

ART TOUR

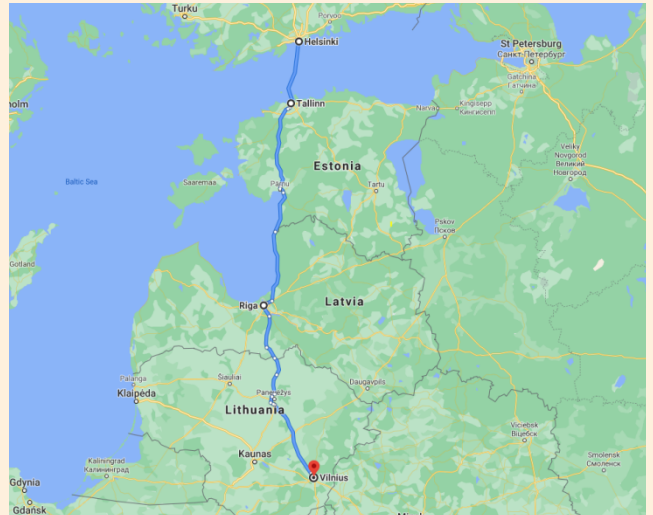
Helsinki – Tallinn – Riga – Vilnius
8 Days / 7 Nights

Day 1: ARRIVAL IN HELSINKI

Arrival to Helsinki. Meet & greet. Transfer to the hotel. Transfer to the city centre. **Helsinki** city tour. During the panoramic tour you will see all the main sights in Helsinki city center; Senate Square, University and Lutheran Cathedral – all displaying neo-classical architecture of the 1840's. Then head towards the colourful Market Square by the sea in the South Harbour, Kaivopuisto Park with famous “wooden platforms for carpet washing” and diplomatic residences, the imposing statue of Marshall Mannerheim, the Parliament Building, Finlandia Hall designed by the famous Finnish architect Alvar Aalto, the Olympic stadium with the statue of Paavo Nurmi and the Opera House and the monument of composer Jean Sibelius. And if possible, a visit will be made to the magnificent Tempeliaukio Church, carved into solid rock (depending on availability).

Day 2: HELSINKI – TALLINN

Today there will be a visit to **Amos Rex Art Museum in Helsinki**. It brings the new type of art museum to Helsinki. It respects its historically valuable surroundings while creating an architectural statement as well as new public scape to the city for everybody to enjoy. In the afternoon ferry to Tallinn (2-2,5 hours).



Day 3: TALLINN

Upon arrival to **Tallinn** there will be Tallinn city tour. Here you will see Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Dom Cathedral, Viru Gates, St. Catherine's passage, Town Hall, Toompea castle, Kohtuotsa viewing platform and etc.

In the afternoon visit KUMU Art museum. Kumu is the main building of the Art Museum of Estonia and the largest and most representative exhibition place in Estonia. In 2008, Kumu won the title of European Museum of the Year.

OPTIONAL: Visit at Center of Contemporary Arts & meeting with artists

Tallinn – The nest of medieval Gothic. The authenticity of the old town makes Tallinn unique. Today the Tallinn's old town is surrounded by the thick stonewalls and towers of the medieval fortification. Large parts of its houses are so close together as if they were built to support each other. The Powder Tower Kiek-in-de-Kok was built in the 15th and was famous in the Baltics during the century; Tompea, the imposing castle, was built on a limestone rock about 50 meters above sea level. Nowadays it houses the Hall of the President; the cathedral is famous for its beauty and the Baroque altar, tombs and stone carvings from the 14th-18th centuries; The City Hall stands as a symbol of Tallinn and is undoubtedly the best preserved town hall in Northern Europe.

Day 4: TALLINN – PARNU – RIGA

Transfer to Riga with short stop in Parnu.

Parnu is a pretty old town with its rich history and a famous beach resort. The paths of the old town accompanies you to the Elisabeth Church, St. Catherine's Church, the Red Tower, the Villa Ammende and the Tallinn (Reval) gates.





Day 5: RIGA

A day will start with **Riga** city tour. Today you will be amazed by the oldest church built in the 13th century: the Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, the Powder Tower, the Small and the Great Guild, the House of Blackheads, the "Three Brothers". The city centre also has preserved its wooden architecture. Riga is one of the center's of Art Nouveau architecture. There is no other place in the world that has so much Art Nouveau in such a small area.

Visit of **Latvian National Museum of Art**.

OPTIONAL: Visit at Center of Contemporary Arts & meeting with artists

Day 6: RIGA – RUNDALE PALACE – VILNIUS

Transfer to Vilnius. On the way you will visit **Rundale Palace**.

The baroque ensemble from Rundale Palace (18th century), the former residence of the Courland Duke is one of the greatest sights of Latvia, often called "Little Versailles" of the Baltics. The park is designed in the French style. Bartolomeo Francesco Rastrelli, who created the plans for the Winter Palace, the Hermitage in St. Petersburg designed the Rundale Palace. The Palace museum contains exhibits of art from Europe and the East of four centuries period. Furniture, china, silver, paintings and relics of Courland Dukes are on the display.



Day 7: VILNIUS

The first walk through the old town of **Vilnius** will impress you unforgettably: the Cathedral Square, a fortified tower, the bell-tower of the Cathedral, the castles and the Gediminas Castle Mountain as well as symbol of the city's oldest Vilnius - Pilies street and more! The city tour of Vilnius will take your breath with the baroque St. Peter and Paul Church, with its Gothic Ensemble and the St. Anne's Church on the Vilnele River. Napoleon was so impressed by the church that he wanted to take it "in his hands to Paris". You will also visit the Town Hall Square, the Gate of Dawn and some of the authentic city wall which is well-preserved since the 16th century.

Firstly, **Vilnius** city tour awaits. During city tour you will see the Cathedral Square, the bell-tower of the Cathedral, the Gediminas Castle, St. Peter and Paul Church, St. Anne's Church, Pilies street and much more.

Visit at **National Gallery of Art**.

Day 7: DEPARTURE FROM VILNIUS

Transfer to the airport.



ASK PRICE IN 4* AND 5* HOTELS

Program for small group or individual

PRICE INCLUDED:

- 1 x overnight stay / BR 4* F6 Hotel/ 5* Lilla Roberts, Helsinki
- 2 x overnight stays / BR 4* Hestia Kentmanni / 4* St.Petersburg, Tallinn
- 2 x overnight stay / BR 4* Neiburgs/ 5* Grand Poet, Riga
- 2 x overnight stay / BR 4* Artagonist/ 4* Pacai, Vilnius
- BB 7 x breakfast.
- English speaking leading guide throughout the whole tour.
- Entrances: Rock Church Helsinki, Rundale Palace
- Art galleries inkl. Guide: Amos Rex Museum, KUMU Art Museum, Latvian National Museum of Art, National Galleru of Art in Vilnius.
- Comfort bus according to the itinerary
- Ferry Helsinki – Tallinn
- Portrage
- All taxes