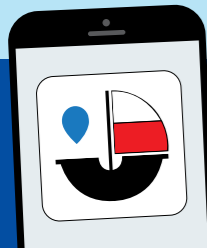


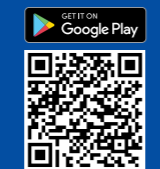


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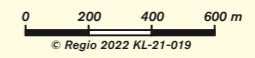


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**TOP attractions in Pärnu**

**1. Church of St Catherine** (8 Vee Street)  
Empress Catherine II gave the order to begin building this church – as a replacement for an earlier wooden church erected in 1752 – while she was travelling through Pärnu in 1764. The building was completed in 1768 and was designed for the use of the Pärnu garrison. It is the most stylish and richest example of a Baroque church in Estonia.

**2. Town Hall** (Uus 4/Nikolai 3)  
This strictly classical building was erected as a dwelling for a merchant, one P.R. Harder, in 1797. Alexander I of Russia stayed here during his visit in 1806. When the owner died, the building was modified to accommodate the city commander in 1819. It has been used as the Town Hall since 1839. The Jugendstil extension with its Neo-Gothic and Neo-Baroque features was completed in 1911 with rooms for the Town Council. Pärnu City Gallery is currently located in rooms in the Town Hall.

**3. Red Tower and panoramic cinema** (Homniku 11)  
A modern circular panoramic cinema is now open in the Red Tower, which was built in the 15th century as a defence and prison tower of the Hanseatic city of Uus-Pärnu. You can watch a 10-minute animated film Merciless and merciful history in the Red Tower through 15,000 years here. The tower and the former defensive floor open the view of the surroundings from the Ice Age to the present day. The ground and first floors of the tower are a joy to discover for those who have arrived early for the next sessions or to get acquainted with the history of medieval Pärnu.

**4. Monument to the Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Estonia** (Rüütli 40A)  
This monument depicts the balcony of the historical Endla Theatre in its original size. The independence manifesto is written on the wall of the balcony in both old and modern Estonian, as well as in Braille. 'The Manifesto to All Peoples of Estonia' was delivered for the first time on 23 February 1918 from the balcony of the Endla Theatre and Community Building, at the time located where Hotel Pärnu currently stands.

**9. Villa Ammende** (Mere pst 7)  
This villa, which belonged to a merchant by the name of Ammende, was completed in 1905. It is one of the best examples of the Art Nouveau style in Estonia. From 1927-1935 it was home to a summer casino and, after World War II, a club. During the Soviet era it was used as a sanatorium and library. The building was fully renovated before being opened as an exclusive hotel and restaurant in 1999.

**10. Breakwaters and the boardwalk**  
In 1864, two breakwaters stretching 2 km out to sea were completed in the mouth of Pärnu River. When the water level is low, the remnants of the wooden breakwaters built from 1804-1811 can be seen. Legend has it that lovers who kiss at the top of the breakwater will be together forever. The illuminated boardwalk starts at the Rannapark and winding along the Pärnu River. The half-kilometer-long light road built on the piles ends at a sandy beach near the mole. There are seating benches and bicycle racks on the trail.

**5. Orthodox Church of the Transfiguration of Our Lord** (Aia 5)  
This historicist old-Russian-style cross-shaped building was erected in 1904 and belongs to the Estonian sub-congregation of the Apostolic Orthodox Church. There is a plaque to Father Mihkel Suigusaar in the south-east corner of the churchyard.

**6. St Elizabeth Church** (Nikolai 22)  
This church was built from 1744-1747 and is one of the most outstanding Baroque buildings in Estonia. The church was named in honour of Russian Empress Elizabeth, as she had funded its construction. The Küin theatre, which once stood in the southern part of the plot, was demolished in 1893 when the southern wing was added to the church. An extension with offices was completed in 1995. The church, which has one of the best organs in Estonia, is a popular venue for concerts.

**7. Tallinn Gate**  
The only remaining 17th-century city wall gate in the Baltic States, this was known as Carl Gustav's (the King's) Gate until 1710. There was a bridge across the moat from the gate to the postal road, which headed towards the ferry crossing on Ringi Street and from there via Vana-Pärnu to Tallinn.

**8. Pärnu Moat**  
This moat will charm you with its well-lit promenade, romantic footbridge and central fountain (the highest-reaching in Estonia). Three models give you an idea of the development of Pärnu from fortified settlement to present-day city.

**11. Kuursaal and Monument to Raimond Valgre** (Mere pst 22)  
The Kuursaal or resort hall building, constructed in 1880, has been used for a variety of purposes over the last 100 years, including as a dance hall and cinema. Today, having been repeatedly renovated, the building is home to Estonia's biggest pub. Next to the Kuursaal is a monument to Raimond Valgre (1913-1949), one of the best-known composers of Estonian popular music. You can listen to his most famous songs at the memorial.

**12. Pärnu Mudaravila** (Pärnu Mud Baths, Ranna pst 1)  
This neoclassical building is one of the best-known symbols of Pärnu as a resort. Construction was completed in 1927, with the venue replacing an earlier bathing establishment that had been destroyed in a fire. Its wings were completed in 1929 and 1935. Today the historical building is home to a wellness spa and hotel.

**13. Rannahotell** (Ranna pst 5)  
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