

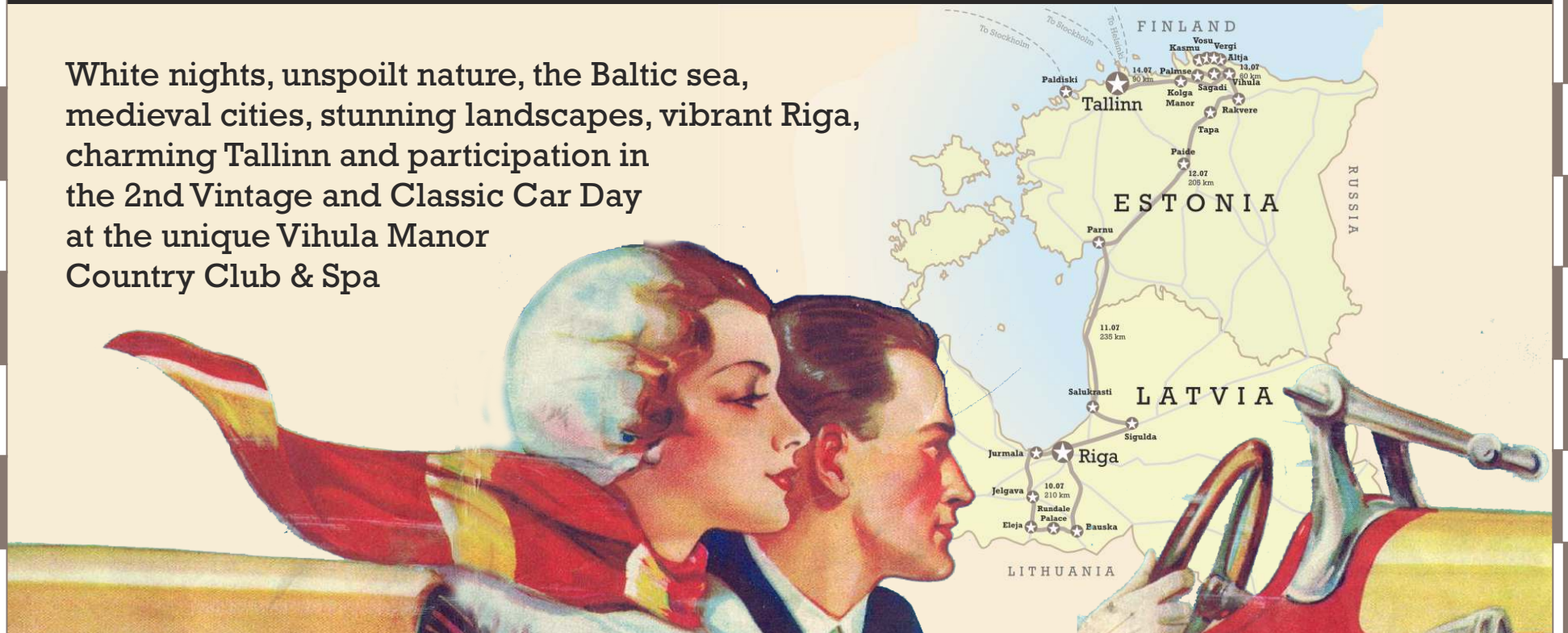
The "Baltic Vintage and Classic Car Rally 2013" is a well organized rally tried and tested in 2012 by the 20-Ghost Club, the oldest Rolls-Royce club in the world, headed by Sir John Stuttard.

# BALTIC VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR RALLY 2013

## - LATVIA - ESTONIA -

Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> 2013

White nights, unspoilt nature, the Baltic sea,  
medieval cities, stunning landscapes, vibrant Riga,  
charming Tallinn and participation in  
the 2nd Vintage and Classic Car Day  
at the unique Vihula Manor  
Country Club & Spa



# PROGRAM

TUESDAY, JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> - TUESDAY, JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> 2013



## 09.07 (Tue), Arrival in Riga

Upon individual arrival in Riga we will be accommodated at the 5-star Hotel Radisson Blu Ridzene, build in the 70es as a governmental hotel. After Latvia regained independence the hotel underwent complete renovation, which gave it a very stylish Scandinavian design.

Riga, founded in 1201 by the German bishop Albert, is the largest of the three Baltic capitals and boasts a real kaleidoscope of architectural styles.

14.00 - 17.00 The afternoon walking tour of the Old Town will acquaint us with all the splendours of medieval Riga including Riga Castle, the Dome Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, St. Jacob's Church, the Swedish Gate, the Three Brothers, the Large and Small Guild Houses and the Powder Tower.

In the evening we enjoy a Latvian nouvelle cuisine welcome dinner at the stylish Restaurant La Boheme in Riga's famed Art Nouveau quarter.

## 10.07 (Wed), Riga – Bauska – Rundale Palace – Jurmala – Riga, 210 km

The day is reserved for a day trip to the South of Latvia. The tour first takes us to Bauska, where we see the ruins of Bauska Castle, which dates back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

From here we continue to the magnificent Rundale Palace, built as the summer residence for the Duke of Courland, Ernest von Biron, a master piece of the Italian star architect, Batholemeo Rastelli, who also build the Winter Palace and many other prominent buildings in St. Petersburg. We enjoy a guided to of the beautiful Baroque palace.

After having admired also the French garden of the palace we continue via the small town of Eleja and Jegava, where there is another Rastrelli palace, to the vibrant Latvian prime sea resort, Jurmala, known of its wooden architecture and long sandy beaches.

We visit the City Museum, where the newest state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment gives us an idea of the history of the resort, which has been favored by the Russian and Latvian elite for almost 2 centuries.

In the evening we enjoy a sea-food dinner at the Restaurant Neiburgs in a beautiful house in the Old Town.



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## **11.07 (Thu), Riga – Sigulda – Salukrasti – Paernu, 235 km**

We start the day with a visit to Riga Motor Museum, which has an absolutely unique collection of Soviet cars including Stalin's armoured Tchaika and Brezhnev's crashed Rolls Royce as well as a large collection of German and Latvian pre-war cars.

After our visit to the museum we travel the short distance to the Gauja National Park and the resort town of Sigula with its medieval legends and castles.

After a stop at Sigulda Castle Ruins, we continue through Gauja Valley to visit the nearby, fairly restored, 13<sup>th</sup> century Turaida Castle.

From Turaida we travel via Ragana to Saukrasti and the motorway going north to Estonia. After crossing the border there is only a relatively short distance to Parnu, where we check-in at the 4-star Hotel Strand.

This evening we dine at Villa Ammende, an Art Nouveau gem, built in 1904 by a German merchant for his daughter's wedding.

## **12.07 (Fri), Parnu – Paide – Tapa – Rakvere – Vihula, 205 km**

Parnu became part of Tsarist Russia from 1710 and it became known as a spa of great renown, with hot salt water baths, mud baths and saunas in the winter.

After a stroll through the attractive centre of the sea resort we take the scenic „green route” to Vihula. En route we pass Paide famous for its Livonian Castle dating back to 1291 and Rakvere, a peaceful town dominated by its large medieval castle from 14th century.

From here a short drive brings us to the Lahemaa National Park and Vihula Manor. We check in at the 4-star Vihula Manor Country Club & Spa.

Vihula Manor dates back to the start of the 16<sup>th</sup> century and it was build up as it appears nowadays during the time of the von Schubert family, in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The whole estate was renovated in 2008-2012.

In the early evening we are making a tour through the estate and we visit the Water Mill, the best preserved functioning water mill in Estonia.

We dine at the exquisite Restaurant La Boheme located in the former Ball Room at the Main Manor House.



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## 13.07 (Sat), Vihula – Sagadi – Palmse – Kasmu – Vosu – Vergi – Altja – Vihula, 60 km

The 2nd Vihula Manor Vintage and Classic Car Day, with participation from the Estonian Vintage Transport Club "Virtuaalne Vanatehnikaklubi", a car show and a family day, finishing with a midsummer recreation with bonfire, BBQ dinner and live folklore show.

Vihula Manor is beautifully set along the Mustoja River forming a pond around which the historical manor buildings are located. Explore the beautiful parks, embark on a hiking tour in the forested area around the estate, visit the estate's unique Eco-SPA or the in-door swimming-pool, play a round of mini-golf or visit the Vodka Museum.

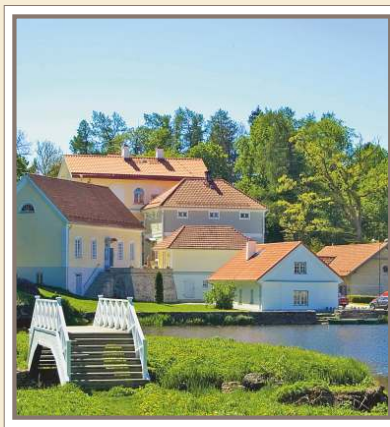
The Lahemaa National Park has been a protected park since the 1970es and offers a blend of unspoiled flora and fauna, untouched rivers and lakes, small quaint villages and coastal towns, sandy beaches and old manor houses.

After lunch we embark on the **2nd Vihula Manor Vintage and Classic Car Rally**, around the Lahemaa National Park, which takes us to the Sagadi Manor, a 17<sup>th</sup> century restored manor with a beautiful manor house and delightful parks and we visit the impressive Palmse Manor, a memorial to the von Pahlen family, the coastal towns of Vosu and Kasmu, the harbour in Vergi and the ethnographical village in Altja.

In the evening we enjoy a rustic Estonian midsummer party at the folkloric Kaval-Ants Tavern in the old Ice-Cellar of the estate.



Vodka Museum in Vihula Manor



Vihula Manor Country Club & Spa



Famous fishing net sheds in the seaside village Altja



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## 14.07 (Sun) Vihula – Kolga Manor – Tallinn, 90 km

After enjoying a last stroll in the gardens in the morning we drive through the Lahemaa National Park to see the ruins of Kolga Manor, presented by the Swedish King in 1581 to his French commander, Pontus de la Gardie and later belonging to the Swedish Stenbock family. From here we hit the motorway to Tallinn, where we arrive in the early afternoon and check in at the 4-star von Stackelberg Hotel Tallinn, located in the restored city estate of Baron Theophil von Stackelberg and recently redeveloped in a boutique hotel.

Tallinn is a charming blend of medieval tranquillity and modern urban life. The medieval Old Town is a busy place in the summer with its many shops, galleries, souvenir markets, outdoor cafés and restaurants.

The afternoon walking tour of the Old Town includes the highlights of medieval Tallinn including Toompea Castle, the Dome Church, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, medieval Old Town Hall and we visit the Great Guild Hall.

In the evening we are invited for a genuine medieval feast at Restaurant "Maikrahv" on the Old Town Hall Square.

## 15.07 (Mon), Tallinn

In the morning we pay a visit to the new Maritime Museum based in the renovated Seaplane Hangars with a fine display of British engineering, the centre of attraction being the 1930s Vickers Lembit Submarine and the famous Flying Boat

The balance of the day is reserved for exploring more secrets of the best preserved medieval town in the whole of North Europe individually.

In the evening we are enjoying a farewell dinner with live folklore music at the atmospheric Restaurant Kaval-Ants Farm, located in the former horse stable of the von Stackelberg city estate.

## 16.07 (Tue), Departure from Tallinn

Individual departure from Tallinn.

Shipping Via Mannlines, Paldiski to UK (Harwich) and Germany or by road  
Car and passenger ferries available to Stockholm, Helsinki.



Museum inside the seaplane hangars. Photo: K. Haagen, Seaplane Harbour, Estonian Maritime Museum

# THE 2<sup>ND</sup> VIHULA MANOR VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR DAY 2013 ESTONIA

with the Estonian Vintage Transport Club "Virtuaalne Vanatehnikaklubi"

Car show, mini national park tour, family activities, rustic Estonian BBQ party



Mini national park tour



Car show



Rustic Estonia BBQ party with folkloric music



Rally plaque for participants



Horse carriage ride



Mini-golf



Visitors can talk to proud owners about their treasured vehicles



## BALTIC VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CAR RALLY 2013

Brought to you by La Boheme De Luxe Tours and Unique Hotels Group who are vintage and classic car enthusiasts.

20-Ghost Club Baltic Rally led by Sir John Stuttard, Chairman of the 20-Ghost Club was the highlight of the 2012 events of the oldest Rolls-Royce club:

*"Members of the oldest Rolls-Royce club in the world (The 20-Ghost Club) drove their 17 pre-Second World War Rolls-Royce cars through five Nordic and Baltic countries in July 2012.*

*Highlights of our tour were staying at Vihula Manor and the von Stackelberg Hotel Tallinn in Estonia and the welcome we received, with wide spread media coverage, in both Riga and Tallinn.*

*Thank you, for facilitating this and for ensuring a memorable, and hugely enjoyable, visit."*

Sir John Stuttard, Chairman, 20-Ghost Club

Participation of the members of the Estonian Vintage Transport Club "Virtuaalne Vanatehnikaklubi" and Latvian car enthusiasts make the event particularly social.

Price pr person: **EUR 1095,00 (double/twin)**  
**EUR 1395,00 (single)**

7 overnights at 4-5 star hotels, 7 x buffet breakfast, 7 x 3-4 course exquisite dinners with coffee/tea, program and entrances to Dome Cathedral in Riga, Rundale Palace, Jurmala City Museum, Riga Motor-Museum, Turaida Castle, old Water Mill, Palmse Manor House, Great Guild Hall and Maritime Museum in Tallinn English speaking tour escort, local English speaking guides and 100% secure parking at the hotels.

*The prices include service and VAT and are valid for any number of persons. The prices are gross and include commission to tour operators.*

### Shipping:

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