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Spending the holidays in Pärnu is fun for kids, mums and dads and grandparents alike! In summer you can splash around in the warm sea, have fun on the golden sands, enjoy the playgrounds and treat yourself to a delicious ice cream from one of the cafés. You can rent a bike and explore the town on your own until nightfall!

Fans of water sports can challenge themselves by giving surfing or sailing a go. A beautiful summer's day can be spent on a boat or a pedalo on the river or sailing the seas on a yacht. If the water is cold, you should pay a visit to the biggest water park in Estonia or simmer down in one of the hot tubs and saunas of Pärnu's many spas.

At the Minizoo you will find real snakes and lizards. The most courageous animal-lovers can even hold and pet them!

Those who prefer softer, fluffier creatures can make friends with the inhabitants of the alpaca farm in Are. You can craft a nice souvenir from your visit to Pärnu at the Mary Magdalene Guild. On the outskirts of the city, Lotte and her friends welcome all visitors. Those who conquer their fear of heights can put their skills to the test at Valgeranna Adventure Park and nature-lovers can choose from different hiking trails.

If you like technology and mechanics, you'll enjoy visiting Halinga Car Museum and the Estonian Railway Museum in Lavassaare, where you can take a look at different locomotives and ride steam and diesel trains.

There is plenty to do in Pärnu in winter too – you can skate, ride with sled dogs in Tori and visit Santa Claus on Korstna Farm.





I LIKE RIDING MY SCOOTER, PRACTISING TRICKS AND JUST HANGING OUT WITH MY FRIENDS. OLIVER, age 10

The beach

When the scorching sun heats up the water, Pärnu beach fills with vacationers of all ages. Ride straight into the sea on the elephant slide, climb and swing about on the playground, build sandcastles and bathe in the sea until your fingers and toes are as wrinkled as raisins!

Take a break from the fun in the water to walk along the beach promenade and have an ice cream. There are fewer people on the beaches in Mai and Vana-Pärnu, where you will meet the city cows. The viewing towers allow you to see all of the surrounding areas and, if you are lucky, maybe even spot a seabird.

There is more space for being on your own and running around freely on the beaches outside the town. Valgeranna welcomes courageous climbers with adventure trails, while those who visit Lottemaa can take a refreshing dip and have a picnic on the beach at Reiu. Kabli beach features a playground and a nature trail, and Matsi beach has beautiful camping and barbecue areas.

HAVE YOU EVER MADE CASTLES FROM WET SAND, DROP BY DROP, JUMPED IN THE WAVES AND LOOKED FOR SEASHELLS? I HAVE! LAURA, age 5

Children's playgrounds

What is summer without playing? In Pärnu, you can play as much as your heart desires!

In the heart of Pärnu lies Munamägi, which has a nice playground with swings, a carousel, climbers and an outdoor gym. Next to it is an awesome spot for fans of skateboards, scooters and BMX: a skate park with six ramps.

In winter you can enjoy a long slide down the slopes of Munamägi, while in summer you can conquer the hill on foot. You will find the Vallikääru playground

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by searching out the tallest fountain in the city. This play area is right next to the boat harbour and you can become a ship's captain or a fierce pirate while playing on the climbers, which are shaped like a ship. There are great playgrounds on Pärnu beach and in the shaded woods in Vanapargi. You can try riding UFOs or bumper cars at Hüppa playland.

Next to the bridge in the city centre is a bicycle trail that will have you holding onto your bike with all your might on the bumpy landscape. Don't forget to wear a helmet!





Hiking trails

If you yearn for nature, head to the hiking trail by the sea in central Pärnu. While walking around the coastal meadows you might encounter city cows as well as frogs and birds. You can visit the viewing towers of Mai and Vana-Pärnu and see whether you can spot Kihnu island.

To stop the waves from filling up the harbour with sand, two jetties made from huge rocks have been built in Pärnu. It is exciting to walk on them and watch how big ships sail into the port.

To explore longer trails you will need to venture outside the city. The Rannametsa-Tolkuse nature study trail enables you to get to know the Luitemaa bog and pine forest and climb the viewing tower located on the highest sand dune in Estonia. If you are lucky, you'll find blueberries and mushrooms. The nature trail at Lake Rae spirals around ancient woods that are home to beavers and kingfishers. When you have had your fun swimming and fishing in the lake, try tackling the footbridge and suspension bridge to reach the viewing tower.

The Riisa study trail takes you on a journey through a spruce forest, over bog landscapes and past bog pools, while the Kaisma nature trail leads you to the pristine habitats of bears and capercaillies. If there are no bears around, don't hesitate to swim in the lake or take a boat out on the water.

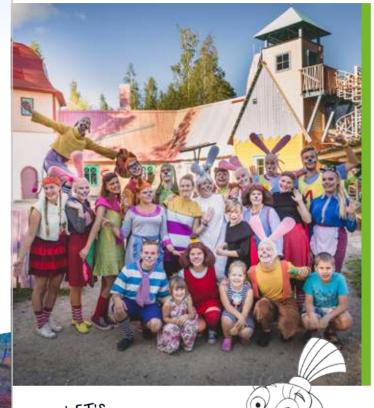
At Kabli visitor centre and on the nearby study trail you can explore the coastal nature and test your knowledge in an ABC game about birds.

IT'S FUN TO JUMP FROM ROCK TO ROCK ON THE JETTY, AND ONCE YOU REACH THE VERY END, THE CITY SEEMS SO TINY! SANDRA, age 8

LOTTEMAA

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Lottemaa is the jolly Gadgetville you have already seen in films, musicals and books about Lotte. Here you can meet Lotte, Bruno, Albert and the other villagers, play games and come up with new inventions with them. You can also see the houses that Lotte and her friends live in. try out the adventure park. discover exciting inventions, watch exciting plays and have a blast in the water on our beach. You can play and explore the houses in Lotte village on a rainy day. Bring your mum, dad, grandma, grandpa, brothers and sisters with you. because Lottemaa offers insanely exciting adventures and experiences for the entire family.

YOU CAN TAKE A TRAIN TO LOTTEMAA, TRAIN TO LOTTEMAA, AND THERE IS SO MUCH TO DO THERE. BUT THE BEST THING BUT THE BEST THING WAS THAT I GOT TO WAS THAT I GOT TO WAS THAT I GOT TO LILLI, age 5

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ESTONIA MEDICAL SPA & HOTEL



I LIKE THE BATHS THAT BLOW BUBBLES AND THE BIG POOL YOU CAN SWIM IN. Estonia Medical Spa sauna and water centre Sääse 7, Pärnu / +372 447 6870 sales@spaestonia.ee www.spaestonia.ee/medical F Estonia Medical Spa & Hotel

Enjoy the saunas with the whole family at the Estonia Medical Spa sauna and water centre. Here local knowledge has been intertwined with Oriental ideas and the centre offers ways of enjoying the waters to spa connoisseurs of all ages. Different saunas, different traditions, but one thing remains the same: both your body and mind will be purified.

MARI, age 6

ESTONIA RESORT HOTEL & SPA****



This spa and sauna offers new experiences to visitors of all ages. The centre boasts eight different saunas, including a 'joy' sauna, where you can unwind and enjoy cartoons, an outdoor terrace with hot tubs, a big pool you can have tons of fun in and a spa bar with a choice of healthy cocktails. You can try floating in the Dead Sea and enjoy various sauna rituals and herb baths.

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TERVISE PARADIIS SPA HOTEL & WATER PARK



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At Tervise Paradiis, Estonia's biggest water park, all lovers of water will find something to do young and old alike! It is truly fun here!

WE WENT TO THE WATER PARK BECAUSE IT IS SO MUCH FUN! I THINK ONE TIME I SLID DOWN THE WATER SLIDE 100 TIMES IN A ROW! LISETTE, age 7

VIKING SPA HOTEL

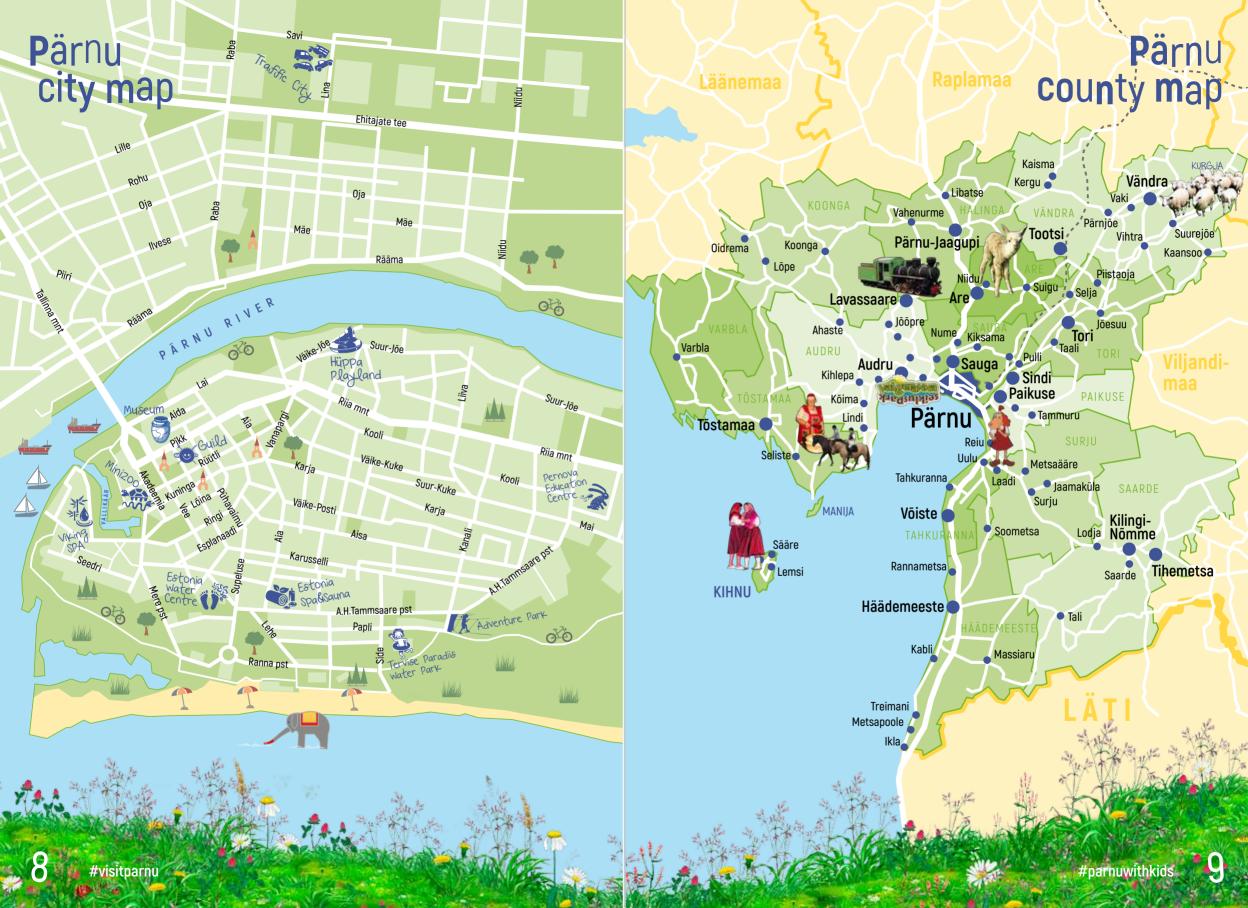


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MUMMY AND I GO MUMMY AND TOO THERE TO VISIT THE WARM CLOUD. MUMMY CALLS IT A SAUNA. LAURA, age 5

The Viking Saga water centre is a "Viking oasis" for relaxation that showcases a very distinctive interior - the saunas are hidden in caves and grottos. On the second floor is a rooftop garden with an igloo sauna.

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PÄRNU MUSEUM



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The permanent exhibition of this museum provides an overview of 11,000 years of history in Pärnu County from the Stone Age to modern times. You can get a feel for times past via the many ancient objects, by acquiring knowledge about the olden days, by playing games and by taking in the atmosphere. In addition, visitors can discover many fascinating temporary exhibitions.

MINIZOO



ALPACA FARM

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THERE ARE LOTS OF SNAKES AT THE MINIZOO, AND A CROCODILE, AND THE MAN HAS SOME BUGS THERE THAT HE GIVES YOU TO TASTE. SVEN, age 5

Come visit our zoo, which is home to many different venomous snakes, a small crocodile, boa constrictors, turtles, the smallest mice in the world and many more exciting animals! You can even pet and hold the friendlier residents.



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THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE IN THIS BUILDING WHO CAN MAKE STUFF WITH THEIR OWN HANDS. OTTO, age 1

THE MUSEUM IS A PLACE WHERE REALLY

OLD THINGS ARE

KEPT. YOU CAN FIND OUT WHAT PÄRNU

USED TO LOOK LIKE.

RAUL, age 8

The Mary Magdalene Guild is a place where you can do handicrafts and make something beautiful with your own two hands. Come with your entire family, and invite your friends and mates from kindergarten and school. There are plenty of fun activities for all ages!

PERNOVA EDUCATION CENTRE



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IT'S AN UPSIDE-DOWN HOUSE THAT HAS GRASS ON THE ROOF, AND THERE'S A ROOM WITH A ROUND CEILING WHERE YOU CAN SEE THE STARS. MEERI, age T

Here you are in the midst of nature both inside and out. You can discover the wonders of the sky and play creative nature games. At Pernova you can touch and feel, see and hear. Kids can have fun outside and meet our pet rabbit, Bruuno. Those who have a sweet tooth can indulge in an ice cream or cocktails



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ALPACAS ARE REALLY SOFT ANIMALS WITH LONG NECKS. NO, THEY'RE NOT GIRAFFES! RIINU, age 1

On this farm live alpacas, relatives of the camel who have a fluffy woollen coat, as well as other cute animals that you can feed and pet. You can also visit the local shop, which is filled with alpaca softness, warmth and souvenirs, and which offers refreshing ice cream, too.

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FARM MUSEUM OF C. R. JAKOBSON



JAKOBSON WAS A VERY IMPORTANT MAN AND NOW EVERYONE CAN VISIT Kurgja, Vändra vald, Pärnumaa HIS HOME. +372 445 8171 info@kurgja.ee www.kurgia.ee **F** C.R. Jakobsoni Talumuuseum Kurgial

This museum is an active farm museum where you can pet different animals - the Estonian and Tori horse. Estonian native cows, Estonian Whiteface sheep, rabbits, chickens and turkeys. Here you'll see that milk and vegetables don't simply come from the shops but that their journey starts in barns and out in the fields. The museum hosts lots of fun events that you can attend with the whole family.

ESTONIAN MUSEUM RAILWAY IN LAVASSAARE



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I LIKE TRAINS. ESPECIALLY OLD ONES. WE EVEN CLIMBED INTO A LOCOMOTIVE. MARTTI, age 5

KERT, age 5

Lavassaare's railway museum is one of the biggest narrow-gauge railway museums in the region. Exploring and learning about the trains is a lot of fun for children. You can climb inside many of the trains and become a driver. Parents will enjoy the nostalgic feeling of the museum. Taking a train journey is a truly exciting experience. The indoor exposition takes a look at the history of the railway, with many of the pieces that are showcased no longer existing.

KIHNU



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Kihnu - an island where the national skirts change colours, and an island where singing, dancing and music play a big role in people's lives. When on Kihnu, be sure to visit the museum. Kids can play dice or braid friendship bracelets on a traditionally woven Kihnu carpet. From the top of Kihnu lighthouse you can admire the magnificent views of the island and surrounding waters. On Kihnu you can explore the island in an open lorry, go on an adventure hike, play traditional games and learn the dances of the locals, craft little ships out of bark, go out to sea with a fisherman, treat your WHEN YOU START taste buds to the delicious local THE FERRY JOURNEY,

YOU SUDDENLY SEE A TINY cuisine and experience all that the island has to offer

I AND IN THE SEA. IT'S NOT ESTONIA. WOMEN DRIVE SIDECAR MOTORCYCLES, PEOPLE EAT TINY HERRING AND CHILDREN RUN AROUND BAREFOOT. MARIANN, age -

PÄRNU ADVENTURE PARK



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Come and experience Pärnu Adventure Park by the beach with your family and friends. Four different height levels, over 50 adventure games and several zip-lines! Adrenaline and excitement for all ages!

A REALLY COOL ADVENTURE TRAIL THAT'S LOCATED IN SUCH AN INTERESTING AREA. FROM UP ABOVE YOU'LL SEE THE BEACH AND THE TOWN. I ESPECIALLY LIKE THE LONG ZIP-WIRE DOWN! ELLI, age 12

VALGERANNA ADVENTURE PARK

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AT FIRST I WAS AFRAID TO CLIMB HIGH UP BUT IT IS SO MUCH FUN, ESPECIALLY THE ZIP-LINES! NOW I WANT TO GO TO VALGERANNA ADVENTURE PARK EVERY DAY. MARKUS, age 5

Jumping into nets, conquering obstacles and climbing ropes, taking long zip-line rides between the ground and the sky - THIS IS AN ADVENTURE PARK IN THE TREETOPS! You can explore eight different adventure trails at Valgeranna, all of which end with a speedy descent on a zip-line. The smallest members of the family can have fun in the kids' park and enjoy lower suspension bridges and swings. Those who don't want to climb among the treetops can go on a treasure hunt or play disc golf. See you at Valgeranna!

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SANTA'S KORSTNA FARM



SANTA'S FARM HAS SANTA CLAUS, DWARFS, A PONY AND OTHER ANIMALS. I THINK MRS SANTA MAKES HIM PANCAKES EVERY DAY info@maria.ee / www.maria.ee SILLE, age 6

f Jõuluvana Korstna talu Santa Claus lives here with Mrs Claus, dwarfs.

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horses, rabbits, spiders, moles, birds and many other friends, big and small. Here you can take part in different activities in the old threshing room, tower, attic, barns, stables and the rest of the farm - riding a sled or a pony, fixing up a tractor, making friends with the animals on the farm, crafting with Mrs Claus, trying pancakes with jam, reading your poem to Santa Claus in the tepee round the bonfire or whispering to him your secret wish.

MARIA FARM AND EQUESTRIAN CENTRE



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f Maria Talu

The wonderful scenery around Maria Farm offers a range of opportunities for adventures in the forest, in bogs and at sea. Footpaths head straight from the farm to a stunning pine forest, where you can hike, ride a horse or hop on a bicycle. For lovers of ball games, the farm has a football field and volleyball court as well as an asphalted basketball court. Those who adore horses can ride on the riding grounds, undertake training with ponies and horses, try horseback riding or go on horse cart and sleigh rides. The ladies who run the farm will make you feel as if you have come to visit your granny in the countryside.



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LIIKLUSLINNAK (TRAFFIC CITY)



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I'VE BEEN THERE LOTS OF TIMES FOR MY FRIENDS' BIRTHDAYS. AT THE CENTRE YOU CAN LEARN HOW YOU SHOULD BEHAVE IN TRAFFIC. EVERYTHING LOOKS REAL - EVEN THE PETROL STATION IS JUST LIKE THE ONE IN OUR TOWN. ELIISE, age 6

At Traffic City, everything looks

like it does in the adult world - there are traffic lights, intersections, traffic signs, a petrol station and a car wash. Here you can have fun riding and playing every single day!

HÜPPA PLAYLAND



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IT'S LIKE AN AMUSEMENT PARK WHERE YOU CAN BUMP INTO OTHERS WITH UFO CARS. IT'S SO MUCH FUN! KRISTER, age 5

This playland has an innovative UFO hall where you can ride bumper cars with unique lights and music. The UFOs are suitable for the entire family. The playland offers plenty of fun for all ages.







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