

Cycling Holiday in West –Estonia and Latvia (9 Days)



Self-guided tour 6 994EEK/ 450 EUR

A 9-day cycling tour starting from Tallinn, through Hiiumaa & Saaremaa islands, end in Latvian capital Riga. Cycling in the Baltic's is a wonderful experience, especially out of the major cities, lot of forests and nature, romantic countryside with giant stork nests, small wooden houses await exploration.

Countryside roads are with little traffic and flat, well maintained. It is the perfect rural setting for cycling. Overnights are spent in one of many homely farm- or guesthouses.

Itinerary	
Day 1	Tallinn-Padise (day route 65 km). Tour starts in the morning from Tallinn, ride along Eurovelo route, out of the city to northern coast. You will make stops on sights like Rocca-al-Mare Open Air Museum, Rannamõisa and Tabasalu Cliffs, Padise cloister ruins. Overnight stay in Padise.
Day 2	Padise to Haapsalu (day route 55 km). You continue our tour to reach picturesque summer resort, with its great old town, castle ruins and beautiful sea promenade. All day through small asphalt road. Overnight in Haapsalu
Day 3	Haapsalu-Sõru (day route 80 km). From Haapsalu you continue our route to Rohuküla harbour (11 km), and take a ferry to Hiiumaa island (1,5 hour by ferry). In Hiiumaa you ride from Heltermaa harbour to "capital city" Kärkla, after that, you continue our route, and make several stops at sights like Suuremõisa castle, Kassari island. Overnight stay at Sõru village, there is beautiful beach for swimming.
Day 4	In the morning you take a ferry to Saaremaa island (day route 50 km). Road takes us to Karja Church, Saaremaa's smallest medieval church. Karja church is famous for its decorative elements and some of the most interesting wall frescoes still preserved. You will cycle past the famous Angla Windmills. This is the only remaining windmill hill on Saaremaa. In 1925, Angla was home to 13 farms and there were nine windmills, now only five are left. After that we continue our route to Kuressaare, capital of the Saaremaa and home of the bishopric castle dating from the 13th century. This castle is unique in the Baltic. Overnight stay in Kuressaare .
Day 5	Kuressaare-Mõntu (day route 45 km). You ride to the harbour in Sõrve peninsula and take a ferry to Ventspils (Latvia). Ventspils is one of the oldest cities of Latvia. The Castle of the Livonian Order, first mentioned in historical documents of 1290, is considered to be the first building in the present territory of Ventspils. Overnight stay in Ventspils.
Day 6	Ventspils-Kolka National Park (day route 81 km). Before the arrival of the German invaders in the 13th century, it was the Livs, a Finno-Ugric people, who were the sole inhabitants of what is now known as Latvia. Now their language and culture are nearly extinct; fourteen fishing villages on the rugged coastline of the north-west have been made protected areas but this may be too late as there are only ten native speakers left. At Cape Kolka, walking through the dunes and forests reveals an isolation and wildness not really found at Kemer. Here it is easy to understand the plain colouring of the Liv flag: green for the forests, white for the beach and blue for the sea. Overnight stay in Kolka.
Day 7	Kolka-Engure (day route 81 km). All day through coastal road. Sea is just through narrow pine forests and it is all sandy beaches, as far as you can see. You make stops at small villages and just before our overnight place have also change to bike through Lake Engure Nature Park (wetland, birds, nature trails). Overnight stay at Engure.
Day 8	Engure-Riga (day route 67 km). Coastal road gets even better. Most of it is separated from main traffic flow and after a while we will be on most popular summer resort area in Latvia. Main attraction is Jurmala, largest resort city in the Baltics: long sandy beach, wooden architecture, summer feeling. Through bike road nice ride to Riga. Overnight stay in Riga.
Day 9	Riga : Napoleon once called Riga a "suburb of London" where the traditions of many nations crossed their paths. A legend tells that once every hundred years the Devil spoke out his head from the waters of the Daugava River and asks if Riga is ready. If he hears "Yes", then it will inevitably sink into the river Daugava. Central part of Riga was included into the UNESCO World Heritage List. End of the trip.

Room	Price per person - twin share
Twin Share	6 994EEK/ 450 EUR
Single Supplement	1 850 EEK /120 EUR

Possibility to order also: Guided tour on same route, luggage transfers for each day, additional catering

Included in Cost of Itinerary		
· Cycle hire (21-24 speeds, with rack, mudguards, computer and lock)		
· Accommodation in guesthouses, breakfast (double/twin occupancy)		
· Bicycle helmet (safety helmet strongly advised)		
· Local maps and descriptions, recommended places to go, services for bicycles ect.		
Bicycle rental with pair of Ortlieb panniers (40 litres), bicycle transport Riga-Tallinn included		
Not Included in Cost of Itinerary		
Departure Transfer from Riga	Travel Insurance	Lunches, dinners
Bookings		
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