

### **DECEMBER 28 (FRI): ARRIVAL VILNIUS**

Arrival in Vilnius, optional transfer to Hotel Artis Centrum\*\*\*\* or similar, check-in, welcome meeting.

### **DECEMBER 29 (SAT): VILNIUS**

Vilnius is known for its more than 1.200 medieval buildings and 48 churches. The morning walking tour of the Old Town includes Vilnius Cathedral, Gediminas Tower, St. Anne's Church, Old University and the Gates of Dawn. The afternoon offers an optional excursion to Trakai, the medieval capital of Lithuania, with the well preserved Trakai Castle, beautifully located on an island in Lake Galve. In the evening enjoy an optional folklore dinner at Restaurant Belmontas.

### **DECEMBER 30 (SUN): VILNIUS-RIGA**

Heading for Riga, the first stop is the Hills of Crosses, one of the most holy sites of Catholic Lithuania. After crossing into Latvia we soon reach the magnificent Rundale Palace, the former summer residence of the Duke of Courland. Following a guided tour of the palace we travel through the rolling hills of Southern Latvia to reach Riga late afternoon, check-in at Hotel Radisson Blu Ridzene\*\*\*\*\* or similar.

### **DECEMBER 31 (MON): RIGA**

Riga, founded in 1201 by the German bishop Albert, is the largest of the three Baltic capitals and boasts a real kaleidoscope of architectural styles and by the end of December the whole city is preparing for a vibrant New Year celebration. The walking tour of the Old Town includes Riga Castle, the Dome Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, the Swedish Gate, the Three Brothers, the Large and Small Guilds and the Freedom Monument. In the afternoon we offer optional tour to Riga Art Nouveaux district and tour along Riga Boulevard circle. The tour ends with warm-up Riga black balsam drink at a central cafe. In the evening we enjoy an up-scale and entertaining Fabulous New Year Gala.

### **JANUARY 1 (TUE): RIGA**

Today we offer an optional guided shopping tour that will take us to interior decoration and design stores, art galleries and fashion boutiques in the Old Town with the main focus on local brands and artists. En route we enjoy a warm cup of coffee with Latvian Christmas pastry in a cosy café. In the evening we offer excursion to the Lido Recreational Centre, a large restaurant and entertainment centre located in the largest blockhouse in Europe and surrounded by a lot of winter attractions. We enjoy a traditional Latvian meal before going back to the hotel.

### **JANUARY 2 (WED): RIGA-TALLINN**

The tour continues along the coastal highway to the Estonian summer resort of Parnu. We do a short tour of the resort before we continue through the North Estonian land of forests and arrive in Tallinn early afternoon, check-in at the Hotel L'Ermitage\*\*\*\* or similar.

### **JANUARY 3 (THU): TALLINN**

Tallinn is a charming blend of medieval tranquillity and modern urban life. The medieval Old Town is a busy place in the summer with its many shops, galleries, souvenir markets, outdoor cafés and restaurants. The walking tour takes us around the old medieval city walls and into the Old Town where we see Toompea Castle, Dome Church, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, medieval Old Town Hall and Great Guild Hall. In the afternoon an optional excursion is offered to Kadriorg Park and visit to KUMU, the award-winning new Estonian art museum, with its collections of classic and contemporary fine art. The evening offers an optional medieval dinner at Restaurant Maikrahv.

### **JANUARY 4 (FRI): TALLINN DEPARTURE**

Optional transfer to airport.

## **BALTIC HIGHLIGHTS NEW YEAR December 2018 – January 2019, 8 days/7 nights**



### **DATES:**

**GNY01: 28.12-04.01.19**

### **Package prices per person:**

**EUR 810.00 (double occupancy)**

**EUR 305.00 (single supplement)**

### **Including:**

- 7 overnights at centrally located 4-5 star hotels
- 7 x buffet breakfast
- Welcome meeting with champagne-cocktail or juice
- Personalised welcome package
- 3-hour Vilnius, Riga and Tallinn old town walking tours
- Entrances to Old University in Vilnius, Rundale Palace and medieval Great Guild Hall in Tallinn
- New Year Gala at a Riga city restaurant
- Service of English and German speaking tour escort on all tours
- Service of Italian and Spanish speaking tour escort on all tours
- Service of 1st class cars or 1st class minivans throughout the itinerary
- Portage at hotels

### **Optional:**

- Transfer airport to Hotel Artis Centrum: EUR 35.00 for private car (1-3 persons), EUR 55.00 for private minivan (4-7 persons)
- 3-hour excursion to Trakai and visit to Trakai Castle: EUR 40.00 pp
- Folklore dinner at Restaurant Belmontas: EUR 40.00 pp
- 3-hours visit to Riga Art Nouveaux district with a visit to Art Nouveaux museum: EUR 30.00 pp
- Guided shopping tour in Riga: EUR 25.00 pp
- 3-hour excursion to Lido Recreational Centre with a 3-course Latvian meal: EUR 60.00 pp
- 3-hour excursion to Kadriorg Park and visit to KUMU: EUR 40.00 pp
- Medieval dinner at Restaurant Maikrahv: EUR 40.00 pp
- 6 x 3 course dinners at hotel: EUR 160.00 pp
- Transfer Hotel L'Ermitage to airport: EUR 35.00 for private car (1-3 persons), EUR 55.00 for private minivan (4-7 persons)

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