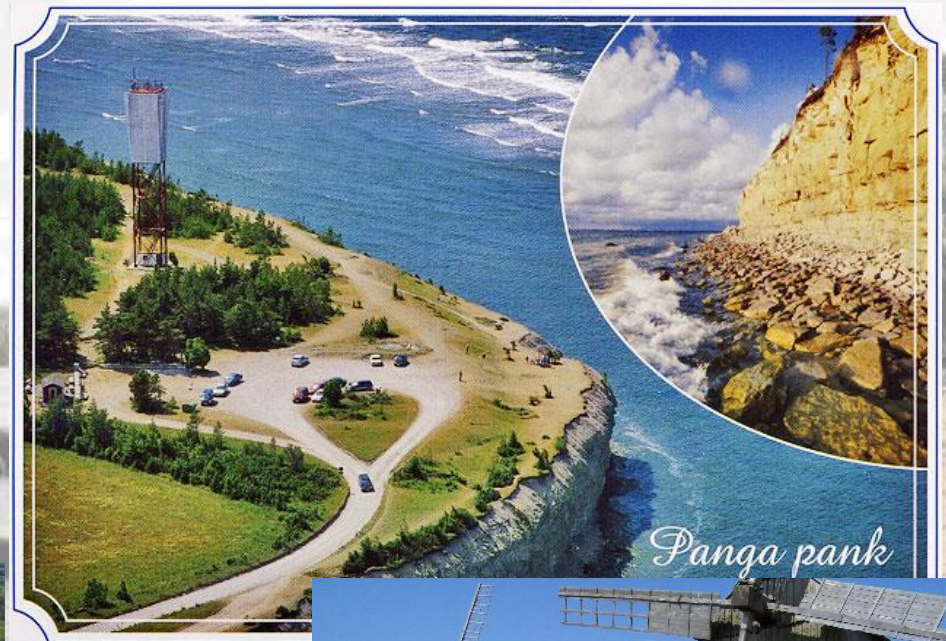




Estonia has over 1500 islands, 3700 km-s of coastline



The biggest island is Saaremaa (The Isle of Land) (2672 km²)



The longest river is Võhandu River (162 km)



Why come to Estonia?

If you want to

- try "blood sausages"
- eat fresh home-made brown rye bread



...go walking in a bog



... see untouched nature/ our nature reserves



... sit in a scorching hot sauna and get flogged with fresh birch branches



The biggest lake is Lake Peipsi (Lake Peipus) -

it is the fifth largest lake in Europe with a total area of 3555 square km (it forms the border with Russia)



About our history

- Before the 13th century there were Estonian leaders
- Estonia has been under the rule of Danes, Germans, Swedes and Russians
- **Independence was declared on 24th February 1918**
- Soviet occupation 1940-1991 (German 1941-44)
- **Independence was restored on 20 August 1991**
- Joined NATO and the European Union in 2004

EESTI VABARIIK



What do we look like?

Estonian national costumes



**We are fond of choir singing,
going to all kinds of cultural
events**



We have world famous song festivals -

30 000 sing together

in a choir on the stage

The first one took place

in **1869** in **Tartu**



What about our climate?

Estonian people's moods:

Winter



Spring



Summer

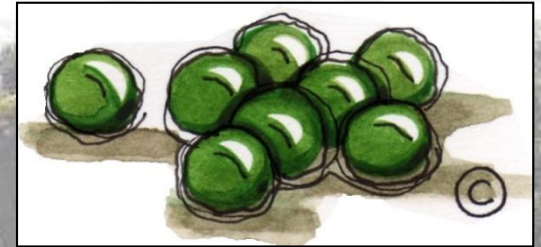


Autumn



What do we like to say?

- When somebody is glad he may say:
"I laughed myself into a pea" or even
"I laughed myself into two halves."



He "holds his stomach with both hands" when he hears a hilarious joke.

- When a person is angry
- his "lungs move on top of his liver",
- his "heart fills up",
- he "comes to the boil", and in a rage
- "turns into a pretzel".
- His "top then turns purple",
- and he "goes out of himself".

An old-type farm



What is e-Estonia?

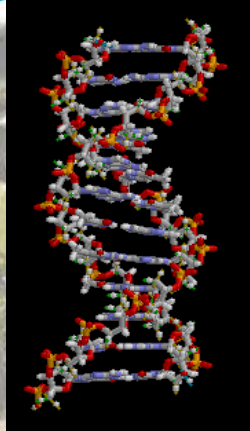
- **84.5% of Estonian people use the Internet** (India 7%, Ukraine 42%, Austria 74%, Sweden 92% of the population)
- Almost all of Estonian people have a computer at home, many families have several.
- Every Estonian school is connected to the internet and they participate in the e-school program
- **There are a lot of FREE Wifi hotspots**
- Income tax declaration can be filled in the Internet, it takes a short time
- You can vote for elections through the internet, buy tickets and goods



More Facts



- Estonia was the developer of Skype, Kazaa and Hotmail.
- We have a lot of IT companies
- Estonian scientists are collecting genes of the population to make genetical researches (on diseases and gene therapy)
- Scientists are working to discover vaccine for HIV
- We produce electricity (oil shale mines)



Is there anything else to know about us?

- We have light summer nights in Estonia (celebrations of Midsummer Night on June 23 - we make fires, sing and dance)
- Cheap beer, beautiful women



Do you know anyone of us?

- Composer Arvo Pärt



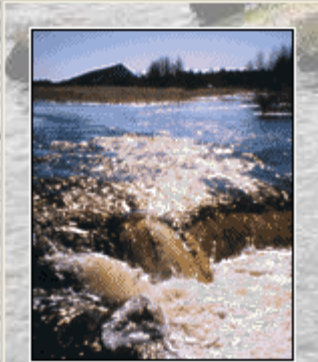
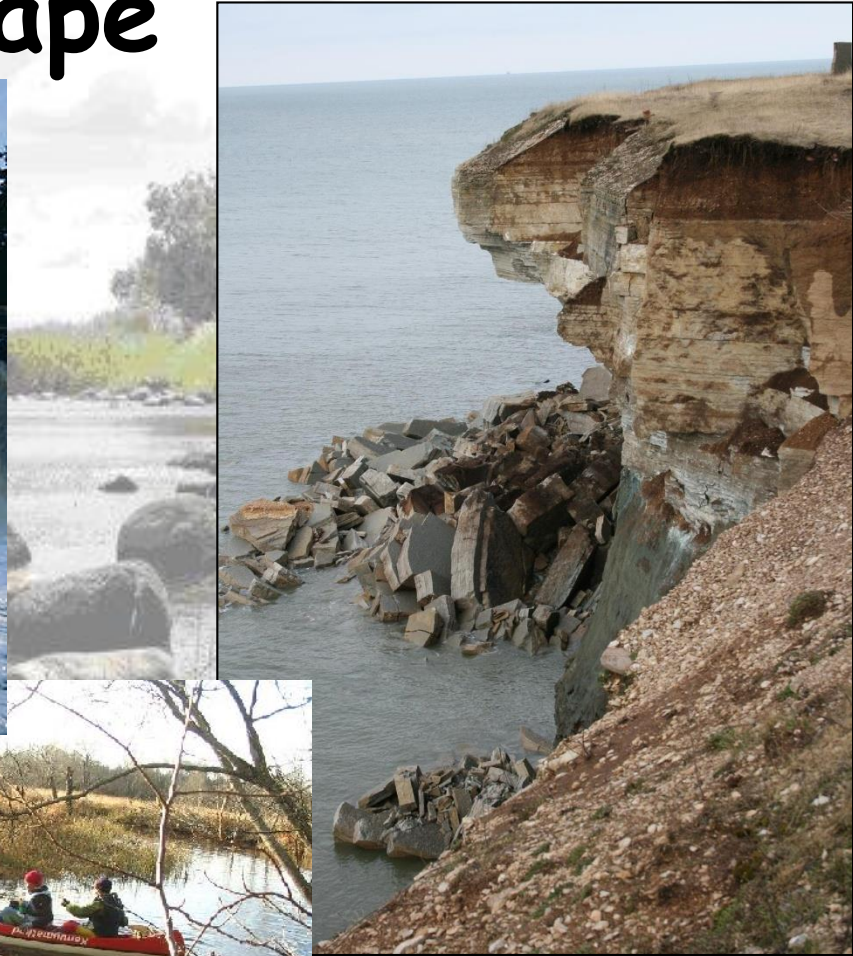
- Supermodel Carmen Kass



- Conductors Neeme Järvi and Eri Klas



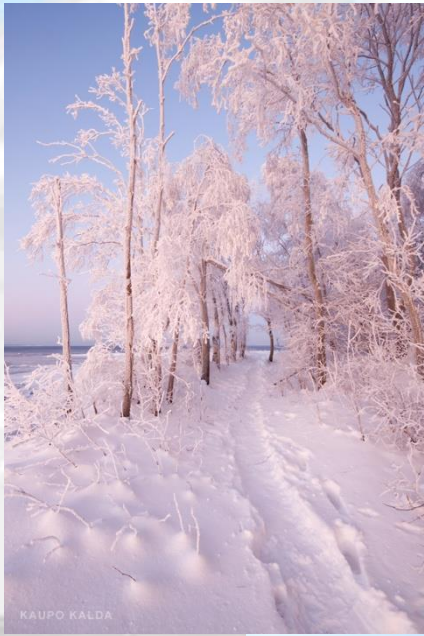
North Estonia - a long coastline, waterfalls, flat landscape



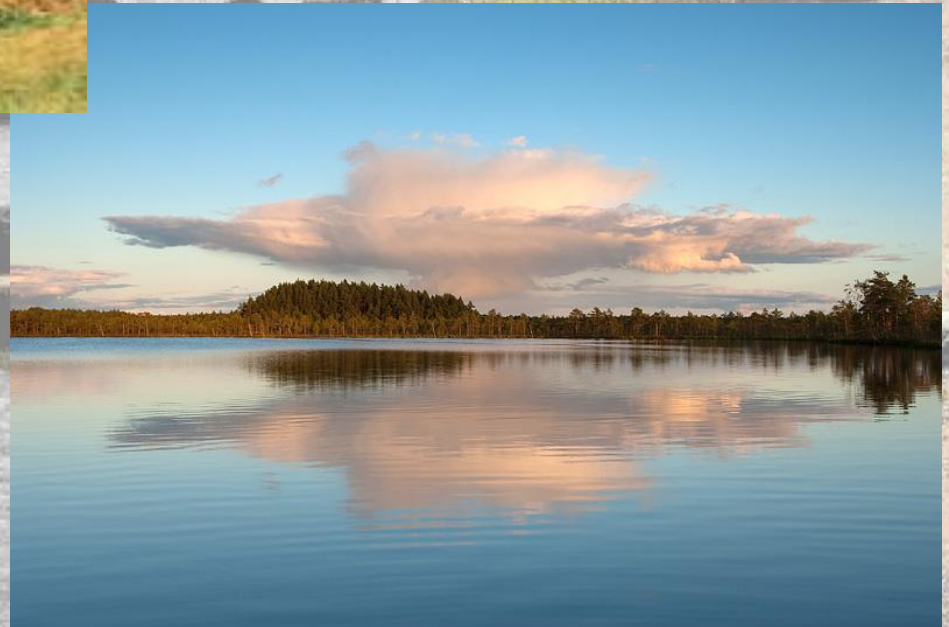
South Estonia is hilly



Winter in Estonia



We have 1 400 lakes



The deepest lake in Estonia (Rõuge Big Lake) – 38 m deep



Estonia is rich in ...

- lakes and islands
- forests - they cover

About 51% of the territory

- good ideas
- peaceful people



Forests



Restored old manor houses...



...about a thousand



Is Estonia the best place to live in?

- No poisonous snakes
- No poisonous spiders
- No crocodiles
- No earthquakes
- No floods
- Yes, it is a perfect place to live in !



Now there are some more people in the world who know how great my small country called Estonia is:)



Thank you for listening !

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