



Bridge Builders International Presents

Experience Latvia

A Meaningful Encounter with the Amber Republic

July 2–11, 2019

Are you open to being surprised by the Father's plan? This is precisely what has happened to hundreds of people when they visited Latvia with Bridge Builders International. God uses ministry and educational trips to transform people.

BBI invites YOU to journey to the Baltic Republic of Latvia. What better way to invest ten days than to meet new friends, see splendid places, worship, relive history, savor delicious cuisine, enjoy world-class music and art! And more...you will get to know the BBI family...our missionaries, Latvian staff and the Eagle's Wings Camp team.

Experience Worship

- Worship, Sing and Stroll through the Hill of the Crosses in Lithuania.
- Worship in a Riga church on Sunday.
- Pray with BBI team members throughout the week.

Experience Culture

- Enjoy a fascinating walking tour of Riga's Old Town (including the Cathedrals), founded in 1201, led by BBI President, Charles Kelley.
- See World-class Art at the National Art Museum, the Latvian Academy of Art, fine galleries and BBI's Secret Double Exhibition.
- Visit Riga's Motor Museum's fascinating collection of historic cars that were owned by Stalin, Molotov, Khrushchev, Brezhnev and Dr. Porsche.
- Tour the magnificent Rundale Palace, not far from the Hill of the Crosses in Lithuania.
- Eat at Latvia's famous Lido Restaurant.

Experience History

- Learn the amazing story of the history of Latvia, presented by Chuck.
- Explore the Open-Air Ethnographic Museum which includes more than 120 rural buildings: farmsteads, craftsmen houses, windmills, churches and taverns from the 16th-19th centuries.
- Visit the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia which depicts 50 years of Soviet and Nazi rule.
- Visit the Holocaust Museum in the Jewish Ghetto and the Zhanis Lipke Museum, featuring a Latvian hero who hid and saved many Jews during the Nazi occupation.
- Solemnly walk around the Salaspils Concentration Camp and the Rumbula Holocaust Memorial where thousands of Jews and others suffered and perished.



Experience Relaxation

- Escape to the Baltic Sea in Jurmala to swim, relax or stroll a wonderful walking street. You can hunt for amber pieces in the sand.
- Enjoy excellent open air concerts in city squares, parks and outdoor cafes.
- Shop at Riga's Central Market. It is housed in five giant halls that were originally built as Zeppelin hangars and is Europe's largest market.
- Take a dinner cruise on the Daugava River. The view is spectacular.

Experience the BBI Community

- Meet the entire family and learn what we are doing in and for Latvia.
- Visit Eagle's Wings Camp and adjacent sheep farm and savor a lakeside BBQ.
- Devour Chuck's famous made-to-order omelets at the BBI party.

Tentative Schedule – This is subject to change and free time is built in.

- Tuesday, July 2 – Depart from US City.
- Wednesday, July 3 – Arrive in Riga; walking tours.
- Thursday, July 4 – Overview of Latvian history; Occupation and Holocaust Museums; US embassy picnic for American citizens.
- Friday, July 5 – Excursion to Rundale Palace and the Hill of the Crosses.
- Saturday, July 6 – Overview of Latvian culture; Open-Air Ethnographic Museum; evening cruise on the Daugava River.
- Sunday, July 7 – Worship in a Riga church; afternoon and evening in Jurmala.
- Monday, July 8 – Eagle's Wings Camp in Eastern Latvia; lakeside BBQ.
- Tuesday, July 9 – Free day. Chuck will lead walking tours. Golf is a possibility. (clubs can be rented)
- Wednesday, July 10 – Art tour, omelet luncheon at BBI's headquarters with BBI's full team; evening concert.
- Thursday, July 11 – Depart from Riga and arrive back in the US the same day.

Cost and Sign-up

- The cost per person is \$2,000, for double occupancy room and \$2,200 for single occupancy room in the 4-star Wellton Riga Hotel & Spa located in Old Town Riga. This includes hotel, breakfast, admissions to all events, ground transportation and most meals.
- Airfare not included. Travelers should book their own airline tickets. BBI strongly recommends securing Travel Insurance. If you need assistance, contact our travel agent Amy Castleberry at Canyon Creek Travel – 214-728-0158 or via email: acastleberry@cctrvl.com
- This trip is an expression of BBI's mission and may qualify for a federal tax deduction. See your CPA for advice.
- Sign-up and deposit due by March 1, 2019. Your place can be secured with a non-refundable \$500 deposit per person. Contact BBI's Vice President, Naomi Strauser 541-602-6968 or via email: naomi@bridgebuildersint.com. Final balance due by May 15, 2019.