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## **Baltic Adventure with G Adventures**

**May 28, 2023 - Jun 9, 2023**

**2449.00 per person**

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## Trip Summary

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### May 28 - Arrive in Vilnius

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### May 29 - Vilnius

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### May 30 - Vilnius/Nida

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### May 31 - Nida

Nida

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### June 1 - Nida/Riga

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### June 2 - Riga

Riga - Riga

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### June 3 - Riga/Kuressaare

Riga - Riga

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### June 4 - Kuressaare

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### June 5 - Kuressaare

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### June 6 - Kuressaare/Tallinn

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### June 7 - Tallinn

Tallinn - Tallinn

Lahemaa National Park

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### June 8 - Tallinn/Helsinki

Tallinn - Tallinn

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### June 9 - Depart from Helsinki

Helsinki - Helsinki

## May 28 - Arrive in Vilnius



### Vilnius

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#### Baltic Adventure

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#### Highlights

Explore the charming and enigmatic Baltic countries, ride a bike around the coastal dunes of Lithuania's Curonian Spit, picnic in beautiful Riga, live like a local on a farm in Estonia, wander the charming streets of Helsinki.

#### Accommodation

Hotels (9 nts), farm stay (3 nts).

#### Group Leader

CEO (Chief Experience Officer) throughout, local guides.

#### Group Size Notes

Max 16, avg 12.

#### Meals Included

12 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners

#### What's Included

Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group. Trakai Castle visit (Vilnius). Curonian Spit visit. Hill of Witches bicycle tour (Nida). Riga city tour. Farm-to-table dinners prepared by a local family. Saaremaa guided village tour. Kadriorg Palace visit (Tallinn). Orientation walk (Helsinki). All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.



Vilnius

## May 29 - Vilnius



### Vilnius

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Visit Trakai Castle. Enjoy optional activities like the Frank Zappa monument, the breakaway Republic of Uzupis, a giant egg statue, the Gediminas tower and castle museum, and the KGB Museum.: Spend free time walking through charming old town or searching out artist havens and modern statues. Multi-faceted, puzzling, a heady mix of old and new, Vilnius has all the glories of a royal past, the troubling reminders of wartime and Communist atrocities and a vibrant forward-looking outlook.



**Vilnius**

## May 30 - Vilnius/Nida

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**Vilnius**

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Travel by private vehicle to the UNESCO-listed Curonian Spit. Visit the Parnidis dune in the evening.: The Curonian Spit is a long, thin sand dune that separates the Curonian Lagoon from the Baltic Sea. This spit is shared by Lithuania and Kaliningrad, Russia's westernmost oblast. The forested hills used to be the site of dancing and gathering during Pagan festivals. Now, the hills are dotted with wooden statues created by local artists, depicting witches, dragons, and the elements. Some of the statues tell stories of the local legends and folklore, bringing the region to life with their intricate carvings.



**Vilnius**

## May 31 - Nida

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Enjoy an included bicycle tour around the Hill of Witches and a visit to sea bird colonies. :

## June 1 - Nida/Riga

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**Nida/Riga**

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Cross the border into Latvia and head to the capital, Riga. Options for this charming city include visiting the Occupation Museum, the Riga Art Nouveau Centre, Riga Castle, the Andrejsala artists' district, or just wandering the cobblestone streets.: Explore the narrow streets on foot and get better acquainted with the city known as "the Paris of the East". Opt to visit St Peter's Church, where we ascend the spire by lift, for a fantastic view over the city.

## June 2 - Riga

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Enjoy a guided tour and a lunch of treats from the Central Market. Spend a free afternoon exploring the city.:



Riga

## June 3 - Riga/Kuressaare

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### Riga

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Cross the border to Estonia and get the local experience with three nights on a farm in Saaremaa. In the area there is canoeing on the Nasva river, fishing, and island visits. Over the next three nights, savour farm-to-table dinners specially prepared by your host family.: Saaremaa is a remote island in the Baltic Sea with unique traditions and heritage. Thatched roof houses, stone walls, and windmills make up this fairytale landscape. Enjoy three nights on a farm outside the main city of Kuressaare.



Riga

## June 4 - Kuressaare

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### Kuressaare

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Enjoy a tour of Saaremaa including a visit to the Kaali meteorite lake, bakeries, and windmills. Opt to visit the local breweries.:

## June 5 - Kuressaare

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### Kuressaare

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Enjoy a free day to explore. Opt to visit some of the ancient churches or natural sites like the lake, the Panga Cliff, and the Pühatu Springs.:

## June 6 - Kuressaare/Tallinn

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### Kuressaare/Tallinn

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Travel to Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. Fall in love with this medieval town. Enjoy an included visit to Kadriorg Palace.:

## June 7 - Tallinn



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Spend a free day exploring this medieval city. Use your free time to visit the Museum of the Occupation, the Dome Church, the open air museum, go sea kayaking, visit the beaches, or relax in a sauna.:



Tallinn



### Lahemaa National Park

PRICE

\$210.00 USD

Take a day tour to Lahemaa National Park.

Lahemaa National Park is just east of Tallinn. It is a place of breathtaking landscapes and unspoilt nature. You can find beautiful peninsulas and bays, forests and beaches, waterfalls and bogs seasoned with rich cultural history. This day trip is perfect for spending a day out of Tallinn and is designed to show you the beauty of the area in every season.

**PRICE INCLUDES:** personal pick-up and return from your hotel, guide service, transport.

**FOR EXTRA CHARGE:** lunch.

**PICK UP PLACE AND TIME:** hotel, as agreed.

**LANGUAGES:** Private tours are available in English, Spanish, German, Russian.

\*Price is total for 2 adults.

## June 8 - Tallinn/Helsinki



### Tallinn

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Travel by ferry to the charming capital city of Helsinki. Enjoy an afternoon in the Scandinavian city with an orientation walk and free time.:



Tallinn

## June 9 - Depart from Helsinki



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Depart at any time.:



**Helsinki**

## Information & Documents

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