



# Welcome!

THE BALTICS AND FINLAND ARE WAITING FOR YOU!



# Facts about Estonia

#### NATURE



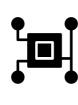
The national bird of Estonia is the barn **swallow**. One of **the biggest meteorites to hit the Earth** landed in Kaali, Saaremaa.

The country is **flat as a pancake** – its highest peak is 318 metres (1,043 ft) above sea level – and it's also the highest in the Baltic states.

### DIGITAL

Skype & Transferwise

were invented in Estonia by Estonian developers.



Estonia is one of the world's most advanced digital societies - **e-voting**, **e-tax declaration**, **e-residency**, etc.



Estonia is third in Europe regarding the **highest number of startups per capita**.

#### PEOPLE

Arvo Pärt is an Estonian composer of classical and religious music, whose work has influenced the music of the second half of the 20th century everywhere in the world. Challenge to learn Estonian language - Estonian is the most difficult Latin alphabet-based language to learn.

Jõululaululaulja – Christmas caroller



Estonians have invented their own sports - **kiiking.** It involves fastening yourself to a giant standing swing and making a 360 degree rotation.









# Facts about Lithuania

### NATURE



White storks are the national symbol of Lithuania and children believe storks bring babies. Lithuania is the only country in the world with its own official scent, called **"the** Scent of Lithuania".



Tracing spa roots from as early as Ancient Greece, **mud therapy has secured a reputation as a new and effective treatment method in Lithuania.** 

### DIGITAL



LITHUANIA RANKS 4TH globally for information technology skills.



Lithuania has been transforming itself into a very **startup-friendly country** in recent years.



Lithuania accounts for **more than half of the global market** of pico-second **laser** spectrometers.

PEOPLE



The basketball is the second religion in Lithuania, and **Arvydas Sabonis** is a legendary Lithuanian basketball player.



Filmmakers around the world are discovering Vilnius as an excellent location for film and TV productions: **Siberian Education (2013), Catherine the Great (2014), Tolstoy's War and Peace (2015), Chernobyl (2019)**  Lithuania is the first in the Central and Eastern Europe **for foreign language skills.** 







## Facts about Latvia

### NATURE



Nearly 1 in 3 of Latvia's two million residents lives in the capital, Riga, sometimes described as the Paris of the North. Latvia has **12,000 rivers** and **3,000 small lakes** – perfect if you like messing about in boats. **Black Balsam** is a traditional liquer made using 24 different plants, flowers, buds, juices, roots, oils and berries prepared in oak barrels.

#### INNOVATION



Latvia's internet speeds are among the fastest in the world, averaging 13.8MB/S airBaltic, founded in 1995, has its headquarters in Riga and flies to 68 destinations. It came up with a novel concept – letting passengers create their own in-flight meal while booking their tickets.

The country also gave the world its first spy camera - "Minox".

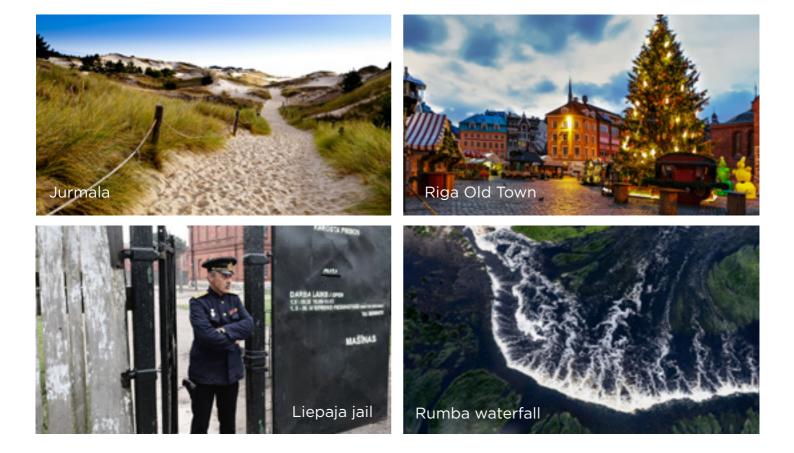
#### PEOPLE



Latvian tailor Jacob W. Davis invented jeans, after emigrating to the US. The inspiration for **Crocodile Dundee** may have been Arvīds Blūmentāls (or Crocodile Harry). Born in Dundaga in 1925, he moved to Australia in 1951 and spent years hunting crocs in Queensland.



With over **1 million folk songs**, Latvians love to sing.



# Facts about Finland

### NATURE



Heard about the Finnish Sauna tradition? There are more Saunas than cars in Finland; even Burger King in Helsinki has a Sauna. Finland has known as the "Land of a Thousand Lakes" -

188 000 lakes, to be precise.



There's a resort where you can sleep in a **glass** igloo and watch the northern lights.



Finns have the most convenient passport of the world. They can visit the most of the countries without getting a visa.



Finland was the first country in Europe to give **all women the right to vote.**  Finland is the only country in the developed world where **fathers spend more time with their children than mothers.** 

PEOPLE

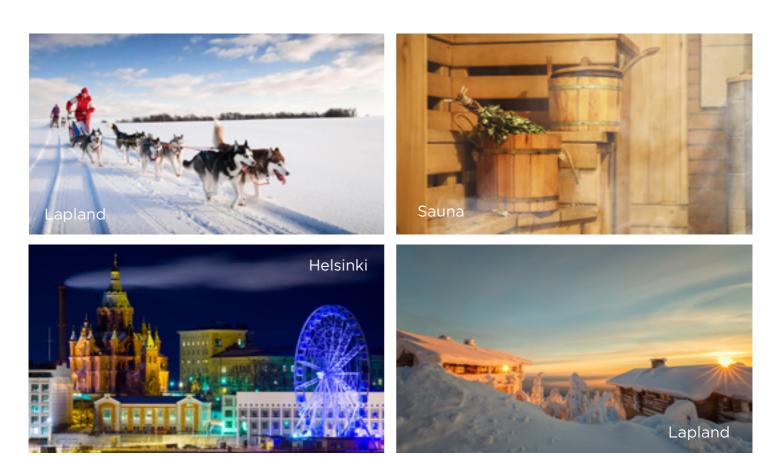
DEVELOPMENT



Finland is ranked #1 as the **happiest** country in the world.



The average Finn consumes **12 kilos of coffee each year**. They also have the world's **highest annual consumption of milk** per capita. Finland's most famous citizen **Santa Claus** has received almost 20 million letters from about 200 countries.





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- Incentive programs
- Excursions & special interest tours
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- Catering services
- Fixed date departure tours in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
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