

IFES Convention 2004

Vilnius-Riga-Tallinn

Post convention tour

June, 27-30, 2004

Program

Welcome to the Baltic States!

Besides all the interesting facts, figures and general market information during the Convention, IFES offers as well the opportunity to get to know more about the culture, the people and the landscape of the other Baltic States. Therefore we offer this post convention tour from Vilnius, Lithuania, via Riga, Latvia, to Tallinn, Estonia from June, 27-30. Experience these interesting new European Union countries! We are looking forward to welcoming you on this tour!

Program

Sunday – June, 27, 2004

9.00 h departure to Riga with en route stops at the *Hill of Crosses*, a unique place of national pilgrimage, and the Baroque *Rundale Palace* created by B. Rastrelli. Late afternoon arrival in Riga, the capital of Latvia. Hotel accommodation. Dinner in hotel restaurant

Monday – June, 28, 2004

Morning *Sightseeing Tour of Riga* encompasses the most significant sights of Riga and begins with driving (c.a.1,5 hrs) along the central boulevards of Riga, enjoying the view of the City Canal parks, the Bastion Hill, the Powder Tower, the Latvian National Theatre, the Fine Arts Museum, the Art Nouveau buildings of the beginning of the century, the Freedom Monument, University of Latvia, the Opera House, the Daugava River with its bridges and Passenger Terminal. During the walking part of the tour you will enjoy the beauty of the ancient Hanseatic city, while strolling through the cobble-stone, picturesque streets of the Old Town. In Old Riga you will see the Dome Cathedral, the Church of St.Peter, the old Guild Houses, the Swedish Gate, the architectural ensemble Three Brothers, St.Jacob's Church, the Parliament House, Old Riga Castle, and view the many wonderfully restored buildings, now housing cosy restaurants, cafes, bars and souvenir shops.

Drive alongside the Riga Bay to Tallinn. Late afternoon arrival to Estonia's capital. Hotel accommodation. Dinner in hotel restaurant.

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Tuesday – June, 29, 2004

Tallinn Sight Seeing tour begins with ride on a bus around the Old Town offering a fascinating view of the medieval city wall. Tourists get off the coach in Upper Town - Toompea (Castle Hill) where the walking tour starts. Toompea castle (built in 1773) with tallest tower, Pikk Hermann. A stop at the viewing platform on Toompea enables one to enjoy a magnificent view of the Old Town. The towers, the town wall, tiled roofs, chimneys - the outstanding view is just there in front of you. Continue to the Lower Town. The most outstanding sights include a 14th-15th century Gothic Town Hall, the only one surviving in the Nordic Countries, St. Nicholas church, now housing a museum of medieval art; an old chemist's shop (founded in 1422); numerous authentic Hanseatic merchants' houses, etc.

Afternoon visit to **Rocca-al-Mare Ethnographic Museum** that lies outside of Tallinn (10 km), on a wooded coastal headland. Museum provides examples of rural architecture from the 18th to the early 20th century. The farmhouses, outbuildings, storehouses, saunas, wind-mills, fences and many original implements used in everyday life are gathered from all over Estonia.

Folclore dinner in Tallinn old town restaurant.

Wednesday – June, 30, 2004

Departure home (from Tallinn)

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Price (incl. VAT)

per person sharing TWIN / DBL room :
500,- € /SGL room supplement 180,- €

Please note

a minimum number of 10 participants
is required

**We are looking forward to
welcoming you on this tour!**

Please use the attached form.