

BALTIC KNITTING TOUR: October 29 – November 7

Day 1: Tallinn, Sunday, October 29 D

Arrive on your own to our Tallinn hotel, the **Sokos Hotel Viru**, located just across the entrance to Tallinn's Old Town, one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Europe and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This evening we'll meet for a **Welcome Dinner**; with a local indie dyer pop-up hopefully during pre-dinner cocktails.

Day 2: Tallinn, Monday, October 30 B, D

This morning we'll take a **walking tour of the Old Town** with a local guide. Along the way we will **sample some local food**. Afterwards there will be free time to explore the city on your own.

Day 3: Tallinn, Tuesday, October 31 B, D

Today we will split into two groups for a **workshop in knitting Estonian wrist warmers**. The first group will enjoy a morning workshop while Group 2 has free time to explore. We will join up for a **presentation about Estonian needlework traditions** and the differences with those of Latvia. Afterwards the groups will switch.

Day 4: Haapsalu/Parnu Wednesday, November 1 B, L, D

This morning we depart Tallinn and first take a short drive to Haapsalu where we will visit the Museum at the Haapsalu Lace Center and split into two groups for a **Lace Scarf Workshop**. There will be some free time in Haapsalu before we continue on to the beach and spa resort town of Parnu.

We'll be spending four nights in Parnu at the **Hedon Spa & Hotel**. This historic hotel offers a wide variety of spa treatments. We'll set aside two half days for you to directly book the spa treatment of your choice. Booking times and information will be sent to all participants well in advance of the tour.

Day 5: Heimatali/Viljandi Excursion Thursday, November 2 B, D

This morning is free for a massage, mud bath and other Spa options, or an opportunity to explore Parnu. We leave in the afternoon for a visit to the **Heimatali Museum of Domestic Life** for a two hour tour focusing on textiles; and then on to Viljandi to explore one of Estonia's most scenic towns before returning to Parnu.

Day 6: Muhu Excursion Friday November 3 B, L, D

Today we ferry to the quaint island of Muhu for a full day visit. Our first stop will be the **Muhu Museum** in the village of Koguva. We'll tour the village, with its old traditional rural buildings, and be shown folk costumes from Muhu. Afterwards, we'll visit with a **local handicraft society** where we'll be shown examples of **Muhu Embroidery**. After our day in Muhu, we'll make our way to our way back to our hotel in Parnu.

Day 7: Tostamaa Workshop *Saturday, November 4 B, D*

This morning is free for your spa bookings or wandering around town. In the afternoon, we'll drive to the village of Tostamaa where we will have a **workshop in the Roosimine style of in-lay knitting**.

Day 8: Parnu to Riga *Sunday, November 5 B, L, D*

This morning we leave Estonia and make our way to Latvia. Our first stop in Latvia will be at the **Turaida Castle**. We'll tour an **exhibit about the cultural history of the Livs** (an early Latvian ethnic group) and the Castle itself and have a light lunch in the museum cafe. There will be free time to explore the grounds of the Castle. We will then head to Riga and our hotel, the **Hilton Garden Inn** located in the heart of Riga's old town

Day 9. Riga *Monday, November 6 B, D*

Today we'll have a half-day **visit to Sena Klets**, where we'll learn about Latvian folk costumes and then have a **2-hour workshop on Latvian Braids**. There will be free time to see Riga's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its many Art Nouveau buildings. Riga also has a number of interesting museums worth a visit. This evening we wrap things up with a **farewell dinner**.

Day 10. Riga, *Tuesday, November 7 B*

The tour ends after breakfast.

Included

- Breakfast daily, 9 dinners and 3 lunches
- All entrances and workshops with group
- Tour Director during the trip
- Porter service at hotels, where available
- All Tips (to local guides, tour director, drivers and porters)

Hotels

Tallinn: Sokos Hotel Viru

Parnu: Hedon Spa & Hotel

Riga: Hilton Garden Inn