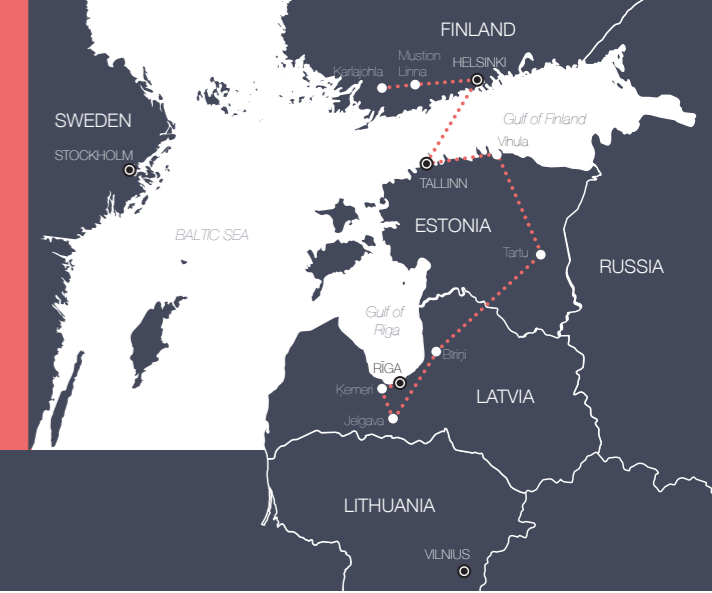


CULTURE ROAD: EXPLORE THE COUNTRYSIDE OF THE BALTIC SEA: LATVIA - ESTONIA - FINLAND

5 NIGHTS / 6 DAYS

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The tour introduces a variety of attractions and values outside big cities revealing the true character of the countries. Visitors will experience the beauty of nature in national parks, charming ambience of rural manors, visit traditional rural farms and skilful traditional artisans and craftsmen.



DAY 1: Arrival in Riga, Latvia

Riga city tour. The Dome Cathedral with one of the world's largest pipe organs, St. Peter's Church with magnificent views of the city from its steeple, the old Guild Houses, the Swedish Gate, the architectural ensemble Three Brothers, St. Jacob's Church, the Parliament House, Old Riga Castle, Art Nouveau area. The Historic Centre of Riga is a UNESCO Heritage Site. Overnight in a hotel in Riga.

DAY 2: Riga – Ķemeri National park – Jelgava – Mazmežotne
DRIVING DISTANCE ~170km.
WALKING DISTANCE 2 or 4km (1-2h).
PROGRAMME DURATION with 3 visits:12h.

The timing allows for a combination of a maximum of 3 visits. There are the following options en route to choose from:

1) Ķemeri National Park – the Great Ķemeri Bog Boardwalk www.latvia.travel/en/sight/great-ķemeri-bog-boardwalk and a watchtower (walking distances 2 or 4km).



2) Bread baking workshop in a traditional Latvian farmstead Caunītes. www.celotajs.lv/en/e/caunites.



3) Excursion, demonstrations and opportunity to participate in ceramics workshop, herbal tea tasting in Laima Ceramics studio in Rundāle region www.laimagrigone.com/j-p/.
4) Rundāle palace <http://rundale.net>. This 18th century palace, built by an Italian architect F. B. Rastrelli is the most magnificent masterpiece of Baroque architecture in the Baltic States.

The renovated palace interiors are decorated with authentic 18th century furniture, paintings and china. The palace boasts a beautiful French-style garden surrounded by a canal.



Overnight in Mazmežotne manor www.mazmezojne.lv, set in beautiful surroundings.

DAY 3: Mazmežotne – Biriņi – Latvia/ Estonia border – Võrumaa region –Tartu
DRIVING DISTANCE - 420km. Walking 1.5h. PROGRAMME DURATION 12h.

Tour of the Biriņi manor complex and the park (18th – 19th century) www.birinupils.lv/en/, a restaurant.

Haanja nature park (1.5h walking). In the centre of the park there is the highest hill in the Baltic States – Suur Munamägi, which stands 318m above sea level. A viewing tower is on the hilltop offering a stunning view.

Mooska Farm www.mooska.eu in Võrumaa region. UNESCO smoke sauna story, degustation of local products.



Overnight in a hotel in Tartu.

DAY 4: Tartu – Lahemaa national park
DRIVING DISTANCE - 270km.
PROGRAMME DURATION 9h.

Short city tour of Tartu - a university town and a city of youth.
Excursion at Avinurme Wooden Handicrafts Centre www.puiduait.ee/en/.
Vihula manor - a charming 16th century estate set alongside the Mustoja River in the Lahemaa National Park.
Overnight in Vihula manor hotel www.vihulamanor.com.



DAY 5: Vihula – Tallinn – Helsinki – Western-Uusimaa Region – Raasepori region – Karjalohja – Mustion Linna
DRIVING DISTANCE - 205km, ferry 2h.
PROGRAMME DURATION 12h.

Tallinn city tour. The tour combines walking and bus. The walking tour includes the Toompea Castle, the 13th century Dome church, the 19th century Russian orthodox Cathedral of Alexander Nevskij, the 15th century Town Hall square, the Old Guild built to celebrate Tallinn's membership in the Hanseatic League, and St. Olaf's church. The bus tour includes Tallinn's suburbs and Song Festival Grounds, St. Brigitte's monastery and Pirita area.



Transfer to the Tallink Silja line ferry terminal. Ferry Tallinn – Helsinki (~2h).

Transfer from Helsinki to Western-Uusimaa Region. Possible to do 2 visits:

1) Tammisaari (old fishing village) www.visitraseborg.com/en/sights/culture-history/ekenas.

2) Fiskars Village - excursion and lunch www.fiskarsvillage.fi/en/.



3) Svartå Manor at Mustion Linna www.mustionlinna.fi/en/ is one of the most precious manor houses in Finland with a history of more than two hundred years.
4) Spa Hotel Päiväkumpu www.paivakumpu.fi/en is a well-known versatile spa in Southern Finland, in Karjalohja, on the shore of Lake Lohja.
Overnight in Mustion Linna / Spa Hotel Päiväkumpu or in Tammisaari Hotel Sea Front or Motel Marine.
www.hotelseafront.fi
www.motelmarine.fi/fi/



DAY 6: Mustion Linna – Lohjansaari – Helsinki
DRIVING DISTANCE - 130 km.
PROGRAMME DURATION depending on the flight time.

Excursion in Martinpiha country estate www.martinpiha.fi and Lohjansaari Island.



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Tytyri mining museum www.tytyriexamyskaivos.fi
Helsinki city tour. The Helsinki Cathedral and the Senat Square, the Parliament, the Old Market Hall and Market Square, the Esplanade park, the Kamppi Chapel of Silence, the Tempelaaikio church, the Design District Helsinki, the Suomenlinna Sea fortress.
Transfer from city centre to Helsinki-Vantaa Airport.

Departure.



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