

SOUTH BALTIC DREAM TOUR DESIGN: DT4. Discover the spiritual roots of Europe

THE CONCEPT: Christianity and paganism – in search of spirituality

Nowadays, there are many possibilities of "traveling into yourself". People are increasingly escaping from urban noise and stress seeking alternative forms of recreation and sources of peace. We invite you to an extraordinary journey full of unique experiences. We'll give you the opportunity to discover unique, mysterious places associated with the beliefs of the former inhabitants of the South Baltic region. Unobvious places marked by mysticism, but also important for the civilizations that created them, for which they were an important element bounding local community. We invite you to a Dream Tour, during which you will see unique sacred objects of various religions, culturally and architecturally different. You will have the chance to visit the ancient pagan settlement on the banks of the river Neman and look at the restless sea from the top of the cliff on which stands the Ales Stenar famous "Swedish Stonehenge."

We travel to meet certain needs in our life and at some point we feel that something is missing, something that is worth it to take on the hardships of departure. Find yourself and remember the magic enchanted in old stones.



Sanktuarium of St. Jacob – Leborg Poland



Ruins of the church in Trzęsacz/Poland



Ales Stenar Kaseberga / Sweden

Example photos: (provide 3 best pictures from your thematic attractions)



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DESCRIPTION OF TOUR

We chose three countries, three unique regions, where each of them presents a different culture, history and architecture. Those are:

- 1) Kashubia, Central and West Pomerania
- 2) **Ystad i Osterlen**
- 3) Lithuania and the Pałanga region

In each of these points, we selected the most interesting objects, which are located a short distance (no more than 40 km) from the main point where we suggest accommodation. The most convenient means of transport is a car, although you can reach every place using public transport. Some objects require several dozen minutes of hiking.

SCHEDULE & ACTIVITIES

Day 1 – LEBORK/POLAND

- After breakfast, we will visit the historic center of Lębork, city fortifications with special regard to the Sanctuary of St. Jacob. The trip will include: a walk within the medieval walls of the city, combined with a visit to the church and the possibility of entering the tower, where is a viewpoint. Then we will visit the restored towers and museum (guided tour or using Audioguids). Lunch on site.
- Travel on the Lębork - Wejherowo route (journey time 1 h) - visiting the Calvary of Wejherowo, the Franciscan monastery and the church of St. Anne.
- Then drive to Sianów (travel time, about 40 minutes) where there is a miraculous image of St. Mary, crowned Queen of Kashubia.
- From Sianów, the road leading through picturesque Kashubia, we will go to Koszalin. Dinner on the route or in the place of accommodation. (journey time about 2.5 hours).

Day 2 - Central and West Pomerania

- After breakfast, let's start the day with a trip to the Holy Mountain of Pomorania – Chełmska Chill, where is the Sanctuary of the Virgin Mary, Thrice admirable.
- Then we will go to Kołobrzeg (journey time approx. 1 hour), where we will see a huge restored after the war St. Mary's Basilica, with rich furnishings. Lunch in Kołobrzeg.
- Then a trip to Trzebiatów (travel time about 1 hour) and visiting the ruins of the church in Trzęsacz (journey time 0.5 hours).
- The last point to visit on this day is Kamień Pomorski (journey time 0.5 h). Supper.
- The trip to Swinoujście Ferry to Ystad 22.30 - Unity Line. Overnight on the ferry.



Day 3 - Ystad

- 6.30 am coming to Ystad. Breakfast at Ystad. After breakfast, visit the St. Mary's Church and the church of St. Peter.
- From Ystad we will go to Ales Stenar (about 40 minutes). The tiny fishing village of Kaseberg is famous for the early medieval tomb of the commander, which forms 59 boulders set in the shape of a boat, on the high sea shore. Lunch on site.
- After lunch, a trip to Kivik, where the Royal Burial Ground is located, with the largest Bronze Age tomb in Scandinavia. On the way, we will visit medieval churches in Loderup and Vitaby.
- From here we will go to Kristainstad for an overnight stay and dinner. On the way there is a magnificent Romanesque church in Norra Asum.

Day 4 - Karlsham

- After breakfast, we will go on a tour of Kristianstad, among others the church of St. Trinity, which is considered the most beautiful Renaissance church of northern Europe.
- From Kristianstad, we will go to Solvesborg to visit the Gothic church of St. Nicholas, and then we will go to Karlsham. Lunch.
- In the city of Karlsham we will spend time until about 18.00 and then we will go to the ferry to Klaipeda, which leaves at 19.00. Overnight on the ferry.

Day 5 - Klaipeda i Curonian Spit

- The ferry arrives to Klaipeda at 9.00. Breakfast on the ferry or in Klaipeda.
- After a short tour of the city, we will go to the Curonian Spit (the possibility of traveling by bus or car).
- In Judnokrante, we will go to the Mountain of Witches (Raganu Kalnas). On the way to Nida (about 50 km) we will go to the top of the Gray Dunes (about 2 hours). Nida is a well-known resort. Lunch on site. In the center, we will visit the churches and the astronomical clock designing the time and holidays during the year.
- Return to Klaipeda for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 - A trip over the Neman River

- After breakfast, we will go to Taurogi (travel time approx. 2 h). The city was an important center of Lutheranism - there you can see a rebuilt church from the mid-nineteenth century and a beautiful Neo-Roman Catholic church. Lunch on site.
- A trip along the Nemunas (between Jurbarkus and Seredzius) along the route of ancient settlements that witnessed the Crusades against Lithuania in the 13th and 14th centuries



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- Our trip will slowly end here. **The only thing left to return to the place from which it all began.**

PLEASE SEE THE DREAM TOUR ATTRACTIONS: BLUE and GRREN believes and religions of the South Baltic Area

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