



Baltic Country Holidays

Newsletter



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<http://www.countryholidays.lv>

New Project: Heritage Tourism

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".



WHAT TO DO IN SUMMER?

Summer time is when the Baltic States takes advantage of the fine weather. Many different events takes place every weekend around the country. The nearest is one of the main seasonal celebrations in Latvia -Midsummer Solstice Festival. The official dates are 23-24 June when everyone takes part in celebrations but different related events and activities goes on around these dates – folklore concerts, caraway cheese and beer preparation, collection of wild flowers etc.

Another significant tradition is Fishermen Festival which takes place in mid-July at fishermen towns and villages.

We'll be happy to provide more details about various events which takes place at Latvian countryside and can be highlight of one's holiday.



If travelling around the countryside there are many farmsteads opened for tourists where possible to pre-order home-made meals, taste local production, buy jams, honey, wine and other farms' products, see the farm animals and participate in their feeding.

We like to include these visits to our clients itineraries in order to give them better local inside. We have a good database of such [farms](#).

Selected Accommodation.

In this section we recommend different accommodation place. This time we have selected places which have one common thing – fishing opportunity.



Holiday cottage- Meža Rozes

<http://www.celotajs.lv/en/e/map/mezarozes?78>

Surrounded by forests, close to the Cēsis, the holiday cottage offers peacefully and comfortable stay. Fishing in the pond and boat rides at nearby river.



Homestay holidays – Jaunsili

<http://www.celotajs.lv/en/e/map/jaunsili?89>

Quiet homestead offer one side of the house for guests with separate facilities and bathhouse. Fishing in pond and Aiviekste river.



For elegant stay - Mārciena Manor

<http://www.celotajs.lv/en/e/map/marcienasmuiza?97>

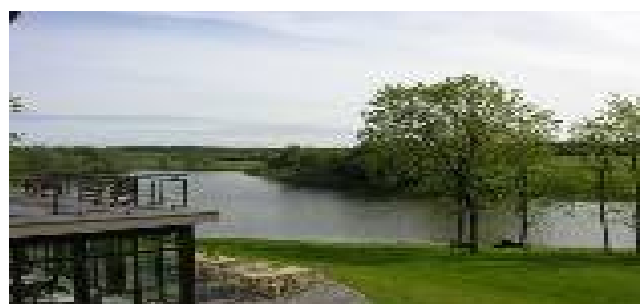
SPA resort at the ancient manor house with excellent restaurant using ecological products, different recreational opportunities in the territory.



Holidays cottages- Upeskrasti

<http://www.celotajs.lv/en/e/map/upeskrasti?105>

A log cottage for parties and relaxation on the shores of the river Mergupe. A fireplace room, country sauna with birch switches.



Guest-house – Lejasraķi

<http://www.celotajs.lv/en/e/map/lejasraki?114>

Small guest-house house with cosy rooms and good restaurant. Recreational options include nature trails, fishing, boating and football ground.



Self-catering cottage – Ānes Muiža

<http://www.celotajs.lv/en/e/map/anesmuiza?119>

Located on the bank of river Lielupe, not far from Riga. Country sauna with pond, tennis and beach volleyball grounds.

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 Coast of the Baltic Sea](#)

in English, German, Russian



This is a guide along the Baltic Sea coast of Latvia. If you are planning your holidays by the sea then this publication will help you to choose a place for overnight stay as well as some ideas on what to do. The coastline stretches for 500km and you can experience a great variety of landscape from splendid sandy beaches to rocky shores and steep banks. Seaside resorts near Rīga and Jūrmala are full of life but out in the countryside there are quiet fishing villages and secluded areas for those enjoying privacy and nature

All our publications can be viewed:

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

New Tours for the next season



Visiting Castles, Manors and Palaces in Latvia

This is cycling tour which includes the finest cultural and historical heritage left behind over the course of several centuries – medieval castles, different manors and splendid palaces. Part of the route goes through Gauja National Park with excellent views, meadows and old forests, farmsteads with their everyday lives and few small provincial towns. The route goes along Tervete Nature Park with its ancient castle hill as well as one of the most famous palaces in the Baltics - Rundāle Palace. Accommodation is organized at the manors and castles wherever its possible. Suggested meals are organized at the upper class restaurants or places where traditional Latvian atmosphere and dishes can be tried .



Multiactivities Group Tour at Gauja National Park

The route starts and ends in Riga. In between, it goes through the Gauja National Park and then loops along the coast of the Baltic Sea. Planned activities are cycling, walking and canoeing. But further down on the itinerary we recommend looking at the various optional activities. A "Time Travel" experience offers an excursion to a former Soviet top secret nuclear bunker at Ligatne, while exploring medieval Cesis and its Livonian Order Castle by night will give another historical insight. During the tour kids can enjoy beautiful nature and learn about local flora and fauna, get interested in a bit of history, learn traditional crafts and enjoy various other activities.

References

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Cycling Around Saaremaa Island, Estonia

Saaremaa is the largest Estonian island and it is ideal for leisurly cycling. Good quiet roads, birds songs, impressive medieval churches, windmills, well maintained local handicraft traditions, robust coast line and mystical meteorite lake. Kuressare, the capital of the island boosts mighty Bishop's Castle, lively cafes and artisan shops as well as many spas where to relax after good day riding.



Horseback Riding and Boating

The stables and accomodation is located in the protected nature territory where you can relax in peace among the nature and sincere local people. Ridding routes include many picturesque spots along the Daugava river, lakes and visits to the local farms for lunch. Another route goes along the Latvian/ Belorussian borderland which allows to peap across the border to Belorussian landscape and small villages. One day boating trip along the Daugava river allows also to compare Latvian and Belarussian side.

Local excursions include ethnographic village and potters workshop, the region is famous with.

About Baltic Country Holidays

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