

NARVA



WALKING TOUR OF NARVA RIVERSIDE AREA



1 TOWN HALL

The 17th century Dutch Baroque style Town Hall building by architect G. Teuffel combines features of German, Swedish and Italian architecture. Now the mayor's representative office, the city council meeting hall, a ceremonial hall and tourist information center are located here. The Old Narva exposition brings to life the city of Narva, as it was known before World War II and the bombing of Narva, using virtual reality glasses and touch screens.

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2 TOWN HALL SQUARE

The architectural ensemble of Town Hall Square included the Town Hall building, the stock exchange building, the city pharmacy and the residences of wealthy Swedish citizens. Unfortunately, only the town hall has survived to this day, which was completely restored in 2023. On the site of the former Narva Stock Exchange building, the building of the Narva College of the University of Tartu was built in 2012. Its facade imitates the lost Stock Exchange building



Dear friend,

We invite you to take a walk along the riverfront and see the most significant objects on the way from the Town Hall, along the promenade and recreation area of Joaorg, to the famous "Five-kroon viewing platform".

Have a nice walk!

3 BARON VON VELJO'S HOUSE

Built at the end of the 18th century, in the classicist style, it was one of the largest residential buildings in Narva at that time. According to the project of architect A. Vladovski, the house was rebuilt and got a new exterior appearance in 1916, which has been largely preserved to this day. Now the Narva Vanalinna State School operates in the building.



4 SMALL DARK GARDEN

Part of the park located on Bastion Pax. Previously, there used to be the Dark Gate nearby, from which the park got its name.



5 DARK GARDEN

Narva's oldest park, an example of park architecture from the end of the 19th century. Located on bastions Victoria and Pax.



6 GAZEBO IN DARK GARDEN

The original gazebo was installed on this site in the late 19th century. Despite having survived the war, it grew dilapidated over time and was demolished. During the reconstruction of Dark Garden, a new gazebo was installed on its historical place.



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7 CASEMATES OF VICTORIA BASTIONS

Exhibition in the casemates and the gunpowder cellar of the bastion introduces the history of the defense system of the town. Traditional excursions and special programmes for both adults and children are carried out.



8 NARVA ART GALLERY

The Narva Art Gallery is located in the old storehouse built on the Gloria bastion in the 18th century. The permanent exhibition is based on the collection donated to the city by the Lavretsovs, patrons of arts. The works of contemporary Estonian and European artists are exhibited at the guest exhibitions.



9 NARVA RIVER PORT

The yacht port of the city of Narva is a place, where the promenade begins, along which you can walk to Narva Castle.



10 NARVA PORT BUILDING

There is a hostel, a sauna, a WC and a shower (disabled people included), a conference hall, a storage room. The neighboring building is a home for a rowing base and the legendary Art Club Ro-Ro.



11 RIVERBOAT CAROLINE

In summer, you can travel between Narva and Narva-Jõesuu along the river. The comfortable, modern and spacious double-deck cruise ship Caroline departs regularly twice a day.



12 BASTION VICTORIA

The most powerful of the seven Narva bastions built according to Dahlberg's project at the end of the 17th century.



13 DAHLBERG STAGE AND SWEDISH TERRACE

Summer stage for outdoor events and the Swedish Terrace with a children's play area and lion-shaped attractions for children.



14 SUN SQUARE ON THE RIVER PROMENADE

One of the promenade's thematic objects, where a sundial, a fountain and a summer cafe are located.



15 HAHN'S STEPS

Hahn's steps were built at the southern end of Dark Garden in 1875 at the initiative of the then mayor A. Hahn, whose name the steps got.



16 JOAORG ISLAND

The island is located in the middle of the Narva River. A 1.7-kilometer-long hiking trail goes along the island.



17 JOAORG BEACH HOUSE

The beach building has a gym, locker room, sauna, bicycle rental, and a restaurant. From the viewing platform on the roof gives a unique view of the Narva Castle and the Ivangorod Fortress. The building received a special award for architecture 2016 at the Estonian Concrete Association contest.



18 THE EASTERMOST POINT OF ESTONIA

According to the current control line, the most exact eastern point of the Republic of Estonia is located on the island of Joaorg, near border post 638.



19 ANCIENT SETTLEMENTS IN JOAORG

The first people had settled in the Narva river valley 8000-9000 years ago. Their site (Narva settlement) in the Joaorg area is one of the oldest archaeological sites of the Mesolithic era (Middle Stone Age) on the territory of Estonia.



20 JOAORG

In the 17th century these picturesque places were chosen by the townspeople for walks and holidays (feasts), trees were planted and gardens laid out. At present, Joaorg Recreation Area includes a city beach, beach building and recreational infrastructure, a network of bicycle and pedestrian paths that connect the recreation area with river promenade, old town and city port.

21 FIVE-KROON VIEWING PLATFORM

The site got its name from the Estonian 5-kroon banknote, the reverse side of which featured the view of the Narva Castle, the Narva River and the Ivangorod Fortress.



22 NARVA MUSEUM

More than 700 years old Hermann Castle in Narva has been ruled over by Danes, Germans, Swedes and Russians through the centuries, but now finally belongs to Estonians. It obtained its current appearance during the time of the Livonian Order from the 14th-16th centuries. Badly damaged in the Second World War, the castle was significantly restored in the 1970 and 1980s - The restoration work is still in progress.



23 NARVA CASTLE PARK

The park, renovated in 2014, perfectly completes the castle complex. A hedge marks the contours of the ruined Fortuna Bastion in the center of the park.



24 THE WEDDING TREE

The wedding tree is located in the park near Narva Castle. Newlyweds attach leaves with their names and wedding date to the tree in honor of their marriage.



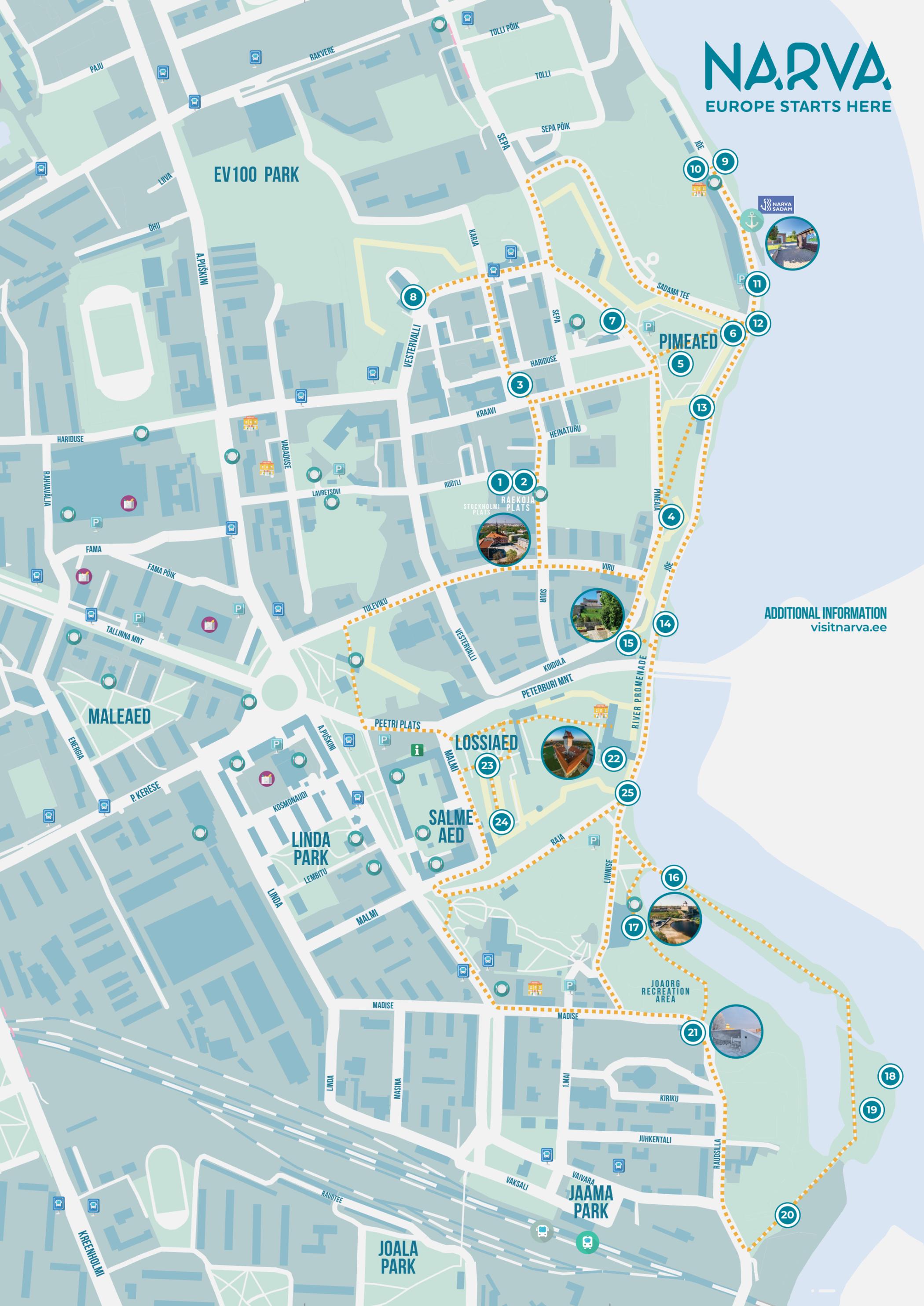
25 THE RIVER PROMENADE

The river promenade is a riverside area in the historical heart of Narva, about 2 km long. It starts from the Narva port and runs along the bank of the river, past the bastions and then continues to the island of Joaorg and the archaeological area.



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