

## Baltic States | Tallinn - Vilnius - 11 days

The three Baltic States Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia are really worth to be discovered by bike. Along the Baltic Sea you'll cross the sunny golden beaches and enjoy the beauty of Hanseatic architecture in the numerous towns along your way. The capitals Tallinn (Estonia), Riga (Latvia) and Vilnius (Lithuania) have been beautiful restored after the Iron Gate had come down in the early 90s. But there are many other towns to discover as for example Kaunas, Cesis, Sigulda, Kuldiga or Trakai with its impressive castle. And furthermore let's not forget the beautiful and diversified landscape of the Baltic States. So get on your bike and experience the harmony and beauty of Memel Delta and Courland, the National Parks of Lahemaa and Gauja with countless romantic lakes and last but not least the Baltic Sea and its beaches. And with some short daily transfers with our minivan within 11 days you will have seen the entire Baltic which will give you an all-embracing impression of this region and the people who are living here.

### Day 1: Individual arrival in Tallinn

Come to Tallinn and settle down in your charming hotel. In the afternoon a first guided sightseeing tour is the best way to start your holidays. Together with your guide you will discover the well-renovated medieval town center of this ancient Hanseatic city with all its monuments.

### Day 2: Lahemaa National Park, ~60 km (37 miles)

After breakfast you will meet our local collaborator for your rental bike and all the necessary tour information. You will then be transferred with our minivan to the starting point of the first stage. You will cycle through the green and diversified Lahemaa National Park. The park was founded in 1971 as the first National Park in the Soviet Union. Riding along the romantic coast line of the Baltic Sea you will visit an interesting sea life museum and an imposing manor with its forest museum. And in the afternoon you will finally reach your charming hotel in the small town Palmse in the heart of the park.

### Day 3: Lake Peipsi and Tartu, ~50 km (31 miles)

After another short transfer in the morning you will ride along Lake Peipsi, which is the fifth largest lake in the entire Europe. The border to Russia is running through the middle of the lake. Later in the day you will arrive in Tartu, the second largest town of Estonia. Stroll through the historic town center and discover the old university, the observatory, the town hall and the famous 'Engelsbrücke', the angel's bridge.

### Day 4: Gauja National Park and medieval town of Cesis, ~50 km (31 miles)

Get into the minivan and leave Estonia in the morning. The following stage will take you through the oldest Latvian national park, the Gauja National Park. On your way you will take a break in the medieval town of Cesis where you can visit the ruins of the biggest 'Ordensburg' in the whole country. Your hotel in the holiday resort Sigulda you will reach in the late afternoon.

### Day 5: Day off in Riga

Today is dedicated to discover Riga, capital of Latvia and biggest town of the Baltic States. A short transfer in the morning will bring you there. You will then join a guided city walk which is including the castle, the cathedral, the Peter's Church and many other sights. In the afternoon you can go on discovering this impressive town by yourself or relax in one of the countless cafés in down town Riga.

### Day 6: Riga > Courland > Kuldiga, ~50 km (31 miles)

After breakfast another short transfer will take you to the western part of the country where you will cycle along romantic Courland. Today's destination is the town of Kuldiga, the pearl of Courland with its unique and distinctive architecture. You will be pleased by the charming wooden houses, the well renovated Vental Bridge and the nearby water falls.

### Day 7: Baltic Sea, ~42 km (26 miles)

Another day, another country. The daily transfer today will bring you from Latvia to Lithuania. Cross the border and start a cycling stage that will lead you to the golden sandy beaches of the Baltic Sea. On your way you will come to Palanga, the most famous seaside resort town of the country. The imposing Sea Bridge and last but not least the Palanga Amber Museum are worth to be seen. A bit further on you will get to Klaipeda, where you'll spend the

### Services:

10 nights in carefully chosen 3 \*\*\* and 4\*\*\*\* hotels  
10x breakfast  
7x dinner (3 nights in Tallin, Riga and Vilnius without dinner)  
welcome briefing  
support van available during the whole trip (semi-guided tour)  
transfers by van and boat as mentioned in the program  
guided city walk in Tallinn, Riga and Vilnius  
luggage transport  
carefully chosen roads and paths  
detailed documentation GB, DE, brochures, plans, maps, etc.  
GPX tracks on request  
service hotline

### additional services:

electric bike	220 €
rental bike 21 gears	90 €
rental bike 7 gears pedal brake	90 €

### Price:

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double room, 7x half board	1390 €
single room, 7x half board	1720 €
twin room, 7x half board	1390 €



night.

**Day 8: Curonian Spit, ~55 km (34 miles)**

With a little ferry boat you will reach the Curonian Spit in the morning. From here the way will lead you along charming wood lands and through some small fishermen villages like for example Joudkrante, Preila and Perwalka. In Joudkrante you can visit Mont Hexenberg where you can marvel at the wooden figures of the Lithuanian mythology. Another point of interest is the nearby cormorant colony. The small fishermen's town of Nida, where the famous German writer Thomas Mann were living a long time awaits you in the late afternoon. Visit the 'Thomas Mann' house and the Curonian Spit Cemetery and let you impress by the beautiful small houses in the middle of the dunes.

**Day 9: Regional Park Memel Delta, ~48 km (30 miles)**

Again you will cross the Curonian Spit by boat to arrive at the Lithuanian mainland. Here your bike tour leads you to the Regional Park Memel Delta. Your way is passing by Silute and the Winderburger corner, where an imposing ornithological station and the lighthouse are worth a visit. And finally another transfer by minivan will bring you to the town of Kaunas, where you will spend the night.

**Day 10: Trakai and Vilnius, ~20 km (12 miles)**

Visit the historic center of Kaunas after the breakfast. Especially the town hall and the gothic cathedral are worth to be seen. Then, after a short minivan transfer, you will start your last stage which is running through a gently hilly landscape along some lakes. After about 20km you will arrive in the town of Trakai, where the Gothic Island Castle in the Lake Galver is waiting to be discovered by you. And last but not least you will reach the final destination of your bike holidays - the Lithuanian capital Vilnius. With all its baroque and neo classical monuments and houses this town really is a dignified place to finish your cycle trip. And in the evening our guided sightseeing tour will let you find out all that is worth to be known about Vilnius.

**Day 11: Individual departure from Vilnius**

After breakfast your impressive bike holidays unfortunately will come to an end. But of course you got the opportunity to book one or more additional nights in Vilnius to lengthen your holidays.

