

Cycling Holiday –Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (10 Days)



Self-guided tour 7 239 EEK/ 471 EUR

A 10 day cycling tour starting from Tallinn, through Hiiumaa & Saaremaa islands, Latvian coast to Lithuania, resort Klaipeda and Curonian Spit. 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, seaside and much more, they all await your exploration.

You will cycle on countryside roads with little traffic, generally 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 we ride from Heltermaa harbour to "capital city" Kärdla, after that, you continue your 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 you 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	Ride from Kuressaare to Mõntu (day route 45 km) 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 The Castle of the Livonian Order, first mentioned in historical documents of 1290, is considered to be the first building in the present territory of Ventspils.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 to Pabilosta (day route 69 km). Overnight stay in Pabilosta. You head more south to explore Baltic coast, it is nice small road: forests and fields, you pass several former USSR army bases. Almost 30 km our road goes very close to sandy coastline. Overnight stay in small romantic coastal town Pabilosta.
Day 7	Pabilosta to Liepaja (day route 51 km). Easy riding day through fields, possible also take small coastal road (not paved), to explore small coastal villages and forest tracks. Liepaja, our overnight stay, is famous for Karosta - former military base from Tsarist and Soviet time. Visit also Holy Trinity Church, to hear the world's largest historic unreconstructed organ with 141 stops and 7000 pipes. It is also the third largest city in Latvia, founded more than 750 years ago.
Day 8	Liepaja to Palanga (day route 79 km). Today you reach to Lithuanian border and after crossing turn to seaside cycle route. On our way you can meet 4-metre-high Fisherman's Daughters sculpture, 15-metre-high sandy dune, before we reach to well-known resort town Palanga (overnight stay). Sites worth of visit: Palanga Botanical Garden (from 1897), sandy beach, amber workshops and nice cyclists boulevard.
Day 9	Palanga-Nida (day route 73 km). Seaside road continues through rural settlements with possibilities to explore pine forests and turn to sandy coast. Sights on your road: The Dutchmen's Cap, village farmsteads. Around lunch time you reach to Klaipeda and cross channel to reach the Curonian Spit. That part of your route is the most impressive: sandy dunes and pine forests combined with architectural and ethnographic heritage. Overnight stay in Nida.
Day 10	Nida-Klaipeda (day route 52 km). Fresh sea winds, sandy dunes, refreshing swimming... You can end your trip in Nida or come back to the mainland resort town Klaipeda. End of trip.

Room	Price per person - twin share	
Twin Share	7 239 EEK/ 471 EUR	
Single Supplement	1 950 EEK /133 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 Klaipeda-Tallinn included		
Not Included in Cost of Itinerary		
Ferry tickets to/from islands ca. 580 EEK	Your personal travel insurance	Dinners, lunches
Bookings		
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