

All tourists are welcome to Estonia

Estonians witnessed an illegal demonstration on the last weekend of April, which was quite unexpected for a small country that had achieved its independence in 1991 rather through singing and without any violence whatsoever. The protest became international news when the neighboring Russia decided to react with political reprimands.

Increased safety

Responding to the demonstration the Estonian Police and all state agencies showed that they can maintain order even in difficult circumstances and that they will tolerate no transgression of the law. As a result, overall security and law-abiding has actually increased and locals as well as visitors continue with their everyday business.

Estonia continues as politically and economically stable country. Like in all stable countries, from time to time it comes to pass that a small number of young demonstrators – be it football fans crossing the line or an extreme protest movement - loot stores and break windows before being stopped by the police.

A tolerant people

Some Russian politicians have attempted to make the proper reburial of victims of World War II into an ethnic question, but Estonia has largely ignored that. Estonians are generally very tolerant towards all ethnic groups and minorities.

Estonia is a member of NATO and the European Union and the international community has unanimously expressed its commitment to not allow any foreign country interfere with Estonia. At times harsh words between Estonian and Russian politicians will remain a neighborly dispute.

Made in a Democratic Country

The developments have spawned a grass-roots campaign calling everybody who hold dear democratic values and each nations undeniable right to freedom and security, to buy Estonian products such as Estonian chocolate, Estonian cheese and Estonian liquor. This is how everyone can make a statement through their everyday consumer decisions.

Estonia is open for visitors

The stores and cafes damaged by the protests have been repaired and are open to visitors. Estonia is the destination of international stars: the Pet Shop Boys just performed in Tallinn, Aerosmith and Ozzy Osbourne are next in line. The emperor of Japan Akihito and the empress Michiko will visit, which is a great honor and a remarkable event in any country. In June Tallinn will hold its yearly Old Town Days which bring to life the noble traditions and vivid emotions of this extraordinary Old Town. In July it is once again possible to see the Estonian Youth Song- and Dance Celebration, a one-of-a-kind opportunity to witness tens of thousands of people gathering on a field to sing and dance. International roller-skating competition “Saku Suverull” will bring several world-renowned winter athletes to compete in the middle of summer. In July in the seaside resort of Pärnu you can, in addition to the sun and the entertainment at the beach, avail yourself to distinguished arts: for the 21st time the international documentary film festival will be held and the majestic Days of Opera will take place as well. Wrap up the summer with unique romantic moonlight concerts on the scenic Leigo Lake in August. Welcome to Estonia!

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