

Three countries tour along the Baltic Coast (the Curonian Spit, Kaliningrad and Gdansk)



9 days self-guided bike tour from Klaipėda to Gdansk (Code: SG18x)

On this tour you will discover three cities well known for their rich history: Klaipėda (Memel), Kaliningrad (Koenigsberg) and Gdansk (Danzig). The Baltic Coast cycle route leads you from Lithuania across the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad into Poland. The tour begins in the Lithuanian seaport of Klaipėda and takes you along the Curonian Spit with many swimming opportunities on the way to Kaliningrad, the former Koenigsberg. This city has been extensively redeveloped since the war to become a true Soviet city - don't miss your opportunity to see it. From Russia you enter Poland and cycle in Pomerania. After touring the impressive Malbork Castle, built by the Teutonic Knights, your tour ends in Gdansk - a city with over 1000 years of history. Nowadays it's an important European seaport with a spectacular Old Town. Since 2019, Kaliningrad Region is easily accessible by citizens of 53 countries with free of charge e-Visa!

Day 1: Klaipėda (Memel)

Individual arrival and transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Klaipėda.

Day 2: Along the Curonian Spit to Nida, ~ 57 km/36 miles

Crossing the lagoon by ferry and cycling along the Curonian Spit to Nida, one of the most beautiful resorts in Lithuania. En route you can visit the Hill of Witches, observe a colony of grey herons and cormorants and stop off at the "Dead" sand dunes. Overnight in Nida.



Day 3: Along the Curonian Spit to Zelenogradsk, ~ 56 km/35 miles

Today's bike route leads you through the Russian part of the Curonian Spit National Park. En route explore the Baltic Coast with picturesque dunes, the "dancing" forest and an ornithological museum. Overnight in Zelenogradsk.

Day 4: Svetlogorsk & Yantarny, ~ 50 km/31 miles, by minibus 50 km

Minibus transfer to Svetlogorsk, a traditional seaside Spa town with impressive 60 m high coastal cliffs. Today's cycling takes us through Sam-

bian peninsula to Yantarny, the town named after Amber in Russian. Transfer to overnight place in Kaliningrad.

Day 5: Kaliningrad (Königsberg) – on foot and by minibus (no cycling)

Morning guided tour of Kaliningrad, a former German city of Königsberg, capital of East Prussia where Prussian kings were crowned. Afternoon free to explore the city on your own. Overnight in Kaliningrad.



newly built asphalt cycle trail rolling through a Landscape Park of the Elblag Upland (hilly terrain). Overnight in Elblag.

Day 8. Elblag - Malbork - Gdansk, ~ 32 km/20 mi., by minibus ~ 120 km

Take a half day cruise along the Elblag Canal - the famous early technical masterpiece (not included) or cycle to Buczyniec. Afternoon transfer to Gdansk for overnight. En route stop in Malbork (Marienburg), a former capital of Teutonic Knights, which is famous for the largest medieval fortress in Europe.



Day 9: Gdansk (Danzig)

Breakfast at the hotel followed by a morning city tour. End of the tour.

Day 6: Along GreenVelo Route to Frombork, ~ 32 km/20 miles, by minibus 50 km

Minibus transfer to Poland where start cycling to Frombork, famous for its Cathedral - the city's oldest original building and the Museum of Mikolaj Kopernik. Overnight in Frombork.

Day 7. Hilly GreenVelo Route & Elblag, ~ 42 km/26 miles

Cycle to Elblag along the picturesque coast of Vistula Lagoon to Elblag (mainly flat terrain) or party on



**Length: Cycling ~ 269 km/168 miles, by minibus ~246 km;
9 Days/8 Nights**

TOUR INFORMATION

Cycling grade:

Daily biking routes mainly on low traffic roads and cycle paths range from 32 to 57 km (20–36 miles) each day with a possibility to cycle more kilometres on some days. The terrain is dead flat most of the tour except a few gradual hills on the Curonian Spit in Lithuania and hilly coastal terrain in the Landscape Park of the Elblag Upland, Poland.

Arrival & departure information / Transfers

Ferry terminal: KLAIPĖDA (ferries from Kiel & Rostock, Germany; Karlshamn & Trelleborg, Sweden;

Airports: PALANGA (35 km / 22 mi. away from Klaipėda) & GDANSK

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

From Palanga airport: 49,- Euro

From Klaipėda ferry terminal: 30,- Euro

To Gdansk airport: 35,- Euro

ACCOMODATION

3* middle-range hotels

2020 TOUR DATES*

SG18x-1. 16.06 – 24.06.2020

SG18x-2. 07.07 – 15.07.2020

SG18x-3. 28.07 – 05.08.2020

SG18x-4. 18.08 – 26.08.2020

SG18x-5. 08.09 – 16.09.2020

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

TOUR PRICES (per person)

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| Price in double/twin room | 999,- Euro |
| Price in single room | 1249,- Euro |

THE TOUR INCLUDES:

- o 8 nights stay at hotels (rooms with WC/shower)
- o 8 x breakfast
- o Transfers by air-conditioned coach /minibus
- o Luggage transport as per itinerary
- o Guided city tours in Kaliningrad & Gdansk (entrance fees on own costs)
- o Official invitation for Russian visa
- o 24 hours emergency hotline
- o Information package (one per room)

Optional Extras (price per person)

- o Rent of trekking bike with pannier 85,- Euro
- o Rent of E-bike/Pedelec with pannier 225,- Euro
- o Rent of handlebar bag with map/smartphone holder (Ortlieb) 15,- Euro
- o Half board (5 x 3-course dinners) 125 Euro
- o Pre/post-tour accommodation with breakfast in Klaipėda 3* / Gdansk 3*
Double/Twin room 43,- Euro / 50,- Euro
Single room 75,- Euro / 89,- Euro

Discounts for extra bed in Double/Twin room - 15 %

Minimum group size – 2 or 4 people