

American Celebration of Music in the Baltics

Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania

Suggested Tour #3 (8 nights/10 days)

Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service to Tallinn, Estonia

Day 2

Tallinn

(D)

Arrive in Tallinn
Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach
Late afternoon hotel check-in
Evening Welcome Dinner 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 3

Tallinn

(B,D)

Breakfast included at the hotel
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 view the beautiful Kadriorg Park with its palace, Russalka monument, and Tallinn Song Festival Grounds
Lunch, on own
*Performance in Tallinn as part of the American Celebration of Music in the Baltics**
Evening dinner included, and overnight

Day 4

Lahemaa National Park / Tallinn (B,L)

Breakfast included at the hotel
Morning excursion to Lahemaa National Park. Visit the ethnographical village in Altja, together with the coastal villages of Vosu and Kasmu. To get the most of your day, visit the famous Palmse manor, an intact manor ensemble dating back to the end of the 18th and the beginning of the 19th century
Lunch, included
Return to Tallinn for time at leisure
Evening dinner on own, and overnight

Day 5

Parnu / Gauja National Park / Riga (B,L)

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out
Transfer to Riga. On the way stop in Parnu, the summer capital of Estonia.
Walk at the white sandy beach
Lunch, included



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Continuation 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

Continue to Riga

Evening 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 6 **Riga** **(B,D)**

Breakfast included 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

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

Evening dinner included, and overnight

Day 7 **Rundale / Hill of Crosses / Vilnius** **(B,L)**

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Vilnius. Stop in Rundale for a short 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

Evening 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

Day 8 **Vilnius** **(B,D)**

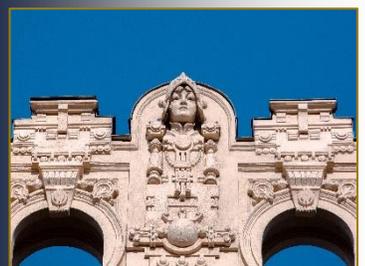
Breakfast included at the hotel

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

*Exchange Performance in Vilnius as part of the American Celebration of Music in the Baltics**

Evening dinner included, and overnight



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

Breakfast included at the hotel

Half-day guided excursion to Trakai, former capital of the Grand Duke of Lithuania, surrounded by three lakes, known as the biggest Karaite minority town. Visit the 15th century insular castle

Lunch, on own

Return to Vilnius

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

Evening Farewell Dinner included, and overnight

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

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to the Vilnius Airport for return flight home

**Subject to confirmation*



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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