

GUARANTEED ESCORTED WINTER TOURS II

DAY 1

Arrival in Riga, optional transfer to Hotel Radisson Blu Latvija****, check-in; welcome meeting, optional welcome dinner at hotel.

DAY 2

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. 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, the Freedom Monument and the Riga History and Navigation Museum. The afternoon offers an optional tour to Riga Art Nouveau district and a visit to the Art Nouveau Museum. In the evening an optional contemporary Latvian cuisine dinner at Restaurant "Forest" is offered.

DAY 3

In the morning we go to Kalnciema Quarter, a bright and lively spot in Riga, on the left bank of the Daugava River, in the green and colorful area of Pardaugava. It regularly hosts events for families and children, art exhibitions, plays, open-air concerts, and educational events. Kalnciema Quarter is particularly famous for its weekly market – ever since 2008, on Saturdays, local farmers and artisans have been bringing their versatile produce to Kalnciema Quarter. The cluster of renovated wooden buildings contains a Wooden Architecture Center, wine shop and cafe, a restaurant, an art gallery and a design salon. Depending on departure date we continue exploring Riga:

GRW01: during week-end when Latvia celebrates its Independence Day the urban lights festival "Staro Riga" takes place and we pay a visit to most prominent illuminated objects in the city. The visit takes place in the evening.

GRW02: we visit Riga Streetfood Market taking place in Agenskalns and the Kalnciema Quarter. Local farmers and street food cafes accept the challenge to look for the characteristic taste of winter and brave the cold at traditional food markets.

GRW03: we continue by exploring Riga arts and crafts and contemporary fashion and design, visiting local craftsman stores in the Old Town and learn about amber and knitted fabric traditions.

GRW04: we will celebrate Maslenitsa, the oldest surviving Slavic holiday, reflecting Orthodox traditions, sometimes also called as pancake week-end. We will get acquainted with this tradition and enjoy a degustation of pancakes.

The afternoon offers an optional guided visit to the Museum of Decorative Arts and Design (MDAD) has been open to the public since 6 July 1989. The museum has seven collections: textile art, ceramics, metal, leather, decorative wood and glass art as well as a design collection. The permanent display introduces visitors to the work of Latvia's leading artists in decorative art and design. It tells about the dominant styles and movements in the period from the end of the 19th century to the present day. The evening offers an optional a ballet or opera performance at the Latvian National Opera.

DAY 4

Optional transfer to airport.

CULTURE WEEKENDS IN RIGA November 2022 – March 2023, 4 days/3 nights



DATES:

GRW01: 17.11-20.11.22

GRW02: 12.01-15.01.23

GRW03: 16.02-19.02.23

GRW04: 02.03-05.03.23

Package prices per person:

EUR 275.00 (double occupancy)

EUR 125.00 (single supplement)

Including:

- 3 overnights at centrally located Hotel Radisson Blu Latvija****
- 3 x buffet breakfast
- Welcome meeting with champagne-cocktail or juice
- Personalised welcome package
- 3-hours guided walking tour of Riga Old Town and 3-hours excursion to Kalnciema Quarter and extended program depending on departure date
- Entrance to the Riga History and Navigation Museum
- Service of English and German speaking local guide
- Service of Italian and Spanish speaking local guide
- Service of Portuguese and French speaking local guide

Optional:

- Transfer airport to Hotel Radisson Blu Latvija: EUR 45.00 for private car (1-3 persons), EUR 65.00 for private minivan (4-7 persons)
- Welcome dinner at hotel: EUR 35.00 pp
- 3-hours visit to Riga Art Nouveau district and visit to Art Nouveau Museum: EUR 35.00 pp
- Latvian dinner at Restaurant Forest: EUR 45.00 pp
- 3-hours visit to Museum of Decorative Arts and Design: EUR 30.00 pp
- Optional ballet or opera performance at the Latvian National Opera: EUR 45.00 pp
- Transfer Hotel Radisson Blu Latvija to Riga airport: EUR 45.00 for private car (1-3 persons), EUR 65.00 for private minivan (4-7 persons)

Small groups:

Max. 16 guests in the group

Min. booking of 2 guests