

TARTU CITY

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MAIN DESCRIPTION

- Tartu, with its population of 98,480 (Population Census data from 2011) in an area of 38.8 square kilometres, is the second largest city of Estonia. Tartu, lying 185 kilometres south of Tallinn, is also the centre of Southern Estonia. The Emajõgi River, which connects the two largest lakes of Estonia, flows for the length of 10 kilometres within the city limits and adds colour to the city.



HISTORICAL NAMES

- The ancient Estonian fortress of Tarbatu was founded in the 5th century AD. Historical names for the city include German **Dorpat** (from the 13th century) and Russian **Yuryev** (Юрьев, from 1030) and **Derpt** (Дерпт).



TARTU UNIVERSITY



- ❖ Tartu has Tartu is often considered the intellectual centre of the country, especially since it is home to the nation's oldest and most renowned university, the **University of Tartu**.
- ❖ Scholars hailing from Tartu include the pioneer of embryology Karl Ernst von Baer, a pioneer of animal behaviour studies Jakob von Uexküll, and a cultural theorist and semiotician Juri Lotman.
- ❖ Tartu School is one of the leading scientific schools in the field of semiotics.

MAIN SIGHTS

- Most notable are the old Lutheran St. John's Church (Estonian: Jaani Kirik, German: Johanneskirche),
- The 18th-century town hall,
- Ruins of the 13th-century cathedral,
- The botanical gardens,
- The main shopping street, many buildings around the town hall square and
- Barclay Square.



TARTU TOWN HALL



- ❖ Tartu Town Hall (Estonian: Tartu raekoda) is the seat of the city government of Tartu, Estonia. It is located on Town hall square, in the city centre.
- ❖ The town hall is built in an early Neoclassical style, with Rococo and Baroque details.

TARTU CATHEDRAL

- Tartu Cathedral (Estonian: Tartu toomkirik) is one of the landmarks of the Estonian city of Tartu (Dorpat).
- The building is now an imposing ruin overlooking the lower town. In the small part of it that has been renovated is now located the museum of the University of Tartu, which the university also uses for major receptions.
- Was in use as a hall church, later destroyed during Livonian War and Polish-Swedish War.



BOTANICAL GARDENS



BARCLAY SQUARE



WELCOME TO TARTU!

- Tartu is perfect place to visit, because it is the cradle of the Estonian Song Festival, Estonian theatre and the Estonian state; Tartu is the intellectual capital of Estonia where national awareness and the culture of Estonia was born.

