

BALTIC PILGRIMAGE

Vilnius – Kaunas – Riga – Tartu – Tallinn
9 Days / 8 Nights

Day 1: VILNIUS

Arrival in Vilnius. Transfer to the hotel and check-in.

Day 2: VILNIUS

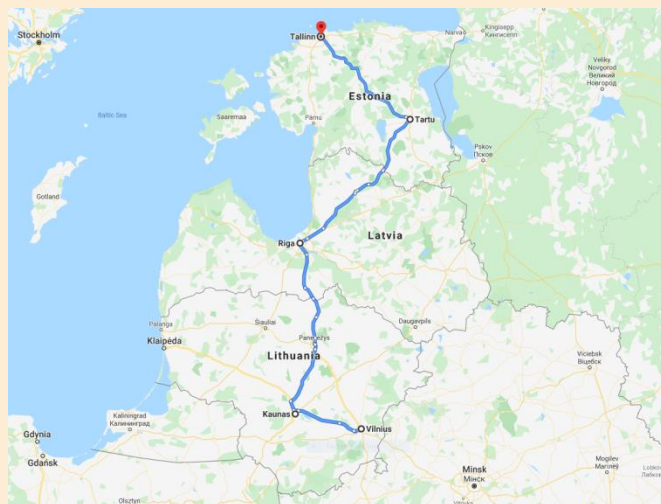
During city tour in **Vilnius** you will see Cathedral of St. Stanislav and St. Vladislav, St. Peter and Paul Church, Gate of Dawn Chapel and St. Teresa's church, Town Hall, Pilies street, Vilnius University and etc. You will also have opportunity to visit House of St. Faustina. She lived in Vilnius from 1933 to 1936 and during that time, she experienced several mystical visions of Jesus. The prayers comprising the Chaplet of Divine Mercy were spoken by Jesus to Sister Faustina in her visions in Vilnius as well. This happened on 13-14 September 1935 in the wooden house of the convent of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.



Day 3: VILNIUS – TRAKAI – PAŽAISLIS MONASTERY – KAUNAS

Trakai is the city situated between 3 lakes, and represents Lithuania for more than two million tourists every year. It is well known for its natural beauty of landscapes, wildlife reserves, forests and the island castle on lake Galvė which is the only one of its kind in Europe.

Pažaislis Monastery is quite possibly the most romantic place in Lithuania. A genuine baroque diamond from the 17th century. The sound of music beneath the arches of the church reveals its beauty as many concerts and music festivals take place here. The silence of the monastery is managed by the order of the Sisters of St. Casimir. In the southern part of the monastery you will find the Sacral Heritage Museum of the Pažaislis Monastery.



Day 4: KAUNAS – SYLUVA – HILL OF CROSSES – RIGA

Siluva is one of the first sites in Europe where a Marian apparition was seen. It is a place where visitors find inner spiritual peace, where you can experience a centuries old pilgrimage tradition and immerse yourself in impressive sacred architecture.

Lithuania's legendary **Hill of Crosses** is a symbol of defiance and part of a pilgrimage site. More than 200,000 crosses have been planted on this low hill. The tradition began during the 1831 Uprising and reached its height in the 1960s, in defiance of anti-religious Soviet rule. This place was granted a visit of John Paul II in 1993.

Day 5: RIGA

During city tour in **Riga** you will see the Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, the Powder Tower, the Small and the Great Guild, the House of Blackheads, the "Three Brothers" and many more. The city centre is very picturesque because it has preserved its wooden architecture. As well as, there is no other place in the world that has so much Art Nouveau in such a small area.

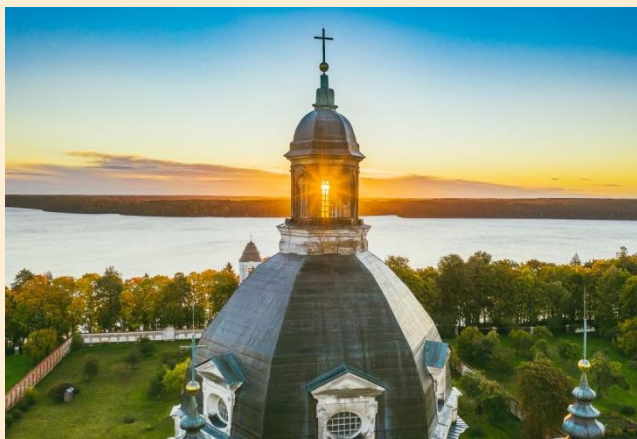


Day 6: RIGA – SIGULDA – TARTU

Departur to **Sigulda**. Visit Gauja National Park with Episcopa Castle Museum Turaida. Afternoon City Tour Tartu.

The territory of Gauja National Park is established to protect the ancient valley of the Gauja River. More than 500 cultural and historical monuments are located in the National Park – hill forts, stone castles, churches, watermills and windmills, as well as other archaeological, architectural and artistic monuments.

Tartu has a much-loved nickname, 'The City of Good Thoughts', and it really couldn't be more true. This is Estonia's second largest city. Find the most fascinating spots in Old Town, Toome Hill and Tartu University, which is the most well-known and prestigious school in the country.



Day 7: TARTU – PUHTITSA – TALLINN

Visit to the Pühtitsa Convent, the only functioning Russian Orthodox nunnery in Estonia.

Kuremäe Convent is the only functioning Russian Orthodox nunnery in Estonia. In ancient times, a sacred Estonian place was located here, and at the foot of the hill was a sacrificial spring. The spring is known today as the "holy spring" with the healing powers of water.

Day 7: TALLINN

Tallinn is an ideal destination if one wants to combine the comforts of modern world with rich cultural scene and historic settings. Here you will experience wonderful sights – ancient churches, medieval streetscapes and noble merchants' houses. Throw in delightful food and vibrant modern culture and it's the unforgettable Tallinn.



Day 9: TALLINN

Transfer to the airport. Departure.



PRICE in 3* HOTELS	PRICE in 4* HOTELS
High season: 470 EUR/pax	High season: 620 EUR/pax
Low season: 430 EUR/pax	Low season: 545 EUR/pax

**Prices are calculated for a group of 35 pax.*

PRICE INCLUDED:

- 2 x overnight stay / BR 3* Green Hotel / 4* Holiday Inn, Vilnius
- 1 x overnight stay / BR 3* Magnus / 4* Park Inn by Radisson, Kaunas
- 2 x overnight stay / BR 3* Ibis Styles / 4* AC Hotel by Marriott, Riga
- 1 x overnight stay / BR 3* Tartu / 4* London, Tartu
- 2 x overnight stays / BR 3* Hestia Susi / 4* Hestia Europa, Tallinn
- 8 x BB
- Leading English speaking guide as per program.
- Entrances: Trakai castle, Pazaislis Monastery, Dom Cathedral Riga, Turaida castle, Dome church in Tallinn.
- Comfort bus according to the itinerary
- All taxes

NOT INCLUDED:

- Porterage
- Water
- Tips for driver and guides (recommended 2 EUR pp for each)