

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 Pavilosta 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-Liepaja (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 Liepaja, Hotel check-in.

OVERNIGHT at central 3* Liepaja Hotel.

Day 4. Liepaja-Vergale-Pavilosta (appr. 56 km)

Explore the Old Town of Liepaja 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, Šlokenbeka 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

High season (when starting the tour from 15.06-31.08.2024)

Price per person in DBL/TWIN – 645 EUR

Price per person in SGL – 995 EUR (Single supplement – 350 EUR)

Supplement for 1 person travelling alone – 20 EUR

Low season (when starting the tour from 01.05-14.06.2024, 01-30.09.2024)

Price per person in DBL/TWIN – 550 EUR

Price per person in SGL – 865 EUR (Single supplement – 315 EUR)

Supplement for 1 person travelling alone – 20 EUR

| THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES: | THE TOUR PRICE EXCLUDES: |
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| - 7 nights at the hotels/guesthouses | - Arrival and departure transfers |
| - All hotel taxes | - Lunches & dinners |
| - Breakfast daily | - Luggage transport |
| - Individual information package (city guide, maps, program and route description)/one per room | - Bicycle rent |
| - GPS Tracks | - Train tickets |
| | - Tips |

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

A TRANSFERS

- **Arrival transfer by car** (up to 3 people) – 65 EUR per transfer (Palanga Airport) or 39 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) – 699 EUR per group (up to 8 people);
- **Bus ticket Riga-Klaipeda** – 49 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) – 139 EUR per person (Day 2-7), 15 EUR per extra day*
- **Rental of E-bike / Pedelec with Bosch driving system (VDV)** – 249 EUR per person (Day 2-7), 28 EUR per extra day*
- **Rental of carbon gravel bike (SILVERBACK Siablo CF)** – 269 EUR per person (Day 2-7), 30 EUR for extra day*
- **Rental of cyclocross bike or gravel bike (aluminium)** – 185 EUR per person (Day 2-7), 22 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) – 25 EUR per cycle (Day 2-7), 5 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

OTHER RATES & CONDITIONS

- Minimum group size – 1 person
- Start any day from 01.05-30.09.2024
- Tour price discount when using extra bed in DBL/TWIN room – 15 %