

## Baltic Sea | Gdansk - Riga - 10 days

Since many years France-Bike is successfully presenting cycling holidays along the Baltic Sea: Germany, Poland, Scandinavia and along the Baltic States. And with this new and outstanding bike tour from Gdansk to Riga we just stay consequently on our way so that now you can experience the entire southern coast of the Baltic Sea from Lübeck to Riga with France-Bike. Sunny golden beaches and the endless dunes and the harmonic mixture of Hanseatic and Slavic culture...that is what the Baltic Sea in this region is famous for. Your support vehicle will be there for you whenever you need and a number of English-spoken guided sightseeing tours will help you to find out everything you ever wanted to know about the history and culture of this part of the world. So that you can have some cycling holidays, marked by the things that are really important...cycling, relaxation and pleasure.

### Day 1: Individual arrival in Gdansk

Come to Gdansk and settle down in your charming hotel. In the afternoon a guided sightseeing tour in the historic city center is planned for you. Afterwards you'll receive your rental bike and all the necessary documents.

### Day 2: Gdansk > Malbork, ~50 km (31 miles)

After breakfast you take the support vehicle to get to the starting point of the first bike stage in Malbork. Here you visit the imposing fortress of the 13th century, constructed by the builders of the Teutonic Order, which is part of the UNESCO-World-Heritage since 1998.

### Day 3: Malbork > Elblag Canal > Elblag, ~35 km (22 miles)

You pedal to Buczyniec in the morning. From here you will go along the dreamlike Elblag Canal by boat for about 2 hours. You will cross Lake Druzno to get to the town of Elblag. The canal was built during the 19th century and is a technical masterpiece of its time. The so called 'sloped plains' are a unique attraction in Europe. And let's not forget to mention the beautiful natural scenery that is surrounding the canal.

### Day 4: Elblag > Frombork, ~45 km (28 miles)

Along the bank of Vistula Lagoon today's bike tour leads you across the National Park of Elblag hills to Kadyny and then to Frombork. Kadyny once was once the place of the stud farm of the German Emperor Wilhelm II. In Frombork we recommend to visit Cathedrals Hill which is an ensemble of historical buildings like the Gothic cathedral, the former bishop's palace the Copernikus tower and the Radziejowski tower.

### Day 5: Frombork > Ermland > Masurian Lake district, ~46 km (29 miles)

After the short transfer, the next cycle tour takes place, which runs through Warmia. On the way in Lidzbark Warmiński (Heilsberg) you can visit the Bishop's Castle, the High Gate and the Church of St. Peter and Paul. Next attraction is a monastery (Kloster Springborn) in which the Polish primate Wyszyński was interned. Overnight in Giżycko in the heart of the Masurian Lake District.

### Day 6: Giżycko > Silute, transfer 300 km + ~45 km (28 miles)

After breakfast transfer (about 300 km) to Lithuania. In the afternoon bike tour through the Memel Delta Regional Park. The path leads to the Winderburger corner, where there is an ornithological station with an octagonal light tower that is well worth seeing. Overnight in Silute or in the surrounding area.

### Day 7: Curonian Spit > Klajpeda, ~55 km (+Boat trip 1 h) (34 miles)

Start the day with a boat trip across the Curonian Lagoon to Nida. Here you can visit Thomas Mann's house, Kurenfriedhoff and admire the beautiful dune landscape of the Curonian Spit. The cycling path leads through forests and old fishing villages northwards. In Schwarzort you visit Hexenberg and an interesting cormorant colony. After the ferry ride you reach your accommodation in Klajpeda (Memel) by bike. In the evening we recommend a stroll through the old town. The center of the old town is Theaterplatz with the monument "Änchen von Tharau". Overnight stay in Klajpeda.

### Day 8: Klajpeda > Kuldiga, ~42 km (26 miles)

Today you cycle along the beautiful cycle path along the Baltic Sea coast. On the way you will visit the Lithuanian summer capital Palanga, which is famous for its beaches, unforgettable sunsets, pier and amber museum. You take the bus to the small, old but very interesting town of Kuldiga (approx. 120 km). You visit Kuldiga on

### Services:

9 nights in carefully chosen middle class hotels  
9x breakfast  
9x dinner  
luggage transport  
welcome briefing  
support van with English speaking driver available all the time  
transfers by van and boat as mentioned in the program  
guided tour in Gdansk and Riga  
carefully chosen roads and paths  
detailed documentation GB, DE, brochures, maps, etc.  
GPS tracks on request  
24h/24 service hotline

### additional services:

rental bike 21 gears	85 €
electric bike	200 €
own bike	20 €

### Price:

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double room, half board	1290 €
single room, half board	1570 €
twin room, half board	1290 €



your on your own. Overnight stay in Kuldiga.

**Day 9: Kuldiga > Riga, ~40 km (25 miles)**

You will leave Kuldiga in the morning on your bike to discover a very natural part of Courland with forest and fields. After the bike tour our van will bring you to the famous Latvian seaside resort Jurmala, where a relaxed walk through the historic town center is indispensable. And in the afternoon you will finally arrive in the Latvian capital of Riga, the so called 'Pearl of the Baltic'. This metropolis has a lot to give. Imposing buildings of Gothic, Renaissance and the Art Nouveau era are omnipresent and the Riga nightlife is very intensive.

**Day 10: Riga**

The crowning final awaits you this morning as we planned a guided city tour in Riga for you. In the afternoon this unforgettably bike tour will unfortunately end. But if you want you can book one or more additional nights here to extend your holidays.

