

TRADITIONS & HISTORY IN THE BALTIC STATES

Tallinn – Riga – Vilnius
8 days / 7 Nights

Day 1: ARRIVAL IN TALLINN

Arrival to Tallinn. Meet & greet. Transfer to the hotel.

Day 2: 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 3: TALLINN – LAHEMAA NATIONAL PARK – TARTU

Laahemaa with its craggy coves, quiet forests, moors and charming fishing villages is a dream of many hikers. 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.

After entertaining Lahemaa tour, there is a degustation of 5 different sorts of vodka and you hear stories about traditions how to drink vodka. Taste also freshly baked black rye bread, pickles and salted pork – all the snacks that suit perfectly to vodka.

Day 4: TARTU – GAUJA NATIONAL PARK – RIGA

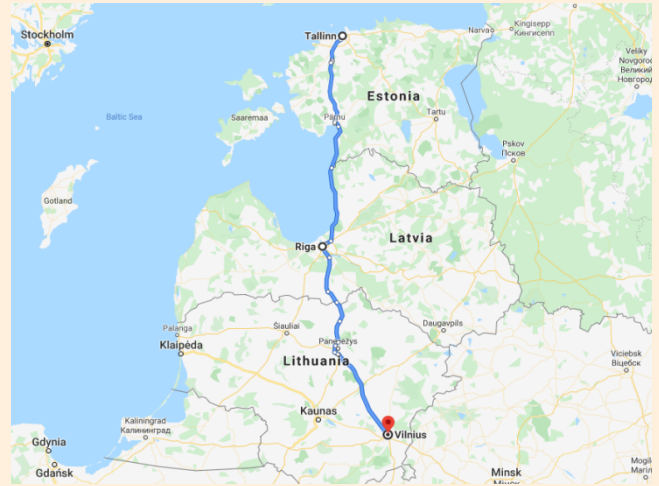
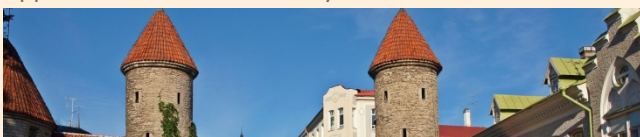
Tartu old town houses the St. John's Church, the oldest brick church in Estonia; the neoclassical City Hall from the 17th Century; the Cathedral Hill ("Toomemägi") which impresses with picturesque ruins of the dome church. As well as the ramparts and towers, were built by Swedish and Russian and many more. **Gauja National Park** visit with entrance to Turaida castle - following the classic Livonian red-brick style of construction.

Day 5: 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. Later - **Riga's Black Balsam tasting**, which is a dark liqueur flavoured with a number of herbs, including linden flower, pepper, ginger, valerian among others.

Day 6: RIGA – RUNDALE – PAKRUOJIS – VILNIUS

Today awaits a visit to **Rūndale Palace**. It is to Latvia what Versailles is to France or L'Hermitage is to Russia. Later heading for beer tasting at **Pakruojis Manor House**. Pakruojis manor "Žaldokas" is perhaps the only one who is brewing beer at the authentic wooden vats and barrels in Lithuania. Here guests can learn and get acquainted with regulations of the Baron and history of the highly appreciated beer and brewery.



Day 7: VILNIUS – TRAKAI - VILNIUS

City Tour in **Vilnius**. During city tour 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 and etc.

After City tour a short excursion to **Trakai** awaits. Here, Trakai castle is the only Gothic water castle in Europe that survived from the 14th century.

Day 8: DEPARTURE FROM VILNIUS

Transfer to the airport.

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

INCLUDED:

- 2 x overnight stays / BR 3* Hestia Susi / 4* Hestia Europa, Tallinn
- 1 x overnight stay / BR 3* Tartu / 4* London hotel, Tartu
- 2 x overnight stay / BR 3* Ibis Styles / 4* AC Hotel by Marriott, Riga
- 2 x overnight stay / BR 3* Green Hotel / 4* Holiday Inn, Vilnius
- 7 x BB
- Vodka tasting
- Riga's Black Balsam tasting
- Beer tasting
- Kibinai tasting in Trakai
- Boat tour in Trakai
- Leading English speaking guide as per program.
- Entrances: Open air museum Rocca al Mare, Palmse Manor, Turaida Castle, Dom Cathedral Riga, Rundale palace, Trakai Castle
- Bus for full tour
- Vilnius city tax

NOT INCLUDED:

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

OPTIONAL:

- hot air ballooning in Trakai