

BELARUS, KALININGRAD AND GDANSK

11 days
10 nights

3
countries

travel type
Cultural



DESCRIPTION

● Day 1. Minsk (D)

Arrival to Minsk, the capital of Belarus. Bus transfer to the hotel. Welcome dinner and overnight in Minsk.

● Day 2. Minsk (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel. City tour including the main Independence and Victory avenues, the Upper Town with the City Hall, the St. Spirit Cathedral, the temples and monasteries, the old narrow streets of the Trinity Suburb. Lunch at restaurant. Afternoon visits of “the Island of Tears” a memorial set up in 1988 to commemorate lost Belarusian soldiers, the Victory Monument and the National Library. Overnight in Minsk.

● Day 3. Minsk – Stalin’s Line – Vitebsk (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel. Visit at the Stalin’s Line museum, a large open-air historical and cultural complex of the Soviet military gear, weapons and facilities. Museum guides dressed in the uniforms of the 1940s will tell you about the story behind the whole project and explain the operating principles of different exhibits. Lunch at restaurant. Departure to Vitebsk (270 km from Minsk). Arrival to Vitebsk. During the walking city tour you will see the Holy Assumption Orthodox Church, Alexander Nevsky Church, St. Barbara Orthodox Church, Victory Square, the Monument to the Soviet soldiers-internationalists, City Hall and the symbol of the city, the monument to the heroes of the war with Napoleon (1812). Tour includes visit to the Marc Chagall museum. Overnight in Vitebsk.

● **Day 4. Vitebsk – Mir – Nesvizh (B, L)**

Breakfast at hotel. Departure to Nesvizh (406km from Minsk). Lunch en route. Stop for a visit at Mir Castle, one of the most valuable monuments of Belarus listed by UNESCO as World Heritage Site. It was built in the XVI century in the Gothic style of architecture and reflects the gradual shift of cultural styles: Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque. Today you can admire the castle and its impressing red brick-walls from the outside as well as from the courtyard. Further drive to Nesvizh. Overnight in Nesvizh.

● **Day 5. Nesvizh – Brest (B, L)**

Breakfast at hotel. Morning Nesvizh sightseeing tour, including the Palace and Castle Ensemble founded in the 16th century and built by Jan Maria Bernardoni, Corpus Dei Roman Catholic church built also by Bernardoni, a patrimonial burial-vault for the Radvil family, Slutsk Gate, the Town Hall, Castle Gate Tower, Benedictine monastery. Lunch at restaurant. Departure to Brest (290 km, approx. 3,3 h). Overnight in Brest.

● **Day 6. Brest - Grodno (B, L)**

Breakfast at hotel. Morning sightseeing tour. Brest City tour includes visiting main city churches, streets, squares and famous Brest Hero Fortress, a Soviet style war memorial, the largest tourist attraction of the city. Lunch at restaurant. Departure to Grodno (260 km, approx. 3,3 h). Overnight in Grodno.

● **Day 7. Grodno – Kaliningrad (B)**

Breakfast at hotel. Sightseeing of Grodno, one of the most ancient cities of Belarus. Tour includes the Roman-Catholic Farny St. Francis Ksavery Church, the St. Brigitte Monastery, the St. Bernard Monastery, Old and New Castles, the Castle street, the Kolozhskaya (XII century) church. Departure to Kaliningrad (340 km from Grodno). Lunch en route. Stop for visit at “Wolf Lair” in Poland, former Hitler’s field headquarters where he spent over 800 days during World War 2. It’s a hidden town in the woods consisting of 200 buildings. Further drive to Kaliningrad. Overnight in Kaliningrad.

● **Day 8. Kaliningrad (B, L)**

Breakfast at hotel. Morning Kaliningrad City tour. You will see main historical highlights including the Cathedral, symbol of Kaliningrad and Immanuel Kant museum, Amber museum, the city’s most famous former resident. Lunch at restaurant. Afternoon visit to the most beautiful resort of Zamland peninsula Svetlogorsk on the Baltic coast. There you can enjoy the town’s tree-lined streets, pine woods and beaches as well as visiting a former Catholic Church where organ concerts are held daily in the summer, the Brakhert sculpture park, 19th century Water Tower and Art Nouveau bathhouse, you can take a walk along the promenade. During the excursion to Yantarnij will learn more from the history of Amber mining, buy nice souvenirs and enjoy good Yantarny beaches. Overnight in Kaliningrad.

● **Day 9. Kaliningrad – Gdansk (B, L)**

Breakfast at hotel. Departure to Gdansk (200 km from Kaliningrad, approx. 3 hours). On the way stop to visit the Malbork Castle of the Teutonic Order a unique, perfectly planned architectural creation, with no equivalent in Gothic architecture. It is also the largest castle in the world by surface area, the largest brick building in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lunch en route. Further drive to Gdansk. Gdansk is located on the Baltic coast and is Poland's largest sea port as well as one of the oldest cities with a history going back a thousand years. The city has played major roles in history, especially in the 20th-century. Gdansk is considered the most beautiful city on the Baltic Sea and has magnificent architecture. Overnight in Gdansk.

● **Day 10. Gdansk (B, D)**

Breakfast at hotel. Day tour of the so called Tri-city, Gdansk, Sopot and Gdynia. You will start the acquaintance of this area in the historical part of Gdansk, the beautiful Hanseatic City, where you will see Green Gate, Long Market, 15th century meeting hall of the merchants – Artus Court, symbol of Gdansk – Neptun's Fountain, Town hall, St. Mary's Church – the biggest brick church in the world, Mariacka Street, famous for its terraces full of amber jewellery, waterfront canal with The Crane – the biggest crane of medieval Europe. We will stop at the monument to the Shipyard Workers in Solidarnosc Square – starting point of the battle for democracy in Europe. Short stop for the organ music concert in Oliwa Cathedral. Tour continues to the Baltic seaside resort of Sopot. Walking along the pier. Free time. Afternoon sightseeing tour of Gdynia, the leading Polish port with its sailing ship "Dar Pomorza" and battleship "Blyskawica". On the way back to Gdansk you will stop by the Vistula River estuary to see the Westerplatte Monument, erected in the place where World War II started. Westerplatte is a symbolical place commemorating the heroic defence of Poles against Nazis. Dinner and overnight in Gdansk.

● **Day 11. Gdansk (B)**

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to the airport. Departure.