Tallinn’s Old Town Walking Tour

Wandering around the medieval streets of Tallinn is one of Scandinavia’s most rewarding urban pastimes, and you could spend days in this pleasurable pursuit.

**Start** Freedom Square  
**Distance** 4km  
**Duration** three hours

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1. **Starting at Freedom Square (Vabaduse väljak)**, take the stairs up into Toompea, noting the famous **Kiek in de Kök** (Kommendadi tee 2; www.linnamuuseum.ee) tower on your right.

2. **From Linda Hill (Falgi tee)** you can see the remaining medieval elements of **Toompea Castle**.

3. **Castle Square (Lossi plats)** is dominated by the pretty, onion-domed **Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral**.

4. **At Danish King’s Garden**, artists set up their easels in summer to capture the ageless vista over Tallinn’s rooftops.

5. **Lower Town Wall (Vaike-Kloostri)** links nine of the 26 remaining towers (there were once 45).

6. **The 1860-built St Canute’s Guild Hall** (Pikk 20; www.saal.ee) is topped with zinc statues of Martin Luther and the guild’s patron saint. A little further down the road is the 1410 headquarters of the **Great Guild** (Pikk 17; www.agalamuseum.ee), to which the most eminent merchants belonged, and which is now an intriguing museum.

7. **Pass the photogenic Holy Spirit Church** (Pühavaimu 2; www.eelk.ee/tallinna.puhavaimu) en route to **Town Hall Square**.

**Take a Break...**  
Stop off for down-home Estonian cooking at **Vanaema Juures**

**Classic Photo**  
Patkul lookout (Patkuli vaateplats) offers terrific views across the lower town to the sea.