HOW TO SURVIVE IN TARTU?

An International Student Perspective.

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About Myself

- Eduardo Torres
  - Mexican by birth; Estonian by vocation
  - Masters in Philosophy, 1st Year
  - International Student Ambassador (ISA)
  - Music, film, literature, languages
  - A bit too passionate
  - Constantly learning how to hurry slowly.
Estonian Character

- On Melancholy Street
- Nature people
- Sauna as a lifestyle
- Sun worshipers
- Laconic chatters; Passionate singers
- Proudly efficient
- Hermetically curious
- Seriously funny
- Gloomily wise
- “Kes kannatab, see kaua elab”
Pumpkin Vibes!
182 Days of Darkness!

- Ok no, but almost
- The ‘Sun Worshipers’ thing was evidently not a joke
- Days start to shorten in October
- Estonian weather, except perhaps for a couple of glorious summer weeks every year, behaves pretty much like suffering from menopause. Cold menopause. Very cold menopause.
Life at the University of Tartu

- The whole city is your campus!
- Tartu Standard Time (+15 min). Punctuality!
- ŐIS, your basic widget
- One-to-one interactions
- Flexibility
- Always a second chance
- Open library
- Printing machine in every faculty
Tartupolis - Livelihood

- **Groceries:**
  - Rimi, Konsum, Coop, Maxima, Prisma
  - (Take a client card, and get discounts)
  - Tap water is completely potable and drinkable in Estonia, so there is actually no need to buy bottled water.

- **Markets:**
  - Tartu Turuhoone, Tartu Avaturg

- **Shopping:**
  - Kaubamaja, Kvartal, Tasku, Lõunakeskus

- **Second Hand Shops:**
  - Humana, Mecca, Neo, Tartu Uuskasutuskeskus
Livelihood

- **To eat:**
  - Go and Explore!
  - [https://päevapakkumised.ee/tartu](https://päevapakkumised.ee/tartu)
    (Listed lunches for around 3~5 Euros)
  - Delivery WOLT, Tellitoit

- **For Coffee/Cakes:**
  - Werner
  - Kaffeine
  - Säde and many more!
Sorting Your Waste

- Garbage can be sorted into:
  - Paper/ Cardboard
  - Bio (Mostly Food)
  - Packaging
  - Household waste (Everything else)

- Raatuse 22 has bins sorted this way

- **Bottles:** If they have the ‘recycle symbol’, you can return them and get money at the Taarautomat.
Things To Do – Sports

- There is plenty to do:
  - Join: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/ESNTar tuSports/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ESNTar tuSports/)
  - UT Academic Sports Club
  - Check online

- Some common Gyms:
  - University Gym
  - Myfitness
  - LemonGym
Things To Do – Nightlife

◦ Some famous bars:
  ◦ - Möku
  ◦ - Kivi
  ◦ - Naiiv
  ◦ - Illegaard
  ◦ - All of Rüütli street!

◦ Some famous Clubs:
  ◦ - Shooters
  ◦ - Illusion
Things To Do – Events

◦ Upcoming Events
  ◦ Tartu City Tours (Feb 8-10)
  ◦ Tartu Ski Marathon (Feb 17)
    https://www.tartumaraton.ee/
  ◦ World Film Festival 2019 (Mar 19-23)
  ◦ Tartu Student Days Spring (Apr 27 - May 4)

◦ Follow
  ◦ - ESN Group:
    https://www.facebook.com/groups/7332895203627242/
  ◦ - ISA Page:
    https://www.facebook.com/utambassadors/
Things To Do – Links

- Follow International House Tartu:
  - https://www.facebook.com/internationalhousetartu
- Spark HUB:
  - https://www.facebook.com/SPARKhubtartu/
- Idea Lab:
  - https://www.facebook.com/UTIdeaLab
- 15x4 Tartu:
  - https://www.facebook.com/15x4tartu/
- Other useful group: Foreigners in Tartu
  - https://www.facebook.com/groups/566151516818945
Things To Do – Leisure

- Go hiking!
  - https://loodusegakoos.ee/where-to-go/searchoptions
- Sauna and swimming:
  - https://www.aurakeskus.ee/
- ESN organized trips
  - (Saaremaa, South Estonia, St. Petersburg, Lapland)
- Many festivals held throughout the year
  - https://goo.gl/Fd3arz
- Theater and concert music:
  - Vanemuise Teater / Vanemuise Kontserdimaja
- Museums:
  - City Museum, University Museums and Estonian National Museum
Questions? / Contact

◦ **Starting Point:**
  ◦ [https://sisu.ut.ee/gettingstarted/](https://sisu.ut.ee/gettingstarted/)

◦ **Follow ISA blog:**

◦ **Me?**
  ◦ Find me at Möku every Friday (OK, no) (OK, probably)
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EDU TEILE!