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TRAVELS

# THE BALTIC PILGRIMAGE ESTONIAN *Song & Dance Festival*

JUNE 27 - JULY 7, 2025



# ITINERARY



## June 27 - Depart the USA

### June 28 - Vilnius

Arrival in Vilnius. Transfer to the hotel and check in.

*Your overnight stay is in Vilnius.*

### June 29 - Vilnius

During the city tour in Vilnius, you will see the Cathedral of St. Stanislav and St. Vladislav, St. Peter and Paul Church, Gate of Dawn Chapel and St. Teresa's church, Town Hall, Pilies Street, Vilnius University, and more. You will also have the opportunity to visit the House of St. Faustina. She lived in Vilnius from 1933 to 1936, and during that time, she experienced several mystical visions of Jesus. The prayers comprising the Chaplet of Divine Mercy were spoken by Jesus to Sister Faustina in her visions in Vilnius as well. This happened on 13-14 September 1935 in the wooden house of the convent of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.

*Your overnight stay is in Vilnius.*

### June 30 - Vilnius / Trakai / Pazaislis Monastery / Kaunas

Trakai is the city situated between three lakes and represents Lithuania for more than two million tourists every year. It is well known for its natural beauty of landscapes, wildlife reserves, forests, and the island castle on Lake Galvė, which is the only one of its kind in Europe. Pažaislis Monastery is quite possibly the most romantic place in Lithuania. A genuine baroque diamond from the 17th century. The sound of music beneath the arches of the church reveals its beauty as many concerts and music festivals take place here. The silence of the monastery is managed by the order of the Sisters of St. Casimir. In the southern part of the monastery, you will find the Sacral Heritage Museum of the Pažaislis Monastery.

*Your overnight stay is in Kaunas.*



### July 1 - Kaunas / Syluva / Hill Of Crosses / Riga

Siluva is one of the first sites in Europe where a Marian apparition was seen. It is a place where visitors find inner spiritual peace, where you can experience a centuries-old pilgrimage tradition and immerse yourself in impressive sacred architecture. Lithuania's legendary Hill of Crosses is a symbol of defiance and part of a pilgrimage site. More than 200,000 crosses have been planted on this low hill. The tradition began during the 1831 Uprising and reached its height in the 1960s, in defiance of anti-religious Soviet rule. This place was granted a visit by John Paul II in 1993.

*Your overnight stay is in Riga.*

### July 2 - Riga

During the city tour of Riga, you will see the Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, the Powder Tower, the Small and Great Guild, the House of Blackheads, the "Three Brothers," and many more. The city center is very picturesque because it has preserved its wooden architecture. There is no other place in the world that has so much Art Nouveau in such a small area.

*Your overnight stay is in Riga.*

### July 3 - Riga / Sigulda / Tallinn

On the way to Tallinn, stop in Sigulda. Visit Gauja National Park in Sigulda with the Episcopal Castle Museum Turaida. The territory of Gauja National Park was established to protect the ancient valley of the Gauja River. More than 500 cultural and historical monuments are located inside the National Park—hill forts, stone castles, churches, watermills, and windmills, as well as other archaeological, architectural, and artistic monuments.

*Your overnight stay is in Tallinn.*



#### July 4 - Tallinn / The Estonian Song And Dance Festival

The Estonian Song and Dance Festival offers a captivating immersion into Estonian culture, providing a unique and powerful experience. Tens of thousands of singers perform to an audience several times larger, showcasing the universal and transcendent nature of music. Attendees can enjoy daily processions, evening events, and numerous performances, with final details to be announced closer to the event.

*Your overnight stay is in Tallinn.*

#### July 5 - Tallinn / Helsinki

Take a city tour in Tallinn before leaving for Helsinki. Tallinn is an ideal destination if you want to combine the comforts of the modern world with a rich cultural scene and historic settings. Here, you will experience wonderful sights—ancient churches, medieval streetscapes, and noble merchants' houses. Throw in delightful food and vibrant modern culture, and it's unforgettable Tallinn.

*Your overnight stay is in Helsinki.*

#### July 6 - Helsinki

During the panoramic tour, you will see all the main sights in Helsinki's city center: the Senate Square, the University, and the Lutheran Cathedral – all displaying neo-classical architecture of the 1840s. You will also see the colorful Market Square by the sea in the South Harbour, Kaivopuisto Park with famous "wooden platforms for carpet washing" and diplomatic residences, the imposing statue of Marshall Mannerheim, the Parliament Building, Finlandia Hall designed by the famous Finnish architect Alvar Aalto, the Olympic stadium with the statue of Paavo Nurmi, the Opera House, and the monument of composer Jean Sibelius. If possible, a visit will be made to the magnificent TempPELLIAUKIO Church, carved into solid rock – depending on availability.

*Your overnight stay is in Helsinki.*

#### July 7 - Helsinki

Transfer to the airport for your departure home.

Starting at

**\$5,298\***

**from New York**

#### YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

**Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing, Round-trip International Airfare**

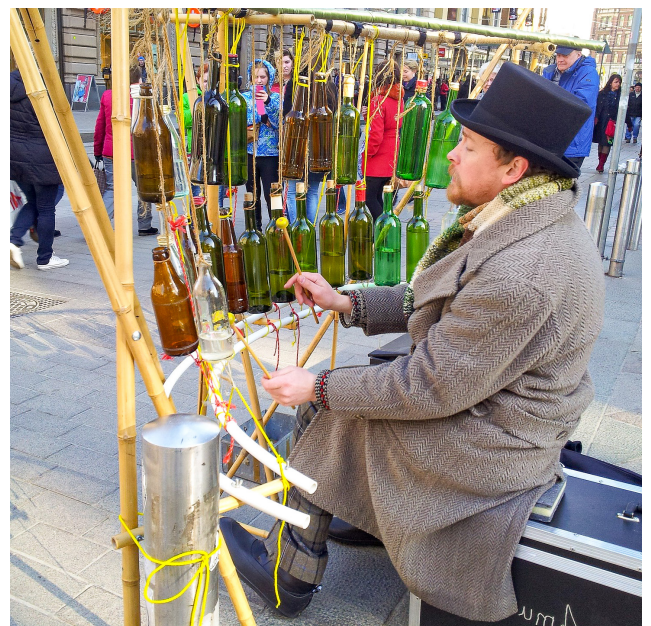
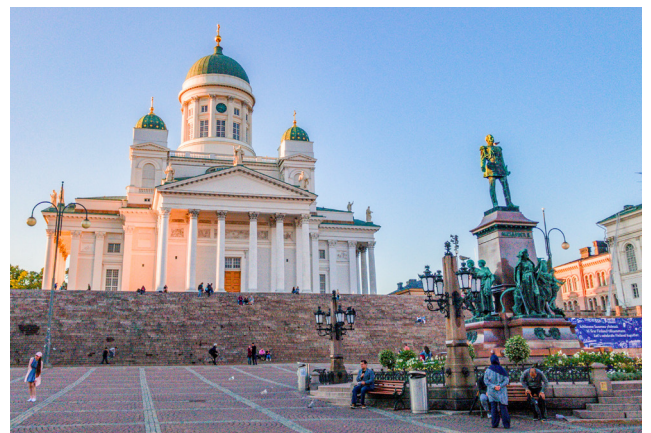
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**Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes**

Subject to change

**Admin. Fees, Entrance Fees, Hotel Gratuities & Program Fees,  
Breakfast & Dinner Daily, Deluxe Motorcoaches  
First-Class Hotels & much more!**

\*See back for pricing details



# TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

Please mail completed form with payment and passport copy to:

Departure City: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: 06/27/25 (B)

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_)
Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
Email: \_\_\_\_\_
Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F
Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_
Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
How did you learn about this tour? \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 2: First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_)
Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
Email: \_\_\_\_\_
Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F
Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_
Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
How did you learn about this tour? \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If No Roommate:  Try to Match Me  Single Room (availability limited - \$599)

Table with 2 columns: Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan, Guest 1, Guest 2. Includes checkboxes for 'I Accept' or 'I Decline'.

## \$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED WITH REGISTRATION FINAL PAYMENT DUE 03/14/2025

via check # \_\_\_\_\_  via credit card (circle): VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX
Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ CVN: \_\_\_\_\_

### PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 2 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Tour: XP25 Date: 062725 Code: B ID: \_\_\_\_\_ V.002 07/17/24

### Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427E

Table with 8 columns: Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost, Trip Cost, Plan Cost. Lists various trip cost ranges and corresponding plan costs.

Table with 2 columns: Schedule of Coverages, Maximum Benefit. Lists various coverages like Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Missed Connection, Trip Delay, Medical Expense, etc., with their respective benefits.

Part A - Non-Insurance Cancellation Waiver is provided by Educational Travel Services. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Company and serviced by Trip Mate. In MN and NY, a different cancellation waiver is available. Available for purchase separately in NY.

### Conditions and Limitations

The Travel Protection Plan is only available for citizens or residents of the United States of America. \*The plan cost includes the plan premium and a fee for non-insurance assistance services. You may obtain information on the plan fees by emailing assistance@tripmate.com. This advertisement contains highlights of the plans developed by Trip Mate Inc., which include travel insurance coverages underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, Principal Office located in Morrisstown, New Jersey, under form series TW000, T210 et al and TP-401 et al, and non-insurance Travel Assistance Services provided by General Global Assistance and FootprintID9 and a non-insurance Cancellation Waiver provided by Educational Travel Services. The terms of insurance coverages in the plans may vary by jurisdiction and not all insurance coverages are available in all jurisdictions. Insurance coverages in these plans are subject to terms, limitations and exclusions including an exclusion for pre-existing medical conditions. In most states, your travel retailer is not a licensed insurance producer/agent, and is not qualified or authorized to answer technical questions about the terms, benefits, exclusions and conditions of the insurance offered or to evaluate the adequacy of your existing insurance coverage. Your travel retailer may be compensated for the purchase of a plan and may provide general information about the plans offered, including a description of the coverage and price. The purchase of travel insurance is not required in order to purchase any other product or service from your travel retailer. CA DOI toll free number is 800-927-4357. The cost of your plan is for the entire plan, which consists of both insurance and non-insurance components. Individuals looking to obtain additional information regarding the features and pricing of each travel plan component, please contact Trip Mate, Inc. (dba Trip Mate Insurance in CA and UT; CA license #0605270); P.O. Box 527, Hazelwood, MO 63042; 1-833-297-2255; assistance@tripmate.com. While Trip Mate, Inc. markets the travel insurance in these plans on behalf of USF, non-insurance components of the plans were added to the plans by Trip Mate, Inc., and Trip Mate, Inc. does not receive compensation from USF for providing the non-insurance components of the plans.

### PROGRAM CONDITIONS

#### INCLUDED IN PRICE:

Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & Dinner Daily • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

#### NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees i.e. individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages & baggage fees • Visas for non-US citizens • Visas and Transfers for all ground only passengers • Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Tips for guide (\$6/day) & driver (\$3/day)

#### ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$599 during the basic tour.

#### PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Table with 3 columns: Deposit, Payment Amount, Due Date. Rows include Registration Deposit (\$300), Final Payment (Full payment), and Travel Protection Premium Amount.

#### REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after March 14, 2025:

We welcome registrations after 03/14/25. Registrations received between 03/15/25 - 03/29/25 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 03/30/25 - 04/13/25 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received on 04/14/25 or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

#### CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

#### STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

We do not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by us, and we reserve the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of us, we will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

#### FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in our sole judgment, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please contact us for more details.

#### PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 03/14/25. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

#### PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

#### AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact your travel advisor for further details.

#### FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are not responsible for such changes or delays and do not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines. You will receive your flight information 60-30 days prior to departure. Final documents are sent approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

#### ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

#### DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

#### ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour. Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

#### VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 01/17/25. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

#### RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us or our agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we or our agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. The passenger agrees that we assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers or service.

We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.