

24 DAY HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

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Immerse yourself in six countries throughout the Baltics with this 24-day highlights package, which takes you through charming cities and enchanting forests to discover some of the most mysterious and unique sights to be seen in this part of the world.

Start in Warsaw, Poland and enjoy a sightseeing tour in the beautiful Old Town, which was reduced to rubble after World War II and meticulously reconstructed; then head to Bialystok for a city tour before arriving in Vilnius, the capital city of Lithuania, where you'll enjoy a walking tour through the pebbly streets lined with weather-worn period buildings. From there, enjoy discovering unique Uzupis, home to a bohemian people who have declared their independence; Trakaj, famous for its ancient Karaim community; Palanga, the only seaport of Lithuania; the extraordinary Hill of Crosses, a 14th-century hillfort covered in more than 100,000 crosses; Riga, the vibrant capital of Latvia; Tallinn, the Estonian city declared a UNESCO-listed World Heritage Site; Gauja National Park, full of spectacular valleys and streams; Helsinki in Finland, home to monuments such as the famous Church-in-the-Rock; and much more.

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Day 1 Australia - Warsaw, Poland

Today depart from Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane or Perth for your flight to Warsaw, Poland. Fly with premium award winning airlines Qatar Airways, Etihad Airways, Emirates or Singapore Airlines (subject to availability).

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Arrive in Warsaw

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to the hotel.

Please note: Some passengers may arrive early morning, and check in will not be until 2pm that day. Affected passengers may make use of hotel common areas and luggage storage so they may either relax or explore the city at leisure until check in.

Overnight: Mercure Warsawa Centrum, Warsaw

Meals included: None

Day 3 Warsaw City Tour

Warsaw is essentially a post-war city with a meticulously reconstructed Old Town. This morning you will enjoy a sightseeing tour along the Royal Route. For centuries, Warsaw was the home of Polish rulers. Learn about the Warsaw of their times and visit elegant palaces and gardens, in particular the impressive residences on the Royal Route such as the Royal Castle. Finish the tour in the Old Town where you may visit the Old Town Market Square and the Barbican. After the city tour you may enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Mercure Warsawa Centrum, Warsaw

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Warsaw – Bialystok, Poland - Vilnius, Lithuania (approx. 470km day)

Early this morning leave Warsaw and travel onwards to Vilnius, Lithuania. Along the way enjoy a city tour in Bialystok. Bialystok is the biggest city in the north-eastern part of Poland and situated close to the border with Belarus. During the city tour you will see Branicki Palace – the former residence of the Branicki family who owned most of Bialystok in the 18th century. You will also visit the Main Market and town hall, Orthodox Church of St Nicholas built in the 19th century, the Jewish Cemetery and the Church of St Roch and Gothic Cathedral of Virgin Mary with monuments of Pope John Paul II and Father Jerzy Popieluszko in front of it. After the tour you will continue driving onwards to Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania and on arrival you will check in and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

There is a dreamy quality to Vilnius (vil-nyus), especially in the golden glow of a midsummer evening. Lithuania's capital has an Old Town of rare authenticity: marvellously intact, its pebbly streets are lined with weather-worn period buildings that hide cafes, boutiques and dainty guesthouses. Though a capital city, Vilnius feels much like an overgrown village. It's carpeted with green spaces, which cover around 40% of its area, and studded with venerable Catholic and Orthodox church spires. But this is no Eastern European antique: artists, punks and a self-declared micro-nation keep Vilnius cutting-edge.

Overnight: Hotel Congress, Vilnius

Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 5 Vilnius Walking City Tour & Trakai Sightseeing Tour

This morning, enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing on a walking city tour of Vilnius. Vilnius is known for its more than 1200 medieval buildings and 48 churches. You will be guided through impressive Gothic and Baroque churches, the Cathedral square, Presidential Palace, Vilnius University, Jewish Quarter. You will pass through the Gates of Dawn and City Gate remaining from medieval fortifications. Walk the narrow streets that turn into an open air gallery called Artworks on Literatu str and finally you might get a chance to spot some locals drying their laundry in the the narrowest street of Vilnius.

Afterwards you will visit one of the quirkiest and most vibrant areas of Vilnius – Uzupis Republic. It's home to a bohemian people, who declared their independence and have their own constitution – take your passport to get a stamp! Get your cameras ready to capture some panoramic views of Vilnius as well as the architecture and bizarre art pieces. Finish the tour with a visit to the Fabijoniskes district. Fabijoniskes was one of the “Chernobyl” HBO mini-series filming locations that was built around the period of the actual Chernobyl catastrophe in the late 1980s. During the tour you will walk around the district learning about the Soviet history as well as nowadays life of the area and will have an opportunity to experience the fictional Pripyat that came to life in the Fabijoniskes district.

This afternoon travel outside the city to the nearby town of Trakai. Trakai is famous for its Karaim community, who have been living here since the 14th century and who make “kibinai” - the best local pastries in the area. You will be able to take part in this unique culture by making kybyn yourself and tasting the culinary traditions. Continue with a visit to Trakai Castle. It's one of the most picturesque castles of

Europe that lies between a few lakes on a tiny island. Build in the XIV century by the grand dukes of Lithuania, the castle reminds you of the greatest battles and history to this date. Cross a wooden bridge and see the castle from inside and outside and hear the story of the Lithuanian royalties that resided there. Finish the day back in Vilnius where you may enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Congress, Vilnius

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Vilnius Free Day

Today is free at leisure to explore Vilinius.

Overnight: Hotel Congress, Vilnius

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Vilnius – Kaunas Sightseeing Tour – Palanga (approx. 330km day)

This morning, travel onwards to the Lithuanian seaside. The first stop will be Kaunas, a city situated in the centre of Lithuania, which is famous for modernist interwar architecture, intriguing history and natural beauty. Kaunas will reveal how it felt to be in independent Lithuania between two World Wars, and how this vibrant city lives today. You will start with a Castle and the Old Town remembering medieval days and then walk your way to the Centre, where the modern history of Kaunas starts. You will visit Laisves Alley, admire its old and modern architecture and find out why it was selected as a candidate to be included in the UNESCO world's heritage list.

In the afternoon, continue driving to Palanga - just north of the city of Klaipeda, the only seaport of Lithuania.

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Upon arrival in Palanga, check into the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Palangos Vetra, Best Baltics Hotel or Vanagupe, Palanga

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Curonian Spit Peninsula Day Trip

This morning, prepare for picturesque sand dunes, forests and tiny resort towns that used to be fishermen villages as you head out to explore the narrow Curonian Spit Peninsula on the other side of the lagoon. Today you will experience the full authenticity of this tiny, yet beautiful part of Lithuania. Take a quick ferry ride from Klaipeda to the peninsula with the first stop being the Hill of Witches. Located in the charming village of Juodkrante, on the Curonian Spit, the Hill of Witches (Raganu Kalnas in Lithuanian) is a natural forested area filled with nearly 100 carved wooden sculptures. The original sculptures were mostly carved by Samogitian folk artists (further sculptures have been added since) and illustrate Lithuanian folk tales.

Afterwards you will continue to the most western town of Lithuania, Nida, which is the best place on earth for many Lithuanians. Here you will stop for a breathtaking panorama from the Parnidis dune and enjoy a stroll by the beautiful lagoon. Nida is right on the border of Lithuania and the Russian exclave of Kaliningrad Oblast. Finish the day back in Palanga where you may enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Palangos Vetra, Best Baltics Hotel or Vanagupe, Palanga

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Palanga – Hill of Crosses, Lithuania - Rundale Palace, Latvia – Riga (approx. 270km day)

This morning, depart Palanga and travel to the Hill of Crosses which is one of the most extraordinary sites in Lithuania. The old 14th century hillfort is covered in more than 100,000 crosses that symbolize Lithuanian nationalism and beliefs. Some of the crosses are devotional, while others are memorials to many people deported to Siberia. They vary greatly in size: a few are finely carved folk-art masterpieces and some are accompanied by mournful statues of the Virgin Mary. This is definitely a place where you will learn and better understand the local community's difficult past, learn of its unshakable faith, and feel hope for the future.

Afterwards, you will reach the Latvian countryside and visit Rundale Palace. The magnificent Rundale Palace was a summer residence of the Duke of Courland and now welcomes travellers from all over the world to admire its wonderful garden and architecture. It's known as the most outstanding Baroque and Rococo art monument in nowadays Latvia. A Baroque palace cannot be imagined without the French garden, an elaborate architectural framework devised of green plantings that should manifest the triumph of art over nature. Both the palace and the garden were designed in the 16th century by an Italian architect Bartolomeo Rastrelli.

This afternoon arrive into Riga, the capital of Latvia, where you may check in and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. The Gothic spires that dominate Riga's cityscape might suggest austerity, but it's the flamboyant art nouveau that forms the flesh and the spirit of this vibrant cosmopolitan city, the largest of all three Baltic capitals. Like all northerners, it's quiet and reserved on the outside, but there is some powerful chemistry going on inside its hip bars, modern art centres and

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the kitchens of its cool experimental restaurants.

Overnight: Metropole by Semarah, Riga

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Riga Walking City Tour

Today, enjoy a walking city tour of Riga's Old Town. In Riga, while meandering its narrow streets and ancient alleyways you will discover the must visit sites and some hidden corners. Founded in 1201 by the German bishop Albert, Riga is the largest of the three Baltic capitals and boasts a true kaleidoscope of various architectural styles. The walking tour of the Old Town includes Riga Castle, Dome Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, Swedish Gates, Three Brothers, Large and Small Guild House and the Freedom Monument. After the walking tour you may enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Metropole by Semarah, Riga

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Gauja National Park

This morning, travel to Sigulda, a small medieval town in the valley of the Gauja River. Here you will begin your tour of Gauja National Park, the largest national park in Latvia, which is characterized by a high biological diversity, rock outcrops and varied terrain shapes, springs, picturesque landscapes and many historical and cultural monuments from different centuries.

You will explore its cultural sights and natural surrounds and get some breathtaking views of the Gauja Valley. During the tour you will also visit Gutman's cave – the largest

Baltic sandstone cave which is also a geological protected monument. You will hear the medieval Latvian legend of the Rose of Turaida and see the ruins of Turaida Castle a former Livonian order settlement that is the most pictured monument of the area. After the tour, return to Riga, where you may enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Metropole by Semarah, Riga

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Riga, Latvia – Pärnu, Estonia – Tallinn (approx. 310km day)

This morning, depart Riga and travel onwards to Estonia. The first stop is Pärnu, a resort town in Southwest Estonia beloved by holiday goers. Nicknamed Estonia's 'summer capital', sandy beaches, mild waters and long, sunny days make summer an excellent time to visit Pärnu. Being tucked into a large bay and sheltered from the Baltic Sea gives the region pleasant, temperate weather. Here you will enjoy a short sightseeing tour in town and learn about its famous past as a trade centre in Hanseatic league, pass many colourful houses and get to know about its transition into a summer resort.

Afterwards continue onwards to the capital of Estonia, Tallinn. The Estonian city of Tallinn is located on the northern coast of the country, on the shores of the Gulf of Finland. The old town was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the city as a whole was a European City of Culture in 2011, along with Turku in Finland.

Overnight: Hestia Ilmarine, Hestia Europa or Hestia Barons, Tallinn

Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 13 Tallinn Walking City Tour

This morning enjoy a walking city tour of Tallinn. Tallinn is a charming blend of medieval tranquillity and modern urban life. The medieval Old Town is a busy place in the summer with its many shops, galleries, souvenir markets, outdoor cafés and restaurants. The sightseeing walking tour takes you around the old medieval city walls and into the Old Town where you will see Toompea Castle, Dome Church, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, medieval Old Town Hall and the Great Guild Hall. After the tour, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Hestia Ilmarine, Hestia Europa or Hestia Barons, Tallinn

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Tallinn Free Day

Today is free at leisure to explore Tallinn or alternatively take part in an optional tour (not included).

Optional Activity: Kadriorg Palace Grounds and KUMU Art Museum - \$42 per person

The Kadriorg Palace and Park is a resplendent summer residence, built by Tsar Peter I in the 18th century for his empress Catherine. Italian architect Niccolo Michetti was flown from Rome especially, to make sure that the Palace was the gleaming red Ferrari of stately homes - with plenty of baroque splendour, stuccoed ceilings and landscaped gardens all round. Kumu is a place for those who are interested in culture, the main building of Art Museum of Estonia, serves both as Estonia's national gallery and as a centre for contemporary art. The complex itself is a work of art - it was opened in 2006 after nearly a decade of planning and construction, and is considered a modern architectural

masterpiece. Arches and sharp edges mark out the copper and limestone structure, which is built into the side of a limestone cliff. Kumu's exhibitions aim to appeal simultaneously to a diversity of audiences. Exhibitions display both classical and contemporary art and everything in between. The tour will visit both the Kadriorg Palace grounds and Kumu Art Museum and includes transportation to and from the hotel, along with a guide and museum entrance fees.

Overnight: Hestia Ilmarine, Hestia Europa or Hestia Barons, Tallinn

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Tallinn, Estonia - Helsinki, Finland - Helsinki City Tour

This morning, check out and transfer to the ferry terminal for your onwards ferry transfer to Helsinki, Finland (approx. 2 hours). Upon arrival, you will be met and taken on a sightseeing tour of Helsinki. Helsinki is truly located at the crossroads of Western and Eastern culture and this is reflected everywhere in the green and lively Finnish capital. The sightseeing tour takes you around the harbours and the Senate Square with the Lutheran Cathedral, up central Mannerheim Street and by the Parliament Building, the Finlandia Hall, and the Sibelius Monument and for a visit at the famous Church-in-the-Rock. After the tour, you will be transferred to the hotel where you may enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Scandic Simonkenttä, Helsinki

Meals included: Breakfast

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Day 16 Helsinki Free Day

Today is free at leisure to explore Helsinki, or alternatively take part in an optional tour (not included).

Optional Activity: Seurasaari Open Air Museum - \$42 per person

The open-air museum of Seurasaari is located on a beautiful green island just a few kilometres from the heart of Helsinki. The Seurasaari open-air Museum allows visitors to step back in time and glimpse the traditional way of life in the Finnish countryside, and all this in the heart of the capital city. The museum, situated on a lovely green island accessed from the mainland via a footbridge, consists of a collection of cottages, farmsteads, parsonages, rural churches, manor houses and other old buildings, all preserved and relocated from their original sites around the provinces of Finland. The 86 buildings currently on the museum site have been arranged to form a complete replica of a country district, reflecting what life was like in various levels of rural society between the 18th and 20th centuries. Every summer many Helsinki residents come to Seurasaari to enjoy the rural, peaceful outdoor atmosphere. Despite the visitors, the island has a variety of wildlife, especially birds, but also red squirrels and hares. This tour will visit both the Seurasaari Open-Air Museum and includes transportation to and from the hotel, along with a guide and all entrance fees.

Overnight: Scandic Simonkenttä, Helsinki

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 17 Helsinki, Finland - St Petersburg, Russia

Today transfer to the train station for your high speed train journey (approx. 3.5 hours) to St Petersburg, Russia. Upon

arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel.

Overnight: Park Inn by Radisson Nevsky, St Petersburg

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 18 St Petersburg Sightseeing Tour

Today's sightseeing tour will take place on a bus, which will allow you to get acquainted with the most interesting corners of the city, while having the opportunity to take good photos and hear detailed stories about the sights from the guide. Sightseeing includes interesting and iconic sites such as Smolny Convent, Tavrishesky Palace, Summer Garden, Palace Embankment, Winter Palace, Stock Exchange, Kunstkamera, Zoo Museum Bronze Horseman, Buildings of the Senate and the Synod, St. Isaac's Cathedral, Church of the Saviour on Spilled Blood, Cathedral of Our Lady of Kazan, Gostiny Dvor, Catherine II Monument. The bus tour will take approximately 4 hours and will include 4 photo stops along the way at St. Isaac's Cathedral, Church of the Saviour on Spilled Blood, Spit of Vasilevsky Island and Smolny. The tour will finish back at the hotel where you may enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Park Inn by Radisson Nevsky, St Petersburg

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 19 St Petersburg Free Day

Today is free at leisure to explore St Petersburg, or alternatively take part in an optional tour (not included).

Optional Activity: St Petersburg Rivers & Canals Afternoon Tour - \$80 per person

Pass under some of the city's 400 bridges and admire the

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18th-century palaces, amazing cathedrals, and churches as well as many architectural landmarks that line the banks of the Neva River. These canals and rivers offer a unique view of the iconic landmarks that dot the city, such as the magnificent Hermitage Museum—one of the largest art museums in the world—and the Vasilyevsky Island with its famous Palace Bridge. Glide past historic monuments and landmarks during this cruise and visit otherwise inaccessible areas of the city. Today's tour will include transportation to and from the hotel, a guide and the cruise.

Overnight: Park Inn by Raidisson Nevsky, St Petersburg

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 20 St Petersburg - Moscow

Today transfer to the train station for your high speed train journey (approx. 4 hours) to Moscow, the capital city of Russia. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Tagansky, Moscow

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 21 Moscow Sightseeing Tour

Today's sightseeing tour will take place on a bus which will allow you to get acquainted with the most interesting corners of the city, while having the opportunity to take good photos and hear detailed stories about the sights from the guide. The tour starts in the heart of old Moscow - at Red Square, where you can see the GUM Department Store, St Basil's Cathedral, The Mausoleum, and enjoy a stroll and take some unforgettable photos. Continue onwards on the sightseeing tour where from the bus window, you can see the State Duma

Building, The Bolshoi Theater, Lubyanka Square, as well as the magnificent panorama of the Kremlin from the Sofia Embankment.

The next stop will be one of the main cathedrals of the country - The Cathedral of Christ the Saviour. You will have the opportunity to carefully consider all the architectural details of this spectacular building. Afterwards continue onwards to the Novodevichy Convent, the Monument to Peter the Great and the Red October Factory then enjoy a stop at the observation platform of Vorobiev Gory, from where you will see all of Moscow. Continuing the tour, you will see the Mosfilm Studio, Victory Park, the Triumphal Arch, as well as the Stalin skyscrapers that are stunning in their beauty. The bus tour will take approximately 4 hours and will include 4 photo stops along the way at the Red Square, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, Novodevichy Convent and Vorobiev Gory (Sparrow Hills). The tour will finish back at the hotel where you may enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Tagansky, Moscow

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 22 Moscow Free Day

Today is free at leisure to explore Moscow, or alternatively take part in an optional tour (not included).

Optional Activity: Tretyakov Gallery & Arbat Street Tour - \$100 per person

The Tretyakov Gallery houses one of the most celebrated and extensive collections of Russian art and artefacts in the world. The gallery was named after the entrepreneur

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Pavel Tretyakov, who donated approximately 2000 works of Russian art from his own private collection to the city of Moscow at the end of the 19th century. Without Tretyakov's extensive and generous patronage of the arts, many Russian artists would not have been able to achieve the artistic success that they did and the world of Russian art would be considerably diminished. You will also get the opportunity to take a walk along the Arbat, Moscow's most charming and lively pedestrian street. Once a bohemian quarter of the city, littered with cafes crammed full of the capital's intellectual elite, the Arbat still retains a vibrant and artistic air today, with souvenir stalls selling traditional Russian gifts, artists offering original canvases and street performers entertaining the shoppers. The tour will include transportation to and from the hotel, a guide and entrance fees to the Tretyakov Gallery.

Overnight: Holiday Inn Tagansky, Moscow

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 23 Moscow, Russia - Australia

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight back to Australia.

Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight

Day 24 Arrive in Australia

Please note some flights may arrive + 1 days.

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the best of 6 Eastern European countries: Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland & Russia

Explore Moscow, Russia's capital city, on a sightseeing coach tour

See the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, Novodevichy Monastery, the Kremlin, Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral & more

Enjoy a day free at leisure in Moscow

Explore St Petersburg on a sightseeing coach tour

See the Winter Palace, Church of the Saviour on Spilled Blood and more

Enjoy a day at leisure in St Petersburg

Visit the fairytale-like Gauja National Park in Latvia

Marvel at the vast dunes of Lithuania's Curonian Spit

Stop in Pärnu, known as Estonia's 'Summer Capital'

Explore Helsinki, the lively Finnish capital, on a sightseeing tour

Experience the famous Church in the Rock in Helsinki

Enjoy a free day at leisure in Helsinki

Visit enchanting Trakai Castle, Rundale Palace & more

See the Royal Castle, Old Town Market and more on a guided tour of Warsaw

Explore Bialystok on a guided tour and witness Branicki Palace, Town Hall and more

Enjoy a free day at leisure in Lithuania's capital city, Vilnius

Walk the narrow medieval streets of Vilnius on a guided walking tour to see Cathedral square, the Presidential Palace and more

Visit quirky Uzupis, home to an independent bohemian people

Explore picturesque Trakai Castle

Make Kybyn with a Karaim community in Trakai

Stop in Kaunas, famous for its modernist interwar architecture

See Old Town, Laisves Alley and more

Stay in Palanga, a resort town on Lithuania's Baltic coast

Visit the Hill of Witches, a forested area filled with wooden sculptures

Enjoy the breathtaking panorama from the Parnidis dune in Nida

Learn of Lithuania's past at the Hill of Crosses, home to more than 100,000 different crosses

Visit the magnificent 16th century baroque Rundale Palace

Enjoy a walking tour of the Latvian Capital, Riga, to see Old Town, Riga Castle, Dome Cathedral and more

Enjoy a free day at leisure in Estonia's capital city, Tallinn

Explore Tallinn on a guided walking tour and see medieval Old Town, Toompea Castle and more

See Senate Square, the Sibelius Monument and more

FLIGHTS

Return international flights (economy class) departing SYD/MEL/*BNE/PER

Fly with premium airlines such as Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines, Emirates or Etihad Airways

ACCOMMODATION

21 nights 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy daily breakfast

TOUR ESSENTIALS

English speaking tour leader & guides (day 2 to 17)

English speaking tour guides (day 17, 18, 20, 21 & 23)

Airline taxes and surcharges

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private A/C vehicles

1 way high speed train (economy class): Helsinki, Finland to St Petersburg, Russia

1 way high speed train (economy class): St Petersburg, Russia to Moscow, Russia

1 way ferry trip (economy class): Tallinn, Estonia to Helsinki, Finland

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: All additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 13th of September 2022.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$1580 applies.

Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Surcharges

Please note: Dates/months with a *, ^ or + incur a surcharge:

* Land High Season: \$200 per person

^ Flight High Season: \$200 per person

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane or Perth

Departure City Surcharges

*Brisbane: \$100 per person

FLIGHTS

Full-Service Airline(s) Used

Emirates, Qatar Airways, Etihad Airways or Singapore Airlines plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Please note: One-way flights cannot be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive early in Warsaw, Poland

\$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- Does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Blackout dates apply between the below date ranges:
 - * 14th December 2019 – 20th January 2020
 - * 28th March – 27th April 2020
 - * 20th June – 19th July 2020
 - * 17th September – 11th October 2020
 - * 10th December 2020 – 20th January 2021
 - * 1st April - 25th April 2021
 - * 20th June 2021 - 22nd July 2021
 - * 17th September 2021 - 11th October 2021
 - * 6th December 2021 - 30th January 2022

Stay behind in Moscow, Russia

\$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- Only available permitting visa requirements are met
- Does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
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Stopover Packages

Twin share: \$500 per person/one way

Solo Traveller: \$750 one way

Locations:

- * Dubai
- * Doha (one direction only)

Includes:

- 2 Nights in 4 star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

Please note:

- A Dubai pre and post-tour stopover may be chosen; however, the stopover location must be the same each way, due to the airline used.
- A Doha pre or post-tour stopover may be chosen; however, the stopover may only be accommodated in one direction, not both.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.
- Dubai stopovers not permitted during the Dubai Grand Prix

Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: Not available.
 - Business Class: Buy now for \$5899 per person
- Please note:*
- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are



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not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).

- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.

- If Abu Dhabi, Dubai or Doha stopovers are offered, Premium Economy upgrades will not be available.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

4 Star (self-rated)

- Warsaw: Mercure Warszawa Centrum
- Vilnius: Hotel Congress
- Palanga: Palangos Vėtra, Vanagupė or Best Baltics Hotel
- Riga: Metropole by Semarah
- Tallinn: Hestia Ilmarine, Hestia Europa or Hestia Barons
- Helsinki: Scandic Simonkenttä
- St Petersburg: Park Inn by Radisson Nevsky
- Moscow: Holiday Inn Tagansky

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Maximum Room Capacity

3 people (subject to availability).

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

- Valid for Children/infants 12 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

Please note: Triple shares may be required to

share existing bedding.

Bedding Configuration

Double or twin bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotel's discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 18, maximum group size 24 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities

Day 14: Tallinn - Kadriorg Palace Grounds and KUMU Art Museum - \$42 per person

Day 16: Helsinki - Seurasaari Open-Air Museum - \$42 per person

Day 19: St Petersburg - Rivers & Canals Tour - \$80 per person

Day 22: Moscow - Tretyakov Gallery & Arbat Street Tour - \$100 per person

Please note:

- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions.

- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone prior to submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability)

- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa is not required for Europe but is a strict requirement for Russia if travelling on an Australian passport)

- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary

- Optional gratuities/tipping: recommended at €6 person/ day

- Optional activities/tours

- Personal expenses

- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

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TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/ attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however, they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Warsaw

The city has cold, snowy, cloudy winters and warm, sunny, stormy summers. Spring and autumn can be unpredictable, highly prone to sudden weather changes; however, temperatures are usually mild and with low humidity, especially around May and September. The average temperature ranges between -1.8°C in January and 19.2°C in July.

St Petersburg

The moderating influence of the Baltic Sea cyclones results in warm, humid and short



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summers and long, moderately cold wet winters. The average maximum temperature in July is 23°C, and the average minimum temperature in February is -8.5°C. The average annual temperature is 5.8°C.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance, customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however, cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with

wheelchair access, so unfortunately, our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: A basic to moderate level of fitness will be required. Some walking tours are included which may involve 1-2 hours of consistent walking. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Yellow Fever:

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also quite common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate on your arrival back home.

It is your responsibility to check with your doctor well in advance of leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

Gratuities / Tipping:

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is €6 per person per day this covers the guide/leader and the driver, which will be collected whilst on tour.

Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however, please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

Sightseeing:

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being

charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

VISAS

Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Finland

A tourist visa is not required for Europe for stays of up to 90 days if travelling on an Australian passport.

Russia

- A tourist visa for Russia is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian passport.

- The visa is valid for 30 days for double entry and the final exit date must be no more than 30 days from the date of first entry. You must apply for this visa at least 6 weeks prior to departure from Australia.

- A valid voucher and official confirmation letter issued by a registered Russian tour agency will be provided to you through TripADeal. Please contact your nearest Russian Embassy or Consulate for instructions on how to apply in person or via post.

- TripADeal will provide you with further information in your Travel Pack.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.



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SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket, date/accommodation changes or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - \$100.00 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/accommodation/other travel provider.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$100 per booking + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

Supplier Fees

In the event the Travel Offer you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the Travel Offer due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. TripADeal has committed to these costs as your Agent and will endeavour to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your Travel Offer, but this may not be possible in all circumstances. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event, TripADeal is unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee. This fee is not revenue-raising and is paid to or withheld by our suppliers when recovering payments.

