

Baltic Start to Finnish

10 days | Vilnius to Helsinki



Discover the best of the Baltics and the Finnish capital Helsinki on this exciting 10 day tour. Starting in the charming Lithuanian capital of Vilnius, travel north via the revered Hill of Crosses to Latvia and Estonia. Take in the highlights of the three Baltic capitals, including Riga's beautiful architecture and Tallinn's picturesque Old Town, complete with Medieval buildings and Gothic spires. End your adventure exploring the vibrant seaside city of Helsinki.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Vilnius - Journey through 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 Peter's Church, Swedish Gates, Three

Brothers and more

- Tallinn - Explore the enchanting medieval Old Town and see Toompea Castle - now the home of the Estonian Parliament
- Rundale Palace - Marvel at this magnificent palace, a former summer residence of the Duke of Courland
- Siauliai - Marvel at the Hill of Crosses, one of the holiest sites of Catholic Lithuania, where over 200,000 wooden crosses have been erected on a small hill
- Parnu - Take a stroll around this beautiful Estonian summer resort town
- Helsinki - Discover the sleek & stylish design of the city which is coupled with magnificent architecture as we visit the Lutheran Cathedral, Mannerheim Street and the famous Church-in-the-Rock

What's Included

- 9 nights 4 star hotels
- 9 breakfasts
- One arrival transfer on Day 1 and One departure transfer on Day 10 included per booking
- Sightseeing tours of Tallinn, Vilnius, Rundale Palace, Riga and Helsinki
- Entrance to Peter and Paul Church in Vilnius, Rundale Palace, the Great

Guild Hall in Tallinn and the Church-in-the-Rock in Helsinki

- Escorted by a bi-lingual English and German speaking tour leader, with English speaking guides for city tours
- All relevant transportation in private modern vehicles
- One way ferry ticket Tallinn-Helsinki (2nd class)
- Porterage at hotels
- Welcome meeting with champagne-cocktail or juice
- Note: This tour is operated in conjunction with our trusted partner and you will join travellers from different operators, not solely On The Go. Minimum group size 2 - maximum 31.

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Items of a personal nature and additional meals
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Vilnius

Upon arrival at Vilnius airport you'll be met and transferred to our hotel in the heart of the Lithuania's capital. The rest of the day is at free for you to independently explore. A welcome

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meeting will be held this evening, in the lobby, at approx 7pm. **Overnight - Vilnius**

Day 2 : Vilnius Tour



Historic Vilnius is home to over 1200 medieval buildings and 48 churches and this morning we explore the Old Town on a guided tour and discover some of the highlights of this captivating city, which dates back to the early 14th century. Starting with a visit to Vilnius Cathedral, built in 1783, we then 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 spend at leisure or 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's an optional folklore dinner at a 19th Century style restaurant . **Overnight - Vilnius (B)**

Day 3 : Hill Of Crosses



Vilnius - Riga (Latvia). Today we travel to Riga, stopping en route to visit the revered Hill of Crosses and Rundale Palace. The Hill of Crosses is a striking pilgrimage site, located in Northern Lithuania, where over 100,000 crosses of varying sizes have been placed on a small hill. Crossing into Latvia we continue our journey north 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. After a guided tour of the palace we travel across the rolling hills of Southern Latvia to Riga, arriving in the capital late afternoon. **Overnight - Riga (B)**

Day 4 : Riga Old Town



This morning we explore Estonia's charming capital, Riga. Founded in 1201 by the German bishop Albert, it is the largest of the three Baltic capitals. On a walking tour of the city we take in some of the Old Town's beautiful architecture and multi-coloured buildings. Our first stop is Riga Castle which sits on the banks of the River Daugava. Next we'll visit the Dome Cathedral and St Peters 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 can join an optional excursion to Jurmala, a vibrant Latvian seaside resort, famed for its sandy beaches and pretty wooden architecture.

This evening there is an optional organ concert at the Dome Cathedral. **Overnight - Riga (B)**

Day 5 : Riga



Today offers free time to further explore Riga independently or you can discover medieval Latvia on an optional morning excursion to stunning Gauja National Park and the town of Sigulda. Hear the medieval Latvian legend of the Rose of Turaida and see the ruins of the Episcopal Castle and of the Castle of the Knights of the Sword before returning Riga.

This afternoon there's an optional trip to the Riga Motor Museum, with its impressive collection of vintage cars, and this evening there is an optional Latvian dinner at the stylish Restaurant Three. **Overnight - Riga (B)**

Day 6 : Parnu

Riga - Parnu - Tallinn (Estonia). We continue along the coastal highway this morning, crossing the border into Estonia and making our way to the beautiful summer resort town of Parnu. We enjoy a short tour of Parnu before making 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)**

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Day 7 : Tallinn



This morning we embark on a sightseeing tour of the third Baltic capital. This picturesque city is a delightful blend of medieval tranquillity and modern urban life. The beautiful 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 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. Then we visit the striking, medieval Old Town Hall which dates back to the early 1400's.

This afternoon is free 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 : Tallinn to Helsinki



Tallinn - Helsinki. This morning there's an optional day excursion to Lahemaa National Park, where we visit Palmse

Manor, a memorial to the von Pahlen family, and Sagadi Manor. The tour ends with a visit to the charming 16th century Vihula Manor and the Vodka Museum. After a break for lunch we head back to Tallinn to take the ferry to Helsinki. Enjoy the scenery en route as we travel through the Finnish archipelago en route to Finland's seaside capital. Upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel. **Overnight - Helsinki (B)**

Day 9 : Helsinki



This morning we explore Helsinki, the green and lively Finnish capital. Our guided tour takes us around the harbours and Senate Square with its Lutheran Cathedral, we will also see the Parliament Building, the Finlandia Hall and the Sibelius Monument before visiting the famous Church-in-the-Rock.

In the afternoon there's an optional excursion to the 18th century Suomenlinna Fortress, a cultural gem set on an island. For the final night of our tour there's an optional Finnish dinner at Restaurant Salve.

Overnight - Helsinki (B)

Day 10 : Helsinki

Our tour ends after breakfast today with an included transfer to the airport. **(B)**

person when there are 2 people sharing a room. 'Single Room' prices are applicable those who don't have anyone to share a room with or anyone wanting the privacy of a single room.

PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
02 Oct	USD 1,795	USD 2,535

PRICES / DATES 2023

Date	Twin Share	Single
21 May	USD 1,955	USD 2,795
28 May	USD 1,955	USD 2,795
04 Jun	USD 1,955	USD 2,795
11 Jun	USD 1,955	USD 2,795
18 Jun	USD 1,955	USD 2,795
25 Jun	USD 1,955	USD 2,795
02 Jul	USD 1,955	USD 2,795
09 Jul	USD 1,955	USD 2,795
16 Jul	USD 1,955	USD 2,795
23 Jul	USD 1,895	USD 2,735
30 Jul	USD 1,895	USD 2,735
06 Aug	USD 1,895	USD 2,735
13 Aug	USD 1,895	USD 2,735
20 Aug	USD 1,895	USD 2,735
27 Aug	USD 1,895	USD 2,735
03 Sep	USD 1,895	USD 2,735
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