

**BICYCLE TOUR ITINERARY FOR THE BALTICS:  
FROM VILNIUS TO TALLINN  
Sat Aug 16 – Aug 31**

**Day 1**

**Vilnius.**

Flight from London Heathrow via Warsaw to Vilnius.

Cycle to hotel located close to the city centre, 6 km from airport. Free time in Vilnius.

Dinner and overnight accommodation in Vilnius

**Day 2**

**Vilnius /Trakai      Cycle 27 km**

*Exploring Vilnius famous for its Old Town, which was designated by UNESCO as the World Heritage Site.*

Dinner and overnight accommodation in Trakai

**Day 3**

**Trakai /Kaunas      Cycle 96-100 km.**

*Morning excursion to the 14<sup>th</sup> century gothic Castle built on an island in Lake Galve. Then start your longest cycle day through hilly region of lakes to Kaunas. On the way, you visit Lithuanian open-air museum of ethnography in Rumsiskes.*

*Visit Pazaislis monastery near Kaunas Marios.*

Dinner and overnight accommodation in Kaunas

**Day 4**

**Kaunas/ Vente      Cycle 75 km, drive 140 km**

*Morning tour around the Old Town and city centre of Kaunas famous for its pedestrian boulevard of Freedom (Laisves aleja), remains of a castle, church of Vytautas, the Perkunas House, the City Hall, Cathedral, etc. Pass Panemune Castle*

Picturesque cycle along bumpy gravel road along the Nemunas River to Kacergine (9 km) Short ferry ride across the Nemunas River to Vilkija. Transfer by minibus with a trailer to overnight accommodation in Vente farmhouse style

**Day 5**

**Vente-Nida-Klaipeda      Cycle 65 km**

*Local ferry to the Old town in the river Dane mouth (free ferry)*

Dinner and overnight accommodation in Klaipeda

**Day 6**

**Klaipeda / Plateliai      Cycle 96 km**

*Mainly gravel roads through forests and following the Baltic coast*

Accommodation and dinner in Rest house near Lake PLATELIAI.

**Day 7**

**Zemaitija National Park      Cycle 24 km, optional**

*Day-off in the Zemaitija National Park, possible to cycle around lake Plateliai.*

Optional circular cycling route, along gravel, tarmac and sandy roads taking in the Museum of Militarism, former missile base.

Accommodation and dinner in Rest house near Lake PLATELIAI.

**Day 8**

**Plateliai /Riga      drive 250 km**

*Transfer by minibus to Riga via Siauliai, visit the Hill of Crosses. After you cross the Lithuanian/Latvian border you may go to visit Rundale Palace. After arrival to Riga,*

*free time to explore the city.*

Dinner and overnight accommodation in Riga.

#### **Day 9**

**Riga / Sigulda**                      **optional cycle 25 km, drive 60 km.**

*Half day for exploring Riga and Latvian restaurant LIDO, which is good place to have lunch. In afternoon, transfer by minibus to Sigulda.*

*Optional cycling route of the day (special radial route): Hotel – Sigulda (25 km).*

Dinner and overnight accommodation in Sigulda

#### **Day 10**

**Sigulda / Otepaa**                      **Cycle 88 km, drive 110 km**

*Cycling route of the day: Sigulda – Valmiera*

*Transfer by minibus to Otepaa where cross the Latvian/Estonian border via Sangaste.*

Dinner and overnight at hotel located close to Puhajarv lake.

#### **Day 11**

**Otepaa /Tartu**                      **Cycle 55 km**

*Enjoy the surrounding landscape of Otepaa characterized by high dome hills with lakes between them, when cycle from Otepaa to Tartu along sign-posted national cycle route No.3.*

Dinner and overnight accommodation in Tartu.

#### **Day 12**

**Tartu / Palmse**                      **Cycle 90 km, drive 120 km**

*After breakfast cycle toward Lake Peipsi and then along the lake to Mustvee. Afterwards transfer to Palmse located in Lahemaa National park, and famous for the completely restored manor. Now there is a museum in manor house, Tourist Info centre of Lahemaa in stable-coach house, Palmse Elementary school in steward's house and hotel in the former distillery.*

Overnight at Hotel in Palmse.

#### **Day 13**

**Cycle 50km optional**

**Palmse-Vosu-Sagadi-Palmse**

*Optional cycle ride in Lahema National Park:*

Dinner and overnight accommodation in Palmse.

#### **Day 14**

**Palmse / Tallinn**                      **Cycle 105 km**

*Cycling route of the day along national route No.1 (Eurovelo route)*

Dinner and overnight accommodation in Tallinn.

#### **Day 15**

**Tallinn.**

*Free time to explore Tallinn, the capital city of Estonia, and its highlights: the Old Town with the only surviving gothic Town Hall in Northern Europe, ancient fortification walls, the Dome Church and the Great Guild, etc. There are plenty of street cafes and restaurants.*

Accommodation in Tallinn and Dinner in Estonian restaurant in the Old Town Tallinn.

#### **Day 16**

**Tallinn / London**

Flight from Tallinn via Warsaw to London Heathrow.