

The Baltic Way

The Baltic Way – a human chain linking three states in their drive for freedom – was a unique peaceful mass demonstration that took place on 23 August 1989. More than a million people joined hands to create a 600 km long human chain from Tallinn to Vilnius, crossing Riga on its way, creating a synergy that united the three countries – Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Organized by the national movements of each of the Baltic States it marked the 50th anniversary of the traitorous German-Soviet non-aggression pact of 1939 and its secret protocols which led to the occupation and annexation of the Baltic States. Documents of The Baltic Way testify to the impressive act of non-violent protest and solidarity as an example of the culture of peace. In 2009 the Baltic Way document collection was inscribed on the UNESCO Memory of the World International Register.







