ETAPS 2012 participant arrival info

Getting from airport to town

The city is 4 kms from the airport and you reach it by taxi, shuttle or scheduled bus.

The shuttle (shared taxi) service runs to central hotels. There is a desk of the company just outside the customs clearance exit door. The ticket costs 7 EUR. Check their website. The suitable buses lines are no. 2 and 90K (timetables).

**Bus no. 2** runs throughout the day (from early hours until quite late in the evening). You are travelling from “Lennujaam” (Airport) in the direction of “Reisisadam” (Passenger Port). The most centrally located stop in the city center is “A. Laikmaa” in front of Hotel Tallink, the travel time there is 13 min.

Sat-Sun 24-25 March public transport in Tallinn (incl. bus line no. 2) is free due to a city government campaign.

**Bus no. 90K** is a special airport bus. It departs from the airport at every full and half hour between 7.30 and 18.30 (so does not run early in the morning and late in the evening - which is when you would most likely need it). There are many central stops. Bus no. 90K is NOT part of the general public transportation ticket system of Tallinn. The ticket costs 2 EUR.

The stops for bus lines from the airport to the city are on the lower level of the airport.

And of course you can take a taxi. The taxi rank is on the same level as the arrivals hall. When choosing a taxi in Tallinn, be careful. Check the tariffs displayed on a yellow sticker on the rear passenger window the car. The reasonable per km rate is about 0.5 EUR, but opportunist entrepreneurs may charge 2.5 times more. It is advisable to order a taxi by phone; there are multiple reliable companies.

In the evening of 25 March, from 18.30 to midnight, we run a complimentary shuttle service from the airport to central hotels.

Getting around

The public city transportation system of Tallinn, consisting of bus, tram and trolleybus traffic, is quite efficient. The services are many and they run frequently. Most stops have timetables (affixed to the stop signpost) and many also have a map of the transport system on display (in the waiting booth). Tickets are available from the drivers and from R-Kiosk newsstands, post offices and Selver hypermarkets. A ticket is validated with a ticket punch located in the vehicle. Buses, trams and trolleybuses all operate under one ticket system. A ticket for a single journey (no changes permitted) costs 1.60 EUR when bought from the driver and 1 EUR when pre-purchased. A pre-purchased set of 10 tickets costs 8 EUR. A special express bus ticket or a completion ticket in addition to an ordinary ticket is required in an express bus. You might consider 1-hour (1.20 EUR) or 1, 3, 5 day (4 EUR, 6 EUR, 7 EUR) tickets.

The airport bus line no. 90K is not part of the general public transportation ticket system.

Here is an interactive public transportation map. The timetables are here.

NB. Route numbers for bus, tram and trolleybus lines overlap, so trolleybus line no. 2 is not the same as bus no. 2 or tram no. 2.

As already stated above, the per km rate of a reasonable taxi is around 0.50 EUR.

Here are some recommendable companies and their phone numbers: Reval Takso +372 621 2111, Marabu +372 650 0006. From the taxis serving the taxi rank at the airport, we can recommend Tulika Takso, +372 612 0000.

Workshops venue

The satellite workshops will all take place on the campus of Tallinn University of Technology in Mustamäe, approx 7 kms from the city center, but easily reached by public transport.

The workshops will be held in the building of the Tallinn School of Economics and Business Administration, Building X (“X” for no. 10) of the university (Akadeemia tee 3), mostly on the 4th floor.

Building X is next to the Library (Building R), a big box-like building coated in a black textile with a wood texture. This building is difficult to miss from the trolleybus window. The two buildings are connected by a passage on the 2nd floor.
Registration

The registration desk, on the 4th floor, will be open from 8.30 on 24 March, from 8.00 on 25 March, and from 8.30 on 31 March and 1 April.

Getting there

The TUT campus is reached from the city by trolleybuses no. 3 (stop “Keemia”, closest), no. 4 (stop “Ehitajate tee”, almost as close), no. 1, 2, 5 (stop “Akadeemia tee”, furthest). See the enclosed map.

All these trolleybuses go every 10..15 minutes, also on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The travel time is about 25 minutes, depending on the line and where exactly you get on the trolleybus.


Main conferences venue

The main conference sessions will take place in the conference center of Swissôtel Tallinn (Tornimäe 3), 6th floor.

Swissôtel (in tall twin towers) is in Tallinn’s new “city” where there are a number of tall buildings. It is less than 1 km from the Old Town.

Registration

Registration (in the conference centre) will be open from 8.00 on 26–28 March, from 8.30 on 29–30 March.

Getting there

From hotels in the Old Town, from Nordic Hotel Forum, Park Inn Central, Tallink, Radisson Olümpia, it is optimal to walk.

From Meriton Grand Hotel & Spa, von Stackelberg, L’Ermitage it makes sense to take trolleybus no. 1 from the stop “A. Adamsoni” in the direction of the city and travel to the final stop “Kaubamaja” (altogether 3 stops).

Weather

Daytime temperatures are around 5 degrees C. There are remains of snow in many places. Watch out for ice on streets.

For up-to-date weather information and forecasts check [this site](#).

Time

Notice that Estonia uses Eastern European Time (EET), which is one hour ahead of Central European Time (CET).

Between 24 and 25 March, Estonia, together with many other countries switches to **Daylight Saving Time**.

City information

The Tallinn city [tourist information website](#) has lots of useful information, including an [interactive map of Tallinn](#) covering sights, public transportation, restaurants, hotels etc.

We can highly recommend the InYourPocket.com [Tallinn pages](#) (you can download the pdf and there’s an iPhone app). If they don’t like something, they say so.