

Sample Itinerary

Congregation Kol Ami – Jewish Baltics

Day 1–Sunday, May 23, 2027: Air Travel

Depart on a flight of your choosing for Vilnius, Lithuania from Salt Lake City. You are of course welcome to depart earlier than May 23rd if desired.

Day 2–Monday, May 24, 2027: Vilnius–Arrival

Arrival in Vilnius airport. Meet the bus and tour guide. Transfer to **Hotel Radisson Blu Lietuva******, or similar and check-in. Buffet dinner at hotel.

Day 3–Tuesday, May 25, 2027: Vilnius

Breakfast, 09.00–13.00 Vilnius sightseeing tour with visit to Vilnius Kenesa–located in Zvėrynas district of Vilnius, visit to the Vilna Gaon Museum of Lithuanian Culture and Jewish Identity (entrance), continue with Jewish Quarter and visit to Vilnius Choral Synagogue (entrance). Leisure 14.00–17.00, tour in the Old Town with Vilnius Cathedral, Lower and Upper Castle with Gediminas Tower, Hill of Three Crosses, St. Anna’s Church, Old University, the Chapel of Dawn with the Madonna of Vilnius. 19.00 dinner in a typical restaurant “Bernėliu ūžeiga” with typical local dishes and the atmosphere. Transfer to hotel.

Day 4–Wednesday, May 26, 2027: Vilnius, Kaunas

Breakfast, 09.00 start with visit to the Holocaust Museum, also called the Green House (entrance). Continue with Panerai Memorial, the mass murder site in Panerai Forest. At approx. 11.00 continue towards Kaunas. 12.30 leisure for lunch on own. 15.00–18.00 sightseeing tour of Kaunas with visit to Sugihara House (entrance) and learn about the man known as the “Japanese Wallenberg.” Visit to the 9th Fort Museum (entrance), return to Kaunas and visit to Kaunas Choral Synagogue. Check-in at **Hotel Radisson Kaunas******. Buffet dinner at hotel.

Day 5–Thursday, May 27, 2027: Kaunas, Riga

Breakfast, 09.00 drive towards Riga. En route, stop at the Hill of the Crosses near Siauliai. Arrive at **Hotel Radisson Blu Latvia******. 14.00 lunch at hotel and check-in. 15.00–18.00 start exploring Riga with visit to “Peitav Schul” and the Synagogue (entrance). Continue with visit to Holocaust Museum and Riga Ghetto (entrance). Visit to Janis Lipke Memorial Museum (entrance). Dinner at typical local restaurant “Key to Riga.” Walk back to hotel.

Day 6–Friday, May 28, 2027: Riga

Breakfast, 09.00–13.00 morning visit to Salaspils Concentration Camp (entrance), continue with visit to Bikernieki Forest memorial, return to Riga. 13.30 leisure for lunch. 15.00–18.00 Riga city sightseeing tour with Old Town walking tour, Dome Cathedral, Large and Small Guild, Freedom Monument, House of Blackheads, St. Peters Church, the Swedish Gate, Powder Tower, return back to hotel. 19.00 Shabbat dinner with Jewish Community in Riga. Walk back to hotel.

Day 7–Saturday, May 29, 2027: Riga, Tallinn

Breakfast, 09.00 depart towards Estonia. 11.00 arrival in Estonian Summer Capital Parnu. Possibility to visit at own hand: Puhavaimo pedestrian street and view to Tallinn Gate and St. Elisabeth Church, walk at the white-sand beach. 12.30 leisure for lunch one own. 14.00 continue towards Tallinn. 16.00 arrival and immediate start of panoramic tour of Tallinn with Pirita area with St. Briggita's convent ruins, Kadriorg Park and Palace (photo-stop), and Russalka Monument. Arrival at **Hotel Tallink City******. Check-in and dinner at hotel.

Day 8–Sunday, May 30, 2027: Tallinn

Breakfast, 09.00-12.30 walking tour of Jewish Cemetery and Memorial and visit to Beit Bella Tallinn New Synagogue (entrance). 12.30 lunch at Jewish Community Centre with Jewish community of Tallinn. 14.30-17.30 Tallinn city sightseeing tour including walking tour of the Old Town with Toompea Hill and Toompea Castle, Dome Cathedral (entrance) and Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Lower Town with Niguliste Church and Old 13th century Town Hall, return to hotel or leisure in the Old Town Medieval feast dinner at Restaurant “Maikrahv.” Walk back to hotel.

Day 9–Monday, May 31, 2027: Tallinn, Helsinki, Tallinn

Breakfast boxes at hotel. Full day excursion to Helsinki by ferry and bus.

06.15 Transfer to Tallinn port / D-terminal and boarding TALLINK ferry MEGASTAR to Helsinki (sailing takes two hours 7.30-10.30). Arrive in Helsinki, West Harbour Terminal T2. 10.45-12.45 meet the guide at West Harbour Terminal T2. Departure by bus to see the Finnish capital which was completely rebuilt in the neoclassical style after the great fire that occurred in 1808. Visit Senate Square where the great Protestant Cathedral rises, the University and government administrative buildings, then a visit to the Uspenskaya Russian Church, the Parliament, the Synagogue of Helsinki and the Jewish community Center, Jan Sibelius Park, Finlandia Concert Hall, the Olympic Stadium where the 1952 Olympic Games were held, pass by the modern Oodi Library. 13.00 leisure for lunch. 14.30-16.30 visit to Suomenlinna Fortress, (waterbus ticket). Free time in the city center for lunch and a walk along Esplanade Park and nearby streets with luxury shops, next to the Old Port and a market with local products and gastronomic specialties. Early dinner at restaurant “Kappelli.” 18.00 transfer to the ferry, Tallink terminal in West Harbour Terminal T2. Depart with TALLINK boat

MEGASTAR for Tallinn. 19.30-21.30 arrive in Tallinn port, D-terminal. Pick-up by coach and transfer to hotel. Free evening. Overnight stay.

Day 10–Tuesday, June 1, 2027: Tallinn

Breakfast, 09.00-12.30 continue exploring Tallinn with Noblessner Port, Telliskivi Creative city and Balti Jaam food market, leisure for personal discoveries. 19.00 farewell dinner at restaurant “Jerusalem” or similar. Walk back to hotel.

Day 11–Wednesday, June 2, 2027: Tallinn–Departure

Breakfast, transfer to the airport, departure.

Rates & Cancellation Information

\$2,990 per person land-only, based on double occupancy
(pay by check for a 3% discount—\$2,900)

- This trip is limited to 34 passengers.
- NON-KOL AMI MEMBERS may join for an additional \$500 per person.
- Limited single room supplements available for an additional \$600.
- \$250 deposit to hold your space (for payment with a credit card, 3% will be added). Your deposit is refundable until December 31, 2026.
- Make checks payable to Congregation Kol Ami and note “Baltic Tour.”
- Invoices for final payment will go out the end of February 2027. Final payment will be due to Kol Ami by March 19, 2027.
- Deposit is non-refundable beginning January 1, 2027.
- 50% cancellation (\$1495.00) March 23–April 20, 2027
- 100% cancellation (\$2990.00) April 21–May 23, 2027
- All cancellation requests must be sent to jlaurag@amiel.com.
- Travel insurance is strongly recommended.

Included:

- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach for all transfers, touring, and sightseeing from Vilnius Airport to Tallinn airport
- English speaking tour escort throughout the duration of the tour.
- Nine (9) overnight stays in centrally located four-star hotels listed below or equivalent:
 - Two (2) nights in Vilnius at Hotel Radisson Blu Lietuva
 - One (1) night in Kaunas at Hotel Radisson Kaunas
 - Two (2) nights in Riga at Hotel Radisson Blu Latvija Conference & Spa
 - Four (4) nights in Tallinn at Hotel Tallink City

- Accommodations will be in double rooms with bath en-suite
- Daily breakfast buffet at hotels (one breakfast box on the day of the Helsinki excursion)
- One (1) lunch at Jewish Community Center in Tallinn
- One (1) lunch at the hotel in Riga on day four
- Nine (9) dinners at the hotels (either menu or buffet) or at local restaurants, one (1) Shabbat dinner at the Jewish community Center
- Local English-speaking guides where necessary (the tour escort will be doing most of the guiding)
- Entrance fees for:
 - Vilnius: Vilna Gaon Museum of Lithuanian Culture and Jewish Identity, Vilnius Choral Synagogue// Trakai: Shapshal Museum of the Karaim Nation// Riga Peitav Shul and the Synagogue, Holocaust Museum and Riga Ghetto, Zanis Lipke Memorial Museum, Salaspils Concentration Camp // Tallinn: Beit Bella Tallinn New Synagogue, Dome Cathedral// Helsinki: Waterbus Ticket to Suomenlinna Fortress
 - Hydrofoil ticket Tallinn – Helsinki – Tallinn in tourist class
 - Headphone system during the whole tour
 - All visitor and city taxes

Not included:

- Airfare
- Drinks during the meal
- Tips to tour guide, city guides, coach driver, hotel and restaurant staff (we recommend 100 Euro total per traveler)
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses

Trip Leader: Rabbi Sam Spector, Congregation Kol Ami

Trip Organizer: Laura Green and Amiel Tours, Touristik Incoming based in Cologne, Germany