

Classic Belarus
7 days – 6 nights
Minsk, Mir, Nesvizh, Khatyn, Vitebsk, Polotsk, Braslav Lakes National Park
Discovery, Nature, Fun, Culture

This program may be operated for individual or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize

Belarus is an incredible paradox. Despite its cultural richness, its emblematic history of the ruptures of Europe and the welcoming qualities of its population, it remains the least visited country in Europe. Belarus has a good route, rail network and public transport at very competitive prices. One-third of the country is covered by forests that are among the last remaining primary forests in Europe. The fauna and flora are particularly rich. The The Braslav Lake Area is famous for unusual landscapes and terrain left by the ancient glacier. At the epicenter of the Slavic world, Belarussians are very attached to their culture: Concerts, operas, ballets, theaters, museums are multiplying in every city. The country is a unique discovery opportunity to the sophisticated visitor who knows how to think outside the box.

Day 1: Minsk

Upon arrival at Minsk international airport you'll be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free. An optional dinner can be arranged for this evening.

[Recommended restaurant: Feelini \(4.6\)](#)

Day 2: Minsk

Excellent starting point for visiting the Belarusian capital, Independence Avenue, or Nezavisimosti Prospect, is the main artery of Minsk. The only area of the city to remain intact in the aftermath of the war is the Faubourg of the Trinity (or Traetskae Pradmestse). Bordered by the Svislotch River, this district is an intertwining of narrow streets with typical houses. Their facades, in various colors, are reflected on the waters of the river. The Island of Tears that faces the Faubourg of the Trinity is a touching stop in the visit of Minsk. A monument was erected in memory of the dead soldiers in Afghanistan, a small church with four entrances surrounded by statues representing the mothers and sisters of the missing. Among the many religious buildings in Minsk, one of the most outstanding is the Catholic Church of St. Simeon and St. Helena. This church, also called the red church, because of the color of its bricks, is located in the city center, in Independence Square. Have a walk in the old town and continue to St. Peter and St. Paul Church, the oldest church in Minsk. [B]

[Recommended restaurant: Kuhmistr \(4.5\)](#)

Day 3: Minsk (Mir, Nesvizh)

Travel to Mir. See Mir Castle, one of the most important tourist attractions in Belarus. This fortress of the sixteenth century is listed since 2000 on the list of World Heritage of UNESCO. It rises majestically above the city of Mir and seems straight out of a Disney tale. Continue to the historical settlement at Nesvizh. Nesvizh Palace is on the Nesvizh Estate, one of the oldest settlements and most famous places in Belarus. The foundation stone of Nesvizh Palace was laid in 1584. It was rebuilt many times and has a consequence has features of many architectural styles including: Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo, Classicism, Neo-Gothic and Modernism. In 1994 The World Heritage Site was added to the World Heritage List. Return to Minsk for overnight. [B]

[Recommended restaurant: Milano \(4.5\)](#)

Day 4: Minsk, Khatyn, Vitebsk

Travel to the first memorial complex at Khatyn. Located northeast of Minsk, Khatyn is a formerly populated village. Desert, this hamlet has become an important tourist site not for its beauty, but for the giant monument it houses. Built in the heart of the village, this memorial symbolizes the tragedy that took place in 650 Belarussian villages at the time the war was ravaging. You will see a graveyard, take a walk to get an idea of what this village was before the destruction. Learn about Belarus' tragic history. Continue to Vitebsk, the "Cultural Capital" of Belarus. If you are looking for a destination in Belarus where you will be able to combine architectural discoveries with wonderful green spaces, the city of Vitebsk perfectly meets your expectations. You will observe the Church of the Annunciation built in the 12th century. She seduced by her impressive Byzantine architectural style. Find just beside

her the small wooden church of Aleksandr Nevskij, a beautiful example of old wooden style Orthodox churches. Do not also lose sight of the Church of the Resurrection. See the city hall, a beautiful piece of 19th century architecture. Overnight at your hotel. [B]

Recommended restaurant: Pushkin Times Cafe Lounge (4.7)

Day 5: Vitebsk, Polotsk

Walk through the old town of Vitebsk and visit the house of the famous surrealist painter. Travel to the historical city of Polotsk, situated on the Dvina river, and the oldest city in Belarus with a rather impressive architectural heritage. Take a tour of its monuments and remarkable sites. For sure, you will have good impressions as a result of your exploration. You will visit for example the cabin of Peter

the Great. Built in 1703 by soldiers, it represents a small wooden house used as a palace in the former Saint Petersburg. Take a tour on the side of the monument of Simeon, a landmark figure of this country and that of Russia. Why not go see also the monument of the letter U. It represents a symbol of the Belarusian language. Visit the beautiful cathedral of St Sophia and continue to the well-preserved Convent of St. Ephrosinia. Overnight in Polotsk. [B]

Recommended restaurant: Restoran-Pivovarnya Donzhon (4.4)

Day 6: Polotsk, Braslav Lakes National Park, Minsk

Departure to the Braslav Lakes National Park, a stunning area of forest, lakes, rivers, streams and hills with a wide array of wildlife. The major asset and pride of the region are its lakes. Here you can find about 300 lakes of various sizes, forms, depth, composition, water transparency, flora and fauna. For their unusual beauty they are called "the blue necklace" of Belarus. Get to the 'Lighthouse Mountain'. Enjoy the panoramic view over the lakes. Continue to Minsk for overnight. [B]

Recommended restaurant: Natvris Khe: (4.6)

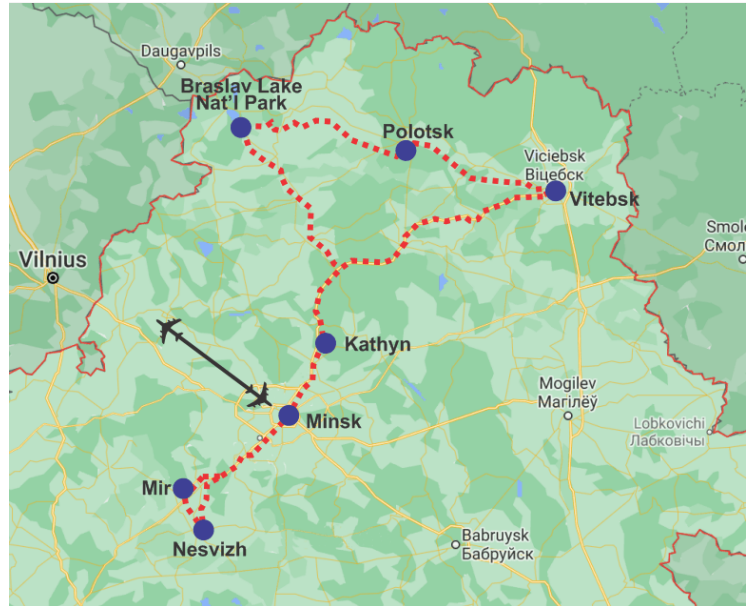
Day 7: Minsk, USA

Breakfast at the hotel and some free time depending on your flight schedule. At the appointed time you'll be picked-up and transferred to the airport to board your flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast

Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-Minsk
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Assistance at airports
- 6 nights' accommodation
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 1 dinner
- Full sightseeing program:
 - Independence Avenue
 - Faubourg Trinity
 - Church of St. Simeon and St. Helena
 - Church of St. Peter and St. Paul
 - Mir Castle
 - Nesvizh Palace
 - Khatyn Memorial
 - Vitebsk, the "Cultural Capital"
 - Church of the Annunciation
 - Church of Aleksandr Nevskij
 - Marc Chagall's house
 - Cabin of Peter the Great
 - Monument of Simeon
 - Cathedral of St Sophia
 - Convent of St. Ephrosinia
 - Braslav Lakes National Park
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fees for sites visited
- Transportation by A/C vehicle
- All local taxes



Tour does not Include

- Airfare taxes and surcharges
- Lunches and dinners
- Travel insurance
- Wi-Fi at hotels
- Optional tours and activities
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out (Most hotels begin check-in around 2:00pm).
- Expenses of personal nature
- Any service not specifically listed under "included"

Recommended hotels for your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
Superior Tourist		
Minsk	Ibb	4
Vitebsk	Vetraz	3
Polotsk	Dvina	3.5
First Class		
Minsk	Boutique Hotel Buta	4.5
Vitebsk	Luchesa	4.5
Polotsk	Dvina	3.5
Deluxe		
Minsk	Marriott	4.5
Vitebsk	Luchesa	4.5
Polotsk	Dvina	3.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

From: \$1,425 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- Airfare
We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares
- Program
You may add or remove;
 - Trip days
 - Cities and sites
 - Meals
- Other options
 - The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
 - If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.
- Quotation
Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.