

Cycling tour from Riga to St. Petersburg with Saaremaa Island, Lahemaa & Gauja National Parks



Tour distances: cycling ~297 km/186 mi.,
coach/minibus ~1215 km, by boat ~12 km
11 days/10 nights

TOUR INFORMATION

Cycling grade: We rate this trip as Moderate one. Daily biking routes mainly on low traffic roads and cycle paths range from 20 to 57 km (13-36 miles). The terrain is varied and rolling with a few gradual hills (a few steep ups and downs in the Gauja River valley and dead flat most of the tour).

Arrival & departure information /Transfers

Airport: Riga / St. Petersburg

Transfers: (price for one way up to 3 people)
from Riga/to St. Petersburg airport 35,- Euro

ACCOMMODATION

3-4* middle-range hotels

2020 TOUR DATES – Low season

SG14ru-01. 22.05 – 01.06.2020

SG14ru-15. 28.08 – 07.09.2020

2020 TOUR DATES – High season H1

SG14ru-02. 29.05 – 08.06.2020

SG14ru-05. 19.06 – 29.06.2020

SG14ru-06. 26.06 – 06.07.2020

SG14ru-07. 03.07 – 13.07.2020

SG14ru-08. 10.07 – 20.07.2020

SG14ru-09. 17.07 – 27.07.2020

SG14ru-10. 24.07 – 03.08.2020

SG14ru-11. 31.07 – 10.08.2020

SG14ru-12. 07.08 – 17.08.2020

SG14ru-13. 14.08 – 24.08.2020

SG14ru-14. 21.08 – 31.08.2020

2020 TOUR DATES – High season H2

SG14ru-03. 05.06 – 15.06.2020

SG14ru-04. 12.06 – 22.06.2020

*This tour is available on any other date May–September with min. 4 people!

TOUR PRICES/person (low/H1/H2 season)

in double/twin room 1295,-/ 1325,-/ 1475,- Euro
in single room 1750,-/ 1820,-/ 2125,- Euro

THE TOUR INCLUDES:

- o 10 nights stay in hotels (rooms with WC/shower)
- o 10 x breakfast
- o Transfers by air-conditioned coach /minibus
- o Luggage transport
- o Guided tours in Riga, Tallinn & St. Petersburg
- o A return ferry ticket to Saaremaa Island
- o Official invitation for Russian visa
- o Information package (one per room)
- o GPS Tracks

Extra services (price per person):

- o Rent of trekking bike with a pannier 85,- Euro
- o Rent of E-bike/Pedelec with a pannier 235,- Euro
- o Rent of handlebar bag 18,- Euro
- o Half board (5 x 3-course dinners) 124,- Euro
- o Pre-tour accommodation in Riga 4* (with breakfast) Double/single room 50,- / 89,- Euro
- o Post-tour accommodation in St. Petersburg 4* (B&B) Double/twin room 83,-/98,-/133,- Euro
Single room 165,-/195,-/265,- Euro

Discount for Extra bed in double/twin room – Children under 5 yrs. old – free of charge, from 5 yrs. old – 15 %
Minimum group size – 2 or 4 people!

11 days self-guided cycling tour from Riga (Code SG14ru)

Explore the Baltic coast and the National Parks of Latvia and Estonia on very scenic routes. The tour includes the largest and most beautiful Estonian island of Saaremaa, the two capital cities – Riga and Tallinn, and St. Petersburg, also known as the 'Cultural Capital of Russia'. Old towns of both capital cities and historical centre of St. Petersburg are designated as World Heritage Sites by UNESCO. Start the tour in Riga, travel on to Estonia and further to Russia in the north, experience a wide variety of towns, villages and countryside. Since 2019, Leningrad Region of Russia with St. Petersburg is easily accessible by citizens of 53 countries with free of charge e-Visa!

This trip is a self-guided one, but the whole route, except Jurmala & St. Petersburg, you will be accompanied by a minibus with bike trailer, your luggage will be transported from hotel to hotel, and you can take part in city tours (Riga, Tallinn, St. Petersburg) lead by professional guides.

Day 1: Arrive in Riga

Individual transfer to the hotel (not included). Overnight in Riga.



Day 2: Riga & Jurmala Seaside

Meeting at the hotel with our representative, bicycle collection, guided tour of Riga Old Town. In the afternoon free time or cycling on a bicycle path to Jurmala, return by train back to Riga. (Cycle ~30 km, by train 25 km).

Day 3: Riga & Gauja National Park

Transfer to Saulkrasti, where start your bike ride to Sigulda, the most popular resort in Latvia. Cycling through Gauja National Park. Overnight in Sigulda. (Cycle ~40 km, by minibus ~50 km)



Day 4: Sigulda-Saaremaa

Transfer to Saaremaa. Cycle on picturesque road along the Baltic Sea Coast to the village of Angla where

the iconic windmills are located. Transfer to Mändjala or Kuressaare, check into the hotel for 2 overnight stays. (Cycle ~38 km, by minibus ~330 km, by ferry ~6 km).



Day 5: Saaremaa Island

Enjoy a day ride across Saaremaa Island's wild beauty – Sorve Peninsula famous for its lighthouse. You may also visit Kuressaare, the capital of Saaremaa, a home to one of the finest preserved medieval Episcopal Castles in the Baltics. (Cycle ~46 km, by minibus ~40 km)

Day 6: Saaremaa & Tallinn

Take a morning ride to the Kaali meteorite crater which is listed on the world's giant craters list. Transfer by bus to Tallinn. Check-in at the hotel followed by a guided tour of Tallinn Old Town. (Cycle ~30 km or ~40 km, by minibus ~210 km, by ferry 6 km)

Day 7: National Park Lahemaa

After a short minibus transfer go for a circular bicycle ride through National Park Lahemaa which is one of the last unspoiled regions of the Baltic coast. The National park is a nature lover's

paradise. (Cycle ~53 km, by minibus ~90 km)

Day 8: Along Lake Peipsi to TARTU

Morning transfer by bus to Mustvee where you'll begin a pleasant bicycle trip along Peipsi Lake. En route, you'll pass fishing villages. You reach your hotel after a bus transfer to Tartu, a famous, historic university town. (Cycle ~50 km, by minibus ~160 km)

Day 9: Travel to St. Petersburg

Go by minibus to St. Petersburg in Russia. En route you may stop at Puhtitsa Dormition Convent in Kuremäe. (No cycling, by minibus ~335 km)

Day 10. St. Petersburg - the 'Venice of the North'

Guided walking city tour to see the historical centre of St. Petersburg. Afternoon free on your own for visiting museums, going on a boat trip in the Neva River and canals or exploring one of St. Petersburg suburbs – Peterhof, famous summer residence of the Russian tsars, etc.



Day 11: St. Petersburg

Breakfast at hotel. End of the tour.