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## **Viking Line to offer additional Tallinn sailings again this summer**

**Viking Line is increasing the number of departures on its Helsinki–Tallinn route again this summer. Estonia is still the most popular destination for Finns, and in response to this strong summer demand Viking Line is expanding capacity between June 18 and August 14, 2016. It is a good idea to book summer sailings ahead of time since many departures fill up quickly despite the expanded service.**

Passenger volume on cruises and scheduled sailings to Tallinn peaks during the summer so Viking Line is again adding departures this year on its Helsinki–Tallinn route. As in past summers, the M/S Gabriella and M/S Mariella will make daytime sailings to Tallinn instead of anchoring in Helsinki for the day. Because of the increased number of departures, there will also be more space for cars, which is in great demand on scheduled service to Tallinn.

“Demand on the Helsinki–Tallinn route is especially great during the summer season. We recommend that people book their trip well in advance since many departures will be fully booked, even though there are more than 30 departures on this route some days,” says Jaakko Ahti, Route Manager at Viking Line.

### **Estonia is a popular destination for families with children**

The main attractions in Estonia are museums, theme parks and various sights as well as the wide range of shopping and restaurants available. New additions to Viking Line’s summer line-up for families with children include the adventure parks in Nõmme and Pirita, which passengers can purchase tickets for at the time they book their trip.

Older children like to visit Tallinn Legends, a journey of experiences in the heart of the Old Town that takes place in medieval arched cellars. During their journey, visitors will experience nine different Tallinn legends, performed by professional actors. Performances begin every fifteen minutes and are enhanced with special effects such as sounds and smoke.

In addition to travelling for leisure, a growing number of people travel to Estonia to make purchases, such as eyeglasses and construction materials, or to have their car serviced. The range of goods available in Estonia is slightly different than in Finland. For instance, high-quality hand-crafted furniture can be bought at reasonable prices.

The additional summer sailings on the Mariella and Gabriella will also allow shorter day cruises from Helsinki to Tallinn. Picnic cruises, where no one goes ashore, take six hours. Of course, all the summer activities and play areas for children as well as the wide range of shopping and restaurant options are available to these cruise passengers. Passengers can have their car parked conveniently on the car deck during their picnic cruise, and spaces can also be booked in advance.

**Viking Line's summer timetable, June 18–August 14, 2016:**

Day	Vessel	HEL→TAL	Day	Vessel	TAL→HEL
Mon-Sun	Ma/Ga	10.30 → 13.15	Mon-Sun	XPRS	8.00 → 10.30
Mon-Sun	XPRS	11.30 → 14.00	Mon-Sun	Ma/Ga	14.00 → 16.50
Mon-Sat	XPRS	21.30 → 00.00/7.00	Mon-Sat	XPRS	18.00 → 20.30
Sun	XPRS	20.00 → 22.30/7.00	Sun	XPRS	16.30 → 19.00

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