



## Itinerary

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The Baltics Revealed featuring St. Petersburg

Apr 4, 2022 - Apr 15, 2022

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### Pre Night: Artagonist Hotel Vilnius

Would you like to begin your vacation with an additional Hotel in Vilnius?

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### Day 1: Overnight Flight



Discover a melting pot of cultures – a Germanized mindset, intermingling Polish roots, a Finnish way of life, and a dabble of Russian influence. Find eccentric murals in Lithuania, Gothic towers in Latvia, storybook streets in Estonia, and extravagant palaces in Russia. Bordering their namesake sea, this is the Baltic region of Europe.

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### Day 2: Vilnius, Lithuania - Tour Begins



Step into another time in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. Stay in the heart of medieval Old Town (UNESCO) – a relic of a bygone era, where cobblestone streets lead through a seamless mosaic of cultures. The city's Baroque arches, neoclassical siding, and 300-year-old frescoes creates an indescribable charm. Joining new friends tonight, get a taste of the culture at a local restaurant where you will excite your palate with warm and hearty comfort food.

#### Hotel

Artagonist Hotel Vilnius  
Vilnius

#### Culinary

Dinner

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### Day 3: Vilnius



Discover Vilnius University, the oldest in the Baltic states. Decide how to see the city because it's your choice! Stroll the winding streets with a local expert and peek into Vilnius's Jewish heritage, Bohemian lifestyle, and budding art district -OR- explore by bike with a local guide, passing the vibrant colors of imaginative street murals. Then, uncover the nation's dark past at the Museum of Occupations and Freedom Fights, better known as the KGB Museum. Located in the former Nazi and Soviet headquarters, the museum hosts personal accounts from the victims and their families.

#### Hotel

Artagonist Hotel Vilnius  
Vilnius

#### Culinary

Breakfast

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### Day 4: Vilnius - Trakai - Vilnius



Embrace the fairy-tale aura around you at the Trakai Island Castle. Surrounded by curving coastlines and towering pines, the burnt orange walls of the fortress appear to rise directly out of the gentle waves of Lake Galve. Enjoy free time to explore the castle grounds and village. Make sure to stop in one of the cozy restaurants for a bite of a kybyn – a traditional Karaim dumpling. The remainder of the day is yours to explore Vilnius on your own.

**Hotel**

Artagonist Hotel Vilnius  
Vilnius

**Culinary**

Breakfast

**Day 5: Vilnius - Riga, Latvia**



Depart Vilnius and make your way to the Hill of Crosses, a mystical shrine from the 1800s that has been rebuilt and expanded continuously over time. Cross over the Latvian border to Riga, the country's capital and the largest city in the Baltic region. Take advantage of your centrally located Art Nouveau hotel before an interactive cooking class, where you'll use traditional ingredients with a modern twist. Enjoy the fruits of your labor as you dig into the flavorful feast.

**Hotel**

Neiburgs Hotel Riga  
Riga

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

**Day 6: Riga**



Discover the capital's hidden secrets with an expert guide, venturing along historic squares reflective of German and Russian tastes. Take a ride through the Art Nouveau district, where you'll see stately apartments and elegant façades. Visit the Art Nouveau museum, located inside the former home of Latvian architect K. Pekšens. Marvel at the iconic spiral staircase, adorned with unexpected artistic touches. Explore Riga's famous central market, where flowers, fruit, and pastries overflow the stalls of this converted airplane hangar. Enjoy an evening at leisure and take in Riga's opulent Old Town.

**Hotel**

Neiburgs Hotel Riga  
Riga

**Culinary**

Breakfast

**Day 7: Riga - Pärnu, Estonia - Tallinn**



Head to Pärnu, Estonia's seaside resort town. Wander on your own before joining a local naturalist for an Estonian tradition – bogging. Choose how you explore because it's your choice! Traipse through the wetland with a pair of bog shoes,\* trekking over the sodden moss and tasting berries from the water -OR- walk above the shrubs on a boardwalk, winding your way across the bog. Continue on to Tallinn – the country's capital – and settle into Hotel Palace, built in 1937 and located next to the city's main square. Dine at a medieval restaurant, lit by candles and set in a wealthy merchant's house. Enjoy authentic food and traditional music as you are transported back to a night in the 15th century.

**Hotel**

Hotel Palace Tallinn  
Tallinn

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**

High 7°  
Low 1°  
Rain 1"

**Day 8: Tallinn**



Visit the Estonian Open Air Museum which you can explore on foot or by horse and carriage. Delve into the rural history, wandering by preserved houses and timeworn windmills. Discover Tallinn's twisting cobblestone streets with an expert guide, feeling as if the Middle Ages live on. Choose how you connect with the city's culture because it's your choice! Experience Tallinn's age-old tradition of Marzipan, painting your own edible sculpture to take home as a tasty souvenir -OR- visit Raeapteek, Europe's oldest continuously working apothecary, where you can learn about the intriguing range of herbal remedies. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore at leisure.

**Hotel**

Hotel Palace Tallinn  
Tallinn

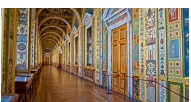
**Culinary**

Breakfast

**Weather**

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**Day 9: Tallinn - St. Petersburg, Russia**



Head east through the Baltic region and make your way to St. Petersburg, Russia's Imperial capital. Full of regal beauty and layers of history, St. Petersburg's iconic sights are yours to be discovered. To start your 3-night stay in Russia, delve into the country's rich culture at a dinner featuring Russian specialties.

**Hotel**

Pushka Inn Hotel  
St Petersburg

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

**Weather**

High 8°  
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Rain 1"

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## Day 10: St. Petersburg



Get acquainted with the city before heading to the Winter Palace, a vibrant dwelling that served as the former home of Russian tsars. Wander into the glory of Russian aristocracy as you make your way through this lavish green-and-white complex. Inside, experience the Hermitage Museum with an expert guide. Gaze in wonder at the collection of paintings, the second largest in the world, containing pieces by Monet and Matisse. The rest of the day is yours. Perhaps you will go on an optional excursion to Peterhof, an estate known to be the "Russian Versailles."

### Hotel

Pushka Inn Hotel  
St Petersburg

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

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## Day 11: St. Petersburg



Continue your Imperial odyssey at the Catherine Palace – a monumental manor that functioned as the Russian tsars' ornate summer home. Let your eyes drift along the iconic exterior, in its signature shade of robin's egg blue.

Welcome the feeling of royalty as you gain exclusive early access into the palace. Tonight, treat your taste buds to traditional Georgian cuisine at a farewell dinner featuring an exotic spin on savory comfort food from the neighboring country. Toast the end of your whirlwind adventure as you reflect on your excursion through the Baltics and Russia.

### Hotel

Pushka Inn Hotel  
St Petersburg

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

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## Day 12: St. Petersburg - Tour Ends



As your tour draws to a close, say goodbye to winding medieval villages and stately royal palaces.