

## LITHUANIA, LATVIA & ESTONIA BALTIC AIRSHOW, LATVIA & 3 NATIONAL AVIATION MUSEUMS

**WEDNESDAY 24th – WEDNESDAY 1st JULY**



We last visited the three Baltic Republics over 25 years ago, to the three Air Forces primary airbases. Unfortunately, this is no longer possible.

So, we do the next best thing: we will attend the largest airshow ever staged in the Baltic Republics, and, visit all three national aviation museums and private collections: predominantly with ex-Soviet/Russian aircraft.

Yet to be announced are any special arrangements at the airshow for "Arrivals" whilst details for a special spotter's ticket has been announced at €40 for each of the shows two days – included in the tour price.

In relation to the museums we visit, requests will be made to see any aircraft undergoing restoration and/or in storage at all the museums.

We stay at comfortable hotels during the tour, on a bed and breakfast (B&B) basis.

Tour price is based on a Land Only basis. You have the option of flying on the same flights as the Tour Manager (TM), from and back to a London airport, or from your local airport to Vilnius in Lithuania. Please contact **Alex** at **HC Travel** who can book them for you, or choose to book your own flights to Vilnius, to suit your own circumstances and location. Alex can be contacted on **+44 (0) 1256 7717** or at [alex.dubonos@hctravel.com](mailto:alex.dubonos@hctravel.com).

Travel in-country is by 9-seater mini-van, 5 persons + TM in a van. If we get sufficient bookings we will charter a local coach and driver.

If you are looking for a tour which is "off the beaten track" then look no further! There is a lot of interest.

### **ITINERARY (all times local)**

#### **DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

Between 04:30 and 05:00, please check-in/bag drop with Ryanair at Luton Airport. Then meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager and fellow enthusiasts, who will be gathering in Check-In area. Latest check-in/bag drop time is 90-minutes before departure:

If arranging your own flights to Vilnius Airport, please ensure you arrive no later than 12:30hrs in Vilnius.

✈ **Luton Airport**  
✈ **Vilnius Airport**

**Flight: FR3466**

**Departs: 07:15**  
**Arrives: 11:55**

On arrival we pick up our van and transfer to our hotel in the Lithuanian capital, staying overnight on a B&B basis at the fabulous 4-star Congress Hotel.

Located in a 19th-century building, 650 metres from the Old Town Vilnius, the Congress Hotel features rooms with individually controlled air conditioning, free WiFi, a minibar and a safe. All rooms come with satellite TV and a modern bathroom with a hairdryer. A varied buffet breakfast is served in the hotel's elegant restaurant. There is a bar on-site.

A 10-minute walk from Vilnius Cathedral, the Vilnius Castle Complex and the Gediminas' Tower are 800 meters away. <https://www.congress.lt/>

## DAY 2: THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Departing the hotel we drive to Kaunas (66 miles/2hrs) and visit the Lithuanian Museum of Aviation, pictured right. Website: <https://www.lam.lt/> . There is no café on-site.

At midday we head north, arriving 90 minutes later at Panevezkys airfield where there is an Antonov A-11 and Mil-8 on display.



A few kilometres further north is Istros airfield, and the small, but interesting, Aviaparkas Air Museum. Their collection includes a Aero L-29, MiG-21M, MiG-23ML, Mil-2, Mil-8T and an ex-Ukrainian Sukhoi SU-15 (pictured left). Website: <https://www.aviapark.lt/exhibits.html>

There is no café on-site.

Its late afternoon and we continue, crossing the border into Estonia, on the road to the capital, Riga.

Around 18:30 we arrive at our hotel in the city centre.

We stay 4 nights on a B&B basis at the superb Mercure Riga Centre Hotel, located in the heart of Riga and housed in a beautiful 1901 Art Nouveau building, only 400 metres from the Old Town. This exclusive 4-star designer hotel has air-conditioning and rooms include an LED FHD TV, a spacious private bathroom with free toiletries. On-site restaurant The Traveller offers a variety of both hot meals and cold snacks, and there is a wide selection of drinks available at the bar. The hotel is within a walking distance to the city's main sights, such as the Freedom Monument or the Dome Square. [https://all.accor.com/hotel/9436/index.en.shtml?utm\\_campaign=seo+maps&utm\\_medium=seo+maps&utm\\_source=google+Maps](https://all.accor.com/hotel/9436/index.en.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&utm_medium=seo+maps&utm_source=google+Maps)

## DAY 3: FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE

We plan to spend the day at the airshow venue to catch aircraft arriving. We await details of any special arrangements. Plan B should we need it, is a day of leisure.

## DAYS 4 & 5: SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Two full days at the 2026 Baltic Airshow. We await details to be published of participating nations and aircraft at what the organisers are saying will be a large international airshow.

## DAY 6: MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE



We start the day at the Latvian Aviation Museum – the Rigas Aviācijas Muzejs - which opens its doors at 10:00 and is located in Skulte, adjacent Riga International Airport.

There are 21 fixed wing and rotary aircraft, as pictured left. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Riga\\_Aviation\\_Museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Riga_Aviation_Museum)

There is an on-site cafe/bar area where you can get drinks

(coffee/tea/beer) and snacks.

By 13:00 we are on our way to Tartu in Estonia, a distance of 150 miles; with leg-stretch stops en-route, a journey of around 3½ hours.

Arriving in the centre of Tartu we check in to the Dorpat Hotel, staying one night on a B&B basis. Rooms come with cable TV, free Wi-Fi internet connection and a private bathroom with a shower and hairdryer. The hotel restaurant serves European cuisine. The historic Old Town is 600 meters away, and a large shopping mall a 50 metres walk. <https://dorpat.ee/>



## DAY 7: TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE

We arrive at the fabulous Estonian Aviation Museum – the Eesti Lennundus Muuseum, ready for when its doors open at 10:00.

On display are 32 aircraft, 6 helicopters and some gliders; also, air defence missiles which were stationed in the country during the Soviet occupation. There is a model collection of over 500 high-quality aircraft, helicopters and missile models.



Aircraft include: Tornado F.3 (RAF), F-104 ASA Starfighter (ItAF), MiG-21bis (Polish Air Force), Saab J35 Draken (Swedish Air Force), MiG-23MLD, Saab JA 37 Viggen (Swedish Air Force), Jaguar GR3 (RAF), Mirage III RS (Swiss Air Force), MiG-25 RPS, Yak-28PP, Saab J32 Lansen (Swedish Air Force), Sukhoi Su-22M4, F-4 Phantom II and a Sukhoi Su-24.

Plus, airliners, ag-cats, gliders, missiles and radars.

[https://www.lennundusmuuseum.ee/?y\\_source=1\\_OTQ4MjYwMi03MTUtG9jYXRpb24ud2Vic2l0ZQ%3D%3D](https://www.lennundusmuuseum.ee/?y_source=1_OTQ4MjYwMi03MTUtG9jYXRpb24ud2Vic2l0ZQ%3D%3D)

There is a cafe, "Metsavaht," offering catering with classic cafe fare like coffee, snacks, and meals.

We envisage spending three hours at the museum before travelling back to Riga for our last night of this tour, staying again at the Dorpat Hotel on a B&B basis.

## DAY 8: WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY

Departing no later 07:00 we can, if required, first drop off any travellers who have elected to fly back to the UK from Riga.

We then carry on to Vilnius Airport, a journey of less than 4 hours, needing to arrive at Ryanair's check in desks no later than 11:00. Please note: if arranging your own flights from Vilnius, earliest time to check in time should not be before 11:00.

✈ Vilnius Airport  
✈ Luton Airport

**Flight: FR3467**

**Departs: 12:20**  
**Arrives: 13:15**

Whilst waiting for our luggage to arrive Baggage Reclaim we take the opportunity to bid each other farewell until our paths cross again!

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON	TOUR: 606
From: <b>£1670.00</b>	based on sharing a twin-bedded room on a B&B basis (land only)
From: <b>£550.00</b>	Single room supplement

## **TOUR PRICE INCLUDES**

- All van transfers as stated
- Seven nights hotel accommodation in rooms with en-suite facilities
- Continental breakfast at the hotels
- Admission to all quoted aviation museums and collections
- Two days admission to the 2026 Baltic International Airshow (standard ticket)
- Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager throughout

## **NOT INCLUDED**

- Flights to Vilnius, Lithuania and back from Riga or Vilnius
- UK, Lithuanian and/or Latvia Airport Taxes
- UK Passenger Duty Tax
- Visa – if required. UK & EU passport holders do not require a visa
- Personal expenditure, eg telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- Tips and gratuities

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