

BALTIC JEWELS

Vilnius, Trakai, Klaipeda, Nida, Hill of the Crosses, Riga, Parnu, Tallinn
8 days / 7 nights



TOUR COST PER PERSON:
\$975 dbl occupancy
\$460 single supplement

Airfare not included. Contact us for lowest fare from your city.

2017 TOUR DATES
Starts in Vilnius on Sundays:

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On Saturday depart U.S.A. for Vilnius.

1st Day/Sun. - VILNIUS. Arrival in Vilnius, optional transfer to your hotel. Welcome meeting.

2nd Day/Mon. - VILNIUS-KLAIPEDA. Vilnius is known for its more than 1.200 medieval buildings and 48 churches. Our morning sightseeing tour includes a panoramic tour of the city and a walking tour of the Old Town with Vilnius Cathedral, Gediminas Tower, Peter and Paul Church, St. Anna's Church, Old University and the Gates of Dawn. After the tour we continue to Trakai, the medieval capital of Lithuania and visit the well preserved Trakai Castle, beautifully located on an island of Lake Galve. The balance of the day is spend en route to Klaipeda, where we arrive late afternoon.

3rd Day/Tue. - KLAIPEDA. Today is reserved for a full-day optional tour to the Curonian Spit, a thin, 100 km stretch of land between the Baltic Sea and the Curonian Lagoon with small fishing villages, pine forests and endless sand dunes. Our first stop is the Hill of Witches in Juodkrante. After that we continue to Nida, where we visit the High Dunes, Thomas Mann's summerhouse and get acquainted with the charming resort town before we drive back to Klaipeda. In the evening, an optional Lithuanian dinner at the Restaurant 19th Century.

4th Day/Wed - KLAIPEDA-RIGA. Klaipeda first became a part of Lithuania in 1923 and had a long history as a German town called Memel. A short sightseeing tour takes us to the Old Town with its narrow, cobblestone streets and old guild houses and we visit the Theater Square and the Aennchen von Tharau Fountain. Continue to the Samogitia National Park for a walking tour around the picturesque Lake Plateliai. Then on to Siauliai and Hills of the Crosses, one of the holiest sites of Catholic Lithuania. We head North into Latvia and reach Riga in the afternoon. This evening offers an optional organ concert at the Dome Cathedral.

5th Day/Thu. - RIGA. Founded in 1201 by the German bishop Albert, Riga is the largest of the three Baltic capitals and boasts a true kaleidoscope of various architectural styles. The walking tour of the Old Town includes Riga Castle, Dome Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, Swedish Gates, Three Brothers, Large and Small Guild House and the Freedom Monument. Afternoon is reserved for an optional visit to Jurmala, the vibrant Latvian sea resort, famous for its wooden architecture and sandy beaches. In the evening enjoy an optional Latvian dinner at the stylish Restaurant La Boheme.

6th Day/Fri. - RIGA-PARNU-TALLINN. After breakfast, drive along the coastal highway to the Estonian summer resort of Parnu. We have a short tour of the resort before we continuing through the North Estonian land of forests and arrive in Tallinn early afternoon.

7th Day/Sat. - TALLINN. Tallinn is a charming blend of medieval tranquility and modern urban life. The medieval Old Town is a busy place in the summer with its many shops, galleries, souvenir markets, outdoor cafes and restaurants. The sightseeing tour takes us around the old medieval city walls and into the Old Town where we see Toompea Castle, the Dome Church, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and medieval Old Town Hall. In the afternoon an optional excursion is offered to Kadriorg Park with a visit to the Kadriorg Palace and its art collections. You can also visit the KUMU, the award winning new Estonian art museum, with its collections of classic and contemporary fine art. The evening offers an optional medieval dinner at Restaurant Peppersack.

8th Day/Sun. - TALLINN. After breakfast, termination of the tour. Optional transfer to the airport.

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YOUR HOTELS:

VILNIUS - Radisson Blu Lietuva or similar
KLAIPEDA - National or similar
RIGA - Radisson Blu Latvija or similar
TALLINN - Radisson Blu Olimpia or similar
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