

# Choir Baltic Tour

**Riga ~ Tallinn ~ Helsinki**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018**

## Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Riga (Latvia)

- 08.00 Arrive Gatwick South Terminal  
Check in Air Baltic BT652
- 10.10 Depart Gatwick
- 14.55 Arrive Riga [*local time 2hrs ahead*]
- 16.00 Coach transfer to Riga [8m]  
Check in *Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija*  
*Elizabetes iela 55*  
*Centra Rajons*



*Riga, on the River Daugava, is the biggest city in the Baltic Sea States and has far more of a big-city atmosphere than anywhere else in the region. Old Riga stretches 1km along the east bank of the Daugava River; its skyline is dominated by three steeples: St Peter's, The Dome Cathedral tower and St Jacob's. The city was made a member of the Hanseatic League in 1282.*

Evening free to explore + own dinner arrangements.

## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> (Riga)

Breakfast from 07.30

- 09.15 Meet in foyer for guided tour of Riga's famous  
Old Town (2 hrs)

Lunch – own arrangements



- 14.30 Assemble in hotel lobby; walk to St John's Church

- 15.00 Rehearsal in Church

*St John's Church dates from the 13<sup>th</sup> century although its present appearance dates from the 16<sup>th</sup> century.*



17.00 Concert

Dinner own arrangements

## Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Riga to Tallinn (Estonia) via Pärnu

Breakfast from 07.30

09.30 Check out of hotel

10.00 Depart by coach from Riga

13.00 Arrive Pärnu [119m]

*Pärnu is a resort town overlooking Pärnu Bay. It is noted for its 19<sup>th</sup> century timber villas, sandy beach and promenade.*



15.00 Leave Pärnu for Tallinn [84m]

17.30 Arrive Tallinn  
Check in *Radisson Blu Hotel*  
*Ravala puistee 3*  
*10143 Tallinn*

Dinner own arrangements.

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Tallinn

Buffet breakfast from 07.00

09.15 Assemble lobby

09.30 Guided coach / walking tour

*The bus tour visits the most interesting parts of the Estonian capital, with stops at the Baroque park and swan pond in Kadriorg, the famous Song Festival Grounds and the seaside district of Pirita, which hosted the sailing regatta of the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games. An experienced tour guide gives explanations about Estonian history and contemporary life.*

*The walking part of the tour goes through Tallinn Old Town, (UNESCO World Heritage List) and takes in the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral (19<sup>th</sup> century).*

12.00 Tour ends in Old Town

Lunch – independent arrangements

15.30 Assemble in hotel lobby

15.45 Depart for Rapla [32m]

16.45 Arrive Rapla  
Rehearse in Mary Magdalene Church  
Change in church rooms

19.00 Concert

20.30 Depart Rapla

21.30 Arrive Tallinn (hotel)



## Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Tallinn

Buffet breakfast from 07.00

am Either Visit the Estonian Open Air Museum showcasing the country's rural architecture and way of life (15 mins outside Tallinn)

or

Free time in Tallinn

*Suggestions of places to visit:*

- o *Museum of Occupation*
- o *Estonian History Museum*
- o *Estonian Museum of Applied Art & Design*
- o *Sea Plane Museum*



15.30 Assemble hotel lobby

15.45 Walk to St John's Church [15 mins]

16.30 Rehearsal in Jaani Kirik

18.00 Concert

19.30 'Farewell Dinner' *Old Hansa* restaurant

Turn the clocks back a few hundred years and savour the food and quaff the drink from medieval times at this authentic restaurant dating from the days of the Hanseatic League.



## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July to Helsinki (Finland) and home

06.00 Check out of hotel

06.30 Coach transfer to ferry

06.45 Check in Tallink Silja Line ferry

07.30 Depart Tallinn  
Breakfast on ferry

09.30 Arrive Helsinki at Lansisatama West Harbour pier

Two hour coach tour of city ending in city centre for lunch (own arrangements).

*Places of interest:*

- *Sibelius Park*
- *Opera House*
- *Finlandia Hall*
- *National Museum*
- *Church in the Rock*
- *Market Square and harbour*
- *Uspenski Russian Orthodox Cathedral*
- *Senate Square and Lutheran Cathedral*



14.00 Depart city centre [17m]

15.00 Check in Norwegian Air Shuttle flight D8367

17.05 Depart Helsinki

18.10 Arrive London Gatwick South Terminal (local time)

### COSTS

Includes: 5 nights \*\*\*\* hotels & breakfast; guided tours in 3 cities; concert venue charges; professional fees; Choir farewell feast – Old Hansa restaurant; all transport in Baltic States

Tour cost pp (min 90) **£630** Single supplement: £50pn Return flight: c£260

Payment dates: 9 Oct: £100 8 Jan: £250 19 March: £250 10 April: Balance