

The Magical Baltics

DURATION	AVAILABILITY	DEPARTURES FROM
8 days	On request (April - October)	Riga

Experience the very best of Three Baltic Neighbors: Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

Three capitals connected by a single route — and a shared history that few travelers ever get to see up close. Begin in **Riga**, where Art Nouveau facades line every second street. Cross into **Lithuania** past Rundāle Palace and the Hill of Crosses. Fly south to **Gdańsk**, walk its amber-filled lanes and visit the largest brick castle in the world. End in **Warsaw**, where a Chopin recital caps off eight days of discovery. Private transfers, expert guides, and a pace that leaves room to wander.

PRICING

TOUR DATE	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	SINGLE OCCUPANCY
3* hotels	2802 EUR / per person	3312 EUR / per person
4* hotels	3052 EUR / per person	3676 EUR / per person

This tour is organized for a minimum of 2 travelers. If you would like to travel in a larger group, please contact us for a custom quote. The order of visits may change. **Accommodation in a triple room** — upon availability. The tour is not recommended for travelers with mobility limitations. Upon request, we can arrange an **extension to Kraków**, Poland's cultural capital.

Prices may vary due to currency exchange rate fluctuations. Current prices are always available at: <https://www.staypoland.com/tour/266/the-magical-baltics>

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- Hotel accommodation in double occupancy, bed & breakfast
- Private car transportation per the itinerary
- All airport transfers

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- Plane ticket from Vilnius to Gdańsk in economy class, including 1 checked bag (up to 23 kg / 50 lbs)
 - Private guided tour of Riga — 4 hours, in the afternoon visit to Art Nouveau Museum (car + guide)
 - Fees in Latvia: Riga Cathedral and Art Nouveau Museum, Rundāle Palace with French garden
 - Private guided tour of Vilnius (car + guide)
 - Fee in Vilnius: Vilnius Cathedral
 - Private guided walking tour of Gdańsk — 3 hours
 - Fee in Gdańsk: Artus Court
 - Fee in Sopot: wooden pier entrance
 - Private guided tour of Malbork Castle
 - Private guided tour of Warsaw — 4 hours (car + guide)
 - Fee in Warsaw: Palace on the Isle
 - Chopin concert ticket

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE

- Flight tickets into Riga and out of Warsaw
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities for your tour escort, driver, local guides. They are optional but appreciated.
- Other services not included in the program

ITINERARY

Day 1

Welcome to the Baltics

Welcome to **Riga**, the capital city of Latvia! This charming city is a melting pot of cultures. Steeped in over 800 years of history and recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage site, Old Riga is the heart and soul of Latvia's capital. **Private arrival transfer from the Airport to your hotel.** The remainder of the day is on your own.

Day 2

Riga's Grandeur

Riga's turbulent history has shaped it into one of the most compelling cities on the Baltic. The Latvian capital is renowned for its fascinating mix of medieval and Art Nouveau architecture, bustling markets and lively atmosphere. We will delve into the **UNESCO-acclaimed Old Town of Riga** stopping at the **Town Hall square**. We'll hear the curious story of the **Cat House** and the secrets of the **Swedish Gate**, and see the ornate **House of Blackheads**, the Gothic landmark named after the brotherhood's patron, St. Maurice. Our stops along the very center of old Riga also include the majestic **Dome Cathedral**, one of the most outstanding and recognizable landmarks in the city.

Riga's Art Nouveau district is a visual feast. In the afternoon enjoy Art Nouveau in all its glory. From the moment you step inside **the Art Nouveau Museum**, you feel like you are walking into a different era, one where beauty and elegance are in every pattern and detail.

Free time follows to let you explore the city's trendy cafes and local shops. You can also head to **Riga's Central Market**, for a shopping experience like no other.

Day 3

Latvian Baroque Splendor And Lithuanian Faith

The drive from Riga to Vilnius takes you past opulent **Rundāle Palace** and the **Hill of Crosses** near Šiauliai — a scenic route combining Latvian Baroque splendor with Lithuanian faith.

The 18th-century **Rundāle Palace**, surrounded by impressive gardens, is the only fully preserved example of Rastrelli's Baroque outside Russia. The Hill of Crosses became a symbol of resistance during the Soviet occupation. Authorities destroyed the crosses repeatedly; the people kept putting them back. It remains a powerful testament to faith and the struggle for independence.

Arrival in **Vilnius** - Lithuania's capital. **With a heritage that stretches back to 1000 AD, the city is rich in historical layers.** Vilnius has an Old Town of rare authenticity, marvelously intact. Have a relaxing rest of the day.

Day 4

Dive Into The Heart Of Vilnius

A private guided tour of **Vilnius** for a comprehensive overview of Lithuanian history and culture. The **UNESCO-inscribed Vilnius Old Town** is among Eastern Europe's largest. It features a number of remarkable monuments, the classical Town Hall, interesting churches with their breathtaking religious art - the iconic **Cathedral**, the famous **Gate of Dawn** and the Gothic **St. Anne's Church** - multiethnic districts, cute courtyards, **the University**, regarded as one of the oldest and most prominent higher education institutions in Eastern Europe and the street art Vilnius is known for. With every step deeper into narrow streets you will get charmed with atmosphere and views. During your free time wander along the crooked lanes of Vilnius's historical core and indulge in the city's culinary offerings like *cepelinai* and *saltibarsciai*.

Travel to Gdańsk by plane.

Gdańsk changed the course of history twice in the 20th century. **The city of freedom and the capital of amber** as it is nicknamed, Gdańsk is bursting with color. This millennium-old city on Poland's Baltic Coast, one of the pearls of the Hanseatic League, is renowned for its rich cultural diversity, iconic harborfront and the Shipyard that shook the world. A roller coaster of emotions. From the first shots of the World War II in Europe, to SOLIDARITY, the symbol of a European peace revolution.

Upon your arrival in Gdańsk, private car transfer from the airport to your hotel.

Day 5

Be Ready For One Of The Most Beautiful Streets In Europe!

This morning the magnificent **Gdańsk** awaits. We will step into its **masterfully restored Old Town**. The admirable **Royal Road** which leads from the High Gate to the Green Gate, features ornately decorated facades of stately burgher houses and the **Artus Court**, where for several centuries the wealthiest local merchants held their meetings. Opposite Neptune's Fountain, there is something unexpected - a **replica of one of Daniel Fahrenheit's earliest**

thermometers. This might come as a surprise, but the man who invented it grew up in Gdańsk! We will take a stroll along **Gdańsk's harborfront**, with the iconic Gdańsk Crane. A romantic mood prevails in **Mariacka Street**, one of Poland's most photogenic lanes; a complete row of terraces lends a scene plenty of charm. For centuries the street has attracted artists and craftsmen, while today it is full of tiny cafes and jewelry shops selling **high quality multi-colored amber.** Straddling the line between precious gem and wise old tree, **amber** carries with it the knowledge of millions of years and **possesses a mystical aura of entrapped time.** At the street end, we will reach **St. Mary's Basilica**, one of the best places to get a spellbinding panorama of all of the city.

Free time for private sightseeing.

Day 6

Europe's Longest Pier and Its Mightiest Castle

Before we bid farewell to Gdańsk and head south towards **Warsaw**, we will take a **leisurely walk on Europe's longest wooden pier in Sopot**, Poland's most fashionable resort. Looking out at the endless blue brings a profound sense of calm. Bonus fact: the iodine concentration at the end of the pier is twice as high as on land.

Phenomenal Gothic

The architectural heritage along Poland's Baltic coast runs deep. It is the **spectacular stronghold of the Teutonic Knights** that draws visitors to nearby **Malbork**. An outstanding example of the castles of the Teutonic Order, it is a perfectly planned architectural creation, with no equivalent in Gothic architecture. The aura of the Middle Ages pervades the castle, which continues to stir the imagination with its sheer scale. The fortress is a **UNESCO** World Heritage Site.

Private car transfer continues to Warsaw. Drop-off at your hotel. Have a relaxing remainder of the afternoon.

Warsaw wears its epic history with pride, and its dramatic story has inspired filmmakers worldwide. A notable example of this is "**The Pianist**" by **Roman Polanski**, a WWII Holocaust drama about human resilience, and the beauty and power of music to overcome sheer

adversity. It tells the true story of the celebrated Polish-Jewish pianist **Władysław Szpilman**, and his unlikely survival under German Nazi control in Warsaw. **The film won three Academy Awards in 2003.**

Day 7

Warsaw - A Phoenix Arisen From The Ashes

Warsaw, in many ways, is an allegory of the Polish nation. The city endured the trauma of World War II, but the inner strength of the nation led to the reconstruction of its heritage on a scale unique in world history. Without this, Warsaw would not be the city it is today.

We will embrace the history of the Polish capital with a **walk through the Old Town**, which has earned its place on the UNESCO World Heritage List. As we move through the city, we will encounter **statues commemorating the Ghetto Uprising of 1943, the Warsaw Uprising of 1944**—the largest resistance operation in German Nazi-occupied Europe, and the **Umschlagplatz**, where Jews gathered for deportation to the Treblinka extermination camp. It was here that **Szpilman** saw his family for the last time. By sheer chance he escaped the transport, and eluded capture, living in the ruins of Warsaw.

Next, we will take a **scenic drive along the Royal Route** to **Łazienki Park**. A beautiful legacy of King Stanisław August, it never loses its appeal. The alleys of the city's fabulous green heart will take us to the delightful **Palace on the Isle** and the **Statue of Frederic Chopin**. Warsaw is where Chopin honed his talent for almost twenty years.

Here, you can reflect on his musical legacy before continuing to the **Church of the Holy Cross**. This historic site is the final resting place of Chopin's heart, brought back to Poland in early 1850 by his sister Ludwika, fulfilling his final wish. On a pillar in the church, a biblical inscription reads, "*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*" Time at leisure to explore at your own pace.

Musical Evening,

"Hats Off, Gentlemen! A Genius" (R. Schumann)

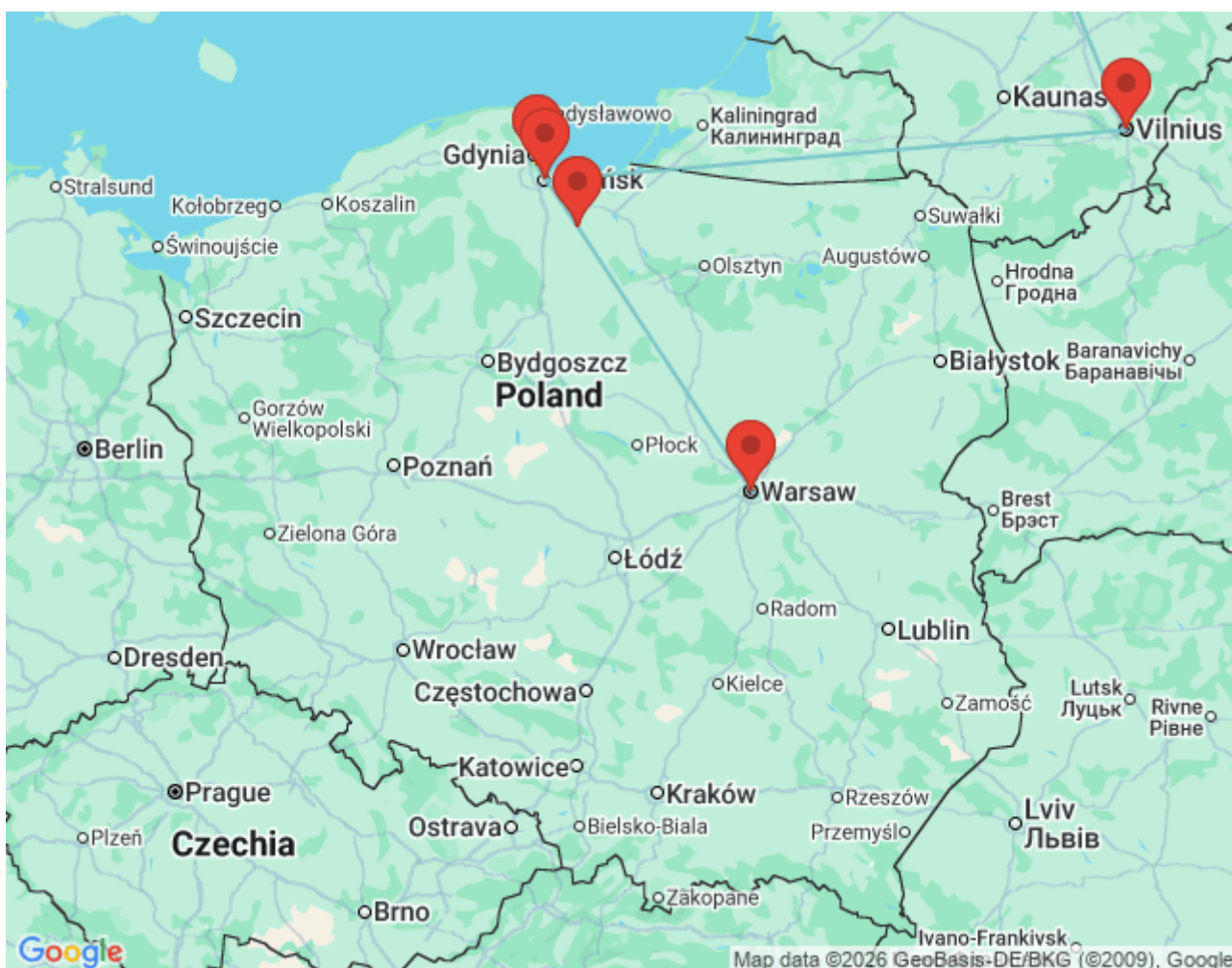
There is no Varsovian more famous than **Frederic Chopin**, piano virtuoso, and one of the biggest icons of piano music of the Romantic era. **Chopin's music** still connects souls across

the centuries. In Poland it defines a nation. No one before nor anyone since Chopin, has been able to create a sonic universe from the melodies and rhythms surrounding Poles. We will enter the world of Chopin's brilliant creations, which have earned for him his title of **a Poet Of The Piano.**

Day 8

Departure

Departure transfer to the Airport.



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