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Baltic Countries

Pearls of the Baltic Sea

Three countries, three languages, three cultures. Experience an exciting mix of historical architecture, digital future, and magnificent landscapes in the Baltic countries. Over the course of nine days, we explore the capital cities of Vilnius, Riga, and Tallinn. The Curonian Spit provides an extra serving of natural beauty on top. On request, your stay can be extended after the Vilnius portion of the tour – just in time for Baltic Pride.

- Capital cities of Tallinn, Riga, and Vilnius
- Rundāle Palace and the Amber Coast
- Curonian Spit
- Optional: Baltic Pride in Vilnius

9 days
29.05.-06.06.2025

from € **2399**

Baltic Countries: Pearls of the Baltic Sea

Day 1, Thu, 29.05.2025: Welcome to Estonia

Individual arrival in Tallinn (flights not included in this Marco Polo tour). Over a welcome dinner at a restaurant, we discover the tasty cuisine of the Baltic countries and get to know our fellow tour companions. D

Day 2, Fri, 30.05.2025: Medieval Tallinn

City tour of Tallinn: in the upper town, Cathedral Hill, we find the castle and countless palaces where the nobility once resided; below, we encounter the narrow alleyways of the Old Town, the quarter where the craftsmen and merchants once lived. A city wall with fortified towers surrounds almost the entire historic centre. One of the mightiest towers is "Fat Margaret"; in contrast, the 45-metre high "Long Hermann", the city's most prominent landmark, is downright slender. For centuries, the Town Hall Pharmacy – presumably the oldest pharmacy in Europe – manufactured *Klaretz*, a spiced wine that was used to treat just about everything. The afternoon is yours to explore Tallinn on your own. B

Day 3, Sat, 31.05.2025: Off to Latvia!

Stopover at the seaside resort of Pärnu: these white sandy beaches almost have a Caribbean feel to them! The bus takes us across the border to Latvia. What do the neighbouring countries have in common and what distinguishes them from one another? Lunch at a restaurant and continued journey to Riga. B/L

Day 4, Sat, 01.06.2025: Old and new in Riga

Morning walk through Riga, the uncrowned capital of the Baltic countries. The New Town fascinates with a unique collection of houses in the finest Art Nouveau style, while in the Old Town, the façades of the merchant, guild and town houses shine almost like new. Riga Castle, the Swedish Tower, St. Peter's Church and the Swedish Gate are some of the stops on our tour. In the cathedral, we hear fascinating stories about the history of one of the oldest churches in the Baltic region. At Town Hall Square, the House of the Blackheads is reminiscent of the architecture you find in Lübeck, Germany. In the afternoon, we have time to stroll through the city on our own, and in the evening, we enjoy Latvian nouvelle cuisine at a restaurant. B/D

Day 5, Mon, 02.06.2025:

By order of the Czar

Around 50 kilometres south of Riga lies Rundāle, the magnificent baroque palace built by master architect Rastrelli, which we will explore in detail. Then it's goodbye, Latvia – hello, Lithuania. Our first stop: the Hill of Crosses in Šiauliai. No one knows whether there are 10,000 or 100,000 crosses at this national shrine – but it's impressive nonetheless. B

Day 6, Tue, 03.06.2025:

Treasure hunt on the Curonian Spit

This magnificent landscape has attracted many artists to Nida – including Thomas Mann, whose summer home now houses a cultural centre and museum.



At the Amber Museum, an expert tells us all about the "gold of the Baltic Sea". In the adjoining amber workshop, we learn to cut, file and polish amber by hand using traditional techniques. As a reward for our hard work, we'll have some delicious fish for lunch. The lagoon sparkles through the sparse forest and

the scent of pine mingles with the Baltic Sea air. We enjoy the view from the tall dune and take an easy hike (2 hours) down into the "Valley of Silence". Overnight stay in Nida. B/L

Day 7, Wed, 04.06.2025:

Kaunas and the Neman River

We travel to Kaunas at the convergence of the Neman and Neris rivers. In 2022, the city was awarded the title European Capital of Culture. We explore the Old Town around the historic Town Hall Square on a walking tour. Continue to Vilnius. B/L

Day 8, Thu, 05.06.2025:

Vilnius – Jewel of the Baroque

Our first stop is the Church of St. Peter and Paul, which impresses with its exquisite stucco work inside. From Subaciaus Hill, we have a fantastic view of the city, and at the Gate of Dawn we walk alongside pilgrims to the miraculous Madonna. On our tour of the Old Town, we see the cathedral and the venerable university, among other sights. In conversation with a conservator in the Franciscan Church, we learn just how much Vilnius invests in the preservation of its historic monuments. Farewell dinner together at the restaurant. B/D

Day 9, Fri, 06.06.2025:

Farewell or Baltic Pride in Vilnius

Transfer to the Vilnius Airport and return home. B

EXTENSION

Day 9, Fri, 06.06.2025: A day at your leisure

Take a day trip into the surrounding region or spend the day in the modern Baltic metropolis of Vilnius – the day is yours to explore. B

Day 10, Sat, 07.06.2025: Pride parade in Vilnius

Wearing vibrant costumes and playing lively music, people demonstrate in Vilnius for the rights of the LGBTQ+ community. The programme is complemented by a variety of parties and a colourful entertainment programme. B

Day 11, Sat, 08.06.2025: Journey home

Get a good night's sleep and explore Vilnius on your own. Your rooms are available until the time of your transfer. B

B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner

Flights

Arrival and departure flights are not included in the tour price. However, we would be happy to arrange your flights (rates on request).

Hotels

Place	Nights	Hotel	Local rating
Tallinn	2	St. Barbara	***
Riga	2	Wellton	****
Nida	1	Nerija	***
Vilnius	2	Congress	****

Extension

Vilnius	2	Congress	****
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Travel documents and vaccinations

German nationals require a valid identity card or passport.

Included in the tour price

- Transfers, excursions, and round trip in a good local coach
- 8 nights in a single room

- Breakfast, 3 lunches, 3 dinners at a restaurant
- English-speaking Marco Polo tour guides in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania
- Entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Excursion to the Curonian Spit

Included in the tour price/extension

- 2 nights in a single room
- Breakfast
- Transfer from the hotel to the airport

Climate-friendly travel with Marco Polo

This tour is carbon neutral thanks to CO₂e offsetting (www.agb-mp.com/co2).

Price per person from €

9 days	Basic tour	Extension
Date: 2025	SGL DBL	SGL DBL
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Minimum number of participants: 6 people;

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