

**D**iscover the contrasts between the three Baltic States: Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia with our choice of motoring holidays through all three; take in the capitals Vilnius, Riga and Tallinn but much more besides. Stop off at the beautifully restored Trakai Castle; visit the Curonian Spit, a fifty mile tongue of land dividing the Baltic from a lagoon and take a stroll along Jurmala's beach alongside which 19th century villas are being restored.

Our chosen routes differ in as much as 'Baltic Explorer' allows for rather more time in each capital whereas 'Best of the Baltic' overleaf takes you through more of the countryside; both are based on good tourist class hotels with overnight accommodation in twin bedded rooms with private WC shower. Hotel standards in all countries are rapidly changing for the better but make allowances for the fact that this is still a post communist world. Along with your car we provide a detailed travel pack, roadmap and emergency telephone number for our agents in all three countries.



# Baltic Explorer

## BALTIC EXPLORER

**DAY 1 UK-TALLINN** Scheduled Estonian Air flight to Tallinn. Collect car at airport and overnight at Hotel Metropol.

**DAY 2 TALLINN** Day at leisure.

**DAY 3 TALLINN-TARTU** Leave for Tartu visiting Rakvere and Lahemaa National Park. Head south to Mustvee driving along the banks of Lake Peipsi. Continue to Tartu and overnight at Hotel Pallas.

**DAY 4 TARTU-CESIS-SIGULDA** Continue from Tartu through the scenic Voru region to the border town of Valga/Valka. After crossing the border into Latvia continue to the old Hanseatic town of Cesis and through the Gauja National Park to Sigulda. Overnight at Hotel Sigulda.

**DAY 5 SIGULDA-SABILE-KANDAVA-KULDIGA-LIPEJA** Early morning start heading for Courland and the towns of Kandava and Sabile where once the northernmost vineyards in Europe could be found. From here on to Kuldiga and see the widest waterfall in Northern Europe on the river Venta. Overnight Hotel Liva.

**DAY 6 LIPEJA-KLAIPEDA-PALANGA-KLAIPEDA-NIDA** Heading for Liepaja drive via the military harbour and the submarine docks. From Liepaja drive to Klaipeda via the seaside resort of Palanga for a visit to the Amber Museum in the former Tyszkewicz Palace. Take the small ferry to Smiltyne and continue to Nida taking time to explore the unique Curonian Spit with its dunes and pine forests. Overnight at Hotel Nidus.

**DAY 7 NIDA-KLAIPEDA-KAUNAS-VILNIUS** After leaving Nida and heading for Vilnius make a stop in Kaunas for a walk in the Old Town visiting the Old Town Hall and Kaunas Cathedral. En route to Vilnius visit the medieval Lithuanian capital Trakai and its castle on Lake Galve. Overnight at Hotel Europa City.

**DAY 8 VILNIUS-SAULIAI-RUNDALE-RIGA** Visit the Old Town seeing Vilnius Cathedral, Gediminas Tower, Old University and the Gates of Dawn. Leave Vilnius at noon and drive through the central part of Lithuania and into Latvia. Visit Rundale Palace before driving to Riga. Overnight at Hotel Hanza.

**DAY 9 RIGA** Day at leisure.

**DAY 10 RIGA-PARNU-TALLINN** Drive via the coastal highway to the Estonian seaside resort of Parnu for a short stroll along the beach before continuing to Tallinn. Overnight at Hotel Metropol.

**DAY 11 TALLINN-UK** Drop off car at the airport. Scheduled Estonian Air to the UK.



### DEPARTURE DATES

Daily 1 May 30 September

Prices are in £ per person

### BALTIC EXPLORER

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DEPARTURES	TWIN	3RD ADULT
ALL	995	845

Prices include scheduled Estonian Air flights from Gatwick to Tallinn • Return service charges and airport departure taxes • 10 nights hotel accommodation, in 3\* hotels, in twin room(s) • Breakfasts throughout • 11 days Category C car hire (Toyota Corolla or similar) including unlimited mileage, collision damage waiver and theft protection insurance; airport pick up/drop off charges and all local taxes • TRAVEL PACK, ROAD ATLAS AND DETAILED ITINERARY