BALTIC CHORAL VOYAGE 2026

International Choir Competition-Festival

18–20 November 2026

Tallinn — Stockholm — Tallinn • cruise ship BALTIC QUEEN

SPECIAL OFFER: −10 € PER PERSON

Pre-registration until 15.09.2026 — free of charge. The special price applies to the first 100 places or until 15.09.2026, whichever comes first.

Baltic Queen

Starlight Concert Hall

INVITATION

Dear participants, teachers, group leaders and parents!

We invite you to the international cruise competition-festival for vocal ensembles and choirs BALTIC CHORAL VOYAGE 2026, which will take place on 18–20 November 2026 on board Baltic Queen on the Tallinn — Stockholm — Tallinn route.

The festival combines competition performances, professional communication, leisure with the group and family, a visit to Stockholm and an extensive entertainment programme on board. The competition programme is held in the two-level Starlight Concert Hall.

SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE 18 NOVEMBER SAILING

This sailing will feature a special nostalgic music cruise to Sweden. The legendary Heidy Tamme and Voldemar Kuslap will take the stage together with the Horoskoop ensemble and present the golden collection of Estonian music. The sailing programme also includes dance music, a lottery and traditional bingo.

Transfer to Tallinn and back can be organised from Riga, Daugavpils, Vilnius, Ventspils, Rezekne and other cities upon advance booking.

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

18.11.2026, Wednesday

- 11:00 — registration at the Port of Tallinn, boarding the ship
- 11:30 — soundcheck — Starlight
- 13:00 — competition programme — Starlight
- 18:00 — Baltic Queen departs from Tallinn
- 18:10 — continuation of the competition programme
- in the evening — show and concert programme on board, including performances by Heidy Tamme, Voldemar Kuslap and Horoskoop; performance times are determined by the Tallink programme
- 22:00 — karaoke, live music, disco and other entertainment on board

19.11.2026, Thursday

- 10:30 — arrival in Stockholm (local time)
- 10:45–14:00 — Stockholm tour (for those who have booked the excursion programme)
- 14:00–16:00 — free time in Stockholm
- 16:00 — transfer from central Stockholm to the port (for those who have booked the transfer)
- 17:00–19:00 — awards ceremony and gala concert — Starlight
- 17:30 — Baltic Queen departs from Stockholm for Tallinn
- 20:00 — evening show programme
- 22:00 — karaoke, live music, disco

20.11.2026, Friday

- 10:45 — arrival at the Port of Tallinn
- 11:30 — Tallinn tour for participants with the corresponding transfer/excursion package; free time for the others
- approximately 13:00 — departure of organised transfers from Tallinn

The organiser has the right to adjust the programme taking into account the ship schedule, technical requirements and organisational circumstances. Participants will be informed separately of any significant changes.

RULES OF PARTICIPATION / REGULATIONS

Aim and objectives of the festival

Identification and support of talented groups, development of choral art, creation of opportunities for creative communication and international cultural exchange, and acquaintance with the culture and traditions of different countries.

Format

The festival includes competition and non-competition programmes. A group may participate in one or more nominations provided that a separate application is submitted for each performance.

Choir competition

Educational and amateur choirs of music schools, schools of arts, secondary specialised and higher music educational institutions, creative centres, as well as independent and amateur groups are eligible to participate. The minimum choir size is 10 participants.

In children's groups, adult musicians may comprise up to 20% of the total group membership.

Nominations: folk choir; classical; pop choir; gospel.

Categories:

- children's choirs — average age up to 16 years;
- youth choirs — average age from 16 to 25 years;
- male choirs — average age of participants over 16 years;
- female choirs — average age of participants over 16 years;
- folk choirs;
- Mix / mixed category — the age group is determined by the average age of the participants.

Duration of the competition performance

The maximum duration of a choir's competition performance is 6 minutes. The programme may include one or two works.

The established time limit includes the group's entrance onto the stage, tuning / taking the pitch, performance of the programme and pauses between works. The time regulations are mandatory for all participants and are determined by the format of the event on board a cruise ship. Exceeding the limit may result in a reduction of the competition score or other regulatory measures by decision of the jury and the organising committee.

Live accompaniment, backing tracks and the use of sound amplification equipment are permitted subject to prior agreement with the organiser. All technical requirements must be specified in the creative application.

Evaluation criteria

- intonation and accuracy of performance;
- sound quality and balance;
- compliance with the score or artistic persuasiveness of the interpretation;
- ensemble quality, musicality and stage culture;
- overall artistic impression.

Non-competition programme

There is no age limit for participants. The duration of one performance is up to 4 minutes. In the application, in the "Nomination" field, "Non-competition participation" must be specified.

Jury

The international jury may include producers, teachers from specialised educational institutions, leaders of creative groups, and figures in culture and the arts. The jury's decision on the competition results is final.

Awards and scoring

Performances are evaluated on a 10-point scale. Each jury member gives a score, after which the average score is calculated.

Result	Average score
Grand Prix	10,0
Laureate, 1st Degree	9,0–9,9
Laureate, 2nd Degree	8,0–8,9
Laureate, 3rd Degree	7,0–7,9
Laureate, 4th Degree	6,0–6,9
Laureate, 5th Degree	5,0–5,9
Diploma Winner	less than 5.0

The Grand Prix is awarded only if a score of 10.0 is achieved and is not a mandatory award. By decision of the jury, prize places may be duplicated. If it is necessary to resolve a disputed organisational situation, the organising committee has the right to make a procedural decision without changing the individual scores of jury members.

Awards

- all participants receive diplomas and commemorative medals;
- groups taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd places receive one common trophy per group indicating the result;
- additional trophies for participants may be ordered in advance for an additional fee;
- by decision of the jury and the organising committee, certificates for participation in subsequent Impresa projects may be awarded.

Photo, video and audio materials

By submitting an application, the participant (or, for a minor, their legal representative) agrees to the photo, video and audio recording of festival events and to the organiser's free-of-charge use of the created materials for informational, archival and advertising purposes, including publication on websites, social networks and other information resources of the organiser. This condition does not mean the transfer to the organiser of copyright in the musical works performed.

FINANCIAL TERMS AND PAYMENT PROCEDURE

Expenses related to travel to the point of departure, medical insurance, visa and other entry formalities are borne by the participants themselves unless otherwise expressly included in the ordered package of services.

Step 1 — pre-registration

- Deadline: until 15.09.2026.
- Pre-registration is submitted free of charge; no payment is required at this stage.
- For the first 100 places or for applications submitted until 10.09.2026, a special price applies: −10 € per person from the base cost of a place in a cabin.
- Pre-registration does not replace final booking and does not guarantee a specific cabin category without subsequent confirmation by the organiser.

Step 2 — final list of participants and cabin booking

- Deadline for submitting the final list and cruise application: until 01.10.2026.
- After receiving the final list, the organiser issues an invoice for cabins, meals, transfer, excursions and other additional services ordered.
- Payment is made within the period specified in the issued invoice. The booking is considered confirmed after the payment terms of the invoice have been fulfilled.
- Cabin places for festival participants are booked through the organiser.

Step 3 — creative / competition application

- Deadline for submitting the creative application: until 15.10.2026.
- The application specifies the nomination, age category, name of the group/participant, competition programme and technical requirements.
- After receiving the creative application, the organiser issues a separate invoice for the registration fee. Payment is made within the period specified in the invoice.

IMPORTANT

The availability of places and specific cabin categories is limited. The later the final application is submitted, the smaller the selection of available cabins. If there is a discrepancy between these regulations and an individually issued invoice regarding the payment deadline, the deadline specified in the invoice applies.

COST OF THE FESTIVAL CRUISE PER PERSON

The price is stated per person when accommodated in the selected cabin category. The special price of −10 € applies when the pre-registration conditions stated above are met.

Cabin class	Base price / person	Special price −10 € / person
A1	175 €	**165 €**
A2	120 €	**110 €**
A3	101 €	**91 €**
A4	92 €	**82 €**
B1	149 €	**139 €**
B2	107 €	**97 €**
B3	93 €	**83 €**
B4	86 €	**76 €**
H5	111 €	**101 €**
H6	103 €	**93 €**
H7	97 €	**87 €**
H8	93 €	**83 €**

What is included in the price of a place in a cabin

- cruise Tallinn — Stockholm — Tallinn: 3 days / 2 nights on Baltic Queen;
- a place in a cabin of the selected class;
- fuel and emission surcharges 29.60;
- cabin booking for festival participants;
- mandatory ship fees and surcharges included by the organiser in the stated price;
- festival organisational expenses: rental of the concert hall and premises, technical support and the work of the organisational/creative team;
- access to the general Baltic Queen entertainment programme provided for this sailing.

Cabin types

- A1 / A2 / A3 / A4 — cabins with a window for 1, 2, 3 or 4 persons respectively;
- B1 / B2 / B3 / B4 — cabins without a window for 1, 2, 3 or 4 persons respectively;
- H5 / H6 / H7 / H8 — Harry family cabins designed for 5–8 passengers depending on the selected option. The family cabin is decorated in the Harry the seal theme and is intended primarily for families with children.

DISCOUNTS

Group leaders for groups of 20 participants or more — **free** of charge (only the fuel surcharge and CO_2 emission surcharge are payable — 29.60 €).
Children aged 0–5 — **free** of charge provided that the child shares one bed with a parent.
Children aged 6–11 — **29.60 €** provided that they share one bed with a parent; only the fuel surcharge and CO_2 emission surcharge are payable.

PARTICIPATION REGISTRATION FEES

Category	1st performance	2nd performance	Non-competition
Group participant — per 1 performance per person	**17 €**	**15 €**	**10 €**

The registration fee includes application processing, accreditation, the work of the jury and organising committee, diplomas, trophies and medals in accordance with these regulations.

MEALS — BUFFET (additional, optional)

Meals are ordered additionally and paid according to the organiser's invoice.

Meal	Adult	12–17 years	6–11 years
Breakfast	20,50 €	10,00 €	8,00 €
Dinner	47,50 €	20,50 €	16,50 €

DISCOUNTS

Children aged 0–5 — free of charge.

TRANSFER AND EXCURSIONS (additional, optional)

Upon advance booking, the organiser can offer transfer to Tallinn and back, as well as excursion programmes in Stockholm and Tallinn.

Transfer	Base price / person
Transfer to Tallinn (from Riga, Daugavpils, Ventspils, etc.), including a Stockholm tour (3 hours)	75 €
Stockholm tour (3 hours)	39 €

The current price depends on the city of departure, group size and package ordered and is specified in the organiser's offer / invoice.

DISCOUNTS

Group transfer (40+ persons) -5 € per person.

HOW TO APPLY

To participate, the following must be provided:

- a preliminary application — to reserve a place and receive the special price;
- the final list of participants and accompanying persons / cruise application;
- a creative (competition) application;
- musical accompaniment / backing track — to info@impresa.pro, if used;
- one photograph of the group in JPG format for the festival's informational materials, if requested by the organiser;
- the necessary documents for minor passengers in accordance with Tallink rules.

Minor participants and accompanying persons

For the overnight Tallinn — Stockholm sailing, a minor passenger must travel with a parent / legal representative or with an appointed accompanying person. Under the current Tallink rules, on overnight routes the accompanying person must generally be at least 25 years old. An exception is provided for a teacher or coach accompanying their students/trainees: they may act as an accompanying person from the age of 21.

For every 10 minor participants, one leader/accompanying person is required. The accompanying person must have the documents required by Tallink: permission/authorisation from the legal representative and a completed accompanying person form. Participants and leaders must have valid documents required for travel and border crossing.

Changes to applications

- changing the title of the performance, backing track or participant composition after the application has been confirmed — 20 € for each change;
- changes less than 10 days before the start of the competition may be rejected;
- the order of performances and rehearsals approved by the organising committee is not subject to change, except in cases caused by organisational necessity;
- technical requirements must be agreed with the organiser in advance.

Issues not regulated by these regulations are resolved by the organiser taking into account the conditions of the specific application, the carrier's rules and the actual sailing programme.

ORGANISER — IMPRESA EVENTS

Impresa Events organises international festivals, competitions and creative projects for children, young people and professional groups. The history of Impresa projects dates back to 1994. Projects include Morning Star, Hello Jurmala, Art Tournament, Baltic Voyage, Debut, Christmas Surprise, Talent Show, Eurojurmala, Amberstar and other international events.

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