

Baltics

Group tour

11 days/ 10 nights

Dates:

12.06.-22.06.2008

17.07.-27.07.2008

31.07.-10.08.2008

Price per person:

EUR 895.00 in DBL

EUR 175.00 SGL supplement

Join the group!



Cycling tour

Baltic, including Estonian islands and Curonian Spit

General information:

- Group, min. 12 persons, max. 18 persons
- Daily cycling distances: ~20-55 km

Services included:

- 10 overnights with breakfast in hotels: Rīga (2x), near Cēsis (2x), Tallinn (2x), Kuressaare (1x), Ventspils (1x), Klaipeda (2x), (DBL or TWIN rooms with WC, shower)
- English/ German speaking tour leader from the 2nd till 10th day
- Escort bus from the 2nd till 10th day
- Ferry transfers Virtsu - Kuivastu, Mõntu - Ventspils, Klaipeda - Smiltene - Klaipeda
- Ecological fee for visiting the Curonian Dune

Extra costs:

- Individual transfer airport - hotel in Riga: EUR 20.00 (1-3 persons/one way) or EUR 30.00 (4-7 persons/one way)
- 10x half-board in the hotels as per tour programme: EUR 150.00 per person
- Canoe tour Jāņrāmis - Cēsis (2-seat canoe boat with oars and life jackets): EUR 25.00 per person
- Bicycle with a saddle bag (9 days): 99.00 EUR per person
- Helmets upon request
- Entrances as per programme

The tour offers to experience the variety of landscape, nature and life in the three Baltic countries. Cities, medieval towns, fishing villages, sandy beaches and dunes, forest roads, hills and riverbends – all together make a colorful and changing setting for a dynamic holiday trip. Two Northern capitals Rīga and Tallinn, Estonian islands with juniper stands and windmills, Curonian Spit, the Hill of Crosses, are just some highlights. Enjoy a comfortable bicycle ride while your luggage is following you on the escorting bus! In the evenings, there is every opportunity to go out and enjoy the atmosphere of the locality and satisfy your explorer's curiosity, comparing the taste of local beers in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.



BALTIC COUNTRY HOLIDAYS

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Overview

All our routes present scenic landscapes and nature sites as they cross protected nature areas, marked in itinerary descriptions with the logo of NATURA2000



1st day / Rīga

Individual arrival to Riga. Optional: Private transfer from airport to the hotel. Overnight in the Hotel NB***, outside city centre. Optional: Evening meal in the hotel.

2nd day / Rīga – Sigulda - Cēsis

Breakfast. 09:00 Meeting with your tour guide in the hotel. Half-day city tour in the Old Riga – the 800 year old Hanseatic town with one of the most beautiful medieval town centres in Europe, overlooking the river Daugava. The Blackheads house, the St. Peters church, the Riga Dome Cathedral and the Art Nouveau buildings. Bus transfer: Riga – Sigulda (~50 km, 1 h). Cycling tour: Sigulda - Turaida – Sigulda (~20 km, 50% asphalt, 50% forest and gravel road). Optional: Visiting the Turaida Museum reservation with the Bishop's castle ruins, the viewing tower and the garden of sculptures by the river Gauja. Visiting Sigulda town and the ruins of the Order's castle. Bus transfer: Sigulda - Cēsis (~50 km). Overnight in the Hotel Tigra, near Cēsis town. Optional: Evening meal in the hotel.

3rd day / Cēsis – Valmiera - Cēsis

Breakfast. Bus transfer: Cēsis – Valmiera (~30 km). Cycling: Valmiera - Jāņrāmis (~37 km, 5h, 10% asphalt, 5% gravel road and 85 % forest road). Further the road leads through forests and meadows in the ancient river valley of the Gauja, and pass the Sietiņiezis white sandstone rock. Optional: Canoe tour: Jāņrāmis - Cēsis (~9 km, 2,5 h). Bus transfer: the Gauja river - Cēsis (~5 km). The Old Town Cēsis with attractive buildings in Riga street, the Victory monument, the St. John's church, the Square of Roses, and the medieval town complex with the park. Overnight in the Hotel Tigra, near Cēsis town. Optional: Evening meal in the hotel.

4th day / Cēsis - Pärnu – Tallinn

Breakfast. Bus transfer: Cēsis - Limbaži - Ainaži (~115 km). Cycling: Ainaži/Ikla - Häädemeste (~30 km, asphalt). The road leads through old fishing villages on the Baltic seacoast. Bus transfer: Häädemeste - Pärnu - Tallinn (~185 km). On the way, brief Pärnu town sightseeing. Overnight in the hotel Tāhetorni, outside the city centre. Optional: Evening meal in the hotel.

5th day / Tallinn

Breakfast. Half-day Tallinn city tour with a walk in the Old Town, the best maintained Gothic medieval town centre in the Northern countries. In the afternoon cycling: Tallinn – Pirita - Viimsi peninsula (~20 km, 100% asphalt). Overnight in the hotel Tāhetorni, outside the city centre. Optional: Evening meal in the hotel.

6th day / Tallinn - Kuressaare

Breakfast. Bus transfer: Tallinn - Lihula - Virtsu (~135 km). Ferry transfer: Virtsu - Kuivastu (0,5h). Transfer: Kuivastu - Koguva (20 km). A walk in the village museum. Transfer: Koguva - Laimjala (30 km). Cycling:

Laimjala - Kallemäe - Valjala - Kaali - Kuressaare (~55 km, 19% gravel road). Overnight in the hotel Johan Spa (Standard room). Optional: Evening meal in the hotel.

7th day / Kuressaare - Ventspils

Breakfast. Cycling: Kuressaare - Salme - Läätsa - Ohesaare - Laadla - Sääre - Möntu (~60 km, 40% gravel road). After visiting Kuressaare town with the Bishop's castle the cycling route leads to Sörve peninsula. Ferry transfer: Möntu - Ventspils (4 h). Arrival in Ventspils. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight in the hotel Jūras Brīze. Optional: Evening meal in the hotel.

8th day / Ventspils – Palanga - Klaipeda

Breakfast. Bus transfer: Ventspils - Liepāja (~120 km). On the way, Liepāja town sightseeing with a short visit to the military harbor town. Bus transfer: Liepāja - Šventoji or Palanga (~70 - 90 km). Cycling: Šventoji - Palanga (~14 km) - Klaipeda (~27 km, 100 % asphalt). Brief tour of Palanga town – the Botanical Garden and Amber museum, the old and new summer villas and the sea bridge. Cycling along the Baltic seashore through the regional coastal parks (Pajurio). A brief city tour of Klaipeda. Overnight in the hotel Arike** in Klaipeda. Optional: Evening meal in the city restaurant.

9th day / Klaipeda – Nida - Klaipeda

Breakfast. In the morning, ferry transfer Klaipeda – Smiltyne (~0,2 h). Bus transfer: Smiltyne – Nida (~50 km). A walk in the Hill of Witches in Juodkrante and through the colony of cormorans near Juodkrante. On the way, a walk in the Dead Dune near Pervalka. Cycling: Nida - Juodkrante (~25 km, 100 % asphalt, cycling road). A walk in Nida village with old fishermen cottages, the High Dune, the old Curonian cemetery with traditional Curonian grave markers. Optional: Amber's gallery and the Museum of Mizgiris and the House of Thomas Mann. Cycling tour: Juodkrante - Smiltyne (~25 km, 100 % asphalt, cycling road). Optional: the Lithuanian Sea museum and the Dolphinarium. In the late afternoon Ferry transfer Smiltyne - Klaipeda and transfer to the hotel. Overnight in the hotel Arike** in Klaipeda. Optional: Evening meal in a restaurant in town.

10th day / Klaipeda - Riga

Breakfast. Bus transfer: Klaipeda - Šiauliai - Eleja - Jūrmala (~320 km, ~5 h). On the way, a short break at the Hill of Crosses at Šiauliai town. In the afternoon cycling: Jūrmala- Riga (~20 km, 100% asphalt). Jūrmala is one of the largest resort towns in the Baltics with 32 km of white sandy beach and pine forests. The area is known for its peculiar old wooden summer cottages and villas and new splendid constructions. End of guide services. Overnight in the Hotel NB***, outside city centre. Optional: Evening meal in the hotel.

11th day / Riga

Breakfast. Individual departure or optional extra days in Riga or in the countryside. Optional: Privat transfer from the hotel to the airport.



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