



Tour distances: cycling ~364 km /226 mi., by train ~40 km, by boat ~14 km., 9 days / 8 nights

TOUR INFORMATION

Cycling grade: We rate this trip as moderate level. Daily biking routes mainly on low traffic roads, only a few stretches are on main roads with more car traffic, and cycle paths range from 30 to 68 km (19–42 miles). Some stretches along the Nemunas River will be on roads with more traffic. The terrain is varied and rolling with some gradual hills on some riding days around Vilnius, Trakai and on the Curonian Spit..

Arrival & departure information / Transfers

Airports: Vilnius & Palanga (35 km/22 mi. away from Klaipėda).

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

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

From Vilnius airport: 30,- Euro

To Palanga airport: 49,- Euro

To Klaipėda ferry terminal: 30,- Euro

ACCOMMODATION

3–4* middle-range hotels

2020 TOUR DATES

July & August: daily

June: start on Monday, Thursday & Sunday

The tour is possible on any other date May–June & September with a boat supplement for crossing the Curonian Lagoon.

TOUR PRICES (per person)

Price in double/twin room 495,- Euro

Single room 760,- Euro

Season supplement in DBL (23.06–31.08) 30,- Euro

Season supplement in SGL (23.06–31.08) 60,- Euro

Boat supplement (01.05.–23.06. & 31.08.–30.09):

2–3 people – 115,- Euro

4–5 people – 60,- Euro

THE TOUR INCLUDES:

8 nights stay at the hotels (rooms with WC/shower), 8 x breakfast, Boat trip across the Curonian Lagoon, 24 hours service hotline, Individual information package (one per room), GPS Tracks

Optional extras:

o Rent of trekking bike with handlebar bag 99,- Euro

o E-bike/Pedelec (Bosch) with a pannier 245,- Euro

o Half board (8 x 3-course dinners) 199,- Euro

o Luggage transport (up to 8 people) 499,- Euro

o Bus ticket Klaipėda–Vilnius 30,- Euro (+ 5,- Euro/ bike)

o Train ticket Klaipėda–Vilnius 25,- Euro/ 2nd class (+ 10,- Euro/bike) or 30,- Euro/3rd class

o Pre/post-tour accommodation with breakfast in Vilnius 3* / Klaipėda 3*

Double/twin room 45,- / 43,- Euro

Single room 80,- / 75,- Euro

Discount for extra bed in DBL room – 15 %

Minimum group size – 2 people

Cycling in Lithuania – from the capital to the seaside & the Curonian Spit National Park



9 days self-guided cycling tour from Vilnius to Klaipėda (Code SG2)

Cycling from Vilnius through changing countryside & towns, this route takes cyclists through a little-known, fascinating corner of Europe. The tour begins in the capital Vilnius and leads to Trakai & its 14thC island castle before heading towards Kaunas, a former Lithuanian capital. Follow the Nemunas River from Kaunas to the coast, cross the unique Curonian lagoon by boat to the beautiful resort, Nida. Cycle along the spit to explore its treasures before taking a ferry back across the lagoon to the historic coastal town of Klaipėda (known as Memel for many years) which boasts a rich, turbulent history from 13thC. Nowadays, it's a bustling, modern town with a wide range of cafes & restaurants & many annual festivals, e.g. jazz, folklore.

Day 1: Vilnius

Arrival in Vilnius. Individual transfer to your hotel (not included). Overnight in Vilnius.

Town of Kaunas, then cycling along the Nemunas River and take a ferry across the river to Vilkija. Continue cycling along the river to impressive Panemune Castle (16-17thC). Overnight in Panemune Castle.

Day 2: Vilnius & Trakai Castle, ~32 km/19 mi.

Collection of rental bikes at the hotel. Morning free to explore Vilnius. Then cycling to Trakai, a former capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, famous for its 14thC island castle. Overnight in Trakai.

Day 5: Panemune Castle – Jurbarkas – Tauragė, ~60 km/38 mi.

Continue cycling along the river to Jurbarkas. Then cycle through the woods towards Tauragė, passing the Viešvilė Nature Reserve. Overnight in Tauragė.



Day 3: Trakai – Kaišiadorys – Kaunas, ~46 km/ 30 mi.+train (~30 min.)

Cycling on a picturesque, rolling road through the land of lakes and hills, pass Elektrėnai and finish in Žąsliai, where you'll take a train (not included) for a half-hour ride to Kaunas, the second largest city and former Lithuanian capital from 1919–1939. where take a train (30 min, not included). Overnight in Kaunas.



Day 6: Tauragė – Žemaičių Naumiestis – Šilutė, ~60 km/38 mi.

Cycling on local, country roads to Šilutė, passing small villages and settlements. Overnight in Šilutė.

Day 7: Šilutė – Kintai – Ventė – Nida, ~33 km/21 mi or 48 km/ 30 mi. +14 km by boat

Cycle to Ventė Cape (19thC lighthouse & Ornithological Station). Crossing the Curonian Lagoon by

boat to Nida, one of the most beautiful resorts in Lithuania, located on the Curonian Spit. Overnight in Nida.



Day 8: Along the Curonian Spit to Klaipėda, ~58 km/36 mi.

Explore Nida. Then cycle on an asphalt bike path through woods along the Curonian Spit to Klaipėda (en route the Dead Dunes, a colony of grey herons & cormorants, the Hill of Witches). Overnight in Klaipėda.

Day 9: Klaipėda

Breakfast at the hotel. End of the tour.

