

# VISIT TO VILNIUS EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2009 8TH-10TH JULY 2009

## EUROPEAN HISTORIC CITIES AND THEIR POLICIES FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE

### PROGRAMME

The European Association of Historic Towns and Regions in association with the Mayor of Vilnius has pleasure in inviting you to participate in a unique occasion as part of Vilnius's celebrations as 2009 European Capital of Culture and Lithuania's celebration of its name's millennium.

This is an important opportunity for Mayors, senior politicians and professionals working in the field of cultural heritage to share their experience and see at first hand how one of Europe's most important cultural capitals manages a world heritage historic city.

**Programme of this event is shown overleaf. See the back page for booking your place to join us in Vilnius.**



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## PROGRAMME

**Day One –  
Wednesday**

**8 July 2009**

17.00

Coach available from Vilnius airport for transfer to hotels

18.30

Welcome drinks

20.30 – 21.30

Organ Concert – Holy Spirit Church  
Performed on the A.G Casparini organ (1776)

**Day Two –  
Thursday**

**9 July 2009  
Vilnius Town Hall**

8.45 – 9.15

Registration and coffee

9.15 – 9.45

Opening and Welcome  
Mayor/ Deputy Mayor of Vilnius  
President of EAHTR, Dr Louis Roppe

9.45 – 10.00

Keynote address “European historic cities and their policies for cultural heritage”  
Secretary General of EAHTR, Brian Smith

10.00 – 11.00

Vilnius – European Capital of Culture 2009 – “Challenges and Opportunities”  
Artūras Blotnys, Director of the Department for City Development (DCD);  
Vitas Karčiauskas, Director of the Unit for Cultural Heritage at the DCD;  
Gediminas Rutkauskas, Director of OTRA Old Town Renewal Agency

11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 12.30	National Perspectives English Heritage – Steve Bee, Director of Development Lithuanian Department of Cultural Heritage
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.00	Historic Towns Presentations Tallinn Riga EAHTR member cities
15.00 – 18.00	Site visits to city centre and Old Town
20.00	Official Dinner hosted by the Mayor of Vilnius

**Day Three –  
Friday**

**10 July 2009**

**OTRA offices, near City Hall Square**

9.00 – 11.00	Round Table - “European Historic Cities and Their Policies for Cultural Heritage” –Delegates will join smaller groups for simultaneous discussions on key topics e.g. governance/resources, tourism, heritage management planning, etc.
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 13.00	Round Table Final plenary session: conclusions, lessons and future actions for wider dissemination Closing word by the President of EAHTR and the Mayor of Vilnius
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 18.00	Guided tour to Trakai and Kernave, former historic capital cities of Lithuania
19.30	Dinner

**Day Four/Five  
Saturday/Sunday**

**11-12 July 2009**

**Optional visit to Riga and Tallinn**

Visit to Riga and Tallinn – delegates to confirm interest as part of booking form

# BOOKING FORM



## BOOK YOUR PLACE

Delegates will meet the costs of their own travel and hotel accommodation but all other expenses relating to speakers, meals, local travel, events and translation will be met by the city of Vilnius and EAHTR. There are a number of hotels within Vilnius with prices ranging from €50 -€100 per person per night.

For more information on accommodation and to book a hotel, please see <http://www.historic-towns.org/News.asp>

The European Association of Historic Towns and Regions now invite interested individuals to return this Booking Form either by e-mail or fax in order not to be disappointed.

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- *Please tick here if interested in visit to Riga on 11 July*
- *Please tick here if interested in visit to Tallinn on 12 July*

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