



Capitals of the Baltics

Tailor-made tour - 7 days/6 nights

The Baltic Republics - Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania - lie side by side along the Baltic Sea. They are emerging as one of Europe's most sought after destinations. A convenient way to join this tour is by catamaran from Helsinki - a sea journey of just 2 hours. The itinerary is completely flexible and can be tailor-made to your own requirements. You may wish to add a night in Vilnius to enjoy some free time or visit the magnificent Rundale Palace between Tallinn and Riga.

Inclusions

- 6 nights accommodation with breakfast in hotel combination of your choice
- Arrival/departure transfers by car
- Transportation by car with a driver and **English speaking** guide
- Sightseeing as specified with local **English speaking** guides
- Walking tours of Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius, Pärnu. Trakai Castle by car

Your hotels

Tourist

- Tallinn - Bern
- Riga - Forums
- Vilnius - Comfort LT Nordic

Superior

- Tallinn - Merchant's House
- Riga - Semarah Metropole (*contemporary room*)
- Vilnius - Artis Centrum

Deluxe

- Tallinn - Three Sisters
- Riga - Grand Palace
- Vilnius - Stikliai Relais & Chateaux

Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted.

Day 1 Tallinn

Arrive Tallinn, Estonia's ancient seacoast capital, situated 80 km across the Gulf of Finland from Helsinki. Tallinn has a history dating back 1000 years as a seaport and trading centre and is one of Europe's best-preserved medieval towns. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to wander through the cobblestone streets. Overnight Tallinn.

Day 2 Tallinn

This morning you take a walking tour of the Old Town, a virtual museum of medieval architecture. Visit the upper and lower towns and enjoy magnificent views of the Old Town from Toompea Castle, built in the 13th century by the Knights of the Sword as a small fortress within the larger fortress of Toompea. Afternoon free. Overnight Tallinn. **B**

Day 3 Tallinn to Riga

After breakfast, accompanied by your English speaking guide, drive 310 km south to Riga, stopping at the seaside town of Pärnu for a walking tour. Founded in the 13th century, Pärnu became a member of the Hanseatic League, and in the early 19th century it became a health resort. Its wide sandy beaches and fresh sea air have made Pärnu Estonia's most popular summer resort. Evening arrival and overnight Riga. **B**

Day 4 Riga

Your morning sightseeing of Riga, capital of Latvia, includes the Old Town, Riga Castle - built in 1330 as a residence for the master of the Livonian Order, and the Dome Cathedral. Afternoon free to explore this cosmopolitan city rich in architectural variety. Riga has been a multicultural city throughout its 800 year history. Overnight Riga. **B**

Day 5 Riga to Vilnius

After breakfast, travel south for 330 km with your English speaking guide to Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. Crossing into Lithuania, you make a stop north of Siauliai



to see the Hill of Crosses, decorated with over 100,000 crosses donated by Catholic pilgrims. Overnight Vilnius. **B**

Day 6 Vilnius

Your morning sightseeing of medieval Vilnius includes Vilnius University - the oldest university in Lithuania, founded in 1579, and the Old Town - one of the most extensive and beautiful in Europe. After lunch (not included) continue to Trakai - the medieval capital of Lithuania where you visit Trakai Castle, the only lake castle in Europe, located on Lake Galve. Overnight Vilnius. **B**

Day 7 Vilnius

Tour services end after breakfast with your transfer to the airport or railway station, or you may choose to extend your itinerary to include Poland. **B**

Tour prices & departures by private car

Prices shown per person in AUD. Daily departures Jan-Dec 2017.

Hotel	TwN	Sgl
TOURIST	1928	3673
SUPERIOR	2167	4160
DELUXE	2665	5059

Tour option by intercity coach

Hotel	TwN	Sgl
TOURIST	1278	2253
SUPERIOR	1517	2730
DELUXE	2015	3640

Inclusions (by intercity coach)

- 6 nights accommodation with breakfast in hotel category of your choice
- Return transfers by car in each city
- Intercity coach service Tallinn-Riga-Vilnius
- Walking tour of each city, with Trakai Castle in Vilnius.

Please note: Stops at Pärnu and Hill of Crosses not included.