

# DAILY PROGRAM

*Dagelyks Nieuws*

Tuesday, July 4, 2000  
ms Maasdam

Gems of the Baltic Sea  
Tallinn, Estonia

Sunrise: 4:20 am  
Sunset: 10:37 pm

*TO OUR AMERICAN GUESTS:  
HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!*

### TIME CHANGE

During the evening of Monday/Tuesday, all ship's clocks will be set **FORWARD** one hour. Please adjust your clocks and watches accordingly before retiring.

### DRESS FOR THIS EVENING: INFORMAL

Jacket required, tie optional. Please observe the dress code for the entire evening.

### WHERE'S THE FLEET?

N. Amsterdam .... Hubbard Glacier, AK  
Noordam ..... Mediterranean Sea  
Rotterdam ..... Baltic Sea  
Ryndam ..... Glacier Bay, AK  
Statendam ..... Ketchikan, AK  
Veendam ..... Inside Passage, B.C.  
Volendam ..... Inside Passage, B.C.  
Westerdam ..... Skagway, AK  
Zaandam ..... San Juan, Puerto Rico  
Amsterdam ..... Sailing Sept. 30, 2000  
Wind Star ..... Port-Vendres, France  
Wind Spirit ..... Rhodes, Greece  
Wind Song ..... Rhodes, Greece  
Wind Surf ..... Mediterranean Sea

### FROM THE NAVIGATOR

After disembarking the Stockholm pilot, we set sail on an easterly course straight to the Tallinn pilot station.

### RELIGIOUS SERVICE

5:00 pm Catholic Mass ..... Wajang Theater.

## WELCOME TO TALLIN, ESTONIA

Estonia was first mentioned by Roman historian Tacitus in the 1st century AD. Starting in the 9th century, it withstood Viking, Danish and Russian invasions, but the pressure became too much, and the country was divided in the 13th century. Among numerous previous divisions, Estonia was divided by the Russians into three provinces in the first half of the 18th century: Estonia, Livornia and Kurlandia. In 1918, it gained independence from Russia, only to revert to Russian occupation in 1944. After the war, Russia collectivized the Estonian economy and it became a member of the U.S.S.R. It was not until 1991 that Estonia gained its full independence. Now the federal government is run by an elected President and Parliament. The people and government have worked hard to revive the country's economy and political system and its people take much pride in the fact that they were the first ex-Soviet country to receive negotiation rights on European Union membership.

Estonia covers an area of 14,400 sq. miles (45,100 sq meters), of which about 1/10 consists of 1,600 islands and islets. The rivers are abundant, about 5% of the land consists of lakes. Russians, Ukrainians, Belorussians and Estonians comprise the ethnic makeup of the country; the largest of these is native Estonians, creating a two-thirds majority. The population is highly educated due to the accessibility of higher education. Many immigrants come to Estonia looking for work in its emerging industrial market. Industries include construction, transportation and communication. Estonia also has a large shale-processing industry, which produces mass quantities of artificial gas.

### GOING ASHORE

The Maasdam is expected to dock in Tallinn, Estonia at approximately 7:00 am. As soon as the ship has been cleared you may proceed ashore. An announcement will be made advising you of the location of the gangway. Please take your Guest Identification Card with you to swipe through the security gates as you leave and return to the Maasdam. For those guests on tour, please familiarize yourself with your tour time and meeting place which is printed on your tour voucher. The Shore Excursion Staff will be available at the departure location during tour dispatch. The gangway is raised at 5:00 pm as the Maasdam will sail for St. Petersburg, Russia at 5:30 pm.

## IMPORTANT! REMAIN ON SHIP'S TIME!

After advancing clocks and watches forward one hour, the ship's time will still be one hour ahead of local time in Estonia. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO REMAIN ON SHIP'S TIME DURING YOUR STAY IN TALLINN!**



## SERVICE HOURS

**INFORMATION** Dial 90  
**EMERGENCY** Dial 911  
**SHORE EXCURSION OFFICE** (Prom Deck)  
 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Tour booking  
 deadline for Helsinki is 6:00 pm.  
**CASINO** (Upper Promenade Deck 8)  
 Full Casino: 6:00 pm - wee hours  
**OCEAN BOUTIQUES** (Up. Pr. 8)  
 5:30 pm - 10:30 pm  
**PHOTO GALLERY** (Prom. Deck 7)  
 5:30 pm - 10:15 pm  
**MASSAGE & BEAUTY SALON**  
 (Lido Deck 11)  
 8:00 am - 8:00 pm  
**SAUNA & OCEAN SPA** (Lido Deck 11)  
 7:00 am - 9:00 pm  
**POOLS & JACUZZIS**  
 Lido Deck: 7:00 am - 10:00 pm  
 Nav. Deck: 7:00 am - 7:00 pm  
**INFIRMARY** - Dial 99 (A Deck 4)  
 Nurse on duty: 8:00 am - 12:00 nn  
 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
**PHYSICIAN'S CONSULTING HOURS**  
 8:00 am - 9:00 am  
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
**GUEST RELATIONS MGR.** (Prom. 7)  
 9:00 am - 11:00 am  
 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
**CURRENCY EXCHANGE** (Prom. 7)  
 Closed.  
**PORT LECTURER** (Deck 8)  
 7:45 am - 9:15 am on the pier.  
 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm at his desk.  
**SPANISH DESK** (Deck 8, aft)  
 7:30 am - 9:30 am  
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
**JAVA CAFE** (Promenade Deck 7)  
 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

## DINING HOURS

**BREAKFAST**  
 Lido Restaurant  
 Continental Breakfast 6:00 am - 10:00 am  
 Express Breakfast 6:00 am - 9:30 am  
 Breakfast 6:30 am - 9:30 am  
 Rotterdam Dining Room  
 Breakfast 7:00 am - 8:30 am  
 Express Breakfast 7:00 am - 8:30 am  
**LUNCH**  
 Lido Restaurant 11:30 am - 2:00 pm  
 Pastry Carousel 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
 Poolside Lido Deck  
 Hamburgers/Hot Dogs 11:30 am - 5:00 pm  
 Wrapper/Taco Bar 11:30 am - 2:30 pm  
 Sandwich Bar 11:30 am - 2:30 pm  
 Pizza Parlor 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
 Dining Room 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm  
**CASUAL DINNER**  
 Lido Restaurant 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
**DUTCH DINNER**  
 Rotterdam Dining Room  
 First Seating Guests 6:00 pm  
 Second Seating Guests 8:15 pm  
**FILIPINO LATE NIGHT SNACK**  
 Lido Restaurant 11:00 pm - 12:30 pm  
**ICE CREAM PARLOR**  
 Lido Restaurant 11:30 am - 2:30 pm  
 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
 11:00 pm - 12:30 pm  
 Coffee and tea are available 24 hours  
 in the Lido Restaurant.

## TALLINN, ESTONIA TRAVEL TIPS

**Official Language:** Estonian.  
**Local Currency:** Estonian Kroon; Cannot be purchased on board.  
 Approximate rate is U.S. \$1 = 14K.  
**U.S. Currency:** Accepted in some locations. Some shops and restaurants accept credit cards.  
**Shuttle Bus:** There will be a continuous shuttle bus in operation from the pier to the Viru Hotel, starting at 9:00 am with the last bus returning from the hotel at 4:30 pm.  
**Water:** Best to drink bottled water; available on board for purchase.  
**Ship's Agent:** Estonian Maritime Agency  
 17 Sadama Str,  
 Tallinn. EE001, Estonia  
 Tel: 37-26-401852

## SHUTTLE SERVICE

There will be a complimentary shuttle bus running from the commercial pier to the Viru Hotel in Tallinn. Service will commence at 9:00 am with the last bus departing the hotel at 4:30 pm. Due to local restrictions, walking through the pier area is prohibited.

## WE CARE

As we value your opinion, we would appreciate knowing how you are enjoying your vacation on board the ms Maasdam. For this purpose, please complete the "We Care Card" which has been placed in your cabin and return it to the Front Office.

## ESTONIAN CURRENCY

Due to local currency laws, our On Board Currency Exchange is not permitted to exchange Estonian Kroon.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

Brighten up someone else's day by giving them a call. Share the fun and excitement with someone you love. Satellite rate of \$7.95 per minute applies.

## FINE ART SALES, INC.

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 fellow guests are smiling when  
 Nigel says "Sold!"  
 Opening bids up to  
 80% below gallery prices!  
 Discover the fun of an  
 art auction!

**TODAY'S SPECIAL:**  
**10% Bidder's discount AND**  
**FREE artwork of \$75.00 value**  
**4:00 pm Preview**  
**4:30 pm Auction**  
**Explorers Lounge, Deck 8**



## ENVIRONMENTAL

### AWARENESS

All products such as soaps, kitchen cleaners, laundry detergents or pesticides used on board Holland America Line ships are approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Bulk formulators and dispensing systems have been installed for the majority of cleaning compounds used on board.

## SAY IT IN TAGALOG

Tonight the Filipino Crew will take their place on stage in the Rembrandt Lounge at 11:15 pm, presenting to our guests modern and traditional entertainment from the Philippines. Keeping with this theme, listed below are some Tagalog words, the official language of the Philippines.

Please ..... *Maaari ba?*  
 What is your name... *Ano ang pangalan mo?*  
 How do you do? ..... *Kumusta ka?*  
 Thank you very much... *Maraming Salamat*  
 Good Morning..... *Magandang Umaga*  
 Good Afternoon ..... *Magandang Hapon*  
 Good Evening ..... *Magandang Gabi*  
 Good-bye ..... *Paalam*

## TAKE HOME A MEMORY

Available at all bars!

### A SET OF WATERFORD MILLENNIUM CRYSTAL CHAMPAGNE GLASSES

For this cruise only,  
 take home a set of these  
 beautiful glasses for only  
**\$99.00**



Entertainment Tonight in the Rembrandt Lounge

8:30 pm for First Seating Guests & 10:15 pm for Second Seating Guests

CAPTAIN'S  
**COMMAND PERFORMANCE**

AN EVENING WITH MIRTH GIVER

# FRANK BERRY

Reserving of seats, audio/video recording and flash photography are not permitted.

## TODAY'S TV LISTINGS

**Channel 1 or 4 News Channel**  
(reception permitting)

**Channel 3 or 17 Movie Ch. 1**

8:00 am Girl, Interrupted  
10:02 am Analyze This  
11:43 am Girl, Interrupted  
1:45 pm Analyze This  
3:26 pm Girl, Interrupted\*  
5:28 pm Analyze This\*  
\*(Repeated throughout the night)

**Channel 4 or 19 Movie Ch. 2**

8:00 am The Love Letter  
9:27 am The Red Violin  
11:40 am The Love Letter  
1:07 pm The Red Violin  
3:20 pm The Love Letter\*  
4:47 pm The Red Violin\*  
\*(Repeated throughout the night)

**Channel 5 or 21 Cruise Channel**

Nautical Information  
Casino Gaming Video

11:15 pm Filipino Crew Show

**Channel 6 or 8 Port Channel**

Shore Excursion Briefing  
Port Talk: Tallinn &  
St. Petersburg

**Casino Bar Sports Channel**  
(pending reception)

## TONIGHT'S SHOW

In keeping with Holland America Line's tradition of excellence, Captain Dirk van den Berg has selected Frank Berry from among the finest entertainers on the line to present to his guests on this cruise. Comedian Frank Berry started out in Canada doing a magic act where he exhausted all the local venues such as logging camps, Indian reservations, and some rather dubious clubs in Vancouver's Chinatown. He has worked on radio, stage and several TV series including *Sunday Night at the London Palladium*, not only as a comedian but also as master of ceremonies. Frank appeared on the opening of the Disney Channel, where he stayed for three years appearing on the Epcot TV Magazine Shows. Frank has also written, produced, and appeared in twenty inspirational spots for the Disney Channel.

## TODAY'S MOVIES

Wajang Theater, Promenade Deck 7

### THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY

2:00 pm and 5:45 pm

*STARRING: Matt Damon and Gwyneth Paltrow*  
*Thriller - 2 hours 19 minutes - Rated PG-13*

### DOUBLE JEOPARDY

8:15 pm and 10:15 pm

*STARRING: Ashley Judd and Tommy Lee Jones*  
*Thriller - 1 hour 45 minutes - Rated R*

Popcorn is served & soft drinks are available for purchase  
15 minutes prior to each feature presentation.

## BARS & LOUNGES

### OCEAN BAR

Upper Promenade Deck 8  
10:00 am - 12:30 am

#### The Starfire Trio

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
7:15 pm - 8:15 pm  
9:15 pm - 12:00 mn  
The Starfire Trio  
invites you to enjoy easy  
listening and dance music.

### PIANO BAR

Upper Promenade Deck 8  
9:00 pm - wee hours

#### Perry Grant

9:15 pm - wee hours  
Join Perry & the  
Cruise Staff  
at 9:45 pm for  
**Sing Along**

### CROW'S NEST

Sports Deck 12  
4:30 pm - wee hours

#### The Bahamas Quartet

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
7:15 pm - 8:15 pm  
9:15 pm - 12:00 mn  
At midnight, it's  
**"DJ John"!**

### EXPLORERS LOUNGE

Upper Promenade Deck 8  
7:30 pm - 12:00 mn

#### Champagne Strings

9:30 pm - 12:00 mn  
Enjoy espresso, coffee  
specials or hand-dipped  
chocolates  
and classical music.



# DAY AT A GLANCE!

7:00 am	<b>The ms Maasdam</b> is expected to dock in Tallinn, Estonia.
7:00 am- 7:00 pm	♥ <b>Workout in the gym</b> <i>Maximum 2 stamps</i>
7:30 am- 8:00 am	♥ <b>Walk-A-Mile meet at lifeboat #8</b> <i>Lower Promenade, Deck 6</i>
7:45 am- 9:15 am	<b>Your Port Lecturer Joe</b> is on the pier.
8:00 am	♥ <b>Bums, Legs and Tums</b> <i>Ocean Spa, Lido Deck 11</i>
9:00 am- 3:00 pm	<b>The Daily Quiz is available</b> <i>Reading Room, Deck 8</i>
9:00 am- 5:00 pm	<b>The Library is open</b> <i>Reading Room, Deck 8</i>
9:00 am- 9:00 pm	<b>Sports Equipment</b> is available <i>Outside Decks 6, 10 &amp; 12</i>
9:15 am	♥ <b>Open Quoits Challenge</b> <i>Sports Deck 12</i>
10:15 am	♥ <b>Mixed Doubles' Ping Pong</b> <i>Navigation Deck 10, aft</i>
10:30 am-11:00 am	<b>Lemonade is served</b> <i>Outside Decks</i>
11:00 am- 2:30 pm	<b>The Wine Desk is open</b> <i>Lido Poolside, Deck 11</i>
11:15 am	<b>"Mad Gabbing" Game</b> <i>Ocean Bar, Deck 8</i>
1:30 pm	<b>Trivia Quiz</b> <i>Ocean Bar, Deck 8</i>
2:00 pm	<b>Informal Bridge Game</b> (non-hosted) <i>Card Room, Deck 8</i>
3:00 pm	♥ <b>Basketball Free Throw</b> <i>Sports Deck, 12</i>
3:00 pm- 5:00 pm	<b>Basketball is available</b> <i>Sports Deck, 12</i>
3:30 pm- 4:00 pm	<b>Afternoon Tea is served</b> <i>Rotterdam Dining Room, Deck 8</i>
3:30 pm- 4:00 pm	<b>Enjoy some Iced Tea</b> <i>Outside Decks</i>
4:00 pm	<b>ART PREVIEW</b> <i>Explorers Lounge, Deck 4</i>
4:30 pm	♥ <b>Mixed Volleyball Game</b> <i>Sports Deck, 12</i>
4:30 pm- 5:00 pm	♥ <b>Walk-A-Mile meet at lifeboat #8</b> <i>Lower Promenade, Deck 6</i>
4:30 pm	<b>ART AUCTION</b> <i>Explorers Lounge, Deck 8</i>

4:45 pm	<b>SNOWBALL CASH BINGO</b> The jackpot is growing! <i>Rembrandt Lounge, Deck 7</i>
5:00 pm	♥ <b>Stretch and Relax Class</b> <i>Ocean Spa, Lido Deck 11</i>
5:00 pm	<b>Friends of "Bill W." Meeting</b> <i>Hudson Room, Deck 7</i>
5:00 pm	<b>ALL ABOARD!</b>
5:00 pm- 6:00 pm	<b>Cocktail Time</b> <i>Crow's Nest 12 &amp; Ocean Bar 8</i>
5:30 pm	<b>The ms Maasdam sails for</b> <b>St. Petersburg, Russia.</b>
6:00 pm- close	<b>The Casino is open</b> for your gaming pleasure! <i>Casino, Deck 8</i>
7:15 pm- 8:15 pm	<b>Cocktail Time</b> <i>Crow's Nest 12 &amp; Ocean Bar 8</i>
7:45 pm	<b>Dance to the Orchestra</b> <i>Rembrandt Lounge, Decks 7, 8</i>
8:30 pm	<b>SHOWTIME</b> for First Sitting <i>Rembrandt Lounge, Decks 7, 8</i>
9:30 pm-12:00 mn	<b>Cigars Under the Stars</b> <i>Dolphin Bar, Lido Deck 11</i>
9:45 pm	<b>SING ALONG</b> with Perry Grant & the Cruise Staff <i>Piano Bar, Deck 8</i>
10:15 pm	<b>SHOWTIME</b> for Second Sitting <i>Rembrandt Lounge, Decks 7,8</i>
11:15 pm	<b>FILIPINO CREW SHOW</b> <i>Rembrandt Lounge, Decks 7,8</i>
12:00 mn	<b>Our D.J. spins the hits</b> till the wee hours! <i>Crow's Nest, Deck 12</i>
12:00 mn	<b>Midnight Raffle!</b> <i>Casino, Deck 8</i>

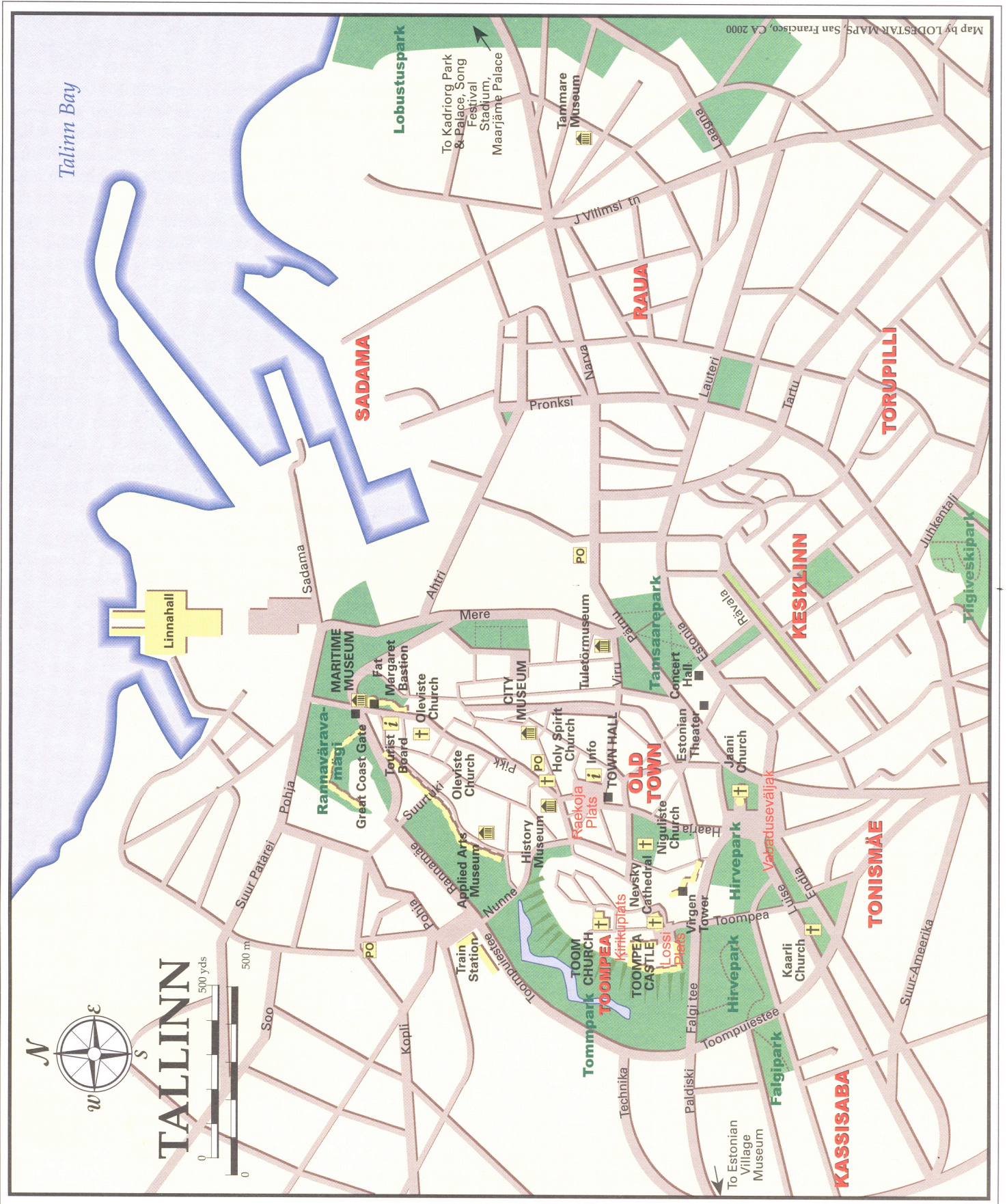
## SAY IT IN ESTONIAN

Good Morning .....	<i>Tere hommikust!</i>
Good Afternoon .....	<i>Tere paevast!</i>
Good Evening .....	<i>Tere obtust!</i>
How are you? .....	<i>Kuidas laheb?</i>
Fine .....	<i>Hasti</i>
Thank You .....	<i>Tanan</i>
Please .....	<i>Palum</i>
Yes/No .....	<i>ja/ei</i>
How much? .....	<i>Kui palu maksab?</i>
Where is the toilet? .....	<i>Kas asub tualettruum?</i>
Do you speak English? .....	<i>Taler De Engelsk?</i>

## MR. & MS. MAASDAM

They're on the loose! The first guest to discover either one will receive some great prizes. Don't be shy and ask around!







# HOLLAND AMERICA LINE

## *calls at* TALLINN, ESTONIA

*Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.*

— Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-68), Civil rights leader. "Letter from Birmingham Jail" (publ. in *Why We Can't Wait* (1963)).

Estonian history closely parallels that of neighboring Latvia, but there are also some major differences between the neighbors. Probably the main difference is found in the people themselves. Estonians and Finns are closely related to each other and to Hungarian people. Other countries in the region do not share this ancestry. Evidence of human inhabitants in Estonia dates back 10,000 years, though little detail is known of the pre-historic peoples until the arrival of the Germanic Goths who ravaged the face of Europe during the first century AD. By that time the Estonians had organized themselves into a loosely knit clannish society, but they were no match for the fierce warrior society, so they were forced to retreat northward. Reaching the Gulf of Finland, they more or less settled in what is now Estonia. Some continued northward and finally reached what is now Finland.

By the 11th century, the Russian empire began to extend eastward. The Estonians rebelled and destroyed encroaching Russian fortifications, but strife with the eastern empire continued. And the Russians were not the only threat. In 1202, the Pope raised a Crusade against the "northern heathen." The pagan Estonians were targeted, and an order of German Knights was dispatched to "persuade" the people to embrace Christianity. The Knights of the Sword donned a white robe with a fiery emblem depicting a sword and cross. The costume was chillingly similar to garb worn in modern times by members of the Ku Klux Klan. The Knights were given free domain over the region of Livonia, which included about half of Estonia and Latvia. The northern section of Estonia went to the Danes and in 1219, Denmark's King Voldemar II took the fortress of the northern Estonian Rävåla people to base his own forces. This move gave Tallinn its name since *Taani* means "Danish," and *linn* means "city."

Eventually, the entire region came under German rule when Denmark sold their holdings to the knights after a mid-14th century insurrection. The rural people suffered greatly after this transaction. The Germans were concerned only with developing the trading ports, among which Tallinn numbered. The inland areas were left to impoverished workers and their elite land-owning masters.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

*In each port of call, there are many interesting sights. While we try to include the main points, our listing is by no means exhaustive. Tallinn's old city spills over Toompea Hill into the Lower City. A pair of steep narrow streets named Pikk jalg (long leg) and Lühike jalg (short leg) for obvious reasons, link the two sections. The city wall remains intact.*

### TOOMPEA

Tallinn's center has always been Toompea, a steep-sloped hill upon which the Danes built Toompea Castle in 1219. Nothing at all remains of the original fortress, but the Knights of the Sword rebuilt the structure in the 13th century and some of their towers still stand. Though they were damaged in the 16th century under Swedish attack,

The Livonian War against Sweden erupted in 1558 and lasted nearly three decades. Though fighting continued afterward, Ivan the Terrible claimed Estonia and it remained under Swedish rule. Times improved under the Scandinavians. Tartu University was established in 1632 and universal education was introduced, but Russia loomed as a specter in the east and Sweden lost Estonia to Peter the Great in 1721. Estonian nationalism was born under Russian subjugation. By the 19th century, the movement was seen as a threat to Russian rule and Czar Alexander took steps to quell it.

Estonia finally won independence in 1921 and by the end of the decade, it had grown into an established State. Unfortunately, the world was hit with a severe depression and the tiny fledgling nation was left floundering. A movement to end parliament arose in 1933, but President Konstantin Päts moved quickly to ban political parties and restrict civil rights in order to save his nation. In the tumultuous years leading to WWII, Russia took control of Estonia once again. Fear of growing German power prompted the takeover. Tallinn was heavily damaged during the war.

On October 21, 1976, Estonia's organized nationalists wrote a letter to the United States Congress protesting Soviet rule. A decade later, in the wake of glasnost, the movement had grown powerful and on August 20, 1991, Estonia declared independence. Though the transition to a market economy has been turbulent, Estonian independence and the strong ties to its Finnish big sister aided stability across the Gulf. There is much Finnish investment in the tiny country today and the supermarkets are much better stocked than those of neighboring Baltic States. Many pacts were signed with the United States and the European Union after the Estonians gained autonomy, but in recent months, one agreement has perhaps overshadowed all others. On January 16, 1988 all three Baltic presidents signed the United States - Baltic Charter, a military co-operation pact that may eventually ease entry into NATO. Estonia's President Lennart Meri is a forward thinking pragmatist who has led the country into growing prosperity since independence. Free elections are held every four years.

they are impressive, particularly Pikk Hermann ("tall Hermann") at the southwestern corner. The views from the hill are magnificent.

Near the castle, 19th-century Alexander Nevsky Cathedral is beautiful, but it looks somewhat out of place in the midst of the 13th- and 14th-century old town.



## **DOME CHURCH**

St. Mary's Church, known to the Estonians as their beloved *Toom Kirik*, is the country's oldest cathedral. Still in use, parts of the Lutheran church date from the 14th century. The original cathedral was built in 1219, but after a fire ravaged the city in 1684, the structure pretty much had to be rebuilt. The transept is lined with elaborately carved tombs in which the privileged people from former times are buried. One of the tombs features a Greek temple façade carved from marble. Just inside the main entrance, visitors are often surprised by and try to avoid stepping upon Otto Johann Thuve's tomb. In fact, he asked to be buried there so he would be stepped on as penance for the good life he enjoyed. Crests of Baltic nobles fill the walls. Organ recitals are hosted throughout the year. Attend one if you have the opportunity. The Dome Church, is open every day, except Monday, from 9:00am until 5:00pm. Services are held on Sunday and there is often an organ recital Saturday at noon.

## **KIEK IN DE KÖK**

The city's whimsically German-named Kiek in de Kök ("Peep in the kitchen"), is an old cannon tower dating from the late 15th century. But one of many relics from the country's German history, visitors must ascend five flights of worn stairs to explore the museum that it houses. The good news is that the effort is well worthwhile. Photographs of old Tallinn are displayed along with a collection of antique weaponry, maps and city models. The panoramic view of the old town is superb. It might be said that observers in the tower could peek into the kitchens of residents, thus the tower's name. The tower, near the Dome Church, is open daily, except Monday until 5:30pm. Weekend hours are shortened.

## **OLEVISTE KIRIK**

The 400-foot high tower of St. Olaf's Church, at Pikk 48, once held sway as the Europe's tallest, but the Köln Cathedral later took the title away. Though the church was named for Norway's 11th-century King Olaf II,

legend recalls Olev, the cathedral's designer who offered to build it free of charge if the people of Tallinn could discover his name. According to the tale, the architect died when he fell from the tower. A toad and a snake emerged from his open mouth at the base. Look for a carved panel in the Chapel of Our Lady next door to the cathedral. Services are held Sunday at 10:00am and 5:00pm, Monday at 5:30pm, Thursday at 6:30pm, and Friday at 6:00pm.

## **FAT MARGARET TOWER**

At the beginning of the 16th century, it was determined that the northern approach to Tallinn was too exposed and vulnerable, so a massive tower was built for protection. The tower, at Pikk 70, has been restored several times in its long history, most recently as the Estonian Maritime Museum. The museum opens daily, except Monday and Tuesday from 10:00am until 6:00pm. Those with an interest in nautical history will find the collection fascinating. The view from the roof is superb. In the courtyard, a white cross was placed in memory of the 852 people who died when the Estline Company's *Estonia* ferry capsized on September 28, 1994. The ship was heading to Tallinn from Stockholm when the Europe's worst nautical disaster struck.

From the tower, visitors can explore the remaining old city walls. Built in the 14th century, *Nunna*, *Sauna*, and *Kuldjala* towers, the oldest that still stand, are always open, but be careful on the steep stone staircases.

## **DOMINICAN MONASTERY**

Established in 1246, Tallinn's Dominiiklaste Klooster was the Estonian home to an order of Scandinavian monks who were instrumental in bringing Christianity to the formerly pagan region. The brothers also helped establish educational systems in Tallinn. The cloister was looted during Martin Luther's 16th century Reformation and a tragic fire struck in 1531. Fortunately, the ornate stone carvings inside have been preserved. Visitors are invited to explore within the thick medieval walls every day, except Monday, from 11:00am until 5:00pm.

## **LEV KRICHEVSKY**

In 1997, construction began on a synagogue and Jewish community center in Tallinn. The four-story building was given an official nod from the Estonian Cabinet allowing the community to provide care for its elderly residents as well as religious training for young people. Prior to the construction, services for Tallinn's 2,000 Jews were held in rented space.

## **ESTONIAN VILLAGE MUSEUM**

The open-air Rocca al Mare, at Vabaõhumuuseumi 12, showcases 18th- and 19th-century Estonian rural life. Most of the buildings were dismantled, moved, and re-assembled at the site, although some are recreations. Visitors stroll along wooded trails, guided by signs in four languages, including English, to explore the hundred old buildings or just enjoy a walk down to the Kopli Gulf. A traditional luncheon of pea soup and other Estonian delicacies are served at the site's Kolu Tavern. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10:00am until 7:00pm.

## **MAARJAMÄE PALACE**

The road leading east from the capital traverses pretty Kadriorg Park where an 18th-century palace of the same name is the official home of the Estonian President. The mansion was a gift from Peter the Great to his beloved Catherine when he captured Estonia in the 18th century. About a mile north of the mansion, Maarjamäe Palace was built later and has been restored as the Estonian History Museum. The outdoor staircase once led down to the sea and is now a familiar landmark on the road that connects Tallinn and Pirita. Built as a summer villa, it became the history museum in 1975 after serving several other functions. Estonian history and the struggle for independence are well documented. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11:00am until 5:30pm.

## **CONVENT OF ST. BIRGITTA**

Pirita Klooster, about a mile past Maarjamäe Palace, is marked by the single gable that remains standing. The rest of the cloister was leveled in a fierce attack led by Ivan the Terrible in 1577. The Swedish victors took



what was left of the building for new construction in the capital. Established in the beginning of the 15th century, the convent was unique in that it housed both monks and nuns. The order has been revived and is based in the old city.

#### SHOPPING TIPS

The unit of currency is the *kroon*. The kroon is a fairly stable currency and has been freely traded on the open market since its introduction in 1992.

Souvenir hunters might look for hand-knitted Estonian woolens, basketry, glassware, or folk costumes. Estonian dolls can be very expressive and delicate. Barbie doesn't hold a candle to any of them. The traditional *Kadaka turg* (market) is the busiest in town. Visitors and residents alike throng the marketplace in search of fresh and handcrafted goods. The market, at the intersection of Mustamäe and Tammsaare Streets, opens early, so try to get there before 10:00am or there will be little left. The city's other large market, Keskturg, at Turu põik 2. The markets close at 3pm, but most Estonian shops close at 6pm weekdays. Most business close at 4pm on Saturday and do not re-open until Monday.

#### LANGUAGE

The official language is Estonian, which is closely related to Finnish. Many people speak German, Swedish, or Russian. Try the following Estonian phrases:

hello = <i>tere</i>	goodbye = <i>head aega</i>	where is...? = <i>kus on...?</i>
please = <i>palun</i>	open/closed = <i>avatud/ suletud</i>	you're welcome = <i>palun</i>
yes/no = <i>jah/ei</i>	toilet = <i>tualett</i> [or] <i>wc</i> ( <i>vay tsay</i> )	viva Estonia! = <i>elagu Eesti!</i>
OK = <i>ikka käib</i>	exchange office = <i>valuutavahetus</i>	how much? = <i>kui palju see maksab?</i>
port = <i>sadam</i>	how's it going? = <i>kuidas käsi käib?</i>	thank you = <i>tänan</i> [or] <i>aitäh</i>
ship = <i>reisi-laev</i>	cheers! = <i>terviseks!</i>	I don't understand = <i>ma ei saa aru</i>

While Tallinn is relatively crime-free, please watch for pickpockets – especially in crowded areas like Old Town and Kadaka market. Remain constantly aware of your possessions and leave irreplaceable items aboard ship.

#### ARRIVAL INFORMATION

The ship docks at the **Port of Tallinn**. Facilities are limited at the pier. Passengers wishing to venture ashore independently will find that it is not far to the central area. Estonian taxi drivers are generally extremely polite and friendly, but be sure the driver understands you *before* leaving the dock to avoid misunderstandings. *Private cars may be available for reservation, but please inquire at least 48 hours in advance. Note private arrangements may be subject to communication and cancellation fees.*

#### HOTELS & RESTAURANTS

Estonian food is eclectic and it is hard to find a truly unique Estonian dish. Candidates can be found outside the country, but are probably unfamiliar enough to Westerners that they qualify. *Seljanka* is a thick soup. Try some with a helping of *sült*, a gelatinous substance that was once meat. Schnitzel, widely available, betrays German history and it is served with *mulgikapsas*, a heavy sauerkraut. Influences from years of German, Swedish and Russian rule have made their way into the kitchen as well as society. Most cafés serve Western fare, though Scandinavian treats, like smoked trout, are fairly easy to find. The old city is filled with cafés.

#### Historic Footprints...

50,000BC	Nomads roam the Baltic region.
8000	Estonian ancestors settle.
100AD	Goths ravage Europe. Finno-Ugrian people reach Estonia.
1030	Oldest written records of Tartu. Kievan Rus expands into Estonian territory.
1154	Arabian investigator al-Idrisi describes the city of Qalaven (present-day Tallinn).
1202	Pope calls for a Crusade against the pagans in Northern Europe.
1208	Bishop of Riga organizes German knights to attack Estonia, stem pagans.
1219	Danish King Valdemar II rules establishes the capital of Tallinn (lit. "Danish capital"). Toompea Castle at Tallinn.
1248	Tallinn trades with Hanseatic League.
1343	Estonian uprising, Denmark sells Estonian lands to German knights.
1523	Tallinn joins the Hanseatic League.
1523	Estonian Reformation.
1525	First Estonian language book is published. Book publishing is decreed a royal privilege by the Swedish authorities and the Estonian volumes are destroyed as "heretical."
1558	Livonian War. Northern Estonia under Sweden. Poland-Lithuania rule south.
c1600	Sweden gains control of the south.
1700	Northern War. Russia annexes Estonia.
1816	Serfdom is abolished.
1857	National epic <i>Kalevipoeg</i> is published.
1918	Treaty of Brest-Litovsk ends Russian control. The Estonian Republic declares independence on February 24.
1920	Tartu-Dorpat peace treaty. Estonian independence is recognized in Moscow.
1939	Molotov-Ribbentrop pact divides Eastern Europe between Hitler and Stalin.
1939	Russian military occupies Estonia. Baltic Germans are deported/emigrate.
1940	Soviet Union annexes Estonia.
1941	Germany occupies the Baltic states. Many Estonians are executed.
1949	Stalinist policy ruins Soviet economy. <i>Metsavennaad</i> ("Brothers of the Forest") is established to resist.
1953	Stalin dies.
1968	Open political resistance in Estonia.
1980	Intellectuals compose <i>Letter of 40</i> to protest Russian rule. Students demonstrate.
1988	<i>Singing Revolution</i> . Thousands of Estonians gather to sing mass in Tallinn. Estonian sovereignty is granted.
1990	Lithuania declares independence.
1991	Following the attempted Soviet coup in August, Estonia declares independence.
1992	Lennart Meri elected president. Conservative PM Mart Laar is nominated.
1994	Trade agreement between Estonia, EU.
1995	Estonia becomes Associate EU Member. Tiit Vähi nominated PM. but dissolves in phone tapping scandal (Estonian "Watergate"). Lennart becomes PM.

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