



Imtal Europe Conference

in cooperation with
Destination Viking Association
Cultural Route Following The Vikings
24th – 27th April 2025

Kuressaare, island of Saaremaa, Estonia



WHEN AND WHERE?



City of Kuressaare

ARRIVAL: Thursday, April 24th (please plan to arrive by 19.00)
DEPARTURE: Sunday, April 27th (no planned activities for the day)
VENUE / HOTEL: Venue for the meetings and accommodation is in the hotel Meri <https://www.merispa.ee/>

HOTEL PRICES: NB! Registration fee does not include accommodation
We have pre-booked rooms in the hotel Meri.

- Price for the double room (for 2 people) standard for 3 nights is 210 euros
- Price for the double room (for 2 people) sea view for 3 nights is 240 euros
- If you choose to stay in the room alone, then the price is for 1 person per room.
- Price of the accommodation includes breakfast and use of the SPA

OUR HOST- SAAREMAA ISLAND

Saaremaa is the largest island in Estonia, located in the Baltic Sea. Also known as the island of Vikings. It covers an area of approximately 2,673 square kilometers and features a diverse landscape that includes marshes, forests, limestone cliffs, and beautiful beaches. The island's unique geographical position contributes to its mild climate and rich biodiversity.



Saaremaa boasts a rich cultural heritage influenced by various historical periods, including Viking age and Swedish and Russian rule. The island is home to numerous medieval stone churches, castles, and traditional villages that showcase Estonian architecture and craftsmanship. Notable sites include the Kuressaare Castle, one

of the best-preserved medieval castles in the Baltics, and the Angla Windmill Mount, which features iconic windmills representative of local agricultural history.

The islanders maintain a strong connection to their traditions through folk music, dance, and crafts. Saaremaa is famous for its unique folk costumes and handicrafts made from local materials. Saaremaa's culinary offerings are also noteworthy. The island has a growing reputation for high-quality local cuisine featuring fresh seafood and locally sourced ingredients.

HOW TO GET TO KURESSAARE

AIRPORTS:

There are 3 airports at your disposal. 2 are international airports and 1 is local airport with the connection from Tallinn.

Tallinn Airport 230 km/ 4:30 h (ferry time included)

Riga Airport 345 km/ 6 h (ferry time included)

Kuressaare local Airport 1,6 km- connection from Tallinn airport

BUS:

Tallinn Coach station- Kuressaare Coach station 230 km/ 4:30 h (about 17 euros). Please note that the Tallinn Coach station is about 2,5 km from the Tallinn airport- short walk or taxi ride away.

Check the ticket information from following site

<https://www.tpilet.ee/en/>

RENTAL CAR:

There are several car rental opportunities in the Tallinn airport. If you take the rental car you also need to take the ferry from the port Virtsu to Kuivastu. Ferry takes about 30 minutes and you can see the schedule and prices here:

<https://www.praamid.ee/portal/ticket/departure?direction=VK>

HOW TO REGISTER

Please fill out the [registration form](#) sent out by Imtal Europe.

REGISTRATION FEE: The registration fee for AGM 2025 is approximately 250,00 EUR per person. We will confirm the final registration fee once we know the number of participants.

The registration fee includes:

- All the lunches, dinners and coffee breaks
- All transfers, visits, excursions and museum tickets

Dear Imtal Europe enthusiasts,

Salme Viking Centre together with Asva Viking Village is excited to welcome you all to the island of Saaremaa this coming April (APR 24-27).

Some ten plus Estonian Vikings and archeologist from outside of our network will join us this year to share latest information about exciting archeological finds and reviving the Viking heritage of Saaremaa and perhaps most important, enjoy some good old fashioned island hospitality.

We have compiled this info package in order to help you with your traveling plans as well as to make your participation as pleasant as possible.

Here you will find detailed information about the island, on how to best arrive to it, where to stay, what to do, and how to do it. Finally, even though we are months away from meeting in Estonia, you will also find a first draft of our program which may be subjected to some changes before April.

We kindly ask you to go through it, to timely fill in [the online application form](#) to help us with the organization, and not to hesitate to contact us should you need any clarification and/or additional information and questions. Thank you all in advance.

We are very much looking forward to hosting you in the east!

Organizational Committee

Draft Programme

Imtal Europe conference in Saaremaa 24 - 27.04.2025

Arrival to Estonia and travel to Saaremaa Starting from 15.00 check in to the hotel Meri
<https://www.merispa.ee/en/>

SPA is open to use for all the participants from 9.00-21.00 daily (included in the accommodation price)

24.04.2025

19.00 welcome reception in the hotel Meri

(drinks and buffet style food, welcome words by the mayor of Kuressaare and introduction of the event by the organizers)

25.04.2025

7.00 - 9.00 breakfast at the hotel

9.00 - 11.00 Imtal Europe meeting

11.00 – 13.00 workshop with Angela Pfenninger & Ingo Glückler

13.00 - 14.00 lunch at the hotel

14.00 - 17.00 presentations about Estonian Viking heritage, archeological findings etc.
(1 coffee break at 15.30)

17.00 - 18.30 free time, opportunity to visit SPA or have a guided walk on the town
Kuressaare

18.30 busses to Asva Viking village for dinner and entertainment

22.00 busses returning to the hotel

26.04.2025

7.00 - 8.30 breakfast at the hotel

8.30 - 10.00 workshops

10.30 busses leaving for excursion to visit Viking sites in Saaremaa

13.00 - 14.00 lunch break on the excursion

16.00 arriving back to Kuressaare to visit Kuressaare Castle

16.00 - 18.00 Excursion in the castle and walk back to the hotel

19.00 Conference dinner at the hotel

(sit down dinner with drinks, thank you words and conclusions
by the organizers, entertainment - live music)

27.04.2025

07.00 - 10.00 breakfast at the hotel

Travel day

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- all the lunches, dinners and coffee breaks included in the timetable

- all transfers, visits, excursions and museum tickets in the timetable

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

Once you complete the registration form and we have specified the participation fee, you will be asked to make a payment to the following recipient:

Name: MTÜ Salme Viikingikeskus

Address: Liisuaugu Saaremaa, Saaremaa vald, Tehumardi küla 93222, Eesti

IBAN:EE377700771005307532

Bank: AS LHV PANK

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SWIFT: LHVBE22

Payment description: AGM2025 Fee guest name

EXPECTED WEATHER



CONTACT

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