

WINTER ACTIVITIES IN ESTONIA

A young girl with long brown hair, wearing a white knit beanie with a bow, a blue velvet coat with a bow at the waist, a striped skirt, and patterned gloves, is smiling and playing with three husky puppies in a snowy field. One puppy is standing on its hind legs, reaching up towards her. Another puppy is also standing on its hind legs, looking up at her. A third puppy is sitting on the snow, looking towards the girl. The background is a soft, out-of-focus snowy landscape.

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There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing!

The cold might tempt you to curl up indoors, but locals know the best way to spend winter in Estonia is by getting outside. Snowshoes, skates, skis—strap them on and explore an authentic winter wonderland.

Winter sports in Estonia are not just for pros; there are outdoor activities for amateurs of all ages. Luckily for travelers, you don't have to pack gear as most places offer rentals. You don't have to leave the comfort of the city, either. Most cities have outdoor skating rinks and hiking trails easily reached by public transportation.

However, the best winter activities are found in Estonia's wild nature. Frozen bogs, snow-covered pine trees, and icy beaches will make you feel like you've stepped onto another planet and are all yours to explore.



Snowshoe hike

Hiking in a bog is a wonderful way to discover the Estonian wilderness, enjoy some fresh and clean air and get some exercise. Another thing that makes bogshoe hikes quite unique is the fact that they take place year-round and with any weather.

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[Organizing Bogshoe hikes all over Estonia — Wanderlust](#)

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Kicksled hike

Kicksled hike is an environmentally friendly way of exploring nature in winter. Riding a sled gives a moderate load and allows you to move faster than walking. Sleds provide access to places where you might not be able to go during other seasons. Exploring untouched nature is wonderful – go and explore floodplains, lakesides, rivers, frost-covered bog islands, Soomaa, and more.

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[Toboggan hikes - Lokko Nature hikes](#)

[Tuulingu kicksled hikes in Matsalu National Park \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

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Fat bike hike

Fatbike is a bicycle with extra-wide tires designed for riding on soft, uneven ground, such as a forest trail, snow, sand or mud. Thanks to such tires, fatbikes can be used all year round.

Winter fatbike tours offer a unique and adventurous way to explore the wintry landscapes of various destinations. These tours typically involve riding fat-tire bicycles, specially designed for snowy terrain, through snow-covered trails and paths.

Book with:

[Enduro ja E-fatbike Seiklused Eestis \(adventures.ee\)](http://adventures.ee)

[Fatbike tours in Taevaskoda \(visitestonia.com\)](http://visitestonia.com)

[Fat-bike cycling trips on various hiking trails all over Estonia – Wanderlust](#)

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Off-road hike

If you love a bit of speed, explore the nature by snowmobile or take a karakat safari over frozen lakes. Karakats are custom vehicles built by local fishermen, designed to travel over the ice in the winter. You can also try your offroad winter driving skills with an ATV or motorcycle rental.

Book with:

[Snowmobile tours at Toosikannu Holiday Center \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

[Guide to driving on ice roads in Estonia | Visit Estonia](#)

[Karakat safari on Lake Peipus \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

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Sleigh ride

Whether you're seeking a romantic getaway, a family-friendly adventure, or a festive experience, a sleigh ride through snow-covered landscapes promises a cozy and unforgettable journey through the winter wonderland. So, bundle up and let the jingle of sleigh bells whisk you away on a delightful winter sleigh ride.

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[Sleigh ride in the wintery nature at Pärnu County \(visitestonia.com\)](https://www.visitestonia.com)

[Sleigh and sledge rides at Juurimaa Stable for families and groups \(visitestonia.com\)](https://www.visitestonia.com)

[Mustamõisa carriage and sleigh rides \(visitestonia.com\)](https://www.visitestonia.com)

[Voore stable sleigh rides in Rapla County | Visit Estonia](https://www.visitestonia.com)

[Horse and cart rides — Estonian Open Air Museum \(evm.ee\)](https://www.evm.ee)

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Dog sledding

Dog sledding tours offer an extraordinary winter experience for adventure seekers and nature enthusiasts. This activity involves being pulled through snow-covered landscapes by a team of sled dogs, often huskies or malamutes.

In addition, there is option to visit husky parks, where you can see the life on the farm, and meet and play with the dogs.

Book with:

[Sleddog Tours | Kelgukoer](#)

[Hike with Siberian Huskies \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

[Sleddog Tours and dog sledding in Järvselja | Visit Estonia](#)

[Husky sledding tour, starting from Tallinn \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

[Dogsledding with the Mutimuudi Sled Dogs \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

[Neumann Husky dog-sled rides \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

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Cross country skiing

Cross-country skiing is one of the best ways to appreciate the serenity of Estonian nature. You'll find tracks for everyone, from beginners to skiing enthusiasts, so rent equipment, ski into the night under lit tracks, and meet wild rabbits, fox, or deer. With so many places to choose from, you'll have difficulty deciding where to go cross-country skiing in Estonia!

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[Skiing in Kõrvemaa \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

[Valgehobusemäe Skiing and Holiday Centre](#) | [Visit Estonia](#)

[Tehvandi Ski Track \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

[Võru-Kubija cross-country skiing tracks \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

[Ski trails at the Palivere Tourism and Recreational Sports Centre \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

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Snowtubing

Estonia's picturesque landscapes, with their rolling hills and snowy terrains, offer ideal conditions for snowtubing enthusiasts to enjoy this fun-filled adventure. Whether you're seeking an adrenaline rush or a memorable outing with friends and family, snowtubing in Estonia promises exciting moments and breathtaking winter vistas.

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[Snowtubing and sledding | Visit Estonia](#)

[Snowtubing at Valgehobusemägi \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

[Otepää Winterplace \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

[Tartu Snow Park \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

[Alutaguse Adventure Park tube track \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

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Snowboarding

Snowboarding combines elements of surfing, skateboarding, and skiing to create an experience on snow-covered slopes.

Whether you're carving through powder, hitting terrain parks, or simply cruising down groomed runs, snowboarding offers a way to embrace the winter season and explore the beauty of Estonia.

Book with:

[Tallinn Snowboarding and Skiing Experience – Tallinn Guide \(tallinn-guide.com\)](https://tallinn-guide.com)

[Snowboarding and alpine skiing at Valgehobusemägi | Visit Estonia](#)

[Viljandi Snow Park \(visitestonia.com\)](https://visitestonia.com)

[Kütioru Centre \(visitestonia.com\)](https://visitestonia.com)

[Nõmme Snow Park \(visitestonia.com\)](https://visitestonia.com)

[Kuutsemäe Ski Resort \(visitestonia.com\)](https://visitestonia.com)

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Ice skating

Estonia is a paradise for ice skating enthusiasts regardless of your skill level. You can skate either inside in ice halls or when the weather permits, there are loads of places outside to test your skates! That includes more than just prepared ice parks, though! You can also go ice skating on frozen lakes and wetlands.

Book with:

[Seikle Vabaks skating on sea ice \(visitestonia.com\)](https://www.visitestonia.com)

[Ice Skating on Forest Lakes | Winter activities in Estonia \(tallinndaytrip.com\)](https://www.tallinndaytrip.com)

[Skating trips in Kõrvemaa \(visitestonia.com\)](https://www.visitestonia.com)

[Ice skating on the bog-pools of Rubina Bog | Visit Estonia](https://www.visitestonia.com)

[Ice skating in the Venice of Peipsi \(visitestonia.com\)](https://www.visitestonia.com)

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Ice fishing

Ice fishing is one way to see the nature of Estonia up close during the cold winter months. It's a surreal experience to step off the shore onto the ice and imagine fish swimming about beneath your feet. Organized ice fishing trips offer knowledgeable guides and unforgettable experiences — the whole family can enjoy a day out on the ice and then warm up with a sauna and a hot meal.

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[Ice Fishing Experience | Winter activities in Tallinn | TallinnDayTrip](#)

[Winter Ice Fishing in Fishing Village \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

[Ice winter adventure — fishing on Lake Peipus \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

[Entertaining fishing day on the icy Pärnu Bay \(visitestonia.com\)](#)

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Winter swimming

Winter swimming is an increasingly popular winter sport among Estonians.

The best Nordic swimming can be experienced from November to March when the water temperature is around 1 degree Celsius, with the water under an icy layer and the surroundings covered in snow.

Where to go winter swimming:

Winter swimming clubs are located in every bigger city, but passionate enthusiasts can be found in every corner of Estonia.

In 2024, Tallinn will host the Winter Swimming World Championship from March 4-10

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Winter kiteboarding

Winter kiteboarding is done on a snowboard or skis while you are being carried on by the kite. It can be done on snowy fields in windy weather. Kiteboarding is not physically demanding and everyone can do it!

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