

Highlights of the Baltics

8 days | Vilnius to Tallinn



This 8 day tour of the Baltic capitals introduces you to the enchanting history of this less discovered corner of Europe. You'll wander the old towns and ancient streets, medieval castles and magnificent palaces.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Rundale Palace - Marvel at this magnificent palace, a former summer residence of the Duke of Courland
- Vilnius - Explore the beautiful old town, making stops at the Cathedral, Gediminas Tower, Peter and Paul Church, St Anna's Church, the Old University and the Gate of Dawn
- Riga - Uncover the highlights of Riga, visiting the castle, Dome Cathedral, St Peters Church, Swedish Gates, Three Brothers and much more
- Tallinn - Learn about the history of this charming Medieval city and explore the Old Town

What's Included

- 7 nights in 4 star hotels
- 7 breakfasts
- Entrances to Old University in Vilnius and Great Guild Hall in Tallinn

- Escorted by an English speaking tour leader
- Sightseeing tours of Tallinn, Vilnius and Riga
- One arrival transfer on Day 1 and One departure transfer on Day 8 included per booking
- All relevant transportation in private modern vehicles
- Note: This tour is operated in conjunction with our trusted partner and you will join travellers from different operators, not solely On The Go. The group can vary in size from 15 - 40 persons. Guiding may be in other languages in addition to English
- Entrance and guided tour of Rundale Palace

What's Not Included

- International flights to/from our tour start/end points and visas
- Items of a personal nature and additional meals

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Vilnius

Welcome to Lithuania and the capital Vilnius. Upon arrival at Vilnius airport you'll be met and transferred to your hotel in the heart of the city. The rest of the day is at leisure. A welcome meeting will be held this evening, in the lobby, at around 7pm. **Overnight - Vilnius**

Day 2 : Vilnius Tour



Home to more than 1,200 medieval buildings and 48 churches, Vilnius is a mesmerising city to explore. This morning we head into the old town to discover some of the highlights of a city that began to take shape in the early 14th century. We will start with a visit to Vilnius Cathedral, built in 1783, before continuing to Gediminas Tower, a small castle that has withstood many attacks over the years. We'll also visit the Peter and Paul Church, St. Anne's Church, the Old University and the Gates of Dawn.

This afternoon is free for you to further explore Vilnius independently or to join an optional excursion to Trakai, the medieval capital of Lithuania. Here you'll visit the magnificent Trakai Castle which stands on an island in Lake Galve.

This evening there will be the opportunity to join an optional folklore dinner at a 19th

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Century style restaurant . **Overnight - Vilnius (B)**

Day 3 : Hill Of Crosses

Vilnius - Riga. This morning we head for the Hill of Crosses, a pilgrimage site located in Northern Lithuania, where it's reported that over 100,000 crosses have been placed. We'll then cross into Latvia and make our way to the magnificent Rundale Palace, built for the Duke of Courland. Started in 1736 and completed in 1768 this Baroque palace is surrounded by manicured gardens. We then continue through the rolling hills of Southern Latvia reaching Riga in late afternoon. **Overnight - Riga (B)**

Day 4 : Riga Old Town



This morning we explore Riga, founded in 1201 by the German bishop Albert, it is the largest of the three Baltic capitals. We'll enjoy a walking tour of the city this morning, taking in some of fantastic multi-coloured buildings throughout the old town. Our first stop will be Riga Castle which sits on the banks of the River Daugava. Next we'll visit the Dome Cathedral and St Peter's Church. Continuing on we'll explore the areas that are home to the Three Brothers as well as the Large and Small Guild buildings.

This afternoon is free for you to explore Riga independently. Alternatively you will have the opportunity to join an optional excursion to Jurmala, a vibrant Latvian seaside resort, famed for its sandy beaches and pretty wooden architecture.

This evening you'll have the opportunity to partake in an optional organ concert at the Dome Cathedral. **Overnight - Riga (B)**

Day 5 : Riga



Today offers free time to further explore Riga independently.

There will also be the possibility to join an optional morning tour to discover medieval Latvia. This optional tour will take you to the stunning scenery of the Gauja National Park and the town of Sigulda.

In the afternoon an optional trip to the Riga Motor Museum will be offered. This evening there is an optional Latvian dinner at the stylish 'Forest' restaurant. **Overnight - Riga (B)**

Day 6 : Parnu

Riga - Parnu - Tallinn. We continue along the coastal highway this morning, crossing the border into Estonia we make our way to the beautiful summer resort town of Parnu. We'll take a short tour of Parnu before we make our way through the lush forests of Northern Estonia. Arriving into Tallinn this afternoon the rest of the day is at leisure. **Overnight - Tallinn (B)**

Day 7 : Tallinn



This morning we'll embark on a sightseeing tour of Tallinn. This charming city is a delightful blend of medieval tranquility and modern urban life. Unsurprisingly the old town is a friendly, bustling place during the summer months with locals and tourists sampling the

many fantastic cafes, galleries and shops. Starting at Toompea Castle we'll make our way to the Dome Church and onward to the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, built between 1894 and 1900 in a typical Russian Revival style. Next we'll visit the medieval Old Town Hall, this impressive building dates back to the early 1400's.

This afternoon offers free time to explore Tallinn independently or you may wish to join an optional excursion to Kadriorg Park and a visit to the KUMU, the award winning new Estonian art museum.

This evening an optional medieval dinner will be offered at the 'Maikrahv' restaurant. **Overnight - Tallinn (B)**

Day 8 : Bye to the Baltics

Our Baltic experience ends after breakfast this morning and hotel check out. A transfer will be provided to take you to Tallinn Airport. (B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

Hotel Radisson Blu Lietuva

Standing on the banks of the River Neris, the Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva is in the heart of Lithuania's capital. Its sleek and modern-style guestrooms are equipped with plenty of amenities including free high-speed WiFi. Guests can enjoy a fresh meal at any time of day, with the onsite Riverside Restaurant serving a wide-ranging buffet of international favourites. The hotel also boasts a fitness centre, Nordic sauna, jacuzzi and beauty salon, with the Skybar being the perfect place to enjoy a glass of wine and the beautiful city views.

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Hotel Wellton Riverside

With views overlooking the Daugava River, the Hotel Wellton Riverside is perfectly located just a short walk from the old town. All rooms at this bright modern hotel are furnished with TV's, spacious private bathrooms and large comfortable beds. A fitness centre including a sauna can be found within the hotel, as well as an indoor pool, offering numerous options for those looking to expend some of their energy. Alternatively, a bar and lounge area gives a relaxed area for people to unwind.



Hotel Radisson Blu Olympia

This centrally located hotel offers tastefully decorated guestrooms with modern conveniences such as high-speed WiFi, 24-hour room service and tea and coffee making facilities. Guests can enjoy an elegant Mediterranean dinner at the on-site Senso Restaurant or lighter bites at the delightful Café Boulevard. On the top floor you'll find Club 26, where you can take a refreshing swim in the pool, work out in the well-equipped gym or relax in the sauna, all whilst admiring magnificent views over Estonia's capital.



Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price.

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
29 Mar	USD 1,145	USD 1,645
05 Apr	USD 1,145	USD 1,645
12 Apr	USD 1,145	USD 1,645
26 Apr	USD 1,145	USD 1,645
03 May	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
10 May	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
17 May	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
24 May	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
31 May	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
07 Jun	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
14 Jun	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
21 Jun	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
28 Jun	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
05 Jul	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
12 Jul	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
19 Jul	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
26 Jul	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
02 Aug	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
09 Aug	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
16 Aug	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
23 Aug	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
30 Aug	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
06 Sep	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
13 Sep	USD 1,195	USD 1,695
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