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KIHNU CULTURAL SPACE FOUNDATION



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KIHNU

Kihnu is an island in the Baltic Sea. With an area of 16.4 km² it is the largest island in the Gulf of Riga and the seventh largest island of Estonia. The length of the island is 7 km and width 3.3 km, the highest point is at 8.9 metres above sea level.

The island belongs to the Pärnu County of Estonia. Together with neighbouring islands it forms Kihnu Parish, one of the smallest municipalities of the country with an area of 16.8 km².

KIHNU

704 people are registered in Kihnu as 2021 january. Everyday living about 400 people, 41 of whom are primary school pupils and 15 are in Kihnu local kindergarten There are four villages: Lemsi, Linaküla, Rootsiküla and Sääre. One can reach Kihnu by ferry, with trip taking 1 hour from Manilaid. When the sea is frozen in winter, it is possible to drive to the island over the ice.

The nearby isle of Manilaid (or Manija, *Manõja* in the Kihnu dialect) was inhabited by people from Kihnu since 1933 and thus shares its culture.

Kihnu rich culture

The most remarkable traditions in Kihnu are the pre-Christian wedding traditions and ancient runo-epic songs, the island's very unique dialect, folk dances and songs, handicrafts, and naive art. Also traditional food and ways of survival such as sea travel, fishing, and sea hunting.

- Traditional clothes - *kört, troi*
- Dialect
- Songs, dances
- Customs and traditional holidays
- Traditional food
- Handicraft - knitting, weaving, embroidery etc
- Naive art
- Orthodox church
- Fishing, sailing, sea hunting



https://estlat.eu/assets/upload/Results_UNESCO/KIHNU_ENG.pdf

Video

- Kihnu culture - authentic and real



Kihnu Cultural Space Foundation

**The Kihnu Cultural
space foundation was
established in 2002
and it's goal was to**

Video

- [Visit Kihnu](#)



Kihnu Cultural Space Foundation's main activities:

- Metsamaa Heritage Farm
- Folk music instrument teaching
- Lighthouse
- Kihnu Sea Party festival
- Knitting festival
- Fiddle festival
- Art camps etc.



Metsamaa Heritage Farm

Metsamaa traditional farm complex will introduce you the real island life of today and the past.

There is a freshly renovated main building, sauna-outside kitchen and cellar.

You will see traditional household tools, clothes and handicraft. It is possible to see anthropological films about the island, participate in handicraft and art workshops or order a folklore concert.



Folk music instrument teaching

FIRST IS SUMMER MUSIC CAMP IN AUGUST:

- It has been already for 14 years;
- Its the biggest summer-camp in Kihnu;
- You can learn different instruments like:

accordion, violin, karmoška, estonian bellows, uk

- Camp lasts for 5 days, ends with a big conc
- Every year about 60-70 students + 10-12 te



Folk music instrument teaching

SECOND IS INSTRUMENT TEACHING FOR ADULTS:

- It has been now for one year;
- Regular lessons and summer camp;
- Local people from Kihnu and mainland can take part.



Kihnu lighthouse

- **Kihnu lighthouse** is situated on the southernmost tip of Pitkänä peninsula;
- The height of the light from sea level is 31 m and 29 m from the ground;
- The purpose of a lighthouse is first and foremost to guide ships to their home port on a stormy sea but similarly to other old houses, lighthouses without people are without a soul and tend to get neglected and decay.
- there is a small shop by the lighthouse where you can buy handicraft and refresh your body with local food



Kihnu Sea Party festival



- The tradition of Kihnu Sea Festival was born in 2010, the festival is named after a famous song by the local folk singer Järsumäe Virve.
- The most important is parade of motorcycles what opens the Festival;
- Biggest festival in Kihnu, this year was about 2000 people;
- The festival stems from the old Fishermen Day tradition but covers everything involved in the life of Kihnu: handicrafts, arts, songs, dances, music and traditional food; There are concerts, workshops, sport-activities, fair ground waiting for sellers and buyers and the museum welcomes everyone.
- In 2021, Kihnu Sea Festival was for the 12th time already. Always second weekend of july;

Kihnu Sea Party festival



9. - 11. juuli
Kihnu sadamas



Knitting festival

3 days of knitting and fun activities await in Kihnu!

The best knitters of the island will come to guide you through the magical world of Kihnu-style knitting in Metsamaa farm. Gloves, mittens, socks, sweaters, hats – you name it.

While you're resting your knitting needles, you can enjoy a guided tour of the island with visits to the lighthouse and museum, traditional dance workshop etc.



Kihnu Fiddle festival

- Its aimed at a certain group of people, for those who have chosen that they like violin play to be exact;
- It will be 11th time this year;
- Many great and skillful violinists and luthiers have lived on Kihnu island.
- The violin festival gives the locals an opportunity to get to know the traditions of their island. Festival guests will hear the best violinists of Estonia honouring the violin traditions of Kihnu.
- Every guest has a wonderful opportunity to be a part of the island culture and the wonderful nature of Kihnu.



Art camps

- Every year there are naive art camps held in Metsamaa Heritage farm. The purpose of these camps is to revive and safeguard the tradition of naive painting in Kihnu. It has been more than 10 years already. Artist and the leader for that camps is famous Estonian artist Jaak Visnap by 5 days. A large exhibition has been placed on the wall of the museum every year
- Secondly we started this year first time new art-camp for children called "Tieme kuntsi". Main purpose is to get local people, especially children more close to art, painting, drawing- to discover talented young people. Camp is 4 days.



Thank You for listening! :)