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GOOD FOOD IS ALWAYS AN EXPERIENCE



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Baltic sea region cuisine basic requirement is, that the food must be fresh, tasty, locally sourced and locally prepared.

The region is characterised by the fact that, during the spring and summer there are in the menu lighter dishes of fresh vegetables, herbs, berries, mushrooms and fish. During the late summer and fall harvests are preserved for the winter – preparing sauerkraut, marinating and salting cucumbers and mushrooms, cooking jams and compotes, freezing berries and drying herbs for teas. During the fall and winter, the cuisine becomes substantial with meat, vegetables, legumes, pickled, marinated and spicy dishes that are supplemented with warming and aromatic spices.

Local ingredients are important to many businesses all year round, although the seasons and the specific characteristics of the local area are also taken into account, and all this is reflected in the quality of the food on offer.

Nowadays, we are increasingly more interested in where our food comes from, who has produced it and how it has been made. Many head chefs challenge themselves to find increasingly more exciting ingredients to make their dishes even tastier, more natural and more appetising.

There are many different and distinctive eateries in all our countries that offer characteristic ingredients of the area

and dishes inherent to our national cuisine, which have been modernized in an exciting manner. This is done by companies that offer simple traditional farm food as well as distinguished and internationally recognised restaurants that present high-quality culinary sensations.

There's a growing number of places popping up in each country that offer more than just great food. This means that new things are also taught and new knowledge provided how to make food, where it grows etc.

Food workshop programmes with professional or amateur chef teach how to cook meals from locally grown ingredients and cooking is followed by enjoying the dishes made together. And for those who don't want to learn the secrets of cooking themselves, there is the option of ordering a nice lunch or dinner in an unusual setting, such as a forest. Visits to small-scale producers are also an experience.

Trends come and go, but the Baltic Sea region will forever be unique for its coastline, the four seasons, the unspoiled nature and top quality fresh produce. The centuries-long traditions behind cultivating exceptional products, hunting and fishing have created a presumption that anyone could be a great cook.

Good food is always an experience – a feast for taste buds and joy from enjoying one's company during a meal.

MEDUS KŪKA (HONEY CAKE) a multi-layered cake with honey as its main ingredient.

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LATVIA has a wealth of culinary traditions, because the country is at the crossroads of Europe, and so influences from other nations have come from the East and the West over the course of centuries. Latvian cuisine is distinctly seasonal, because we have four seasons, and each of them offers specific products and tasty treats.

During the springtime, Latvians eagerly await the availability of birch juice. They grow green onions on windowsills. Onion skins are used to dye Easter eggs. Sorrel is sought out in gardens or meadows. Tarts with rhubarb are baked. The summer begins with wild and garden strawberries. Summer Solstice would not be Summer Solstice without caraway seed cheese and beer. Summer also involves new potatoes, cherries, tomatoes from the garden, ice cream, fresh honey, herbal teas and aromatic apples. Cranberry fool is whipped. Mushrooms are roasted and marinated. Mushroom hunting and fishing are nearly cult rituals or examples of meditation for Latvians. Meat is grilled over hot coals, and fish soup is cooked. Soured cream and dill can be added to nearly every dish. Pretzel-shaped pastry is baked for birthdays, and tarts are baked for weddings. People can pickles and jams, and they dry and freeze various goodies from the garden and the forest, because a long, hard winter is coming. During

the autumn, Martin Day's rooster or goose is roasted in the oven, with apple cake or poppy seed pastry for dessert. Work sessions are held during the autumn, and potato pancakes are served. Fish, pork, sausages and even cheese can be smoked. Fresh butter is smeared on a slice of rye bread. Cranberries are used to produce lemonade. People buy and sell summer produce at annual markets. The Christmas table will groan under bacon pierogi, gingerbread, roast meats and sauerkraut. The Christmas table on New Year's Eve, people roast fish and put fish scales in their pocketbooks so as to ensure money in the new year. All of the peas on the table are eaten so as to ensure no tears in the coming year. People believe that at least nine dishes must be served on New Year's Eve to ensure that the next year will be a good one. Latvians are hospitable, and they will bring gifts when they come visiting and always give you one for the road when you're leaving.

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RUPJMAIZE (dark rye bread) has always been a staple of Latvian diet. For an added drop of sweetness, apple juice is often used in the recipe for Latvian dark rye bread. It is also used to make Rupjmaizes kārtojums (Layered rye bread), a traditional Latvian dessert made from rye breadcrumbs, blackcurrant or lingonberry jam, and whipped cream. Latvians make also a beverage, called kvass, from fermented dark rye bread.

JĀŅU SIERS (Jāņi cheese or Līgo cheese) is a Latvian sour milk cheese with cumin, traditionally eaten when the Latvian celebration the Summer Solstice. Nowadays the cheese has become one of the symbols of Latvian culture.

SPEĶA PĪRĀGI (Bacon buns) are Latvian oblong or crescent-shaped baked bread rolls or pastries filled with finely chopped fatty bacon cubes and onions. Smaller bacon buns are often prized for their daintiness and are considered the work of a skilled cook.

PELĒKIE ZIRŅI (grey peas) is a popular Latvian cuisine snack made from large grey peas. It is a traditional Christmas dish in Latvia.

AUKSTĀ ZUPA (summer cold soup) is a sweet cold soup made from beets and kefir (hence the vibrant pink colour). To add some richness to the dish, dill and spring onions are also found in auktsa zupa.

LATVIAN STEW is a braised pork with dried apricots and brunes. It is s a simple, comforting combination of tender, slow cooked pork shoulder, carrots, onions, apricots, and prunes that's warm and flavorful and even better the next day.

LOCAL FISHES from local fishermen: flounders, pike, sturgeon. If you look at Latvia's long coastline, it shouldn't come as a surprise to you that Latvians like eating fish and also offer it to the quests.

BIEZPIENMAIZE (Latvian cheesecake) is a baked cheesecake, where yeast dough is for the base and cottage cheese for the topping. Usually it would contain sultanas and would be served cut in rectangles.

STRAWBERRIES WITH MILK (and also other berries like blueberries, raspberries) is a simple dessert that you just have to try.

MEDUS KŪKA (Honey cake) is a multi-layered cake with honey as its main ingredient. It also has a creamy filling made from sour-cream between the layers. It is a sweet and delicious treat that goes very well served with an afternoon tea.

BEER from local breweries - excellent taste.

APPLE CIDER (and also made from other fruits and berries).

At the end of the day try **RIGA BLACK BALSAM** (Melnais Balzāms), a liqueur which comes in several flavours, the most popular of which being blackcurrant and cherry.

AUKSTĀ ZUPA (SUMMER COLD SOUP)

RUPJMAIZE (DARK RYE BREAD) & JĀŅU SIERS (JĀŅI CHEESE OR LĪGO CHEESE)





BIEZPIENMAIZE (LATVIAN CHEESECAKE)

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FOOD WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMMES (all over the country)

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 Jūras iela 6/8, Roja, LV-3264, Latvia 		,	(@) <u>gulbjumajas@inbox.lv</u>	
(@) <u>rojahotel@inbox.lv</u> ,	<u>www.rojahotel.lv</u>		Cake/dessert making workshop	
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Slavinski@inbox.lv, y	www.spelmanukrogs.lv		Mushrooming and cooking workshop	5
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Tasting of herbal teas, green cocktails from medical plants

ZEMNIEKU SAIMNIECĪBA AVOTIŅI (Avotiņi Farm)

- "Avotiņi", Lāde, Limbnažu pagasts, Limbažu novads, LV-4001, Latvia
- (@) j.ulmis@inbox.lv, http://ulmis.lv

Tasting of home-made fish products, apple ciders and wines

CĪRULĪŠI MĀJAS LABUMI (Cīrulīši Homemade Goodies)

- () "Cīrulīši", Kaltene, Talsu novads, LV-3264, Latvia
- siarozkalns@gmail.com www.facebook.com/cirulisi

Home-made coffee from chicory tasting

KAFEJA ALIDA (Cafe Alida)

- "Dzelmītes", Elkšņu pagasts, Jēkabpils novads, LV-5217, Latvia
- (@) <u>kafeja.alida@gmail.com</u>, <u>www.kafejaalida.lv</u>

Excursion and apple cider tasting

SABILES SIDRS (Sabile Cider)

- Rīgas iela 22, Sabile, Talsu novads, LV-3294, Latvia
- (@) <u>visit@sabilessidrs.lv</u>, <u>www.sabilessidrs.lv</u>

Excursion and tasting products from ostrich meat and eggs, as well as making souvenirs from ostrich feathers

STRAUSU UN KAZU FERMA NORNIEKI (Nornieki Ostrichand Goat Farm)

- "Nornieki", Snēpeles pagasts, Kuldīgas novads, LV-3328, Latvia
- <u>nornieki@gmail.com</u>, <u>www.straussunkaza.lv</u>



Tasting the hemp products and excursion in a traditional rural farm	
 KAŅEPJU SĒTA ADZELVIEŠI (Adzelvieši Hemp Farm) "Adzelvieši", Burtnieku pagasts, Valmieras novad LV-4206, Latvia info@adzelviesi.lv, www.adzelviesi.lv 	
Tour of the farm, ice-cream tasting made from the local eggs	
GOGELMOGELS (Gogelmogel Ice Cream) (a) "Ceplīši", Skultes pagasts, Limbažu novads, LV-4025, Latvia (b) gogelmogels@gmail.com www.facebook.com/gogelmogels	
Birch sap adventure in "Birzī"	ß
 BIRZĪ (Birzī Birch Sap Factory) (
Excursion in the windmill and the "Miller's lunch" with wheat flour porridge and dessert	ß
 ÂRAIŠU VĒJDZIRNAVAS (Āraiši Windmill) "Vējdzirnavas", Drabešu pagasts, Cēsu novads, LV-4101, Latvia wineta.cipe@inbox.lv www.facebook.com/AraisuVejdzirnavas 	
Guided tour with story, Latvian apple cider tasting and music	ß
Mr PLŪME SIDRA DARĪTAVA (Mr. Plūme Cider) "Zīles", Jumpravas pagasts, Ogres novads, LV-5022, Latvia sidrs@mrplume.lv, www.mrplume.lv 	
Introduction of lamprey catching, preparing and tasting the grilled lamprey	
CARNIKAVAS NĒĢI (Carnikava Lamprey) © Zvejnieku iela 22, Carnikava, Ādažu novads,	

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Educational tour in the mill, tasting the water pretzels, bread and pancakes made from Relation locally made grains

KONU DZIRNAVAS (Ķoņi Mill)

Koņudzirnavas, Koņu pagasts, Valmieras novads, LV-4247, Latvia

(@) <u>konudzirnavas@inbox.lv</u>, <u>http://konudzirnavas.lv</u>

Tour in the goat farm, tasting the various kinds of goat cheese and goat milk ice-cream

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KAZAS PIENA PRODUKCIJA LĪVI (Līvi Goat Farm)

- "Ozolkrogs", Bērzaunes pagasts, Madonas novads, LV-4853, Latvia
- (@) <u>kazas.siers@inbox.lv</u>, <u>www.facebook.com/zslivi</u>



Trying out beeing a beekeeper!

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MĀCĪBU DRAVA APIKARE (Apikare Training Apiary)

- "Dravasmāja", Cīravas pagasts, Dienvidkurzemes novads, LV-3453, Latvia
- @ www.apikare.mozello.lv









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Preparation and tasting of dairy products together with a cheese master

SIERA MEISTARES JELENAS SAIMNIECĪBA "IEVIŅAS" (Cheese master Jelena's farm "Ievinas")

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- "leviņas", Mārsnēnu pagasts, Cēsu novads, LV-4129, Latvia
- (@) ievinlauki@gmail.com

Wine workshop and degustation

KRIMULDAS MUIŽA (Krimulda Manor wine)

- () Mednieku iela 3, Sigulda, LV-2150, Latvia
- (@) info@krimuldasmuiza.lv, https://krimuldasmuiza.lv



Available programs: adventure "From grain to bread", "A treat with the taste of freedom", "Rye bread baking event".

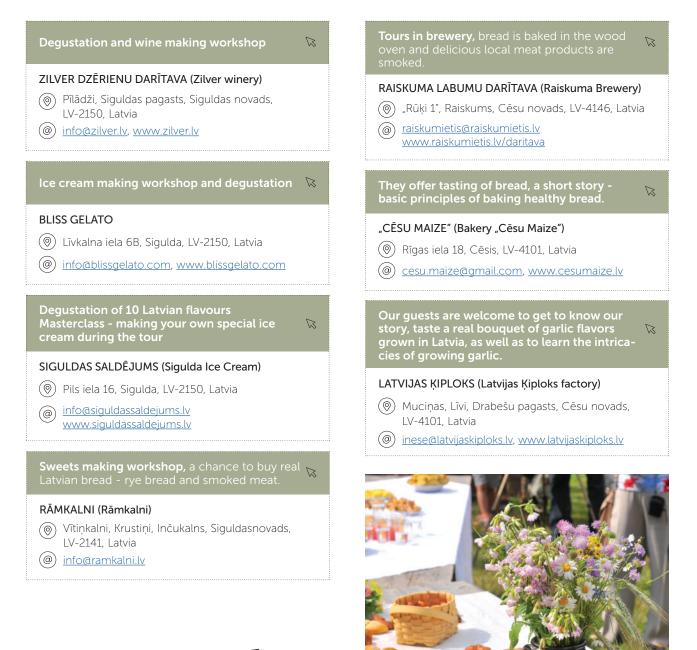
Learn more about Latvian cultivated cereals and their foodstuffs and the annual rhythm on the farm. Offers an opportunity to get involved in the process of baking rye bread, to become a master of pie making, to cook farm-grown products in a vegetable soup by the fire, and to enjoy a Latvian-tasting meal in an old barn.

MAIZES MĀJA "KRŪMIŅI" (Bread house "Krūmiņi")

- "Krūmiņi", Liepas pagasts, Cēsu novads, LV-4128, Latvia
- (@) maizesmaja@gmail.com, http://maizesmaja.lv

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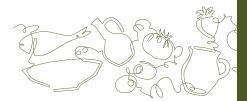




1 Slow Food Straupe Market takes place each month on the 1st and 3rd Sunday in Straupe Zirgu pasts. Gathering together local farmers, craftsmen and visitors.

2 Home Cafe Days in summer and the early autumn months.

- Bye bread festival in July.
- Generation Bread day in Āraiši Windmill each year on the last Sunday of July.
- 5 Milk, bread and honey Festival in Jelgava every year, at the end of August.
- 6 Latvian Vinemakers Festival in Straupe Maret in September.
- **Gardu Muti** in Valmiermuiža Latvian every solstice, 4 times in year.
- 8 **Zvejnieksvētki (fisherman's holiday)** in seaside towns in summer time.



VERIVORST (BLOOD SAUSAGE MIXED WITH BARLEY) Traditional Christmas food.

Estonia

Estonian cuisine is a delightful mix of hearty dishes and has developed on the basis of traditional farm and estate cooking and offering, later following the traditions of cooking in cities. Use of domestic and local, incl. organic, foodstuffs is typical of Estonian food culture.

Different seasons are clearly expressed on Estonian food table. Besides fresh and lighter summer and autumn dishes, preserves and meat dishes are prevailing on food table in winter and spring. Spring is the season of fish dishes, summer is the season of berries and autumn is the time for mushroom and game dishes.

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ESTONIAN FLAVOURS THAT YOU NEED TO TRY OUT ON YOUR NEXT TRIP

RUKKILEIB (rye bread/dark bread) - rye is a very popular ingredient and rye bread is worth eating every chance you get. Estonians make also a beverage, called kali, from rye bread. And for dessert lovers defenetly leivasupp (bread soup) – creamy and sweet soup, that is usually made with soaked and mashed bread, raisins, fruit juice, cinnamon and sugar.

Räim (Baltic dwarf herring) is a subspecies of the Atlantic herring and is leaner than its Atlantic counterpart. Look for it on nearly every menu, prepared in a variety of ways.

KILU (a marinated spicy sprat fillet) is delicious with rye bread and occasionally complemented by poached or hard-boiled eggs, green onions, and fresh herbs.

KOHUKE (Estonian curd snack) which is offered in all kind of flavours, from vanilla to cheesecake and blueberry.

KAMA, a flour mixture which contains barley, oat, rye and pea flour. You can find kama mixed into all kind of desserts, but most commonly, you'll see it mixed with buttermilk or kefir.

VERIVORST (Blood sausage mixed with barley) may seem strange at first, but if you don't try it, you don't know if you will like it. It is traditional Christmas food.

MULGIPUDER, a unique porridge, consists of mashed potatoes and barley and makes for an excellent side dish. As a main dish it is often mixed with bacon and onions.

MULGIKAPSAD (Sauerkraut with Pork and Barley), which are cooked slowly, until the sauerkraut and barley are tender. It tastes much more and better that you'd imagine when looking at the short list of ingredients.

ROSOLJE (Mixed Beetroot Salad) is a "fuchsia-colored" salad from Estonian cuisine. It is prepared with pickled herring and bite-sized pieces of beets and potatoes, all coated in a refreshing, creamy dressing. With rosolje, all of the ingredients are mixed in the same bowl. This gives it plenty of different flavors and textures.

SÜLT (Meat Jelly) is a dish traditionally made from a mixture of meat, trotters, hocks, rind and other ingredients that have been cooked for several hours and cooled afterwards, forming a jelly. A traditional Christmas and wedding food served as an appetizer or as a meal itself.

HERNESUPP (Pea Soup) with yellow dried peas and smoked pork is a classic fastelavn festival food. Making this soup requires a bit of effort and patience, but the result is enjoyable.

GAME MEAT - delicious wild boar meat is definitely worth a try, and for the more adventurous, there are also a couple of restaurants serving bear meat.

At the end of the day try a **rum-based liqueur VANA TALLINN** (Old Tallinn), which is one of Estonia's hallmark products. Although the recipe is kept secret, some of the flavorings include citrus oils, cinnamon, and vanilla.



KILU (A MARINATED SPICY SPRAT FILLET)







MULGIPUDER

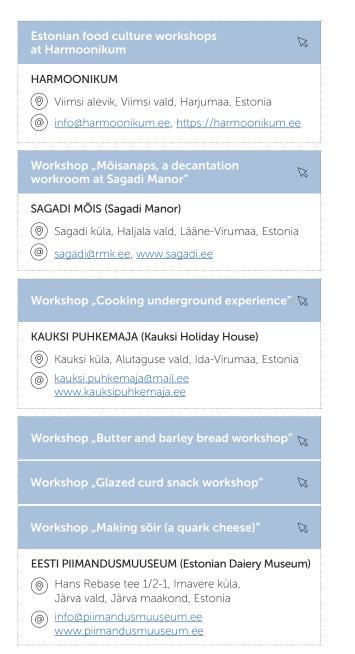


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How do small entrepreneurs in Estonia work? How are genuine bread, mustard or cider made on the farms? Come and see for yourself. The entrepreneurs will organize the workshops where you can experience what they do on their farms every day through hands-on interactions. Learn how to make some exciting meals, make cider, handle medicinal herbs and much more.



Estonian wines workshop at Estonian wine chamber at Hindreku Farm	\square
HINDREKU TURISMITALU (Hindreku Tourist Farm) Valgma küla, Paide, Järvamaa, Estonia info@hindrekutalu.ee, www.hindrekutalu.ee 	
Workshop "Mustard making"	ß
Cocktail and moctail workshop "The mysterious world of the flowers of Lääne County's meadows"	\square
TÄNAVA TALU (Tänava Farm) Haeska küla, Haapsalu, Läänemaa, Estonia marjatar24@gmail.com	
Workshop "Mustard making"	ß
MUSTJALA MUSTARD Pahapilli küla, Saaremaa vald, Saaremaa, Eston info@mustjala-mustard.com https://mustjala-mustard.com 	ia
Workshop "Let us make our own food!"	
Workshop "Honest Horticulture workshop"	\square
KLAARA-MANNI PUHKE- JA SEMINARIKESKUS (Klaara-Manni Holiday- and Seminar Center) Põhjala, Randivälja küla, Tori vald, Pärnumaa, Estonia info@klaaramanni.ee, www.klaaramanni.ee	
Workshop "Joint cooking at Põnka Holiday House"	
PÕNKA PUHKETALU (Põnka Holiday House) Rätsepa küla, Tori vald, Pärnumaa, Estonia info@ponkaland.com, www.ponkland.com	



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 Manija küla, Manija saar, Pärnumaa, Estonia riida@manilaid.ee, www.manilaid.ee 	Workshop "Honey Hut on the Onion Route"
Educational programme "Food throughout 🛛 🔀 the year in Estonian farms"	MESI TARE (Mesi tare guesthouse) ()) Kesk tänav 119, Varnja alevik, Peipsiääre vald, Tartumaa
C. R. JAKOBSONI TALUMUUSEUM (Farm Museum of C. R. Jakobson)	info@mesitare.ee, https://mesitare.ee
Kurgja küla, Põhja-Pärnumaa vald, Pärnumaa, Estonia	Plant world workshop "Väetoidu aastaring" (Superfood All Year Round)
(@) kurgja@memu.ee, https://maaelumuuseumid.ee	JUULAMÕISA KOHAPÄRIMUSKOHVIK (Local Heritage Cafe of Juulamõis)
Workshop "Baking home made bread" 🛛 🔀	🔘 Juula küla, Tartu vald, Tartumaa, Estonia
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	ENERGIA TALU (Energia Farm)
Programme "From water to bread or making flour in a mill and bread in a bakery"	 Vihi küla, Põhja-Sakala vald, Viljandimaa, Estor info@energiatalu.ee, www.energiatalu.ee
HELLENURME VESKIMUUSEUM (Hellenurme Mill Museum) Hellenurme küla, Elva vald, Tartumaa, Estonia	Programm "An evening of Estonian food and folk tales"
mae@veskimuuseum.ee, https://veskimuuseum.ee	MÄNNIKU (Männiku Forest Farm)
Workshop "Blood sausage workshop" 🛛 🔀	 Intsu küla, Viljandi vald, Viljandimaa, Estonia metsatalu@metsatalu.ee, www.metsatalu.ee
EESTI MAAELUMUUSEUM (Estonian Agricultural Museum)	Workshop "Making sõir (<i>a quark cheese</i>) in Seto style"
 Pargi tänav 4, Ülenurme alevik, Kambja vald, Tartumaa, Estonia info@memu.ee, https://maaelumuuseumid.ee 	TOOMEMÄE TALU KODURESTORAN "Maagõgõnõ (Home restaurant Maagõkõnõ at Toomemäe farm () Saabolda küla, Setomaa vald, Võrumaa
Cooking workshop of Maitseelamuse Koda 🛛 🔀	 (e) saabolda kula, selomaa vald, vorumaa (e) toomemaetalu@gmail.com
MAITSEELAMUSE KODA (Chamber of Flavours) Peipsiääre vald, Tartumaa, Estonia 	Workshop "Pliinidõ küdsäminõ Taarka Tarõ Köögikõsõh" (Baking pancakes in the Setomaa style)
maitseelamuse.koda@gmail.com	TAARKA TARÕ KÖÖGÕKÕNE (Cafe Taarka Tarõ)
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EVENTS

The summer and autumn are busy seasons for Estonian cuisine. Regional food events showcase local ingredients and food producers. The list of events is by no means final, as new festivals pop up all the time.

See more from <u>www.visitestonia.com</u>

- 1 RäimeWest herring festival in May, in Pärnumaa
- 2 Tuulekala (Garfish) festival in May, in Hiiumaa
- **3** Sõira Festival in June, in Setomaa
- **4** Rääbise (Vendace) Festival in July, in Jõgevamaa
- 5 Saaremaa Food Festival in September, in Saaremaa
- 6 Küüslaugu (Garlic) festival in August, in Jõgevamaa
- 7 Lesta (Flounder) Festival in August, in Hiiumaa
- 8 Lüübnitsa Onion & Fish Festival in August, in Võrumaa
- 9 Peipsi Food Street 175 km, in August when Pop-up restaurants will be opened on a road that is 175 km long in total.
- 10 Onion festival in Lüübnitsa, in Võrumaa
- 11 Honey festival in Karksi-Nuia, in Viljandimaa
- 12 Tartu Food- and Wine Festival in August, in Tartumaa
- 13 Open Café Days in all over Estonia from May till September











ÅLAND PANCAKE Pancake of semolina or rice, served with a snaps.



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For Ålanders food is exceptionally important. With respect for nature we aim to live according to the season and prepare a lot by hand. The fresh sea air, fertile soil and long growing season allows for a high quality and unique aromas – difficult to find anywhere else.

Back in the day people living in the archipelago had to preserve the little they had. That way of thinking still lives on and, today, is the foundation for what is considered sustainability.

A hundred years ago, Ålanders were experienced seafarers who were used to sailing around the seas of the world. On their travels the seamen experienced new flavours and returned back home with new spices, ingredients and influences. You can still see traces of this heritage until this day. New influences are brought in innovatively from foreign cuisines!





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ÅLAND FLAVOURS THAT YOU NEED TO TRY OUT ON YOUR NEXT TRIP

ÅLAND PANCAKE - in the old days in the archipelago, serving pancake with a snaps was a way to lure passing boats to stop by at the jetty to share local gossip as well as world news. Still today, Ålanders and foreigners gather around the Åland pancake and most local cafes and restaurants have it on their menu. When it comes to the question of semolina or rice, the choice is yours. It could be noted, however, that semolina is actually produced locally whereas rice has to be imported.

WATERFOWL - roasted waterflow, waterflow soup, "råddarkråpå" - the local dishes based on waterflow are quite a few and deeply rooted in our society. For a long time, fresh waterflow was a sure sign of spring but today spring hunting is illegal according to the EU. As a result, the most frequent species have changed from eider and scoter to goldeneye and tufted duck and in the autumn flocks of mallards passing through the archipelago on their way south. Traditionally the bird is plucked, then seared over a fire of elder wood to give it the right flavor. The seasoning usually consists of bay leaves, juniper berries, allspice and a lot of onions. The dish is often served with lingonberries, unless it is a soup.

SUNDSPIROG - also called Bomarsundspirog or Russian Minced Meat Pasty, is clear evidence of Russian presence in Åland. Finland, and therefore Åland too, was under Russian rule between 1809 and 1917 and thousands of Russian soldiers were temporarily housed in local farms during the construction of the Bomarsund Fortress in Sund. The Russian Minced Meat Pasty, or Sundspirog, is wheat dough stuffed with fried minced meat, cooked rice and boiled eggs. In other words, real food for a lumberjack. Or should we say real food for a fortress builder?

ÅLAND BLACK BREAD was originally intended for long sea voyages and it takes several days for the bread to get its dark colour. After baking, the loaves are left in the stove to cool and are then wrapped in wool blankets. Rye, sourdough and in some cases sour milk are the main ingredients but time and handicraft decide the outcome.

Black bread will keep for a long time and is therefore an excellent provision when heading for fishing communities or going on trading trips to nearby places. When the bread was eventually too dry to eat, it could be boiled in water to make a porridge, which is called "Beso" in the eastern parts of the archipelago.

Even today, black bread is a must-have in most local homes both on weekdays and during holidays. It is served with butter, pickled herring or other types of pickled fish and different kinds of sauces.

HERRING "How many pans a person?" is an old way of measuring when it comes to herring. Whether you prefer filets or whole herring with only the head and intes-



tines removed, is a question of taste. A whole herring, tail and all, takes but a few minutes to prepare, which is a true sign of fine quality. It is also easier to tell how fresh a fish is if it is intact. Puritans claim that a herring should not be stored for more than an hour or so and that it should move and flap in the pan to taste the best. Fried herring is often served with mashed potatoes, lingonberries, pickled cucumber or pickled beetroots.

SMOKED FISH is something of a national sport in Åland and summer cottage without a fishnet and some kind of smoker is quite rare. In Åland smoked fish usually means that it is hotsmoked, most commonly using alder and juniper, two species of wood that are also predominant in the barren archipelago of the Åland Islands. The Ålanders themselves mostly fish and smoke perch, whitefish and flounder but in local shops and markets you can always find smoked and seasoned trout or salmon.

CREAM FILLED DONUT - in 1965, the Cream Filled Donut was introduced in Åland and today it has its given place in our society. It all started thanks to baker Hjördis Karlsson. The idea to fill a long donut with fresh whipped cream was something Hjördis Karlsson picked up from Sweden. The very first cream filled donuts were baked at Lilla Hembageriet, a nowadays torn down yellow wooden house in Nygatan in central Mariehamn. The donuts became so famous that they were flown to Helsinki to be sold at Stockmann department store. The only change to the original donut is that today there is also a slightly smaller version. Why change something perfect? The question of whether there should be apple puree or raspberry jam under the whipped cream is perhaps the biggest controversy.

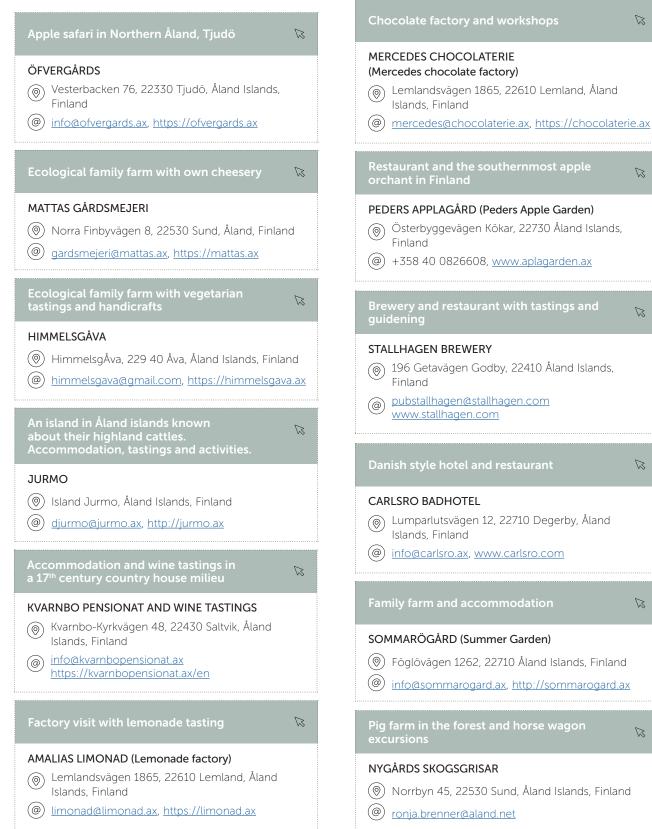


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Företagsam Skärgård (Enterprising Archipelago) is a non-profit organisation established in 2007 to support the development of the region of the Åland Islands archipel-ago and it's 6 archipelago municipalities in the around 40 inhabited islands in its area. Several development projects are being undertaken and Företagsam Skärgård maintains a good communication network to important actors in the archipelago, as well as to related archipelago areas in Europe.

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VISIT SÖDERHAMN

Visit Söderhamn's mission is to make Söderhamn an attractive destination to visit and experience all year round. Their work takes place in close collaboration with the business community and associations, to develop, profile and market Söderhamn as a destination. Visit Söderhamn provides brochures, maps and digital information and helps with the booking of activities and accommodation in Söderhamn and Hälsingland. A tourist information office is located in central Söderhamn and is open during the summer. Visit Söderhamn also has 5 InfoPoints strategically located around Söderhamn, tourist service places where the visitor can get tourist information.







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