Culture and arts as a bridge to intercultural dialogue



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Location in Europe

 Crossroad of cultures – 80 km from Helsinki, 300 km from St. Petersburg, 380 km from Stockholm, 2380 km north from Istanbul

Direct flights from more than 25 destinations in Europe

All-year-round connection by sea with Helsinki (ca 40 trips per days depending on season) etc.





TALLINN

Capital of Estonia

Area: 159,2 km²

Population: 400 000 (ca 1/3)

population of Estonia)

Nationality: Estonians 54 %, Russians 36.5%, Ukrainians 3.6%, Byelorussians 1.9%, Other nationalities 4.0% (there are 125 different nationalities living in Tallinn)





Old Town – our biggest asset and

attraction

The best preserved medieval old town in Northern Europe

Tallinn's Old Town belongs to the UNESCO World Heritage list since 1997





The Renaissance of Tallinn's Churches

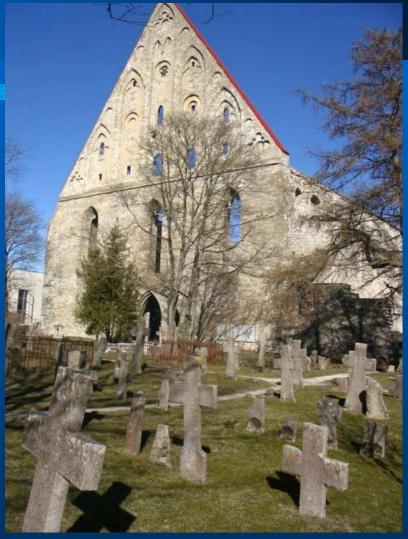
Project launched since 2003 – 22 churches have been involved, 5 million euros invested so far and project will continue until 2011





Birgitta Festival-Pearl of Baltic Sea region

Since 2005 classical music event Birgitta festival taking place in the ruins of the ancient St. Birgitta monastery.





Well-balanced development

Estonia together with its capital city Tallinn is one of the fastest growing economic environments in the world;

3/4 of all the foreign investments directed to Estonia have been made in Tallinn





Creative City

Tallinn invests in the creativity of our people by building supportive environments to carry out their creative potential.

Fast implementation of new technologies in public space – high-tech living and working environment: one of the reasons which helped Tallinn become one of the 7-th most intelligent eities in the world twice already



To open seashore

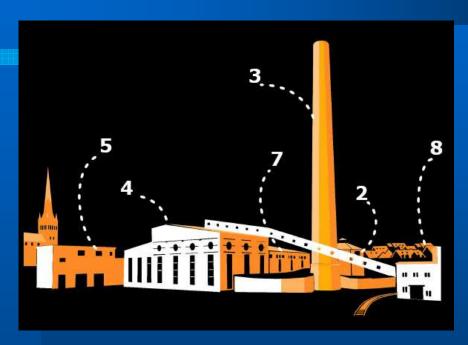
Tallinn'c coastline is 45 cilometres long

Coastal territory of Tallinn was restricted industrial and border area during year of occupation (1940-1991).

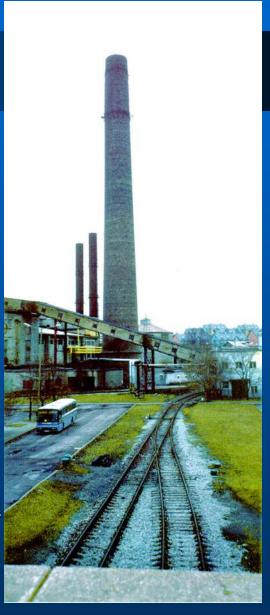
Now, Tallinn has project called "Kilometre of Culture" to open up seashore



Culture Cauldron



Culture Cauldron (former thermal power station) is a unique centre that integrates arts, informal education, sustainable ways of thinking; the creative industry incubator as an integral part of the cauldron will be opened already in the end of 2009



Tallinn 2011





Openness





































Mobile and global world

Tallinn is growing and new tourist destination (400 000 inhabitants host 3 million visitors a year – a bigger rate than in Paris)

Only people who live in the city can bring its cultural heritage to life.

Culture and fine arts – bridges to solve cities problems and to cooperate states and nations, to resolve global differences



Thank you and welcome to Tallinn!

