

How to get to Kalamaja

Kalamaja is located just a **short stroll away from the Old Town**. You can also take the **tram** (no. **1** or no. **2**, stop **Balti jaam** or **Telliskivi**) or **bus** (no. **3**, stop **Kalamaja**) from the city centre.

A single ticket (for one ride in the same vehicle) costs 2€ and can be bought from the driver.

Schedules and more about tickets: **transport.tallinn.ee**.

Our recommended **walking route** is around **5 kilometres** (3.1 miles) and takes about **2 hours** (excluding the time for visiting museums & attractions).

For useful tips, thematic tours, bike rental, and a full list of bars and restaurants in Kalamaja, check out the city's official tourism portal **visittallinn.ee**.



1 Balti Jaam (Baltic Station) Market

Kopli 1 • en.astri.ee/bjt
Tram *1, 2:* Balti jaam

The fruit and vegetable stalls, wide selection of meat and fish, street food, cafés and antiques of this market make it a great place to explore.



2 Telliskivi Creative City

Telliskivi 60a • telliskivi.cc
Tram *1, 2:* Telliskivi

This bohemian, trendy area in a reclaimed factory complex is home to cool shops, restaurants, bars, exhibition spaces, concert halls and a flea market.



3 Fotografiska Tallinn

Telliskivi 60a/8 • fotografiska.com
Tram *1, 2:* Telliskivi

The Tallinn branch of the Fotografiska photography museum combines world-class photo exhibitions with a zero-waste restaurant, a bar and a learning academy.



5 Kalju Church

Kalju 1 • kalju.ee
Bus *3:* Kalamaja

Neo-Gothic Kalju Church, built by Konstantin Wilken in 1902, is Kalamaja's oldest remaining church and home to the first Baptist congregation in Tallinn.



6 Kalamaja Park

Kungla 63
Bus *73:* Lennusadam

The memorial park, opened in 2009, was once a cemetery for the Holy Ghost and Swedish St Michael's congregations. The gate tower dates back to 1780.



7 Noblessner seafront quarter

Tööstuse 48 • noblessner.ee
Bus *73:* Noblessneri

What was once a Tsarist-era submarine factory is now a cultural and business centre. Among its residents are galleries, restaurants, design shops and museums.



8 PROTO Invention Factory

Peetri 10 • prototehas.ee
Bus *73:* Noblessneri

With the aid of virtual reality and hands-on experiments, visitors can see, discover and experience the wonders of innovation and technology. *Opens 22 Oct 2019.*



9 Kai Art Center

Peetri 12 • kai.center
Bus *73:* Noblessneri

This cultural space for local and international art houses an exhibition area, auditorium, education centre, restaurant and several food studios. *Opens 20 Sept 2019.*



11 Patarei Prison and Sea Fortress

Kalaranna 2 • patareiprison.org
Bus *73:* Lennusadam

Built in 1840 as a fort, the Patarei complex operated as a prison from 1919 to 2004. From May to October, it now hosts the exhibition *Communism is Prison*.



12 Kalasadam

Kalasadama 5
Bus *73:* Kalarand

Once the main port where fishing boats docked and fishmongers traded, Kalasadam is now home to seasonal cafés and a fish market on Saturdays.



13 Contemporary Art Museum of Estonia (EKKM)

Põhja pst 35 • ekkm.ee
Tram *1, 2* ***Bus*** *3, 73:* Linnahall

EKKM displays the freshest and newest creations in young Estonian art by hosting exhibitions and performances. *Open from April to December.*



14 Kultuurikatel (Tallinn Creative Hub)

Põhja pst 27A • kultuurikatel.ee
Tram *1, 2* ***Bus*** *3, 73:* Linnahall

This centre for creative industries situated in an old power plant operates as a venue for workshops, exhibitions, conferences and festivals.



15 Energy Discovery Centre

Põhja pst 29 • energiakeskus.ee
Tram *1, 2* ***Bus*** *3, 73:* Linnahall

At this museum focused on natural, technical and physical science, there are over 100 hands-on exhibits for both smaller children and school-age kids.



16 Kalma Sauna

Vana-Kalamaja 9A • kalmasaun.ee
Bus *3:* Kalamaja

Designed by Aleksander Vladovski, this 1928 wood-heated, neo-classical sauna complex features Art Deco elements. It offers men's, women's and hourly saunas.



17 Kalamaja Museum

Kotzebue 16 • linnamuuseum.ee
Tram *1, 2:* Telliskivi

Kalamaja Museum is a place where one can get to know the past, present and future of the trendy Kalamaja area as well as its local community. *Opens 2019/2020.*

18 Estonian Academy of Arts (EKA)

Kotzebue 1 / Põhja pst 7 • artun.ee
Tram *1, 2:* Põhja puiestee

In the new building of the Estonian Academy of Arts, the public can visit a library, a café and a gallery featuring the works of upcoming artists.

19 Kalamaja Paberipood Kapa (Kalamaja Paper Shop)

Kotzebue 7 • kalamajapaberipood.ee

This stationary shop has a unique selection of paper, art and school supplies. Small Estonian brands are featured as well.

20 Marat Showroom

Vana-Kalamaja 16 • marat.ee

Marat was legendary during the Soviet era for their sweatsuits but is now a trendy brand that has kept its retro vibes.

21 SUVA Sock Factory Shop

Vana-Kalamaja 16 • suva.ee

This hosiery shop and outlet sells a large selection of products including baby clothes made from 100% organic cotton.

22 Tali Concept Store

Kotzebue 33 • talidesign.eu

This modern design shop sells unique jewellery, clothes, leather products, applied art, handmade toys, home decor and more.

23 Reet Aus Showroom

Telliskivi 62 • reetaus.com

Designer Reet Aus is dedicated to slow fashion. Her clever clothing designs salvage mountains of unused textiles.

24 Stella Soomlais studio, shop and gallery

Telliskivi 62 • stellasoomlais.com

Stella Soomlais is a young Estonian designer manufacturing high-quality bags and accessories from vegetable-tanned leather.

25 Navitrolla Gallery

Peetri 5 • navitrolla.ee

This gallery displays the works of the Estonian contemporary artist Navitrolla, known for fantastic animals and landscapes.

26 Shishi

Peetri 3 • shishi.ee

An Estonian-Norwegian home decor brand offering vases, artificial flowers, trees and a wide variety of Christmas products.

27 Lugemik Bookshop

Põhja pst 35 • lugemik.ee

In the Contemporary Art Museum's (EKKM) yard is a bookshop for contemporary art, design and theoretical works. *Open April to December.*

28 Nordic Design Home Coffee Bar

Kopli 6 • nordicdesignhome.ee

This coffee bar inside a design shop offers fresh pastries alongside specialty coffee from Rocket Bean roastery.

29 Sesoon

Kotzebue 18 • kohviksesoon.ee

Located in a former print house, Sesoon is a family-friendly café that offers a quality, wallet-friendly, seasonal menu.

30 Wine Shop and Bar TIKS

Kopli 14 • FB: VeinibaarTIKS

This cosy wine bar and shop with 'Alice in wonderland' murals also offers craft beer next to its variety of wines.

31 ÜLO

Kopli 16 • FB: Kopli16

ÜLO (also an old-fashioned Estonian male name) is a restaurant with an emphasis on vegan and vegetarian cuisine.

32 Boheem

Kopli 18 •
FB: Boheem.Kohvik.Kalamajas

With pure Kalamaja atmosphere and a simple but tasty menu, this café and its terrace are a meeting place for locals.

33 Rahva Raamatu resto & pood

Telliskivi 60/2 •
FB: rahvaraamaturesto

In the restaurant of popular, local bookstore Rahva Raamat, you can enjoy books together with coffee and good food.

34 Sveta Bar

Telliskivi 62 • sveta.ee

By day, a vintage furniture and clothing shop. By night, one of the coolest spots to explore interesting sounds in Tallinn.

35 One Sixty Estland

Telliskivi 62 • onesixty.ee

Named after the perfect temperature for smoking meat, this restaurant is inspired by the flavours of the American South.

36 DEPOO Food Street

Telliskivi 62 • FB: DEPOO

DEPOO consists of shipping containers and train wagons repurposed as street food eateries, each with its own unique flair.

37 Trühvel

Telliskivi 60 • truhvel.ee

This stylish restaurant dedicated to Italian and Mediterranean cuisine is also home to a coffee roastery on the spot.

38 La Tabla

Telliskivi 60 • FB: latablatallinn

The menu of this super colourful and family-friendly restaurant focuses on classics of Latin-American cuisine.

39 ÖKUT

Vabriku 39 • FB: okutsmuuti

From the spinach-filled smoothies to the bamboo straws and flourishing house plants, ÖKUT is green in every sense.

40 T35 Bakery & Speciality Coffee

Tööstuse 35 • FB: T35Bakery

T35 is a perfect spot to enjoy a healthy breakfast, sip delicious gourmet coffee and watch local residents pass by.

41 Oivaline Tervislik Tort

Tööstuse 47b • oivaline.ee

This café offers beautifully decorated cakes that are not only delicious, but also healthy and free of refined sugar, lactose and gluten.

42 Põhjala Brewery's Tap Room

Peetri 5 • pohjalabeer.com

This brewery delights its visitors with a wide selection of beers on tap paired with Texas BBQ and diverse snacks.

43 Art Café Staapli

Staapli 3 • staapliart.ee

An art platform for Estonian and Scandinavian artists that also has a colourful café corner offering hot drinks and snacks.

44 180°

Staapli 4 • 180degrees.ee

180° is a fine dining restaurant with an open kitchen, exclusive tasting menu and exquisite view of the sea.

45 Maru

Vesilennuki 6 • lennusadam.eu

With or without a museum ticket, visitors can enjoy the Seaplane Harbour's café, terrace and its sea-themed menu.

46 Moon

Võrgu 3 • restoranmoon.ee

Inspired by Russian cuisine, this family restaurant focuses on local, seasonal produce. The terrace is charmingly tiny.

47 La Rumbi

Rumbi 4 • FB: larumbitapas

Located near the harbour, the Spanish-style vinothèque and tapas bar La Rumbi offers gourmet food and drinks.

48 Korsten Armastus & Hea Toit

Põhja pst 27A • FB: Korstenresto

Located in a former coal plant, this restaurant with a stunning interior offers Mediterranean cuisine and great cocktails.

49 Uulits

Soo 1B/6 • uulits.ee

A family restaurant in Kalamaja specializing in burgers. Appetisers, wraps, salads and desserts are also on the menu.

50 Kalamaja Pagarikoda

Jahu 11 • FB: KalamajaPagarikoda

A local café-bakery on the street called Jahu ("flour" in Estonian) welcomes you with a wide selection of baked pastries.

51 Kodukohvik Desiree

Soo 26 • FB: desireekohvik

Try rich selection of homemade food in a lovely basement café and shop for local, organic farm products.

52 Tops

Soo 15 • FB: kohviktops

This retro-style pub offers a menu of sandwiches and drinks with humorous names. It's also a spot for occasional live music.

53 Levier Cakery

Vana-Kalamaja 21 • levier.ee

This French-style café offering meringues, tarts and salty snacks is most famous for their heavenly macaroons.

54 Elujanu

Vana-Kalamaja 18 • elujanu.ee

First a food truck, now a cosy, Scandinavian-style café in Kalamaja that offers nourishing vegan and gluten-free eats.

Kalamaja – industrial heritage and bohemian charm

Kalamaja is one of Tallinn's oldest urban areas. In the Middle Ages, the district was dominated by fishermen, giving the neighbourhood its name (which means 'fish house' in Estonian). Throughout most of Tallinn's history, Kalamaja served as the town's main fishing harbour. From the 17th century onward, strategic defence structures were also built on the seaside.

With the end of the 19th century came swift industrial development: large factories sprouted up in Kalamaja, bringing with them new workers. The colourful wooden houses built to accommodate them, along with the various industrial and military buildings repurposed as museums, cultural venues and creative businesses, are what give the area its unforgettable bohemian charm today.

To see Kalamaja's colours in full bloom, head to the streets of Valgevase, Salme or Graniidi, to name a few; you will find the most charming examples marked with blue and white on the map.

Kalamaja walking route (5 km / 3.1 miles)

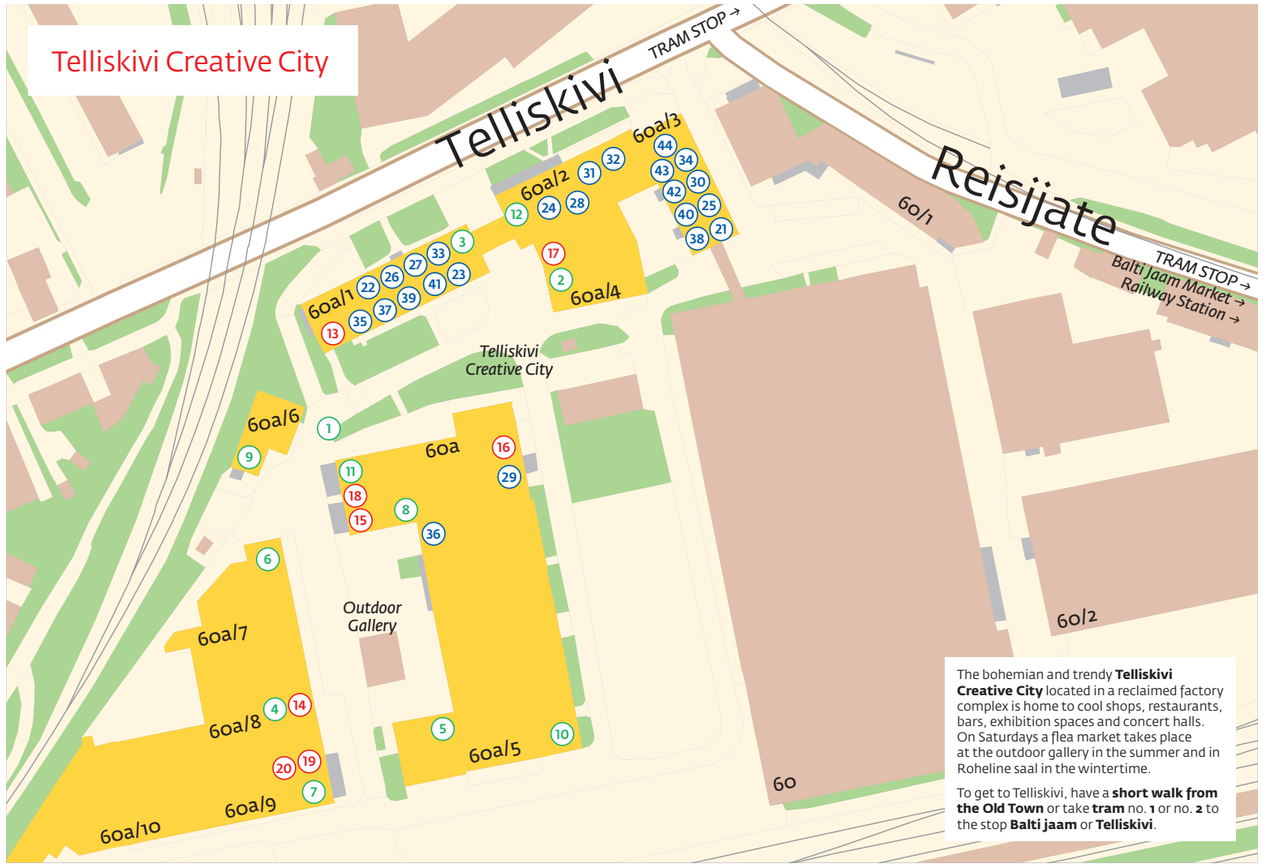
Our two-hour walking route, which is marked with red on the other side of the map, takes you through the neighbourhood's main sights. Start at **Balti Jaam**, the central railway station and home to a modern market with an ample selection of street food. Next stop, **Telliskivi Creative City**, is a collection of former factory and railway buildings transformed into an entire quarter of cultural venues, offbeat eateries, design shops and bars. This is where you find **Fotografiska**, the Tallinn branch of the world-renowned Swedish photography centre. For the best views of the area, head to their restaurant-café on the top floor.

Continue into the heart of Kalamaja to see the district's iconic **wooden houses** along with some newer property developments staying true to the area's trademark style. The most characteristic examples of wooden architecture are so-called 'Tallinn houses': three-storey buildings from the 1920s and '30s with stone staircases. Along the way, keep your eyes open for cute cafés and bakeries snugly tucked into the slightly underground basements of these residential houses. The **Kalamaja Memorial Park**, a former cemetery transformed into a public garden during Soviet times, is also perfect for a mid-route break.

Next, head toward the seaside, where large Tsarist-era industrial and military structures are now upcycled into some of Tallinn's most exciting museums and cultural venues. The fast-developing **Noblessner Seafront Quarter** marries its factory past with sleek, modern architecture. In addition to design shops, cafés, restaurants and a craft brewery, the area's highlights include the **Kai Art Center** and the family-friendly **PROTO Invention Factory** (both opening in autumn 2019).

A short walk away is the majestic **Seaplane Harbour**. Located in architecturally unique seaplane hangars, this maritime museum is bound to impress you, so plan at least two hours for a visit. If you are short on time, you can explore the area around the museum with several historic ships on display for free. Close by, **Patarei Sea Fortress** is a well-preserved Classicist-style defence complex and former prison. From May until October, you can visit its exhibition *Communism is Prison*.

The walking route finishes at the **Tallinn Creative Hub**, a former power plant hosting some of the trendiest events in the city. For families, the adjacent **Energy Discovery Centre** is a fun way to learn more about the laws of physics. If you are in town on a Saturday, stop by the local **fish market in Kalasadam** ('fishing harbour') to get a real feel for the area's humble origins.



The bohemian and trendy **Telliskivi Creative City** located in a reclaimed factory complex is home to cool shops, restaurants, bars, exhibition spaces and concert halls. On Saturdays a flea market takes place at the outdoor gallery in the summer and in Roheline saal in the wintertime.

To get to Telliskivi, have a **short walk from the Old Town** or take **tram** no. **1** or no. **2** to the stop **Balti jaam** or **Telliskivi**.

Food & Drink

1. Bueno Gourmet
Telliskivi 60a • buenogourmet.com
A food truck serving up sandwiches from North and South America.

2. F-Hoone
Telliskivi 60a/4 • FB: Fhoone
The go-to for inventive meals in retro-style surroundings.

3. Fika – Leib ja Kohv
Telliskivi 60a/1 • FB: fikaleibjakohv
A cosy café offering fresh cinnamon buns and good coffee.

4. Fotografiska Tallinn Restaurant
Telliskivi 60a/8 • fotografiska.com/tallinn
This zero-waste restaurant makes delicious and honest food.

5. Frenchy
Telliskivi 60a/5 • FB: Frenchy
A bistro serving true French classics and updated favourites.

6. Kivi Paber Käärid
Telliskivi 60a/7 • kivipaber.ee
A gluten-free restaurant with concerts and cultural events.

7. Kärbes KITCHEN&BAR
Telliskivi 60a/9 • karbes.ee
A roomy space where culture, art, music and Nordic cuisine meet.

8. La Muu
Telliskivi 60a/5 • lamuu.ee
Taste over 20 flavours of organic ice cream all made on site.

9. Lendav Taldrik
Telliskivi 60a/6 • FB: Lendav Taldrik Resto
Asian and Indian cuisine paired with a bohemian interior.

10. Muhu Pagarid
Telliskivi 60a/5 • muhuleib.wordpress.com
Try fresh, traditional Estonian rye bread at this bakery.

11. Pudel Baar
Telliskivi 60a/5 • FB: pudelibaar
Sample rare beers from international and local breweries.

12. Reval Café
Telliskivi 60a/2 • revalcafe.ee
A comfy, kid-friendly café for simple meals and coffee.

Culture & Spaces

13. Erinevate Tubade Klubi
Telliskivi 60a/1
A series of retro-style rooms and a bar that host various events.

14. Fotografiska Tallinn
Telliskivi 60a/8
A branch of the world-renowned Swedish photography centre.

15. Juhan Kuus / Dokfoto Keskus
Telliskivi 60a/5
A centre which fosters documentary photography in Estonia.

16. Lift 99
Telliskivi 60a/5
A hub and co-working space for the Estonian start-up community.

17. Must saal
Telliskivi 60a/4
An arm of F-hoone restaurant that operates as an event venue.

18. Roheline saal
Telliskivi 60a/5
An event venue and home to Telliskivi's flea market in winter.

19. Sõltumatu Tantsu Lava
Telliskivi 60a/9
A theatre and contemporary art and dance platform.

20. Vaba Lava
Telliskivi 60a/9
A performance space for experimental, independent companies.

Shops

21. ARTE kunst ja hobi
Telliskivi 60a/3
Eco-infused art supplies for kids as well as professional artists.

22. Dadamora
Telliskivi 60a/1
An Estonian brand of children's clothing and accessories.

23. Designnut
Telliskivi 60a/1
Scandinavian-style items to furnish and decorate kids' rooms.

24. Dharma Fashion
Telliskivi 60a/2
A dress and boot shop that radiates with colourful patterns.

25. Ehe Mood
Telliskivi 60a/3
A fair-trade dress shop also offering fine wine and chocolate.

26. Ellen Richard / Nordhale / Toku
Telliskivi 60a/1
Clothing and shoes from the Nordics and Estonia under one roof.

27. Fleur Royale by Peter Boeijkens
Telliskivi 60a/1
An enchanting flower and plant shop with wonderful bouquets.

28. Homeart
Telliskivi 60a/2
Stylish Scandinavian-inspired home goods and a small café.

29. JOOKS Bicycle Studio
Telliskivi 60a/5
A bike shop with a wide selection of high-quality designer bikes.

30. Juheko
Telliskivi 60a/3
Creative lighting accessories and textile cables made in Estonia.

31. Kelpman Textile
Telliskivi 60a/2
Woven home textiles, clothing and accessories by Mare Kelpman.

32. Les Petites
Telliskivi 60a/2
Home, art and fashion goods by local and neighbouring designers.

33. Mia & Leela
Telliskivi 60a/1
An Estonian fashion studio that specialises in feminine dresses.

34. Minu Väike Maailm
Telliskivi 60a/3
A spot for handmade clothes, toys and cosmetics for families.

35. Mokoko
Telliskivi 60a/1
Leather goods with clever details and inventive constructions.

36. Naaberhuud studio/shop
Telliskivi 60a/5
Functional and simple kitchen, hearth and lightning products.

37. Oh My!
Telliskivi 60a/1
Vintage brands inspired by the feminine clothing of the 50s.

38. OrganicDay
Telliskivi 60a/3
A showroom and café focusing on organic coffee and tea.

39. Püant Bookstore
Telliskivi 60a/1
A bookstore with literature nights, art exhibitions and concerts.

40. Universaal Universum
Telliskivi 60a/3
Exotic handicrafts, clothing and accessories from Asia.

41. VARKKI
Telliskivi 60a/1
Sophisticated clothing by the Estonian designer Jaana Varkki.

42. Vesh
Telliskivi 60a/3
Shoes and bags made from ethical, plant-based materials.

43. Vintage Chick
Telliskivi 60a/3
The spot for hand painted furniture, decorations and clothing.

44. World Clinic record shop
Telliskivi 60a/3
A cosy shop selling records and other music memorabilia.

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