



Group: ROTARY EUROTOUR 2024

Time: Monday 3th – Tuesday 18th June, 2024 – 16 days/15 nights

Destinations: Estonia – Latvia – Lithuania – Poland – Hungary – Austria – Germany – Czech Republic

Monday 3.6.2024 from Helsinki via Tallinn, Estonia to Riga, Latvia

06:00 bussi pysäkillä

08:00 Transfer from Charter Bus Stop Kiasma Square to Katajanokka Terminal

Address: Kiasma Square, Mannerheiminaukio 2, Helsinki,

Charter busses: Kuopion Tila-Auto Oy, www.tila-auto.com

08:30 Meeting at Katajanokka terminal, Helsinki

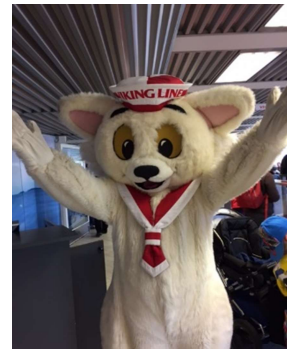
10:15 Brunch at the Bistro Buffet restaurant

10:30 Viking XPRS departing for Tallinn, Estonia

12:00 – 13:00 Introduction of tour leaders and bus drivers, Viking EXPRS

Conference, deck 7.

13:00 Arrival in Tallinn, Estonia



ESTONIA - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Estonia>

The sovereign state of Estonia is a democratic unitary parliamentary republic divided into fifteen counties. Its capital and largest city is Tallinn. With a population of 1.3 million, it is one of the least-populous member states of the European Union since joining in 2004, the economic monetary Eurozone, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Schengen Area, and of the Western military alliance of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). It is a developed country with an advanced, high-income economy that has been among the fastest-growing in the EU. Estonia ranks very high in the Human Development Index and performs favourably in measurements of economic freedom, civil liberties, education and press freedom (third in the world in 2012 and 2007). Estonian citizens are provided with universal health care, free education and the longest-paid maternity leave in the OECD. One of the world's most digitally advanced societies, in 2005 Estonia became the first state to hold elections over the Internet, and in 2014 the first state to provide e-residency.

Sightseeing tour and a short walk in Tallinn – (2 h)

Journey continues to Riga – 310 km
Late arrival in Riga, Latvia



LATVIA – <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Latvia>

The Republic of Latvia (Latvian: Latvijas Republika), is a country in the Baltic region of Northern Europe. Since its independence, Latvia has been referred to as one of the Baltic states. It is bordered by Estonia in the northern region, Lithuania in the southern, to the east is Russia, and Belarus to the southeast, as well as sharing a maritime border with Sweden to the west. Latvia has 1,957,200 inhabitants and a territory of 64,589 km². The country has a temperate seasonal climate.

After centuries of Swedish, Polish and Russian rule, a rule mainly executed by the Baltic German aristocracy, the Republic of Latvia was established on 18 November 1918 when it broke away and declared independence from Russia in the aftermath of World War I. However, by the 1930s the country became increasingly autocratic after the coup in 1934 establishing an authoritarian regime under Kārlis Ulmanis. The country's de facto independence was interrupted at the outset of World War II, beginning with Latvia's forcible incorporation into the Soviet Union, followed by the invasion and occupation by Nazi Germany in 1941, and the re-occupation by the Soviets in 1944 to form the Latvian SSR for the next fifty years.

The peaceful Singing Revolution, starting in 1987, called for Baltic emancipation from Soviet rule and condemning the Stalinist regime's illegal takeover. It ended with the Declaration on the Restoration of Independence of the Republic of Latvia on 4 May 1990, and restoring de facto independence on 21 August 1991. Latvia is a democratic sovereign state, parliamentary republic and a very highly developed country according to the United Nations Human Development Index. Its capital Riga served as the European Capital of Culture in 2014. Latvian is the official language. Latvia is a unitary state, divided into 119 administrative divisions, of which 110 are municipalities and 9 are cities. Latvians and Livonians are the indigenous people of Latvia. Latvian and Lithuanian are the only two surviving Baltic languages.

At 21:00 Dinner at the hotel
Ibis Riga Centre Hotel, Marijas iela 5, LV-1050 Riga, Latvia
www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-A016-ibis-riga-centre/index.shtml

Tuesday 4.6.2024 in Riga, Latvia

Breakfast at hotel

At 09:00 Sightseeing tour by bus and foot in Riga – English speaking guides

Afternoon free

Ibis Riga Centre Hotel

Wednesday 5.6.2024 from Riga, Latvia to Kaunas, Lithuania

Breakfast at hotel

At 09:00 Departure towards Kaunas - 320 km

Along the way a short visit to Hill of Crosses, Siaulia (Lithuania)

Arrival in Kaunas, Lithuania



LITHUANIA - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lithuania>

Lithuania, officially the Republic of Lithuania (Lithuanian: Lietuvos Respublika), is a country in the Baltic region of northern-eastern Europe. Since its independence, Lithuania has been referred to as one of the Baltic states. It is situated along the southeastern shore of the Baltic Sea, to the east of Sweden and Denmark. It is bordered by Latvia to the north, Belarus to the east and south, Poland to the south, and Kaliningrad Oblast (a Russian exclave) to the southwest. Lithuania has an estimated population of 2.8 million people as of 2017, and its capital and largest city is Vilnius. Other major cities are Kaunas and Klaipėda. Lithuanians are a Baltic people. The official language, Lithuanian, along with Latvian, is one of only two living languages in the Baltic branch of the Indo-European language family.

Lithuania is a member of the European Union, the Council of Europe, eurozone, Schengen Agreement, NATO and OECD. It is also a member of the Nordic Investment Bank, and part of Nordic-Baltic cooperation of Northern European countries. The United Nations Human Development Index lists Lithuania as a "very high human development" country.

At 15:00 Buffet lunch at the hotel
Park Inn by Radisson Kaunas
Rooms are available after lunch.

At 16:30 City sightseeing - English
speaking guides – 2 hours
Radisson Hotel Kaunas, K. Donelaicio
str. 27, 44240 Kaunas, Lithuania
www.parkinn.com/hotel-kaunas



Thursday 6.6.2024 from Kaunas, Lithuania to Warsaw, Poland

Breakfast at hotel

At 09:00 Departure towards Warsaw – 460 km

Along the way the bus will stop a couple of times on a service station.



Arrival in Warsaw, Poland



POLAND – <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poland>

Poland, officially the Republic of Poland, is a country located in Central Europe. It is divided into 16 administrative subdivisions, covering an area of 312,696 square kilometres (120,733 sq mi), and has a largely temperate seasonal climate. With a population of approximately 38.5 million people, Poland is the sixth most populous member state of the European Union. Poland's capital and largest metropolis is Warsaw. Other major cities include Kraków, Łódź, Wrocław, Poznań, Gdańsk and Szczecin.

Poland is a developed market and regional power. It has the eighth largest and one of the most dynamic economies in the European Union, simultaneously achieving a very high rank on the Human Development Index. Additionally, the Polish Stock Exchange in Warsaw is the largest and most important in Central Europe. Poland is a developed country, which maintains a high-income economy along with very high standards of living, life quality, safety, education and economic freedom. Poland has a developed school educational system. The country provides free university education, state-funded social security and a universal health care system for all citizens. Poland has 15 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, 14 of which are cultural. Poland is a member state of the European Union, the Schengen Area, the United Nations, NATO, the OECD, the Three Seas Initiative, and the Visegrád Group.



At 18:00 Buffet dinner at the hotel
Ibis Warszawa Stare Miasto, ul. Muranowska 2, 00-209 Warszawa

www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-3714-ibis-warszawa-stare-miasto-old-town/index.shtml

Friday 7.6.2024 in Warsaw, Poland

Breakfast at hotel

At 09:30 Sightseeing tour in Warsaw – English speaking guide – 3 hours

Group photos at Chopin Park

Ibis Warszawa Stare Miasto

Saturday 8.6.2024 from Warsaw to Wieliczka Salt Mine and Krakow, Poland

Breakfast at hotel

At 07:00 departure from the hotel to Krakow – 320 km

Lunch stop before Wieliczka Salt Mine

At 14:30 Visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine

<https://www.wieliczka-saltmine.com/about-the-mine>

The Wieliczka Salt Mine is one of the most valuable monuments of material and spiritual culture in Poland. Each year it's visited by more than one million tourists from all over the world.

It is also a world class monument, featuring among twelve objects on the UNESCO's World Cultural and Natural Heritag



After the visit tour continues to Krakow



Arriving at Krakow, Poland in the evening

Ibis Krakow Centrum, ul. Syrokomli 2, 30-102 Krakow

<https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-3710-ibis-krakow-centrum/index.shtml>

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Sunday 9.6.2024 in Krakow, Poland

At 10:00 Sightseeing walking tour in Krakow – English speaking guide – 2 hours

At 12:30 Lunch in a local restaurant

After lunch a bus drive to Auschwitz Birkenau Concentration Camp – 80 km

Visiting the site - English speaking guide
After the visit return back to Krakow
At 21:30 Late dinner at the hotel
Ibis Krakow Centrum

Monday 10.6.2024 from Krakow, Poland to Budapest, Hungary

At 06:30 Breakfast
At 07:00 Departure from Krakow to Budapest, Hungary – 410 km
At 11:00 Lunch on the way in Slovakia
At 13:00 Departure towards Budapest
At 17:00 Arrival in Budapest, Hungary
Hotel Ibis Styles Budapest



HUNGARY – <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungary>

Hungary is a country in Central Europe. Spanning 93,030 square kilometres (35,920 sq mi) in the Carpathian Basin, it borders Slovakia to the north, Ukraine to the northeast, Austria to the northwest, Romania to the east, Serbia to the south, Croatia to the southwest, and Slovenia to the west. With about 10 million inhabitants, Hungary is a medium-sized member state of the European Union. The official language is Hungarian, which is the most widely spoken Uralic language in the world. Hungary's capital and its largest city and metropolis is Budapest. Other major urban areas include Debrecen, Szeged, Miskolc, Pécs and Győr.

In the 21st century, Hungary is a middle power and has the world's 57th largest economy by nominal GDP, as well as the 58th largest by PPP, out of 191 countries measured by IMF. As a substantial actor in several industrial and technological sectors, it is the world's 35th largest exporter and 34th largest importer of goods. Hungary is an OECD high-income economy with a very high standard of living. It keeps up a social security and universal health care system, and a tuition-free university education. Hungary performs well in international rankings: it is 20th in quality of life, 24th in the Good Country Index, 28th in inequality-adjusted human development, 32nd in the Social Progress Index, 33rd in the Global Innovation Index and ranks as the 15th safest country in the world.

Hungary joined the European Union in 2004 and has been part of the Schengen Area since 2007. Hungary is a member of the United Nations, NATO, WTO, World Bank, the AIIB, the Council of Europe, the Visegrád Group and more. Well known for its rich cultural history, Hungary has contributed significantly to arts, music, literature, sports and science and technology. It is home to the largest thermal water cave system and the second largest thermal lake in the world, the largest lake in Central Europe and the largest natural grasslands in Europe.

Tuesday 11.6.2024 Budapest

Breakfast at hotel

At 10:00 City tour – English speaking guides – 3 h

At 19:30 – 22:30 Danube Dinner Cruise – Dress Code: Smart Casual

Hotel Ibis Styles Budapest



Wednesday 12.6.2024 from Budapest, Hungary to Vienna, Austria

Breakfast at hotel and departure to Vienna

AUSTRIA - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austria>

Austria (German: Österreich), officially the Republic of Austria (German: Republik Österreich), is a country of nearly 9 million people in Central Europe. It is bordered by the Czech Republic and Germany to the north, Hungary and Slovakia to the east, Slovenia and Italy to the south, and Switzerland and Liechtenstein to the west

The majority of the population speaks local Bavarian dialects of German as their native language, and German in its standard form is the country's official language. Other local official languages are Hungarian, Burgenland Croatian, and Slovene.

Austria is a federal republic with a parliamentary representative democracy comprising nine federated states. The capital and largest city, with a population exceeding 1.8 million, is Vienna. Other major urban areas of Austria include Graz, Linz, Salzburg and Innsbruck. Austria is consistently ranked as one of the richest countries in the world by per capita GDP terms. The country has developed a high standard of living and in 2018 was ranked 20th in the world for its Human Development Index. The republic declared its perpetual neutrality in foreign political affairs in 1955. Austria has been a member of the United Nations since 1955, joined the European Union in 1995, and is a founder of the OECD. Austria also signed the Schengen Agreement in 1995, and adopted the euro currency in 1999.

At 13:00 Sightseeing tour in Vienna - English speaking guide and local bus

At 15:30 Late lunch at Wiener Rathauskeller

At 17:30 Check-in the hotel

Arion Cityhotel Wien Hintschigasse 1, 1110 Vienna



Thursday 13.6.2024 in Vienna

Breakfast at hotel

Visiting the Schloss Schönbrunn in 3 groups, English speaking guides and local bus

Arion Cityhotel Wien

Friday 14.6.2024 from Vienna to Regensburg, Germany via Berchtesgaden

At 06:00 Breakfast at hotel

At 07:00 Departure from the hotel towards Berchtesgaden – 350 km

GERMANY - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germany> (officially the Federal Republic of Germany), is a country in the western region of Central Europe. It is the second-most populous country in Europe after Russia, and the most populous member state of the European Union.

Germany has been described as a great power with a strong economy; it has the largest economy in Europe, the world's third-largest economy by nominal GDP and the fifth-largest by PPP. As a global power in industrial, scientific and technological sectors, it is both the world's third-largest exporter and importer. As a developed country it offers social security, a universal health care system and a tuition-free university education. Germany is a member of the United Nations, European Union, NATO, Council of Europe, G7, G20, and OECD. It has the third-greatest number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

The nation's capital and most populous city is Berlin and its main financial centre is Frankfurt; the largest urban area is the Ruhr.

At 12:30 Visit to the Eagle's Nest - <https://www.kehlsteinhaus.de/english/>

After the visit lunch in Berchtesgaden

At 14:30 Departure from Berchtesgaden to Regensburg – 300 km

At 18:30 Arrival in Regensburg

Holiday Inn Express Regensburg, Friedrich-Niedermayer-Straße 1, 93049 Regensburg



In the historical center of Regensburg, you can see well-preserved medieval buildings, narrow streets, historic squares, and also the Regensburg Cathedral, which is one of the city's most significant landmarks. The cathedral is a Gothic masterpiece dating back to the 13th century. The area also features old bridges, such as the Steinerne Brücke (Stone Bridge), which spans the Danube River.

Saturday 15.6.2024 in Regensburg

Breakfast at the hotel

At 09:30 Walking tour in Regensburg Historic Center

No matter how long your stay in Regensburg lasts - a few hours, a few days or a lifetime - whether you're a tourist or a local: you simply have to take a guided tour of the old town. Stroll through the narrow alleyways and across the wide squares in the company of knowledgeable tour guides, learn about the history and stories of a two-thousand-year-old city and savour the flair of the "northernmost city in Italy". The tour takes you to the cathedral and the Stone Bridge, to the Porta Praetoria and the Old Town Hall, to patrician houses and towers and much more...

At 12:30 Lunch at a local restaurant

Afternoon free to explore the city

Holiday Inn Express Regensburg

Sunday 16.6.2024 from Regensburg to Prague, Czech Republic

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Prague

The CZECH REPUBLIC, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Czech_Republic

The Czech Republic, also known as Czechia, is a landlocked country in Central Europe. Historically known as Bohemia, it is bordered by Austria to the south, Germany to the west, Poland to the northeast, and Slovakia to the southeast. The Czech Republic has a hilly landscape that covers an area of 78,871 square kilometers (30,452 sq mi) with a mostly temperate continental and oceanic climate. The capital and largest city is Prague; other major cities and urban areas include Brno, Ostrava, Plzeň and Liberec.

The Czech Republic is a unitary parliamentary republic and developed country with an advanced, high-income social market economy. It is a welfare state with a European social model, universal health care and free-tuition university education. It ranks 32nd in the Human Development Index. The Czech Republic is a member of the United Nations,



At 13:00 arrival in Prague
 Pentahotel Prague, Sokolovska 112, 186 00 Praha 8
 At 14:00 lunch at the hotel's restaurant
 Afternoon free to explore the city

Monday 17.6.2024 Prague

Breakfast at hotel
 At 10:00 City sightseeing by bus and walking
 At 13:30 Lunch in a local restaurant

At 18:00 Farewell Party

Hotel Pentahotel Prague

Tuesday 18.6.2024 from Prague to Helsinki, Finland

Breakfast at hotel
 At 09:00 Check-out the hotel. Transfer to the airport - 30 min
 At 11:35 Finnair flight AY1222 to Helsinki, - Finland
 At 14:45 Arrival in Helsinki

