THE LITHUANIAN COAST







Itinerary: NIDA - PERVALKA - JUODKRANTĖ -SMILTYNĖ - KLAIPĖDA - PALANGA - ŠVENTOJI

Hiking route length: ----- 107 km

Duration: 6 days Difficulty level:

Nida (can reach by bus from Klaipėda)

Šventoji (by bus to Klaipėda, 6 buses per day)

This tour includes a walk along the Baltic Sea coast in Lithuania through the Curonian Spit from Nida to Smiltynė (see a detailed description under tour No. 9) and continues further north from Klaipėda to Šventoji located at the Lithuanian/Latvian border. Klaipėda and Palanga are popular seaside resorts with lots of pubs,

hotels, street cafés and musicians. Klaipeda is the only port city and the third largest city in Lithuania. Šventoji is also a popular seaside town located next to the mouth of the river Šventoji. Between Klaipeda and Palanga, the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route leads through the Seaside Regional Park (Lithuanian: Pajūrio regioninis parkas). It was founded for the protection of coastal and marine landscapes, biodiversity and local cultural heritage. The most famous place of the seaside is the Dutch Hat (also called Dutch Cap, Dutchman's Cap or Holland's Cap) – a 20 m high cliff, which used to serve as a landmark and guide for seafarers and fishermen.

DAY 1

Arrival in Klaipėda.



Bus Klaipėda - Nida

Time to explore the resort town Nida.

Accommodation: in Nida.

DAY 2



Nida - Pervalka





(L) 4 - 6 h



Pavement, pedestrian paths. promenades in populated areas. Forest trails with natural surface elsewhere and sand in some places.



Easy



At high water (in early spring and late autumn), a short section of the trail between Nida and Preila may be flooded. Be careful at the washed-out coastline as it can easily collapse!

Accommodation: in Pervalka or surroundings.







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DAY 3

Pervalka - Juodkrantė

→ 18 km

(L) 4 - 6 h

Sandy beaches, single-track forest trails, paved pedestrian/ cyclist lanes. Pavement and cobblestones in populated areas.



Easv



From Pervalka, it is recommended to take the circular nature trail (4–5 km) along the coast of the Curonian Lagoon to Horse Cape, which offers amazing views of the Dead Dunes.

Accommodation: in Juodkrantė.





DAY 4



Juodkrantė - Klaipėda





Single-track forest trails and other trails, sandy beaches, paved beachside walkways.



Medium



Be careful when crossing the main road on the Curonian Spit (No. 167).



Check the ferry timetable in advance from Smiltynė to Klaipėda: www.keltas.lt. The New Ferry is used by vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians, while the Old Ferry is available only to pedestrians and cyclists.



You can walk to the pier (an additional 2 km out and back) from the Sea Museum (1.5 km from the Old Ferry).

Accommodation: in Klaipėda.

DAY 5



Klaipėda - Palanga

→ 29 km

(L) 8 - 10 h



Mostly sandy or sandy/pebbly beaches and single-track forest trails, short sections of wooden walkways. Pavement with hard surface in Klaipėda and Palanga.



Hard



Keep a safe distance from the seaside bluffs. They are soft and can easily collapse under you!



It is possible to do a shorter hike till Karklė and have private transfer to Palanga.

Accommodation: in Palanga.



DAY 6



Palanga - Šventoii

→ 19 km

(L) 4 - 6 h



Mostly sandy beaches, narrow forest trails. Pavement with a hard surface in Palanga and Šventoji.



Easy

Accommodation: in Šventoji or go by bus to Klaipėda.



