



Baltic Country Holidays

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Our new promotional
slogan:



TIME TO ENJOY COUNTRYSIDE GOODIES!

Local produce always adds authenticity to the tourist experience since regarded as an element of the regional culture. We have visited, tested and filtered more than 300 Latvian farms and small food producers which are open for the tourists. In order to put the tourist and producers together, we have created the database "[The Countryside Goodies](#)".

Tourists can visit the farms and see food production from its very bottom and then taste the ready produce. Some places provide the participation opportunities. Visitors can learn how to make cheese, bake bread, smoke fish or other skills. Among the food producers there are also several small breweries and alcohol producers which are happy to show around their premisses, talk about their technologies and give to taste their drinks.

In the tours we try to include at least a little bit of the local taste and rural experience hence giving a deeper knowledge about our country.



Selected Accommodation



Here we'd like to present just few samples of the properties in Latvia which have eco-label Green Certificate. For detailed information contact us: lauku@celotajs.lv, Tel. + (371) 6761760



Murnieki

[Map](#)

A quiet rural home in a beautiful place 14 km from Aluksne. A playground for children, disabled access. Country sauna. A Narrow-gauge train to Aluksne and Gulbene and the ethnographic Ate Windmill Museum is nearby.



Pitagi

[Map](#)

Guest-house and campsite 800 m from the sea at Kosrags in the Slitere National Park for quite and peaceful holidays. Available sauna and local cycle routes, freshly smoked fish from the neighbours.



Celmi

[Map](#)

Silent and calm recreation place enclosed by the forest near charming Cesis town. Guest house with 5 bedrooms, kitchen-dining room and a hall for 25 person. Wooden saunas house with a bedroom.



Sauleskalni

[Map](#)

A country house with 5 bedrooms 5 minutes from picturesque Kuldiga town. Veranda and terrace with a view of a lovely garden, appropriate for walks and picnics. Trout and carp in the local pond



Kosisi

[Map](#)

Guest house and summer house by the sea. Guest house has 5 bedrooms, lobby with fire-place and kitchen. Other building is especially suitable for the recreation of friendly families with children, as well as for summer camps and seminars.

Ziedkalni

[Map](#)

A small log cabin is in a quiet place by the forest on the edge of Slitere National Park. Sauna services and massage. Clients can fish and smoke their catch. Mushroom and berry picking in the forest.

Our Newest Publications



Tastes of Latvia

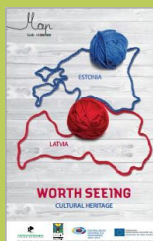
in German, English, Russian

One side of the shows the map of Latvia and encourages to try typical food and drink during of the country.

The other side shows the map of three Baltic States gives practical information about transportation which will be useful for planning one's trip.

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

Fly-drive Tours



Visiting Castles and Baronial Estates, 7 days

Latvia, Estonia

On this tour, you will see the cultural and historical heritage left behind in the Baltic States by rulers over the course of several centuries – six outstanding castles in Latvia and seven in Estonia, along with ancient castle ruins. The route weaves through two national parks - the Gauja National Park in Latvia and the Lahemaa National Park in Estonia. You will see the most beautiful highlands of the Baltic States, as well as the impressive seashore in Northern Estonia. You will spend time in enchanting small Baltic towns and visit important centres of culture and history, including Tartu and the two capital cities – Riga and Tallinn. Accommodations is organized at baronial estates and castles wherever its possible.



Walk Nature Trails, 7 days

Latvia, Estonia

The tour from Riga to Tallinn combines natural and cultural heritage and includes lovely landscapes and 15 nature trails which cross marshlands, meadows and forests along the shores of the Baltic Sea, including several protected nature reserves. Many trails are equipped with viewing towers for birdwatching. Randu meadows near Ainazi contains one third of Latvia's entire plant species. A board-walk leads through reeds to a viewing platform with views over the meadow and the sea. Saaremaa island is interesting with very different natural attractions to the mainland - dolomite cliffs, juniper heaths, a meteorite lake and rocky sea shore. The tour passes rural farms and traditional villages typical of the coastal areas. Hiiumaa island is a laid back place and retains a very Estonian atmosphere with an important bird reserve at Kaina Bay, unusual Saare Tarp as well as several small islets off its south-eastern coast. Back on the mainland, Paldiski peninsula gives a glimpse of the recent history with its former Soviet military base.



Our Guide Books

Guide to the National Parks of the Baltic

in English



The guide covers 14 national parks in the Baltic States giving most important information for the travellers.

Guide to the National Parks of Latvia

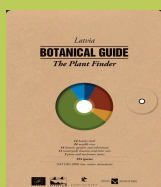
in English



The guide features four the most important national parks in Latvia giving practical and useful information.

Botanical Guide. The Plant Finder.

in English



The guide includes over 250 frequently observed plant species and botanical tours.

Cycling Tours



Along the Baltic Sea to the Curonian Spit, 13 days

Latvia, Lithuania

This cycling route will take you from Riga along the West coast of the Baltic Sea of Latvia and Lithuania. On the way the route passes the sea resort Jurmala with 19th century wooden architecture, the picturesque Abava river valley, geologically interesting steep banks of Jurkalne, historically exiting city of Liepaja with great ambience and charming Kuldiga with the widest waterfall in Europe. In Lithuania the route goes through Palanga where Amber Museum is located and culminates at the National Park of the Curonian Spit with 60m high sand dune.



Along the National Parks and Islands, 17 days

Latvia, Estonia

The route leads through the Gauja National Park. Sandstone cliffs and caves, hilly landscapes and deep forests and castles are characteristic of the park. Further on at Igate Manor stop for a lunch at their mill tavern to taste traditional Latvian food. The route turns towards the coast which belongs to continues through old Estonian fishing villages before arriving at the seaside resort of Parnu. Next is a guided wilderness day in Soomaa National Park trying old-fashioned bog-shoeing and canoeing. Further on the route will pass Pootsi with a 19th century manor and the ancient village of Varbla. Take a ferry to Muhu island and stay in the ethnographic fishermen's village of Koguva. Cycle to Saaremaa island from where you can take a ferry to laid-back Hiiumaa island for a day trip to get a feeling for the true spirit of Estonia. Back on Saaremaa explore Kuressaare with many spas. Then by bus head to Tallinn. From there enjoy a day trip to the former military base of Naissaar island.

Our Team



We'll be pleased to work with you!

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.
- Ferry and some other ticket reservations
- Booking of specialist guides and tour leaders
- Car, bus, bike and boat hire
- Our publications, maps and route descriptions

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