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### GENERAL INFORMATION

Tallinn, Estonia

#### Tallinn, the venue, excursion, traveling, passport and visa, arriving



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**Tallinn** is the capital and largest city of Estonia. It is on the northern coast of the country, on the shore of the Gulf of Finland. From the 13th century until 1918 in languages other than Estonian, the city was known as Reval. Tallinn occupies an area of 159.2 km<sup>2</sup> and has a population of 453,328.

Tallinn, first mentioned in 1219, received city rights in 1248, but the earliest human settlements date back 5,000 years. The initial claim over the land was laid by the Danes in 1219, followed by a period of alternating Scandinavian and German rule. Due to its strategic location, the city became a major trade hub, especially from the 14th to the 16th century, when it grew in importance as part of the Hanseatic League.

Tallinn is the major political, financial, cultural and educational center of Estonia. Often dubbed the Silicon Valley of Europe, it has the highest number of start-ups per person in Europe and is a birthplace of many international companies, including Skype. The city is to house the headquarters of the European Union IT agency. Providing to the global cyber security it is the home to the NATO Cyber Defence Center of Excellence. The city was a European Capital of Culture for 2011, along with Turku in Finland.

Tallinn in Estonia and Helsinki in Finland are considered to be sister towns and cooperated intensively especially after 1992 when Estonia reclaimed its independence as a free Republic.

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#### Old Town

It can be arguably considered that Tallinn's main attractions are located in the old town of Tallinn (divided into a "lower town" and Toompea hill) which is easily explored on foot. Tallinn's Old Town is one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Town Hall Square, situated in the center of Old Tallinn, is used as a market place .



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#### The Venue

**Tallinn Teachers' House** (Õpetajate Maja)-*Town Hall Square (address Raekoja plats 14, Tallinn)*

FEPTO Conference and AM 2019 will be take place in the Teachers' House, which is in the center of Old Town. The Teachers' House is an events and training center in Tallinn Old Town, situated just on the Town Hall Square. Its historical milieu and the neoclassical rooms create an inspiring atmosphere and festive feeling for every event. You can have a look by an [open virtual tour](#) on the webpage.

