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Introducing Narva

Just in case you are able to stay in Estonia for more than a weekend we also suggest you take the opportunity to see what else the country has to offer. This time around we have put together a handy guide on the very unique city of Narva, located on the Russian border. Not only is Narva an interesting place but also a culturally important city too. Did you know that over 90% of the city consists of Russian speakers? Hopefully our instant guide will convince you to make the short trip to Narva, in order to find out what the city really has to offer you'll have to see it for yourselves.

Events
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and a whole host of other useful information

This tiny .pdf guide has been written to start you off with a small taste of what the city has to offer and to help you plan your trip. The print version of *Narva In Your Pocket* is published once a year as a supplement in the excellent, pocket-sized *Tallinn In Your Pocket* city guide, which is available at newspaper kiosks, hotels, bookshops and other locales throughout Tallinn. Pick up a copy for a mere 35kr (€2.25). Now you can even buy our guide online and have it shipped to your home. Simply go to <http://www.inyourpocket.com/clickandbuy> for more details.

Customs

European alcoholics rejoice! When you leave Estonia headed to another EU country, you can take out as much booze as you can carry (or convince inspectors is for your personal use). Coming into Estonia from another EU country, each individual aged 18 and over may carry in duty-free 90 litres of wine and 110 litres of beer and 10 litres of hard alcohol (over 21%alc/vol), 800 cigarettes, 400 cigarillos, 200 cigars and 1kg of pure tobacco. When leaving, beware of stricter tobacco restrictions if you're headed to the UK, Sweden or Finland. Relatively unlucky travellers from non-EU countries can carry in a measly 2 litres of wine (not exceeding €175EUR in combined value), 2 litres of beverages up to 21%alc/vol and 1 litre of hard alcohol; 200 cigarettes or 100 cigarillos or 50 cigars or 250g pure tobacco. How much booze and smokes you can take home depends on your own country's restrictions. For more information, contact the Customs Department, Narva mt. 9j, tel. 696 74 36/696 74 35, info@customs.ee, www.emta.ee.

Money

The Estonian kroon (rhymes with 'tone') is pegged to the Euro at €1 to 15.65kr. Keep in mind that Euros are not legal currency here yet since Estonia won't join the common currency until at least 2011. Paper bills come in denominations of 2, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100 and 500kr. Some luggage lockers take 5kr coins, which are rare and have to be requested. 1kr coins are in common use, and the nearly worthless 10, 20 and 50 senti coins are an unavoidable nuisance. ATMs operating on international systems are ever present. Credit cards are easy to use in NARVA - major hotels, most restaurants and a pretty much all downtown shops accept Visa, Mastercard and EC. American Express and Globus are less common. Banks offer cash advances on credit cards, usually for a fee. American Express and Thomas Cook travellers' cheques are exchangeable at most banks.

Visas/Passports

Now that Estonia is in the European Union, EU citizens can enter Estonia with just a national ID card. All others need valid passports. You can enter Estonia visa-free and stay 90 days if you're a citizen of any EU country, Norway, Iceland, Switzerland, Canada, USA, Australia and New Zealand, Israel, Argentina, South Korea and a number of other countries listed on the website below. All others, including South Africans, Russians, Byelorussians and Ukrainians do need a visa to come to Estonia. South Africans may enter Estonia if they hold a visa for Latvia or Lithuania. Anyone staying in Estonia for more than 90 days (180 days for UK citizens) needs either a residence permit or a visa, though there are certain very specific exceptions for EU citizens. For all the details, contact the consular department of the Foreign Ministry, tel. 631 74 40, or check their website, www.vn.ee.

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Old Town location	Facilities for disabled
Payment in cash only	Parking available
Live music	Take away
Smoking area	Child friendly
Fireplace	Outdoor seating
WiFi connection	Sauna

Making the call

Calling within Estonia To call any number within Estonia, either from a fixed line or a local mobile, just dial the number as it's written. There are no city codes in Estonia.

Mobile numbers Estonian mobile numbers all begin with '5'. Just dial the number as is. Again, there are no special codes.

Calling Estonia from abroad Estonia's country code is +372. Just dial your international access code (00 from most European countries), then 372 then the number, be it mobile or land line. That's it.

Roaming To call any telephone in Estonia from a foreign mobile account, dial +372 followed by the number, as outlined before.

Calling abroad from Estonia Dial 00, the country code, then the rest of the numbers.

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If there's one city in Estonia that gives off a truly different vibe than the rest of the country, it's Narva. Sitting at the EU's border with Russia, 212km east of Tallinn, this city of 67,497 is geographically closer to St. Petersburg than it is to Estonia's capital, and it pulses with the energy of travellers making their way across the Friendship Bridge, leading to Ivangorod on the Russian side of the Narva River. Indeed the city's skyline is defined by the imposing Narva and Ivangorod castles, which face one another across this historic river border, creating an unforgettable image of the frontier between East and West.

Narva's role as a border town is nothing new. Since it was founded by the Danes in the 13th century, it has often found itself at the edge of empires. During its heyday, i.e. Estonia's 16th and 17th-century period of Swedish rule, Narva grew wealthy as a key port and merchant town and quickly developed into one of the most charming cities in the Baltic region. Sadly, Narva's Old Town was almost completely levelled during World War II, but there are still enough interesting remnants of the city's historic past to pique any visitor's interest. What's more, with a population that's over 90% Russian, modern Narva has a distinctive cultural identity - another addition to the list of differences that make Narva a worthy weekend getaway.

Getting there

Even though it's at the far eastern edge of the country, getting to Narva is fairly easy. More than 20 express busses depart Tallinn's Bus Station (Bussijaam) each day, usually making the trip in 3 - 3.5 hours, depending on which bus you take. Tickets cost 130 - 150kr. You can find the complete schedule and price information at www.bussireisid.ee. Once in Narva, you can get off the bus at the central Puškini stop, one stop before the bus station, which will put you almost directly in front of the Tourist Information Centre. Buses back to Tallinn leave from the Bus Station on Vaivara tn.

If you're travelling by car, head out of Tallinn on Peterburi tee and continue along the St. Petersburg Highway (E20). You should reach Narva in about 3 hours.

Tourist information

Narva Tourist Information Centre Puškini 13, tel./fax 356 01 84, narva@visitestonia.com, tourism.narva.ee. This is the primary outlet for basic tourist information. On weekdays, visitors wanting even more detail can also consult the city's Department for Development and Economy, Peetri plats 3, tel. 359 90 87. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00, Sat, Sun 10:00 - 15:00.



Where to stay

Central Lavretsovi 5, tel./fax 359 13 33, centralhotel@hot.ee, www.hot.ee/centralhotel. Roomy rooms, brightly coloured carpets and a slightly old-fashioned feel (striped wallpaper and all) await you at the friendly Central. Originally built in the late 1900s for the city's mayor, and now also hides a little, pink café-bar, a computer room and a nice, upstairs terrace. ▶ 19 rooms (singles 650kr, doubles 850kr, triples 1150kr, quads 1450kr, 2 suites 900 - 1100kr, 1 apartment 1200 - 1500kr). Extra bed 200kr, pets 200kr. Garage use 75kr. Breakfast included. 

Europe 3, Roheline 8, tel. 359 94 70/359 94 75, fax 359 94 76, narva@europe.ee, www.europe.ee. For those looking for a smaller, more personal place to stay, the fairly central Europe guesthouse is a good bet. Built in 2004, it offers five biggish, mainly pink rooms and its downstairs café comes recommended. ▶ 5 rooms (doubles 780kr). Extra bed 150kr. 

Inger Puškini 28, tel. 688 11 00, fax 688 11 01, inger@inger.ee, www.inger.ee. This 5-storey hotel is a sparkingly new, professionally run affair with a convenient location. The rooms are comfy and decent sized, with the more expensive business doubles offering even more space. Lux rooms and suites come with sauna and bubble-bath, other amenities include the Perlee day-spa and relaxing massage treatments. 

Log on log in

Narva Internet Tallinna mnt. 27, tel. 357 22 20, admin@narvainetnet.ee, www.narvainetnet.ee. Several terminals, cost 30kr/h. An actual café is next door. ▶ Open 09:00 - 20:00, Sat 10:00 - 20:00, Sun 10:00 - 18:00.

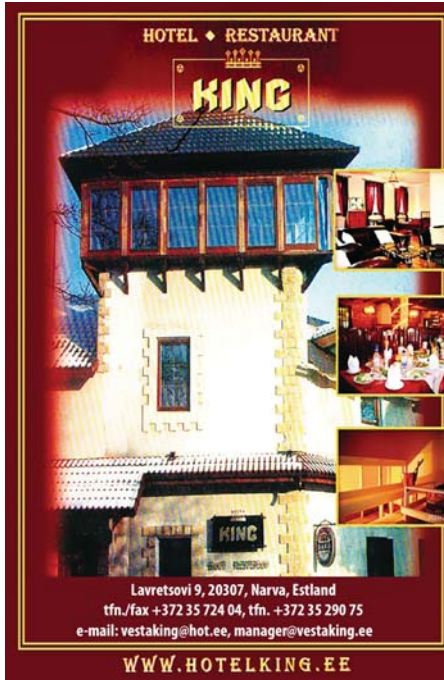
Narva Keskraamatukogu (Central Library) Malmi 8, 2nd floor, nkr@narvalib.ee, www.narvalib.ee. If one of the library's six terminals is unoccupied, you can use it free of charge. ▶ Open 11:00 - 19:00, Sat 10:00 - 17:00. Closed Sun and every last Friday of the month. From June until August also closed on weekends.

New York Café Tallinna mnt. 41 (Astri Keskus), tel. 356 74 23. Located on the third floor of Narva's biggest shopping centre, this café serves up inexpensive cocktails, great burgers and several places to check your e-mails. Cost 5kr/min, 60kr/h. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00. 

King Lavretsovi 9, tel./fax 357 24 04, tel. 359 20 75, vestaking@hot.ee, www.hotelking.ee. Very decent, warmly-decorated rooms with lots of artsy ironwork cleverly incorporated into the furnishings. The friendly staff treat you like a king by serving you a personalised breakfast in the small lobby area. Guests can pay to have one of the two saunas heated up, but use of the lobby computer is free. ▶ 23 rooms (singles 690 - 890kr, doubles 890kr, triples 1100kr, 2 suites 1900kr). Extra bed 200kr. 

Lell Partisani 4, tel. 354 90 09, fax 357 34 60, lell@narvahotel.ee, www.narvahotel.ee. If saving cash is the game, then Lell is the name. The city's prime budget accommodation offers rooms that are well-worn and sparse, but otherwise decent. All have their own WC, but note that only the more expensive doubles and quads have their own showers and T Vs. Slightly farther from the attractions than other hotels listed here. ▶ 52 rooms (singles 275kr, doubles 550 - 750kr, quads 900kr). Breakfast 55kr. 

Narva Puškini 6, tel. 359 96 00, fax 359 96 03, hotell@narvahotell.ee, www.narvahotell.ee. This stately, pink edifice opened to much fanfare in 2004 and remains the only hotel in Narva offering 3-star level of luxury. You can expect a good degree of comfort in all rooms, though only the slightly more expensive 'business class' doubles and suites have saunas and minibars. More importantly, some rooms have an unbeatable view of the Narva and Ivangorod castles, so be sure to request one of these when making your reservations. Excellent restaurant. ▶ 51 rooms (singles 810kr, doubles 1000 - 1200kr, 3 suites 1600kr). Extra bed 250kr.  ★★★



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Essential sights

Dark Garden & Bastions Victoria and Pax Bastions, Old Town. The Dark Garden, the city's main park, sits atop the Victoria and Pax Bastions, giving parts of it excellent views over the river. The park was established in the 19th Century, and one of its main features is an iron cross monument installed in 1853 - a memorial to Russian soldiers killed in the siege of Narva during the Great Northern War. The Dark Garden is also an excellent starting point for exploring Narva's medieval defense system. History buffs who want to learn more about the Old Town's bastions can pick up a detailed brochure called 'The Bastions Route' from the Tourist Information Centre, or visit <http://bastion.narva.ee>.

Narva Castle & Museum Peterburi mnt. 2, tel. 359 92 45, fax 359 92 32, info@narvamuseum.ee, www.narvamuseum.ee. Narva's defining landmark, and indeed its primary tourist attraction, is the 14th-century castle that sits on the banks of the Narva river. Originally built by the Danes in the 1370s, it was continually improved during its subsequent Swedish and Russian years of ownership. Rising above the rest of the ensemble is the 51m Long Hermann Tower, which dates to the late 16th Century. World War Two inflicted heavy damage on the castle, but restoration work in the Soviet period has brought it back to its original glory. Nowadays the wide castle courtyard serves as a kind of town common where cultural events are held. Interestingly, it's also a WiFi zone, and home to Narva's Lenin statue, a striking relic of the city's Soviet past. The castle buildings house the Narva Museum, which provides extensive coverage of the various periods of the city's history. Climb to the top of the tower for an amazing view of the opposing Ivangorod castle, across the river. Another exciting exhibit installed at the castle is the 'Põhjaõu' (Northern Yard), an attempt to recreate what life was like 300-400 years ago. You can visit the blacksmith, the potters and even buy some handicrafts with a specially minted reproduction coin. If you're with a group and looking for something special to do at night, ask about the 'Narva Castle by Candlelight' tour.

Exhibitions: From May 22 - May 25: the Blacksmiths' Festival 'Baroque Smithery 2008' will be held in the Northern Yard. **From August 8 - 10:** the 'Narva History Festival' will also take place in the Northern Yard. **Various other exhibitions are held in the museum throughout the year. Please see the website for details.** ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00. The Northern Yard is open from May 22nd until the end of August. Admission 70kr.

Upcoming events in Narva

May

- 03.05** Narva Spring Fair (Narva Castle)
- 17.05** The Night of Museums (Narva Castle and Narva Art Gallery)
- 22 - 25.05** Baroque Smithery 2008 (Narva Castle)
- 25.05 - 05.06** E.Mravinski International Music Festival (Narva Castle, Geneva Cultural Centre)

June

- 03.06** Artist's Day (Narva Art Gallery)
- 06 - 08.06** Narva Days (throughout the city)
- 15.06** XI opening of regatta "From Border to Border" (Narva harbour)

July

- 03 - 06.07** Russian Ceramic Days (Narva Castle)

August

- 08 - 10.08** Narva History Festival and re-enactment 'The Battle of Narva' (Narva Castle)
- 16.08** Narva Summer Fair (Narva Castle)

Narva Art Gallery (Kunstigalerii) Vestervalli 21, tel. 359 21 51/359 10 79, galerii@narvamuseum.ee, www.narvamuseum.ee. Housed in an 18th-century building in the Old Town area, the Narva Museum's Art Gallery covers a wide range of art, from classic foreign works to recent paintings by students of the Ida-Virumaa Art School. Don't miss the upstairs hall exhibiting rare and exquisite Russian crosses and icons, or the large hall that's home to the museum's pride and joy - a collection of paintings, sculptures and porcelain that once belonged to the wealthy Narva merchant Lavretsov. For a small fee visitors can also create a little bit of art for themselves in the museums clay workshop. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00. Admission 20kr.

The Border. Much of what gives Narva its unique character is the fact that it sits on the eastern border of Estonia (and indeed of the EU), hardly more than a stone's throw from the Russian Federation. The bridge that spans the Narva River into Russia starts in Peetri plats, right in the centre of town. From the Pax bastion north of the bridge you get an excellent view of the EU and Estonian flags on one end of the bridge and the Russian flag on the other. From the riverbank to the south, you can also see the ancient castles of Narva and Ivangorod staring each other down, giving you a very real sense of a historic frontier.

Town Hall & Old Town Raekoja plats, tel. 356 01 84. During Estonia's period of Swedish rule (16th and 17th Centuries) Narva was a thriving merchant town. Activity was centred around a beautiful collection of tile-roofed houses in what's now called Old Town. Sadly, the area was flattened during World War Two and later filled in with nondescript block apartments. One of the three buildings that survived the war was the Town Hall, on Raekoja plats, adjacent Suur tn. The Northern Baroque edifice was built from 1668 - 1671 by architect Georg Teuffel, and its beauty continues to shine through, despite its current need for paint. Plans are underway to restore it to its original function.



More sights

Alexander Church Kiriku 9, tel. 357 28 20, narva@eelk.ee, www.eelk.ee/narva. This immense, octagonal, Lutheran church was built from 1881 - 1884 as part of the Krenholm factory complex. World War Two bombs heavily damaged the structure and destroyed the 61m tower, but the church has since been refurbished and is now functioning again. The magnificent church tower has recently been rebuilt, and will have its grand re-opening on June 27th. There are many concerts and other events which take place here, if you're lucky you might just catch one of them. ▶ Open June to August 10:00 - 15:00.

Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ Bastrakova 4, tel. 357 32 26, sobor@hot.ee, narva.sobor.ee. Built in the 1890s for the workers of the Krenholm factory, this dome-topped Orthodox cathedral is an impressive sight. It's currently undergoing construction, but don't be afraid to duck in to see the icons and smell the smoke of the prayer candles. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00.

Krenholm Factory Complex Krenholm district, south of downtown area, www.krenholm.ee. Established in 1856, the all-important Krenholm textile factory was the key player of Narva's industry in the 19th and 20th centuries, and gave rise to a whole neighbourhood of residential and support buildings. Krenholm's long main building, which dates to the late 19th Century, can be seen along the south end of Joala tn. The factory's hospital (1913) on Haigla tn. is considered an architectural treasure and is still the city's main hospital.

Swedish Lion Behind Narva Hotel. A bronze statue of a lion high on a pedestal, this regal-looking symbol of Sweden was installed in 2000 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Battle of Narva, which kicked off the Great Northern War between Sweden and Russia. This spot is also worth visiting for the view - from here you get a panoramic scene of Narva and Ivangorod castles facing each other on either side of the river.

T-34 Tank & War Memorials 2 - 3km north of Narva on the road to Narva-Jõesuu. Among the several war memorials just outside town on the road to Narva-Jõesuu, the most striking is the Soviet T-34 tank, which was pulled from the river and set up in 1970 as a memorial to the victims of World War Two. Significantly, this was the spot where Soviet forces broke through and moved into Estonian territory in 1944. Other monuments nearby include a small mound with a cross, which you'll see on the right side of the road in Siiverts. It commemorates the Battle of Narva in 1700. On the left, in a cemetery just across from it, is a monument to those who died in Estonia's war for independence, 1918 - 1920.





Around Narva

Narva itself has plenty to see, but many visitors also use it as a base to tour some of the fascinating attractions of northeast Estonia. Here's a sample of what's in the area.

Kohtla Mining Park-Museum Jaama 1, Kohtla-Nõmme, 13km west of Jõhvi on the road to Kiviõli, tel. 332 40 17, info@kaevanduspark.ee, www.kaevandus-park.ee. A former shale mine has been turned into this unforgettable, underground museum. Visitors are given hard hats and coveralls, then taken into the mines, where they can see the equipment in action and learn about the mining life. For a small fee you can also take part in the 'Miner's Lunch', which is an experience unto itself. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00, Sat, Sun 11:00 - 15:00. Admission 75kr.

Kuremäe Convent (Kuremäe Klooster) Kuremäe, 20km south of Jõhvi, tel. 339 21 24/337 07 15, www.orthodox.ee. The magnificent cathedral domes and elaborate, wooden buildings the Pühtitsa Convent in Kuremäe are a must-see for anyone touring the area. Founded in 1891, it's Estonia's only Orthodox convent, and its churches and grounds are open daily to visitors. Nuns give tours for a small fee. ▶ Open daily from early morning til sunset.

Narva-Jõesuu 14km north of Narva. A forested village with a 1.3km stretch of magnificent Baltic beach, Narva-Jõesuu has been the area's primary holiday resort town since Tsarist times, when it attracted the wealthy St. Petersburg crowd. Now with a newly-revamped spa facility, it's gradually regaining its past glory. When you're out here, be sure to drop by the colourful 'Shishkin tree', with its ribbon-filled branches. Newlyweds traditionally tie ribbons here in the belief that this gesture will guarantee eternal love.

Sillamäe 25km west of Narva on road to Tallinn. In the Soviet era, Sillamäe was a restricted, semi-secret town whose main business was mining and processing radioactive shale. Now the coastal town is a true curiosity, with its imposing, uniform Stalinist architecture and its central monument - a man boldly holding an atom aloft.

Toila-Oru Park and North Coast Toila, 40km west of Narva. Established in the 19th Century, this beautiful, 105ha park is one Ida-Viru County's main attractions, and home to several species of rare trees. The remains of a manor house, once the summer home of Estonian president Konstantin Pats, can still be seen on the property. The cliffs of the nearby Saka-Ontika-Toila coastline represent some of the nation's most striking landscape, particularly the 26m Valaste waterfall, Estonia's largest.

Where to eat

Dining in Narva is certainly a different experience from eating in the capital. Almost all of the food we've sampled has been exceptional, but there are a few things you should be aware of - there is usually a large television blaring in the background, you almost always need to make a reservation on the weekend and in the evening the eateries usually turn into some sort of a night spot with dancing and live music... in fact, don't be surprised if they ask you for admission after 21:00.

100% China Tallinna mnt. 6b, tel. 357 50 99, www.chinahouse.ee. Not 76%, not 93%, but a full 100% China awaits you in this cute, little, cottage-like affair set back from the street. The chef is actually from China, which accounts for the tastiness of the food. You'll of course find all the requisite Chinese décor, which you can enjoy while watching your favourite Chinese music clips on satellite TV. For those who want the complete Oriental experience, Sisha pipes can also be rented. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00. ☺

Belgrad Energija 2a, tel. 359 40 89, narvasgl@rambler.ru, www.hot.ee/belg. We couldn't figure out the connection between the café's name and Serbia's capital city, however the international style food was surprisingly fresh and tasty. If you drop by during the evening hours you might be treated to some piano music and dancing under the magical red and blue disco-lights. ▶ Open 16:00 - 01:00, Closed Mon-Wed. ☺

Café Geneva Võidu 2, tel. 359 94 25, info@geneva.ee, www.geneva.ee. Not only is this a place for live music (which happens on weekends), Geneva is a stylish, local favourite, particularly loved for its comfy interior and good, inexpensive meals. The menu features a variety of steaks and fillets, as well as a decent selection of salads, soups, fish dishes and desserts. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00. ☺☺

Café Gloria Sepa 4 (Dark Garden), tel. 356 61 35, pubgloria@hotmail.ee. Pretty much the only place to grab a bite near the Dark Garden, this slightly under-lit Café offers up your typical Russian favourites and plenty of alcohol containing beverages to boot. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 02:00. ☺

Hermann Peterburi mnt. 2, Narva Castle, tel. 359 92 61/56 49 15 41, www.narvakaubaahoon.com. Neatly tucked into the Narva castle wall on the second floor, this eatery is only open in the summer. However, we hear from some of the locals that the views and the food are worth the climb. A variety of fine wines and hearty meat dishes are on offer here. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00. ☺

King Lavretsovi 9, tel. 359 20 75, fax 357 24 04, vestaking@hotmail.ee, www.hotelking.ee. Among the more popular of the town's restaurants, King starts out looking like a quaint, stone-lined, medieval tavern, then unexpectedly adds red light tubes and a large-screen TV to the mix. The regal menu includes various fillets, fresh fish, grilled meats and a 'chivalrous' type of pork. Beer snacks are available too, for those who just came for the suds. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 02:00. ☺☺

Narva Puškini 6, tel. 359 96 00, fax 359 96 03, hotell@narvahotell.ee, www.narvahotell.ee. Judging by our experience, the Narva Hotel's formal-style restaurant serves up cuisine that could rival even the best in the capital. Dining here is an unhurried affair, with items like chicken fillet with pesto, salmon with a light Blanc sauce, elk and boar on the menu. The shrimp soup was excellent. Warm, homemade bread and complimentary tidbits from the chef round out the quality meals. ▶ Open 12:00 - 22:00. (140kr). ☺☺

Pappa Pizza Café Kerese 3, tel. 335 06 65, www.pappapizza.ee. A great little place in the centre for a pizza or a coffee, Pappa also serves up grilled meats and some tasty cakes. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00. ☺☺☺

Regatt Kerese 26, tel. 354 09 49/354 01 55, www.regatt.ee. When we first checked this place out we were hesitant if we should even enter, but as with the majority of good eateries in Narva appearances are deceiving. A little off the beaten track and attached to a convenience store of the same name, the Regatt's culinary offerings are first class, just try not to let the TV set blaring in the background bother you. ▶ Open 12:00 - 02:00, Fri, Sat, Sun 12:00 - 04:00. ☺☺

Salvadore Puškini 28, tel. 688 11 07, fax 688 11 01, www.linger.ee. Though the menu in the Hotel Linger's snappy restaurant does feature a couple of pastas, a risotto and a tiramisu, Salvadore is not quite as Italian as its name might suggest. Items are mainly of the roast rack of lamb, poached salmon and veal steak variety. Live music on weekend evenings. ▶ Open 06:30 - 23:00. ☺☺

Shopping in Narva

Shopping Centres

Astri Keskus Tallinna mnt. 41, tel. 356 75 00, www.astrikeskus.ee. By far the biggest of the three shopping centres in Narva, you can find pretty much everything here, including a cinema, bowling and bikinis for the whole gang. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00. ☺☺☺☺☺

Fama Shopping Centre Tallinna mnt. 19c, tel. 356 75 03, www.fama.ee. From coffee to billiards and flowers, this is the second largest mall in Narva. ▶ Open 10:00 - 21:00. ☺

Kerese Keskus Kerese 3/Kosmonaudi 4, tel. 356 65 13. A small centre with a few shops, a food store and a café. ▶ Open 09:00 - 22:00. ☺

Souvenir shops

Aleksandr Puskhinski 13, tel. 357 31 51, info@narvantique.com, www.narvantique.ee. Russian antiques, Soviet pins and military items. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:30, Sat 10:00 - 15:00, Closed Sun. ☺

ARS Salong Peetri Plats 3, tel. 359 18 16. Narva-related gifts and folksy Estonian souvenirs. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 15:00, Closed Sun. ☺

Kokos Puškini 5, tel. 356 04 01. Narva-themed chocolate boxes and other treats. ▶ Open 10:00 - 19:00, Sat 10:00 - 17:00, Closed Sun.

Lydia Souvenirs Vabaduse 6, tel. 55 57 91 39. ▶ Open 10:00 - 18:00, Sat 10:00 - 14:00, Closed Sun. ☺



A very hip riverside Ro-Ro club

Pubs

Biker Pub "Country" Tallinna mnt. 55, tel. 508 81 98. Probably the farthest you'll want to go from the Narva centre but still within walking distance, this self proclaimed 'Biker Pub' has a lot going for it but might not appear so when you first walk in. Shortly after walking in you still might not know why you're here however the Saslok is possibly the best in the city, and the cheap drinks are enough reason to come at all. Add to that, the stripper pole, authentic live Russian music, dancing middle-aged Natashas and you've got a winner. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 11:00 - 02:00, Sun 11:00 - 23:00. ☺☺

German Pub Puškini 10 (entrance from Malmi), tel. 359 15 48/356 47 00, analan@hotmail.ee. San Miguel beer and photos of Mike Tyson might not make sense in a place called 'German Pub' but that doesn't stop the crowds from flocking into this antique-filled, cellar bar. In fact, it's one of Narva's more popular haunts. ▶ Open 11:00 - 24:00.

Gulliver Lavretsovi 7, tel. 359 15 51, hulliver@mail.ru. The 'Gulliver' name will instantly make sense once you set your eyes on this Lilliputian sized tavern. They serve hearty, tasty meals such as roast meats, pelmeny (Russian-style dumplings) and salmon with mushrooms, all at a reasonable price. If you're in search of a more cosy atmosphere head up the outside spiral staircase to the attic, you'll need to book in advance though. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00. ☺

Modern Puškini 12 (entrance from courtyard), tel. 356 02 07. This is a hip and happening underground bar - so underground, in fact, that it doesn't even have a sign (just a tiny ad for Staropramen). Find it around the back of the building, and come early if you want a table. Modern is also the unofficial night spot for Estonians in Narva and has live bands some weekends. ▶ Open 11:30 - 02:00. ☺☺

Tavris Puškini 12, tel. 359 44 82, www.tavris.ee. Tavris feels and acts much more like a café than a pub, but it also manages to catch a good share of the evening beer-drinking crowd. A comfortable place for a round or two. ▶ Open 12:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 12:00 - 02:00.

Clubs

Geneva Võidu 2, tel. 359 94 25, www.geneva.ee. Narva's one and only 'nightclub' heats up on weekends with everything from the latest club beats to 1980s retro, depending the evening's programme. During larger events, the top floor opens up and Geneva becomes a two-level affair. Billiards tables are available for the less dance-inclined, and if the disco tracks just aren't your speed, you can listen to live music performances in the downstairs Music Café every Friday and Saturday from 20:00 - 23:00. ▶ Open 22:00 - 04:00. ☺☺

Ro-Ro Club Jõe 3, tel. 357 51 41. One of the coolest locales in the city, the Ro-Ro club mixes up eclectic music and drinks, all to the beat of a very different drum. In summer they move outdoors into a beach-shack-style venue just across the river from Russia. Expect DJs and the occasional live act, mostly hailing from over the ominous border. Please note that the club is only open sporadically outside of the warmer months. ▶ Open 12:00 - 02:00. ☺