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Cruise Details

Name:	Maritime Breeze On The Baltic
Reference:	HAPAGEUX2717
Operator:	Hapag-Lloyd Cruises
Cruise Type:	Ocean
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	MS EUROPA 2
Regions:	Western Europe
Departs On:	12 Sep 27
Departs From:	Kiel
Arrives On:	24 Sep 27
Arrives At:	Hamburg
Cruise Nights:	12
Total Vacation Days:	13

Itinerary

Day 1: Kiel (Germany)

Arrives On: 12 Sep 27

Day 3: 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: 14 Sep 27

Day 4: 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: 15 Sep 27

Day 5: 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: 16 Sep 27

Day 6: Tallinn (Estonia)

Picturesque Tallinn lies right on the Baltic coast and is enchanting with its medieval old town, which has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1997. Surrounded by a city wall with 26 defence towers, Estonia's capital has charming little streets, historic buildings and a fascinating mix of architectural styles. Toompea Hill, Tall Hermann tower and the impressive St. Mary's Cathedral offer a wonderful insight into the city's history, while the Town Hall Square in the centre of the old town is a lively place to explore.

Arrives On: 17 Sep 27

Day 7: Helsinki (Finland)

Arriving in the port of Helsinki is an experience in itself: Finland's capital lies in a picturesque location on a peninsula, surrounded by the idyllic little islands of the Gulf of Finland. Helsinki is a melting pot of lively city life and lush green nature. The Kauppatori market square is an attractive place with its fruit and souvenir stalls, while the historic Vanha Kauppahalli indoor market offers local delicacies. Uspenski Cathedral is captivating with its grand architecture and wonderful views over the city. Helsinki Cathedral, the city's snow-white landmark with green domes, is no less

impressive. Explore this city full of contrasts on a discovery tour and enjoy the interplay between culture, nature and Nordic charm.

Arrives On: 18 Sep 27

Day 8: 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: 19 Sep 27

Day 9: Stockholm (Sweden)

Historic Gamla Stan with its narrow streets and colourful buildings is not to be missed. The Royal Palace and the Vasa Museum, where you can see the Vasa warship that sank in the 17th century, are other highlights. The trendy districts of Sodermalm and Norrmalm appeal thanks to their hip boutiques, cafes and restaurants. The archipelago off the coast provides the ideal natural scenery for boat trips. Stockholm impresses thanks to its combination of history, culture and modern lifestyle.

Arrives On: 20 Sep 27

Day 10: Kalmar (Sweden)

A charming blend of history and vibrant culture awaits visitors to Kalmar on the east coast of Sweden. The cobbled streets of the old town, the city’s traditional buildings and impressive Kalmar Castle provide the beautiful backdrop to bring the rich heritage of the city to life. The harbour provides plenty of opportunities for relaxation at its cafes and restaurants with views over the water. With its lively cultural scene, art galleries and theatres, the city has plenty of variety to keep visitors entertained.

Arrives On: 21 Sep 27

Day 11: 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: 22 Sep 27

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