



**Biedriiba “Jūras Zeme” network study visit program in Estonia, Tartu**  
**01.-03.07.2024**

**Participants:**

Latvian side - 15 persons

Estonian side - 5 persons

**Monday, July 1st, arrival to Tartu**12.00 Arrival to Tartu, check in to [Dorpat hotel](#)

12.45 Meeting at Dorpat hotel reception

13.00 Lunch and boat trip with [Arabella](#). Departure from Dorpat pier.

M/L Arabella I (former Sandra D) is a historical ship completed in 1922 originally from Finland. The ship is also included in the list of ships of historical importance in Finland, it will be the oldest running ship in Estonia (so far it has been the forked schooner "Hoppet", built in 1926). The ship has undergone extensive renovation work in 2023. It's length is 25 m and has 88 passenger seats. Albert Lass, the manager of Estriver OÜ will give an overview about the riverboat Arabella and the company.

15.00-17.30 Networking seminar at [Vspa](#) with coffee break (room Finland).**Presentations:**[Seto Line Reisid OÜ](#) - Silver Koppel

TAS “Discover Emajõgi” river trips series and Let’s Do It collective cleaning up campaign - Moonika Einaste

[Sea Land](#) - Aris Adlers[Tartu 2024](#) - Marili Vihmann19.00 Dinner at [restaurant Kampus](#)**Tuesday, July 2nd, lake Peipus area**

8.00 Breakfast

9.30 Start from Dorpat hotel

10.00 Visitation [Luunja port](#) and recreational area (LEADER project), [Saaga port](#) and [Kavastu raft](#) - Maarja Ülper, Tourism specialist at Luunja Cultural Centre; Urmas Ild- Silvernet OÜ13.00 Arrival at [Emajõe-Suursoo Centre](#). Introduction of Emajõe Suursoo Centre, Tartu 2024 Winter trails festival and [Emajõgi River study trail](#) - Maarja Ülper.

**13.30** Lunch at [Emajõe-Suursoo Centre](#)

**14.15-16.30** Networking seminar at Emajõe-Suursoo Keskus (centre). The holiday centre on the banks of Emajõgi. By the house starts the 3 km long Emajõe educational trail.

**Presentations:**

[FLAG Development Association of Peipsi Fishery Area](#) - Urmas Pirk

[Inland Waters Festival](#) - Kadi Ploom

“River Networks” project activities in 2024 and discussion - Kristiina Tammets

**18.00** Arrival to Sisevete Festival (Inland Waters Festival) [program at Mehikoorma port.](#)

To highlight the importance of Lake Peipsi and Lake Võrtsjärv even more, a 12-day inland waters adventure is organized on the two large lakes and the Emajõgi River, which connects them. The Inland Waters Festival is part of the European Capital of Culture Tartu 2024 main program.

- [Barge ride](#) at Mehikoorma on Lake Peipus

**19.30** Dinner at the festival - [Kambüüs](#) (Maa Gurmee home restaurant)

**20.00** Concert at Mehikoorma port

**22.00** Arrival to hotel

**Wednesday, July 3rd, lake Võrtsjärv, Elva area**

**9.00** Start from Dorpat hotel

**10.00** Visitation of [Akva:rium Lake Museum.](#)

The main exposition of the Lake Museum is live Estonian freshwater fish. Our freshwater fish are not exhibited elsewhere in Estonia in such species quantity. About half of Estonia's freshwater fish live here, including more exotic species, as well as turtles, lake balls, and crayfish. You can visit 2 floor aquariums and 2 large cylindrical aquariums. There are more than 25 different aquariums in total. There is also a collection of fishing gear, an exhibition of primitive fish, and much more! You can book a sauna raft for a pleasure cruise or a sauna session and use a seminar room with a million-dollar view. And to make it more fun - the new and unique virtual reality experience "Expedition in the Underwater World of Lake Võrtsjärv" allows visitors to dive into the lake Võrtsjärv and study different Estonian freshwater fish.

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**12.00** Visitation of [Võrtsjärve Visitors' Centre](#) in Vaibla

**Presentations:**

Lake Võrtsjärv Fisheries Development Agency (FDA) - Jaanika Kaljuvee  
Võrtsjärve Sõprade Selts MTÜ - Anmar Pihlak

**13.30** Lunch and historic sailboat ride at [Valma port](#) to [Oiu port](#)

**16.00** Back to Latvia

*We reserve the right to make some changes in the program.*