



Baltic Country Holidays

Newsletter



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<http://www.countryholidays.lv>

Our Products

Our product manuals can be downloaded.

Active Holiday

[Download here](#)



Wildlife Holidays

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However these are sample itineraries. We tailor-made most tours for our partners using our extensive local knowledge and ongoing researches.

WHAT TO DO IN AUTUMN?

1. Thinking about typical activities for autumn, the very top position takes mushroom gathering. Latvians are mad about this activity and are happy to spend every weekend in the forest with a huge basket and knife in their hands. Therefore we have worked out a special tours for our foreign guests. These tours focus not only on mysterious fungi world but they can be adapted as two days mushrooming added to any other tour. Examples for mushrooming [here.](#)



2. Autumn time is also romantic due its beautiful colours and calls of migrating birds. We arrange birdwatching tours for individuals as well as for groups. Birdwatching tours are often combined with general nature observing - following foot prints of wild animals, mammal watching and wild harvest. [Examples here.](#)

3. Autumn Harvest markets. Crafts and farmers markets takes place all over the country during weekends. It is a good opportunity to see and try all the rural goodness as well as to buy some good souvenirs. The local TICs are the best source of information.

Selected Accommodation.

Here you will find a few examples of good holiday cottages which would be perfect for winter holidays. For booking contact us: lauku@celstajs.lv, Tel. + (371) 6761760



Manni in Estonia

[Map](#)

A cottage located in quiet outskirts of Haapsalu town. Kitchen, balcony, TV, grill in guests use. Beautiful garden, parking place in courtyard. Hot bath/sauna in the garden



Puumetsa Suur in Estonia

[Map](#)

The cottage lies secluded in a high pine forest, perfect for people who appreciate the diverse natural scenery. Starting point for several walks.



Aliai in Lithuania

[Map](#)

Log villas, a steam bathhouse and recreation. Flights by planes and gliders, croquet grounds, pond with fish, boat and bicycles, shooting range and pottery workshop. .



Eve in Lithuania

[Map](#)

Vacation cottage with two modern and comfortable flats is situated near the river Minijas, not far from the Rusne island in a historical building



Upeslejas in Latvia

[Map](#)

A cosy house with sauna by the Brasla River, near Straupe, for families with children. The living room has a Jotul fireplace stove, can be used for small parties. There is a country sauna.

Meza namins in Latvia

[Map](#)

Near Cēsis, in a forest meadow and on the water, a small and romantic building for undisturbed family leisure. A fireplace room, kitchen and sauna. A terrace with a view of the pond

Our Publications

Guide to the Baltic National Parks

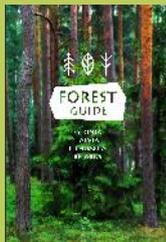
in English



The guide covers the most important information about all of the national parks in the Baltic States (14 in all), along with their most important environmental, cultural and historical values, as well as their most attractive places of interest.

Guide to the Forests of the Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and Belorussia

in English



The Baltic Sea region is the most wooded territory in Europe. The forest is an integral component of the Northern European landscape and cultural environment. Over the course of ages, forests and trees have served as sources of inspiration, leading to countless legends, stories, fairy tales and riddles as a very important part of the intangible folklore heritage of Northern European peoples. The forest has always been an important source of timber and non-timber (mushrooms, berries) resources in the economies of the Baltic countries.

This guide will help you to learn more about the unique aspects of our forest and its nature values.

All our publications can be viewed:

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

NEW TOURS FOR NEXT SEASON



Cycling Along National Parks and Islands

This tour connects the two Baltic capitals of Latvia and Estonia. In between, the route passes through beautiful nature reserves - Gauja and Sooma National parks, charming provincial towns, traditional villages, sandy beaches and many historic sites. During the tour traveller visits two islands - Saaremaa and Hiiumaa. Highlights include: Turaida Castle Reserve, the picturesque River Gauja Valley, the wilderness trip in a peat-bog and canoeing in Sooma National park, Saaremaa island with wind mills, medieval churches, Kaali meteorite crater, Bishop's Castle at Kuressaare and ethnographic fishermen village Koguva at Muhu island. One day trip to the Hiiumaa island and then the public bus to Tallinn. Full itinerary [here](#).



Special Package for Approaching Winter Season!!!

This itinerary allows to enjoy the Latvian winter at its best. The holiday starts with bustling city of Riga with its crafts markets, decorations, shopping facilities, many cultural events and museums, then followed with the trip to countryside where one can enjoy winter pleasures at the skiing/sledging slopes. After active day the relaxation at the spa hotel as well as healthy Latvian sauna ritual awaits. For sightseeing there are Sigulda medieval castle ruins, Turaida Castle and Krimulda manor where to try home-made wines. Local wild animals easily can be observed at the Ligatne Nature Trails but a ride in horse-driven sledge at the nearby farm. Full itinerary [here](#).

Attention tour operators!

We are starting to plan our fam trip for the next spring.

If look of our tours seems interesting for you and you'd like to have a taste of them, please express your interest writing to:

eva@countryholidays.lv

Please indicate what is your main interest:

- a) activities (cycling, walking)
- b) cultural heritage
- c) nature watching (birds, animals, botanics)

[All our tour samples look here.](#)



Photo: Media trip to Valmiermuiza Brewery

SHORT BREAKS OR ADD-ONS

By Car and Bicycle to Curonian Dune

This three-day route will allow you to visit one of the most unusual landscapes in the Baltic States - the Couronian dunes. You will also visit interesting territories in Latvia - the Pape Nature Park and the Liepāja Naval Port. The port is worth visiting while it still retains some of its Soviet-era "charm". New and unprecedented impressions will also be assured by two unique man-made objects - the "Town of Rock" and the "Town of the Absurd", which are both unique not only at the Baltic level, but in a far more extensive sense. Full itinerary [here](#).



Canoeing Along the Gauja River

The Gauja is the most beautiful river in Latvia, with an impressive river valley that is up to 80 metres in depth. Mighty sandstone cliffs rise above the river. The Gauja is a calm river, with just a few small rapids. Leisure boating is perfect here. Between Valmiera and Sigulda, the Gauja flows through the Gauja National Park, which was the first national park in Latvia (established in 1973). There are 20 well-appointed facilities for boaters on the banks of the river - picnic sites, places for campfires, firewood, information stands and maps. Alongside the Gauja river, there are roads and paths from Valmiera to Sigulda, and the route is manageable on foot or by bicycle, too. Full itinerary [here](#)

Our Team



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

We'll be pleased to work with you!

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