Lithuania & Latvia: the Baltics

Post-Trip-Extension - Tallinn & Helsinki Post-Trip Extension

3 Nights from $745.00 per person, double occupancy

- 2 nights in Tallinn at the Schlössle Hotel & 2 nights in Helsinki’s Hotel Haven*
- Ferry service between Estonia & Finland
- Flight between Riga and Tallinn
- Daily breakfast
- City Information
- Airport transfers

* Please note: For travelers taking the optional Post-Trip Extension, the last night of the Air Package (Day 9) will be spent at the hotel in Tallinn instead of the Grand Palace Hotel in Riga.

Only available with the Air Inclusive Package.

DAY 1: Begin your Post-trip Extension

After breakfast, transfer to the Riga airport for your flight to Tallinn. Upon arrival at the Tallinn airport, claim your luggage and clear customs. If your luggage is lost, fill in a PIR form before leaving the customs area—VBT representatives are not allowed into the customs area. (Please note: Also make certain your VBT luggage tags are affixed to your bag so your VBT representative can identify you.)

After exiting customs, enter the arrival hall and look for your VBT representative, who will be holding a VBT sign and who will make arrangements for your transfer via private car or minibus to your Tallinn hotel (transfer time is approximately 30 minutes, depending on traffic).

Please note: The hotel check-in time is 2:00 p.m., so your room may not be available until that time. If you arrive early, you may store your luggage with the reception desk.

After checking in, you have free time to explore Tallinn. VBT provides you with City Information that includes recommendations on what to see and do in Tallinn.

The capital of Estonia, Tallinn offers you the chance to step back in time in its exceptionally well-preserved Old Town. Dating to its heyday as a member of the Hanseatic League, Tallinn’s Old Town is well deserving of its place on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Its distinct Upper and Lower Towns each offer a wealth of attractions to explore. You might start in the Lower Town, where you can find the
600-year-old Town Hall and the Town Hall Pharmacy, one of the oldest functioning pharmacies on the continent.

Accommodation: Schlössle Hotel, Tallinn, Estonia
Included Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 2: Independent exploration of Tallinn, Estonia**

Continue your independent exploration of Tallinn. You might venture to the Upper Town today. Atop Toompea Hill here, you can visit two 13th-century landmarks: Toompea Castle and the Dome Church. And stroll through Kadriorg, a forested neighborhood once favored by Russian tsar Peter the Great. Here, you’ll find the Museum of Foreign Art and the picturesque Swan Pond.

Accommodation: Schlössle Hotel, Tallinn
Included Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 3: Ferry transfer from Estonia to Finland**

After breakfast, meet your VBT representative, who will escort you to Tallinn’s port for your ferry transfer across the Baltic Sea from Estonia to Finland (approximately two hours). Exact details of today’s departure time will be given to you by your trip leaders while on tour.

Arrive at the ferry docks of Helsinki, the "White City of the North," around midday. Upon disembarkation, you’ll be met by a VBT representative, who will transfer your luggage to your harbor-side hotel while you walk the short distance (under a half mile, with written instructions). Your hotel room may not be available until 3:00 p.m., but the hotel can store your luggage until your room is ready. Your VBT City Information will help you make the most of your time in Finland’s historic, neoclassical capital dotted with Art Nouveau buildings. Visit the impressive Helsinki Cathedral and browse the collections of the National Museum. Peruse the local goods and produce at Market Square, or stop by the distinctive Temppeliaukio Kirkko, or Rock Church, sculpted from a block of underground granite.

Accommodation: Hotel Haven, Helsinki
Included Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 4: Independent exploration of Helsinki**

You have another free day in Helsinki. Creativity appears on every corner in this major design city of northern Europe. Explore the Design District, where galleries showcase the work of up-and-coming designers. Or visit the Design Museum, an outstanding collection housed in a beautiful Beaux Arts
building. To view the work of one of its most beloved native sons, Alvar Aalto, head to Finlandia Hall on Töölöntori, a gleaming white-marble masterpiece. Or savor a meal and the setting at the breathtaking Savoy restaurant; every detail of this 1937 exterior and interior was designed by Aalto, including the service stations and lighting fixtures.

Accommodation: Hotel Haven, Helsinki
Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5: Depart for home
After breakfast* this morning, transfer to Helsinki Airport (approximately 60 minutes, depending on traffic) for your departing flight.** Please ensure that you are ready in the hotel reception area at the designated time.

*Please note: For guests with early-morning departures, breakfast at the hotel may not be available. Please check with the reception desk to verify the times when breakfast is served.

**VBT recommends that you check your transfer time in your "Transfer Reminder." VBT transfer times and departure points are finalized in advance and cannot be modified for individual guests. If you extend your stay beyond the scheduled program dates, return transportation to the airport will be at your own expense.

Included Meals: Breakfast