

*Explore the classical capitals and countryside of the three Baltic states: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Discover the resilience of their ancient cultures and hear first hand how they threw off the yolk of their soviet oppression. In each location you will be guided by people who know these countries the best – the locals, whose contrasting national characteristics illuminate their differences. Showcased are itineraries for both independent and partially escorted arrangements.*

**Vilnius**, surrounded by wooded hills and bisected by the river Neris, owes its architectural influence to both Italian and Gothic styles. See the beautiful Gediminas Square, climb the Castle tower for splendid panoramic views over the city, and visit the 16th century University. The Centrum Hotel is a 15 minute walk from the centre of the Old Town. All rooms have private WC/shower/bathtub, telephone, hair dryer and satellite TV. The Hotel Astoria is a first class hotel in the heart of the Old Town: all rooms with private WC/shower, and there is a restaurant and lobby bar.

The restored old town area of **Riga** is a UNESCO protected zone with a church at its centre and a plethora of cafés, bars and restaurants. Popular sights include the Cathedral – first built in 1201, numerous museums and art galleries. There is also a partially restored Art Nouveau district, Riga having the largest collection of such in Europe. The Konventa Seta Hotel is a complex of nine medieval convent houses in the Old Town. All rooms have private WC/shower and there is a lobby bar, restaurant and open air café in the summer. The Hotel de Rome is a superior hotel in the heart of the old town. All rooms have private WC/shower: there is a ground floor bar and top floor restaurant.

**Tallinn**, now elegantly restored, is an enchanting medieval town; a one-time Hanseatic port, it has also been ruled by Danes and Swedes and is a jumble of gable roofed merchant's houses, narrow cobbled streets and fortified buildings. The 14th century Town Hall is the oldest in northern Europe. The Mihkli Hotel is testimony to Estonia's renaissance – high tech renovation in a traditional building. All rooms have private WC/bathtub, telephone and satellite TV. The Tallinn Hotel is in the centre of the capital and close to the Old Town. All rooms have private WC/shower and there is a restaurant and lobby bar.

# Classical Cities of the Baltic



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## CLASSICAL CITIES OF THE BALTIC ESCORTED

**DAY 1 UK – VILNIUS** Scheduled Lithuanian Airlines flight to Vilnius. Transfer and overnight at Hotel Astoria for two nights.

**DAY 2 VILNIUS** Highlights: Guided tour: Peter and Paul Cathedral: City Church of St. Anna: University. Optional tour to Trakai. Afternoon at leisure.

**DAY 3 VILNIUS – RIGA** Morning coach travel to Riga. Highlights: Rundale Palace. Overnight at Reval Hotel Latuujia for three nights.

**DAY 4 RIGA** Highlights: Guided tour: Old Town: Dome Cathedral: St. Peter's Church: The Powder tower. Afternoon at leisure.

**DAY 5 SIGULDA** Highlights: Guided tour: Knights Castle (13th century): Gutmana Cave. Afternoon at leisure.

**DAY 6 RIGA – TALLINN** Morning coach travel to Tallinn. Highlights: Ethnographical Open Air Museum: Parnu. Overnight at Tallink City Hotel for two nights.

**DAY 7 TALLINN** Highlights: Guided tour: Medieval upper and lower parts of Tallinn: Pirita Olympic Yacht centre. Optional tour to Kadriorg Palace. Afternoon at leisure.

**DAY 8 TALLINN – UK** Transfer to airport. Scheduled Estonian Air flight to UK.



## DEPARTURES DATES

**Saturdays May 24 June 7, 14 July 5, 12, 19 August 2, 9, 16, 33 September 6, 20**

Prices are in £ per person

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DEPARTURES	TWIN	SINGLE
All	850	1095

Prices include scheduled Lithuanian Airlines flight from Gatwick to Vilnius and return by Estonian Air from Tallinn to Gatwick • Passenger service charges and airport departure taxes  
• Airport/hotel transfers in Vilnius and Tallinn  
• 7 nights in twin room(s) with private WC/shower  
• Breakfasts throughout • Escorted coach travel and all sightseeing as per itinerary.

**OPTIONAL TOURS TO TRAKAI (£27 pp) AND KADRIORG PALACE (£27 pp) must be prebooked.**