

RURAL ROAD: COUNTRY LIFE: FINLAND - ESTONIA - LATVIA - LITHUANIA

The tour introduces modern day life in rural Finland, Estonia and Latvia and includes visits to small farms raising livestock and producing delicious foods, and to ethnographic villages preserving the traditional lifestyle in a contemporary environment. The tour also involves sites of historical and cultural interest.



10 NIGHTS / 11 DAYS

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DAY 1: Arrival in Helsinki, Finland
DRIVING DISTANCE - 120km.

Helsinki city tour. The Helsinki Cathedral and the Senat Square, the Parliament, the Old Market Hall and Market Square, the Esplanade park, the Kamppi Chapel of Silence, the Temppeliaukio church, the Design District Helsinki, the Suomenlinna Sea fortress.

Drive to South Coast Finland Region. Overnight at Spa Hotel Päiväkumpu: www.paivakumpu.fi/en/

DAY 2: South Coast Finland
DRIVING DISTANCE - 100km.
PROGRAMME DURATION: 8-10h.

Fiskars Village – a tour of three small local breweries with produce tasting: Ägräs Distillery, Fiskars Brewery, Kuura cider www.fiskarsvillage.fi/en/see_and_do/activities/three-producers-tasting-tour



Kettukallio - the Fox Rock, a traditional forest place in Lohja municipality www.en.kettukallio.net/
A herb trail in Purnus river valley in Siuntio www.seaction.com/en/program-services/outdoor-activities/thaw
Overnight in spa hotel Cumulus Resort Siuntio: <https://resort.cumulus.fi/en/hotels-and-spas/spa-hotel-rantasipi-siuntio>

DAY 3: Siuntio – Helsinki – Tallinn
TRANSFER from Siuntio to Helsinki - 40min.

Ferry to Tallinn. A city tour combining



walking and a bus. The walking tour includes the Toompea Castle, the 13th century Dome church, the 19th century Russian orthodox Cathedral of Alexander Nevskij, the 15th century Town Hall square, the Old Guild built to celebrate Tallinn's membership in the Hanseatic League, and St. Olaf's church. The bus tour includes Tallinn's suburbs and Song Festival Grounds, St. Brigitte's monastery and Pirita area.

Overnight in a hotel in Tallinn.

DAY 4: Tallinn – Lahemaa national park – Rakvere
DRIVING DISTANCE - 180km.
PROGRAMME DURATION: 8h.

The Jägala waterfall. The Jägala waterfall www.visitestonia.com/en/jagala-waterfall



Iisaka Sheep & Handicraft Farm. Workshop "From the ancient times to a contemporary functional family farm" at the farm. Nice and quiet Kuusiku Nature Farm www.kuusikunaturefarm.ee on the edge of the Lahemaa National Park by Lake Viitna, Pikkjärvi.



Käsmu fishing village www.visitestonia.com/en/kasmu-captains-village - the former Estonian naval centre and Käsmu Maritime Museum where visitors can take a sea voyage with a Viking ship www.visitestonia.com/en/kasmu-viking-ship-aimar
Castle ruins in Rakvere with a theme park www.rakverelinnus.ee/en where visitors can experience everyday life of the 16th century. A possibility to order medieval dinner.
Overnight in Rakvere town.

DAY 5: Rakvere – Mustvee – Setomaa – Madona
DRIVING DISTANCE - 420km.
PROGRAMME DURATION: 12h

Avinurme Wooden Handicrafts Centre www.puiduait.ee - local woodcraft, woodworking workshops, Estonian traditional foods. Mustvee town by lake Peipsi - a haven for Russian Old Believers. Mustvee has held fairs for the past two centuries. Traditional fishing town.

Setomaa in South-East Estonia is a unique area for its people (the Seto) and culture. A very specific type of singing - leelo - has been inscribed into the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Visit traditional Obinitsa farmstead www.visitsetomaa.ee



Overnight in Mārcienas SPA hotel at Madona www.marcienua.eu

DAY 6: Madona – Gulbene – Rīga
DRIVING DISTANCE - 270km.
PROGRAMME DURATION: 12h

Goat farm Līvi www.celotajs.lv/en/e/kazas_piena_produkcija_livi. Tasting various sorts



of cheese and watching how the goats are milked.
Herbal tea farm 55 Mārites www.celotajs.lv/en/e/55_marites?lang=en, biological farming.
Stop by the Cesvaine castle www.cesvaine.lv/en/cesvaine-palace.html
Farm Lāciši www.celotajs.lv/en/e/lacisi specialises in grain farming (577 ha), rapeseed farming (295 ha), and various grasses. It is also a dairy farm with some 100 cows to produce meat and breed calves.



Overnight in Riga.

DAY 7: Rīga – Bauska – Liepāja
DRIVING DISTANCE - 350km.
PROGRAMME DURATION: 12h

Riga city tour. The Dome Cathedral with one of the world's largest pipe organs, St. Peter's Church with magnificent views of the city from its steeple, the old Guild Houses, the Swedish Gate, the architectural ensemble Three Brothers, St. Jacob's Church, the Parliament House, Old Riga Castle, Art Nouveau area. The Historic Centre of Riga is a UNESCO Heritage Site.



Dairy farm Celmi www.celotajs.lv/lv/e/celmi_majas_siers uses milk from its own



cows for cheese production. The Ribbe windmill www.rozmalas.lv/en/ shows the exhibition "The Path of the Grain" – a history of how agriculture has developed over the centuries, from ancient times up to modern day technology. Miķelis, a farmstead museum and vintage car exhibition www.mikelis.lv/museum/, a restaurant.

Lively Liepāja with its old town, promenade, nice beach and impressive military history. Overnight in a hotel in Liepāja.

DAY 8: Liepāja – Latvia/Lithuania border – Palanga – Klaipeda – Nida
DRIVING DISTANCE - 170km. Ferry 0,5h.
PROGRAMME DURATION: 8h

Liepāja Craft Centre www.celotajs.lv/en/e/liepajas_amatnieku_nams. Watching various craftspeople at work: amber jewellers, weavers, etc.
Palanga – a busy beach resort with an excellent and very informative Amber Museum.
Vienkiemis – traditional Lithuanian farmstead with a restaurant www.celotajs.lv/en/e/vienkiemis



A ferry from Klaipeda to the Curonian spit (15 min). Nida village with traditional architecture and the Curonian Spit – a white sand dune.
Overnight in Nida.

DAY 9: Nida – Klaipeda – Kaunas – Trakai – Vilnius
DRIVING DISTANCE - 380km. Ferry 15min.
PROGRAMME DURATION: 12h

Ferry from the Curonian Spit to Klaipeda. Lunch at a country restaurant and fish farm Karpyne half way between Klaipeda and Kaunas www.atostogoskaime.lt/en/farmstead/sodyba-karpyne - Rumsiskes – open air museum of Lithuania www.llbm.lt/en/. The museum presents the way of life, works, and traditions of peasants and townspeople of all Lithuanian ethnographic areas.



Trakai Castle. The picturesque castle was built on an island in the lake (14th - 15th century).



Karaites' cultural heritage museum (ethnic group of Turkish speaking Crimean Tatars who settled here in 14th - 15th century). Traditional Lithuanian food in Trakai: www.kibinas.lt/
Overnight in a hotel in Vilnius.

DAY 10: City tour of Vilnius

Vilnius Old Town, Gediminas tower, Presidential Palace, St. Anne's Church, Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, KGB museum, Gates of Dawn, Bernardine Gardens, Castle Hill, Hill of Three Crosses, Gediminas avenue, Sugihara Sakura park.



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