

A brief overview of the tour: we take a bus to Klaipėda, cross by ferry to the Curonian Spit, then drive past the resort village of Juodkrantė (Schwarzort) and a forest ravaged by cormorants, and continue on to Nida. Nida is Lithuania's southernmost resort town, just a few kilometers from Russia (the Kaliningrad/Königsberg region). There, we find Thomas Mann's cottage, magical sand dunes, and other points of interest (guided tour). We head down to the Curonian Lagoon (which is like a lake, separated from the Baltic Sea by the Curonian Spit) to the port of Nida. There, a kurėnas (a traditional fishing boat) awaits us. We take a boat ride through the lagoon, return to Nida, and have dinner there. Then we return to the conference venue.

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