



Discover Baltic Capitals - 10 Days (#6462)

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Overview

June-August 2024

Tuesday Departure

Trip Highlights

Riga-Tallinn-Helsinki-Lappeenranta-Helsinki

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

DAY 1 (TUESDAY): ARRIVAL RIGA

Arrival in Riga, optional transfer to Hotel Radisson Blu Latvija**** or similar, check-in, welcome meeting.



Meal: No Meals

Day 02

DAY 2 (WEDNESDAY): RIGA

Founded in 1201 by the German bishop Albert, Riga is the largest of the three Baltic capitals and boasts a real kaleidoscope of architectural styles. The walking tour of the morning takes to Art Nouveaux district and Old Town including Riga Castle, the Dome Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, the Swedish Gate, the Three Brothers, the Large and Small Guilds and the Freedom Monument. The afternoon is reserved for an optional visit to Jurmala, the vibrant Latvian sea resort, famous for its wooden architecture and sandy beaches. The evening offers an optional organ concert at the Dome Cathedral.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 03

DAY 3 (THURSDAY) : RIGA

After we got acquainted with Riga, we have the possibility of discovering medieval Latvia. The optional tour for this morning takes us to the stunning scenery of the Gauja National Park and the town of Sigulda. We listen to the medieval Latvian legend of the Rose of Turaida and see the ruins of the Episcopal Castle and of the Castle of the Knights of the Sword before we return to Riga. The afternoon offers an optional visit to the Ethnographical Open-Air Museum, a spacious exposition of 18th century country life. In the evening enjoy an optional Latvian dinner at the stylish Restaurant Kalku Varti.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 04

DAY 4 (FRIDAY): RIGA – TALLINN

The tour continues along the coastal highway to the Estonian summer resort of Parnu. We do a short tour of the resort before we continue through the North Estonian land of forests and arrive in Tallinn early afternoon, check-in at the Hotel Radisson Blu Olympia**** or similar.

Meal: Breakfast



Day 05**DAY 5 (SATURDAY): TALLINN**

Tallinn is a charming blend of medieval tranquillity and modern urban life. The medieval Old Town is a busy place in the summer with its many shops, galleries, souvenir markets, outdoor cafés and restaurants. The sightseeing tour takes us around the old medieval city walls and into the Old Town where we see Toompea Castle, Dome Church, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, medieval Old Town Hall and Great Guild Hall. In the afternoon an optional excursion is offered to Kadriorg Park and visit to 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 Maikrahv.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 06**DAY 6 (SUNDAY): TALLINN – HELSINKI**

This day offers an optional day excursion to Lahemaa National Park, where we visit Palmse Manor, a memorial to the von Pahlen family, and Sagadi Manor. The tour ends with a visit to the charming 16th century Vihula Manor and the Vodka Museum. After lunch break, we head back to Tallinn to take the ferry to Helsinki and enjoy a refreshing tour through the Finnish archipelago before arriving in Helsinki. Upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel and check-in at Hotel Glo Art**** or similar.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 07**DAY 7 (MONDAY): HELSINKI**

Helsinki is truly located at the crossroads of Western and Eastern culture and this is reflected everywhere in the green and lively Finnish capital. The sightseeing tour takes us around the harbours and the Senate Square with the Lutheran Cathedral, up central Mannerheim Street and by the Parliament Building, the Finlandia Hall, and the Sibelius Monument and for a visit at the famous Church-in-the-Rock. The afternoon offers an optional excursion to Suomenlinna Fortress, a cultural treasure which construction was started in the 18th century as a sea fortress. Located on an island, fortress is a unique attraction for visitors.

Meal: Breakfast



Day 08

DAY 8 (TUESDAY): HELSINKI - LAPPEENRANTA

In the morning we go to the railway station and depart with train bound for Lappeenranta, where we arrive shortly after midday. Transfer to Hotel Scandic Patria**** or similar. Lappeenranta is beautifully set at the shores of Lake Saimaa and was an important Swedish fortress town in the 18th century. Nowadays it is an attractive and popular resort town. The afternoon walking tour of Lappeenranta takes us to the historical Old Town, the port area and Lappeenranta Fortress with its wooden and redbrick buildings, artisans' shops, museums, wooden Orthodox Mary the Virgin Church and cafes. Return to hotel and check-in. Late afternoon we walk to the pier to embark on spectacular evening cruise on Lake Saimaa and to the Saimaa Canal. The ship has a restaurant, where we can enjoy drinks and snacks or a full dinner while we are stunned by the views of the lake. After three hours we return to port and walk back to hotel.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 09

DAY 9 (WEDNESDAY): LAPPEENRANTA – HELSINKI

The day offers the possibility to the explore Lappeenranta resort town on own hand. The hotel is located between the Old Town and the port area and both are easily accessible on foot. Go shopping in the small boutique in the Old Town, try the Karelian cuisine or enjoy the atmosphere and the views at the port. In the late afternoon transfer to the train station and departure by train back to Helsinki. Arrival to Helsinki early in the evening and transfer to Hotel Glo Art**** or similar, check in.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 10

DAY 10 (THURSDAY): HELSINKI

Optional transfer to the airport.

Meal: Breakfast

Inclusions

- 9 overnights at centrally located 4 star hotels.
- 9 x buffet breakfast.



- Welcome meeting with champagne-cocktail or juice.
- Personalised welcome package.
- Entrances to Peter and Paul Church in Vilnius, Rundale Palace, medieval Great Guild Hall in Tallinn and Church-in-the-Rock in Helsinki.
- Service of English and German speaking tour escort on all tours for Riga-Helsinki segment and local English-speaking guide in Lappeenranta.
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- Service of 1st class motor coaches or 1st class minivans throughout the itinerary.
- Ferry ticket Tallinn-Helsinki OW (2nd class).
- Portage at hotels.

Exclusions

International airfares

Optional activities

Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program

Personal equipment

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Any items not mentioned as included

Note

Hotels Used Or Similar

Riga - Hotel Radisson Blu Latvija***** or similar

Tallinn - Hotel Radisson Blu Olympia***** or similar

Helsinki - Hotel Glo Art***** or similar.

Lappeenranta - Hotel Scandic Patria***** or similar

Rates for Optional Activities, Transfers and Meals on request.

Departure on Tuesday.



Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

Fixed-Departure

11 Jun, 2024

4 Star

AUD 1,973 P P twin share

AUD 2,865 P P single

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25 Jun, 2024

4 Star

AUD 1,973 P P twin share

AUD 2,865 P P single

AVAILABLE

09 Jul, 2024

4 Star

AUD 1,973 P P twin share

AUD 2,865 P P single

AVAILABLE

23 Jul, 2024

4 Star

AUD 1,973 P P twin share

AUD 2,865 P P single

AVAILABLE

06 Aug, 2024

4 Star

AUD 1,973 P P twin share

AUD 2,865 P P single

AVAILABLE

13 Aug, 2024

4 Star

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