

Poland and Baltic Discovery

13 days | Krakow to Tallinn



Discover the amazing highlights of Poland and the three Baltic countries of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. On this 13 day tour travelling from Krakow to Tallinn you'll explore beautiful churches, captivating castles and gorgeous old towns.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Krakow - Explore the former royal capital. Visit St Mary's Church, the Jagiellonian University and Wawel Castle & Cathedral
- Czesochowa - Pay a visit to the Jasna Gora Monastery, home of the Black Madonna painting
- Warsaw - Stroll through the reconstructed old town, visit the Royal Castle, St John's Cathedral and the Old Town Market Square
- Masurian Lake District - Discover the picture postcard villages of Mragowo and Gizycko
- 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

- Rundale Palace - Marvel at this magnificent palace, a former summer residence of the Duke of Courland
- 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

- 12 nights in 4 star hotels
- 12 breakfasts
- Entrances to Wawel Castle, Jasna Gora Monastery, St John's Cathedral in Warsaw, 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 13 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

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 : Krakow

Welcome to Poland and the beautiful city of Krakow. Upon arrival at Krakow 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 - Krakow

Day 2 : Krakow



This morning we explore the former royal capital of Krakow, holding this title for over 500 years it is a city which holds many

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traditions, secrets and stories within it. We'll begin in the Old Town at St Mary's Church, dating back to 1347 this basilica towers over the main market square below. We'll then continue to Jagiellonia University, founded in 1364 by Casimir III the Great it is one of the oldest surviving universities in the world. Next stop is the Cloth Halls and on to the Wawel Castle and Cathedral. The fortified area of Wawel has been built over many centuries and is now one of the most interesting parts of the city.

This afternoon is free for you to further explore Krakow independently. There is also the opportunity to join an optional excursion to the impressive Wieliczka Salt Mine. This incredible labyrinth of tunnels is often referred to as 'the underground salt Cathedral of Poland' due to its stunning interior.

This evening there will be the opportunity to enjoy an optional Polish dinner at 'Hawelka' restaurant. **Overnight - Krakow (B)**

Day 3 : Warsaw

Krakow - Czestochowa - Warsaw. This morning we depart for Czestochowa, home to the Jasna Gora Monastery in which you'll find the incredible Black Madonna painting. This painting holds a lot of spiritual significance and its origins before reaching Poland are shrouded in significance. Departing Czestochowa we continue through the flat low-lying plain of Central Poland, we'll reach Warsaw early this afternoon. The rest of the day is free for you to explore independently. **Overnight - Warsaw (B)**

Day 4 : Warsaw



Today we discover the history of Warsaw, a city which saw near complete destruction by the end of World War Two. In the years since

the old town has been meticulously rebuilt to its former glory. We'll begin the day by visiting the Royal Castle, following the Royal Route we'll also make stops at St John Cathedral, the Old Town Market Square and the Barbican.

This afternoon you'll have free time to explore Warsaw independently. You'll also have the opportunity to join an optional excursion to the Royal Lazienki Park, home to Lazienki Palace, also known as the Palace on the Water.

This evening offers an optional Polish dinner at the 'Dawne Smaki' restaurant. **Overnight - Warsaw (B)**

Day 5 : Masurian Lake District

Warsaw - Gizycko. After breakfast this morning we set off through the lush forests of Northern Poland and into the Masurian Lake District. This area is home to a multitude of lakes and is one of the most naturally beautiful parts of Poland. Making our way through some of the 2,000 lakes that are found in this area we reach the picture-postcard town of Mragowo. We then continue to Swieta Lipka to visit the Baroque church before making our way to Gizycko, perched on the shores of Lake Niegocin. This evening we stop at Olsztyn for our overnight stay. **Overnight - Olsztyn (B)**

Day 6 : Kaunas

Gizycko - Kaunas - Vilnius. We head along the eastern part of the lake district this morning, this beautiful journey is filled with endless blue lakes and charming resort towns. Reaching the border we cross into Lithuania and head for the capital Vilnius, en route we'll stop in Kaunas to admire its white baroque Town Hall. **Overnight - Vilnius (B)**

Day 7 : Vilnius Tour



This morning we'll explore the capital of Lithuania, Vilnius, starting with the Old Town we'll visit the Vilnius Cathedral and Gediminas Tower, with the first brick castle completed on this site in 1409. Next we'll visit the Peter and Paul Church, the centrepiece of a former monastery, before continuing to St Annes Church. We'll finish the morning by visiting the Old University, founded in 1579, and the Gate of Dawn, one of the most significant historical and cultural monuments in the city.

This afternoon allows you free time to explore Vilnius independently. There will also be the option of joining an excursion to Trakai, the medieval capital of Lithuania and home to the well preserved Trakai Castle, beautifully perched on an island in Lake Galve.

This evening you'll have the opportunity to indulge in an optional folklore dinner at the 'Belmontas' restaurant. **Overnight - Vilnius (B)**

Day 8 : Hill of Crosses

Vilnius - Riga. This morning we depart Vilnius and make our way to one of the most holy sites in Lithuania, the Hill of Crosses. It's believed that nearly 100,000 crosses of different sizes and designs have been left here over the years. It's uncertain when the tradition started but it has come to symbolize the fortitude of Catholicism in Lithuania.

This afternoon we make our way across the border into Latvia, reaching the impressive Rundale Palace, the former summer residence of the Duke of Courland. This beautiful baroque palace is ornately decorated and surrounded by stunning gardens. We continue on towards Riga later this afternoon, travelling through the rolling hills of the Southern Latvia.

Overnight - Riga (B)

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Day 9 : Riga Tour



Today we discover the fascinating city of Riga, the capital of Latvia and the largest of the three Baltic capitals. Officially founded by the German bishop Albert in 1201, Riga is a city full of colorful architecture and mesmerising old world charm. 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 10 : Optional Gauja National Park Excursion

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 2019 this afternoon you may wish to join an optional tour to the Ethnographic Open Air Museum, a experience that will give you a glimpse into 18th century life in the area. For 2020 an afternoon trip to the Riga Motor Museum will be offered instead. This evening there is an optional Latvian dinner at the stylish 'Forest' restaurant. **Overnight - Riga (B)**

Day 11 : Parnu

Riga - Tallinn. Departing Riga this morning we make our way along the coastal highway, crossing into Estonia. From here we'll journey on to the beautiful summer resort of Parnu

where we'll explore this pretty city bisected by the Parnu River. Continuing on towards Tallinn, we make our way through the thick green forests of Northern Estonia. Arriving into Tallinn the rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight - Tallinn (B)

Day 12 : Tallinn



After breakfast we'll head out on a sightseeing tour of Tallinn. Comprising of a interesting blend of medieval repose and modern city life, Tallinn is a charming city with an rich and varied history, much of which is still on show today. 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 13 : Tallinn

Your 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.

Novotel Krakow Centrum

Set in the heart of Krakow, Novotel Krakow Centrum is within walking distance of the city's main Market Square and the Wawel Royal Castle. Its guestrooms are spacious and feature contemporary décor, with many offering an additional seating area and views of the meandering River Vistula. The Novo Square Lounge Bar serves a variety of Polish and international food, with 24-hour room service available if you'd prefer to dine in the comfort of your room. The hotel also boasts an indoor pool, fitness centre and sauna, offering ample opportunities for you to unwind.



Hotel Mecure Warsaw Centrum

Just a short walk from the Palace of Culture and Science as well as the Zlote Tarasy entertainment complex, the Mecure Warsaw Centrum boasts a fantastic location. With bright & spacious rooms, en-suite bathrooms and air conditioning throughout the hotel provides for a comfortable experience. The fine dining Winestone restaurant serves up a choice of local and international dishes as well as an impressive selection of wines from around the world.



Hotel Przystan

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Set on the shores of beautiful Lake Ukiel, Hotel Przystan is distinguished by its modern architecture and stunning setting. Most guestrooms offer views of the lake, alongside amenities such as air conditioning and a satellite TV. Boasting one of the best restaurants in Poland, guests can enjoy fresh fish and high quality wines. There's also a spa and wellness centre where you can indulge in a treatment or two, as well as a magnificent sky terrace on the hotel's roof.



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 Mercure Riga

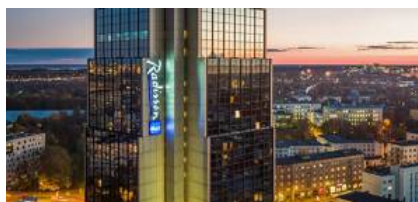
Occupying a magnificent 1901 Art Nouveau building, Hotel Mercure Riga is an easy walk from Riga's historic Old Town and landmarks such as the Freedom Monument and Dome Square. The contemporary guestrooms are fully equipped with modern amenities, including tea and coffee making facilities and unlimited free WiFi. Onsite restaurant The Traveller serves thematic cuisine and a wide selection of drinks are available at the bar. There is also a luxurious spa, where you can

enjoy a rejuvenating massage after a day of sightseeing.



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 / DATES INFO

All departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons. The 'Twin Share' price is per person when there are 2 people sharing a room. The 'Solo Room' price is applicable to all solo travellers or if your booking party cannot reach the minimum of 2 persons in a room. Solo Rooms can also be booked by any other person wanting the comfort and privacy of their own room.

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
01 Jun	ZAR 30,900	ZAR 42,800
15 Jun	ZAR 30,900	ZAR 42,800
29 Jun	ZAR 30,900	ZAR 42,800
06 Jul	ZAR 30,900	ZAR 42,800

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Date	Twin Share	Single
13 Jul	ZAR 30,900	ZAR 42,800
20 Jul	ZAR 30,900	ZAR 42,800
27 Jul	ZAR 30,900	ZAR 42,800
03 Aug	ZAR 30,900	ZAR 42,800
10 Aug	ZAR 30,900	ZAR 42,800
17 Aug	ZAR 30,900	ZAR 42,800