Tallinn’s Old Town

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

Start Kiek in de Kök
Distance 4km
Duration three hours

1 The tall, stout 15th-century Kiek in de Kök cannon tower was one of Tallinn’s most formidable defences.

2 From Linda Hill you can see the remaining medieval elements of Toompea Castle.

3 Castle Square (Lossi plats) is dominated by 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 links nine of the 26 remaining towers (there were once 45).

6 The 1860-built St Canute’s Guild Hall is topped with zinc statues of Martin Luther and the guild’s patron saint.

7 The 1410 headquarters of the Great Guild, to which the most eminent merchants belonged, is now an intriguing museum.

Take a Break... Stop for down-home Estonian cooking at Vanaema Juures (www.vonkrahli.ee/vanaemaajuures; Ratastaevu 10/12; noon-10pm).