CONCERT TOUR TO ESTONIA & LATVIA

Optional three-day extension to Lithuania

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ESTONIA & LATVIA

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Proposed Baltic States Concert Tour Itinerary Includes:

- Possibility for collaboration with the Latvian composer Maestro Ēriks Ešenvalds or another local composer to present a masterclass (Upon request).
- Two performances in Tallinn & Riga
- Bi-lingual tour manager & licensed city guides
- Professional concert management and publicity
- Established four-star hotels

CONCERT TOUR PROPOSAL
July 2027



Proposed Concert Tour Itinerary

Day 1, Wednesday, July 7 – Departure

Intercontinental flight will depart from the USA and arrive in Tallinn, Estonia the following day.

WECOLME TO ESTONIA

Day 2, Thursday, July 8 – Arrival in Tallinn, Estonia

Arrival in Tallinn. A Varna International representative will welcome the group at the airport and transfer by private coach to the hotel. One airport transfer is included for the group. Check-in is expected after 3:00 pm. Participants who arrive earlier may store their luggage at the hotel.



Tallinn, Estonia

WELCOME TO ESTONIA! Tucked away in Europe's northeast corner, on the edge of the Baltic Sea, perches one of the continent's most enchanting cities. Tallinn is the capital city of Estonia and combines the luxuries of the modern world as well as the comfort of the old world. Estonia has a rich cultural heritage evident in the rich history of the country.

With half a million citizens, the city of Tallinn is hardly a world metropolis. The Medieval historic town of Tallinn is one of the best-preserved Hanseatic town centers in the world. The town offers rich cultural artistic life, modern towers, gourmet restaurants, and shopping malls.

While awaiting check-in, the group may wish to visit one of the local cafés to enjoy the first tastes of the local cuisine or sample a strong cup of Estonian coffee at one of Tallinn's many atmospheric cafes. Alternatively, rest in the hotel lobby. A Varna International representative will be available to assist with information and directions to nearby tourist attractions that can be visited on your first day in Tallinn.

Recommendation during your stay in Tallinn: Visit the KUMU ART MUSEUM on your own (cost not included). The Kumu Art Museum is the headquarters of the Art Collection of Estonia, as well as the largest exhibition venue in Estonia. In 2008, Kumu Art Museum received the European Museum of the Year Award.

WELCOME DINNER (cost included), followed by a choral rehearsal at the hotel (optional)

Overnight in Tallinn, Estonia

Day 3, Friday, July 9 - Guided Tour of Tallinn

Breakfast at the hotel

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. After breakfast **GUIDED TOUR OF TALLINN** with our licensed tour guide. T The guide will explain the history of this charming medieval center, as we walk along narrow cobbled streets, past 14th century churches, and explore ancient merchants' homes.

The guide will help us uncover some of the secrets of Tallinn's World Heritage-listed Old Town. We will have the opportunity to appreciate the picturesque lower town and the fortified town wall. The group will explore the Town Hall, one of the oldest continuously functioning pharmacies in the world, Saint Olav's Church, Aleksander Nevskij's Cathedral, the Houses of Parliament, and magnificent panoramic views from atop Toompea Hill.

12:00 p.m. Lunch in the City (not included).

Afternoon **CHORAL REHEARSAL** at the hotel conference room

DINNER (not included)

Overnight in Tallinn, Estonia



Tallinn, Estonia

Day 4, Saturday, July 10 – Guided Tour of Rapla / Evening Performance in Tallinn

Breakfast at the hotel

8:30 a.m. - After breakfast, the group will enjoy an optional guided tour to Rapla (home of the International Church Music Festival). Transfer by private coach to Rapla (approximately one hour ride). **Cost per person $150. Minimum number of people required for the tour to operate: 12.**



Maria Magdalene Church, Rapla

The small town of Rapla has only around 10,000 inhabitants and is a beautiful idyllic rural community. The first thing one sees when approaching Rapla from Tallinn are two silver towers. These towers belong to the ***CHURCH OF MARIA MAGDALENE****.*
In addition to its unique architecture, Rapla's beautiful church has fabulous acoustics. During the past 20 years, the town of Rapla and the Church of Maria Magdalene have hosted the national **Rapla Church Music Festival***, which is one of the main summer events in the Rapla region.*

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Guided group tour of Rapla with a private guide. Our guide will give the group an overview of the town. The tour will include a visit to the Church of Maria Magdalene.

11:00 – 1:30 p.m. Free time for lunch in Rapla (not included) and explore the town independently.

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. - Transfer back to hotel will be complete in time to provide a rest prior to our evening concert in Tallinn.

4:00 p.m. Transfer to the concert venue by private motor coach.

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Dress rehearsal at the concert venue.

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Free time for dinner (not included) prior to our evening concert.

7:30 p.m. Call time!

8:00 p.m. –**PERFORMANCE** in Tallinn, Estonia.

After the concert, transfer by private coach back to the hotel.

Overnight in Tallinn, Estonia

Day 5, Sunday, July 11 – Pärnu, Estonia

Breakfast at the hotel restaurant and checkout.

9:00 -- 11:00 a.m. Transfer by private coach to the city of Pärnu (approximately two hours ride). Upon arrival in Pärnu, guided tour of the city.



Pärnu, Estonia

Pärnu is a lovely historic resort city with a small seaside harbor in southwestern Estonia. It features white sandy beaches, shallow waters, a rich cultural scene, and numerous cafés and restaurants– there is so many things to see and do!

*Since 1996, Pärnu has been known as the **Estonia's Summer Capital**.*

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Guided tour of Parnu, The tour will include the main sights of Estonia's Summer Capital and the rich history of the location, including town hall, Pärnu Gate, Vallikäär, Pärnu churches, and the monument to Jannsen.

1:00 p.m. - Lunch in Parnu (not included)

After lunch and free time, and transfer back to Tallinn.

DINNER in Tallinn (not included).

Overnight in Tallinn, Estonia

WELCOME TO LATVIA

Day 6, Monday, July 12 – Riga, Latvia

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

10:00 – 12:30 p.m. Transfer by private motor coach to Riga (approximately 2.5 hours ride).



Latvia's capital and largest city, Riga, is a cultural center with its many museums and concert halls. Known for its wooden buildings, medieval Old Town, and its art nouveau architecture, Riga is sure to please. Set on the Baltic Sea at the mouth of the River Daugava, it offers a wide range of water activities, from canal boat tours to beach swimming.

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch in Riga upon arrival (not included).

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Guided tour of Riga, to see the best of this fascinating town and gain insight into the history, traditions, economics, and current realities of Riga. We will focus on Old Riga - the Old Town of the capital city. **Riga's Old Town** is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Our guide will point out the highlights of Art Nouveau architecture among the historic buildings.

Riga's bustling Central Market is one of the largest in Europe. We will visit the 800-year-old **St. Peter's Church** and climb to the top of its spire for splendid views of the city below.

After the guided tour, check-in to the hotel.

Free evening to enjoy the Latvian capital.

DINNER in Riga (included).

Overnight in Riga, Latvia

Day 7, Tuesday, July 13 – Evening Concert in Riga & Optional Masterclass with Local Composer

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning CHORAL MASTERCLASS with Latvian composer Ēriks Ešenvalds (optional)

Lunch (not included)

Free time to rest prior to our evening concert

4:00 p.m. Transfer to the concert venue

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Dress rehearsal at the concert venue

Free time for dinner (not included)

7:30 p.m. - Call time!

8:00 p.m. Evening **PERFORMANCE** in Riga, Latvia

After the concert, transfer by private coach to the hotel.

Overnight in Riga, Latvia

Day 8, Wednesday, July 14 – Jurmala

Breakfast at the hotel.

Free morning to enjoy Riga or visit Jurmala (optional) – the only official resort city of Latvia with beautiful sandy beaches. Jurmala is in immediate proximity to Riga (only 25 KM from the center of Riga). Jurmala also has one of the largest historical wooden architecture heritage items in Latvia, which totals 103 architectural monuments that are of national significance. This optional tour will include private transportation and a tour guide. **Minimum number of people required: 12. Cost per person: $130.**

Lunch (not included)

Free afternoon.

FAREWELL DINNER (included)

Overnight in Riga, Latvia.

Day 9, Thursday, July 15 – Departure to USA

Breakfast at the hotel, check out, and transfer to the airport for our return flight back to the USA. One airport transfer is included for the group.

Land Tour Cost:
Choristers and instrumentalists: $2990 per person
Travelling audience: $3800 per person

Inclusions:

1. **Accommodation**: 8 nights lodging at four-star hotels (double occupancy). All Breakfasts are included.
2. **Meals**: Two dinners included throughout the tour
3. **Ground transportation**: Private air-conditioned motor coach
4. **Guided tours** per tour itinerary with licensed English-speaking tour guides.
5. Full-time English-speaking **tour manager**
6. **Two public performances** in Tallinn, Estonia and Riga, Latvia.
7. **Professional concert management and publicity.**
8. **Special collaboration with prominent Latvian Composer:** Ēriks Ešenvalds or another local composer (optional)

Exclusions:

1. **Roundtrip airfare** – Upon request, Varna International can assist with the flight booking.
2. **Travel insurance –** Each participant is required to obtain their own travel insurance.
3. **Single occupancy –** $880 per person
4. **Optional tours: Rapla -** $150 per person, Jurmala - $130 per person (minimum 12 people required).
5. **Tips and gratuities**: $120 per person for porterage, tour managers, guides, hotel and restaurant personnel, drivers ($15 per person per day)
6. **Three-day extension to Lithuania:** $1190 per person (double occupancy & minimum 12 registrants required for the Lithuania tour extension to operate). Single occupancy: $330 per person.

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