



XXX Estonian Festival & Sydney Estonian Society

100th Anniversary

8-11 April 2027 Australia, Sydney.

Workshop Facilitators and Instructors

INFORMATION PACK

Dear guests, workshop facilitators and instructors!

I am delighted that you are joining us to celebrate 100 years of Estonian culture in Australia and to take part in the XXX Estonian Festival in Sydney. Preparations are in full swing, and below you will find an overview of key information, accommodation options, transport and the festival program.

Craft Workshop Information and Expectations for Instructors

The Estonian Festival craft workshops will take place on Friday and Saturday from 9:00–12:00. The workshop schedule is tight, so we kindly ask you to follow the organisational guidelines below.

Workshop Duration and Timing

- The maximum length of a single workshop is **60 minutes**. This time must include preparation, delivery of the workshop, and packing up, so that the room is ready on time for the next instructor.
- If you wish to run a workshop longer than 60 minutes, please inform us in advance. Scheduling longer workshops depends on room availability and the overall timetable.
- Craft workshops are held in small rooms, therefore the recommended maximum number of participants is **up to 10 people**. This ensures comfortable movement, individual guidance and a safe working environment.

What We Need From Each Workshop Instructor

- Instructor photo
- Short introduction (up to 1000 characters)
- Workshop description
- Maximum number of participants and recommended minimum age
- Workshop duration
- Recommended participation fee

Please send all information to festival@eesti.org.au as soon as possible, but no later than **1 October 2026**. Workshop and instructor information will be published on the festival website, and each week we will introduce and highlight participants on our social media channels.

Preliminary Festival Program

Below we have outlined the key events for choirs and dance groups during the festival. In total, there are many more events, some of which are free. The final festival program will be confirmed in September, and registration and ticket sales will open in October.

The official festival website with program, performers, organisers and all essential information: <https://festival.eesti.org.au/>

Thursday, 8 April 2027

13:00–15:00 Festival Opening Ceremony and Concert at Sydney Town Hall Town Hall is an 18-minute walk from Estonian House (approx. 1.2 km).

17:00–18:30 Church Concert Likely at Pitt St Uniting Church, 17-minute walk from Estonian House (approx. 1.1 km) and only 2 minutes from Town Hall (approx. 150 m).

Friday, 9 April 2027

09:00–12:00 Market and morning craft & art workshops at the Estonian House Workshops last a maximum of 50 minutes and groups are small (approx. 10 people). At the same time, dance groups will perform on the main stage in the large hall.

Saturday, 10 April 2027

09:00–12:00 Market and morning craft & art workshops at the Estonian House Workshops last a maximum of 50 minutes and groups are small (approx. 10 people)

13:00–16:00 Australian Mini Song and Dance Festival Held at St Leonards Park (North Sydney). Travel time from the Estonian House is approx. 35 minutes, including walking to the train station, train travel and walking to the park. Sydney transport is easy to use with your bank card. This is the festival's largest joint performance.

Sunday, 11 April 2027

17:00–20:00 Festival Closing Gala on a harbour cruise The festive closing gala will take place aboard a cruise departing from Sydney Harbour. More details will be published on the official festival website.

Full program available from October: <https://festival.eesti.org.au/>

Accommodation

ADGE Hotel and Residences

We are pleased to share that our official accommodation partner, ADGE Hotel and Residences, offers excellent and affordable options for festival participants during the festival week. Guests enjoy free Wi-Fi, a self-service laundry, and paid parking and dining options (Italian café, Brazilian restaurant and Japanese-style bar). ADGE Hotel is located just a 2-minute walk from the Estonian House (approx. 100 m).

Special ADGE Hotel rates for Estonian Festival guests (2–15 April 2027):

- Queen and King rooms: 170 AUD/night

- Valid for bookings made before 30 September 2026
- All other room types: 15% discount

Discount code EESFES applies to both offers. Free cancellation is available within 24 hours of booking. Full terms are listed on the booking page.

Booking: <https://adgohotel.com.au/>

Meriton Suites – recommended for families and groups

Meriton Suites offers comfortable and affordable serviced apartments, ideal for families and groups:

- Choice of king or single beds
- 1–3 bedroom apartments – very cost-effective per person
- Living room, kitchen, laundry facilities; 2 bathrooms in apartments with 2+ bedrooms
- Excellent city views

Distance from Estonian House:

- Meriton Kent St: 15 min walk (approx. 1 km)
- Meriton Pitt St: 16 min walk (approx. 1.1 km)
- Meriton Campbell St: 11 min walk (approx. 700 m)

Meriton also has other locations across Sydney, all great options if you prefer to stay slightly further away or in more luxurious accommodation.

Booking: <https://www.meritonsuites.com.au/>

Recommended areas to stay

We recommend accommodation in Surry Hills, close to the Estonian House and convenient for performances. Sydney CBD is also a good choice, with easy access to all festival venues.

A link to the festival map showing the Estonian House, recommended accommodation, performance venues and Sydney CBD: [FESTIVALI ASUKOHTADE KAART](#)

Public Transport in Sydney and NSW

Sydney and the entire state of NSW use a unified public transport system covering buses, trains, metro, ferries and light rail. All services operate on the Opal network, where fares are calculated automatically.

The easiest way to travel is to use your bank card (Visa, Mastercard, Amex). Tap your card when entering and exiting transport. The system automatically calculates daily and weekly fares and applies discounts.

Prices and caps

Maximum daily and weekly fares:

- 19.30 AUD per day (Mon–Thu) – approx. 12 EUR
- 9.65 AUD per day (Fri–Sun & public holidays) – approx. 6 EUR
- 50 AUD per week – approx. 30 EUR

These caps apply across the entire state, including intercity travel (e.g., Sydney–Newcastle, Sydney–Wollongong, Sydney–Blue Mountains). The Opal week runs Monday–Sunday.

After reaching 50 AUD in a week, all further travel is free for the rest of that week, but you must still tap your card.

Opal Card (alternative to bank card)

If you prefer not to use your bank card, you can purchase an Opal Card, load money onto it, and use it the same way. Opal Cards are sold at kiosks, stations and supermarkets.

Airport station fee

If you arrive in Sydney by plane and take the train from the airport to the city, an additional airport station fee of 19 AUD (approx. 12 EUR) applies. This fee is charged only at airport stations and is added to the regular train fare.

Single tickets

Single trips generally cost 3–9 AUD, depending on distance and transport mode.

Deadlines & Summary

- Send your photo and workshop information
- ADGE discount code **EESFES** valid until **30 September 2026**
- Final festival program: confirmed in September, published in October
- Festival ticket sales begin in October
- Festival website: <https://festival.eesti.org.au/>
- Festival venues and interactive map: [FESTIVALI ASUKOHTADE KAART](#)

Sponsorship – Come and Support Our Celebration!

If you would like to contribute to the celebration of 100 years of Estonian culture in Australia and help make the XXX Estonian Festival a success, we would be truly grateful.

As a festival sponsor, you can be part of the event in a much deeper way than simply as a spectator:

- Your name and profile will appear in the festival book, on the website and on social media, where we proudly introduce everyone who helps make this jubilee year special.

- All sponsors are invited to an exclusive pre-event gathering designed especially for those who have supported the festival. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet organisers and fellow supporters, share inspiration and feel part of our community.

If you prefer to support the festival anonymously, that is completely possible — we respect everyone's privacy and appreciate every contribution, whether visible or discreet.

All sponsorship options and benefits are listed on our website:

<https://festival.eesti.org.au/sponsors/>

Donations and Sponsorship Payments

If you wish to support the festival financially, you can do so via bank transfer:

Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia **SWIFT:** CTBAAU25 **Account Name:** EP Festival
BSB: 062006 **Account Number:** 13718847

We sincerely appreciate every supporter — together we will create an event that will be remembered by performers, audiences and the Estonian community worldwide.

In conclusion

We cannot wait to welcome you to Sydney! Together we will create a vibrant and unforgettable XXX Estonian Festival and celebrate the Sydney Estonian Society's 100th anniversary with creativity, beautiful arts and music.

Come alone or come with a group — the main thing is that you come! See you soon!

XXX Estonian Festival 2027 & Sydney Estonian Society 100th Anniversary Team