

Kurzeme – Latvian sea side region on a guided 5-day tour

**For small groups and independent travellers.
PACKAGE PRICE ON REQUEST.**

DAY 1: RIGA – ENGURE – KOLKA

The road from Riga leads along the Baltic seashore, through the small, romantic fishing villages.

SMOKED FISH TASTING

We will stop to taste smoked fish, made by local fishermen and listen their stories about fishing and village life, while eating on the sea coast [Find more](#)

WALKING TOUR ENGURE NATURE PARK

On the Kurzeme gulf coast - lakeside, lies one Latvia's largest nature parks - a paradise for birds with almost all migrating species of Latvia converging on this locale. Also, a wide variety of wild animals spend their days in Engure's meadows. Summertime is the time of the gorgeous orchids - and they alone are well worth the visit. KOLKA Cape Kolka is the most pronounced horn on the shores of Latvia, and it is where the waves from two seas clash – the open Baltic Sea and the Gulf of Riga. During the bird migration season, dozens of thousands of birds fly over the cape, and this is the best place to start a visit to Slitere National Park.

Come spring, Cape Kolka is an ideal place to watch migratory birds. In the summer, it is a paradise on earth for those who love vacations on the beach, while in the autumn and winter it is a fine place to witness the greatness of nature.

OVERNIGHT AT BARREL -SHAPED HUT CAMPING

You will experience romantic moments in the Houses of the Sun that are located right at the coast of cape Kolka. The cabins are nice and cosy, round and sweet just like the Sun. Pure nature, the sound of the waves, fresh air – what else to ask for?



DAY 2: KOLKA – IRBENE – ANCE - VENTSPILS

THE LIIV PEOPLE’S HOUSE

Mazirbe, Košrags and Kolka are ancient Liiv fishing villages. Livonians, or Liivs, are a small Baltic Finno-Ugric nation living at the westernmost point. Their future existence is threatened. The small fishermen’s villages of Kurzeme shore welcome their guests with piers for boats, net sheds, ancient wooden constructions of the fishermen’s villages and exhibitions of antiquities, as well as an extensive offer of guest-houses.



IRBENE – VENTSPILS INTERNATIONAL RADIO ASTRONOMY CENTER

It is located in the village of Irbene, in a former Soviet army town, and is currently managed by the Ventspils University College’s Engineering Research Center. Here the 32-meter wide radio telescope - the RT-32, is being used for scientific purposes, and is the largest such telescope in Northern Europe and the eighth largest in the world. Another 16-meter wide telescope - the RT-16, is also in use.



Since the Irbene radio telescope is no longer top secret and offer guided tours. Tour guide will not only take you around the territory of the complex, but also inside the laboratory, as well as view a special exhibition.

DINNER AT THE FOREST

You will have a Dinner in the forest. Imagine, you will sit at the wood and enjoy soup, boiled on the fire place and delicious blueberry roulette, or burger, which are made using seasonal products and own baked bread. [Find more](#)

VENTSPILS – CITY TOUR AND FREE TIME

Beyond its bustling port, Ventspils is a city of beaches, public art and an incredible array of activities for kids. Discover the most exciting objects in Ventspils, learn about the city’s history and development and simply spend a wonderful day in the capital of flowers and fountains



OVERNIGHT AT CENTRALY LOCATED 3* OR 4* HOTEL

DAY 3: VENTSPILS –JŪRKALNE – PĀVILOSTA

WALKING ON JŪRKALNE SEASHORE BLUFFS

The Jurkalne Bluffs are one of the most picturesque parts of Latvia’s seashore, with a quiet beach untouched by civilisation and bluffs of up to 20 metres high.



LOCAL FOOD TASTING IN TRADITIONAL STYLE

Try the food, which is popular only in this region, for example, fish soup with milk, or Sklandrausis, which is one of the most traditional and most unique Latvian dishes. Sklandrausis is a vegetable pie (or tart) made from rye pastry that is filled with a mixture of carrots and potatoes and eaten cold with tea or milk. The dish has originated from Kurzeme in 16th – 17th century. The two-part name suggests that "rausis" (pie) was traditionally made by raking hot ashes or coal over the pies while "sklanda" means "slope" which refers to the upturned edges of the pie's crust. [Find more](#)



CITY TOUR IN PĀVILOSTA

Pāvilosta is like the border between the man-made world and the primeval forces of nature, authentic and true. Therefore, this place is much loved by people who are looking for true emotion, peace and tranquility.

JEWELRY WORKSHOP "JURAS ROTAS"

There is an opportunity to get acquainted with the creation of jewelry from the leached objects and buy souvenirs.

WOODEN BOAT TRIP ON THE SEA OR KAYAK TOUR IN THE RIVER

Enjoy an exciting journey with a huge wooden boat in the sea and the River "Saka", while listening to fascinating stories about the local life, history and nature.

Kayak tour is full of adrenaline, riding on the small rivers with a beautiful landscape.



FREE TIME FOR BEACH AND RELAX

Free time at the beach and overnight at the 3* or 4* hotel in Pāvilosta. [Find more](#)

DAY 4: PĀVILOSTA - LIEPĀJA

Liepāja combines global reach with benefits of a small town.

SIGHTSEEING TOUR – FOLLOW THE NOTES

This is a very interesting way, how to explore city and find the most popular tourism places.

GUIDED TOUR TO KAROSTA

Karosta – the largest historical military territory in the Baltics, occupies the northern one third of the city. Today Karosta is a spectacular, paradoxical and unique site in the world's history and architecture reflecting the interaction of Tsarist Russia military elegance and robust Soviet militarism. You may like or dislike it, but Karosta certainly won't leave you indifferent.



EXCURSIONS IN KAROSTA PRISON AND NORTHERN FORTS

You will have the opportunity to go on an excursion in the prison, to participate in a reality show "Behind the bars". You can dress up in military uniforms from different times and take photos.

The Northern Forts are a part of Liepāja's fortress. The fortress was built at the end of the 19th century and at the beginning of 20th century to provide the protection of Liepāja's naval base in case of enemy attack. The line of the outer fortification system surrounded the whole city.



In November of 1908, Tsar Nicholas II approved a decision to shut down the sea fortress in Liepāja. Some of the cannons were dismantled and brought to the Kaunas fortress in Lithuania, others were melted. There was an attempt to blow up the gun batteries, the underground structures and the gunpowder depots but this did not prove effective. So nowadays we can still see the remains of the newest and the most up-to-date fortress of the Tsar's Russia.

DAY 5: LIEPAJA – AIZPUTE – KEMERI - RIGA

LATVIAN WINE TASTING

At the Aizpute winery, which is located on Aizpute castle manor, you will get information about wine making, while tasting locally produced wines.

DINNER AT JAUNPILS MEDIEVAL TAVERN

Under the velvet ceiling, in one of the oldest parts of the Castle you will find Jaunpils medieval tavern, where you can enjoy delicious food by candlelight with the accompaniment of ancient musical tones.



WALKING TOUR ON THE BOG

The Great Kemeris Bog Boardwalk is a popular tourist destination in Kemeris National Park, offering a chance to explore the bog and its inhabitants.

The boardwalk takes you to the world of moss, small pine trees, deep pools, tiny dark lakes, and the smell of wild rosemary. The astute visitor will notice the carnivorous plant of sundew, and a variety of birds – wood sandpipers, white wagtails, tree pipits, and also hear cranes further away. Those who prefer shorter strolls can take the small boardwalk arc (~1.4 km), while those who choose the great arc (~3.4 km) will be rewarded with the opportunity to climb an observation platform that offers a magnificent view of the bog from above.



FREE TIME IN RIGA OR JURMALA AND OVERNIGHT AT THE CENTRALLY LOCATED 3* OR 4* HOTEL