

Cultural program June 30th

At 8:00 we left with the bus for a **Guided Setomaa and Varska experience tour**.

First stop was at **Seto Talu museum** where we could learn everything about the farm culture of the Setos from late 19th and 20th century. Setos have their own culture and have their own language.



The farm is built in a U shape, with the open side to the farmland. The most important room of the complex is the smoke sauna. You could wash, cook and sleep there.

In the house there is always an icon corner (the lightest corner) and the bedroom in the darkest corner. All family members were sleeping in one bedroom, sleeping with two persons in a very small bed. The eldest daughter slept in a single bed in the room surrounded by here handcraft works, so when guest arrived they could see she was a marriageable daughter.



We were shown the difference in clothing for married and unmarried girls and boys. Unmarried girls only wear a headscarf. And when a boy had tied his belt on the left side he is not married.



The bride in the middle is dressed more simple than the bridesmaids.

Bridesmaids wear jewelry and a big brooch with a lot of coins.





3 Barns one for clothes,
(Exhibition of macrame)

one for granary

and one for food

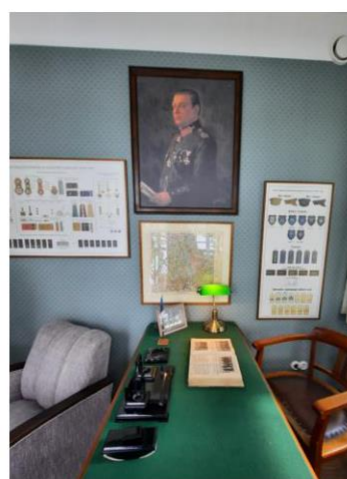


We had an early lunch at cafe Tsaimaja, with typical local food. A cold soup made of cucumber and other vegetables. Cold drinks made of sour cream, kefir and 'kama', a mixture of beans, potatoes, unions and meat and special cumin tea.



We toast with a shot of strong liquor made of apples. (59% alcohol)

We continued our tour with a visit of the beautifully situated **General Reeks (1890 – 1942) house.**





On our way to Obinitsa we made a quick stop at the spa resort and water fabric. (Varska)

We tasted the difference between normal water and two kinds of water with many minerals and less. The water comes from 500 meters below the ground of the lake.



We drove along the border of Russia and arrived at **Taarka Tarõ Kõogikõnõ** in Obinitsa.



In a cozy interior, the cafe host, Rieka told us a story about her 10 year old son who made his own beer. We got served homemade pancakes made of buckwheat with honey, jam and special cheese.

In the garden we got a beer making workshop.



Afterwards we drove back to the EMA.

The end of another successful cultural program!