

CYCLING AROUND THE CURONIAN LAGOON (LITHUANIA)

8 days / 7 nights (Saturday to Saturday)

Tour code:	Departure dates:	Terminating dates:	Rates per person in EUR:
SG 01	May 26	June 2	DBL 445 SGL 625
SG 02	June 2	June 9	DBL 445 SGL 625
SG 03	June 9	June 16	DBL 445 SGL 625
SG 04	June 16	June 23	DBL 445 SGL 625
SG 05	June 23	June 30	DBL 445 SGL 625
SG 06	June 30	July 7	DBL 485 SGL 665
SG 07	July 7	July 14	DBL 485 SGL 665
SG 08	July 14	July 21	DBL 485 SGL 665
SG 09	July 21	July 28	DBL 485 SGL 665
SG 10	July 28	August 4	DBL 485 SGL 665
SG 11	August 4	August 11	DBL 485 SGL 665
SG 12	August 11	August 18	DBL 485 SGL 665
SG 13	August 18	August 25	DBL 485 SGL 665
SG 14	August 25	September 1	DBL 485 SGL 665
SG 15	September 1	September 8	DBL 445 SGL 625



The Baltic Sea coast with Palanga Resort and the Curonian Spit National Park, designated by UNESCO as the World Heritage Site, explored individually by bicycle on highly scenic. Enjoy a real Lithuanian country life when cycling in the Nemunas River Delta region. This tour partly covers the Lithuanian Seaside Cycle Route <http://www.bicycle.lt/seasideroute/> which is the first and only officially signposted high quality cycle route in Lithuania opened a few years ago.

CYCLING ITINERARY (app. 270 km)

Day 1 Saturday: KLAIPĖDA

Arrival in Klaipėda. Individual transfer to your hotel (not included). Check-in and optional dinner at the hotel.
OVERNIGHT: Klaipėda Old Town. HOTEL: OLD MILL HOTEL*** www.oldmillhotel.lt or similar

Day 2 Sunday: KLAIPĖDA-PALANGA-KLAIPĖDA (app. 55 km)

9:00 a.m. information meeting at the hotel, where you will be greeted by representative of the Baltic Bike Travel Ltd. Cycling to Palanga resort and back along the Lithuanian Seaside Cycle Route leading through Giruliai Forest and the Seaside Regional Park. En route you may explore the Dutchman's Cap – a 24-meter-high coastal cliff and Plazė Lake. In Palanga you may visit the Botanical Park and Amber Museum, cycling along J.Basanaivičius car-free street featuring plenty of cafes, restaurants and a pier heading 470 meters into the Baltic Sea. Return to Klaipėda the same way back. Optional dinner at the hotel.
OVERNIGHT: Klaipėda Old Town. HOTEL: OLD MILL HOTEL*** www.oldmillhotel.lt or similar



Day 3 Monday: KLAIPĖDA-PRIEKULĖ-ŠILUTĖ (app. 65 km)

Cycling on forest trails and countryside road through Dituva allotment gardens and Pamarys Meadows to Šilutė. En route you will cross 24-km long Klaipėda Canal, also referred to as King Vilhelm Canal, which was dug in the 19th century to link the Minija River with the Curonian Lagoon in Klaipėda. Arrival in Šilutė, check-in and optional dinner at the hotel.
OVERNIGHT: Šilutė. HOTEL: GILJA*** www.silutesgilija.lt or similar

Day 4 Tuesday: ŠILUTĖ-RUSNĖ ISLAND-ŠILUTĖ (app. 45 km)

Explore Šilutė town named after "Šilokarčema" (a pub in the boscaige) and go for a return cycling trip to Rusnė Island, the only such big island in Lithuania, located in the Nemunas River Delta Regional Park. En route you may explore the ethnographic fisherman's homestead – a museum of Rusnė, the old water pumping station – a polder museum and the 19th century lighthouse in Uostadvaris Harbour. Optional dinner at the hotel.
OVERNIGHT: Šilutė. HOTEL: GILJA*** www.silutesgilija.lt or similar




Day 5 Wednesday: ŠILUTĖ-VENTĖ-MINGĖ-NIDA (app. 45 km)

Cycling to Ventė Cape where you may visit a bird ringing station with a museum of ornithology and the 19th century lighthouse which offers an amazing view of the landscape and a glimpse of the shining sand dunes of the Curonian Spit. Further cycling to Miniija (Mingė) village called the Lithuanian Venice, where the River Miniija serves as the main street. Take a boat for crossing the Curonian Lagoon to Nida. Arrival in Nida followed by a bike ride to the hotel. Check-in and optional dinner at the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: Nida. HOTEL: **NERIJA***** www.neringahotels.lt/nerija_en.html or similar.

Day 6 Thursday: NIDA

Free day in Nida which is an old fishermen's village on the Curonian Spit washed by the Baltic Sea from one side and the Curonian Lagoon from other side. Today Nida is the largest settlement of the town of Neringa and one of the most beautiful resorts in Lithuania. Cycling or walking along impressive sand dunes and visiting the most popular places of interest – the Fisherman's House, the summer house of famous German writer Thomas Mann, and the Amber Gallery. Optional dinner at the hotel.

OVERNIGHT: Nida. HOTEL: **NERIJA***** or similar.

Day 7 Friday: NIDA-JUODKRANTĖ-KLAIPĖDA (app. 60 km)

Cycling on an asphalt bike path of the Seaside Cycle Route which takes you along the Curonian Spit to Klaipėda. En route you may stop at "Dead" sand dunes and colony of grey herons and cormorants, visit the Hill of Witches which houses a hundred fanciful and folksy wooden sculptures scattered along a forest path, swimming in the Baltic Sea and take the sun on golden sand beaches. Arrival in Smiltynė where take a ferry to the Old Town of Klaipėda. Check-in and optional dinner at the hotel. 7:30 p.m. Meeting with the Baltic Bike Travel's representative who will collect the rental bicycles.

OVERNIGHT: **Klaipėda Old Town**. HOTEL: **OLD MILL HOTEL***** www.oldmillhotel.lt or similar

Day 8 Saturday: KLAIPEDA

Breakfast at the hotel. End of the tour.



THE TOUR INCLUDES:	THE TOUR EXCLUDES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 nights at the hotels • Breakfast daily • Luggage transport on day 3 (Klaipėda-Šilutė), day 5 (Šilutė-harbour-Nida) and day 7 (Nida-Klaipėda) • Boat trip across the Curonian Lagoon • Individual information package (city guide, maps, program and route description) • Emergency alarm number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival and departure transfers • Bicycle rent • Lunches & dinner • Tips
OPTIONS:	
TRANSFERS:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival or departure transfer for a party of 2 persons - 20 EUR per person (Palanga Airport) or 13 EUR per person (Klaipėda ferry terminal); 	
RENTAL	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental of hybrid trekking bicycle with 7-speed hub gears & back-pedal break or 24-speed derailleur gears & free-wheel and equipped with waterproof pannier (Ortlieb) – 60 EUR per person 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental of E-bike equipped with waterproof pannier (Ortlieb) – 90 EUR per person 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental of bicycle tachometer (min. 4 functions) and it's installation on the bicycle – 10 EUR per bicycle 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental of waterproof handlebar bag with plastic map holder (Ortlieb) – 15 EUR per bicycle 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental of bicycle trailer (Winther Dolphin) for children from 6 months old – 60 EUR per person 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental of trailer-bike for children of 5-10 years old – 40 EUR per person 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental of child seat (up to 22 kg) – 15 EUR per bicycle 	
MEALS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-course dinner package (7 dinners) – 98 EUR per person 	
<p>PRE/POST TOUR ACCOMMODATION – Hotel in Klaipėda : OLD MILL HOTEL*** www.oldmillhotel.lt or similar</p>	
<p>SGL 59 EUR per room per night, including breakfast</p> <p>DBL 69 EUR per room per night, including breakfast</p>	