

# SIGULDA & ETHNOGRAPHIC OPEN AIR MUSEUM DAY TRIP

The itinerary :

**10.00** Pick up of guests from hotel and beginning of the trip.

## **10.25 Arrival at Ethnographic Open Air Museum**

When entering the tiny Latvia of the former times that hides unobtrusively behind the pine forest at Lake Jugla, don't strive to perceive it as a reality for it was a reality only to those who have gone long long ago. But the objects, structures and households still continue to exist. You, a visitor and a stranger will be rewarded with the intimacy of these treasures of our predecessors for a while. This feeling, like any reminiscence of contemporary man, may be vague, imperfect or too subjective though nursed by many and winnowed by the time



## **12.30 Arrival at Sigulda- Latvian Switzerland**

Sigulda and its surroundings is the most popular tourist area where you can enjoy a rare combination of medieval castles, picturesque hilly landscapes (with a river running amidst sandy caves), a sculpture park and flowers that are already extinct in most countries of Europe. Sigulda is attractive in all seasons. It is the centre of downhill skiing in the winter. In summer, it is a popular place for boating. You must visit the Gauja National Park where several walking and cycling trails are made. Both banks of the Gauja primeval valley are connected by a cable car in Sigulda. Here you can enjoy a ride on the cable car 40 meters above the valley. Well-known European bobsled route is situated in Sigulda. The Gauja National Park is particularly beautiful in the golden autumn.

**13.00** Cross valley with cable car.



## **13.30 Arrival at Turaida Castle**

Specially protected cultural monument Turaida Museum Reserve is located 50 km to north from Riga, the capital of Latvia in Turaida – in the place which is well known with its beautiful environment and significant historical experience. Turaida in the language of Livs, ancient inhabitants, means “Garden of God”. Everybody who arrives in Turaida is convinced of the harmony of nature and creative work of the man and its inimitable impression. The territory of 42 ha of Museum Reserve is rich in the monuments of archeology, architecture, history and art which tell us about the events in the course of 1000 years starting with 11th century.



**15.00** Returning to Riga.

**16.00** Approximate arrival in Riga