

Suggested agricultural tour around the Baltic Sea through Lithuania, Latvia, Sweden and Copenhagen based on the Hanseatic trading era

Kaunas is the only city in Lithuania that is currently a member of the new Hansa Union. In May the city celebrates Kaunas Hansa Days. During the event there will be knights fighting and competitions, as well as different shows in folk art fair; music and dance groups will entertain, traditional games are organised at the Kaunas castle grounds, acrobats, jugglers and jokers play, there is also archery shooting and plays performed under the open sky.

(B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Day 1, Klaipeda - Kaunas, Lithuania (~230 km) (-/L snacks/D)

Arrive in Lithuania Klaipeda port from Germany; Kiel, Travemünde or Rostock. English speaking guide and coach driver meet the group. **Visit organic beef farm** which raising Aubrac breed cattle, has own slaughterhouse. Total cattle 230 of which 130 suckling cows. Growing spelta and oats. **Snacks** is served on the farm. Continue to Kaunas, the second biggest city in Lithuania and a trade point for Hanza merchants. Arrive in 4* hotel, check in. Enjoy a **Kaunas city tour** including Thunderstorm House – the main symbol in Lithuania of Hanseatic merchants. www.perkunonamas.lt **Dinner** is served at traditional restaurant. Overnight in hotel.

Day 2, Kaunas - Riga, Latvia (~312 km) (B/L/D)

Breakfast in hotel, check out. **Visit vegetable farm** growing white cabbages and carrots in 140 ha. Daughter produce vegetable juice. **Lunch** is served. Cross-crafting and its symbolism in Lithuania, a unique cultural tradition having no analogues in the world, in 2001 was listed by UNESCO among the masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. One of the most significant monuments - now the world-famous **Hill of Crosses** near Šiauliai - is featuring thousands of crosses and has become a kind of symbol of Lithuanian cross-crafting. www.kryziukalnas.lt **Visit arable farm** in Latvia, 2200 ha of arable land, growing rape, wheat, peas, barley. Main silos for grain storage, working with precision technologies. Arrive in Riga, check in 4* hotel. **Dinner**. Overnight in Riga.

Day 3, Riga – Tallinn (Estonia) (B/-/D)

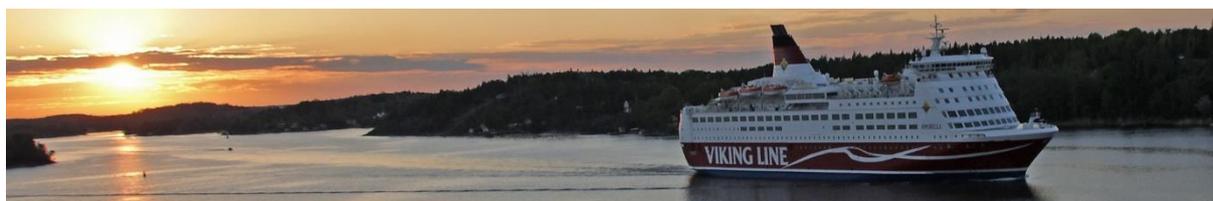
Breakfast in hotel, check out. **Morning visit at Riga central market** – one of the largest markets in Northern Europe. **Then we go for a city tour of Riga;** Riga castle, defensive wall and Swedish gate, „Three brothers“ house, Domas Cathedral and monastery, City Hall, Statue of Liberty.



Lunch on your own today. The bus then continue to Estonia and its capital Tallinn. **Visit at Cider house.** Learn about apple cider in organic farm which makes cider from their garden and local apple varieties. **Dinner** in cider house with cider degustation. Arrive to Tallinn, check in 4* hotel.

Day 4, Tallinn – Stockholm (B/L/D)

Breakfast in hotel, check out. **Guided city tour of Tallinn – Tales of Reval.** **Lunch** feast in **Olde Hansa** Medieval restaurant. Free time before transfer to ferry terminal. Board the ferry to Stockholm. **Dinner** is served on board. Overnight in 2 bedded cabins.



Sweden is a long country, the south is close to the continental climate and the very north offers a wild mountainous landscape. The best variety of agriculture is offered in the part from our capital Stockholm and south. On a tour in Sweden we want to show you the typical landscape; forest, open land and water. We want you to meet representatives for traditional livestock- and grain farming, forestry, bioenergy, small scale food production and tourism. Accompanied by the technical visits you will also get to try some of the traditional food and see some of the most famous touristic sights.

Day 5, Stockholm (B/L/D)

Breakfast is served on the ferry. Arrival in the morning to Stockholm from Tallinn (or Riga) where your Swedish guide will meet and take you on a **sightseeing in the Swedish capital.** **Lunch** in a traditional restaurant in the Old Town where you will get a special guiding explaining the trading time and strong connection with Germany. **Guided visit at the Vasa Museum.** The warship Vasa sunk on the way leaving Stockholm on her maiden voyage in 1628. She was brought up to land 1961 and restored. Today Vasa is a worldwide sensation in her museum. **Dinner** is served at restaurant at **Skansen**, the world's oldest open-air museum, showcasing the whole of Sweden with houses and farmsteads from every part of the country. Skansen is also home to wild Nordic animals such as wolves, moose, lynxes, wolverines, seals and otters. A number of historically interesting rare breeds are also included in conservation projects. Overnight Stockholm.

Day 6, Stockholm and surroundings (B/L/D)

Breakfast is served at the hotel. **Tour in the area of Uppsala.** Uppsala is the base of the Swedish Agricultural University, which is shown in a big variation in high-tech development agri companies as well as traditional farms in grain, beef and dairy. During our day we **visit two farms** and enjoy **lunch.** We will also have a **guided visit in Uppsala** with the **dome** of Sweden and the medieval town **Sigtuna** before returning to Stockholm. **Dinner** at the hotel. Overnight in Stockholm.



Day 7, Stockholm - Visby

(B/L/D)

Early breakfast is served at the hotel. Check out. Transfer to Nynäshamn and board the **ferry to Gotland**. Your local bus will take you on a tour on the southern part of the “Island of Roses”, known for making use of the brand “Gotland” in local products. On the island you’ll find, among others, production of beef, sheep and vegetables. Many sheep farms are selling their handicraft made from the wool of the local brand “Gotlands sheep”. We will make **some visits** and enjoy **lunch** on the countryside. Check in to the hotel in **Visby** and a **guided walk** through the pebbled streets on the inside of the medieval wall. **Dinner** is served in a historic restaurant.

Day 8, Gotland - Kalmar

(B/L/D)

Breakfast is served at the hotel. Check out. Today we visit the northern part of the island with its harsh coast. **Guided tour** in the limestone cave in **Lummelunda**, filled with fossils, lakes and beautiful rock formations. **Farmvisit**. In the afternoon we board the **ferry** back to the mainland. **Dinner** is served. At arrival to Oskarshamn a bus will meet for transfer along the coast to Kalmar. Check in to your hotel. Overnight Kalmar.

Day 9, Kalmar - Ystad

(B/L/D)

Breakfast and check out from the hotel. After a **short tour in the Hansa town Kalmar** we travel along the coast towards Skåne. Visit at **The Salmon House** in Mörrum to hear about their work with fish conservation to protect and develop the salmon and sea trout. **Lunch** in the old small town Åhus where the Absolut Vodka is made. Possible to make a tour at the “Absolute Home” Visitor center to learn about the fantastic history of the Swedish world-famous Vodka. Travel pass small fishing harbours, for example Kivik. From here the German traders were active to sell herring. Kivik is also the base of Swedish apple production **Visit to an apple centre** to hear about production and the work to market the Swedish apples. Check in to your hotel in Ystad and enjoy a **farwell dinner** in a historic restaurant.

Day 10, Ystad – Copenhagen or ferry Trelleborg - Germany

(B/L/-)

Breakfast and check out. Travel across the bridge to Denmark and **Copenhagen** for a **sightseeing and lunch** before going to the airport.

OR - visit an arable farm specialized on **rapeseed oil production**. Continue to the scenic stone setting **Ale Stenar** and enjoy a **herring lunch** in the small harbor. In the afternoon/evening catch the **ferry** from Trelleborg to Travemünde, Germany.



Suggested program routing

