



Island Hopping in Estonia: Hiiumaa, Saaremaa and Muhu



12-days self guided cycling tour from/to Tallinn (Code: SG9P)

Estonia is characterised by its unique natural landscapes and traditional hospitality. Vibrant cities, desert beaches, peace and the unspoiled beauty of the countryside - a paradise for cyclists. But it's the Estonian islands which are the jewels of the country. You'll spend your holiday on these islands which are amongst the most beautiful that the Baltic Sea has to offer. Lighthouses and windmills are the landmarks of these islands. To begin your journey, you will get to know the Estonian capital Tallinn. This tour then takes you from Haapsalu to the second largest island Hiiumaa before crossing to the biggest island, Saaremaa. En route back to the mainland, you'll cycle on the island of Muhu & from there into the summer capital of Estonia, Pärnu.

Day 1: Arrive in Tallinn
Individual arrival in Tallinn and transfer (not included) to your hotel. Overnight in Tallinn.

Day 2: Tallinn-Padise, ~65 km/41 mi.
Collect your bikes and start cycling out of Tallinn on the EuroVelo route along the northern seacoast. En route explore Türi Cliffs and Padise monastery ruins. Overnight in Padise.



Day 3: Padise – Haapsalu, ~55 km/35 mi.
Cycle on road with little traffic, but many forests and meadows. Arrive in Haapsalu (overnight), a traditional summer resort, with its picturesque small, wooden houses, castle ruins and beautiful sea promenade.

Day 4: Hiiumaa Island, ~38 km/24 mi.
Cycle to Rohuküla (10 km) to catch a ferry to the beautiful Estonian island of Hiiumaa (22 km/1.5 hrs). Continue cycling to Kärkla, a "capital city" (overnight)

Day 5: Kassari & Saaremaa Island, ~63 km/40 mi.
Enjoy the ride across Hiiumaa Island's wild beauty which is known

as a nature lovers' paradise. Also you can visit an old wool factory or the Hiiumaa museum in Kaasari. Then your route goes to Sõru harbour and by ferry to Saaremaa Island (15 km/1-hr). Overnight in Leisi.

Day 6: Across Saaremaa Island to Kuressaare, ~51 km/32 mi.
Today's cycle route passes the Angla windmills and the Kaali meteorite crater, which is the most impressive natural monument in Estonia. Cycle to Kuressaare (overnight), the capital of Saaremaa and home to the 13thC bishopric castle.



Day 7: Kuressaare
Free day in Kuressaare for exploring the bishopric castle, cycle to Järve beach and sand dunes - popular place for swimming and sun bathing, or take a longer ride to Sõrve peninsula which is very interesting for nature lovers, hikers and swimmers.

Day 8: Koguva & Muhu Island, ~78 km/49 mi.
Cycle on secondary roads and a 3 km long dam connecting the islands of Saaremaa and Muhu. En route to overnight place in Koguva village

you can stop to see the Maasi fortress ruins, small windmills, an ostrich farm, etc.

Day 9: Along the Western Seacoast, ~58 km/36 mi.
Continue the tour through Muhu Island to Kuivastu harbour, take a ferry (7 km/25 min) to the mainland and cycle along the coast through a nature reserve to Varbla (overnight).

Day 10: Varbla – Pärnu Resort, ~70 km/44 mi.
Last cycling day follows the seaside road passing a golf course and the sandy Valgeranna beach. Arrive in Pärnu (overnight) - Estonia's summer capital & seaside resort, famous for many green parks, sandy beaches, etc.

Day 11: Pärnu – bus to Tallinn
Leave your bikes at the guesthouse & take a public bus (not included) to Tallinn, the capital city of Estonia. Free time to explore Tallinn (overnight).

Day 12: Tallinn – end of the tour
Free time in Tallinn.



Tour distances: cycling ~480 km/300 mi, ferry 44 km, 12 days/11 nights

TOUR INFORMATION

Cycling grade: We grade this trip as easy to moderate. Daily signposted biking routes, mainly on roads with little traffic and cycle paths in towns. The terrain is varied and rolling with some gradual hills on some cycling days between Tallinn and Padise. 3 ferries between the Estonian islands are planned on this tour (pay locally).

Arrival & departure information / Transfers

Airport: Tallinn (www.tallinn-airport.ee)

Ferry terminal: Tallinn (regular ferry lines from Helsinki (FI) & Stockholm (SE))

Transfer: (price for one way for up to 3 people) From/to Tallinn airport: 30,- Euro

ACCOMODATION

2-4* star hotels and guesthouses

2020 TOUR DATES

Daily 01.05-30.09.2020

TOUR PRICES (per person)

with 2 nights at 2* hotel / 4* hotel in Kuressaare

Price in double/twin room 835,- Euro/ 935,- Euro

Price in single room 1130,- Euro/ 1330,- Euro

Season discount (September) 50,- Euro

THE TOUR INCLUDES:

- o 11 nights stay at the hotels/guesthouses (rooms with WC/shower),
- o 11 x breakfast
- o 24 hours emergency hotline
- o Individual information package (one per room)

Optional extras:

- o Rent of trekking bike with handlebar bag 135,- Euro
- o Rent of E-bike/Pedelec with a pannier 299,- Euro
- o Luggage transfers (up to 6 people) 625,- Euro
- o Pre/post-tour accommodation with breakfast in Tallinn 4* (price per person per night Sun-Thu/ Fri-Sat)
- o Double/twin room 59,- Euro/ 65,- Euro
- o Single room 95,- Euro/ 110,- Euro

Discount for extra bed in DBL room - 15 %

Minimum group size - 2 people

