

First Time in Estonia | 48 Hours in Tallinn
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNptSl8cUu8>
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So Estonia has been on our bucket list for the longest time.

{“kick the bucket” is slang for died. I have no idea where it came from. A “bucket list” is the list of things you would like to do before you die.}

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They're all dressed up, with Medieval music, no electricity.

So we're going to eat by candlelight.

That is strong.

Hey guys, and welcome back to a brand new country.

We have just arrived in Estonia.

We're going to be spending the next 48 hours exploring the city of Tallinn and we've just come out, done a bit of a hike to ~~the viewpoint~~ [a place where we can get a good view of the city] and wow, this looks like a fairy tale!

This is our first view of Tallinn.

So beautiful.

You can just see the red and the orange rooftops.

We have a cathedral over there.

The sea is just out there.

I mean this city is just built on such a picture-perfect spot.

So Estonia may be one of the smallest countries here in Europe, but it is so rich in history.

The old town dates back to the 13th century and so many of the buildings are still intact from ~~the~~ medieval ~~time~~ [times].

So, Estonia has been on our bucket list for the longest time and you can see why.

It just feels so cool that we're finally here.

Oh, I can smell the cinnamon dripping through the door already.

~~forever~~ [I'm always] looking out for a cinnamon bun and I think we've found a good one.

Oh look at this, this is little bakery has a fully open kitchen so you can see them all baking their goods.

They have huge cups of hot chocolate.

So, um, I think we are sorted for the morning.

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I mean, it doesn't get fresher than literally right there on that table.

I mean, you can't help but buy one when the goods are just smelling so amazing.

It's right in front of you.

Gone for some hot chocolates.

Cheers. Cheers.

See, something really cool about Tallinn is that the Christmas markets actually start in November and run it through January.

So it means that if you're coming to Europe and still want to get the Christmas Eve vibe come to Tallinn because you can actually see the Christmas markets for way longer than the other cities.

These markets are so nice right in front of the town hall.

They have different warm gear, food, hot drink.

And I think this is like the quietest markets we've been to, like you can actually, move.

Ooh, I like your new hat.

I like it too.

Try this and tell me what you think of it, try it.

It's really strong.

Very nice, it is very nice.

Come on, sip it take a sip.

You can tell he drinks alcohol a lot. Yeah.

So a couple of weeks ago we were in Finland and we tried glugi for the very first time and when we were there we kind of saw these, little bowls and thought, "Hey these are pre-dinner snacks."

Found out we were totally wrong cause you guys let us know that you're meant to put the Sultanas and the nuts and the oranges inside the Guggi so we have redeemed ourselves.

{Sultanas are yellow raisins.}

Here in Estonia we got it.

We topped it off as you should.

So, then, once you're drunk your Gluggi, ~~you're meant~~ [you're supposed] to eat the little snacks at the bottom, not before.

It is strong. Okay. It's snack time.

Now Jess is doing her first purchase ~~of markets~~ [at the market], some new gloves.

Picked up a couple of Christmassy gloves.

Oh nice.

A lot of people say that here in Tallinn, this Christmas tree is the most famous Christmas tree in the world because Tallinn was the first place to ever put up a public Christmas tree.

And ever since then they've been putting it here in the center of the town.

That was pretty cool to finally see it in person.

Hello? So cute. Australia, Australia. Yes. Yeah, sorry.

Early today we saw this really cool building and went up to it and found out that it's a medieval restaurant.

They basically serve everything that they ate back in the medieval times.

They're all dressed up, Medieval music, no electricity.

So we're going to eat by candlelight.

So we decided to book a table and we're heading there now for dinner.

So [we're] just being served some water in this ceramic jug, it looks so cool.

It looks like it should be filled with wine.

And she said that back in those days everyone ate with their hands.

So if you actually see on the glass, there's all these ribs here.

So it means that if you've got ~~oily~~ [greasy] hands, you can still pick up the glass without it slipping out [of your hands].

The first thing we've ordered is forest and mushroom soup and then they've served up a big plate full of bread.

And this is a type of cheese and look at what they've served it in, like this big ceramic bowl with legs.

So I wonder if that's how they had the bowls back in the day.

Could have been.

Lentils and a fresh green salad and radish. Thank you. Thank you. That is humongous.

This is like a feast, look at this.

Oh, wait, here is my hands.

See, Oh my gosh, that is so good.

Alright, dig in everyone.

I am so full you guys.

If you go there, the serving sizes are massive and so tasty, in true medieval fashion.

They are huge and the service was so good, like we weren't too sure what to expect, but I definitely recommend if you come to Tallin, go have dinner there, it was amazing.

And then just as we finished our meal live medieval music came up, they were using [the] instruments as if they would [have used] back in the first century. {First century!}

Really cool, it's like a whole experience.

I'd definitely recommend you guys go and check it out and then just turn around.

Look at our view right now.

I love this place.

Morning guys.

It is the next day and our final day here in Tallinn.

We've just woken up.

Our accommodation here is so cheap.

We have such [a] nice apartment ~~for the~~ [with a] full living room, kitchen, sauna, bathroom, two bedrooms and the old town, it's just over there.

It is amazing.

And we have our own balcony.

So we're out exploring Tallinn and we just went and had brunch at such a good cafe.

I'd definitely recommend it.

Get the soup, it is amazing.

And we are now going up into one of the towers.

If you didn't know, Tallinn is actually a walled city.

So there's a wall ~~covering~~ [surrounding the] old town and then there's all these towers and there's one open where you can actually go up [inside the tower]. And I've heard that there are tunnels underneath the city that you can go into as well.

Ready to go into the tunnels? Yep, so cool.

Did One just move?

These tunnels [are] over 300 years old and the way that they've ~~done~~ [decorated] all the tunnels [is] as a museum.

As you walk through, they show how Estonians used the tunnels through the ~~different~~ years, including the wartime when they'd come down here.

Cause of course ~~this is~~ [these are] bastion tunnels [and] of course [there] is a fortress above us, which we're going to go up to next.

This is how they used ~~to~~ [them] during the war.

So [here] it looks like they've recovered some tombstones, some artifacts, from the rubble after the city was bombed in the war.

It was actually so interesting to see [how they were] ~~it~~ built 300 years ago.

But they were really mostly used ~~it~~ in more modern times through, like the second world war and leading up to there.

They've ~~done~~ [decorated] it really well.

~~It's~~ [There are] actually a couple of exhibits you can ~~do~~ [visit] so [first] you can go underneath the ground into the tunnels ~~that~~ [like] we just did.

And the second one is you can actually go up in the maiden tower, which should give us some good views of the area.

But yeah, we're currently in the cellar.

~~Slowly~~ [Now we will slowly] make our way up almost at the top, and I can see you can get a nice view of the city here.

They say the tower we just climbed is one of the largest artillery towers in the Baltic area.

-So we've got Jess cooking up or some homemade minestrone soup.

And just over here, I found these two in here. {a sauna}

Yeah, there's a spot for you.

It's got the crazy kids in there while I'm trying to cook some soup.

Is it cold out there?
