

**Along the Baltic coast, 4 countries tour, from Gdańsk (PL), through Kaliningrad (RUS), Kaliningrad (LT), Riga (LV) – individual tour**

**Code GKMI**

9 days by bike, 8 nights

- ❖ Guided tour in Gdańsk, Kaliningrad and Riga
- ❖ Tour of the castle of the Teutonic Order in Malbork
- ❖ Gold eastern Baltic coast
- ❖ about 240 km by bike

**from 950 Euro**

**Dates 2021**

code	Start	finish
GKMI-01	25 <sup>th</sup> June	3 <sup>rd</sup> July
GKMI-02	9 <sup>th</sup> July	17 <sup>th</sup> July
GKMI-03	23 <sup>th</sup> Juli	31 <sup>st</sup> July
GKMI-04	6 <sup>th</sup> August	14 <sup>th</sup> August

**Your bicycle trip begins in Gdańsk. Your Nature Travel representative will meet you in your hotel at 5 P.M. You shall receive detailed maps and vast, constantly updated description of the daily sections. You will get your bicycles the next day at the start of the tour.**

**Day one: bicycle free**

**The medieval Gdańsk**

Individual arrival to your hotel in Gdańsk. After the meeting with our representative a guided tour of the Old Town is scheduled. Accommodation in a hotel in Gdańsk.

**Day two: ca. 45 km by bike, ca. 1 hour by train, transfer ca. 50 km by bus**

**The mightiest medieval castle of Europe, the Vistula Lagoon and Frombork**

After breakfast, you will take the train to Malbork. There you will tour Europe's biggest medieval fortress – the capital of the Teutonic Order. In the afternoon your first bicycle trip to Frombork, the town of Nicolaus Copernicus, will begin (beautiful landscape along the way). You will reach Frombork after a short transfer by bus. We recommend the tour of the Cathedral (optional). On your way you will be able to take a first look on the Vistula Lagoon. Accommodation in a hotel in Frombork.

**Day three: bicycle free, about 170 km by bus**

**Along the Baltic coast: Russia – dynamic Kaliningrad\***

Today you will have bus transfer to Kaliningrad/Russia, where guided tour is planned. After sightseeing free time in the city is planned. Late afternoon bus transfer through Russian/Lithuanian boarder is planned and arrival to Nida, where you will be accommodated.

*\* Please be informed that to cross Russian boarder valid Passport as well as E-visa is necessary. We will send you more information in a trip confirmation.*

**Day four: ca. 20 km by bike**

**Lithuania: Nida – High Dune and the summer house of Thomas Mann**

This day you can visit the former summer house (nowadays a museum) of Thomas Mann, the famous German writer. Then we recommend a bike trip to the highest dune on the Spit. The rest of the day is free. You can enjoy the beautiful beach and swim in the Baltic Sea. Accommodation as on day 3.

**Day five: ca. 55 km by bike**

**Lithuania - Curonian Spit and Klaipeda**

This bike trip is a true feast for the senses - we cycle along one of the most beautiful bicycle routes in eastern Europe. On our way in Juodkrante, on the so called Witch Hill, we can admire the bizarre carvings representing figures from the Lithuanian myths. Accommodation in a hotel in Klaipeda.

**Day six: ca. 45 km by bike, ca. 60 km by bus**

**Lithuania - Latvia: Memel/Klaipeda**

This day's tour leads along the Baltic Coast, on a beautiful cycle route from Klaipeda to Sventoji. On the way you can have a break in Palanga, a popular seaside town where you can enjoy the atmosphere in one of the numerous cafe's (also worth visiting is the botanical garden and the amber museum). In the late afternoon you will arrive by bus to your hotel in Liepaja (Latvia) - take your time and explore the city on your own. Accommodation in a hotel in Liepaja.

**Day seven: ca. 45 km by bike, ca 60 km by bus**

**Trip to the past: the merchant city Kuldiga - Latvia**

After breakfast bus takes you in the direction of Vanga. Today's bike route goes through calm side roads to Kuldiga, former merchant city with very well preserved medieval old town. Accommodation in a hotel or guest house in Kuldiga. Afterwards you can stroll through the beautiful narrow streets of Kuldiga.

**Day eight: ca. 27 km by bike, ca. 120 km by bus**

**Latvia: Riga – City of Culture**

After breakfast you have a bus transfer in the direction to Jurmala. Today's bike route goes along Latvian east coast. You go on the bike road in the Jurmala direction. We recommend to make stops and swim in the Baltic Sea. Your today's goal is the city of Riga, the capital city of Latvia. Accommodation in a hotel in Riga.

**Day nine: bicycle free**

**Latvia: Riga – City of Culture**

Riga is an exciting European metropolis and this day you will have the opportunity to explore its architectural gems including some fantastic facades of Art Nouveau. In the morning after breakfast a walking guided tour (ca. 3 hours) is scheduled. About noon your tour is finished. Individual departure about 12:00. It is possible to extend your stay in Riga.

**Condition of roads:**

In the Malbork area partly flat (mostly below sea level), partially slightly elevated (on the Elbląg Heights), roads mostly asphalt. On the Curonian Spit and the Baltic coast flat, asphalt roads and bicycle routes.

**Services:**

- Half-guided tour: you are accompanied by our English speaking driver (luggage transfer, repairs, emergencies). He is accessible by phone all the time of the tour.
- Accommodation in single or double rooms in hotels and guest houses with bathrooms and WC
- Meals: BB (breakfast); vegetarian meals are possible upon earlier notice (please let us know if you eat fish)
- First meal: breakfast at day 2.
- Last meal upon the day of departure: breakfast
- Guided tours of Gdańsk Old Town, Malbork Fortress, Kaliningrad, Riga (entry fees included)
- Transfers included in the programme
- Assistance hotline
- Maps of the area and detailed descriptions of the daily sections with GPS tracks
- Minimum number of participants: 6 people

**Price 2021 – from Gdańsk to Riga**

1 person in double room/ BB/all services: 950 Euro

Single room surcharge: 200 Euro

**Bicycle rental: 90 Euro**

- Unisex bikes are equipped with 7 Shimano gears and chain derailleur from Shimano, with pedal-brake
  - Each bike is equipped with two bags and a tool set (one set pro room).

**Electric bike/ pedelec (on former request): 200 Euro**

- Electric bikes are equipped with 7 gears and V-brake. Please be aware that electric motor should be used as support only. One battery load is efficient for about 70-90 km, it depends on the used programme while the way (Eco, Sport, Turbo)
  - Each bike is equipped with two bags and a tool set (one set pro room).

Since in the route descriptions we give the distance in kilometers, we recommend to bring your own cyclometer. It allows to cycle without any problems. It is also possible to rent a cyclometer from us, which costs 10 Euro per bike (incl. installation). Please let us know upon booking your trip, if you wish to rent our cyclometer.

Taking your own bicycle on former request.