

Cycling along the Lithuanian Seaside

Curonian Spit National Park, Palanga Resort & Nemunas River Delta



Length: cycling ~247 km/154 mi., bus ~40 km/25 mi., boat ~14 km/9 mi.
8 Days / 7 Nights

TOUR INFORMATION

Cycling grade:

We rate this trip Easygoing to Moderate. You will cycle on low traffic roads (some gravel ones), sandy forest trails and high quality cycle paths of the Lithuanian Seaside Cycle Route. The terrain is dead flat most of the tour, except a few sand dunes on the Curonian Spit.

Arrival & departure information

Ferry terminal: Klaipėda (from Kiel, Germany; Karlshamn, Sweden)

Airport: Klaipėda/Palanga (30 km/19 mi. away from Klaipėda, www.palanga-airport.lt). Regular flights from Copenhagen (DK), Oslo (NO), Riga (LV) & Warsaw (PL) & London Luton (UK).

Parking: free parking at the arrival hotel

Transfers: (price for one way up to 3 people) from/to Palanga airport: € 48

from/to Klaipėda ferry terminal: € 35 or € 29

ACCOMMODATION

3-4* middle-range hotels

2017 TOUR DATES

Every Saturday from May 27 to September 2, 2017 (possible to start on Sunday or any other date May-September with min. 4 people)

TOUR PRICES (per person)

Price in double/twin room	€ 499
Price in single room	€ 689
Season supplement in DBL (26.06-27.08)	€ 30
Season supplement in SGL (26.06-27.08)	€ 70

THE TOUR INCLUDES:

7 nights stay in hotels (rooms with WC/shower), 7 x breakfast, welcome meeting, luggage transport, transfer by minibus on day 3, boat trips across the Curonian Lagoon to Nida, 24 hours service hotline, individual information package (one per room).

Optional extras (price per person):

- o Rent of trekking bike with a back pannier € 60 (7-speed Shimano hub gears & back-pedal break or 24-speed Shimano derailleur gears).
- o Rent of E-bike/Pedelec with a back pannier € 150
- o Bicycle tachometer rental (min. 4 functions) € 10
- o Half board (7 x 3-course dinners) € 132
- o Pre/post tour accommodation with breakfast in Klaipėda 3*
 - Double/twin room € 38
 - Single room € 65

Discounts for extra bed in double/twin room

Children under 5 yrs. old – free of charge, from 5 yrs. old – 25 %

Minimum group size – 2 or 4 people



8 days self-guided cycling tour from/to Klaipėda (Code SG1)

The Baltic Sea coast visiting Palanga Resort and the Curonian Spit National Park, designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, explored individually by bicycle on very scenic cycling routes. Experience traditional Lithuanian country life when cycling in the Nemunas River Delta region. This tour partly covers the Seaside Cycle Route which was the first officially signposted, high quality cycle route in Lithuania opened a decade ago. The tour begins & ends in the historic coastal town of Klaipėda (known as Memel for many years) which boasts a rich, turbulent history from 13thC.

A similar tour with shorter cycling distances is designed for families. The tour is also possible as guided one (ask for a quote)

Day 1: Arrive in Klaipėda

Arrive in Klaipėda. Individual transfer to the hotel (not included). Overnight in Klaipėda.



Day 2: Along the Seaside Cycle Route to Palanga, ~55 km/35 mi.

Information welcome meeting and bicycle collection at the hotel, where you will be greeted by local tour operator. Cycle to Palanga resort (Botanical Park & Amber Museum) and back along cycle route leading through Giruliai Forest and the Seaside Regional Park. Overnight in Klaipėda.

Day 3: Klaipėda – Švėkšna – Šilutė, ~44km/28 mi., minibus ~40 km/25 mi.

Transfer by minibus to the inland where start your cycling ride on picturesque countryside roads through Pamarys meadows to Šilutė. En route



stop in Švėkšna village to explore the estate with its beautiful park and impressive neo-gothic church of St. Jacob the Apostle. Overnight in Šilutė.

Day 4: Rusnė Island, ~45 km/28 mi.

Explore Šilutė and go for a circular cycling trip to Rusnė Island, Lithuania's only island, located in the Nemunas River Delta Regional Park. En route you can explore a traditional fisherman's smallholding at the Rusnė museum and the 19thC lighthouse in Uostadvaris Harbour. Overnight in Šilutė.

Sea from on one side and the Curonian Lagoon on the other side. Today Nida is the most beautiful resort in Lithuania famous for impressive sand dunes and long sand beaches.



Day 5: Crossing the Curonian Lagoon, cycling ~33 km/21 mi., by boat ~14 km/9mi.

Cycling to Ventė Cape where you may visit a bird ringing station with a museum of ornithology and another 19thC lighthouse. Take a boat to cross the Curonian Lagoon to Nida (~1.5 hrs). Overnight in Nida.



Day 6: Free day in Nida ~10 km/6 mi.

Free day to explore Nida which is a former old fishermen's village on the Curonian Spit washed by the Baltic

Day 7: Nida – Juodkrantė – Klaipėda, ~60 km/38 mi.

Cycling on a bike path, part of the Seaside Cycle Route which takes you along the Curonian Spit to Klaipėda. En route you can explore the "Dead" sand dunes, watch a colony of grey herons & cormorants, visit the Hill of Witches. Finally take a ferry to the Old Town of Klaipėda where stay the last night.

Day 8: Klaipėda

After breakfast departure home or staying longer.

