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Tallinn - The final schedule and details about passes for ESTO 2019 have been announced for the 12th ESTO festival held in Helsinki, Tartu and Tallinn from June 28 - July 3, 2019.

ESTO 2019 will take place one week before the National Song and Dance Festival. The international festival brings together Estonians and their friends from around the globe, to celebrate Estonian heritage, culture, sports and community in Estonia.

The festival begins with an open air event in central Helsinki on June 28. This will be followed by an opening party on the Tallink-Silja Line's M/S Silja Europa, which will bring ESTO 2019 participants to Tallinn. The festival moves on to Tartu, where a global Estonian ESTO song festival will be held in the historic Town Hall Square. A youth congress and global fraternity get-togethers will be organized, with ESTO pub nights capping off each evening. Performers, already participating in the Song and Dance Festival, will also perform at the ESTO 2019 opening in Helsinki and the ESTO Song Festival in Tartu.

"The ESTO tradition started in 1972, when Estonians from around the world gathered in Toronto to celebrate their culture. These events were critically important to maintaining our language, culture and community during the Soviet occupation, outside of Estonia," explains ESTO 2019 chairman Sirle Sööt. "It's just as important now for our global Estonian community to come together and be connected with our culture and each other in Estonia in 2019."

ESTO PASSES

There will be three levels of ESTO passes available for sale starting in October, with a discounted rate available until December 31.

GOLD PASS	SILVER PASS	BRONZE PASS
Adult: €200 Youth 13-26: €100 Family (2 adults 2 children: €400)	Adult: €150 Youth 13-26: €75 Family (2 adults 2 children: €300)	Adult: €100 Youth 13-26: €50 Family (2 adults 2 children: €200)
Includes -admission to all ESTO events -dinner and accommodation for the opening gala on board M/S Silja Europa -admission and dinner to the closing ESTO Ball at Lennusadam - Transportation between Helsinki-Tallinn-Tartu-Tallinn - Discounted hotel booking through Estravel	Includes -admission to all ESTO events -accommodation for the opening gala on board M/S Silja Europa NO DINNER -admission to the closing ESTO Ball at Lennusadam NO DINNER - Transportation between Helsinki-Tallinn-Tartu-Tallinn	Includes -admission to ESTO events (not opening gala or closing ball) - Transportation between Helsinki-Tallinn-Tartu-Tallinn

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ESTO 2019 SCHEDULE

HELSINGI

Thursday, June 27

11.00-16.00 **#FinEstBay #FinEstLink #Talsinki meetup - Potential of and opportunities in the Gulf of Finland economic region, Helsinki City Hall, Pohjoisesplanadi 11–13**

12.00-16.00 **Open House at Eesti Maja, Sörnäisten rantatie 22, Helsinki**
14.00 **Heikki Rausmaa “Much could be done under the title of culture”**
15.00 **Seppo Zetterberg “The Finnish bridge”**
17.00 **Discovering Helsinki**

Starting 12.00 Performers gather at Alppila Church

15-19.00 Rehearsals

19.00- 20.30 Dinner

20.30 -... Get together



Friday, June 28

9.00 Opening of Estonian Handicraft, Design and Art Fair at Senate Square

9.00 Rehearsals at Helsinki Cathedral and Senate Square

10.30 - 13.00 **Youth and Future seminar**
Helsinki University, Tiedekulma, Yliopistonkatu 4

13.30 **ESTO 2019 opening at Helsinki Cathedral. Concert and Service**
Opening Speech by the President of the Republic of Estonia

15.00 **Cultural Programme at Senate Square** (choirs and folk-dancers)

17.15 *Buses to the harbour*

18.30 *M/S Silja Europa departs from Helsinki to Tallinn*

19.00 **ESTO 2019 Opening Gala Party on board M/S Silja Europa**
Formal dinner. Cultural programme at [Teater Europa](#).



TARTU

Saturday, June 29

- 9.00** ESTO buses and train depart for Tartu
TARTU CITY DAY
- 12.00** **Student Fair** #StudyEstonia, Tartu University Student Union
- 13.00** **Youth Congress, Tartu University**
- 15.00** **#NOORTEKAS (Youth Party)** Cruise on the the river Emajõgi (age-group 14-30)
- 18.00** **ESTO Song** Tartu Town Hall Square
Fraternity gatherings
- 22.00** **#SALAKÕRTS, Püssirohukelder**
#NOORTEKAS, Aparaaditehas

Sunday, June 30

- 11.00** Church Service, Jaani kirik/ St John's Church
- 13.00** **Seminar and workshops "How to teach my child Estonian"**
(Estonian & English), Tartu University
- 13-16.00** **Seminar and workshops "Find your roots"**
(excursion approx 1 hour) - National Archive, Nooruse 3
(Estonian and English)
Afternoon at Estonian National Museum (ERM)
- **Guided tour** (Estonian, English, French, German)
 - **Folk culture workshops for kids and youth**
 - **Opening Estdocs@ESTO - ERM**
- 17.00** **Exhibition "ESTOs and Global Estonians" opening**, ERM
- 19.00** Rakvere Theatre performance "La h us" (Separated), ERM
- 21.00** **#SALAKÕRTS, Püssirohukelder**
#NOORTEKAS, Aparaaditehas

Sports: Golf, tennis, volleyball
Activities for children and youth



TALLINN

Monday, July 1

- 9.00 All aboard the ESTO buses and train to Tallinn
- 13.00 **Networks meet-up at Telliskivi Loomelinnak**
- Estonian Houses and camps
 - Estonian media and information channels abroad
 - Estonian church abroad
 - Learning Estonian abroad: Schools, camps and other youth organizations
 - Youth networking
 - Estonian researchers abroad
 - Archives (Balthernet) - Maarjamäe
- Film festival EstDocs@ESTO and art exhibits**
- 20.00 **Oh Canada! Canada Day at Vabalava, Telliskivi**
- 22.00 **#SALAKÕRTS, #NOORTEKAS, #ÕÕÜLIKOOL, Telliskivi**

Tuesday, July 2

- 9.00- 18.00 **National Congress at Telliskivi Loomelinnak (by invitation)**
- 13.00 **Networks meet-up at Telliskivi Loomelinnak**
- Estonian musicians and artists abroad
 - Estonian authors abroad
 - Archives (BaltHerNet) - Eesti Sõjamuuseum
- Film festival EstDocs@ESTO and art exhibitions**
- 22.00 **#SALAKÕRTS, #NOORTEKAS, #ÕÕÜLIKOOL Telliskivi**

Thursday, July 3

- 13.00 **Networks meet-up at Maarjamäe**
- Cultural entrepreneurship and diplomacy
 - #eEstonia #WorkEstonia #WorkForEstonia
- Film festival EstDocs@ESTO and art exhibitions**
- 20.00 **#Esto 2019 GALA BALL Lennusadam**
- #NOORTEKAS**