



Trakai Castle

# 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 ferry from Helsinki - a sea journey of just 2 hours. The option by private car offers more flexibility and includes a visit to the magnificent Rundale Palace. The itinerary can be tailor-made to your own requirements and pace of travel.

### Inclusions by private car

- 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, Parnu: Rundale Palace and 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. 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. Before leaving Latvia, visit the magnificent Rundale Palace designed by Francesco Rastrelli, the architect of St. Petersburg's Winter Palace. 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 2018.*

Hotel	TwN	Sgl
<b>TOURIST</b>	2048	3803
<b>SUPERIOR</b>	2308	4301
<b>DELUXE</b>	2828	5168

### By intercity coach

Hotel	TwN	Sgl
<b>TOURIST</b>	1311	2318
<b>SUPERIOR</b>	1560	2817
<b>DELUXE</b>	2080	3683

## 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, Trakai Castle by car.

*Please note: Stops at Parnu, Rundale Palace & Hill of Crosses not included.*