

# The Tall Ships Races 2024

## RACE 2

TALLINN (EE) – TURKU (FI)

13/07/2024 – 20/07/2024

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## HOW TO REACH TALLINN

Tallinn, the capital city of Estonia, is a captivating blend of medieval charm and modern vibrancy. Nestled along the Baltic Sea, this enchanting city boasts a well-preserved historic center that transports visitors back in time. Tallinn's Old Town is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

### By plane

Tallinn has an international airport called Lennart Meri Tallinn Airport (TLL) with connections to various European cities. You can search for flights to Tallinn from your departure city using online flight search engines like [Skyscanner](#) or [Expedia](#)

### By ferry

If you're coming from Helsinki, Finland, or other nearby cities, taking a ferry might be a convenient option. Ferries operate regularly between Tallinn and Helsinki, offering both passenger and vehicle transportation. The Tallinn-Helsinki ferry route is one of the most popular in the region. Operators like [Tallink](#) and [Viking Line](#) offer ferry services.

### By train

If you're travelling from a nearby European country, you might consider taking a train to Tallinn. However, train connections to Tallinn are limited and might require transfers. Check websites like [Rail Europe](#) or the [Estonian Railways](#) for information on available routes.

## HOW TO GET BACK FROM TURKU

### Useful websites

Turku destination information: <https://www.turku.fi/en>

Travelling to & around Turku: <https://en.visitturku.fi/travelling-to--around-turku-3938>

### By plane

The fastest way to travel from Turku is by flying from Turku Airport (Turun lentoasema). The airport is located about 8 km north of the city center and 12 km from the port.

Airlines operating from Turku are SAS to Stockholm with connections all around Europe and to US, ([www.flysas.com](http://www.flysas.com)), airBaltic to Riga with connections to numerous European destinations ([www.airbaltic.com](http://www.airbaltic.com)), Wizz Air to Gdansk and Rome ([www.wizzair.com](http://www.wizzair.com)) and Amapola to Åland Islands ([www.amapola.nu](http://www.amapola.nu)).

The Helsinki-Vantaa capital area airport is located 170 km or 2 hours away from Turku, offering direct connections all around Europe, Asia and US with Finnair ([www.finnair.com](http://www.finnair.com)) and many other carriers. Finnair also offers a bus transfer between Turku and Helsinki-Vantaa as an additional service for flight bookings.

More information about airports, services and operating airlines via [www.finavia.fi/en](http://www.finavia.fi/en)

Turku airport is accessible by public transport, the local bus number 1 runs between airport, city center, long-distance bus terminal and the ferry terminal frequently. Please note that line 1B runs a similar route, but doesn't go all the way to the airport, instead finishing at the long-distance bus terminal. The timetables and traffic information: [www.foli.fi/en](http://www.foli.fi/en).

Check websites in your country that compare different airlines for flying with the best deal, like [Skyscanner](https://www.skyscanner.com).

### By train

Turku has three railway stations. Due to track works the trains between Helsinki and Turku operate from Kupittaa station only.

#### [Track work planned by FTIA - VR](#)

Long distance trains for the period 17.6-28.7.2024 will be open for sale from March 2024.

For this period there will be track work which will affect the route Helsinki-Kupittaa (Turku). At the time of the event, there is expected a full stop in train traffic on this route. The trains will be replaced with buses, which will be available for sale from April 2024.

More information about track works will be updated <https://www.vr.fi/en/on-track/planned-track-work>.

You can find train schedules and book tickets on the Finnish railway company [VR's website](#) or see the journey planner [here](#).

## By ferry

If you're traveling to Sweden, you can take a ferry from Turku. [Tallink](#) and [Viking Line](#) operate ferry routes between Stockholm and Turku. The ferries are equipped with various amenities for passengers. They take between 8 and 11 hours to arrive in Turku (via Åland Islands.) To reach the ferry terminals, go in the direction of Ensimmäinen linja 1.