

Festival Kaera-Jaan

Kastre parish - 31.05-2.06 2024

Art and dance celebration for the entire family

Folklore inspires you to sing, dance and create straw art and takes you on a magical theatre journey.

Festival of Heritage

Viljandi city - 01.-06.10.2024

Viljandi improves the world with heritage

Explore the heritage gems of Estonia and Europe, and use ancient knowledge to find solutions to today's problems.



Pagan Folklore Night

Võru city - 24.08.2024

Dance magic brings legends to life

The ghost stories of Võrumaa come to life in a whirlwind of dance - the wise country folk confronts Vanapagan and his minions.

Architectural Residency VARES

Valga city - 01.01-31.12.2024

Turning the past into the future in Valga

By reusing the knowledge of Valgamaa, we pass the baton to future (world) improvers.



Culture on Wheels

Võru parish - 01.-31.08.2024

Roll through the nature and heritage of Võrumaa

The natural and cultural gems of the southeast corner of Estonia and the main events of Võrumaa are only a bus ride away!

Take a bite of culture

Pühajärve Beach Gourmet

Pühajärve beach park - 13.-14.09.2024

The best dishes of the region

Local culinary and cultural experiences are spiced up by surprises from Otepää's friends from afar.

Sööma! Süüma! Come to eat!

Rõuge parish - 27.07-28.07.2024

The journey fills the stomach

Five distinctive regions of Rõuge Parish introduce local customs and flavours.



Kavastu Ukha and Fish Festival 2024

Kavastu, Luunja parish - 14.09.2024

From fish soup to fisherman's stories, culturally

Get acquainted with the fishing culture by making and tasting Uhhaa fish soup, fishing or telling fisherman's tales!

Three Bridges Across the Border

Räpina - 14.02-13.11.2024

Food, music and stories unite nations

Sharing flavours, music, stories and memories, we will bring even the most distant places of Europe to Räpina!



Let there be light

Toomemägi Revisited

Tartu city - 29.02.2024

Toome Hill, where science, art and history meet

Let's unveil Tartu's cultural heritage in a modern perspective and provide inspiration for the scientific achievements of the future.

Festival of Lights 2024 “Arrival”

Nõo and Kambja parish - 30.09-06.10.2024

Art illuminates the space

Technology, science and art are pushing the boundaries and taking you on a space flight on Earth!



Alatskivi Lights

Peipsiääre parish - 12.-13.10.2024

Let's bring history to life!

The fascinating history of Alatskivi Castle and the region is brought to life in a light, video and sound spectacle.

Tõrva Loits

Tõrva city - 17.-21.07.2024

Fire, water and light tell the story of Estonia

We tell the story of being Estonian and give meaning to Mulgi culture through legends, fire, and dance.

Tartu 2024

European Capital of Culture

Tartu 2024 Opening Ceremonies in the Region

Tartu city - 26.01.2024

The capital arrives home

Festive Tartu invites everyone to celebrate the beginning of the Tartu 2024 title year. See you in the city centre and on the banks of River Emajõgi!

Tartu 2024 Summer Party

Tartu city - 06.07.2024

The fun continues!

Half a year's worth of exciting events are still to come. Let's celebrate with a big summer party!



Tartu 2024 Summer Stage

Tartu city - 06.07-11.08

The urban space of good thoughts

Take your time, listen to the best musicians from home and abroad and welcome guests from all over Europe!

Tartu 2024 Closing Event

Tartu city - 30.11.2024

The year ends, but the culture remains

At the closing ceremony of Tartu 2024, we will look back on the past year and take a look into the future.

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Tartu together with Southern Estonia is the European Capital of Culture in 2024.

It is the highlight of Estonia which is organised by a quarter of Estonia. You will be greeted by 260 000 inhabitants from 11 cities, 4 counties, and even from one kingdom.

Tartu 2024 lasts for a whole year.

In Tartu and Southern Estonia, there are over 300 distinctive events to enjoy, with an anticipated attendance of over a million visitors by the end of 2024.

The artistic concept of Tartu 2024 is Arts of Survival.

Arts of Survival refer to the knowledge, skills, and values that will help us lead a good life in the future. The four most important Arts of Survival features are uniqueness, sustainability, awareness, and co creation.

The opening of the European Capital of Culture is on the 26th of January 2024.

Come and be a part of our cultural celebration and let's put Tartu and Southern Estonia on the world map together!

Life is short, make it art

Surrealism 100

Tartu city - 15.03-08.09.2024

One hundred years of art mystery
Centuries-old ideas and the hidden artistic pearls of Estonia and Eastern Europe still feel fresh today!

Arts of Survival Documentaries

All over Estonia - 04.05.2024 premiere

The authentic South Estonia on the screen
A tribute by Estonian and foreign documentarians to the special people, places and culture of Southern Estonia.

"Forgotten Peoples"

Tartu city - 15.06.2024

A musical homage to tribal peoples
Chœur de l'Orchestre de Paris, conducted by Ingrid Roose-Mänd performs Veljo Tormis' legendary choral cycle about the story of tribal peoples.



Business As Usual

Tartu city - 06.-21.06.2024

Theater knocks on Europe's conscience
How to move forward after the money laundering crisis? Theatre seeks solutions to build the future of Europe.

Ryoji Ikeda's Solo Exhibition

Tartu city - 01.11.2024-02.03.2025

A true triumph of science and art
In the hands of a top Japanese artist, the data from University of Tartu's Institute of Genomics will be transformed into a large-scale and captivating installation.



Celebration of the Heavenly Grounds

Põlva city - 16.-18.08.2024 / 23.-25.08.2024

Expand your world under the Põlva sky
An enlightening creative and spiritual journey combines the traditions of Southern Estonia with world religions and heritage.

Art Festival Out of Town

Tartu parish - 01.02.2023-31.01.2025

Art comes to the road, the lake, the airfield, the forest and the field
World-class art breaks out of the box and surprises the viewer in the known and unknown places of Tartu County.

Culture runs in the family

Kanepi festival

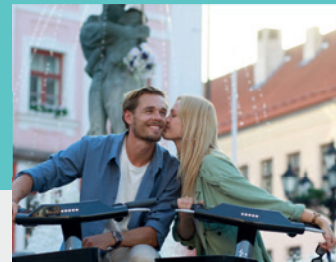
Kanepi parish - 19.-20.07.2024

A mysterious plant shows superpowers
Discover the story of Kanepi Parish (Kanep means hemp in Estonian) and the endless uses of industrial hemp - from tea to labyrinth!

Estonian Movement and Wellbeing Festival

Elva city - 26.-27.07.2024

Find your art of balance!
The wisdom of different generations and countries helps everyone find the right solution to support their well-being, be it sports, music, or something else.



Kissing Tartu

Tartu city - 17.-18.05.2024

The heart of the city is open to everyone!
Tartu invites people to care, to have an honest discussion on delicate subjects and to take part in an unprecedented joint kissing.

Newborn Gallery

Tartu city - 01.06.-31.08.2024

An art experience for the little ones
In the baby-friendly gallery, little visitors can learn about art, created just for them!

Proudly Southern Estonian

Treski Inspiration Conference

Setomaa Municipality - 08.08.2024

All the inspiration in the world at the border of Europe
Exhilarating stories of compatriots and fun entertainment in the unique venue of Setomaa will recharge your batteries!



Crowing Linda

Antsla parish - 31.08.2024

A legendary party-night
Put on your dancing shoes and embark on a glamorous retro tour through the region's cultural history.

Tartu 2024 will take place in
Antsla, Elva, Kambja, Kanepi, Kastre, Luunja, Nõo, Otepää, Peipsiääre, Põlva, Rõuge, Räpina, Setomaa, Tartu, Tõrva, Valga, Võru Municipalities and Cities of Tartu, Viljandi and Võru.



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Tartu 2024 awaits you for the entire year. Explore the full programme
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