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## Cruise Details

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| Name: | Summertime Baltic Breeze |
| Reference: | HAPAGEUR2713 |
| Operator: | Hapag-Lloyd Cruises |
| Cruise Type: | Ocean |
| Cruise Rating: | Luxury |
| Ship: | MS EUROPA |
| Regions: | Western Europe |
| Departs On: | 18 Jul 27 |
| Departs From: | Hamburg |
| Arrives On: | 30 Jul 27 |
| Arrives At: | Kiel |
| Cruise Nights: | 12 |
| Total Vacation Days: | 13 |

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Hamburg (Germany)

Arrives On: 18 Jul 27

### Day 2: Port information not found

The Kiel Canal is like a ribbon cutting through the landscapes of Schleswig-Holstein and linking the North Sea to the Baltic Sea between Brunsbuttel and Kiel. At just under 100 km (62 mi.) long, the canal is the busiest man-made waterway in the world and cuts up to 900 km (560 mi.) off shipping routes around Denmark. Opened in 1895 and originally known as the Kaiser Wilhelm Canal, the canal makes its way past little villages, idyllic meadows and extensive pasture land. The two locks are masterpieces of engineering and have also been in operation since 1895, protecting the canal from changing water levels caused by the tides or by the winds off the North Sea and Baltic Sea.

Arrives On: 19 Jul 27

## Day 3: Copenhagen (Denmark)

With its mix of world-famous landmarks and modern charm, Copenhagen appeals to every visitor. The Little Mermaid at Langelinie is the city's most famous attraction. The colourful waterfront at Nyhavn with its lively cafes is a great place to while away some time, while Amalienborg Palace and the Tivoli amusement park will take you on a journey through the past and present of the Danish capital. In its majestic setting amidst well-kept rose gardens, Rosenborg Castle is home to the Danish Crown Jewels. As well as its historic sites, Copenhagen is a paradise for design fans: the cubist Royal Library and the Royal Opera House are outstanding examples of modern Scandinavian architecture.

Arrives On: 20 Jul 27

## Day 5: Gdansk (Poland)

Surrounded by wild natural landscapes and rugged cliffs lies Gdansk – a city full of history, culture and unique scenery. The city looks back over more than 1,000 years of history, including rule by the Teutonic Order, its heyday as a wealthy Hanseatic city, and the partitions of Poland in the 18th century. Today, Gdansk is a cosmopolitan city with an interesting past. A walk through the old city gates, through the Long Market or along the Motlawa provides a variety of views and leads you to many shops, restaurants and cafes, where you can take a relaxing break. Gdansk combines historic grandeur with modern charm and is a real highlight on the Polish Baltic coast.

Arrives On: 22 Jul 27

## Day 6: Klaipeda (Lithuania)

Once known as Memel, Klaipeda is an inviting place for a relaxing stroll through its restored old town and past charming half-timbered houses along medieval cobbled streets. The former City Hall, where the Prussian King Friedrich Wilhelm II and his wife Queen Luise took up residence in 1807/08 to escape from Napoleon, is particularly worth a visit. The theatre, which Richard Wagner visited in 1836, is also captivating thanks to its historic charm. In front of the theatre is the Simon Dach fountain with a statue of Annchen von Tharau, which was faithfully restored in 1989. In the surrounding area, you can see the Curonian Spit with its shifting sand dunes which inspired Thomas Mann – an impressive example of the unspoilt beauty of Lithuania.

Arrives On: 23 Jul 27

## Day 7: Stockholm (Sweden)

Stockholm is an enchanting capital thanks to its unique location on 14 islands, which are connected to each other by a multitude of bridges. Set between Lake Malaren and the Baltic Sea, the city is often referred to as the "Venice of the North". In the old town, Gamla Stan, with its winding streets and historic buildings, you will find stylish bistros offering New Nordic Cuisine. On

the neighbouring island is the impressive baroque Royal Palace, while the Vasa Museum with its restored war ship brings the city's fascinating maritime history to life.

Arrives On: 24 Jul 27

## Day 8: Stockholm (Sweden)

Arrives On: 25 Jul 27

## Day 9: Riga (Latvia)

At the estuary of the River Daugava lies a pearl of the Baltic: Riga offers an incomparable mix of history and modernity. While magnificent art nouveau facades adorn the outer districts of Latvia's capital city, the enchanting old town with is well-preserved medieval buildings was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997. At its centre near the House of the Blackheads, the tall tower of St. Peter's Church rises high above the rooftops and is a magnificent sight. Riga is particularly lively thanks to its varied music and art scene – western influences combine with traditional Latvian elements and ensure its unique charm.

Arrives On: 26 Jul 27

## Day 10: Riga (Latvia)

Arrives On: 27 Jul 27

## Day 11: Visby (Sweden)

Visby is located on Gotland, Sweden's largest island, and is considered one of the best-preserved Hanseatic towns – its medieval lanes and half-timbered houses taking visitors back to times long past. A 3 km (1.9 mi.) long wall surrounds the old town, where old merchants' houses and romantic, stepped gabled houses line up side by side. The imposing cathedral from the twelfth century is a landmark in Visby's skyline, attracting visitors from afar. In summer, countless roses bloom in the gardens, making the town's historic atmosphere even prettier with their blaze of colour.

Arrives On: 28 Jul 27

## Day 13: Kiel (Germany)

Arrives On: 30 Jul 27


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