
Preparing For Your Journey: The Baltic Countries Immersion Tour

There are no visas required to travel to these lovely countries. Therefore, your preparation for this tour could not be easier!

Travel Insurance

Trip cancellation/travel insurance is highly recommended. We suggest Travelex. A brochure is enclosed. Submit insurance application within 3 weeks of deposit to waive pre-existing conditions.

Packing Suggestions

The weather is generally pleasant with sunny days and moderate evenings. Expect temperatures in the mid 70s. Evenings can be chilly. Lightweight casual clothing, sun hat, a sweater, light jacket, rain poncho, umbrella and of course comfortable walking shoes. The cobbled streets mean uneven footing. Additionally: flashlight, travel clock, extra pair of prescription eyeglasses. Clothing that can be layered. If you lean towards being cold, a wool hat and scarf (just in case!).

Electrical: All of the countries use European electrical plugs (with two pins) and it is 240 Volts.

Meal Cost: you can enjoy a nice lunch for approx 12 euro; dinner 18-22 euro. With your guide's help. You can ask and they will be happy to accommodate any requests to include extra veggies and other items in your salad. Belgrade prices tend to be similar to prices in other trendy European cities.

Tipping at restaurants: Tips are not included on the bills and when meals are included in the tour, the tips are not. Restaurants: 10% depending on the place and service.

Tipping Guides and Drivers: There is a local guide for sightseeing in Helsinki; suggested tip for the local guide half day tour: 2 euro per person. For the remainder of the tour from Tallinn to Vilnius there is one guide and a separate driver. Tipping is not common in the Baltic countries, but if you wish to express appreciation, suggest 5-8 euro per day per person to each of them.

Helsinki

The tour starts with arrival in Helsinki. We do not include the arrival transfer since people are arriving at different times and the cost of a private transfer would be about US\$100 per car. Instead, there is a shuttle bus from the airport to the area near your hotel (cost is approx 6.50 euro). After picking up your luggage and just before the exit doors you will see a counter for the airport shuttle. Pay for the ticket here, as it is a better price than paying on the bus. The clerk will also make sure you take the correct shuttle. Just tell him the name of your hotel. You will get off at Helsinki Main Railway station, which is the last stop. From here it is approx 5-10 min walk to the hotel or you can find a taxi. If you prefer to have a private car arrival transfer, please request at least 2 weeks prior to your departure.

Currency: the euro. Credit cards are accepted everywhere and ATM machines are everywhere.

Estonia & Latvia

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Lithuania

Currency: The litas (currency code is LTL). The symbol is Lt for litai and ct for centas. Currently 1 LTL = .32 US\$/ US1 = 2.95 LTL, as of 11/15/18 Credit cards are accepted everywhere.