

PREMIUM

12D9N

BALTIC STATES + RUSSIA OR FINLAND EXTENSION

TOUR CODE: ENBLTS (Validity Apr - Oct 2018)

Be captivated by the Baltic states as you discover attractions that have withstood the test of time. If your wanderlust isn't satisfied, take it up a notch and uncover the renowned highlights of Russia or Finland.

RIGA TOWN HALL SQUARE, HOUSE OF THE BLACKHEADS, ST. ROLAND STATU IN LATVIA



DAY 1 HOME ► WARSAW

Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport and take-off to the vibrant city of Warsaw, capital of Poland.

DAY 2 WARSAW ► VILNIUS

Meals on Board, Dinner

Upon arrival, embark on a sightseeing tour in Warsaw before depart to **Vilnius**, capital of Lithuania.

Note: If the flight is from Singapore to Vilnius, Warsaw tour is not available.

DAY 3 VILNIUS

Breakfast, Dinner

Visit the most impressive sites of the old town: **Vilnius Cathedral Basilica**; the oldest street in the old town, **Pilies street** with its original buildings dating from between the 14th and 19th centuries; the Gothic architecture ensemble of **St. Anne's, Bernardine's, and St. Michael's churches**; and the **16th century Gates**

HIGHLIGHTS

LITHUANIA

VILNIUS

- Vilnius Cathedral Basilica
- Pilies Street
- St. Anne's, Bernardine's and St. Michael's Churches
- Orthodox Church
- Gate of Dawn
- Vilnius University

LATVIA

RIGA

- Dome Cathedral (entrance included)
- St. Peter's Tower
- Old Guild Houses
- Riga Castle
- Swedish Gate

ESTONIA

TALLINN

- Old Town tour
- Gothic Town Hall
- Toompea
- Alexander Nevski Cathedral

DELICACIES

Meal Plan

9 Breakfasts, 9 Dinners

4★ HOTELS

VILNIUS Holiday Inn Vilnius

RIGA Radisson Blu Latvia

TALLINN Original Sokos Viru

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of Dawn, which originally formed part of the town fortifications and house a holy image of the Virgin Mary that is famous in the religious community because of the legendary miracles that it helped perform. Continue further to the **Orthodox church** of the Holy Spirit, built in the 17th century and now home to the preserved bodies of the three martyred saints Anthony, Ivan and Eustachius. Then stop at the **town hall** and **town hall square**, the former marketplace and place of public executions, and visit Vilnius University with its 13 courtyards and a variety of architectural styles, which dates back to 1579.

DAY 4 VILNIUS > RIGA

Breakfast, Dinner

Depart to Lithuania. On the way there is a photo stop at the **Hill of Crosses**, a unique place in Lithuania where millions of crosses and rosaries are put on two hills by Lithuanians and others from all over the world in an expression of spontaneous faith, and as a symbol not of grief and death but of Faith, Love and Sacrifice. Continue to **Riga**, the capital of Lithuania. Visit the **Dome Cathedral**. The tour encompasses the most significant sights of Riga. Enjoy the beauty of this ancient Hanseatic city, while strolling through the cobble-stone, picturesque streets of the Old Town. Visit the **Church of St. Peter**, the **old Guild-Houses**, **Riga Castle**, and the **Swedish gate**, and view the many wonderfully restored houses.

DAY 5

RIGA > PÄRNU > TALINN

Breakfast, Dinner

After crossing border to Estonia, make a short sightseeing tour in **Pärnu**, the Estonian resort town. The summer capital, Pärnu is a town of parks, alleys, beaches, warm shallow waters and health spas offering various curative treatments including local mud-baths. After lunch, continue to capital of Estonia – **Tallinn**.

DAY 6

TALLINN

Breakfast, Dinner

Start a walking tour and goes through the two sharply contrasting parts of the **Old Town: Lower Town**, once a free trading town and member of the Hanseatic League with its guild houses, warehouses, a unique **Gothic Town Hall**, dwellings of prosperous merchants, and churches with charming **slender towers**; and **Toompea** or the **Upper Town**, the seat of German landlords and their houses from the 18th- 19th centuries. We also visit the biggest churches: **Alexander Nevski cathedral**, an active Russian orthodox church, built just over 100 years ago, and **the Dome church**, the church of the local German nobility for centuries, which contains a valuable collection of their family coats of arms. The church itself is one of the oldest in Estonia and is built in the Gothic style. From the **viewing platform** you can see a panoramic view of not only the Old Town but also the rest of the city.

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ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

ADD ON

Baltic States + Russia Extension

ITINERARY FROM DAY 1-6
FOLLOWS ENBLTS

HIGHLIGHTS

RUSSIA

ST. PETERSBURG

- Peterhof
- State Hermitage Museum

MOSCOW

- Moscow Metro tour
- Red Square
- St. Basil's Cathedral
- GUM Department Store
- Lenin's Tomb
- Moscow State Circus

4★ HOTELS

ST. PETERSBURG Courtyard by Marriott Vasilievsky

MOSCOW Holiday Inn Lesnaya

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DAY 7

TALINN > ST. PETERSBURG

Breakfast, Dinner

Depart to Russia and cross the border to **St. Petersburg**, the second largest city in Russia.

DAY 8

ST. PETERSBURG

Breakfast, Dinner

Embark on a city tour in St. Petersburg including **Palace Square, the Cathedral of St Issac, the Peter and Paul Fortress, the Admiralty** and the **Nevsky Prospekt** which is the most famous shopping street in the city. Pay a visit to Peterhof, an imperial estate situated just west of St. Petersburg that is often referred as the 'Russian Versailles'. Marvel at the magnificent palaces and their richly decorated interiors, and beautiful fountains adorned with gilded statues of ancient Greek and Roman gods and goddesses that are so grand in scale they will leave you agape with wonder. **The State Hermitage Museum** is the next on the must-visit list, which comprises of five buildings that were formerly the residence of the Tsars. Home to one of the finest art collections in the world, the bulk of the vast collection can be found in the **grand Winter Palace**.

DAY 9

ST. PETERSBURG > MOSCOW

Breakfast, Dinner

Board a high-speed train that will take you to **Moscow**, the capital of Russia, in comfort. Embark on a **Moscow Metro tour** of one of the world's most elaborate transport systems and discover for yourself why Moscow's Metro is also known as the most beautiful railway as well. Next, go on a sightseeing tour of the unique Russian city, which will

bring you to view the **Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral, the GUM Department Store** and **Lenin's Tomb**. Visit **Pushkin Museum**, a fine Arts is the largest museum of European art in Moscow. As dusk falls, prepare yourself for a night of entertainment with a performance by the world-famous **Moscow State Circus**.

Note: Moscow Circus performance is subject to availability. If the performance is not available, it will be replaced by alternative program.

DAY 10

MOSCOW

Breakfast, Dinner

Excursion to the **Moscow Kremlin and Kremlin Cathedrals**. Today's Kremlin was built in the 15th century by Italian Architects after the seat of the Orthodox Church moved to Moscow. The reconstruction of cathedrals and chapels of that time shaped the modern appearance of the Kremlin. The **Cathedral Square** is the center of the Kremlin with the **Cathedrals of Assumption, Annunciation** and **Archangel Mikhail** as its main sights opened for visitor. The Moscow Kremlin is also famous for the curious couple of the **Tsar Bell** and the **Tsar Cannon** designed for amusement of Russian Tsars.

DAY 11

MOSCOW > HOME

Breakfast

Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home.

DAY 12

HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your vacation with EU Holidays and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

ADD ON

Baltic States + Finland Extension

ITINERARY FROM DAY 1-6 FOLLOWS ENBLTS

EXCLUSIVE

Overnight stay in
a Glass Igloo

HIGHLIGHTS

FINLAND

HELSINKI

- Senate Square
- White Cathedral
- Sibelius Monument
- Temppeliaukio Church

ROVANIEMI

- Santa Claus Village

SAARISELKÄ

- Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort
- Aurora hunting program
- ATV safari

4★ HOTELS

HELSINKI Original Sokos Hotel
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ROVANIEMI Santa's Hotel Santa Claus

SAARISELKÄ Kakslauttanen Arctic Resort

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DAY 7 TALINN > HELSINKI

Breakfast, Dinner

Board a ferry to **Helsinki**, capital of Finland. Once you arrive, embark on a sightseeing tour around the alluring city. Drive past the bustling **Market Square** and absorb its scents, sounds and atmosphere, then drop by the **Senate Square** for a unique and cohesive spread of neoclassical architecture, where you can take in the sights of the **Helsinki Cathedral**, the Government Palace, the National Library of Finland and the main building of the University of Helsinki all in one place. Continue on to the **Sibelius**



MARKET SQUARE (KAUPPATORI) AT THE OLD TOWN PIER IN HELSINKI, FINLAND

Monument, a structure resembling organ pipes that is dedicated to world famous composer Jean Sibelius. Last but not least, visit the **Temppeliaukio Church**, where the interior walls are created naturally by rock, giving rise to its nickname as the '**Rock Church**'.

DAY 8 HELSINKI > ROVANIEMI

Breakfast, Dinner

Free at leisure till board a domestic flight and depart to **Rovaniemi**, the official hometown of Santa Claus and land of fairytales. When you reach Lapland of Finland, if luck is on our side, there may also be a chance to witness the amazing **Northern Lights** (Aurora Borealis) of which the season usually starts from late August.

**Note: The appearance of the Northern Lights cannot be guaranteed as it is a naturally occurring phenomenon and is subject to weather conditions.*

DAY 9 ROVANIEMI > SAARISELKÄ

Breakfast, Dinner

Pay a visit to **Santa Claus Village** where you can peruse through the numerous souvenir shops and send a postcard from the Santa's Main Post Office to receive a special Arctic Circle stamp. You will also be awarded with an Arctic Circle Crossing Certificate as proof of your journey across the Arctic Circle. On top of that, meet Santa Claus in the Christmas House of the Santa Claus Holiday Village and receive a lasting memory of the meeting in the form of a high quality photo. Continue for a scenic drive along Finnish Lapland, admiring the vast landscapes of lakes, forests and mountains along the way. Make your way to **Kakslauttanen**, a world famous arctic resort that offers its guests accommodation in the most beautiful **glass igloos** and rustic log cabins.

DAY 10 SAARISELKÄ

Breakfast, Dinner

Join in on an **ATV** (all-terrain vehicle) **safari** and embark on an exhilarating race through the forest. On ATV safari you will get to ride in diverse terrain and see Lapland's nature open up in a completely different way than in the winter. Free at leisure in the afternoon. At night, embark on a thrilling **Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) chase activity**. The coach will bring you from hotel and drive to rural area as far away from city light as possible. If Lady Luck is on our side, you will be able to witness Earth's most magnificent and colourful lights show – a once-in-a-lifetime experience you will never forget.

Note: One ATV is limited to 2 persons only, and the driver has to be over 15 years old with valid driving license. The ATV safari is not suitable for children under 5 years old.

DAY 11 SAARISELKÄ > IVALO > HOME

Breakfast

Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home.

DAY 12 HOME SWEET HOME

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Tipping Guideline: (based on 12D9N)

- €96 per person

Note:

- A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- Activities are subject to weather conditions.
- During major events and festivals, accommodation may be re-located to outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.