

Vabamu Song and Dance Festival curated program ITINERARY

TUESDAY 1st July

Arrival day

6.30-9.30 pm **Welcome reception at Schlössle Hotel**

Kick off the program with an exclusive welcome reception at the Schlössle Hotel. This evening provides an ideal opportunity to meet and connect with fellow participants.

WEDNESDAY 2nd July

10-11.30 am **Tour of Vabamu**

Vabamu Museum of Occupations and Freedom recounts the story of the Estonian people from occupation to independence and inspires people to maintain and stand up for their freedom. This captivating tour unveils the story of resilience that transformed Estonia from occupation to a global leader in the digital age. It's a must-see for understanding the spirit that drives Estonia today.

11.30-1 pm **E-Estonia Presentation and meeting with IT minister**

Gain firsthand insights into the digital powerhouse that Estonia has become. This session will explore the lessons learned and opportunities in the world's most advanced digital society, offering a roadmap for future technology partnerships and innovations.

1-2 pm **Lunch at Vabamu**

2.30-4 pm **Tour of Tallinn Old Town**

Discover the charm of one of Europe's best-preserved medieval cities with a guided tour through Tallinn Old Town. Wander through cobblestone streets admiring centuries-old architecture and immersing yourself in the captivating stories and vibrant history of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

6-9 pm **Vabamu reception**

Connect with Estonia's political elite and dynamic start-up ecosystem at this exclusive networking reception. Engage with leading entrepreneurs and innovators shaping the future of Estonia and explore opportunities for collaboration



THURSDAY 3rd July

10-12 pm

Visit to **Arvo Pärt Centre**

Immerse yourself in the world of Arvo Pärt, one of the most performed living composers globally. This visit to the Arvo Pärt Centre offers a serene and inspiring atmosphere, where you can explore the creative journey and philosophy behind his internationally acclaimed works, set amidst the beautiful natural surroundings of Laulasmaa.

12-1 pm

Lunch at Arvo Pärt Centre

1-2 pm

Visit to Laulasmaa and **Keila Joa Waterfall**

Take in Estonia's breathtaking natural beauty with a visit to the scenic Laulasmaa and Keila Joa Waterfall.

3.30-4.30 pm

Visit to **Song Festival grounds** and meeting with the organizers of the festival

Experience the heart of Estonia's cultural pride at the iconic Song Festival Grounds, a remarkable open-air amphitheater that has played a central role in Estonia's identity. This visit offers a behind-the-scenes look at how the organizers maintain the festival's deep-rooted traditions, blending innovation with heritage.

5-7 pm

Meeting with the **President of Estonia** at the Rose Garden

Join a select gathering with the President of Estonia in the picturesque Rose Garden of the Presidential Palace. This rare opportunity offers unparalleled access to one of the nation's highest officials, providing a unique platform for candid discussions.

FRIDAY 4th July

9.30-2 pm

Morning **hike in the bog** OR guided tour of **Kumu Art Museum**

Choose between a peaceful hike through Estonia's untouched boglands, where serene beauty and unique wildlife await, or an engaging guided tour and a workshop in Kumu art museum. Whether you're drawn to the tranquillity of nature or the fascinating world of Estonian art, each option offers an unforgettable glimpse into Estonia's rich heritage.

Free time for meetings and for exploring Tallinn

6-8.30 pm

Dance Festival

Be part of an extraordinary celebration of Estonian culture at the Dance Festival, a mesmerizing display of traditional choreography, costumes, and spirit.



SATURDAY 5th July

10-12 pm

Prime Minister reception and visit to Stenbock House

A special visit awaits with Estonia's Prime Minister at the prestigious Stenbock House, a stunning neoclassical building that overlooks the city from Toompea Hill. This reception provides a unique opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue with top-level Estonian officials while enjoying an evening filled with warm hospitality.

1-6 pm

Procession through Tallinn

Join in the grand procession through the streets of Tallinn, an event rich in tradition and celebration. Experience the energy and unity of thousands of participants as they proudly march through the city in their national costumes.

7-11 pm

Song Festival opening concert and the ceremonial lighting of the Song Festival flame

Immerse yourself in one of Estonia's most iconic cultural events—the Song Festival. The first show of this monumental celebration features powerful choral performances that bring together thousands of voices, creating an unforgettable experience of music, tradition, and national pride.

SUNDAY 6th July

10-12 pm

Tour of Estonian Open Air Museum

Step back in time and explore Estonia's rural history at the Estonian Open Air Museum. This unique experience provides a fascinating look into traditional Estonian village life, showcasing historic farmhouses and a vibrant glimpse of Estonia's cultural roots.

12-1 pm

Traditional Estonian lunch at the Open Air Museum

Savor a traditional Estonian lunch amidst the charming surroundings of the Open Air Museum. It's a perfect opportunity to enjoy authentic local cuisine while soaking in the serene atmosphere of Estonia's countryside heritage.

2-9 pm

Song Festival grand concert

Witness the grandeur of Estonia's beloved Song Festival during the grand concert where the blend of choirs, wind orchestras, and symphony orchestras will fill the air with 40 powerful musical pieces. It is an event that will leave you with lasting memories of the power of song to bring people together.

9 pm onwards

Nightcap at Telegraaf Hotel

End your journey in Estonia with gettogether where you can reflect on the experiences shared and celebrate the connections made and ideas formed over your time in this extraordinary country.

MONDAY 7th July

Departure day



*Tours and events are subject to change