



## Helsinki And The Baltic Dominions

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**Visit:** Helsinki - Tallinn - Riga - Vilnius

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01: Day 1, Arrive in Helsinki, Sunday

Upon arrival in Helsinki, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is to relax or perhaps begin your own discovery. Tonight, your tour director is hosting a welcome reception and will introduce you to your fellow travelers and to the fascinating tour that awaits you. (WR)

#### Day 02: Day 2, Helsinki – Tallinn, Monday

Helsinki, the capital of Finland lies in the far south of the country, on a peninsula that is home to the busiest passenger port in the world. Our comprehensive sightseeing covers the most important and interesting areas such as the historical center, the Senate Square, the Cathedral, City Hall, the Presidential Palace, Finlandia Hall, and the Opera House. We stop at the Sibelius Monument and, whenever possible, at the Temppeliaukio church (known also as Rock church). In the afternoon we board a ferry to Tallinn, Estonia's capital, situated

on the southern coast of the Gulf of Finland. Afterward, we transfer to our hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

**Day 03: Day 3, in Tallinn, Tuesday**

On a walking tour of Tallinn's Upper and Lower Old Town, we visit the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. Next up is a visit of Toompea Castle and the 14th-century Gothic Town Hall there. After the tour, we taste some Schnapps in a medieval house. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B) Optional tour: Visit the Kadriorg Palace

**Day 04: Day 4, to Riga, Wednesday**

We travel by motor-coach to Riga, the capital of Latvia. On the way, we make a stop in Pärnu, located on the coast of Pärnu Bay. The city is known for its 19th-century timber villas and sandy Pärnu Beach, with its shallow waters and promenade. There is free time to stroll along the beach, have a cup of coffee or even a lunch break. We then continue to Riga where the afternoon is free to explore the city. (B)

**Day 05: Day 5, in Riga, Thursday**

On our tour, we see the 700-year-old Riga Castle on the banks of the Daugava River, the magnificent Dome Cathedral, the St. Jacobs Cathedral, the St. Peter's Church, the Parliament building, Liberty Monument, and the eclectic Art Nouveau buildings. After the tour, we sample Black Balsam, a dark and astringent liqueur made of 24 herbs and based on a 250-year-old recipe. The rest of the day is free to explore more of Riga, shop, or savor some Latvian crêpes. (B) Optional tour: Food Market experience

**Day 06: Day 6, to Vilnius, Friday**

This morning, we set course for Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. On the way, we stop at the baroque and rococo Rundale Palace Museum. Built in the 18th century and surrounded by a French garden, the palace is an architectural marvel and a triumph of art over nature. After a lunch break here, we continue our journey to Vilnius with a stop at the Hill of Crosses in Siauliai. It represents Lithuania's unique national and religious identity. The balance of the day is at leisure to begin exploring the city with its interesting architecture. (B, L)

**Day 07: Day 7, in Vilnius, Saturday**

Vilnius is located on the confluence of the Neris and Velnele Rivers. In Old Vilnius, we visit the baroque St. Peter and St. Paul's Church and the striking St. Anne's Church. We also see Vilnius University, dating back to 1570, famous Gediminas' Tower and Vilnius Castle. The afternoon is free to explore even more. In the evening, join your fellow travelers and your tour director for our farewell dinner. (B, D) Optional tour: Visit of the Trakai castle

**Day 08: Day 8, depart Vilnius, Sunday**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Vilnius airport. Alternatively, you can continue your journey and join Kompas' "Grandeur and History of Poland" Tour. (B)

### **Inclusion**

Arrival transfer from Helsinki airport to the hotel

8 day/7-night guided tour featuring:

Centrally located first class hotels:

1 night in Helsinki

2 nights in Tallinn

2 nights in Riga

2 nights in Vilnius

Buffet breakfast daily

A welcome reception in Helsinki (heavy hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine, beer or soft drink)

A lunch in Vilnius (coffee or tea included)

A farewell dinner in Vilnius (coffee or tea included)

Hotel taxes and service charges

Fast ferry from Helsinki to Tallinn

Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach

Professional English-speaking tour director

Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides

Admission included where indicated in bold letters

Luggage handling at the hotels

Whisper technology enhanced touring

Departure transfer from Vilnius to Vilnius airport

Tour spotlights:

Helsinki's imposing landmarks

Tallinn and its Toompea Castle

Riga's magnificent Old Town

Vilnius, medieval quarters and baroque architecture

Special Features:

Schnapps tasting in Tallinn

Riga Black Balsam presentation and degustation

### **Exclusion**

International airfares

Optional activities

Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program

Personal equipment

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Any items not mentioned as included

### **Note**

Hotel Accommodations / Select Hotels

Helsinki: Scandic Grand Marina (F)/Radisson Blu Seaside (F) or similar

Tallinn: Original Sokos Viru (F) or similar

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Riga: Radisson Blu Latvija (SF) or similar  
Vilnius: Radisson Blu Lietuva (F) or similar

### Tour Dates & Pricing

