

Padise – Paldiski

Paldiski: The Former Closed and Top Secret Town



Starting from *Padise* up to *Karilepa*, the *Baltic Coastal Hiking Route* winds through small country roads, while further on to *Madise* it goes along the side of the road. From the ancient seacoast of the *Madise* church hill, you will have magnificent views of *Paldiski* Bay and the *Pakri* Islands. From *Madise* to *Paldiski*, the itinerary continues along the side of the abovementioned road up to the South Harbour and, by going along it, the route reaches the railway station located in the southern part of *Paldiski*. During Soviet times, *Paldiski* was a closed town with a military port and a nearby nuclear submarine training base at the *Pakri* Peninsula that operated using a small nuclear reactor.



USEFUL INFORMATION

..... 18 km

⌚ 6–8 h

🚩 *Padise* centre, **P**

🚩 *Paldiski* railway station, **P**

📍 *Padise – Madise – Paldiski*



Roads covered in asphalt and gravel.



Medium



None.



The *Madise – Paldiski* section goes along a road with heavy traffic, so it is recommended to cover the distance by bus (timetables: www.peatus.ee, www.tpilet.ee).



Services are available at the start and end points.



From *Madise* you can go to the *Tallinn – Paldiski* railway line (7 km to *Põllküla* station) and then take a train to *Paldiski* (timetable: <https://elron.ee/en/>, runs ~ 14 times per day).



WORTH SEEING!

- 1** **Madise waterfall (*Madise juga*).** The 2.2 m high waterfall is located in the Harju-Madise church's garden.
GPS: 59.289667, 24.123138
- 2** **St. Matthias Church in Harju-Madise** whose tower is also a lighthouse. T: +372 5118090; GPS: 59.290083, 24.122826
- 3** **The birthplace and commemorative stone of the Estonian educational sector activist Bengt Gottfried Forselius.**
GPS: 59.290765, 24.122515
- 4** **Laoküla Beach.** From the swimming place popular amongst locals we can see the Paldiski southern port and the coast of Väike-Pakri island.
GPS: 59.327348, 24.104332
- 5** **Paldiski.** A military town that gained recognition during the times of Czar Peter I and was closed in the Soviet period, now has become an active green energy town.
GPS: 59.352698, 24.056356
- 6** **Paldiski St. Nicholas church.**
T: +372 5118090; GPS: 59.350685, 24.052470
- 7** **Paldiski St. George Orthodox Church.** A classicism style stone church with Baroque elements.
T: +372 564 86625; GPS: 59.349023, 24.054548
- 8** **The main building of Paldiski Railway Station** is adorned with romantic wooden decors.
GPS: 59.344737, 24.060110
- 9** **Tavern "Tavern Peetri Toll".** The Paldiski Local History Study Museum (*Paldiski Koduloomuseum*) is located on the second floor of a tavern in a Czarist Russia period customs building. There is a unique exhibition of blade weapons here. T: +372 53423425; GPS: 59.350207, 24.053197
- 10** **Amandus Adamson Museum-Atelier.** The museum is located in the summer workshop of a sculptor. T: +372 6742013; GPS: 59.349273, 24.061391

- 11** **The Peter the Great sea fortress bastion or Muula hills (*Muula mäed*).** A fortress cut out of the high limestone coast with five bastions.
GPS: 59.356436, 24.046487
- 12** **Small Pakri (*Väike Pakri*) and Large Pakri (*Suur Pakri*) islands.** These islands situated near Paldiski are protected nature areas. Regular maritime traffic is not available here. During the summer you can book a boat trip in advance from Kurkse Port. T: +372 56974118; GPS: 59.324016, 24.005408 un GPS: 59.338157, 23.909706

SERVICES



Accommodations

- 1. Holiday home *Koidu puhkemaja*,** T: +372 5013201; GPS: 59.286575, 24.123131
- 2. Hostel *Pakri hostel*,** T: +372 58140153; GPS: 59.347525, 24.060081
- 3. Guest house *Adamsoni Külalistemaja*,** T: +372 55693033; GPS: 59.348880, 24.062486



Catering

- 1. Cafe *Lõunasadama kohvik*,** T: +372 56455355; GPS: 59.334658, 24.081786
- 2. Pizzeria *Paldiski Peetri Pizza*,** T: +372 6742095; GPS: 59.350072, 24.057964
- 3. Taverne *Peetri Toll*,** T: +372 53423425; GPS: 59.350206, 24.053211
- 4. *Paldiski Pubi*,** T: +372 5810 6770; GPS: 59.350322, 24.058854



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Public transport

Bus traffic (bus line No. 136)
Padise–Paldiski weekdays
1x a day.

TOURIST INFORMATION



www.visitharju.ee
Tavern "Peetri Toll", Mere 10,
Paldiski, www.peetritoll.ee,
T: +372 53423425;
GPS: 59.350207, 24.053197

