



BALTIC
COASTAL
HIKING



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Baltic Coastal Hiking final conference and official opening of the E9 in Baltics

September 13–14, 2019

Baltic Coastal Hiking is a long-distance hiking route, part of E9, along the Baltic Sea coast. The total length of the route is 1,200 km, from which 580 km are in Latvia and 620 km in Estonia. The Latvian name of the trail is Jūrtaka, the Estonian – Ranniku matkarada. The route includes more than 500 natural, cultural and historical objects, it is available for everyone and the 60-day well planned itinerary can also be done in parts. Baltic Coastal Hiking route is ready, it's being actively used by local hikers and travellers from abroad, now it is your turn to join in!

The Baltic Coastal Hiking project has come to an end, to celebrate the success, to see where we stand in Europe and to share our experiences. You are welcome to join the final conference on September 13 and follow the common Coastal Hike (~14 km) on September 14, 2019.

More information about the Baltic Coastal Hiking on our web site www.coastalhiking.eu

The Baltic Coastal Hiking route is being developed within the Estonia - Latvia Programme from European Regional Development Fund project "Hiking route along the Baltic Sea Coastline in Latvia and Estonia".

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Friday, September 13

Project final conference and evening hike at the Lapanina Hotel, Estonia

11:00	<p>Registration and coffee break</p> <p>Final conference, Part I</p> <p>Welcome words by organisers</p> <p>Greetings by Estonia-Latvia Programme representative</p> <p>Trends of long-distance hiking in Europe – developers and hikers <i>Guest speaker Mr. Steen Kobberø-Hansen, representative from the European Ramblers Association</i></p>
11:30 – 13:30	<p>Baltic Hiking trail project experiences, surprises, struggles, process and follow ups, future plans and expectations. <i>Ms. Asnāte Ziemele, "Lauku Ceļotājs" – Lead partner</i></p> <p>The customer feedback review for Coastal Hiking product (FB, Instagram; TIC data summery; website statistics etc.) <i>Kurzeme Planning region (LV) and LET (EE)</i></p>
13:30	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Final conference, Part II</p> <p>4 Steering committee members (LV/EE) vision on Coastal Hiking product importance in: tourism product, nature protection and regional development etc. in Latvia and Estonia</p> <p>Stories and memories, lessons learned from personal experiences while doing the 1,200 km long-distance hike and Project partner's ad-on's <i>Lauku Ceļotājs, Juris Smaļinskis - "The Hiker"</i></p> <p>Project partner's challenges and highlights of the project work/activities completed <i>Kurzeme planning region Vidzeme tourism association West-Estonia Tourism association Estonian Rural tourism association</i></p>
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Energy break</p> <p>Evening hike around the area of the Lapanina hotel</p>
16:00	Dinner in Lapanina hotel
17:00 – 18:30	
19:30	

Saturday, September 14

Hiking festival

from Lapanina to Ainaži

We will be doing the Baltic Coastal Hiking route Day 31 coastalhiking.eu/en/route/day/31 with small changes. The hike will start at the Lapanina Hotel in Estonia and we will be walking to the Ainaži pier in Latvia.

About the section:

The coastal area up to Pärnu is a popular relaxation and swimming area. Several good birdwatching sites are located on the itinerary. From the Lapanina Hotel for ~4 km we will be walking on the beach, then bypassing the Orajõe Brook, the next 2.8 km are covered across a narrow, sandy or rocky and occasionally thickly overgrown beach. After passing Treimani village the trail turns towards the old Pärnu-Rīga road as meadows and reeds stretch across the seashore until we will reach Ikla.

Ikla is the start of the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route in Estonia. We will continue the way to the Ainaži pier in Latvia which will be the end point of the hike.

10:00 – 11:00	<p>Registration at the starting point Lapanina hotel</p>
11:00 – 13:00	<p>Baltic Coastal Hike from the Lapanina Hotel to Treimani village, ~9 km</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<p>Energy break at the Treimani village with snacks, some drinks and socialization</p>
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Baltic Coastal Hike from Treimani to Ainaži pier, ~5 km Bus transfer will be provided for those who are tired.</p>
15:00	<p>Get-together for Baltic Coastal Hiking fans and hikers Greetings from Salacgrīva Mayor Barbecue party at the square by the Ainaži pier Event organisers are providing soup, bread, some sweet pastry and soft drinks. There will be barbecue grills open for use, so everyone is welcome to bring their own sausages and/or vegetables for grilling. Surprises for the most active hikers and fans of Coastal Hiking route. The idea is to organise an open mic so people could share their experiences and memories. Awards for the best photos / most interesting stories etc. Some small memorabilia present for everyone who participates at the even (keychain, post cards with Baltic Coastal Hiking logo etc.)</p>
18:00	<p>Transfer buses back to starting point at Lapanina hotel or to accommodation in Salacgrīva or Pärnu. Last public bus from Ainaži to Rīga is at 18:20</p>



Accommodation and venue place, the start of Hike: Lapanina Hotel www.lepanina.ee

Lapanina Hotel is located on the seashore, 16,5 km from Latvian-Estonian border and half way between Riga and Tallinn. The restaurant boasts a marvellous sea view and summer terrace and is the perfect spot for enjoying the sunset. The hotel includes a number of facilities, including a hot tub and outdoor pool as well as a restaurant and bar. The hotel offers several conference rooms that are equipped with the latest technology. The area is well known for its beaches and pine forests. Internationally important nature reserves and popular hiking and nature trails are located not far from Lapanina Hotel. www.lepanina.ee

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“**SEPTEMBRI SEMINAR 2019**” for special price agreed
for participants of the conference and/or hike
(prices per night):

- * twin room for single use 70.-
- *twin room 78.-
- *family room 94.-
- *room with sauna 108.-
- *room with jacuzzi 128.-

The price includes breakfast, usage of the sun terrace
and open air swimming pool, VAT 9 %.
Check in at 15:00, check out at 12:00.

More accommodation offers:

In Pärnu: VisitPärnu webpage www.visitparnu.com

In Salacgriva www.visitsalacgriva.lv

Hotel and campsite “Kapteinu osta” www.kapteinuosta.lv

Campsite “Milleri” www.milleri.lv

Hotel “Plavas” www.plavas.lv



Some practical information:

There is no inappropriate weather, only inappropriate clothing! So, make sure you dress accordingly to the weather forecast!

Bring your own water for the hike, preferably in a reusable bottle

Participants take responsibility their own health conditions and physical preparedness to finish the hike.

For Barbecue party on 14.09. at the square by the Ainaži pier - event organisers are providing soup, bread, some sweet pastry and soft drinks. There will be barbecue grills open for use, so everyone is welcome to bring their own sausages and/or vegetables for grilling.

Registration and practical info:

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Map of the hike



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