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**Military Heritage in Lithuania and Poland**

**May 9-14, 2022**

**Programme 6 days**

(accomodation, catering, entrances included) + bus provided

**9th May**

**Day 1**

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| 14:00 | Departure from Riga, near Riga Castle (in picture) |
| 18:00 | Arrival in Kaunas |
| Accommodation at Kaunas Hotel\*\*\*\* <http://www.kaunashotel.lt/> 1 Twin room (for drivers) | |
| 19:30 | Dinner at local food restaurant „Višta Puode“  [http://vištapuode.lt](about:blank) (0,5 km from hotel) |

**10th May**

**Day 2** ~ 270 km by bus

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| Breakfast, 8:45 departure | |
| 09:30 - 11:00 | **Kaunas, 9.th. fort** **and open air museum** in Kaunas WWI, WWII, Soviet occupation. Meeting with Museum director and marketing department  <https://www.9fortomuziejus.lt/?lang=en> |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Along the route we will do it at 12.00 at <https://www.grizuloratai.eu/?page_id=1675&lang=en> lunch here |
| 16:00 - 18:00 | **Wolfsschanze, Hitler´s headquarter** in Gierłoż, WWII <https://wolfsschanze.pl/en/> Meeting representatives from Srokovo Forest Authority and Wolf’s Lair visitor centre |
| 19:00 | Accommodation at Hotel Mazury \*\*\* <https://hotelmazury.pl/>  1 Twin room (for drivers) |
| 19:30 | Dinner at Hotel Mazury |



*Photos: 9.th. fort at Kaunas, Hotel at Wolfschanze, Hitler’s bunker in Wolfschanze*

**May 11th**

**Day 3** ~ 260 km by bus to Gdansk

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| Breakfast, 8:45 departure | |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch at Vidok Restaurant at WW2 museum <https://muzeum1939.pl/en/restaurants.html> |
| 14:00 - 15:00 | Meeting museum Director and International relation department as well as history specialists  <https://muzeum1939.pl/en/team.html> |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | Guided Tour of Museum <https://muzeum1939.pl/en> |
| 16:30 - 18:30 | **Westerplatte, last place German troops invaded in 1939,** IIWW,evening hike (2-3 km)  <https://www.inyourpocket.com/gdansk/westerplatte-where-wwii-began_73617f> |
| Accommodation Hamptom by Hilton Gdansk Old Town Hotel for 2 nights <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/gdnhxhx-hampton-gdansk-old-town/?WT.mc_id=zVSEC0PL1HP2NaturalSearch3GoogleMyBusiness4luau-goldtown_Jul5luau6GDNHXHX7EN8i1>  1 Twin room (for drivers) | |
| 19:30 | Dinner at the Restaurant „Chleb I Wino“ [www.chlebiwino.eu](http://www.chlebiwino.eu) (appr. 0,7 km from the hotel) |

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*Photos: Gdansk Maritime museum, Westerplatte*

**May 12**

**Day 4** ~ 350 km by bus

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| Breakfast, 8:45 departure | |
| 11:00 - 12:00 | **Muzeum Obrony Wybrzeża (Coastal defence museum) and “Schleswig - Holstein baterie)**, Director of the Museum will personally meet the group. <https://helmuzeum.pl/pl/museum/history> |
| 12:00 - 13:00 | Small walk through the forest and visiting of  **Fire Control Tower,** <https://tropter.com/en/poland/hel/fire-control-tower-museum> |
| 13:00 - 14:00 | Lunch at the restaurant „Kutter“ in Hel <http://www.kutter.pl/> |
| 16:00 - 18:00 | **Muzeum Wyrzutnia Rakiet (Rocket Launcher museum)** - 3x2 km hike till museum through the Slowinski Nature park  <https://its-poland.com/attraction/rocket-launcher-museum-in-rabka> |
| Accommodation Hampton by Hilton Gdansk Old Town | |
| 19:00 | Dinner at Restaurant Piwnica Rajców  <https://piwnicarajcowgdansk.pl/> |



Photos: Coastal defence museum, Fire Control Tower, Rocket Launcher museum

**May 13**

**Day 5** ~ 560 km

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| Breakfast, 8:00 departure | |
| 13:30 - 14:30 | Lunch at Narrow Gauge Railway |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | Meeting with Wigry Nature park and Narrow Gauge railway representatives |
| 15:00 - 17:00 | **Forest Narrow gauge railway ride (Wigierska Kolej Wąskotorowa)**  from WW1 - main attraction of the Suwalki region and Wigierski Nature park (train ride and/or meeting with local authorities)  <https://pl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wigierska_Kolej_W%C4%85skotorowa> |
| Accommodation at Kaunas Hotel <http://www.kaunashotel.lt/>  1 Twin room (for drivers) | |
| 20:30 | Dinner at Restaurant „Donelaicio“ <https://visit.kaunas.lt/lt/paragaukite/restoranai/siandienai/donelaicio/> |
| Evening hike in Kaunas old city | |



Photo: Wigierska Kolej Wąskotorowa

**May 14**

**Day 6** (Kaunas - Riga - 280 km, Kaunas - Parnu - 460 km)

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| Breakfast, 8:00 departure | |
| 12:30 | Rīga |

**Tour map:** <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?hl=en&hl=en&mid=1x-xh2f5CN-PmDF037paJG-v0ga00RCLA&ll=56.82083044571286%2C24.6031895&z=7>

**Juris Smalinskis photo gallery of Poland military objects:** <https://galerija.celotajs.lv/lv/f/Events/2022/220110_Military_heritage_Poland>

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