

BIGI Baltic Transfers and Tours: 2018 Excursion Overview by CAR / Minibuses

NOTE: During your trip, we offer you to visit the most beautiful and popular landmarks. Additionally, it is possible to book a professional guide service (please book in advance).

Tours include: Transfer service with English speaking driver and parking on location.

Tours exclude: Museum tickets, museum guide service, food and drinks.

Driver can also advise you for the best lunch or dinner spots on the way, if necessary.

1.

Riga City Overview Tour

Total duration of the excursion: 1,5 hours.

During the excursion by car we visit the most beautiful and famous places in the Riga city centre, around the old town and its surroundings. We start the excursion with the Art Nouveau buildings on Alberta Street, Riga Central Market and Pardaugava with Agenskalns and Kipsala unique, wooden architecture. There is a special opportunity to take photos with Riga on the background.

2.

Jurmala City Overview Tour

Total duration of the excursion: 3 hours (including coffee, WC stops).

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Jurmala City Overview Tour – Fisherman Village

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Fisherman Village. Discover Jurmala's fishing heritage at the Open-Air Museum and take a stroll through a unique ecosystem of pines at dunes at the nearby Ragakapa Nature Park. Fisherman Village Ragaciems - is a very interesting landmark to the history of fishing in the region. The area has docks and areas where fishermen-built huts to store their nets and other inventory.

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Jurmala City Tour – Kemer National Park & Bog– Fisherman Village

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Kemer. The Great Kemer Bog Boardwalk is a popular tourist destination. The boardwalk takes visitors to the world of moss, small pine trees, deep pools, tiny dark lakes, and the smell of wild rosemary.

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Jurmala City – Cinevilla – Chocolate Museum – Fisherman Village

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Cinevilla is a major tourist attraction, and is the only such large-scale open-air cinema exhibition in the Baltic States. A visit to Cinevilla is like traveling in a time machine – you will see what Riga looked like about a hundred years ago.

Chocolate Museum is the largest chocolate museum in the Baltic region. "Laima" chocolate can be enjoyed with all the senses - it can be seen, tasted, heard and felt... How? You can find out by visiting the museum.

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Cesis, Cesis Castle – Araisi Settlement

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Araisi Settlement. The Lake Castle of Araisi is of pan-European importance. It is a reconstructed Lettigalian lake castle from the 9th or 10th century, and it is the only place in the Baltic States at which visitors can learn about how people lived more than 1,000 years ago.

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Cesis, Cesis Castle – Sigulda Castle – Turaida Castle

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Latvian Ethnographic Museum - Sigulda – Turaida Castle

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Rundale Palace

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Rundale Palace with Charming French-style park was built by Duke Biron in two periods, from 1736 until 1740 and from 1764 until 1768, as Russian Empire Catherine II summer residence. Rundale Palace architect is Bartolomeo Rastrelli.

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Rundale Palace - Bauska Castle - Mezotne Palace

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Mezotne. The history of the Mezotne estate dates back to Duke Jacob's time - the middle of 17th century. In 1795, the Russian Empress Catherine II granted the Mezotne estate for lifetime use to the governess of her grandchildren Charlotte.

12.

Hill of Crosses (Lithuania, LT) - Rundale Palace - Bauska Castle

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Ligatne Soviet Bunker - Cesis, Cesis Castle

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15.

Tallinn via Turaida Castle and Sigulda Castle and Pärnu (up to 2h)

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Tallinn via Turaida Castle and Sigulda Castle, Cable Car

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Tartu City via Ligatne Soviet Bunker

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Vilnius via Bauska Castle via Rundale Palace

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Kaunas via Rundale Palace and Bauska Castle

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Nida (Lithuania) via Liepaja (up to 2h)

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In 1253 Liepaja was first mentioned in documents, according to which this territory was divided between the Livonian Order and the Bishop of Courland. From 1899 to 1909 a military port. The Russian Tsar Nikolay II believed that Liepaja is a perfect place for a fortress. Although this fortress was never used, the military town built around it with the Officer's Palace, St Nicholas Orthodox Sea Cathedral, and the Riding Manege that were later used by the Soviet Army, are great historical monuments and popular tourist destinations. Visit Liepaja North Port, Old Prison.

Nida is a resort town in Lithuania. Located on the Curonian Spit between the Curonian Lagoon and the Baltic Sea.

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Pärnu via Cesis, Cesis Castle (2h)

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Pärnu via Turaida Castle and Sigulda Castle (2h)

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