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Tallinn [www.tallinn-airport.ee](http://www.tallinn-airport.ee)

Riga [www.riga-airport.com](http://www.riga-airport.com)

#### Buses:

[www.tpilet.ee](http://www.tpilet.ee)

[www.luxexpress.eu](http://www.luxexpress.eu)

[www.ecolines.net](http://www.ecolines.net)

[www.simplexpress.eu](http://www.simplexpress.eu)

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[www.elron.ee](http://www.elron.ee)

[www.gorail.ee](http://www.gorail.ee)

[www.pv.lv/en](http://www.pv.lv/en)



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## SPORTING EVENTS IN SOUTH-ESTONIA 2016

### 11.-14.02. FIG International Rhythmic Gymnastics Tournament "Miss Valentine" & IFAAG European Championships. Tartu.

Glitz and glamour are brought to wintry Tartu by gymnasts and group gymnasts participating in one of the biggest gymnastics tournaments in Europe. Top gymnasts from almost 30 countries around the world will take part in this very enjoyable competition. <http://missvalentine.eu>

### 21.02. 44th Tartu Marathon. Otepää/Tartu County.

The Tartu Marathon is one of the oldest and one of the biggest ski marathons in the world. The traditional 63km marathon starts from Otepää and finishes in Elva, whereas the start for the half marathon (31 km) is given in Arula. There are also an Open Track event, Relay Marathon and races for children. [www.tartumaraton.ee](http://www.tartumaraton.ee)

### 05.03. 42th Haanja Marathon. Võru County.

The race is part of Estonia's long-distance ski series Estoloppet. [www.estoloppet.ee](http://www.estoloppet.ee)

### 23.04. 11th Võhandu Marathon. Võhandu River, Võru/Põlva County.

One of the toughest and most scenic canoe marathons in the world requires the participants to cover 100 kilometres within 24 hours. A truly unique challenge for every enthusiast. [www.vohandumaraton.ee](http://www.vohandumaraton.ee)

### 01.05. 87th Grand Race Round Lake Viljandi. Viljandi.

The Viljandi lake race is a bastion of continuity when it comes to sporting events. The annual race is very popular amongst runners. The participants must run a lap around the Viljandi lake passing two checkpoints, the route however is up to the athlete to decide. <http://viljandijarvejooks.ee>

### 08.05. 34th Tartu Cross-Country Run (Tartu Jooksumaraton). Otepää/Tartu County.

The most popular cross-country run in the Baltics. Every year 4000 runners come to enjoy the fabulous Estonian spring on the 23km track between Otepää and Elva. [www.tartumaraton.ee](http://www.tartumaraton.ee)

### **21.05. 4th Jõgeva Cycling Race (Jõgeva Rattaralli). Jõgeva.**

The start of the cycling race will be given in the Jõgeva city centre. The route follows scenic countryside roads of Jõgeva county with many slopes and beautiful views. Alongside the main race a short distance race (50,5 km) and kids bicycle race are also held. [www.jogevarattaralli.ee](http://www.jogevarattaralli.ee)

### **27.-28.05. Tour of Estonia**

Tour of Estonia is an international cycling race for professional cyclists, starting in Tallinn and finishing in Tartu, which takes the participants and spectators to several beautiful and interesting locations in Estonia. The race is in the competition calendar of the UCI. [www.tourofestonia.ee](http://www.tourofestonia.ee)

### **29.05. 35th Tartu Cycling Road Race (Tartu Rattaralli). Tartu.**

The legendary road cycling race is the biggest event of its kind in Eastern-Europe. A kids race is held alongside the main event. [www.tartumaraton.ee](http://www.tartumaraton.ee)

### **03.-05.06. Otepää Running Tour. Otepää.**

The goal of the marathon spanning three days is to promote healthy and active lifestyles, cross-country running, and to introduce people to the beautiful scenery of Otepää. [www.otepaajooksutuur.ee](http://www.otepaajooksutuur.ee)

### **08.-10.07. Tartu Mill Triathlon / ETU Sprint Triathlon European Cup. Tartu.**

The Tartu Mill city triathlon consists of the main event, which is a European Cup stage; an amateurs' triathlon for non-professionals and a special children's triathlon for the youngest triathletes. The competition track is challenging for the participants and well viewable for the spectators. [www.tartutriathlon.ee](http://www.tartutriathlon.ee)

### **15.-17.07. auto24 Rally Estonia 2016.**

The motorsport and entertainment event auto24 Rally Estonia 2016 is an official round of the FIA European Rally Championship. Top ERC drivers will race in historic and main rally classes in Tartu and on the fast gravel roads of South Estonia. On every special stage, spectator areas enable rally fans to view the rally safely in the most interesting locations. [www.rallyestonia.ee](http://www.rallyestonia.ee)

### **16.07. Mulgi Marathon. Ruhja (LV) -Karksi, Viljandi County (EST)**

A unique running marathon takes the runners from Ruhja, Latvia to Karksi, Estonia. The international sports event offers frequent runners a well-organized marathon experience and a chance to fulfil their athletic ambitions. The Mulgi marathon introduces the interesting and beautiful Mulgimaa to sports lovers. <http://mulgimaraton.ee>

### **05.-07.08. IRONMAN 70.3 Otepää / IRONKIDS / SmileRun Otepää.**

The first ever Estonian IRONMAN 70.3 race will be held on the 6th of August 2016. This is the biggest triathlon competition in the Baltics, featuring the leading triathletes from around the world. <http://eu.ironman.com> ; <http://trismiletri.ee>

### **20.08. 17th Otepää Cycling Marathon. Otepää.** [www.mtbest.ee](http://www.mtbest.ee)

### **20.08. Gran Fondo Estonia.**

The Hawaii Express Gran Fondo Estonia is a new and unique cycling event. For it is a race, that is actually not a race! The participants wear identical outfits and ride in unison from Tallinn to Tartu. The distance is 230 km and the maximum number of participants allowed is 500. <http://granfondoestonia.com>

### **21.08. 10th Tartu Inline Skating Race. Tartu.**

This is the biggest inline skating marathon in the Baltic States and in Scandinavia. Day before the main event the Tartu Inline Sprint and events for children are held. Every year more than 1500 people take part in the skating events, where amateurs can compete alongside some of the best inline skaters in Eastern Europe. [www.tartumaraton.ee](http://www.tartumaraton.ee)

### **24.-28.08. Summer Biathlon World Championships. Otepää.** [www.biathlon.ee](http://www.biathlon.ee)

### **18.09. 19th Tartu Mountain Bike Race (Tartu Rattamaraton). Otepää/Elva.**

The third largest cross country marathon in the world offers cyclists of different age groups and fitness levels the pleasure of participating in one of the toughest cycling marathons. Every year around 7500 people take up the challenge. The two main distances are 89 and 40 km long and take the cyclists away from the city noise, to the varied landscape of South-Estonia. [www.tartumaraton.ee](http://www.tartumaraton.ee)

### **23.-24.09. Tartu Rally 2016. Tartu.**

The Tartu Rally is a motorsport event spanning two days with 10 special stages in and around Tartu. Over 80 participating teams come from the Baltic States, Russia, Ukraine and other countries. [www.tarturally.eu](http://www.tarturally.eu)

### **24.09. 13th HAANJA100 MTB 2016. Haanja, Võru County.**

The toughest cycling event in Estonia is the perfect chance to test your physical and mental abilities in an ultramarathon. The vertical climb of the course is ca. 1600 m. The race has become a "must attend" event for many riders in Estonia and abroad. [www.haanja100.ee/en](http://www.haanja100.ee/en)

### **01.10. 5th Tartu City Marathon. Tartu.**

The Tartu City Marathon course, which runs on the streets of the historical university town, is considered as one of the most exciting marathon courses in Estonia. The race is run in the following distances: marathon (42 km), half-marathon (21 km) as well as a 10 km Tartu City Run and Tartu Student Marathon. Nordic walkers are also welcome to take part in the 10 km events. [www.tartumaraton.ee](http://www.tartumaraton.ee)