

Cycling Along the Baltic Sea Coast in Latvia



The route gives a chance to enjoy one of the most beautiful and diverse parts of the Baltic Sea coast. You will pass white sandy beaches, wild beaches with big rocks and steep banks. The route goes along several national parks and protected nature territories as well as traditional fishermen villages and lively cities of Liepāja and Jūrmala.



Cycling: ~20-60 km daily (10 days)



The Waterbreak at Liepāja



Cycling along the authentic Livs' village



Lighthouse of Cape Kolka

General Route: Rīga – Liepāja – Ziemeļupe – Pāvilosta – Jūrkalne – Ventspils – Mazirbe – Kolka – Roja – Engure – Jūrmala – Rīga

Day 1

Arrival in Rīga

Transfer to the Hotel. Receive from the hotel reception the tour information pack with maps and detailed description of the routes, sites and accommodation. Overnight in Rīga.

Day 2

Rīga - Liepāja

Breakfast. Receive bicycles delivered to the hotel. Free time in Rīga. Train: Rīga, Central Railway Station – Liepāja. Liepāja – Many nice cafes, nice beach and a park by the sea, a harbor, naval fortification and former Soviet military town Karaosta. Overnight in Liepāja.

Day 3

Liepāja – Saraiki – Ziemeļupe – Pāvilosta (~60 km, 50% gravel road and forest road)

Breakfast. In Liepāja, route leads through the Karosta district – the former Soviet military town and submarine harbor. The territory earlier was closed. There are military and residential buildings, a park and an impressive Russian Orthodox cathedral. Further, the 1st option offers a ride along the coast, stopping to see the Saraiki estate on the way. The 2nd option offers an easier ride on an inland tarmac road. Overnight in Pāvilosta.

Day 4

Pāvilosta - Jūrkalne (~21 km, tarmac)

Breakfast. Leisure time till noon to explore the steep banks and the scenic seashore of Jūrkalne. It's a place where famous blue cows graze coastal meadows – a very typical breed for the region. Overnight in Jūrkalne.

Day 5

Jūrkalne – Ventspils (~50 km, tarmac).

Breakfast. On the way, can have a look at the Uzava church. In the afternoon, leisure time at Ventspils. The best maintained town in Latvia. Places of interest include the castle, central promenade, open-air museum and excellent beach facilities. Excellent live beer is brewed at Uzava brewery. Another option is to take an inland tarmac road to Ventspils. Overnight in Ventspils.

Day 6

Ventspils – Mazirbe – Kolka (~64 km)

Breakfast. Places of interest include Slītere lighthouse and boardwalk through marsh, fisherman villages around Mazirbe and a ride through the forests of Slītere National Park. The territory is also a home of the smallest ethnic group in the world called The Livs. Overnight in Kolka.

Day 7

Kolka – Roja (~34 km tarmac)

Breakfast. The Cape of Kolka where the Gulf of Rīga meets the open sea and waves cross. Especially impressive during strong winds. Overnight in Roja.

TRIP DETAILS

Package price from
EUR 350.00

per person in a shared double room

INCLUDES:

- 9 overnights with breakfast in the accommodation as shown in the programme (double or twin rooms, en suite, breakfast): Rīga (2x), Liepāja (1x), Pāvilosta (1x), Jurkalne (1x), Ventspils (1x), Kolka (1x), Roja (1x), Engure (1x)
- Maps and detailed description of itinerary

EXTRA COSTS:

- Hired bicycles with bags (8 days), including delivery
- Single supplement
- Train, bus and ferry tickets and entrance tickets
- Any additional transfers required
- Extra meals /lunch boxes

Promenade at Ventspils



Dundaga Castle



Day 8

Roja - Mersrags – Engure (~47 km, tarmac)

The route goes through fishermen villages with three different types of the seashore – coast dotted with boulders at Kaltene, the sandy beach at Upesgriva and coastal meadows near Engure. Attractions also include bird watching towers, wild horses grazing the meadows by the lake. Overnight in Engure.

Day 9

Engure - Lapmežciems – Jūrmala (~ 54 km, tarmac).

Route goes through Ķemeri National Park. It is possible to walk Dumbrāju trail and visit the historic sulphur spring from where the history of Jūrmala as a spa resort started. By train: Jūrmala – Rīga or cycling: Jūrmala – Rīga (~25 km, a cycling road). In the evening, the hired bicycles shall be returned at the hotel. Overnight in Rīga.

Day 10

Rīga

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport. Individual departures.