

# BALZEKAS MUSEUM TOUR TO LITHUANIA

## September 6 – 16, 2010

- Sept. 06  
Monday Depart from Chicago O'Hare at 5:25 PM on LOT Polish Airlines with a change of planes in Warsaw.
- Sept. 07  
Tuesday Arrival in Vilnius and hotel check-in. Welcome Dinner at a typical Lithuanian Restaurant. Welcome Dinner  
Vilnius
- Sept. 08  
Wednesday This morning you will visit Trakai, the medieval capital of Lithuania, with its restored castle in the middle of Galve Lake. After a regional lunch you'll visit Kernave, the ancient site in the Neris valley, the government seat of King Mindaugas 750 years ago. One still can admire and climb the many mounts where hundreds of years ago great castles stood. Upon returning to Vilnius, you will make a stop at the TV Tower, the site of the January 13<sup>th</sup> massacre. There will be enough time to establish business contacts or visit with your Lithuanian relatives. Breakfast/lunch  
Vilnius
- Sept. 09  
Thursday Today you will tour Vilnius with its beautiful churches, Vilnius Cathedral with its catacombs and a stop at the Vilnius University. After lunch, you will visit the KGB museum where so much suffering was endured by the people of Lithuania during the Soviet occupation. The rest of the day is free. Breakfast/Lunch  
Vilnius
- September 10  
Friday This morning you will depart for Kaunas, Lithuania's second largest city, with a stop in Rumsiskes, the unique open-air museum exhibiting farm structures from different regions of Lithuania that were typical during the XVII-XX centuries. Upon arrival, you will tour Kaunas Old Town, Cathedral Square, Rotuse, as well as the Kaunas castle. No visit to Kaunas is complete without a special visit to the museum of the most famous artist and composer, Ciurlionis, and time permitting, a visit to the Devil's Museum will conclude your tour. After hotel check-in you will have enough time to enjoy Kaunas on your own. Breakfast/lunch  
Kaunas
- September 11  
Saturday After breakfast you will depart for Palanga with a special stop at Kedainai and a visit to Momkutes Marks museum, a beautiful gift from a famous artist from Chicago. After a tour of the fully restored Old Town of Kedainai with its unique buildings you will have lunch in the Old Town. After arriving in Palanga, you will have enough time to enjoy the resort on your own. Breakfast/lunch  
Palanga
- September 12  
Sunday Today you will visit the Curonian Spit, Neringa. After a short stop in Klaipeda, and a visit to Svyturys Brewery, you'll be transported by ferry to Neringa. Your first stop will be the Witches Mountain in Juodkrante, where you will be able to admire the many unique wooden sculptures and other artwork. You will continue to Nida, the beautiful fishing village, where you will have an opportunity to shop for some beautiful amber jewelry and visit the highest dune in Neringa. Upon return in the afternoon, you will dine in Kretinga at one of the most beautiful Tiskevicius mansion amidst an enclosed winter garden. The mansion was built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by nobleman Zubovas and bought in 1874 by Juozapas Tiskevicius.  
Palanga

After returning to Palanga, join into the tradition of the resort, to go to the famous Palanga bridge and enjoy the beautiful sunset. Breakfast/dinner

- September 13  
Monday  
Palanga This morning you will tour Palanga. You will visit The Amber Museum, Hill of Birute and the beautiful Botanical Garden. Lunch will be at the unique Lithuanian Restaurant Pas Juozapa. The rest of afternoon and evening you may enjoy the resort on your own. Breakfast/lunch
- September 14  
Tuesday  
Vilnius Today the tour will take you to one of the most revered places in Lithuania, The Hill of Crosses. It is a place where thousands of crosses where placed by people asking God for special favors or thanking Him for favors granted. After stopping for lunch at the unique Seduvos Malunas, you will continue to Vilnius. After hotel check-in the rest of the day is free. Breakfast/lunch
- September 15  
Wednesday  
Vilnius Today enjoy Vilnius on your own. Do some shopping, and there will be enough time to establish business contacts or visit with your Lithuanian relatives. In the evening there will be a Farewell Dinner. Breakfast/Dinner
- September 16  
Thursday After breakfast you will be transported to Vilnius Airport for your flight home. Breakfast

Tour price: \$3,995. Single supplement: \$550.

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