

## ***BIGI Baltic Transfers and Tours: 2018 Excursion Overview by CAR / Minibuses***

*NOTE: During your trip, we offer you to visit the most beautiful and popular landmarks. Additionally, it is possible to book a professional guide service (please book in advance).*

*Tours include: Transfer service with English speaking driver and parking on location.*

*Tours exclude: Museum tickets, museum guide service, food and drinks.*

*Driver can also advise you for the best lunch or dinner spots on the way, if necessary.*

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### **Cesis, Cesis Castle – Sigulda Castle – Turaida Castle**

**Total duration of the excursion: 7 hours** (including lunch, coffee, WC stops).

The most beautiful Latvian nature park - Gaujas National Park is located only 40-minute drive from Riga. Cesis Castle, already at the beginning of 13th century the more ancient hillfort of Vends was transformed and here was built the first medieval castle of Livonian Brothers of Sword. The Cesis New Castle was built in the 18th century as part of a medieval castle fortification system.

Sigulda and Turaida are located in the heart of Gauja National Park. Sigulda Castle was built in 1207 as a castellum type fortress, later rebuilt into a convent type building. From 2012 it is possible to climb up the North Tower, the Main Gate Tower and enjoy the medieval aura. Building of the Turaida castle was started in 1214 according to directions given by Albert, archbishop of Riga in the place where in former times was located wooden castle of Liv leader Kaupo.

Visit to Bobsleigh and Luge Sports Centre. From a height of 42m you can view the Gauja valley from the cable car that connects both banks of the river with the span of 1020 m. It provides a view of castles, the bobsleigh track and the charming scenery.

