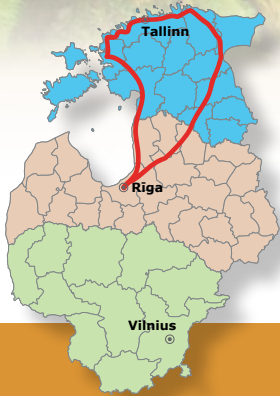


# Through national parks to the cliffs of Estonia's northern shore



The route leads through the most attractive Baltic landscapes – the Gaujas, Lahemaa and Matsalu national parks and through the Vidzeme, Otepää, and Pandivere uplands. You will see the stony seacoast in the North Estonia and fishermen villages, visit cities and towns - Rakvere, Tartu, Tallinn. The itinerary also includes nature trails, viewing towers and nature sites.



Length of the route: ~ 1000 km (7 days)



Sigulda castle ruins



Palmse manor (18th century)



Boulders at the Lahemaa seaside

**General Route:** Rīga - Valmiera - Valga - Otepää - Tartu - Rakvere - Tallinn - Haapsalu - Pärnu - Rīga

## Day 1

### Arrival in Rīga

Pick up the hired car at the airport. Free time in Rīga. Attractions include medieval Old Town, Art Nouveau district, Open-air ethnographic museum and boat trip along the canal and river Daugava. Overnight in Rīga.

## Day 2

**Rīga - Sigulda - Cēsis - Valmiera - Valka/Valga - Otepää (225 km, 100% Asphalt).**

Breakfast. Sites and attractions en route: Sigulda medieval castle ruins and baronial estate; Turaida museum reserve with the ruins of a Livonia Order castle. There is an observation tower and a sculpture garden on the banks of the Gauja river; Sightseeing of the town of Cēsis with its Livonia Order castle ruins and the Medieval Old Town. Border crossing at Valka and Valga.

On the way to Otepää- visit Sangaste castle which architecture is taken from Windsor castle in UK. In Otepää the castle mound and Pühejärvi lake with well maintained beach. Overnight in Otepää

## Day 3

**Otepää - Tartu - Kallaste - Mustvee - Lahemaa (210 km, 100% Asphalt).**

Breakfast. On the way historic education center of Tartu with its attractive Old Town, university, observatory and Toomemägi hill; Other attraction is Peipsi

lake which divides Estonia from Russia and is the fifth largest lake in Europe with Oldbelievers villages alongside. Rakvere with its impressive medieval castle and the Bull as a city's symbol. Overnight in Lahemaa National park.

## Day 4

**Lahemaa National Park - Tallinn (100 km, 100% Asphalt).**

Breakfast. Sites and attractions en route: The castle ruins in Rakvere; Road leads along the northern Baltic sea coast of Estonia with picturesque limestone cliffs, through the oldest Baltic national park and largest national park in Estonia - Lahemaa, representing the nature and cultural heritage, typical of North Estonia. Huge boulders at the seaside and late-back small fishermen's villages form a typical landscape.

En route can visit Sagadi manor (18th century) with forest museum, Palmse manor (18th century) and Kolga manor (17.-18th century). Overnight in Tallinn.

## Day 5

**Tallinn - Keila - Joa Koloogaranna - Keila - Haapsalu (136 km, 98% Asphalt, 2% Gravel road).**

Breakfast. Sites and attractions en route: Sightseeing of the Tallinn medieval Hanseatic Old Town, Kadriorg Palace park with modern art museum KUMU, the port district and the ethnographic open-air museum; Keila nature park with hiking trail through a forest to Keila waterfall which is 4m high; Sightseeing in Haapsalu with the 13th century Haapsalu Bishop's cas-



## TRIP DETAILS

Package price from  
EUR 315,00

*per person in a shared double room*

### INCLUDES:

- 6 overnights in hotels (double or twin rooms, en suite, breakfast): in Rīga (2x), Otepää (1x), Lahemaa National park (1x), Tallinn (1x) and Haapsalu (1x)
- Maps and detailed description of the itinerary.

### EXTRA COSTS:

- Single supplement
- Hired car 7 days
- Tickets and entrances to the attractions and sites
- Any transfers required
- Extra meals

tle, medieval Ridala church and old town with typical, romantic wooden buildings. Overnight in Haapsalu.

### Day 6

**Haapsalu - Lihula - Paarnu - Rīga (299 km, 100% Asphalt).**

Breakfast. Sites and attractions en route: Paarnu historic sea and spa resort of Estonia with elegant villas and white sandy beach. Rannametsa - Toluse bog nature trail with viewing tower. Border crossing at Ainaži. Seacoast Randu meadows and lagoons - perfect for birdwatching, nesting and migrating birds, as well as different dragonflies and butterflies. Along the way there is a forest hiking trail of the Baron von Munchhausen in Dunte; Nature trail over the dunes and through the pine forest in Saulkrasti. Overnight in Rīga.

### Day 7

#### Rīga

Breakfast. Return the hired car at the Rīga International Airport / Departure from Rīga.

Waterfall in Lahemaa National Park



View of Tallinn Old Town



Haapsalu medieval castle ruins

