



BALTIC STATES AND BEYOND
May 21 – June 4, 2007*
Private guided tour

The Baltic states are in fact very different, despite being frequently grouped together. They are considered to be sparsely-populated countries, known for unspoiled nature, amber and medieval cities, mostly former members of the Hanseatic League. Today, the Baltic states are dynamic countries with a young population and cities offering great cultural opportunities, cozy pubs and restaurants. This privately guided journey moves through the countryside and city centers of seven distinct TCC countries including the four independent Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus and an enclave of Russia, Kaliningrad. In addition, we've added Poland, Finland and the Aland Islands. This privately-guided trip will include professional services in each city exclusively for you and your traveling companions. Private car, driver and guides will be arranged in your behalf. We have selected these dates, though alternative dates may be available at time of booking.

- Mon, May 21 Depart the New York, USA.
- Tue, May 22 Today you arrive in Estonia and the charming capitol, Tallinn. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel.
- Wed, May 23 A favourite place to visit in Estonia is the capital city Tallinn (Reval), an old, walled medieval town with several cathedrals and churches, romantic little streets, and a scenic harbour. Tallinn is a port city where the mixing of German, Scandinavian and Russian cultures over the centuries is reflected in the city's striking architecture. After breakfast, you'll be taken on a guided tour of the city including a drive to Kadriorg where you will walk through the magnificent halls of the Kadriorg Palace, the summer residence of the Russian Czar Peter I. The tour will take you to ancient churches and cathedrals, including the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and 13th century Dome Church. You'll travel to the top of the Upper Town and enjoy a bird's eye view of the picturesque roofs, towers and spires of Lower Town. Then visit the lively Town Hall Square, the heart of the Old city, with its outdoor cafes and shops.
- Thu, May 24 After breakfast, you'll be picked up at your hotel and taken to Riga, the Latvian capital and the largest city of the Baltics, with about 800,000 inhabitants. Riga is famous for its Art Nouveau architecture, broad boulevards, and cosmopolitan flair. The Latvian countryside is similar to that found in Scandinavia, but is much more affordable. Upon arrival you will check into your hotel in the city center close to medieval Old Town.
- Fri, May 25 You'll explore Riga today on a comprehensive morning tour with your private guide, an expert in the history and charms of this delightful city. Your tour will take you down the beautiful central boulevards of Riga. You'll feel as if you've gone back in time as you stroll the cobblestone streets of Riga's Old Town, with its narrow streets, parks, riverbanks and lofty church spires. Absorb the feeling of this quaint town when you visit Old Riga Castle, Dome Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, Swedish Gates, "Three Brothers". You'll also visit the Large and Small Guild House, Freedom Monument and the National Opera building. Riga has many beautifully restored buildings housing cozy restaurants, cafes, bars and shops for you to enjoy in your afternoon at leisure.
- Sat, May 26 Today you travel to Lithuania, offering visitors the opportunity to explore unspoiled nature – vast forests, meadows, lakes and miles of sandy coastline. You arrive this afternoon in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania and one of the country's oldest cities. It is a jewel of a city that sits on the banks of the fast flowing Neris River, surrounded by hills and pine forests. Check into your hotel in the center of town for 3 nights.
- Sun, May 27 Vilnius' Old Town has preserved the atmosphere of its 16th-19th century history. Today you will walk along its narrow, winding streets and marvel at its architectural and historical monuments, including Vilnius Cathedral, housing more than 2,000 life-size statues and reliefs. Your guide will lead you to the city's most important landmarks including Gediminas Tower, Peter and Paul Church, and the 16th century St. Anne's Church. Your visit to the ancient Vilnius University, a center of science and enlightenment founded in 1579, will give you a chance to understand the intellectual history of this fascinating country.
- Mon, May 28 This afternoon, transfer to the airport for your flight to Minsk, Belarus. Minsk hotel, 2 nights
- Tue, May 29 Enjoy a half day sightseeing tour of Minsk. Your morning sightseeing tour will include Independence Square, Red Church and Trinity Suburb. Afternoon is at leisure.
- Wed, May 30 Fly from Minsk to Kaliningrad
 Afternoon sightseeing will begin at 3:00pm. Today you see Kaliningrad, which was known, as Konigsberg until the Soviets renamed it, in 1946. Teutonic knights, Prussian kings and Nazi soldiers have conquered this city. See the city's Gothic cathedral and the Hansa Square.
- Thu, May 31 Morning at leisure. This afternoon fly to Warsaw, Poland for overnight.

- Fri, Jun 1 Morning free to explore Warsaw on your own. Warsaw is an extraordinary city. Its history and climate impress the visitors, while its uniqueness interests them. In Warsaw, influences of Western and Eastern Europe culture cross. Here historic buildings, palaces, churches and architectural complexes, destroyed during the War, have been reconstructed with great care. UNESCO appreciated Warsaw Monuments and its relics, and honored the City by putting the Historic Centre of Warsaw on the World Heritage List. Afternoon flight to Helsinki, for overnight.
- Sat, Jun 2 Throughout its 450-year history, Helsinki has existed in the crosscurrents of the East and West. The colorful layers of history can be seen everywhere. See the beauty of this stunning Nordic city, and enjoy the sights and sounds it has to offer. The morning city tour takes in the most interesting parts of Helsinki, such as the historical center with Senate Square, the Presidential Palace, City Hall, the Parliament building, Finlandia Hall and the Opera House. Stops at the Sibelius Monument and, when possible, at the Temppeliaukio Church (the church in the rock).
Late afternoon flight to Mariehamn, Åland Islands
- Sun, Jun 3 Day free to explore this charming town of Mariehamn. Situated on the main island of the Ålands, roughly half way between the Finnish mainland and Sweden, Mariehamn has coasts on both sides, about twenty minutes walk apart. Visit the Nautical Museum and the Museum Ship.
- Mon, Jun 4 Return to USA

* Alternate dates available upon request.

Package includes:

- Roundtrip air from New York
- 13 nights deluxe and first class accommodations at centrally located hotels with tax
 - 2 nights Tallinn – Hotel Savoy Boutique
 - 2 nights Riga – Hotel Europa Royale
 - 2 nights Vilnius – Hotel Ramada Vilnius
 - 2 nights Minsk – Hotel Minsk
 - 1 night Kalinigrad – Hotel Comandor
 - 1 night Warsaw – Hotel Novotel Centrum
 - 1 night Helsinki – Hotel Simonkentta
 - 2 nights Mariehamn – Scandic Savoy
- English speaking Private Guides for sightseeing in Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius, Minsk, Kalinigrad, and Helsinki
- Buffet Breakfast daily
- Private vehicle transportation from Tallinn to Riga to Vilnius
- Private roundtrip airport transfers

Total Package: \$6,087.00 per person, based on double occupancy

Terms and Conditions:

\$300.00 per person deposit require at time of booking. Reservations will be made once deposit is received. Alternate arrangements may be substituted based on availability at time of booking.

Final payment due 60 days prior to departure date.

Cancellation policy:

Deposit to 60 days prior - 300.00

60-30 days prior – 50%

30 – 0 days prior – 100%

Travel Insurance is highly recommended and will be quoted at time of booking.



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