



# GEOTOURS



# ESTONIA, LATVIA, LITHUANIA



## WITH POLAND EXTENSION

## JUNE 30 – JULY 12, 2018



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**LAND COST = \$1990 (Hotels, private bus, entries, professional guides, breakfasts, Matt & Suzan Ebner as group leaders)**

**AIRFARE = \$1300 – approximate cost for for round-trip flight from LAX**

**OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO KRAKOW, POLAND (June 27 – July 1) = \$490, airfare is extra**

### Saturday 6/30/18 - Depart USA

(Or depart June 27 if doing the Krakow, Poland extension)

### Sunday 7/1/18 - Arrive Tallinn, Estonia

Arrive in Tallinn, Estonia's capital. Stay in Tallinn for 3 nights.

### Monday 7/2/18 - Tallinn

Take a guided tour of Tallinn to see the historical and architectural highlights. Tallinn is known for its outstanding old town with lovely churches, old government buildings, and beautiful panoramic views. Free time in the afternoon. Night #2 in Tallinn.

### Tuesday 7/3/18 – Free day in Tallinn with optional day trip to Helsinki, Finland

Explore on your own in Tallinn or take an optional day trip with Matt Ebner to Helsinki, Finland. The ferry from Tallinn takes 90 minutes each way. Helsinki is Finland's capital city and has plenty to do: museums, churches, islands, modern architecture, bikes for rent, and an open-air museum with Finnish buildings and cultural demonstrations. Night #3 in Tallinn.



### Wednesday 7/4/18 – Tallinn to Lahemaa National Park

See more of Tallinn, including Kadriorg Palace, Maarjamae Palace, Piritä Convent, and go up Tallinn TV Tower for panoramic views. Continue to Lahemaa National Park, with forests, rivers, and Baltic coastline covered with large glacial boulders deposited by the retreating ice sheet 10,000 years ago. One night in a beautiful manor house, once the residence of a wealthy family and now a hotel.

### Thursday 7/5/18 – Lahemaa to Tartu

Explore Lahemaa National Park, with a nature walk in the forest or across a bog (on a wooden walkway), photo stops along the coastline, and a visit to the 18<sup>th</sup>-century Palmse mansion. Continue

to Rakvere to visit the 14<sup>th</sup>-century castle, with demonstrations and opportunities to participate in medieval activities. Continue to Tartu, the second largest city in Estonia. One night in Tartu.

### Friday 7/6/18 – Tartu, Estonia to Gauja National Park, Latvia

Spend a half day touring Tartu, visiting the pretty town square, Tartu University (from 1638), the beautiful botanical gardens, and the Estonian National Museum. In the afternoon we leave Estonia and enter Latvia. We enter Gauja National Park, Latvia's premier national park with forests and castles. One night in Gauja.



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**Saturday 7/7/18 – Gauja to Riga**

Visit the highlights of Gauja National Park, including Turaida Museum Reserve with a red-brick castle dating to 1214, Sigulda New Castle, Gutman Cave, and panoramic views of a region known as the “Switzerland of Latvia”. Optional activities include hiking, cable car, ride down a bobsled track, or bungee jumping. In the afternoon we drive one hour to Riga, Latvia’s capital city. Two nights in Riga.



**Sunday 7/8/18 – Riga**

Spend the day in Riga visiting the old city, including the fantastic guild houses with 14<sup>th</sup> century architecture, Riga Cathedral (largest medieval church in the Baltics), the Art Nouveau district, and more. As 2018 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Latvia’s independence, there is a major Latvian Song Festival in Riga ending this day. It might be possible to attend the closing concert. Night #2 in Riga.

**Monday 7/9/18 – Riga, Latvia to Vilnius, Lithuania**

After leaving Riga we stop to tour Rundale Palace, the only surviving baroque-style palace in the Baltics. It was designed by Rastrelli, the Italian architect who also designed the winter palace in St. Petersburg. We cross into Lithuania where we visit the enigmatic Hill of Crosses with thousands of crosses, a focus of Lithuanian spirituality and nationalism. We continue to Lithuania’s capital city, Vilnius. Three nights in Vilnius.



**Tuesday 7/10/18 – Vilnius**

Vilnius has the largest baroque Old Town in Europe, and we spend the day enjoying the narrow streets, hilltop views, and beautiful architecture of churches, squares, the university, presidential palace, and more. Afternoon is free for rest, shopping, or further sightseeing. Night #2 in Vilnius.

**VILNIUS**



**Wednesday 7/11/18 – Trakai Castle**

A 20-mile drive outside of Vilnius takes us to Trakai Castle, located on an island in Lake Galve. The Gothic, red-brick castle dates to 1400. We continue to Grutas Park, with a collection of communist-era statues and monuments that were standing throughout Lithuania until the 1990s. Night #3 in Vilnius, our final evening in Lithuania.

**Thursday 7/12/18 – Depart Vilnius, Lithuania**

Depart Vilnius to return to the USA (arrive home same day), or extend your travels to travel more on your own.

**OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP EXTENSION - KRAKOW, POLAND - JUNE 27 – JULY 1, 2018 (\$490; airfare not included)**

**Wednesday 6/27/18 – Depart USA for Krakow, Poland**

**Thursday 6/28/18 - Arrive Krakow, Poland**

Arrive in Krakow, the old Polish royal capital and one of the most magnificent medieval cities of Europe. Three nights in Krakow.

**Friday 6/29/18 - Krakow**

Guided city tour of Krakow with a professional guide. Evening on the town square is beautiful, musical, and magical. Night #2 in Krakow.



**KRAKOW**



**Saturday 6/30/18 - Auschwitz**

Day trip to Auschwitz, the most notorious Nazi concentration camp in World War II. A professional guide leads us on an unforgettable tour of the site. Night #3 in Krakow.

**Sunday 7/1/18 – Krakow, Poland to Tallinn, Estonia**

Morning and early afternoon are free in Krakow, with the option to visit Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with underground chambers, lakes, and a chapel with everything made of salt (even the chandeliers). Evening flight to Tallinn (1-way flight costs about \$120) to meet up with the rest of the Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania group.

To reserve a spot for the tour, complete and submit the form on the next page or book online at [WWW.GEOTOURS.US](http://WWW.GEOTOURS.US)  
Questions? Contact Matt Ebner at [MATTEBINER@GEOTOURS.US](mailto:MATTEBINER@GEOTOURS.US)



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EXPLORE THE WORLD

# Registration Form - GeoTours Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania: June 30 – July 12, 2018- LAND COST = \$1990

Includes hotels, private tour bus, entries/activities, all breakfasts, professional guides, Matt Ebiner as group leader

## REGISTRATION/PAYMENT PROCEDURE

1. Complete this form and submit it to Matt Ebiner/GeoTours. You should keep a copy of this completed form.
2. Attach a \$400 payment (check made payable to GeoTours LLC) to this form and mail to GeoTours at the address below, or submit payment online through [www.venmo.com](http://www.venmo.com) or [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) payable to [payment@geotours.us](mailto:payment@geotours.us) or 310-686-8171 (GeoTours phone #). You can also make an online bank transfer if you are a customer of Chase (through QuickPay) or Wells Fargo (Sure Pay) to [payment@geotours.us](mailto:payment@geotours.us) or 310-686-8171 (GeoTours phone #).
3. Second payment of \$500 is due on January 15, 2018.
4. Third payment of \$500 is due on March 15, 2018.
5. Final payment is due on April 30. If signing up after April 30 then full payment is due with registration.
6. Payments made after May 31 will be assessed a \$100 late fee.

Payments should be made payable to GeoTours LLC and sent to:

**GeoTours**  
1547 E. Puente Street  
Covina, CA 91724

### CONTACT:

Matt Ebiner, Trip Organizer/Leader,  
[mattebiner@geotours.us](mailto:mattebiner@geotours.us); (310) 686-8171



### SPECIAL DISCOUNTS!

- Sign up for this trip with \$300 deposit by June 30, 2017 and receive a \$75 discount.
- Sign up 7/1-17-9/30/17 and receive a \$40 discount.
- Sign up with a roommate and you each get a \$25 discount
- GeoTours alumni receive an additional discount of \$25 multiplied by the number of GeoTours trips they have done (maximum \$75 alumni discount).

## DO YOU WANT TO DO THE POLAND PRE-TRIP EXTENSION?

**JUNE 27 – JULY 1; +\$490 NOT INCLUDING AIRFARE**

Yes  No

## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

(Please print clearly and use your precise name as it appears, or will appear, on your passport)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a US citizen? Yes \_\_\_ No, I am a citizen of \_\_\_\_\_ Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCOMMODATION REQUEST** - The program price is based on double occupancy. If you sign up without a roommate we will try to match you with someone of the same sex, but this is not guaranteed. A single room incurs a supplement of +\$500 for Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania and +200 for Poland.

Please check one: Sharing a Twin room (2 beds) \_\_\_\_\_ Sharing a Double room (1 large bed) \_\_\_\_\_ Single Room \_\_\_\_\_

Name of preferred roommate (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

## EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## CANCELLATIONS

To cancel your participation, you need to inform GeoTours in writing or by email. Cancellation date is the day when GeoTours has received your written notice.

Date of Cancellation	Cancellation Penalty	Date of Cancellation	Cancellation Penalty
On or before August 31, 2017	\$100	January 1 – 31, 2018	\$600
September 1 – October 31, 2017	\$200	February 1 – March 31, 2018	\$800
November 1 – Dec. 31, 2017	\$400	After April 1, 2018	No Refund

**Responsibility** The program participant agrees that GeoTours LLC assumes no liability whatsoever for loss of property, injury, accident, illness, death, irregularity and delays during the duration of the tour. In addition, the program participant agrees to hold GeoTours LLC harmless for damage and delay due to equipment problems, quarantine, declared or undeclared war and insurrection, terrorist and criminal activity, revolt, civil disturbance, hostility, military action, strikes, labor unrest, any "act of God" or nature and for any act of any third party. The participant, by registering for this tour, agrees that GeoTours LLC is not responsible for delay, rerouting, omission and additional expense resulting from the passenger's improper travel documents such as passport, visa and health document. Any losses and expenses related to such circumstances are within the responsibility of the program participants and not of GeoTours LLC. GeoTours LLC is not responsible for acts of any government authority. GeoTours LLC reserves the right to adjust itinerary and contents and to substitute accommodation providers as deemed necessary. GeoTours LLC reserves the right to accept or decline any person as a program participant as well as to refuse to retain any participant's membership in the program. Participants that do not participate in an activity or entry, or who leave the tour early or arrive late, will not be entitled to any refund. By registering for this tour, the participant agrees to all terms and conditions.

I have carefully and agree to the regulations above.

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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