

ADVANCE NOTICE

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Information for Captains and Vessel Operators



THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2024

KLAIPEDA	27 - 30 JUNE
HELSINKI	04 - 07 JULY
TALLINN	11 - 14 JULY
TURKU	18 - 21 JULY
MARIEHAMN	24 - 27 JULY
SZCZECIN	02 - 05 AUGUST



OFFICIAL DATES

KLAIPEDA	27 - 30 JUNE 2024
	RACE ONE
HELSINKI	04 - 07 JULY 2024
	CRUISE-IN- COMPANY
TALLINN	11 - 14 JULY 2024
	RACE TWO
TURKU	18 - 21 JULY 2024
	CRUISE-IN- COMPANY
MARIEHAMN	24 - 27 JULY 2024
	RACE THREE
SZCZECIN	02 - 05 AUGUST 2024

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**INTRODUCTION - ADVANCE NOTICE
SAIL TRAINING INTERNATIONAL
THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2024
(27 JUNE – 5 AUGUST)**

Thank you for entering The Tall Ships Races 2024. We look forward to seeing you next summer.

This Advance Notice is to provide owners, vessel operators and Masters/Captains with information about the plans made so far for The Tall Ships Races 2024 and associated events. It will be updated from time to time and each version is dated at time of publication. Please ensure you have the latest version. Further information is available at www.tallshipsraces.com and will be issued by Sail Training International in the “**Arrival Arrangements**” document, which will be posted on the website approximately six weeks before the start of the Race Series.

Each host port will also produce a detailed Captains’ Manual, which will be available on the Captains’ Page of the website here <http://www.sailtraininginternational.org/vessels/captains-page>, and a printed copy will be given to each vessel in port.

If you require any other information, please do not hesitate to contact us. If this is your first Tall Ships Race and you wish to have more detailed advice, we would be happy to put you in contact with an experienced vessel operator from your country, who would be willing to talk things through with you.

The following files can be downloaded from the Captains’ Page on our website at www.sailtraininginternational.org/vessels/captains-page

1. The current edition of the Racing & Sailing Rules
2. Crew List Form (EXCEL spreadsheet)
3. Vessel Life Saving Appliance Check List
4. Sail Training International Memorandum on Safety

Owners and Captains/Masters **MUST** read these documents to help them prepare for this year’s Races.

GENERAL INQUIRIES

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RACING & SAILING RULES

The latest edition of the Racing & Sailing Rules and Special Regulations is available to download from the **Captains' Page** on our website: www.sailtraininginternational.org/vessels/captains-page.

All Races are designated as Category 2 in accordance with Rule 2.02 of the Racing and Sailing Rules.

All vessels are required to have an active AIS transponder on board.

All vessels are required to have a Sat Coms transceiver or a multichannel HF/MF SSB transceiver.

Participants are urged to make sure they study and use the Current Edition of the Racing & Sailing Rules and Special Regulations.

SAIL TRAINING INTERNATIONAL RULE OF RATING AND RACE PRIZES

Each registered vessel will be issued with a Rating Certificate which will be calculated by Sail Training International's unique Rule of Rating which ensures that all vessels will be able to race equally on corrected time. All new vessels to The Tall Ships Races will be provided with a Measurement Form which will need to be completed in advance.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third places per class on corrected time, and for first on elapsed time (line honours) and overall, on corrected time for each race leg. There will be many other special prizes for competing vessels, including for the best crew in the crew parade. Vessels from all classes competing in all race legs will be eligible for the overall race series prizes.

The principal award will be The Tall Ships Races 2024 Friendship Trophy which will be awarded to the vessel which, in the opinion of the competing captains and crews, has contributed the most to international understanding and friendship.

RACE POSITION REPORTING AND MARINE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

For safety reasons, and to help the interest of the young crews during a race, Sail Training International organises a twice-daily radio schedule. Vessels' positions are passed over the radio and logged by the communications vessel. The corrected placings are then re-broadcast so that they may be plotted for all on board to see. Results and charts showing the fleet's positions are also posted onto the race websites at www.tallshipsraces.com.

Full Sailing and Communications Instructions are to be collected by Captains/Masters on arrival, from the Sail Training International Race Office in KLAIPEDA for Race One, in TALLINN for Race Two and in MARIEHAMN for Race Three.

Radio schedules will be conducted either on MF, VHF, or satellite phone. The MF frequency used will be 4146 KHz. The VHF frequency used will normally be channel 77. Any change to these frequencies will be notified in due course. Race starts are normally conducted on VHF channel 77. Please note that a VHF radio and type approved 406 MHZ EPIRB are compulsory for these races.

SATELLITE TRANSPONDERS

Sail Training International will again provide participants with a 'YellowBrick/YB' satellite transponder for The Tall Ships Races 2024. There will be no charge to the participating vessels, but the 'YellowBrick/YB' transponder will be the responsibility of the Captain/Master until they return it to Sail Training International at the end of the last race that they participate in. Captains/Masters will need to sign to this effect.

We hope that everyone will appreciate the significant benefits that this scheme brings to vessel operators and their sponsors, as well to the crews and their family and friends ashore who wish to follow their vessel's progress.

For more information about the 'YellowBrick/YB' satellite transponder, please go to: www.ybtracking.com

CREW CHANGES

Vessel operators and Captains/Masters are reminded that the social programmes in each of the four ports are designed to a similar pattern [see "Draft Port Programmes"]. The main crew activities - sports, prize-giving, and crew party – **are usually held on the second day** of the official port dates.

In order to allow a vessel's trainee crew to gain maximum benefit from the social programme and, in particular, to take part in the prize-giving and crew party which follows it, **it is strongly recommended that crew changes are conducted on the third day of the official port dates.**

Many vessels do this already and crew changes often take place in the early hours of day three. Our experience is that trainees who have to leave their vessel before the prize-giving and crew party feel they are being deprived of an important part of the whole "experience" and would much prefer to have the chance to stay for those events, even if it means having to travel late at night or early in the morning. For 2024 the recommended crew change dates are:

KLAIPEDA - Saturday 29 June;
TALLINN - Saturday 13 July;
MARIEHAMN - Friday 26 July;

HELSINKI - Saturday 6 July
TURKU - Saturday 20 July
SZCZECIN - Sunday 4 August

CRUISE-IN-COMPANY ONE: HELSINKI, FINLAND to TALLINN, ESTONIA
CRUISE-IN-COMPANY TWO: TURKU, FINLAND to MARIEHAMN, ALAND ISLANDS

Two Cruise-in-Companies are planned between Helsinki, Finland and Tallinn, Estonia, and Turku, Finland and Mariehamn, Aland Islands giving ships the chance to visit some guest harbours between these four ports. These guest harbours are busy working to welcome the fleet with the best they have to offer.

The Cruise-in-Company brochure will be found at the Captains' Page on our website:

www.sailtraininginternational.org/vessels/captains-page next spring.

VESSEL LIFE SAVING APPLIANCES INSPECTIONS (rule 12.2.1)

All vessels will be required to conform to the Sail Training International Special Regulations in the Racing & Sailing Rules and Special Regulations, Current Edition. The Vessel Life Saving Appliances Report form MUST be completed prior to each race and signed by the Captain/Master and presented to the STI Race Office within 12 hours after the official start of the port event (see draft port programmes). Sail Training International will endeavour to inspect all vessels before the Race start.

VISAS

Visa Requirements for Lithuania, Finland, Estonia, Åland Islands and Poland.

Individual race entrants are responsible for ascertaining what visas or other documents will be required by their ship's company when arriving in Lithuania, Finland, Estonia, Åland Islands and Poland and to obtain such visas themselves. Captains/Masters should note that ships or crew originating from any EU and Schengen countries^{Note1} do not need visas to visit any of this year's ports. However, they are advised to check that individual crew members conform to this requirement. Lists of countries whose citizens do require visas can be obtained from any of the host ports.

Note 1: The Schengen countries are: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland. All these countries except Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland are European Union members.

Please be aware that non-Schengen registered ships will have to contact the relevant countries' consulates since they will need visas for entering the Schengen area.

DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE – Government and Military Vessels

Both, government, and military vessels taking part in the Races will need diplomatic clearance to enter foreign territorial waters. A diplomatic clearance is to be sent via diplomatic channels. Captains/Masters, of government and military vessels are reminded to make sure that the period of time they have applied for takes into account the possibility of their vessel finishing the Race early and arriving in port outside the published official port dates. They are also advised to ensure that they have clearance for the Cruise-in-Company area of sailing and intended visit ports.

FRONTIERS CONTROL

Please note the following: -

- In addition to individual visa requirements, Captains/Masters must send a complete crew list to the port authorities before departing the previous port.
- The Crew list must identify crew members embarking after the vessel entered the Schengen Area and also those expected to disembark at the next port.
- Non-EU crew must have verifiable evidence of a flight or other travel plans to leave the EU to be allowed to disembark the vessel.
- Ships leaving the Schengen area must inform authorities about their next destination before departing the previous port.
- Minors must travel with written parental authorization. Please note; airline companies can refuse the embarking of a minor without such documentation.
- Whilst citizens from Schengen countries can travel carrying national ID cards, but it is strongly recommended to travel with a passport.

Specific guidelines about frontiers control will be included in the Arrival Arrangements, and any guidelines would be in accordance with EU and national requirements.

Please remember that it is the responsibility of each vessel operator to ensure that the correct Visas, Diplomatic Clearance, and immigration requirements are in order before joining The Tall Ships Races 2024.

CLASS A

SHIP OPENING TIMES TO THE PUBLIC

The Tall Ships Races usually attract hundreds of thousands of visitors during the festivities in the host ports, and there is often huge interest in visiting ships. It is therefore greatly appreciated if ships would open their decks to the public.

Whilst it remains at the discretion of the Captain/Master to decide ship opening times, ports have suggested that the following times would be appropriate for ships to be opened to the public:

KLAIPEDA	Times between 1000 and 2100
HELSINKI	Times between 1000 and 2100
TALLINN	Times between 1000 and 2100
TURKU	Times between 1000 and 2100
MARIEHAMN	Times between 1000 and 2100
SZCZECIN	Times between 1000 and 2100

If you are unable to open your ship to the public at any of these times, please inform the relevant host port. Thank you in advance for welcoming the public aboard your ship.

DRAFT PORT PROGRAMMES (LOCAL TIMES)

KLAIPEDA

Thurs 27 June - Sun 30 June

PLEASE NOTE: All vessels must arrive by the deadline of 1200 on Thursday 27 June and take part in the Parade of Sail on Sunday 30 June.

Thursday 27 June

	The last ships arrive in the morning
TBC	Crew activities for early arrivals: sports and cultural activities
TBC	Event Area open
1200	Deadline for participating vessels to be in port
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme
TBC	Opening ceremony
TBC	Captains' Dinner

Friday 28 June

TBC	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
TBC	Event Area open
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme
TBC	Crew Parade
TBC	Prize Giving Ceremony
TBC	Crew Party

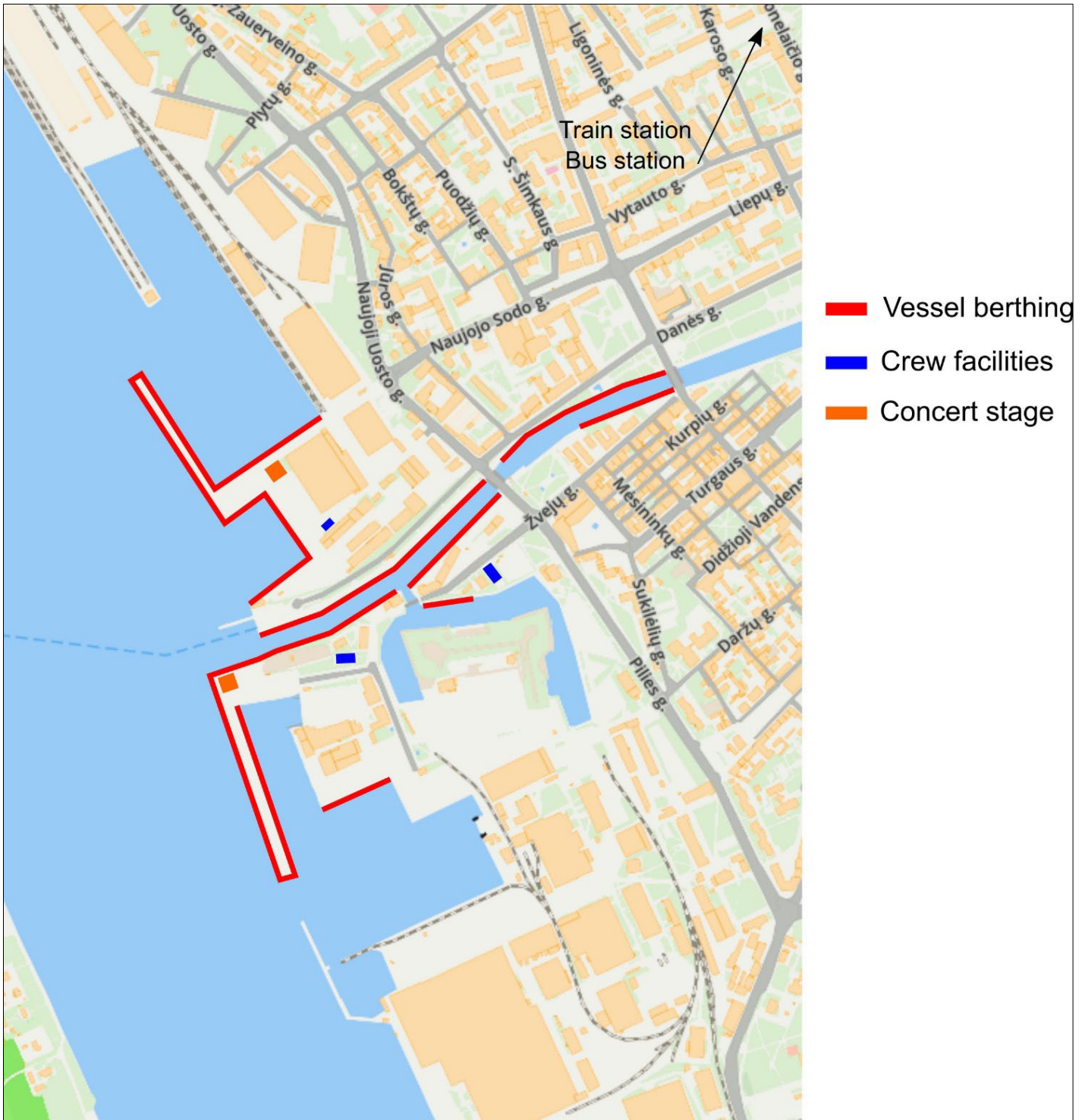
Saturday 29 June

TBC	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
TBC	Event Area open
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
1600	Captains' Briefing
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme

Sunday 30 June

TBC	Event Area open
TBC	Official Start of Fleet Undocking
TBC	Parade of Sail
TBC	Start of Race 1 from KLAIPEDA to HELSINKI

KLAIPEDA BERTHING AREA



PLEASE NOTE: All vessels must arrive by the deadline of 1200 on Thursday 4 July and take part in the Parade of Sail on Sunday 7 July.

Thursday 4 July

	The last ships arrive in the morning
TBC	Crew activities for early arrivals: sports and cultural activities
1100 - 2200	Event Area open
1200	Deadline for participating vessels to be in port
1100 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme
TBC	Opening ceremony
1900	Captains' Dinner

Friday 5 July

0900 - 1500	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
1100 - 2200	Event Area open
1100 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme
1600	Crew Parade
1700	Prize Giving Ceremony
1930	Crew Party

Saturday 6 July

0900 - 1900	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
1100 - 2200	Event Area open
1100 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
1600	Captains' Briefing
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme

Sunday 7 July

1100 - 1600	Event Area open
TBC	Official Start of Fleet Undocking
TBC	Parade of Sail

HELSINKI BERTHING AREA



CRUISE IN COMPANY

A Cruise-in-Company will take place from HELSINKI between 7 and 11 July. Further details will be announced on the Captains' Page of the website in Spring.

TALLINN Thurs 11 – Sun 14 July

PLEASE NOTE: All vessels must arrive by the deadline of 1200 on Thursday 11 July and take part in the Parade of Sail on Sunday 14 July.

Thursday 11 July

	The last ships arrive in the morning
TBC	Crew activities for early arrivals: sports and cultural activities
TBC	Event Area open
1200	Deadline for participating vessels to be in port
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme
TBC	Opening ceremony
TBC	Captains' Reception/Dinner TBC

Friday 12 July

TBC	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
TBC	Event Area open
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme
TBC	Crew Parade
TBC	Prize Giving Ceremony
TBC	Crew Party
TBC	Captains' Reception/Dinner TBC

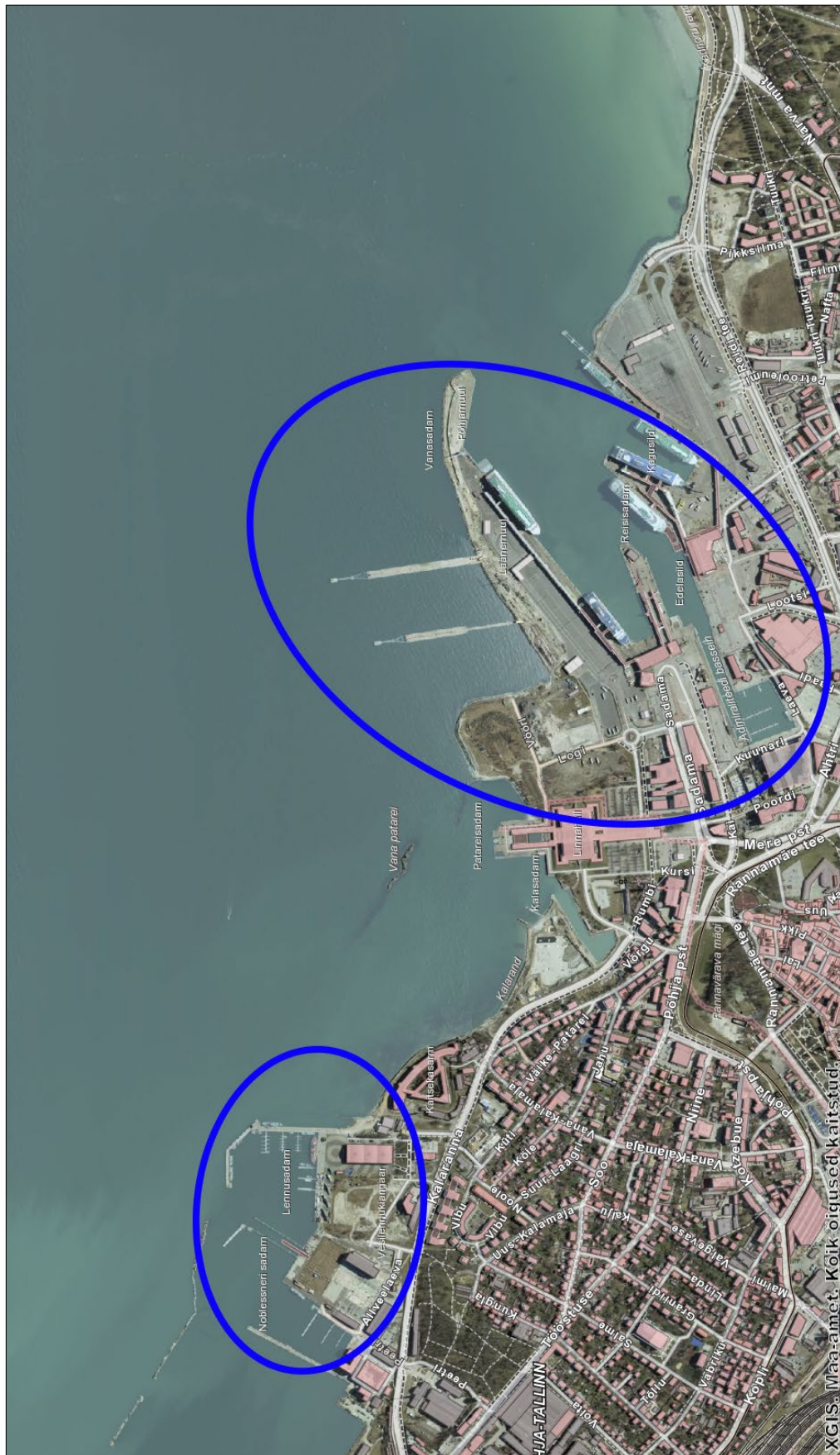
Saturday 13 July

TBC	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
TBC	Event Area open
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
1600	Captains' Briefing
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme

Sunday 14 July

TBC	Event Area open
TBC	Official Start of Fleet Undocking
TBC	Parade of Sail
TBC	Start of Race 2 from TALLINN to TURKU

TALLINN BERTHING AREA



TURKU

Thurs 18 – Sun 21 July

PLEASE NOTE: All vessels must arrive by the deadline of 1200 Thursday 18 July and take part in the Parade of Sail on Sunday 21 July.

Thursday 18 July

The last ships arrive in the morning	
TBC	Crew activities for early arrivals: cultural activities
TBC	Event Area open
1200	Deadline for participating vessels to be in port
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
1400	Opening ceremony
1930	Captains' Dinner, Turku Castle

Friday 19 July

1000 - 1400	Crew activities: sports competition
TBC	Event Area open
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme
TBC	Crew Parade
TBC	Prize Giving Ceremony
TBC	Crew Party, Turku Castle

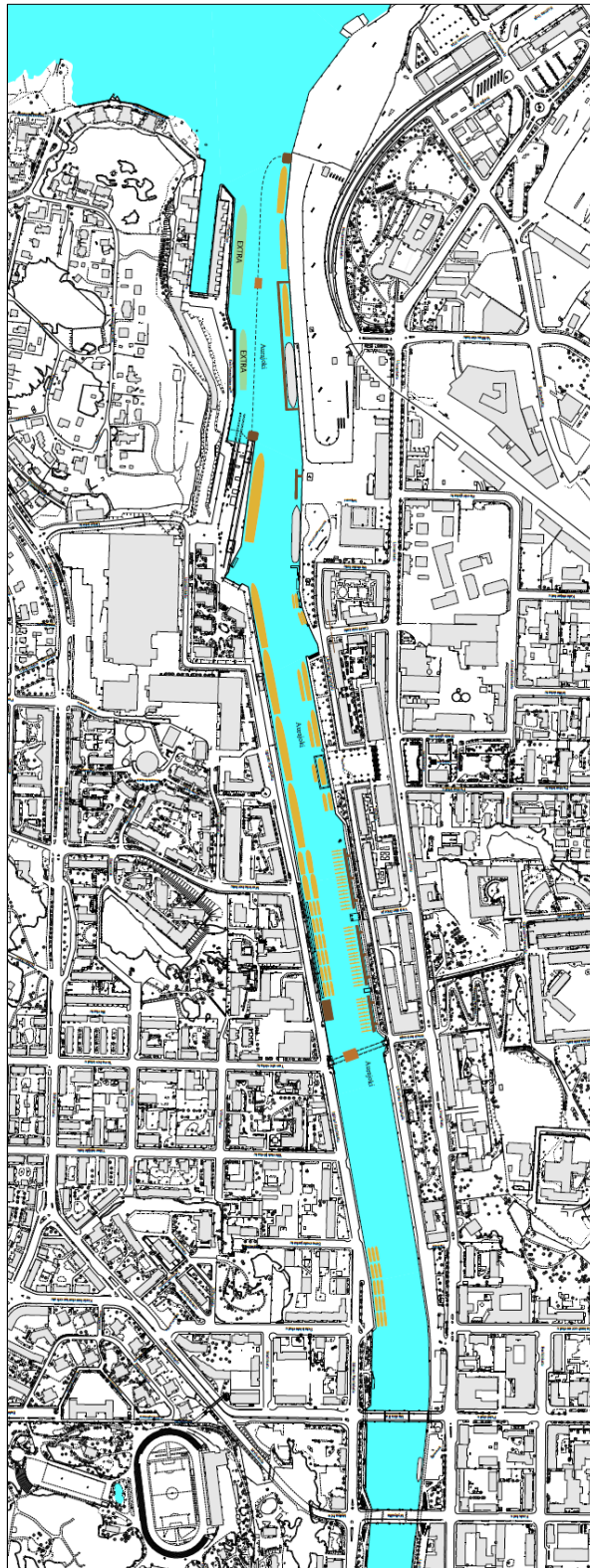
Saturday 20 July

TBC	Crew activities: cultural activities
TBC	Event Area open
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
1600	Captains' Briefing
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme

Sunday 21 July

TBC	Event Area open
TBC	Official Start of Fleet Undocking
TBC	Parade of Sail

TURKU BERTHING AREA



CRUISE IN COMPANY

A Cruise-in-Company will take place from TURKU between 21 and 24 July. Further details will be announced on the Captains' Page of the website in Spring.

MARIEHAMN

Wed 24 – Sat 27 July

PLEASE NOTE: All vessels must arrive by the deadline of 1200 on Wednesday 24 July and take part in the Parade of Sail on Saturday 27 July.

Wednesday 24 July

	The last ships arrive in the morning
TBC	Crew activities for early arrivals: sports and cultural activities
TBC	Event Area open
1200	Deadline for participating vessels to be in port
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme
TBC	Opening ceremony
TBC	Captains' Dinner

Thursday 25 July

TBC	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
TBC	Event Area open
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme
TBC	Crew Parade
TBC	Prize Giving Ceremony
TBC	Crew Party

Friday 26 July

TBC	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
TBC	Event Area open
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
1600	Captains' Briefing
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme

Saturday 27 July

TBC	Event Area open
TBC	Official Start of Fleet Undocking
TBC	Parade of Sail
TBC	Start of Race 3 from MARIEHAMN to SZCZECIN

MARIEHAMN BERTHING AREA

<https://www.tallshipsmariehamn.ax/captains-page/mooring-plan/>



PLEASE NOTE: All vessels must arrive by the deadline of 1200 on Friday 2 August and take part in the Parade of Sail on Monday 5 August.

Friday 2 August

	The last ships arrive in the morning
TBC	Crew activities for early arrivals: sports and cultural activities
TBC	Event Area open
1200	Deadline for participating vessels to be in port
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme
1400 - 1600	Opening ceremony
TBC	Captains' Dinner

Saturday 3 August

TBC	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
TBC	Event Area open
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme
1600	Crew Parade (muster at 1500)
1700	Prize Giving Ceremony
TBC	Crew Party

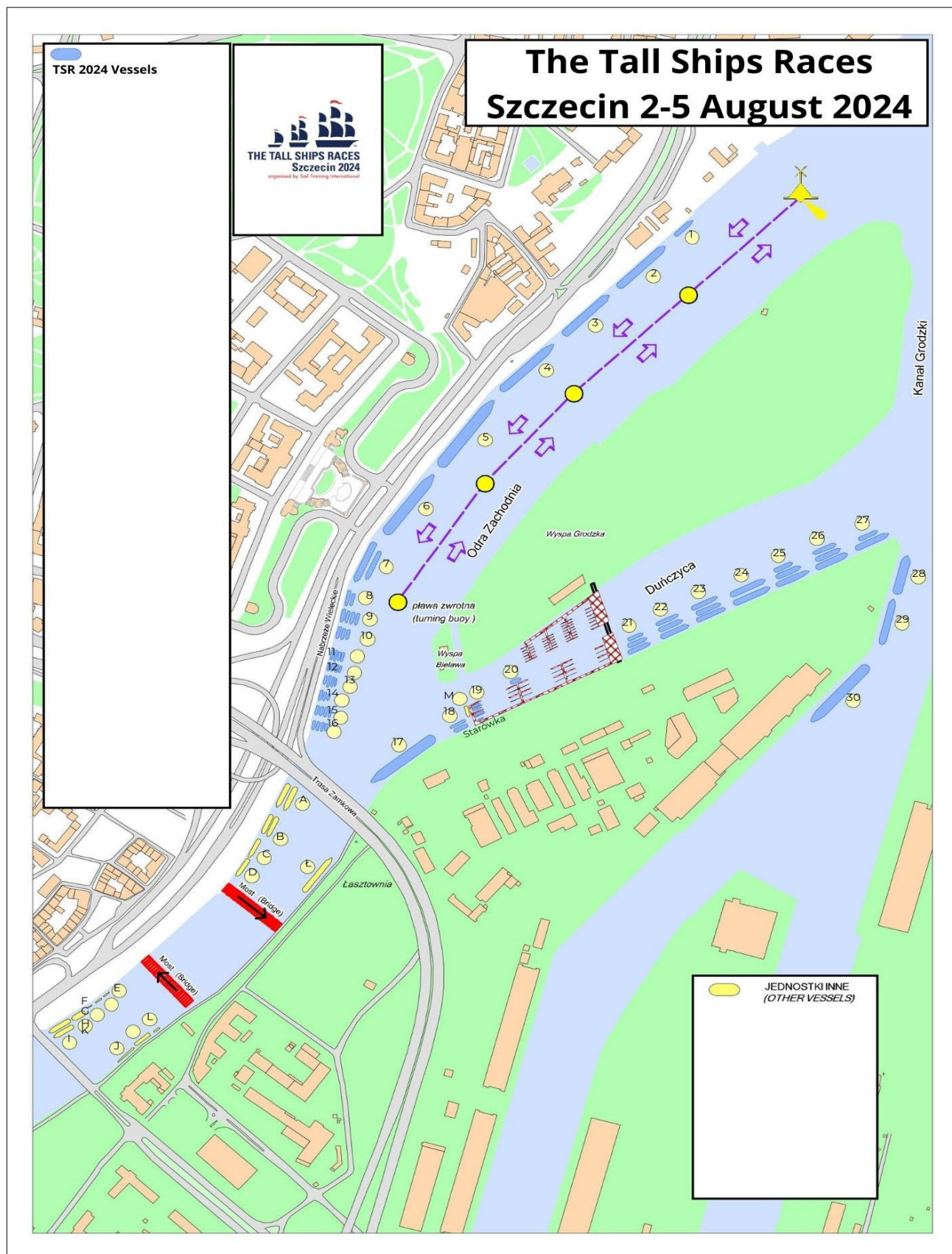
Sunday 4 August

TBC	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
TBC	Event Area open
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
1600	Captains' Briefing
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme

Monday 5 August

TBC	Event Area open
TBC	Official Start of Fleet Undocking
TBC	Parade of Sail

SZCZECIN BERTHING AREA



DRAFT COURSES - Please note that the Race Committee reserve the right to change these race courses

NOTE

The courses given below are *provisional* and may be changed. Confirmation will be given during the Captains' Briefing in each race start port and will also be published in the SAILING & COMMUNICATIONS INSTRUCTIONS which Captains/Masters collect from the Sail Training International Race Office in Klaipeda for Race One, Tallinn for Race Two and Mariehamn for Race Three.

The Tall Ships Races 2024 - Race One Klaipeda to Helsinki (27 July --2 August 2024)		
Race Start Area	TBC	
Finish Area	TBC	

Cruise-in-Company Helsinki to Tallinn (7 - 11 July 2024)		
The Cruise-in-Company between Turku and Tallinn is being organised in collaboration with STA Finland. Several Guest Ports will be planned, which will provide free designated berthing and other facilities. More details to follow in Spring.		

The Tall Ships Races 2024 - Race Two Tallinn to Turku (27 July --2 August 2024)		
Race Start Area	TBC	
Finish Area	TBC	

Cruise-in-Company Turku to Mariehamn (21 - 24 July 2024)		
The Cruise-in-Company between Turku and Tallinn is being organised in collaboration with STA Finland. Several Guest Ports will be planned, which will provide free designated berthing and other facilities. More details to follow in Spring.		

The Tall Ships Races 2024 - Race Three Mariehamn to Szczecin (27 July --2 August 2024)		
Race Start Area Saturday 27 July	TBC	
Finish Area	TBC	

SHIPS' MAIL

The addresses below are the official addresses for any mail being sent during the Races either to a vessel or an individual crew member on board. When addressing mail to anyone in the fleet it is imperative that the **NAME OF THE VESSEL** is clearly stated.

KLAIPEDA

Fleet's last full day in port: Saturday 29 June

Name of Individual

Name of Vessel

The Tall Ships Races KLAIPEDA 2024

Public institution "Klaipėdos šventės"

Str. Turgaus 22-8

Klaipėda 91249

Lithuania

HELSINKI

Fleet's last full day in port: Saturday 6 July

Name of individual

Name of vessel

The Tall Ships Races HELSINKI 2024

City of Helsinki, Brand & Events, Päivi Munther
PB 1

00099 Helsingin kaupunki

Finland

TALLINN

Fleet's last full day in port: Saturday 13 July

Name of individual

Name of vessel

The Tall Ships Races TALLINN 2024

TBC

Tallinn

Estonia

TURKU

Fleet's last full day in port: Saturday 20 July

Name of individual

Name of vessel

The Tall Ships Races TURKU 2024

P.O. Box 355

20101 Turku

Finland

MARIEHAMN

Fleet's last full day in port: Friday 26 July

Name of individual

Name of vessel

The Tall Ships Races MARIEHAMN 2024

TBC

Mariehamn

Åland Finland

SZCZECIN

Fleet's last full day in port: Sunday 4 August

Name of individual

Name of vessel

The Tall Ships Races SZCZECIN 2024

Centrum Żeglarskie

19 Przestrzenna Street

70-800 Szczecin

Poland

CREW TRAVEL

KLAIPEDA Arrival/Transfer Information

By Air:

Nearest airport - **Palanga International Airport**. It is situated 25 km away from Klaipeda.

More information on available services visit website www.palanga-airport.lt/en/

Kaunas airport is in the suburbs of Kaunas, and it is 212 km away from Klaipeda.

More information on available services visit website www.kaunas-airport.lt/en/

The largest airport in Lithuania - **Vilnius International Airport**. The distance from Klaipeda to the airport is 312 km.

More information on available services visit website www.vno.lt/en/

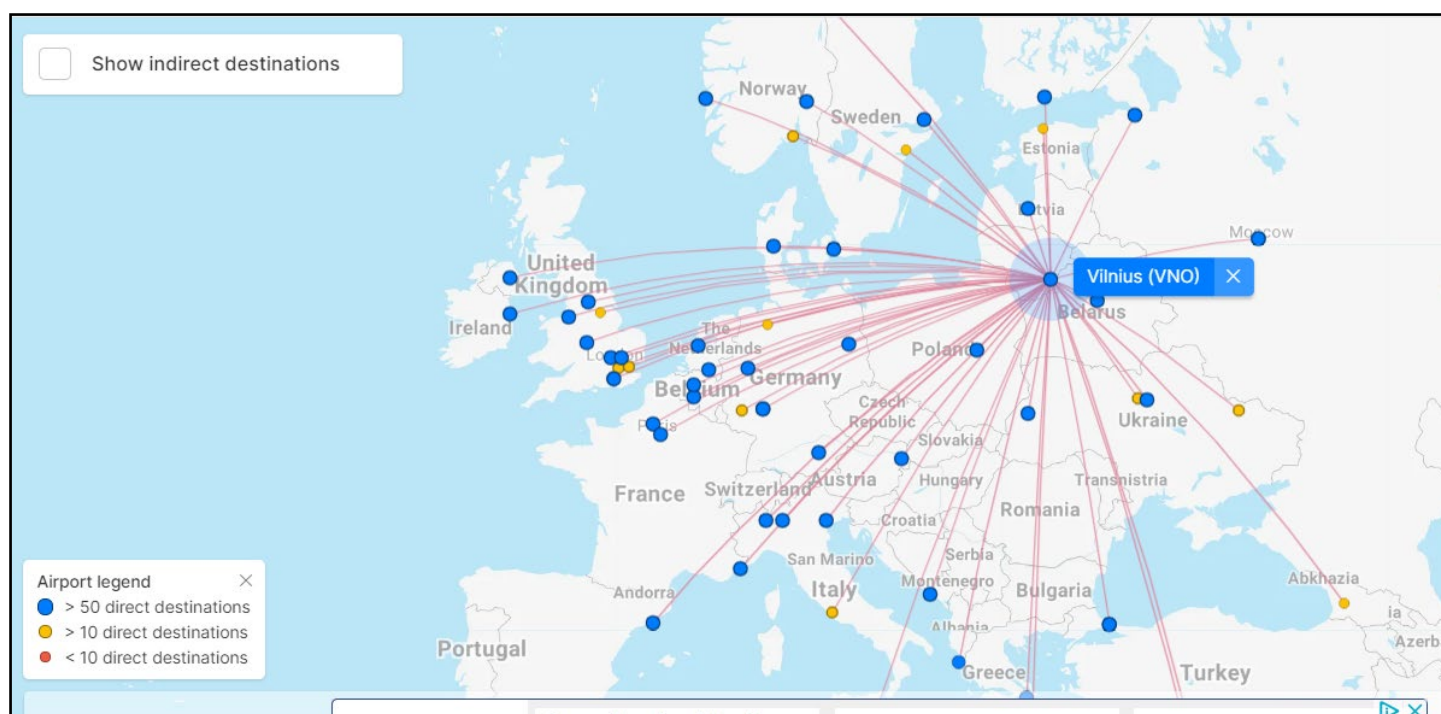
There are coach connections from Vilnius and Kaunas airports to Klaipeda city. The journey time accordingly takes from 2.5 hours to 3.5 hours and the cost of a one-way ticket is up to 20 €

More information on the express coach connections <https://www.ollex.lt/en>



Flights from / to Klaipeda (Palanga PLQ): [\[flightconnections.com\]](http://flightconnections.com)

Flights from / to Vilnius (VNO): [flightconnections.com]



By Ferry:

The International Ferry Terminal is 18km from the city centre or approx. 40 minutes' drive by taxi or bus.

Regular passenger ferry lines connect to Kiel (Germany), Karlshamn (Sweden).

More information: www.dfds.com/en-gb/passenger-ferries

From and to Klaipeda by TT-Line:

Sweden

Trelleborg- Klaipėda-Trelleborg

Karlshamn -Klaipėda-Karlshamn

Germany

Rostock-Klaipeda-Rostock

Travemünde-Klaipeda-Travemünde

By Coach:

Klaipeda bus station is situated 15 minutes' walk from the centre of the town.

More information: www.klap.lt/en/bus-station/

By Train:

Klaipeda Train station is situated next to the Bus station.

More information: <https://www.litrail.lt/en/home>

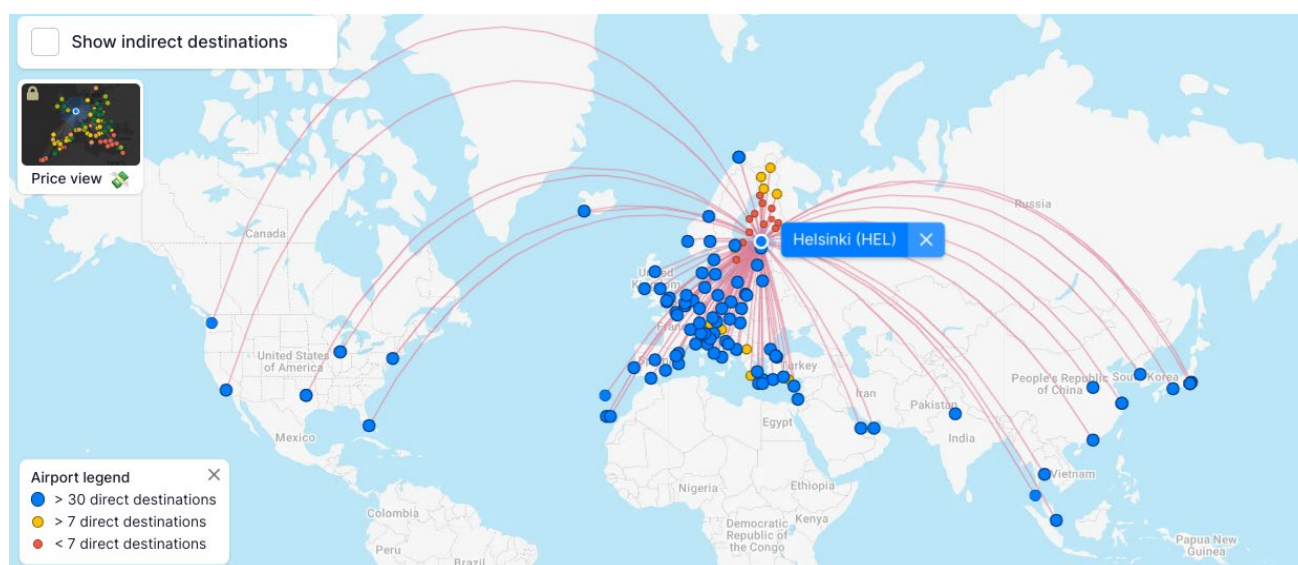
HELSINKI Arrival/Transfer Information

Helsinki is in the South of Finland and can easily be reached from anywhere in the world. The most useful website containing the most needed information is found at: www.myhelsinki.fi

The Tall Ships Races Helsinki 2024 event area and harbour is in the South Harbour area, in the vicinity of the city centre.

How to get to Helsinki by air

Around 350 flights a day from all around the world arrive at Helsinki-Vantaa Airport, which is situated 20 km from the centre of Helsinki and can easily be reached by commuter trains I and P in approximately 30 minutes. You can also take a taxi or Bus 415 or 615 to the Central Railway Station. A taxi to the city centre costs approximately 40-45 euros. www.finavia.fi/en/airports/helsinki-airport



How to get to Helsinki by train or bus

There are excellent train connections to Helsinki from all major towns in Finland as well as Lapland. The Central Railway Station is located in the centre of the city and within walking distance from the event area or reached by tram.

www.vr.fi

Buses from all around Finland arrive to the central bus station at Kamppi, from the largest cities approximately every hour. The Kamppi bus station is centrally located.

www.matkahuolto.fi/en

How to get to Helsinki by ferry

There are daily ferry services to Helsinki from Tallinn, Estonia and to Stockholm, Sweden. Helsinki can also be reached by ferry from Germany. All the ferry companies also offer the possibility to take a car

with you. All passenger terminals (excl. Hansa terminal in Vuosaari) are situated in the city centre and can be easily reached by walking to the event area or by tram.

www.vikingline.fi

www.tallinksilja.com

www.eckeroline.fi

www.finnlines.com

Information on the different passenger terminals can be found on the Port of Helsinki website.

www.portofhelsinki.fi/en/passengers

How to get to Helsinki by road

Via Baltica, officially known as European route E 67, goes from Warsaw to Tallinn and with the help of the ferry service between Tallinn and Helsinki, connects Helsinki to Central Europe. Ferries from Stockholm and Travemünde also accept cars onboard.

Getting around Helsinki by public transport

Helsinki has an excellent public transport system (HSL) comprising bus, tram, metro, commuter train and ferry services. With a single or a day ticket you can hop aboard and even change from one mode of transport to another as long as your ticket is still valid. Tickets can be purchased using the HSL mobile app or from HSL ticket machines, R-kiosks and other HSL sales points. The online Journey Planner is useful in finding needed routes and tickets.

www.hsl.fi/en

TALLINN Arrival/Transfer Information

Tallinn is the Capital of Estonia and is situated on the northern coast of the country. Tallinn is an easy location to get to as there is Airport in the city, ferry connections to Finland, Sweden. For all the Tall Ships Races 2024 crews the local public transport (buses and trams) is for free.

Useful Websites:

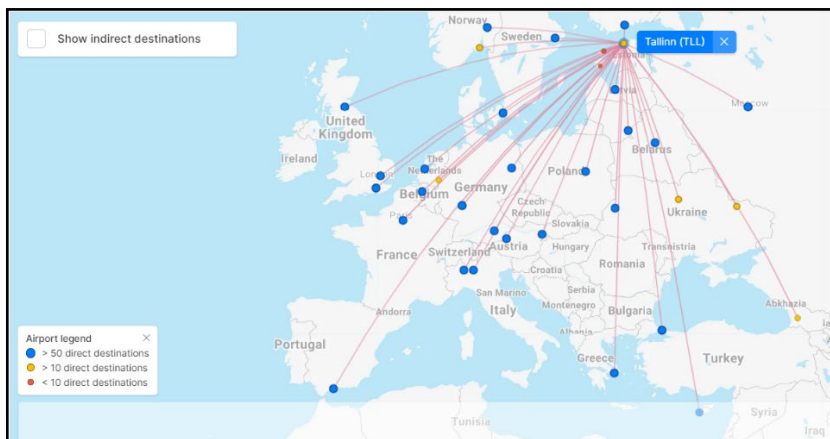
<https://visittallinn.ee/eng/visitor>

<https://www.visitestonia.com/en/>

By Air:

Tallinn Airport is in the city and is about 5 km from the city Centre and harbours. Tallinn Airport has many direct connections all over Europe and if there is no direct flight then it is easy to transfer through Helsinki, Riga, or Stockholm. <https://www.tallinn-airport.ee/>
[How to travel from airport to harbour](#)

Flights from / to Tallinn (TLL): [\[flightconnections.com\]](https://flightconnections.com)



By Ferry:

Port of Tallinn has one of the busiest ferry connections in Europe. There are direct ferries to Helsinki multiple times a day and once a day ferry to Stockholm. The Tall Ships Races 2024 fleet is berthed in the Port of Tallinn, Seaplane harbour and Noblessner Marine, so all vessels are within walking distance from the ferries.

<https://www.ts.ee/en/departures/>

<https://en.tallink.com/en/book-a-cruise/>

<https://www.sales.vikingline.com/>

<https://www.eckeroline.com/>

By Bus:

Tallinn has good Bus connections to all the neighbouring countries and most of Eastern and Central EU. The Bus station is about 4 km from the harbour and can be accessed by public transport tram.

<https://luxexpress.eu/en/>

[Tram route to harbour](#)

TURKU Arrival/Transfer Information

Turku is Finland's oldest city. Bisecting Turku city centre, the River Aura is the heart and soul of the city: this is where Turku was born, and a large part of city life – museums, sights, restaurants and cafés – is still concentrated on the riverside. The riverbanks form a national urban park allowing for a pleasant stroll from the Turku Cathedral to the Turku Castle. Close to the river mouth is the island of Ruissalo, with oak forests and 19th-century villas. Turku is at its best in summertime, when it hosts many festivals, including rock festivals, chamber music festivals and a medieval fair.

Useful Websites:

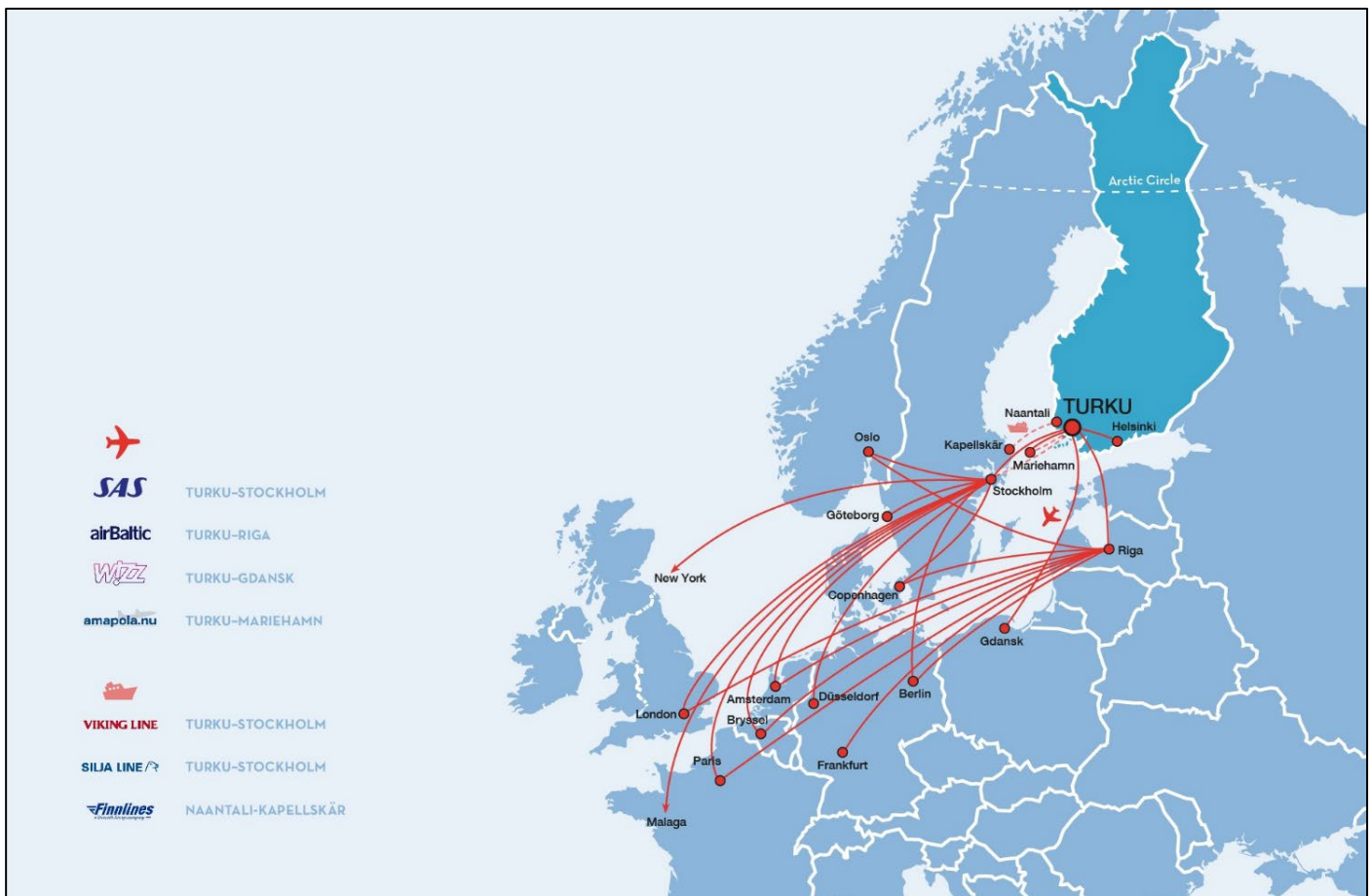
Turku destination information: <https://www.turku.fi/en>

Travelling to & around Turku: <https://en.visitturku.fi/travelling-to--around-turku-3938>

Tourist information office: <https://www.turku.fi/en/monitori-customer-service-centre/tourist-information-bureau>

By Air:

Turku International Airport is located 8 km from Turku city center and 12 km from the port. Airlines operating from Turku are SAS to Stockholm with connections all around Europe and to US, (www.flysas.com), airBaltic to Riga with connections to numerous European destinations (www.airbaltic.com), Wizz Air to Gdansk and Rome (www.wizzair.com) and Amapola to Åland Islands (www.amapola.nu).



The Helsinki-Vantaa capital area airport is located 170 km or 2 hours away from Turku, offering direct connections all around Europe, Asia and US with Finnair (www.finnair.com) and many other carriers. Finnair also offers a bus transfer between Turku and Helsinki-Vantaa as an additional service for flight bookings.

More information about airports, services and operating airlines via www.finavia.fi/en

Turku airport is accessible by public transport, the local bus number 1 runs between the airport, city center and cruise port every 15 minutes. The timetables and traffic information www.foli.fi/en.

By Ferry:

There are daily ferries between Stockholm/Kapellskär and Turku, the ferries stop in Åland Islands on the way and the journey takes 11 hours. The companies operating are Tallink Silja (<https://en.tallink.com/en/book-a-cruise>) and Viking Line (<https://www.sales.vikingline.com/>). The ferry port is located 3 km from Turku city center. A faster 8-hour ferry connection between Kapellskär (90 km from Stockholm) and Naantali (15 km from Turku) is operated by Finnlines (www.finnlines.com).

By Train/Bus:

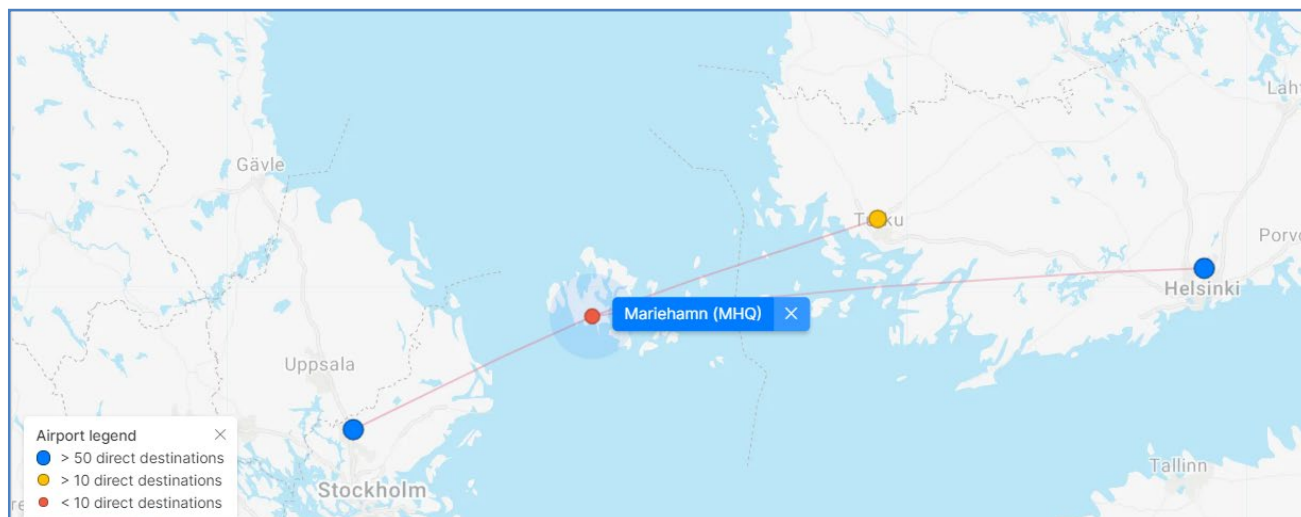
The train and/or bus connections between Turku and Helsinki run on hourly basis. There are also connections to other major cities in Finland. See the journey planner here <https://reittiopas.matkahuolto.fi>

To be noted that Turku has three railway stations. Due to track works the trains between Helsinki and Turku operate from Kupittaa station only. The trains to/from Tampere operate from Turku central station and Turku harbour station. Helsinki route`s station Kupittaa is located 2 km from Turku city center, please see more information about connections between Kupittaa and city center here www.vr.fi/en/railway-stations-and-routes/kupittaa.

MARIEHAMN (ÅLAND ISLANDS) Arrival/Transfer information

By Air:

Flights from / to Mariehamn (MHQ): [flightconnections.com]



Located just outside the city is Mariehamn airport. To the airport can you arrive from Finland or Sweden. From the airport can you either take a taxi to the center of Mariehamn or take a 4 km walk in soothing surroundings.

Useful website:

www.finavia.fi/en/airports/mariehamn

By Ferry:

The Åland Islands have several harbours and a regular ferry traffic. You can arrive to Åland with ferry from Finland, Sweden, and Estonia. Depending on which ferry line you choose will you arrive either to the central harbour in Mariehamn or to Långnäs or Berghamn. From Långnäs and Berghamn regular coaches are available to Mariehamn.

Useful websites:

www.vikinline.ax

www.eckerolinjen.ax

www.tallinksilja.fi

We also recommend following page for as a single point of contact for your overall travel arrangements to Åland: www.axtours.ax

SZCZECIN Arrival/Transfer information

By Air:

Szczecin's airport is called Szczecin-Goleniow (SZZ) and is placed about 40 km away from the city. It has basic connections to principal Polish cities (incl. Warsaw) and to other countries.

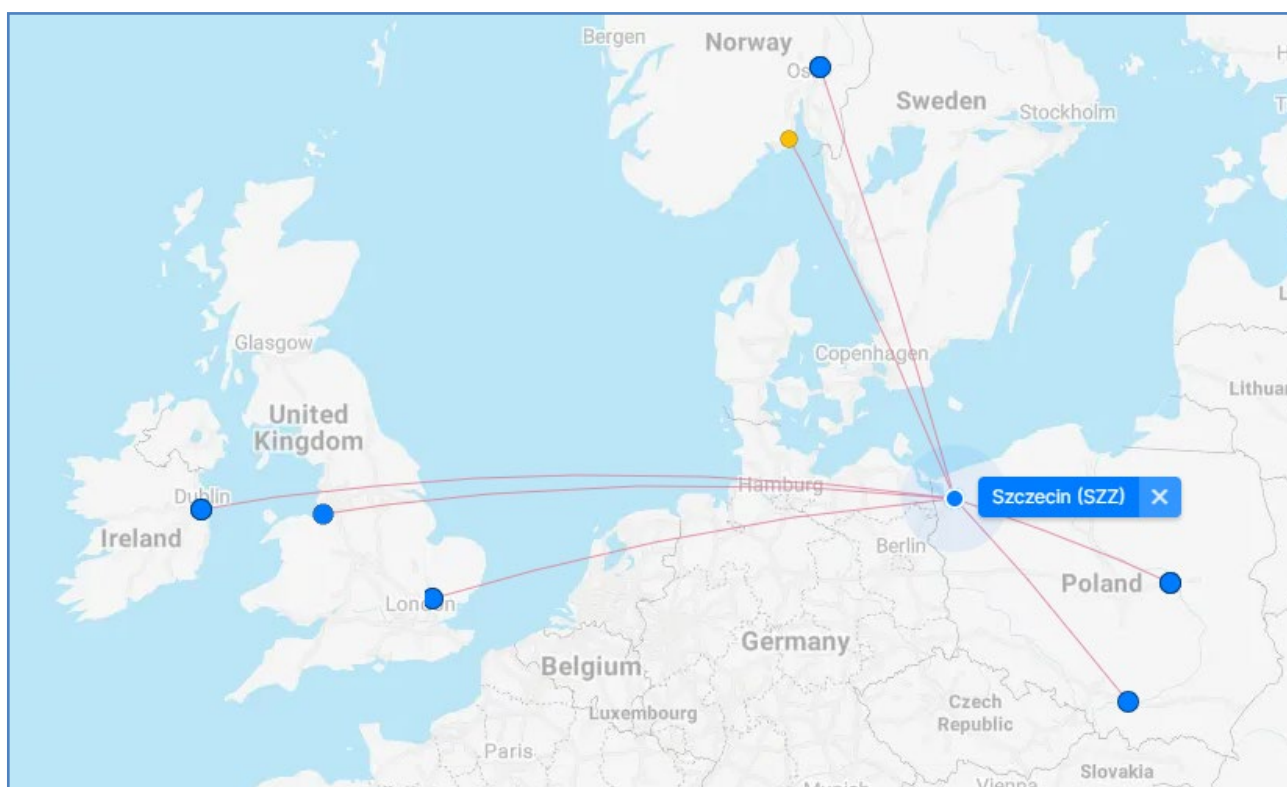
Visit <http://www.airport.com.pl/en> for more airport information.

There is a shuttle and train service to and from Szczecin airport. The railway terminal is situated next to the airport and a trip from Szczecin takes about 40 minutes. The train will take you to and from Szczecin and Kołobrzeg.

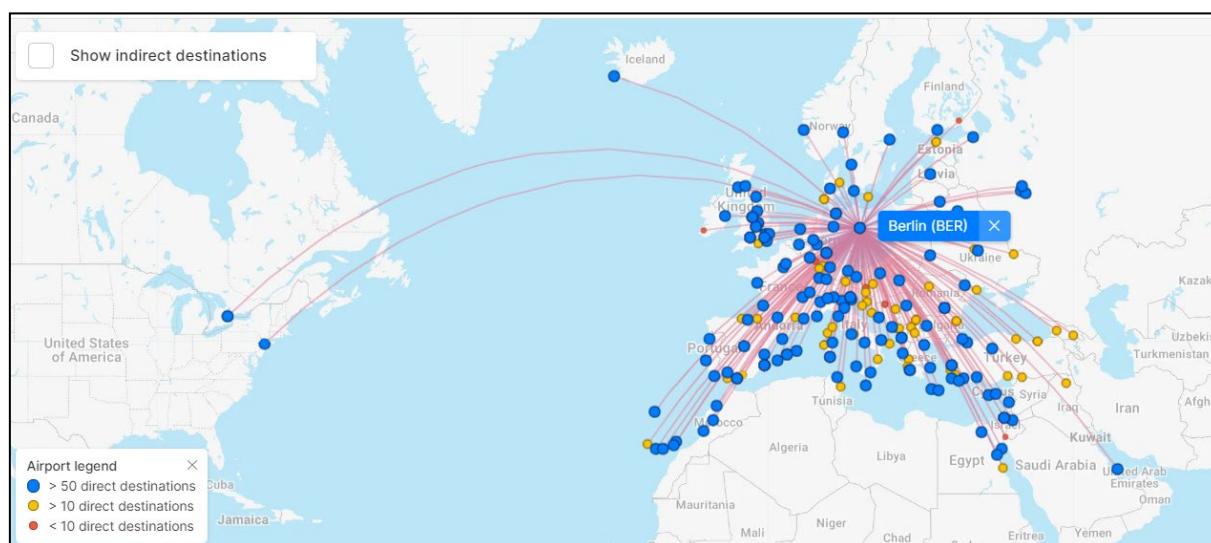
For more information visit <http://www.airport.com.pl/en/transport-and-parking/>

The other airport which is the closest to Szczecin is Berlin Brandenburg airport (www.berlin-airport.de/) which provides most European and worldwide connections. There is shuttle service to/from Szczecin <http://www.berlinia.net/en/>, http://pksszczecin.info/przewozy_pasazerskie.php and train service <https://www.interrail.eu/en>

Flights from / to Szczecin (SZZ): [flightconnections.com]



Flights from / to Berlin (BER): [flightconnections.com]



By Train:

Szczecin has two main railway stations: Szczecin Główny (Szczecin Central) – networks to and from here cover the north-western to south-western part of the city and Szczecin Dąbie covers the north-eastern to south-eastern part, although both are located on the same railway line. From both stations passengers can go all over Poland and abroad (Germany). There is local, region and express trains with abundant daily arrivals and departures. For more information visit <https://www.interrail.eu/en>

By Road:

Highway A6 (European Route E28 and E65) connect Szczecin with Berlin (West) and Swinoujście (North – ferries to Sweden and Denmark) and Poznań, Warsaw (South-East) and Wrocław (South). In this part of Poland, they are toll free. The general speed limit is 90 km/h, highways 140 km/h and urban area 50 km/h - but it is imperative to check the road signs and drive with the correct speed. Headlights must always be switched on. Seat belts are compulsory (front and rear). Mobile phones may be used only with a headset/hands-free system while driving. Web services for drivers: <https://www.gddkia.gov.pl/en/27/about-directorate>

Public Transport in Szczecin:

Buses and tramways connect every city district and enables fast and safe communication. Some of the routes connect neighbourhood communes and villages. There are daytime bus (including express buses) and tram lines and night lines (buses only). Every line has its own detailed schedule. Every stop has info about passing lines and detailed schedule. The stops in the city centre have electronic displays giving time elapsed to next bus or tram.

Schedule: <https://www.zditm.szczecin.pl/en/passenger/timetables.by-line?setlang=en>

Maps of the routes: <https://www.zditm.szczecin.pl/en/passenger/network-maps?setlang=en>

Important information: all crew members can use all kinds of public transport in Szczecin for free.

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FUTURE RACES, FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

2024 DelfSail 2024 - Endorsed Event



Delfzijl, The Netherlands

Thurs 13 to Sun 16 June

2024 The Tall Ships Races



Klaipeda, Lithuania

Thurs 27 to Sun 30 June

Race 1

Helsinki, Finland

Thurs 4 to Sun 7 July

Cruise-in-Company

Tallinn, Estonia

Thurs 11 to Sun 14 July

Race 2

Turku, Finland

Thurs 18 to Sun 21 July

Cruise-in-Company

Mariehamn, Åland Islands

Wed 24 to Sat 27 July

Race 3

Szczecin, Poland

Fri 2 to Mon 5 Aug

2025 The Tall Ships Races



Le Havre, France

Fri 4 to Mon 7 July

Race 1

Dunkirk, France

Thurs 10 to Sun 13 July

Race 2

Aberdeen, UK

Sat 19 to Tues 22 July

Race 3/
Cruise-in-Company

Kristiansand, Norway

Wed 30 July to Sat 2 Aug

Race 4

Esbjerg, Denmark

Wed 6 to Sat 9 Aug

2026 The Tall Ships Races



Aarhus, Denmark

Wed 24 to Sat 27 June

Race 1

Harlingen, Netherlands

Fri 3 to Mon 6 July

Cruise-in-Company

Antwerp, Belgium

Sat 11 to Tues 14 July

Race 2

Stavanger, Norway

Wed 22 to Sat 25 July

Race 3

Aalborg, Denmark

Thurs 30 July to Sun 2 Aug

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