

Best of the Baltics

10 days | Starts/Ends: Tallinn



Take in Castles, Cathedrals and medieval constructions on this 10 day Baltic adventure. Along with the 3 Baltic capitals of Tallinn, Vilnius and Riga we'll visit the pretty town of Klaipeda located on the Baltic Sea. Stroll through quaint old towns and learn about the engaging history of this impressive region.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Lahemaa National Park - Explore this beautiful national park and visit the manor houses in Palmse and Vihula
- Sigulda - Discover the highlights of this popular holiday resort, visiting the ruins of the church and the Castle of Knights of the Sword
- Rundale Palace - Marvel at this magnificent palace, a former summer residence of the Duke of Courland
- 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

- Klaipeda - Take a stroll around this charming seaside town with its narrow cobblestone streets
- 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

What's Included

- 9 nights in 3-4 star hotels
- 9 breakfasts
- Entrances to Palmse Manor House, Old University in Vilnius and Great Guild Hall in Tallinn.
- Escorted by an English speaking tour leader
- Sightseeing tours of Tallinn, Vilnius, Klaipeda and Riga
- Entrance and guided tour of Rundale Palace
- One arrival transfer on Day 1 and one departure transfer on Day 10 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 - 26 persons. Guiding may be in German in addition to English

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 : Tallinn



Welcome to Estonia and the capital Tallinn. Upon arrival at Tallinn 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 hotel lobby, at around 7pm. **Overnight - Tallinn**

Day 2 : Lahemaa National Park and Tartu

Tallinn - Tartu - Cesis. Departing Tallinn this morning we make our way to Lahemaa National Park. Located just 70km from the Estonia capital this national park

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encompasses 475 sq km of stunning pine forest, lakes and cultural attractions. This morning we'll visit the manor house in Palmse, this beautiful baroque mansion dates back over 300 years with a fascinating history and a number of restorations over that period bringing to its current splendor. We will also visit Vihula manor house.

Later we'll continue to Tartu, a university town which holds great significance in Estonian history. We will explore the charming old town as well as the university which was founded in 1632. Our next stop is Cesis in Latvia, a Hanseatic city with winding streets, castle ruins and beautiful gardens. **Overnight - Cesis (B)**

Day 3 : Sigulda

Cesis - Vilnius. After breakfast we depart Cesis and drive through the lush green canopy of Gauja National Park en route to Sigulda. Sigulda is a popular holiday resort and home to the Castle of the Knights of the Sword, originally built in 1207. After exploring this impressive structure we continue south towards Vilnius. En route we will visit the magnificent Rundale Palace, the former summer residence of the Duke of Courland, where we will take a guided tour.

This afternoon we cross the border into Lithuania before arriving into Vilnius. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Vilnius. **Overnight - Vilnius (B)**

Day 4 : Vilnius



Vilnius - Klaipeda. Known for its medieval architecture and home to over 1,200 buildings and 48 churches that date back to this period, Vilnius is a beautiful capital and one that's bursting with fascinating history. This morning we'll enjoy a sightseeing tour of

the highlights, visiting the old town we'll explore Vilnius Cathedral, Gediminas Tower, the Peter and Paul Church, St Anna's Church, the Old University and the Gates of Dawn. Departing Vilnius we'll continue to Trakai, the true medieval capital of Lithuania. Here we'll discover the magnificently well preserved 14th century Trakai Castle, impressively positioned on an island in Lake Galve.

Later this afternoon we head for our stop for the night, Klaipeda, a port city where the Baltic sea meets the Dane river. **Overnight - Klaipeda (B)**

Day 5 : Klaipeda or Optional Curonian Spit Tour

Today offers free time to explore Klaipeda at your own pace. Alternatively you can join a full day optional tour to the Curonian Spit. This evening there will be the opportunity to join an optional Lithuanian dinner at the restaurant '19th Century'. **Overnight - Klaipeda (B)**

Day 6 : Klaipeda and Samogitia National Park

Klaipeda - Samogitia National Park - Riga. This morning we discover the charming town of Klaipeda. It first became a part of Lithuania in 1923 and had for a long time before this been a German town with the name of Memel. Strolling through the old town with its narrow, cobblestone streets and old guild house we reach the Theatre Square and the Aennchen Von Tharau Fountain.

Leaving Klaipeda we make our way to Samogitia National Park, here we'll discover the beautiful Lithuanian countryside and will take a peaceful walk around one of the lakes within the national park, Lake Plateliai. We'll then continue to Siauliai and the Hill of Crosses, one of the most revered and holiest sites of Catholic Lithuania. Next we'll north and cross back into Latvia, arriving into Riga late this afternoon. **Overnight - Riga (B)**

Day 7 : Explore Riga



Today we explore Riga, the largest of the Baltic capitals it boasts a fantastic array of architectural styles and practices. Riga's foundation dates back to 1201 when the German bishop Albert arrived. On our walking tour this morning we'll visit Riga Castle, the Dome Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, the Swedish Gates along with other fascinating parts of the city which demonstrate its rich history.

This afternoon is free for you to further explore Riga independently or to join an optional visit to Jurmala, the vibrant Latvian seaside resort. This evening there will be the opportunity to join an optional Latvian dinner at the stylish 'Forest' restaurant. **Overnight - Riga (B)**

Day 8 : Summer Resort of Parnu

Riga - Tallinn. After breakfast we continue our journey, making our way along the coastal highway we cross back into Estonia. Arriving into Parnu, we'll explore this popular Estonian summer resort before continuing to Tallinn. Once we've checked in to our hotel in Tallinn the rest of the day is at leisure to explore independently. **Overnight - Tallinn (B)**

Day 9 : Tallinn Tour



With its exciting blend of medieval tranquility and modern urban life, Tallinn is a fantastically

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interesting capital city. The medieval Old Town is unsurprisingly a bustling place during the summer months with people going in and out of the various shops, galleries and cafes. Our sightseeing tour today starts by exploring the old city walls before we head into the heart of the Old Town, visiting the Toompea Castle, now home to the Estonian Parliament, the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and the Great Guild Hall.

This afternoon is free for you to further explore Tallinn independently or to join an optional visit to Kadriorg Park and the newly built KUMU. This evening there will be the opportunity to join an optional medieval dinner at the 'Maikrahv' restaurant. **Overnight - Tallinn (B)**

Day 10 : Tallinn

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 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.



Hotel Cesis

Boasting an excellent central location, Hotel Cesis offers rooms with views of both May Park and the Place de la Concorde. Each guestroom is also tastefully furnished and benefits from free WiFi and a private bathroom. In the Pagrabi Café, guests can enjoy a cosy atmosphere and a variety of pizzas, sandwiches and other snacks, whereas in the hotel's restaurant you'll find delicious Latvian and international dishes. If you're visiting during the summer months, you can also dine on the terrace and soak up wonderful views of May Park.



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.



Hotel National

Set in the heart of Klaipeda's old town, Hotel National boasts an excellent location within walking distance of Anika Square and the Old Ferry. The 19th century building offers spacious and comfortable guestrooms, equipped with free WiFi and private bathrooms with heated floors. A buffet breakfast is served in the onsite restaurant, which specializes in local Lithuanian food. The hotel is also connected to a popular bar known as the 'Fat Cat', which is a great spot to kick back with a beer and meet other travellers.



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.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies to all solo travellers or any person who would like the comfort of their own room and needs to be added to the per person price.

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PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
08 May	CAD 2,345	CAD 3,245
22 May	CAD 2,345	CAD 3,245
05 Jun	CAD 2,395	CAD 3,295
12 Jun	CAD 2,395	CAD 3,295
19 Jun	CAD 2,395	CAD 3,295
26 Jun	CAD 2,395	CAD 3,295
03 Jul	CAD 2,395	CAD 3,295
10 Jul	CAD 2,395	CAD 3,295
17 Jul	CAD 2,395	CAD 3,295
24 Jul	CAD 2,395	CAD 3,295
31 Jul	CAD 2,395	CAD 3,295
07 Aug	CAD 2,395	CAD 3,295
14 Aug	CAD 2,395	CAD 3,295
21 Aug	CAD 2,395	CAD 3,295
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04 Sep	CAD 2,395	CAD 3,295

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