

THE BALTIC STATES AND THE ESSENCE OF CENTRAL EUROPE 2019

16 DAYS | 21 SEPTEMBER to 06 OCTOBER 2019

ESTONIA – LATVIA – LITHUANIA – WARSAW – BERLIN – DRESDEN – PRAGUE – KRAKOW – VIENNA



Magical moments abound on this leisurely holiday through Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (collectively known as the Baltic States), plus Poland, Germany, the Czech Republic and Austria. Discover the dynamism and liveliness of cultural life after the 'singing revolution' consigned communism to the dustbin of history in the late 1980's, during walking tours in the medieval centres of Tallinn, Riga and Vilnius. Compare the modernity of ambitious Warsaw to the old-world charm of Krakow and spend a full day in Berlin including a guided tour to Potsdam. Take time in Prague to enjoy its baroque buildings and gothic churches, and, as a fitting finale dine as the Viennese do by driving into the countryside for an evening of regional cuisine and traditional Viennese music at a 'heurige' wine tavern. Prost!

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided walking tours of the 3 UNESCO heritage Baltic cities of Tallinn, Riga, & Vilnius
- Visit old Warsaw's restored city centre and the Jewish Ghetto Memorial
- See the Brandenburg Gate & visit the Checkpoint Charlie Museum
- Marvel at Frederick the Great's Sanssouci Palace and Park during a guided tour of Potsdam
- Visit Dresden: 90% destroyed by Allied bombing in WWII
- Experience the exuberance of Czech folk music and dance at a traditional dinner in Prague
- Try to comprehend the horrors of Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp
- See the splendour of Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens, the former home of Austria's Imperial Hapsburg family
- An evening of traditional food and Viennese music in Grinzing

FEATURES AND INCLUSIONS

- A small group of 18 guests
- A leisurely paced all-inclusive programme of sightseeing, daily excursions, scenic drives and privately guided tours
- Quality hotels throughout
- Private transfers at the time of arrival and departure
- Escorted by Ken Bowie of EuroVista with expert commentary by local guides during tours and visits while in Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius, Warsaw, Berlin, Potsdam, Prague, Auschwitz, Krakow and Vienna
- 15 Buffet breakfasts (B)
- 4 Evening meals including a welcome dinner in our hotel in Tallinn, with exciting folklore shows in Vilnius & Prague and an old heurige wine tavern in Grinzing (D)
- A mid to full-sized air-conditioned vehicle
- A 'No Tipping' policy which takes care of hotel portage, hotel and restaurant service charges, gratuities and taxes plus gratuities for local guides



HOW TO BOOK

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 – Saturday 21 September

Arrival Tallinn (2 nights)

On arrival at Tallinn Airport or Railway Station, you're met and privately transferred to our hotel. This evening join your Tour Escort and fellow travellers for an informal get-together followed by dinner in the restaurant of our hotel. (D)

Day 2 – Sunday 22 September

Tallinn – Sightseeing

This morning we'll meet our local guide who'll escort us into the centre of the city to begin our walking tour of Tallinn's medieval Old Town. We'll visit Toompea Hill with St Mary's Cathedral and the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. We'll also see the Kadriorg Palace and the gothic Town Hall and Tower, along with the 500-year-old-pharmacy. Following our morning tour the rest of the day is ours to do as we wish before locating somewhere interesting for dinner tonight. (B)



Day 3 – Monday 23 September

Tallinn – Parnu – Riga (2 nights)

Today we head south, with a lunch stop at the beach resort of Parnu, on Estonia's coastline in the Gulf of Riga. Take time to promenade along the beachfront with its stone jetties, and view the 19th century timber villas. We'll continue to follow the coast, crossing the border into Latvia, and onwards to its capital city, Riga. This evening is free to wander its interesting streets and find an appealing place to dine – maybe the stylish Restaurant La Boheme? (B)

Day 4 – Tuesday 24 September

Riga – Sightseeing

First up today we'll join our knowledgeable local guide for a walking tour of Riga, one of the most beautiful cities of the Baltic States. Founded on the Baltic Sea in 1201 this cosmopolitan city was described by Ernest Hemingway to be the 'Paris of the North'. It boasts more than 800 art nouveau buildings along with a lively night life. Our walking tour of the Old City includes Riga Castle, the Dome Cathedral, the Swedish Gate, and the Freedom Monument. This afternoon why not 'get lost and stroll' amongst its tall buildings and narrow streets? Perhaps visit the Ethnographical Open Air



Museum, or in the evening enjoy an organ concert at Dome Cathedral? There's much to do... (B)

Day 5 – Wednesday 25 September

Riga – Vilnius (2 nights)

We'll drive through the rolling hills of southern Latvia, cross the border, and then stop at the Hill of Crosses, one of the most holy sites of Catholic Lithuania. A place of pilgrimage, it's estimated that more than 100,000 crosses have been placed here by pilgrims, probably since 1831, following a local uprising. We'll continue southeast through the Lithuanian countryside, which consists of many scattered forests, lakes and rivers. Upon reaching our third Baltic capital, our evening is ours and we're free to explore and dine in the medieval surroundings of Vilnius. (B)

Day 6 – Thursday 26 September

Vilnius – Sightseeing

With a more Baroque style, and also being described as the more Bohemian of the three Balkan capitals, Vilnius is renowned for its more than 1200 medieval buildings and 48 churches! We'll join our specialist local guide on a walking tour through one of the largest historical centres in Europe. The Gediminas Tower, Vilnius Cathedral, Old University and the Gates of Dawn are among many of the attractions on our route. This evening we'll enjoy a Lithuanian dinner at the renowned Belmontas Tavern accompanied by rousing folklore music. (BD)



Day 7 – Friday 27 September**Vilnius – Bialystok – Warsaw (2 nights)**

This morning we drive through the southern region of Lithuania, crossing into Poland, and the eastern fringe of the Masurian region, which contains around 2000 lakes. We'll stop in Bialystok, which was a finalist for the European Capital of Culture in 2016. After suffering many reversals, during various wars and invasions over the centuries, this city is now a thriving metropolis which boasts many universities and its Medical Academy is one of the best in Poland. It's also the home of Albert Sabin, who discovered the polio vaccine named after him. After time for lunch we'll continue our journey to Poland's capital, Warsaw, where we'll have time for exploration around our hotel before finding a local restaurant for dinner. (B)

Day 8 – Saturday 28 September**Warsaw – Sightseeing**

Today, with our local guide, we become acquainted with Warsaw, and visit its glorious monument to the Stalinist era, the Palace of Culture and Science. Next, it's Radziwell Palace and a visit to the Jewish Ghetto Memorial. After a stroll in the reconstructed Old Town, we'll return to our hotel where there's time to relax or continue to explore Warsaw at our leisure. (B)

**Day 9 – Sunday 29 September****Warsaw – Poznań – Berlin (2 nights)**

Westward ho across Poland today we cross the Vistula along with the Warta and Oder rivers, before we pause for lunch in Renaissance style Poznań, one of the most important Polish cities of the 10th & 11th centuries. More recently, it was the home town of Field Marshal Paul von Hindenburg, President of the Weimar Republic, and also Dame Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, the operatic soprano. Don't forget to try a St Martin's croissant in Market Square in the old city area, before we continue to the German border, and then Berlin. This evening we'll enjoy the vibrancy of a city that was once the focus of the Cold War years, split by the Wall (der Mauer), leaving the western sector an island in the middle of East Germany. (B)

**Day 10 – Monday 30 September****Berlin – Sightseeing and Excursion to Potsdam**

This rejuvenated city has much to see. This morning we'll visit the Brandenburg Gate and then drive along the Unter den Linden, past the spectacular State Opera House and the Alexanderplatz. With our local guide we'll visit the Checkpoint Charlie Museum, and learn about some of the ingenious methods used to escape from East to West. After lunch we'll cross the River Spree to Potsdam via the Gliencke Bridge where, during the cold war, spies were exchanged between the East and the West. We'll visit the Schloss Cecilienhof and the gardens of the Sanssouci Palace of Frederick the Great, before returning to Berlin and our hotel where there's time to shop on the fashionable Kurfürstendamm, or visit the Pergamon, or a dinosaur skeleton at the Natural History Museum? Maybe a local currywurst for dinner, washed down with a Berliner Kindl beer, or visit the Bavarian Hofbrau Beerhall? (B)

Day 11 – Tuesday 01 October**Berlin – Dresden – Prague (2 nights)**

On our journey towards Prague today, we'll visit Dresden. Situated on the river Elbe, Dresden was the site of controversial bombing raids in WWII by both the British and American Air Forces. Although the city contained both military and industrial targets, most of the 25,000 killed were women and children. Enjoy a hearty Saxon lunch in one of its many restaurants in the restored Altstadt. We'll then cross the border to the Czech Republic, and proceed to the Bohemian capital, Prague. Refresh yourself with a famous Pilsner, or perhaps a local wine? (B)



Day 12 – Wednesday 02 October
Prague – Sightseeing



Today, with our local guide, we follow the ancient path of the coronation procession of the Kings of Bohemia, view the baroque buildings and gothic churches in the vast old town square and continue to the Astronomical Clock and on to the Charles Bridge. We'll also take in Hradcany and visit the Castle district, the

Strahov Monastery and St Vitus' Cathedral before we stroll along the Golden Lane. This afternoon perhaps shop for Bohemian crystal or relax before tonight's special dinner and local folklore show. (BD)

Day 13 – Thursday 03 October
Prague – Auschwitz – Krakow (1 night)

Our journey today takes us eastwards across the Czech Republic, returning to Poland again to visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp. Words alone cannot describe the horrific crimes committed here, as we'll discover during our guided tour. It's then a short drive to atmospheric Krakow, situated at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains and dating back to the Stone Age, the city is now the second largest in Poland. The former Archbishop of Krakow, Karol Wojtyla, Pope John Paul II, became the first non-Italian Pope since 1523. Tonight, perhaps sample Polish sausage or beetroot soup, in one of the many cafes and bars close to our hotel. Whatever you choose it may taste better with a glass of slivovitz, a plum brandy produced in many east and central European countries. (B)

Day 14 – Friday 04 October
Krakow – Vienna (2 nights)

We'll discover the highlights of Krakow on a guided tour that includes Wawel Hill and Wawel Castle as well as Krakow's

stunning Cathedral and historic Old Town. After leaving Krakow in the late morning we'll arrive in Vienna, Austria's capital, in the early evening where the rest of the day is for us to use at our leisure. (B)

Day 15 – Saturday 05 October
Vienna – Sightseeing

Our guided sightseeing shows us imperial and modern Vienna. We'll view the State Opera House, Town Hall, House of Parliament, the Hofburg complex and St Stephens Cathedral. We'll visit the Palace and Gardens of Schönbrunn and this evening we'll farewell our tour in style when we drive to Grinzing for an evening of regional cuisine and traditional Viennese music at a 'heurige' wine tavern. (BD)



Day 16 – Sunday 06 October
Depart Vienna

This morning our touring holiday ends after breakfast with individual transfers to a Vienna Railway Station or Vienna International Airport for onward journeys. Guests who remain in Vienna and stay on at the tour hotel will also receive a complimentary transfer on the day of their departure. (B)

Note: The above itinerary is subject to change necessitated by any change in Community regulations as well as changes by Government and/or natural circumstances beyond our control.

THE BALTIC STATES & ESSENCE OF CENTRAL EUROPE TOUR 2019 – PRICES

16 DAYS FOR UNDER NZ\$327/AU\$315 PER DAY

CODE: KPB BEGINS: SAT ENDS: SUN

Prices are twin-share per person:

Tour	Begins	Ends	Price NZ\$	Sgl Supp NZ\$
001	Sep 21	Oct 06	NZ\$5230	NZ\$1390
Tour	Begins	Ends	Price AU\$	Sgl Supp AU\$
002	Sep 21	Oct 06	AU\$5035	AU\$1350

PRE & POST-TOUR ACCOMMODATION

Prices are per person per night:	Twin-share	Single
Tallinn – Hestia Hotel Barons	NZ\$115	NZ\$215
Tallinn – Hestia Hotel Barons	AU\$110	AU\$205
Vienna – Hotel Pension Baronesse	NZ\$105	NZ\$180
Vienna – Hotel Pension Baronesse	AU\$100	AU\$175

FLIGHTS: Airfares are not included in the tour price as there are many and varied options available in the market place. You should aim to be at the tour hotel in Tallinn (Hestia Hotel Barons) by 16:00hrs (4.00 pm) on the afternoon of 21 September 2019. We can recommend flights to Tallinn and from Vienna (ex New Zealand or Australia) so if you would like us to assist in finding you the best possible flight times and prices to suit your needs please advise Paul at EuroVista Holidays when booking your tour.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Due to factors associated with international travel it is unrealistic to expect prices to remain stable - particularly when they are dependent on foreign currency exchange rates. Prices for this tour are based on costs and exchange rates as at 29 October 2018. Should these costs or exchange rates alter or additional fuel surcharges, taxes and other charges or levies imposed by any government or its agencies, be added, a surcharge may be made on the price of your tour at the time of final payment.

Deposits and Payments

Due to the nature of this trip and all of the group arrangements that need to be pre-booked, a \$1500 non-refundable deposit will be required at the time of booking. Final payment is due on or before the 21 June 2019.

Late Bookings

Payment in full is required at time of booking for reservations made on or after the 21 June 2019. If reservation cannot be confirmed, all funds will be refunded.

Cancellation by Passenger

Cancellations for tours and additional services must be received in writing and the following fees (indicated as a percentage of the total price) will apply if the cancellation is received in our office within these designated time periods:

1. Up to and including 21 June 2019 – Non-refundable Deposit
2. Between 22 June and 26 July 2019 – 60%
3. Between 27 July and 15 August 2019 – 75%
4. Between 16 August and 6 September 2019 – 90%
5. Between 7 September and 21 September 2019 – 100%

We strongly recommend taking out Travel Insurance to cover cancellation charges. There is no refund for unused services or land arrangements if they are missed.

Cancellation by EuroVista

EuroVista will operate this tour once the minimum number of 10 paying passengers is attained. EuroVista reserves the right to cancel this tour should it not attain the minimum number of paying passengers. EuroVista Holidays also reserves the right to cancel this tour in accordance with operating requirements or circumstances beyond its control. Should this occur EuroVista Holidays will treat this contract as at an end, refund all monies including your deposit, and will then be under no further liability. EuroVista Holidays Ltd is not responsible for the costs of other travel arrangements affected due to our cancellation of this tour.

Not Included In Our Tour Price

Airport taxes, airfares (except where specified), lunches and dinners (except where specified), drinks, laundry, passport and visa fees, excess baggage and all items of a personal nature are not included in the tour price.

Smoking

In the interests of other passenger's comfort there is no smoking on our vehicles.

Refunds and Amendment Fees

No refunds will be made on services that are voluntarily un-availed (including, but not limited to, missed meals and sightseeing). The Company also regrets that no refunds will be made for withdrawal

from a tour (due to illness or any other reason) after the tour has commenced.

Passports/Visas

A valid national passport is required for all touring holidays, and as the various countries all have their own formalities, we strongly recommend you check with your Travel Agent or the local consulate on the visa requirements. Multiple-entry visas are required for some European countries. Visas must be obtained prior to departure from your home country.

Health Requirements

Vaccinations may be required. Please contact your Travel Agent or your local health department.

Disabled Passengers

Passengers with disabilities are welcome on tour. However they must be accompanied by a companion solely responsible for, and capable of, providing any special assistance required while travelling. EuroVista personnel and other service providers cannot provide special assistance for disabled passengers. EuroVista must be advised in writing at the time of deposit of any disabilities. Due to space limitation, wheelchairs and walkers must be stored in the luggage lockers of our vehicles.

Single Rooms

A number of single rooms are available on request at time of booking. The single supplement must be paid with final payment. Please note: EuroVista Holidays contracts double rooms for single use. However, where this is not possible we will provide standard single rooms. The prices of these are already reflected in the listed single supplement prices. Standard single rooms are usually smaller and often only have one single bed.

Luggage Limits and Portage

Portage at hotels (where available) is limited to one piece of luggage per person (see exceptions above). Airline luggage restrictions apply to the air travel which may be incorporated in our touring holidays.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is not included in your tour price. We strongly recommend that you purchase adequate comprehensive insurance which includes coverage for medical expenses, loss/theft of luggage from hotel rooms or any form of transportation, land content and airfare charges that may occur due to cancellation, loss of deposit or strikes.

Important Information on Exclusion of Liability

EuroVista Holidays Ltd tours include the services of operators, such as hoteliers, airlines, cruise companies and other operators, who are not agents, servants or employees of EuroVista Holidays Ltd (herein after referred to as the 'Company'). We cannot and do not take responsibility for the conduct of these operators, their servants and agents or for any ramifications of that conduct. Our tours may include activities such as climbing, exploring, swimming and snorkelling. The passenger accepts that these activities involve varying degrees of risk.

2. By booking a tour, the passenger acknowledges and agrees that the Company and the other operator companies, will take all

reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable experience, it accepts no responsibility for any loss of enjoyment by passengers due to circumstances beyond its control. The Company further accepts no responsibility for any death, injury, illness, damage, detention, delay (including mechanical breakdown) or any other loss/theft beyond its reasonable control and provides no warranties in addition to those set out under the Trade Practices Act 1974, and nothing herein restricts the passenger from exercising his or her rights and remedies pursuant to law.

3. No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on tour if their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the Company, such as to render them incapable to care for themselves, or whereby they became a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The Company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the touring holiday for any reason.

4. A Travel Agent, if utilised will forward deposits and other payments to us on your behalf, but your Travel Agent is not our agent for the purpose of receipt of monies. Receipt of deposits and subsequent payments by the Travel Agent does not constitute receipt of those monies by us and the Travel Agent has no authority expressed or implied to receive monies on our behalf. There is no liability on the part of the Company in respect to any monies paid to the passenger's Travel Agent unless and until the Company notifies the passenger (by way of a booking confirmation advice or payment receipt advice) that monies have been received by the Company.

5. The Company can cancel any ticket or booking or refuse to carry any passenger where payment has not been received by the Company within the specified time.

6. The airlines concerned are held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are aboard their aircraft and/or conveyances. The passengers' tickets, in use by the airline when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers using these tickets.

7. Itineraries are subject to alteration without notice and intended as a guide only. Alterations may come about due to road or

weather conditions, strikes or other reasons beyond our control.

Any additional expense incurred by the passenger is not the Company's responsibility. We strongly recommend that you have adequate insurance cover. The Company can give no guarantee as to exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used by the Company in the touring holiday and the Company will not be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions beyond its control.

8. If for any reason the accommodation listed in this brochure becomes unavailable, we may substitute the listed property for another of similar standard. Occasionally this may not be possible and if the only accommodation available is of an inferior standard then a refund will be offered.

9. Should you have a complaint in respect of this tour, you should inform your Tour Escort immediately. If the matter cannot be resolved through the best efforts of your Tour Escort your complaint should be made in writing to the Company within 30 days of the completion of the tour.

10. Any claims or legal action in connection with the Company's provision of services to you will be governed by the laws of New Zealand. Any claim or legal action against the Company's suppliers is likely to be subject to the terms of your contract with them, and may be governed by the laws of other countries.

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