

# Language

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## ESTONIAN

Estonian belongs to the Baltic-Finnic branch of the Finno-Ugric languages. It's closely related to Finnish and distantly related to Hungarian. The complex grammar of Estonian makes it a difficult language to learn – try your luck with 14 cases, declining adjectives and no future tense. Added to this is a vocabulary with no link to any other language outside its own group, save recent borrowings.

A comprehensive and radical reform of the language was undertaken in the early 1900s by Johannes Aavik, somewhat de-Germanising the grammar and adding thousands of new terms. Another language reformer, Johannes Veski, criticised Aavik's liberal borrowing from Finnish, and proceeded to augment the vocabulary by using Estonian roots to create new words. It's a process that is continuing to this day as new Estonian words are invented to suit modern

needs. All the same, the last few years have seen an increase in the liberal use of English words in place of their more complicated Estonian translations, or adding Estonian verb endings to English words, eg if you want to *surfima* the Web or *e-mailima* your friends, you'll need to *klikima* the mouse often!

Most Estonians, especially younger people, understand some English and Finnish, but you'll find that Estonians are much more welcoming of visitors who make an effort to speak their language. So don't be shy – there's nothing to lose and much to gain. For trivia buffs, Estonian boasts the word with the most consecutively repeated vowel: *jäääär*, which means 'edge of ice'.

## PRONUNCIATION

### Vowel & Vowel Combinations

#### Pronunciation Guide

a	ah	as in 'father'
ae	æ	as the 'ie' in 'diet' (two sounds)
ai	ai	as in 'aisle'
e	e	as in 'ten'
ea	ea	as in 'bear'
ee	eh	as the 'e' in 'ten' but longer
ei	ay	as in 'pay'
i	i	as in 'tin'
ii	ee	as the 'ee' in 'see'
o	o	as in British English 'hot'
oi	oy	as in 'ploy'
oo	aw	as in 'dawn'
u	u	as in 'put'
ui	uy	as the 'oui' in 'Louie', but shorter and clipped
uu	oo	as in 'zoo'
ö	y	roughly as the 'i' in 'girl' (without rounding the lips)
öi	yi	roughly as the word 'curly' leaving out the 'c', 'r' and 'l'
ä	a	as in 'act'
äe	aeh	as the 'ae' in 'aesthetic'
ää	aa	as in 'Aaron'
ö	er	as the 'ir' in 'girl' (rounding the lips)
öö	err	as the 'yrr' in 'myrrh' (rounding the lips)
ü	ü	as the 'oo' in 'too' said with a small, round opening of the lips

**Consonants**

Consonants are pronounced as in English, with the exception of the following:

**Pronunciation Guide**

c	ts	as in 'tsar'
g	g	as in 'good', never as in 'page'
j	y	as in 'yes'
k	k	softer than in English
p	p	between English 'p' and 'b'
r	rr	always trilled, as the Italian 'r'
š	sh	as in 'shampoo'
ž	zh	as the 's' in 'treasure'
t	t	between English 't' and 'd'

**Stress**

Stress is on the first syllable. There are very few exceptions to this rule, but there's one that's very conspicuous – the word for 'thanks' *aitäh* (*ai-tahh*) stresses the second syllable. Stress is indicated in the pronunciation guides with italics.

**ACCOMMODATION****Where can I find a ...?**

kus *ah-sub* ... Kus *asub* ...?

hotel	hotell
hotell	hotell
pension	
vyy-rah-s-te-mah-yah	võõrastemaja
camp site	
kam-ping	kämping

**I'd like a ...**

mah tah-hak-sin ... tu-bah	Ma tahaksin ... tuba.
single room	
ü-he vaw-di-gah	ühe voodiga
double room	
kah-he vaw-di-gah	kahe voodiga
room with a bathroom	
vahn-ni-toa-gah	vannitoaga

**How much is it per person?**

kui pahl-yu mahk-sab vaw-di-koh  
Kui palju maksab voodikoht?

**How much is it per night?**

kui pahl-yu mahk-sab err-pae hv  
Kui palju maksab ööpäev?

**Does it include breakfast?**

kahs hom-mi-ku-serk on hin-na sehs  
Kas hommikusöök on hinna sees?

**May I see it?**

kahs mah vyin se-dah na-hah  
Kas ma voin seda näha?

**CONVERSATION & ESSENTIALS**

Use the formal 'you', *te* (*te*) or *teie* (*tay-e*), when addressing strangers or people you've just met. The informal *sa* (*sah*) or *sina* (*si-nah*) is reserved for children, family and friends. Except with children, don't use it until you are invited to.

**Good ...**

terre ...	Tere ...
<b>morning</b>	
hom-mi-kust	hommikust
<b>afternoon</b>	
paehvahst	päevast
<b>evening</b>	
yh-tust	öhtust

**Hello.**

terre	Tere. (inf & pol)
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**Welcome.**

te-rrre tu-le-mahst	Tere tulemast.
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**Goodbye.**

head ae-gah	Head aega.
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**Good night.**

head errd	Head ööd.
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**Yes.**

yah	Jah.
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**No.**

ay	Ei.
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**Thank you.**

ta-nahn	Tänan.
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**You're welcome.**

pah-lun	Palun.
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**Excuse me/I'm sorry.**

vah-bahn-dah-ge	Vabandage.
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**How are you? (How's it going?)**

kuy-dahs la-heb	Kuidas läheb?
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**Fine.**

has-ti	Hästi.
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**What's your name?**

mis te ni-mi on	Mis te nimi on?
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**My name is ...**

mu ni-mi on ...	Minu nimi on ...
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**Very nice (to meet you).**

va-gah mehl-div	Väga meeldiv.
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**Emergencies****Help!**

ahp-pi	Appi!
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**Call a doctor!**

kut-su-ge ahrst	Kutsuge arst!
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**I'm ill.**

mah o-len hai-ge	Maolen haige.
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**I'm lost.**

mah o-len ek-si-nud	Maolen eksinud.
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**Go away!**

min-ge a-rrah	Minge ära!
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**Health****Where's the nearest ...?**

kus on la-him ...

Kus on lähim ...?

chemist	ap-tehk	ap-teek
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doctor	ahrst	ärst
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hospital	haig-lah	haigla
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**antibiotics**

ahn-ti-bi-aw-ti-ku-mid	antibiootikumid
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**condoms**

kon-daw-mid	kondoomid
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**painkillers**

vah-lu-vai-gis-ti	valuvaigist
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**sanitary napkins**

hü-gi-eh-ni-si-de-med	hügieeniside med
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**sunblock cream**

paeh-vi-tus-krehm	päevituskreem
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**tampons**

tahm-paw-nid	tamponid
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**Language Difficulties****Do you speak English?**

kahs te rra-gi-te ing-li-se kehit

Kas te räägite inglise keelt?

**I don't understand.**

mah ay saah ah-ruu

Ma ei saa aru.

**Please write it down here.**

pah-lun kirr-yu-tah-ge seh see ah

Palun kirjutage see siia.

**SHOPPING & SERVICES****Where's (a/an/the) ...?**

kus on ...

Kus on ...?

bank	pahnk	pank
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**chemist/ pharmacy**

aph-tehk	ap-teek
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**city centre**

kesk-linn	kesklinn
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**... embassy**

... saahk-kond	... saatkond
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**market**

turrg	turg
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**police**

po-lit-say	politsei
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**post office**

post-kon-torr	postkontor
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**toilet**

tua-lett	tualett
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**tourist office**

tu-riis-mi-bü-roo	turismibüroo
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kahks

kaks

kolm

kolm

ne-li

**Can I pay by credit card?**

kahs tayl saab mahk-tah krr-deet-kaahrr-di-gah

Kas teil saab maksta krediitkaardiga?

**Where can I exchange money?**

kus mah sahn vah-he-tah-dah rräh-hah

Kus ma saan vahetada raha?

**I need to check my email.**

mah pean vah-tah-mah o-mah e-lekt-ron-posti

Ma pean vaatama oma elektronposti

**What time does it open/close?**

mis kell seh ah-vah-tahk-se/su-le-tahk-se

Mis kell see avatakse/suletakse?

**TIME, DATES & NUMBERS****Excuse me, what time is it?**

vah-bahn-dah-ge mis kell on

Vabandage, mis kell on?

It's ...	kell on ...	Kell on ...
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eight o'clock	kah-hek-sah	kaheksa
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one o'clock	üks	üks
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in the morning	hom-mi-kul	hommikul
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in the evening	yh-tul	öhtul
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today	ta-nah	täna
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tomorrow	hom-me	homme
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yesterday	ay-le	juuli
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5	vees	vīs
6	koos	kuus
7	sayt-se	seitse
8	kah-hek-sah	kaheksa
9	ü-hek-sah	iheksa
10	küm-me	kümme
11	üks-tayst	üksteist
12	kahks-tayst	kaksteist
13	kolm-tayst	kolmteist
14	ne-li-tayst	neliteist
15	vees-tayst	viisteist
16	koos-tayst	kuusteist
17	sayt-se-tayst	seitseteist
18	kah-hek-sah-tayst	kaheksateist
19	ü-hek-sah-tayst	üheksateist
20	kahks-küm-mend	kakskümmend
21	kahks-küm-mend-üks	kakskümmend üks
30	kolm-küm-mend	kolmkümmend
40	ne-li-küm-mend	nelikümmend
50	vees-küm-mend	viiskümmend
60	koos-küm-mend	kuuskümmend
70	sayt-se-küm-mend	seitskümmend
80	kah-hek-sah-küm-mend	kaheksakümmend
90	ü-hek-sah-küm-mend	üheksakümmend
100	sah-dah	sada
1000	tu-haht	tuhat

## TRANSPORT

Where's the ...?

kus on ...

Kus on ...?

airport	len-nu-yaahm	lennujaam
bus station	bus-si-yaahm	bussijaam
ferry terminal	sah-dahm	sadam
train station	rron-gi-yaahm	rongijaam

Which ... do I take to get there?

mis ... mah sin-nah saahn

Mis ... ma sinna saan?

bus	bus-si-gah	bussiga
tram	trrahm-mi-gah	trammiga
trolleybus	trol-li-gah	trolliga

What time is the next ...?

mis kell on yarrg-mi-ne ...

Mis kell on järgmine ...?

bus	buss	buss
train	rrong	rong

Please give me a ... ticket.

pah-lun ... pi-let

Palun ... pilet.

one-way	üks	üks
return	e-dah-si-tah-gah-si	edasi-tagasi

## Directions

Excuse me.

vah-bahn-dah-ge

Where is ...?

kus on ...

How far is it?

kuy kau-gel seh on

Go straight ahead.

ot-se

Turn left.

vah-sah-ku-le

Turn right.

pah-tre-mah-le

Please show me on the map.

pah-lun nai-dah-ke

mul-e se dah kaahrr-dil

Vabandage.

Kus on ...?

Kui kaugel see on?

Otse.

Vasakule.

Paremale.

Palun näidake

mulle seda kaardil.

## LATVIAN

Latvian is one of only two surviving languages of the Baltic branch of the Indo-European language family. Even more than Estonians, the speakers of Latvian regard their language as an endangered species – only about 55% of the people in the country, and just over 45% of the inhabitants of the capital, Riga, speak it as their first language. Latvian and Lithuanian have a lot of vocabulary in common, but are not quite close enough to be mutually intelligible.

English is a popular foreign language in Latvia so you may find that local people will be more than pleased to practise their language skills with you. If you manage to grasp at least some basic phrases in Latvian you'll be received warmly.

Latvian uses feminine and masculine forms of words. In this language guide the masculine form appears first and is separated from the feminine form by a slash. All phrases are given in the polite form unless otherwise indicated.

## PRONUNCIATION

### Vowels

A line above a vowel (a macron) indicates that it has a long sound. It's important to make the distinction between short and long sounds as they can change the meaning of a word. For example, *istaba* (a/the room) and *istabā* (in/a/the room). Note that there are two different ways of pronouncing the letters **e**, **ē** and **o**, so follow the pronunciation guides carefully.

## Pronunciation Guide

**a** uh as the 'u' in 'fund'

**ā** ah as in 'father'

**e** e as in 'bet'

**a** a as in 'fat'

**ē** eh as the 'ai' in 'fair'

**aa** aa as the 'a' in 'sad', but longer

**i** i as in 'pin'

**ī** ee as in 'beet'

**o** o as in 'pot'

**aw** aw as in 'saw'

**u** u as in 'pull'

**ū** oo as in 'pool'

## Diphthongs

### Pronunciation Guide

**ai** ai as the 'i' in 'dive'

**au** ow as the 'ow' in 'now'

**ei** ay as the 'ay' in 'may'

**ie** ea as the 'ea' in 'fear'

**oi** oy as the 'oy' in 'toy'

**ui** uy similar to the 'ui' in 'ruin' (a combination of oo + y, but short)

## Consonants

Consonants are pronounced as in English with the following exceptions:

### Pronunciation Guide

**c** ts as in 'lots'

**č** ch as in 'chew'

**dz** dz as the 'ds' in 'beds'

**dž** j as in 'job'

**ģ** jy a 'dy' sound, similar to the 'dy' sound in British 'duty'

**j** y as in 'yellow'

**k** ky as the 'cy' sound in 'cute'

**ļ** ly as the 'll' in 'million'

**ņ** ny as in 'canyon'

**r** r a slightly rolled 'r'

**š** sh as in 'shop'

**ž** zh as the 's' in 'pleasure'

## Stress

In Latvian, the stress is almost always on the first syllable. One notable exception is the word for 'thank you' *paldies* (puhl-dees). Stress is indicated in the pronunciation guides with italics.

## ACCOMMODATION

I'm looking for a ...

es mek-leh-yu ... Es meklēju ...

**cheap hotel**

laa-tu veas-neets-u lētu viesnīcu

## good hotel

luh-bu veas-neets-u labu viesnīcu

## youth hostel

yow-nea-shu meet-ni jauniešu mītni

## Do you have any rooms available?

vai yums ir bree-vuhs is-tuh-buhs

Vai jums ir brivas istabas?

## How much is it per night?

tsik muhk-sah dean-nuhk-tee

Cik maksā diennakti?

## I'd like a ...

es vaa-laws ...

Es vēlos ...

## single room

vean-vea-tee-gu is-tuh-bu vienvietīgu istabu

## double room

div-vea-tee-gu is-tuh-bu divvietīgu istabu

## room with a shower/bath

is-tuh-bu uhr du-shu/ istabu ar dušu/

vuhn-nu vannu

## CONVERSATION & ESSENTIALS

### Hello. (inf)

svayks/svay-kuh Sveiks/Sveika. (m/f)

### Good morning.

luhb-reet Labrīt

### Good day/afternoon.

luhb-dean Labdien. (also a general 'hello')

### Good evening.

luhb-vuh-kuhr Labvakar.

### Goodbye.

uz-redz-eh-shuh-naws Uz redzēšanos.

### Good night.

ühr luh-bu nuhkt-i Ar labu nakti.

### How are you?

kah yums klah-yuhs Kā jums klājas?

### Fine, thank you.

luh-bi puhl-deas Labi, paldies.

### Yes.

yah Jā.

### No.

neh Nē.

### Please/You're welcome.

loo-dzu Lūdzu.

### Thank you (very much).

(leals) puhl-deas (Liels) paldies.

### Excuse me.

uht-vai-naw-yeat Atvainojet.

### I'm sorry.

pea-doad-eat Piedodiet.

### What's your name?

kah yoos sows t Kah jūs sauc?

**My name is ...**muhn-i-sowts ... *Mani sauc ...***Where are you from?**naw kur-ean-es *No kurienes jūs esat?***I'm from ...**es as-mu naw ... *Es esmu no ...***Emergencies****Help!**puh-lee-gah *Palīgā!***Call a doctor!**iz-sowts-eat ahr-stu *Izsauciet ārstu!***I'm ill.**es as-mu slims/slim-uh *Es esmu slims/slima. (m/f)***Go away!**ay-eat praw-yam *Ejet projam!***I'm lost.**

es as-mu uhp-muhl-dee-yeas

Es esmu apmaldijies. (m)

es as-mu uhp-muhl-dee-yeu-seas

Es esmu apmaldijusies. (f)

**Health****Where can I find a/an ...?**kur es vuh-ru uht-ruhst ... *Kur es varu atrast ...?***doctor**ahr-stu *Ārstu***hospital**slim-neets-u *Slīmniču***I'm allergic to penicillin.**

es as-mu uh-ler-jiyisks/uh-ler-jiyis-kuh pret pen-its-i-lee-nu

Es esmu alerģisks/alerģiska pret penicilīnu. (m/f)

**Language Difficulties****Do you speak English?**

vai yoos run-ah-yuht uhn-gli-ski

Vai jūs runājat angļiski?

**I don't understand.**

es ne-suh-praw-tu

Es nesaprotu.

**Please write that down.**

loo-dzu pea-ruhk-steat taw

Lüdzu pierakstet to.

**SHOPPING & SERVICES****Where's the ...?**kur uht-raw-duhs ... *Kur atrodas ...?***bank**buhn-kuh *Banka***chemist/pharmacy**uhp-tea-kuh *Aptieka***city/town centre**pill-saa-tuhs tsent-rs *pilsētas centrs***currency exchange booth**vuh-loo-tuhs mai-nyuh *Valūtas maiņa***... embassy**... veht-nea-tsue-buh *... vēstniecība***market**tir-gus *Tirgus***post office**puhsts *Pasts***How much is it?**

tsik tuhs muhk-sah

Cik tas maksā?

**Can I pay by credit card?**

vai es vuh-ru muhk-saht uhr kred-eet-kuhr-ti

Vai es varu maksāt ar kreditkarti?

**I'd like to change a travellers cheque.**

es vaa-laws iz-mai-neet tsey-aw-yum-uh che-ku

Es vēlos izmainīt ceļojuma čeku.

**I need to check my email.**

es vaa-laws pahr-bow-deet suh-vu e-puhst-u

Es vēlos pārbaudit savu e-pastu.

**What time does it open?**

naw tsik-eam ir uht-vaarts

No cikiem ir atvērts?

**What time does it close?**

tsik-aws slaadz

Cikos slēdz?

**Where are the toilets?**

kur ir tu-uh-le-tes

Kur ir tualetes?

**condoms**prez-er-vuh-tee-vi *Prezervatīvi***sanitary napkins**bin-des *Bindes***sunblock cream**sow-les krehms *Sauļu krēms***tampons**tuhm-po-ni *Tamponi***TIME, DATES & NUMBERS****What time (is it)?**tsik (ir) pulk-sten-is *Cik (ir) pulkstenis?***It's ...**ir ... *Ir ...***two o'clock**di-vi *Diķi***five o'clock**peats-i *Peči*

Ir ... (lit: it's two)

divi (lit: it's five)

**today**shaw-dean *Šodien***tomorrow**reet *Rīt***morning**reets *Rīts***afternoon**pehts-pus-dea-nuh *Pēcpusdiena***night**nuhkts *Nakts*

nakts

**Monday**pirm-dea-nuh *Pirmdiena***Tuesday**aw-tr-dea-nuh *Otrdiena***Wednesday**tresh-dea-nuh *Trešdiena***Thursday**tsat-urt-dea-nuh *Ceturtdiena***Friday**peakt-dea-nuh *Piektdiena***Saturday**sast-dea-nuh *Sestdiena***Sunday**sveht-dea-nuh *Svētdiena***January**yuhn-vah-ris *Janvāris***February**feb-ru-ah-ris *Februāris***March**muhrts *Marts***April**uhp-ree-lis *Apriļis***May**maijs *Maijs***June**yoo-nijs *Jūnijss***July**yoo-lijs *Jūlijss***August**ow-gusts *Augusts***September**sep-tem-bris *Septembris***October**ok-to-bris *Oktobris***November**no-vem-bris *Novembris***December**dets-em-bris *Decembris***0**nul-le *Nulle***1**veans *Viens***2**di-vi *Dīvi***3**trees *Trīs***4**chet-ri *Ceturti***5**peats-i *Pieci***6**sesi *Sēsi***7**sep-ti-nyi *Septiņi***8**uhs-taw-nyi *Uhs-tawnji***9**de-vi-nyi *Devinji***10**des-mit *Desmit***11**vean-puhds-mit *Vean-puhdsmit***12**div-puhds-mit *Div-puhdsmit***13**trees-puhds-mit *Trees-puhdsmit***14**chet-r-puhds-mit *Ceturtpuhdsmit***15**peats-puhds-mit *Peats-puhdsmit***16**sesh-puhds-mit *Sesh-puhdsmit***17**sep-tiny-puhds-mit *Septiņpuhdsmit***18**uhs-tawny-puhds-mit *Uhs-tawny-puhdsmit***19**de-viny-puhds-mit *Devinypuhdsmit***20**div-des-mit *Divdesmit***21**div-des-mit-veans *Divdesmitveans***30**trees-des-mit *Treesdesmit***40**chet-r-des-mit *Ceturtdesmit***50**peats-des-mit *Peatsdesmit***60**sesh-des-mit *Seshdesmit***70**sep-tiny-des-mit *Septiņdesmit***80**uhs-tawny-des-mit *Uhs-tawnydesmit***90**de-viny-des-mit *Devinydesmit***100**simts *Simts***200**di-vi sim-ti *Divi simti***1000**tooks-tawts *Tukstots***TRANSPORT****Where's the ...?**

kur uht-raw-duhs ...

Kur atrodas ...?

**airport**lid-aw-stuh *Lidosta***bus station**ow-to-aws-tuh *Autoosta***ferry terminal**puh-su-hzea-ru aw-stuh *Pasažier osta***train station**dzel-ce-lyuh stuhts-i-ya *Dzelceļa stacija***tram/trolleybus stop**truhm-vuh-yuh/ trol-ey-bu-suh pea-tu-ruh *Tramvaja/ trolebusa pietura***I want to buy a ... ticket.**

es vaa-laws naw-pirk ... bi-lyet-i

Es vēlos nopirk ... bijeti

**one-way**vean-virz-ean-uh *Vienvirzienā***return**turp uht-puh-kuhly *Turp-atpakaļ***How much does it cost (to go to ...)?**

tsik muhk-sah (aiz-vest leedz ...)

Cik maksā (aizvest līdz ...?)

**boat (ship)**ku-gyis *Kuģis***platform**pe-rawns *Perons***ticket office(s)**bi-lye-shu kuh-ses *Bilešu kases***timetable**vilts-ea-nu suh-ruhks *Vilcienu saraksts***Directions****How do I get to ...?**

kah es tea-ku leedz ...

Kā es tieku līdz ...?

**Is it far from here?**

vai tuhs uht-raw-duhs tah-lu

Vai tas atrodas tālu?

**Could you show me (on the map) please?**

loo-dzu puhr-ah-deat muhn (uz kuhrt-es)

Lüdzu parādīet man (uz kartes)?

**Go straight ahead.**

uz preak-shu

Uz priekšu.

**Turn left/right (at the ...)**

puh kray-si/luh-bi (pea ...)

Pa kreisi/labi (pie ...)

# LITHUANIAN

Lithuanian is another surviving language of the Baltic branch of the Indo-European language family. Because many of its forms have remained unchanged longer than those of other Indo-European languages (which cover most of Europe and a fair bit of Asia) Lithuanian is very important to linguistic scholars; it's said to be as archaic as Sanskrit in its grammatical forms. It is also open to free borrowings from other tongues when deemed necessary, as phrases like *ping pong klubas* and *marketingo departamento direktoriūs* demonstrate.

Low Lithuanian (*Žemaičiai*), spoken in the west, is a separate dialect from High Lithuanian (*Aukštaičiai*), spoken in the rest of the country.

Lithuanian has masculine and feminine forms of words, indicated in this language guide by (m) and (f).

## PRONUNCIATION

### Vowels

#### Pronunciation Guide

a/ä	ah	as the 'u' in 'cut' or longer, as the 'a' in 'arm'
e/ë	a	as the 'a' in 'cat' or longer, as the 'a' in 'amber'
é	eh	as the 'e' in 'bed' but longer
i	i	as the 'i' in 'it'
y/ÿ	ee	as the 'ee' in 'eel'
o	aw	as the 'aw' in 'law'
ú/u	oo	as the 'ó' in 'hot'
ú/u	oo	long, as the 'oo' in 'poor'

### Diphthongs

#### Pronunciation Guide

ai	ai	as the 'i' in 'bite' or longer as the 'ai' in 'aisle'
au	ow	as the 'ou' in 'ouch' or longer as the 'ow' in 'owl'
ei	ay	as the 'ay' in 'say'
ie	eah	as the 'ea' in 'ear'
iu	ew	as the 'ew' in 'new'
ui	wi	as the 'oui' in 'Louis'
uo	uaw	as the 'wa' in 'wander'

### Consonants

#### Pronunciation Guide

c	ts	as the 'ts' in 'ants'
č	ch	as the 'ch' in 'chicken'

ch	h	as the 'h' in 'hot'
dz	dz	as the 'ds' in 'roads'
đ	j	as the 'j' in 'jump'
g	g	as the 'g' in 'gas'
j	y	as the 'y' in 'you'
r	r	trilled like the Italian 'r'
s	s	soft, as the 's' in 'kiss'
š	sh	as the 'sh' in 'shop'
ž	zh	as the 's' in 'treasure'

### Stress

Stress and tone variations are very subtle and complex in Lithuanian. You'll be understood without having to worry about this too much. The best way to learn is by listening. Stressed syllables are indicated by italics in the pronunciation guides.

## ACCOMMODATION

### I'm looking for (a) ...

ahsh yeash-kow ...	Aš ieškau ...
<b>hotel</b>	<i>veash-bu-chaw</i>
<b>somewhere to stay</b>	<i>kur nors ahp-si-staw-ti</i>
	<i>kur nors apsistoti</i>

### Could you write down the address please?

ahr gah-leh-tu-met mahn uzh-rab-shee-ti ah-dras-ah  
Ar galetumet man užrašyti adresą?

### Do you have any rooms available?

ahr tu-ri-ta lais-voo kahm-bahr-yew  
Ar turite laisvų kambarių?

### How much is it per night, per person?

keahk kai-nu-aw-yah ahp-si-staw-ti nahk-chay ahs-man-wi  
Kiek kainuoja apsistoti naktčiai asmeniui?

### Does it include breakfast?

ahr kai-nah i-skai-taw pus-ree-chus  
Ar karina įskaito pusryčius?

### Can I see the room?

ahr gah-leh-chow kahm-bah-ri pah-mah-tee-ti  
Ar galėčiau kambarį pamatyti?

### I'd like a ...

ahsh nawr-yu ...

### Aš noriu ...

#### single room

veahh-veah-chaw kahm-bahr-yaw  
vienviečio kambario

#### double room

dvi-veah-chaw kahm-bahr-yaw  
dviviečio kambario

#### room with a bathroom

kahm-bahr-yaw su prow-seek-lah  
kambario su prausykla

## CONVERSATION & ESSENTIALS

### Hello.

svay-ki Sveiki.

### Hi.

lah-bahs Labas.

### Good morning.

lah-bahs ree-tahs Labas rytas.

### Good day.

lah-bahs deah-nah Laba diena.

### Good evening.

lah-bahs vah-kah-rahs Labas vakaras.

### Welcome.

svay-ki aht-vee-ka Sveiki atvykę.

### Goodbye.

su-deah Sudie.

### Good night.

lah-baws nahk-teahs Labos nakties. (pol)

lah-bahs nahk-tis Labanaktis. (inf)

### Yes.

tayp Taip.

### No.

na Ne.

### Please.

prah-show Prašau.

### Thank you.

deh-kaw-yu/ah-choo Dėkoju/Ačiū. (pol/inf)

### You're welcome.

prah-show Prašau.

### Excuse me.

aht-si-prah-show Atsiprašau.

### Sorry.

aht-lays-ki-ta Atleiskite.

### How are you?

kaip gee-vu-aw-yah-ta Kaip gyvuojate? (pol)

kaip gee-vu-aw-yi? Kaip gyvuoji? (inf)

### What's your name?

kaip yoo-soo vahr-dahs Kaip jūsų vardas?

### My name is ...

mah-naw vahr-dahs Mano vardas

ee-rah ... yra ...

### Where are you from?

ish kur yoos a-sah-ta Iš kur jūs esate?

### I'm from ...

ahsh a-su ish ... Aš esu iš ...

## EMERGENCIES

### Help!

gal-beh-ki-te Gelbékite!

### Call a doctor!

ish-show-ki-ta Iššaukite gydytoją!

gee-dee-taw-yah!

### I'm ill.

ahsh sar-gu Aš sergu.

### I'm lost.

ahsh pah-klee-d(usi/hs) Aš paklyd(usi/ęs).

### Where are the toilets?

kur tu-ab-lat-ai Kur tualetai?

### Go away!

ayk shah-lin! Eik šalin!

### Health

#### Where's the ...?

kur ee-rah ... Kur yra ...?

### doctor

gee-dee-taw-yahs gydytojas

### hospital

li-gaw-ni-neh ligoninė

### I'm allergic to penicillin.

ahsh ah-lar-gishk-(ahs/ah) pan-it-si-lin-wi

Aš alergišk(as/a) penicilinui. (m/f)

## LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES

### Do you speak English?

ahr kahl-bah-ta ahn-glish-kai

Ar kalbate angliskai?

### I don't understand you.

ahsh yoo-soo na-su-prahn-tu

Aš jūsų nesuprantu.

### What's Lithuanian for ...?

kaip leah-tu-vish-kai ...

Kaip lietuviškai ...?

## SHOPPING & SERVICES

### I'm looking for the ...

ahsh yeahsh-kow ... Aš ieškau ...

### bank

ban-kas bankas

### chemist

vais-ti-neh vaistinė

### city centre

meahs-taw tsan-traw miesto centro

### currency exchange

vah-lyu-taws valiutos

### embassy

ahm-bah-sah-daws ambasadoss

### market

tur-gows turgaus

### old city

san-dh-meahs-chaw senamiesčio

### police

paw-lit-si-yaws policijos

### post office

pašh-taw pašto

### public toilet

tu-ah-lat-aw tualeto

**How much is it?**

keahk kai-nu-aw-yah

Kiek kainuoja?

**What time does it open/close?**

kal-in-tah vah-lahn-dah aht-si-dah-raw/užh-si-dah-raw

Kelinq valandq atsidaro/užsidaro?

**I need to check my email.**

mahn rayk-yah pah-si-tik-rin-ti al-ak-tron-i-ni paħħ-tah

Man reikia pasitikrinti elektronini pastq.

**condoms**

pre-zer-vah-tee-vai

prezervatyvai

**credit card**

kra-daw kor-ta-leh

kredito kortelė

**sanitary napkins**

bin-tai

bintai

**sunblock cream**

sow-lehs kram-ahs

saulės kremas

**tampons**

tahm-pon-ai

tamponai

**TIME, DATES & NUMBERS****What time is it?**

keahk dah-bahr lai-kaw

Kiek dabar laiko?

**It's ... (o'clock).**

dah-bahr ... (vah-lahn-dah)

Dabar ... (valanda).

two o'clock

ahn-trah

5.30

pu-seh shash-yew

today

shan-deahn

tomorrow

ree-toy

morning

ree-tahs

afternoon

paw-peah-teh

night

nahk-tis

Monday

pir-mah-deah-nis

Tuesday

ahn-trah-deah-nis

Wednesday

trach-ah-deah-nis

Thursday

kat-vir-tah-deah-nis

Friday

pank-tah-deah-nis

Saturday

shash-tah-deah-nis

Sunday

sak-mah-deah-nis

January

sow-sis

February

vah-sah-ris

March

kaw-vahs

April

bah-lahn-dis

May

gag-uzh-is

June

bir-zhal-is

July

leah-pah

August	rug-pew-tis	rugpiūtis
September	rug-seh-yis	rugsejysis
October	spah-lis	spalis
November	lahp-krit-is	lapkritis
December	gru-aw-dis	gruodis

0	nul-is	nulis
1	veah-nahs	vienas
2	du	du
3	trees	trys
4	kat-u-ri	keturi
5	pan-ki	penki
6	shash-i	šeši
7	sap-tee-ni	septyni
8	ahsh-tu-aw-ni	aštuoni
9	dav-ee-ni	devyni
10	dash-imt	desimt
11	veah-naw-lik-ah	vienuołika
12	dvee-lik-ah	dylyika
13	tree-lik-ah	trylika
14	kat-u-raw-lik-ah	keturiolika
15	pank-yaw-lik-ah	penkiolika
16	shash-yaw-lik-ah	šešiolika
17	sap-teen-yaw-lik-ah	septyniolika
18	ahsh-tawn-yaw-lik-ah	aštuoniolika
19	dav-een-yaw-lik-ah	devyniolika
20	dvi-dash-imt	dvidesimt
21	dvi-dash-imt veah-nahs	dvidesimt vienas
30	tris-dash-imt	trisdešimt
40	kat ur-as-dash-imt	keturiasdešimt
50	pank-as-dash-imt	penkiasdešimt
60	shash-as-dash-imt	šešiasdešimt
70	sap-teen-as-dash-imt	septyniasdešimt
80	ahsh-tu-aw-nas-dash-imt	aštuoniasdėšimt
90	dav-een-as-dash-imt	devyniasdešimt
100	shim-tahs	šimtas
101	shim-tahs veah-nahs	šimtas vienas
500	pan-ki shim-tai	penki šimtai
1000	tooks-tahn-tis	tükstantis

**TRANSPORT****Where's the ...?**

kur ee-räh ... Kur yra ...?

**airport**

Kur yra ...?

**bus stop**

aw-raw u-aws-tahs

**bus stop**

oro uostas

ow-taw-bu-saw	autobuso stotelė
staw-ta-leh	
<b>ferry terminal</b>	
kal-taw staw-tis	kelto stotis
<b>train station</b>	
gal-azh-in-kal-yaw	geležinkelio stotis
staw-tis	

**When does the ... arrive?**

kah-dah aht-plowk-yah ... Kada atplaukia ...?

**boat** lai-vahs laivas**ferry** kal-tahs keltas**hydrofoil** rah-kat-ah raketė**I'd like (a) ...**

ahsh naw-reh-chow ... Aš norėčiau ...

**one-way ticket**

bil-eah-tah i veah-nah bilietq j vienq galq

gah-lah

**return ticket**

bil-eah-tah i ah-bu bilietq j abu galus

gah-lus

**I want to travel to ...**

ahsh naw-ryu nu-vah-zhu-aw-ti i ...

Aš noriu nuvažiuoti i ...

**How much does it cost to go to ...?**

keahk kai-nu-aw-yah nu-vah-zhu-aw-ti i ...

Kiek kainuoja nuvažiuoti i ...?

**Directions****How do I get to the ...?**

prah-shom pah-sah-kee-ti kaip pah-tak-ti i ...

Prasom pasakyti, kaip patekti i ...?

**Is it far?**

ahr taw-li

Ar toli?

**Can you show me (on the map)?**gah-leh-tu-met mahn pah-raw-dee-ti  
(zham-eh-lah-pee-ya)

Galėtumėt man parodyti (žemėlapyje)?

**Turn left (at the ...)**

su-ki-ta i kai-ra (preah ...)

Sukite j kairę (prie ...)

**Turn right (at the ...)**

su-ki-ta i dash-na (preah ...)

Sukite j dešinę (prie ...)

**straight ahead**

teah-say

tiesiai

# Glossary

See the individual destination chapters for some useful words and phrases dealing with food and dining; see the Language chapter for other useful words and phrases. This glossary is a list of Estonian (Est), Finnish (Fin), German (Ger), Latvian (Lat), Lithuanian (Lith), and Russian (Rus) terms you might come across during your time in the Baltics.

**aikštė** (Lith) – square  
**aludė** (Lith) – beer cellar  
**alus** (Lat, Lith) – beer  
**apteek** (Est) – pharmacy  
**apteika** (Lat) – pharmacy  
**Aukštaitija** (Lith) – Upper Lithuania  
**autobusų stotis** (Lith) – bus station  
**autoosta** (Lat) – bus station  
  
**baar** (Est) – bar  
**baar** (Est) – pub, bar  
**babushka** (Rus) – grandmothers/pensioner ladies in berets  
**bagāžas glabātava** (Lat) – left-luggage room  
**bagažinė** (Lith) – left-luggage room  
**bāka** (Lat) – lighthouse  
**Baltic glint** – raised limestone bank stretching from Sweden across the north of Estonia into Russia  
**baras** (Lith) – pub, bar  
**baznīca** (Lat) – church  
**bažnyčia** (Lith) – church  
**brokastis** (Lat) – breakfast  
**bulvāris** (Lat) – boulevard  
**bussijaam** (Est) – bus station  
  
**ceļš** (Lat) – railway track, road  
**centras** (Lith) – town centre  
**centrs** (Lat) – town centre  
**Chudkoye Ozero** (Rus) – Lake Peipsi  
**Courland** – Kurzeme

**daina** (Lat) – short, poetic oral song or verse  
**datorsalons** (Lat) – Internet café  
**Dievs** – sky god  
**dzintars** (Lat) – amber  
  
**ebreji** (Lat) – Jews  
**Eesti** (Est) – Estonia  
**ēzeras** (Lith) – lake  
**ezerpils** (Lat) – lake fortress  
**ezers** (Lat) – lake

**gatvė** (Lith) – street  
**geležinkelio stotis** (Lith) – train station  
  
**hommikusöök** (Est) – breakfast  
  
**iela** (Lat) – street  
**iežis** (Lat) – rock  
**informacija** (Lith) – information centre  
**internetas kavinė** (Lith) – Internet café  
**interneti kohvik** (Est) – Internet café  
  
**järv** (Est) – lake  
  
**kalnas** (Lith) – mountain, hill  
**kalns** (Lat) – mountain, hill  
**kämping** (Est) – camp site  
**katedrāle** (Lat) – cathedral  
**kelias** (Lith) – road  
**kempingas** (Lith) – camp site  
**kempings** (Lat) – camp site  
**kepta duona** (Lith) – deep-fried, black-bread garlic sticks  
**kino** (Est, Lat, Lith) – cinema  
**kirik** (Est) – church  
**krogs** (Lat) – pub, bar  
**Kursių marios** (Lith) – Curonian Lagoon  
  
**laht** (Est) – bay  
**laipa** (Lat) – boardwalk, plank way  
**LAL** – Lithuanian Airlines  
**Latvija** (Lat) – Latvia  
**Latvijas Ceļš** (Lat) – Latvian Way; centre-right political party  
**laukums** (Lat) – square  
**lidosta** (Lat) – airport  
**Lietuva** (Lith) – Lithuania  
**looduskaitseala** (Est) – nature/landscape reserve  
**loss** (Est) – castle, palace  
  
**mägi** (Est) – mountain, hill  
**Metsavennad** (Est) – Forest Brothers resistance movement  
**midus** (Lith) – mead  
**muuseum** (Est) – museum  
**muzejs** (Lat) – museum  
**muziejus** (Lith) – museum  
  
**nacionālais parks** (Lat) – national park  
  
**parkas** (Lith) – park  
**parks** (Lat) – park  
**pastas** (Lith) – post office

**pasts** (Lat) – post office  
**Peko** (Est) – pagan god of fertility in Setu traditions  
**perkėla** (Lith) – port  
**Pērkons** (Lat) – god of thunder  
**Perkūnas** (Lith) – god of thunder  
**piletid** (Est) – tickets  
**pilies** (Lith) – castle  
**pils** (Lat) – castle, palace  
**pilsdrupas** (Lat) – knights' castle  
**pilskalns** (Lat) – castle mound  
**plats** (Est) – square  
**plentas** (Lith) – highway, motorway  
**postkontor** (Est) – post office  
**prospektas** (Lith) – boulevard  
**prospekts** (Lat) – boulevard  
**pubi** (Est) – pub  
**puiestee** (Est) – boulevard

**raekoda** (Est) – town/city hall  
**rahvuspark** (Est) – national park  
**Reval** (Ger) – Tallinn  
**rezervāts** (Lat) – reserve  
**Riigikogu** (Est) – Parliament  
**rotušē** (Lith) – town/city hall  
**rūmai** (Lith) – palace  
  
**Saeima** (Lat) – Parliament  
**Seimas** (Lith) – Parliament

**Setu** (Est) – ethnic group of mixed Estonian and Orthodox traditions  
**Setumaa** (Est) – territory of the Setu people in southeastern Estonia and Russia  
**sild** (Est) – bridge  
**smuklė** (Lith) – tavern  
**stacija** (Lat) – station  
  
**Tallinna** (Fin) – Tallinn  
**tänav** (Est) – street  
**tee** (Est) – road  
**tiltas** (Lith) – bridge  
**tilts** (Lat) – bridge  
**turgus** (Lat) – market  
**trahter** (Est) – tavern  
**turg** (Est) – market  
**turgus** (Lith) – market

**vaistinė** (Lith) – pharmacy  
**väljak** (Est) – square  
**vanalinn** (Est) – Old Town  
**Vanemuine** (Est) – ancient Estonian song god  
**Vecriga** (Lat) – Old Riga  
**via Baltica** – international road (the E67) linking Estonia with Poland  
  
**žydū** (Lith) – Jews

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