

Jewish Hallmarks of Lithuania & Latvia

Tailored tour for Ms. Frida Schatz group

Snacks in the room	1	2021-07-01	thu	Late Arrival Vilnius – meeting, check-in, transfer to the hotel	ARTIS
Shabbat Dinner with the members of local JCC	2	2021-07-02	fri	Vilnius full day	ARTIS
Lunch in the city centre	3	2021-07-03	sat	Vilnius - no bus-walking	ARTIS
Traditional Karaite lunch in Trakai	4	2021-07-04	sun	Vilnius-Ponar-Trakai-Vilnius	ARTIS
Dinner in the city	5	2021-07-05	mon	Vilnius-Ziezmariiai-Kaunas	Radisson Kaunas
Dinner at the hotel	6	2021-07-06	tue	Kaunas-Siauliai-Kryziu kalnas-Riga	Hilton Gardenn Inn Riga
Dinner in the city	7	2021-07-07	wed	Riga	Hilton Gardenn Inn Riga
Farewell dinner at the hotel	8	2021-07-08	thu	Riga	Hilton Gardenn Inn Riga
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July 1 (Thursday): Vilnius arrival and check-in

Late arrival to Vilnius. Meeting with JeruLita guide Yulik Gurvitch at the airport, transfer to the hotel. Check-in at the hotel.

- *Overnight: ArtisTotorių g. 23, Vilnius, <https://artis.centrum-hotels.com/>*
- *Meal: Snacks in the room*



July 2 (Friday): Vilnius City Tour

- *Breakfast at the Artis hotel*

We will commence our tour of Vilnius from its cradle - Gediminas Castle Hill and the remnants of the upper castle. Will continue to the Cathedral square. Then we will whisk out through the narrow street to another square to observe the Presidential Palace, and the Old Vilnius University, founded in 1579. Walk along medieval Castle street in the heart of the Old City. One of most impressive sights is "gothic triangle" which includes St. Anne's church. From here we will drive to see the pearl of Baroque architecture in Vilnius - St. Peter and Paul's Church - which has more than 2000 statues and bas-relieves as its interior decoration. We will finish our day tour in the "Uzupis Republic", a quarter of artists, writers, and musicians. Shabbat dinner in Vilnius Jewish community.

- *Overnight: ArtisTotorių g. 23, Vilnius, <https://artis.centrumhotels.com/>*
- *Meal: 19:00 Shabbat dinner with the representatives of the Lithuanian Jewish Community*

July 3 (Saturday): Vilnius – Lithuanian Jerusalem

- *Breakfast at the Artis hotel*

A half-day walking tour in the medieval Jewish quarter, its lanes and courtyards, the history and the sad fate of the Great Vilna Synagogue, the personality of the Gaon of Vilna the greatest spiritual figure in the Jewish history, the site of the Strashun library. The Small and the Large Ghettos of the period of WWII, where more than forty thousand of Vilna Jews were concentrated, the building of the Judenrat on the Rudninku street, the activities of the F.P.O. - the United Partisan Organisation under the leadership of Itzik Vitenberg and Abba Kovner. Afternoon free.

- *Overnight: ArtisTotorių g. 23, Vilnius, <https://artis.centrumhotels.com/>*
- *Meal: Lunch at the city centre.*



July 4 (Sunday): Vilnius-Ponar-Trakai-Vilnius

- *Breakfast at the Artis hotel*

Morning visit to the State Jewish museum of Lithuania. Drive to Ponar Forest near Vilnius, where more than 100.000 people, mostly Jewish were murdered by the Nazis. A tour of Trakai, the ancient capital and the residence of Grand Dukes of Lithuania with its 14th century insular castle. Visit the museum of Lithuanian history in the castle including the exhibition of the Karaites, a small ethnic group, brought from Crimea 600 years ago. Traditional Karaite lunch at Trakai. Back to Vilnius. Afternoon free.

- *Overnight: ArtisTotorių g. 23, Vilnius, <https://artis.centrumhotels.com/>*
- *Meal: Lunch in Trakai at the traditional Karaite cafe*

July 5 (Monday): Vilnius - Zezmariai – Kaunas

- *Breakfast at the Artis hotel*

Morning drive to Kaunas. En route a stop at Zezmariai (Zhezhmer), where a remarkable Jewish community settled before the war. A large wooden Synagogue has been survived there. Panoramic view of Kaunas. Walking in the Old Town of Kaunas with its art galleries and cosy cafes. A. Mapu and L. Zamenhoff streets. The pre-war Jewish Real and Schwabe gymnasiums. The Synagogue and the Children's Memorial in its courtyard. Tour to Slobodka (Vilijampole), a Jewish suburb of pre-war Kaunas and the site of the ghetto during WWII. The Great Action at Demokratu street. The Synagogue and the Children's Memorial in its courtyard. We will finish the day at the courtyard where Leah Goldberg, a prolific Israeli poet lived before the war.

- *Overnight: Radisson Kaunas hotel, K. Donelaičio g. 27, Kaunas, <https://www.radissonhotels.com/>*
- *Meal: Dinner at the restaurant in the centre of Kaunas*



July 6 (Tuesday): Kaunas – Hill of Crosses – Riga

- *Breakfast at the Radisson Kaunas*

In the morning visit Slobodka, the Jewish neighborhood of Kovna since 1500. Building of the famous Slobodka Yeshiva. The Ninth Fort - the murder site of thousands of Jews from Lithuania, France and Germany. The Holocaust museum and the Memorial of the Ninth Fort. Drive to the city of Siauliai. Short sightseeing of the city. Continue to Hill of Crosses a unique memorial site of Catholic pilgrimage from all over the world and a symbol of Lithuanians' resistance against the foreign rule, having several hundreds thousands crosses.

Late afternoon arrival to Riga.

- *Overnight: Hilton Garden Inn Riga, Grēcinieku iela 25, Rīga <https://www.hilton.com/>*
- *Meal: Lunch on the way from Lithuania to Latvia*



July 7 (Wednesday) Riga

- *Breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn hotel*

A city tour of Riga, including the Old Town, the Dome Cathedral built in 1211 and its extraordinary organ with 6781 pipes. The Great and Small Guilds houses and the economic history of the city, the Swedish gate and the Beer-brewers street, Cats's house and the superstitious legend, the "Three Brothers" - architectural development example, the House of the "Blackheads" - single merchants guild. The outstanding collection of Art Nouveau (Jugendstil) architecture in the streets of Riga. Visit the only functioning Synagogue of Riga in the Old town.

- *Overnight: Hilton Garden Inn Riga, Grēcinieku iela 25, Rīga <https://www.hilton.com/>*
- *Meal: Dinner at the restaurant in the Old Town of Riga*

July 8 (Thursday) Riga

- *Breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn hotel*

Morning visit to the biggest Central market in the Baltics located in 5 huge hangars; continue to "Maskavas forstadt" a former suburb of Riga developed by foreign merchants coming to trade on the Market. This area became a house for the first Jewish settlement in Riga. Memorial ruins of the Great Synagogue. The Wall of Righteous among the Nations. Jewish School founded in the 19th cent. Ghetto territory - the Small Ghetto and Reich's Juden Ghetto. Synagogue on Moscow street, Hospital Bikur Holim, Old Jewish Cemetery. Visit to Rumbula and Bikerniki Memorials, where Nazis murdered thousands of Jews from Latvia, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Salaspils - the memorial site of a concentration camp.

- *Overnight: Hilton Garden Inn Riga, Grēcinieku iela 25, Rīga <https://www.hilton.com/>*
- *Meal: Farewell Dinner at the hotel*



July 9 (Friday) Riga

- *Breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn hotel*

In the morning free time for personal activities. Drive to Riga airport for flight back home.

The Package Price is in Euro, per person living in DBL/TWIN room:

Group Size:	euro p/p
15-19 pax	1374
20-24 pax	1273
25-29 pax	1218
30-34 pax	1185
SUPPLEMENT for living in a SINGLE room	281

THE PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES:

- 44 s. modern a/c bus
- Accommodation in centrally located 4* hotels
- HB (breakfast at the hotel + lunch OR dinner during the day)
- JeruLita guide - Yulik Gurvitch
- Entrance fees according to the program
- City taxies
- Meeting and departure transfers
- Bottled water in the bus
- Headphones for each participator
- Porter service
- Tips & donations during the tour where it is expected

BOOKING/PAYMENT/CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:

- The deposit payment of 10% is required to guarantee the booking. The rest of the sum may be payable in cash or by CC on the spot upon the arrival.
- The deposit is refundable up until 5 weeks prior to the arrival.
- 1,5% fee is applicable if the payment is done by Credit Card