

MULTILINGUAL ESCORTED TOURS XVIII

DAY 1 (FRIDAY): ARRIVAL TALLINN

Arrival in Tallinn, optional transfer to Hotel Radisson Blu Olympia**** or similar, check-in, welcome meeting.

DAY 2 (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 Kolonna Cesis*** or similar.

DAY 3 (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 late afternoon. Check in at Hotel Radisson Blu Lietuva**** or similar.

DAY 4 (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 visit 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 late afternoon. Check-in at Hotel Radisson Blu Klaipeda**** or similar.

DAY 5 (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 Smilte***.

DAY 6 (WEDNESDAY) – DAY 11 (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 small paradise and 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, lunching on smoked fish, attending the many summer concerts and enjoying life in full scale.

DAY 12 (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 breathtaking 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 Radisson Blu Klaipeda**** or similar. The evening offers an optional Lithuanian dinner at Restaurant Luja.

BALTIC ADVENTURE June-August 2012, 16 days/15 nights

DATES:

MBA07: 08.06-23.06.12
MBA08: 15.06-30.06.12
MBA09: 22.06-07.07.12
MBA10: 29.06-14.07.12
MBA11: 06.07-21.07.12
MBA12: 13.07-28.07.12
MBA13: 20.07-04.08.12
MBA14: 27.07-11.08.12
MBA15: 03.08-18.08.12
MBA16: 10.08-25.08.12
MBA17: 17.08-01.09.12
MBA18: 24.08-08.09.12



Package prices per person:

EUR 1095.00 (double occupancy)
EUR 500.00 (single supplement)

Including:

- 15 overnights at centrally located 3-4 star hotels
- 15 x buffet breakfast
- Welcome meeting with champagne-cocktail or juice
- Personalised welcome package
- Entrances to Palmse Manor House, Rundale Palace, Old University in Vilnius, Thomas Mann's Summerhouse in Nida, and St. Peter's Church in Riga
- 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
- Service and VAT

Optional:

- Transfer airport to Hotel Radisson Blu Olympia: EUR 35.00 for private car (1-3 persons), EUR 55.00 for private minivan (4-7 persons)
- Lithuanian dinner at Restaurant Luja: EUR 35.00 pp
- Organ concert at the Dome Cathedral: EUR 35.00 pp
- 4-hour excursion to Jumala: EUR 40.00 pp
- Latvian dinner at Restaurant La Boheme: EUR 40.00 pp
- Medieval dinner at Restaurant Peppersack: EUR 40.00 pp
- Transfer Hotel Radisson Blu Olympia to airport: EUR 35.00 for private car (1-3 persons), EUR 55.00 for private minivan (4-7 persons)
- Half board at hotels (15 x 3 course dinner with coffee/tea): EUR 340.00 pp

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DAY 13 (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 (2 hours, medium). After that we continue to Siauliai and Cross Hills, one of the holiest sites of Catholic Lithuania. We head North into Latvia and reach Riga in the afternoon. Check-in at Hotel Radisson Blu Latvija**** or similar. The evening offers an optional organ concert at the Dome Cathedral.

DAY 14 (THURSDAY): RIGA

Riga founded in 1201 by the German bishop Albert is the largest of the 3 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. In the evening enjoy an optional Latvian dinner at the stylish Restaurant La Boheme.

DAY 15 (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, the Dome Church, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and medieval Old Town Hall. The evening offers an optional medieval dinner at Restaurant Peppersack.

DAY 16 (SATURDAY): TALLINN DEPARTURE

Optional transfer to the airport.

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It is also possible to start to Baltic Adventure tour in Riga or Vilnius

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MBR12: 11.07-26.07.12
MBR13: 18.07-02.08.12
MBR14: 25.07-09.08.12
MBR15: 01.08-16.08.12
MBR16: 08.08-23.08.12
MBR17: 15.08-30.08.12
MBR18: 22.08-06.09.12

The tour has one night less in Tallinn and one night more in Riga

FROM VILNIUS

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MBV12: 15.07-30.07.12
MBV13: 22.07-06.08.12
MBV14: 29.07-13.08.12
MBV15: 05.08-20.08.12
MBV16: 12.08-27.08.12
MBV17: 19.08-03.09.12
MBV18: 26.08-10.09.12

The tour has one night less in Tallinn and one night more in Vilnius