

OUTSTANDING COMPANIES AND LOCATIONS IN SOUTH ESTONIA WAITING FOR YOUR STUDY VISITS

IT AND INNOVATION

- 1. Mooncascade is a fast-growing company dealing with mobile and web software development.
- 2. eAgronom is a tool that helps grain growers work smarter and more efficiently, while also taking into account the needs of the field.
- Cleveron is a global innovation leader in the development of robotic package terminals.
- 4. The Estonian Road Museum offers interactive experiences for old and young alike.
- 5. The Räpina School of Horticulture has the most modern educational greenhouse in Estonia and unique greenhouse robots.
- 6. Visitors can have a virtual and augmented reality experience at the Vastseliina Episcopal Castle.

WOOD/CRAFTS AND INNOVATION

- 7. The Avinurme Wooden Handicrafts Centre presents the local woodworking tradition in a modern form.
- 8. Baltic Loghouses produces wooden saunas and handcrafted log houses.
- 9. Puukujurid creates and produces specially shaped sheds, playhouses and wooden furniture.
- **10. LemmikMees** is Estonia's first hot tub producer that, among other things, also promotes sauna culture.
- 11. The NGO Veriora Tsunft is engaged in social entrepreneurship and has also opened a craft shop.
- 12. Vana Jüri Soap Shop produces handmade soaps using local treasures.
- 13. The NGO Omatehtud is a village society that offers locals and visitors a variety of handicraft options.
- **14. Vöhma Light Factory** is a family-owned candle-making enterprise that also contributes to the community through various projects.

FOOD AND INNOVATION

- 15. Meemeistrid produces honey for every taste. It offers flavoured honeys and an introduction to the full cycle of beekeeping.
- **16. Põltsamaa FELIX** is the oldest producer of fruit and berry wines in Estonia. Today it has increased its product range with canned vegetables and juices.
- 17. Joel Ostrat is a restaurateur whose restaurant-quality products made in cooperation with farmers have been well received in retail outlets.
- **18. BirchLagoon** produces invigorating birch sap juice.
- 19. Andre's Farm creates and produces multiple global award-winning cheeses.
- 20. The Murimäe Wine Cellar is a wine producer that grows its very own grapes.
- 21. Siidrikoda produces ciders that have won many international awards.
- **22. Andri-Peedo Farm** is the most modern goat farm in Northern Europe, and also produces goat's milk products.
- **23.** Mooska Farm presents visitors with heritage culture, local food, and smoke sauna. On the initiative of the hostess, the smoke sauna typical of Võru County was included in the UNESCO Heritage List.

HEALTH/MEDICINE AND INNOVATION

- **24. Tartu Biotechnology Park** brings together and provides support for biotechnology companies.
- 25. Loodus Biospa offers inspiration and help to those that want to achieve their optimal body weight and state of mind.
- **26. Hotel Pesa** holds the Green Key label and produces its own solar energy.
- 27. Värska Resort Center uses local medicinal mud and mineral water in its product development.
- **28. The Luhasoo hiking trail**, which in addition to moving through nature and the healing effect of the forest, offers the chance to learn about the medicinal herbs that grow in the area.
- **29. Tipu Nature School** is a nature education centre as well as a promoter and developer of permaculture.

SMART SOLUTIONS/COMMUNITIES AND INNOVATION

- 30. The Estonian Crop Research Institute is a breeding centre and genetic bank for vegetables, cereals, potatoes and grasses.
- 31. SPARK Makerlab is a DIY community based in Tartu that offers tools, material and guidance all in one physical room.
- 32. The Hellenurme Watermill-Mill Museum is Estonia's only working watermill.
- 33. The Elva Recreational Area network comprises local entrepreneurs and carries out joint marketing for the area.
- **34. The Onion Route** is, on the one hand, a cooperative network of tourism companies, and on the other, a destination in the Central Peipsi region.
- 35. The Vidrike Village House is home to both an active village society as well as a restaurant offering delicious food.
- **36. The Mooste Manor** masters' courtyard has become a meeting place for artists, musicians, and admirers of traditional construction.
- 37. Kirsi talo home accommodation provides guests with an authentic experience, from sleeping on the grass to smoke sauna.
- 38. The Urvaste Village Society has created its own product, organic kama flour, and in cooperation with the local congregation, apple juice is also bottled for sale.



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND INNOVATION

- 39. The Põltsamaa Rose Garden has a collection of roses that is unique in Estonia.
- 40. Sprayprinter connects art and technology to create large-scale murals.
- 41. Palupõhja Nature School is a place where people learn in the midst of authentic nature.
- **42.** The Voronja Gallery operates only in summer, being a good example of how to unite local culture with modern art in rural areas.
- 43. Masinism OÜ, or the host of Maajaam, has combined IT expertise with a love for art.
- 44. Wiera Nordic Candles produces handmade candles with unique wooden wicks.
- **45. Hipobaby** creates and produces cotton baby nappies for the new generation.
- 46. The central square in the town of Vöru has a non-traditional solution focusing on species-rich landscaping and mobile urban furniture.
- 47. Iglucraft creates and produces world-famous wooden sheds and saunas with fascinating designs.

LEADER ACTION GROUPS' INNOVATIVE PROJECTS:

- **48. Taluturg (Farm Market)** is a market created as a joint project for the sale of South Estonian farm produce and small manufacturers' products.
- **49. The Youth Fund's umbrella project** is the first of its kind in Estonia where youth can receive support for small projects in a simpler fashion.
- 50. Secondary airports project with Europe and China.
- **51. The Seto Handicraft Association's** cooperation project that focuses on maintaining and passing on the traditional Seto handicrafts.
- **52. TANKLA** is a youth work network in Valga County that helps make youth work more diverse.

These are just a small selection of the innovative companies and places worth discovering in South Estonia. For more information for your study trip, visit **www.visitsouthestonia.com/en/innovationtrip** Ask for more information or make a booking by writing to **trip@visitsouthestonia.com**



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