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Guaranteed Baltic Tour

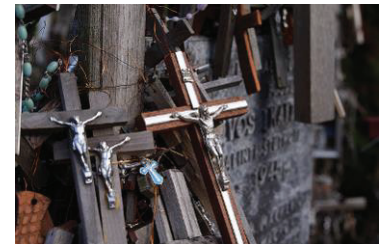
8 Days/ 7 Nights

2020

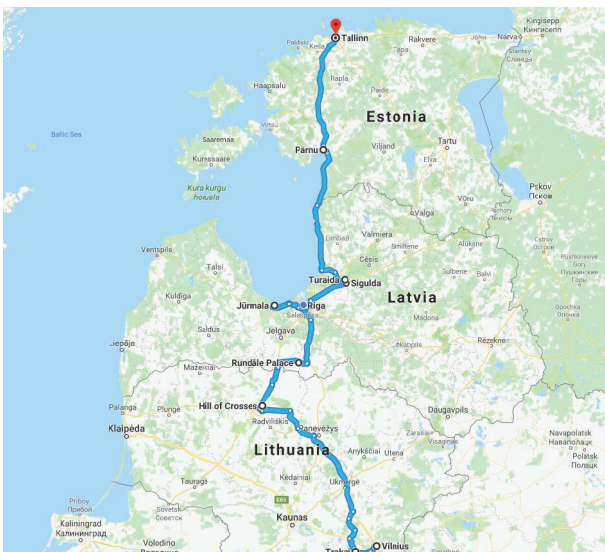
STARTING FROM

\$1,899

per person, based on double occupancy



This 8-day trip, with a strong cultural and historical vocation, will allow you to discover the three Baltic capitals Vilnius, Riga and Tallinn, as well as charming towns such as Parnu and Sigulda. Charming Castles like Turaida, Baroque Pearls – Rundale.... This trip will be an unforgettable experience!



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS :

- Combo of Three Baltic Capitals
- The pearls of the Baltic area in one trip
- Local experienced guide service for whole tour
- Accommodation at comfortable and modern hotels
- Welcome dinner at local restaurant with folklore performance;
- SMALL Group Experience, maximum 24 persons in one group

DAY1: VILNIUS

Arrival in Vilnius, the capital city of Lithuania. Private meeting at the airport by guide or driver and transfer to the hotel accordingly to your flight times. Check in at the hotel. Welcome Dinner and Overnight in Vilnius for the entire group together.

DAY2: VILNIUS CITY TOUR

Breakfast at the hotel. Vilnius city tour. Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania was founded in 1323 when Grand Duke Gediminas built a castle there, nowadays bustling city with one of the oldest and most charming Old Towns in Europe. The splendid architectural blend of Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque styles makes this a wonderful city to explore. During sightseeing tour you will visit Old town, which is included to the UNESCO World Heritage. Visit Cathedral and Cathedral Square and pass by Gediminas Avenue, the Parliament and President's Palace, Vilnius University and Town Hall. Continue walking narrow old streets, visit St. Anna's Church - a gem of Gothic architecture, Gates of Dawn and St. Peter-Paul Church.

Afternoon free. Overnight in Vilnius

DAY3: VILNIUS / ŠIAULIAI / RUNDALĖ VISIT / RIGA

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Riga via The Hill of Crosses, located 12 kilometers north of the small industrial city of Šiauliai (pronounced shoo-lay), is the Lithuanian national pilgrimage center. Standing upon a small hill are many hundreds of thousands of crosses that represent Christian devotion and a memorial to Lithuanian national identity. Further travel to Rundale.

On the way, visit the beautiful Rundale Palace, the most magnificent masterpiece of baroque architecture in the Baltic States, lies at a distance of 70 km from Riga. It was built in the first part of the 18th century by the Italian architect F. B. Rastrelli, the baroque genius from Italy who created many of St. Petersburg's finest buildings including the Winter Palace. The professionally renovated palace interiors are decorated with authentic 18th cent. furniture, paintings and china. The most impressive are the Golden Hall, the White Hall, the bedroom of the Duke of Courland Johan Ernst Biron. The palace boasts a beautiful French-style park.

Further travel Riga. Overnight in Riga

DAY4: RIGA CITY TOUR

Breakfast at the hotel. Today Enjoy Riga - Capital of Latvia. A medieval Hanseatic town, will include exterior view of St. Peter's Church from whose steeple will be the best views in the city, Riga castle with its three wonderful museums, Dome Cathedral (interior visit), which boasts one of the world's largest pipe organs, and the old Guild houses. You will see why Riga came to be known as one of Europe's leading exponents of the late 19th and early 20th century architectural style of Art Nouveau. The, Riga boasts Europe's greatest concentration of jugendstil (German Art Nouveau) buildings. An architectural historian will highlight details of the finest city facades

Afternoon free. Overnight in Riga

DAY5: FREE DAY IN RIGA

Breakfast at the hotel.

Completely free day in Riga to enjoy the parks, canals and do some shopping.

Overnight in Riga

DAY6: RIGA / SIGULDA AND TURAIDA VISIT / PARNU VISIT / TALLINN

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Tallinn. First, stop on route in Gauja National Park. One of the most picturesque towns in Latvia - Sigulda, often called the Latvian Switzerland, is located about 50 km from Riga in the Gauja River valley. Sigulda is situated in the Gauja National Park and is known as the most popular tourist and leisure destination as well as a famous winter sports resort in Latvia because of its bob-sleigh track and the down-hill skiing routes. Experience a genuine whiff of the Middle Ages, a time of romantic legends, castles and heroic figures, visiting the ruins of the 13th cent. Crusader Castle, and the 19th cent. Kropotkin's Palace in the outskirts of Sigulda. By coach you will travel down into the river valley, enjoy the landscape and the walk to the sandstone grottoes on the ancient river bank.

Next visit The Turaida Museum Reserve - the historical center of Turaida and comprises archeological, historical and art monuments that tell us about the events that have taken place since the 11th century. The Turaida walled castle, which is a medieval architectural monument, is situated on the Turaida castle mound. The church mound is an ancient site for a church and graveyard. Turaida church, one of the oldest wooden churches built by the local rural craftsmen, is situated here. A graveyard was established here for the first baptized Liivs. Under an old linden tree is the legendary tomb of Roze that commemorates a girl who sacrificed herself in the name of love.

Further travel to Tallinn by bus. Another stop in Parnu, the best known Estonian resort and also a Hanseatic city, a harbour city and a university city. The sleepy rhythm of Pärnu changes completely when the flag of the Estonian summer capital starts flying high on the summer equinox – life on the beach, dozens of festivals, night clubs and the big party crowd that have moved here. The city is very charming and it contains a nice 19th century shopping district. While walking in the city enjoy its parks and the streets.

Arrival to Tallinn in late afternoon, check-in the hotel. Overnight in Tallinn.

DAY7: TALLINN CITY TOUR

Breakfast at the hotel. Tallinn City tour. City tour of Tallinn, a picturesque old city, where whole districts date back to the Middle Ages. You will visit the Old Town with its quaint narrow streets and beautiful merchants' houses exemplifying the best of Gothic architecture. The tour includes Toompea Castle, the 13th century Dome church, the 19th century Russian orthodox Cathedral of Alexander Nevskij, the 15th century town Hall square, the Old Guild built to celebrate Tallinn's membership in the Hanseatic League, and St. Olaf's church. On Driving part visit, Tallinn's suburbs and Song Festival Grounds, St Brigittes monastery and Pirita area.

Afternoon free. Overnight in Tallinn

DAY8: DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the hotel

Free time in Tallinn, to enjoy some shopping or just strolling around the streets.

Private transfer to airport depending on flight times.

Departure.

Available starting dates

Dates in 2020

April	19th	July	5th
May	10th	August	16th
June	7th	September	13th

Package rates in CAD

Retail Price per Person	In Double / Twin Room	In Single Room
MIN. 2 full paying pax	1,899 CAD	2,580 CAD

Hotels:

2 nights – Holiday Inn 4*, in Vilnius <http://hivilnius.lt/> or similar

3 nights – Wellton Centrum & SPA 4* in Riga <https://www.wellton.com/en/hotels/wellton-centrum-hotel-and-spa> or similar

2 nights – L'Ermitage 4* in Tallinn, <http://www.lermitagehotel.ee/en/> or similar

***guaranteed maximum 24 persons + Tour Leader in one departure**

Included services:

- 7 overnights at mentioned hotels in Standard rooms;
- Welcome dinner at local restaurant with folklore performance;
- Transport in a first class vehicle, as per program;
- English speaking tour manager for the entire tour;
- Entrance fees to following sights:
 - Vilnius University
 - Rundale Palace and garden
 - Turaida Castle
 - Dome Cathedral in Riga