

## NATIONAL PARKS

Vilnius – Klaipeda – Riga – Tartu – Lahemaa National Park – Tallinn  
10 days / 9 Nights

### Day 1: VILNIUS

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

### Day 2: VILNIUS – TRAKAI – VILNIUS

**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 of Dawn etc.

**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.



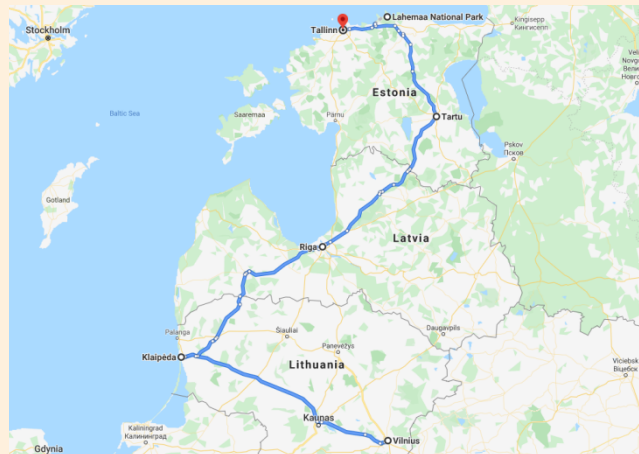
### Day 3: VILNIUS – KAUNAS – KLAIPEDA

**Kaunas**, the second largest Lithuania's city, which keeps the authentic spirit of the country's national character alive surrounded by its two rivers. Don't miss notable places such as Kaunas Town Hall, the Kaunas Castle, House of Perkūnas, and many churches.

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." With its unique German-influenced old town **Klaipeda** has to offer other sightseeing's such as the Theatre Square, the sculpture of Ann from Tharau, sailing vessel Meridianas etc.

### Day 4: KLAIPEDA – CURONIAN SPIT – KLAIPEDA

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 5: KLAIPEDA – 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 – GAUJA NATIONAL PARK – 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.

**Turaida** museum reserve is a particularly protected cultural monument. The 42-hectare area of the museum reserve is rich in archaeological, architectural and historical and monuments which tell the history of the 11th century.



### Day 7: TARTU – LAHEMAA NATIONAL PARK

**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.

**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 8: LAHEMAA NATIONAL PARK – TALLINN

Just like 4000 years ago, you can find historical villages on the limestone cliff that runs through Lahemaa. From here fishermen went to the islands of Finland to catch fish and seals; the sea was used for friendly trade as well as for the smuggling of salt and spirits. The most famous fishing villages here are the captains' village of Käsmu, the fishermen's village of Altja and the village of spirit smugglers, Viinistu – now the location of an art museum.



### Day 9: 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 10: TALLINN

Transfer to the airport. Departure.



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

##### INCLUDED:

- 2 x overnight stay / BR 3\* Green Hotel / 4\* Holiday Inn, Vilnius
- 2 x overnight stay / BR 3\* Green Klaipeda/ 4\* Amberton, Klaipeda
- 1 x overnight stay / BR 3\* Ibis Styles / 4\* AC Hotel by Marriott, Riga
- 1 x overnight stay / BR 3\* Tartu / 4\* London hotel, Tartu
- 1 x overnight stay / BR 3\* Palmse hotel/ 4\* Vihula Manor Country Club and Spa, Laahema
- 2 x overnight stays / BR 3\* Hestia Susi / 4\* Hestia Europa, Tallinn
- 9 x BB
- Leading English speaking guide as per program.
- Entrances: Trakai Castle, Dom Cathedral Riga, Turaida Castle, Palmse Manor
- Ferry Klaipeda - Curonian Spit - Klaipeda
- Bus for full tour
- All taxes

##### NOT INCLUDED:

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