

SAUNA

In Tallinn, saunas were already operating in the 14th century. The saunas were places for eating and drinking, for doing business, and also for meeting the fun sauna women. In the washing room, men and women were together without shame. However, public saunas received sharp criticism. In 1597, Superintendent Sagittarius described that he saw women and girls go into a sauna naked, not even tying a towel around them, followed by cheerful fellows. The Superintendent was indignant that no one in this town would be punished for adultery, whoring, or flirtatiousness.