



# Tour to Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Kaliningrad

## Key information

Duration: 13 days / 12 nights

Season: May - September

Tour type: Small group / individual (starting from 2 persons)

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## What's included:

Airport transfers, Accommodation in 3\* hotels (double / twin rooms), Meals: breakfast, All transfers in air-conditioned vehicles (vaccinated drivers), English speaking guide service for all days (vaccinated guides), All admission fees, 1 bottle (0,5 litre) of water per day per person

## What's not included:

Flights, Visa fee, Medical insurance

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## Itinerary in brief

Day 1 - Arrival in Tallinn

Day 2 - Tallinn City Tour

Day 3 - Lahemaa NP - Tallinn

Day 4 - Pärnu - Vidzeme - Riga

Day 5 - Riga City Tour

Day 6 - Gauja NP - Riga

Day 7 - Klaipeda

Day 8 - Klaipeda - Kaliningrad

Day 9 - Yantarny - Kaliningrad

Day 10 - Kaliningrad City Tour - Kaunas - Vilnius

Day 11 - Vilnius City Tour

Day 12 - Trakai - Vilnius

Day 13 - Departure



## Detailed itinerary

### Day 1

Arrival in Tallinn; Transfer to the hotel and check-in. Tallinn is the capital of Estonia, one of the largest and most beautiful cities in the Baltic States. It is a major port and the most interesting city in Estonia, where medieval tranquility is intertwined with modern urban life.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tallinn*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### Day 2

In the morning you will start your sightseeing tour around Tallinn. Tallinn can be divided into two parts: the new and the old town. The old town is particularly interesting for tourists as it is home to many historical sites and is listed as UNESCO World Heritage Site. The historic center of Tallinn preserves the charming atmosphere of the Middle Ages and the old Hanseatic city where one can discover a city wall with towers, an interweaving of winding cobbled streets, old houses, interesting sights, historical and architectural monuments. The tour program includes Pirita with St. Briggita's convent ruins, Kadriorg Park and Palace, Russalka Monument as well as the medieval sights of the Old Town such as the upper city of Toompea, Aleksander Nevsky Orthodox Church, Dome Cathedral, the Town Hall Square, the Black Head's House, Fat Margarita Tower and Viru Gates.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tallinn*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### Day 3

The day will start with a trip to Lahemaa National Park. Located on the northern coast of Estonia the park is an ideal place for walking and observing nature - here one can admire the views of rocky and sandy coasts, pine and rocky forests, rivers cutting through limestone boulders, as well as see rich flora and fauna. Lahemaa is considered one of the most important forest reserves in Europe. After climbing a viewing tower and enjoying a stunning panorama you'll visit the manorial estate of Palmse of the 18th cent located within the park's area. Your last day destination will be Altja fishing village first mentioned in the mid-15th century and containing many reconstructed traditional buildings. Return to Tallinn.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Tallinn*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### Day 4

This day you will depart early in the morning and start your trip towards Latvia. On the way, there will be a short stop in a cozy Estonian resort town Pärnu located in the southwestern part of the country. The town is known for its beautiful 19th-century wooden houses, a sandy beach with calm waters and picturesque embankments of the Pärnu River. The seashore with its nice Beach Park amazes visitors with its fountains, paths and resort buildings in the neoclassical style. You will continue your trip to the south along the coast of the Baltic Sea. On the way, there will be a stop at Munchausen's museum located in the picturesque seaside town of Vidzeme in Dunte, 55km from Riga. In Saulkrasti town you will have a nice walk along the beach and then finally you will reach Riga – the capital of Latvia.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Riga*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### Day 5

Your first morning in Latvia will start with a sightseeing tour around Riga - the capital of Latvia and the largest city in the Baltic States, located on the coast of the Baltic Sea. It attracts visitors from around the world due to its amazing sights and the old town, which is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The historic center is an amazing mixture of the most



diverse architecture from medieval to Art Nouveau. The facades of many houses are covered with beautiful carvings, decorated with historical drawings, inscriptions and other decorative elements. Your city tour in the Old Town will include such important sights as the National Opera House, the Freedom Monument, the big and small guildhalls, the Dome Cathedral, Riga Castle, Three Brothers', St Jacobs's church, the renovated house of the Brotherhood of the Black Heads and St Peter's church.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Riga

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 6

After visiting the central market of Riga, which is a notable structure protected by UNESCO, you will continue inland to the picturesque National Park of Gauja River also known as North Switzerland. Gauja National Park is the largest and the oldest national park in the country. It is characterized by great biological diversity, various forms of relief, springs, sandstone outcrops, picturesque landscapes, unique natural and cultural monuments. The National Park was founded in 1973, it stretches over 90 thousand hectares in the most beautiful part of the ancient Gauja valley from Valmiera to Murjani. Here you'll meet an amber craftsman who will explain to us how to distinguish real amber from fake, teach us about different amber crafts and show you his unique family collection of different colored amber stones.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Riga

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 7

This day you'll start your trip to Klaipeda - the third-largest city in Lithuania. It is one of the largest ice-free seaports on the shores of the Baltic Sea. On the way, there will be a stop at the Hill of Crosses which is a shrine in Lithuania, a place of pilgrimage. It is located 12 kilometers from the city of Siauliai on the Kaliningrad-Riga road. It is a hill with about 100,000 crosses left by pilgrims over years. Your next stop will be at Amber Museum. After exploring the museum with its unique specimens with inclusions of fossils, you'll finally reach Klaipeda and discover its Old Town with Fachwerk and interesting neo-gothic buildings.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Klaipeda

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 8

You will depart early in the morning and have a saturate journey to Kaliningrad with some interesting stops on the way. The first stop will allow you to admire the fabulous stretch of Baltic Sea coast and take a short stroll on the sands. Next you'll visit the Hill of Witches and then continue the trip. On the way, you'll also visit the museum of Thomas Mann - the famous German writer and winner of the Nobel Prize. Finally, you will reach the Curonian Spit - a wonderful natural miracle and UNESCO Heritage Object. The natural uniqueness of the territory of the national park lies in the fact that it is the largest sand dump in the world. The dune landscapes of the spit are distinguished by their exceptional beauty and represent a unique object for the development of ecological tourism. At the end of the day, you will reach the Russian city Kaliningrad.

**Overnight:** Hotel in Kaliningrad

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 9

Your day will start with an excursion around Yantarny – a cozy settlement in Kaliningrad region with a population of just 5.5 thousand people. It was inhabited back in the 17th century when an amber deposit was discovered here. Now Yantarny is home to a large plant for the industrial extraction and processing of amber – beautiful sunstone. Moreover, it's the only place in the world where the extracting of amber is held since the Teutonic times. After visiting an Amber Factory your trip will continue to another interesting town of Kaliningrad Region – Svetlogorsk – one of the most popular resorts in this area. In



1999, the town received the high status of a federal resort due to its mineral springs and sandy beaches. A holiday in Svetlogorsk gives a chance to enjoy the Baltic seaside, the sun and plunge into its rich history. During the city tour you will stroll along the town's tree-lined streets, visit a former Catholic Church, the Brakhert sculpture park, 19th century Water Tower and Art Nouveau bathhouse. Return to Kaliningrad.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Kaliningrad*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### **Day 10**

This day will be devoted to the exploration of Kaliningrad - a city in the northwest of Russia, the administrative center of the Kaliningrad region. This city has no borders with other regions of Russia; it is neighboring only with Poland and Lithuania, and is washed by the Baltic Sea. For a long time, Kaliningrad belonged to Germany and till our days it preserves this specific atmosphere. The city is also distinguished by its unique architecture where the Old Prussian red-brick buildings are intermixed with Soviet blocks of flats. You'll visit Victory Square, Kant's Island, Central Market and the Museum of Amber; Trip to Vilnius with a stop in Kaunas.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Vilnius*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### **Day 11**

After breakfast, you'll start your acquaintance with Vilnius. Your city tour will let you plunge into its cozy atmosphere, stroll along the pebbly streets, and discover the Old Town of rare authenticity. Your city tour will cover the most important historical and architectural gems. You will walk in the Old Town and see the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Lithuania, Gediminas Tower, Peter and Paul Church, St. Anne's Church, Old University and the Gates of Dawn. The gates are considered one of the most important religious, historical and cultural landmarks and symbols of Vilnius. They are among the most famous shrines of Catholicism in all of Lithuania, as well as abroad. On Subacius lookout you'll enjoy the panoramic view over the Old Ton.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Vilnius*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### **Day 12**

In the morning you'll have an excursion to Trakai – a historic city and lake resort in the northeastern part of Lithuania, located among the endless Lithuanian lakes and forests. It is one of the oldest and most significant Lithuanian cities, one of the centers of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. It is a quiet and wonderful place with beautiful wooden architecture, picturesque nature and wonderful sights such as two medieval castles that have become one of the main symbols of Lithuania. Here you will visit Trakai Castle (14th cent.) beautifully located on an island in Lake Galve (one of the deepest lakes in Lithuania). It is a unique construction of its kind in Eastern Europe, an example of Gothic architecture of the late middle ages and one of the symbols of Trakai. From the castle opens a marvelous view of the surroundings. Return to Vilnius.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Vilnius*

**Meals:** *Breakfast*

### **Day 13**

Transfer to airport, departure.





### **Booking terms and conditions**

Once we received your application, confirmed all tour details with you, we will send a deposit invoice. After the deposit of 50-100 euro per person (depending on the tour price) is received, we will start your hotel reservation and other service booking and will send your Tour Voucher with all the trip details.

### **Payment Terms**

After you have booked the tour, it is necessary to make a non-refundable deposit of 50-100 euros, which will provide our coordinators with the possibility to start organizing a trip (hotel reservation, food, transportation, etc.). Final payment could be made after your arrival on the spot. We reserve the right to cancel your booking and apply the relevant cancellation charges (detailed below) if we do not receive all payments at the due time.

### **Cancellation of the tour**

If you or a member of your group wants to cancel the tour, please, inform our company as soon as possible in writing form. Please, note that the prepayment (50-100 euros) is non-refundable; however, you can use it throughout the year and book another tour. In this case, our company will have to charge an extra 100 euros for re-booking the hotel.

### **Rights and obligations**

Tours provided by our company are planned for many months before its inception and are not the subject of change or cancellation. Under the obligation of forced circumstances (weather, holidays) we can make some changes in the itinerary, however, all that relates to services and attractions will remain unchanged.

Please note, that our tours require a minimum number of participants – 2 persons. We reserve the right to cancel the trip, if any tour will not have the minimum number of participants. We will inform you about the cancellation of the tour no later than 30 days before the start and will do the full refund of the amount paid, including the prepayment.

We also request immediately and promptly report all complaints and any claims during the tour. If possible, all problems will be solved. If the tourist does not report any complaint, the compensation will not be implemented.

Please, also note that the company AraraTour is not liable for services not included in the tour price. Our responsibility is limited only to the extent provided by our tour.

Force majeure or any other event which is beyond our control and which is not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part frees both parties from liability or obligation. In case of Force majeure, we don't issue any refund.

### **Insolvency or bankruptcy insurance**

Tour operator Arara guarantees the refund of clients' money for unfulfilled services even in the case of company's own insolvency or bankruptcy.

