

15 Day Discover The Baltics & Scandinavia

Vilnius

Rundale

Riga

Gauja National Park

Turaida

Tallinn

Helsinki

Stockholm

Oslo

Time to get excited

FROM

\$6,499^{NZD}

PER PERSON, TWIN SHARE

History and charm abound on this adventure. Immerse yourself in the fascinating Baltic states, from the medieval delights of Tallinn and Vilnius to Latvian culture in Riga. Then, take things at your own pace and board a ferry for Helsinki to explore this gorgeous seaside city.

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TOUR ITINERARY



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DAY 1

Destination	Home ✈ Vilnius
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Holiday Inn Vilnius, or similar

Welcome to Lithuania! You'll be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Decidedly the least touristy of the Baltic capital cities, Vilnius was founded in 1323. It has one of the oldest and most charming Old Towns in Europe.

Tonight you'll join your guide and the rest of your group for a welcome dinner.

Check in: Passengers will be arriving at various times throughout the day from as early as 6am through to late evening. If arriving prior to standard check-in time, which is generally 3pm local time, you are welcome to leave your luggage with hotel reception and explore your surroundings until check-in becomes available, as there are generally no scheduled activities on Day 1 of the itinerary. The hotel may grant early check-in, however this is strictly subject to availability and at the hotels discretion.

DAY 2

Destination	Vilnius
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Holiday Inn Vilnius, or similar

Start the day with a sightseeing tour of this city erected on top of seven hills. Charm abounds with its Baroque churches, its walls, castle, market streets in the centre and 1200 medieval houses. Enjoy the architectural blend of Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque styles.

During your tour, you'll visit the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the Cathedral, Cathedral Square and pass by Gediminas Avenue, the Parliament and President's Palace, Vilnius University and Town Hall. Continue walking narrow old streets to visit St. Anna's Church – a gem of Gothic architecture. You'll also see the Gates of Dawn and St. Peter-Paul Church.

The afternoon is free for you. You may like to relax or consider taking in the views from Gediminas Hill and Tower.

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DAY 3

Destination Vilnius 🚌 Rundale 🚌 Riga

Meals included Breakfast

Hotel 4 ★ Wellton Centrum Hotel & SPA, or similar

After breakfast, we'll leave for Riga. Lithuania has a strong Catholic influence, and we'll stop at the impressive Hill of Crosses, with thousands of crosses of all sizes. It's a significant historical site for Lithuanians and has been a place of pilgrimage for hundreds of years.

We'll continue to Rundale and stop to visit the beautiful Baroque Rundale Palace and its French-style gardens, by the same architect who designed Saint Petersburg's Hermitage Museum. The palace interiors are decorated with authentic 18th-century furniture, paintings and china.

You'll arrive in Riga, capital of Latvia, and the evening is yours to relax or explore this city known for its cosmopolitan nightlife. You won't be hard-pressed to find a wine bar or nightspot!

DAY 4

Destination Riga

Meals included Breakfast

Hotel 4 ★ Wellton Centrum Hotel & SPA, or similar

A morning of sightseeing is planned for you to see the most populated city of the Baltic countries. It's more modern looking, and better preserves the remnants of Soviet rule.

See St. Peter's Church, Riga Castle with its three wonderful museums, and the old Guild houses. You'll visit the Dome Cathedral, which boasts one of the world's largest pipe organs. You'll soon see why Riga is renowned for its Art Nouveau architecture. An architectural historian will highlight details of the finest city facades.

With your free afternoon you can take in some of its renowned Art Nouveau architecture, visit the large eclectic central market (housed in five old aircraft hangars) and finish the day with some traditional Latvian food.

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DAY 5

Destination	Riga
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Wellton Centrum Hotel & SPA, or similar

It's a free day for you to continue exploring Riga. Enjoy the parks, canals or do some shopping.

DAY 6

Destination	Riga 🚗 Tallinn
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ L'Ermitage, or similar

After breakfast, we'll head for Tallinn, Estonia. First stop is Gauja National Park, the largest and oldest of the national parks in Latvia.

Within the park we'll visit Sigulda, the small, charming resort town that's a haven for nature and adventure lovers. Often called the Latvian Switzerland, it's located about 50km from Riga in the Gauja River valley. On the outskirts of Sigulda, we'll visit the ruins of the 13th-century Crusader Castle and the 19th-century Kropotkin's Palace. Enjoy the river valley's landscape and walk to the sandstone grottoes on the ancient river bank.

We'll visit the Turaida Museum Reserve, made up of archaeological, historical and art monuments dating back to the 11th century. It includes a walled medieval castle that's surrounded by a large park with sculptures.

Our last stop will be Parnu, a popular spa city. This charming city has a lovely 19th-century shopping district. It's known as the Estonian summer capital and comes alive during the season – the party crowds descend for the beach, dozens of festivals and night clubs.

We'll arrive in Tallinn late afternoon. A historic city dating back to medieval times, Tallinn was first recorded on a world map in 1154 and inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1997 for its well-preserved old town.

DAY 7

Destination	Tallinn
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ L'Ermitage, or similar

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You'll be shown around the capital of Estonia this morning, a wonderful city with a well-conserved medieval centre. See its walls, churches, squares and medieval streets filled with tourist attractions. You'll visit the Old Town, Toompea Castle, the 13th-century Dome Church, the 19th-century Russian Orthodox Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and many other sights.

The afternoon is yours. The city of Tallinn mixes old and new effortlessly; given its location it's no wonder it has a strong Scandinavian influence, but it's steeped in medieval Baltic history. Take in the spirit of medieval times in its famous Gothic Town Hall or wander the Old Town with its winding cobblestone streets, colourful medieval houses and fairytale charm. You'll find lots of stores and street vendors selling amber and linen.

DAY 8

Destination	Tallinn 🇪🇪 Helsinki
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Scandic Hotel Simonkentta, or similar

Today marks the end of the escorted part of your itinerary. Your tour is self-guided from here, and you'll make your own way to and from the start/finish points of the included sightseeing, as indicated on this itinerary.

After breakfast, you'll be transferred to the port to board the ferry bound for Finland. It's about a two-hour trip. Upon arrival you will be transferred from the port to your hotel in Helsinki, the city also known as the 'Daughter of the Baltic Sea' or 'White City of the North'.

The afternoon is free. You'll have 48-hour tickets for the hop on, hop off sightseeing bus and boat. There are many ways to get to know this gorgeous seaside city. Enjoy the old market, the green parks and the Russian influence in its buildings and churches.

There's lots to see of Helsinki's culture, history and traditions. Visit Senate Square with the famous Cathedral rising on the northern side, the Market Square, the orthodox Uspenski Cathedral, the Olympic Stadium, the Parliament, the Sibelius Monument and Finlandia Hall. Finlandia Hall was built in 1971 and has a distinctive, impressive white facade of Carrara marble. Take a ferry to Suomenlinna, a great UNESCO World Heritage fortress that once protected the sea entry to the city.

Soak in some of the culture with a visit to one of Helsinki's many museums, like the National Museum of Finland, the Design Museum, the Seurasaari Open-Air Museum, the Mannerheim Museum and the Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art. The City Museum is free.

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If it's open, a visit to the unique Tempeliaukio Church is worth it – also known as the 'Rock Church', as it's built directly into the granite rock.

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES

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DAY 9

Destination	Helsinki
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Scandic Hotel Simonkentta, or similar

It's a free day in Finland's capital for you to continue to make the most of your sightseeing bus and boat pass.

DAY 10

Destination	Helsinki ✈ Stockholm
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Scandic Grand Central , or similar

This morning you'll be transferred to the airport in time for your flight to Stockholm. You'll be met at the airport and taken to your hotel.

After settling in, head out to explore this refreshing, fascinating city. You'll have a Stockholm Pass card for the next two days. This card allows you to experience the sights of beautiful Stockholm – free entry to over 60 top attractions, monuments and museums, including a wide range of boat and bus tours.

There's the maritime Vasa Museum and the world's first open-air museum, Skansen. Try to see the medieval cathedral, built in 1279, and the Royal Palace, the official residence of the Swedish monarch.

See the Gamla Stan or the "City between the Bridges", the old quarter of the city. It's full of life and home to monumental buildings like the Nobel Museum (included in your Stockholm Pass), alongside the main square of Stortorget, which pays tribute to the winners of the Nobel Prizes.

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DAY 11

Destination	Stockholm
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Hotel Scandic Grand Central , or similar

Enjoy a free day in Sweden's capital today, to see more of the city's main sights with your Stockholm Pass.

Stockholm is sometimes referred to as the "Venice of the North" given its appealing architecture, clean and open waterways and numerous parks. Consider just wandering this coastal capital, built on 13 islands joined together. It's a great city to explore on foot and take in the mix of old and new that defines this city.

DAY 12

Destination	Stockholm 🚆 Oslo
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Scandic Victoria, or similar

This morning, make your own way to Stockholm Central Station (some 550 metres from Hotel Scandic Grand Central) and board a train to Oslo, capital of Norway. This journey takes about six hours so be sure to pack snacks and a book! Enjoy the picturesque scenery.

Upon arrival, make your way to your hotel which is about 1km away from Oslo Central Station. Walking should take 15m approximately, alternatively a taxi should cost approximately 300Kkr. The evening is free for you to do what you wish. Nestled between forests and a fjord, Oslo is a compact city that blends art and culture with nature and its stunning surroundings. Consider checking out its port, main streets, and the artworks at Frognerparken.

DAY 13

Destination	Oslo
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Scandic Victoria, or similar

Today see the sights of Oslo on the hop on, hop off bus and boat – your pass is included. There are 17 stops, including national landmarks like the Parliament building, with its two imposing lion statues at the main entrance, the National Theatre and the magnificent Royal Palace, official residence of the present Norwegian Monarch. There is also a stop at the Viking Ship Museum, home to the world's best-preserved Viking ships, exhibitions of ship burials of the Viking Age and unique Viking woodcraft.

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It also includes a relaxing cruise in the Oslofjord, with three stops. Onboard enjoy fabulous views of the beautiful capital and learn more about the city from the audio guide.

DAY 14

Destination	Oslo ✈ Home
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	N/A

Enjoy one last delicious breakfast this morning, before your adventure comes to an end. Later you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight home.

We hope you've enjoyed this extraordinary journey.

Check out: Passengers will be departing at various times throughout the day. Standard hotel check-out times will apply no matter what time your flight is scheduled to depart. Check-out time is generally anywhere from 10am-12pm. You are welcome to leave your luggage at hotel reception and spend your final moments of free time exploring the area or alternatively please speak with hotel staff if you would like to extend your check-out time. Please note this service is subject to availability and will likely come at an additional cost. Your tour guide (or hotel staff) will confirm the time of your airport transfer with you directly.

DAY 15

Destination	Home
Meals included	
Hotel	N/A

Arrive home today. We hope you've been *inspired*.

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return international Economy airfares with reputable full-service carrier
- Airport and port transfers
- 13 nights in 4-star accommodation
- All Transportation - coach, ferry, rail and internal flight from Helsinki to Stockholm
- Helsinki Hop-On Hop-Off Bus 24 hour pass
- Stockholm attractions 48 hour pass
- Oslo Hop-On Hop-Off Bus and Boat 24 hour pass
- Meals: Breakfast daily and 1 dinner as per itinerary
- Vilnius to Helsinki - Up to 24 pax: 1 English speaking tour leader will accompany you throughout The Baltics
- Helsinki to Oslo - Self-guided travel
- All entrance fees to the sites as listed (except optionals)
- All activities as listed in the itinerary
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Vilnius – Enjoy a guided tour of Vilnius including the quaint, UNESCO-listed Old Town
- Vilnius – Visit The Hill of Crosses on the outskirts of Vilnius, a memorial to Lithuanian national and religious identity
- Rundale – See the beautiful Rundale Palace, one of the two major Baroque palaces built for the Dukes of Courland
- Riga – Enjoy a guided city tour of the gorgeous, historical city of Riga
- Gauja National Park – Discover the beauty of this park, including the charming resort town of Sigulda and the Turaida Museum Reserve
- Tallinn – Get acquainted with the Estonian capital's medieval delights with a guided city tour
- Helsinki – See the best sights of this seaside capital with your 48 hour hop on, hop off bus and boat ticket
- Stockholm – Explore this stylish Scandinavian capital at your own pace
- Oslo – Enjoy a boat tour in the Oslofjord and enjoy this city that blends art and culture with nature and its stunning surroundings

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SIGHTSEEING PASSES

For further information on the included 24 hour Helsinki Hop-On Hop-Off Bus & Boat pass, please click [HERE](#).

For further information on the included Stockholm attractions pass, please click [HERE](#).

For further information on the included 24 hour Oslo Hop-On Hop-Off Bus & Boat pass, please click [HERE](#).

Fine Print

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with only a \$100 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$2,800 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card, PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!
- You will then be allocated and contacted by one of our Dedicated Support Agent's (within 48 hours) who will support you right up until you return from your journey

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FLIGHTS, UPGRADES & EXTENSIONS

Airfare Information

- Full service airline used will be a combination of Singapore Airlines, Lufthansa, Emirates, or similar if unavailable.
- Flights will require a minimum of 1 transit (maximum 2)
- All tickets will include 20 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable; any changes will be subject to the airline rules and change fees
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control

Premium Economy or Business Class upgrades

- Premium Economy - not available.
- Business Class upgrade available from an additional \$7,500 per person (subject to availability).

Please specify this as a 'Special Request' when completing your booking and you will be quoted for the additional fare. In the event your selection is unavailable, or that you are dissatisfied with the quote, you will be provided with a full refund.

Land Only discount

A reduction of \$1,600 per person applies if you wish to arrange your own airfares. To purchase a land-only fare, please select this option in the booking process under 'Departure City'.

Please note, if you are not arriving or departing as per the group itinerary, airport transfers are also no longer included. If you would like us to arrange this service for you, please refer to the 'Extra services' section for pricing.

How to extend your stay

Some customers like to enhance their holiday by extending their stay pre- and/or post-tour. If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

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1. Follow the 'Book Now' prompts after signing up, until you reach the 'Special Requests' field
2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and if you require additional accommodation, with the number of nights needed.
3. After finalising your purchase and submitting your booking form, a member of our team will be in contact with you via email to verify your request.

Please note, a supplement of \$150 per person (plus any applicable fare and tax differences) applies to deviate from the standard itinerary. We will contact you via email with a quote and proposed flight itinerary, and then proceed with collecting the additional payment required to confirm your request.

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EXTRA SERVICES

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour, adding a stopover package en-route or booking a tour extension. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

Pre and post tour accommodation (deviating from group flights forfeits your group airport transfers)

- Pre-tour accommodation (Vilnius): \$173 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast
- Post-tour accommodation (Oslo): \$324 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast

Arrival and departure airport transfers

- Arrival Transfer (Vilnius): \$103 per vehicle
- Departure Transfer (Oslo): INCLUDED

Your transfer may be shared with other Inspiring Vacations customers.

Please specify in the 'Special Request' field when making your purchase your preferred travel arrangements and if you would like our team to book additional nights' accommodation and/or airport transfers. The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

OPTIONAL TOURS

We suggest these optional activities during your free time in Helsinki (booked and paid locally):

- National Museum of Finland - 12 Euro
- City Museum - Free
- Suomenlinna Sea Fortress - 7 Euro
- Design Museum - 12 Euro
- Open-Air Museum Seurasaari - 10 Euro
- Mannerheim Museum - 12 Euro
- Kiasma Contemporary Art Museum - 14 Euro
- Rock Church - Free

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EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

This particular tour is categorised as a “3”:

3 – Moderate Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs, get on and off the coach and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. While tipping is not customary, it's of great significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels, inspires excellent service, and is an entrenched feature of the tourism industry across many destinations. You may also consider tipping your tour leader and driver for outstanding service throughout your trip. Remember, a tip is not compulsory and should only be given when you receive excellent service.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made

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Single Supplement

Single supplement is \$1,700 per person in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Travellers

Not available.

Triple Share

Not available.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return.

A visa is not required for travel to Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Sweden or Norway, for travel less than 90 days.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://safetravel.govt.nz/> for up to date information in terms of entry requirements.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Group Size

Vilnius to Tallinn - Up to 24 people

Tallinn to Oslo - Minimum 2 people - please note this portion is self-guided.

Trip Style - Partially Escorted

This is a partially escorted tour. From Vilnius to Tallinn you will join up to 24 other travellers on an escorted group tour. From Tallinn to Moscow, you will be on a self-guided journey, making your own way to some railway stations and to and from the start/finish points of included activities. During the self-guided portion of your tour you will have access to a local phone number, with 24/7 access should you require any assistance.

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Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.

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