






# Highlights of Helsinki & the Baltics

## Tour Overview

 <b>Start Point</b> Helsinki	 <b>End Point</b> Vilnius	 <b>Meals</b> 8 Breakfasts   1 Lunch   3 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

 Dinner  Radisson Blu Seaside Hotel

Arrive in Helsinki, the capital of Finland and meet up with your tour leader and fellow travellers at the hotel. Then, set off on a locally-guided tour. Marvel at top sights including Senate Square, the Uspenski Cathedral, the Havis Amanda, Kauppatori Market and more! This evening, look forward to a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

#### Included:

HV - Discover the highlights of Helsinki with a local guide

### Day 2: Helsinki: Free Day

 Breakfast  Radisson Blu Seaside Hotel

Hei Helsinki! Today offers a free day to discover this city, which is consistently listed as one of the world's happiest and most liveable. Join the Helsinki+ excursion to embark on a guided tour of Suomenlinna Fortress, enjoy a picnic lunch on the island and indulge in local delights at a famous café. Or, explore on your own - the choice is yours!

#### Optionals:

Helsinki+

### Day 3: Helsinki - Tallinn

 Breakfast, Lunch  Metropol Hotel

Our Baltic adventure begins today! Catch a ferry and sail across the Gulf of Finland towards Tallinn, the enchanting capital city of Estonia. Arrive in the afternoon and head to a historic restaurant in the Old Town for lunch. Wander Tallinn's charming cobblestone streets and admire its medieval architecture while learning more about this fascinating city on a locally-guided tour.

#### Included:

HV - Catch a ferry from Helsinki to Tallinn

HV - Enjoy lunch at a mediaeval restaurant in Tallinn

HV - Tour Tallinn with a local guide

### Day 4: Tallinn: Free Day

 Breakfast  Metropol Hotel

After an introduction to the top attractions in Tallinn yesterday, take today as an opportunity to discover this enchanting city in-depth! Its compact size makes it easy to navigate and explore on foot. Be sure to visit the 12th-century St. Olaf's Church! Or, join the Essence of Estonia optional excursion for a glimpse into the country's rural history.

#### Optionals:

The Essence of Estonia

### Day 5: Tallinn - Pärnu - Latvian Military Cemetery - Riga

 Breakfast, Dinner  Hestia Hotel Jugend

Before crossing the border into Latvia, visit Pärnu. This seaside resort town is a popular summer spot for Estonians! Next stop is Saulkrasti, a picturesque Latvian coastal town. Later, arrive in Riga and pay your respects at the Brothers' Cemetery. After checking into the hotel, visit Riga's Old Town and admire the city's Art Nouveau architecture on an orientation tour!

#### Included:

HV - Sightsee in Pärnu

HV - Enjoy a stop in Saulkrasti

HV - Visit the Latvian Military Cemetery

HV - Discover Riga; Latvia's vibrant capital

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### Day 6: Riga: Free Day

 Breakfast  Hestia Hotel Jugend

Enjoy a full free day to experience Riga! With over 800 years of history, Riga is sure to captivate with its architectural wonders and luscious greenery. Let the House of the Black Heads take your breath away, indulge in local cuisine at the Central Market and uncover Soviet history when you embark on the Riga+ excursion!

#### Optionals:

Riga+

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### Day 7: Riga - Hill of Crosses - Trakai - Vilnius

 Breakfast, Dinner  Green Vilnius Hotel

Crossing the border from Latvia into Lithuania, today's first stop is the Hill of Crosses, an important religious site. Then, travel to Trakai, a quaint town home to the fairytale Trakai Island Castle! Later, travel to Vilnius, Lithuania's capital. Admire the Vilnius Cathedral, Church of St Anne and Gediminas Tower on an orientation tour. Enjoy local cuisine at dinner tonight.

#### Included:

HV - Visit the Hill of Crosses

HV - Discover Trakai Castle

HV - Explore Vilnius; capital of Lithuania

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### Day 8: Vilnius: Free Day

 Breakfast  Green Vilnius Hotel


Labas rytas Vilnius! Lithuania's turbulent past is reflected in its capital's impressive street art and museums. However, Vilnius is also full of life and locals take any opportunity to celebrate the city's freedom. Join the Vilnius+ optional excursion to tour and explore the self-proclaimed republic of Užupis, explore the vaults of the Town Hall and enjoy a tasty local lunch.

#### Optionals:

Vilnius+

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### Day 9: End of tour in Vilnius

 Breakfast

After 9 days of discovering the top attractions in Helsinki and the many Baltic travel highlights, this unforgettable trip from Helsinki to Vilnius comes to an end this morning. Enjoy one final breakfast with your newfound travel buddies and be sure to swap contact details before going your separate ways. Wishing you a safe journey onwards!

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