

Program for a study tour for Nordic journalists to Kaliningrad, spring 2018

Dates: April 9. - 14. 2018.

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Local operator in Kaliningrad: Baltma Tours <http://www.baltma.ru/eng/>

Objectives of the study tour:

- Meeting and networking with local journalists, citizen activists and experts.
- Learning about the situation and actual development in Kaliningrad region.
- Learning about the regional media landscape of the Kaliningrad region.

Working language: English, with professional interpretation in Kaliningrad, when needed.

Key persons we will meet in Kaliningrad, names to be confirmed:

- Representatives of Regional Government and members of regional Duma.
- Journalists from city and regional media.
- Experts on local and regional development and cross-border cooperation.
- Representatives of local business community.
- Local citizens.

Participants: 10-15 journalists from the five Nordic countries.

Preliminary programme

Monday 09.04: Travel to Kaliningrad. Via Gdansk. Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements to Gdansk, but in coordination with NJC.

Check-in at **Hotel Moskva**. <http://hotelmoskva.info/de/moskva/>

19.00 – 21.00 Welcome dinner at **Restaurant Khmel**.

- Introduction to the program.
- A local journalist will take part in the dinner.

Tuesday 10.04: Meet Kaliningrad City

10.00 – 13.00 Official meetings.

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch in City center.

14.00 – 17.00 City excursion by local guide.

Theme: City spaces in Kaliningrad and history and local development. Incl. meeting with local resource persons.

19.00 – 21.00 Networking reception with local journalists and other locals. Venue to be decided.

Wednesday 11.04: Meet local journalists and travel in the region.

10.00 – 13.00 Roundtable in Kaliningrad, with participation of young local journalists

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch in the City Center.

14.00 – 18.00 Transport by bus to Gusev, through Pravdinsk, Gvardiesk and Chernyakhovsk.

Theme during transport: New development in industry and agriculture as well as German and Soviet cultural heritage.

18.00 - Check-in at hotel.

19.00- 21.00 Dinner, with introduction to the program for Thursday.

Thursday 12.04: Cross border contacts.

09.00 – 13.00 **Excursion to border areas.**

Theme: Cross border contact with Lithuania and Poland. Visit the local villages and talk to local citizens.

13.00 – 14.00 Local lunch.

14.00 – 17.00 Transport to Kaliningrad. Check in at Hotel Moskva.

17.00 Free evening in Kaliningrad.

Friday 13.04: Challenges and perspectives for Kaliningrad Region and individual program.

10.00-13.00: **Round table, theme: Economic challenges and perspectives for Kaliningrad.** Local experts, actors, activists and journalists.

13.00 – 14.00 Networking lunch with local resource persons.

14.00 - Free time for individual programs.

18.00 Final dinner in the city or at the seaside resort of Svetlogorsk. With local participants

Saturday 14.04: Travel home via Gdansk.

Remarks

Participants should apply for Russian visa by themselves. *Please apply for a journalist's visa.*

For some of the events we need to apply for permission in advance. Therefore, *all participants are kindly asked to forward a passport copy to NJC as early as possible as and no later than February 1st.*

Links to a few examples of websites in English and Russian:

Foreign media about Kaliningrad:

Kaliningrad in Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaliningrad_Oblast

Baltic Rim Economies, regular articles on Kaliningrad:

<https://www.utu.fi/en/units/tse/units/PEI/BRE/Pages/home.aspx>

BBC on Kaliningrad March 15 2015: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-18284828>

The Economist October 8 2013 on Small Border Traffic:

<https://www.economist.com/blogs/easternapproaches/2013/10/poland-and-kaliningrad>

Websites of selected official structures in Kaliningrad:

Representative of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kaliningrad:

http://kaliningrad.mid.ru/web/kaliningrad_en/home

Kaliningrad regional Duma: <http://duma39.ru/en/region/>

Kaliningrad Regional Government (in Russian): <https://gov39.ru>

Websites of selected local media in Kaliningrad:

Vesti-Kaliningrad, public TV channel and newsportal(in Russian) : <http://vesti-kaliningrad.ru/>

New Kaliningrad, local independent newsportal (in Russian): <https://www.newkaliningrad.ru/>

Kaskad, local independent TV channel and newsportal (in Russian): <http://www.kaskad.tv/>

Rugrad, local independent newsportal(in Russian): <https://rugrad.eu/>

NewsBalt, local newsportal (in Russian): <http://newsbalt.ru/>

Social media:

Social media like Facebook, Instagram and the Russian analog of Facebook VKontakte ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/VK_\(social_networking\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/VK_(social_networking))). LinkedIn has been blocked in Russia.