

Estonian events 2027

JANUARY

1–6 January – BachFest

Tallinn
Begin the year with Bach and Baroque music in some of Tallinn’s most atmospheric historic venues. The festival pairs classical performances with the setting of the medieval Old Town, making it an appealing cultural reason to spend the first days of January in the capital.

6–10 January – European Badminton Team Championships

Tallinn
Eight of Europe’s best national teams meet at Kalev Sports Hall to decide the European team title, with Estonia competing on home ground. It is a rare chance to see top-level international badminton in a compact arena just outside Tallinn’s Old Town.

15–17 January – FIS Nordic Combined World Cup Stage in Otepää

Otepää
Otepää becomes a Nordic winter-sports hub as leading combined athletes tackle ski jumping and cross-country skiing at Tehvandi. The World Cup atmosphere, snowy South Estonian landscape and Otepää’s deep skiing culture make the weekend an experience beyond the competition itself.

FEBRUARY

1–28 February – Restaurant Month “Tasty Tartu”

Tartu
For a full month, participating restaurants create special menus that showcase Tartu’s contemporary food scene and Estonian ingredients. It is an easy way to explore several of the university city’s restaurants at a time of year when warm dining rooms are part of the attraction.

7 February – Kolkja Sledge, Lake Peipsi

A wonderfully local winter event on the shores of frozen Lake Peipsi, celebrating sledges, snow and the distinctive culture of the Peipsimaa region. Combine it with Old Believer villages, traditional food and one of Estonia’s most atmospheric winter landscapes.

9–21 February – LaVita IBU Biathlon World Championships

Otepää
One of the biggest international sporting events ever held in Estonia brings the world’s elite biathletes to Otepää. Twelve world titles are decided over ten competition days, while Tehvandi is prepared for around 20,000 spectators and a major festival atmosphere.

20 February – Crazy Täiskuusööming at Peipsi Food Street

Lake Peipsi region
A winter edition of the Peipsi food-road experience brings pop-up restaurants and local flavours to communities around Lake Peipsi. Expect fish, warming regional dishes and the distinctive mix of Estonian, Russian Old Believer and lakeside food traditions that makes this region different from anywhere else in Estonia.

24–28 February – Miss Valentine

Tartu
One of Europe’s best-known rhythmic gymnastics tournaments brings elite gymnasts and young competitors from many countries to Tartu. Founded in 1995, the event has grown into a major international meeting for rhythmic gymnastics and group performance.

27–28 February – Tartu Marathon

Otepää-Elva
One of the world’s oldest ski marathons and one of Estonia’s great sporting traditions attracts thousands of skiing enthusiasts from Estonia and abroad. The classic route through South Estonian forests gives visitors both a major mass-participation event and a memorable winter landscape.





BIATHLON
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS

MARCH

5–6 March – European Sauna Marathon

Otepää
Probably one of the quirkiest ways to experience Estonia’s sauna culture. Teams travel around the Otepää region trying to reach as many saunas, hot tubs and ice holes as possible, turning a traditional winter ritual into a huge and wonderfully eccentric social event.

11–15 March – Kizomba Tallinn Festival

Tallinn
Tallinn becomes a meeting point for the international kizomba community, with several days of workshops, parties and social dancing. Visiting dancers and instructors from different countries give the festival a distinctly international atmosphere and a different way to experience Tallinn after dark.

12 March – José Carreras & Plácido Domingo

Tallinn
Two of the most recognisable names in modern opera share the stage at Tallinn’s Unibet Arena. The former Three Tenors stars are joined by soprano Sabina Puértolas, making this one of Estonia’s standout classical-music events of 2027.

16–22 March – Saaremaa Restaurant Week

Saaremaa
For more than a week, Estonia’s largest island celebrates its food culture through special dinners, markets, café events and local products. Fish, island-grown ingredients and Saaremaa’s strong restaurant scene make it an ideal excuse for an early-autumn island road trip.

18–21 March – Tallinn Open Wrestling Tournament, Tallinn

One of Europe’s largest youth wrestling tournaments brings thousands of wrestlers, coaches and supporters from dozens of countries to Tallinn. The sheer number of simultaneous bouts makes t

APRIL

1–30 April – Pärnu Smelt Festival

Pärnu
Spring on the Pärnu River brings one of the city’s most distinctive seasonal food traditions: smelt. The festival celebrates the small fish with local dishes and riverside atmosphere, offering visitors a taste of Pärnu well before the famous summer beach season begins.

8–11 April – Tallinn Music Week

Tallinn
One of Northern Europe’s major showcase festivals fills Tallinn with emerging music, creative industries, art and ideas. TMW typically presents close to 200 Estonian and international artists and draws around 25,000 participants across clubs, concert halls and unexpected venues around the city.

9–11 April – Dance Festival J-Fest

Jõhvi
Jõhvi turns into a meeting place for dancers, choreographers and audiences during this multi-day dance festival in eastern Estonia. It is a chance to combine performances and competitions with a trip to Ida-Viru, one of Estonia’s most culturally distinctive regions.

22–24 April – Maamess

Tartu
One of the Baltic region’s major rural fairs brings agriculture, forestry, food production and countryside life together in Tartu. Large machinery, local producers and hundreds of exhibitors make it an unusually broad snapshot of how important rural life remains to modern Estonia.



24 April – Võhandu Marathon – 100 km of a beautiful river

South Estonia
This is no ordinary paddle: competitors tackle 100 kilometres of the Võhandu River in canoes, kayaks and other craft. Thousands of paddlers pass forests, old mills and rapids in an event widely regarded as one of Europe’s largest and toughest canoe marathons.

24–25 April – Tallinn Coffee Festival

Tallinn
Two days devoted to coffee, cafés, roasting and brewing bring Estonia’s specialty-coffee scene under one roof. Tastings, demonstrations and local and international brands make it an easy introduction to the café culture that has become a noticeable part of modern Tallinn.

24 April–1 May – Jazzkaar

Tallinn
Estonia’s flagship jazz festival brings international stars and adventurous new sounds to Tallinn each spring. Its programmes stretch well beyond traditional jazz, mixing established names, new talent and genre-crossing projects in concert halls and more intimate venues.

30 April–2 May – Haapsalu Horror and Fantasy Film Festival HÕFF

Haapsalu
For one weekend, elegant seaside Haapsalu becomes Estonia’s capital of horror, fantasy and cult cinema. HÕFF combines international films, premieres and genre classics with the intimate atmosphere of a small resort town and plenty of appropriately strange festival traditions.

April – Open Fishing Ports Day, nationwide (date TBA)

For one day, fishing harbours around Estonia open their doors with fresh fish, boat trips, workshops, markets and activities for the whole family. It is a particularly good way to experience Estonia’s living coastal culture rather than simply seeing the sea from the shore.

MAY

Viljandi Lake Run

Viljandi
First held in 1928, the race around Lake Viljandi is one of Estonia’s oldest sporting traditions. The approximately 12 km course mixes roads, trails and countryside, with thousands of runners traditionally gathering in this small southern Estonian town.

1–7 May – IIHF Ice Hockey World Championships, Division I

Tallinn
International championship ice hockey comes to Tallinn for a week of national-team competition. For travelling sports fans, it combines high-stakes tournament hockey with a capital where the arena, Old Town, restaurants and nightlife are all within easy reach.

8 May – Onion Route Fish Buffet Day

Lake Peipsi region
Homes, cafés and temporary kitchens along the Onion Route open their doors for a day devoted to fish from Lake Peipsi. The food is only part of the experience: the route passes Old Believer villages, colourful wooden houses and one of Estonia’s most distinctive cultural landscapes.

8–9 May – Tartu Forest Marathon

South Estonia
One of Estonia’s best-known spring running events takes participants out of the city and onto the rolling roads and trails of South Estonia. Several distances make it accessible beyond elite runners, while the scenery provides a very Estonian introduction to the region’s forests and countryside.





VÕHANDU
MARATHON

10-15 May – Prima Vista International Literary Festival

Tartu
Writers, readers and ideas take over Estonia’s university city during one of the country’s main literary festivals. International and Estonian authors appear in talks, readings and events across Tartu, making it particularly interesting for visitors curious about Estonia’s intellectual and cultural life.

14-16 May – Türi Flower Fair

Türi
One of Estonia’s best-known spring fairs transforms the small town of Türi into a huge marketplace for plants, gardens and outdoor living. Thousands of visitors come for flowers, seedlings, crafts and food, making it a colourful look at Estonia’s enthusiasm for gardening and country life.

14-16 May – Bikefest “Ride through Soomaa”

Soomaa
A three-day cycling festival combining around 130 km of riding through Soomaa with 15 discovery stops, local stories, concerts, workshops and two nights of camping; the event expects more than 1,500 participants and is designed as a journey rather than a race.

14-16 May – Bicycle tour “How are you doing, Mulgimaa”

Mulgimaa
One of Estonia’s longest-running cycling traditions, founded in 1988, takes around 1,500-2,000 cyclists on a three-day journey through a different region each year; in 2027 the 34th edition explores the landscapes, communities and culture of Mulgimaa.

14-30 May – International Equestrian Festival CHI Pärnu

Pärnu
Pärnu hosts more than two weeks of international equestrian sport, bringing riders and horses together for high-level competition. It offers a different side of Estonia’s summer capital before peak beach season, with sport, seaside restaurants and the historic resort atmosphere all close together.

15 May – Museum Night

Nationwide
For one evening, museums across Estonia stay open late with special exhibitions, tours, performances and activities, often for free or a symbolic ticket price. Hundreds of museums and heritage sites traditionally participate, including many places rarely encountered on a standard sightseeing itinerary.

15-16 May – LHV Maijooks — May Run

Tallinn
Maijooks is Estonia’s largest women’s fitness and sporting event and has become a Tallinn spring tradition. Thousands take part in running and walking distances around the Song Festival Grounds, creating an upbeat mass-participation atmosphere rather than an elite-only race.

19-21 May – Latitude59

Tallinn
Estonia’s flagship technology and startup conference brings founders, investors and innovators from around the world to Tallinn. More than a business conference, it offers an inside look at the digital ecosystem that produced companies such as Skype, Bolt, Wise and Pipedrive.

21-23 May – Tallink Floorball Tournament

Tallinn
International youth floorball teams gather in Tallinn for a packed tournament weekend. The scale and fast indoor game make it lively for participants and families, while Tallinn’s compact centre makes it easy to combine competition days with sightseeing.





MAY RUN
WOMEN'S RUN

28–29 May – Tallinn Craft Beer Weekend

Tallinn
One of the region’s best-known craft beer gatherings brings breweries and beer enthusiasts together for two tasting-focused days. Rather than a traditional beer fair, the emphasis is on distinctive small-batch brewing, new flavours and meeting producers from Estonia and abroad.

29 May – Windfish Festival

Orjaku, Hiiumaa
This small island festival celebrates the sea, fishing and local life around Orjaku harbour on Hiiumaa. It is the kind of event where food, music and maritime traditions come together in a setting that feels far removed from a conventional city festival.

29 May – Aegviidu Hiking Festival

Aegviidu
Held in Estonia’s “Hiking Capital” amid the forests and lakes of Kõrvemaa, the festival offers more than 20 guided outdoor adventures, ranging from foraging and birdwatching to cycling, night hikes and SUP yoga, alongside workshops, nature-inspired food, talks and live music.

JUNE

1–30 June – Saaremaa Peony Festival

Saaremaa
Thousands of peonies turn a Saaremaa garden into one of Estonia’s most colourful early-summer attractions. The long flowering season makes the festival easy to combine with an island road trip, manor visits and Saaremaa’s famous spas.

4–5 June – Night Run Estonia

Rakvere
Rakvere’s night run turns a road race into a show, with music, lights and entertainment creating a festival atmosphere around the course. It is known for putting the experience of running first and offers visitors an energetic reason to explore this small northern Estonian city.

4–5 June – Italian Wine Party

Haapsalu
Italian food, music and wine meet the relaxed atmosphere of Haapsalu’s historic seaside centre. The festival has become an early-summer tradition, bringing a Mediterranean mood to one of Estonia’s prettiest wooden resort towns.

Tallinn Old Town Days (dates TBA)

Tallinn
Tallinn’s UNESCO-listed medieval centre becomes the festival itself, with concerts, theatre, exhibitions, courtyard events and activities filling streets and squares. It is one of the best times to experience the Old Town as a living neighbourhood rather than simply a collection of landmarks.

4–6 June – Hanseatic Days in Viljandi

Viljandi
Viljandi looks back to its medieval trading past with a weekend of markets, crafts, performances and street life. The old town, castle hills and lake make the historical theme feel especially natural in one of southern Estonia’s most picturesque towns



Tour of Estonia (date TBA)

Tartu
Professional cycling links Estonia’s two largest cities in one of the country’s most important international road races. In 2026, riders tackled a 203 km Tallinn-Tartu stage followed by the Tartu Grand Prix, bringing international professional teams onto Estonian roads

6 June – Tartu Cycling Race Gran Fondo

Tartu / South Estonia
Tartu becomes a cycling hub as recreational riders and stronger racers share the roads of South Estonia. Part of the long-running Tartu Marathon event series, the Gran Fondo combines a large organised ride with rolling countryside and the lively atmosphere of Estonia’s university city.

11-12 June – Good Food Festival – Grillfest

Pärnu
One of Estonia’s largest outdoor food festivals fills Pärnu with grills, street food, producers and live entertainment. The free festival traditionally attracts a large crowd and offers a broad, informal introduction to what Estonians like to cook and eat in summer.

12-13 June – Estonian Aviation Days

Tartu County
The largest annual aviation event in the Baltics brings aircraft, aerobatics, demonstrations and aviation technology to the Estonian Aviation Museum. It is a high-energy weekend for families and enthusiasts, with displays both on the ground and in the sky.

16 June – Take That – Dreamers Tour

Tartu
One of Britain’s most successful pop groups brings its Dreamers Tour to Tartu, adding a major international arena-scale concert to the city’s summer calendar. It is an opportunity to pair a big-name show with Estonia’s youthful university capital and its riverside summer atmosphere.

17-20 June – Sõru Jazz

Hiiumaa
Jazz travels to the western edge of Hiiumaa for an intimate festival around Sõru harbour. Small venues, sea air and the island setting are as much a part of the experience as the music, making this almost the opposite of a large urban festival.

23-24 June – Midsummer Days

Estonia
One of Estonia’s oldest and most important celebrations fills the country’s shortest night with bonfires, music, dancing, sauna and centuries-old traditions. Estonians traditionally leave the cities for the countryside, gathering with family and friends to celebrate beneath the almost endless light of the northern summer.

25-26 June – Tartu Street Food Festival

Tartu
Food trucks and pop-up kitchens bring flavours from Estonia and around the world into central Tartu. The informal outdoor format, music and summer atmosphere make it an easy event to combine with a weekend exploring the university city.



Retrobest (dates TBA)

Otepää
A huge nostalgia party brings international and Estonian stars from past decades to Otepää. Think famous 1980s, 1990s and 2000s hits, colourful outfits and thousands of festivalgoers turning Estonia’s winter capital into a midsummer dance floor.

27 June – KFC Midsummer Challenge – Pirita

Tallinn
A summer running event brings competitors to Pirita, Tallinn’s green and seaside district. The course gives visiting runners a different perspective on the capital, away from the Old Town and closer to beaches, forests and the city’s Olympic sailing heritage.

29 June – Tartu City Day

Tartu
Tartu celebrates its city day with performances and cultural events spread around the centre. Traditionally built around opera and unexpected encounters with music, it turns an ordinary summer day into a good snapshot of the city’s creative personality.

30 June–2 July – Drivestonia

Estonia
A multi-day motoring experience uses Estonia’s roads and landscapes as its stage. For car enthusiasts, the attraction is as much the journey through the country as the vehicles themselves, combining driving culture with a summer road trip.

30 June–3 July – Õllesummer at Tallinn Song Festival Grounds

Tallinn
Tallinn’s vast Song Festival Grounds turn into a four-day popular-music festival with multiple stages, food and entertainment. The venue itself is iconic — home of Estonia’s Song Celebration — and the scale makes Õllesummer one of the capital’s biggest summer gatherings.

JULY

1–4 July – White Nights Festival

Haapsalu
Haapsalu makes the most of Estonia’s almost endless midsummer daylight with concerts and cultural events around the seaside town. Long evenings, wooden architecture and the promenade give the festival a distinctly northern summer atmosphere.

1–4 July – Pärnu Summer Cup

Pärnu
The Baltic region’s largest youth football tournament brings around 200 teams from Estonia and abroad to Pärnu. Matches take place across the summer capital, creating an international sporting atmosphere alongside beaches, parks and a lively resort centre.

2–3 July – Võnge Festival

Nõo
Võnge combines contemporary music with an intentionally beautiful rural setting, moving the festival experience away from conventional arenas. Previous editions have mixed notable Estonian acts with international artists, food and design, giving it the feel of a carefully curated summer escape.

2–3 July – Viljandi Summer Opera

Viljandi
Opera arrives in one of Estonia’s most picturesque small towns for two summer evenings of music. Viljandi’s castle hills, lake and compact historic centre turn the performance into an easy cultural weekend rather than simply a night at the opera.



Festival Juu Jäab (date TBA)

Muhumaa
One of Estonia’s most intimate island music festivals mixes jazz, soul, world music and electronic sounds with the landscapes of Muhu and Saaremaa. The 2026 programme included Claire Martin, Simone Moreno, Sander Mölder and England Brooks.

8-11 July – KiKuMu

Estonia
Cinema, art and music come together in a deliberately eclectic festival setting. Recent programmes have ranged from international indie and electronic artists to DJs, film and visual culture, making KiKuMu one of the more adventurous choices on Estonia’s summer calendar.

8-18 July – Pärnu Music Festival & Järvi Academy

Pärnu
One of Estonia’s most internationally respected classical-music festivals brings leading musicians, conductors and young talent to the summer capital. The festival and Järvi Academy have helped make Pärnu a serious classical destination; BBC Music Magazine has previously highlighted it among notable European festivals.

9-11 July – European Disc Golf Festival

Tallinn
Tallinn hosts Europe’s only PDGA Grand Slam tournament in 2027, bringing many of the world’s best disc golfers to the city. Estonia has one of Europe’s strongest disc-golf cultures, so the event combines elite competition with a genuinely popular local sport.

Tartu Hanseatic Days (dates TBA)

Tartu
Tartu reconnects with its Hanseatic trading history through markets, crafts, performances and activities around its historic centre. Medieval inspiration mixes with the atmosphere of a modern university city beside the Emajõgi River.

Dates TBA – Beach Grind

Pärnu
One of Estonia’s biggest contemporary summer music parties brings electronic, hip-hop and pop acts to the beach capital of Pärnu. The 2026 line-up included international names such as Afrojack, Robin Schulz, James Hype, Wilkinson and Vini Vici alongside Estonian artists.

9-11 July – Medieval Days in Tallinn Old Town

Tallinn
Tallinn’s UNESCO-listed Old Town leans fully into its medieval character with markets, crafts, performances and historical activities around Town Hall Square and Niguliste. Few festival settings fit their theme as naturally as this one.

Tallinn Maritime Days (dates TBA)

Tallinn
Tallinn’s waterfront becomes a festival ground with visiting ships, concerts, sea trips, maritime demonstrations and family activities spread between the city’s harbours. It is one of the best weekends to experience Tallinn as the Baltic Sea city it has been for centuries.

9-11 July – American Beauty Summer Meet

Haapsalu
Classic American cars, rock’n’roll culture and one of Estonia’s most photogenic resort towns come together for a distinctive summer weekend. The gathering is known for its spectacular vehicles, concerts and cruising atmosphere around Haapsalu.





BEACH
GRIND

10 July – Emajõgi Festival

Tartu

Tartu celebrates the river running through its heart with activities on and beside the Emajõgi. Boats, riverside entertainment and summer city life make it a good moment to see how strongly the river shapes Estonia's second-largest city.

11 July – Midsummer Challenge – Võsu

Võsu

A running event on Estonia's north coast combines sport with the pine forests and beaches of the Võsu area. It is well suited to visitors who want an organised race to become part of a wider Lahemaa National Park weekend.

15–18 July – I Land Sound

Orissaare, Saaremaa

Electronic music, art and island life meet on tiny Illiku Islet off Saaremaa. Four days of music, installations, sea air and carefully designed festival spaces have made I Land Sound one of Estonia's most distinctive destination festivals.

WRC Rally Estonia (dates TBA)

South Estonia

Estonia's biggest motorsport event brings the world's leading rally drivers to the fast gravel roads around Tartu and South Estonia when it is part of the FIA World Rally Championship calendar. Jumps, high speeds and huge roadside crowds have made Estonia internationally famous among rally fans.

16–17 July – Ostrova Festival

Setomaa

A tiny village in southeast Estonia becomes a surprisingly big music destination for one summer weekend. Ostrova combines well-known Estonian bands with the culture and countryside of Setomaa, making the journey to Estonia's southeastern corner part of the festival experience.

16–17 July – TAFF:fest

Haapsalu

Jazz and rhythm-driven music take over Haapsalu for a compact summer festival founded around saxophonist Raivo Tafenau's musical circle. The intimate seaside setting makes it easy to move between concerts, cafés and the town's famous promenade.

16–18 July – Saaremaa Aerufest: Abruکا Sea Marathon

Saaremaa

Paddlers take to the waters around Saaremaa for a maritime festival centred on the Abruکا Sea Marathon. It combines endurance sport with the open Baltic landscape and offers visitors a close-up look at Estonia's strong island and seafaring culture.

16–18 July – Hiiu Folk

Hiiumaa

A small, nature-friendly folk festival spreads concerts across Hiiumaa's villages, churches and landscapes. Known for its family atmosphere and alcohol-free approach, it is as much about experiencing the island slowly as it is about traditional music.

17 July – Mereküla Oyster Party

Mereküla

An oyster party on Estonia's coast is an unexpected reminder of how varied the country's food scene has become. The intimate event mixes seafood, summer atmosphere and a coastal setting, making it an unusual stop for travellers interested in local food experiences.

17–25 July – Saaremaa Opera Festival

Kuressaare

Opera takes over the courtyard of medieval Kuressaare Castle for one of Estonia's most popular classical events. International guest theatres and large-scale productions make the festival a major cultural occasion, while Saaremaa itself turns the trip into an island holiday.





WRC RALLY
ESTONIA

Open Farm Days (date TBA)

Estonia
Hundreds of farms and rural businesses across Estonia open their gates, letting visitors meet animals, see how food is produced and taste products close to their source. It turns the entire countryside into one huge open-house event and is one of Estonia’s biggest annual rural experiences.

22-25 July – Haapsalu Early Music Festival

Haapsalu
Founded in 1994, this respected festival brings early music to Haapsalu’s churches and historic spaces. The combination of period repertoire, intimate acoustics and the town’s wooden seaside architecture gives it a character that is difficult to reproduce in a modern concert hall.

22-25 July – Viljandi Folk Music Festival

Viljandi
One of the largest folk festivals in the Nordic and Baltic region fills Viljandi’s castle hills and town centre with traditional music reinvented for the present day. For four days, the entire small town becomes part of the festival, creating one of Estonia’s strongest summer atmospheres.

24 July – BrainStorm & NOËP concert

Pärnu
Latvian pop-rock veterans BrainStorm and Estonian electronic-pop favourite NOËP share a major summer concert in Pärnu. It pairs two well-known Baltic names with the beach, restaurants and nightlife of Estonia’s summer capital.

29-31 July – Leigo Lake Music Festival

South Estonia
At Leigo, the landscape becomes part of the performance: concerts take place beside forest lakes, traditionally accompanied by fire, reflections and large-scale visual elements. It is one of Estonia’s most atmospheric combinations of music and nature.

29 July-1 August – Jõgevatreff

Kuremaa
Estonia’s largest motorcycle gathering brings riders from several countries to Kuremaa for concerts, rides and a full weekend of biker culture. The international crowd and rural setting make it one of the country’s most distinctive enthusiast events.

30-31 July – Narva-Jõesuu Jazz Festival

Narva-Jõesuu
Jazz returns to a historic resort tradition in Narva-Jõesuu, where concerts take place close to one of Estonia’s longest sandy beaches. The combination of music, spa-town history and the eastern edge of the country makes this a particularly distinctive weekend trip.

30 July-1 August – Grävely Fest

Tartu County
Cycling, live music and a deliberately relaxed festival spirit meet near Tartu. Gravel riding is the starting point, but the event is designed as a social weekend as much as a race, making it attractive even when not everyone in the group is chasing a result.

31 July-15 August – Old Town Festival “Tartu Sumin”

Tartu
For more than two weeks, Tartu’s Old Town fills with music, performances, workshops and street-level culture. Rather than one headline event, the appeal is seeing the historic centre become a living summer festival space.

Tallinn Rock Festival (dates TBA)

Tallinn
A major international rock weekend brings heavyweight names to Tallinn. The 2026 edition was headlined by Scorpions, Godsmack and Sepultura, alongside Hatebreed, P.O.D. and White Lies - giving a good indication of the festival’s international ambitions.



AUGUST

Twilight senses

TBA

A sensory cultural experience built around the atmosphere of late-summer twilight. Music, light, nature and darkness become part of the programme, creating the kind of intimate event that works precisely because Estonia’s summer nights and natural surroundings are part of the stage.

5-7 August – Home Café Days on Hiiumaa

Hiiumaa

For a few days, islanders turn homes, gardens, farms and unusual locations into temporary cafés. It is one of the best ways to meet local people, taste homemade food and explore corners of Hiiumaa that visitors might otherwise drive straight past.

Tartu Love Film Festival TARTUFF (dates TBA)

Tartu

A huge open-air cinema appears in Tartu’s Town Hall Square for six nights of films about love in all its forms. Screenings are free, the audience sits beneath the summer sky, and the historic square creates one of Estonia’s most atmospheric film-festival settings.

6-7 August – Kuressaare Maritime Festival

Kuressaare

Saaremaa’s relationship with the sea takes centre stage through boats, concerts, markets and maritime activities around Kuressaare. It combines naturally with the island’s beaches, seafood, spas and historic castle, making it an easy centrepiece for a summer weekend.

6-7 August – Tartu Food and Wine Festival

Tartu

Restaurants, producers and wine importers bring food and drink into the streets of central Tartu for a relaxed summer weekend. Tastings, dinners and live entertainment make it a useful snapshot of the city’s increasingly confident food scene.

6-7 August – Opinion Festival

Paide

Estonia’s largest public discussion festival turns the castle town of Paide into an open-air forum for ideas. Hundreds of discussions bring together politicians, experts, organisations and ordinary visitors, offering an unusually accessible look at Estonia’s civic culture.

6-7 August – Ülemiste Night Run

Tallinn

Thousands of runners take to Tallinn after dark for a race built around lights, music and atmosphere. The night-time format makes it feel closer to a city festival than a conventional road race and gives visiting runners a different view of the capital.

6-8 August – Augustibluus

Haapsalu

The Baltic region’s major blues festival spreads across Haapsalu, with the medieval castle providing its spectacular main stage. Recent editions have brought dozens of artists from numerous countries, mixing international blues names with intimate club shows around the seaside town.

6-8 August – Viru Folk

Käsmu

Nordic music and culture take over the tiny captains’ village of Käsmu inside Lahemaa National Park. Concerts, films, talks and family activities unfold between wooden houses, forest and sea, making the setting every bit as important as the programme.



7-8 August – IRONMAN Tallinn

Tallinn
A full-distance IRONMAN brings international triathletes to Estonia’s capital for swimming, cycling and running through and around Tallinn. The event is part of a wider triathlon weekend, while the compact city makes it unusually easy for supporters to combine spectating with sightseeing.

9-15 August – Infortar Estonian Golf Challenge

Jõelähtme
A major international professional golf tournament on the HotelPlanner Tour, bringing some of Europe’s leading emerging players to the spectacular Estonian Golf & Country Club in Jõelähtme near Tallinn. Estonia joined the tour as its 52nd host country in 2026, with the tournament carrying a €300,000 prize fund.

11-14 August – Narva Opera Days (dates TBA)

Narva
Opera and musical theatre come to Estonia’s eastern border city, using Narva’s dramatic architecture and industrial heritage as part of the experience. The festival offers a strong reason to combine high culture with one of Estonia’s most historically and visually distinctive destinations.

13-14 August – Tartu Punch

Tartu
A new international music event brings alternative pop, indie, electronic music and other contemporary sounds to Tartu. Its location at the Song Festival Grounds gives the event room to think big while keeping the youthful energy associated with Estonia’s university city.

13-15 August – TRESKI FEST

Setomaa
A large summer music festival lands in tiny Treski in Setomaa, one of Estonia’s strongest living cultural regions. Contemporary Estonian music meets local identity, food and the distinctive landscape of the southeast, making the journey part of the experience.

14-15 August – Peipsi Food Street 175 km

Lake Peipsi
For two days, a 175-kilometre food route links pop-up restaurants from one end of Lake Peipsi to the other. Fish, onions, local produce and Old Believer food traditions turn a meal into a road trip through one of Estonia’s most distinctive regions.

17-19 August – sTARTUp Day

Tartu
The largest business festival in the Baltics brings more than 3,000 founders, investors, executives and technology enthusiasts to Tartu. Talks, demos and networking are paired with the creative energy of Estonia’s university city and one of Europe’s best-known digital societies.

18 August-18 September – Tallinn Fringe Festival

Tallinn
For a month, performers take over venues across Tallinn with comedy, theatre, circus, dance, music and shows that do not fit neatly into one category. The open-access format means the programme can range from established international performers to wonderfully niche experiments.

20-21 August – Urissaare Country Music Festival

Viljandi County
Country music, camping and rural Estonia come together in an intimate festival far from the big-city circuit. It is a laid-back way to experience Estonian summer culture, with live music and countryside atmosphere at the centre.

28 August – Night of Ancient Bonfires

Coastal Estonia
As darkness falls on the last Saturday of August, bonfires appear along Estonia’s coastline and islands in a tradition shared around the Baltic Sea. The fires recall the signals once used by coastal communities and create one of the most atmospheric evenings of the Estonian summer.



SEPTEMBER

2-5 September – Station Narva

Narva
International music meets one of Estonia’s most fascinating border cities, with concerts, art, talks and city experiences in and around Narva. The 2026 programme included Tricky and GusGus alongside Estonian artists, showing the festival’s mix of adventurous international and local music.

4 September – Kuressaare Street Picnic

Kuressaare
One of Saaremaa’s most atmospheric food events transforms the centre of Kuressaare into one enormous open-air dining room, with hundreds of picnic tables stretching along the historic streets as thousands of locals and visitors gather to share food, music and a late-summer evening together.

Pärnu Two Bridges Run (dates TBA)

Pärnu
One of Estonia’s best-established recreational running events follows a scenic route around the Pärnu River, connecting the city’s two bridges. Thousands traditionally take part across the weekend’s running and walking events, making it an excellent active way to experience Estonia’s summer capital.

9-12 September – Nordic Kite Fest

Estonia
Kites and wind sports bring colour and movement to the Estonian coast during this international gathering. For visitors, the visual spectacle is matched by a chance to experience the country’s wide beaches and breezy Baltic shoreline at the end of summer.

10-12 September – Swedbank Tallinn Marathon

Tallinn
Estonia’s largest international running event brings thousands of runners to distances from 5 km to the full marathon. Routes through the capital give participants a moving tour of Tallinn, while the start and finish near the Old Town make it exceptionally convenient for a running city break.

11 September – Onion Route Buffet Day

Lake Peipsi / Tartu County
Dozens of temporary cafés open along the Onion Route, serving local dishes in homes, gardens and village spaces. The journey connects food with Old Believer culture, onion-growing traditions and the unusual villages lining the western shore of Lake Peipsi.

Wandering Lights in Kadriorg Park (date TBA)

Tallinn
One of Tallinn’s most atmospheric autumn events transforms historic Kadriorg Park into an open-air world of light, colour and installations, inviting visitors to explore the park after dark. The festival is free to attend and traditionally marks the transition from summer into Tallinn’s darker autumn season.

18-19 September – Tartu Bike Marathon

South Estonia
One of the Baltic region’s biggest mountain-bike events takes riders through the forests and rolling terrain of South Estonia. Thousands of recreational and competitive cyclists traditionally take part, giving the race the atmosphere of a national sporting tradition rather than a niche competition.

30 September-2 October – Tallinn International Horse Show

Tallinn
Top equestrian sport meets arena entertainment in Tallinn, with international show jumping and dressage among the headline disciplines. The multi-day programme attracts riders from abroad and gives visitors a polished indoor sporting event as Estonia moves into the cooler season.





TARTU BIKE
MARATHON

30 September-2 October – Light Theatre Festival “Öövalgel”

Pärnu
Pärnu’s buildings and public spaces become stages for large-scale light theatre after dark. Rather than simply illuminating landmarks, Öövalgel combines light, sound and storytelling into outdoor performances, giving the seaside city a very different atmosphere after summer ends.

Tallinn Design Festival (dates TBA)

Tallinn
The largest design event in the Baltics brings together product design, fashion, architecture, interiors, materials and creative entrepreneurship. In 2026, Põhjala Factory formed the main hub while more than 20 venues across Tallinn joined the satellite programme.

OCTOBER

2 October – Tartu City Marathon

Tartu
Runners take over Tartu for a city marathon that passes many of the university town’s best-known streets and landmarks. Multiple distances make it accessible to recreational runners, while the early-October timing often adds colourful foliage to the route.

Saaremaa Rally (dates TBA)

Saaremaa
One of the highlights of Estonia’s motorsport calendar turns Saaremaa’s narrow island roads into rally stages each autumn. The combination of fast gravel and asphalt roads, enthusiastic crowds and Kuressaare as the event base gives it an atmosphere quite different from mainland rallies.

Saaremaa Three-Day Run (dates TBA)

Saaremaa
Three races on three consecutive days make this much more than a normal running event. Competitors cover a combined 42.195 km, with stages around Kuressaare and the island countryside — effectively turning a marathon into a long weekend on Saaremaa.

NOVEMBER

1-11 November – Estonian Music Days

Estonia
One of Estonia’s key contemporary-music festivals focuses on music being created here and now. Concerts introduce new works by Estonian composers and performers, offering international visitors a deeper look at the experimental side of a country famous for its choral and classical traditions.

5-21 November – Black Nights Film Festival – PÖFF

Tallinn
One of Northern Europe’s largest film festivals brings hundreds of films, filmmakers and industry guests to Tallinn as the nights grow long. PÖFF is one of the world’s FIAPF-accredited competitive feature-film festivals, giving its premieres and competitions genuine international weight.

DECEMBER

Tallinn Christmas City (dates TBA)

Tallinn
Wooden stalls, lights and a towering Christmas tree fill medieval Town Hall Square, creating a setting that looks almost purpose-built for December. Tallinn’s tradition of displaying a public Christmas tree here stretches back centuries, adding genuine history to the festive atmosphere.





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