Baltic Country Holidays Newsletter



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However these are sample itineraries. We tailor-made most tours for our partners using our extensive local knowledge and ongoing researches.



SPECIAL SPRING ACTIVITIES Canoeing in flooded areas



A bit extreme but non-the-less exciting activity during the spring time is canoeing along the flooded territories. Floods take place from early April to May.

We have tested out two wonderful wetlands. One is in Estonia, Sooma National Park and the other is in Latvia, Dviete.

If you'd like to experience this phenomenon, we be pleased tailor-made your visit to Baltic and arrange canoeing day in one or both of these territories. http://www.celotajs.lv/cont/tour/tours/Dviete_EEZ_en.html



We also suggest following spring activities:

March 3- 4: Kaziukas Fair. Annual massive folk and arts fair in Vilnius, Lithuania. *April:* collecting and tasting the birch sap, fresh from the tree. Rural Latvia.

Selected Accommodation.

In this section we recommend different accommodation place. Some are top quality estate buildings, ideal for special occasions, some are recreational places with lots to do and some are cottages favoured by families. For booking contact us: <u>lauku@celotajs.lv</u>, Tel. + (371) 6761760



Holiday cottage- Brāļtīrumi

http://www.celotajs.lv/e/map/braltirumi2 Holiday cottage with 2 well-appointed flats on the second floor. Sauna and fireplace on the ground floor. 5 km to beach.



Igate Manor

http://www.celotajs.lv/e/igatespils

Beautiful renovated 19th centuary's manor in rural setting, ideal for special occasions. The flour mill and traditional taverna is also in the grounds.



Holiday cottage Sīpoli http://www.celotajs.lv/e/map/sipoli3 Three well appointed studio type holiday cottages close to Liepaja. Traditional sauna available. Dunes and seaside.



Recreation place – Laumas Dabas Parks

http://www.celotajs.lv/e/map/laumudabasparks Family friendly guest-house and camping cottages, several themed trails in the woods, areas for events and different activities.



Holidays cottages- Šķiperi http://www.celotajs.lv/e/map/skiperi

Three holidays cottages not far from the sea. Lots of options for fishing nearby.



Holidays cottage - Straupes http://www.celotajs.lv/e/map/straupes

Located by the sea, only 25 km from Riga. Spacious cottage with outdoor terrace, pond and sports 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 National Parks in Latvia

in English

We have written the book for people who like to observe wild nature, learn about various cultural and historical monuments, or be active tourists who will visit national parks on foot, on a bicycle, by boat or on skies. Maps are included, and GPS co-ordinates are offered for the most interesting objects.

All our publications can be viewed:

http://www.celotajs.lv/cont/cntr/publ ications_en.html

New Tours for the next season



Along the Baltic National Park - Latvia & Lithuania

Baltic States are lucky to have plenty of untouched natural territories. In the past the territory was covered by seawater. There are many geologically interesting places left - geological objects and the unique landscape. The Gauja River basin is an outstanding location for Devonian cliffs and caves. Terrain related to the ancient Baltic Ice Sea is well presented at he landscape of hillocks and valleys in the Slītere National Park. The Baltic States are at the crossroads of the living areas of many different plants and animals, and that is why "northern," "southern," "western" and "eastern" species can all be found here. Some national parks have been established to protect distinctive local cultural heritage. **Full itinerary here**:

http://www.celotajs.lv/cont/tour/tours/car_national_parks_en.html



Canoeing in Kurzeme – the Western part of Latvia

The route covers spectacular ancient Abava river valley. The territory is interesting with its biological diversity as well as natural and historical monuments and scenic landscapes. The ancient cult places, settlements, famous Sabile wine hill, Pedvale open air art museum, the Abava river fall - are only few attractions on the route.

The route can be combined with the visits to the local wine-makers and tastings.

Full itinerary here:

http://www.celotajs.lv/cont/tour/tours/boating_Kurzeme_en.html

References

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We spent wonderful holidays in Latvia and Estonia. In total we covered 1050 km by bicycles. without any accidents or problems. Unbelievable!

Once again I would like to thank you for all your trouble in arranging this trip. All went perfect! This was our third excellent trip to the Baltic States. We're sure there will be fourth and fifth ones....

I wish you a lot of clients and will recommend your company to others.

Spring Birdwatching Tour

Latvia is among one of the world's three most important bird migration paths, and during migration seasons tens of thousands birds can be seen at one place. During the tour you will spent significant time along the sea cost in order to catch the highlights of migration. In spring time also flood-lands become alive with activities of thousands of birds and provide great atmosphere for birdwatchers. Different biotops are explored to get the best impressions of the spring migration. The itinerary here:

http://www.celotajs.lv/cont/tour/tours/birdwatcing_spring_en.html



Country life of Eastern part of Latvia & Lithuania

The tour begins in Riga and ends in Vilnius, passing through the eastern parts of both countries allowing to look at the lives of Baltic people through the centuries. This is a region where mass tourism has not yet arrived and you will find very sincere and hospitable people. Along the route there are churches and cult locations which bring peacefully together paganism, Roman Catholicism, Lutheranism and Russian Orthodoxy. Visits include craftsmen, traditional villages where life has not changed much lately . Possibilities to try a hand in butter-churning or pottery. Full itinerary here: http://www.celotais.lv/cont/tour/tours/car locallife en.html

Other News



We will be pleased to meet you at the ITB Berlin from 7-11 March.

We are at Hall 18, Latvia's stand Nr:126A WELCOME!

About Baltic Country Holidays

Baltic Country Holidays is a small incoming operator based in Latvia and established in 1993. We specialize in outdoor activities and wildlife tours providing a personal touch and detailed local expertise.

Our services:

· Creation of personalised packages for groups and individuals

 Reservation of accommodation and related services: hotels, guest houses, manors, cottages as well as farms.

- · Booking of specialist guides and tour leaders
- Our publications, maps and route descriptions
- · Car, bus, bike and boat hire

We'll be pleased to work with you!

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