

## Tallinn Old Town Walking Tour

- Stroll the streets of Tallinn Old Town
- Hear the stories of the Hanseatic market town and the aristocratic Dome Hill
- See views across the modern European capital that surrounds the ancient walls of the medieval Old Town

Begin your leisurely guided walking tour of the best of Tallinn by taking in the highlights of the Lower Old Town. The historical Old Town centre has retained its medieval look and is listed in the UNESCO World Heritage List. Marvel at the gables on the high and narrow medieval Hanseatic merchants' houses with their original pulleys and winches still in place.

Feel the centuries tower over you along the long stretch of the surviving medieval Town Wall that leads you to the landmark Viru Gates of Tallinn located on the pedestrian shopping street with its colourful flower market.

Continue your walk through St. Catherine's passage to see the artisans at work and perhaps later pick up a handcrafted artisanal souvenir.

Just round the corner you will come to the historic market place, the mediaeval Town Hall Square with its gothic Town Hall and one of the oldest pharmacies in Europe. Take in the atmosphere of the many cafe terraces and perhaps one of the regular craft markets that are regularly held on the square. See the pharmacy dating back to 1422 to learn about medieval medicines on display and hear the story of medieval marzipan.

Stroll past St. Nicholas Church, home to the Danse Macabre down Harju street which still bears the signs of the Second World War. Fortunately, most of Tallinn Old Town survived the passage of centuries and has largely preserved its medieval form.

Leave behind the Lower Old Town and make your way to the Upper Old Town known as Toompea or the Dome Hill. Look upwards the medieval watch tower Kiek in de Kök as it towers above you and admire the stretch of the Town Wall that divides the Old Town into two distinct parts.

Walk to Palace Square where the Parliament of Estonia in its medieval castle faces the Russian Orthodox Alexander Nevsky Cathedral.

You cannot miss the spire of the medieval Dome Cathedral at heart of the Upper Old Town.

Find yourself surrounded by the colourful palaces of the noblemen.

Narrow lanes will lead you to two viewing platforms with spectacular views of the Lower Old Town, the modern city beyond with its high-rises, the Bay of Tallinn and the historic suburbs.