

ESTONIA PHOTO TOUR





Brown Bears, Wetland Birds & Baltic Coastlines

Step into the quiet magic of Estonia, one of Europe's best-kept secrets for nature photography. This seven-day adventure invites you to explore ancient forests, misty wetlands, and serene Baltic shores at the peak of spring activity.

Led by a professional photographer, you'll blend hide sessions, landscape shoots, and exploratory walks through some of the country's most wildlife-rich habitats.

Watch brown bears emerge from the shadows, cranes perform their dawn dances across bog meadows, and soft spring light filter through untouched woodland. May offers exceptional photographic conditions: birds are nesting, mammals are active after winter, and golden-hour light lingers long into the day.

From elk, beavers, and raccoon dogs to coastal seals and soaring white-tailed eagles, this tour delivers remarkable diversity in just one week. Along the way, you'll capture the textures of raised bogs, the movement of waterfalls, and the charm of Estonia's medieval capital, Tallinn, where the journey ends with a relaxed cultural finale - camera still in hand.

With small group sizes and expert guidance throughout, this experience is crafted for photographers who seek variety, inspiration, and the chance to immerse themselves in Estonia's wild and wonderful spring landscapes.

HIGHLIGHTS

Estonia offers a rare blend of wildlife diversity, serene landscapes, and immersive nature experiences - perfect for photographers seeking variety and depth.

From the dense forests of Alutaguse to the wetlands of Matsalu National Park, Estonia's springtime wilderness comes alive with photographic potential. Brown bears, elk, beavers, and raccoon dogs roam the woodlands, while cranes, grouse, and white-tailed eagles animate the skies and bogs. The overnight bear hide session in Alutaguse is a standout experience, offering close-range encounters in one of Europe's most reliable bear-viewing regions.

Beyond wildlife, Estonia's landscapes are equally captivating. Raised bogs, cascading waterfalls, and quiet Baltic coastlines provide stunning backdrops for sunrise and sunset shoots. Scenic boat trips (one inland, one coastal) add dynamic perspectives, from riverbank elk to seals in open water. The tour ends in Tallinn's medieval old town, where textured architecture and Baltic light offer a relaxed urban finale for your lens.





PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

Estonia offers diverse photography subjects in one compact destination - from brown bears and wetland birds to dramatic coastlines and medieval architecture.

This tour blends wildlife hides, landscape shoots, and exploratory walks to maximize your creative opportunities. You'll photograph brown bears from a dedicated overnight hide, capture cranes, grouse, and white-tailed eagles in action, and explore raised bogs and waterfalls under soft spring light.

The timing is ideal: May's low-angle light and active wildlife create long windows for golden-hour shooting and dynamic compositions.

You'll also enjoy boat-based photography, inland and coastal, offering fresh perspectives on seals, elk, and wetland birds. The final day in Tallinn's medieval old town adds architectural texture and cultural contrast, rounding out a week of immersive, well-paced photographic variety.



YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDE:

At Penda, we collaborate with only the best professional photographic guides, chosen for their expertise, teaching ability, and commitment to your experience. They prioritise creating exceptional photographic opportunities and adapt their guidance to suit your individual skills and goals, whether you're a beginner or a seasoned photographer.

For full details about the specific guide leading this tour, please visit the [tour page](#) on our website.

ACCOMMODATION & FACILITIES

Throughout the tour, you'll stay in clean, comfortable lodgings that offer a peaceful base for your photography adventures. While final details are still being confirmed, rest assured that all accommodations are chosen for their quiet settings, proximity to nature, and relaxed atmosphere - perfect for unwinding after a day in the field.

One night will be spent at Käbliku Farm, a charming countryside retreat nestled among forests and lakes. It's a tranquil spot with simple comforts and a warm, local feel. Another night will be spent in a dedicated bear hide, offering a rare chance to photograph brown bears in their natural habitat.

MEALS

Meals throughout the tour are thoughtfully arranged to support the rhythm of photography - early starts, long field days, and flexible timing. You'll enjoy a mix of sit-down breakfasts at the accommodations and relaxed field lunches, often served picnic-style in nature-rich settings. Dinners range from welcome meals and farmhouse fare to early evening bites before boat trips or hide sessions. While the focus is on simplicity and nourishment rather than fine dining, the meals are fresh, satisfying, and well-timed to keep you energized for each day's photographic opportunities.





RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

We recommend the following equipment. If you'd like to discuss your specific gear, just reach out, and we'll be happy to advise.

Recommended Camera Gear:

- DSLR or mirrorless camera
- Range of lenses; ideally ranging from wide angle for landscape to telephoto for wildlife
- Tripod (useful)
- Sturdy camera bag
- Enough spare batteries and memory cards (you'll be able to charge your batteries at our accommodation)
- Hard drive and a laptop / external drive
- Laptop with editing software

Essential Travel Gear:

- Comfortable and warm clothing (layers recommended)
- Waterproof jacket
- Sturdy walking shoes/boots
- Binoculars (not essential)
- Power adapters if you need them

DATES & RATES

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INFORMATION ON
DATES, RATES, AND
AVAILABILITY, PLEASE
VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

This includes:

- Accommodation & meals (day 7 evening meal is not included and on day 1 breakfast is not included.)
- Hide access
- Airport transfers & transport during trip
- Activities on the itinerary
- Photographic guidance

This does not include:

- Flights
- Travel insurance
- Day 7 evening meal and Day 1 breakfast.



WHY PENDA

Everything is built around photography.

- Our photography tours are created by photographers, for photographers. Our itineraries are designed around creating the best possible photographic opportunities. We'll make sure to bring you to the right place, at the right moment.
- We're travel experts. We love travel, and have many years of experience in creating and running tours, workshops, volunteer programs, and safaris. We know what makes a great holiday, and will match every person with their perfect experience.
- Our photography tours are led by top photographers. Each photo tour or safari is guided by an experienced professional photographer, who is dedicated to creating the best possible experience for you by taking you to the right spots, and tutoring you at the same time.
- We respect what we photograph. We're committed to exploring and adhering to the most ethical ways of photographing new places.
- When you join one of our photography adventures, we'll plant a tree on your behalf through our partnership with Greenpop - a nonprofit restoring ancient forests and creating green spaces across Sub-Saharan Africa. You'll even receive a certificate with the GPS coordinates of your tree





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