

Three countries cycling tour

with Druskininkai, Grodno, Augustow, Wigry & Biebrza National parks



11 days guided group bike tour from Vilnius to Warsaw (Code G5)

Explore a borderland of Lithuania, Poland and Belarus which is the land of gentle hills, sandy plains, vast primeval forests and river valleys. The tour starts in the Lithuanian capital city Vilnius and finishes in the Polish capital city Warsaw. The tour also includes the Čepkeliai - Dzūkija National/PAN Park with Druskininkai Resort in Lithuania, visa free Grodno region with Augustow Canal in Belarus, Masurian Lakeland with Wigry and Biebrza National Parks in Poland. Experience a wide variety of towns, villages and countryside for an excellent introduction to the very distinct characters of these different countries, especially Belarus, which still remains a blank spot on the map for many foreigners. Now you have a chance to fill up this gap! It is possible to do this tour as self-guided supported one (code SG15).

Day 1: Arrive in Vilnius

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

Grodno in Belarus (visa free region) for 2 overnight stays. (cycle ~32 km, bus ~70 km)

Day 2: Trakai Insular Castle & Druskininkai Resort

After breakfast a guided tour of Vilnius Old Town. Afternoon trip to Trakai, the former capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. After visit to the 14thC island castle start your first cycle ride on gentle hills around the lake. Then transfer by coach to Druskininkai for 2 overnight stays. (cycle ~28 km, bus ~125km)



Day 5: Grodno - the region capital of Belarus

After breakfast a guided tour of Grodno historical old town. In the afternoon free time for shopping and sightseeing on your own or going for a guided cycling tour around the city and its extensive parks at the Nemunas River.



Day 6: Along Augustow Canal

After breakfast transfer by bus outside Grodno and start cycling on a country road towards Augustow canal. Then we'll cycle along the canal on paved roads and forest trails. Transfer back to the hotel for the last night in Grodno. (cycle ~39 km, bus ~50 km)

Day 7: Augustow Town & Canal

Morning bus transfer to Poland. After

sightseeing around Augustow we'll start our cycle ride to Wigry using extensive network of cycle routes passing by several lakes and Augustow canal. Check into the hotel for 2 overnight stays. (cycle ~53 km, bus ~100 km)

Day 8: Wigry National Park

Cycling tour on marked trails around Wigry Lake which is the largest, one of the deepest (73 m) and most beautiful lake in Podlasie region. En route explore a former Camaldolese monastery, built by the death-obsessed Camaldolese monks. Overnight in Gawrych Ruda. (cycle ~53 km)

Day 9: Biebrza National Park

Transfer to Biebrza National Park known for untouched fenlands with a unique variety of plants, rare wetland birds and mammals such as Elk and Beaver. Cycling along the Green-Velo route to Goniadz. Dinner & overnight at the hotel. (cycle ~48 km, bus ~35 km)

Day 10: along the Royal Route to Warsaw

The final cycle ride along the Royal Route through Biebrza National Park and transfer by bus to Warsaw, the capital of Poland. Check-in at the hotel followed by a guided tour of Warsaw Old Town and farewell dinner. (cycle ~39 km, bus ~180 km)

Day 11: Warsaw

Breakfast at the hotel. End of the tour.



Length: Cycling ~ 342 km/214 mi.,
by bus ~ 658 km
11 Days/10 Nights

TOUR INFORMATION

Cycling grade: We rate this trip Easy to moderate. The terrain by Trakai and Suwalki Landscape Park is slightly hilly. Daily biking on small asphalt roads and bicycle paths. More gravel and forest roads are in Belarus.

Arrival & departure information /Transfers

Airports: Vilnius / Warsaw

Transfers: (price for one way up to 3 people)

From Vilnius Airport 30,- Euro

To Warsaw Airport (Chopin/Modlin) 30,- / 79,- Euro

ACCOMMODATION

3* middle-range hotels

TOUR DATES 2020

G5-1. 24.06 – 04.07.2020

G5-2. 15.07 – 25.07.2020

G5-3. 05.08 – 15.08.2020

G5-4. 26.08 – 05.09.2020

TOUR PRICES

Price per person in double/twin room 1450,- Euro

Price in single room 1645,- Euro

THE TOUR INCLUDES:

- o 10 nights stay in hotels, including all taxes
- o Breakfast daily
- o 5 x 3 course dinners
- o Welcome meeting with a glass of beer or wine
- o Mineral water at your disposal on cycling days
- o English speaking guide escort on days 2–10
- o Rent of trekking bicycle with pannier & helmet
- o Transfers as per itinerary by air-conditioned bus
- o Luggage transport as per itinerary
- o Special permission for Grodno Region in Belarus
- o Entrance to museums in Trakai, Grūtas, Wigry.
- o Individual information package (one per room)

Optional extras (per Person):

- o E-bike/Pedelec with a pannier – 195,- Euro
- o Pre/post tour accommodation in Vilnius 3*/ Warsaw 3*
- o Double/twin room 45,- / 50,- Euro
- o Single room 80,- / 99,- Euro

Discount for Extra bed – 15 %

Minimum group size on fixed departure dates – 6 people!

