

# E-bike tour of the Baltics

## Three Baltic capitals, Curonian Spit & Saaremaa Island



11 days guided group E-bike tour from Vilnius to Tallinn (Code G1E)

Explore on E-bike/Pedelec the Baltic coast and the National Parks of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia on very scenic routes. The tour includes the three capital cities – Vilnius, Riga and Tallinn – with their old towns designated by UNESCO as the World Heritage Sites; and featuring the previously-closed Curonian Spit and beautiful Estonian island. Travel from Lithuania in the south, through Latvia and on to Estonia in the north, enjoy a great variety of towns, villages and landscapes, and get an excellent feel for the different characters of these distinctive countries.

### Day 1: Arrive in Vilnius

Welcome meeting at the hotel with tour guide. Overnight in Vilnius.

### Day 2: Trakai Island Castle & Kaunas

City tour of Vilnius, capital of Lithuania for more than 600 years. Afternoon trip to Trakai, the former capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. Visit the 14thC island castle. Then e-biking through picturesque countryside on gentle hills and transfer by coach to the hotel in Kaunas. (Cycle ~35 km., bus ~85 km).

### Day 3: Vente Horn & Klaipeda

Morning transfer along the Nemunas River to the coast. In the afternoon e-biking to Ventė Cape including visit to a bird observatory and the 19thC lighthouse which was used for more than 100 years. After a short bus transfer arrive in Klaipeda, the main seaport of Lithuania. Overnight in Klaipeda. (Cycle ~35 km or 55 km, bus ~240 km)



### Day 4: Curonian Spit National Park

Transfer by coach to Nida. Sightseeing around Nida, one of the most beautiful resorts in Lithuania. E-biking back to Klaipeda on the Seaside Cycle Route along the Curonian Spit

famous for its amber and fine sand beaches. Overnight in Klaipeda (Cycle ~55 km, by bus ~50).



### Day 5: Palanga & Hill of Crosses

E-biking to Palanga through the Seaside Regional Park and visiting the Botanical Garden and Amber Museum in the Palace of Count Tyszkiewicz. Afternoon transfer to Riga (Latvia). En route stop at the Hill of Crosses, the unforgettable sight of thousands of crosses on two small hills. Overnight in Riga. (Cycle ~40 km, bus ~290 km)

### Day 6: Riga & Jurmala Beach

Morning guided tour of a medieval hanseatic town of Riga. In the afternoon free time in Riga or e-biking to Jurmala, the largest resort in the Baltic States well known for its long white sand beaches. Transfer back by coach to the hotel in Riga. (Cycle ~30 km, bus ~20 km).

### Day 7: Gauja National Park & Bicycle Museum

Transfer to Sigulda and e-biking through Gauja National Park to Saulkrasti, en route enjoy spectacular views of Gauja River valley with Gutmana Cave, visit Turaida Castle and the oldest Latvian Church, Krimulda. After visit to bicycle museum transfer to overnight place in Pärnu,

Estonia. (Cycle ~40 km, bus ~190 km)

### Day 8: Pärnu - Saaremaa

Morning transfer to the largest Estonian island of Saaremaa which provides a perfect rural setting for cycling. Travel along the Baltic Sea Coast to Angla village where the iconic windmills are located. Transfer to Mandjala, check into the hotel for 2 overnight stays at the seaside. (Cycle ~55 km, bus ~150 km, by ferry 6 km).

### Day 9: Saaremaa island

Enjoy a day ride across Saaremaa Island's wild beauty – Sorve Peninsula, famous for its lighthouse. Historically, the peninsula had considerable military significance, dominating the Irbe Strait and the Baltic Sea route to Riga. (Cycle ~55 km, bus ~40 km)



### Day 10: Saaremaa & Tallinn

E-biking to the Kaali meteorite crater. En route stop in Kuressaare, the capital of Saaremaa. Free time to explore the town and 13thC medieval Episcopal Castle. Then transfer by coach to Tallinn for a city tour in the Old Town and overnight stay at the hotel. (Cycle ~35 km, bus ~190 km, by ferry ~6 km).

### Day 11: Tour ends in Tallinn

Breakfast at the hotel. End of the tour.



Tour distances: cycling ~380 km/~238 mi, by coach ~1275 km, by ferry ~12 km  
11 days / 10 nights

### TOUR INFORMATION

**Cycling grade:** We rate this trip Easygoing. Daily biking routes mainly on low traffic roads and cycle paths range from 35 to 55 km (22-34 miles each day). The terrain is varied and rolling with some gradual hills on some riding days (some steep ups and downs on the Curonian Spit and in the Gauja River valley) and dead flat most of the tour. It might be windy on some days. Our walking in the capital towns is along cobbled streets. You don't have to be a regular cyclist but you should be reasonably fit and active.

**Arrival & departure information / Transfers**  
**Airports:** Vilnius / Tallinn

**Transfers:** (price for one way up to 3 people)  
From Vilnius/to Tallinn Airport 30,- Euro

### ACCOMMODATION

3-4\* middle-range hotels

### 2019 TOUR DATES

G1E-1/05. 16.06 – 26.06.2019

G1E-2/08. 14.07 – 24.07.2019

G1E-3/13. 18.08 – 28.08.2019

### TOUR PRICES

Price per person in double/twin room 1995,- Euro

Price in single room 2390,- Euro

### THE TOUR INCLUDES:

- o 10 nights stay in hotels (rooms with WC/shower)
- o Breakfast on days 2-11
- o Welcome meeting with a glass of wine or beer
- o 3 x 3-course dinners & 1 x picnic lunch
- o Mineral water at your disposal on cycling days
- o Rental of E-bike/Pedelec with a back pannier & helmet
- o Services of local tour guide(s) on days 2-10
- o Transfers as per itinerary by air-conditioned bus
- o Luggage transport
- o Ferry tickets to the Curonian Spit & Saaremaa Island
- o Entrance to museums in Trakai, Ventė, Palanga, Turaida, Saulkrasti & Angla
- o Individual information package (one per room)
- Optional extras (price per person):**
- o Half board (7 x 3-course dinners) 175,- Euro
- o Pre/post-tour accommodation in Vilnius 3\* / Tallinn 4\* (with breakfast)
- o Double/twin room 45,- Euro/ 53,- Euro
- o Single room 75,- Euro/ 95,- Euro

Discount for extra bed in DBL/TWIN room – 25 %

Small group size! – 6-15 people

