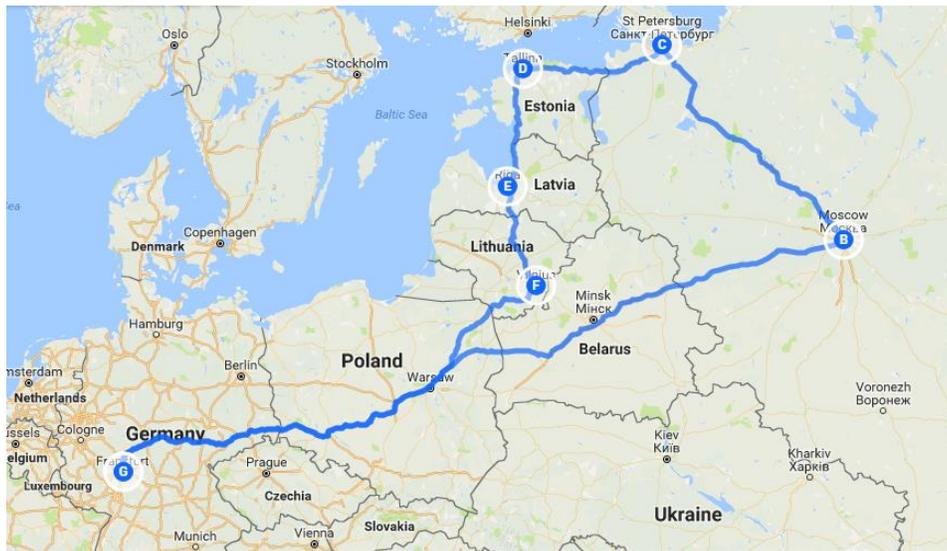


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RUSSIA AND BALTICS



1 day FRANKFURT/MOSCOW

Arrive Frankfurt airport at 11:20am and connect with LH1448 departing Frankfurt at 12:30pm, arriving Moscow at 4:45pm. We will be welcomed to Russia by our guide and bus driver. Transfer to the hotel for rest and later dinner and overnight.



2 day MOSCOW

After breakfast, our tour of Moscow will take us to the Metro and Old Arbat Street. Then to the Red Square walk with views of St. Basil Cathedral, Lenin mausoleum and then visit GUM. Walk along Alexandrowsky garden to Kutafia Tower (it is an entrance into the Kremlin). Excursion in the Kremlin, and Cathedrals including the Armor chamber. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



3 day MOSCOW/ST. PETERSBURG

Breakfast at our hotel. Our morning excursion will take us to Sergiev Posad with Trinity Sergiev Lavra. Then we will take fast train at 17:30 o'clock to Petersburg. We will have meal on board and arrive to Moscow at 21.30 o'clock. Transfer to the hotel and check in. No dinner.



4 day ST. PETERSBURG

Breakfast at our hotel. We will be met by our tour guide and bus driver and start by taking the hydrofoil to Peterhof to see the Grand palace, Park and Fountains. Return by bus and tour the Hermitage Museum. Dinner and overnight in the hotel.



5 day ST. PETERSBURG

After breakfast at our hotel our guide and bus will take us around with photo stops at different sites. Then an excursion to St. Isaac's Cathedral, Peter and Paul Fortress, Alexander Nevsky Monastery and more. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.



6 day ST. PETERSBURG/TALLIN

Breakfast at our hotel. Depart St. Petersburg for Tallin. In the afternoon, after checking into our hotel, we see St. Brigid's Church and panoramic tour of Tallin. Dinner at our hotel.



7 day TALLIN

After breakfast, we will enjoy a guided tour of Tallin. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the Gulf of Finland – then reaching Historical Tallinn seeing its fortifications and then we will have a walking tour seeing the historic city center Toompea, palace of Toompea, Aleksander Nevsky Cathedral, Dome Church and many other sights of the UNESCO World Heritage of Tallinn ie, the Old Town, the Town Hall interiors and Freedom Square. In the afternoon visit Kadriorg Palace, considered to be the grandest example of palace and park design in Estonian architectural history. The palace, originally an imperial summer residence, has been extremely well preserved since the early 18th century. Dinner at our hotel.



8 day TALLIN/RIGA

After breakfast, we depart Tallinn to Riga. En route we stop for Gauja National Park, the oldest national park in Latvia. Proceed to Riga and to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



9 day RIGA

After breakfast, we check out of the hotel and depart for Riga. In the afternoon, we visit Riga – the skyline of the Old City is dominated by the steeples of three very different and beautiful churches: The Dom Cathedral, St. Peter's and St. Jacob's. Riga is distinguished by being the site of the only Catholic seminary to remain open in the days of the Soviet Union. We also see the national Theater where Latvia's independence was declared on November 18, 1918, and Freedom Monument. **In the afternoon we will enjoy Riga Balzam tasting on the Sky Bar of Radisson hotel.** Dinner with a traditional folk performance. Overnight in Riga.



10 day RIGA/VILNIUS

Breakfast at our hotel. Our morning begins with a visit to the lovely beaches of the Jurmala, once a favorite Soviet getaway spot. Then we set out through the lush, fertile Zemgale region of Latvia for Lithuania. Along the way we visit the Hill of Crosses near the city of Siauliai. A place for pilgrimage for centuries. It is covered in thousands of crosses, large and small, many in an elaborate folk-art style. Despite being bulldozed three times by the Soviet authorities, the crosses quickly reappeared each time. Celebrate Holy mass here. Continue to Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.



11 day VILNIUS

After breakfast at our hotel we will have a guided tour of Vilnius. Vilnius was the center of the Lithuanian fight for independence from the Soviet Union. Its long history as a center of faith and freedom is seen in the presence of a church spire at every turn. Today we see the major sites including the Adam Mickiewicz Monument, the Church of St. Anne, the Cathedral of St. Stanislas, the Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. View the Dawn Gate with its miraculous icon of the Virgin Mary. Afternoon excursion to visit Trakai Castle. It is the only insular castle throughout Eastern Europe – Island Castle is one of the most visited historical-architectural monuments in Lithuania. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.



12 day VILNIUS/FRANKFURT/LOS ANGELES

Transfer to the airport.

Service of the Ernesto Travel:

•Hotels: 2 nights in the hotel Godunov 4* in Moscow and 3 nights in the hotel Ambassador in Petersburg, 2 nights in the hotel Radisson Olumpia in Tallin, 2 nights in the hotel Radisson Latvija in Riga, 2 nights in the hotel Radisson Astorija in Vilnius.



- Half board – hot breakfasts and dinners: 3-course menu+water and bread included. For the 3th day dinner will be served in the train and it's more kind of food served by airlines than typical restaurant dinner. 1 dinner with folk performance.

- Riga Balzam tasting -a taste of 3 drinks included and short lecture about Riga history organised on the 25th floor in the Sky Bar of hotel Radisson in Riga.

- English speaking tour-leader during the whole tour.

- English speaking guides for all the visits according to the plan and all entrances fees according to the programme.

- Porterage service in and out in each hotel.

- High quality transport service provided.

The price does not include:

- Alcoholic drinks (only those mentioned in “services of Ernesto Travel”)

- Flight ticket.

- Tips and pocket money.

- Health insurance and travel insurance.

- Everything what is not specified in the point Service of the Ernesto Travel.

