

International Summer School

“Traces of the past and prospects for the future: Linguistic and cultural practices in Estonia”

Tartu, Estonia, 02 – 10 July 2026

Organizers

Scientific Council of the School

- Elena Kurant (Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland)
- Anna Krasnikova (E-Campus University, Italy)
- Maurizia Calusio (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy)
- Sergey Troitskiy (Estonian Literary Museum, Estonia)



Accommodation

Downtown Hostel, Raatuse 22 student residence in Tartu.

twin rooms with two separate beds.

In each apartment, three twin rooms share a kitchen, toilet, and shower. The room rate does not include breakfast, but cooking facilities are available in the common kitchen, which is equipped with dishes, a stove, an electric kettle, and a refrigerator. Wi-Fi is available throughout the hostel free of charge.

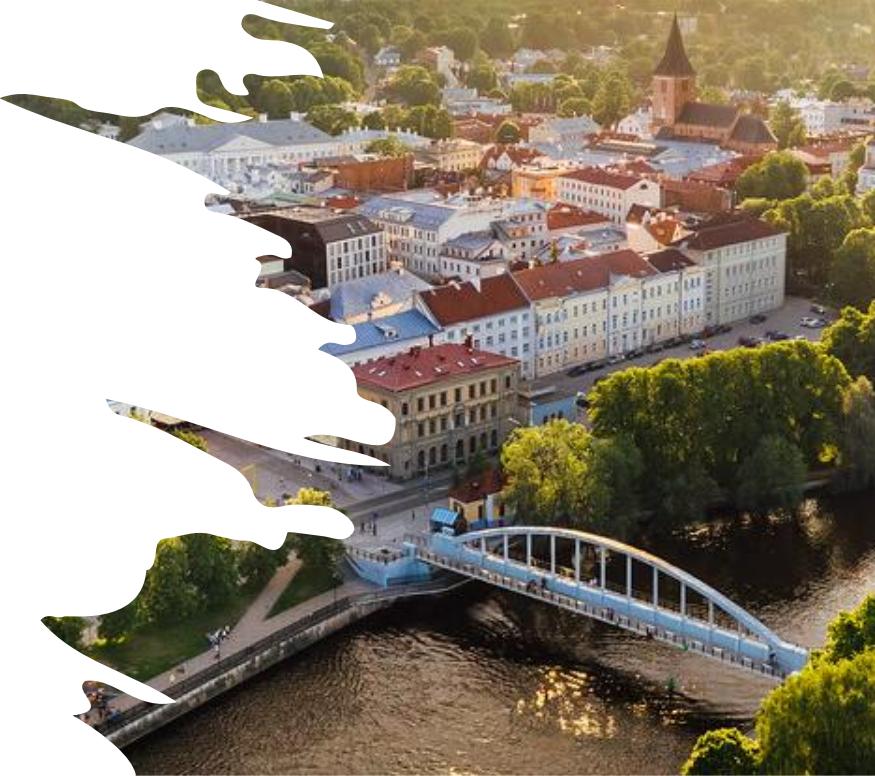


The aim

- The main objectives of the summer school are to develop students' proficiency in Russian at the B2–C1 level and intercultural communication skills, provide them with field knowledge about Estonia, and establish academic contacts with colleagues across Europe.
- Participation in the project will be an important step in shaping a new generation of specialists with the skills to work in a multilingual and multicultural academic environment, which is essential for strengthening international ties and developing European science and education.

Excursions

- Tartu
- Narva
- Academic Library of Tartu University
- Estonian National Museum



Schedule

Day	9:00- 10:00	10:00-11:45	11:45-12:15	12:15-14:00	14:00- 15:30	15:30-18:00	18:00- 19:30	19:30-
02.07.2026				arriving			dinner	free time
03.07.2026	breakfast	language practicum	break	culture. Local cities and villages	lunch	Excursion in Tartu		free time
04.07.2026				bus excursion to Ida Virumaa (Narva, Sillamäe)				
05.07.2026				excursion in the ERM				
06.07.2026	breakfast	language practicum	break	culture. Local art	lunch	Meeting with an artist		free time
07.07.2026	breakfast	language practicum	break	culture. Local university and school education system	lunch	Excursion to the University Library		free time
08.07.2026	breakfast	language practicum	break	culture. Linguistic situation in the Baltic region	lunch	Visit to a school		free time
09.07.2026	breakfast	language practicum	break	culture. Local folklore and literature	lunch	Student symposium	dinner	free time
10.07.2026	breakfast				departing			

Costs - 550 euros (per person)

Included:



accommodation



meals (8
breakfasts, 7
lunches, 2
dinners)



excursions

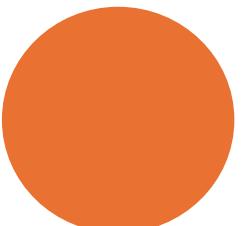


educational
program



diplomas
and
stationery

NB! Unfortunately, the cost of **the trip** to Tartu is **not included**.



Language Practicum

Formal – every
working day,
10:00-11:45

Informal – every
day: excursions,
communication
etc.

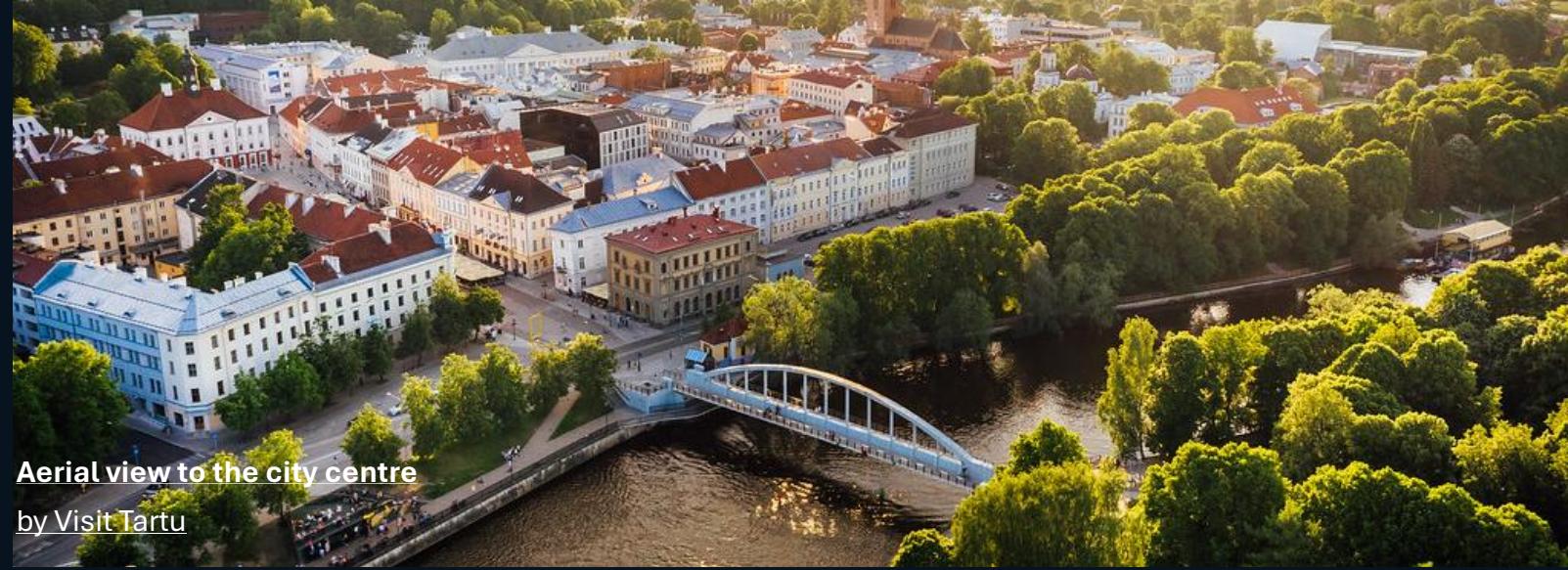


About Estonia

- The territory of Estonia consists of the mainland, the larger islands of Saaremaa and Hiiumaa, and over 2,300 other islands and islets on the east coast of the Baltic Sea.
- Its capital Tallinn and Tartu are the two largest urban areas.
- The Estonian language, of the Finnic family, is the official language and the first language of the majority of its population of nearly 1.4 million.
- Russian speaking community (about 25 % of population)
- The calculated mean temperature for the country's territory ranges 17.8 °C (64.0 °F) in July

([Estonia – Wikipedia](#))

About Tartu



Aerial view to the city centre

by Visit Tartu



Smart Bikes © Mana Kaasik

Tartu Rattaringlus

Tartu, Estonia's second-largest city (population 95,000), is the nation's primary hub of knowledge and education. This compact and versatile university town seamlessly combines a picturesque natural setting with a lively urban atmosphere. Located 185 kilometres southeast of Tallinn, Tartu is easily accessible via multiple daily buses and trains from the capital. Additionally, *Finnair* offers direct flights from Helsinki, while buses provide direct links to Riga, Latvia. [Tartu - The City of Good Thoughts - Estonian Convention Bureau](#)

A man in a dark shirt and light pants is riding a bicycle on a paved path. In the foreground, the trunks of several tall palm trees are visible. The background shows a residential area with houses, a basketball hoop, and a car parked on the street.

everything is at your fingertips

About Estonian Literary Museum

The Estonian Literary Museum (ELM; Estonian: Eesti Kirjandusmuuseum), is a national research institute of the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Estonia. Its mission is to improve the cultural heritage of Estonia, to collect, preserve, research and publish the results.

The Estonian Literary Museum functions as an integrated institution that consists of four departments:Archival Library, Estonian Folklore Archives, Estonian Cultural History Archives, Department of Folkloristics.

[Estonian Literary Museum - Wikipedia](#)



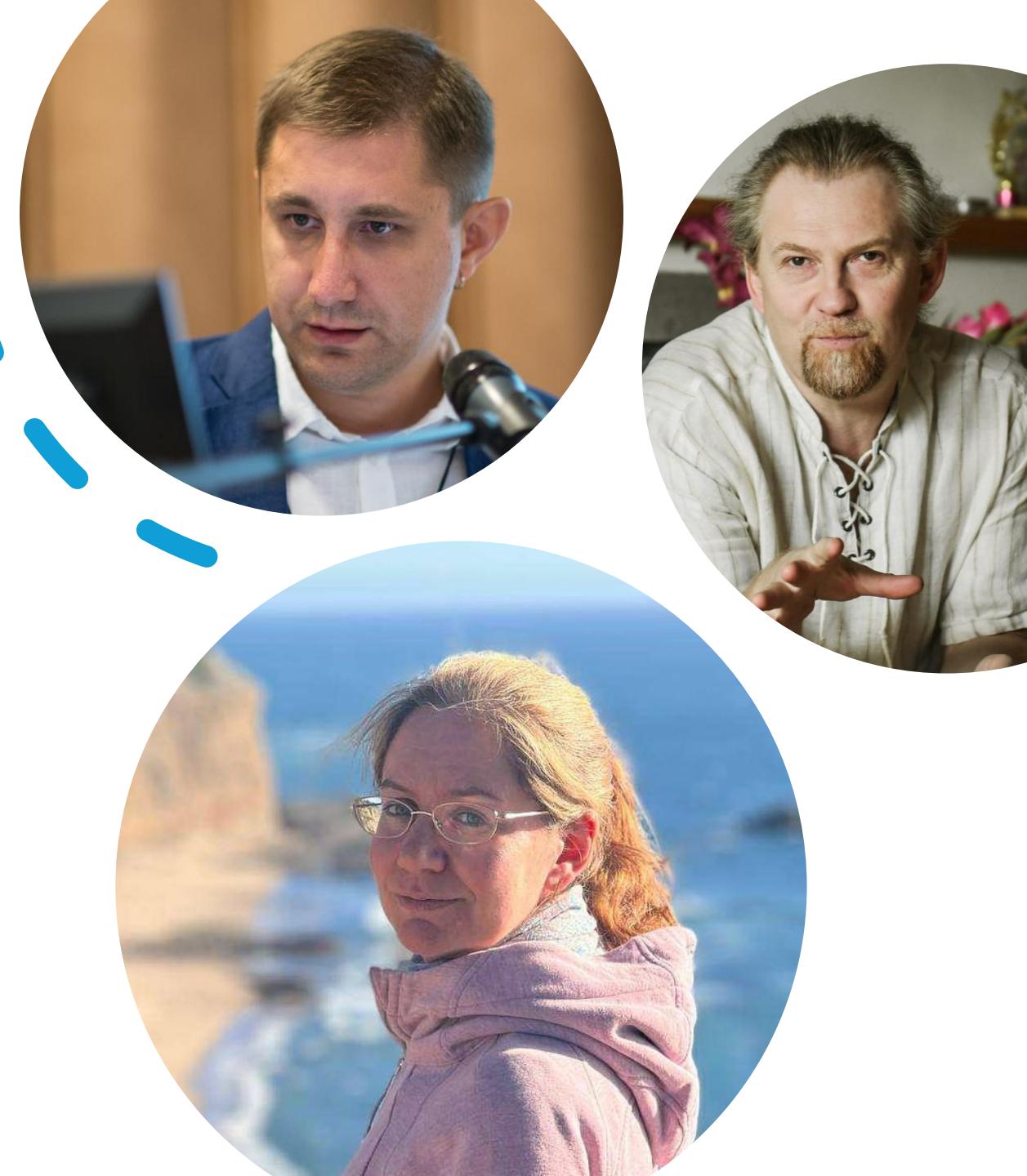
Transport

Tartu connects to the world primarily through [Tallinn International Airport](#). The most convenient way to reach Tartu from Tallinn is by [Lux Express](#) coach, with departures every 30 minutes from both Tallinn Airport and the Tallinn Coach Station. The journey takes around 2 hours and 15 minutes. Lux Express coaches offer free Wi-Fi, complimentary hot beverages, and an onboard entertainment system. The return journey also includes a stop at the airport.

- Tartu also has a small regional airport, offering two daily flights between Tartu and Helsinki, operated by Finnair
- **By Air:** Direct flights with [Finnair](#) to Tartu (Ülenurme) Airport from Helsinki (Vantaa) Airport; connect via taxi or bus to Tartu city centre (10 min);
- **By Air:** Direct flights to Tallinn Airport from various cities; connect via direct train or bus to Tartu; Most bus lines pick up passengers at the Tallinn Airport en route to Tartu. See [www.tpilet.ee](#) for schedules and online ticket purchase.
- **By Bus:** Direct coach from Tallinn Airport to Tartu Coach Station, approximately 2:15 hours. Buses arrive at the central Tartu Bus Station, which is within walking distance of most major conference venues and hotels.
- **By Train:** From Balti Jaam and Ülemiste station in Tallinn to Tartu, around 2 hours.
(tickets: <https://elron.ee/en>)

Teachers

- Dr Elizaveta Sosnovtseva, PhD, Lecturer in Russian at the Department of Slavic Studies at the University of Tartu, specialist in modern Russian grammar and Russian language history. Has experience in teaching Russian to foreign students. Her native language is Russian.
- Dr Nikolay Kuznetsov, PhD (Uralic Languages), researcher at the Department of Folkloristics of the Estonian Literary Museum and a lecturer in Finno-Ugric languages at the University of Tartu. His research interests include Permian linguistics – especially the morphosyntax of the Komi language – as well as Komi folklore and culture more broadly. He is a bilingual native speaker of Komi and Russian.
- Dr Sergey Troitskiy, PhD, Senior Researcher in the Department of Folkloristics, Estonian Literary Museum. His research interests include the history and theory of Russian culture, the Russian avant-garde, folk culture, humor studies. His native language is Russian.



Teachers

- Dr Elena Freda Piredda, PhD, teacher of Russian at the Faculty of Linguistic Sciences and Foreign Literatures at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan. Has experience in teaching Russian to Italian-speaking students and has co-authored and co-edited some Russian language textbooks for Italians.
- Dr Anna Bonola is a Full Professor of Slavistics and the Director of the Department of Linguistic Sciences and Literatures at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan). Her research focuses on both theoretical and applied Russian linguistics, including lexicon and syntax, Russian for specific purposes, Russian-Italian parallel corpora, and the application of artificial intelligence in Russian language teaching. In recent years, she has also explored the linguistic analysis of Russian literary texts, with a particular focus on the prose of Vasily Grossman.
- Dr Valentina Noseda is a tenure-track researcher in Slavic Studies at the Department of Linguistic Sciences and Foreign Literatures at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan, Italy. Her research focuses on corpus linguistics and the application of corpus-based methodologies to Russian-Italian contrastive analysis, the study of verbal aspect, and the teaching of Russian as a foreign language. In collaboration with the University of Bologna, she is involved in the expansion of the Italian-Russian parallel corpus within the Russian National Corpus.



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Deadline for registration is

April 01, 2026