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Poland, Gdansk

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Small Group Tour

Baltic Amber Coast with Kaliningrad

Escorted coach & ferry tour - 13 days/12 nights

This small group tour begins in the Polish city of Gdansk and ventures into the enigmatic Russian enclave of Kaliningrad, founded by the Teutonic Knights in the 13th century. The city was annexed by the Soviet Union at the end of WWII and remained off limits to foreigners until 1991. It sits between Poland and Lithuania, from where you continue your journey through the Baltic States and Helsinki to St. Petersburg.

Inclusions

- 12 nights accommodation with breakfast in 4-star hotels
- Meals - 4 dinners *
- Arrival/departure transfers by car *
- Transportation by A/C coach or minivan, economy class ferry Tallinn-Helsinki
- Sightseeing as specified with tour escort in **English only**
- City tours of Gdansk, Kaliningrad, Klaipeda, Riga, Tallinn, Helsinki, Vyborg, St. Petersburg, Peter & Paul Fortress, Hermitage Museum *, Peterhof & Grand Palace * Catherine's Palace at Pushkin *

Your hotels

- Gdansk - Mercure
- Kaliningrad - Holiday Inn
- Klaipeda - National
- Riga - Wellton Riverside
- Tallinn - Radisson Blu Olympia
- Helsinki - Glo Art
- St. Petersburg - Sokos Vasilevsky

Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted.

Church-in-the-rock. Free afternoon or take an excursion to the island fortress of Suomenlinna. Overnight Helsinki. **B**

Day 10 Tue. Helsinki to St. Petersburg

Travel east, crossing the border into Russia at Vyborg, where you have a short tour. Late afternoon arrival and overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 11 Wed. St. Petersburg

After breakfast, your city tour will introduce you to the highlights of Peter the Great's northern capital, including a visit to Peter & Paul Fortress. This afternoon, travel to the town of Pushkin, also known as Tsars' Village, to visit Catherine's Palace and see the famous Amber Room. This evening offers an optional folklore performance at the 19th century Nikolaevsky Palace. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 12 Thu. St. Petersburg

Morning drive to the Gulf of Finland, to visit the Grand Palace and magnificent gardens of Peterhof Palace. This afternoon, visit the world renowned Hermitage Museum. Farewell your fellow travellers this evening over dinner at Pryanosti & Radosti restaurant. Overnight St. Petersburg. **BD**

Day 13 Fri. St. Petersburg

Tour services end after breakfast with your transfer to the airport or rail station, or you may choose to extend your trip to Moscow. **B**

Day 1 Sun. Gdansk

Arrive Gdansk. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Gdansk.

Day 2 Mon. Gdansk to Kaliningrad

The seaport of Gdansk has an atmosphere unlike any other Polish city. Your morning walking tour of the Old Town includes the Long Market, St. Mary's Church, St. Bridget's Church, the Artus Court and Town Hall. Afternoon departure for Kaliningrad - a Russian enclave sandwiched between Poland and Lithuania along the Baltic coast. Overnight Kaliningrad. **B**

Day 3 Tue. Kaliningrad to Klaipeda

Known as Königsberg during centuries of Prussian rule, Kaliningrad was largely reconstructed after WWII. Traces of its German heritage can be seen in the surviving Brandenburg Gate and riverside Fishing Village, a dining and shopping destination with re-created medieval-style buildings. The original Prussian-style buildings are intermixed with Soviet-era architecture. During your morning city tour you will see Victory Square, Kant's Island with the impressive Church of Christ the Saviour and visit the Central Market and Amber Museum. Depart for Klaipeda in the afternoon, travelling along the Curonian Spit, with a stop at the picturesque fishing town of Nida. Dinner at Restaurant 19th Century and overnight Klaipeda. **BD**

Day 4 Wed. Klaipeda to Riga

After a long history as a German town, Klaipeda became a part of Lithuania in 1923. After your sightseeing tour of the Old Town, drive to the Samogitia National Park for a walking tour around Lake Plateliai. Continue to Riga via Siauliai and the Hill of Crosses. Overnight Riga. **B**

Day 5 Thu. Riga

After breakfast, you have a walking tour of Riga's Old Town. This afternoon, you may take an optional excursion to the seaside resort of Jurmala, with its wooden houses

and kilometres of white-sand beaches. Dinner tonight is at the restaurant Forrest. Overnight Riga. **BD**

Day 6 Fri. Riga to Tallinn

Travel along the coastal highway to the seaside resort of Parnu for a short tour, and then continue to Tallinn, arriving early afternoon. Overnight Tallinn. **B**

Day 7 Sat. Tallinn

Your morning tour takes you around the medieval city walls and into the Old Town to see Toompea Castle, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, the Dome Church, Old Town Hall and Great Guild Hall. Afternoon free, or you may take an optional excursion to Kadriorg Park and the award-winning art museum KUMU. Enjoy a medieval dinner tonight at Restaurant Maikrahv. Overnight Tallinn. **BD**

Day 8 Sun. Tallinn to Helsinki

This morning is free to relax or take an excursion to Lahemaa National Park to visit Palmse and Sagadi Manor Houses. Afternoon departure by ferry (approx. 2 hrs) for Helsinki. Overnight Helsinki. **B**

Day 9 Mon. Helsinki

After breakfast, your tour introduces you to Helsinki's major landmarks - Senate Square with the Lutheran Cathedral, Finlandia Hall, Sibelius Monument and a visit to the



Tour prices & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Sunday departures Jul-Aug 2020.

Departures	Twn	Sgl
5 Jul	4037	5389
12 Jul, 19 Jul, 26 Jul, 2 Aug, 9 Aug, 16 Aug, 23 Aug	3860	5212

■ **Maximum capacity - 26 guests.**