Baltic Wildlife Your best wildlife experience in the Baltics

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY IN LATVIA WITH BALTIC WILDLIFE

Where you can still find wild life!

Do you love nature and want to capture great pictures of wildlife in their natural environment? Do you want to find a place in Europe that is still pristine and where wildlife abounds in its natural habitat? Where you will be personally guided to perfect locations for catching images of wolves, rare birds, moose and other animals as they interact naturally without even being aware of your presence?

Finding quiet, pristine wilderness in Europe is not an easy task. Wherever we go we find people, buildings and signs of civilization. Habitats for wildlife shrink year by year. For those of us who love to capture images of wildlife in their natural habitat under wild conditions it has been quite a challenge to find locations for this.

At Baltic Wildlife, we love taking photos of wildlife as much as you do. So, we have created opportunities for you to explore your

passion for nature and wildlife in the pristine wilderness areas of Latvia in the north east part of Europe. With a professional English speaking guide and a tour leader, explore kilometres of wild Baltic beaches, primeval forests, clear streams, lakes, swamps, bogs and untouched meadows. Take photos of the wild residents of these regions while enjoying the clean, fresh air and energizing environments during all four seasons.

Baltic Wildlife has designed 3 unique adventures for you.

- Our photographer's hide network in Kemeri National Park
- Exciting wildlife photography tour in Slitere National Park
- Eastern Latvia ground and tower wildlife photography adventure



These exhilarating 4 day weekend tours can be taken individually or even combined for a longer adventure. All our tours are designed for a maximum of 4 persons only to get the personal tour feeling. All tours can also be customized to accommodate your needs and vision.

The full tour packages include:

- Transfer and comfortable transportation from Riga International Airport to your lodging and throughout your journey
- Lodging with bathroom
- Hearty and tasty meals/meal packs for 3 meals per day including water, hot tea and coffee
- Professional English-speaking guides and tour leaders
- Telescope, bird guide and other equipment, if needed
- For winter visitors we will make sure you are warm in the hides with sleeping bags, blankets and warm drinks
- If you have any other needs just let us know and we will do our best to be sure they are met

Regardless of what time of the year you come your professional tour guide will make every effort to help you be in the right place at the right time. The tour plan for this adventure is based on your desires and will be customized according to what you prefer to photograph.

In the winter, depending on the depth of the snow, you will have to walk or use snow shoes, or cross country skis – to take photos of wolves and lynx; be prepared for venturing deep into the forests with your guide.

Relax, breathe, learn and feel renewed by getting out into unspoiled nature and enjoying your passion for nature and photography!

Feel free to contact us to learn more and to sign up for a wonderfully memorable adventure in wild Europe. Contact us for more information or to reserve your date now.

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Photography Tour 1

Our Hide Network in Latvia's Ķemeri National Park

Agris Krusts

Kemeri National Park is a bog and wetlands ecosystem with mineral springs and curative waters. Kemeri is home to many birds and numerous mammals as well as plants and even 521 species of mushrooms. Baltic Wildlife has a network of five hides available – three of them have been created for bird photography and two for mammals. This is a nature photographer's playground! You are going to truly enjoy exploring these wetlands.

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Our Hides

1. The White Tailed Eagle Hide

The White Tailed Eagle hide was established for photographing and observing White Tailed Eagles. A winter feeder has been maintained there for the past 10 years so there is a very good chance of capturing images of White Tailed Eagles, Golden Eagles, Goshawks, Ravens and Common Buzzards. Magpies, Hooded Crows, Jays, Great Tits and Blue Tits also visit the area around this hide. You may even catch the images of Foxes, Raccoon Dogs and Wild Boar. Available: November-March.

2. The Marsh Harrier Hide

This hide was created last year and has already proven itself to be a great place for capturing excellent pictures of the Marsh Harrier. But that is not all – our tour guests have also been able to capture images of Black Storks, a variety of ducks, Grey Herons, Great White Egrets and Common Cranes at this hide. Available: April-August.

3. The Woodpecker Hide

The Woodpecker Hide was created past autumn to be available for our nature photographer guests. It is a wonderful location to capture images of most woodpecker species living here in Latvia, especially the Great Spotted Woodpecker, Middle Spotted Woodpecker, Grey-headed Woodpecker and very likely the Black Woodpecker and White-backed Woodpecker. The Eurasian Nuthatch and different species of Tits and Jays are already common visitors here. We are excited to see other wild visitors come to the viewing area in the coming seasons. Available: November-March.

4. The Wild Boar Hide & 5. The Moose Hide

The Wild Boar and Moose Hides were built to provide the perfect location for capturing pictures of Wild Boar, Moose, Red Deer, Roe deer, Fox, Raccoon Dog and others. You will also see Ravens, Magpies, Hooded Crows, Jays, and Common Buzzards. Every season at these hides is different and exciting. Available: November-March. (These two hides were also built for hunters so if this is not comfortable for you just let us know and we can avoid them or take you to other locations).

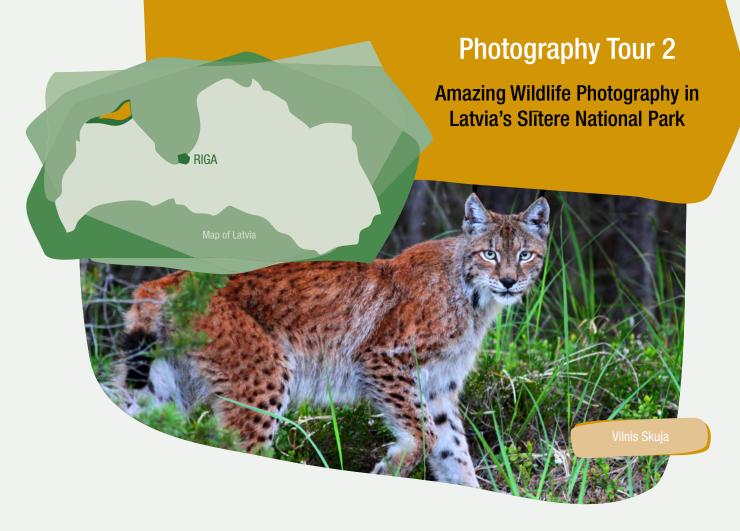
We can also guide you on the ground for amazing photographic opportunities. Contact us for more information or to reserve your date now.











Slitere National Park sits at the juncture of the Baltic Sea and the Gulf of Riga. It lies exactly along the Baltic migratory flyways. In spring a huge concentration of migrating birds can be photographed here. Rare and protected reptiles also live within the park territory. Slitere National Park is considered a unique geological history site. The National Park includes the 30–50 metre high steep coastline of the ancient Baltic Ice Lake. The coastline is covered with a variety of rich broadleaf forests as well as dunes and depressions.

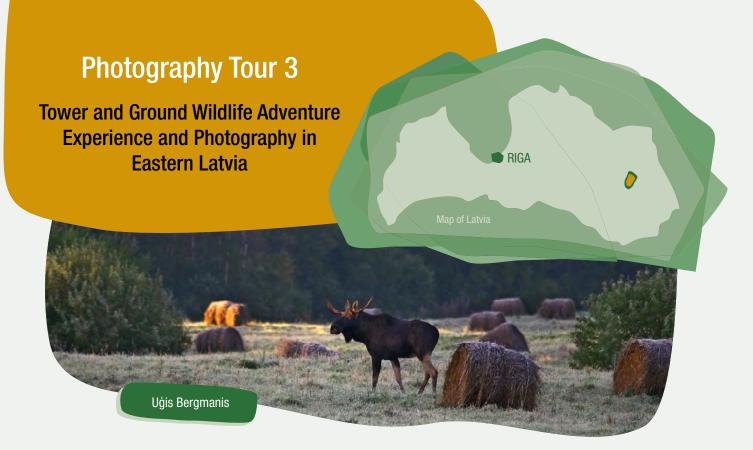




Together with your professional nature guide and nature photographer Vilnis Skuja, you will explore the seashore, forests, meadows and bogs of this remarkable region. Vilnis will also share with you his techniques for wildlife photography; lighting, setting up hiding places, equipment choices and more. They will do their very best to make sure you are in the right places at the right times to capture fantastic images of mammals, birds, insects and plants. Let us know any particular animals or birds that you would like to photograph or geographical features you would like to explore in particular. Your guide will customize the tour to suit your desires and the season.

This four day weekend adventure is available year round. Every season unfolds its own magical spectacle. Would you prefer the first greening of spring when nature awakens and all the animals come out to explore and dine? Or the warm and deep green of summer with its incredible variety of birds, plants and animals? Latvian summers are absolutely glorious. Of course, you could come in autumn when the leaves are changing their colours, the mushrooms are prolific and in all their glory and the moose are mating. And then there is always winter when you can slip on snow shoes or skis and track local inhabitants in the snow and capture images of them with their full and warm fur coats. Some of the animals that make their home in the region are lynx, moose, beaver and badgers.

Imagine yourself in this pristine environment with these fantastic creatures in your viewfinder. We can help make that happen. Contact us for more information or to reserve your date now.



Latvia borders on Russia and Belorussia in the East. In Eastern Latvia it is possible to capture fantastic images of wild boar, foxes, moose, red deer and even wolves. Explore one of two spots "Trizelnieku Ignatiņi" or "Medņuriests" ("Capercaillie's lek"). This four day weekend adventure is available year round.

"Trizelnieku Ignatiņi"

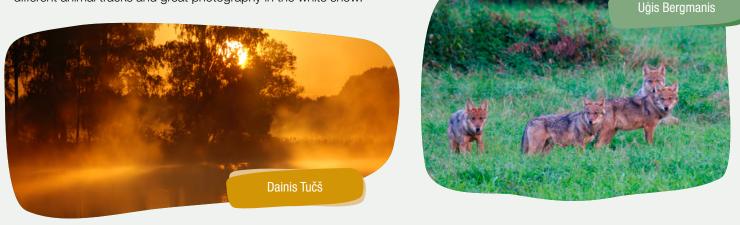
Dainis Tučs, the owner of this place, is an inspector of the Nature Conservation Agency, which means that he is in nature every day. The main house was built in ecologically clean and quiet environment 5 years ago. Electricity in this house is generated using solar panels and a small wind generator. Five wildlife watching towers are available for you.

You can choose the best timing for your trip here – spring mornings are excellent for observing Black Grouse or seeing geese and cranes arriving, beaver's first swim or walks of different young-ones. In summertime you can see roe deer rut, wild boar trekking, and walks in Teiči nature reserve and around Lubāns Lake, and listen to great variety of bird songs by the camp-fire till the morning comes! Autumn comes with red deer and moose rut and autumn bird migration. Winter is the best for learning different animal tracks and great photography in the white snow!

"Mednuriests"

If you like adventures then this is the tour for you. You will live in a simple but clean and cosy cabin with a shared toilet and shower. Cooking will be done on a fireplace, (Don't worry, we will cook the delicious meals for you), and you will have an access to a real Latvian sauna, "pirts" in Latvian.

The private property we will be exploring belongs to Uģis Bergmanis, ornithologist and keen nature lover. He has chosen to keep his property clean and safe for its natural inhabitants as well as the human visitors who wish to photograph and view them. For taking photographs you will have an access to viewing towers and a platform. In all seasons the towers give you a great chance to view and capture images of wildlife.



Get away, relax and unplug during this wildlife adventure experience in Eastern Latvia! Prepare your photography equipment. Prepare your suitcase. Adventure awaits you.

Let us know what you would like to see and photograph. We are here to help you fulfil your vision. For more information and reservations regarding the ultimate European nature photography adventure email us: laura@balticwildlife.eu, or call us at +371 28808440.