

Offer for families with children – Kaliningrad Oblast

7 days/6 nights

The trip will acquaint visitors with beauty and uniqueness of the region, will allow parents to actively spend time with their children, participants will gain new skills and have the occasion to learn foreign languages, as workshops will also contain elements of learning English (you can also pick Polish!).

Accommodation: Krasicki Hotel****, Zamek Ryn (Castle Ryn) Hotel****, Szyszko Hotel***

OPTION 1: (42km to border) **Kaliningrad** – (42km to Lidzbark) **Warmian Lidzbark** – (48km to Olsztyn) **Olsztyn** – (82km to Ryn) **Ryn** – (112km to Suwałki) **Suwałki** (+Nowa Wieś, approx. 9km) – **Augustów**, BALOON FLIGHT (33,5km from Suwałki + return) – **Białystok** (123km from Suwałki + return) – (from Suwałki to border 188km) **Kaliningrad**

- Astronomical Observatory (http://czasdzieci.pl/wycieczki/id,150f86-observatorium_astronomiczne_olsztynie.html)

Bezledy „Bargationovsk — Bezledy” border crossing

Day 1: 8:00 – departure from Kaliningrad, around 11:00 – arrival to Warmian Lidzbark. A tour around most precious monuments of gothic architecture: castle of Warmian bishops, gothic revival town hall. 13:00 – check-in and accommodation in double rooms of Krasicki Hotel****. Lunch in Krasicki hotel restaurant. Possibility to use hotel’s attractions: clock tower, swimming pool, sauna, Jacuzzi, fitness room, SPA. Additionally, we recommend benefiting from Krasicki’s charades, Kid’s Corner, the Cave of Risk, wine bar and club.

Day 2: 8:00 – breakfast. Arrival to Olsztyn to begin a space trip! Visit to astronomical observatory and show “Space Express” in Olsztyn planetarium. Trip will end with return to Earth, to modern times – spare time: a walk around the city, Wysoka Brama (High Gate), Alfa shopping centre, Lunch in a restaurant in the Old City. 16:00 – Zamek Ryn Hotel**** (accommodation in double rooms). 18:00 – dinner. After the dinner we will travel to the middle ages, where, dressed up in medieval clothes, we will take part in a tournament. In the evening you can use all the hotel’s attractions to your leisure.

Day 3: 9:00 – breakfast. Spare time – a walk across the city of Ryn. 12:00 – departure from the hotel. 14:00 – arrival to Suwałki (accommodation in double and triple rooms and in suites of Szyszko Hotel***). Lunch. After the meal we will discover the mysteries of former Kovno-Petersburg road, taking the “classicistic path”. We will acquaint ourselves with architecture and history of the city, we will also visit an art gallery. 18:00 – return to the hotel for dinner. Spare time: possibility for shopping in Plaza shopping centre, having fun in water park in Suwałki.

Day 4: 9:00 – breakfast. Spare time. 13:00 – travel to Nowa Wieś near Suwałki. 14:00 – lunch in *Maniówka* resort restaurant. Workshops with experienced playworkers. Fairy-tale world in the Village of Merry Travellers. Games, craftsmanship and cooking workshops (bread and regional cakes baking show), Genesis mission and a visit in a mobile planetary. 18:00 – regional evening and a campfire, performance of a local artist, an exciting fire show. 20:00-21:00 – return to the hotel.

Day 5: 9:00 – breakfast. Departure to Augustów. 12:00 – BALOON FLIGHT in Augustów – sightseeing + commemorative photo. 16:00 – lunch in a hostel in Augustów. 18:00 – departure to Suwałki. Spare time.

Day 6: 9:00 – breakfast. 10:00 – a trip to Białystok (shop-tour). Shopping in Biała and Alfa shopping centres. Attraction for children of your choice. 18:00 – return to the hotel for dinner.

Day 7: 9:00 – breakfast. Farewell meeting. 11:00. Departure of the group to Kaliningrad.

Dear travellers,

It is our honour to invite you for an amazing trip around Mazury, to the fairy-tale land of Suwałki Region. We would like to take you for an adventure that, apart from teaching you about the history and culture of the area, will allow you to become archaeologists, craftsmen and chefs. A true star turn will be the space travel following the trails of Yuri Gagarin.

Our offer is targeted primarily to families with children. Our resorts will provide you with a lot active leisure to do with your kids, learn new skills, and all that through fun, games and family entertainment. We can guarantee positive experience and great fun only!

Feel welcome to avail yourself of our offer, and our journey will begin right from the Kaliningrad train station, at 8. (Address: г.Калининград, Железнодорожная ул., 29).

See you soon!

Day 1: 8:00 – departure from Kaliningrad, around 11:00 – arrival to Warmian Lidzbark.



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A tour around most precious monuments of gothic architecture: castle of Warmian bishops and its outskirts, bastion and tower (14th century), town hall (revival gothic, turn of the 19th century). Check-in and accommodation in double rooms of Krasicki Hotel****. Lunch in Krasicki hotel restaurant. Possibility to use hotel's attractions: entry to the clock tower (5 PLN/adult 3 PLN/child from 3 to 12 years old, children below 3 years of age free of charge), swimming pool, sauna, Jacuzzi, fitness room, SPA.

Additionally, we recommend Krasicki's charades – family games for the mind, where enthusiasts of intellectual entertainment can have the pleasure of playing cards, scrabble, chess, charades or popular Jenga. The hotel has also Kids' Corner, where no young one can be bored (open 9:00 – 20:00, under parents' supervision.*During summer season and during holidays, the hotel provides special playworkers' programme for children). In the evening, adults can relax in the Cave of Risk, or in the wine bar and club.

Day 2: 8:00 – breakfast. After breakfast we will have a trip to Olsztyn, to start a space journey! We will be able to see the sunspots through telescopes in the astronomical observatory (watching city's scenery. *Monday to Saturday at: 9:00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00). We will continue the travel in Olsztyn planetarium, getting into the "Space Express" – astronomical show in Russian "presenting a variety of astronomical phenomena and effects of spaceflights. Apart from planetarium's cutting edge equipment, the show utilises video and slide projectors. The purpose of the show is to present the viewer with knowledge in accessible and attractive form, also thanks to soundtrack and sound effects". The journey will end with a return to Earth, to modern times – spare time: a walk around the

city, High Gate, Alfa shopping centre. We'll have lunch in a restaurant in the Old City. Around 16:00 we will go to Zamek Ryn Hotel****.



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After checking in (double rooms), we will have dinner. After that we will travel to the Middle Ages, where, dressed up in medieval clothes, we will take part in a tournament. In the evening you can use all the hotel's attractions to your leisure: bowling, pool, bow shooting (free of charge), SPA, swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna and Kids' Club where children – under care of qualified personnel – will spend time safely and happily, feel like at home, with sense of security and friendly atmosphere. Lady carers will provide plenty of attractive games allowing developing creativity in this colourful place with plenty of toys.

Day 3: 9:00 – breakfast. After breakfast, we provide you with some spare time – a chance to take a walk around the atmospheric town of Ryn. 12:00 – departure from the hotel. 14:00 – arrival to Suwałki (check-in, accommodation in double and triple rooms, or suites of the Szyszko Hotel***). Lunch. After the meal, we will discover the mysteries of former Kovno-Petersburg road, taking the “classicistic path” (guidebook in Russian:



Pic. Suwałki Agriculture and Tourism Chamber, Office Archives

<http://sciezki.suwalki.pl/sciezka-klasycystyczna/>), where constructing wooden buildings was banned in 1820, what resulted in brick buildings along the contemporary Kościuszki street. We will also travel back to 70s of the 19th century, when Tsar Alexander's II authorities have transformed Suwałki into a garrison, building barracks for 10 thousand soldiers. After getting acquainted with city's history and architecture, we will also visit art galleries: Chłodna 20, Pacamera, Andrzej Strumiłło's Gallery. Then, we will return to the hotel for dinner. After that – spare time: possibility to do some shopping in Plaza shopping centre or visit the water

park.

*It is also possible to take part in cultural events organised by Suwałki Culture Centre during the visit.

Day 4: 9:00 – breakfast. Spare time. 13:00 – travel to Nowa Wieś near Suwałki. 14:00 – lunch in *Maniówka* resort restaurant. *Maniówka* is an exceptional place, where all the guests have fun together. Thus, it will be time to begin workshops with playworkers, when we will continue our space and historical journeys. Especially for you, we have prepared games like: special charades, educational games and fire show workshops that will acquaint you with the world of jugglery. A wide spectre of attractions awaits you, all of them full of active entertainment and dancing. After so much sport, spending some time with Russian theatre and fairy tales, what will allow us to cool down. World of fairy tales will wait for us in the Village of Merry Travellers, while our playworkers will take you on the Genesis mission, where we will leave the earth for a while to discover mysteries of the sky and the creation of life in the universe. We will also visit the planetarium, where millions of stars, planets, comets and nebulas just wait to be discovered. In the practical part, each of us will have a chance to build his (or her) own planet. Additional attraction will be a show of space collisions. In the evening, we will continue our journey and meet a regional artist, who – at dinner by the campfire – will present his repertoire and teach us local folk songs. There will also be an exciting fire show!



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NOTE: It is possible to participate in workshops containing elements of learning English. Parents can take part in cooking (bread and regional cakes baking show) and craftsmanship workshops, making wood ornaments or 2 relaxing massages instead of the workshops.

Day 5: 9:00 – breakfast. After breakfast, we will go to Augustów for a... **BALOON FLIGHT**. During the flight we will have a chance to see the sights and make a commemorative photo. Dinner will be served in hostel restaurant in Augustów. After that – return to Suwałki and spare time.



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Day 6: 9:00 – breakfast. Departure to Białystok. Spare time: shopping in Biała and Alfa shopping centres. For the kids – Dinosaur Park in Jurówce (115km from Suwałki, www.jurajskiparkdinozaurow.pl) or SKAUT Supraśl (clown, magician, kids game corner <http://skaut.info.pl/index.php?str=kontakt>) or “Fikoland” – play rooms for children up to 12 years of age

(<http://www.fikoland.com.pl/cennik.html>; <http://www.fikoland.com.pl/ru.html>). Return to the hotel for dinner.

Day 7: Return to Kaliningrad.

Approximate cost of the whole trip (if in a group of 16 people): 2266 PLN/person (541 EUR/person).

The price includes:

1. accommodation in 3 and 4 stars hotels
2. breakfast (in form of a ‘smörgåsbord’)
3. tour around historical buildings in Warmian Lidzbark
4. visit to Astronomical Observatory
5. show in planetarium
6. Suwałki galleries entry fees

The price does not include:

1. visa
2. insurance on the territory of Poland
3. transport
4. meals (apart from breakfasts)
5. visit to the water park (<http://www.aquaparksuwalki.com/index.php/cennik/>)
6. BALOON FLIGHT

7. visit in Białystok (meal, attractions for children) + transport

Approximate cost of the trip: 1634 PLN/person (390 EUR)

* balloon flight price list (the flight lasts about 1h, but the whole “trip” takes about 3-4h, as it is possible to make a toast with champagne, there are diplomas handed out, etc.):

2 people – 750 PLN/person

4 people – 600 PLN/person

5 people – 500 PLN/person

6 and more people – 450 PLN/person