






Helsinki to Warsaw

Tour Overview

 Start Point Helsinki	 End Point Warsaw	 Meals 9 Breakfasts 1 Lunch 4 Dinners	 Transport Air- conditioned coach	 Tour Type Fully- guided tour
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Itinerary

Day 1: Start of tour in Helsinki

 Dinner  Radisson Blu Seaside Hotel

Welcome to Finland! Start in Helsinki, the coastal capital known for its beautiful islands and sleek designs. Meet up with your tour leader at the hotel before setting off on a locally-guided walking tour around the city. Encounter Helsinki's most famous sights including the Havis Amanda, Senate Square and Helsinki Cathedral. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening.

Included:

HW - Discover the highlights of Helsinki with a local guide

HW - Enjoy a welcome dinner in Helsinki

Day 2: Helsinki: Free Day

 Breakfast  Radisson Blu Seaside Hotel

Look forward to a free day to discover Helsinki! Helsinki is a central hub for unique Finnish design and culture. Explore the nearby Suomenlinna Island and Fortress on an optional excursion. This excursion also includes a picnic lunch and a visit to a famous café renowned for its coffee and chocolate! It's sure to be an unforgettable day.

Optionals:

Helsinki+

Day 3: Helsinki - Tallinn

 Breakfast, Lunch  Metropol Hotel

Today, take this Baltic States group tour across the Gulf of Finland! Board the Helsinki to Tallinn ferry and cruise to Estonia's capital city. Upon arrival, enjoy an included lunch at a local restaurant in the Old Town Square. Next, join a local guide for a walking tour. Explore historic highlights such as Tall Hermann Tower and St Olav's Church.

Included:

HW - Catch a ferry from Helsinki to Tallinn

HW - Enjoy lunch at a mediaeval restaurant in Tallinn

HW - Tour Tallinn with a local guide

Day 4: Tallinn - Pärnu - Latvian Military Cemetery - Riga

 Breakfast  Hestia Hotel Jugend

Head to Riga, the capital of Latvia! Along the way, stop in the resort city of Pärnu, Estonia. Next, continue to the coastal Latvian town of Saulkrasti. Later, arrive in Riga and learn about Latvia's WWI history during a visit to the Latvian Military Cemetery. Checking into the hotel before heading out on an orientation tour of Riga's Old Town!

Included:

HW - Sightsee in Pärnu

HW - Enjoy a stop in Saulkrasti

HW - Visit the Latvian Military Cemetery

HW - Discover Riga; Latvia's vibrant capital

Day 5: **Riga - Hill of Crosses - Trakai - Vilnius**

 Breakfast, Dinner  Green Vilnius Hotel

Cross the border to Lithuania. Today's first stop is the mysterious and famous religious sight, the Hill of Crosses. Then, visit the town of Trakai, home to the majestic Trakai Island Castle! Finally, continue to the capital; Vilnius. Upon arrival, embark on a sightseeing tour of the beautiful Baroque Old Town. After, enjoy free time before tonight's local dinner.

Included:

HW - Visit the Hill of Crosses

HW - Discover Trakai Castle

HW - Explore Vilnius; capital of Lithuania

Day 6: **Vilnius - Masurian Lake District - Gdansk**

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hampton by Hilton Gdansk Old Town

Wave farewell to Vilnius this morning, cross the border into Poland and head to today's first stop, the Masurian Lake District. This region is home to spectacular scenery and over 2,000 lakes. After free time, travel onwards to Gdansk, a beautiful and historic port city. Get to know Gdansk and admire its charming architecture on an orientation tour.

Included:

HW - Enjoy a scenic drive through the Masurian Lake District

HW - Discover Gdansk; an enchanting Polish port city

Day 7: **Gdansk**

 Breakfast  Hampton by Hilton Gdansk Old Town

Discover the history, charm and unique Dutch influence found in Gdansk today! Begin by getting to know the city's highlights and important historic areas on a locally guided walking tour. The rest of the day is free to spend at your leisure. Visit the Old Town, stroll around Long Market square and admire the impressive architecture.

Included:

HW - Walking tour of Gdansk

Day 8: **Gdansk - Malbork Castle - Toruń - Warsaw**

 Breakfast, Dinner  Radisson Blu Sobieski Hotel

Today's first stop is Malbork Castle. This 13th-century landmark is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the world's largest castle! Next, visit Toruń - a beautiful, UNESCO-listed mediaeval town, renowned for its Museum of Gingerbread. Here, enjoy an interactive gingerbread workshop! Afterwards, travel onwards to the capital of Poland; Warsaw! Arrive at the hotel and enjoy an included dinner.

Included:

HW - Explore Malbork Castle

HW - Enjoy a gingerbread workshop in Torun

Day 9: **Warsaw**

 Breakfast  Radisson Blu Sobieski Hotel

This morning, set off on a Warsaw tour, led by an expert local guide. The rest of the day is free. Join the Warsaw Cultural Highlights optional excursion for a local lunch, and a journey through Poland's Jewish history. Or, join the Chopin & Polish Flavours Evening for a Chopin concert in Warsaw's Royal Castle, followed by a three-course Polish dinner.

Included:

HW - Explore Warsaw with a local guide

Optionals:

Warsaw Cultural Highlights

Chopin & Polish Flavours Evening

Day 10: **End of tour in Warsaw**

 Breakfast

Today is the final day of this unforgettable tour. Enjoy a final breakfast with your tour group, and get ready to head back home. We hope you have had an incredible time exploring Northern Europe from Helsinki to Warsaw and hope to see you back on an Expat Explore coach again very soon!



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