

# Baltic States, St. Petersburg and Helsinki - 16 days (M-ID: 2614)

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from €999.00
Dates and duration (days)

## 16-day motorcycle tour from Klaipeda / to Helsinki (incl. ferry from Kiel / to Lübeck-Travemünde).

- more than 2,700 km through five countries
- Tour with long stages, but also with motorcycle-free days
- "baggage free" day trip in Aukstaitija National Park and on Saaremaa
- a whole day in Riga, Tallinn and St. Petersburg
- Short visit to Helsinki

You will cover more than 2,700 kilometres on this exciting tour - from Klaipeda in Lithuania via St. Petersburg in Russia to Helsinki in Finland. You will travel to a total of five countries that are not exactly stingy with sights. The route consciously follows - where possible - the charming side roads. The national parks of Aukstaitija, Gauja and Lahemaa will introduce you to landscapes that are as diverse as they are breathtaking. The Baltic capitals of Vilnius, Riga and Tallinn are in contrast. St. Petersburg presents itself with representative buildings, magnificent castles, palaces and ornate bridges. And Helsinki - the Finnish capital, which moves between classicism and functionalism - completes this tour of contrasts ...

#### Tour character:

The more than 2,700 km will take you through five different countries. For the most part, you will be travelling on secondary roads, but on long stages, more heavily used roads are sometimes chosen. The daily stages are relatively long at 270 to 400 km, but days off in Riga, Tallinn and St. Petersburg provide for breaks. On Saaremaa and in Aukstaitija National Park you can also choose the length of the stages yourself.

Itinerary:

1st day: Arrival

Individual journey to Kiel, embarkation and departure (approx. 21.00 hrs) in the direction of the Baltic States. Overnight stay on board.

2nd day: Klaipeda

Arrival in Klaipeda (approx. 18.00) and opportunity for a walk through the historic old town. Overnight stay in Klaipeda.

3rd day: Klaipeda - Vilnius (about 350 km)
Ride to the Memelland and along the river Nemunas
(Memel) - a beautiful route. The daily destination is Vilnius
(Wilna). The Gediminas Hill with its castle tower, the old
university (1579) and the Cathedral Square with its
cathedral and bell tower entice visitors to take a tour. The
former Jewish quarters are a reminder of the Jewish
heritage of the city, which was once considered the
"Jerusalem of the North". Overnight stay in Vilnius.

4th day: Aukstaitija National Park (about 310 km)
Day trip to the geographical centre of Europe and through
the Aukstaitija National Park. A paradise for nature lovers:
villages deep in the woods paint a picture of the concept of
"solitude". The almost untouched jungle of Azvinkia is
unique. Those who want to plan their way back via Kernave,
the first capital of Lithuania. Overnight stay in Vilnius.

5th day: Vilnius - Trakai - Mountain of Crosses - Siauliai (about 270 km)

Via Trakai with its 14th century castle and the pretty provincial town of Kedainiai you will ride to the "Mountain of Crosses" - a pilgrimage site with an impressive collection of thousands of crosses that have been erected there since the suppression of the Lithuanian uprising in 1831. The

collection was destroyed several times under Soviet rule, but this could not harm the collection. Overnight stay in Siauliai.

6th day: Siauliai - Kuldiga - Riga (about 340 km) Ride through Kurzeme (Kurland). During your stop in Kuldiga you can see the beautiful town with its historic centre. From here we continue to Riga. In addition to the charming landscape, there are various stops along the way that are well worth seeing, such as the world's northernmost vineyard in Sabile, Gut Slokenbeka or the traditional seaside resort of Jurmala. Overnight stay in Riga.

#### 7th day: Riga

A day without a ride, time for Riga. The old Hanseatic city offers numerous sights with Riga Cathedral, the guildhalls, the Swedish Gate, the famous Blackheads' House and the castle. In the new town you will find the wonderful art nouveau streets. The market halls of Riga are also worth a visit. Overnight stay in Riga.

8th day: Riga - Gauja National Park - Saaremaa Island (about 400 km)

À long stage, but one that is easy to ride. First of all we will go to the Gauja National Park. At Sigulda we recommend a stop at the ruins of the castle Turaida (Treyden). In the former Hanseatic city of Wenden, today Cesis, the ruins of the Order's castle and the castle are worth seeing. You will return to the coast and to the beautiful seaside resort of Pärnu with its wonderful wooden villas, then continue to the island of Saaremaa. Overnight stay in Kuressaare.

#### 9th day: Saaremaa Island

A whole day to experience the island of Saaremaa (Ösel). The main town of the island, Kuressaare (Arensburg), presents itself with a medieval castle. Near Angla in the north of the island there are five windmills: They are a typical picture on the island, there are said to have been several hundred of them. Near Kaali there is a meteorite crater. Overnight stay in Kuressaare.

10th day: Saaremaa island - Tallinn (about 270 km) It goes back to the mainland and to Haapsalu (Hapsal). The health resort was already popular and well-known in the time of the tsars. The journey to Tallinn continues via Padise with its impressive monastery ruins. Overnight stay in Tallinn.

#### 11th day: Tallinn

Discover the beauty of the medieval old town with its winding cobblestone streets, the pointed gabled merchant's houses and the solid city wall. Stroll through the old streets and enjoy the view from the Cathedral Hill to the Lower Town. Those who wish to do so, take a trip to Kadriorg. Overnight stay in Tallinn.

12th day: Tallinn - Lahemaa National Park - St. Petersburg (about 400 km)

Ride to the Lahemaa National Park. If you plan a little time, you should make a detour through the fishing villages of Käsmu or Altja, and the manors of Palmse, Vihula, Sagadi and Kolga are also worth seeing. From Lahemaa you will head for Russia and cross the EU external border at Narva. On the Narva River stands the impressive Hermann's Fortress, opposite which the Russian fortress of Ivangorod stands. Overnight stay in St. Petersburg.

13th day: St. Petersburg

The Venice of the North! Russia's second largest city captivates with its magnificent buildings, palaces, castles and bridges. Explore St. Petersburg and see the Peter and Paul Fortress, Winter Palace, Isaac's Cathedral, Resurrection Cathedral and Alexander Nevsky Monastery, among others. Overnight stay in St. Petersburg.

14th day: St. Petersburg - Helsinki (approx. 400 km) Via Vyborg we go to the Russian-Finnish border. Your route takes you along the Königsstraße. The old trade route originated in the Middle Ages and led from Bergen in Norway to St. Petersburg. Later the route also served as a postal route. After arrival in Helsinki you can get acquainted with the Finnish capital. Overnight stay in Helsinki.

#### 15th day: Departure

Time for Helsinki: Worth seeing are the harbour, the Senate Square with the Cathedral Church, the central Mannerheim Street, the Parliament Building, the Finlandia Hall and the famous Rock Church. Then trip to the port, embarkation, in the afternoon departure towards Germany (approx. 15.30 hrs (Sundays) or 17.00 hrs (Mondays to Saturdays)). Overnight stay on board.

16th day: Arrival in Lübeck-Travemünde After a day at sea you will reach the port of Lübeck-Travemünde in the evening (approx. 21.30 hrs), where your journey ends.

You can supplement this trip with city tours and excursions. You will find more details in the price section of the tour and under "Sightseeing programme".

- Any times and times of day stated are subject to change. -

Category Motorcycle Tour

Terrain Onroad

Vehicle your own motorcycle

Tourguide / Coach no (self-guided)

Accommodation Hotel / B&B or similar

2 star hotel

3 star hotel

4 star hotel

5 star hotel

Flight to / from no, not incl.

Ferry yes, incl.

Support vehicle (luggage/service) no

Customer payment protection yes

\* PRICING Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

## **Pricing**

- The indicated prices are minimum prices for the low season. Please ask for an individual offer for your desired travel date. -

A BUDGET - VARIANT: Price per person in double room and 2-bed cabin (rider) - from: €999.00

A BUDGET - VARIANT: Price per person in single room and 1-bed inside cabin (rider) - €1,599.00

from:

A BUDGET - VARIANT: Price per person in double room and 2-bed inside cabin (pillion €899.00

passenger) - from:

B STANDARD - VARIANT: Price per person in double room and 2-bed cabin (rider) - from: €1,149.00

B STANDARD - VARIANT: Price per person in single room and 1-bed inside cabin (rider) - €1,829.00

from:

B STANDARD - VARIANT: Price per person in double room and 2-bed inside cabin (pillion €1,049.00

passenger) - from:

C COMFORT VARIANT: Price per person in double room and 2-bed inside cabin (rider) - €1,489.00

from:

C COMFORT VARIANT: Price per person in single room and 1-bed inside cabin (rider) - €2,479.00

from:

C COMFORT VARIANT: Price per person in double room and 2-bed inside cabin (pillion €1,389.00

passenger) - from:

D DELUXE - VARIANT: Price per person in double room and 2-bed interior cabin (rider) - €1,899.00

from:

D DELUXE - VARIANT: Price per person in single room and 1-bed inside cabin (rider) - €3,349.00

from:

D DELUXE - VARIANT: Price per person in double room and 2-bed inside cabin (pillion €1,829.00

passenger) - from:

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## bookable options:

Cabin, 1-bed outside ( approx. 10sqm)	€80.00
Cabin, 1-Bed Outside Premium (approx. 13-20sqm)	€200.00
cabin, 2-berth outside (2 lower berths - approx. 8-10sqm)   occupancy with max. 2 persons	€40.00
Cabin, 2-berth outside Premium (2 lower berths - approx. 13-20sqm)   Occupancy with min. 2 persons	€150.00
Surcharge for the transport of a motorcycle with sidecar on the ferry/ferries. Price per vehicle and trip.	€58.00
Meal package on the ferry Kiel-Klaipeda. The meal package includes 1 x dinner (buffet), 1 x breakfast incl. tea and coffee. Price per person. Not subsequently bookable, only directly with booking the trip!	€19.00
Private city tour Riga. Duration approx. 3 hours, from/to hotel, start time by arrangement. The price is a one-time fee, regardless of the number of participants.	€98.00
Private city tour Tallinn. Duration approx. 3 hours, from/to hotel, start time by arrangement. The price is a one-time fee, regardless of the number of participants.	€98.00
Visa St. Petersburg and Leningrad region (Russian Federation). A visa is required for St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region (Russian Federation). Please see our information on entry requirements under "Notes". Since 2019, German citizens can also enter St. Petersburg and the Leningrad region (Russian Federation) with a free e-visa. You apply for this e-visa on your own, you will receive information about this with the booking confirmation/invoice. We are not able to assist you with the application process, and we are not responsible for any problems you may have when entering the country with an e-visa. If you would prefer to apply for a conventional visa, which is subject to a fee and must be issued in advance, please select it here. Price per person (as of 08/2019).	€95.00
Private excursion Hermitage (for 2 persons). Duration approx. 3.5 hrs, incl. entrance fee, from/to hotel, start time 10.00 hrs. Not possible on Mondays. Price per group with 2 participants and joint booking. Price for one or more person(s) on request.	€168.00
Private excursion Peterhof - Grand Palace & Park (for 2 persons). Duration approx. 5 hrs, from/to hotel, start time 10.00 hrs. Only possible in the period 30.0412.10.21 (except Mondays and last Tuesday of the month). Price per group with 2 participants and joint booking. Price for one or more person(s) on request.	€248.00
Private excursion Peterhof - Grand Palace (for 2 persons). Duration approx. 5 hrs, from/to hotel, start time 10.00 hrs. Only possible in the period 01.0429.04. and 13.1030.12.21 (except Mondays and last Tuesday of the month). Price per group with 2 participants and joint booking. Price for one or more person(s) on request.	€160.00
Private excursion Pushkin - with Catherine Palace (for 2 persons). Duration approx. 4.5 hrs, from/to hotel, start time 10.00 hrs. Not possible on Tuesdays and the last Monday of the month. Price per group with 2 participants and joint booking. Price for one or more person(s) on request.	€228.00
Private city tour St. Petersburg - with St. Isaac's Cathedral (for 2 persons). Duration approx. 3.5 hrs, from/to hotel, starting time 10.00 hrs. Not possible on Wednesdays. Price per group with 2 participants and joint booking. Price for one or more person(s) on request.	€136.00
Private city tour St. Petersburg - with St. Isaac's Cathedral and Pushkin - incl. lunch (for 2 persons). Duration approx. 8 hrs, from/to hotel, starting time 9.00 am. Not possible on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and the last Monday of the month. Price per group with 2 participants and joint booking. Price for one or more person(s) on request.	€388.00

Private city tour St. Petersburg - with Peter and Paul Fortress (for 2 persons). Duration approx. 3.5 hrs, from/to hotel, starting time 10.00 hrs. Not possible on Wednesdays. Price per group with 2 participants and joint booking. Price for one or more person(s) on request.

€136.00

Private city tour St. Petersburg - with Peter and Paul Fortress and Hermitage - incl. lunch (for 2 persons). Duration approx. 7.5 hrs, from/to hotel, departure time 10.00 hrs. Not possible on Mondays and Wednesdays. Price per group with 2 participants and joint booking. Price for one or more person(s) on request.

€340.00

Meal package on the ferry Helsinki - Lübeck-Travemünde. The meal package includes 1 x breakfast, 1 x lunch, 1 x dinner, 1 x evening buffet Superior (evening buffet Superior incl. milk, water, fruit juices, coffee, tea, draught beer, white and red wine, selected soft drinks / dinner incl. milk, water, fruit juices, coffee and tea). Price per person. Not subsequently bookable, only directly with booking the trip!

€75.00

## Included

Ferry passages Kiel - Klaipeda and Helsinki - Lübeck-Travemünde in a 2-bed cabin inside (bunk beds) with shower/WC (without on-board catering)

Ferry crossing Virtsu - Kuivastu - Virtsu (without boarding)

Motorcycle transport on all ferry routes

13 nights in hotels of the chosen category in rooms with bath or shower/WC

**Breakfast** 

Route description and GPS data

Maps and information material

one travel book per room

### Not included

Parking fees

Visa for Russia (95 Euro)

Border crossing fees Narva (approx. 4 Euro)

optional excursions and visits

local tax

Everything that is not listed under services

## More details

Accommodation:

A BUDGET - VARIANT: 2-star hotels or guest houses.

B STANDARD - VARIANT: Usually 3-star hotels.

C COMFORT - VARIANT\*: 4-star hotels or upscale room category in 3-star hotels \*Basically, upscale accommodation (comfort and deluxe hotels) cannot be guaranteed in all locations. While the range of hotels in each category is generally large in the metropolitan and tourist centres, we have to switch to lower-rated hotels in smaller towns or rural areas. Then we try to compensate for this, for example, with an upscale room category.

D DELUXE - VARIANT\*: 5-star hotels, partly also higher class rooms in 4-star hotels. \*Basically, upscale accommodation (comfort and deluxe hotels) cannot be guaranteed in all locations. While the range of hotels in each category is generally large in the metropolitan and tourist centres, we have to switch to lower-rated hotels in smaller towns or rural areas. Then we try to compensate for this, for example, with an upscale room category.

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Minimum number of participants:

No minimum number of participants. Guaranteed execution!

#### Clues:

Getting there: The ferry journey from Kiel and to Lübeck-Travemünde as well as the motorcycle transfer on the ferry are already included in the price. The tour will be riden with your own motorcycle.

Catering on the ferries: On the ferries, meals are offered in the on-board restaurants - payable on the spot. On some ferry routes we offer pre-bookable meal packages. You will then find these under the optional services in the price section of the trip and can only be booked directly in connection with the trip, a subsequent booking is not possible.

Accessibility: Please note that the trip is not or only partially suitable for people with physical disabilities.

Border crossing Estonia - Russia: Please note that the border crossing from Estonia to Russia must be announced in advance via the "GoSwift" website www.estonianborder.eu \*\*. This should be done at least three weeks before the planned border crossing.

Parking spaces: For this trip we usually use hotels that have parking spaces. We will reserve a pitch for you when you book (where possible, no claim). Parking fees may apply, which must be paid on site. The amount of parking fees can vary greatly depending on the location and hotel

Visa registration: Please note that some hotels in Russia charge a fee for visa registration, which is payable locally.

Entry requirements Baltic States: The Baltic countries Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are part of the EU and are members of the Schengen area. German citizens require an identity card or passport with sufficient validity for entry. For other nationals, please contact the embassy in question. Children need their own identification document, the entry in the passport of their parents is no longer accepted. Further information on the current entry regulations at the Federal Foreign Office at www.auswaertiges-amt.de. Please note that you yourself are responsible for compliance with the entry regulations.

Entry requirements Scandinavia: The Scandinavian countries are members of the Schengen area. German citizens require an identity card or passport with sufficient validity for entry. For other nationals, please contact the embassy in question. Children need their own identification document, the entry in the passport of their parents is no longer accepted. Further information on the current entry regulations at the Federal Foreign Office at www.auswaertiges-amt.de. Please note that you yourself are responsible for compliance with the entry regulations.

Entry requirements Russia For entry into Russia, German citizens require a passport with sufficient validity (planned duration of stay + six months). A Russian visa is also required (processing time about four weeks). You will receive more detailed information on this with the travel confirmation. For other nationals, please contact the embassy in question. Children need their own identification document, the entry in the passport of their parents is no longer accepted. Further information on the current entry regulations at the Federal Foreign Office at www.auswaertiges-amt.de. Please note that you yourself are responsible for compliance with the entry regulations.

Health regulations Please contact your family doctor for vaccination advice for the target area. Please read the travel information of the Federal Foreign Office at www.auswaertiges-amt.de.