



**THE JEWELS OF THE BALTIC**  
**8 DAYS/ 7 NIGHTS**  
**Guaranteed departures 2012**  
Dep. July 31 & August 7+21+28

Experience  
Scandinavia  
& the Baltics





Day 1

## Arrival in Stockholm



Welcome to Stockholm – The Venice of the North.

Transfer to the hotel upon arrival. You will be welcomed in Arlanda by your Tour leader from V.O.S. Transfer to your Hotel depending on arrivaltime. 2 Transfer times to the city centre will be provided. Should you arrive outside these hours, transfer will be on own account:

**Transfer times: 13.00 – 17.00 (these will be changed accordingly)**

**Overnight: Hotel First Amaranten or similar**

Day 2

## Stockholm – Helsinki

Another day to enjoy the beautiful city of Stockholm.

The sightseeing tour starts after breakfast. We are going to visit the medieval quarter of Gamla Stan, strolling through we will pass by The Cathedral and The City Hall, where the Nobel party is held.

The Royal Palace is a must – with a bit of luck we might catch the changing of the guards.

In the early afternoon we head for the terminal where we embark the ship bound for Helsinki.

**Overnight: on board, double inside cabin**





Day 3

## Helsinki



Arrival in Helsinki in the morning. Breakfast on board.

Helsinki, surrounded by the sea is called The Daughter of the Baltic. It is the city where Eastern and Western cultures meet. The architecture of the capital reflects a charming mix of Scandinavian and Russian influences.

The sightseeing includes: Senaatinori – magnificent architectural ensemble of the Senat Square, Kauppatori - the picturesque market square, along the port, Cathedral Tuomiokirko and the astonishing church carved into the rock.

Afternoon at leisure.

**Overnight: Scandic Grand Marina or similar**

Day 4

## Helsinki - Tallinn

After breakfast transfer to the terminal where we embark the ship bound for Tallinn – Estonia's capital (2 h). Upon arrival city sightseeing.

The city's pride is without a doubt its Medieval Old Town, built up from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> centuries when Tallinn was a thriving member of the Hanseatic Trade League. A large part of what it gives Old Town its fairytale charm is the system of walls and towers . With nearly 2 km of City Wall Tallinn boasts one of Europe's best preserved Medieval fortifications.

A 'must see' is the picturesque Town Hall Square surrounded by merchant houses, Toompea Castle and St. Nicolas' Orthodox Church.

**Overnight: Hotel Euroopa or similar**





Day 5

## Tallinn - Riga



Breakfast at the hotel. Afterwards the tour continues to equally enchanting Kadriorg district, a throwback to the time when Estonia was ruled by the Russian Tsars. We are going to visit Kadriorg Park. Kadriorg means 'Valley of Catherine'- the name of Peter's the Great first wife.

Later we head for Riga - the gem of the Baltic. Thanks to the collection of Art Nouveau buildings, architecture reflecting the entire history from 1201 to present day and a unique collection of wooden developments, Riga has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Overnight: Hotel Albert or similar**

Day 6

## Riga

Breakfast at the hotel. Today for a change we do the walking tour as most sights are within walking distance. We start with the Old Town with its castle of the Livonian Order, the group of houses called the Three Brothers and the beautiful Dome Cathedral. Strolling through Riga we can see the traces from the Hanseatic times, when it was a mighty harbour. One of the examples is The House of the Blackheads. An absolute must – see is the collection of Art Nouveau buildings.

**Overnight: Hotel Albert or similar**





Day 7

## Riga - Stockholm



Breakfast in the hotel. Afterwards departure for Jelgava where we will admire magnificent Jelgava Palace located on the bank of Lielupe river. It used to be the residence of the King of France Louis XVIII during his exile.

The tour continues to Rundale. This little town boasts the most outstanding monuments of Baroque and Rococo architecture in Latvia.

In the early afternoon transfer to the terminal in Riga to embark the cruise ship bound for Stockholm.

**Overnight: on board, double inside cabin**

Day 8

## Stockholm - Spain

Breakfast on board.

Transfer to the airport depending on the flight time. 2 Transfer times to the airport, if the times do not fit transfer will be on own account.

**Transfer time: 11.00 – 15.00 (these will be changed accordingly)**



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