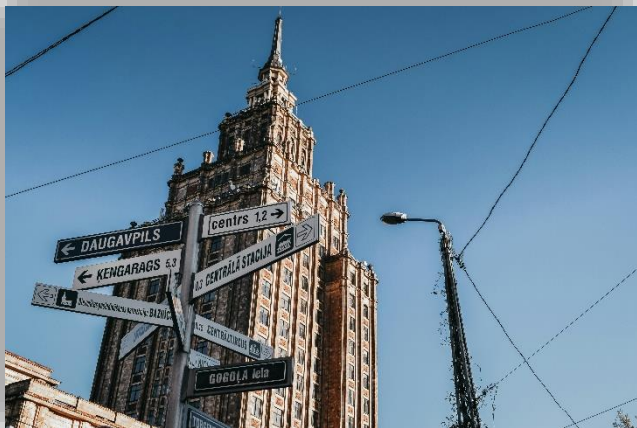


## Learn all the secrets of the Baltic States

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the captivating Baltic States of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia. The perfect blend of rich cultural heritage, stunning natural landscapes, and historic landmarks. From the cobblestone streets of Vilnius and Riga to the medieval charm of Tallinn, you will experience the unique traditions and warm hospitality of each country. Join us for more exploration, relaxation, and culinary delights as we uncover the best that the Baltic region has to offer.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Cultural Treasures:** Immerse yourself in the rich history and vibrant cultures of the Baltic States.
- **Natural Beauty:** Experience breathtaking landscapes with visits to the serene Trakai Island, and the majestic Kakerdaja Bog.
- **Historic Sites:** Step back in time as you explore medieval, including the enchanting Trakai Island Castle and the historic centers of Riga and Tallinn.
- **Local Cuisine:** Savor the flavors of the Baltic with traditional meals and unique culinary experiences, from lively folklore dinners to medieval feasts.
- **Unique Experiences:** Engage in hands-on activities like amber jewelry making and bread baking, and enjoy special moments of new experience.



## Day 1 TOUR START DATE | Vilnius (-/-/D)

Welcome to **Lithuania**! Our adventure kicks off in the vibrant city of **Vilnius**. Upon arrival at Vilnius Airport, our friendly guide will be there to greet you. We'll then transfer to the hotel, where you'll check in and settle into your accommodations. After checking in, take some time to relax and freshen up. In the evening, gather for a welcome dinner where you can meet your fellow travelers and enjoy a delightful introduction to Lithuanian cuisine. Your tour leader will provide an overview of the exciting journey ahead.

## Day 2 | Vilnius (B/-/D)

Start the day with a breakfast at the hotel. Then, embark on a comprehensive guided bus and walking **tour** of Vilnius **Old Town**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Marvel at the stunning architecture, including the Vilnius Cathedral, Gediminas Tower, and the Presidential Palace.

Enjoy some free time in the afternoon to explore the charming streets, visit local shops, or relax in a cozy café. Reconvene in the evening for a delightful dinner at a local restaurant, where you'll sample traditional Lithuanian dishes.

## Day 3 | Trakai (B/-/D)

Today, after breakfast, depart by bus to the picturesque town of **Trakai**, located 30 km from Vilnius. Visit the iconic **Trakai Island Castle**, which sits on an island in Lake Galvė. Enjoy a scenic **boat tour** around the lake, complete with national snacks and drinks.

Return to Vilnius in the afternoon and **visit a museum** of your choice, such as the National Museum of Lithuania. In the evening, enjoy dinner at a restaurant featuring local specialties.

### **HOTEL:**

“[Radisson BLU Hotel Lietuva](#)” or similar | Vilnius  
3 Nights



## The Destination

## Lithuania

### Day 4 | Kaunas (B/-/D)

Have breakfast at the hotel and check out. Then travel to **Kaunas**, Lithuania's second-largest city, located 100 km from Vilnius. Enjoy a two-hour guided **city tour**, including visits to the Kaunas Castle, the House of Perkunas, and the beautiful Town Hall Square.

Afterward, visit the Museum of Folk Music and participate in an **amber workshop** where you can learn about and create your own amber jewelry. Check into the hotel in Kaunas and have a delightful dinner.

### Day 5 | Palanga (B/-/D)

After breakfast and check out from the hotel, head to the coastal town of **Palanga**, located 240 km away. Check into the hotel and take some time to relax or explore the seaside. In the evening, enjoy a **folklore entertainment program** featuring traditional Lithuanian music and dance, accompanied by a dinner of local dishes.

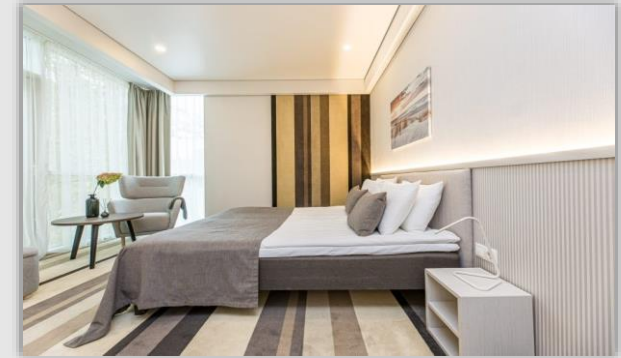
### Day 6 | Klaipeda (B/-/D)

Have breakfast and travel to **Klaipeda**, a charming port city located 30 km from Palanga. Enjoy a guided seaside walk, visiting the old town with its distinctive German-style architecture and the historic **Theatre Square**. Return to Palanga for dinner at a local restaurant, where you can savor fresh seafood and other regional specialties.

### HOTEL:

“[Radisson Hotel Kaunas](#)” or similar | Kaunas  
1 Night

“[Grand Baltic Dunes](#)” or similar | Palanga  
2 Nights



## The Destination

## Latvia

### Day 7 | Liepaja – Riga (B/-/D)

After breakfast, travel to **Liepaja**, a Latvian city known for its beautiful beaches and vibrant cultural scene. Take a **city tour**, visiting key sights such as the Holy Trinity Cathedral and the Liepaja Museum. Continue your journey to **Riga**, the capital of Latvia, and check into the hotel. Enjoy dinner and have some time at your leisure.

### Day 8 | Jurmala (B/-/D)

Start the day with breakfast, then take a short trip to **Jurmala**, a famous seaside resort known for its wooden architecture and sandy beaches. Enjoy a leisurely walk along the shore and explore the charming streets.

Return to Riga in the afternoon for a guided **tour of the city**, including the Art Nouveau district, Riga Castle, and the Dome Cathedral. Have dinner at a **Folk Club**, where you can enjoy live music and traditional Latvian dishes.

### Day 9 | Riga (B/-/D)

After breakfast, visit [The Ethnographic Open-Air Museum of Latvia](#), one of the oldest and largest open-air museums in Europe. Explore the extensive collection of traditional rural buildings, including farmhouses, windmills, and churches. Learn about Latvian rural life and crafts through various exhibits and demonstrations. Enjoy dinner in the evening at a local restaurant.

#### **HOTEL:**

“[Radisson BLU Elizabete Hotel](#)” or similar | Riga  
3 Nights



### **Day 10 | Saaremaa Island (B/-/D)**

Today, depart for **Saaremaa Island** after breakfast and check out, traveling through scenic landscapes. Visit the [Kaali Meteorite Crater](#), a unique geological site, and the [Angla Windmills](#), which showcase traditional Estonian windmill architecture.

Arrive in **Kuressaare** and check into the hotel. Enjoy a relaxing evening and dinner at the hotel.

### **Day 11 | Kuressaare (B/-/D)**

Visit the [Kuressaare Episcopal Castle](#) in the morning, one of the best-preserved medieval castles in the Baltic region. Explore the castle's museum and learn about the history of Saaremaa Island.

Spend the rest of the day at leisure, enjoying the hotel's spa facilities or exploring the charming town of Kuressaare. Reconvene for dinner in the evening.

### **Day 12 | Haapsalu (B/-/D)**

After breakfast, travel to **Haapsalu**, a picturesque town known for its beautiful seaside promenade and historic architecture. Enjoy a guided city tour, including a visit to [Haapsalu Castle](#), where you can learn about the town's medieval history. Check into the hotel in Haapsalu and enjoy your dinner.

### **Day 13 | Tallinn (B/-/D)**

Travel to **Tallinn** after breakfast and check out, with a stop at the [Ants Laikmaa Museum](#), dedicated to the renowned Estonian artist.

Continue to Tallinn, Estonia's capital, and check into Palace Hotel Tallinn. Enjoy a brief city orientation, where you'll get an overview of the main sights of Tallinn downtown. After the orientation, you will have free time to explore Tallinn at your own pace. In the evening, gather for dinner at a local restaurant, where you can savor Estonian cuisine.

#### **HOTEL:**

“[Arensburg Boutique Hotel & Spa](#)” or similar |  
Kuressaare

2 Nights

“[Hestia Hotel Haapsalu Spa](#)” or similar |

Haapsalu

1 Night



### **Day 14 | Tallinn (B/-/D)**

Take a guided **walking tour** of Tallinn, focusing on the city's rich history and well-preserved medieval architecture such as the medieval Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit notable sites such as the Dominican Monastery, St. Catherine's Passage, and the Great Guild Hall.

In the evening, enjoy dinner at the medieval-themed [Olde Hansa restaurant](#), where you can experience traditional dishes and entertainment from the Middle Ages.

### **Day 15 | Kakerdaja Bog (B/-/D)**

After breakfast, embark on an adventure to [Kakerdaja Bog](#), located 70 km from Tallinn. Estonia is known for its stunning bog landscapes, and the **Kakerdaja Bog Hiking Trail** offers a unique opportunity to experience this natural beauty firsthand. Enjoy a peaceful hike through the bog, taking in the serene environment and learning about the local flora and fauna. This day dedicated to the nature and culture of Estonia will surely be one of the highlights of your trip.

In the evening, we will take you to the [Viking Village](#), where you can immerse yourself in an authentic Viking experience. Enjoy a delicious dinner featuring traditional Estonian and Viking-inspired dishes in a rustic and atmospheric setting.

### **Day 16 | Tallinn (B/-/D)**

Spend the day at the [Tallinn Open-Air Museum](#), which showcases traditional Estonian rural architecture and lifestyle. Participate in a **bread-making workshop**, where you'll learn how to bake traditional Estonian bread. Enjoy local cuisine and folk music throughout the day. Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner.

### **Day 17 TOUR END DATE | Tallinn (B/-/-)**

After a free morning to stock up on souvenirs we will transfer you to the airport where, sadly, we will have to say our goodbyes!

*Thank you for traveling with Cobblestone Freeway!*

#### **HOTEL:**

["Palace Hotel Tallinn"](#) or similar | Tallinn  
4 Nights



# Tour Details

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Airport Transfers
- All land transportation
- Escorted tour with full-time Tour Leader
- Tour in English
- 2 meals a day
- Cooking & workshop classes
- 16 nights in hand-selected hotels
- All Events included in the Itinerary
- Internet in hotels when possible
- Interaction with local artists, craftsmen, and performers
- Special events exclusively for Cobblestone travelers
- Cobblestone Freeway t-shirt

## NOT INCLUDED:

- Extra days before/after the tour
- Events and Services not included in the itinerary or marked as **Optional**
- Alcoholic beverages
- Meals not listed in Itinerary
- Flights not listed in Itinerary
- Tips for guides / drivers/ maids
- Travel Insurance
- Laundry & Telephone Services



## OPTIONAL ADD-ONS:

- Extend your trip
- Upgrade your room / Get a single room
- Do a side trip – visit Family
- Ukrainian Family History researched with our Genealogy service

## *On our Cobblestone Freeway Tour, enjoy:*

Delicious, hand chosen local food, and more inclusions than most other tour operators



Enjoy exclusive Folk dance/ music performances



You will be escorted by a full-time Cobblestone Freeway Tour Leader



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