



Baltic Country Holidays

Newsletter



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<http://www.countryholidays.lv>

Heritage Tourism

www.kultura.celotajs.lv

We have started a new EU project which is based on Latvian heritage.

Within the project we will research traditional architecture, food, crafts, celebrations and people who still know the traditions.

Idea is to revitalize them by incorporating into tourism product and create the tour programme "Go Local".



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WHAT TO DO IN AUTUMN?

1. Thinking about typical activities for autumn, the very top position takes mushroom gathering. Latvians are mad about this activity and are happy to spend every weekend in the forest with a huge basket and knife in their hands. Therefore we have worked out a special tours for our foreign guests. These tours focus not only on mysterious fungi world but they can be adapted as two days mushrooming added to any other tour.



2. Autumn time is also romantic due its beautiful colours and calls of migrating birds. We arrange birdwatching tours for individuals as well as for groups. Birdwatching tours are often combined with general nature observing - following foot prints of wild animals, mammal watching and wild harvest.

3. Autumn Harvest markets. Crafts and farmers markets takes place all over the country during weekends. It is a good opportunity to see and try all the rural goodness as well as to buy some good souvenirs. The local TICs are the best source of information.

Selected Accommodation.

In this issue the selected places which have started the consultations at the Latvian Heritage project. Information: lauku@celotajs.lv, Tel. + (371) 6761760



Dzirnupes traditional farm

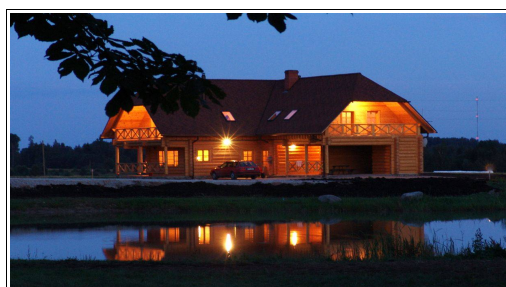
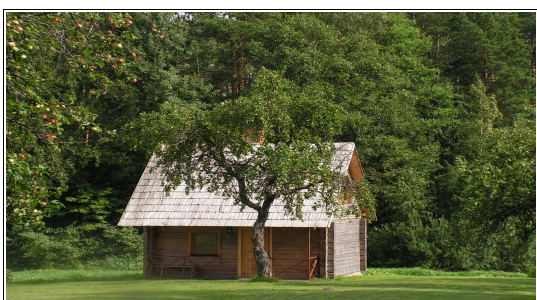
[Map](#)

A traditional farmstead 14 km from Limbazi town where guests can learn different farms' jobs, enjoy country sauna. Rooms at the host's house and former grainery.

Garikas guest house, Shitaki mushrooms

[Map](#)

An old baronial estate nowadays specialises on Shitaki growing and tourism. Bedrooms for 2,3 and 4 persons. Pick-nick places, sports and seminar facilities, sauna.



Purmali guest house, garlic growers

[Map](#)

A farm 10 km from Limbazi town with party hall, guests rooms and kitchen. The host guides geological interest tours to nearby area.

Andreni guest house, healthy herbal teas

[Map](#)

The place ready to families as well as active groups. Specialists in herbal teas and relaxation. But provide various equipment for activities.



Laime Ligzda guest house, events specialist

[Map](#)

Guest house with 2 party room and guest rooms on the second floor as well as separate small guest house. Quite country surrounding.

Kučūri Mill, wedding specialist

[Map](#)

A guest house in an old water mill, in a lovely forested site. A country sauna by the pond. Facilities for parties up to 50 persons and more in summer.

Our Publications

Guide to the Baltic National Parks

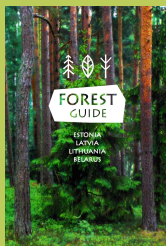
in English



The guide covers the most important information about all of the national parks in the Baltic States (14 in all), along with their most important environmental, cultural and historical values, as well as their most attractive places of interest.

Guide to the Forests of the Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and Belorussia

in English



The Baltic Sea region is the most wooded territory in Europe. The forest is an integral component of the Northern European landscape and cultural environment. Over the course of ages, forests and trees have served as sources of inspiration, leading to countless legends, stories, fairy tales and riddles as a very important part of the intangible folklore heritage of Northern European peoples. The forest has always been an important source of timber and non-timber (mushrooms, berries) resources in the economies of the Baltic countries.

This guide will help you to learn more about the unique aspects of our forest and its nature values.

All our publications can be viewed:

http://www.celotajs.lv/cont/cntr/publications_en.html

NEW TOURS FOR NEXT SEASON



Cycling Along National Parks and Islands

This tour connects the two Baltic capitals of Latvia and Estonia. In between, the route passes through beautiful nature reserves - Gauja and Sooma National parks, charming provincial towns, traditional villages, sandy beaches and many historic sites. During the tour traveller visits two islands - Saaremaa and Hiiumaa. Highlights include: Turaida Castle Reserve, the picturesque River Gauja Valley, the wilderness trip in a peat-bog and canoeing in Sooma National park, Saaremaa island with wind mills, medieval churches, Kaali meteorite crater, Bishop's Castle at Kuressaare and ethnographic fishermen village Koguva at Muhu island. One day trip to the Hiiumaa island and then the public bus to Tallinn.



Special Package for Approaching Winter Season!!!

This itinerary allows to enjoy the Latvian winter at its best. The holiday starts with bustling city of Riga with its crafts markets, decorations, shopping facilities, many cultural events and museums, then followed with the trip to countryside where one can enjoy winter pleasures at the skiing/sledging slopes. After active day the relaxation at the spa hotel as well as healthy Latvian sauna ritual awaits. For sightseeing there are Sigulda medieval castle ruins, Turaida Castle and Krimulda manor where to try home-made wines. Local wild animals easily can be observed at the Ligatne Nature Trails but a ride in horse-driven sledge at the nearby farm.

Attention tour operators!

We are starting to plan our fam trip for the next spring.

If look of our tours seems interesting for you and you'd like to have a taste of them, please express your interest writing to:

eva@countryholidays.lv

Please indicate what is your main interest:

- a) activities (cycling, walking)
- b) cultural heritage
- c) nature watching (birds, animals, botanics)



Photo: Media trip to Valmiermuiza Brewery

Our Team



SHORT BREAKS OR ADD-ONS

By Car and Bicycle to Curonian Dune

This three-day route will allow you to visit one of the most unusual landscapes in the Baltic States - the Couronian dunes. You will also visit interesting territories in Latvia - the Pape Nature Park and the Liepāja Naval Port. The port is worth visiting while it still retains some of its Soviet-era "charm". New and unprecedented impressions will also be assured by two unique man-made objects - the "Town of Rock" and the "Town of the Absurd", which are both unique not only at the Baltic level, but in a far more extensive sense.



Canoeing Along the Gauja River

The Gauja is the most beautiful river in Latvia, with an impressive river valley that is up to 80 metres in depth. Mighty sandstone cliffs rise above the river. The Gauja is a calm river, with just a few small rapids. Leisure boating is perfect here. Between Valmiera and Sigulda, the Gauja flows through the Gauja National Park, which was the first national park in Latvia (established in 1973). There are 20 well-appointed facilities for boaters on the banks of the river - picnic sites, places for campfires, firewood, information stands and maps. Alongside the Gauja river, there are roads and paths from Valmiera to Sigulda, and the route is manageable on foot or by bicycle, too. Full itinerary [here](#)

About Baltic Country Holidays

Baltic Country Holidays is established in 1993 as Latvian Country Tourism Association.

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