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## EXCURSION TO NORTH-EASTERN ESTONIA

Sunday, 3 June

Route:

Tartu – Lake Peipus – Narva Kreenholm Manufacturing Company –  
[Lunch in Narva, Café Muna] – Narva Hermann Castle – Tartu

- Please register before the conference on **Wednesday, 31 May at the latest**. Please also check your lunch option. You can register online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5M2D5Q5> or send an e-mail to Ivo.Volt@ut.ee.
- The bus departs from the **lower parking lot of the Theatre Vanemuine at 8 a.m.** If you are not sure where to go, a guide will meet you in front of the Main Building of the University of Tartu (i.e., the conference venue) at 7.45.
- The excursion costs **20 euros** per person, to be paid in cash in the bus. Included in the price is transport, entrance fee to Kreenholm (with guided tour in English) and to Narva Hermann Castle, and lunch in Narva.
- For those who have to return to Tallinn on Sunday evening, there is a possibility to take a train to Tallinn during our trip. The train arrives in Tallinn around 9 pm. One of the organizers will accompany you on the train to Tallinn. Please inform the organizers of your wish to transfer to Tallinn, and do not forget to take your luggage with you on the trip.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, do not hesitate to contact the organizers.

The trip will take us to the North-Eastern part of Estonia. Our first short stop will be the shore of **Lake Peipus**, the fifth-largest lake in Europe and the largest transboundary lake in Europe (on the border between Estonia and Russia).

From there we will proceed to **Narva**, the third largest city in Estonia, which is located at the eastern extreme point of Estonia, at the Russian border, on the Narva River which drains Lake Peipus. In Narva, we will visit the premises the **Kreenholm Manufacturing Company**, situated on the island of Kreenholm and along the banks of the Narva River. The company was founded in 1857, and its cotton spinning and manufacturing mills were once the largest in the world. Kreenholm was considered in its time to be the most important mill in Russia, employing 12,000 people. In its history, the company faced various obstacles, and it finally went bankrupt in 2010. There will be a 1.5 hour guided excursion to the site (in English).



One of the buildings of the Kreenholm Manufacturing Company / Andrei Simonov, Wikimedia Commons, CC BY-SA 3.0

On our way to the island of Kreenholm, we will cross a branch of the Narva River. Between Narva and the Russian city Ivangorod the river flows over the Baltic Klint, forming the Narva Waterfall. The river is split into two branches by the Kreenholm island, thus the falls consist of two sections. The Estonian–Russian border follows the eastern branch. Unfortunately, since the creation of Narva Reservoir in 1955, the waterfalls are usually dry, but water is allowed to flow in the original channel for up to a few days every year.

After a lunch break in Narva, we will proceed to **Narva Castle**, also called Hermann Castle. The first stone castle on the site was built in the beginning of the 14th century. During more than 700 years of its existence Narva Hermann Castle has belonged to Danes, Germans, Swedes, Russians and finally Estonians.



Narva Castle / Simm, Wikimedia Commons, CC BY-SA 3.0

The castle's appearance as we know it today originates from the 14th–16th century. Gravely damaged in the World War II, the castle was mostly restored in 1970s–1980s, but the restoration works are not finished.

Today, Narva Castle hosts a museum with a permanent exhibition on Narva city history as well as several temporary expositions. A beautiful view of Narva city and Ivangorod fortress on the Russian side can be admired from 51 metre high Tall Hermann tower.