



Dear friends!

Summer moves on, and as the year before we would like to finish this summer with a fantastic sail boat trip to Ruhnu island.

Many of you joined us last year and are well known with the yacht “Palsa” and her captain Lauriss Karlsons. It will be the same yacht and the same captain, but the program is more challenging and exciting this year!



We start with a bus trip to Mersrags at 9.00. More info about the municipality here: http://www.mersrags.lv/index_eng.htm

Bus trip takes approx. 1-1.5 hours, yacht „Palsa” will be ready to take us onboard there. So, the journey starts! **Ruhnu** (Swedish: *Runö*; Latvian: *Roņu sala*) is an Estonian island in the Gulf of Riga in the Baltic Sea. It is administratively part of Saare County but is geographically closer to the Latvian mainland. At 11.9 square kilometres (4.6 sq mi), it has currently fewer than 100, mostly ethnic Estonian permanent inhabitants. Prior to 1944 it was for centuries populated by ethnic Swedes and traditional Swedish law was used.

The transport communication between Ruhnu and mainland is not so easy – there is a small airport and ferry is going from Parnu only in summer time. But now we have a wonderful opportunity to visit the island.

We will be met by the governor of Ruhnu, transported by bus from the port to the city centre (2.5 km) and have a guided tour there. Afterwards local restaurant will prepare a lunch for us made of food and fish from the area. Some free time will also be provided.

Then we will start our journey back to the mainland. “Palsa” will sail us to Andrejosta i Riga. As the year before, fresh shrimps, bread, snacks and wine will add some Scandinavian touch to the trip.



Please, consider that trip from Mersrags to Ruhnu takes approx. 4 hours, and back to Riga approx. 6 hours, so it will be pretty much sailing. If you might have any health issues, it is better to take sea pills. Otherwise, the boat is safe, captain is experienced and life vests can be provided for everyone (for kids under 16 it is a must!) Estimated arrival time to Riga is 23.30- 24.00.



Date: 03.09.2016

Venue: bus in Riga, meeting point will be added soon

Time: 9.00

Program: 9.00 – 10.30 bus trip to Mersrags

10.30 – 11.00 boarding, captains welcome

11.00 – 15.00 sailing to Ruhnu, coffee, snacks on the boat

15.00 – 18.00 Ruhnu guided tour, lunch, free time

18.00 – 24.00 sailing back to Riga, shrimps, snacks, beverages, wine, good company, songs etc....

Price: **90 Euro** per person, kids under 18 half price. Price includes everything mentioned above – bus in Riga and on Ruhnu, sailing both ways, guided tour and lunch on Ruhnu, shrimps, snacks wine and beverages onboard. Sponsorship is very welcome through donations to organisation.

This time trip is provided by Norwegian Society Latvia in cooperation with Norwegian Akevitt Association Latvia, so some aquavit will be served with the shrimps as well, otherwise we have a policy of „no strong alcohol while sailing”. You can freely take some extra wine, beer or cider with you, but leave cognac for the „on shore” stage!

NB! Only 30 places available and they disappear fast! Be quick to register.

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