

LUXURY TRAVEL *Bcn*

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Riga 7 days / 6 nights

1 Day: Riga

Arrival. Meeting at the airport. Assistance of 5 Latvian women in traditional dresses.

Transfer with assistance in centrally located hotel. Riga city tour.

In 1201 the metropolis of the Baltics where grounded by the Germans and later became an important part of the Hanseatic League.

In the 21st century, Riga is a modern city of 800,000 inhabitants at the bank of the river Daugava. **Old Riga** This part of the city is a string of historical buildings, architectonic gems and cosy cobble stoned streets. Walking in Vecrīga, Old Riga, you cannot avoid looking up at the many decorative house fronts. Here are churches, cathedrals, old dwelling houses, remains of an old city wall, a castle and 13-15th century houses with exciting stories to tell.

The Central Market Five food pavilions in old Zeppelin hangars and outdoor stalls are the settings for one of Europe's oldest and largest markets. The Central Market is buzzing with life and you can buy almost anything from clothes, flowers and food to household equipments. Dinner and Night at the hotel.

2 Day: Riga

Breakfast.

Whole day seminar with coffee break and lunch.

Evening at your leisure.

Night at the hotel.

3 Day: Sigulda

Breakfast.

Sigulda is located 50 km from Riga in the Gauja River valley. Latvians often refer to it as the Latvian Switzerland due to the beautiful nature surrounding the town. It is a very popular leisure destination for in both winter and summer with downhill skiing, bobsleigh track, nature trails and the Gauja National Park. The area is a wealth of historical sites from different historical periods. The tour takes the participants to the ruins of the 13th century Crusader Castle, the 19th century Kropotkin's Palace in the outskirts of Sigulda, along the river valley and a walk to the sandstone caves on the ancient riverbank. From the 13th century Turaida Castle there is a chance to view the "Garden of Gods" from the 30m fortification tower, visit the local history museum and enjoy the sculpture park dedicated to the Latvian folklore.

Lunch near the castle.

Visit of bobsleigh track. In 1986 bobsleigh came back to Sigulda. Global scale sports object was developing in the city. Together with Yugoslavian specialist from Sarajevo sleigh and bobsleigh track was built. Since then every year there took place international competitions – World Cup contests, World and European championships, World Junior championship.

Back to the city. Free time.

Dinner in Medieval restaurant and Night at the hotel.

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Possibility of night Riga tour.

4 Day: Riga-Rundale

Breakfast.

Departure to Rundale.

66 km south of Riga, close to the town of Bauska, there is the unique Baroque Rundale Palace. On the way to Rundale, the tour stops to visit the ruins of Bauska Castle from the 15-18th century. Rundale Palace is an outstanding example of the early work of Italian-Russian architect Francesco Bartomoleo Rastrelli, who also designed the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg. The tour includes a visit in the palace decorated with authentic 18th century furniture, paintings and china. The most impressive rooms are the Golden Hall, the White Hall and bedroom of Duke of Courland Joahan Ernst Biron. Outside is a beautiful French-style park.

Lunch near the palace in typical Latvian restaurant.

Back to Riga city. Free time.

Night at the hotel.

5 Day: Jurmala

Breakfast at the hotel.

Departure to Jurmala.

This tour leads to the Baltic spa-town Jurmala situated on the coast of the Gulf of Riga. This resort is attractive by its natural beauty - golden sandy 30 km long beach and has been a favourite resort since the end of the 18th century. Visit to the small coastal villages where you can enjoy the architecture of picturesque summer-houses which have remained from the previous century. Approxomately 1 hr guided panoramic drive will take you through the nearby sea side resort town Jurmala to a small fisherman village. During a short stroll along the beach participants have a possibility to find and collect small amber stones that lay scattered in the sand and amidst the sea-grass. The sounds of well known seamen songs will welcome you in the yard of traditional fisherman wharf. There, the bonfires will be set and freshly smoked fish served picnic style together with a glass of hot or refreshing drink!

Lunch in Jurmala.

Afterwards enjoy yourself in lazily seaside atmosphere: search for more amberstones, participate in traditional fisherman games or watch the local folk-show.

Back to Riga.

Free time.

Night at the hotel.

6 Day: Liepaja

Breakfast at the hotel.

The town of Liepaja developed in the territory between the Baltic Sea and Liepaja and Tosmare Lakes. The port channel divides the city into two parts. Modern Liepāja is an industrial, cultural and educational centre. Buildings of different architectural styles and ages are located in Liepaja within a relatively small area. Different and unique, together they compliment each other and create an atmosphere characteristic only to Liepaja.

The Naval Port prison - the gloomy red brick wall, which is hidden behind the high fence - was erected about 1900 and until 1997 it has served as a place where military persons served their terms for breach of discipline.

Ever since the first years of its existence it has been a place to break peoples' lives and suppress their free will. Several governments have changed during the prison existence, and every one has had its terrible history. A number of rebels have waited for the verdict in the dark and narrow cells.

Today visitors are invited to see a terrifying historical show "Behind the Bars" with the audience participation. It is one of the most unusual "performances" in Latvia. Nobody will be bored in the prison performance. No heat, no air conditioning, no comfort, unhelpful staff, ghosts (spooky dog and white lady) included.

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Show "Behind the Bars". A terrifying historical interactive reality show, created on the basis of true stories from the life of the Naval Port prison. The purpose of the show is to give each participant an opportunity to live the part of a prisoner and learn about the most interesting and shocking facts from the history of the prison.

There are two conditions for taking part in the reality show: you should be over 12 years old and brave enough to do it.

Lunch in Liepaja and back to Riga.

Free time for shopping and leisure.

Night at the hotel.

7 Day: Riga

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer to the airport with assistance.

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