

ESTONIA AND LATIVA TOURS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

MORNING TOUR: Tallinn Old Town Walking Tour and Kadriorg Park & Pirita.

Starting with the classical Old Town walking tour followed by a drive through surrounding suburbs. Take a stroll through the most beautiful baroque style park in Estonia, see sandy beach at Pirita and the romantic ruins of St. Bridget's Convent. This tour allows you to see the best of both medieval and modern parts of Tallinn. You can enjoy many marvels through different eras and leisurely walk through stories worth of several centuries. We will then take a drive of the entire town. The tour will end with a stop at the [Pirita beach](#), where you can enjoy a spectacular view of Tallinn from across the bay.

THIS TOUR IS INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKAGE



AFTERNOON TOUR: Paldiski & Countryside Drive

Discover the natural beauty of Estonia's north east coastal region during our half day countryside tour. Enjoy spectacular views from a top coastal cliffs and explore the magic of Estonian second largest waterfall. See historical manor estates and the medieval monastery ruins at [Padise](#). Find out how Paldiski, once a key military base of the Russian empire and the Soviet Union has transformed.

The road to [Paldiski](#), a small coastal town with a long and colourful history, offers visitors a few surprises along the way. The landscape along this stretch of coastline is stark and yet hauntingly beautiful. See historical manor estates and the medieval monastery ruins at Padise. A breathtaking view of the Baltic sea is offered at our next stop where the coastal cliff first climbs to its highest point. The beautiful Keila-Joa park area is home to the second largest waterfall in Estonia. [Read more](#)

COST: \$30 with guide and bus

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th



This 3-hour Tallinn Cycle Tour will give us some fresh air and exercise as well as providing an excellent way to see Tallinn. Highlights include

- Kadriorg Park
- Kadriorg Palace
- Presidential Palace
- Song Ground Festival area
- Seaside promenade

• Tallinn Old Town: Fat Margarets Tower, Three Sisters, Oleviste Church, Square of Towers, Town Hall Square [Read more](#)

COST: Just \$25

For other options in Tallinn you can check out this webpage from the company that is organizing most of our tours: <http://estonianexperience.com/tours-category/tallinn-tours/>

LATVIA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th



This is our travel day from Tallinn to Riga. This is a 4-hour drive but along the way we will stop for a visit to the [Sigulda castle](#). Sigulda Medieval Castle was built by the Livonian Brothers of the Sword who were later incorporated into the Teutonic Order of the castle, thus the castle eventually became the property of the Livonian Order. The Livonian Brothers of the Sword, officially known as The Militia of Christ of Livonia, was a military order comprised of German "warrior monks." They

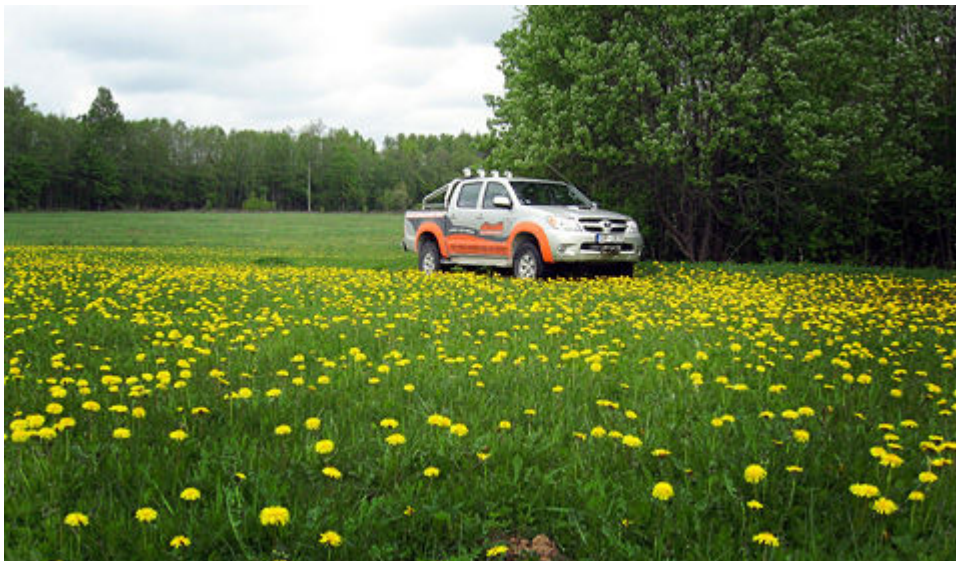
later became better known as the Livonian Brothers of the Sword due to the symbols on their white capes: a red sword and cross. The order, founded in 1202, was the first "warrior monk" order formed outside the Mediterranean region. Historical documents indicate Bishop Albert and Cistercian Abbot Teoderih were the co-founders of the order. The military order's mission was to remain in Livonia to protect the land and conquer new territories.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

MORNING TOUR – Walking tour of Riga

Today our private tour guide will give you a heartfelt welcome at your hotel or cruise harbor and lead you through the challenging, yet **inspiring history of Riga**, which has shaped the city into a **stunning Baltic pearl** today. We will discover the **cobbled streets of old town** accompanied by legends of fierce merchants and sailors finding their way to Riga over the centuries. We will also break to admire the vividly colored **old Guild houses** linked to numerous legendary Hanseatic League merchants once hosting lavish feasts and celebrations in the premises. At the historic **Swedish Gates**, the home of the royal soldiers during the 17th century, you will also have a chance to take a look at the fragments of Riga fortification walls, replaced today mostly by beautiful parks and new structures.

COST: Free! We are including this tour in your package



4 by 4 Safari – Natural Landscape Tour

This Natural Landscape Off Road Tour will create a memory that will remain vivid for a lifetime because of the wonderful landscapes with the backcountry and small forest roads. During this off road tour you will see Latvia beyond the walls of city – meadows, forests, rivers. As the tour goes

mostly through underpopulated regions, there's a great chance to meet some wild animals. The route is the most beautiful tour in the proximity of Riga – the capital city of Latvia. The first off road adventures starts already thirty minutes after 4×4 jeeps have left the centre of Riga and enters in a beautiful pine wood. There are hilly forest roads with some pretty steep slopes a river crossing and then there's a long passage along some beautiful pine forests with a few impressive hills on the way. This is a 4-hour tour and takes in the Nature Park "Piejūra". [Read more](#). **COST: \$75**