

# CYCLING FROM KLAIPĖDA TO RIGA VIA SAMOGITIA (LITHUANIA – LATVIA)

10 days / 9 nights, self-guided bike tour (code: SG3x)

*Cycle from Lithuania into Latvia along the undiscovered Baltic coast and through untouched forests and countryside. Setting off from historic Klaipėda, the first stage of the tour follows the Seaside Cycle Route past sand dunes, wide beaches and former fishing villages, and then goes inland to undiscovered Samogitia (Žemaitija) region before crossing the border into Latvia and rejoining the sea at Liepāja. Samogitia (Žemaitija) National Park, known as the Lakeland, is one of the treasures of Lithuania. Its natural beauty hides the Plokštinė Soviet missile base where nukes once waited for an order to obliterate the capitalist countries of the western bloc. Cutting inland through the countryside, visit historic towns, the Europe's widest waterfall and the most northern open-air vineyard in the world on the way to rejoin the sea at Jūrmala. Cycling along the resort town's 20 km long sandy beach is a memorable way to finish the tour before taking a train into Riga to experience the vibrant capital city. Riga is a historic Hanseatic port city featuring well-preserved medieval buildings alongside and expansive collection of Art Nouveau (Jugendstil) architecture.*



**Cycling grade:** We rate this trip as moderate level, but best suited for experienced cyclists. Daily distances range from 33 to 77 km (21-48 miles) with a possibility to do more kilometres on Day 9. The cycling is flat with some hills in Samogitia (Žemaitija) region and mainly on rural roads with little traffic (some of them with poor gravel surface). You will enjoy cycling on separate cycle paths along the Lithuanian Seaside from Klaipėda to Palanga, around Plateliai Lake in Samogitia (Žemaitija) National Park and from Jūrmala to the Latvian capital city Riga.

#### 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 & Travemünde in Germany & Karlshamn in Sweden

## CYCLING ITINERARY

**(cycling ~494 km / 309 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. Along the Lithuanian Seaside Cycle Route from Klaipėda to Palanga (appr. 33 km/21 mi)

Collect rental cycles at your hotel (if pre-ordered) and optional morning ride to Smiltynė where you can have a chance explore part of the Curonian Spit National Park (an extra day for the longer ride along the Curonian Spit could be also an option). Finally cycle on asphalt cycle path 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. From Palanga to Samogitian National Park: Šventoji – Salantai – Plateliai (appr. 70 km/44 mi)

Continue cycling on picturesque cycle path along the Baltic Sea Coast to Šventoji. From there go deeper inland to Samogitia (Žemaitija) Region which has many villages famous for their wooden churches and a lake district, now a national park around Plateliai. Arrival to Plateliai Lake, hotel or guesthouse check-in.

**OVERNIGHT** at 3\* hotel or guesthouse.

### Day 4. Around Plateliai lake and towards Latvia via Žemaičių Kalvarija – Mosėdis (appr. 75 km/47 mi)

Welcome to Samogitia (Žemaitija) National Park for the unforgettable cycle ride around majestic Lake Plateliai which is one of the deepest and cleanest lakes in Lithuania. In the afternoon cycle towards Skuodas, the old Curonian land, famous for its still existent Sacred Places of Balts', altar stones and mounds. En route visit famous Samogitian places – Žemaičių Kalvarija and Mosėdis. **OVERNIGHT** at a guesthouse in Skuodas or nearby in the countryside.

### Day 5. Crossing into Latvia and cycling to Liepāja via Grobina (appr. 59 km/37 mi)

From Skuodas cross the border into Latvia and cycle through picturesque countryside towards the Baltic seaside. En route passing by Grobina famous in Latvia for its significant Viking-era archaeological sites and ruins of a 13th-century medieval castle built by the Order of Livonian Knights. Arrival in Liepāja, Hotel check-in.

**OVERNIGHT** at central 4\* Liepāja Hotel.

### Day 6. Along the Latvian Baltic Coast: Liepāja – Vergale - Pavilosta (appr. 56 km/35 mi)

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/hotel check-in.

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



**Day 7. From the Baltic Coast to Kurzeme Capital: Pavilosta – Jūrkalne - Kuldīga (appr. 64 km/40 mi)**

Cycle to Jūrkalne 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. Hotel check-in.

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

**Day 8. The Abava River valley from Kuldīga to Kandava via Sabīle (appr. 60 km/38 mi)**

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

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

**Day 9. Jūrmala Resort and Riga – the capital of Latvia and medieval Hanseatic town (appr. 77 km/48 mi + train Jūrmala-Riga ~1 hour or 99 km/62 mi)**

Morning ride to Pūre (mainly gravel) known for its chocolate factory and museum. Continue towards Jūrmala, the largest resort in the Baltic States, which is well known for its natural treasures: 32 km long white sand beach (possible to cycle on the beach), curative mud and mineral waters. From Jūrmala take a train to Riga or continue cycling on a separate bike path to Riga (extra 22 km). You may also shorten your bike ride by taking a train from Tukums. Arrive in Riga, Hotel check-in and drop off rental bikes (if any) at the hotel.

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

**Day 10. Riga.** Free time in Riga and departure home.

## TOUR PRICES

**High season (when starting the tour from 15.06-31.08.2027)**

**Price per person in DBL/TWIN – 895 EUR**

**Price per person in SGL – 1475 EUR (Single supplement – 580 EUR)**

**Supplement for 1 person travelling alone – 20 EUR**

**Low season (when starting the tour from 01.05-14.06.2027, 01-30.09.2027)**

**Price per person in DBL/TWIN – 855 EUR**

**Price per person in SGL – 1395 EUR (Single supplement – 540 EUR)**

**Supplement for 1 person travelling alone – 20 EUR**

| THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:                                                                        | THE TOUR PRICE EXCLUDES:          |
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| - 9 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                            |

## OTHER RATES & CONDITIONS

- Minimum group size – 1 person
- Start any day from 01.05-30.09.2027
- Tour price discount when using extra bed in DBL/TWIN room – 15 %

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

### A RENTAL

- **Rental of hybrid trekking cycle (VDV or KTM)** with 8-speed Shimano Nexus hub gears or 24-speed Shimano derailleur gears (optional) – 210 EUR per person (Day 2-9), 18 EUR per extra day\*



- **Rental of E-bike / Pedelec with Bosch driving system & 500 Wh battery (VDV)** – 385 EUR per person (Day 2-9), 35 EUR per extra day\*
- **Rental of E-bike / Pedelec with Bosch driving system & 625 Wh battery (Cube One 625)** – 435 EUR per person (Day 2-9), 40 EUR per extra day\*



- **Rental of carbon gravel bike (SILVERBACK Siablo CF)** – 395 EUR/person (Day 2-9), 35 EUR for extra day\*
- **Rental of gravel bike (aluminium)** – 315 EUR/person (Day 2-9), 30 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)
- delivery of bikes to the hotel in Klaipeda/collection from the hotel in Riga
- **Rental of a pair of waterproof panniers (*Ortlieb*, 40 litres capacity)** for mounting on back rack (trekking bike or e-bike/Pedelec) – 40 EUR (Day 2-9), 5 EUR for extra day
- **Rental of a pair of waterproof panniers (*Ortlieb*, 40 litres capacity)**, including mounting of a back rack on gravel bike – 60 EUR (Day 2-9), 5 EUR for extra day
- **Rental of a waterproof pannier (*Ortlieb*, 20 litres capacity)**, including mounting of a back rack on a gravel bike – 41 EUR per cycle (Day 2-9), 3 EUR for extra day
- **Rental of helmet (size S, M, L, XL)** – 10 EUR per person, 1 EUR for extra day
- **Rental of bicycle tachometer (min. 4 functions)** and it's installation on the bicycle – 10 EUR per bicycle

### B. TRANSFERS (40% surcharge for late and early arrival/departure hours from 23:00-07:00):

- **Arrival transfer by car** (1-3 people) – 89 EUR per transfer (Palanga Airport) or 59 EUR per transfer (Klaipeda central ferry terminal);
- **Arrival transfer by minivan** for 4-7 people - 139 EUR per transfer (Palanga Airport) or 89 EUR per transfer (Klaipeda central ferry terminal);
- **Departure transfer by car** (up to 3 people) – 69 EUR per transfer (Riga Airport);
- **Departure transfer by minivan** for 4-7 people – 89 EUR per transfer (Riga Airport);

### C. LUGGAGE TRANSPORT

- **Luggage transport** (Klaipeda-Palanga, Palanga-Plateliai, Plateliai-Skuodas, Skuodas-Liepaja, Liepaja-Pavilosta, Pavilosta-Kuldiga, Kuldiga-Kandava, Kandava -Riga) – 995 EUR per group (up to 8 people);
- Luggage transport from the hotel in Klaipeda to the hotel in Riga – 55 EUR per suitcase/bag up to 20 kg