

Travelling to Estonia: A Europaeum Guide

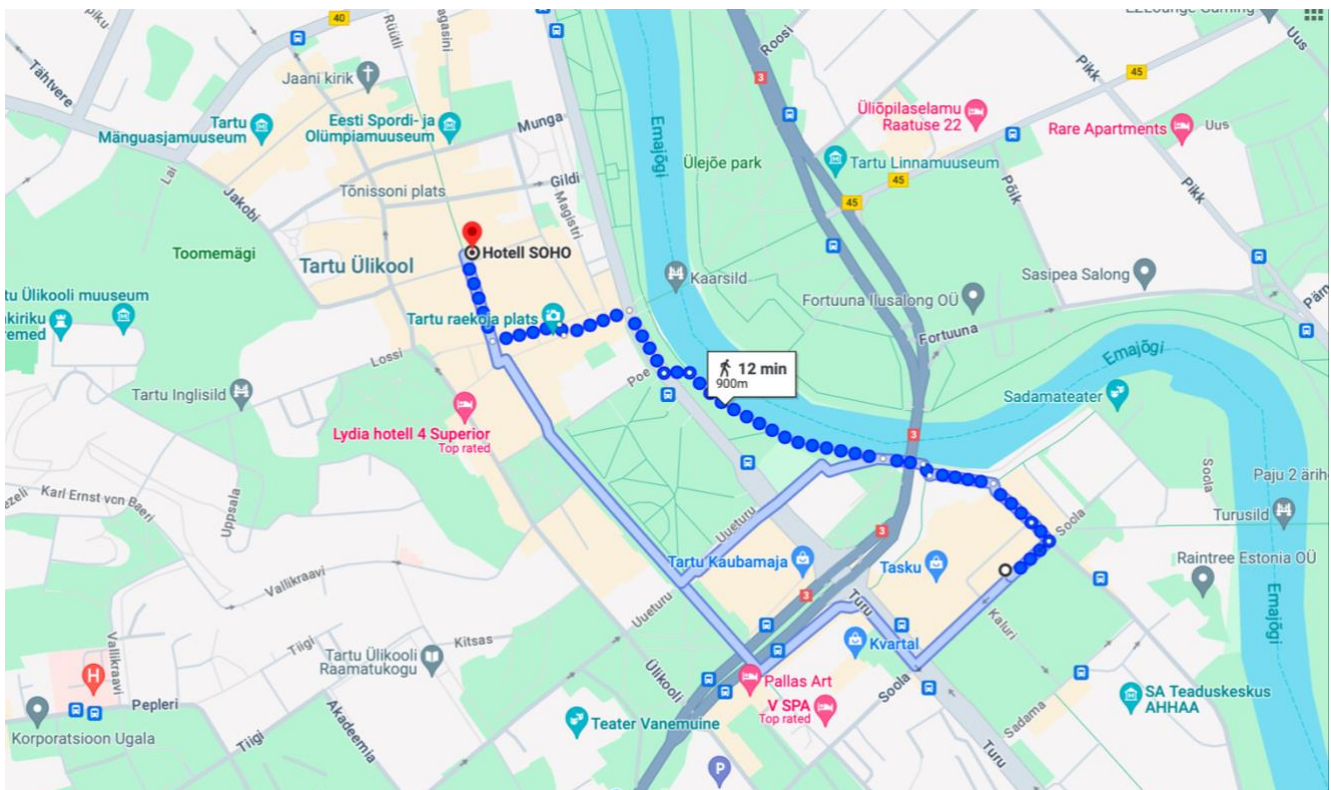
When travelling to Estonia by air the arrival city is (usually) Tallinn.

Tallinn Airport is very small and thus is also relatively easy to navigate. Depending on the time of arrival, checked luggage will be delivered in about 20 min. Keep this in mind when you book your inter-city bus tickets. It is sensible to leave at least 30 minutes even if you are travelling without checked luggage, because of possible delays.

The easiest way to travel from Tallinn airport to Tartu is by bus. Buses between Tallinn and Tartu run every hour, sometimes even more often. The first bus leaves from Tallinn to Tartu at 07.05 and the last one at 23.35. And from Tartu to Tallinn airport, the buses operate between 06.00-21.00. The distance between Tallinn and Tartu is 186 km, and the travel time by bus is approximately 2.5 hours.

For those who have to stay overnight, there is a Mercure hotel at the airport (five minutes' walk from the terminal building) which can be booked [here](#).

Buses are usually comfortable and offer a Wifi connection. In Tallinn, the buses stop at the airport, and in Tartu, the bus station is right in the city centre, requiring no additional transportation to the hotel and winter school venue. In Tartu we normally stay at the [Hotel Soho](#) which is close to the main university buildings and a ten-minute walk from the bus station.



The easiest way to buy a bus ticket is via Lux Express homepage: <https://luxexpress.eu/en/> – the search for tickets function is available directly on the first page.

Choose departure from Tallinn Airport and destination “Tartu Coach Station” (Tartu Bussijam). This is the last stop—the bus stops several times in the town on arrival to let off people.

It takes about 10 min of leisurely walking to get to the airport bus stop outside from the baggage claim door. Basically, when you exit the secure zone by baggage claim, you should turn right, towards a R-kiosk and go through sliding doors to a walkway, down an escalator and out of the door. You should go to the second platform and the Tartu bus leaves from the rightmost edge of the platform. There are signs. During rush hour, it can arrive some minutes after the scheduled departure. The bus is clearly marked with the destination to Tartu (do not be confused by buses arriving from Tartu that also stop at the airport).

A map of the airport to find the bus stop: <https://www.tallinn-airport.ee/en/passengers/map-of-the-terminal/>

We recommend buying the bus tickets in advance at least one week before. The Tallinn-Tartu-Tallinn bus lines are very busy; otherwise, getting tickets for the needed time(s) can be tricky.

If something goes wrong, the bus tickets can be easily changed or returned via the Lux Express homepage (luxexpress.eu/en - customer care – ticket change and return).

By cancellation of the bus trip, a service fee of 1 Euro applies, and the refund depends on the time of cancellation:

- More than 24 hours before the departure – refund 100%
- 24 hours to 1 hour before the departure – refund 50%
- Less than 1 hour before the departure – not refundable