

Study Tour program

I DAY

7.00 Start from Riga
10.15-10.40 **Stop in Ikla kantiin** (www.premium-7.ee/229est.html)
For money change, toilets and leg stretching.

11.00-12.00 **Visiting Vango Holiday House**
(www.vangopuhketalu.ee/?ln=2)

*The farm is antiquated and full of feel and makings of the last century. During renovating was tried to keep the atmosphere of the last century.
There are 5 houses with 70 beds.*



12.00-13.00 **Lunch in Vango Holiday House**

15.00-17.00 **Visiting Time Centre Wittenstein in Paide**
(www.wittenstein.ee/en)
Guided tour in Time Centre.

New amusement centre, where you can travel through the centuries.



18.00-19.00 **Visiting Energia Farm** (www.energiatalu.ee/EN/)
Introduction and coffee break

*The Cottage is located on the terrace of the former artificial lake Balti.
They are growing and collecting herbs in an unpolluted environment. Several hectares are covered by herbs.
They offer: experiencing herbs; walking/energy/stress/relaxing trails; boardwalk; accommodation. They also have tea house and eco-Spa.*



19.30 **Visiting Männiku Forest Cottage**
(<http://metsatalu.ee/eng/>)

Short introduction inside. Outside introduction is next morning.

*The Männiku Forest Cottage is situated in the middle of the beautiful nature of Viljandimaa.
They have two guesthouses, a peasant suite and a double-suite.
They offer exciting heritage packages. The farm is participating in consultation programme.*



20.00 **Dinner at Männiku Forest Cottage**
Smoke sauna possibilities
Accommodation

II DAY

8.00-8.45 Breakfast at Männiku Forest Cottage
8.45-9.15 Outside introduction
9.30 Driving to Põltsamaa
10.30-12.00 **Visiting Põltsamaa castle and wine cellar**
(www.põltsamaaloss.ee)

Meeting with craftsmen (www.teokoda.ee)

12.00 Driving to Kauksi (in the coast of Lake Peipsi)

13.15-14.15 **Visiting Kauksi Holyday House**
(www.kauksipuhkemaja.ee/eng)
Lunch and introduction.

They offer accommodation in big new guesthouse and in small holiday houses.

Tasty Estonian food! Catering for up to 60 people.

Farm is participating in consultation programme.

14.40-16.40 **Program in Avinurme Wooden Handicrafts Centre**
(<http://puiduait.ee/en/>)

Avinurme Wooden Handicrafts Centre in East-Viru County is a tourist centre that offers: a chance to get acquainted with the local woodcraft, spend quality time in woodworking workshops and taste or even prepare yourself a selection of Estonian traditional foods. The centre is participating in consultation programme.

and Avinurme Cultural Heritage Centre
(www.elulaadikeskus.ee/eng.html)

17.40-18.10 **Visiting Alatskivi castle**
(www.alatskiviloss.ee/eng/)
A fairy tale castle on the eastern border of Estonia!

19.10 **Visiting Mooste old Votka Factory (now Mooste Foto Tourism Centre)** (www.fototurism.ee/en)
Introduction and dinner



The guesthouse on the second floor of the fully renovated distillery of Mooste manor offers 6 twin/double rooms and one mini-suite. The interiors are designed to ensure comfort and satisfaction. All rooms come with a TV and ensuite and have free WiFi. The distillery, which dates back to 1909, is today home to the Estonian Photo Tourism Centre. You can make use of its studios, take photography courses and head out into the surrounding countryside with a photographer. The building has halls which are ideal for conferences, training events, wedding receptions and more, plus its own sauna.

21.00 **Accommodation at Rāpina Hotel**
(www.rapinahotell.ee)



III DAY

08.00-09.00 Breakfast at Rāpina Hotel

09.45-12.00 **Visiting Seto Community Centre and Handicraft gallery in Obinitsa**
(<http://www.visitestonia.com/en/seto-community-centre>)

Introduction of Seto culture- architecture, religion, traditions, folk song, handicraft etc.

Lunch- traditional Seto food

Obinitsa tšässona and Seto Museum

The Seto Museum offers an opportunity to learn the unique history and culture of Setomaa through having a look at the family life, traditions and customs of Seto families in Obinitsa. The display is especially focused on the period from 1920 to 1940.

Tšässonas – practically every village in Setomaa has a chapel of its own, called tšässona. These used to be small timber buildings with many icons, and long, narrow scarves hanging from the icon's cupboard, candles and flowers inside. On the roof of a tšässona there was a small cross.

12.15-13.00 **Visiting Setomaa Tourism Farm**
(www.setotalu.ee/index.php?lang=en)
Introduction and coffee break

In Setomaa Tourism Farm can enjoy accommodation in the seto-like rooms in log houses, where there are modern hygiene rooms, natural textiles are used in furnishing.



13.15-14.15 **Visiting Vastseliina castle and Visitor's Centre**
(www.vastseliina.ee/linnus/en/index.php)



14.30-15.15 **Visiting Saunamaa** (<http://www.saunamaa.ee/?language=eng>)

Saunamaa in Võru County is like a separate sauna village, offering different saunas to be enjoyed with their charm and specialities. Cave sauna, Smoke sauna, Finnish sauna, sweat lodge, Estonian sauna are the saunas they can offer at the moment, but there are many others under construction.



15.15- **Back to Riga on Pskov-Riga highway**