

# The Baltic States: Vilnius - Riga - Tallin

## 8 days/7 nights in 4\* - Full board



#### 1er day: Vilnius

Flight to Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. Arrival. Optional - transfer to the hotel.

8.00 pm - Informational meeting with the group leader in the lobby of the hotel.

NOTE: for those who arrive on later flights, the meeting will be at 8.30 am on the following morning. Dinner not included.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> day: Vilnius

Walking tour through the old town of Vilnius, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site: we will see the Baroque cathedral of St Casimir, the town hall, Vilnius University, the historic houses of the 16th and 18th centuries and the Gates of Dawn with the beautiful icon of the Virgin Mary, a place visited by hundreds of pilgrims every year, etc.

#### . Lunch.

Departure to **Trakai**, the former capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. Trakai Castle is located on an island in the middle of Lake Galve, it houses an interesting museum that tells its history, famous in the time of Grand Duke Vytautas, when the country's borders extended from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea. Return to Vilnius.

Dinner. Night in Vilnius.

### 3er day: Vilnius- Riga

Departure to Riga (~ 320 km from Vilnius), the capital of Latvia. We will stop at the famous **Hill of Crosses**. This is a unique historical pilgrimage site, inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. At its top you will see more than 100,000 crosses that have been placed to express gratitude or to make a request. **Lunch** near the Hill of Crosses.

After crossing the border with Latvia, you will visit **Rundale Palace** (30 km from the Hill of Crosses). It is the most prominent monument of Baroque and Rococo art in Latvia. Arrival in Riga. Dinner. Night in Riga.

#### 4th day: Riga

The morning is dedicated to discovering this beautiful city with a *Jugenstil* style culture. Experience the **guided walking tour**, which includes the Castle of Riga, the Lutheran Dome Cathedral, the church of St Peter, the Swedish Gate, built in 1698 during the Swedish government, among others. **Lunch**.

Guided tour of the Art Nouveau district, with its beautiful buildings from the early 20th century and stroll through Jurmala, the largest and most famous Baltic resort. Dinner and accommodation in Riga

#### 5<sup>th</sup> day: Riga - Sigulda - Tallinn

Departure towards Tallinn and a stop in Sigulda. Visit **Gauja National Park**, a region known as the "Switzerland of Latvia". Visit the Castle of Turaida, built in the 13th century for the residence of the

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Archbishop of Riga.

Lunch in Sigulda.

Continuation towards Tallinn, arrival in the late afternoon. Dinner and accommodation in Tallinn.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> day: Tallinn

Walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage City. Built around the fortified hill of Toompea, it is one of the European cities that has best preserved the vestiges of the 13th and 15th centuries. You will discover the seat of the Estonian parliament, the medieval castle of Toompea, the famous Pharmacy of the fifteenth century, the church of St. Nicholas, among others.

Visit the inside of Tallinn Cathedral (1233), which houses very old tombs.

#### Lunch.

Visit Rocca al Mare, the Estonian Open-air Museum. Located in a beautiful park by the sea, the museum brings together a magnificent 17th-19th century collection of rural architecture from all parts of Estonia. Return to Tallinn. Return to Tallin. Dinner and accommodation in Tallinn.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> day: Tallinn

Free day, Lunch and dinner. Night in Tallin. Optional excursions - ONLY FOR SALE IN DESTINATION!!

1) Visit **Kadriorg** (5 km from Tallinn) famous for its baroque palace and the park complex, built in 1718 as the summer palace of the family of Russian Tsar Peter I. The palace is now home to the Kadriorg Museum of Art.

Minimum: 5 people. 45 euros p/p.

2) Helsinki - private transfer to the ferry port. Ferry departure at 7:30 AM. Arrival at 9:30 AM. Meeting with local English-speaking guide. Tour of the city. Lunch. Free time. Transfer to the ferry port. Ferry departure at 4:30 PM. Arrival in Tallinn at 6:30 PM. Private transfer to the hotel.

Minimum: 5 people. 235 euros p/p.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> day: Tallinn

Free time. Private transfer to the airport.

#### Price per person in EUROS

Price per person in doble room : 1100 euros Individual room suplement: 340 euros

#### Price includes:

- 7 nights in hotel 4\*
- 7 breakfast at the hotel
- 6 lunches 3 courses with water, coffee/tea o buffet
- 6 dinners 3 courses with water, coffee/tea o buffet
- Coach transfers according to the programme, including transfers from/to Vilnius/Tallinn airports.
- English-speaking guide during the whole program (tour leader and local guides)
- Entrances to: Vilnius University, Rundale Palace, Riga Dome Cathedral, Turaida Castle, Tallinn Dome Church
- Excursions: tour of Vilnius, Hill of Crosses, Rundale Palace, tour of Riga, Turaida Castle, tour of Tallinn
- Travel insurance

#### Price does not include:

- Flights
- Tips and everything not included in the program

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#### 4\* hotels or similar:

Vilnius - hotel Conti 4\*

Riga - hotel Radi un Draugi 4\* Tallinn - hotel Sokos Viru 4\*

#### **Guaranteed departures**

Group	Dates
200517-BBT-ES01	17 <sup>th</sup> May
200524-BBT-ES02	24 <sup>th</sup> May
200607-BBT-ES03	7 <sup>th</sup> June
200614-BBT-ES04	14 <sup>th</sup> June
200628-BBT-ES05	28 <sup>th</sup> June
200705-BBT-ES06	5 <sup>th</sup> July
200712-BBT-ES07	12 <sup>th</sup> July
200719-BBT-ES08	19 <sup>th</sup> July
200726-BBT-ES09	26 <sup>th</sup> July
200802-BBT-ES10	2 <sup>nd</sup> August
200809-BBT-ES11	9 <sup>th</sup> August
200816-BBT-ES12	16 <sup>th</sup> August
200823-BBT-ES13	23 <sup>rd</sup> August
200830-BBT-ES14	30 <sup>th</sup> August
200913-BBT-ES15	13 <sup>th</sup> September
200920-BBT-ES16	20 <sup>th</sup> September
201004-BBT-ES17	4 <sup>th</sup> October
201011-BBT-ES18	11th October

# **Terms and cancellation policy 2020**

#### 1 - 4 persons:

Without cost 2 weeks prior arrival 50% total 7-13 days prior arrival 100% 6 días prior arrival - no show.

#### 5 - 9 persons:

Without cost 4 weeks prior arrival 50% total 15-28 days prior arrival 100% total 14 days prior arrival - no show.

#### 10+ persons:

Without cost 6 weeks prior arrival 50% total 15-28 days prior arrival 100% total 14 days prior arrival - no show