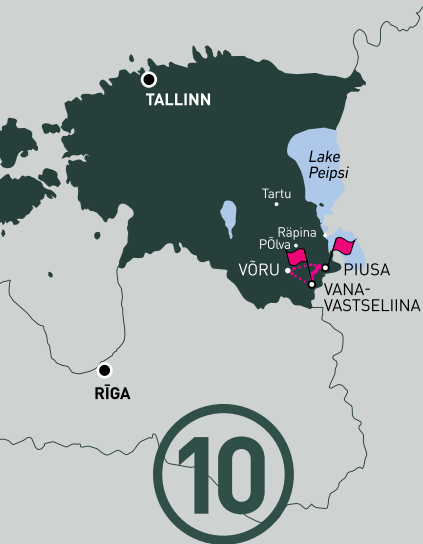


ALONG THE BANKS OF THE RIVER PIUSA AND DISCOVERING THE LAND OF SETOS 10



VANA-VASTSELIINA – PIUSA Estonia

Itinerary: VÕRU – VANA-VASTSELIINA – PIUSA – VÕRU

Hiking route length:

→ 23 km ⌚ 7 – 9 h

Duration: 2 days (hiking 1 day)

Difficulty level: ●●●

The first part of this section of the Forest Trail winds along the magnificent River Piusa valley, then, at Härmä Village, it turns towards Obinitsa, an important cultural centre of Setomaa.. Here you can discover the traditions of the local Seto people, for example the fine handicraft of the Seto women. After Obinitsa, the Forest Trail leads through beautiful pine forests

rich in heather, descends back into the depths of the River Piusa valley and ends at the Piusa caves. The Piusa sandstone caves are the result of hand-mining glass sand from 1922-1966. The biggest wintering colony of bats in Eastern Europe is located in the caves. When accompanied by the guide, you can visit the observation platform at the Museum cave.

PRACTICAL INFO:



Small forest roads, forest trails, paths through meadows in the River Piusa valley and its surroundings; gravel roads and paved roads elsewhere.



Don't go too close to the edge of the sandstone outcrop! Some slopes of the Piusa valley are steep and may become slippery in wet weather.



Shoes may become wet in damp conditions.



Vana-Vastseliina Episcopal Castle (bus from Võru or private transfer).



Piusa (bus to Võru or private transfer).

Accommodation: in Võru.



DAY 1

Arrive in Võru.

Accommodation in Võru or in Piusa primeval valley holiday house, or Obinitsa holiday house.

DAY 2

🚗 or 🚌 **Võru – Vana-Vastseliina.**



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