XXX Estonian Festival & Sydney Estonian Society
100th Anniversary
8-11 April 2027 Australia, Sydney.
Choirs and Dance Groups

INFORMATION PACK

Dear guests, choirs and dance groups!

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.

What we need from you

- A photo of the participant, choir or dance group
- An introduction/bio (up to 1500 characters)
- The final number of participants in your group

Please send this information as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Performer information will be published on the festival website, and each week we will introduce and announce participants on our social media channels.

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://adgehotel.com.au/

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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.

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.

Rehearsal times and repertoire for joint performances will also be finalised in the coming months, and we will inform you as soon as possible.

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).

- Opening dance – Kikapuu dance step
- Official opening and speeches
- Joint songs and dances

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).

- Each choir will have 15–20 minutes to perform their repertoire
- Please send us your repertoire **by 30 October** so we can compile the program and ensure that choir selections do not overlap

Friday, 9 April 2027

From 09:00 onwards – Dance group performances at the Estonian House

- Each group will have 15–20 minutes of stage time

Saturday, 10 April 2027

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.

- Approx. 7 choirs and 16 dance groups participating
- 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/

Deadlines & Summary

- Send your photo and information
- ADGE discount code **EESFES** valid until **30 September 2026**
- Joint rehearsal times and repertoire: finalised in September
- Please send your group's repertoire **by 30 October 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