

# LIVING WITH AND WITHIN NATURE

UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE FOR NATURE LOVERS



Welcome to Baltic Sea region which provides a truly unforgettable experience for nature lovers.

Our diverse range of activities, from bogshoe hiking and stargazing to picking wild mushrooms, will take you on a journey through diverse landscapes. Whether you're a seasoned adventurer or simply looking for a relaxing getaway, we have something for everyone.

For bird watchers, our wetlands and nature reserves are home to a wide variety of species, from rare and endangered to common and familiar.

For those seeking relaxation, our nature offers the perfect opportunity to unwind, while nature capture holidays offer to enjoy nature photography or drawing.

Come and experience the best of what the region has to offer!











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Estonians have been attached to nature for centuries, so it does not feel surprising that most Estonians come equipped with useful folk wisdom. Nature plays a significant and natural role in the daily life of Estonians. Taking part in the seasonal traditions by walking around in Estonian nature, foraging for plants, berries and mushrooms, and knowing how to speak when in a forest, all form part of the mythical knowledge pack.

Estonia is a perfect place for nature lovers. More than 18% of the country's land and 30% of the sea territory is made up of protected areas and there are five national parks where cultural heritage is protected as much as nature. Bogs, meadows, forests, and little lakes give you a great opportunity to enjoy the silence and peaceful nature. Some people joke and call Estonia the kingdom of bogs because approximately one quarter of the country is covered in marshes.



Estonia has 4 seasons – snowy winter, excellent spring, mild summer and colorful autumn. In some years, there is a fifth season as well - high water level season. There are appropriate activities for every season.

Estonia is a wild treat for busy city dwellers looking to stretch their limbs and breathe in the world's cleanest air. As the country is small, you are never more than an hour away from an epic adventure or from a deep forest exploration.

All this makes Estonia a truly inspirational place for hiking and exploring wildlife.

# THE WILD SIDE OF ESTONIA

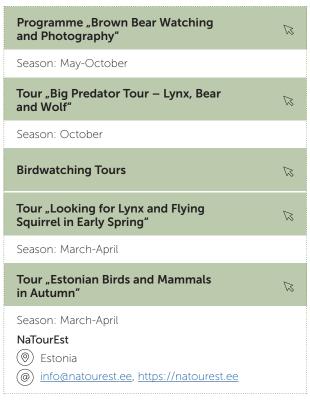
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You like animals? We have 65 species of mammals, including wolves, lynx, brown bears, moose, roe deer, wild boars, beavers, raccoon dogs, red squirrels. Let's have a try to find them or stay in brown bear hide.

You like birds? Estonia is a very important migratory area for birds. In spring-summer-autumn about 300 species and in winter 150 species can be found. Let's do some birding together.

**BONUS TIP!** You get fresh air, silence, some exercise, contact with nature, safe adventure and good company by local people.

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# Hike to Toonoja swamp islands Sea Kayaking Estonia Karuskose, Sandra küla, Põhja-Sakala vald, Viljandimaa, Estonia info@seakayakingestonia.com www.seakayakingestonia.com/en

Bogshoeing in Soomaa National Park	B
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Programme "Wildlife watching safari by bicycles at Toosikannu Wildlife Park"	B

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Programme "One Day Private Nature&Hiking Tour "Follow the Wildlife"	$\square$
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# HIKING



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If you're into hiking and would like to try something different, take a mysterious and romantic adventure in the darkness of night. How does hiking after sunset, in the dark, by torchlight sound? It's totally doable, in the countryside or in the city, in the forest or on the water. The long darkness of autumn and winter evenings does not prevent you from enjoying nature!Light sources are either torches or lanterns. Let's go hiking!

P.S. Some of these hikes take place regularly, while others have to be arranged.

# Package "Trip with a lighted raft"

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#### Package "Lighted boat trip on Lake Valgjärv in Koorküla"

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#### LOODUSTURISM.EE

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#### Torch hike on Nature Energy Trail

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#### ELVA TURISM (Elva Tourism)

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Would you like to experience nature together with cultural heritage? Our local guides can take you on a hike that reveils stories of old times and nowaday life in the country.

# Study programme "Water wizard's expedition at the source of clean water"



#### PUHTA VEE TEEMAPARK (Clean Water Theme Park)

- Metsamõisa talu, Järsi küla, Lääne-Virumaa, Estonia
- (a) info@metsamoisa.ee, www.metsamoisa.ee

# Sunrise hike and a swim in a bog lake in Northern Körvemaa

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#### Canoe trip on River Soodla in Kõrvemaa

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#### UUEJÄRVE MATKAPESA (Uuejärve Matkapesa home accommodation)

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# **GATHERING AND PICKING TRIPS**



Estonians are a forest nation - there are many teachings on how to behave in the forest and what to forage for and when. Locals will invite you to the forest, the meadow, the watercourse, to introduce you to nature's bounty, to harvest it together and, in some cases, to teach you how to prepare immediate food from the harvest. There's nothing more satisfying or delicious than picking your own produce.

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#### Programme "Gathering trips in Lahemaa National Park"



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Nature Tours in Estonia − berry and mushroom picking trips in the Peipsiveere Nature Reserve

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# HERBS FOR OUR WELFARE

**All work with herbs** is like a small ceremony: from the growing and gathering of plants, to presenting them and making the products. Come and discover this magical world of plants!

# Programme "A walk with the hostess in the herb garden of Tamme Farm"

TAMME TALU ÜRDIAED (Tamme Farm Herb Garden)

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#### **Ice Fishing Experience**

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#### PRANGLI TRAVEL

The activity takes place at Viitna Lake, North-Estonia

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# Programme "Mushrooming in Soomaa National Park"

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# Programme "Cranberry hike in Soomaa national park"

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# Programme "One Day Nature Tour – Wild Berries"



#### TEADLIKUD ELAMUSED (Social Enterprise "Experiest")

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#### Programme "Medicinal herb tour guided by a herbpecialist at the Energy Farm"

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#### ENERGIA TALU (Energia Farm)

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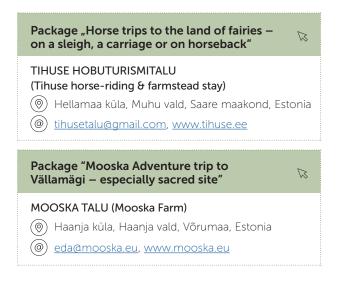
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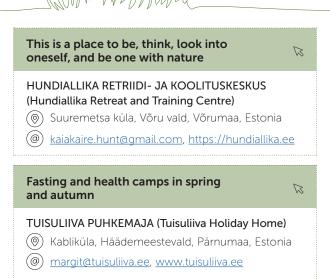


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People who know the power and wisdom of nature invite you to discover the magic of nature and share with You their knowledge on shorter and longer trips.





# LIVE STREAM NATURE CAMERAS

If you would like to see species that roam the Estonian forests and shores but can't be physically present during a certain season, you can check out the live stream nature cameras that are usually active from February to September. The cameras provide you with a closer look without disturbing the animals.

The cameras can be found on the Nature Calendar page <a href="https://www.looduskalender.ee/n/en">https://www.looduskalender.ee/n/en</a> or on RMK's YouTube channel <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN8196-VuPxsUBzCLgwVUfA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCN8196-VuPxsUBzCLgwVUfA</a>







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# Experience the farmstay in a true latvian farm with animals, sauna and home-made delicacies

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- (@) <u>indani91@inbox.lv</u>, <u>FB: Lauku sēta "Indāni"</u>

# Sailing down the river with the "Sēlija boats" organisation

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#### BIEDRIBA SĒLIJAS LAIVAS (Sēlija Boats)

- "Skārdupītes", Aknīstes pag., Jēkabpils nov., LV-5208, Latvia
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#### **Bog Shoeing in Latvian bogs**



#### PURVU BRIDĒJI (Bog Shoeing)

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#### Enjoy the barefoot trail in Valgums



#### VALGUMA PASAULE (Leisure Complex "Valguma Pasaule")

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Unique tea ceremony and nature enjoying at Līgatne caves cellars with a view of hill hillside ⋈ and Līgatne paper factory in the distance

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#### Tours deep in primal nature

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#### GAUJA NATIONAL PARK

#### Nature Trails in Gauja National Park



Gauja National Park that is established 50 years ago has a wide nature trail network (in summary more than 100 kilometers long) where each visitor can forest bath, get to know the unique and protected nature, see Devonian cliffs, rocks and sandstone outcrops.

From the website you can find various trail routes prepared for comfortable use.

#### **Boating in Gauja National Park**



Rivers in Gauja National Park – Gauja, Brasla, Amata, Salaca – are suitable and widely used for boating, kayaking, canoeing, rafting. In the boating people come into close contact with nature, experiencing the most authentic untouched nature.

There are several boat rental companies in the park, have a look in Enter Gauja.

#### Wildlife animal watching tour in Gauja National Park



Let small group of people get to know wildlife – mamals, birds, flora.

# An exciting walk through the Līgatne cellar caves and cliffs hand-carved by the ancient inhabitants



Līgatne cellar caves and cliffs offer a unique opportunity to put yourself in the shoes of an explorer to find out how more than 300 artificial caves, which surprise with their shape and labyrinths, were created.



# **RURAL TOURISM ORGANISATIONS**



# Baltic Country Holidays www.countryholidays.lv

#### **ADDRESS**

Kalnciema str. 40, Riga, Latvia +371 67617600 <u>lauku@celotajs.lv</u> www.countryholidays.lv

#### **BALTIC COUNTRY HOLIDAYS**

(Lauku celotājs) is a Country Tourism Association based in Latvia, established in 1993. The association unites small family-run accommodation and service providers in the Latvian countryside. Since then, the organisation has grown in size, and has varied and developed its products to include all three Baltic States. Through many years of operation, great relationships have been established with suppliers, and visitors benefit from this extensive local knowledge and personal service.



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#### **ENTER GAUJA**

Gauja National Park Tourism Cluster with the brand name "Enter Gauja" was created in 2012 to strengthen tourism destination and enhance its competitiveness in international markets. Today the Cluster combines a wide range of tourism entrepreneurs. Many small businesses have grown and developed and are now well known locally, regionally and internationally. Overnight stays have increased by 30% and Gauja National Park is now the second most visited tourist destination in Latvia after Riga, with more than 1,000,000 visitors a year.



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#### VISIT SOUTH COAST FINLAND

Visitlohja is a regional tourism office in southern Finland. Visitlohja is run by the city of Lohja and co-operating with local tourism entrepreneurs and associations. Their common target is to develop the best possible tourism experience for visitors. Products and services offered include good accommodation in a rural atmosphere. A unique part is to make your own food in the forest to high end cuisine in awarded restaurants and activities – from small hikes in pristine nature to glass blowing in the world-re-nowned Fiskars Village. The region is situated right next to Helsinki and can therefore provide an unrivalled combination of the Finnish lifestyle, culture and nature.



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#### ESTONIAN RURAL TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Established in January 2000, the non-profit organisation Estonian Rural Tourism (ERTO) represents the common interests of rural tourism providers in order to support the development of country-side tourism in Estonia. ERTO with its members forms a rural tourism cluster comprising rural tourism accommodation providers, active tourism providers, rural SMEs in agricultural and production sectors, travel associations, schools teaching tourism and others. The organisation works closely with a range of tourism umbrella organisations and stakeholders.

#### **RURAL TOURISM ORGANISATIONS**



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#### FÖRETAGSAM SKÄRGÅRD

Företagsam Skärgård (Enterprising Archipelago) is a non-profit organisation established in 2007 to support the development of the region of the Åland Islands archipel-ago and it's 6 archipelago municipalities in the around 40 inhabited islands in its area. Several development projects are being undertaken and Företagsam Skärgård maintains a good communication network to important actors in the archipelago, as well as to related archipelago areas in Europe.

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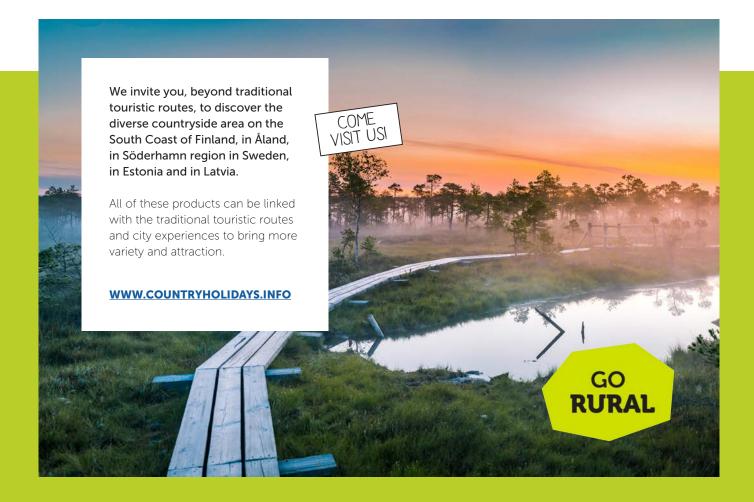
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#### **VISIT SÖDERHAMN**

Visit Söderhamn's mission is to make Söderhamn an attractive destination to visit and experience all year round. Their work takes place in close collaboration with the business community and associations, to develop, profile and market Söderhamn as a destination. Visit Söderhamn provides brochures, maps and digital information and helps with the booking of activities and accommodation in Söderhamn and Hälsingland. A tourist information office is located in central Söderhamn and is open during the summer. Visit Söderhamn also has 5 InfoPoints strategically located around Söderhamn, tourist service places where the visitor can get tourist information.







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