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## FOLK CULTURE FESTIVAL ESTOFOLK 2026

### International Festival ESTOFOLK 2026

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

We prefer to invite groups from countries that have repeatedly hosted Estonian folk culture groups.

Unfortunately, we have to inform you 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. We will introduce Tallinn to you. We will take you to Estonian nature and with the optional program we will offer additional opportunities.

### Four festival times:

1. **A period:** 3-9 June 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. **B period:** 20-26 June 2026 At the same time, other folk culture events are taking place in Estonia, which you can participate in if you are interested (see optional 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. **C period:** 8-14 July 2026 At the same time, other folk culture events are taking place in Estonia, which you can participate in if you are interested (see optional program): Võru Traditional Dance festival. You can visit and participate in them. **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



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workshops take place. Võru is 270 km from Tallinn. A minimum of two full days with one overnight stay is required to travel there.

4. **D period:** 4-10 August 2026 At the same time, other folk culture events are taking place in Estonia, which you can participate in if you are interested : Saaremaa Sea Days. You can visit and participate in them. The open-air event **Saaremaa 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 Kaunispe, Triigi, Turja, Muratsi, etc. on Saaremaa.

### Prices of participation fee includes:

4-5-6... nights in a hotel with breakfast.

Tallinn 5-day ticket for unlimited free travel on city buses and trams on all lines 1-96.

Nature hike (transportation, lunch or picnic, possible entrance fees) 6 to 9 hours. NB! Bring sports shoes.

Tickets to at least two important museums in Tallinn.

Closing of the festival, certificates of participation and dinner.

Two Tallinn city tours (on foot and by bus).

Meetings with local groups or ... .

Meals are included on excursions outside Tallinn. Etc.

### The price does not include

Lunch and dinner in Tallinn are not included in the main program.

Outside the program, museums, concert and other options entrance tickets.

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

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, 20.July 2025

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