



## Cultural Capitals of the Baltics

### *Riga and Tallinn*

Monday 25 - Saturday 30 April 2022

With their well-preserved medieval cores both Riga and Tallinn have been recognised by UNESCO and are included on the World Heritage List. Whilst Riga has arguably the finest collection of Art Nouveau architecture in the world Tallinn boasts an abundance of opulent public buildings. During our 6 day tour we will explore both of these Baltic cities, which have in recent years held the title of European Capitals of Culture and undoubtedly offer a wealth of history and culture.

### Tour highlights include:

**The Old Town of Riga**, we will be joined by a local guide for a walking tour of the Old Town of Riga, a tapestry of gabled storehouses, restored 15<sup>th</sup> century merchants' houses, gothic spires and baroque churches, as well as many fine civic buildings from the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**Dome Cathedral**, the largest medieval church in the Baltic States and an epitome of Old Riga's architectural diversity, blending Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Neo-Classical styles. During our visit we will have the opportunity to enjoy the unique sound of the Cathedral's great organ during a Concerto Piccolo performance.

**Art Nouveau in Riga**, over one third of all buildings in Riga are built in the Art Nouveau style. We will explore the city's architecture during a walking tour with our local guide and a visit to the Art Nouveau Museum (*Rigas Jugendstila Centrs*).

**Rundale Palace**, possibly the finest palace in the Baltic Republics. The palace was built between 1736 and 1768 for the Duke of Courland by Bartolomeo Rastrelli, famous as the architect of the Winter Palace in St Petersburg. The palace is an outstanding blend of Baroque architecture and Rococo decorative art, with gardens modelled on those of Versailles.

**The Medieval Town of Tallinn**, led by a local guide our walking tour will include the beautifully preserved narrow streets and spires of old Tallinn, the Gothic Town Hall, Toompea Castle with its Art Nouveau façade, Dome Church and Russian Orthodox Cathedral.

**Kadriorg Park**, a baroque palace originally constructed as a summer residence by Tsar Peter the Great of Russia. The palace now houses the collection of Kadriorg Art Museum, Estonia's largest compendium of western European and Russian art.

### TOUR PRICE

£1,440 per person sharing a twin/double room  
£90 single room supplement (limited availability)

The tour price includes: return UK airport transfers, return scheduled AirBaltic flights, airport tax, 3 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation in Riga, 2 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation in Tallinn, 2 dinners in hotel restaurants, 2 dinners in local restaurants, coffee and cake en route from Riga to Tallinn, services of local guides as per the itinerary, all coach transfers in Latvia and Estonia as per the itinerary, and all booking and entrance fees.

Please note that should ongoing difficulties with Covid-19 prevent the tour from materialising, all monies will be refunded in full. The tour will not operate should restrictions at the time of departure require travellers to quarantine, either on arrival or on return to the UK.



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