



## Discover Baltic Adventures - 14 Days (#17369)

**Note:** Price printed on this PDF is valid until **26-05-2024** and is subject to change without notice due to Partner changes and currency fluctuations

### Overview

Small groups:

Max. 21 guests in the groups

Min. booking of 2 guests

Friday Departure

### Trip Highlights

Tallinn-Vihula-Tartu-Grasi-Daugavpils-Vilnius-Nida-Liepaja-Riga-

### Detailed Itinerary



## Day 01

### DAY 1 (FRIDAY): ARRIVAL TALLINN

Arrival in Tallinn, optional transfer to Hotel Santa Barbara\*\*\* or similar, check-in, welcome meeting.

**Meal:** No Meals

## Day 02

### DAY 2 (SATURDAY): TALLINN–VIHULA

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 03

### DAY 3 (SUNDAY): TALLINN–LAHEMAA-TALLINN

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

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 04

### DAY 4 (MONDAY): TALLINN–TARTU

We continue to Tartu, the University Town, where Estonia gained its statehood. We see the charming Old Town and the University founded in 1632. Check in at Hotel Dorpat\*\*\* or similar. In the afternoon is offered optional visit to Estonia National Museum, dedicated to Estonian cultural history and everyday life and stretching out on a timeline from the present day to the Ice Age.



**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 05

### DAY 5 (TUESDAY): TARTU-GRASI

Departing from Tartu, we head south and soon we reach Stameriena - the pearl of European romanticism having close links with Italian writer Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa. After the visit, we continue to Gulbene where we visit the small, private Talava cider brewery and are invited to test the produce. Later in the afternoon we arrive to Grasi Manor\*\*\*, a picturesque classicism style estate in the middle of Latvia. This evening offers a dinner at Grasi Manor.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

## Day 06

### DAY 6 (WEDNESDAY): GRASI-DAUGAVPILS

Leaving Grasi our first stop is in Aglona, where we visit Aglona Basilica built in late baroque style and a ceramics workshop, an important symbol of Latgalian culture. From here, our tour continues to Daugavpils, Latvia's 2nd largest city. We tour the historical centre of the city and visit the 19th century Daugavpils Fortress and the Mark Rothko Art Centre, the only place in Europe, where the original masterpieces by the famous founder of abstract expressionism can be seen. Just outside the city we find the lovely Sventes Manor and we check in at Hotel Svente Manor\*\*\*\*

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 07

### DAY 7 (THURSDAY): DAUGAVPILS-VILNIUS

Today we continue southwards into Lithuania and in the middle of the day we arrive at Aukstatija National Park with its many lakes, rivulets and streams scattered between forests and hills. We explore the park on a light walk through the scenic landscapes and visit the pretty lakeside town of Paluse, famous for its wooden church. Late in the afternoon, we head towards Vilnius. Upon arrival we check in at Hotel Artis\*\*\*\* or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast



### Day 08

### DAY 8 (FRIDAY): VILNIUS

Vilnius is known for its more than 1.200 medieval buildings and 48 churches. The morning walking tour takes to Old Town with Vilnius Cathedral, Gediminas Tower, Peter and Paul Church, St. Anne's Church, Old University and the Gates of Dawn. The afternoon offers optional tour to The Palace of Grand Dukes of Lithuania where you will learn about the fortifications and the collection of armaments of the castle and palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 09

### DAY 9 (SATURDAY): VILNIUS

The morning offers optional tour to Uzupis district - smallest district in Vilnius which over years has transformed from troublesome neighbouring into place where intellectuals and artist gather, followed by a visit to Lithuanian National Museum of Art. The afternoon offers an optional excursion to Trakai, the medieval capital of Lithuania, with the well preserved Trakai Castle, beautifully located on an island in Lake Galve. In the evening an optional traditional Lithuanian dinner at Restaurant Senoji Trobele is on our program.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 10

### DAY 10 (SUNDAY): VILNIUS-KAUNAS-NIDA

Departing from Vilnius we head to Western part of Lithuania. En route we do a stop in Kaunas, the former r capital of Lithuania, to admire the beautiful Old Town and the elegant white Baroque Town Hall. After short walking tour in Klaipeda, we take ferry to reach Curonian Spit before reaching Nida resort town. Check in at Hotel Nerija\*\*\*\*. The evening offers optional authentic fisherman dinner at "Tik Pas Jona".

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 11

### DAY 11 (MONDAY): NIDA-LIEPAJA





The morning is reserved for a half-day optional tour of 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. Tour takes us to the spectacular Parnidis Dune and Naglis Dune, the Hill of Witches in Juodkrante and Thomas Mann's summerhouse. In early afternoon we head towards Liepaja where we arrive in early afternoon and check in at Hotel Art Roma\*\*\*\*. The evening offers an optional casual dinner at a beach café Red Sun Buffet, right on the wide sandy beach.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 12

### DAY 12 (TUESDAY): LIEPAJA-RIGA

Liepaja takes its name from the numerous linden trees in the city. We start the day with a short stroll in the Old Town with the Trinity Church and we visit Jurmala Park and the former Naval Port area with its famous Orthodox Cathedral. We now continue through Southern Latvia to the magnificent Rundale Palace, the former summer residence of the Duke of Courland. Following a guided tour of the palace we travel through Latvia to reach Riga at late afternoon. Check in at Hotel Radisson Blu Latvija\*\*\*\* or similar.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 13

### DAY 13 (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 14

### DAY 14 (THURSDAY): RIGA DEPARTURE

Optional transfer to the airport.



## Inclusions

- 13 overnights at centrally located 3-4 star hotels.
- 13 x buffet breakfast.
- Dinner at Grasi manor restaurant.
- Welcome meeting with champagne-cocktail or juice.
- Personalized welcome package.
- Entrances to Stameriena Palace, Talava cider brewery, Aglona Basilica, ceramics showroom in Preili, Mark Rothko Art Centre in Daugavpils, Peter and Paul Church in Vilnius, Trinity Church in Liepaja and Rundale Palace.
- Service of English and German speaking tour escort on all tours
- Service of 1st class van throughout the itinerary.

## Exclusions

- International / Domestic Airfare.
- Optional activities.
- Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program.
- Personal equipment.
- Travel insurance.
- Voluntary tips for guides or drivers.
- Travel and medical insurance.
- Any items not mentioned as included.

## Note

Hotels Used Or Similar

Tallinn - Hotel Santa Barbara\*\*\* or similar

Tartu - Hotel Dorpat\*\*\* or similar.

Grasi - Grasi Manor\*\*\* or similar.

Daugavpils - Hotel Svente Manor\*\*\*\*\* or similar

Vilnius - Hotel Artis\*\*\*\*\* or similar.

Nida - Hotel Nerija\*\*\*\*\* or silimar

Liepaja - Hotel Art Roma\*\*\*\*\* or similar



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

**Rates for Optional Activities, Transfers and Meals are on request.**

Friday Departure

## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

## Fixed Departure

<b>24 May, 2024</b> 3-4 star hotels AUD 2,874 P P twin share AUD 3,946 P P single AVAILABLE	<b>07 Jun, 2024</b> 3-4 star hotels AUD 2,874 P P twin share AUD 3,946 P P single AVAILABLE	<b>14 Jun, 2024</b> 3-4 star hotels AUD 2,874 P P twin share AUD 3,946 P P single AVAILABLE
<b>28 Jun, 2024</b> 3-4 star hotels AUD 2,874 P P twin share AUD 3,946 P P single AVAILABLE	<b>12 Jul, 2024</b> 3-4 star hotels AUD 2,874 P P twin share AUD 3,946 P P single AVAILABLE	<b>19 Jul, 2024</b> 3-4 star hotels AUD 2,874 P P twin share AUD 3,946 P P single AVAILABLE
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<b>23 Aug, 2024</b> 3-4 star hotels AUD 2,874 P P twin share AUD 3,946 P P single AVAILABLE	<b>30 Aug, 2024</b> 3-4 star hotels AUD 2,874 P P twin share AUD 3,946 P P single AVAILABLE	

