

BALTIC CLASSICS

8 days
7 nights

3
countries

travel type
Cultural

This is a classical one-week travel itinerary that brings you to all the major cultural sites of the Baltic States. On an international scale, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are tiny and most of the exciting places are situated within a short driving distance. All Baltic States are green, affordable and still less touristic than other European countries. Although many people confuse the three Baltic States, there are significant differences between them and their capitals, all included into the UNESCO World Heritage List:

- Vilnius Old Town with outstanding examples of the last vivid flash of Baroque in Europe.
- Fascinating art nouveau architecture in Riga.
- Cozy, fairytale-like Tallinn – one of the best-preserved medieval towns in the world.
- Venture outside the capitals to see some extraordinary sites: the town on water, Trakai, the Hill of Crosses with more than 100,000 wooden crosses.
- Relax in Jurmala – Latvian seaside resort and relax in possibly the best white, sandy beach in Northern Europe.

DESCRIPTION

● Day 1, Tallinn

Arrival to Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. Free time to explore the cozy fairy-tale like Tallinn's Old City. Have a stroll in narrow medieval streets, where you can easily imagine how life was back in the 15th century. Overnight: Tallinn

● Day 2, Tallinn – Kadriorg Palace

Highlights: Tallinn city tour, Kadriorg palace Join the guided tour to discover the Tallinn Old Town, which is one of the best-preserved and authentic medieval capitals in Europe, filled with churches and merchant houses. The walk through the hilly cobblestone streets will become a memorable ending to your travels. Excursion will continue in a beautiful flower park of the Kadriorg Palace, which was founded by the Russian tsar Peter. Visit the National Art Museum and stroll through the beautiful park. Meals: B+L Overnight: Tallinn

● Day 3, Tallinn – Gauja National Park – Riga

Highlights: ruins of Turaida castle This morning we will travel to the Latvian capital and make one stop at the Gauja National Park on the way. Enjoy beautiful vistas of the Gauja River Valley, visit the 13th century Turaida Castle, now housing a small History Museum, and relax walking in the adjoining Sculpture Park, featuring works of Latvian sculptors. Later stop by a natural sight Gutman Cave. Free evening in Riga. Meals: B+L Overnight: Riga

● Day 4, Riga – Jurmala

Highlights: Riga city tour, Jurmala beach In the morning experience a guided tour of Riga Old Town, the liveliest capital among the Baltic States, where you will see old Gothic churches and

stunning Art Nouveau buildings living side by side. Afternoon will be spent in Jurmala, the “trademark” resort in the Baltic States. Enjoy a walk amongst pine forests and along sand beaches of Jurmala with healing air and fresh sea breezes and have a look at many fairy-tale like wooden Jugendstil houses here. Meals: B+L Overnight: Riga

● Day 5, Riga – Rundale Palace – Hill of Crosses – Vilnius

Highlights: Rundale Palace, Hill of Crosses This morning you will travel towards the Lithuanian capital and make two stops to see remarkable sights on the way. The first stop to visit the Rundale Palace – an outstanding monument of Baroque and Rococo art with authentic 18th century furniture, paintings and china and a beautiful French-style park. After crossing the border of Lithuania you will see the famous Hill of Crosses, a mystical and unique pilgrimage site with more than 100 000 crosses from all around the world on it. It is the only place of its kind in the world, included to the Guinness Book of Records. Meals: B+L Overnight: Vilnius

● Day 6, Vilnius

Highlights: Vilnius Old Town, Trakai Castle Start the day with a walking tour of Vilnius’ Old town, where you can feel the atmosphere of the city’s history of the 16-19th centuries while walking along its narrow winding streets or visiting the most exiting architectural and historic monuments, including Vilnius University, the Dawn Gate with a miraculous icon of Virgin Mary. Free afternoon to relax and explore Vilnius on your own. Meals: B+L Overnight: Vilnius

● Day 7, Vilnius – Trakai

Highlights: Trakai Castle This morning you will go to Trakai, the former capital of Grand Duchy of Lithuania with it’s beautiful insular castle of the 14th century, situated on an island in the middle of a lake. Trakai’s unique location on the peninsula surrounded by five lakes has it dubbed itself the “town on the water”. Farewell dinner with a traditional Lithuanian food in Vilnius Old Town. Meals: B + D Overnight: Vilnius

● Day 8, Vilnius

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport. Departure.