



Introduction: After centuries of Danish, Swedish, German, and Russian rule, Estonia attained independence in 1918. Forcibly incorporated into the USSR in 1940 -- an action never recognized by the US and many other countries -- it regained its independence in 1991 with the collapse of the Soviet Union. The last Russian troops left in 1994. Since then, Estonia has been promoted economic and political ties with the West. It joined both NATO and the EU in 2004, formally joined the OECD in 2010, and adopted the Euro as its official currency in 2011.

Cultural Practices: Estonians on the whole are quiet and reserved. They tend to speak softly and do not like to draw attention to themselves. Estonians value punctuality, privacy, and direct communication. Professional interactions are generally formal and respectful, with an emphasis on efficiency and independence.

Tipping Guidelines: If you do not like the service, you do not need to tip. A 10% tip is polite and, in many places, expected for satisfactory or good service; a 20% tip is considered a thank you for exceptional service. For taxis and hotel services, rounding up the bill or leaving a small tip is customary.

Climate: Estonia has a temperate climate with cold winters and mild summers. Coastal regions experience milder winters and more humid conditions, while inland areas are cooler. Snow is common in winter, and the summers are generally warm and pleasant.

Religion: Christian 29.3%, other 1.3%, unaffiliated 69.4%

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General Facts:

Regional Division	Eastern Europe
Capital	Tallinn
Airport Code / Airport Name	TLL / Lennart Meri Tallinn Airport
Country Code 2 digits / 3 digits	EE / EST
Population	1,193,791
Language (Major Languages)	Estonian

Travel Facts:

Telephone Code / Code Dial	372
Local Emergency Phone	112
International Driving Permit	Recommended
Road Driving Side	Right
Time Zone / Time Difference	UTC +02:00
Currency Code / Exchange Rate \$->€	Euro (EUR) / 1\$: 0.95€
Electricity / Voltage / Plug Type(s)	230 V / 50 Hz / C, F
Passport / Visa Requirements	Yes / 90 days in 180 days
Working Permits for US Citizens	Necessary

Filming incentives:

Film Commission National	20-30% cash rebate
Film Commission Federal	Yes
VFX Grant	No

Working conditions:

Working hours per day	11 + break
Working hours per week	55
Working days per week	5
Overtime	+50%, +100% system
Breaks	60 min after 5 th hour
Turnaround	11 hours
Fringes / self-employed	self-employed
Unions	No

Filming infrastructure:

Crews	internationally experienced, English speaking
Equipment	equipped with cutting-edge equipment
Studios in the following cities	-
Themed backlot sets include	-
Specials	-

Landscape & Architecture: medieval Cities and architecture, Castles, gothic Churches, Metropolitan, cobblestone Streets, Historic, coastal landscapes, Coastline (Baltic Sea). Architectural styles range from medieval fortresses to Soviet-era and modern Scandinavian designs.