

Project

Estonian people have lived in these lands since ancient times and ancient Estonians were known as a wise and mysterious people. They have been described as a nation of witches and sorcerers, and for good reason. While later periods of Estonian history can be learned about in a number of places across the country, the Viking Age (8th to 11th century) in our lands has not received much attention. The Viking Village is the result of one man's long-lived dream and the boldness and initiative of young enthusiasts. It all started in 2005, when the current chieftains of the Viking Village discovered an ancient and mysterious location on the scenic bank of the Pirita River, which could not have been a better place to build an ancient Estonian Viking village.

The mission of the Viking Village is to give people a sense of what ancient life was like and to provide a place to relax and learn to know themselves as well as their environment. It is a place where you can take a break from fast-paced modern life and discover the Viking within yourself. The Viking Village is constantly being expanded and improved. Today, we have completed roughly half of the planned village, which means that there is at least as much to come! More information: www.viikingitekyla.ee

NB! This particular shift takes place in winter time and this gives a great chance for participants to learn about ancient winter traditions of Vikings and to experience winter conditions in Estonia – of course having a good fun.

Work

The main work is the keeping up of Vikings Village which involves cleaning, fixing, painting. Other part of work is helping with various event preparations such as decorations set up, putting tents and tables and other odd jobs depending on event. The work is physical.

Accommodation

The accommodation conditions are very simple - in Viking house but beds are provided. Please bring your warm sleeping bag. Toilets and showers are available on site. There are fireplaces where you can prepare meals on Fire, while some meals will be prepared for you indoors at the main house.

Location

30 km from Tallinn along Tartu road, at Pirita river shore. More information: www.viikingitekyla.ee

Terminal

Airport, harbour, bus station in Tallinn. From the airport or Tallinn Bus Station (Bussijaam) or Train station (Baltijaam) you can take bus nr 138 to Saula. Timetables are available online at www.transport.tallinn.ee However the host can provide group pick up at the meeting point within walking distance from the airport.

Special requirements

You need to be open-minded and willing to adapt to the simple conditions of life in Vikings Village. Be ready for independent work as well as teamwork. It is helpful if you have some technical skills: repairs, building, woodwork, fire etc. Driving license is an advantage.

Smoking and drinking alcohol are not permitted during the work days. Age of participants 17+

Leisure time

There are a lot of interesting natural and historical sights and places around the area. This camp is perfect for people who enjoy being close to the nature and are interested in traditions and history. On the last evening there will be a theatrical & special FX performance at the fortress. You can help in preparations of show and other events and enjoy it. It is planned to visit Tallinn the capital of Estonia to see and enjoy its famous Christmas Market <https://christmasmarket.ee/en/>

Participation fee

Due to the lack of financial support for the project the **participation fee of 195 Euro** is requested from volunteers to cover the costs of board, leisure activities and administration. **This fee has to be paid by bank transfer before the beginning of the camp.** If you cannot make bank transfer please contact your sending organization for solution.