



EMBASSY OF DENMARK
Tallinn

Activities in Tallinn in relation to Dannebrog 800 and Estonia 100

The year 2019 marks 800 years of the Danish flag Dannebrog according to legend, 100 years of the Republic of Estonia and 800 years from the first written record of Tallinn.

Below you will find a compilation of events open for the public.
The list is subject to updates.

EXHIBITIONS OPENING IN MAY/JUNE

15 May – 18 June 2019 / Freedom Square

Photo exhibition "Estonia – Denmark. Historical highlights throughout 800 years"

Open air exhibition on Freedom Square prepared by the Danish Cultural Institute and the Danish Embassy shows historical moments from the past 800 years – from the first encounters of Danes and Estonians to present-day cooperation. Read more [here](#).

22 May 2019 – May 2021 / Tallinn City Museum (Vene St 17)

Exhibition "From stronghold to town – the birth of a Danish town 800 years ago"

When does a settlement become a city? What happened during the crusade of Valdemar II of Denmark and what were the early years under Danish rule like? The exhibition gives a detailed reconstruction of Tallinn during the Danish era based on archaeological findings. Read more [here](#).

14 June – 4 July 2019 / National Library of Estonia

Exhibition "Dannebrog 800 – Danish Story in Estonia"

The exhibition centres on original records from the National Archives of Estonia, with the oldest record in the collections of the National Archives on display as the most valuable from 1240. Also on display are the original sources from the collection of the City Archives of Tallinn, the archives of the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Danish literature from the collection of the National Library of Estonia. Read more about the exhibition [here](#).

15 June – 13 October 2019 / Kadriorg Art Museum

Exhibition "Dannebrog – The Flag That Fell from the Sky: The Golden Age of Danish Art"

A broad selection of the best art from the Danish Golden Age will be exhibited for the first time in Estonia, courtesy of the National Gallery of Denmark (Statens Museum for Kunst), supported by the Danish Embassy in Tallinn and the Danish Cultural Institute.

The exhibition is centred around the painting "The Battle of Lyndanise" by C.A. Lorentzen, which travels outside Denmark for the first time, in order to mark the 800 years of the flag falling from the sky in Tallinn, according to the legend. Masterly Golden Age paintings by Eckersberg, Købke, Abildgaard and Jerichau-Baumann will also be exhibited.

The exhibition will be inaugurated by Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark together with the President of Estonia Mrs. Kersti Kaljulaid.

You can read more about the exhibition, which opens for the public on Saturday 15 June at 15.00 [here](#).



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15 June 2019 – May 2020 / Kiek in de K k Fortifications Museum Exhibition “Dannebrog and Estonia 1219-2019”

This remarkable exhibition prepared by the Frederiksborg Castle National Museum of Denmark and Tallinn City Museum with the support of the Danish Cultural Institute and the Danish Embassy focuses on the historical connections from 1219 and until present time.

Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark opens the exhibition together with the Mayor of Tallinn, after which it will be open to the public from 16.00. Further information can be read [here](#).

EVENTS IN MAY

15 May – Tallinn Day

Tallinn Day marks the date in 1248 when King Erik IV Plovpenning gave Tallinn the L beck Rights. See full programme [here](#).

30 May – 2 June / Tallinn City Centre

Tallinn Old Town Days “Tallinn 800 | Birth of the City”

The annual Old Town Days include several Danish-related activities and performers this year. See full programme [here](#).

EVENTS IN JUNE

4 June

ESTONIAN FLAG DAY

15:00-16:00 / Tallinn Dome Church (St. Mary’s Cathedral)

Formal dedication service of the Dannebrog in St. Mary’s Cathedral conducted by Archbishop Urmas Viilma. The Danish Flag Society will present a Danish flag – A Dannebrog – for the church for permanent instalment. The service is open for all. Supported by the Danish Embassy. Read more [here](#).

4 June – 29 June 2019 / Haus Gallery (Uus 17)

Exhibition “Head and Tails” by Per William Petersen

Danish artist Per William Petersen has been participating at art exhibitions in Estonia for 14 years. His latest works is to be found in his exhibition at the Haus Gallery. The exhibition stays open until 29 June. Read more about the exhibition [here](#).

14 June / St Michael’s Church

18:00

Concert by the Copenhagen Cantata Choir

Free entrance



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SATURDAY, 15 JUNE

9:00-10:30 / Arrival of the Royal Yacht Dannebrog

The Royal Yacht Dannebrog arrives in Tallinn at Seaplane Harbour. Find event [here](#).

11:00-15:00 / Freedom Square (Vabaduse väljak)

Family day to celebrate the Danish and Estonian Flags

Flags 135 and 800 years old. The square will be filled with tents where Danish and Estonian organisations introduce our countries' relations. Concerts will take place on the stage.

Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark and the President of Estonia Mrs. Kersti Kaljulaid are expected to visit this public event at around noon. The Estonian and Danish Governments will also be represented.

Prepared by the Government Office of Estonia in cooperation with the Danish Embassy and the Danish Cultural Institute. Read more [here](#).

The Danish Queen's Garden

The new rose garden in Tallinn near the old Danish King's Garden will stand as a lasting symbol of the celebration of Dannebrog 800 and Estonia 100 and the friendship of our two nations. It will be officially opened on 15 June in the afternoon by Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark together with the Mayor of Tallinn.

The garden will have 800 roses, one for each year since 1219, and 8 Copenhagen benches, one for each century, as a gift from Denmark to Tallinn, its citizens and its many visitors. Prepared by Tallinn City in cooperation with the Danish Embassy and the Danish Cultural Institute.

After the opening ceremony, this new garden will be open to the public, from around 16.00.

The Danish King's Garden

By courtesy of the Tallinn City, the Danish King's Garden (so named after King Erik Menved, seven centuries ago) is being freshened up before the visit of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark. It is an open and already cherished garden, often visited by Tallinn's citizens and visitors. On 15 June it will be open to the public after around 16.00.

17:00 / Estonia Concert Hall

Gala Concert "Estonia 100 and Dannebrog 800"

Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark and the President of Estonia Mrs. Kersti Kaljulaid and many others are expected to participate in this celebrative gala performance.

The Danish baroque ensemble Concerto Copenhagen together with the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir will perform musical gems of the baroque repertoire such as works by Bach, Händel and Telemann as well as works by the world-famous Estonian composer Arvo Pärt. The concert is organized by The Royal Danish Embassy and the Danish Cultural Institute.

Tickets for the concert can be bought [here](#).

19:00 / St John's Church

Concert "Amica mea" by Copenhagen Cantata Choir and Veronika Portsmouth Choral Academy Concert Choir

Free entrance. More information [here](#).

20:00 / Town Hall Square

Concert by Copenhagen Police Orchestra

Free entrance.



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SUNDAY, 16 JUNE

11:00 / Tallinn Dome Church (St Mary's Cathedral)

Sunday mass

Estonian-Danish Mass marking the 800th anniversary of the establishment of the oldest church in Tallinn, the Saint Mary's Cathedral (Toomkirik). Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark is expected to take part in the mass, which is open for the public.

Publication of book:

"Denmark and Estonia 1219–2019 – Selected Studies on Common Relations" edited by Professor Jens E. Olesen. Estonian and Danish historians and experts are in 19 articles dealing with the Middle Ages, Early Modern and Modern History up to nowadays. The volume is published on June 15, when according to the myth the Danish flag Dannebrog fell from the Sky 1219 near Tallinn. The book commemorates the Centennial of the Republic of Estonia and the 800-years of Danish-Estonian Relations.

FURTHER EVENTS IN JUNE

29 June

Friendly football game U16 Møns FK vs JK Tabasalu

Find out more [here](#).

Publications:

Information booklet

Dannebrog 800. The Story of Denmark And Estonia

Published by Estonian Institute in collaboration with Tallinn City Museum and Frederiksborg Museum of Natural History. Order [here](#).

Book

"Tallinna ajalugu" (History of Tallinn) – volumes 1 and 2

Published by Tallinn City Archive

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<https://www.facebook.com/Dannebrog800Estonia100/>