

# The best beds in Tallinn? That would be the Palace

The Palace is the only four-star hotel in Tallinn and the most expensive. A single room is priced at US\$145. It's US\$180 for a double and US\$270 for a deluxe suite with a private sauna.

Renovated primarily to service the Scandinavian and European executive travel market, the hotel has relatively little space for tourists during the week because it's operating close to capacity. Occupancy falls to 60% during the weekend. Average stay is 1.2 nights.

The Palace, located in the heart of Tallinn's historic centre, opened in September of last year after it underwent US\$10 million in renovations paid for by three Finnish firms and a Soviet bank.

It includes 45 single, 41 double, five deluxe double bedrooms and five suites. All have private baths and showers, TV and VCRs. The suites have a meeting table.

The staff is made up of relatively young Estonians, trained by Finns.

Oddly, some of the best piz-

za outside North America and Italy is found at the Pizzeria Margareta Italian restaurant, at the Palace. It is thin and piled with toppings.

At night, it's convenient to eat at the hotel's formal dining room. Reindeer meat, salmon and filet mignon entrées are their speciality.

A small casino is found on the top floor.

The hotel accepts only hard currency as payment, and all major credit cards. Agents can arrange for special group rates.

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The Palace Hotel—Tallinn's most highly rated

Capitalism of sorts? Flower vendors do their thing along a Tallinn street