

# CYCLING FROM KLAIPĖDA TO RIGA (LITHUANIA – LATVIA)

8 days / 7 nights, self-guided bike tour (code: SG3)

*A cycle tour through some of the most beautiful areas of Lithuania before crossing into Latvia to explore its hidden treasures. The journey begins by cycling along a famous Lithuanian route along the Baltic coast. The route continues through beautiful countryside in Latvia with its constantly changing landscape, small villages & old towns to end in the former Hanseatic port of Riga.*



## **Cycling grade:**

*We rate this trip as moderate level. Cycle routes mainly on roads with little traffic and cycle paths, a few stretches in Latvia are on main roads with more car traffic, especially on weekends (from the Lithuanian border to Liepaja, and some stretches near Paviļosta and Tukums). Routes range from 30 to 78 km (19-49 miles) each day. Bicycle route is flat.*

## **Arrival & departure information**

**Airports:** arrival in Palanga (35 km/22 mi. away from Klaipėda town), departure from RIGA.

**Ferry terminal in Klaipėda:** ferries from Kiel, Rostock & Travemünde in Germany & Karlshamn in Sweden

**Ferry terminal in Ventspils or Liepaja:** ferries from Travemünde.

**Ferry terminal in Riga:** ferries to Stockholm, Sweden.

## **CYCLING ITINERARY**

**(cycling ~366 km / 229 miles, by train ~1 hour)**

### **Day 1. Klaipėda**

Individual arrival in Klaipėda and transfer to your hotel (not included). Hotel check-in.

**OVERNIGHT** at central 3\* Klaipėda hotel.

### **Day 2. Klaipėda-Karklė-Palanga (appr. 30 km)**

Collect rental cycles at your hotel (if pre-ordered). Cycle on asphalt cycle path signposted as the Lithuanian Seaside Cycle Route through the Seaside Regional Park to Palanga resort, famous for its Botanical Park and Amber Museum. Arrive in Palanga, Hotel check-in.

**OVERNIGHT** at central 4\* Palanga hotel

### **Day 3. Palanga-Nica-Liepāja (appr. 78 km)**

Cycle on picturesque cycle path along the Baltic Sea Coast to Šventoji where you'll cross the river over a cable bridge. Then cycle on the main road and cross the border into Latvia. Arrival in Liepāja, Hotel check-in.

**OVERNIGHT** at central 3\* Liepāja Hotel.

### **Day 4. Liepāja-Vergale-Pavilosta (appr. 56 km)**

Explore the Old Town of Liepāja and its special district called Karosta, a former military settlement and Soviet Navy submarine base. Cycle on picturesque road to Pavilosta, which is a small fishing port with several, welcoming pubs on the shore. Arrival in Pavilosta, Guesthouse check-in.

**OVERNIGHT** at guesthouse/Hotel in Pavilosta.

### **Day 5. Pavilosta-Jūrkalne-Kuldīga (appr. 64 km)**

Cycle to Jurkalne along a very picturesque coastline with quiet, unspoiled beaches and impressive, steep 20m high sand cliffs. Arrive in Kuldīga, a former capital of Kurzeme Duchy, now famous for the Old Town with charming atmosphere; Ventas Rumba, the widest waterfall in Europe, and Riežupe sand caves. Hotel check-in.

**OVERNIGHT** at central 3\* Kuldīga hotel.

### **Day 6. Kuldīga-Renda-Kandava (appr. 60 km)**

Cycle to Kandava along the Abava River. En route pass through Sabile village famous the most northern open-air vineyard in the world, registered in the Guinness Book of Records. The winemaking tradition in Sabile dates back to the 16th century. Arrive in Kandava, guesthouse check-in.

**OVERNIGHT** at guesthouse in Kandava.

### **Day 7. Kandava-Tukums-Jurmala-Rīga (appr. 78 km, by train ~1 hour)**

Cycle to Jurmala, the largest resort in the Baltic States. Jurmala is well known for its natural treasures: 32 km long white sand beach (possible to cycle on the beach), curative mud and mineral waters. En route you may stop in Tukums, the town of gardens and roses surrounded by many castles and manor houses – Tukums Castle Tower of the Livonian Order, Slokenbeka Manor House, etc. From Jurmala take a train to Rīga or continue cycling on a separate cycle path along the railway to Rīga, the capital of Latvia and medieval Hanseatic town (extra 20 km). Arrive in Rīga, Hotel check-in. Collection of rental cycles (if any).

**OVERNIGHT** at central 4\* Rīga hotel.

### **Day 8. Rīga**

Free time in Rīga and departure home.



## TOUR PRICES

Price per person in DBL/TWIN – 455 EUR

Seasonal supplement (June 15-August 31) – 70 EUR

Single supplement – 290 EUR / (June 15-August 31) – 330 EUR

Supplement for 1 person travelling alone – 20 EUR

THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:	THE TOUR PRICE EXCLUDES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 nights at the hotels/guesthouses</li> <li>- All hotel taxes</li> <li>- Breakfast daily</li> <li>- Individual information package (city guide, maps, program and route description)/one per room</li> <li>- GPS Tracks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arrival and departure transfers</li> <li>- Lunches &amp; dinners</li> <li>- Luggage transport</li> <li>- Bicycle rent</li> <li>- Train tickets</li> <li>- Tips</li> </ul>

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

### A TRANSFERS

- **Arrival transfer by car** (up to 3 people) – 55 EUR per transfer (Palanga Airport) or 33 EUR per transfer (Klaipeda bus/train station/central ferry terminal);
- **Departure transfer by car** (up to 3 people) – 49 EUR per transfer (Riga Airport);
- **Luggage transport** (Klaipeda-Palanga, Palanga-Liepaja, Liepaja-Pavilosta, Pavilosta-Kuldiga, Kuldiga-Kandava, Kandava-Riga) – 590 EUR per group (up to 8 people);
- **Bus ticket Riga-Klaipeda** – 45 EUR per person

### B RENTAL

- **Rental of hybrid trekking cycle** (*VDV or KTM*) with 7-speed Shimano Nexus hub gears or 24-speed Shimano derailleur gears (optional) – 115 EUR per person (Day 2-7), 12 EUR per extra day\*
- **Rental of E-bike / Pedelec with Bosch driving system** (*VDV, Kalkhoff or KTM*) – 220 EUR per person (Day 2-7), 27 EUR per extra day\*
- **Rental of carbon gravel bike** (*SILVERBACK Siablo CF*) – 220 EUR per person (Day 2-7), 27 EUR for extra day\*
- **Rental of cyclocross bike** (*Kona Jake*) – 165 EUR per person (Day 2-7), 21 EUR for extra day\*
- **Rental of bicycle tachometer** (*min. 4 functions*) and it's installation on the bicycle – 10 EUR per bicycle
- **Rental of a pair of waterproof panniers** (*Ortlieb*) for mounting on back rack (40 litres capacity) – 22 EUR per cycle (Day 2-7), 4 EUR for extra day
- **Rental of helmet** (*size S, M, L, XL*) – 10 EUR per person, 1 EUR for extra day

#### \* included extra equipment and services:

- a waterproof handlebar bag with map/smartphone holder (*Ortlieb*)
- repair set with spare inner tubes (one repair set per booking)
- tachometer (one per booking)
- delivery of bikes to the hotel in Klaipeda/collection from the hotel in Riga

### C MEALS

- 6 dinners package (3 courses + coffee/tea) all places excluding Riga – 189 EUR per person

### OTHER RATES & CONDITIONS

- Minimum group size – 1 person
- Start any day from 01.05-30.09.2023
- Tour price discount when using extra bed in DBL/TWIN room – 15 %