

The Baltics

Director Preview Tour

July 8-15, 2024



Register your ensemble's tour by April 1 to qualify!



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About the Preview Tour

Though the cultures and languages of the Baltic States are different, these three nations share common artistic origins in music and dance that are still vibrant parts of their culture today. Join us July 8-15, 2024 as we embark on an extraordinary tour to Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania to the homeland of Rudolf Tobias, Jāzeps Vītols, and Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis. This is an incredible opportunity to become familiar with the highlights of a Baltics concert tour in advance of your group's participation. Participants will be exposed to the region's vast musical history and many performance opportunities, all amidst the celebrated artistic culture of the Baltic States.

Highlights include:

- Explore the historic city of Vilnius including its Cathedral Square and gothic corner with the churches of St. Anne and St. Bernardine.
- Visit the Hill of Crosses near the city of Riga with over 50,000 crosses built from various materials.
- Tour the old town of Riga with the famous Dome Cathedral, Freedom Monument, National Opera, and Castle, and Art Nouveau district.
- See Gauja National Park, surrounded by hilly river banks and sandy caves. Also visit the Turaida Castle, built in the 13th-century.
- Visiting the Tallinn Song Festival Grounds where every 5 years, the Tallinn Song Festival features 25,000 singers performing for an audience of nearly 100,000.

"The preview tour was amazing! There's no way I'd ever plan a trip without one. It helps so much to fire up students, share first-hand experience, and so on. MCI does a fabulous job through and through!"

Holly Attar
Northern Kentucky University
Music Department



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TALLINN / RIGA / VILNIUS

Day One: Monday, July 8, 2024

- Depart from USA gateways via scheduled air service to Tallinn, Estonia

Day Two: Tuesday, July 9

- Arrive in Tallinn
- Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for transfer into Tallinn for a panoramic tour of the city
- Mid-afternoon hotel check-in
- Evening dinner and overnight

Day Three: Wednesday, July 10

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning sightseeing in 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
- Afternoon venue visits which may include St. John's Church, St. Nicholas Church, Estonian Concert Hall, and White Hall of the House of the Blackheads
- Evening dinner and overnight

Day Four: Thursday, July 11

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Riga stopping en route at Gauja National Park surrounded by hilly river banks and sandy caves. Visit Turaida Castle built in the 13th-century under the order of Teutonic knight and Riga's bishop
- Lunch included
- Arrive in Riga for dinner and overnight

Day Five: Friday, July 12

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning sightseeing through Riga visiting the old town, surrounded by a water channel, with the famous Dome Cathedral, the Freedom Monument, National Opera, Parliament, Castle, and the remarkable Art Nouveau district
- Afternoon venue visits which may include St. John's Church, St. Peter's Church, The Great Hall of the Great Guild, The Great Hall of Latvian University
- Evening dinner and overnight

Day Six: Saturday, July 13

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Vilnius with a stop in Rundale for a short visit 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 stopping at the famous Hill of Crosses, with over 50,000 crosses built from different materials
- Lunch included
- Arrive in Vilnius for dinner and overnight

Day Seven: Sunday, July 14

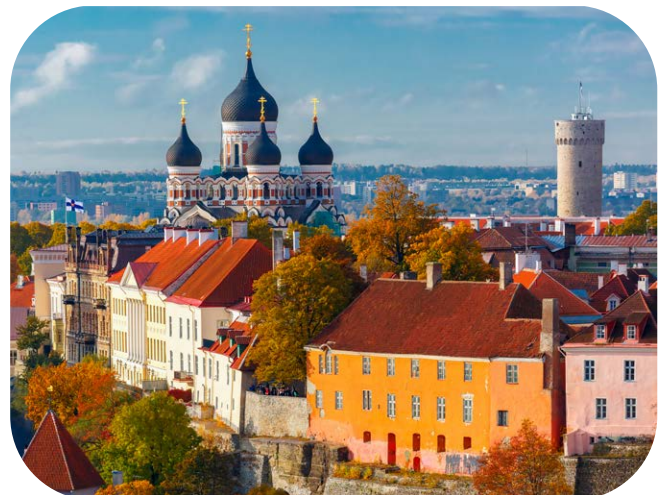
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning sightseeing of Vilnius' highlights including Cathedral Square, Presidential Palace Square, Vilnius University, the gothic corner with the churches of St. Anne and St. Bernardine, the old Jewish ghetto, Town Hall

Square, and the Gates of Dawn lower (Town Hall square, Merchant Guild Houses) parts of the old town

- Afternoon venue visits in Vilnius which may include Congress Hall, St. Catherine's Church, St. Casimir's Church, and St. John's Church
- Excursion to Kaunas for afternoon venue visits which may include St. Francis Xavier Church
- Evening dinner and overnight

Day Eight: Monday, July 15

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to Vilnius' International Airport for return flight



The Baltics Preview Tour Registration

Director's Full Name (as listed on passport): _____

Name of Ensemble/Relation to Primary Participant: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Relationship: _____ Emergency Contact Number: _____

☐ A clear copy of my passport is included with this registration Date of Birth: _____

Passport Number: _____ Passport Expiration Date: _____

Nearest International Gateway and/or Preferred Gateway: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

A NON-REFUNDABLE \$1,500 GROUP TOUR DEPOSIT MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2024. THE DEPOSIT WILL BE APPLIED TOWARD THE GROUP TOUR COST.

THE BALTICS DIRECTOR PREVIEW TOUR

INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip airfare from your nearest international gateway airport. Participants are responsible for travel arrangements to and from this airport.
- Six nights single occupancy hotel accommodations
- Daily breakfasts and lunch or dinner.
- All organized sightseeing activities as listed in the tour itinerary.
- Local transportation by deluxe motorcoach.

EXCLUSIONS

- Travel Visa for non-U.S. passport holders.
- Tips to Tour Manager(s), city guides and motorcoach driver(s).
- Transportation to and from departure airport.
- Drinks at dinners.
- Daily lunches.
- Airline luggage fees, if applicable.

Daily activities will include walking an average of 5-7 miles per day

Eligible participants are limited to an organization's music/artistic director, executive director, president, or similar.

If your ensemble does not travel within two years of the initial deposit, you are responsible for the full cost of the preview tour valued at \$4,000 (the \$1,500 group deposit is not deductible from the \$4,000). Additional participants are subject to Music Celebrations International management review, and must pay the full cost of the Preview Tour, valued at \$4,000. Additional participant costs do not apply toward an organization's tour costs and cannot be priced into the group's tour.

**COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND EMAIL IT TO YOUR TOUR CONSULTANT
TO PAY YOUR NON-REFUNDABLE \$1,500 TOUR DEPOSIT, MAIL A CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

Music Celebrations International
1440 South Priest Drive, Suite 102, Tempe, Arizona 85281-6954

OR PROCESS YOUR DEPOSIT ONLINE AT [PORTAL.MUSICCELEBRATIONS.COM](https://portal.musiccelebrations.com)

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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