

An 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 every workshop will also contain elements of learning English (you can also pick Polish!).

Accommodation: Krasicki Hotel****, Zanek Ryn (Castle Ryn) Hotel****, Szyszko Hotel***, Galindia Hotel

OPTION 2: (42km to border) **Kaliningrad** – (42km to Lidzbark) **Warmian Lidzbark** – (75km to Gierłoż) **Gierłoż** – (56km to Iznota) **Iznota** (Galindia – overnight stay) – (81km to Ełk) **Ełk** BALOON FLIGHT – (62km to Suwałki) **Suwałki** – **Oszkinie** (Yotvingian settlement, 30km from Oszkinie to Suwałki) – **Nowa Wieś** (Maniówka) – **Białystok** (123km from Suwałki + return) – **Kaliningrad**

Bezledy border crossing „Bargationovsk-Bezledy”

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, 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: Breakfast. Departure to Gierłoż. Wolf’s Lair – Hitler’s headquarters. Departure to Iznota for a meeting with Galindians. Check-in in Galindia Hotel. Attractions: Galindians’ raid, a tour around the building, becoming a Galindian and (additionaly, for 70 PLN/person) Galindian entertainment (throwing axes, bow shooting, obstacle course) <http://www.galindia.com.pl/oplaty.html>

Day 3: Breakfast and departure to Ełk. BALOON FLIGHT. Departure to Suwałki. Check-in in Szyszko Hotel***. Lunch. Spare time: Plaza shopping centre – possibility to do some shopping or visit the Suwałki water park.

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

Day 4: Breakfast. 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 art galleries: Chłodna 20, Pacamera, Andrzej Strumiłło’s Gallery. Return to the hotel for lunch. Departure to Yotvingian-Prussian settlement in Oszkinie. A meeting with Yotvingians. A tour around the settlements and acquaintance with tribe’s history. Return to the hotel for dinner (*on guests’ request, it is possible to have dinner in RUTA restaurant in Puńsk). Spare time: possibility to do some shopping or visit the water park in Suwałki.

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Day 5: 9:00 – breakfast. Spare time. 13:00 – departure to Nowa Wieś near Suwałki. Meeting with Skomantas and his entourage. 14:00 – lunch in *Maniówka* resort restaurant. Workshops with experienced playworkers. Fairy-tale world in the Village of Merry Travellers. Various

games. Archaeology excavations, craftsmanship and cooking workshops (bread and regional cakes baking show), also a chemistry mission during which, our young chemists will discover the power of volcanos and Coriolis effect by making their own tornadoes! 18:00 – regional evening at the campfire, performance of the regional artist and an exciting fire show.

20:00-21:00 – farewell meeting with Skomantas and his entourage, return to the hotel.

Day 6: 9:00 – breakfast. 10:00 – a trip to Białystok (shop-tour). Shopping in Biała and Alfa shopping centres. Possibility of choosing attractions for children. 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 a meeting with Baltic tribes that long ago inhabited the Eastern Poland, that is with the duke of Yotvingians, the Great Skomantas.

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. (Адрес: г.Калининград, Железнодорожная ул., 29). See you soon!

Day 1: Arrival to Warmian Lidzbark. 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



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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.



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Day 3: Breakfast and departure to Etk. BALOON FLIGHT. Departure to Suwałki. Check-in in Szyszko Hotel***. Lunch. Spare time: possibility to visit Suwałki Science and Technology Park, Plaza shopping centre – possibility to do some shopping or visiting the Suwałki water park.



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Day 4: Breakfast. After the meal, we will discover the mysteries of former Kovno-Petersburg road, taking the “classicistic path” (guidebook in Russian: <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 10k soldiers. After getting acquainted with city’s history and architecture, we will also visit art galleries: Chłodna 20 (<http://info.galerie.art.pl/galerie/suwalki.html>), Pacamera (<http://info.galerie.art.pl/galerie/pacamera.html>), Andrzej Strumiłło’s Gallery (http://cswas.org/?page_id=24&lang=pl) family ticket: 10 PLN). Then, we will return to the hotel for dinner. Departure to Yotvingian-Prussian settlement in Oszkinie. A meeting with Yotvingians. A tour around the settlements and acquaintance with tribe’s history. Return to the hotel for dinner (*on guests’ request, it is possible to have dinner in RUTA restaurant in Puńsk). Spare time: possibility to do some shopping or visit the water park in Suwałki. <http://www.cit.ugpunsok.pl/index.php?id=59&id2=47>



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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.



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

Day 6: 9:00 – breakfast. Departure to Białystok. Spare time: shopping in Biała and Alfa shopping centres. For the kids – Dinosaur Park in Jurowce (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

Day 7: breakfast. Return to Kaliningrad.

Approximate cost of the whole trip (if in a group of 16 people): 1893 PLN/person (452 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. tour around the Hitler’s headquarters
5. visit in Galindia
6. visit in Yotvingian-Prussian settlement
7. workshops in *Maniówka* resort + playworkers’ care
8. fire show
9. performance of the regional artist
10. Suwałki galleries entry fees.
11. 24/7 translator’s services

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

* 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.