

TOUR COST PER PERSON: \$1,890 in double room

\$450 single supplement

Airfare not included. Contact us for lowest fare from your city.

2021 TOUR DATES

Starts in Vilnius on Fridays

May 7 - May 16

June 4 - June 13

July 2 - July 11

August 6 - August 15

September 3 - September 12

Tour Cost Includes:

- Accommodations in 4* hotels in twin or double rooms with private bath.
- Meals: breakfast daily, 2 dinners and 2 lunches as specified.
- Private transfers on arrival and departure on days of the tour.
- Air conditioned mini bus or a van.
- Sightseeing tours with local guides.
- English speaking tour escort throughout the tour.
- Entrance fees to sites visited as listed in tour program.
- Hotel charges and taxes.



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GRAND TOUR OF LITHUANIA

TOUR PROGRAM - 10 days/9 nights

On Thursday, depart U.S.A. for Vilnius.

2nd Day/Fri - VILNIUS. After arrival at the Vilnius airport, transfer to your hotel in city center. Welcome dinner at the local resturant where you'll taste national specialties and meet members of your group and your tour escort. (D)

3rd Day/Sat - VILNIUS. Full day to explore Historic Vilnius. Tour of Historical Old Town of Vilnius by car and on foot: Vilnius Cathedral, Gediminas Castle, the University campus, Pilies street with the 16-18th century historical and architectural monuments, Gothic corner of Vilnius with St Anne's and Bernardine churches, the former Town Hall square, the Gates of Dawn with a miraculous icon of Virgin Mary, the 17th century Baroque church of St Peter and Paul. Included is also a visit to the KGB museum. Balance of day at leisure. (B)

4th Day/Sun - VILNIUS - Trakai. After breakfast drive to Trakai (18 miles) - the ancient capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, with short en route stop at the Parliament Building and TV Tower. Visit the 15th century Insular Trakai Castle housing an exhibition on prehistoric findings and the 17-18th century applied art, the way of life of the Lithuanian Grand Dukes, and the Karaites, brought to Lithuania from the Crimea. Continue to the first capital of Lithuania, Kernave where you will be able to climb 5 mounds and enjoy a superb breath-taking view of the river valley graced by the bends of the river Neris. Back to Vilnius for free afternoon. (B)

5th Day/Mon - VILNIUS - DRUSKININKAI. Enjoy the day in unspoiled countryside. Visit to Dzukija National Park located in Southern part of Lithuania, famous for wild forests, mushrooms and berries, authentic villages and friendliness of local people. You will visit ethnographic village Zervynos and see the lifestyle of locals. Here you will have lunch and learn how to cook Lithuanian specialty - Sakotis (tree cake). Then on to Grutos Parkas – an outdoor museum of notorious Soviet political figures. Then depart for overnight in charming spa town Druskininkai. Time to enjoy yourself at a spa or aqua park. (B, L)

6th Day/Tue - DRUSKININKAI - Rumsiskes - KAUNAS. Morning drive to Kaunas. En route stop in Rumsiskes – unique open air ethnographic museum, depicting the 18-19th century architecture, traditions, crafts and the way of life of different ethnographic regions of the country. On arrival in Kaunas a sightseeing tour will introduce you to this second largest city and the capital of Lithuania between the World Wars. The tour includes: the Old Town of Kaunas with its St George's church, castle ruins, Theological seminary, the Town Hall Square, the Jesuit church, the Cathedral, the Church of Vytautas and the Perkunas House. Included is Ciurlionis Art Museum. and the Convent of Pazaislis – famous for its architecture and miracuolous icon of Virgin Mary. Overnight in Kaunas. (B)

7th Day/Wed - KAUNAS - KLAIPEDA. After breakfast, journey to the seaside by Panemune castle road with few stops and lunch along the way. Sightseeing tour of Klaipeda - Lithuania's third largest city - a historic seaport and resort. Old Town of Klaipeda with the Theatre square and the statue of a girl Ann from Tharau, numerous old streets and buildings, Linden street with the old post-office, Mazvydas Sculpture Park. Overnight in Klaipeda. (B)

8th Day/Thu - KLAIPEDA - Nida - PALANGA. Full day visit to the Curonian Spit. Morning ferry to Neringa - visit to Juodkrante, climb the Hill of Witches decorated with numerous wooden sculptures based on Lithuanian legends and folk tales. Stop at a bird sanctuary. Continue to Nida (18 miles), a small old fishermen village famous for its majestic shore sand dunes. See Thomas Mann's summerhouse, neo-gothic church and old ethnographic cemetery. Try your hand at weathervane painting workshop, unique example of Baltic folk art. Overnight in sea-side resort of Palanga. (B)

9th Day/Fri - PALANGA. Morning sightseeing of Palanga offers a visit to the Amber Museum which houses an exquisite amber collection. Walk through the Botanical Park of Palanga with Birute's Hill - a 22-metre-high dune, the central street full of souvenir shops, open-air cafes, and leading to the beach and the pier. Lunch in Kretinga where you will visit the local museum and get acquainted the local traditions, crafts and lifestyle of this part of Lithuania. Balance of the day free to enjoy resort life and beautiful sunsets. (B, L)

10th Day/Sat - PALANGA - Hill of the Crosses - VILNIUS. Today your coach returns to Vilnius with stop at the holy site of Catholic Pilgrimages – The Hill of Crosses. After lunch continue to Vilnius for balance of day free for independent activities, last minute shopping etc. Farewell dinner in a local restaurant in the Old Town. (B, D)

 $11th \ Day/Sun - VILNIUS - USA$. After breakfast, termination of tour services and transfer to the airport. (B)

YOUR HOTELS:

VILNIUS - Artis

DRUSKININKAI - Best Baltic

KAUNAS - Daugirdas

KLAIPEDA - Old Mill Klaipeda

PALANGA - Best Baltic



Trakai Castle

About Lithuania....

LITHUANIA is situated on the eastern Baltic coast and borders with Latvia, Russia and Belarus with population of about 3,250,000. It is slightly larger than state of West Virginia with 26,080 sq. miles.

CLIMATE: Lithuania is situated in a zone of moderate climate with a considerable influence of sea climate along the Baltic seacoast belt. The climate resembles that of New England. Normal seasonal clothing is adequate but a warmer garment should be included. Rain coat or jacket with a hood is recommended. Comfortable shoes are a must. Average temperatures in spring and fall are 50 - 60°, in the summer 70 - 85°.

CURRENCY: There is no limit to the amount of foreign currency that may be brought into the country. In 2015 Lithuania accepted EURO as its currency replacing the Litas.

It is suggested you take mostly cash as travelers checks are not accepted in banks. ATM machines are available in major cities and at Vilnius airport.

ELECTRICITY: 220v/50 cycles. All-purpose transformer and 2-prong adapter is required for U.S. appliances.

TIME: Seven hours ahead of U.S. Eastern Daylight Time. The 24-hour clock is used.

CREDIT CARDS: VISA, Master Charge, credit cards are accepted in major shops, restaurants, hotels and nightclubs. Discover card is not accepted. Also AX not widely used.

STORE HOURS: With the exception of food stores, shops are open between 10/11:00 am and 6/7:00 pm. Grocery stores between 8:00 am-7:00 pm. On Saturdays, most shops close early afternoon.

TIPPING: Not obligatory, but appreciated. Cab drivers and waiters accept between 10-15%. There is also a nominal charge for use of cloak rooms and public rest rooms.

Recommended tipping on tour is \$3.00 per person for the tour guide and \$2.00 per person for the motor coach driver.

TOUR CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS/PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$200 per person is required at the time of booking. Full payment is due 45 days before departure.

TOUR COST: Tour cost is based on currency exchange levels in effect at the time of printing. It is subject to adjustment in the event of significant changes.

Children discount: Children 7-11 years old receive 20% discount of the total tour price i sharing room with parents. Children under the age of seven are not accepted on motor coach tours.

TOUR/AIR ARRANGEMENTS: Every effort will be made to provide lowest possible airfare available at the time of booking.

Hotel accommodations will be provided in twin bedded rooms with private bath or shower. Single rooms are available at the supplement shown. While every effort will be made to provide sharing of accommodations for persons booking alone, when requested, it cannot be guaranteed and single supplement must be paid before departure when billed. Triple rooms are not available except for children under 11 yrs. Hotels specified can be changed within the same category.

Unused hotel accommodations or any other unused features of this tour are not refundable nor exchangeable for other services. The right is reserved to substitute hotels and sightseeing features if it becomes necessary.

Smoking on motorcoaches is not permitted.

Each tour member must be able to get on and off the motor coach unaided and not require walking devices or wheelchairs. Please note that some sites may require walking on cobblestone streets and staircases which will present difficulties for tour members with physical limitations.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST: Cost of passports, transfers on arrival and departure meals not specifed, items of a personal nature; phone calls, laundry, optional insurance, gratuities to escorts, and drivers.

BAGGAGE: Free baggage allowance on transatlantic flights is one suitcase per person not exceeding 50 lbs.and 62 in. (sum of three sides). *Make sure price of your ticket includes one bag, as many low cost airfares include only carry-on bag.*

NO VACCINATIONS are required by law.

DOCUMENTS: A valid U.S. or foreign passport is required. To apply for passport, contact your local U.S. Post Office. Your passport must be valid for at least six months after your return date.

CANCELLATIONS: All cancellations must be made in writing to PAT TOURS. Full refund of LAND tour will be made for cancellations received up to 46 days prior to departure less a \$25 administrative fee. Between 45 - 36 days before departure, \$200 deposit is non refundable. No refund will be made for cancellations received less than 35 days prior to departure. AIRLINE TICKETS, if issued, are subject to the airline cancellation policy applicable to the airfare used. After completion of the tour, claims for refund must be made in writing within 30 days.

INSURANCE: Travel insurance with coverage for (trip cancellation, emergency medical, baggage delay, and trip delay) is recommended and will be offered to all tour participants with confirmation. Pre existing medical condition can be waived if insurance is purchased within 15 days of initial tour deposit. Call us to apply or visit our web site.

RESPONSIBILITY: The travel agency, PAT TOURS, 1446 Riverdale St, W. Springfield, MA 01089, acts only as an agent for various companies who provide arrangements for hotels, sightseeing tours, and transportation or any other service in connection with the itineraries of individual tour members who by acceptance thereof, acknowledges that the travel agency or its agents and suppliers shall not be liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity, liability or expense to person or property due to act or default of any hotel, carrier or other company or person providing or rendering of services included in the tours. Further, the travel agency or its agents accept no responsibility for any sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, government restraints, wars, whether declared or not, riots, theft, weather condition, defect in any vehicle of transportation or for any misadventure or casualty or any other causes beyond their control. PAT TOURS reserves the right to cancel, change, substitute any service and to decline to accept or retain any tour member at any time for any reason including insufficient number of participants.

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