

Study trip
to the Baltics
JULY 21–27, 2025

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A Journey to Jewish Life and
Holocaust Memorial Sites in the Baltics

PROGRAM

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ONLINE SEMINARS

THURSDAY, JULY 3

06:00 – 06:30 pm,
Berlin time

Introduction and organizational notes

06:30 – 08:00 pm,

The Culture of Remembrance in the Baltic States – From
the Soviet Era to Today

*Dr. Didzis Bērziņš, University of Latvia, Faculty of Economics
and Social Sciences (FESS)*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

06:00 – 06:30 pm
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Shoah, Warfare, and Occupation in Lithuania

Dr. Christoph Dieckmann, historian

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DAY 1

MONDAY, JULY 21

Arrival	Flight/Bus trip to Tallinn, transfer to Hestia Hotel Seaport Tallinn, check-in <i>Location: Uus-Sadama 23, 10120 Tallinn</i>
02:00 pm	Guided tour in Tallinn's UNESCO-listed Old Town <i>Marju Meschin, Eesti Mälu Instituut (Estonian Institute of Historical Memory)</i> <i>Location: meeting point in front of the hotel</i>
05:00 pm	Kosher Buffet at the Jewish Museum Tallinn afterwards: pitch of essay ideas and research projects <i>Location: Karu tn 16, 10120 Tallinn</i>
08:00 pm	End of the day's program

DAY 2

TUESDAY, JULY 22

09:00 am	Visit to Tallinn Synagogue and Jewish Museum <i>Gennady Gramberg, Head of the Jewish Museum</i> <i>Location: Karu tn 16, 10120 Tallinn</i>
11:00 am	Visit to the Old Jewish Cemetery and Klooga Memorial <i>Gennady Gramberg, Head of the Jewish Museum</i> <i>Location: Magasini tn 27, 10138 Tallinn</i>
03:00 pm	Optional lunch
04:00 pm	Vabamu Museum of Occupations and Freedom and KGB Prison Cells <i>Workshop, Vabamu Museum</i> <i>Location: Toompea tn 8b, 10130 Tallinn</i>
06:30 pm	End of the day's program

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DAY 3

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

07:45 am	Bus transfer to Riga
12:00 am	Arrival in Riga, Stabu Seta Residence Hotel, check-in <i>Location: Stabu iela 8, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1010</i>
02:00 pm	Walking tour in Riga's Old Town, Synagogue and visit to the Jewish Museum of Riga <i>Ilya Lensky, director of the Museum 'Jews in Latvia'</i> <i>Location: meeting point in front of the hotel</i>
05:00 pm	For Remembrance – For the Diversity of Jewish Life. An Encounter with the Liepāja Jewish Heritage Foundation <i>Ilana Ivanova, Liepāja Jewish Heritage Foundation Director</i> <i>Location: Museum 'Jews in Latvia', Skolas iela 6, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1010, Lettland (the meeting will be held online)</i>

DAY 4

THURSDAY, JULY 24

09:00 am	Bus tour to the Great Choral Synagogue Memorial, former Ghetto, 'Judenrat' building, Rumbula Forest, Šķīrotava Railway Station, 'Gut Jungfernhof' and Rumbula Memorial <i>Ilya Lensky, director of the Museum 'Jews in Latvia'</i> <i>Location: meeting point in front of the hotel</i>
01:00 pm	Lunch at 'Visdari restaurant' and continuation of bus tour to Salaspils and Bikerniki Memorial
05:00 pm	End of the bus tour
evening	Time for exploring Riga/reflection period optional: Museum of the Occupation of Latvia (KGB building Riga)

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DAY 5

FRIDAY, JULY 25

07:30 am	Bus transfer to Vilnius
12:00 pm	Arrival in Vilnius, Old Town Trio Hotel, check-in <i>Location: Raugyklos g. 15A, Vilnius, 01140 Vilniaus m. sav.</i>
02:00 pm	Walking tour in Vilnius's Old Town, historical Jewish Quarter, former Ghetto and Choral Synagogue <i>Iga Makutėnienė, guide</i> <i>Location: meeting point in front of the hotel</i>
	Visit to Vilna Gaon Jewish Museum: exhibition „A rescued Lithuanian Jewish Child tells the story of the Shoah“ and Samuel Bak Museum <i>Iga Makutėnienė, guide</i> <i>Location: Naugarduko g. 10/2, Vilnius, 01309 Vilniaus m. sav.</i>
06:00 pm	„Opening the Windows of Memory. Jews in the current public discourse of Lithuania“ <i>Dr. Lara Lempertienė, National Library of Lithuania</i> <i>Location: National Library Lithuania, Gedimino pr. 51, Vilnius, 01109 Vilniaus m. sav.</i>

DAY 6

SATURDAY, JULY 26

09:30 am	Visit to Ponary Memorial <i>Iga Makutėnienė, guide</i> <i>Location: meeting point in front of the hotel</i>
01:00 pm	Return to Vilnius
02:00 pm	Visit to the „Museum of Litvak Culture and Identity“ <i>Location: Pylimo g. 4, Vilnius, 01117 Vilniaus m. sav.</i>
04:00 pm	Evaluation and reflection <i>Location: “Museum of Litvak Culture and Identity”, Pylimo g. 4, Vilnius, 01117 Vilnius</i>
07:00 pm	Farewell dinner <i>Location: “Pirmas Blynas”, Savičiaus g. 15, 01127 Vilnius</i>

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DAY 7

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Check-out and individual transfers to the airport / bus or train station /
or time for exploring Vilnius

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HOTELS

Tallinn

Hestia Hotel Seaport Tallinn

Location: Uus-Sadama 23, 10120 Tallinn

Riga

Stabu Seta Residence

Location: Stabu iela 8, Centra rajons, Rīga, LV-1010

Vilnius

Old Town Trio

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