

# American Celebration of Music in Scandinavia and the Baltics

Suggested Tour #5 (8 nights/10 days)

## Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service to Stockholm, Sweden

## Day 2

**Stockholm**

**(D)**

Arrive in Stockholm  
Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach  
Late afternoon hotel check-in  
Welcome Dinner and overnight

*Discover a city like no other - a city built on 14 islands, where you are never far from the water. Well-preserved medieval buildings stand alongside modern architecture. Stockholm is also home of the Nobel Prize*

## Day 3

**Stockholm**

**(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel  
Morning tour of Stockholm including visits to City Hall, Fjällgatan the historic environment located high up on the edge of a cliff with a fantastic view of the city. The tour ends with a walking tour in Old Town with its charming streets, historical buildings like the Old Town Market Square, Viking rune stones, the German Church, Stockholm's narrowest alley, the house that was once home to two members of ABBA

Lunch, on own

*Afternoon Rehearsal*

*Performance in Stockholm as part of the American Celebration of Music in Scandinavia*

Dinner included, and overnight

## Day 4

**Stockholm**

**(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out  
Morning visit to the Vasa Ship Museum. The Vasa is the only preserved seventeenth-century ship in the world. Continue to Royal Palace, the official residence of His Majesty the King of Sweden, with over 600 rooms. Visitors get to see the reception rooms with magnificent interiors from eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the Hall of State with Queen Kristina's silver throne, and Halls of the Orders of Chivalry

Lunch, on own

Afternoon transfer to the port of Stockholm

Board the ferry for transfer to Tallinn

Dinner included on board, and overnight



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**Day 5****Tallinn****(B)**

Breakfast on board the ferry, followed by de-boarding  
 Morning walking tour through Tallinn visiting the upper (Toompea fortress and Parliament, Orthodox and Lutheran cathedrals, panoramic viewpoint) and lower (Town Hall square, Merchant Guild Houses) parts of the old town. Also pass the beautiful Kadriorg park with its palace, the seaside area to look at the Russalka Monument and the Tallinn Song Festival Grounds, where the famous song festivals take place

Lunch, on own

Afternoon time at leisure for shopping and sightseeing

Dinner on own, and overnight

*Tallinn, the capital of the Republic of Estonia, lies in the northeast corner of the Baltic Sea region, in Northern Europe. Estonia shares land borders with Latvia and Russia, and lies across the Baltic Sea from Finland and Sweden*

**Day 6****Gauja National Park / Riga****(B,L)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Riga via Gauja National Park

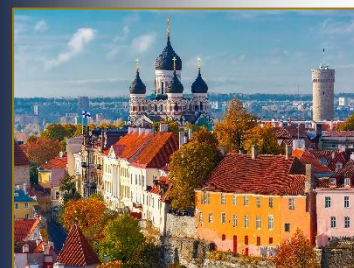
Excursion to Gauja National park, surrounded by hilly river banks and sandy caves. Visit the 13th century Turaida castle, built under the order of Teutonic knight and Riga's bishop

Lunch, included

Continue to Riga

Dinner on own, and overnight

*Riga has always been the Baltics' major metropolis, with far more of a big-city atmosphere than anywhere else in the region. Set on a flat plain divided by the Daugava River, the city boasts art nouveau architecture of its own and a historic old quarter with gracious parks*

**Day 7****Riga****(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning excursion through Riga visiting the old town, surrounded by a water channel, with the famous Dome Cathedral, St. John and St. Peter Churches, the Freedom Monument, National Opera, Parliament, Castle, the cozy spacious squares and the remarkable Art Nouveau district

Lunch, on own

***Afternoon Rehearsal***

***Performance in Riga as part of the American Celebration of Music in Latvia***

Dinner included, and overnight

**Day 8****Rundale / Hill of Crosses / Vilnius (B,L)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Vilnius via Rundale

Excursion to Rundale Palace, a baroque jewel designed by Italian architect F. B. Rastrelli, who is known for his world famous Hermitage Palace in St. Petersburg

Lunch, included

Continue to Vilnius. On the way through the natural countryside of Lithuania, with its wide open views, you will visit the famous Hill of Crosses, with over 50,000 crosses built from different materials



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Dinner on own, and overnight

*Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania is situated at the confluence of the Neus and Viliya Rivers, set among hills and surrounded by pine forests. The city has a wealth of architectural monuments, and the life and work of many revolutionaries, writers, scientists and artists are linked with Vilnius*

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**Day 9** **Vilnius** **(B,D)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a morning city tour including Cathedral Square, Presidential Palace Square, Vilnius University, the gothic corner with the churches of St. Anne and St. Bernardine, the old Jewish ghetto, Town Hall Square the and Gates of Dawn

Lunch, on own

***Afternoon Rehearsal***

***Performance in Vilnius as part of the American Celebration of Music in Lithuania***

Farewell Dinner included, and overnight

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**Day 10** **Depart for home** **(B)**

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to the Vilnius Airport for return flight home

***This is a very flexible itinerary.*** *Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.*

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