

BALTIC ADVENTURE - 16 DAYS/ 15 NIGHTS



Day 1 (Wednesday) Arrive Riga

Arrive Riga. Transfer to Hotel Tallink Riga**** or similar, check in, welcome meeting.

Day 2 (Thursday) Riga

Founded in 1201 by the German bishop Albert, Riga is the largest of the three Baltic capitals and boasts a true kaleidoscope of various architectural styles. The walking tour of the Old Town includes Riga Castle, Dome Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, Swedish Gates, Three Brothers, Large and Small Guild House and the Freedom Monument. The afternoon is reserved for an optional visit to Jurmala, the vibrant Latvian sea resort, famous for its wooden architecture and sandy beaches.

Day 3 (Friday): Riga-Tallinn

The tour continues along the coastal highway to the Estonian summer resort of Parnu. We do a short tour of the resort before we continue through the North Estonian land of forests and arrive in Tallinn early afternoon, check-in at the Hotel Radisson Blu Olympia**** or similar. Tallinn is a charming blend of medieval tranquillity and modern urban life. The medieval Old Town is a busy place in the summer with its many shops, galleries, souvenir markets, outdoor cafés and restaurants. The afternoon sightseeing tour takes us around the old medieval city walls and into the Old Town where we see Toompea Castle, Dome Church, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and medieval Old Town H

Day 4 (Saturday): Tallinn-Cesis

After breakfast we drive to the Lahemaa National Park, where we visit the Manor Houses in Palmse and Vihula. We continue to Tartu, the university town, where Estonia gained its statehood. We see the charming Old Town and the University founded in 1632. From Tartu we drive onwards into Latvia and Cesis, a Hanseatic city with winding streets, castle ruins and beautiful gardens. Check-in at Hotel Cesis*** or similar. Dinner at hotel.

Day 5 (Sunday): Cesis-Vilnius

Today we drive through the Gauja National Park to Sigulda, a popular holiday resort. We see the ruins of the Episcopal Castle and the ruins of the Castle of the Knights of the Sword before we drive around Riga to hit the highway down to Vilnius. En route we reach the magnificent Rundale Palace, the former summer residence of the Duke of Courland. Following a guided tour of the palace we travel through Lithuania to reach Vilnius at late afternoon. Check in at Hotel Radisson Blu Lietuva**** or similar.

Day 6 (Monday): Vilnius-Klaipeda

Vilnius is known for its more than 1.200 medieval buildings and 48 churches. The morning sightseeing tour includes a panoramic tour of the city and a walking tour of the Old Town with Vilnius Cathedral, Gediminas Tower, Peter and Paul Church, St. Anna's Church, Old University and the Gates of Dawn. After the tour we continue to Trakai, the medieval capital of Lithuania and we see the well preserved Trakai Castle, beautifully located on an island in Lake Galve. The balance of the day is spent en route to Klaipeda, where we arrive at late afternoon. Check-in at Hotel National**** or similar.

Day 7 (Tuesday): Klaipeda-Nida

Today we continue to the Curonian Spit, a thin, 100 km stretch of land between the Baltic Sea and the Curonian Lagoon with small fishing villages, pine forests and endless sand dunes. The first stop is at the Hill of Witches in Juodkrante. After that we continue to Nida where we visit the High Dunes, Thomas Mann's Summer House and get acquainted with the charming resort town. Check-in at Hotel Nidos Banga***. Dinner at hotel.

Day 8 (Wednesday) - Day 13 (Monday): Nida

With its location at the Curonian Lagoon and its combination of old-fashioned fishing village and fashionable sea resort Nida is one of the most attractive places on the entire Baltic Sea Coast. You will be spending a whole week on your own in this paradise. Use your bike rental the first day to get acquainted with Nida and its surroundings. Besides, there is enough to do: biking on the spit, hiking in the dunes, boating in the lagoon, swimming in the sea, sun bathing on the sandy beach, playing tennis in the sun, enjoying smoked fish, attending the many summer concerts and enjoying life in full scale.

Day 14 (Tuesday): Nida-Klaipeda

The last day in paradise. You still have the whole day to enjoy Nida, take a last swim in the Baltic Sea, make the last stroll through the fishermen's village, enjoy a last breath-taking view of the Curonian Lagoon, do your last bargains in the amber and souvenir stalls in the pedestrian centre of the resort and shoot your last holiday photos from the Curonian Spit. Late in the afternoon we board the coach which brings us up the spit and back to Klaipeda. Check-in at Hotel National**** or similar.

Day 15 (Wednesday): Klaipeda-Riga

Klaipeda first became a part of Lithuania in 1923 and had a long history as a German town called Memel. A short sightseeing tour takes us to the Old Town with its narrow, cobblestone streets and old guild houses and we visit the Theatre Square and the Aennchen von Tharau Fountain. We now continue to the Samogitia National Park, where we enjoy a walking tour around the picturesque Lake Plateliai. After that we continue to Siauliai and Hill of Crosses, one of the holiest sites of Catholic Lithuania. We head North into Latvia and reach Riga in the afternoon. Check-in at Hotel Tallink Riga**** or similar.

Day 16 (Thursday) Riga Departure

Transfer to the airport.

Includes:

- 15 overnights at centrally located 3-4 star hotels

- 15 x buffet breakfast
- 2 x 3 course dinners at hotels
- Welcome meeting with champagne-cocktail or juice
- Personalised welcome package
- Entrances to Palmse Manor House, Rundale Palace, Old University in Vilnius and Thomas Mann's Summerhouse in Nida.
- Bike rental for one day in Nida
- Service of English and German speaking tour escort on all tours (no tour escort Day 06-12 in Nida)
- Service of 1st class motor coaches or 1st class minivans throughout the itinerary
- Ferry tickets Klaipeda - Smiltyne - Klaipeda and ecological fees for the Curonian Spit
- Portage at hotels

Optional:

- 4-hour excursion to Jurmala: EUR 40.00 pp

2019 Tour Dates and Prices (Per Person, Double Occupancy)

Tour Begins	Tour Ends	Land Only Price
June 12	June 27	1220 EUR
June 19	July 4	1220 EUR
June 26	July 11	1220 EUR
July 10	July 25	1220 EUR
July 17	August 1	1220 EUR
July 24	August 8	1220 EUR
July 31	August 15	1220 EUR
August 7	August 22	1220 EUR
August 14	August 29	1220 EUR
Single Supplement	499 EUR	

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