



# GO RURAL Latvia

# AGRICULTURAL TOURS IN THE BALTICS

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Agriculture is one of the most important and traditional economic sectors in the Baltic states. We welcome special interest group tours for agricultural organizations, farmers, students and other interested persons who wish to learn about grain and vegetable growing, dairy farming, organic farming, horse breeding, food processing, breweries, forestry in the Baltic states. We have personal contacts with farmers, associations and government officials.



## LATVIA AND ESTONIA, 7 DAYS

Our tour leader will meet you at the Riga airport. Depending of the flight time we'll have an excursion of Riga Old Town and the Central Market listed in UNESCO World Heritage list. Next day we visit potatoes grower near Iecava and successful local multi-sectoral agricultural enterprise at Tervete which combines horse breeding, brewery, crop growing, dairy farm and bio energy production. Also we will visit one of the biggest medical herb growers and producers of the herbal teas. After full day of professional visits, we'll taste Latvian traditional food and beer in a traditional tavern in Riga. Then we will visit two cattle growers at Sigulda and Cesis area, climb up the tower of Turaida Castle for a great panoramic view and walk charming streets of Cesis Old Town. Afterwards we will visit ecological sheep farm near Valka and stay overnight at the Koni Mill

where wool is still processed traditional way, warm blankets and beautiful bed linen made. Across the border in Estonia we will visit crop growers in Valga area. We will meet Estonian Farmers Union and have a short sight-seeing in Tartu and then head to Tallinn. Sightseeing tour in picturesque Tallinn Old Town. Then we will visit dairy farm at Saku and finish with a trip to the Lahemaa National Park.



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## LITHUANIA, LATVIA AND ESTONIA, 7 DAYS

Professional agricultural tour with visits to local farms typical of the region. We will meet and greet you in Vilnius and have a city sight-seeing tour. Next day we go to Kaunas, for professional meetings and sightseeing of the city. On the way to Riga, we visit picturesque Trakai Castle situated on a lake. At Panevezys we have a visit to a professional apple grower. In Riga we have an Old Town sightseeing tour as well as a visit to the impressive Central Market. In Bauska we have a professional visit to a farm specializing in implementing innovative farming (grains, vegetables, potatoes). From Riga on the way to Tallinn, we visit Sigulda town and medieval Turaida Castle with great panoramic views to the ancient Gauja Valley.

In Tallinn we have an Old Town tour through narrow cobbled streets followed by a professional visit to a dairy farm in Saku, meeting with the Estonian Farm Union and visiting another cattle and crop farm near Tallinn.



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# LEISURE TOURS IN THE BALTICS

Experience traditional countryside life by visiting farms and tasting ecologically grown products. Enjoy the beautiful landscape, try hunting for mushrooms, accompany fishermen out to the sea and return to cook fish soup together. Learn from craft masters in their workshops and bakers at their kitchens, all with a chance to join in yourself. Meet sincere and hospitable people who will make you to feel like a local, not a tourist.



## BALTIC COUNTRY LIFE TOUR, 17 DAYS

The tour gives a look beyond the usual tourism sites to get to know the three Baltic states more deeply. It starts in the historic Latvian capital, Riga, followed by the Gauja National Park with its castles, manors and walking trails. Climb the tower of medieval Turaida Castle for amazing views over the valley and visit the ancient jewellery master in the castle of the charming town of Cesis. Across the border in Estonia, walk streets with elegant villas at Parnu sea resort before catching a ferry to Saaremaa island. Ethnographic Koguva village, ancient churches and windmills are typical of the island, as is an embroidering tradition. Then it's off to Tallinn with its medieval Old Town and to the rocky landscapes of Lahemaa National Park with fishing villages and manors. Try Estonian national dishes at the pub in Altja. Driving back, stop at the university town of Tartu. In Latvia again, visit

goat farm who make delicious cheese and a traditional black bread bakery. Then the tour heads towards the west coast with the cities of Liepaja and, across the border in Lithuania, Klaipeda. Next is the incredible Curonian Spit. Before Vilnius, take a detour to Grutas Park with its bizarre Soviet statuary. Finish the journey at the picturesque Trakai Castle in Lithuania and Rundale Palace in Latvia.



Total distance driving 2515 km



## EXPLORE LATVIAN REGIONAL SPECIALITIES, 10 DAYS

The tour starts in Riga with guided sightseeing tour and free time. Afterwards you head to Kemeru National Park. Walk Black Alder trail through wetland and visit sulfur spring at the grounds of the historic resort. Then continue to Jaunmoku Castle but later follow the coast visiting peculiar beach at Kaltene dotted with boulders. Next day there is a chance to go early in the sea with fishermen boat which is followed by traditional fishermen meal on mainland - fish smoking and fish soup on bone fire. Next day the tour goes towards Slitere National Park. There climb Slitere lighthouse, visit Cape Kolka where Riga Gulf meets the open sea on the way and pass some characteristic villages of the smallest ethnic group in the world- Livs. Then stop at the Ventpils Radio Astronomy Centre, former Soviet spying centre and learn some

exiting facts from Cold War period. Then there is some time in Ventspils to explore its historic centre with Livonian Order Castle, walk along the promenade, watch ships from the water-break and enjoy its well-maintained sandy beach. Further on visit Uzava Brewery where excellent live beer is made. Further on pass the steep banks of the sea coast and turn inland to visit distinctive Suieti region which is a unique example of European intangible cultural heritage. Have traditional meal at the pub and enjoy the famous Suieti Women burdon singing. Further on visit charming Kuldiga with well-preserved wooden architecture, historic Wine Hill at Sabile and taste home-made wines there. Afterwards relax at the sea and spa resort Jurmala.



Total length of the route: ~ 476 km

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our people. We know personally all our suppliers and have established great relationships with them during many years of cooperation. Find more detailed information on our website. Various guidebooks and maps are also available. [www.celotajs.lv](http://www.celotajs.lv) or contact us: [lauku@celotajs.lv](mailto:lauku@celotajs.lv)