

Latvia

Join the group!

Group tour

7 days/ 6 nights

Dates:

07.06.-13.06.2008

12.07.-18.07.2008

26.07.-01.08.2008

Price per person:

EUR 460,00 in DBL

EUR 105.00 SGL supplement

General information:

- Group min. 12 persons, max. 18 persons
- Total length of hiking: ~50 km
- Daily hiking distances: ~5-15 km
- Relief: flat, hiking along the seashore, maximum height difference - 15 m
- Roads: mainly forest trails and gravel roads, along the seaside – sandy or stony beaches

Services included:

- 6 overnights with breakfast in the hotels as per programme or others of similar standard (DBL or TWIN with en suite facilities)
- English/ German speaking guide from the 2nd day till arrival in Rīga in the 6th day
- Escort bus from the 2nd day till arrival in Rīga in the 6th day

Extra costs:

- Individual transfer from airport to hotel in Riga: EUR 20.00 (1-3 persons/one way) or EUR 30.00 (4-7 persons/one way)
- 6x half-board in the hotels as per tour program: EUR 80.00 per person
- Entrances to museums, attraction sites and nature parks



Hiking

along the Baltic Sea coast

In the beginning of this tour you will spend one day in Rīga – the capital of Latvia and then go for a 5 days hiking tour along the Baltic Sea coast and the shores of the Rīga gulf. You will experience different coastal landscapes, from white sandy beaches, coastal meadows, dunes with pine trees to very steep, up to 10-15 meters high banks, and stony beaches. The route leads through ethnographic fishermen villages and two important port towns – Liepāja and Ventspils and cozy, small town Kuldīga in the middle of Courland (Kurzeme). You will visit two national parks – Šlītere and Ķemeri and hike also in two bogs on special hiking trails.



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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

Arrival in 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 - Liepāja



Breakfast. Meeting with your tour guide in the hotel. Riga city sightseeing. 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. In the afternoon bus transfer: Rīga – Liepāja (~250 km). On the way hiking on Cenas Tīrelis (~5 km, 2 h) along a hiking trail in the bog. Sightseeing of Liepāja – one of Latvia's biggest cities, famous for its nice beach, music festivals and night-life. Overnight in the Hotel Liva*** in Liepāja. Optional: Evening meal in the hotel.

3rd day / Liepāja – Pape – Pāvilosta



Breakfast. Bus transfer: Liepāja – Nida (~65 km). Hiking: Nida - Pape (~ 8 km, 2,5 h). Hiking along the Baltic Sea coastal area, which was a restricted area in the Soviet times. Visiting the Pape lake nature park (the former sea lagoon), where there is a great diversity of nesting birds. There is a specially marked nature trail along the lake, leading through some ethnographic fishermen villages. Possibility to visit the "Nature house", the bird observation tower, and to watch wild horses in enclosed area. Bus transfer: Pape – Liepāja – Pāvilosta (~110 km). Sightseeing of Pāvilosta, Grey Dune with viewing tower. Overnight in guest house Vēju Paradīze in Pāvilosta. Optional: Evening meal in the guest house.

4th day / Pāvilosta – Jūrkalne - Kuldīga - Jūrkalne

Breakfast. Bus transfer: Pāvilosta – Ulmale. Hiking: Ulmale - Jūrkalne (~12 km, 3 h). From Pāvilosta, which is a traditional fishermen town, hiking in one of the most beautiful parts of the Baltic sea coast where there are 10-15 m high steep sandy

banks. These beaches are quiet and nice for swimming. In Jūrkalne, there is a possibility to see the "blue" cows – a very rare cow species, which are typical for the region. In the afternoon bus transfer: Jūrkalne – Kuldīga (~45 km). Sightseeing of Kuldīga – the ancient town of Courland (Kurzeme) with the widest waterfall in Europe (240 m). Visiting of Riežupe sand caves. Bus transfer: Kuldīga – Jūrkalne. Overnight in a guest house in Jūrkalne. Optional: Evening meal in the guest house.

5th day / Jūrkalne - Ventspils – Kolka - Roja



Breakfast. Bus transfer: Jūrkalne – Ventspils (~45 km). Sightseeing of Ventspils. Bus transfer: Ventspils - Šlītere lighthouse (~ 70 km). Hiking in the Šlītere National Park on a special hiking trail near the Šlītere lighthouse (1,5 km, 0,5 h). Bus transfer: Šlītere lighthouse -Mazirbe (~ 10 km). Hiking: Mazirbe – Košrags – Pitrags - Saunags (~10 km, 3 h). Hiking through the Šlītere National park through old fishermen villages that were once populated by the Livs - an ancient Finno-Ugric tribe. There is still small community of the Livs in Latvia and Estonia. In these villages one can see the traditional wooden buildings and old fishing boats. Bus transfer: Saunags – Kolka – Roja. Stop in Kolka – visiting of Kolka horn where the Baltic Sea meets the Riga gulf and the waves are crossing and building a long dune. Stop in Pūrciems – hiking (1 km, 0,5 h) on a special hiking trail over the White Dune. Overnight in a guest house near Roja town. Optional: Evening meal in the guest house.

6th day / Roja – Jūrmala - Rīga



Breakfast. Hiking: Roja – Kaltene (~8 km, 3 h). The route leads along the coasts of the Riga gulf through a very attractive stony area – the beach is studded with many stones of different size. Bus transfer: Kaltene – Ķemeri. Stop in Mērsrags - possibility to visit the bird observation tower. Hiking in the Ķemeri National Park (~3 km, 1 h) along a hiking trail in the bog. Bus transfer: Jūrmala – Rīga. On the way stop in Jūrmala. End of guide services. Overnight in the Hotel NB***, outside city centre. Optional: Evening meal in the hotel.

7th day / Rīga

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



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