



Info Pages of Tartu City

Summer 2007

The University of Tartu celebrating its 375th anniversary will get another main building

The title is absolutely right: the University of Tartu, preparing for the celebrations of its 375th anniversary, will ask its students of art to paint a lively picture of the main building on the wall of von Bock`s building (16, Ülikooli Street) so that the university might have grand scale anniversary celebrations in October.

In autumn the Queen of Sweden Silvia will pay an official visit to Tartu to participate in the celebrations of the 375th anniversary of the University of Tartu which was founded by the King of Sweden Gustav II Adolf.



The University of Tartu is the oldest and most honourable establishment of higher education in Estonia and one of the oldest and renowned universities in Northern and Eastern Europe.

Beer Colours Place – the first beer cocktail bar in Estonia



The Beer Colours Place represents an entirely new side of Estonian beer drinking culture which tries to bring high-quality classical beer, original beer cocktails, special refreshments, proper music and atmosphere together.

In ultra-modern interior design the state-of-the-art technical solutions have been used.

For example, in addition to ordinary menus on paper it is possible to read the information about food and drink on the computer screen installed into the glass tables. To order beer, there is a special push-button Premium. Movable ceilings-mirrors, the walls and stairs changing color and two walls of plasma screens are most original elements of the interior design. In the weekend DJs entertain visitors.

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The Hanseatic barge "JÖMMU" – unique in the whole world Emajõgi- Peipsi vessel



Unfortunately not a single Peipsi barge has survived. The Hanseatic barge "Jömmu", built in 2006 and recognized as the winner of the title "The best deed of 2006", is the first of this type. It is planned to build a good pier, to open a river museum exposition and mobile workshops. The Emajõgi Barge Society is presently building a nine-meter-long Viking ship and her keel

is already there in the barge shipyard. The society plans to launch the Viking ship in the spring of 2008.

The Athens Conference and Cultural Centre

The Athens Conference and Cultural Centre is restored and designed for a demanding visitor who appreciates grand atmosphere and high quality service. The building erected in the 18th century and restored in 2007 in the same style has three halls with the seating capacity for 900 people.

In addition to conferences, concerts, theatre performances and the shows of the best films in the world take place. Together with the Art Museum of Tartu the centre has exhibited different top class pieces of art in its gallery.

The hotel "DORPAT" – the largest hotel in Tartu, the largest conference and banquet centre in Southern Estonia and the Health Spa Dorpat.



In July the Dorpat, the largest hotel in Tartu, being six-storeyed with 410 beds on the banks of the River Emajõgi, was opened helping raise the number of hotel places by one third. In the hotel "Dorpat", beside conference services, one of the most important service is the spa which was practically missing in the area.

There are five rooms for special needs people with mobility problems. A whole storey is reserved for the allergic people.

St. John's Church and the observation platform

St. John's Church of Tartu, being a most original church dating back to the 14th century, has about 1000 terracotta sculptures of high artistic value which because of their size and number are very special in Europe. In the spire of the church there is an observation platform where visitors can have a look at the beautiful centre of Tartu. This is the best place to start acquainting oneself with Tartu.

The web page of Tartu window of culture <http://kultuuriaken.tartu.ee> – now also in English

The aim of the window is to provide information about the cultural and sports events in Tartu. From the beginning of June the window is also in the English language. Have an interesting life – kultuuriaken!

The new location of the Information Centre of Tartu is the ground floor of the Town Hall building.

On 29 June, the Day of Tartu, the Information Centre of Tartu was opened on the ground floor of the Town Hall building which offers the citizens of Tartu opportunities to communicate with the municipal agencies and for the visitors of Tartu to get tourist information. The visit to the Information Centre allows visitors to get acquainted with the interior of the Town Hall. The Information Centre offers publications in different languages and souvenirs. There are also computers for the general public, WiFi, hot drinks and cold water for drinking and an opportunity to read daily newspapers. In the exhibition hall people can get acquainted with the designs, sketches and scale models of the buildings. There is an exhibition about the history of the Town Council. Several other exhibitions can be opened. There is a ramp for wheelchairs and perambulators, also a toilet for special needs people.



The Information Centre of Tartu is open in summer

Monday – Friday	9 – 18
Saturday	10 – 17
Sunday	10 – 15

In winter

Monday – Friday	9 – 17
Saturday	10 - 15

Tourist information tel. 7442 111
City information tel. 7361 101

Tartu is a city of museums – there are 36 museums and galleries

In the old town, in Lutsu Street there is the only Toy Museum of Estonia taking adults back to the bright days of their childhood. For children there is much to see and do.

In St. Antonius Guild you can watch craftsmen making nice things in more than 20 workshops.

In addition, there is much to see in different

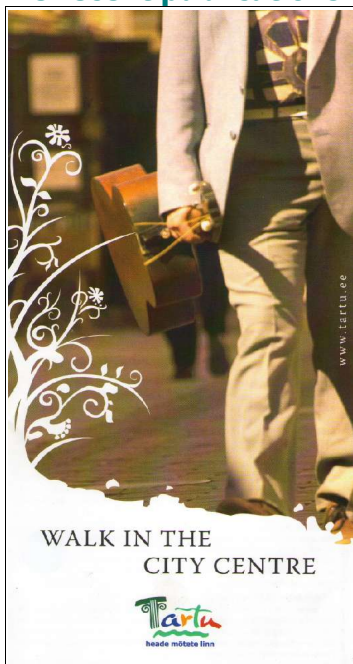
museums of Tartu – for example, the beer museum at the A Le Coq Brewery shows the process of making beer. There are several museums and exhibitions in the buildings of the University of Tartu, the Botanical Garden and the churches. Art lovers are happy to find many galleries, salons and art shops.



In the County of Tartu there is an aviation museum, the only one in Estonia. It is also possible to go to the agriculture museum and participate in thematic workshops. Tourists can acquaint themselves with the life of Old Believers on the shores of Lake Peipsi, the indigenous Russians living in Estonia for hundreds of years.



The recent publications



"Walk in the City Centre" – the folder describing the 2.5-hour-route in the centre including most important sights.

"Walking in Tartu" – the folder gives an overview of 6 routes in different districts providing information about the history and the architecture of Tartu.

In the series "The Knapsack of the County of Tartu" the following publications have come out: "Nature reserves and trails in the County of Tartu" (in English), "The Knapsack of the County of Tartu" (in English). Publications are available in the Information Centre.

Important events until the end of the year

17–20 August	II River Emajõgi Festival
25–26 August	Extreme sports festival "Extreme Battle 2007"
28 August – 2 September	Open Air Film Festival "Tartuff"
1–9 September	Interdisciplinary Avant-Garde Culture Festival "Eclectica"
3–8 September	Estonian Theatre Festival "Drama"
5–6 September	Vanemuine Street Culture Days
8 September	St. Mary's Fair
14 September	Tartu Science Festival
15 September	International Watersports Competition

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15 –16 September	10th Tartu Cycling Marathon
6 October	International Break Dance Competition "Battle of EST"
12–14 October	Jazz Festival and Youth Jazz Competition "RainbowJAZZ"
15–21 October	Tartu Autumn Days
3–4 November	International Dog Show
30 November–9 December	Black Nights Film Festival PÖFF
13–16 December	Antonius Guild Christmas Market
December (Advent)	Christmas City at Town Hall Square