



Society of Biblical Literature

2010 International Meeting

25 – 29 July 2010 Tartu, Estonia

Tour Registration Form

REGISTRATION # _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

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#	Description <i>(see following pages for more info)</i>	Date	Time	USD
	Nature and Manors of the Lahemaa National Park	Saturday, Jul 24	2:00 pm - 10:00 pm	140.00
	Tallinn Sightseeing 1	Saturday, Jul 24	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	30.00
	Onion Route - 1 Region, 2 Nationalities, 3 Cultures	Sunday, Jul 25	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	140.00
	Tartu City Tour 1	Tuesday, Jul 27	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	8.00
	Tartu City Tour 2	Tuesday, Jul 27	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	8.00
	Tartu Religious Sites 1	Tuesday, Jul 27	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	8.00
	Tartu Religious Sites 2	Tuesday, Jul 27	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	8.00
	Tour to town Viljandi	Thursday, Jul 29	3:00 pm - 10:00 pm	95.00
	Tour to Kuremae Nunnery	Thursday, Jul 29	3:00 pm - 11:00 pm	85.00
	Tallinn Sightseeing 2	Friday, Jul 30	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	30.00

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Nature and Manors of the Lahemaa National Park

July 24, 2010 at 14:00-22:00 starting from Sokos Hotel Viru in Tallinn

Please note! This tour will start in Tallinn and end in Tartu, dropping you off at your hotel.



Lahemaa National Park was founded in 1971; its territory is 112,000 hectares. The park is situated on the coast of the Gulf of Finland 40 km east of Tallinn. Nature is the most attractive part of Lahemaa – seeing the rich variety of forms is an enjoyable experience. The historic manors in the park are also noteworthy.

Visit to Palmse Manor. The manor house and outbuildings were constructed by the von der Pahlen family of Baltic-German origin in the 18th century. This well-maintained set of baroque style buildings is surrounded by a park regarded as one of the most beautiful in the Baltics. The main house includes 18th century furnishings as well.



Next, the tour will stop to explore the Sagadi Manorial Complex constructed in the 18th century. To date, 17 of the estate's buildings have been restored. Adjacent to the main building is a Forestry Museum. On the way to Altja, we will view Altja seaside village. Tour participants will stop for dinner at the Altja Tavern where traditional Estonian food is served.

The tour will be conducted in the English language. Price includes local VAT, entrances to manors Palmse and Sagadi, and dinner.

Price: USD \$140 per participant
(Minimum number of participants is 12 people.)

Tallinn Sightseeing Tour

(City bus tour 1.5 hours and a walk in the Old Town 1.5 hours)

July 24, 2010 at 14:00-17.00 or July 30, 2010 at 14:00-17.00

Tour begins at Sokos Hotel Viru in Tallinn

The tour begins with an introduction to the country and its people, the history of Tallinn, and the Old Town, Tallinn's number one attraction.

The tour goes to Kadriorg Park (Catherine's Valley) to see the Kadriorg Palace which was built by the Russian Czar Peter the Great for his wife, Catherine I. The Palace is recently reopened after a long period of reconstruction and offers an exposition of Western Art.

Next visit Song Festival Amphitheater, the venue of 130-year-old song festival tradition; the Woodland Cemetery, where Estonian celebrities are buried; pass the TV tower, ruins of St. Brigit's Convent, and Pirita recreation area with the city beach and Yachting Centre built for the Moscow Olympic Games of 1980.

The tour of Old Tallinn begins on Toompea (Dome Hill) where Tallinn was founded in the 11th century. One of the oldest historical and architectural attractions is the Dome Church of the 13th century. The onion domes of Alexander Nevski Cathedral (1900, Russian Orthodox, inside visit, no entrance fee) are in sharp contrast to the baroque and renaissance spires of St. Olaf's, St. Nicholas' and the Holy Ghost Church. The 14th-15th century fortress wall with the towers Tall Hermann, Fat Margaret and Peep-into-the Kitchen are reminders of the medieval citadel.



In Lower Town, the tour passes the Great Guild and the Brotherhood of the Blackheads, the Town Hall Pharmacy, the Town Hall and ends at the Town Hall Square.

The tour will be in the English language. Price includes local VAT.

Price: USD \$30 per participant
(Minimum number of participants is 12 people.)



Onion Route -- One Region, Two Nationalities, Three Cultures

July 25 10.00-16.00



Russian Orthodox Old Believers, traces of the German barons era, and Estonian cultural history. The shores of Lake Peipus offer surprising layers of cultural variation. Old Believers were well-known as onion growers and even today there are large fields of onions in the villages near the lake. The local cuisine has been influenced by that, as well as by the proximity of the lake, relying heavily on onions and fish.



The tour includes the Old Believers' church and museum, Alatskivi Castle with lunch (tour in castle with local guide and brief overview about the history; barons lunch), and the museum of Juhan Liiv (famous Estonian poet).

Price: USD \$140 per participant
(Minimum number of participants is 12 people.)

Tartu Sightseeing Tours

*City Tour, July 27 15.00-16.30 or
17.00-18.30*

Classical city sightseeing walk in central Tartu. A city of almost a thousand years, Tartu has many interesting stories to tell and places to show. The guided walking tour introduces the unique atmosphere, stories and architectural pearls of Tartu.

Tour begins and ends in front of the City Government house (Town Hall Square).

Price: USD \$8 per person



Religious Sites, July 27 15.00-16.30 or 17.00-18.30



The short guided tour takes you from the St. John's Church to the ruins of the Tartu Cathedral. The medieval St. John's (Jaani) Church, which belongs to the The University of Tartu-Jaani Congregation of the Estonian Evangelical-Lutheran Church, is unique for its terracotta sculptures. The ruins of the Tartu Cathedral are partly rebuilt as the University Library, nowadays the Museum of University History. We talk about religion and the university, the Faculty of Theology and about the religious life of Estonians.

Tour begins and ends in front of the University of Tartu Main building.

Price: USD \$8 per person

Tour to town Viljandi

July 29, 2010 at 15:00-22:00 starting from Tartu.

Please note! This tour will start in Tartu and end in Tallinn.



Viljandi is an ancient city situated on a hill by a beautiful lake. The lake glittering in the bottom of the valley is popular with holiday-makers, fishermen and people who enjoy recreational sports. A hiking path runs around the lake and it can be used for recreational sports all year round. Since the year 1928, a run around Lake Viljandi has taken place on the first day of May every year.

Summer in Viljandi culminates with the annual folk music festival, which brings friends of folk music to town from all over the world. The town has the honour of being the home of Estonian folk music, and the former manor home located at the foot of Viljandi castle hills is renovated into the building of the Estonian Traditional Music Center.

Church spires and the Old Water Tower form a silhouette on the lake surface. The Water Tower offers a magnificent view of the whole town. Hanseatic merchants settled here as long ago as the 14th century. Due to its good location, varied nature and good connecting roads, Viljandi is an excellent place for trade, stopovers and living.

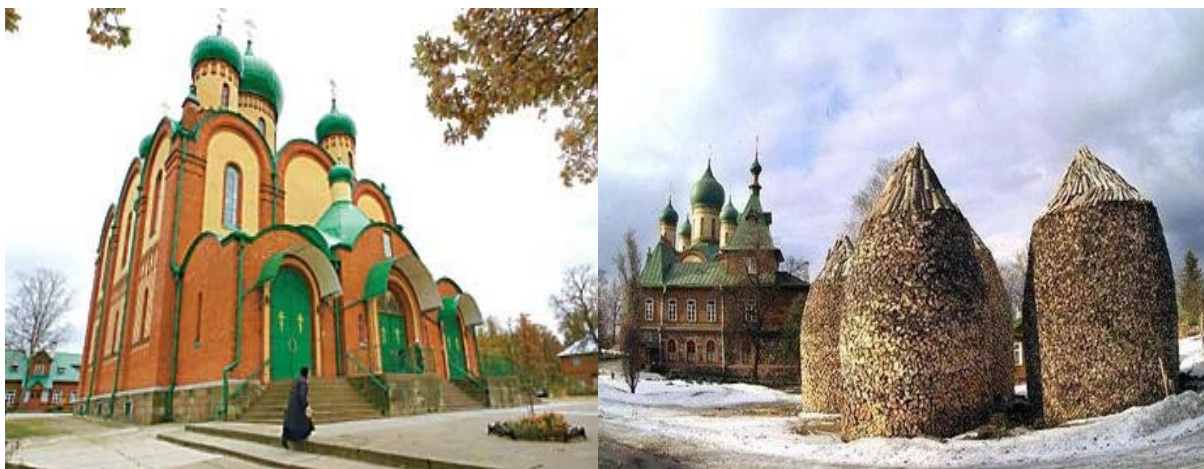
Tour will be in English language. Price includes local VAT, sightseeing tour in Viljandi, dinner.

Rate: USD \$95 per participant
(Minimum number of participants is 12 people).

Tour to Kuremäe Nunnery

July 29, 2010 at 15:00-23:00 starting from Tartu.

Please note! This tour will start in Tartu and end in Tallinn.



The Kuremäe Convent, located in the centre of Kuremäe, was established in 1891, and is the only functioning Russian Orthodox nunnery in Estonia. In ancient times, a sacred place of the Estonians was located here and a sacrificial spring was at the foot of the hill. The spring is known as a “holy spring” today for the curative powers of its water. One can also bathe in the refreshing water. The convent gates are open and you can walk around and observe convent life. Those who are more interested in the life and history of the convent can make a tour with the nuns, in order to see the various churches in the convent complex that are otherwise closed to the public.

Tour will be in English language. Price includes local VAT, tour in the nunnery, dinner.

Rate: USD \$85 per participant
(Minimum number of participants is 12 people).