

World Lithuanian Song and Dance Festival

July 4 - 8, 2018



Welcome to the one of the biggest events of the commemoration of the Centenary of the Restoration of Lithuania's Independence!

The Song Festival is a unique example to the whole world of how dances and songs unite the nation scattered all over the world.

Listed in UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list, the event is equal to the Olympic Games in spirit.

A total of 30 000 participants: a choir of 15 000 voices singing as one, 9000 dancers, dancing as one and the best artists!

Get ready for a lifetime experience!

TOUR COST PER PERSON:

\$1,070 dbl occupancy

\$160 single supplement

If booked by Dec. 31, 2017 - \$970

Group discounts are available.

TOUR COST INCLUDES:

- Accommodation in centrally located 3* hotel. Upgrade to 4* hotel is available
- Services of an English speaking guide
- Transportation according to the program
- Meals: Daily breakfast and lunch in Kaunas
- Entrance tickets: entrance to the Gediminas Castle, KGB museum, Pazaislis church, M.K. Ciurlionis museum, Zaliakalnis funicular, terrace of the Christ Resurrection church, Trakai castle.
- Entrance tickets to the Song Festival events as specified in the tour program.
- Entrance tickets to Kernave Live Archeology days.

5 DAY TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - July 4th (Wednesday)

VILNIUS. Arrival. Private transfer to the hotel (optional) Accommodation. Today you will explore Vilnius: UNESCO listed Old Town with its main historical and architectural monuments. Pass by Vilnius Cathedral, Grand Duke Palace, get up to Gediminas Castle tower, walk Castle street – the oldest and most flamboyant street in the Old Town, see baroque Vilnius University and Gothic St. Ann's church, say a prayer at the miraculous Gates of the Dawn. KGB museum – learn about the loss of independence in the middle of the 20th century, repressions by Soviet authorities, and the self-sacrificing and persistent fight for independence. In the evening enjoy impressive Ensemble's Evening in Kalnai Park.

Song Festival events to be visited independently: Theatre day in Bernardinai Garden, The Old Town, the Cathedral square

Day 2 - July 5th (Thursday)

VILNIUS-PAZAISLIS – KAUNAS - VILNIUS. Breakfast at the hotel. Morning departure to Kaunas with en route stop at Pazaislis church & monastery - one of the most impressive architectural examples of late Italian baroque in North East Europe. Later continue to the second biggest Lithuanian city Kaunas, Lithuanian capital between the World Wars. Kaunas is proud of remarkable Old Town which is a collection of ancient architectural monuments in gothic and art déco styles. Visit museum of world famous Lithuanian artist, painter and composer, M.K. Ciurlionis, try the first in Lithuania and one of the oldest in Europe wooden funicular of Zaliakalnis, get on the top of Christ Resurrection Church and enjoy panoramic view of the city. Last but not least – visit "Stumbras" distillery and have a strong alcohol degustation. Return to Vilnius.

Dance day event in the Stadium of the Lithuanian Football Federation.

Day 3 - July 6th (Friday)

VILNIUS. Breakfast at the hotel. Visit one of the most beautiful churches in the world, baroque masterpiece – church of St. Petras and Povilas. Surprises await in quirky neighbourhood of artists also known as Republic of Uzupis.

Evening event – Song day in Vingis Park.

Day 4 - July 7th (Saturday)

VILNIUS – TRAKAI – KERNAVE - VILNIUS. Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will visit Trakai – the capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, a majestic insular castle of 15th century and learn about local ethnic minority – karaites. Here you will have a chance to taste traditional karaites' dish – kybin and try traditional liqueur. Afterword travel to UNESCO Heritage site – Kernave, where on the 5 mound complex a great event "Days of Live Archeology" will take place. It is an experimental archeology festival. The indescribable impression is emphasised by the sounds of ancient music and flavours of delicious meals prepared according to the medieval recipes. The festival introduces the restored crafts of prehistoric and early medieval periods, ancestor's life. Visitors have opportunity to throw pottery, mint a coin and try their hand at archery. Return to Vilnius for overnight.

Day 5 - July 8th (Sunday)

Breakfast at the hotel. Private transfer to the airport (optional)

You may extend the tour to visit more or Lithuania or other countries.

For reservations call: PAT TOURS at: 1-800-388-0988

For Tour Conditions and Reservation Form see Page 2.

Travel Tips . . .

LITHUANIA is situated on the eastern Baltic coast and borders with Latvia, Russia and Belarus with population of about 3,250,000. It is slightly larger than state of West Virginia with 26,080 sq. miles.

CLIMATE: Lithuania is situated in a zone of moderate climate with a considerable influence of sea climate along the Baltic seacoast belt. The climate resembles that of New England. Normal seasonal clothing is adequate but a warmer garment should be included. Rain coat or jacket with a hood is recommended. Comfortable shoes are a must. Average temperatures in spring and fall are 50 - 60°, in the summer 70 - 80°.

CURRENCY: There is no limit to the amount of foreign currency that may be brought into the country. In 2015 Lithuania accepted EURO as its currency replacing the Litas.

It is suggested you take mostly cash as travelers checks are not accepted in banks. ATM machines are available in major cities and at Vilnius airport.

ELECTRICITY: 220v/50 cycles. All-purpose transformer and 2-prong adapter is required for U.S. appliances.

TIME: Seven hours ahead of U.S. Eastern Daylight Time. The 24-hour clock is used.

CREDIT CARDS: AX, Diners Club, VISA, Master Charge, Carte Blanche credit cards are accepted in major shops, restaurants, hotels and nightclubs. Discover card is not accepted. Also AX not widely used.

STORE HOURS: With the exception of food stores, shops are open between 10/11:00 am and 6/7:00 pm. Grocery stores between 8:00 am-7:00 pm. On Saturdays, most shops close early afternoon.

TIPPING: Not obligatory, but appreciated. Cab drivers and waiters accept between 10-15%. There is also a nominal charge for use of cloak rooms and public rest rooms.

Recommended tipping on tour is \$3.00 per person for the tour guide and \$2.00 per person for the motorcoach driver.

TOUR CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS/PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$200 per person is required at the time of booking. Full payment is due 45 days before departure.

TOUR COST: Tour price is based on currency exchange levels in effect at the time of printing. It is subject to adjustment in the event of significant changes.

Children discount: Children 7 - 11 years old receive 20% discount of the total tour price if sharing room with parents. Children under the age of seven are not accepted on motorcoach tours.

TOUR/AIR ARRANGEMENTS: Every effort will be made to provide lowest possible airfare available at the time of booking.

Hotel accommodations will be provided in twin bedded rooms with private bath or shower. Single rooms are available at the supplement shown. While every effort will be made to provide sharing of accommodations for persons booking alone, when requested, it cannot be guaranteed and single supplement must be paid before departure when billed. Triple rooms are not available except for children under 11 yrs.

Unused hotel accommodations or any other unused features of this tour are not refundable nor exchangeable for other services. The right is reserved to substitute hotels and sightseeing features if it becomes necessary. Each tour member must be able to get on and off the motorcoach unaided and not require walking devices or wheelchairs. Smoking on motorcoaches is not permitted.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST: Flights, baggage handling, cost of passports, meals not specified, items of a personal nature; phone calls, laundry, optional insurance, gratuities to escorts, and drivers.

BAGGAGE: Free baggage allowance on transatlantic flights is one suitcase per person not exceeding 50 lbs. and 62 in. (sum of three sides).

NO VACCINATIONS are required by law.

DOCUMENTS: A valid U.S. or foreign passport is required. To apply for passport, contact your local U.S. Post Office. Check the validity of your passport and be sure it is valid for at least six months after your return date.

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be made in writing to PAT TOURS. Full refund of LAND tour will be made for cancellations received up to 46 days prior to departure less a \$25 administrative fee. Between 45 - 36 days before departure, \$200

deposit is non refundable. No refund will be made for cancellations received less than 35 days prior to departure. AIRLINE TICKETS, if issued, are subject to the airline cancellation policy applicable to the airfare used. After completion of the tour, claims for refund must be made in writing within 30 days.

INSURANCE: All inclusive insurance (cancellation, accident/health, baggage, delays) is strongly recommended and will be offered to all tour participants with confirmation. *If you have a pre-existing condition, insurance must be purchased within 7 days of deposit. Call PAT TOURS to request insurance application.*

RESPONSIBILITY: The travel agency, PAT TOURS, 1285 Riverdale St, W. Springfield, MA 01089, acts only as an agent for the tour operator in Lithuania who provides arrangements for hotels, sightseeing tours, and transportation or any other service in connection with the itineraries of individual tour members who by acceptance thereof, acknowledges that the travel agency or its agents and suppliers shall not be liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity, liability or expense to person or property due to act or default of any hotel, carrier or other company or person providing or rendering of services included in the tour. Further, the travel agency or its agents accept no responsibility for any sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, government restraints, wars, whether declared or not, riots, theft, weather condition, defect in any vehicle of transportation or for any misadventure or casualty or any other causes beyond their control. PAT TOURS reserves the right to cancel, change, substitute any service and to decline to accept or retain any tour member at any time for any reason including insufficient number of participants.

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To make reservation, complete form below and return to:

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2018 Tour Reservation Form: LITHUANIAN SONG FESTIVAL

Enclosed is my deposit check \$ _____ (\$200 per person) payable to PAT TOURS to reserve _____ seat(s) on the LITHUANIAN SONG FESTIVAL TOUR starting in Vilnius on July 4, 2018. *Deposit can also be made by credit card.*

Flight reservation: Need round trip flights departing on _____ from _____ returning on _____. Preferred airline (if any) _____.

Please charge the amount of \$ _____ to my (Visa, Master Card, Discover, AX) # _____ Exp. Date _____

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME (as appear in your passport *)	Date of Birth	Passport #	Exp. Date
Mr/Mrs/Ms			
Mr/Mrs/Ms			

Address: _____

Tel: (Home:) _____ (Cell:) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

e-mail: _____

ROOM OCCUPANCY: Double room: One bed _____: Two beds _____:

Special requests: _____

Single room _____; Need roommate _____

I have read and accepted the Tour Conditions on behalf of the above persons:

Sharing with: _____

Signature _____

***Make sure your name matches your PASSPORT. Name changes on airline tickets are not permitted.**