

BALTIC SHORES AND HANSEATIC CITIES LUXURY CRUISE

In the heart of Northern Europe , surrender to the charm of the Baltic shores , where elegant cities steeped in history lie scattered beneath the soft summer light. Tallinn, Riga, Gdansk, Wismar ... Along the great historic trading routes, the Hanseatic cities stand out for their elegant merchants' houses and charming cobbled streets where medieval towers and Gothic and Baroque churches stand watch over lively squares. Further on, the fishing village of Gudhjem , set between rocky cliffs and white-sand beaches, offers another side of the Baltic, inviting you to savour a simple and authentic way of life.On this rare and precious journey, the Nordic spirit reveals itself with elegance.



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Day 1 - Helsinki

Seated in the southern peninsula of Finland, **Helsinki** offers the buzz of a cosmopolitan city that has opted for both elegance and beauty. Explore its historical centre where the soft hues of neoclassical buildings are juxtaposed with spectacular modern constructions. The bustling **Kallio** district is teeming with boutiques and restaurants where you can taste some local specialities like graavilohi - a sweet, marinated, aromatic salmon dish. **Keskuspuisto** park, a stone's throw from the centre, is a good place to sit and unwind.

Day 2 - Tallinn



Opening onto the Baltic sea, to the far north of Estonia, the town of **Tallinn** will win you over with the picturesque charm of its architecture. You can meander through its little streets in the heart of the medieval centre where its gothic **town hall** has been standing since 1404. The **Kiek in de K ok tower, the Orthodox Alexander Nevski cathedral,** or **Toompea castle** give visitors a taste of this town's rich past. The city was particularly active during the medieval period, as is demonstrated by the very beautiful monuments from this period that are still visible. Don't hesitate to lose yourself in the heart of Tallinn, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day 3 - Visby, Gotland

This old Hanseatic city lies to the west coast of Gotland, a Swedish island in the Baltic sea. Pass through the spectacular Visby fortifications and visit the **old town, a** UNESCO World Heritage site. You'll discover the grand Visby homes of rich merchants as well as the lovely low wooden houses in the little cobbled streets. Don't miss **Saint Mary 's cathedral** with its octagonal steeples, as well as Powder tower along the fortifications. Make sure you stop over in one of the rose-adorned cafes; indeed roses abound in this town where you can taste one of the island's specialities, namely saffron pancakes with red fruit.

Day 4 - Stockholm

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Day 6 - At sea

During your journey at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This journey without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, depending on the activities offered, or to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of



the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

Day 7 - Riga

At the place where East meets West on the edge of the Baltic Sea, **Riga** , the capital of Latvia, will charm you with its contrasts. Although it is one of the oldest cities in the **Baltic states** , with a unique atmosphere that is imbued with the memory of its medieval past, Riga is also tangibly dynamic and modern. As you stroll through its **old town** , you will enjoy its exceptional architecture, its cathedrals, the remains of old walls and the typical narrow streets. Nicknamed "the Paris of the North" in the 1930s, this cosmopolitan city boasts a rich heritage.

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This ravishing city on the Baltic sea is nicknamed "the golden door of Poland", and you'll understand why when you see its beautiful Hanseatic architecture. You'll be charmed by the mouldings and gables that enhance the colourful façades of the houses. Along the **Vistula Quays,** you can take a pleasant stroll among the crafts shops. In elegant Mariacka street, the **amber jewellers** will most certainly tempt you into their boutiques. You can visit the church of Saint-Mary and its astronomic clock. Not far, the majestic Long Market square offers the famous Artus Court and the rich Gdansk History Museum.

Day 10 - Gudhjem, Bornholm

Lying in the south-west of the Baltic Sea, the medieval village of **Gudhjem** , on the island of Bornholm, is one of the most visited and most popular villages in Denmark. As you stroll along its picturesque streets, you will fall under the spell of its varied landscapes, its easy way of life, and the authenticity of this charming town with half-timbered houses topped with red roofs, in the Danish tradition. It is here, along these charming streets, that the first herring smokehouses were built in the mid-19th century, attracting all the region's fishermen. Tucked away in a gorgeous natural setting composed of rocky cliffs, dense forests and beaches of white sand, Gudhjem will provide an unforgettable interlude where time will seem to stand still.

Day 11 - Wismar

The Baltic port of Wismar is a historically significant and picturesque harbor in northern Germany. From the time of the Hanseatic League, it was an important center of trade, linking continental Europe with Scandinavia. Its well-preserved old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, showcases German Brick Gothic architecture from the middle ages, and the legacy of its



role as naval base under Swedish rule (1648-1803) is still evident along the harbor. Today, Wismar is important as a center of trade, handling goods like timber and steel, of shipbuilding, and of tourism. Its waterfront, historic warehouses, and maritime museums attract the interest of many visitors, and it serves as a gateway to other attractions along the Baltic coast.

Day 12 - Copenhagen

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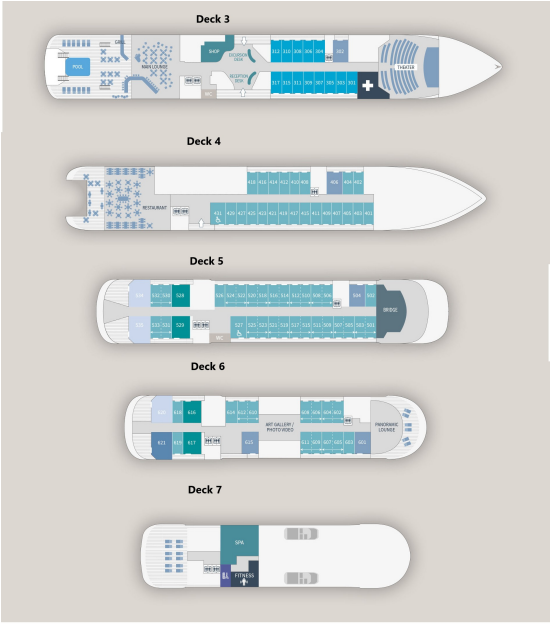
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