

# Baltic Explorer

10 Nights / 11 Days

1N Tallinn / 1N Vihula / 1N Tartu / 1N Marciena / 1N Daugavpils / 2N Vilnius  
/ 1N Liepaja / 2N Riga

## Day 1 ARRIVAL TALLINN

Arrival in Tallinn, you will be transferred to your hotel. Check-in at your hotel. Welcome meeting with your escort. (D)

Overnight in Tallinn

## Day 2 TALLINN–VIHULA

The Estonian capital is a charming blend of medieval tranquillity and modern urban life. The medieval Old Town is a busy place in the summer with its many shops, galleries, souvenir markets, outdoor cafés and restaurants. The sightseeing tour takes us around the old medieval city walls and into the Old Town where we see Toompea Castle, Dome Church, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, medieval Old Town Hall and Great Guild Hall. After leaving Tallinn we reach Lahemaa National Park in the early afternoon and check-in at your hotel, a charming 16th century estate located in the heart of the park. The dinner at Kaval-Ants Tavern features a genuine Estonian countryside meal in the rustic ambience of the old ice-cellar. (B,D)

Overnight in Vihula

## Day 3 VIHULA–TARTU

We visit Lahemaa National Park with its wide stretches of beautiful untouched nature and many charming manor houses. We embark on a delightful walking tour through the park (2 hours, medium) and visit the impressive Manor House in Palmse, a testament to the industrious von Pahlen family. We continue to Tartu, the University Town, where Estonia gained its statehood. We see the charming Old Town and the University founded in 1632. Check in at your hotel. (B,D)

Overnight in Tartu

## Day 4 TARTU-MARCIENA

Departing from Tartu, we head south and soon we reach Valmiera, a Hanseatic town founded in the 14th century, when the Livonian Order built a castle here. We make a short tour of the town and a visit to the small, private Valmiermuiza Brewery, where we are introduced to the secrets of beer brewing and are invited to test the produce. The day continues with a visit to a local farm to sample the delicious organic cheese produced by the farmers. Late in the afternoon we arrive at your hotel, a picturesque and romantic estate in the middle of Latvia. This evening offers a BBQ dinner at Marciena Manor. (B,D)

Overnight in Marciena

## Day 5 MARCIENA-DAUGAVPILS

Leaving Marciena our first stop is in Aglona, where we visit Aglona Basilica built in late baroque style and a ceramics workshop, an important symbol of Latgalian culture. From here, our tour continues to Daugavpils, Latvia's 2nd largest city. We tour the historical centre of the city and visit the 19th century Daugavpils Fortress and the Mark Rothko Art Centre, the only place in Europe, where the original masterpieces by the famous founder of abstract expressionism can be seen. Just outside the city we find the lovely Sventes Manor and we check in at your hotel. (B,D)

Overnight in Daugavpils

## Day 6 DAUGAVPILS-VILNIUS

Today we continue southwards into Lithuania and in the middle of the day we arrive at Aukstatija National Park with its many lakes, rivulets and streams scattered between forests and hills. We explore the park on a 20km bike ride through the scenic landscapes and visit the pretty lakeside town of Paluse, famous for its wooden church. Late in the afternoon, we head towards Vilnius. Upon arrival we check in at your hotel. (B,D)

Overnight in Vilnius

## Day 7 VILNIUS

Vilnius is known for its more than 1.200 medieval buildings and 48 churches. The morning sightseeing tour includes a panoramic tour of the city and a walking tour of the Old Town with Vilnius Cathedral, Gediminas Tower, Peter and Paul Church, St. Anne's Church, Old University and the Gates of Dawn. The afternoon is free for exploring more of this baroque jewel on our own. In the evening an optional zeppelinas culinary master class and a traditional Lithuanian dinner at Restaurant Senoji Trobele is on our program.(B,D)

Overnight in Vilnius

## Day 8 VILNIUS-LIEPAJA

From Vilnius we continue towards Trakai, the medieval capital of Lithuania, where we visit the well-preserved Trakai Castle, beautifully located on an island in Lake Galve. We continue through the hilly landscapes of Lithuania to Klaipeda. A short sightseeing tour takes us to the Old Town with its narrow cobblestone streets and old guild houses and we visit the Theater Square and the Aennchen von Tharau Fountain. Along the coast, we continue onwards into Latvia and soon we arrive at the coastal town of Liepaja. Check in at your hotel. The evening offers an optional casual dinner at a beach café right on the wide sandy beach. (B,D)

Overnight in Liepaja

## Day 9 LIEPAJA-RIGA

Liepaja takes its name from the numerous lime trees in the city. We start the day with a short stroll in the Old Town with the Trinity Church and we visit Jurmala Park and the former Naval Port area with its famous Orthodox Cathedral. Afterwards we drive through the former Duchy of Courland and visit its former capital Kuldiga, before we head further to Jurmala, the vibrant Latvian sea resort, famous for its wooden architecture and sandy beaches. Here we do a walking tour on the sandy beach. We reach Riga late in the afternoon and check in at your hotel. (B,D)

Overnight in Riga

## Day 10 RIGA

Founded in 1201 by the German bishop Albert, Riga is the largest of the three Baltic capitals and boasts a true kaleidoscope of various architectural styles. The walking tour of the Old Town includes Riga Castle, Dome Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, Swedish Gates, Three Brothers, Large and Small Guild House and the Freedom Monument. The afternoon is reserved for an optional visit to one of the largest markets in Europe, Riga Central Market, where we will learn about Latvian cuisine and Latvian organic food and sample Latvian specialties, such as black bread, vegetables, fresh fish, countryside sausages and much more. In the evening, we enjoy a Latvian farewell dinner at the stylish Restaurant Forest with traditional Latvian specialties topped off with a shot of Riga Black Balsam. (B,D)

Overnight in Riga

## Day 11 DEPARTURE DAY

After breakfast, you will be transferred to your airport for your flight. (B)

**(B) = Breakfast, (L) = Lunch, (D) = Dinner**

# Information

## Inclusions

10 overnights at centrally located 3-4 star hotels.  
Includes 10 BB, 10 x 3 Course dinners meals as per itinerary (BB= buffet breakfast, D= Dinner).  
Arrival / departure transfers.  
Estonian dinner (Day 2).  
BBQ dinner (Day 4).  
Latvian farewell dinner (Day 10).  
Welcome meeting with champagne-cocktail or juice.  
Personalized welcome package.  
Entrances to Palmse Manor, Valmiermuiza Brewery, organic cheese sampling at a local farm, Aglona Basilica, ceramics show-room in Aglona, Mark Rothko Art Centre in Daugavpils, Old University in Vilnius and Trinity Church in Liepaja.  
Bike and helmet rentals for biking program on Day 6.  
Service of English and German speaking tour escort on all tours .  
Service of 1st class van throughout the itinerary.

## Highlights

Visit Lahemaa National Park.  
Visit to local farm to sample the delicious organic cheese.  
Aukstatija National Park (20km bike ride)  
Ceramics show-room in Aglona

## Rates

COST: From EUR 1240 onwards Per Person in standard double room  
From EUR 350 single supplement

DEPARTURES: 2019 – June 16, 30 ; July 14, 21; August 04, 11.

At times there may be special deals- enquire at the time of booking.

### HOTELS:

REGION	3*/ 4* HOTELS OR SIMILAR
Tallinn	Hotel Santa Barbara or similar (3 star)
Vihula	Hotel Vihula Manor Country Club & Spa or similar (4 star)
Tartu	Hotel London or similar (4 star)
Marciena	Hotel Marciena Manor or similar (4 star)
Daugavpils	Hotel Svente Manor or similar (4 star)
Vilnius	Hotel Artis or similar (4 star)
Liepaja	Hotel Kolumbs or similar (4 star)
Riga	Hotel Semarah Metropole or similar (4 star)

EXCHANGE RATE: 1 USD = 1 EUR(exchange rate as on the day of payment applicable)

VALIDITY: Till From 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019 To 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019

## Exclusions

All flights, excess baggage fees, airport departure taxes and other relevant taxes  
Inoculations and personal insurance.  
Visit to Riga Central Market.  
Zeppelinas masterclass and Lithuanian dinner on Day 7.  
Casual dinner on the beach in Liepaja on Day 8.  
3 course Latvian farewell dinner with black balsam Day 10  
Optional tours and services.  
All meals and drinks not specified in inclusions  
Drinks, tips, laundry, bottled drinking water and other personal expenses  
Medical, Travel and Baggage Insurance  
Holiday Surcharge  
Porterage at airport and hotels  
Items of a personal nature (i.e. internet, curio, laundry, beverages, etc.) unless specifically quoted for above  
Passport and Visa fees  
International Airfare  
Anything not specifically quoted in the inclusions  
Park entrances fees unless otherwise specified  
GST extra as applicable

## Notes

All prices are correct at the time of printing and subject to availability.  
All prices are subject to change without notice. Though care has been taken to put appropriate prices, our suppliers may increase their price depending on the availability and season. We therefore request you to allow for changes to occur before the confirmation of the final price. We will inform you about the increase or decrease in prices at the time of booking  
No reservations have been made and accommodation is subject to availability. In case of non-availability, alternate accommodation will be recommended.  
Luggage: one normal suitcase and one handbag per person are considered acceptable. The extra suitcase will be charged to the passenger.  
All outdoor activities are weather permitting.  
Smoking is not allowed in the vehicles. Comfort stops will be made en route.  
All distances and travelling times are approximate.  
Peak Season Surcharge may be applicable during Xmas, New Year or during any special events.  
**Terms & Conditions** Apply.  
All Payments to be made in INR, USD or EUR as per rate of exchange at the time of booking.  
Any payments automatically mean adherence to the terms & conditions and our statute.