



Baltic Country Holidays

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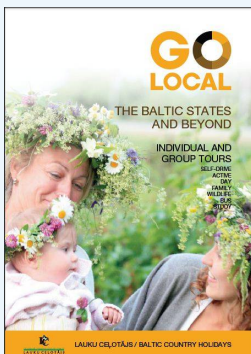
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The people of the Baltic have a close relationship with nature and its annual cycles. Each season has its own specific activities like mushrooming, berry picking, collecting herbs, ice-fishing and different agricultural jobs. Traditional and seasonal celebrations are also closely related with natural cycles. The country is a haven for the tourist who loves nature, respects traditions and would like to experience the countries and their cultures more deeply.

Go Local is our new product manual. There you will find self-drive, active, family, bus, study, wildlife and day trips for individuals as well as groups. All tours are designed to bring you closer to each country's soul, show uniqueness. Tours involve cultural heritage and natural sites, open farms, crafts workshops, local food as well as offer participation in different events which shows local traditions.



We carry out regular inspections of our accommodation and sites, have close cooperation with national parks and nature experts. On our travels we're always looking for new sites, local farms and producers and encouraging the development of new products. Our offered tours are well researched and tested. Since we ourselves like to explore and be active, we have tried all the routes in various different ways. We hope GO Local manual will inspire you!

Selected Accommodation & SPA.

In this issue the selected accommodation places are spa hotels. Spring time is an ideal time for spa treatment, to pamper one's body and mind. For information: lauku@celotajs.lv, Tel. + (371) 6761760



Spa Hotel Usma, Latvia

[Map](#)

Located on the shores of the lake Usma. The hotel has three different saunas, a pool with cascade and massage facilities, fitness room and various types of massages available. Special discounts in March.

Walk in Heaven package, 3 days : Dbl room, breakfast, saunas complex, anti-stress massage, feet treatment, facial treatment, morning swimming pool, herbal tea.



Piena muiza Berghof, Latvia

[Map](#)

Piena (Milk) Manor Hotel is a nicely restored former manor. It has Rose Restaurant, Milk Spa, saunas, tennis courts and Milk Museum. Spa procedures uses only natural ingredients.

Chocolade and milk package, 2 days, : Dbl room, breakfast, morning swim, milk and chocolate bath, body massage, body wrap in the chocolate and single cream mask, nourishing feet massage, guided tour at the Milk museum, choice of Nordic walking, cycling or skiing



Arensburg Botique Hotel, Estonia

[Map](#)

Located in Kuressare, close to Bishop's Palace. The hotel combines 300 years old edifice with modern solutions which has earned architectural awards.

Babymoon Package for Mum, 3 days,

Superior Dbl room, breakfast in the room, present for expected baby, special body treatment for to-become mum, treatment for hands swimming pool and saunas, dinner in traditional tavern, evening tea and cheese cream cake.



Pädaste Manor, Estonia

[Map](#)

Pädaste Manor, a historic 15th century Baltic estate is located on the shores of the Baltic Sea, on the island of Muhu. It has luxury bedrooms; a restaurant.

For relaxation and detoxification, 3 days,

Dbl room, breakfast, sparkling wine upon arrival, oat and yoghurt scrub for the body, traditional Swedish massage with goat milk cream, herbal bath with essential oils, nourishing body cream, hot sea water bath, massage with essential oils.



Europe Royale, Lithuania

[Map](#)

The hotel is in a renovated 19th century building in the Old Town of Druskininkai resort. Well appointed rooms, restaurant and summer cafe with a view of the Nemuna river, bowling, guarded parking lot, SPA and medical treatments. **Royal night, 2 days:** bl room, breakfast, romantic dinner, sauna complex 1h, for her - black pearl therapy for face and body, for him - Mediterranean Sea therapy



Violeta, Lithuania

[Map](#)

An elegant hotel in the resort town Druskininkai. Spacious rooms, a cafe-restaurant with a terrace on the river side offering a beautiful vista, conservatory, underground garage.

Honey Bliss, 3 days

Dbl room, breakfast, 2 dinners with mead, full honey massage for 2 persons, pearl whirlpool, special tea, honey biscuits, mineral pool with streams, saunas, fitness room.

Our New Publications

Country Holidays. Latvia

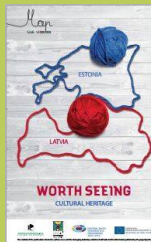
*in Latvian, English,
Russian*



The catalogue contains a practical tourism information. Here you'll find: accommodation places, a list of most interesting cultural heritage sites, open farms and craftsmen workshops, local pubs, active tourism providers, saunas and guides.

Cultural Heritage Map of Latvia, Estonia "Worth Seeing"

*in English, Russian,
German, Finnish*



A map with 150 magnificent places in Latvia and Estonia where customs which have been passed from one generation to another blend into modern life. Farms, crafts centres, heritage sites, living traditions.

All our publications can be viewed:

http://www.celotajs.lv/cont/cntr/publications_en.html

New Tours for the next season



From Gdansk to Helsinki through the Baltic States

The tour involves some of the best national parks, historic towns and traditional villages. The tour starts at the Polish seaside city Gdansk then follows through Mazurian Lake district and Wigry National Park to Lithuania. There the route passes Dzūkija National Park with pretty traditional villages, Kaunas and enters the famous Curonian Spit. In Latvia the tour goes along the coast visiting the best national parks Slitere and Kemeris, then through the capital Riga to picturesque Gauja National Park. Then again turning to the coast and visiting Estonian island Saaremaa, Soomaa and Lahemaa national parks. There is a ferry from Tallinn to Helsinki in Finland where route goes to



Castles and Manors from Riga to St.Petersburg



The tour gives excellent overview of the region's history, architectural styles and people's tastes through the centuries. As much as possible the accommodation is organized in the former manors. The tour starts in Riga with its Old Town and Art Nouveau area, then continues to three castles located on the high banks of the river Gauja - Turaida, Sigulda and Krimulda. Further on the route goes to medieval Cēsis Castle surrounded by charming town. There are several 18th and 19th centuries' manor houses on the way. In Estonia the route goes 7th century's hillfort, through historic university town Tartu, then passing Rakvere castle ruins. with a beautiful park and stops at Rakvere castle ruins, a popular outdoor performance venue. Lahemaa Park contains several German manors at Kolga, Sagadi and Vihula which is your next accommodation. 19th century Palmse Manor is famous and one of the most attractive baroque manors in Estonia surrounded by a large park and pond system. Stay in Tallinn with its compact, picturesque Old Town then take a ferry to Helsinki. There is time to explore the city centre before catching an overnight ferry to St. Petersburg. The former Russian capital's main attractions are its historic centre and Winter Palace, the Hermitage and St. Isaac's Cathedral, among others. But we also recommend you have an excursion just outside the city to grand Petrodvorets with a spectacular fountain cascade in the summer as well as Pushkin and Pavlosk Palaces, both of which have outstanding formal parks.

**See You
at ITB in Berlin,
March 6-10
Hall 18, stand 126A
and MITT in
Moscow
March 20-23
Stand D249**

We have worked hard this year researching and developing new tours and collecting information on sites and activities on the routes.

Result – new tour manual as well as practical tourism publications and maps.

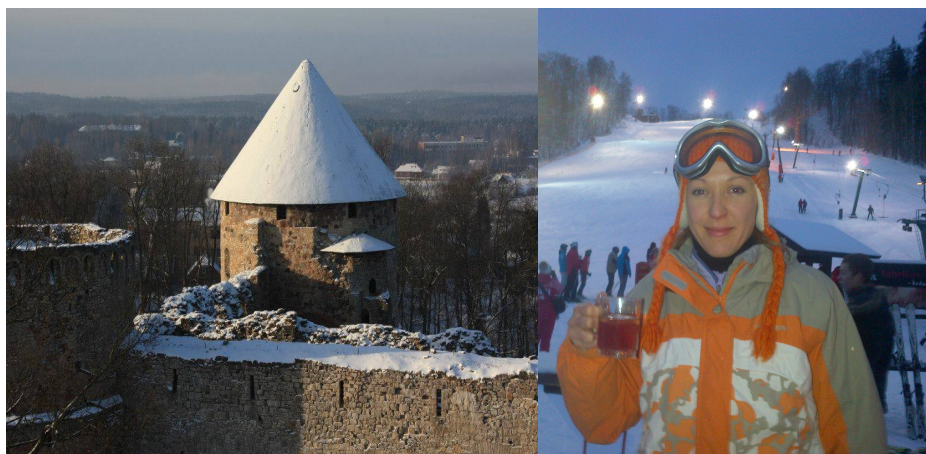
Very welcome to our stand for information or just a friendly chat.

SHORT BREAKS OR ADD-ONS

Winter Break in Northern Latvia



Take a train from Riga to Cesis and stay in the very heart of this charming town. It is one of the most attractive Latvian provincial towns with a medieval Livonian Order Castle, a New Castle containing an excellent regional history museum and creative workshops, a charming Old Town, several cosy cafés and central ice-skating ring. There are two downhill skiing centres, Zagarkalns and Ozolkalns with well stocked equipment hire, snow machines, skiing slopes (the longest 500 m), a snowboard park, nursery slopes for beginners and kids, trained instructors, first aid post and cafés.



Guided Walks at Kemerī National Park



Driving towards Kemerī we will pass through the popular Latvian sea resort of Jūrmala with its characteristic 19th century wooden villas. However, Kemerī is the place where the resort's history really starts. There we'll try curative sulphur water from the spring, then visit the Forest House and walk the Black Alder trail through a wet-forest environment. Next comes the boardwalk of Big Kemerī Bog with its suggestive landscape, rare birds, animals and plants. Then the tour heads to Valgums Lake for lunch and a walk around Lake Kanieris with its castle hill trail and birdwatching tower. The day finishes with a relaxing walk along the beach, visiting to old fishermen's huts and tasting locally smoked fish.

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