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Itinerary: PÄRNU - HAAPSALU - ROOSTA - DIRHAMI - NÕVA HARBOUR - VIHTERPALU - PALDISKI - PÖLLKÜLA - TALLINN

Hiking route length:  ~ 80 km

Duration: **6 day**

Difficulty level: 

On this hiking route you will see the most part of the western coast of Estonia from Pärnu to Tallinn. You will visit Estonia's most popular resort cities: Pärnu and Haapsalu. You will pass along many bays, cape horns, fishermen's villages and overgrown meadows. In the northern part you will walk along the spectacular Pakri cliffs, where you will see some of the most beautiful scenery in the area. There will also be sandy beaches and dolomite outcrops in places. In some rocky and wet sections you will use coastal forests and trails. During the route, you will see the Soviet military heritage in Paldiski.

It is possible to arrange transfers and/or luggage transfers from one accommodation place to another.

DAY 1

Excursion by foot in Pärnu's Old Town. Pärnu is a popular resort city with many cafés, live music, SPAs, hotels and a beautiful Old Town. We also recommend visiting beach area.

Bus: PÄRNU - HAAPSALU (operates 1 x day, at 16.00).

Accommodation in HAAPSALU.



DAY 2

Excursion by foot in HAAPSALU. We recommend visiting the old town of the Haapsalu resort town, Bishop's castle mound, Dome Cathedral and the historic promenade with various monuments.

During lunch - a bus trip to Haapsalu - Dirhami, (getting off at the stop "Elbiku", bus runs 2x day, 1 km walk to the accommodation).


Accommodation near Rooslepa village.

DAY 3

Hiking
ROOSTA - DIRHAMI - NÕVA HARBOUR

20 km   6 - 8 h

PRACTICAL INFO:

Difficulty level: 

Road surface: A short stretch of road covered in asphalt and gravel, forest trails, highly variable beaches: sandy, occasionally covered in gravel, pebbles, stones of different sizes, a short section of dolomite base. In some places, algae have been washed ashore.

Dangerous places: Be careful and ensure safety when walking along the road.

Good to know! Catering companies are available at the Port of Dirhami. The closest shops are in Nõva (3.5 km from the Port of Nõva) and Dirhami village.

Transfer back to Rooslepa.

Accommodation near Rooslepa village.



DAY 4

Hiking
NÕVA HARBOUR - VIHTERPALU

24 km   8 – 10 h

PRACTICAL INFO:

Difficulty level: 

Road surface: Forest trails, highly variable beaches: sandy, occasionally overgrown with herbaceous plants, rocky, short sections of dolomite base and dolomite pebbles.

Good to know! No catering companies are available in this section. Need to take lunch boxes.

Accommodation near Vihterpalu.



DAY 5

In the morning, a **private transfer** to Paldiski, or **the bus** Vihterpalu - Paldiski in the second half of the day.

Accommodation in Paldiski.

DAY 6

Hiking around Pakri Peninsula:
PALDISKI - PÖLLKÜLA

20 km   5 – 7 h

PRACTICAL INFO:

Difficulty level: 

Road surface: Asphalt, gravel roads, trails, forest and unpaved roads, sand, short sections of beach covered in stones and pebbles.

Dangerous places: You must not approach the upper part and the base of Pakri and other cliffs because rockfalls occur regularly as a result of the waves washing away the cliffs.

Good to know! There are shops and catering services only in Paldiski town, in the summer also next to the Pakri Lighthouse. Need to take lunch boxes or shop in Paldiski.

Suitable (closed, water resistant) footwear is necessary, walking poles are advisable for support.

Accommodation in Tallinn.

Train stop in Kloogaranna + 3 km (goes to Tallinn 2 times per day) or train stop in Klooga + 4 km (goes to Tallinn 20 times per day). There is also a bus station in Pöllküla (Kersalu).

