

# Preucil School String Orchestra

## American Celebration of Music in the Baltics

### Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania

Suggested Tour #8 (7 nights/9 days)

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#### Day 1

Depart via scheduled air service to Tallinn, Estonia

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#### Day 2

**Tallinn**

**(D)**

Arrive in Tallinn

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

*Tallinn, the capital of the Republic of Estonia, lies in the northeast corner of the Baltic Sea region, in Northern Europe. Estonia shares land borders with Latvia and Russia, and lies across the Baltic Sea from Finland and Sweden*

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#### Day 3

**Tallinn**

**(B,D)**

Breakfast included at the hotel

Morning walking tour through Tallinn visiting the upper (Toompea fortress and Parliament, Orthodox and Lutheran cathedrals, panoramic viewpoint) and lower (Town Hall square, Merchant Guild Houses) parts of the old town  
Also view the beautiful Kadriorg Park with its palace, Russalka monument, and Tallinn Song Festival Grounds

Lunch, on own

***Performance in Tallinn as part of the American Celebration of Music in the Baltics\****

Evening dinner included, and overnight

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#### Day 4

**Parnu / Gauja National Park / Riga (B,L)**

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out

Transfer to Riga. On the way stop in Parnu, the summer capital of Estonia.

Walk at the white sandy beach

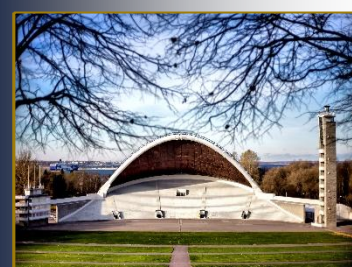
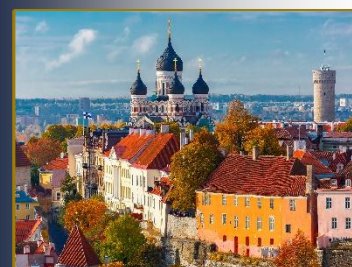
Lunch, included

Continuation to Gauja National park, surrounded by hilly river banks and sandy caves. Visit the 13th century Turaida castle, built under the order of Teutonic knight and Riga's bishop

Continue to Riga

Evening dinner on own, and overnight

*Riga has always been the Baltics' major metropolis, with far more of a big-city atmosphere than anywhere else in the region. Set on a flat plain divided by the Daugava River, the city boasts art nouveau architecture of its own and a historic old quarter with gracious parks*



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**Day 5** **Riga** **(B,D)**

Breakfast included at the hotel  
Morning excursion through Riga visiting the old town, surrounded by a water channel, with the famous Dome Cathedral, St. John and St. Peter Churches, the Freedom Monument, National Opera, Parliament, Castle, the cozy spacious squares and the remarkable Art Nouveau district

Lunch, on own

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Evening dinner included, and overnight



**Day 6** **Rundale / Hill of Crosses / Vilnius (B,L)**

Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out  
Transfer to Vilnius. Stop in Rundale for a short excursion to Rundale Palace, a baroque jewel designed by Italian architect F.B. Rastrelli, who is known for his world famous Hermitage Palace in St. Petersburg

Lunch, included

Continue to Vilnius. On the way through the natural countryside of Lithuania, with its wide open views, you will visit the famous Hill of Crosses, with over 50,000 crosses built from different materials

Evening dinner on own, and overnight



*Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania is situated at the confluence of the Neus and Viliya Rivers, set among hills and surrounded by pine forests. The city has a wealth of architectural monuments, and the life and work of many revolutionaries, writers, scientists and artists are linked with Vilnius*



**Day 7** **Vilnius** **(B,D)**

Breakfast included at the hotel  
Enjoy a morning city tour including Cathedral Square, Presidential Palace Square, Vilnius University, the gothic corner with the churches of St. Anne and St. Bernardine, the old Jewish ghetto, Town Hall Square the and Gates of Dawn

Lunch, on own

***Exchange Performance in Vilnius as part of the American Celebration of Music in the Baltics\****

Evening dinner included, and overnight



**Day 8** **Trakai / Vilnius** **(B,D)**

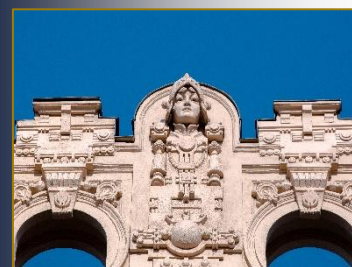
Breakfast included at the hotel  
Half-day guided excursion to Trakai, former capital of the Grand Duke of Lithuania, surrounded by three lakes, known as the biggest Karaites minority town. Visit the 15<sup>th</sup> century insular castle

Lunch, on own

Return to Vilnius

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Evening Farewell Dinner included, and overnight





Day 9

Depart for home

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Breakfast included at the hotel, followed by check-out  
Transfer to the Vilnius Airport for return flight home

*\*Subject to confirmation*

***This is a very flexible itinerary.*** Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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