



Did You know that
a 16th-century theme park operates
at Rakvere Castle year-round?

In 2013, it was visited by more than 100,000 people.

Tiesitkö, että Rakveren linnassa on ympäri vuoden toimiva 1500-luvun teemapuisto?

Siellä kävi vuonna 2013 yli 100 000 vierailijaa.

Знаете ли вы, что в Раквереском замке круглый год работает тематический парк XVI века?

Только в 2013 году его посетили более 100 тысяч человек.

Kas sa teadsid, et Rakvere Linnuses on aastaringsetl tegutsev 16. sajandi teemapark?

Seda külastas 2013. aastal üle 100 000 inimese.



At Rakvere Castle, you can have a horseback ride, practice archery, order mediaeval feasts, or hold corporate summer events, weddings or birthdays.



The motto of the 16th century mercenaries was:
“There is nothing better than money, vodka and women!”



The castle has an excellent permanent exhibition of swords through the centuries, numerous muskets and functioning cannons.



Streltsy in the mid-16th century.



In summer, there is a daily performance by the cannon team, sword-fighting by mercenaries, sharpshooting with muskets and a knights' jousting tournament.



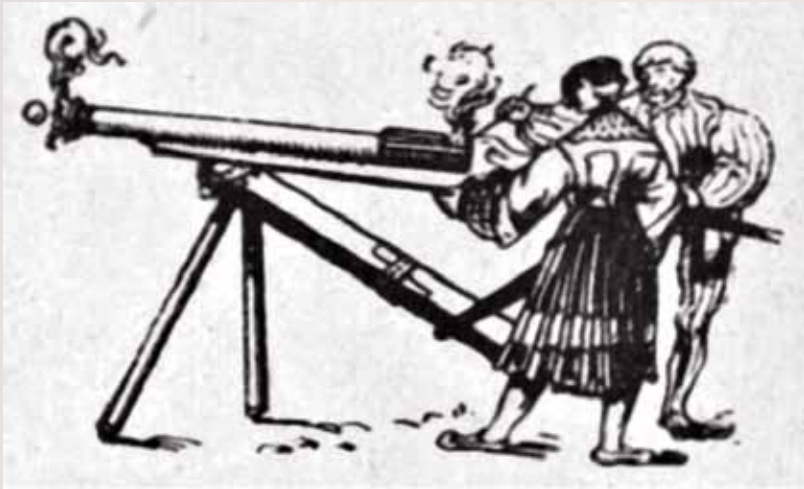
The years from 1600 to 1629 saw the Polish-Swedish Wars, during which the Poles blew up a part of the Castle as they retreated, with Swedes doing the same later, and subsequently the Castle stood in ruins for centuries.



In the mid-13th century, Danes built the first fortifications of stone on the site of a prehistoric Estonian stronghold, and by the mid-14th century a castle enclosed in a limestone wall stood on Rampart Hill. Rakvere Castle, drawing by Anthonis Goeteeris (circa 1615).



During the Livonian War, in the winter of 1574, Swedish troops tried to capture the Castle from the Russians. There was tension between mercenaries of various ethnic backgrounds, and so military conflict broke out between German and Scottish mercenaries, claiming many victims amongst the latter. Mercenaries marching (16th century engraving).



Scots shooting arquebus guns in the mid-16th century.



