

BALTICS HIGHLIGHTS. RIGA – RIGA

Riga – Riga
8 days / 7 Nights

Day 1: RIGA

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

Day 2: RIGA – JURMALA – 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. Jurmala is the largest resort town in the Baltic. It has tens of kilometres of white, fine sand and pines on the dunes. Right behind the dunes are the wooden houses so characteristic of Jurmala. Jūrmala is surrounded by water from two sides – Lielupe River and Gulf of Riga.

Day 3: RIGA – LAHEMAA NATIONAL PARK – TALLINN

Lahemaa is one of Europe's most important forest conservation areas. During a tour through the narrow small paths of the park you come across a beautifully restored old farmhouses. The magnificent Palmse manor is like a pearl of the National Park.



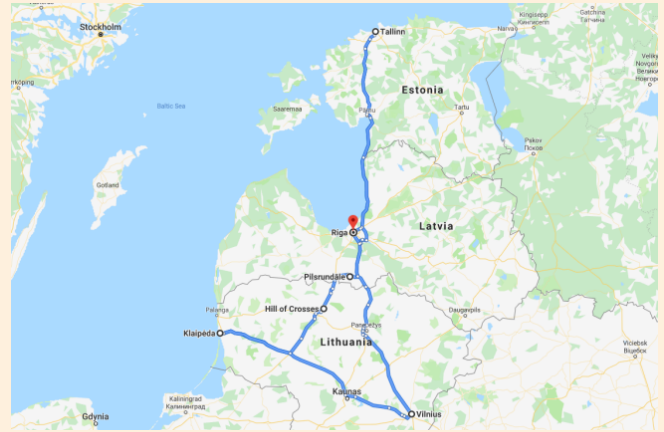
Day 4: TALLINN – SIGULDA

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. Afternoon departure to Sigulda in the Gauja National Park.

Day 5: SIGULDA – RUNDALE – HILL OF CROSSES – KLAIPEDA

Often dubbed the "Little Versailles", Rundale Palace Complex (18th century) is certainly one of the most famous and beautiful historical sites in Latvia. With Baroque and Rococo-style architecture, extensive gardens and sculptures, it's a worthwhile site to visit.

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 6: KLAIPEDA – CURONIAN SPIT – VILNIUS

The main seaport of Lithuania is situated at the mouth of the Curonian lagoon in the Baltic Sea and is known as the "Lithuanian gateway to the world."

Designated a national park (UNESCO) in 1991, **Curonian Spit** trails across the Baltic Sea from Lithuania to Russian territory Kaliningrad. 70% of the area is rural, and you will have a chance to visit urban Nida town and Thomas Mann Summer House. Until the first decades of the 20th century, most of the spit was German territory.

Day 7: VILNIUS – RIGA

Vilnius is the Capital of Lithuania located in the center of Europe which is both contemporary and ancient, rich in architecture, historical monuments, culture heritage, thematic festivals and entertainments. There are many picturesque places to see in Vilnius: Cathedral square, Gediminas castle, Pilies street, many churches, Gate if Dawn etc.

Day 8: RIGA

Transfer to the airport. Departure.

ASK PRICE IN 3*, 4* AND 5* HOTELS

INCLUDED:

- 3 x overnight stay / BR 3* Ibis Styles / 4* AC Hotel by Marriott, Riga
- 1 x overnight stays / BR 3* Hestia Susi / 4* Hestia Europa, Tallinn
- 1 x overnight stays / BR 3* Aparjods / 4* Good Stay Segevoid Hotel & Spa, Sigulda
- 1 x overnight stays / BR 3* Green / 4* Amberton, Klaipeda
- 1 x overnight stay / BR 3* Green Hotel / 4* Holiday Inn, Vilnius
- 7 x BB
- Leading English speaking guide as per program.
- Entrances: Thomas-Mann-House, Rundale Palace.
- Ferry ticket to Curonian Spit
- Boat ride In Nida
- Comfort bus according to the itinerary
- All taxes

NOT INCLUDED:

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