

VILNIUS, RIGA, TALLINN & HELSINKI, 12 DAYS
Discover the unique character of Northern Europe

Oldtown and the Presidential Palace, Vilnius © Laimonas Ciūnys_Lithuania Travel



Day 1 / Vilnius Arrival | Transfer to Hotel

Welcome to Lithuania! Upon arrival at Vilnius Airport, you will be met and privately transferred to your centrally located hotel. Settle in and enjoy your first evening at leisure, soaking in the vibrant energy of this charming Baltic capital.

Overnight stay in Vilnius.

Day 2 / Vilnius City Tour & Excursion to Trakai Castle (Duration approx. 8 hrs)

After breakfast, embark on a guided city tour of Vilnius, exploring its magnificent Old Town — one of the largest Baroque old towns in Eastern Europe. Wander cobbled streets past stunning Gothic churches, visit the bohemian Užupis district, and admire the exquisite St. Peter & Paul Church. Mid-morning, visit the peaceful Hill of Angels before heading to the enchanting lakeside town of Trakai. Explore the iconic red-brick Trakai Island Castle, set dramatically on an island in Lake Galvė, and discover the unique Karaim culture. Return to Vilnius for the evening.

Overnight stay in Vilnius.

Day 3 / Full-Day Excursion to Kaunas City (Duration approx. 9 hrs 30 min)

After breakfast, depart for Lithuania's second city, Kaunas. Enjoy a comprehensive guided exploration of its historic Old Town with its medieval castle and charming town hall square. Marvel at the city's impressive collection of modernist architecture and stroll along its vibrant pedestrian boulevards. The scenic Nemunas and Neris rivers add a graceful natural backdrop to this lively, creative city. Return to Vilnius in the evening.

Overnight stay in Vilnius.

Day 4 / Vilnius – Riga (Approx. 400 kms | 6 hrs) with Sightseeing En Route

After breakfast, depart Vilnius on a scenic one-way transfer to Riga. En route, make memorable stops at three remarkable sites: the awe-inspiring Hill of Crosses, a powerful symbol of Lithuanian faith and resilience; the magnificent Baroque Rundale Palace, built as a summer residence for the Duke of Courland, surrounded by beautifully manicured gardens; and the medieval Bauska Castle, a 15th-century fortress at the confluence of the Mūsa and Mēmele rivers. Arrive in Riga in the evening.

Overnight stay in Riga.

Day 5 / Riga Walking Tour & Excursion to Jūrmala (Duration approx. 8 hrs)

After breakfast, begin with a guided walking tour of Riga's extraordinary Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stroll past the iconic House of the Blackheads, St. Peter's Church, and medieval market squares. Continue into the Central District to admire Riga's world-famous Art Nouveau architecture — the finest collection of such buildings in Europe. After lunch, head to the charming seaside resort of Jūrmala, Latvia's most beloved beach destination, known for its long sandy shores, woden villas, fragrant pine forests, and the lively Jomas Street promenade.

Overnight stay in Riga.

Day 6 / Excursion to Cēsis Castle & Araiši Archaeological Park (Duration approx. 8 hrs)

After breakfast, journey to the historic town of Cēsis, whose origins date back over 800 years. Visit the magnificent medieval Cēsis Castle, once the principal stronghold of the Livonian Order where the Grand Masters ruled and made decisions of great consequence. After lunch, explore the fascinating Araiši Archaeological Park and open-air museum, where reconstructed ancient lake dwellings bring Latvia's distant past to life. Return to Riga in the evening.

Overnight stay in Riga.

Day 7 / Riga – Tallinn through Gauja National Park (Approx. 400 kms | 7 hrs)

After breakfast, depart Riga on a scenic transfer to Tallinn, passing through the breathtaking Gauja National Park. Make enchanting stops along the way: explore the ruins of Sigulda Old Castle set in the verdant Gauja River Valley; descend into Gutman's Cave, the largest cave in the Baltic region, its sandstone walls etched with centuries of historic inscriptions; and visit the striking red-brick Turaida Castle, built in 1214, now part of the Turaida Museum Reserve. Stop for lunch in the charming coastal town of Pärnu, Estonia's beloved summer capital, before continuing to Tallinn.

Overnight stay in Tallinn.

Day 8 / Tallinn Old Town Walking Tour & Keila Joa Waterfall (Duration approx. 8 hrs)

After breakfast, enjoy a guided walking tour of Tallinn's breathtaking medieval Old Town — a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wander through cobblestone streets lined with ancient towers and Gothic churches. Visit Toompea Hill for sweeping panoramic views over the city's terracotta rooftops and the shimmering Baltic Sea beyond. In the afternoon, venture out to the picturesque Keila Joa Waterfall, one of Estonia's most beautiful natural landmarks, set within a scenic forested landscape. Return to Tallinn for the evening.

Overnight stay in Tallinn.

Day 9 / Excursion to Lahemaa National Park (Duration approx. 8 hrs)

After breakfast, spend a full day exploring Lahemaa National Park, one of Europe's largest and most pristine national parks. Drive through ancient forests, coastal meadows, and tranquil bogs teeming with wildlife including brown bears, lynxes, and rare bird species. Discover historic manor houses, scenic walking trails, and serene inland lakes that reflect the grandeur of Estonia's natural world. This is a day of peaceful immersion in unspoilt Nordic nature. Return to Tallinn in the late afternoon.

Overnight stay in Tallinn.

Day 10 / Tallinn – Helsinki (Approx. 2 hrs by ferry)

10:30 Transfer from the hotel to Tallinn Harbour (Passenger harbour: Tallinn A-Terminal)

12:00 Ferry to Helsinki (2hrs15min)

14:15 Transfer from Helsinki Harbour to the hotel.

Evening at leisure for your own discoveries.

Overnight stay in Helsinki.

Day 11 / Helsinki city tour (Duration approx. 2-3 hrs)

Enjoy Helsinki morning city tour with private transfers. Visit Senate Square with its famous Helsinki Cathedral, then head to Market Square by the harbor, where you can enjoy the local atmosphere and sea views. A short drive will take you to the impressive Sibelius Monument, dedicated to Finland's most famous composer, Jean Sibelius. Be sure to visit the unique Temppeliaukio Church, carved directly into the rock.

Afternoon at leisure.

Overnight stay in Helsinki.

Day 12 / Helsinki Departure

After breakfast, enjoy your final moments. Depending on your flight schedule, you will be transferred to Helsinki Airport for your onward journey.