



## Practicalities

### Travel planning

We recommend booking flights to Tallinn to arrive on Sunday, September 28. There will be a joint dinner at 19.00 for everyone interested and available. The programme will start on the morning of Monday, September 29 and finish with lunch on Tuesday, September 30.

### Hotel booking

There are special rates available for accommodation in 4 hotels, all located in the city centre of Tallinn. We strongly recommend booking your stay in the central area of the city, as that is the most convenient for the evening parts of the study visit, as well as for going sightseeing, and transfer to and from the airport.

#### [Rixwell Collection Savoy Boutique Hotel](#)

Booking: contact [viktoria.heinmann@mogotel.com](mailto:viktoria.heinmann@mogotel.com)

*\* The special offer has expired, but you may still contact the email above to make a booking with regular prices, or book through their [website](#), where you can use the code JOMARA (valid only on the website!).*

Located in the old town, 5 min walk to the bus stop

#### [My City Hotel](#)

- Superior single room 105 € / night
- Superior double/twin room 110 € / night

Breakfast included

Booking: contact [booking@mycityhotel.ee](mailto:booking@mycityhotel.ee), use code **Astangu**.

Located in the old town, 5 min walk to the bus stop

#### [Hestia Hotel Barons](#)

- Standard single room 63 € / night
- Standard double/twin room 68 € / night

Breakfast included

Booking: contact [booking@hestiahotels.com](mailto:booking@hestiahotels.com), use code **Astangu**.

Located in the old town, 5 min walk to the bus stop

#### [Hotel St. Barbara](#)

- Standard single room 80 € / night
- Standard double/twin room 95€ / night

Breakfast included



Booking: contact [incoming.team@estrael.ee](mailto:incoming.team@estrael.ee) (travel agency), use code **Astangu**. Offer is valid until September 10.

Located just outside of old town, 5 min walk to the bus stop

In case you choose any other accommodation, please make sure for your convenience that you are within walking distance of the old town and from the bus stop 'Vabaduse väljak' located [here](#).

### **For getting around in the city, we recommend using public transport:**

#### From airport to the hotel in city centre, and back

Upon arrival at Tallinn airport, you can reach the city centre easily by bus directly from the airport exit, follow the signs in the airport to the bus stop.

Buses between airport and city centre:

- **No 2** – to go to recommended hotels, exit at '**Vabaduse väljak**' (ride ca 20 min).
- **No 15** – to go to recommended hotels, exit at '**Estonia**' (ride ca 20 min).

For transfer back to the airport from the city centre, you can go on the same buses from the same respective stops on the opposite side of the road, check the directions function on Google Maps for correct bus stop locations and schedules.

Alternatively, you can take a taxi from the front of the airport, or order one through the Bolt or Uber apps.

#### **Bus tickets:**

You can buy an **hourly bus ticket** (2 EUR) either

- from the ticket machine near the airport bus stop, payment by card,
- from the validator inside any bus, next to the **first** bus door, payment by **contactless bank card** only (Mastercard, Maestro, Visa and Visa Electron),
- on the website [tallinn.pilet.ee](http://tallinn.pilet.ee),
- from the app Pilet.ee.

#### **NB! You need to either validate or buy a ticket upon every entry to the bus:**

- If you bought your ticket anywhere from **outside the bus** (airport ticket machine, website or app) – you need to **validate the QR code** of your ticket at the validator next to the **first** bus door.
- If you **buy your ticket from the validator** next to the first bus door, you do not need to additionally validate it for this trip that you bought the ticket on. However, in case you enter **another bus** during the 1 h validity period of the ticket, you need to **validate** your ticket by **swiping the card** you used for payment at the validator next to **any** door of the bus.

In case you plan to stay in Tallinn for longer than the study visit, it might be worth it to purchase a multiple day ticket, for which you will need to buy a travelcard called Smartcard/Ühiskaart, see info [here](#).



#### From the hotel to Astangu Centre, and back

Astangu Centre is located at Astangu 27, Tallinn ([Google Maps](#)).

The centre is easily accessible from the city centre by **bus no 54**. For the recommended hotels, the closest bus stop is '**Vabaduse väljak**' (there are multiple stops with the same name, make sure to go to the correct one – the one in front of the Tallinn English College building – see [Google Maps](#)). The ride takes ca 25 min. Exit at the stop '**Astangu**' near Astangu Centre (or the next stop 'Harku-Kadaka' works as well).

For transfer back to the city centre, go on the bus no 54 from the bus stop '**Harku-Kadaka**' almost directly in front of Astangu Centre, exit at '**Vabaduse väljak**'.

See the bus schedule on Google Maps or [here](#).

**Bus tickets for transport to and from Astangu Centre will be organized by EPR for all study visit participants – no need to buy your own!**

*Another bus connection between Astangu Centre and city centre is bus no 36, it has a more frequent schedule, but uses different bus stops and drives longer. For info, please ask Annemari.*

#### **Weather info**

As the study visit takes place at the end of September, it is likely useful to pack for autumn weather, possibly around 15°C and maybe some rain.

Or, if we are lucky, we might get what we call *vananaistesuvi* in Estonian (eng *old women's summer*) and get to enjoy a second coming of warmer summery weather. Time will tell 😊

#### **Useful links**

City info & sightseeing tips: [visittallinn.ee](http://visittallinn.ee)

Best restaurants in Tallinn: [Michelin Guide and Falstaff recommendations](#)

#### **Contacts**

For questions regarding the programme at Astangu Centre or local practicalities in Tallinn, please contact:

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