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Passport and Tourist Visa Conditions

Estonia forms part of the Schengen Area. Australian passport holders are usually allowed to enter the Schengen Area for Tourism or Business purposes for up to 90 days in any 180 day period without a visa. The countries which make up the Schengen Area are Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland.

Travellers to the Schengen Area are recommended to ensure their passport is valid for at least six months beyond their intended stay. Travellers are also recommended to be able to provide documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay as well as tickets and entry documents for their onward destination. For further information and to confirm that you are able to travel to the Schengen area without a visa, please contact a Estonian mission on the details below.

Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise normal safety precautions in Estonia. Exercise common sense. Look out for suspicious behaviour, as you would in Australia. Monitor the media and other sources of information for changes to local travelling conditions.

There is an ongoing threat of terrorism in Europe. Terrorist attacks have occurred in a number of European cities. See [Safety and security](#). Although civil unrest is generally not a problem in Estonia, avoid demonstrations and large public gatherings as they may turn violent. See [Safety and security](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Estonia at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Estonia. Frequent or long stay travellers should consider vaccination against Hepatitis B, Rabies (particularly if working with animals) and Typhoid (particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene). Tick-borne encephalitis is present throughout many areas in Europe, predominately in forested regions. Whilst no vaccine is available in Australia, travellers visiting risk areas and planning outdoor activities during summer might consider vaccination once in Europe.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including a recent annual Influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Estonia should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Estonian Representation in Australia

Embassy of Estonia, Canberra

12 Darwin Avenue
YARRALUMLA ACT 2600

Tel: 0409 798 474

Web: www.canberra.vm.ee/eng

Estonia also maintains honorary consulates in most states and territories of Australia. However, the embassy in Canberra should be the first contact for any visa related enquires as honorary consulates offer limited services.

For the contact details of the honorary consulates, please see the website of the Embassy of Estonia in Canberra.



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Time Differences between Estonia and Australia

Estonia is Greenwich Mean Time +2 hours (+3 during daylight saving). The applicable time zone is Eastern European Time (EET) or Eastern European Summer Time (EEST). Daylight saving is observed from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October.

Estonia, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 6pm; Darwin 7:30pm; Brisbane 8pm; Adelaide 8:30pm; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 9pm.
 Estonia, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 5pm; Darwin, Adelaide 6:30pm; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 7pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Estonia: +372

To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>

Travelex Card Services:

Call the US on + 1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assist:

Call the US on +1 303 967 1090

MasterCard:

Call the US on + 1 636 722 7111

As there is no designated toll free number in Estonia, the MasterCard and Visa assistance numbers may be called reverse charges.

American Express Travellers Cheques:

80012001, then 1 866 482 2884

Emergency Services:

Fire - 112

Ambulance - 112

Police - 110

The emergency services may not have English speaking staff. To avoid delay it may be best to seek the assistance of a Estonian speaker to call the emergency services.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Estonia

Australian Embassy, Sweden

Klarabergsviadukten 63, 8th Floor
 111 64 STOCKHOLM

Tel: (+46 (0)8) 613 2900

Fax: (+46 (0)8) 613 2982

Web: www.sweden.embassy.gov.au

Honorary Australian Consulate,
 Estonia

C/- Standard Ltd
 Marja 9
 TALLINN EE-10617

Tel: (+372 6) 509 308

Fax: (+372 6) 509 344

The Honorary Consulate in Tallinn provides limited services. The Australian Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden is accredited to this country and can provide full consular assistance to Australians in Estonia.

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305. Australians in Estonia are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances

Duty Free limits when entering Estonia from a non EU state:

Alcohol: 1 L spirits (>22% alc vol) or 2 L other beverages; as well as 4 L of still wine and 16 L of beer.

Tobacco: 40 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 50 g of tobacco.

Other Goods: Up to a value of €430 for air and sea travellers, €300 for others and €150 for those under 15 years.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 L.

Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.

Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Estonia, Europe and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Estonian customs please visit www.emta.ee, or for information regarding Australian customs please visit www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

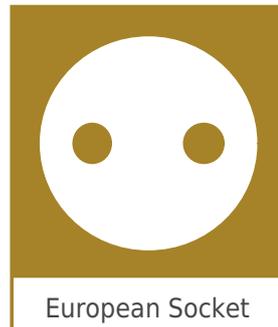
Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: European.

Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia, no voltage/frequency converter required).

Modem Plug: USA and Russian.

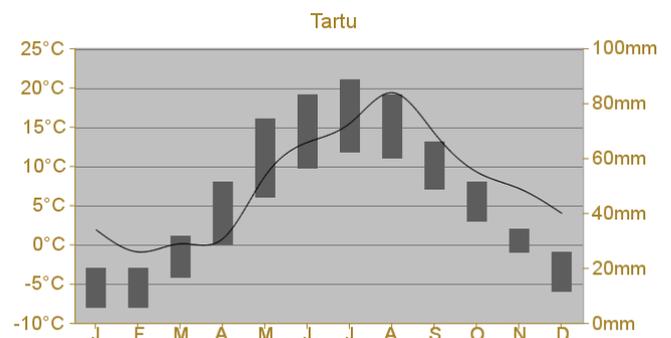
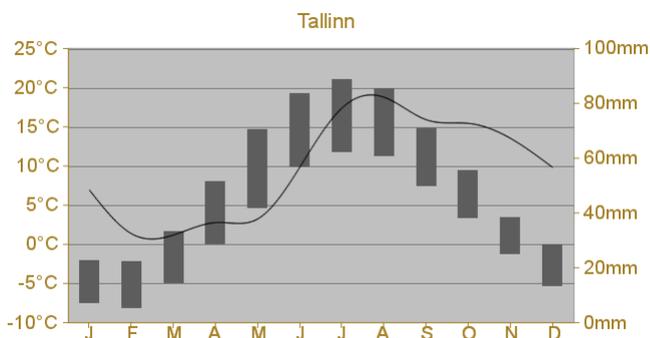
To purchase electrical/modem adaptors, or for further information on this matter, please view the Korjo adapter guide at www.korjo.com.au.



Estonian Holidays 2018

01 Jan: New Year's Day	24 Jun: Midsummer's Day
24 Feb: Independence Day	20 Aug: Re-Independence Day
30 Mar: Good Friday	24 Dec: Christmas Eve
01 May: May Day	25 Dec: Christmas
20 May: Whitsunday	26 Dec: Boxing Day
23 Jun: Victory Day	

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Estonia



Source: Estonian Meteorological and Hydrological Institute. For local forecasts please go to www.emhi.ee/?nlan=eng.

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Exchange Rate

Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 0.63 Euro
 1 Euro (EUR) = 1.58 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 0.61 Euro
 1 Euro (EUR) will cost 1.65 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Purchasing-Power Parity

The following is a purchasing-power comparison of the Euro in Estonia and the Australian Dollar, using the Big Mac as a common good. While it does not present a faultless comparison, it is a useful indicator of the purchasing-power of the currencies.

Big Mac Australia: \$5.95 (AUD) = 3.76 Euro
 Big Mac Estonia: €3.15 (EUR) = 4.99 Australian Dollars

A Big Mac in Estonia is therefore 16% less expensive than in Australia.

This comparison is based on 2018 prices using current exchange rates. Prices may not include variations by locality or local taxes.

Currency Cheat Sheet

This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.

€0.50 = \$0.82 AUD	€10 = \$16.47 AUD	€100 = \$164.73 AUD
€1 = \$1.65 AUD	€20 = \$32.95 AUD	€200 = \$329.47 AUD
€2 = \$3.29 AUD	€30 = \$49.42 AUD	€300 = \$494.20 AUD
€3 = \$4.94 AUD	€40 = \$65.89 AUD	€400 = \$658.94 AUD
€4 = \$6.59 AUD	€50 = \$82.37 AUD	€500 = \$823.67 AUD
€5 = \$8.24 AUD	€60 = \$98.84 AUD	€600 = \$988.40 AUD
€6 = \$9.88 AUD	€70 = \$115.31 AUD	€700 = \$1,153.14 AUD
€7 = \$11.53 AUD	€80 = \$131.79 AUD	€800 = \$1,317.87 AUD
€8 = \$13.18 AUD	€90 = \$148.26 AUD	€900 = \$1,482.61 AUD
€9 = \$14.83 AUD		€1,000 = \$1,647.34 AUD

Notes and Coins

The legal currency of Estonia is the Euro, which is abbreviated using the symbol € (for example €100). The subunit of the Euro is the cent, of which there are 100 in every Euro. The following units of currency are the most common in Estonia but other versions and denominations are also in circulation (including a purple €500 note and other nations' coins). Pictures are not to scale.





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About Estonia

Full Name: Eesti Vabariik (Republic of Estonia).
Independence: 24 February 1918 (from Soviet Russia).
 20 August 1991 (from Soviet Union).
Size: 45,228 sq km (66% the size of Tasmania).
Population: 1.3 million (5.5% the size of Australia).
 Tallinn (capital) 400,000; Tartu 103,000; Narva 66,000; Kohtla-Jarve 45,000; Pärnu 44,000.
Ethnicity: Estonian 69%, Russian 26%, Ukrainian 2%.
Language: Estonian (official) 67.3%, Russian 29.7%.
Religion: Lutheran 14%, Orthodox 13%, Unaffiliated 34%.
GDP Per Capita: US\$21,200 (Australia US\$40,800).

Significant Dates:
 800-1050AD - Age of the Vikings. Trade routes are established as far away as Byzantium and the orient.
 1208-1290 - Crusaders conquer and Christianise Estonia.
 1523 - Reformation. Lutheranism becomes main religion.
 1645 - Estonia becomes part of the Swedish Empire.
 1710 - Estonia surrenders to the Russian Empire.
 1816 - Serfdom is abolished in Estonia.
 1918-1920 - Independence from Russia declared following the fall of the Tsar. War against the Red Army follows.
 1940-91 - Soviet Union annexes Estonia. German troops invade during WW2 but Soviets return in 1944.
 1991 - Communist rule collapses, independence restored.
 2004 - Estonia joins NATO and the EU.

