

## FROM WARSAW TO THE BALTICS - 2024 TOUR



**Duration:** 11 days

**Dates:** June 4th - June 14th, 2024

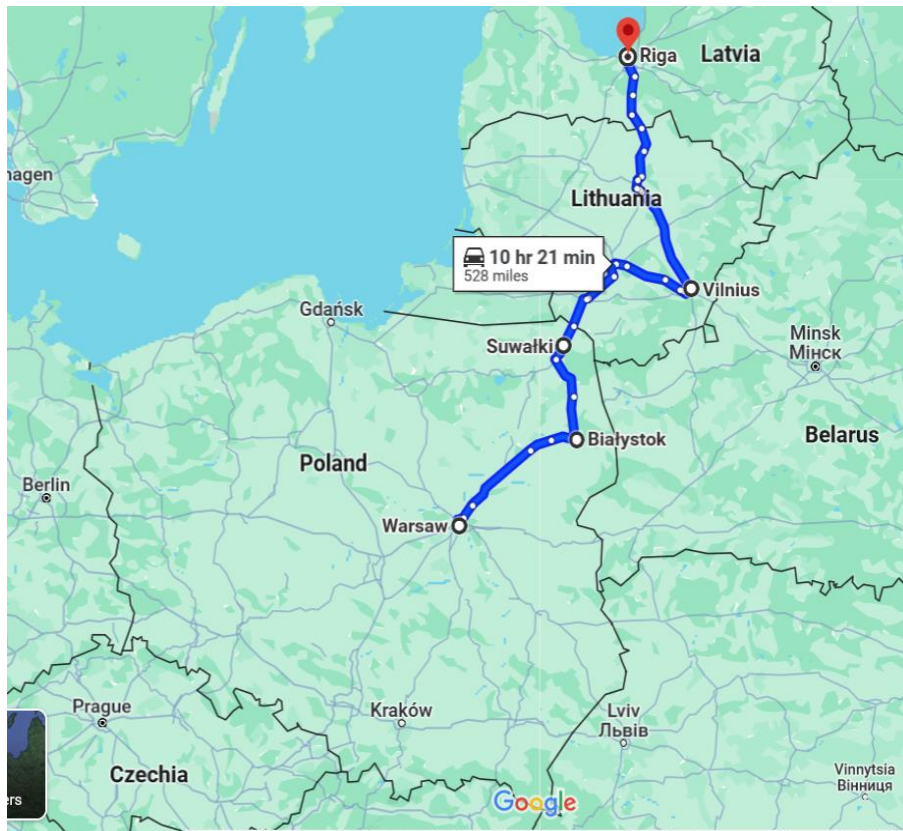
**Total Distance:** 528 miles

**Arrival:** Warsaw, Poland

**Departure:** Riga, Latvia

Based on our experience in organizing heritage tours for over 15 years, we offer you an unforgettable tour around Poland, Lithuania and Latvia, that includes:

- 11 nights in the most beautiful European cities:
  - Warsaw (3 nights), Białystok (1 night), Suwałki (1 night), Vilnius (3 nights), Riga (2 nights)



**DAY 1****June 4th, 2024**

- After checking into a hotel and resting a bit, we invite you for a walk around the beautifully rebuilt **Old Town of Warsaw** which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We walk along the elegant street of **Krakowskie Przedmieście** admiring the **Presidential Palace**, see the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** and the **Saski park**. In the evening we invite you for a **traditional Polish welcome dinner**.

**Overnight: Warsaw, 3\* or 4\* Hotel in a central location****DAY 2****June 5th, 2024**

- We continue exploring Warsaw and start with **the Royal Castle** which was first built there in the 14th century. For lunch we visit the traditional **pierogi place** and afterwards **the Chopin Museum**. Later we visit **the largest park in Warsaw**. Developed by Poland's last king, Stanisław August, it's home not only to striking landscapes but also a number of **architectural treasures**.

**Overnight: Warsaw, 3\* or 4\* Hotel in a central location****DAY 3****June 6th, 2024**

- Today we start with the **Warsaw Rising Museum** – a tribute to those who fought and died for the freedom of Poland in 1944. At the exhibition we can feel the struggle of everyday life and the horror of occupation. For lunch we invite you to a traditional **Polish Folk-Inn**, located in a former **Jewish Ghetto**. Nowadays it is a very vibrant business district. After lunch we take a walk and explore that area a bit more and then you have some free time.

**Overnight: Warsaw, 3\* or 4\* Hotel in a central location**

**DAY 4**

June 7th, 2024

- In the morning we leave **Warsaw** and head to the north-east of **Poland**. We visit an extermination and labor camp **Treblinka** built and operated by Nazi Germany in occupied Poland during World War II. Later we drive to **Białystok**, but on the way, we stop for a while in **Tykocin**. The town was favored by Polish kings, often staying in this area on their way to hunt in the Białowieża Forest or to Lithuania which for centuries formed a common state with Poland.

**Overnight:        Białystok, 4\* Hotel in a central location****DAY 5**

June 8th, 2024

- We start the day with the sightseeing of **Białystok**. We visit the **Old Town** and splendid **Branicki Palace**, which is also known as the '**Polish Versailles**'. It is one of the best-preserved magnate residences in Poland. After the lunch we drive to **Augustów** the city in the heart of a beautiful Masurian Lakes region where we join the canal cruise and admire the beauty of the nature of **Rospuda Valley**. We stay for the night in **Suwałki** located near the border with Lithuania.

**Overnight:        Suwałki, 3\* or 4\* Hotel in a central location****DAY 6**

June 9th, 2024

- In the morning we leave **Poland** and head to **Lithuania**. Our first stop on the way is **Kaunas** - Lithuania's second most populous city and the country's largest industrial center. We visit there: the beautiful **Basilica of the Resurrection of Christ**, the **Old Town** and the **City Hall**. We stop by the
- **House of Perkūnas** - one of the most original Gothic buildings in Lithuania. For the night we drive to **Vilnius**, where we take a quick walk around the center.

**Overnight:        Vilnius, 3\* or 4\* hotel in a central location**



DAY 7 June 10th, 2024

- Today we spend the whole day sightseeing **Vilnius**. We start with the **The Gediminas' Tower** - one of the best places to see the magnificent panoramas of the city. Our next stop is **the Vilnius Cathedral Basilica of St. Stanislaus and St. Ladislaus** from the 17th century and **the Gates of Dawn** which used to be a part of Vilnius' defensive wall. After lunch we head to the **Museum of Occupations and Freedom Fights** situated in the former KGB building.



**Overnight:** Vilnius, 3\* or 4\* hotel in a central location

DAY 8 June 11th, 2024

- Today we go for a tour around the **Trakai Castle** in **Vilnius** which was a home to all the Grand Dukes of Lithuania. That gothic building is located on an island on **Lake Galve**, one of
- the deepest lakes in Lithuania. In the summer in this fairytale-like surrounding there are hosted medieval festivals as well as various events and concerts in the castle's courtyard. The rest of the day is a free time to enjoy the city.



**Overnight:** Vilnius, 3\* or 4\* hotel in a central location

DAY 9 June 12th, 2024

- In the morning we leave for **Riga** - one of the largest
- metropolises in the Baltic States and the capital of Latvia. You can feel the 800 years of difficult history during a city tour. On the way there we have a lunch in **Panevezys**. In the **local regional restaurant** we can taste traditional Latvian dishes. After the hotel check in we go for a walk around the town center and enjoy the atmosphere of the city.



**Overnight:** Riga, 3\* or 4\* hotel in a central location

**DAY 10**

June 13th, 2024

After breakfast we continue the sightseeing of Riga. We visit

- the magnificent **Old Town** - the historical center of Riga, that has been included on **UNESCO's World Heritage List**. First we climb the viewing tower of **St. Peter's Church** which offers incredible views of Riga's red-tiled rooftops of the old town and **the Daugava River**. Then we take a walk to admire the beautiful Riga **Cathedral, Town Hall Square** and unique historic tenements.



**Overnight:** Riga, 3\* or 4\* hotel in a central location

**DAY 11**

June 14th, 2024

Today is the last day in **Riga** and it's time to wind down and

- have some **free time, before the departure**. You can spend the rest of the day enjoying the atmosphere of the city or buying some souvenirs.



**Price:**

- 3.449 USD DOUBLE or TWIN room accommodation
- 600 USD SINGLE Supplement

**Includes:**

- Airport transfers in Warsaw & Riga on arrival and departure days
- Comfortable air-conditioned transportation in a mini-bus
- English speaking tour leader throughout the itinerary
- 10-night accommodation in TWIN or DBL room at 3- or 4-star hotels with buffet breakfasts
- 1 welcome dinner
- Entrance fees to tourist attractions and local tour guides, as specified in the itinerary
- Genealogical support before and during the whole trip



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