

A Baltic Journey

Finland – Estonia – Latvia – Lithuania

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LITHUANIA

POLAND

Optional Add-On

Day By Day

JUL 22 Day 1 Helsinki, **Finland** (2N)
 JUL 23 Day 2 Helsinki, Finland
 JUL 24 Day 3 Porvoo, Fin - Tallinn, **Estonia** (3N)
 JUL 25 Day 4 Tallinn – Lahemaa – Tallinn
 JUL 26 Day 5 Tallinn – Kuressaare, Estonia (1N)
 JUL 27 Day 6 Parnu, Estonia – Riga, **Latvia** (3N)
 JUL 28 Day 7 Riga, Latvia
 JUL 29 Day 8 Riga, Latvia
 JUL 30 Day 9 Riga – Klaipeda, **Lithuania** (2N)
 JUL 31 Day 10 Klaipeda, Lithuania
 AUG 01 Day 11 Klaipeda – Kaunas – Vilnius (3N)
 AUG 02 Day 12 Vilnius, Lithuania
 AUG 03 Day 13 Vilnius, Lithuania
 AUG 04 Day 14 Vilnius – Start Optional Poland

(Optional Poland Add-on Tour)

AUG 04 Day 14 Vilnius – Masuria, **Poland** (1N)
 AUG 05 Day 15 Masuria – Warsaw, Poland (2N)
 AUG 06 Day 16 Warsaw, Poland
 AUG 07 Day 17 Warsaw – Krakow, Poland (4N)
 AUG 08 Day 18 Krakow, Poland
 AUG 09 Day 19 Krakow, Poland
 AUG 10 Day 20 Krakow, Poland – RETURN USA

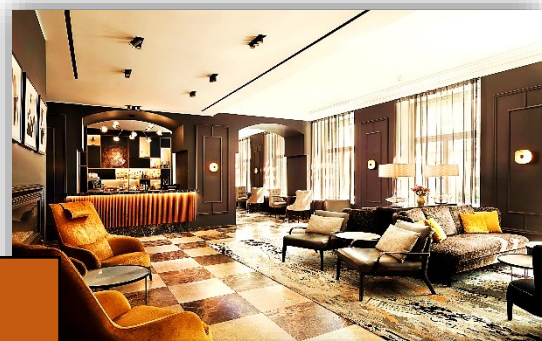
Tour Highlights



- 14-Day Tour or 20-Day Tour with optional Poland Extension
- Explore FOUR Baltic countries and *optional Poland (6N)*
- Travel by Train, Ferry & Motor Coach
- Wonderful Hands-On Experiences like Marzipan Making, Market Tastings, Bread & Pastry Baking
- Beautiful Hotels in the Old Towns & Countryside
- Wine Tastings, Cider & Cheese Tastings, Berry Picking
- 31 Included Meals with Special Dining Experiences
- Visit Multiple UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Visit Scenic Curonian Spit, Lahemaa National Park, Hill of Crosses and Cruise on Lake Galve
- Behind the Iron Curtain: Secret Soviet Bunker Experience
- Mostly 2- to 4-night stays in Towns & Cities
- **Wonderful 7-Night Poland Extension Below:**
- Stay in Warsaw, Krakow & Masurian Lake District
- Visit Vodka Museum (Tasting) – Explore Communist Past Stained-Glass Making – Music Academy Piano Concert Auschwitz-Birkenau Visit (*included, but optional*) – Incredible Wielicka Salt Mine Visit (UNESCO) – Train Journey



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Amazing Days and Places you will visit on this custom Stewart Tours

DAY 1 🍷 HELSINKI

You arrive in the beautiful capital of Finland, Helsinki. We'll check into our waterfront haven in South Harbour in the heart of Helsinki and enjoy a wonderful welcome dinner this evening to mark the start of a grand Baltics Journey.



DAY 2 🍷 HELSINKI

In the morning, we'll start our sightseeing tour of **Helsinki's iconic landmarks**. Helsinki is truly located at the crossroads of Western and Eastern culture, and it is reflected everywhere in the green and lively Finnish capital. We will explore the region while looking to **pick some berries**, we may fill our baskets with Finnish superfoods such as blueberries, lingonberries and, with some extra luck, some sweet wild strawberries. **We visit a campsite to have a Finnish-style lunch cooked over a fire.** For Finns, the **sauna is neither a luxury nor an occasional spa treatment**, but a fundamental cultural institution and a way of life. We'll visit one of the city's saunas to gain an understanding of this fundamental aspect of Finnish culture.

DAY 3 🍷 HELSINKI – PORVOO - TALLINN

In the morning, **enjoy a visit to Porvoo**, one of Finland's oldest and most charming towns. Stroll through its picturesque Old Town, known for colorful wooden houses, narrow cobblestone streets, and rich medieval atmosphere. Discover **local boutiques, artisan shops, and cozy cafés, and admire landmarks such as Porvoo Cathedral**, which has stood at the heart of the town since the 15th century. To enjoy the views and reminisce about the old days, we'll take the **vintage train**, which ends its journey at the old wooden station in Porvoo, just a few minutes' walk from the historic center with its famous red wooden houses on the riverbank. In the afternoon, we'll take a **2-hour ferry ride to Tallinn, Estonia** and enjoy a buffet lunch onboard.

Afternoon city tour of medieval Tallinn to feel the aura of the 14th & 15th centuries that survived intact in a maze of medieval walls and towers, soaring church spires and winding streets. It includes the main historical and architectural monuments: **Toompea Palace and Castle, Town Hall Square, the Russian Orthodox Alexander Nevsky Cathedral**. One of the oldest sweets made in Estonia during the medieval times is **marzipan** – a sweet made of almonds and powdered sugar. We will **visit a local Marzipan workshop to paint our own take-home sweet treat**. We'll enjoy dinner this evening in the old town, stepping back to the 12th century.



DAY 4 🍷 TALLINN – LAHEMAA - TALLINN

Today we'll enjoy the peace and quiet of the **Estonian countryside** as we head for **Lahemaa National Park**. As Estonia's largest national park (179151 ACRES), it features moss-covered pine forests as well as over 200 species of birds and nearly 900 different species of plants. The park offers a variety of points of interest: We'll see the 18th-century **Palmse Manor** – the jewel of Lahemaa – with its display of superb period furniture. And on the western edge of the park, we'll stroll through the beautifully preserved **400-year-old fishing village of Altja**. We'll enjoy a **lunch in the local Tavern** and also visit the **maritime museum**.

DAY 5 🍷 TALLINN - KURESSAARE

We leave Tallinn to visit the **Estonian islands of Muhu and Saaremaa**. Thanks to its unspoiled surroundings, tranquility and sustainable way of life, the archipelago of western Estonia is part of a **UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Reserve**. The landscape of Muhu is considered quintessentially Estonian, with windmills, thatched-roof farmhouses and tranquil fishing villages. While exploring the area, we'll visit **Muhu Wine Farm** – a vineyard, boutique guesthouse and restaurant. The touch of sea breeze and the light of long summer days give rise to artisanal wines that express the character of Muhu. We'll **experience their food and wine today** in this lush, beautiful region before continuing on to the seaside resort town of Kuressaare on Saaremaa Island.



DAY 6 🍷 KURESSAARE – PARNU - RIGA

In the morning, we'll visit Kuressaare's impressive medieval **Episcopal Castle** and the surrounding area before departing to our next Baltic country, Latvia. Before leaving Estonia, we will visit a **local Cider House**. Estonia's cool climate produces exceptional apples. At this cider house, we'll discover how local producers combine Nordic precision with rural traditions to create crisp, elegant craft ciders. **Tasting is paired with regional cheeses** and local stories. Next, we'll stop in **Parnu**, known as Estonia's official summer capital since 1996. **Famous for its beaches**, Parnu was already included on the list of tourist resorts in Imperial Russia as early as 1890. **The city was founded in 1251** and became one of the wealthy and vibrant **Hanseatic cities** during the Middle Ages. With history stretching back hundreds of years, the town of Parnu is a real gem for any lover of architecture & history. Afterwards, we'll continue to Latvia's capital of Riga to enjoy exploration of this fascinating city.

DAY 7 🍷 RIGA

This morning, we'll have a tour of Riga – a city where medieval charm meets early 20th-century grandeur. We'll explore the **cobbled streets of the Old Town**, admire landmarks such as **Riga Castle**, the **historic Swedish Gate**, and the iconic Freedom Monument – a powerful symbol of Latvian independence. Next, we'll see the elegant **Art Nouveau district**, where ornate façades and sculptural details reveal why Riga is considered one of Europe's Art Nouveau capitals. We'll visit the majestic Riga Cathedral, home to one of Europe's largest historic pipe organs and experience the atmospheric Concerto Piccolo live organ performance.



We'll visit the vibrant **Riga Central Market**, housed in former **Zeppelin airship** hangars, to discover local flavors and sample traditional Latvian delicacies, complemented by a tasting of the **iconic herbal liqueur** Riga Black Balsam rooted in centuries-old apothecary traditions.

DAY 8 🍷 RIGA

Today we'll be exploring the little **villages within the vast Gauja National Park**. Our first stop will be in Sigulda – also known as the **"Switzerland of Vidzeme"** due to the many hills and mountains in and around the town. We will visit the **Turaida Museum Reserve** before continuing on to **Ligatne, an area featuring many caves and grottoes**.

In Latvia bread is more than food, it is still the essence of life. Situated on a charming country farm within the national park, near the town of Cesis, we can savor the unique flavors of Latvian dark rye bread, sourdough bread, and the favorite native **comfort food called piragi** – mouthwatering buns with traditional bacon or apple filling. You will be immersed in local traditions and learn about the grain that goes into **traditional Latvian bread**. We'll savor a lunch here before continuing on.

Next, we go **behind the Iron Curtain with a Secret Soviet Bunker Experience**. Built in the 1980s, but only declassified in 2003, this Soviet-era bunker was hidden beneath a rehabilitation center in Gauja National Park and designed to shelter Latvia's political elite in case of nuclear war. We'll descend into this time capsule where original maps, communication equipment, and propaganda materials remain untouched.

We will also try a typical Soviet menu at the Canteen.



DAY 9 RIGA – HILL OF CROSSES - KLAIPEDA

On our way to **Lithuania's coast** today, we'll stop at the remarkable Hill of Crosses, located near Šiauliai — one of the most extraordinary pilgrimage sites in Europe. Rising from a small hill are more than **100,000 crosses**, placed here over generations as expressions of faith, hope and gratitude. Despite repeated attempts to destroy it during the Soviet era, the site became a powerful symbol of peaceful resistance and spiritual strength. The **Hill of Crosses** is also the best place to become acquainted with **Lithuania's unique tradition of cross-making** — a distinctive branch of folk art recognized by UNESCO as Intangible Cultural Heritage.



DAY 10 KLAIPEDA – CURONIAN SPIT - KLAIPEDA

Today, we'll make our way down the coast to **Nida**, then take a **ferry across to the Curonian Spit** a 50-mile strip of land separating the Curonian Lagoon from the Baltic Sea. The **Curonian Spit National Park** is Lithuania's largest nature reserve. The chains of the tallest dunes in northern Europe, the raging sea and the whispering sand, as well as the old fishermen's cottages, accompany us across the Spit, which was added to the list of **UNESCO World Heritage Sites** in 2000. We'll be able to enjoy **smoked fish caught by local fishermen** and learn about their lifestyle while enjoying this beautiful and scenic area of Lithuania. We'll overnight in Klaipeda and enjoy a traditional dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 11 KLAIPEDA – KAUNAS - VILNIUS

From Klaipeda, we'll journey inland to the **town of Kaunas** where we'll experience "**gourmet stories from Kaunas.**" What dishes can Lithuanians be proud of? Which dishes amaze gourmets around the world? Which patron saint watches over chefs and pastry chefs? From ordinary townspeople to dukes and kings, what were the dining traditions like? We will discover all this, as if **turning the pages of a cookbook**, all whilst wandering through the streets of **Kaunas Old Town**. We will continue to Lithuania's capital of Vilnius afterwards, enjoying an independent dinner.



DAY 12 VILNIUS

Morning walking tour of Vilnius, whose **Old Town is proudly listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Over three hours, we'll discover a city shaped by grand dukes, scholars, artists and diverse religious communities. **Stroll through narrow, winding streets to admire architectural treasures** and sacred landmarks. The tour continues to **Užupis, Vilnius' bohemian heart and a self-declared independent "republic"** within the Old Town. Once neglected during the Soviet era, **Užupis transformed in the 1990s into a vibrant artists' quarter**. Today it proudly displays its own constitution (translated into many languages), a symbolic president, an anthem, and the iconic Bronze Angel watching over the district.



DAY 13 VILNIUS

We journey from **Vilnius to Trakai**, the former capital of the **Grand Duchy of Lithuania**. The visit begins with a short walk through the **charming lakeside town**, where colorful wooden houses reflect centuries of multicultural heritage. We'll be introduced to the story of the Karaim community — a **small Turkic-speaking Jewish minority** brought from Crimea in the 14th century, whose traditions still shape Trakai's identity today. At a local Karaim restaurant, we'll learn about Karaite customs and culinary heritage before taking part in a hands-on workshop to **prepare the traditional pastry kibinai**. Lunch and tasting of the freshly baked specialties. We'll end the morning with a **relaxing scenic boat cruise** on Lake Galve, with great views of **Trakai Island Castle**. The rest of the day at leisure to enjoy the city. We have a **farewell dinner tonight** for those travelers leaving tomorrow and not continuing onto **Poland for an additional 6 nights**.

- END 14 DAY BALTICS TOUR -



ADD-ON POLAND TOUR - 7 DAYS

DAY 14 VILNIUS – MAZURIAN LAKE DISTRICT, POLAND

We depart Vilnius this morning for a scenic drive to the **Masurian Lake District of Poland**, a pristine lakes and dense woodland area that also holds one of Europe's most significant World War II sites — **The Wolf's Lair**. Hidden deep in the woods, the Wolf's Lair was Hitler's secret **Eastern Front Headquarters** from 1941 to 1944.

This vast system of heavily fortified bunkers once housed more than 2,000 military personnel, officers and staff — including Hitler himself. It was here that crucial wartime decisions were made, and where the famous failed assassination attempt of July 20, 1944, took place. Today, the massive concrete ruins stand silently among the trees in this **beautiful area of Poland**. We'll **enjoy lunch enroute**

and visit an organic farm that is renowned for artisanal cheese-making. As we enter the Masurian Lake District, the atmosphere shifts dramatically. Surrounded by sparkling lakes and tranquil nature, enjoy time to relax and experience this peaceful landscape. **The boutique hotel** for the evening is set right against one of the lakes and is perfect for a stroll to enjoy the lush grounds.



DAY 15 🏰 MASURIAN LAKES – WARSAW

Heading south will take us to the famous city of Warsaw. We'll enjoy exploration of Castle Square, the southern gateway to Warsaw's Old Town, where there is a monument to Sigismund III Vasa, the King who moved the capital from Krakow to Warsaw. We'll see the interior of the splendid baroque Royal Castle, St John's Cathedral, Warsaw's oldest church, the picturesque Old Town Square that combines elements of Renaissance, baroque, Gothic and neoclassical design as well as the imposing Barbican and city walls. We'll have lunch together in the heart of the city and afterwards, you'll enjoy a relaxing evening in this historic city.



DAY 16 🏰 WARSAW

Today we will discover another chapter of **Poland's story as we explore Warsaw's Communist-era history (1945–1989)** — a period that shaped the modern identity of the nation. This thematic tour today reveals the architecture, ideology and everyday realities offering insight into a world that feels distant yet remarkably recent. At the heart of the city stands the iconic Palace of Culture and Science, Warsaw's most recognizable landmark. Built between 1952 and 1955 as a “gift” from the Soviet Union, the building combines many historicist elements — a style mirrored in similar structures such as the Latvian Academy of Sciences in Riga and the House of the Free Press in Bucharest. **After lunch in a local restaurant**, we'll visit the **Polish Vodka Museum**, where an expert guide leads us through an interactive exhibition exploring the 500-year-history of Polish vodka production. **Discover why Polish vodka earned international recognition** and concludes with an **extended tasting panel**, sampling carefully selected varieties. Next, enjoy a free afternoon in this vibrant city.

DAY 17 🏰 WARSAW – KRAKOW, POLAND

It's a fun morning as we experience a **2.5hr train journey** (155 miles) to **Krakow**. Sit back and enjoy the train as the Polish countryside slips by. On arrival to this southern Poland stunner, near the Slovakian and Czech border, we'll meet our local guide and Start our walking tour of the city. Krakow, the former capital of Poland, was a city of kings and the site of their coronations and burials. We'll visit the Old Town, which is surrounded by the green belt of Planty, the park built on the site of the former defensive walls.

The Market Square is the largest medieval square in Europe, and its layout has remained almost intact for **700 years**. Among the buildings on the square, St. Mary's Church stands out, with its famous polychrome wooden Gothic altar piece. We'll continue on to witness Wawel Hill with its imposing castle overlooking the Vistula River before enjoying a **lunch in the old town**. After lunch, a very special experience as we **visit a stain glass workshop** to learn about this timeless art and each make our very own piece of stain glass to take home, a wonderful Polish souvenir. After a wonderful dinner together at a local Polish restaurant, we'll enjoy a piano concert of Frederic Chopin, performed by an artist from the Krakow Academy of Music.



DAY 18 🇵🇱 KRAKOW

Today there are options. Krakow is close to the city of Oswiecim, site of the **Auschwitz-Birkenau** concentration camps from WW2. These memorable two sites are moving and worth a visit, so that is our destination this morning. If you don't wish to visit these historical camps, you can enjoy a free morning in Krakow.

In the afternoon, we'll depart to visit **Wielicka Salt Mine**. This unforgettable underground complex of chambers, chapels, and underground galleries sculpted from rock salt, was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. The mine has been in **operation for almost 700 years** and reaches depths of over **1,000 feet underground**. The visit consists of exploring the underground passages carved into the salt rock, to see the natural formations and subterranean lakes, as well as the numerous sculptures and chapels, including the largest and most impressive, the **Chapel of Saint Kinga**, made of **salt rock by the artists** who worked in the mines. It's an unforgettable experience in an amazing setting. We enjoy dinner in Krakow this evening.



DAY 19 🇵🇱 KRAKOW, POLAND

A treat this morning as we **travel from our hotel to the Kazimierz neighborhood in horse-drawn carriages**. We'll have a walk through this neighborhood, a small remnant of what was once the **Jewish quarter of Krakow**. Two synagogues here stand out in particular: the Old Synagogue, which houses a Jewish museum, and the Remuh Synagogue, which is still used for religious services. The dramatic extermination of Krakow's Jews was the subject of **Steven Spielberg's film "Schindler's List,"** which was **shot on location in Kazimierz**. The neighborhood was originally founded in the 14th century as a separate town from Krakow, with its own Market Square and Town Hall. During the tour, we'll have the chance to try the **classic Polish sandwich, "zapiekanka."** This sandwich first appeared in the streets of Polish towns in the 1970s under the leadership of Edward Gierek, who bought the license to produce baguettes from the French.



Afterwards, we'll visit the **Schindler Factory Museum**. The factory changed ownership multiple times before it finally fell into the hands of Oskar Schindler. The Polish name is Fabryka Emalia Oskara Schindlera.

Schindler was initially driven by economic reasons in hiring more Jews each year, but his actions had a direct impact on increasing the number of **Jewish workers who were saved**, from over 150 Jewish employees in 1940 to around 1,100 in 1944. Tonight, we have a special dinner with a live concert performance.

DAY 20 🇵🇱 KRAKOW, POLAND – Transfers to the airport and **return flight to the USA** after 6 nights of amazing exploration in Poland.





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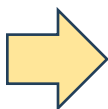


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\$7,999 pp / + Flights

TOUR DATES: JULY 22 – AUG 4, 2027

SINGLE TRAVELER SUPPLEMENT: \$1,650



31 Meals Included

Helsinki – Tallinn – Kuressaare – Riga – Klaipeda – Vilnius

All Travel Across 4 Countries - Coach / Ferry / Train

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POLAND



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