CONNECTIONS BOUTIQUE GROUP JOURNEYS

The Baltics & Helsinki 2019
11 days from $4,995
Limited to 24 guests

OFFER
Save 50% on the single supplement on select departures.

Set forth on an unhurried journey through Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Finland, discovering former Soviet republics steeped in complex history, capital cities dressed in stunning architecture and progressive cultures along the coast.

A&K Advantages

Discover four countries, including little-known but fascinating Baltic gems, and Finnish, design-forward capital, Helsinki

Visit three UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the deeply storied, culture-heavy Old Towns of Vilnius and Riga

Take an entertaining tour of Latvia’s architectural gem, Rundale Palace, complete with ghost stories and extravagant gardens

Explore Riga’s National Opera House during an exclusive backstage visit

Join an Estonian sculptor for a master class at his gallery

Discover the history of modern Finnish design on a visit to the Iittala & Arabia Design Center

19 meals, with 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners

As of May 21, 2019
Itinerary

**DAYS 1-2 ARRIVE VILNIUS, LITHUANIA**
Land in Lithuania's capital city of Vilnius and transfer to your hotel. Tonight, join fellow guests for a welcome dinner. The next day, discover the city's gems with a tour through its Old Town — a UNESCO World Heritage Site — the Baroque Church of St. Peter and Paul, and the Gates of the Dawn, Vilnius' only surviving city gate. Called the "Jerusalem of Lithuania" for its strong Jewish influence, explore Vilnius' tragic past when you pay an important visit to Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum, largely the creation of local Holocaust survivors. Later, visit the Amber Museum-Gallery to learn about the harvesting and processing of "Baltic Gold." Enjoy an afternoon at leisure. 
Radisson Blu Royal Astorija Hotel | Meals: Dinner (Day 1); Breakfast (Day 2)

**DAYS 3-5 RIGA, LATVIA | STUNNING COSMOPOLITAN CITY**
Today, journey overland to Riga, making notable stops along the way. Visit the Hill of Crosses, a moving Lithuanian pilgrimage site; explore Bauska's ancient castle complex; enjoy a theatrical tour of Rundale Palace; and pay a meaningful visit to the Salaspils memorial. Arrive in Riga, where you check in to your newly opened design hotel in Riga's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Gather for dinner at a local restaurant. The next day, embark on a captivating tour of the Old Town, sprawl Riga Central Market and the incredible Art Nouveau District, a testament to the city's boom at the height of this flamboyant movement. Learn more about it on a visit to the Riga Art Nouveau Museum. Later, enjoy an exclusive backstage tour of the esteemed Latvian National Opera House. The rest of your evening is at leisure to explore this rich capital city. On your last day, go beyond the city as day-tripping Latvians do to enchanting Sigulda National Park. See the Gauja Valley, and explore the ruins of Sigulda Castle and other medieval fortresses with a local guide.
Pullman Riga Old Town | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner (Day 3); Breakfast (Day 4); Breakfast, Lunch (Day 5)

**DAYS 6-8 TALLINN, ESTONIA | MEDIEVAL & MODERN**
Drive to Tallinn, Estonia, stopping en route in Tartu. Enjoy a guided tour of this timeless provincial capital, stopping for a local lunch. Check in to your hotel in Tallinn and, later, gather for dinner. The next day offers a deep dive into this fascinating city. Tour its two-tiered Old Town, see Toompea Castle and Tall Herman's Tower, visit Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, and stand before the storybook medieval walls of Tallinn. Relax on a private cruise, enjoying lunch while sailing through Tallinn harbor. Continue your tour of Tallinn the next day when you visit the lavish Kadriorg Palace, designed for Peter the Great by Italian architect Niccolo Michetti; also see Kadriorg Park and the Song Festival Grounds. Venture to Kumu, the city's hyper-modern art museum housing the largest repository of Estonian art. Later, enjoy a master class at the gallery of Estonian sculptor Tauno Kangro. Share the day's highlights over dinner at a local restaurant.
My City Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Day 6); Breakfast, Lunch (Day 7); Breakfast, Dinner (Day 8)

**DAYS 9-11 HELSINKI, FINLAND | LEGENDARY COASTAL QUEEN**
Cruise in business class on a fast ferry bound for Finland. Upon arrival in Helsinki, embark on a tour of this cutting-edge Scandinavian capital wrapped in coastlines. Ride a ferry to the inhabited sea fortress of Suomenlinna, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Check in to your historic hotel in the heart of the city and enjoy a night at leisure. Finnish traditions beckon you the next day. Visit the medieval city of Porvoo, now buzzing with craft shops and colorful buildings. Tour this ancient trading post with your local guide. After time for lunch, continue to the Iittala Arabia Design Center to discover the history of this iconic Finnish brand. Return to Helsinki for a festive farewell dinner. On the last day, board your flight home.
Hotel Haven | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (Day 9); Breakfast, Dinner (Day 10); Breakfast (Day 11)
Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

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Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years old.
First group event: welcome briefing at 5:30 p.m. on Day 1.
Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 10.
Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Special Offer Terms & Conditions

Offer subject to availability and can be withdrawn at any time. Cannot be combined with Marco Polo Club or any other single supplement discount.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions here.