






# Helsinki to Warsaw New Year

## Tour Overview

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

### Day 1: Start of tour in Helsinki (New Year's Eve)

 Dinner  Radisson Blu Seaside Hotel

Welcome to Finland, an ideal spot to be on New Year's Eve! Arrive in Helsinki at your harbourside hotel and meet with your tour leader and group. Then, join a local guide to tour top sights like the Havis Amanda, Senate Square, and Helsinki Cathedral. Enjoy free time before celebrating New Year's Eve with your fellow travellers over dinner!

#### Included:

HWNY - Discover the highlights of Helsinki with a local guide

HWNY - Celebrate New Year's Eve with a local Helsinki dinner

### Day 2: Helsinki: Free Day

 Breakfast  Radisson Blu Seaside Hotel

Helsinki wishes you a "hyvää uutta vuotta"! Celebrate New Year's Day in the Finnish capital, known as a hub of creation, culture, cuisine and architecture. As you venture beyond the city centre, you'll find exquisite natural sights, including Suomenlinna Island and its museum. Explore this 18th-century fortress on today's exciting optional excursion which also includes a delicious local lunch!

#### Optionals:

Suomenlinna Tour & Taste

### Day 3: Helsinki - Tallinn

 Breakfast, Lunch  Metropol Hotel

Today, board a ferry to cross the Gulf of Finland! Arrive in Tallinn and check into the hotel before sitting down for a delicious lunch at a medieval restaurant. Afterwards, meet up with a local guide for an exciting walking tour of Tallinn's fairytale Old Town. Tick off must-see attractions, including Tall Hermann Tower and St Olav's Church.

#### Included:

HWNY - Catch a ferry from Helsinki to Tallinn

HWNY - Enjoy lunch at a mediaeval restaurant in Tallinn

HWNY - Tour Tallinn with a local guide

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

 Breakfast  Hestia Hotel Jugend

This morning, journey towards the Latvian capital. En route, stop in the Estonian resort town of Pärnu. Arrive in Riga and visit the Latvian Military Cemetery to uncover WWI history. Then, check into the hotel before embarking on an orientation walking tour, including must-see sights of Riga's Old Town like the Dom Cathedral and the House of the Black Heads.

#### Included:

HWNY - Sightsee in Pärnu

HWNY - Visit the Latvian Military Cemetery

HWNY - Discover Riga; Latvia's vibrant capital

## Day 5: Riga - Hill of Crosses - Vilnius

 Breakfast, Dinner  Green Vilnius Hotel

Lithuania is the last but undoubtedly not the least exciting of the Baltic states. After crossing the border, visit the mystifying Hill of Crosses. Arrive in Vilnius, Lithuania's vivacious capital, and embark on an orientation tour. Discover the UNESCO-listed Old Town with its Baroque architecture and more than 700 years of history. This evening, enjoy a traditional Lithuanian dinner.

### Included:

HWNY - Visit the Hill of Crosses

HWNY - Explore Vilnius; capital of Lithuania

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## Day 6: Vilnius - Trakai - Gdansk

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hampton by Hilton Gdansk Old Town

This morning, journey to the quaint town of Trakai, home to a majestic island castle! Then, cross the border into Poland and soak up stunning winter scenery. Arrive in the port city of Gdansk this evening, freshen up at the hotel and embark on an orientation tour of Gdansk's marvels and distinct architectural styles. Tonight, enjoy a delicious buffet dinner.

### Included:

HWNY - Discover Trakai Castle

HWNY - Discover Gdansk; an enchanting Polish port city

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## Day 7: Gdansk: Free Day

 Breakfast  Hampton by Hilton Gdansk Old Town

Explore the many highlights of Gdansk on a free day! Start with a locally-guided walking tour, discovering how this charming city was reconstructed after WWII. Explore as you wish for the rest of the day. Wander along the banks of the Motława river, inspect Gdansk Town Hall's elaborate interiors or soak up panoramic views from the Amber Sky ferris wheel.

### Included:

HWNY - Explore Gdansk with a local guide

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

 Breakfast, Dinner  Radisson Blu Sobieski Hotel

Today, bid Gdansk farewell and journey to Warsaw. Along the way, stop at the UNESCO-listed Malbork Castle, the world's largest castle! Enjoy a guided tour of this majestic 13th-century castle and fortress. Next up is another UNESCO-listed destination - the medieval town of Toruń! Here, enjoy an interactive gingerbread demonstration! Travel to Warsaw and settle into the hotel for the night.

### Included:

HWNY - Explore Malbork Castle

HWNY - Enjoy a gingerbread workshop in Torun

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## Day 9: Warsaw: Free Day

 Breakfast  Radisson Blu Sobieski Hotel

This morning, delve into the historically rich capital of Poland on a locally-guided tour. The rest of the day is free. Join the Warsaw Cultural Highlights optional excursion to gain further insight into Warsaw's fascinating history and cuisine. Tonight, choose to bid farewell to your new travel friends while enjoying the timeless music of Chopin with a traditional dinner afterwards.

### Included:

HWNY - Explore Warsaw with a local guide

### Optionals:

Warsaw Cultural Highlights

Chopin & Polish Flavours Evening

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## Day 10: End of tour in Warsaw

 Breakfast

Today, this New Year's tour from Helsinki to Warsaw comes to an end. After the last group breakfast, get ready to depart to your next destination, whether it's home or your next adventure. Expat Explore hopes you have had an incredible New Year's tour with

us and look forward to seeing you back on a group coach soon!

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