

Planning a Football Trip to Estonia

A guide to planning a football trip to Estonia with details of kick-off times and the 2016 season.

League Structure

Meistriliiga is the highest division of the Estonian Football Association annual football championship. The league was founded in 1992, and is semi-professional with amateur clubs allowed to compete. Meistriliiga consists of ten clubs, all teams play each other four times. In 2013 six of the ten teams were professional. After each season the bottom team is relegated and the second last team plays a two-legged play-off for a place in the Meistriliiga.

The **Esiliiga** is the second division and all the teams are semi-professional. During the season, the teams play each of the other four times, twice at home and twice away. This makes for a total of 36 games played each season.

Current Season

As in most countries with low temperatures in winter time, the season starts in March and ends in November.

Top Division Teams

The following 10 clubs will compete in the Meistriliiga during the 2018 season.

| Club | Position in 2017 | First season in Meistriliiga | Seasons in Meistriliiga | Current spell since | Titles | Last title/ Best finish |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| FCI Levadia | 2nd | 1999 | 20 | 1999 | 9 | 2014 |

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|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|
| Flora | 1st | 1992 | 28 | 1992 | 11 | 2017 |
| Kuressaare | Esiliiga, 5th | 2000 | 10 | 2018 | 0 | 7th |
| Narva Trans | 5th | 1992 | 28 | 1992 | 0 | 2nd |
| Nõmme Kalju | 3rd | 2008 | 11 | 2008 | 1 | 2012 |
| Paide Linnameeskond | 6th | 2009 | 10 | 2009 | 0 | 5th |
| Tallinna Kalev | Esiliiga, 2nd | 2007 | 7 | 2018 | 0 | 6th |
| Tammeka | 7th | 2005 | 14 | 2005 | 0 | 5th |
| Tulevik | 8th | 1992 | 19 | 2017 | 0 | 2nd |
| Vaprus | 9th | 2006 | 5 | 2017 | 0 | 7th |

Meistriliiga Kick Off Times

Games usually take place on Friday, Saturday or Sunday at the weekend with 2pm and 7pm being quoted on most websites.

Travel from UK to Estonia

The most common way to fly to Estonia is via Tallin the capital. You can fly by British Airways or Ryan Air from London and Manchester, Wizz Air from Luton, EasyJet and Air Baltic from Gatwick.

Travel Around Estonia

Estonia may seem like a small country compared to other European nations, but it is still several hundreds of kilometres across so there are still some distances to travel to get about. While there is a limited domestic train network, the country's buses are more likely useful for wider travel. The train network mostly connects Tallinn with the cities of

Tartu and Narva, with international trains travelling through to St Petersburg and Moscow in Russia.

The buses on the other hand cover the width and breadth of the country and provide great value for money. Several different bus companies operate within Estonia such as [Lux Express](#). Bus information can be found [here](#).