

DESCRIPTION OF THE TOURS IN TALLINN:

PRIVATE CITY TOUR (3 HRS)

TOUR INCLUDES BUS OR CAR IN THE SURROUNDINGS OF TALLINN AND 2 HOUR WALKING TOUR IN THE OLD TOWN (VANALIN). DURING THE BUS TOUR CLIENTS WILL SEE:

- THE PARK OF KADRIORG (KADRIORU PARK), FOUNDED BY PETER THE GREAT (PEETER SUUR) IN 18TH CENTURY
- THE SONG FESTIVAL GROUNDS (LAULU VALJAK) WHERE NATIONAL SONG FESTIVALS AND OTHER EVENTS ARE HELD
- THE RUINS OF THE 15TH CENTURY ST. BRIGIT'S CONVENT (PIRITA KLOOSTER) IN PIRITA

TOUR OF THE OLD TOWN (VANALIN) WILL CONTINUE WITH A DRIVE AROUND THE OLD TOWN (VANALIN) OFFERING FASCINATING VIEWS OF THE MEDIEVAL CITY WALL. WALKING TOUR OF THE UPPER TOWN (TOOMPEA) WILL INCLUDE A VISIT TO THE TOOMPEA CASTLE AREA, PRESENT SEAT OF THE PARLIAMENT, ORTHODOX NEVSKY CATHEDRAL AND DOME CHURCH (TOOMKIRIK) FROM THE 13TH CENTURY. THE UPPER TOWN PANORAMA OFFERS EXCELLENT VIEWS OF THE LOWER TOWN (ALL-LINN). IN THE LOWER TOWN CLIENTS WILL SEE THE GOTHIC /TOWN HALL (RAEKODA GOOTI-STILE), NIGULISTE CHURCH (KIRIK) AND THE MAIN SHOPPING STREETS OF THE OLD TOWN (VANALIN).

ENTRANCE FEE: RUINS OF ST. BRIGITTA'S CONVENT AND DOME CHURCH

OPERATING: DAILY

PRIVATE JEWISH INTEREST TOUR (3 HRS)

DRIVE TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER AND TO THE SYNAGOGUE (RELIGIOUS BUILDING ONLY) FOR A VISIT BEFORE DRIVING TO THE JEWISH CEMETERY AT RAHUMAE.

OPERATING: DAILY, EXCEPT SATURDAY

PRIVATE TOUR OF ROCCA AL MARE MUSEUM (3 HRS)

"ROCCA AL MARE VABAOHU MUUSEUM" IS IN THE BEAUTIFUL PARK BY THE SEA, 6 KM WEST OF TALLINN. THE PLACE'S NAME ROCCA AL MARE COMES FROM THE LOCAL BALTIC-GERMAN (BALTI-SAKSE) VILLA. IN THE 84 HA PARK, YOU WILL GET TO KNOW THE ESTONIAN FARM ARCHITECTURE (EESTI KULA). YOU CAN SEE 69 FARM BUILDINGS, FROM 18TH TO 19TH CENTURIES. HERE ONE CAN ALSO SEE A NICE LITTLE WOODEN CHURCH (1699), VILLAGE INN, WINDMILLS AND A WATER MILL, AND FOLK MUSICIANS. ON THE WEEKENDS, ONE CAN ADMIRE THE OLD HANDWORK AND HANDICRAFT TECHNICS OR BUY SOUVENIRS.

IN THE OLD KOLU INN (KOLU KORTS) ONE CAN SEE THE INTERIOR AND TRY THE NATIONAL DISHES AND DRINKS.

ENTRANCE FEE: ROCCA AL MARE MUSEUM

OPERATING: DAILY

DESCRIPTION OF THE TOURS IN RIGA:

PRIVATE CITY TOUR (3 HRS)

GUIDED TOUR OF THE OLD TOWN WILL COMBINE SIGHTSEEING BY BUS AND WALKING. THE OLD RIGA HIGHLIGHTS ARE THE RIGA CASTLE, THE DOME CATHEDRAL, ST. PETER'S CHURCH, THE BUILDINGS OF THE GREAT AND SMALL GUILD HALLS, THE FORTIFICATION WALL OF RIGA, THE SWEDISH GATE, THE BUILDING OF THE PARLIAMENT OF LATVIA, THE MONUMENT OF LIBERTY, BRIVIBAS BOULEVARD, THE ACADEMY OF ARTS, THE STATE ART GALLERY, THE DISTRICT OF ART NOUVEAU HOUSES (TURN OF THE CENTURY ARCHITECTURE), AND MORE.

ENTRANCE FEE: ST. PETER'S CHURCH & DOME CATHEDRAL

OPERATING: DAILY

PRIVATE JEWISH INTEREST TOUR (4 HRS)

ONE PLACE WORTH VISITING IS THE OLD JEWISH GHETTO WHERE JEWS WERE INTERNED IN 1941 PRIOR TO BEING EXECUTED IN KILLING FIELDS AROUND RIGA. LOCATED BEHIND THE TRAIN STATION, TOWARDS MASKAVAS, AND AROUND LACPLESIS AND LUDZAS STREETS, THE AREA SEEMS HAUNTINGLY UNCHANGED SINCE THE WARTIME ERA; THERE'S AN OLD JEWISH CEMETERY BETWEEN TEJAS AND LAUVAS STREETS. THE FORMER BIG CHORAL SYNAGOGUE IS AT GOGOLA 25 - 300 JEWS PERISHED HERE ON JULY 4, 1941. THE NAZIS LOCKED THEM INSIDE AND SET THE PLACE ON FIRE.

THIS TOUR WILL INCLUDE A VISIT TO THE JEWISH MUSEUM AT SKOLAS 6, A PRE-WAR JEWISH THEATER. THE MUSEUM CHRONICLES THE LIFE OF PRE-WAR JEWS AND TESTIFIES TO THEIR SLAUGHTER. THE MUSEUM SELLS THE HELPFUL FRAGMENTS OF THE JEWISH HISTORY OF RIGA, A BOOKLET WITH DESCRIPTIONS AND A MAP DESIGNATING POINTS OF INTEREST. IT INCLUDES LOCATIONS WHERE SOME JEWS WERE SHELTERED FROM THE NAZIS BY LATVIANS.

THE ONLY SYNAGOGUE LEFT IN RIGA IS AT PEITAVAS 6-8, AT THE TIP OF THE OLD CITY.

ENTRANCE FEE: JEWISH MUSEUM

OPERATING: DAILY, EXCEPT SATURDAY

PRIVATE TOUR OF HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL (4 HRS)

UP MASKAVAS STREET FROM THE OLD JEWISH GHETTO IS THE NOTORIOUS RUMBULA KILLING FIELD, A PINE-FOREST ENCLAVE WHERE AROUND 25,000 GHETTO JEWS WERE MURDERED IN JUST TWO DAYS, NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 8, 1941. THERE ARE FEW MODEST MEMORIALS AT THE SITE; IT'S 10 KILOMETERS OUT OF RIGA, OFF MASKAVAS, BEFORE THE LUKOIL GAS STATION.

BIKERNIEKI, ALSO ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF RIGA, WAS ANOTHER KILLING FIELD WHERE SOME 30,000 JEWS WERE SHOT. PRESIDENT VAIRA VIKE-FREIBERGA RECENTLY DEDICATED A SPRAWLING, DRAMATIC MEMORIAL HERE; HUNDREDS OF STONES, REPRESENTING VICTIMS ARE LAID ACROSS A FIELD AND MARBLE MARKETERS LIST THE CITIES WHERE THE VICTIMS WERE FROM.

SALASPILS, 20 KILOMETERS FROM RIGA, WAS NAZI CAMP WHERE THOUSANDS WERE KILLED, INCLUDING JEWS BROUGHT FROM OTHER OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. ONE MEMORIAL IS A METRONOME THAT TICKS AWAY THE SECONDS SINCE THE KILLINGS.

OPERATING: DAILY

DESCRIPTION OF THE TOURS IN VILNIUS:

PRIVATE CITY TOUR (3 HRS)

A MASTERPIECE OF ARCHITECTURAL STYLES, VILNIUS IS THE COUNTRY'S MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC CENTER. IT IS LOCATED ON THE CONFLUENCE OF THE NERIS AND VELNELE RIVERS. IN THE OLD TOWN, VISIT VILNIUS CATHEDRAL (BUILT IN 1387), PETER AND PAUL CHURCH, VILNIUS UNIVERSITY (FOUNDED IN 1570), ST. ANNA'S CHURCH, THE CHAPEL OF THE DAWN GATE, HOME TO THE MADONNA OF VILNIUS. LEARN OF THE RESILIENCE AND INGENUITY OF THE LITHUANIAN PEOPLE WHO NOT ONLY MANAGED TO FORGE AN INCREDIBLE CITY, BUT TO PRESERVE IT ALONG WITH THEIR RICH CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS HERITAGE THROUGH THE CENTURIES.

ENTRANCE FEE: PETER & PAUL CATHEDRAL, CATHEDRAL OF VILNIUS, VILNIUS UNIVERSITY

OPERATING: DAILY

PRIVATE JEWISH INTEREST TOUR (4 HRS)

TOUR OF JEWISH VILNIUS INCLUDES A WALK THROUGH THE MEDIEVAL JEWISH QUARTER, ITS LANES AND COURTS, GAON AND JEWISH STREETS, THE HISTORY AND THE SAD DESTINY OF GREAT VILNA SYNAGOGUE, THE PERSONALITY OF THE GAON OF VILNA ONE OF THE GREATEST SPIRITUAL FIGURES IN THE JEWISH HISTORY AND RELIGIOUS. THE BUILDING OF WORLD FAMOUS JEWISH PRINTING HOUSE "WIDOW AND BROTHERS ROMM". THE SMALL AND BIG GHETTO OF THE PERIOD OF WWII, WHERE MORE THAN 40,000 OF VILNIUS' JEWS WERE CONCENTRATED, THE BUILDING OF JUDENRATH ON THE ROUDNICKI STREET, FORMER M. STRASHUN LIBRARY, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE F.P.O. - THE UNITED PARTISAN ORGANIZATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ITZIK VITENBERG AND ABBA KOVNER.

VISIT THE JEWISH CEMETERY OF VILNIUS, WHERE ARE THE GRAVES OF VILNA GAON, RABBI CHAYIM-OIZER GRODZENSKI, A SPIRITUAL LEADER OF VILNA'S JEWRY BETWEEN THE WORLD WARS, SHMUEL FINN, A FAMOUS HISTORIAN, AUTHOR OF "HISTORY OF LITHUANIAN JEWS", AND OTHERS. STOP AT THE "CHEAP HOUSES" THAT WERE BUILT IN 1898 BY BARON HIRSCH FOR THE POOR JEWISH FAMILIES THAT LOST THEIR DWELLINGS OF THE GREAT FLOODS.

OPERATING: DAILY, EXCEPT SATURDAY

PRIVATE TOUR TO KAUNAS (7 HRS)

UPON ARRIVAL TO KAUNAS, A PHOTO STOP AT THE RUINS OF KAUNAS CASTLE, TOWN HALL SQUARE WITH TOWN HALL & JESUIT CHURCH, HOUSE OF PERKUNAS & PERKUNAS CHURCH, KAUNAS CATHEDRAL WITH VISIT INSIDE.

TOUR TO SLABODKA (VILIJAMPOLE), A JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN THE SUBURB OF PRE-WAR KAUNAS AND GHETTO DURING WWII, THE PLACE OF THE GREAT ACTION AT DEMOKRATU STREET, THE OLD JEWISH CEMETERY, THE SEVENTH FORT - THE SITE OF MURDER OF ABOUT 10,000 JEWS IN THE FIRST WEEKS OF THE WAR. VISIT TO THE NINTH FORT, THE DEATH SITE OF THOUSANDS JEWS FROM LITHUANIA, FRANCE, AUSTRIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES. THEN, SEE THE HOLOCAUST MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL IN THE 9TH FORT, THE KAUNAS SYNAGOGUE AND CHILDREN MEMORIAL IN ITS COURT.

ENTRANCE FEE: 9TH FORT

OPERATING: DAILY