



## Performance Tour to Classical Baltics

**DAY 1: VILNIUS:** Arrival Vilnius airport. Meet your private tour escort and get transferred to your hotel.

**DAY 2: VILNIUS:** In the morning city tour of Vilnius with visits to St. Peter's & St. Paul's church, the Cathedral Square, Presidential Palace Square, Vilnius University, gothic corner with the churches of St. Anne and St. Bernardine, the old Jewish quarter, Town Hall Square, the Gates of Dawn. Rehearsal and

performance at St. Casimir's church e.g. in Vilnius together with a local music group. Afterwards get together evening with the local music group. Overnight in VILNIUS.

**DAY 3: VILNIUS - HILL OF CROSSES - GAUJA N.P. - RIGA:** In the morning departure to Riga. On the way through the natural countryside of Lithuania with its wide open views, you will visit the famous Hill of Crosses, with over 50,000 crosses built from different materials. After lunch continue to Riga, you will stop in Rundale for a short excursion to Rundale Palace, a baroque jewel designed by Italian architect F.B. Rastrelli, who is known for his world famous Hermitage palace in St. Petersburg. Arrival in Riga and check into your hotel. Overnight: RIGA.

**DAY 4: RIGA:** Guided city tour of Riga visiting the old town, surrounded by a water channel, with the famous Dome cathedral, St. John and St. Peter churches, the Freedom Monument, National Opera, Parliament, Castle and the cosy spacious squares, remarkable Art Nouveau district. Afternoon rehearsal and concert in Riga at St. John's church e.g. Dinner and overnight: RIGA

**DAY 5: RIGA – TALLINN:** In the morning Riga Opera house backstage tour. The tour guide will lead you through the interior of the building and talk about the life and times of the opera. *Optionally: masterclass with the famous Latvian composer E. Esenvalds.* Afternoon transfer to Tallinn. Dinner and overnight: TALLINN.

**DAY 6: TALLINN:** Morning sightseeing in Tallinn including the upper (Toompea fortress and Parliament, Orthodox and Lutheran cathedrals, panoramic viewpoint) and the lower (Town Hall square, Merchant Guild Houses) parts of the old town. During the tour you will also pass the beautiful Kadriorg park with its palace, the seaside area to have a look at Russalka monument and the Tallinn Song Festival Grounds where the famous song festivals take place. Impromptu at the Song Festival Grounds. Afternoon rehearsal and performance in Tallinn at the White Hall of the House of the Blackheads e.g. Dinner and overnight: TALLINN.

**DAY 7: TALLINN:** After breakfast check out of your hotel and get transferred to the airport.

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## Performance Tour to Lithuania and Latvia with amateur music festival participation/competition May 2020

**DAY 1: 13.05, WEDNESDAY, VILNIUS:** On arrival at Vilnius airport meet your local tour escort and get transferred to your hotel. Overnight: VILNIUS.

**DAY 2: 14.05, THURSDAY, VILNIUS – BIRSTONAS:** In the morning city tour of Vilnius (3 hours) visiting St. Peter's & St. Paul's church, the Cathedral Square, Presidential Palace Square, Vilnius University, gothic corner with the churches of St. Anne and St. Bernardine, the old Jewish quarter, Town Hall Square, the Gates of Dawn. After lunch transfer to Birstonas, the most famous health resort town of Lithuania. Check into your hotel. Overnight: BIRSTONAS.

**DAY 3: 16.05, FRIDAY, BIRSTONAS:** Festival & competition. Birstonas Cantat is a new festival and competition for choirs and orchestras in one of the most beautiful Lithuanian resorts near the river Nemunas. The participants will have the possibility to visit another town in Lithuania with its own rich history and beautiful nature resort, parks, spa centres. The choir and orchestra festival opening concert and competition will take place in Birštonas Cultural Center, the meetings in Birštonas Kurhaus near the river Nemunas and traditional festival St. Mass in St. Anthony of Padua church. Optional competition is intended for amateur choirs, ensembles and orchestras. Overnight: BIRSTONAS.

**DAY 4: 17.05, SATURDAY, BIRSTONAS:** Festival & competition. Overnight: BIRSTONAS.

**DAY 5: 18.05, SUNDAY, BIRSTONAS – RIGA:** After breakfast continue to Riga. Optional lunch on arrival at the Riga market. The Riga Central market is a major highlight for any visit of the city. Fresh local products as well as foreign imports are on the sale in a huge area that has a unique character and is well worth a lengthy visit while staying in Riga. This is also one of the best places to try Latvian food. Afternoon rehearsal and performance in Riga at St. John's church e.g. Overnight: RIGA.

**DAY 6: 17.05, MONDAY, RIGA:** Morning city tour of Riga visiting the old town, surrounded by a water channel, with the famous Dome cathedral, St. John and St. Peter churches, the Freedom Monument, National Opera, Parliament, Castle and the cosy spacious squares, remarkable Art Nouveau district. Afternoon Riga Opera house backstage tour. The tour guide will lead you through the interior of the building and talk about the life and times of the opera. Overnight: RIGA.

**DAY 7: 18.05, TUESDAY, RIGA, (B)**

After breakfast check out and transfer to Riga airport for your return flight home.

*All services are subject to availability at the time of booking.*

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