



Immersion in Jewish History

Niasvizh:

We'll visit the Museum of Jewish History in the Mir Castle and we'll also visit Jewish cemeteries in Mir and Radun (with history going back to 1598 and 1451).

Minsk:

We will explore history of Jewish people in Belarus and their life in pre-war Minsk. We will learn more about their tragic fate during Holocaust years and see the territory of the Minsk ghetto. We will visit a local synagogue, Museum of Jewish Culture and Jewish Community Center. We will also learn about historical Jewish people who were born in Belarus.



Vilnius, Lithuania

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Trakai, Lithuania



Belarus & Lithuania Trip

Co-hosted by

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St. Anne Vilnius, Lithuania

Belarus

Cities of Minsk, Dudutki, Niasvizh,
Mir and Navahradak

Lithuania

Cities of Vilnius and Trakai

Tentative Dates:

August 26 – September 5





Naisvizh Castle, Belarus

Baltics and Beyond: Chasing the Legacy of Great Duchy

Once upon a time there was a great country which stretched from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea which served as an outpost of European civilization: Great Duchy of Litva (Lithuania). It guarded Europe from various invasions of the East. It is our pleasure to invite you to join our group on a journey through its heirs- Belarus and Lithuania to see fascinating historical hidden gems in Central and Eastern Europe. America is a nation of immigrants and many people came to this country from the places that we will visit: American Revolutionary war hero Tadeusz Kosciuszko; the author of God Bless America, composer Irving Berlin and many others. This tour will bring you to experience art, castles, places of worship, Eastern-European American connections.

Meet the Hosts

Fr. Ihar Labacevich

Priest at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Minneapolis, MN
native of Belarus

Debra Korluka

International Byzantine Iconographer
Icon Art Studios / Korluka Studios
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Tour Details

Tentative Dates: Tuesday, August 26 through Sunday, September 5. Our exact dates will depend on the air flight schedules.

Estimated costs: \$3,000-\$3,250 plus visa cost for Belarus and tips (tour escorts, bus driver, tour guides). The tour cost includes air, lodging (double occupancy), ground transfer (bus and/or train), breakfast, either lunch or dinner each day, and all ticket entries for tour sites. A group of 10 people necessitates this price, a price adjustment may happen if we travel with less than 10.

Itinerary Highlights

- 3 nights in **Vilnius** at the beginning and end of the tour. Walking tours of the city, museum tours, a day trip to **Trakai** and going away dinner celebration at the end of the tour.
- 5 night stay in **Minsk** starting with a city bus tour and old town walking tour. Visiting the National Art Museum and History Museum. An icon lecture at the Museum of Ethnography and various sightseeing of churches and cathedrals.
- 1 night in **Dudutki** staying at a local hotel with carious activities, sightseeing and dinner.
- 1 night in **Naisvizh** staying at a local hotel with carious activities, sightseeing and dinner.
- Day trip to **Mir** and **Navahradak**.



Dudutki, Belarus