

Tartu 2024

Programme for Partners

★ grand event

🔦 light installation

🎨 art / film

🎵 music

🌿 nature

✂️ etno

🏆 sport

👗 fashion

JANUARY



Tartu 2024 opening ceremony

The most magnificent event in the programme, that inaugurates Tartu as European Capital of Culture 2024.

✔ 26.01.2024

📍 Tartu

FEBRUARY



Viljandi Lights 2024

The visual arts festival Viljandi Tuled takes us on a journey through the city of Viljandi and allows us to experience it in a new and extraordinary way thanks to several unusual light installations.

✔ 8.–25.02.2024

📍 Viljandi



Reopening Toome Hill Park

Light, culture, and science work together to bring Toome Hill Park and its historic cathedral back to life. Unexpected installations will highlight the cultural legacy of Tartu University and display the glory days of the cathedral.

✔ 29.02–31.12.2024
29.02 opening

📍 Tartu

MARCH



Surrealism 100 Tartmus / ERM

On the 100th anniversary of the Surrealism Manifesto, local and worldwide surrealist works of art can be compared in Tartu at the Estonian National Museum and the Tartu Art Museum.

✔ 15.03–31.09.2024
15.03 Tartmus /
3.04 ERM opening

📍 Tartu

APRIL



Washing Machine Made of Beetroot

In Soviet times, people developed incredible ingenuity due to cramped conditions. The joint exhibition project of three museums offers an opportunity to see the creativity and DIY inventions of the people of this era.

✔ April–December 2024

📍 Kambja and Kanepi Municipalities, Tartu



ReVogue Fashion Festival

In order to push people away from fast fashion chains and excessive consumerism and toward more deliberate fashion choices, the ReVogue fashion fair brings together producers, customers, and young, innovative, sustainable designers.

✔ 28.05–1.06.2024

📍 Tartu

MAY



Hidden Worlds Expanding

Experience the creative expression of people in need of special support: outsider art, its mystical beginnings and creative sincerity through three art exhibitions in Tartu, Viljandi and Narva.

✔ May–August 2024

📍 Viljandi, Tartu, Narva



Arts of Survival Documentaries

The documentary program offers a fresh perspective on the people, sites, and culture of Southern Estonia, which has never before been portrayed on film in such a methodical and thorough manner.

✔ premiere 11.05.2024

📍 Tartu



Kissing Tartu

People of all ages can take part in the public kiss on the Town Hall Square, which is part of a large-scale concert. The concert features some of the best-known Eurovision songs of all time.

✔ May 2024, a week after Eurovision

📍 Tartu



Entre Woodlands Spirits

An international open-air exhibition of technological art that inspires reflection on the relationship between nature and technology. Walking in the natural landscape, wandering in the forest or climbing a tree – the exhibitions merge with the surroundings.

✔ 25.05–15.09.2024

📍 Maajaam, Otepää Municipality

JUNE



Estonian Aviation Days

The largest aviation event in the Baltics, Estonian Aviation Days, takes place every year and is known for its parachutist and aerobatic pilot displays.

✔ 8.–9.06.2024

📍 Kastre Municipality















Art festival "Out of town"

A road for the arts will be built outside the city as part of the art festival. The festival's special activities, workshops, three exhibitions, and one road exhibition are all open to the public.













✔ Art Road opening 6.06.2024

📍 Tartu Municipality


JULY

	Reclaiming River Emajõgi and Great Lakes	The International Great Lakes Boat Festival provides an opportunity to learn more about this little-known but fascinating region. Sail for 11 days between ports alongside ships from Estonia and abroad. Every night the ships are turned into a stage where a modern circus and cinema are can be viewed.	✔ 3.–13.07.2024 Day in Tartu: 6.07.2024	 Region, Tartu
	Tartu 2024 summer event	Tartu 2024 is a grand summer event that marks the cultural capital reaching the middle of the year.	✔ 6.07.2024	 Tartu
	There is time!	The Festival "Aigu om!" combines the cultural traditions and heritage, and the unique natural environment of Võru County, and encourages its audience to a slower life. There will be concerts, forest hikes, and workshops.	✔ 18.–20.07.2024	 Rõuge Municipality
	"Night fair"	A community fair that takes place in the twilight of a summer evening in a lit-up pine forest, turning the place into a magical meeting place for one night each year, where nature, the fair world, and live music converge.	✔ 20.07.2024	 Hargla, Valga Municipality
	Estonian Movement and Well-being Festival	Through a variety of courses, events, and concerts, the Estonian Movement and Wellness Festival supports the promotion of mental health practices, exercise habits, and overall well-being. An international conference on mental health will also be held.	✔ 26.–27.07.2024	 Elva, Elva Municipality
	Tõrva Spell	For one night only, the legendary water, fire and audiovisual show "Tõrva Spell" returns as part of the art and music festival Tõrva Night of Lights.	✔ 27.07.2024	 Tõrva



AUGUST

	TEDxTRESKI	At TEDxTRESKI, you can hear motivational speeches from experts in a range of industries to broaden your perspectives, learn something new, and be motivated. The audience can also take part in inspiring activities and enjoy music at the festival.	✔ 8.08.2024	 Treski Küün, Setomaa Municipality
	Dedicated to the Estonian piano	The roots of the Estonian piano building tradition go back to Luunja, where Ernst Hiis, the grand old man of Estonian piano building, was born. The main concert features well-known piano music artists and internationally renowned pianists and an orchestra.	✔ 10.08.2024	 Luunja Rose Garden, Tartu Municipality
	Sanctification of a Skypark	Over the course of two weekends, you can immerse yourself in song, dance and mystic and shamanic rituals at the Sanctification of Sky Park. Come and attend concentration concerts, performances and sound installations meant to diffuse Estonia together with the rest of the globe.	✔ 16.–18.08 / 22.–25.08.2024	 Põlva
	Simple Session	International extreme sports event Simple Session returns to Tartu, where it all started. This time the competition will take place both inside and outside of the Comb Factory during one eventful week!	✔ 19.–25.08.2024 comptetitions 24.–25.08	 Tartu, Comb Factory's event centre
	NIGHT dance party "Born under a lucky star"	A folk dance festival that highlights South Estonia's stunning natural beauty while bridging traditional culture and the environment gives individuals a sense of connection to their identity and sense of place.	✔ 24.08.2024	 Võru
	Festival "Estonian Bass Oasis"	In addition to listening to top bass players from around the world, the festival offers meditations, exercise and walks to balance your mental health. You can learn about local culture and experience a sense of oneness with the environment.	✔ 27.08–1.09.2024 closing ceremony 31.08.2024	 Võru

SEPTEMBER

	Festival of Light 2024 ARRIVAL	To celebrate the NASA Artemis 3's Moon landing, a large-scale sound and light installation called "Touchdown – Coliseum" conveys the major moments of a space mission exclusively at Tartu Airport.	✔ 30.09–6.10.2024	 Nõo and Kambja Municipalities
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OCTOBER

	Heritage Festival	The heritage festival explores how inherited cultural values, knowledge and skills improve modern living conditions and help to discover cost-effective solutions. The festival features seminars, exhibitions and live concerts.	✔ 1.–5.10.2024	 Viljandi
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