

ESTONIA

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Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia

Cold winds are blowing all over Tallinn town
We've had to stay in our camper and bunker down
Tomorrow we intend to visit the old town all day
Until then there is not much at all that I can say.

Today we drove the long haul from the south to the north
We aimed to be closer to Finland from where we will go forth
The Baltic is almost completed with Scandinavia beckoning
Our itinerary is going to plan according to our reckoning.

Allocating 7 days to 3 countries may appear to be short
But this whole area has been very memorable we have to report
Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia seem mostly the same
But when you look closer they are different when each is in frame

We have been mightily impressed by the villages and land
These 3 countries are slowly rising up hand over hand
Oppressed by Germans and Russians for almost 50 years
Its been very sad for the population, we are almost in tears

The many old people are a legacy of the past
A world that is leaving them behind sometimes too fast
It must be difficult to see the new ways push in
The young people, the rush, the music and the din

But today we see hope where there must have been none
The economies of all 3 countries are growing as one
Development everywhere much at a breakneck pace
Not just in big cities but in fact all over the place

Vilnius is wonderful, so classy and clean
Its old town is truly glorious, one of the best we have seen
A world heritage town, only one of the few
Its a place we could go back to, and enjoy all anew.

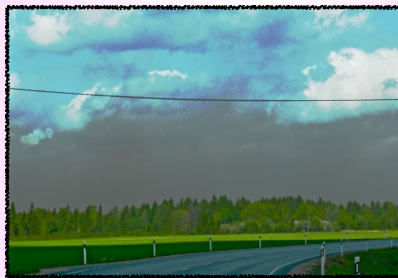
Riga is hauntingly beautiful but with a more modern look
It has an edginess, its a classic that cannot be mistook
Its open air market definitely has that old world grace
Teeming with people, lots of goods, what an amazing place

Rural areas everywhere just waiting to be explored
Its where the city folk come in summer or when they are bored
Recreation, boating, biking and play
Glorious lakes, walking tracks and lots of places to stay.

And so its 2 nights in Tallin to end this part of our trip
Our taste of the Baltic has been really only a very small sip
The weather has been wonderful so we really can't complain
Its an area which we could easily come to again and again.



TORI We both made the same comment. Tori was our ancient cat who died in 2012. Maybe its fame has spread to Estonia where they named a village after our fearless feline warrior.



DUST STORM We have experienced some fearsome storms on this trip and started to show concern again when the wind blew up so much that it created a dust storm. Luckily our second hatch stood up to the beating.



SYMBOLS We smiled at this sign at the camping site. Either they can't spell or they don't like to write. Must admit these are clever symbols but Heather still went into the wrong cubicle.

24th July
1981
October 21

PHOTOS



TORI DRAGON SLAYER MONUMENT



BEAUTIFUL TORI CATHEDRAL