

## Estonia

Estonia is a country in the Baltic region of north-eastern edge of Europe. It shares its borders with Russia, Latvia, Sweden and Finland. The largest city and the capital of Estonia is Tallinn, which is located in the northern part of Estonia. This country has the population of 1.3 million people and the official language is Estonian. English is the number one foreign language among young people, but older generation understand Russian better.

Estonia covers the total area of 45 thousand square kilometers, making it the 134th largest country in the world. Estonian nature is quite infamous with its beauty and virtue. 50% of Estonia is covered with forests. The most common trees in Estonian forests are pines, spruces and birches. Estonia has the second place in the world with the percentage of swamps that take up of the whole surface area of the country, preceded only by Finland and followed by Canada.

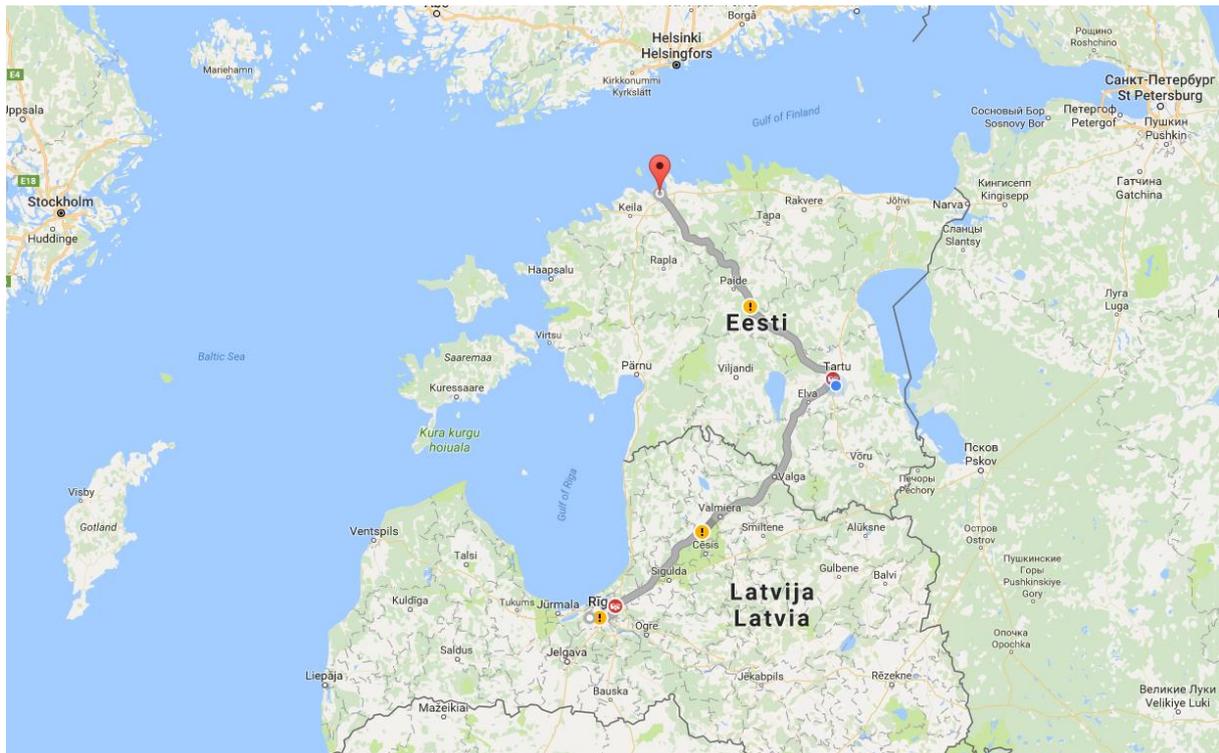


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Besides beautiful nature, Estonia has many manor houses, which were built over the centuries ago and now are opened for visitors and many have also been converted to high-class hotels. Also this country has several castles built centuries ago, which have witnessed different wars and now are just a reminder of astonishing medieval times of this land.

**Overview about Estonia:** <https://youtu.be/1TTPq38LyPU>

# Ülenurme



Ülenurme is a small borough in Tartu County, Estonia. Tartu is a Hanseatic Town, which has one of the oldest universities in Europe (est.1632). It also has Estonian Sports Museum and new Estonian National Museum. Tartu is the birth place of the big song festivals and is also called the Emajõe Town (translated as the Mother River Town). Ülenurme shares the borderline with Tartu and Ülenurme Parish is the administrative centre of it. This parish has a population of 6723 people. It is about 240 km from Riga, Latvia and almost 200 km from Tallinn.

Ülenurme has its own school with 850 students, who study from grade one to twelve, it also has three kindergartens and one hobby school, which is Music School. The education in Ülenurme Parish has been given now for about 250 years. It also has Estonian Aviation School which locates in an airport called Tartu Lennujaam. In Ülenurme you can also visit Estonian Agricultural Museum and Estonian Aviation Museum.

## Ülenurme Gümnaasium

The building was established in 1984 and it locates near Tartu – about 3 kilometres. It first had about 350 students, but by the year 2016 about 850 kids started their school year on the first of September.

Years ago students learned, besides the main subjects, how to be good in different agricultural aspects, now high school students can choose study directions between sports, humanities, natural science and sciences.



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