



The Skyliner takes passengers comfortably from Tallinn to Tartu

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NEOPLAN success story in Estonia: Lux Express relies on modern double-decker coaches to increase capacity.

- **The Estonian long-distance bus company Lux Express puts nine Skyliner double-deckers from NEOPLAN into operation**
- **More than 30 trips a day in both directions on the route between Tallinn and Tartu**
- **Around 500 additional seats are now available on the highly popular route**
- **Largest investment in the history of Lux Express: six million euros for cutting-edge coaches**

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MAN Truck & Bus has handed over nine NEOPLAN Skyliner double-deckers to the long-distance bus company Lux Express. The comfortable and sustainable coaches are now in daily service on the busy route between Tallinn and Tartu in Estonia. For Lux Express, the order worth six million euros is the largest investment in the company's history. With 63 seats, the long-distance coaches are specially adapted to the needs of the Estonian market and offer maximum comfort for passengers. Displays at every seat guarantee variety during the journey, and a galley on the lower level treats passengers to selected food and drinks. The NEOPLAN Skyliner coaches are an ideal fit for Lux Express' customer-centric long-distance travel concept and once again demonstrate that they offer luxury on wheels.

"Passenger numbers have increased, and during peak hours we've seen situations where all tickets are sold out. The addition of 500 extra seats per day should help solve the increasingly pressing issue where people are left without bus tickets during popular times or have to stand for hours on overcrowded trains," explains Ingmar Roos, member of the management board at Lux Express.

MAN Truck & Bus is one of Europe's leading commercial vehicle manufacturers and providers of transport solutions with an annual sales revenue of around 13.7 billion euros (2024). The company's product portfolio includes trucks and buses/coaches with diesel and zero-emission drives, vans, diesel and gas engines along with services related to passenger and cargo transport. MAN Truck & Bus is a company of TRATON GROUP and employs approx. 33,000 people worldwide.



More passengers per journey, less pressure on other modes of transport

From now on, the nine Skyliner double-decker buses will offer passengers an attractive alternative at hourly intervals: Every day from six o'clock in the morning, they depart from Tartu in the direction of Tallinn; in the opposite direction, the first bus leaves at seven o'clock in the morning. In total, they cover the route more than 30 times a day in both directions.

In addition to more seats, the modernization of the Lux Express bus fleet also brings ecological and logistical benefits: more passengers can now be transported per journey - which helps to reduce the total number of buses on the roads and reduce the pressure on other modes of transport. Lux Express has invested a total of six million euros in this. "This is the largest investment in our company's history, aimed at offering a more sustainable, higher-capacity, and better-planned service," says Roos. "The double-decker coaches not only increase our passenger capacity – they also add clear value to the entire mobility system by reducing peak-time congestion and improving access to high-quality transport."

Two worlds in one coach

The nine Skyliner coaches were handed over to Lux Express in Tallinn by the MAN Sales Bus Team together with the local Estonian sales partner Keil M.A. OÜ. "Commuters and tourists can now travel between the two Estonian cities of Tallinn and Tartu in complete relaxation - thanks to our luxurious double-decker coaches, which offer two worlds in one vehicle: Lounge ambience on the lower level and the light-flooded upper deck with comfortable 2+1 seating and panoramic views," says Heinz Kiess, Head of Product Marketing Bus at MAN Truck & Bus. "I am particularly pleased that passengers will not only travel in extreme comfort in the future, but will also be extremely sustainable thanks to the highly efficient diesel drive."

About Lux Express

Lux Express is Estonia's leading long-distance bus company and has developed into one of the largest providers in the Baltic States since it was founded in 1994. The company offers comfortable and reliable connections in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Finland and Russia. The main target groups are business travelers, tourists and commuters who value comfort, punctuality and high-quality services.