





# **Bella Dvina and Baltic Country of Lakes**





While travelling, man becomes spiritually richer, acquaints himself with new cultures, traditions and people, enjoys the beauty of nature and receives energy for further work and dreams.

In this booklet one may find information about incredible and unique regions - Baltic Country of Lakes and "Bella Dvina". The Baltic Country of Lakes is the richest with lakes in the Baltics - more than two thousand lakes are located here. Next to the Baltic Country of Lakes lies a tourism regions with a poetic and beautiful name "Bella Dvina". It is located in the area where the river Dvina - Daugava flows, which is well known since ancient times for the trade route "from Varangians to Greeks".

The advantages of the Baltic Country of Lakes and Bella Dvina regions are thir landscapes, nature, clean air and wonderful people. Active tourism throughout the year, fascinating cultural events, and picturesque sceneries - all of this comprises a unique mosaic, which provides true visual and aesthetic enjoyment.

The aim of this booklet is to acquaint with the Baltic Country of Lakes – Latgale in Latvia, Aukštaitija in Lithuania, as well as the "Bella Dvina" region, which includes Latgale in Latvia and part of Vitebsk region in Belarus.

In order for you travels, Traveller, to be more convenient, information of each county and district is provided in separate blocks, highlighting the top objects of each county/ district, those, which You just have to see. Descriptions of the objects can be found right after the introductory information of each county/district.

May your holidays in the Baltic Country of Lakes and



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Rīgas Street 22a (entrance from the Gimnazijas

# Daugavpils Fortress culture and information centre

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#### Kārsava County TIC

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#### Krāslava County TIC

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#### Rēzekne culture and tourism center

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# Rēzekne, Rēzekne county and Viļāni County TIC

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# **1** Tourism Information Centers in Vitebsk Region

### **Braslaw City TIC**

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#### Miory City TIC

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### Polotsk City TIC

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#### Rasony TIC

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### Verkhnyadzvinsk City TIC

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# The department for physical education, sport and tourism of Vitebsk City

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# **Tourism Information Point of Vitebsk District**

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# **Useful information**

# ◆ Largest cities of tourism destination Bella Dvina and Baltic Country of Lakes.

Vitebsk (346 000 people), Daugavpils (101 057 people), Novopolotsk (101 000 people), Polotsk (84 000 people), Rezekne (31 000 people), Utena (44 935 people)

#### **♦** Time

The region is part of East European Time zone, two hours ahead of Greenwich Meridian Time (GMT+2).

# Language

The official language of Latvia is Latvian (Latin alphabet), in Lithuania – Lithuanian (Latin alphabet), in Belarus – Belarusian and Russian (Cyrillic alphabet).

# Holiday calendar

#### Latvia

January 1 - New Year

March 29 - Good Friday

March 31 – Easter Sunday

April 1 - Easter Monday

May 1 – Worker's Day, Day of establishing the

Constituent Assembly of the Republic of Latvia

May 4 – Day of declaration of independence of

the Republic of Latvia

May 10 – Mother's Day

June 23 - "Līgo"

June 24 - "Jāņu diena"

November 18 – Independence Day

December 24 – Christmas Eve

December 25 - "First Christmas"

December 26 - "Second Christmas"

December 31 – New Year's Eve

#### Lithuania

January 1 – New Year

February 16 – Independence Day

March 11 - Day of Restoration of Independence

Second weekend of April - Easter

May 1 - Worker's Day

First Sunday of May - Mother's day

First Sunday of June - Father's Day

24. June 24 – "Joninės"

July 6 – Statehood Day

August 15 – "Žoļines"

November 1 – All Saints' Day

December 24 - Christmas Eve

December 25 – "First Christmas"

December 26 – "Second Christmas"

#### Belarus

January 1 – New Year

January 7 - Christmas (Orthodox)

March 8 - Women's Day

9-th day after the Orthodox Easter - Radunitsa

(commemoration of the dead)

May 1 — Labour Day

May 9 — Victory Day

July 3 – Independence Day

of the Republic of Belarus

November 7 – October Revolution Day

December 25 – Christmas (Catholic)

# Emergency telephone numbers:

#### Latvia

112 - universal emergency telephone number

113 - emergency medical service

### Lithuania

112 – universal emergency telephone number

#### Belarus

101 - fire and rescue service

102 – police

103 – emergency medical service

199 – information about emergency

telephone numbers

# Traffic regulations

The traffic in Belarus, Lithuania and Latvia is right-hand.

Speed limits: in population centres no more than 60 km/h in Belarus and no more than 50 km/h in Latvia and Lithuania, except as otherwise stated by the road signs; outside of population centres – 90 km/h.

In all 3 countries - Latvia, Lithuania and Belarus - it is strictly forbidden to drink and drive (any alcoholic beverages, including beer).

Radar speed control is quite common. It is not allowed to use radar detectors.

Most road signs in Belarus are in Russian (Cyrillic alphabet), not in English.

In Latvia and Lithuania low-beam headlamps have to be switched on even during the day all year round.

### Borders

# Border crossing points on the border of Belarus and Latvia:

Control point in the Bigosova (Indra) railway station

Road crossing point: Grigorovschina (Patarnieki), Urbany (Silene)

Simplified crossing points: Gavrilino (Meiksani), Druja (Piedruja), Lipovka (Vorzovo), Plyusi (Kaplava)

# Border crossing points on the border of Belarus and Lithuania:

Control point in a railway station: Benjakoni (Stasilos), Gudogai (Kena)

Road crossing point: Benjakovi (Šalčininkai), Kamennij Log (Mjadininkai), Kotlovka (Lavoriškes), Privalka (Raigardas)

Simplified crossing points: Vidzi (Tvarjačus), Geraneni (Krakunai), Dotiški (Eišiškes), Kemeliški (Prienai), Klevica (Urjaljai), Losha (Šumskas), Lintupi (Papjaljakis), Moldevichi (Adutiškis)

# Getting visas

EU citizens do not need a visa for entering Latvia or Lithuania. Citizens of Russian Federatioan and other CIS countries do need a visa for entering both Latvia and Lithuania, respectively Latvian or Lithuanian national visa, or a Schengen visa.

Information on how to get a visa if you are travelling from Belarus to Latvia. www.mfa.gov.lv Information on how to get a visa if you are travelling from Belarus to Lithuania. http://by.mfa.lt/ Information on how to get a visa if you are travelling from Latvia to Belarus. www.latvia.mfa.gov.by Information on how to get a visa if you are travelling from Lithuania to Belarus. www.lithuania.mfa.gov.by

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# Consular Department of Latvian Republic in Vitebsk

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# Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in the Republic of Belarus

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# Embassy of the Republic of Belarus in the Republic of Latvia

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# Embassy of the Republic of Belarus in the Republic of Lithuania

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#### "LL Birojs"

Partizānu Street 21, Balvi, LV-4501 Phone: +371 645 22870, +371 26337354

# "Ludzas tūrisma aģentūra" Ltd.

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#### Tourism agency "Mari"

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#### "Eurosuntour" Ltd., tourism agency

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# "Eurosuntour" Ltd., tourism agency

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# Mobiline, "Vlaveals"

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# Tourism agency "Gertruda"

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#### Tourism agency "Mari"

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### Tourism department of "Park hotel Latgola" hotel

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# Tourism agency "Remaco"

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### Tourism agency "M.A.R.K.-D"

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#### Tourism agency "Tēvzeme"

Atbrīvošanas Av. 98 (Hotel "Latgale", 2nd floor), Rēzekne, LV 4601 Phone: +371 26476097, fax: +371 646 22822 tevzeme@efeipro.lv, www.ta-tevzeme.lv

#### Tourism agency "Rauš-Tūre"

Ezera Street 11, Krāslava, LV-5601 Phone: +371 29722170

# Tourism agencies in Utena region that deal with issuance of visas for travelling to the Republic of Belarus:

#### **Utena TIC**

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#### Tourism agency "Vitcol"

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#### Tourism agency "Brig"

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#### Tourism agency "Spadchina"

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Aglona County is located in Latgale, in the southeastern part of Latvia. This territory was populated by Baltic and Finno – Ugric tribes already before our era, as evidenced by 17 castle mounds, 3 offering stones, 2 "Upursala" (offering islands), and countless ancient burial grounds.

Aglona basilica creates uniqueness, attractiveness and identification of Aglona County. Every year on August 15 it gathers thousands of people from the whole Latvia and from abroad. According to the LR law Aglona basilica was accepted as the sacred place of international significance in 1995. It is cultural and historical heritage of Latvia – a cultural monument and a religious pilgrimage place, which in 1993 was visited by Rome Pope John Paul II, and every year on August 15 around 300 000 pilgrims arrive to this place.

Three religious confessions - Catholicism, Orthodoxy, and Old Believer – live peacefully in Aglona county.

63 lakes, including Latvia's clearest and most mysterious lake, nature reserve – Velnezers, natural reserve of Ciriša lake (Natura 2000 territory) attract tourists' attention. There is the only Bread museum (Maizes muzejs) in Latvia, an original War museum, and the unique King's Hill in Aglona.

More than 20 guest houses with different opportunities of leisure activities offer you unforgettable stay in Aglona county.



# Aglona County business support center

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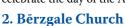
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# Most popular sightseeing places in Aglona county (top objects)

# 1. Aglona Basilica

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The Basilica, built in the Baroque style, springs up in the landscape with 60m high towers (the first half of the 18th century, 1768–1800). The Sacred painting "Miracleworker Virgin of Aglona" (17c) is famous for its curative powers. Believers, as well as art admirers, are willing to cover a long distance to Aglona to enjoy the magic of this work of art and to trust in its miracles. Every year on the 15th of August Aglona attracts thousands of pilgrims to celebrate the day of the Assumption of Mary.



Phone: +371 26134126, Bērzgale, www.aglona.travel; GPS: 56.1604. 27.0812

The construction of the church took place from 1744 till 1751. It is one of the oldest wooden churches in Latvia. 32 monuments of art can be observed there, including an organ. Book your visit in advance!



Phone: +371 29287044, Daugavpils St. 7, Aglona, www.aglonasmaize.viss.lv, maizesmuzejs@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.1332, 27.0018

The only museum of this kind in the entire Baltics. Here one can feel the smell of fresh bread, hold a warm loaf of bread, hear a story about a simple and holy thing – bread. Excursion in the museum and the bakery. Hosting of weddings following Latgalian traditions. Conference hall. Dishes of Latgalian culinary heritage. Working hours: on request.

# 4. World War II exhibition

Phone: +371 22484848, +371 29294180, +371 653 21380, Daugavpils St. 40, Aglona, www.ww2.viss.lv, ww1945@inbox.lv GPS: 56.1304.27.0052

The core of the museum are the weapons that were used in the WWII. There are uniforms, munitions, household objects and plane parts as well. You can have a photo on a German army motorcycle. Bicycle rental.

# 5. King's Hill

Phone: +371 29742774, Madelāni, Aglonas parish, www.kkk.lv; GPS: 56.1268,27.0409

A unique sculpture complex with gardens and artificial ponds. Its area is approximately 20 ha.













# 6. Devil's lake (Velnezers)

Phone: +371 65322100 (Aglonas county BSC), Šķeltovas parish, turisms@aglona.lv, www.aglona.travel; GPS: 56.0841, 27.1181

Devil's lake is located 7 km away from Aglona, in Aglona county, Šķeltova civil parish, in the Grāveri pine forest delve. Devils's lake, being located in the middle of a bilberry forest, is one of the most transparent lakes in Latvia, it attracts people with a peculiar blue-green colour of its waters, its transparency and the strange legends that have

surrounded it since ancient times. The depth of Devil's lake, which is located in a funnel-shaped delve, reaches 17 metres, and the transparency of its waters in some areas is up to 12 metres.



# 7. Camping "Aglonas Alpi"

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Located on the Leitānu peninsula, 2 km from the Aglona Basilica, on the banks of Ciriša reservoir (near Raudiņu lake). Camp site has 13 cabins, 10 of them with an attic; there is also place for trailers. There is a swing on the

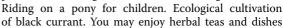
territory of the camp site, and you can rent boats and water bikes. Organization of mass sports events. Rent of quad bikes, extreme track, also fields for football, volleyball, basketball. Baths. Canopy for celebrations or parties. Extreme tracks are offered.



# 8. "Upenīte", a rural house

Phone: +371 26312465, Tartakas Street 7, Aglona, www.aglona.lv, a.upenite@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.1206, 27.0018

An ecological farm. Lodging for the night, a place for swimming, a black bath and massage.



of Latgalian culinary heritage. Black bathhouse. Tent places, places for a bonfire, swimming places at the Cirīša lake. Possibility to purchase biological foodstuffs – frozen black currants, black currant jelly, in the season – fresh black currant, sour cream, butter, milk, cheese, on request – pork and veal. Winter fishing, or you may enjoy the winter while strolling in the forest. Sledging from a hill. Working hours: on request.



# 9. "Mežinieku mājas", a guest house

Phone:+371 29234425, +371 28350601, Gūteņi, www.meziniekumajas.viss.lv, meziniekumajas@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.1026, 26.9415



An ecological farm, lodging for the night, horoscope park. A bath with aromatic switches of green birch twigs, massage and tea with herbs. Traditional Latgalian dishes

are offered, served using ceramic crockery. A perfect place for traditional celebrations, Līgo, weddings, anniversaries, and for picnics. Rooms for meetings and celebrations for up to 160 persons. A bread house – an opportunity to bake and eat your own bread. Cooking soup and tea on the fire. Ecologic products. Attractive excursions and a theatre play with a guide at "Dream path" and "Horoscope Park". Working hours: on request.

# 10. "Zemeņu krastiņi", a rural house

Phone: +371 29185234, Vortņiki, Kastuļinas parish, www.zemenukrastini.viss.lv, anitaaglona@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.1562, 27.1638

A rest at Ilzas Geraņimovas lake - a strawberry bath with a mask of clay or strawberry. Windsurfing, massage. Professional bathhouse attendant will perform a massage and various other procedures for improving your health. Milking cows. Motorboats. Bicycle route around the lake, routes throughout Latgale. Offers winter fishing and bath ritual with using clay, strawberry and yoghurt masks.



# **Cultural and Historical objects**

King's Hill, see TOP sightseeing places in Aglona county (object no. 5).

# Kameneca boulder

Phone: +371 29118597, +371 653 22100, Jaunaglona, Aglonas parish, www.aglona.travel; GPS: 56.1629, 27.0084 A cult place of ancient Latgalians. A stone from the basis of old chapel, upon which the altar was situated.



#### Ruskuļu boulder

Phone: +371 29118597, +371 653 22100, Ruskuļi, Aglonas parish, www.aglona.travel; GPS: 56.1246,26.9601

Located on the Southwestern shore of the Ciriša lake. A cult stone with five holes meant for offerings. It was archaeologically investigated in 1979.



# Holy spring of Aglona

Phone: +371 29118597, +371 653 22100, Aglona, Aglonas parish, near Aglona basilica, www.aglona.travel; GPS: 56.1271,27.0166 In the 19th century there was a hospital at the sulphur spring. Nowadays it is believed that the water has special power, especially powerful it is on the 15th of August when the church celebrates the assumption of Our Lady.



### Museums

Bread museum of Aglona, see TOP sightseeing places in Aglona county (object no. 3).

World War II exhibition, see TOP sightseeing places in Aglona county (object no. 4).

# **Craftsman tourism**

#### Nikolajs Guževs – basket maker

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GPS: 56.1532, 27.2111

Fine weaved baskets, bast baskets, and chairs. Works on order.





# Anita Reščenko - workshop of floristics

Phone: +371 29185234, guest house "Zemeņu krastiņi", Vortņiki, Kastuļinas parish, www.aglona.travel, anitaaglona@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.1562, 27.1638
Interesting ideas for the interior design. It is possible to watch the process and to try to work with natural materials.



# Inta Reča – stitchcraft workshop

Phone: +371 29429422, Livdanu Street 13, Aglona, www.aglona.travel, inta\_reca@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.1338, 27.0251

The newest textile technologies. The workshop of floristics and sewing. Production of adornments Book your visit in advance!



# Olita Selicka – stitchcraft workshop

Phone: +371 29722169, Somersetas Steer 19, Aglona, www.aglona.travel, aglona64@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.1325, 27.0078

Knitting, crochet, sewing – from first steps till becoming an expert. Book your visit in advance!



# Ilze Grigule – clothes and accessories made from natural materials

Phone: +371 28338986, Jaudzemu Street 2-11, Aglona, www.aglona.travel, ilzeg5@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.1229, 27.0145 With the help of handywoman you will make works of unique design from cotton and flax.

Book your visit in advance!



### Vija Kovaļkova - decorations made from wool

Phone: +371 29344768, Jaudzemu Street 6-6, Aglona, www.aglona.travel, vija.ka@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.1187, 27.0162 Making gifts and decorations of wool. Decorative works of wool and flax.

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# Estates, castles, castle mounds, ancient burial sites



#### Castle mound of Madelāni

Phone: +371 26463455 (Jānis), +371 29118597, +371 653 22100, Madelāni, Aglonas parish, www.aglona.travel; GPS: 56.1246, 26.9601

The castle mound of Madelāni is considered to be one of the most beautiful in Latvia. Its relative height is about 20 m. Plateau and southern slope of the castle mound were used

in agriculture in recent past, hence no fortifications in that part of the castle mound. There is also a legend about the castle, which was situated on the castle mound of Madelāni, but then submerged. It is believed that the castle mound was inhabited already in 1000 BC, which is proven by shards of handmade pottery, as well as tools made of bone and stone. The history sources claim that the Madelāni lord's daughter became a wife of Lithuanian king Mindaugas.

# **Churches**

**Aglona Basilica**, see TOP sightseeing places in Aglona county (object no. 1).

**Bērzgale Church**, see TOP sightseeing places in Aglona county (object no. 2).

# Kovalova Old-Believer Church

Phone: +371 26154785, Kovaļova, Grāveru parish, www.aglona.travel; GPS: 56.0453, 27.1022 Excursion in the church (1861) and father Yefim's story about the traditions of old-believers. Book your visit in advance!



# **Nature Tourism**

#### Nature Park of Ciriša Lake

Phone: +371 26123809,+371 653 22100, +371 29118597, Aglona, www.aglona.travel, turisms@aglona.lv; GPS:56.1392, 26.9959

The protected territory was established in 1977 in area of 1298 ha. There are 8 islands in the reserve. There is a nature path on the biggest island - Upursala ("Sacrificial Island"); there was also a camp and the Upurkalns ("Sacrificial Mount") dated



with year 1 000 B.C. on the island. From all the 349 species of flowering plants and spore plants 264 are found on Upursala. There is a motorcraft that runs to the island (capacity: 25 people). Excursion with a guide.

#### Dream path

Phone: +371 29234425, Gūteņi, Aglona, www.meziniekumajas.viss.lv, meziniekumajas@inbox.lv; GPS: 56,1026, 26,9415

Acquaintance with characters of fairytales. Poetic excursion and a staging by the children "Dreams in the nature". Observing of birds, animals and vulnerary plants. All the berry species of Latvia can be found here. Book your visit in advance!



# Horoscope Park

Phone: +371 29234425, Gūteṇi, Aglona, www.meziniekumajas.viss.lv, meziniekumajas@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.1026, 26.9415

Seeing trees and plants connected with 12 signs of the horoscope. Picnic with a degustation of home-made cheese, soup and tea cooked on a fire. Book your visit in advance!



# Health path, strawberry path, tree path

Phone: +371 29185234, guest house "Zemeņu krastiņi", Vortņiki, Kastuļinas parish, www.zemenukrastini.viss.lv, anitaaglona@inbox.lv; GPS:56.1562, 27.1638

The hostess will tell a story about the history of cultivating strawberries, variety of strawberries; tasting of berries. Walking through health and tree paths one can discover typical plants and trees of Latgale and their healing powers. On the path you may meet Strawberry King and Berry Fairy. Book your visit in advance!



# **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**

Bread museum of Aglona, see TOP sightseeing places in Aglona county (object no. 3).

"Upenīte", a rural house, see TOP sightseeing places in Aglona county (object no. 8)

"Mežinieku mājas", a guest house, see TOP sightseeing places in Aglona county (object no. 9)

# **Active tourism** / Water tourism



# "Ezersētas", a cottage

Phone: +371 29166259, +371 29194748, Ladiškina, Kastuļinas parish, www.laivaslatgale.lv, www.ezersetas.viss.lv, ezersetas@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.1565, 27.3036

A great place for recreation at Užuņa lake. Activities for children and adults. Two or more day trips through the lakes and rivers of Latgale. A route for boats is offered: Geranimovas Ilzas lake (seeing Panu peninsula and Geranimova manor park) -

channel to Rušona lake - Petrovka peninsula - offering stone at Rušona lake - river Tartaka - Kameneca boulder - Kameneca manor and park - a nature path of Ciriša lake - Upursala. Lodging for the night. Black bathhouse. 23 canoes, transportation of boats. Black bathhouse. Take your passports with you!



# "Krastmala", a recreation complex

Phone: +371 29244610, Ansveriņi 1, Aglonas parish, brasla@apollo.lv; GPS: 56.1011, 26.9731

Leisure trips with a 10-person pontoon on the Cirīši HEPS reservoir. Excursion to the Cirīši HEPS. Wakeboarding and water skiing. Rent of personal motorized watercraft. Rent of row-boats. A house is available for small companies, with a

bath, kitchen and 3 bedrooms (beds for 6 persons).

"Aglonas Alpi", a camping, see TOP sightseeing places in Aglona county (object no. 7).

# Active tourism / Adventure Tourism

"Aglonas Alpi", a camping, see TOP sightseeing places in Aglona county (object no. 7).



#### Active recreation center at Ciriša lake

Phone: +371 26123809, +371 653 22100, Aglona, www.aglona.travel, turisms@aglona.lv;

GPS: 56.1392, 26.9959

Excursion on raft to Upursala, boat rental, playground, beach.



#### Aglona from a bird's eye view

Phone: +371 27739895, Jaunaglona, Aglonas parish, visvaldis.kursitis@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.1661, 26.9958 Unforgettable flight by plane together with experienced pilot. Working hours: on request.

# **Health Tourism**

# "Ezersētas", a guest house

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GPS: 56.1565, 27.3036

Lodging for the night and a black bath at Užuņa lake. The host offer two or more day trips through the lakes and rivers of Latgale. Working hours: on request.



"Mežinieku mājas", a guest house, see TOP sightseeing places in Aglona county (object no. 9)

"Upenīte", a guest house, see TOP sightseeing places in Aglona county (object no. 8)

"Zemeņu krastiņi", a rural house, see TOP sightseeing places in Aglona county (object no. 10)

# Country house "Abelites"

Phone: +371 29567209, Madelāni, Aglonas parish, abelites2012@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.1226,27.0496

Active rest at the lake Lielais Dubulis, boat, trampoline, observation of domestic animals, honey, black bathhouse, milk and meat products. Working hours: on request.



# "Juglaiņi"

Phone: +371 29130048, Leitāni, Aglonas parish, www.aglona.travel, turisms@aglona.lv; GPS: 56.1060, 27.0151 Nature soul house is a place where one can think about the essence of life and discover main values. Black bathhouse. Latvian traditions. Working hours: on request.



# **Winter Tourism**

"Upenīte", a guest house, see TOP sightseeing places in Aglona county (object no. 8)

"Zemeņu krastiņi", a rural house, see TOP sightseeing places in Aglona county (object no. 10)



Get acquainted with the smallest Latvian County!

Visit Baltinava and here the excursion through the Baltinava County's sights, such as Baltinava Estate Park, Baltinava catholic and orthodox churches, the Breksīne hill of catholic's cemetery's chapel, Aldara 57, Parallel sign (Paralēles zīme), weaving workshop, craftsman center will be organized for you. You also will be given a chance to get acquainted with the author of the popular show of Latgola.lv Danskovīti and to see one of the 8 parts of the show "Ontans un Anne".

# **Baltinava County council**

Kārsavas Street 16, Baltinava, LV – 4594 www.baltinava.lv

# Most popular sightseeing places in Baltinava county (top objects)



# 1. Museum of Baltinava

Phone: +371 29341738, Tilžas street 7, Baltinava; GPS: 56.9449303, 27.6416540

The museum was opened on 28th of April 1997. There one can learn everything about the history of Baltinava parish from the 17th century till these days. There one can see permanent expositions of the history of Baltinava parish, prominent people from Baltinava, household objects and tools of 20th century, and ethnography. Often the exhibitions of local artists and art school pupils take place in the museum. An excursion to the tourism objects of Baltinava municipality. Working hours: weekdays: 10.00-16.00.

# 2. Baltinava Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 645 63318, +371 29341738 (museum), Baltinava; GPS: 56.9476786, 27.6506911

The construction of the church took place from 1909 till 1931. It is 39 m long and 15,5 m wide, the width in the place of cross – 20 m. Ancient sacred works of art are located in this church. Architectural monument of state significance. The church was heavily damaged during the WWII. A priest, Alfons Misjuns, who spent 17 years in Baltinava, renovated it. Apply for a tour in Baltinava museum.

# 3. Estate park of Baltinava

Phone: +371 29341738, Tilžas Street, Baltinava; GPS: 56.9430060, 27.6336360

The park was laid out in the thirties of the 19th century by the order of German landlord Klodt. During the making of the park an interesting park element was created – natural sundial (trees were planted in certain positions), which has been partially preserved till nowadays. The present wealth of the park is about 500 trees which are 70 to 150 years old and a little river Supenka.





# **Cultural and Historical objects**

**Estate park of Baltinava,** see TOP sightseeing places in Baltinava county (object no. 3)

Museums

**Museum of Baltinava,** see TOP sightseeing places in Baltinava county (object no. 1)

# **Craftsman tourism**

#### Weaving workshop

Phone: +371 29134696, +371 29341738, Tilžas Street 5, Baltinava: GPS: 56.9449303, 27.6416540

In the weaving workshop you can see the loom, learn the basics of weaving, gain or supplement knowledge about the national costume of Northern Latgale (Abrene). Book your visit in advance!



Phone: +371 26332609, +371 26423947, Kārsavas Street 5, Baltinava, Baltinava county, LV-4594; sukrums@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.9456975, 27.6443281

Created in 2012. Here you can see the exhibitions of craftsmen of northern Latgale and buy articles of decorative and applied arts - knittings, fabric, wood articles, ceramics, adornments, paintings, etc. The craftsman centre also offers a visit to a woodworking workshop in Baltinava. It is an opportunity to acquaint yourself with modern woodworking workbenches, acquire skills of working with them, receive consultations of specialists, order individual wood articles and organize woodworking workshops.





# **Churches**

**Baltinava Roman Catholic Church,** see TOP sightseeing places in Baltinava county (object no. 2).



#### **Baltinava Orthodox Church**

Phone: +371 29341738 (museum), Baltinava; GPS: 56.9435273, 27.6518312

The church was built in 1901 with the support of landlord of Baltinava estate of that time Fjodors Agarkovs. It is built of red bricks; length is 19 m and width – 8 m. Apart from bell tower, 4 domes with cast-iron crosses rise over the church. There is a fence around the church. There were a lot of orthodox people in Baltinava in the beginning of the 20th century, who mostly came from Vitebsk and Pskov provinces. Apply for a tour in Baltinava museum.



# Brieksines Mount with a Catholic cemetery chapel

Phone: +371 29341738, Brieksīne, Baltinava county; GPS: 56.9950286, 27.6493521

According to old stories, the cemetery was established on the 128m high lone mountain, on top of which a church has sunk. The chapel, which was built in 20ies of the 20th century, is an architectural monument. Nearby there is a monument to the collector of northern Latgalian musical folklore, a Catholic priest Mikelis Jermacans - Capuchin priest Jacob, created by Bertulis Buls. From the mound one can see good views of Baltinava and Abrene regions.

# **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**



# "Grantiņi", a beekeeping biological farm

Phone: +371 29119362, +371 26481654, Viļakas Street 13, Baltinava: GPS: 56.9477056, 27.6460707

You can taste the beekeeping products in the farm. You can get acquainted with the process of making wax candles and buy them. Book your visit in advance.



# "Paipalas", Ltd.

Phone: +371 29294703, Sapronovka village;

GPS: 56.9226213, 27.6901164

Unconventional agriculture, growing black and red currants with big berries, beekeeping. You can go for a tour through the farm and buy the products.





Balvi County is located in the north-east of Latvia and it is the gate between Latgale and Vidzeme regions.

The territory of the County is rich in forests, rivers and lakes and agricultural land. Using these resources the main businesses of the inhabitants of the County are agriculture, logging and wood - processing. Some households focus on the beekeeping, fish farming and other non-traditional forms of agriculture. Balvi County identifies itself as an important north center of Latgale, where ethnographic and modern cultural traditions are maintained.

Balvi is a small and beautiful town in the northeast of Latvia – it is the administrative center of Balvi County. It is situated in the tuck of two lakes and it is located on the both river sides of Bolupe.

Over the centuries Balvi from a small village developed to the town with overall area 5,1 km2. From the other towns of Latgale, Balvi town differs with its specific charm, which is made by green environment, synthesis of ancient and modern buildings, creating the image of the European provincial town. The adornment of the town is a fountain "Water lily" ("Ūdensroze") which "blossoms" the most beautifully at night.

Balvi is proud of its cultural traditions which are maintained for decades, the heritage left by prominent personalities, with our People's Theatre (Tautas teātris) and the People's brass band (Tautas pūtēju orķestris), many dance collectives and work of agents from educational, cultural, medical and other spheres.



# **Balvi County TIC**

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### **Balvi County council**

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# Most popular sightseeing places in Balvi county (top objects)



# 1. Building and park of Balvi estate and Bear garden

Phone: +371 645 21430, +371 28352770, Brīvības Street 46, 47, Balvi, www.balvi.lv, muzejs@balvi.lv; GPS:57.1320873, 27.2576165

Estate was built in 1769. The building was remodelled a number of times, in order to adapt it to the need of school. Currently, the Balvi Centre of further education and human resource development is located there, along

with a café, in which, if ordered in advance, you may feast in a landlord style. The estate hall has one of the best acoustics in Latvia, and in august hosts the annual Balvi chamber music festival. Bear garden is a former orchard of the estate, which is enveloped by a hazel-tree path. In the middle of the garden there is a pond with an island. At present there is an original rock garden with 23 compositions made of 49 stones. In the restored barn of the estate since 2010 a museum of local history is located along with a tourism information centre. You can book an excursion through the estate in the museum.



# 2. Museum of Balvi County

Phone: +371 645 21430, +371 28352770, Brīvības Street 46, Balvi, www.muzejs.balvi.lv, muzejs@balvi.lv; GPS: 57.1308070, 27.2567270

In 2010 Balvi Museum moved to a new building – reconstructed estate barn. Breath of history changes with new breezes – you can see the cellar vault built by estate people and modern exhibition halls; ancient barn doors made from 200 years old wood and furniture made by

local masters; exhibitions tell about ancient times and lifestyle of young artists. Museum offers pedagogic programs and trips in the estate and town (book in advance). Museum can be visited by people with special needs. Working hours: Tue-Fri: 10.00.-17.00, Sat: 11.00-16.00.



# 3. The ceramic workshop of Jolanta and Valdis Dundenieki

Phone: +371 29173889, Saksmale, Bērzpils parish, www.balvi.lv, jvdundenieki@inbox.lv; GPS 56.8169344. 27.0886392

They are called artists who don't follow the way of modern art of ceramics. They preserve the secret of authentic Latgalian ceramics. In the ceramic workshop you may watch a film on how the clay lump turns into earthenware. You can try to make these ceramic articles yourself. Book your visit in advance.



# 4. Stones' and lilies' garden "Ezerlīči"

Phone: +371 26363508, Ezerlīči, Tilžas parish; GPS: 56.9057875, 27.4034774

A lot of lilies, peonies and other flowers bloom in the garden "Ezerlīči" of Skaidrīte and Ēriks Kaši. Then there are various stones — each with its own story. Bees are kept at the farm, too. Purchase of products is possible.

# 5. "Vilnītis", a raft

Phone: +371 29376933, Balvi, meistarseriks@inbox.lv; GPS: 57.1337559, 27.2584410

The townspeople and guests of Balvi are offered an opportunity to enjoy the charm of the city by sailing with the raft "Vilnītis" on the lake of Balvi. Home-made raft of the master Ēriks Kanavinš can hold 10–15 persons on its deck.

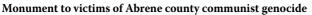


# **Cultural and Historical objects**

# Monument to the fallen soldiers of Latgale partisan regiment

Crossing of Brīvības and Partizānu streets, Balvi, www.balvi.lv; GPS:57.1327038. 27.2632914

Unveiled in 1938, the author – sculptor K. Jansons. The monument has been toppled several times, last time rebuilt in 1993. People call it "Staṇislavs of Balvi".



Crossing of Bērzpils and Brīvības streets, Balvi, www.balvi.lv; GPS: 57.1319076, 27.2686599

Monument in the centre of town of Balvi was found on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2006. Sculptor Matiass Jansons made stone in the shape of Latvia, which symbolizes split land of pain road. The second split symbolizes Abrene and six municipalities, which were





disconnected from Latvia. There is a caption "The only holiness on the earth is life" on it. Monument is devoted to deportees of Abrene district who were send out during the big deportations, and also to those who have been arrested, killed or have suffered during soviet regime.

Museums

**Museum of Balvi County,** see TOP sightseeing places in Balvi county (object no. 2)

#### Tilža Cultural history and tourism center

Phone: +371 26545870, Brīvības Street 5, Tilža;

GPS: 56.8992719, 27.3705852

Culture research center-museum has been working in the Culture house of Tilža municipality. There you can acquaint yourself with famous individuals, historical events, and artisans of Tilža, Vectilža, Krišjāṇi and Bērzpils municipalities. Museum was founded in 1967. You can go on a trip in surrounding fairest and most interesting places (book your visit in advance!). Working hours: on workdays 9:00–13:00, weekends – on request.



# **Craftsman tourism**

# A workshop of ancient trades

Phone: +371 29376933, Lăča dārzs, Brīvības Street 52, Balvi, www.balvi.lv, meistarseriks@inbox.lv;

GPS: 57.1304396, 27.2573725

The workshop of ancient trade is a possibility not only to watch the work of a smith, joiner and other artisans, but also to try your hand at sewing and cooking. Master Eric has built a raft, and

eagerly gives a ride on the lake to those interested. There is also a program for newlywed in the workshop. Book your visit in advance!











# A weaving workshop of Briežuciems

Phone: +371 26431052, +371 26404392, Briežuciems, Briežuciema parish, www.balvi.lv, mezalezita@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.9628245, 27.5937629

In the weaving workshop each person has a possibility to weave a luxurious rag carpet on a real loom. You will be acquainted with weaving equipment, technique and fabrics. Book your visit in advance!

# Bērzpils weaver workshop

Phone: +371 27872031, "Saieta nams", Bērzpils, Bērzpils parish, www.balvi.lv, annakrivisa@inbox.lv;

GPS: 56.8490490, 27.0855119

In the Bērzpils Meeting House a weaving workshop is organized, in which local weavers work and show their skill. Book your visit in advance!

#### Dzintars Students - wood craftsmen

Phone: +371 29374261, +371 26545870,

"Tīreļi", Pārupes Street 11, Tilža, Tilžas parish, www.balvi.lv;

GPS: 56.8993518, 27.3596181

Master of basketry and wooden crafts. Book your visit in advance!

#### Artist Edīte Maderniece

Phone: +371 26145405, "Ābeļziedi", Osudari, Bērzpils parish, editemaderniece@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.8335714, 27.1323334
Seeing paintings in a rural estate-workshop, enjoying the silence and calm. The artist also invites visitors to try their hand at painting. Book your visit in advance!

The ceramic workshop of Jolanta and Valdis Dundenieki, see TOP sightseeing places in Balvi county (object no. 3).

# Estates, castles, castle mounds, ancient burial sites

Balvi estate, see TOP sightseeing places in Balvi county (object no. 1).

# **Churches**





# Balvi Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 645 21375, Baznīcas Street 3, Balvi, www.balvi.lv; GPS: 57.1337208, 27.2718618

The church was built more than 200 years ago – in 1782. It is remarkable with its original architectonic pattern, as initially it was built by the example of Orthodox Church: with a dome atop the central part of the building. Two towers in front of the church were built later. The church was renovated in 2004.

# Bērži Catholic Church

Phone: +371 645 44405, Bērži, Bērzpils parish, www.balvi.lv; GPS: 56.8303756, 27.0688737

The church was built in 1851. It is a building in Romanesque style with massive walls and two towers, in which there are three bells. There is a garden around the church, surrounded by a fence with a high stone base.

### **Balvi Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Phone: +371 29638005, +371 26311959, Bērzpils Street 17, Balvi, www.balvi.lv; GPS: 57.1282173, 27.2674584

The beginnings of Balvi Lutheran community were at the end of the 19th century when people from Vidzeme lost their land because of debts and moved to Latgale. They had no place to continue their sacral traditions. The church was built in 1915. It is 13,94 m wide and 25,4 m long. There are 500 seats in the church. In 1925 the bell of the church was confirmed. In 1934 the organ by Herbert Kolbe was brought to the church. The 530 kilos heavy bell was made in Germany.



Phone: +371 26545870, Raiņa Street 21, Tilža, www.balvi.lv; GPS: 56.9001507, 27.3633371

The construction of the church took place from 1921 till 1922. The church has two sharp wooden towers. It is one of the biggest wooden churches in Latvia. In 1935 the church got its large bell, which was crafted in Liepāja, and in 1940 it got the organ.

### Tilža Evangelical Lutheran Church

Phone: +371 26545870, Mežarijas, Tilžas parish, www.balvi.lv; GPS: 56.9181884. 27.3788502

In October 1926 the dean K. Irbe consecrated the foundation stone of the new church. Same autumn the foundation for the entire church was made. Archbishop Theodor Greenberg consecrated the church in October 1930.

#### Tilža Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 26545870, Pārupes Street 12, Tīlža, www.balvi.lv; GPS: 56.8958043, 27.3601536

Tilža Orthodox Church was built in 1895, consecrated in 1896. Initially it was a church school building, but, as there were a lot of orthodox believers in the area, with the initiative from father Pjotr Lapins, for the funds of the Synod, a church was added to the building. It is 10 m long, 8 m wide and 3 m high.









**Nature Tourism** 

# **Grand Oak**

Phone: +371 645 21430, +371 28352770, Brīvības Steer 48

(near kindergarten), Balvi, www.balvi.lv;

GPS: 57.1312479, 27.2594768

The grand oak, which is located in the beginning of hazel tree alley in the "Lāča Dārzs", has experienced many centuries; touch it, and you will hear a story about the destinies of the people of the manor, about the smart bear or the white lady, who is living in the palace. A tired traveller will receive strength from the oak to continue his journey.





# Staburags of Krišjāni

Phone: +37128790553, Krišjāņu parish, www.balvi.lv; GPS: 56.8043425, 27.2912947

Staburags of Krišjāņi is the most beautiful place in the parish, located on the banks of the river Tilža. It is a steep sand slope surrounded by a pine forest. The tale of Staburags and a theatrical performance (book in advance!). There is a facilitated beach on the bank of the river Tilža, with a gazebo, place for a fire, benches, places for tents.

# **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**



# "Svīres", a guest house

Phone: +371 29453349, +371 29144656, Vanki, Balvu parish, www.svires1.lv; GPS: 57.0993660, 27.2923346

A valuable rest in the village silence! Fishing of trout or carps in 5 ponds and the possibility to ask the landlord to cure your catch or make fish-soup on the bonfire.



# "Silaunieki", a farm

Phone:+371 26545870, Meža Street 1, Tilža, www.balvi.lv, ruttasilauniece@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.8977281, 27.3731567 Beekeeping farm. You can get acquainted with the life of bees by visiting the Bee House. Purchase of beekeeping products is possible. Book your visit in advance!

"Ezerlīči", a farm, see TOP sightseeing places in Balvi county (object no. 4).



### "Kronīši", a farm

Phone: +371 26133911, +371 26317773, "Kronīši", Biežuciema parish; GPS: 56.9843418, 27.6368928

Owners offer to bake tasteful white bread in the recently laid bread stove, which is made by ancient bread stove laying traditions. You will see bread-baking process from dough implication till ready loaf. You can try your hand in bread

baking process and then also taste warm loaf. There will be possibility to buy bread and to take it with you. Book your visit in advance!



#### Beer brewer Dainis Rakstiņš

Phone: +371 26452844, Stacijas Street 4, Bērzpils, Bērzpils parish, rdains@inbox.lv;

GPS: 56.8542165, 27.0855603 Dainis Rakstiņš will get you acquainted with the



process of brewing genuine Latgalian beer. You can taste the product. Book your visit in advance!

# **Active tourism / Horse Riding**



# "Volāni", a farm

Phone: +371 26556076, "Volāni", Golvari, Bērzpils parish; GPS: 56.8639282, 27.2282725

You can see ponies, ride them, take a ride in a cart. Observing the Latvian blue cows. Working hours: on request.

### "Kapulejas", a farm

Phone: +371 28738007, Rutkova, Tilžas parish;

GPS: 56.9003189, 27.3493876

You can go for a ride on a horse, or take a ride with a cart or sleigh. Children especially like to take a ride on a pony. It is possible to provide services for your events. Horse cart races are also organized here. Working hours: on request.



# Active tourism / Water tourism

# Balvi estate park

Partizānu Street 2, Balvi; GPS: 57.1330759, 27.2586622

Relax in the estate park nearby Balvi lake – places for relaxation, volleyball courts. Renovated historical water tackle and reservoir, pedestrian road, bridges and benches. Fishing opportunities in the lake and the river Bolupe. Facilitated beach at Balvi lake (Alejas Street 2) – pontoon was installed with a slide and boat stop, there is a volleyball court.



### Place of recreation in Ausala

Phone: +371 26177942, +371 26431052, zspapardes@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.9461180, 27.5090619

A facilitated place of recreation near a reservoir in Ausala. A place for outdoor picnic – gazebo, campfire places with tables and benches, as well as possibility of active recreation in the volleyball court. Places for tents for sleeping. Use of gazebo, places for campfires and places for tents must be booked in advance.



"Vilnītis", a raft, see TOP sightseeing places in Balvi county (object no. 5)

# **Health Tourism**

# Balvi swimming pool

Phone: +371 26656086, Dārza Street 2, Balvi, www.balvi.lv, baseins@balvi.lv; GPS: 57.1324536, 27.2759819

A big swimming pool (25x10 m, 4 tracks), SPA hydro-massage swimming pool for adults, hydro-massage swimming pool for children, swimming instructions, water aerobics, a cascade, a gym, sauna, massage. Café "Blue pearl". Working hours: Tue-Sun: 9.00-22.00. Closed in summer season. For information about changes in working times see www.balvi.lv.



# "Bilgas"

Phone: +371 26179342, +371 28636145, "Bilgas", Briežuciema parish, mezalezita@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.9966305, 27.5949986 A rest in the house, where you may see the hunt trophies of the host. Aromatic tea with herbs, relaxation in the traditional rural bath. A place for relaxation with a fire-place in open air. Working hours: on request.

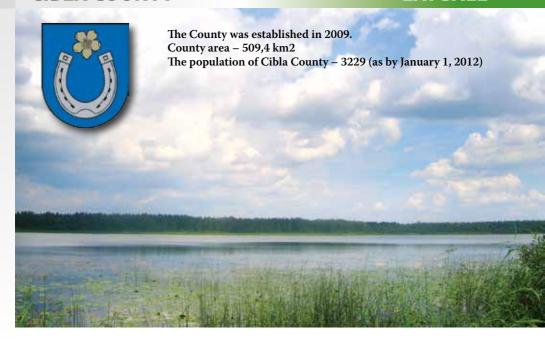


# "Azote", a place for relaxation

Phone: +371 26162614, Druvenieki, Kubulu parish, azote@balvi.lv; GPS: 57.1484866, 27.2206407

Flower labirinth and bath services (up to 15 persons). Place for active recreation, with a volleyball court, a swimming place, and an amphitheatre with a stage. This place is suitable for organization of open-air events and recreation. Booking in advance.





Cibla County is the light County in the outskirts of Ludza in the east of Latvia. It borders with Russian Federation (on the boundary Krivanda BCP is operating), as well as Karsava, Ludza and Zilupe Counties in the inland of Latvia. The center of Cibla County is Blonti.

The territory is situated on Mudava or Velikaja lowland (Zilupe flat country) and a part of the relief is flat, it is rich in forests and bogs, but the south part is mostly wavy — with eskers, which stretch in east and west directions till the Russian border, making the landscape especially scenic, rich in glens, rivers and lakes. Among the most interesting natural resources are Zilezers (visit upon agreement with border-guards); Zvirgzdene lake with islands; Klešnik, Kreica, Platpirova bogs; Big Ludza (Lilais Ludzas), Kurjanova lakes, Ilža or Ludza river, Rītupe. In forests a lot of species, which are considered endangered in Western Europe countries are found, both animals (beaver, marten, wolfs, blackcocks) and plants.

Catholic and orthodox churches have heritage value — the most beautiful of them are Pušmucovas and Eversmuižas churches. Tourists definitely have to visit cultural historical and nature trails of Eversmuiža, Lidumnieki military museum, Felicionova watermill and HEP, horse riding in Cibla or racing horse competition in Pušmucova, pigeoneers in Lidumnieki rural County and a lot of fine places for relaxation on the lakes' shores — "Cirma lake shore", "Cirma beach", guest house "Akmeni" with offered health treatment, guest house "Apsīšu smaids" and etc.

This County is the cradle for many famous people, for such artists as A. Gudļevskis, L.Tomašickis, Kalvāns, Juris and Nikolajs Soikāni, Latgalian sons - in public activities Jezups Soikans and Francis Trasūns, students of local history – historians Valentīns Edmunds Klešniks, etc.



### Ludza and Cibla Counties TIC

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# Cibla County council

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# Most popular sightseeing places in Cibla county (top objects)

# 1. Cultural-historical and nature path of Eversmuiža

Phone: +371 657 29046, +371 29230204 (guide), Cibla; GPS: 56.551537, 27.884674

The path curls along picturesque banks of the river Ilža (Ludza), through old park of and esate complex of Eversmuiža, where the local museum is located, past St. Andrew Catholic Church of Eversmuiža and estate buildings to Felicianova estate and mill, which you can see in action.



Phone: +371 29230204 (guide Malvīne Loce), +371 26106909, Cibla; GPS: 56.547359, 27.882700

A wooden church built in 1776. One of the oldest wooden churches in Latgale is a typical example of Latgalian architecture with huge amount of unique art monuments, windows in Baroque style and Latgale oldest central canvas of altar. Church troupe "Cantus" plays organ and sings sacral songs during services. Book your visit in advance!



Phone: +371 28625187, Līdumnieki; GPS: 56.536774, 27.982178

During the course of 3 years, young and energetic enthusiasts haver collected relics of the WWII, which were found in the vicinity. Few expositions tell about the history and inhabitants of Līdumnieki. Museum is located near the border with Russia. Working hours: on request.

# 4. "Grunduļi", Traditional latgalian farm Phone: +371 26431062, Grunduļi, Berezovka village, Līdumnieku parish; GPS: 56.620327, 27.921883

A typical Latgalian rural farm, where rabbits, sheep, chickens, and cows are bred. Host's pets are more than 30 breeds of decorative pigeons. You may observe the decorative pigeons in flight, as well as the training of carrier pigeons. Hostess offers not only traditional Latgalian dishes from local products, but also sweets and cheese. Book your visit in advance.

# 5. "Akmeņi", a guest house

Phone: +371 26454793, Franapole, Zvirgzdenes parish, www.akmeni.lv, inara@akmeni.lv; GPS: 56.570713. 27.778910

The guest house is situated in 500 m from the lake of Franapole, there is a pond nearby. Lodging for the night, a hall with fireplace. A bath, water bicycles, sports grounds, places for tents.

Watching beavers. The hosts have a 10-year experience with ecotourism. Also offered: various health-improving tours, riding on a horse or sledge, instruction of an experienced coach, a rural bath. Winter fishing, skiing. Bicycle routes. Golf. Book your visit in advance.













6. "Līdumnieki", centre of creative recreation Phone: +371 29242779, Līdumnieki, Līdumnieku parish, nvolidumnieki@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.5946704, 27.9899671 Weaving workshops. Fishing, taking a ride on a boat or a raft. Country delights - milk and flour products. Baths, lodging for the night, places for tents, catering. Excursions to notable objects of nature in the border area.

# **Cultural and Historical tourism**

Cultural-historical and nature path of Eversmuiža, see TOP sightseeing places in Cibla county (object no. 1)



Informational path "Cibla - the Eastern border of the Republic of Latvia and European Union"

Phone: +371 65729046, +371 29230204 (guide), Cibla, Ciblas parish; GPS: 56.551537, 27.884674

On this path you will see and acquaint yourself with Cibla and the mystery of origin of the name of Eversmuiža, and see the Krivanda Saint Archangel Michael Orthodox church, in which the bell cast in 1771 is

preserved. Also on this path: The White Cross - a memorial sign in Krivanda for the fighters of Karlis Aperats who fell in the battle of Mozuli; WWII exhibition in Lidumnieki; Krivanda detachment of Ludza department of SBG; pigeon farm in Berezovka; two grand trees - Kušneru lime-tree and Līdumnieku pine-tree; Seimaņu boulder - the 5th biggest boulder in Latvia.

# Museums



# Museum of Cibla County

Phone: +371 657 29046, Cibla; GPS: 56.5446215, 27.8785905 The museum is set up in the manor house of Eversmuiža. Information about the history, culture, education and current life of the county is collected here. Working hours: on request.

War Museum of Līdumnieki, see TOP sightseeing places in Cibla county (object no. 3)

# Craftsman tourism



"Ataugas", Arnita Irbe

Phone: +371 27821424, Veserova, Zvirgzdenes parish;

GPS: 56.5843446, 27.7287121

Basketry made of wicker; you may observer, participate and purchase.

# Estates, castles, castle mounds, ancient burial sites



#### Eversmuiža castle

Phone: +371 29230204 (guide M.Loce), Cibla;

GPS: 56.544910, 27.883085

There is a manor-house which is built in 17th century and later rebuilt, gate premises, servant house, and outbuildings, most of which are in ruins. There is a park enclosed by stone fence around the manor on the banks of Ilža river. Book your visit in advance!

# Felicianova "Plena muiža" ("Estate of Plen")

Phone: +371 29230204 (guide Malvīne Loce), Cibla;

GPS: 56.5360505, 27.8650843

The residential building of Felicianova manor is built in the beginning of 20<sup>th</sup> century in neogothic style. It is a red brick two storey house. The house is built by a German called Plen, whose family once owned the land in the vicinity of the village. Protected architectural monument of state significance. Book your visit in advance!



# **Churches**

**Eversmuiža St. Andrew Catholic Church,** see TOP sightseeing places in Cibla county (object no. 2)

# Blessed Virgin Mary Annunciation Roman Catholic Church of Pušmucova

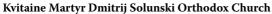
Phone: +371 26197404, Pušmucova, Pušmucovas parish; GPS: 56.6437426, 27.7242482

Characteristic example of a stone church. It is built of grey stone in 1852, the design of architect Parako. Working hours: on request.



Phone: +371 29448792, Aizpūre, Līdumnieku parish; GPS: 56.5914768. 27.9872015

The church was built in 1935 and was consecrated by bishop Jāzeps Rancāns. In the church there is a reliquary, which has the status of an art monument of state significance. It is a 14m long and 9,25m wide one-nave wooden church with wooden floor. It has one tower and a tin roof. There is a wooden fence around the church.



Phone: +371 26408748, Plaudiši, Blontu parish;

GPS: 56.6264685, 27.8592772

In 1828 father Nikanor separated Kvintaine parish from Mihailova parish. The new Kvitaine church was being built from 1930 till 1936. There is a cemetery near the church.







**Nature Tourism** 

**Cultural-historical and nature path of Eversmuiža,** see TOP sightseeing places in Cibla county (object no. 1)

#### Peitela Lake

Phone: +371 657 29046 (parish council), Līdumnieki; GPS: 56.5965158, 28.0338985

A beautiful lake with a castle mound on its bank, borders with Russia.



Phone: +371 657 29046 (parish council), Seimaņu village, Līdumnieku parish; GPS: 56.565395, 27.978144

One of the biggest boulders in Latvia – it is 1.9 m high, 9.5 m long, 5.6 m wide, perimeter – 23.6 m. The stone has irregular shape; it is badly crannied, coarse-grained.







# Zvirgzdenes Lake with islands

Phone: +371 657 00834 (parish council), Zvirgzdenes parish; GPS: 56.560238, 27.686577

State protected lake in the outskirts of Ludza with beaches and summer cottages on its southeast bank. The islands can be seen from the roads, winding close to the north and east bank of the lake.

# **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**

"Grunduļi", Traditional Latgalian Farm, see TOP sightseeing places in Cibla county (object no. 4)



# "Zeltiņi", honey house

Phone: +371 29179261, Zeltiņi, Ciblas parish, zs.zeltini@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.5465511, 27.9005204

You may taste and purchase honey products and celebrate the annual holidays together with folk band "Ilža". Places for tents.

"Līdumnieki", centre of creative recreation, see TOP sightseeing places in Cibla county (object no. 6)



#### "Mālaine", a farm

Phone: +371 26317029, Vierņi, Zvirgzdenes parish, riga80@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.5839828, 27.6292047

Organization of wedding attractions, games. Rent of bicycles, rural bath. Lodging for up to 7 persons, places for tents. Catering. Also offers country delights - honey, apples, berries, milk products, home-made beer, smoked meat.

# **Active tourism / Horse Riding**

"Akmeņi", a guest house, see TOP sightseeing places in Cibla county (object no. 5)



# A complex of the cultural-historical path of Eversmuiža *Phone:* +371 28710501 (Sandra), +371 29438266 (Ilona), +371 29398035 (Inta), +371 28388885 (Vilhelmine), Cibla;

GPS: 56.551537, 27.884674

Riding and instruction of experienced coach. Riding in a circle or through the neighbourhood (along the cultural-historical path of Eversmuiža). Participation in various events. Working hours: on request.

# **Active tourism / Water tourism**

"Akmeņi", a guest house, see TOP sightseeing places in Cibla county (object no. 5)



# "Cirmas ezerkrasts", a recreation complex

Phone: +371 28332523, Ezernieki, Zvirgzdenes parish, www.cirmasezerkrasts.lv, info@cirmasezerkrasts.lv; GPS: 56.566387, 27.620831

It is situated on the bank of Cirmas lake. Guests are offered 2 boats and a water bicycle, as well as equipment for fishing. Lodging for the night in guest houses. Baths.

# "Cirmas pludmale", a place for recreation

Phone: +371 29123749, Zvirgzdenes parish, kondrats@one.lv; GPS: 56.5735173, 27.6214901

Cirmas lake is one of the cleanest and most suitable lakes for recreation. An equipped beach, rent of boats, sports stock, inflatable mattresses, Volleyball courts. Places for tents and picnic.



"Līdumnieki", centre of creative recreation, see TOP sightseeing places in Cibla county (object no. 6)

# **Active tourism / Adventure Tourism**

Golf at the "Akmeṇi" guest house, see TOP sightseeing places in Cibla county (object no. 5)

#### Paintball in Cibla

Phone:+371 26162066, Cibla, aldons777@inbox.lv, http://www.aldons.anazana.com/; GPS: 56.5498179, 27.8892653

A place for paintball is on the field (there is a possibility to arrange the game in a forest). The area 100 m x 40 m. Rent of equipment necessary for the game (protective costumes and other). You must book in advance.



"Grunduļi", Traditional Latgalian Farm, see TOP sightseeing places in Cibla county (object no. 4)

**"Lidumnieki"**, **centre of creative recreation**, see TOP sightseeing places in Cibla county (object no. 6)

# **Health Tourism**

"Akmeṇi", a guest house, see TOP sightseeing places in Cibla county (object no. 5)

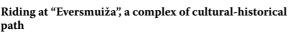
# **Winter Tourism**

"Akmeṇi", a guest house, see TOP sightseeing places in Cibla county (object no. 5)

# "Cirmas ezerkrasts", a recreation complex

Phone: +371 28332523, Ezernieki, Zvirgzdenes parish, www.cirmasezerkrasts.lv,info@cirmasezerkrasts.lv; GPS: 56.566387, 27.620831

The recreation complex is located on the shore of Cirmas lake. Lodging for the night for 60 persons. Russian bath. Winter fishing. Organizes Christmas and New Year festivities. Working time: winter season - X-V.



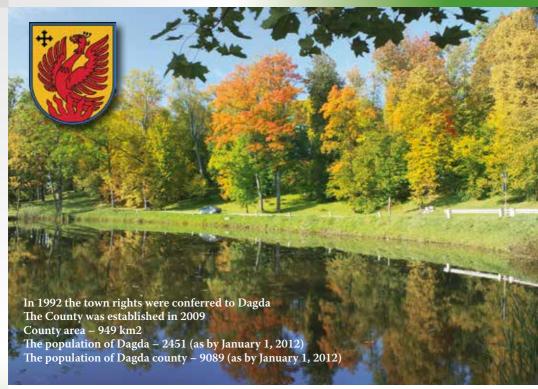
Phone: +371 28710501 (Sandra), +371 29438266 (Ilona), +371 29398035 (Inta), +371 28388885 (Vilhelmīne), Cibla; GPS: 56.551537, 27.884674

Riding and instruction of experienced coach. Driving in sledge, horse riding in circle or cultural-historical path of Eversmuiža. Participation in various events. Working hours: on request.









Dagda County is a place, where people can nicely spend holidays and enjoy local culture. It is beautiful and quiet rural County which attracts not only with unique Latgalian natural landscapes, but also with nice and sympathetic people. In order to get acquainted with the history and the development of the County it is possible to walk along the Dagda estate park, to have a look into sandstone cave, to ascend Lubana hill fort, to visit various denominations' churches and museums, to find out the secrets of Andrupe bog's trail and to get positive energy from the Pilora oak wood, as well as to have a fine rest in a place of relaxation - Love trail (Mīlestības taka) - which is full of legends.

The main business sectors are cattle breeding, agriculture, woodworking and retail trade. The county is rich in lakes, 123 lakes are registered. The biggest is Ezezers (Ežezers), which is the richest with islands in Latvia.



# **Dagda County TIC**

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# Dagda County council

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# LATGALE

# Most popular sightseeing places in Dagda county (top objects)

# 1. "Farmstead of Andrupene", an open-air museum

Phone: +371 26458876, Andrupene, Andrupenes parish,

laukuseta@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com

GPS: 56.1895704; 27.3968673

The museum is a complex of Latgalian farm buildings of the beginning of the 20th century, where you can acquaint yourself with the history of Latgalian lifestyle. It is a beautiful place to soothe your soul, relax, and study history. If booked in



advance, it is possible to taste dishes of Latgale culinary heritage (kuģeļi, asuškas, cheese), see performance of local folklore group, hold a wedding in Latgalian style, and celebrate Līgo and other traditional holidays or anniversaries. This is the place where one can feel the power of Latgalian spirit and songs and get accustomed to the rhythm of life of a Latgalian farm. Working hours: IV-X: Mon-Fri: 8.00 - 17.00; Sat: 10.00 - 14.00; Sun: closed; XI-III: Mon-Fri: 8.00 - 17.00; Sat-Sun: closed. If you want to apply during non-working hours, call: +371 26458876

# 2. Environmental education center and exhibition hall in Jaundome

Phone: +371 25960309, Ezernieki

pudniksarmands@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com;

GPS: 56.1435335, 27.5938560

The museum will generate interest invisitors about the special

areas of conservation. You will be able to view the aquatic flora and fauna exhibition, to explore the life of aquatic environment in the classroom, to gain practical lessons outside the classroom, to use the environmental education classes for practical sessions and thematic events, seminars and training preparation. There is available the equipment for water exploration and bird watching, the digital program and interactive visual material "Ežezers".

# 3. "Kepa", centre of environment and culture

Phone: +371 20204548, Neikšāni, Ķepovas parish,

kepova@dagda.lv, www.visitdagda.com;

GPS: 56.1002377, 27.7944422

The exhibition hall is located in Neikšāni (Ķepovas parish); the main accent is placed on interior design and the stuffed woodland animals, as well as showcases with teaching aids



(plants, which can be found in the wood, herbariums of leaves, tusks of woodland animals, collections of insects, etc.). This is supplemented by activities, which are suitable to families with children, schools, youth, collectives of hunters and other people which are friends with nature or wish to be such.

# 4. Oak groves in Pilori

Phone: +371 656 81420, Andzeļu parish, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com;

GPS: 56.1867109, 27.6065055

The oak grove in Pilori (Piļāri, Piļori) is one of the rare pure oak groves in Latvia, located on the shores of lake Ežezers, in Piļori.

It is under the protection of the state since 1928. The oaks are approximately 200 years old. The grove of Pilori is on the bank of lake Ežezers, where a small parking lot, a path and information board are located and a place of recreation with a footbridge was made, from there several islands in the lake can be seen. Here one can find plant, fungus and insect species characteristic for oak groves. A handbook might be useful to identify the rarer plants.





# 5. Krom's Mount

Phone: +371 26352522, Priežukalni, Pušas Zundi, Andrupenes parish, kromakolns@inbox.lv, www.rubon.eu; GPS: 56.205950, 27.3181653

The proprietor offers to observe the process of reconstruction of a wooden castle (9-11c) of Latgalian tribes. Those interested may enjoy specially organized activities of experimental archaeology, and a story about the life of ancient Latgalians in the castle mounts of the southern Latgale.

# Museums

**"Farmstead of Andrupene"**, an open-air museum, see TOP sightseeing places in Dagda county (object no.1)



# Local history exhibition hall "Patria"

Phone: +371 656 81420, +371 22038750, central square, Dagda, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com; GPS: 56.0935971, 27.5405906

Local history exhibition hall "Patria". The local history society "Patria" has created a local history museum in Dagda; it also works towards preservation of cultural heritage and traditions of the county. The exhibition, which is located in the middle of

the city on the premises of the Dagda Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, has 6 exhibition halls, and in each one you can find many interesting things connected with the history of Dagda. The museum became the visiting card of the Dagda city. Working hours: on request.



### Memorial room of Marija Andžāne

Phone: +371 656 28350, Šķaune, Šķaunes parish, www.visitdagda.com; Šķaune border guard detachment: Šķaunes parish, LV-5695, phone: +371 654 03760, skaune.rsn@rs.gov.lv; GPS: 56.1385059, 28.0048197

Memorial room of Marija Andžāne. The life and literary work of the poetess Marija Andžāne is connected with Šķaune. In the premises of parish library a memorial room is functioning,

where literary works and manuscripts written by the hand of the poetess are preserved. Tourism object is located in border area, passport and a pass are necessary. Working hours: on request.

# **Craftsman tourism**



#### Brotherhood of the disabled "NEMA"

Phone: +371 28888094, Ezera Street 8, Dagda, nema3@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com; GPS: 56.0915007, 27.5418938

The goal of the brotherhood is to unite people with disabilities and encourage their involvement in the development of the society, to stimulate active self-education and spiritual perfection, to organize events for charity. The members of the brotherhood work in a workshop and make wall decorations,

various pods and other crockery. In the premises of the brotherhood one may visit exhibitions of various hand-made articles and purchase souvenirs.

#### Elmārs Auziņš

Phone: +371 28652199, Andrupene, Andrupenes parish, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com

GPS: 56.1813323, 27.3828720

Reed roofs. Participation in the process of laying a reed roof, making of split baskets and wooden souvenirs. Place for trailers.

#### Valentīna Piļka

Phone: +371 26752865, Ezernieki, Ezernieku parish, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com; GPS: 56.1857109, 27.6482039 Ceramics and painting.



#### Stanislava Belkovska

Phone: +371 29175521, Ezernieki, Ezernieku parish, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com; GPS 56.1846710, 27.6638899
Knitting, crotchet – socks, gloves, hats, various decorations.



#### **Jans Bartkevičs**

Phone:+371 28333127, Dagda, janisbartkevics@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com, GPS: 56.0955429, 27.5398364
Began drawing in childhood. Started painting professionally only a few years ago. Uses oil paint and canvas. Loves painting Latgalian sceneries. Works on order.



#### **Churches**

#### Dagda Most Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 656 81420, Alejas Street 2, Dagda, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com;

GPS: 56.0932807, 27.5397091

The church is an architectural monument of national importance. Built in Corinthian Baroque style in 1741. It was built by the landlord Jans Augusts Hilzens (1702-1767). It is a 42 m long and 33 m wide building with cement floor, stone vault ceiling. There are three magnificent stone altars with cornices and pilasters. There are two paintings in the main altar. There is room with gypsum statues, which is used for immersion.



#### Dagda Old-Believer Church of Nikolai Pokrov

Phone:+371 656 81420, Ludzas Street 6, Dagda, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com;

GPS: 56.0964986, 27.5359833

The building, built in 1992, is not a cultural-historical monument, but the inner furnishings and holy things of the church are of a great value.







#### Saint Nicholas The Miracle-worker Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 656 81420, Pasta Street 9, Dagda, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com;

GPS: 56.0984923,27.5260157

The building started in 1914. The idea to build the church belongs to the priest Nikonors Trubeckojs, as at that time there were no churches in the hamlet, yet the number of believers was over four hundreds. In July 7, 1915, the church was consecrated.

Unfortunately, this building was not preserved till modern times.



#### **Andrupene Roman Catholic Church**

Phone:+371 656 81420, Andrupene, Andrupenes parish, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com; GPS: 56.1828296. 27.3925312

The church was built in 1849, building was funded by landlord Ignācijs Šadurskis. The church has no towers and it is quadrangular. The ceiling is made from oak tree. It is a one-nave building with three stone altars, it is 28m long and 14m wide.

In the biggest altar there is a painting of the assumption of Virgin Mary. In the church garden there is a bell tower with bells. Before this one, there were several wooden churches in the Andrupenes parish - one in the old cemetery, and one in the place of the present church.



#### Asūnes Roman Catholic Church

Phone:+371 656 81420, Asūne, Asūnes parish, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com; GPS: 56.0276964, 27.6208085

Asūnes Roman Catholic Church of Honoring of the Holy Cross. The first church in Asūne was built in 1680, the funds were donated by the Prussian king John III. Asūne's church was consecrated in 1819 to honor the Holy Cross. It is a one-nave building, 22m long and 10m wide. It has 4 altars. On the

entrance gates in the garden there is a large bell tower with 3 bells.



#### Beresne St. Anna Roman Catholic Church

Phone:+371 656 81420, Beresņi, Svariņu parish, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com; GPS: 56.1169152, 27.8120529

The wooden church was built in 1805 in honor of St. Anna. It is a 17m long and 9m wide one-nave building. Up until 1924 it was the chapel of Bukmuiža parish, but later became the church of Beresne parish. The bug altar has the painting "Christ in olive garden". The only wooden church in Dagda county.



#### Landskorona Roman Catholic Church

Phone:+371 656 81420, Šķaune, Šķaunes parish, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com; GPS: 56.1340391, 28.0027925

The church of Landskorona was built in 1828 at the expense of landlord Mārtiņš Karņickis. It was renovated and expanded in 1859. It is 34 m long and 17 m multi-nave building, built using the base of the old church. There is a sculpture of Lurda Virgin,

and it is the first time this kind of statue is placed in Latgale. A service is held in honour of Lurda Virgin on the 11th day of each month. As the tourism object is located in the border zone, you will need your passport and a pass.

#### Bukmuiža St. Ludwig Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 65653247, +371 26472466, Ezernieki, Ezernieku parish, spruktsa@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com

GPS: 56.1860304, 27.6583762

The first catholic church of the Bukmuiža was a wooden church. The present stone church was built in 1830, funded by landlord Ludvigs Šabanskis. It is a baroque style church without towers; it is a one-nave building with wooden floor and ceiling. The

building is 24m long and 12m wide. It has 5 altars. In the big altar there are paintings of Christ on the cross and St. Ludwig. In the church one may see art monuments of state significance. You may also see a painting of the Virgin, which is a copy of the painting of Šiluva Wondermaker Virgin, which is located in Lithuania.



#### **Nature Tourism**

#### Dagda estate park

Phone: +371 656 81420, +371 26244209, Dagda, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com;

GPS: 56.1035478, 27.5218449

The 300 year old park of the Dagda estate is the only thing remaining from the estate built in 17th century. A popular place for strolling. In the centre of the park there is a hill on which a stage is built; many annual celebrations are held here - Līgo, Anna's Day, etc.



#### Cave of Dagda

Phone: +371 656 81420, +371 26244209, Dagda, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com;

GPS: 56.1028873, 27.5163146

It is a cave of peculiar origin at the border of Dagda town, on the right bank of the tributary of the river Narūta – small river Guščica. The cave has formed in naturally cementing gravel rocks. You can explore the cave for 5 meters in every direction, if you bow down. It is located in the territory of the Dagda estate park.



#### Dagda castle mound

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Dagdas parish, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com;

GPS: 56.1059597, 27.5374791

The Dagda castle mount with a settlement is an archaeological monument of state significance. Landscaped place for strolling and relaxation.



#### Lubāna castle mound

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GPS: 56.0889929, 27.5268032

The Lubāna castle mound is located near the southern boundaries of Dagda city, on the left side of the Dagda-Krāslava motorway. At the foot of the mountain there is lake - Luboneņš. There is a landscaped place for strolling and relaxation

on the castle mound. There is an observation platform with a great view of Dagda and its neighbourhood. There are many legends connected with this castle mound.





#### Bog path in Andrupene

Phone:+371 26458876, Andrupene, Andrupenes parish, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com;

GPS: 56.1900855, 27.3964453

It begins in the highest place in Andrupene (211 m above sea level) at the open-air ethnographic museum "Farmstead of Andrupene", and then continues along wooden plank-ways set up in the bog.

Here one can learn about moss, witness the water absorption of sphagnum, see the sundews and cranberries, cotton grass, marsh tea and other plants. Andrupene bog path gives an opportunity to discover the world of the bog. After a walk along the bog the path leads the traveler back to the parking place at Andrupene country estate. The path is approximately 750 m long.



#### Ežezers

Phone: +371 656 81420, +371 26244209, Andzeļu and Ezernieku parishes, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com; GPS: 56.1856755, 27.6157760

Ežezers ("Hedgehog Lake") is located in Ezernieku and Andzeļu parishes of the Dagda county. The lake has 33-36 islands, which is the highest number of islands for a lake in Latvia. Tolstovkas mountain has a great view of the lake. There is a landscaped

beach near the Dagda-Rêzekne road. In November 2006 the lake was included in the Râzna national park.

Crom's Mount ("Kroma kolns"), see TOP sightseeing places in Dagda county (object no. 3)



#### Path of Love

Phone: +371 29193397, Asūne, Asūnes parish, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com; GPS: 56.0240280, 27.6208019
The main accent of the place is a sculpture of a pair of lovers, and a mysterious boat with a dragon's head; a beautiful place with an interesting legend.

#### **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**



#### "Papardes zieds", a café

Phone:+371 29519410, Alejas Street 29, Dagda, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com; GPS: 56.0961816, 27.5288444

Offers catering for both small and large groups, hosting of celebrations; manufacturing of the

confectionery articles. If ordered in advance, you may taste the

gofts of Latgalian lakes: boiled crayfish, eel, special offer - stuffed pike. Serving open-air events. Participant of the culinary heritage, member of the cheese club. Working hours: on request.



#### The canteen of Viduslatgale professional secondary school

Phone:+371 65681158, Brīvības Street 3, Dagda, davs@apollo.lv, www.davs.lv, www.visitdagda.com;

GPS: 56.0916229, 27.5335577

Both small and large groups can get dinner here (breakfast and super have to be ordered in advance). Serving events if ordered in advance. The school offers 5-storey dormitory with nice

rooms. Large rest area with TV. The dormitory can easily accommodate large groups - groups of tourists, sport camps, families. Working hours: Mon-Fri: 8.00 - 16.30

#### Café "Pie kundzes"

Phone:+371 29766513, Rīgas Street 4, Dagda, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com;

GPS: 56.0934406, 27.5394664

The café is located in a historical building, which was built in 1953 as a movie theatre. The café can host all kinds of events (weddings, birthday parties, funeral feasts, etc.) if booked in advance. A hall for 250 persons. In Fridays and Saturdays discotheque takes place here. Working hours: Mon-Fri: 11.00 - 16.00, Fri-Sat: 11.00 - 16.00 and 10.00 - 03.00, Sun: closed.



**"Farmstead of Andrupene"**, an open-air museum, see TOP sightseeing places in Dagda county (object no.1)

#### **Active tourism / Horse Riding**

#### "Ūzuleņi" Ltd.

Phone: +371 29111983, Ozoliņi, Dagdas parish, dagdas fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com;

GPS: 56.0869191, 27.5134589

We offer horse riding, individual lessons for beginners, riding in a cart (4 horses), riding in "droška" for groups of schoolchildren, riding a horse accompanied by horsemen, organization of various events (such as wedding), and sledge riding in winter. Book you visit at least 3 days in advance. Trotter races are also organized here.



#### "Čadi", a farm

Phone: +371 26717893, Vecdome, Dagdas parich,

Dagda county, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv www.visitdagda.com;

GPS: 56.1170203, 27.5779744

Riding in a cart is offered, in winter - ridding in a sledge. Trotter races are also organized here.



#### **Active tourism / Water tourism**

#### Place of recreation

Phone: +37129180459, Ezera Street 9, Dagda, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com;

GPS: 56.0912141, 27.5424787

Nice place for relaxation on the shore of Dagda's lake, rent of catamarans and boats. Places for tents.



#### Underwater Hunting in Ežezers

Phone: +37127805684, Pasta Street 35a, Dagda, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com; GPS: 56.1049246, 27.5230648 (Dagda forestry)

You can buy 1-day, 3-day, and one month licences. To buy the license you must show a certificate of passing underwater safety courses.





#### "Saulgoze", a guest house

Phone: +371 28336656, 29912646, Pervelišķi, Konstantinovas parish, saulgozeg@inbox.lv, www.saulgoze.lv; www.visitdagda.com, GPS: 56.0203137, 27.4769161 Interesting routes on Latgalian lakes and rivers. Canoes, transportation of boats.

#### **Active tourism / Adventure Tourism**



#### "Obitela", recreation complex

Phone: +371 29152078, Upmaļi, Andzeļu parish, cbuvalmeks@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com; GPS: 56.1435335, 27.5938560

The recreation complex "Obitela" offers a stadium with special covering, which is suitable for professional training both n summer and in winter. In the summer you may play volleyball, basketball or tennis. In winter an open-air ice ring is created, both for skating and playing hockey. Rent of equipment. Skating-rink working hours: Mon-Sun: 00-24. Wed: 15.00-19.00 free of charge (with own skates). Pricing: skating-rink - 1.00 Ls/h without lights, with lights - 2.00 Ls/h (at least 5 persons), rent of skates - 1.00 Ls/h.

#### **Health Tourism**



#### "Tinēji", a guest house

Phone: +371 656 80363, +371 26832249, Beitāni, Dagdas parish, zeize@apollo.lv, www.tineji.lv, www.visitdagda.com; GPS: 56.1271624, 27.5801567

A guest house for 15 persons, located in 300m from the Galšūna lake, and in 50m from Narūta river. Black (smoke) bath, fresh pine forest air. An opportunity to leisurely relax in the countryside.

LATGALE DAUGAVPILS



Daugavpils is the second biggest city in Latvia and the East Latvian metropolis, which gave birth to the prominent artist Marks Rotko, "The King of tango" Oskars Stroks and the prominent actor and producer Solomons Mihoelss (Vovsi).

The current coat of arms of the city is represented as following - a silver waved beam at a blue field, a golden lily above, a silver notched brick wall beneath. Current coat of arms of the city was approved on the 31st of October 1925. It has many things in common with Dinaburg castle komtur stamp: since ancient times the lily has been the symbol of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the notched brick wall indicates the old Dinaburg's castle, which gave birth to the city. The symbols of the city are Dinaburg (Dvinsk, Daugavpils) Fortress which was built in 19th century and the Church Hill that has gathered the churches of four different confessions. The historical center of the city is national town planning monument. It is the most fascinating place of the city and one of the successful models, where the harmony between old and new is found.

Daugavpils is one of the few Latvian cities that can be proud of the unique classicism and eclectism style structure formed by the united ensemble. Cultural heritage that includes town planning, architectures, arts, industrial and historical monuments together with landscape environment create the image of Daugavpils and give it a special charm.

The city is located on the both riversides of the ancient Daugava riverbed. Invaluable richness of the city such as forests, public water resources -12 lakes, two artificial reservoirs as well as specially landscaped territory- parks and squares are available for relaxation.

Daugavpils Theatre, Latgale Zoo, Daugavpils Clay Art Centre, Daugavpils polyfunctional sport complex, Daugavpils Ice arena, Daugavpils Olimpic centre and Speedway competition gladden urban population and guests offering active and attractive recreation.

#### Daugavpils city council

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#### **Daugavpils County TIC**

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# Daugavpils Fortress culture and information centre

Nikolaja Street 5, Daugavpils fortress GPS: N 55 53.047 E 26 29.802 Daugavpils, LV-5401 Phone: +371 654 24043 artjoms.mahlins@daugavpils.lv Twitter: @Daugavpils\_fort

http://www.daugavpils.lv/lv/280

#### Most popular sightseeing places in Daugavpils (top objects)



#### 1. Daugavpils Fortress

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http://http//www.facebook.com/Daugavpils.cietoksnis, GPS: N 55 52.966 E 26 29.959

The only early 19th century fortress in Eastern Europe that has remained virtually unchanged. An outstanding fortification

that occupies more than 150 ha. A zigzag line of fortifications is formed by a rampart with 8 bastions, 6 ravelins, 6 counterguards and other protective structures: lunettes, redoubts and a moat. On the left bank of the Daugava River there is a bridgehead. Each detail of the fortress was developed using the construction experience of the best architectural schools of Tsarist Russia and Europe.



#### 2. Church hill

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils County TIC), info@visitdaugavpils.lv,www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 52.244 E 26 32.326

Each traveler who wants to get acquainted with Daugavpils should definitely visit the Church Hill that has gathered the churches of four different confessions. Martin Luther Cathedral designed by V. Neimanis was built in 1893. Roman Catholic Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary was built in 1902

-1905, and 7 years later it acquired an organ created by A. Homan from Poland. Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb Russian Orthodox Cathedral was built in 1905 as a Dinaburg garrison church. Church of the Community of Old Believers was built in 1908–1928.



#### 3. Latgale Zoo

Phone: +371 654 26789, Vienības Street 27, eco@apollo.lv, http://latgaleszoo.biology.lv; GPS: N 55 52.543 E 26 30.626 Here, in the artificially created jungles, a visitor can see spotted pythons, spectacled caymans bathing in the sun, red koi carps swimming in the ponds, playful macaques and sugar gliders jumping in the lianas and other swimming, whistling, crawling, hopping and flying tropical creatures. Children can pet a furry rabbit, play with touching guinea-pigs and feed

exotic fishes in the pond. Working hours: Wed-Sun: 10:00 – 18:00, Mon-Tue: closed.

#### 4. Daugavpils Theatre

Phone: +371 654 26520, Rīgas Street 22a, info@daugavpilsteatris.lv;www.daugavpilsteatris.lv; GPS: N 55 52.237 E 26 30.962

The Daugavpils Theatre is one of the oldest professional theatres in Latvia and the only professional theatre in Latgale. In 2012, the theatre has celebrated its 155th birthday. In Latvia, it is the only theatre where both Latvian and Russian companies of actors work simultaneously. Its repertoire includes plays in the Latvian, Latgalian and Russian languages.



#### 5. Clay Art centre

Phone: +371 65425302, +371 29241488, 18.novembra Street 8, dmmc@inbox.lv, www.dmmc.lv; GPS: N 55 51.961 E 26 31.502

The centre offers the possibility to get acquainted with the cultural heritage of Latgale – ceramics and pottery traditions. On Wednesdays 12.00 - 14.00 - master class by potters of "Latgale" folk applied art studio. Potters show their skills and invite visitors to become a part of the creative process. Working hours: Wed-Sat: 12.00 – 18.00, Sun: 12.00 – 16.00, Mon-Tue: closed.



#### 6. The Centre of Russian Culture

Phone: +371 654 13237, Varšavas Street 14,

www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 52.33 E 26 32.175

The Centre of Russian Culture offers unique expositions: Old Believers in Latvia, The Orthodox in Latvia, Pictures by Pyotr Khudobchenok, Gzhel Ceramics and Khokhloma Ware, as well as exhibitions devoted to Daugavpils Fortress and the Patriotic war of 1812. Working hours: Mon-Fri: 10.00 – 17.00, Sat-Sun: closed (open for groups which booked their visit in advance).



#### 7. Sundial

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils County TIC), Saules Street 13, info@visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 52.152 E 26 30.982 Located in the Daugavpils University square. The

Located in the Daugavpils University square. The sundial was created in 1910 (designed by A. Yaskov, a teacher of the non-classical secondary school). The sundial is affixed to the quadrangular pedestal. The lines of the dial correspond to the geographical latitude of Daugavpils  $-56^{\circ}$ .



#### 8. Central Park

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils County TIC), info@visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 52.235 F. 26 31.565

Located near the bus station. The park was designed by architect Selecky. This modern park with numerous flower beds and plants is a real jewel in the heart of the city. It has a skate park and a playground for children. There is Ice Hall near the park. In 2012 an alley of benches was unveiled in the park.





#### 9. Daugavpils Olimpic Centre

Phone: +371 654 75140, Stadiona Street 1, info@daugavpilsoc.lv, www.daugavpilsoc.lv; GPS: N 55 52.763 E 26 31.054

The only sports medicine centre in entire Latgale. A 25m long pool with 6 lanes can be used both for improving health and simply relaxation. There is a small pool for children or aqua aerobics. Turkish bath, sauna, gym, aerobics hall. Snooker. Speleochamber. Working hours: www.daugavpilsoc.lv



#### 10. "Mučas" Boat Rent

Phone: +371 28344394, Īsā Street 1, mucas@inbox.lv, www.laivunoma.com; GPS: N 55 51.468 E 26 32.609

Popular water tourism routes are offered: "Daugavas loki", Tartaks, Dubna, Laucese and lakes of Latgale; rental of canoe "Vista", rafts and rubber boats; elaboration of new water routes; rental of bicycles.

#### **Cultural and Historical objects**



#### **Dubrovin Park**

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils County TIC), info@visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 52.215 E 26 30.769

Located between Rīgas and Parādes streets. The development of the park was actively supported by Pavel Dubrovin (1839–1890), who was the city mayor from 1876 to 1890. The park was named after its creator, and not far from the fountain there is a monument to P. Dubrovin – a bronze figure, about two metres tall (by A. Taratynov, 2007). In the sultry heat of summer nothing is more pleasant than to feel the refreshing coolness of the fountain, while in the evenings one can admire a fantastic play of water and light.



#### The historical centre of the Daugavpils City

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils County TIC), info@visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 52.205 E 26 31.167

The historical centre of Daugavpils is a town planning monument of national importance. The central part of the city was developed in the 19th century in accordance with the design documents approved in St. Petersburg in 1826. The historical centre is the most attractive place of the city and one of the most successful examples of reaching a compromise between the old and the new. Daugavpils is one of the few Latvian cities that can be proud of the unique classicism and eclectism style structure formed by the united ensemble.

#### **Unity House**

Phone: +371 654 22763, Rīgas Street 22a, vienibasnams@vienibasnams.lv, www.vienibasnams.lv;

GPS: N 55 52.244 E 26 30.998

The dominating structure of the historical centre is the Unity House built during the years of the First Republic (1937). The Unity House was constructed at the suggestion of the country's president Karlis

Ulmanis using donations and funds provided by the state. The Unity House was designed by the architect Verners Vitands. In Novermber 17, 2011, a memorial plate was erected in memory of the chairman of Daugavpils district board and the head of Daugavpils Andrejs Švirksts (1897-1955) (author of the plate - sculptor Ivo Folkmanis). Book your visit in advance.

#### Latvian House

Phone: +371 29461765, Rigas Street 22a (Unity house, entry from Saules Street), www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 52.222 E 26 31.025 You can explore the handicrafts, household items of Daugavpils region of XIX and early XX centuries, look at weaving and spinning, as well as look at an apartment of Daugavpils resident of the prosperous middle class of the XX century. Working hours: Wed: 11.00 – 18.00, Fri: 11.00 – 16.00; or booking in advance.



#### **Rīgas Street**

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils County TIC), info@visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 52.470 E 26 31.603

Taking a leisurely walk down Rigas Street one can not only admire the beautiful facades of the buildings, but also do some shopping and enjoy a tasty meal. Especially splendid is the building at 61 Rigas



Street, constructed in 1860 and representing one of the brightest examples of eclecticism, standing out from the rest with its richly decorated facades. Opposite Post Office No. 1 it is possible to see the sculpture of a pond turtle (by I. Folkmanis, 2009), and at the end of the street, opposite to the railway station – water cascades. In 2012 the only sculpture dedicated to Latgalian ceramics was unveiled here.

#### Andrejs Pumpurs Public Garden

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils County TIC), info@visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 52.184 E 26 31.065

Located opposite to the Unity House. Created in the second half of the 19th century. The square contains a bust of the poet Andrejs Pumpurs created by I. Krumina in 1966. The most popular meeting place for the residents of Daugavpils is the fountain "A Girl with a Lily" in the centre of the square. The park also contains St. Alexander Nevsky Russian Orthodox Chapel and a monument to innocent victims of the Red Terror (by Y. Volkova).



#### **Dedication to Rothko Memorial Monument**

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Dedication to Rothko Memorial Monument that was created by the artist Romuald Gibovsky was erected on the picturesque bank of the River Daugava – the source of the brightest impressions of the artist's childhood. The monument indicates Shosseynaya Street (now 18. Novembra Street), where from 1892 till 1913 the Rothkovitz family



lived. Through large, heavy metal forms you can see the creative emptiness of the sky and the river - ever-changing landscape, just like in the classical paintings of Mark Rothko.



#### **Daugavpils Shot Factory**

Phone: +371 27766655, Varšavas Street 28, Daugavpils, visit@dsr.lv, www.dsr.lv; GPS: N 55 52.502 E 26 32.068

The only ammunition plant in the Baltic States available for tourists, which also has the oldest shot tower in Europe that still works. Examination of historical devices of the lead casting, with which molten lead gets the ideal bullet shape, falling from a height of 40 meters. There is the historical exposition of hunting ammunition. After the excursion everyone can try the products in the factory's

shooting range. Note: excursions are not conducted during the runtime of the factory's orders. Book your visit in advance.

#### Museums



#### Daugavpils Local History And Art Museum

Phone: +371 654 24155, Rīgas Street 8, museum@apollo.lv, www.dnmm.lv; GPS: N 55 52.149 E 26 30.695

One of the oldest museums in Latgale. Located in a magnificent eclectic building with the elements of art nouveau, constructed in 1883. Each entrance is guarded by two sculptures of lions. The museum has the room of the Daugavpils painter Leonid Baulin. The museum offers cultural, historical and nature displays as well as to take part in various museum education programs. The museum

offers a sweetheart wedding program "What kind of wedding ... without a museum?!" Working hours: Tue-Sat: 10.00-18.00, Sun-Mon: 10.00-16.00.



#### Daugavpils Mark Rothko Art Center

Phone: +371 29455008, Mihaila Street 3, r othkocenter@rothkocenter.com, inga.goldberga@daugavpils, www.rothkocenter.com; GPS: N 55 53.029 E 26 29.851

Daugavpils Mark Rothko Art Centre is a multifunctional complex of contemporary art, culture and education situated in the Arsenal building at Daugavpils Fortress. It is the only place in Eastern Europe where the original masterpieces of the famous painter and the founder of the abstract expressionism Mark Rothko can be seen. Daugavpils Mark Rothko Art centre offers: Mark Rothko original pieces and reproductions; digital exposition on the artist's life and

creative works; video hall and Rothko Silent Room; cultural and historical expositions un variable exhibitions of works by Latvian, European and world-known artists.

#### **Craftsman tourism**

Clay Art Centre, see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils (object no. 5).



#### **Latgale Exhibition Hall**

Phone: +371 654 21284, +371 29587963, Alejas 7-1b (entry from the yard), latgsuv@inbox.lv,www.suvenir.ucoz.lv; GPS: N 55 52.186 E 26 31.885

Offers articles of Latvian applied and decorative art: amber jewellery, ceramics, different souvenirs of wood and leather, mittens, socks, belts, brooches, pastalas, national costumes, linen napkins and tablecloths, linen and woollen clothes. You

can put on a national costume and take a photo. Working hours: Mon-Fri: 10.00 – 18.00, Sat: 10.00 – 17.00, Sun: closed.

#### The Smith Edgars Vronskis

Phone: +371 25506536, Graudu Street 2d, fabbro@inbox.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 52.108 E 26 33.615

Art metal design, decorative articles, demonstration of the craft. Visitors are invited to try their hand at stamping coins, or forging a souvenir. Newlyweds are invited! Book your visit in advance.

#### The Kluga of a National Applied Art

Phone: +371 654 55936, + 371 26690390, Patversmes Street 2, www.dnmm.lv; GPS: N 55 52.051 E 26 33.386

Artists use natural materials, such as wicker, cane, and straw, for creating their elegant articles. They create wicker baskets, trays, caskets, decor items, bracelets, etc. Book your visit in advance.





**Churches** 

**Church Hill**, see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils (object no. 2).

# Memorial place of the first Old-Believer Preaching-house in the Baltic States

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils TIC), junction of Baznīcas and Liginišķu streets, info@visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 51.373 E 26 31.806

The memorial place of the first Old-Believer Preaching-house in the Baltic States (1660) is located on the intersection of Baznicas and Liginisku streets. Early historical sources of old-believers in Latvia give evidence that in the summer of 1659, part of old-believers saving themselves from the persecution have moved to live in Kurzeme dukedom. In the summer of 1660, when they have settled in Liginiski, the first church of Old-Believers in Kurzeme was built.



In the calendar of Old-Believer Church in 1960 there was a publication "The first Old-Believer Church in the Baltic states". It is written there, that the church was closed in 1837 at the time of Nikolai I. The further destiny of the church is not known, it might have been burned down, pillaged or torn down. Symbolic black granite cross is erected at that place.

#### St. Peter's in Chains Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 654 20583, Rīgas Street 39, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 52.328 E 26 31.198

Built in 1848–1849, rebuilt in 1924–1934. It has some resemblance to St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican. The main dome of the white church is supported by four double pillars.

#### Synagogue

Phone: +371 29548760, Cietokšņa Street 38, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 52.219 E 26 31.244

Daugavpils synagogue (Kaddish) was built in 1850. It is a corner building in the central part of the city with the façades facing Lacplesa and Cietoksna Streets. On the 2nd floor there is a museum "Jews of Daugavpils and Latgale". Visits and excursions must be booked in advance.







#### St. Alexander Nevsky Russian Orthodox Chapel

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils County TIC), Saules Street 20, www.visitdaugavpils.lv,

GPS: N 55 52.208 E 26 31.041

Located in A. Pumpurs square on the former site of St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral (1864–1961). In Soviet times, in 1961, the cathedral was closed and in 1962 – demolished. The chapel (2004) is open every day.

#### **Nature Tourism**

**Latgale Zoo,** see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils (object no. 3).

#### **Gastronomic Tourism**



#### "Sāta", a shop-cafe

Phone: +371 28808097, Vienības Street 17, igor25@inbox.lv; GPS: N 55 52.22 E 26 30.948

Small café in the centre of the city, designed after a Latgalian country house. Here you can see and buy Latgalian craftsman's articles: socks, gloves and ceramics. Here you can taste home-made buns and cakes. Also you can drink aromatic coffee and herbal teas. Working hours: each day from 10:00 till 19:00.

#### **Active tourism / Water tourism**

"Mučas" Boat Rent, see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils (object no. 10)



#### Stropi Lake

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils TIC), info@visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 46 51.287, E 10 28.191

Popular recreation place among both inhabitants and guests of the city. It is located in north-eastern part of the city, near the green jewel of the city - Stropi forest. The total area of the lake is 417.9 ha. Territory between the Stropi lake and Liksna river is among the few that have continental sand dunes. The beaches here are the only ones in Latgale that get the Blue flag each year.

#### **Active tourism / Adventure Tourism**



#### "Orange bowling", a bowling hall

Phone: +371 65427102, Cietokšņa Street 60; GPS: N 55 52.386 E 26 31.095

The newest and most modern bowling in Daugavpils: 10 tracks and the equipment from the well-known company "Brunswick". Working hours: Mon: 12.00-23.00, Tue-Thu: 11.00 – 23.00, Fri-Sat: 11.00 – 02.00, Sun: 11.00 – 23.00

#### **Daugavpils Ice Hall**

Phone: +371 65407192, +371 65407191, Stacijas Street 45a, www.sportaparvalde.lv; GPS: N 55 52.321 E 26 31.830

The ice hall offers to enjoy the winter activities throughout the entire year. The ice field complies with the European standards, and thus competitions of European and even of World-level are held here. Skating schedule: www.sportaparvalde.lv and if booked in advance.



#### **Health Tourism**

Daugavpils Olimpic Centre, see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils (object no. 9).

#### Hotel "Dinaburg"

Phone: +371 654 53010, Dobeles Street 39, info@hoteldinaburg.lv, www.hoteldinaburg.lv;

GPS: N 55 52.597 E 26 32.682

Hotel complex for recreation includes: a swimming pool with stream, SPA, hydro massage, sauna with aromatherapy, Turkish bath, banquet hall, and nice atmosphere for a good recreation. Working hours: on request.

#### "Olimpija", a sport complex

Phone: +371 654 51070, Valkas Street 2u, info@hotel-olimpija-sk.lv, www.hotel-olimpija-sk.lv; GPS: N 55 52.745 E 26 33.774

Speleochamber – a cleansing effect on the respiratory system. 25m long swimming pool, infrared sauna, Turkish and Finnish bath, shower and a solarium. Gym, fitness-club, table tennis, sport equipment. Lodging for the night. Working hours: on request.

#### "Thai Ban Lux", a Thai Massage Salon

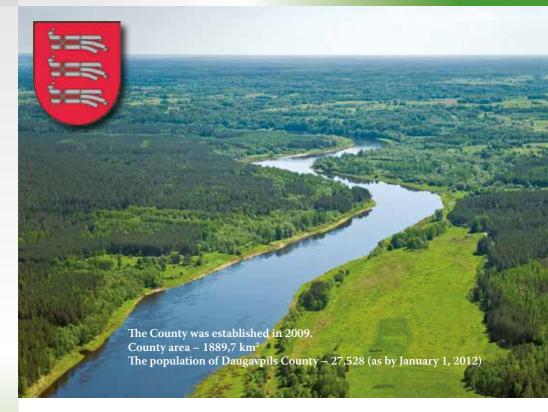
Phone: +371 20389071, Rigas Street 63, Daugavpils, thaibanlux@inbox.lv; GPS: N 55 52.745 E 26 33.774

Massage, correction of figure and health-improving procedures that follow the ancient methods of Eastern medicine. Thai massage is used as a remedial therapy. Helps in case of anxiety, psychological weariness, stress, as well as pain in neck and back, head and shoulders, tiredness in feet. The procedures are performed by certified specialists from Thailand. They use natural medicines, made from subtropical plants of Thailand. Working hours: on request.









Daugavpils County is a place, where Latgale borders on Selonia (Sēlija), it is situated in East Latvia; on the both sides it encloses the second biggest city of Latvia - Daugavpils. The county consists of 19 parishes. Across it stretches the Latvian river Daugava. Like a zigzag in the stretch from Kraslava till Krauja it curves, but below Daugavpils along Liksna and Nicgale it streams straight and calmly to the Baltic Sea, dividing the territory into two parts, which in terms of history, politics and ethnography during the centuries developed in different ways. By the left riverside is Augshzeme or the Selonians (Sēļu) land; by the right riverside is Latgale. The main values of the Daugavpils County are warm-hearted and hospitable people, the rich cultural heritage and unforgettable natural landscapes, which invite everyone to renounce a daily rush, to go on an exciting journey and to enjoy journey's impressions in Daugavpils County.



#### **Daugavpils County TIC**

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#### Most popular sightseeing places in Daugavpils county (top objects)

#### 1. Daugavas Loki Nature Park

Phone: +371 654 71321 (Naujene local history museum), naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv,

www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 52.361 E 26 31.270

Daugavas Loki ("Bends of Daugava") Nature Park was created to preserve the unique natural complexes, natural, cultural and historical values and virtually pristine landscapes of the ancient valley of the Daugava from Naujene to Kraslava. The



bends of the ancient valley of the Daugava are considered to be the oldest geological formations in Latvia. The Daugavas Loki Nature Park as part of Augsdaugava protected landscape area was recognized as the NATURA 2000 territory in 2004, but in 2011 this park was included in the Latvian National UNESCO World Heritage List. The River Daugava is a structural axis for the nature park, as it forms picturesque bends. One can see picturesque views from the banks of the river. Since ancient times the river Daugava was the main element of the development of this area – it was a water trade route, and along its banks castles and settlements were built. An ancient but eternally young Daugava with its apparent calm watercourse had been conducting a titanic effort, for thousands years creating a unique valley that produces an unforgettable impression on each traveller.

# 2. Ancient Settlement of Vecpils and a Model of the Dinaburg Castle

Phone: +371 654 71321 (Naujene local history museum), Vecpils, Naujenes parish, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 54.679 E 26 43.619

The castle mound is located on the very bank of the river Daugava. It had already been inhabited during the 8-13th centuries. It is considered to be the place where Daugavpils was founded. The ruins of the Dinaburg castle, built in 1275 and a miniature model of the castle (1997) can be seen on the mound. A recreation area named The Glade of Knights is established nearby.



#### 3. Sighting tower in Vasargeliski

Phone: +371 654 71321 (Naujene local history museum), Vasargelišķi, Naujenes parish, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 54.863 E 26 48.790 There is a picturesque view on the Rozaliski bend, the one that is depicted on the bank note for 10 LVL.



# 4. Ethnographical Old Believer Village of Slutiski

Phone: +371 654 71321 (Naujene local history museum), Slutišķi, Naujenes parish, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 54.575 E 26 52.632 Slutiski as a village was for the first time mentioned in the historical sources in 1785. The uniqueness of this village is in the decoration of houses – openwork façades, carved windows, decorated gables and doors characteristic for the Slavs. Here you canfind the Old-believer house, where you can get acquainted with traditions and customs of the Old Believers.





#### 5. Nīcgale Boulder

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils county TIC), Nīcgale, Nīcgales parish, info@visitdaugavpils.lv,

www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 56 09.238 E 26 27.511

It is the biggest boulder in Latvia. The boulder is a natural monument of state significance. It is located in the very heart of the wood about 6 km eastward from Nicgale railway station. The boulder's proportion is: length -10.5 m, width -10.4 m, height-3.5 m, perimeter -31.1 m, volume above ground -170 m<sup>3</sup>.



#### 6. Castle and Park in Chervonka (Vecsaliena)

Phone: +371 654 75870 (parish council), Červonka, Vecsalienas parish, parvalde@vecsaliena.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 49.466 E 26 46.359

This is one of the few estates (1870) in Augszeme that have preserved their majestic appearance, it has stained glass windows (19th century) and a large hall with magnificent ceilings. The building was constructed in the Gothic Revival architecture style.

There are many expressive details in the decoration of the façade. The estate belonged to the Hahn family. In front of the castle there is an extensive lawn; there is also a park (3 ha) nearby.



#### 7. "Vīrogna" Recreation Complex

Phone: +371 29532933, Vīrogna, Višķu parish, virogna@inbox.lv, www.virogna.lv; GPS: N 56 06.293 E 26 44.752 If you wish to enjoy the beauty of nature and spend some time on shore of the Vīragna lake, you are welcomed in the "Vīrogna" recreation complex! Here you can take a steam bath, take a ride on a boat or water bicycle, go fishing or just simply

sit on the shore of the lake and spend the night in the comfortable houses surrounded by a pine forest. Sports and recreation events can be organized here.



#### 8. Līksna Trails

Phone: +371 654 75572, Līksna, Līksnas parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 59.281 E 26 24.256

This is a favourite place of the newlyweds. It is possible to see peculiar elements of the environment created by local artisans there. There is a memorial stone and a path of Emilia Plater – Poland national heroine.



#### 9. "Silene" Holiday Park

Phone: +371 28692048, Skrudalienas parish, silene@antaris.lv, www.silene.lv; GPS: N 55 43.464 E 26 48.326

A modern complex for active recreation "Atpūtas parks SILENE" welcomes you! Here you may combine comfortable rest and observation of pristine nature, spend your time doing various activities or be alone, visit the best mushroom spots, as well as use various ecological (and modern) ways of transportation.

Everyone will find an activity after his own heart. Offers: organization of entertaining events for groups; organization of business events (seminars, trainings); organization of festive events (weddings, banquets); organization and management of sports events and games (rope paths, paintball, flying over the lake, football, streetball); active recreation (bicycles, kettcars, catamarans, boats); trip through a pine forest on a segway; individual and family relaxation; organization and management of events for children; catering and degustations; lodging in comfortable cabins and places for tents.

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#### 10. "Beibuks" Sport Club

Phone: +371 29493121, Viļuši, Naujenes parish,

ilmars.lociks@inbox.lv, www.plostilatgale.lv, www.kanoelaivas.lv, www.lielaisplosts.lv; GPS: N 55 55.602 E 26 42.177

Offers tours with inflatable rafts, boats and canoes on the river Daugava. Rent of wooden rafts and canoes. Also offers lodging, places for tents and a hot bath. Organizes the annual water tourism festival "Lielais plosts".



#### **Cultural and Historical objects**

Ethnographical Old Believer Village of Slutiski, see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils county (object no. 4).

#### Arch Stone Bridge across the River Pogulanka (Saliena)

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils county TIC), Saliena, Salienas parish, info@visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 49.582 E 26 52.807

Built at the end of the 19th century of split and hewn boulders. The height of the arch is 5,2m, length is 5,5m, width - 4,6m. The

bridge is an architecture and engineering monument of local significance. It is one of a few bridges of this kind preserved in a good condition in the Daugavpils county.

#### Memorial Stone to writer and ornithologist Karlis Grigulis

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The well-known ornithologist and children's writer K. Grigulis (1884- 1972) was born in Stumpuri of Saliena parish where he spent his childhood. The stone was erected in 1994 and there is a symbol of wisdom chiselled in the stone - the owl.



Phone: +371 654 75572, Līksna, Līksnas parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 59.281 E 26 24.256

The memorial stone is located in Liksna paths – at the beginning of Emilia Plater path. Emilia Plater (1806–1831) is Polish and Lithuanian national heroine, since 1815 she has lived in Liksna estate. She was in charge of patriot troops unit in Latgale and Lithuania. She was preparing to attack Daugavpils fortress, but died in winter 1831 during Polish peasant revolt.





#### Museums

#### The Memorial House of Latvian Poet Janis Rainis

Phone: +371 29272200, Birķineļi, Kalkūnes parish, berkenele@inbox.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 48.957 E 26 27.037

Here, in the shade of leafy limes on the banks of the river Laucesa, Rainis spent his childhood. His memories are reflected in his poems. Offers: exhibitions "Rainis and Berkenele", art objects in



environment created during art actions, survey of the applied arts exhibition of the municipality; exhibitions of professional art, thematic excursions for groups of different ages. Program "Wooden toy workshop". Working hours: Tue-Sat: 10.00-18.00 (May 15 - October 15); from October 16 till May 14 only if booked in advance.





#### Naujene Local History Museum

Phone: +371 654 71321, Skolas Street 1, Naujene, Naujenes parish, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv, www.naujene.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 56.077, E 26 43.152

The exposition reveals cultural-historical heritage of Naujene parish. The exposition "Daugavas loki" ("The bends of Daugava") has been opened in the museum. Here one can see the ethnographical exposition "Wealthy Latvian Peasant's Room" and take

a look at the tools of the end of the 19th and the beginning of the 20th century, see nature exhibition "Underwater World" and discover, what is living and hiding in the river Daugava. Here one can see the exhibition of artist Valentina Zeile. Thematic excursions are offered, as well as workshops and pedagogical programs. Working hours: Mon-Fri: 8.00-18.00 (May 1- October 30), Mon-Fri: 9.00-17.00 (November 1- April 30). Weekends - if booked in advance.



#### The Skrinda Family Museum

Phone: +371 654 71009, +371 29964210, Vabole, Vaboles parish, skrindu\_muzejs@inbox.lv, www.visitdaugavpils;

GPS: N 56 1.775, E 26 27.817

The museum is a memorial place to the first participants of national awakening brothers Skrinda's – Benedikts (1869–1947), Kazimirs (1875–1919) and Antons (1881–1918). The regular ex-

hibition tells about the life and work of Skrinda family. There one can see the exhibition about the history and the present time of Liksna and Vabole parishes and more than a century old furniture and household objects. Video documentaries. Working hours: Mon-Fri: 9.00 -17.00. Weekends - if booked in advance.



#### The Military Equipment Museum

Phone: +371 654 27822, Alejas Street 7, Svente, Sventes parish, info@sventehotel.lv, www.sventehotel.lv;

GPS: N 55 54.361, E 26 22.735

The museum is located near the "Sventes muiža" hotel. Here you may see the heavy tank IS-2 - "Joseph Stalin", the medium tank

T-34, armored reconnaissance cars BRDM-2, BRDM-1, all-terrain vehicle "Willys" and the GAZ-67. Working hours: on request.

#### **Craftsman tourism**



#### Višķi Artisan's Village

Phone: +371 29207737, Parka Street 2a, Višķu technical college, Višķu parish, keramik@inbox.lv, http://clay.lv/, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 56 03.789 E 26 45.570

Crafts (the three-dimensional ceramic panels, woodwork (craftsman Valdis Grebezs), wickerwork (studio "Pūpoli"), master classes and demonstrations of artisan's skills. Getting acquainted with tradition-

al Latvian national musical instrument – kokle. Offers a guided tour of the Viski village and tasty lunch in the café, or picnic at the lake with an overnight stay. Book your visit in advance.



## Creation of the Augšdaugava Big Quilt and master classes in stitchcraft

Phone: +371 654 71321, Skolas Street 1, Naujene, Naujenes parish, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv, www.naujene.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 56.077, E 26 43.152

Naujene museum of local history invites everyone to participate in setting of a new Guinness world record - the creation of the Big

Augšdaugava Quilt. We also offer master classes in cross stitching embroidery, knitting of ruffle scarves, knitting on a rake, earring crocheting and creation of brooches. Book your visit in advance.

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#### Estates, castles, castle mounds, ancient burial sites

Ancient Settlement of Vecpils and a Model of the Dinaburg Castle, see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils county (object no. 2)

**Castle and Park in Chervonka (Vecsaliena),** see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils county (object no. 6)

**Churches** 

#### Ambeli St. George Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 654 40034 (priest), Ambeļi, Ambeļu parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 56 02.321 E 26 50.664

It is a small wooden building, on the roof it has a small tower with a cross. There are no definite proof on when the church was built, but some indirect information suggest that it existed already in 1782. In 1888 it was rebuilt. Several art monuments have been preserved in the church. The altar, which was made in 18th century, is an important example of Latgalian baroque wooderwing. The eldest wooden shurch in Daugagnile county.



woodcarving. The oldest wooden church in Daugavpils county. Can be observed from outside at any time; book your visit in advance if you want to get inside.

#### Demene Most Holy Jesus Heart Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 26310831 (priest), Demene, Demenes parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 43.737 E 26 32.527

The construction of the church started in 1932 but the World War II interrupted the process. Church regained its sacred significance in 1980's. The church was fully completed and

significance in 1980's. The church was fully completed and consecrated only on August 30, 1992. Can be observed from outside at any time.



#### Dubna Jesus Heart parish chapel (Varšaveņa)

Phone: +371 29155921 (priest), Dubna, Dubnas pagrish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 56 04.604 E 26 40.653

The chapel was built in 1800. This is a peculiar octagonal building with a lengthening in the altar area. This is the only sacred building of such type in Daugavpils county. Restoration works were carried out in 1882. Oaken altar and the Jesus Heart painting were made at that time. In 1882 the landlord of Dubna estate Bronislavs Benislavskis, the owner of the chapel, asked the bishop Fialkovskis to change the title of the chapel and rename it in honour of the Jesus Heart. Can be observed from outside at any time.



#### Elerne Lord Jesus Ascension Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 654 71197 (priest), Elerne, Tabores parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 53.535 E 26 42.837

The stone building was built in 1650 with one tower, the spire was built in 1911. The church served the needs of the Lutheran community until 1761. The architecture of the church is similar in both size and details to other churches of Kurzeme region built at that time. The interior also correspond with the traditions of the age. It is evident from the woodcarving fragments made in



mannerism style, the occasional head of an angel, and a relief of the Virgin. Some time later Lutherans exchanged this church with Catholics for the Sīķele church. Can be observed from outside at any time; book your visit in advance if you want to get inside.



#### Crucifix in Yaunborne

Phone: +371 654 71197 (priest), Jaunborne, Salienas parish, www. visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 51.929 E 26 55.402

The crucifix was erected (1907) on the basis of a boulder. There is the image of the Virgin Mary's Advocate drawn in the niche of crucifix. There is the inscription in Polish on the frame of the picture: 15th of October, 1907. Then the prayer to the Virgin Mary

for the gift of health. Under the niche there is a tin plate with an inscription in Polish: "Matko Boska Nìeustajacej Pomocy Mòdl sìę za Nami".



#### Yaunborne Saint Cross Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 654 71197 (priest), Jaunborne, Salienas parish, www. visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 51.918 E 26 55.299

The church was built in 1859 by Polish landowner J. Sivitsky. In 1890 it was rebuilt, and in 1921 – restored. Art admirers can find several interesting objects here, among which is the woodcarving on the organ, which possibly is a part of Elerne's church mannerism style setup. The choir room has an organ (restored in 1975) and harmonium. Can be observed from outside at any time; book your

visit in advance if you want to get inside.



## Kalupe Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 654 20972 (priest), Kalupe, Kalupes parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 56 05.862 E 26 32.702

It was built in the form of a cross in 1882. It is built of red bricks; length is 34.4~m and width -19.2~m. The interior of the church was artistically decorated in 1913. It has three naves and three bells. The church has three wooden altars with numerous figurines of saints. In the centre of the main altar there is a statue of the Christ with a ciborium in hand, on the sides - statues of St. Teresa and St. Stanislaus, on the right side of holy communion - a statue of St. Francis. Can be

observed from outside at any time; book your visit in advance if you want to get inside.

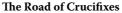


#### Krivosheyeva Old Believers Prayer house

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils county TIC), Krivošejeva, Biķernieku parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv;

GPS: N 55 58.532 E 26 49.346

The prayer house was built in 1906-1907. It is a log building, boarded with horizontal panels. It has two towers. Can only be observed from the outside.



Phone: +371 654 71009, +371 29964210, Vabole, Vaboles parish, skrindu\_muzejs@inbox.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv;

GPS: N 56 02.804 E 26 30.456



Crucifix — a symbol of the catholic Latgale, integral part of the landscape of Latgale, a piece of art in a way. A cross at the roadside and all the activities connected with that is one of the most beautiful and ancient traditions in Latgale. Vabole parish is remarkable for the biggest amount of crucifixes in the country. 29 crucifixes have been preserved and renovated. The museum of Skrindas family offers an excursion and a documentary "Crucifix way". Book your visit in advance!

#### Liksna Most Holy Jesus Heart Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 654 75598, Līksna, Līksnas parish,

www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 59.252 E 26 24.194

Built in 1913 in neo-gothic style. The length of the church is 30m, and the width is 17m. It is one of the most beautiful sacral buildings in Latgale built in neo-gothic style. the church is a 30 m long and 17 m wide three-nave building. There are two symmetrical towers on both sides of the entrance, and the third, smaller one, was built above the presbytery to preserve the architectonic style. The church



has 3 bells, which weight 609, 124 and 62 kg. In the front of the church there is a large window, through which a Jesus Heart statue can be seen. Can be observed from outside at any time; book your visit in advance if you want to get inside.

#### Maskovska (Maskava) Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 654 25347 (parish council), Maskovska, Višķu parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 56 02.413 E 26 47.853

It was built and consecrated in 1879. The altar is simple, unadorned. The church gates and several icons are especially expressive because of being created in ancient styles: Novgorod, Moscow, and others. Can only be observed from outside (at any time).



#### Saliena (Tartaks) Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils county TIC), Tartaks, Vecsalienas parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv;

GPS: N 55 49.188 E 26 49.222

The church was built of crushed stone and trimmed with red brick in 1894. The merchant A. Gruzdev gave money for the construction of the church, thanks to the efforts of bishop of Riga - Arsenijs. Can only be observed from outside (at any time).



#### Sīkele Lutheran Church

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils county TIC), Sīķele, Vecsalienas parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 52.808 E 26 45.988

Located in a pine forest near the left bank of the River Daugava. A wooden church was built there in the ancient times. It is believed that the church was carried on a raft from Russia by a Latvian serf. The church burned a few times, but it was restored each time. At first the church belonged to the Catholic community, but it was given to Lutherans in exchange for Elerne church in the second half of the 18th century. Built in 1819. Near the church there is an old



Lutheran cemetery with ancient tombstones. Can only be observed from outside (at any time).

#### Skrudaliena Ortodox Church

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils county TIC), Skrudaliena, Skrudalienas parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv;

GPS: N 55 48.910 E 26 42.826

Built in 1800 as a branch of Červonka St. Nicolaus church on the premises of landlord Felkerzāms. In 1811 it became the parish church. The landlord Felkerzāms took it upon himself to maintain the church and its outbuildings. However, his descendants refused to follow his word, and with time the state of the church has become so bad, that it was no longer possible to have services there. As the parish could not remain without a church, a new church was built



(1862-1872) . It is a wooden church, with a lot of decorative details and elements. Can only be observed from outside (at any time).



#### Višķi Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 654 40034 (priest), Višķi, Višķu parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 56 03.385 E 26 46.647

The church was built of hewn granite boulders in 1908-1925. It has three naves. Architectural monument of state significance. One of the few sacral buildings in Latgale that is built of split stones. The church belongs to the one tower cross-shaped basilican type churches. Can be observed from outside at any time; book your visit in advance if you want to get inside.

#### **Nature Tourism**

Daugavas Loki Nature Park, see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils county (object no. 1) Sighting tower in Vasargeliski, see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils county (object no. 3) Nīcgale Boulder, see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils county (object no. 5) Līksna Trails, see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils county (object no. 8)



#### The Gate of Daugava

Phone: +371 654 71321 (Naujene local history museum), Naujenes parish, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 53.957 E 26 52.518

This is a peculiar narrowing of the ancient valley of Daugava between the Slutiski and Ververu scarps, where the width of the river valley is only 0.5 - 0.6 km. "The Gate of Daugava" is

included in the list of 10 most significant natural objects of Latvia, "the Green Pearls of Latvia".



#### "Egļu kalns" ("Fir-tree mountain")

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils county TIC), Kalnāji, Sventes parish,info@visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 52.502 E 26 19.799

The highest peak of Augszeme elevation and Daugavpils region. Here, at the height of 220 meters above sea level, the observation tower with a view of the mosaic of the surrounding forests and vast territory is erected. There is a place for picnic nearby.

Here you may find a ski resort - "Egļukalns".



#### Bird-wathing tower

Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils county TIC), Ostrova, Višķu parish, info@visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 56 3.165, E 26 47.038

Located near the Viski-Aglona road between Lake Lukna and Lake Boltari. Here you can see a breathtaking view of 4 lakes. This is a great place for bird watching.



#### Salienas (Poguļankas) Boulder

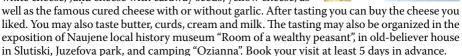
Phone: +371 654 22818 (Daugavpils county TIC), Saliena, Salienas parish, info@visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 49.998 E 26 54.887 Natural monument of state significance. This is the second largest boulder in Daugavpils county after the Nicgale boulder. The boulder's proportions are: length—5 m, width—3.4 m, height—2.7 m, perimeter—12.5 m.

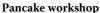
#### **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**

#### Tasting of cheese

Phone: +371 26064624, +371 26532508, Skolas Street 1, Naujene, Naujenes parish, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv, www.naujene.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 56.077, E 26 43.152

Keeper of the family traditions and hostess of Naujene parish Lilija Banite offers to taste 5 varieties of cheese. You can taste white cheese, Jāṇu cheese with caraway seeds, yellow cheese, as





Phone: +371 29468988, Skolas Street 1, Naujene, Naujenes parish, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv, www.naujene.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 56.077, E 26 43.152

Naujene local history museum offers the pancake workshop. The work takes place in the ethnographic exposition. Everyone can cook himself a pancake on a rural stove. Participation fee is 1,00 LVL per person. Book your visit in advance.



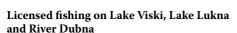
#### **Active tourism / Water tourism**

"Virogna" Recreation Complex, see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils county (object no. 7)

**"Silene" Holiday Park,** see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils county (object no. 9) **"Beibuks" Sport Club**, see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils county (object no. 10)

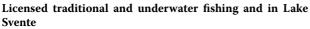
#### "Mučas" Boat Rent

Phone: +371 28344394, İsā Street 1, Daugavpils, mucas@inbox.lv, www.laivunoma.com; GPS: N 55 51.468 E 26 32.609 Offers popular water tourism routes: "Daugava's bends", Tartaks, Dubna, Laucese and Latgalian lakes. Rent of canoes ("Vista"), rafts, and rubber boats; elaboration of new water routes; rent of bicycles.



Phone: +371 654 25347, +371 654 25347, +371 26860311, +371 26557072; GPS: N 56 4.49, E 26 43.974

Purchase of licenses: Višķi parish council, Skolas Street 17, Špoģi, Višķu parish.



Purchase of licenses: +37129768455 (Association "Sventes pēr-le"); GPS: N 55 51.941 E 26 22.423









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#### "Ozianna" Camping

Phone: +371 29182474, Vecloki, Naujenes parish, www.piedaugavas.lv; GPS: N 55 54.730 E 26 47.669

Boat and bicycle rental. Located in the territory of the nature park "Daugava's bends", near the Rozališķi bend. Bath and a banquet hall, lodging for 22 persons in 4 log houses, places for tents.

#### "Romulki" Resting Place

Phone: +371 26177457, Slutišķi, Nauienes parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 55.204 E 26 54.341

Located in the territory of the nature park "Daugava's bends", on the very bank of Daugava. Offers rental of boats, bicycles, places for a fire, bath for up to 15 persons, places for tents and trailers.

#### Saules nams" Guest House

Phone: +371 26107594, +371 29467276, Kļaviņas, Sventes parish, info@saulesnams.lv,

www.saulesnams.lv; GPS: N 55 52.244 E 26 22.196

Located on the peninsula in the territory of the Nature Park "Svente" – in calm and tranquility – far away from the haste and hustle of the city. Fishing or underwater hunting is offered, as well as possibility to purchase fishing and underwater hunting licenses. Recreation on a beach, a bathhouse and lodging. Bicycle rental.

#### "Saulesstari" Guest House

Phone: +371 22052626, Medumi, Medumu parish, www.saulesstari.viss.lv; GPS: N 55 47.547 E 26 21.017 Located in the territory of the Nature Park "Medumu ezeraine" in a picturesque place on the banks of lake Medums. Offers: fishing, boat rental, going for a ride on catamaran, lodging.

#### "Sventes rasa" Rest Area

Phone: +371 26128000, Vecsvente, Sventes parish, info@sventesrasa.lv, www.sventesrasa.lv;

GPS: N 55 47.547 E 26 21.017

Offers recreation in a picturesque place in the southeastern part of Latvia, right in the middle of the highlands, in the territory of the Nature Park "Svente". Wind surfing equipment, water bicycles, boat rental, fishing and recreation in guest houses.

#### "Višķezers" Cottage

Phone: +371 26549373, Ostrova, Višķu parish, info@viskezers.lv, www.viskezers.lv; GPS: N 56 03.865 E 26 50.628

Sailing on boats, or a ship on air-cushion, water bicycles. Beach, sports ground. Bicycle rental. Bath with a banquet hall and a room for resting for 25 persons. During summer season - nice guest houses, canopy (100 m²) for larger festivities. Recreation near a fireplace, places for tents.

#### **Active tourism / Adventure Tourism**

"Silene" Holiday Park, see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils county (object no. 9)



#### "Ultra" Sports Society

Phone: +371 29225359, Grīva airfield, Kalkūnes parish, info@flight.lv, www.flight.lv; GPS: N 55 53.488 E 26 27.907 Flying with a special tandem paraglider or motorized hang glider. Lessons in flying with a paraglider/hang-glider and certification of pilots. Aero shows. Air photography. Book your visit in advance.



#### "D.I.S.K.", Sport Parachute Club

Phone: +371 29874294, +371 26898749, Grīva airfield, Kalkūnes parish, www.dropzone.lv; GPS: N 55 53.488 E 26 27.907 Round parachute jumps or tandem skydiving, familiarization flights on AN-2 and JAK 18T planes, parachuting demonstrations



#### Mysteries of the knights of the Dinaburg castle

Phone: +371 654 71321, Skolas Street 1, Naujene, Naujenes parish, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 55 56.077, E 26 43.152

Naujene Local History Museum offers a programme, which includes: visiting the museum, visiting the exhibition "Medieval Dinaburg stone castle of the Livonian Order", lesson "Knight tales of the Dinaburg castle mound" (for children) or "Knight

relay" (adults) and seeing the model of Dinaburg castle. For larger groups (20 persons or more) a historical reconstruction of Slav–Viking fight on the Knight Square is possible, for a fee.

#### **Health Tourism**

"Vīrogna" Recreation Complex, see TOP sightseeing places in Daugavpils county (object no. 7)

#### Hotel "Sventes muiža"

Phone: +371 65427822, Alejas Street 7, Sventes, Sventes parish,info@sventehotel.lv, www.sventehotel.lv; GPS: N 55 54.332 E 26 22.721

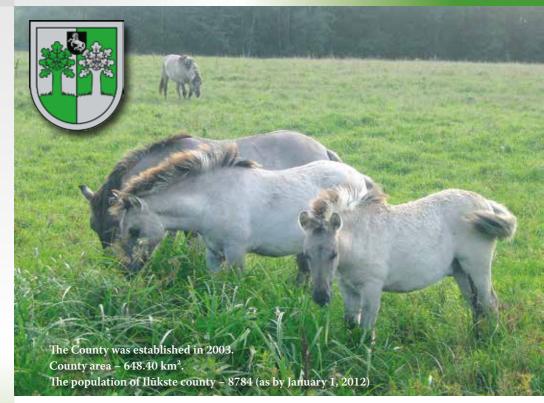
Classic Russian bath with Jacuzzi, Turkish bath and sauna of the hotel are the great way to relieve stress, improve health and mood or just relax with your friends. After the bath delight your friends and yourself with a tasty dinner served in the bath or have a meal in the cosy landlord style restaurant.



#### "Mežmalas" Guest House

Phone: +371 22442529, "Baraviki", Līksnas parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv; GPS: N 56 03.103 E 26 23.617 Sauna, black bath. There is a forest nearby, rich with mushrooms and berries. In the pond you may catch crucian carps, tenches, and other fish. Working hours: on request.





Ilukste County is situated in the southeastern part of Latvia, in the historical County of Selonia by the left riverside of Daugava. It borders on Daugavpils, Akniste, and Jekabpils Counties and the Republic of Lithuania. Such provincial towns as Ilukste and Subate, as well as Bebrene, Shedere, Eglaine, Dviete, Pilskalne and Prode parishes are joined together in Ilukste County. The territory of Augshzeme "Highlands" is historically interesting and with beautiful landscapes, it is rich in cultural and landscape features, where opportunities for professional education, cultural history, nature research, recreation and ecotourism appear. The administrative territories of the County are economically and functionally united with advantageous geographical situation and significant development center – Ilukste. Ilukste is an important component of the Selonia - multicultural and multidenominational at the same time. Four denominations' churches – Catholic, Lutheran, orthodox and old-believers – are located in the historical center of the city.

There are nature territories of European importance, which motivate to investigate its offer – bird observation in the flood lands of the Dviete country park, the endurance test in the slopes of the Pilskalne Siguldinya country park, environment expeditions in Dviete senleja, harmonic landscapes of the Augshzeme Highlands farmstead. The most popular business types are agriculture, forestry, wood-processing, metal working, oils transportation.

#### Ilūkste County Council

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#### Most popular sightseeing places in Ilūkste county (top objects)

# 1. "Pilskalnes Siguldiņa", a forest scenery park

Phone: +371 654 62296, Pilskalne, Pilskalnes parish, www.ilukste.lv; GPS: N 55 58.358, E 26 15.743

Nature reserve "Pilskalnes Siguldina" (area of 59,3 ha) is located in a splendid valley, gnawed by the melting waters of glaciers. The shores of the valley are covered in broad-leaved trees. Several educational paths are set up in the reserve.



#### 2. "Dvietes Paliene", a nature park

Phone: +371 26109353, Putnu sala, Bebrenes parish, benita63@inbox.lv, www.ilukste.lv; GPS: N 56 4.002, E 26 7.883

It is one of the biggest and best-preserved examples of natural river flood-lands in Latvia and Europe. Unique gathering and nesting place of migrating birds. Since 2006 wild horses (Konik Polski) and cows (Highlander) are grazing there. Tower for bird observation is set up. Dviete valley is one oldest inhabited places in Latvia - the first inhabitants settled here 11.000 years ago, at the end of the Ice Age. This territory is also remarkable for its



archaeological monuments - the settlements of the Stone Age have been found here, as well as settlement sites of the late Iron Age and Middle Ages, and the castle mounds of the early Iron Age and graveyards of late Iron Age. An information centre has been created in the natural park "Dvietes paliene"; it provides information about the natural, cultural and historical riches of the ancient Dviete valley and the management of the park. It also offers guided tours, elaboration of travel routes, and educational seminars. There is an environmental class, where children of primary-school age are encouraged to study and get acquainted with the nature and history of the Dviete flood-lands. There is a Beaver exhibition. Book your visit in advance.

#### 3. The historical centre of the Subate City

Phone: +371 26183911, www.ilukste.lv; GPS: N 56 0.415, E 25 54.61

Included in the category of the state significance town planning monuments. Historical construction took place from the 19th century to the first half of the 20th century. Pharmacy in the historical center of Subate is one of the oldest pharmacies in Daugavpils Municipality, which remains in the rooms specifically arranged for this purpose since 1925. This pharmacy is called "The New Pharmacy" to differentiate it from the Old Pharmacy. The Old Pharmacy of Subate was opened in 1814 by pharmaceutist Georgs Veke.



#### **Cultural and Historical objects**

The historical centre of the Subate City, see TOP sightseeing places in Ilūkste county (object no. 3)



#### Castle complex of Bebrene estate

Phone: +371 26109353, Bebrene, Bebrenes parish, benita63@ inbox.lv, www.ilukste.lv; GPS: N 56 4.002 E 26 7.883

It is located in the Bebrene park, one of the most expressive English landscape style parks in Latvia. The complex includes the castle of counts Plāteri-Zībergi (currently it is a school), built in 1896, gate of the castle, kitchen building, the house of land-agent, maisonette above cellar, mill (1836) and horse stables.

#### Museums



## Exposition "Wooden articles in the courtyard of Dviete flood-land"

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GPS: N 56 4.002, E 26 7.883

In the exposition set up in a threshing barn every visitor may get a notion about the work in the farmstead. Archaeological findings representing Stone Age, Iron Age and Middle Ages have been found here. Working hours: on request.b

#### **Craftsman tourism**



#### The Spoon museum - private collection

Phone: +371 26210612, "Ilzes", Šēderes parish, www.ilukste.lv; GPS: N 55.90. 693 E 26.19.425

The carver Arvids Sietkovskis founded the Spoon Museum in his own farmstead. For several decades he has been carving the spoons, forks, plates, decorations, and other articles from 70 species of trees and bushes. In the collection there is "The Spoon of Europe" (length 1.86 m, weight – more than 5 kg) made from birch. Book your visit in advance.

#### **Churches**



#### Bebrene St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church

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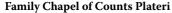
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Interesting paintings of the apostles on the outer wall. It was built from 1797 till 1883. In 1798 the dean Matejs Juraho confirmed it in honor of St. John the Baptist. The church and the opposing Bebrene estate castle are places on one composition axis. Can be observed from the outside.

#### Dviete St. Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 26110935 (priest), Dviete, Dvietes parish; GPS: N 56 3.346 E 26 17.441

The church was built in 1864 in Baroque style with two high towers. It is a one-nave cross-shaped building with three altars, two sacristies, plank floor, vaulted stone ceiling. The church has one of the most magnificent baroque interiors in Ilukste region. Can be observed from the outside.



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benita63@inbox.lv, www.ilukste.lv,

GPS: N 56 4.002 E 26 7.883

Built in 1875. It is made in Gothic style. The chapel has tile roof. Size: 10 m x 7 m. Height of the facade approximately 15 m, tiled floor, stone vaults. Two windows in the sides. Stone altar. Stone steps at the entrance. Outside, in the wall of the chapel, four marble boards with the names of Counts Plateri are immured. Can be observed from the outside.

#### Roman Catholic Church of Ilukste

Phone: +371 65462368, Zemgales Street 1, Ilūkste; GPS: N 56.00. 893 E 26.30. 243

It was built in 1816, funded by Katrīna Zīberga. Later the church was handed over to Uniates. In 1861 the church became a property of Orthodoxies, but since 1920 it serves again to Catholic parish. The church is a one nave stone building with one tower. Can be observed from the outside.

#### Laši Lutheran Church

Phone: +371 20028330 (guide), Eglaine, Eglaines parish; GPS: N 55.96.125 E: 26.11.498

Built in 1805. In the yard of the church there is a cemetery of German army soldiers fallen in the First World War. At the west wall of the church there is the memorial board to the parish inhabitants fallen in the First World War. There is an organ in the church and inside it there is writing: "Dieb Neu Anno Domini 1789 Fridrich Samuel Santsen". Can be observed from outside at any time; book your visit in advance if you want to get inside.

#### **Subate Lutheran Church**

Phone: +371 26183911, Baznīcas Street 32, Subate; GPS: N 56.00.113 E 25.91. 337

Subate Lutheran church (1685) takes a special place in Latvian history of art. The name of Subate is used labeling the group of woodcarvers, who made interior of numerous churches in Latvia and Lithuania. Furnishing of Subate church possibly was the biggest achievement of this group of people, and their work remained almost untouched. Under the rich decorations the constructive structure with a big amount of sculptures and thematic reliefs can be seen. Can be observed from outside at any time; book your visit in advance if you want to get inside.













#### **Roman Catholic Church of Subate**

Phone: +371 26183911 (guide), Tirgus Sq. 17a, Subate; GPS: N 56.00. 262 E 25.90. 571

Built in 1831 at the expenses of the Count Mihails Zibergs-Platers. The building has three naves; it's made of splintered stones, without towers, in the old basilica style,  $30 \times 16 \times 9$  m big. The church has three doors and 14 windows. There is a yard and stone fence around the church. Simultaneously with the church a bell tower with a gate was built. There is one bronze bell in the tower. Next to the bell tower there is a peculiar wooden cross, erected in 1889. There are several 18th century sacred wooden sculptures made in Baroque style in the church. Can be observed from outside at any time.

#### **Nature Tourism**

**"Pilskalnes Siguldiņa", a** forest scenery park, see TOP sightseeing places in Ilūkste county (object no. 1)

"Dvietes Paliene", a nature park, see TOP sightseeing places in Ilūkste county (object no. 2)

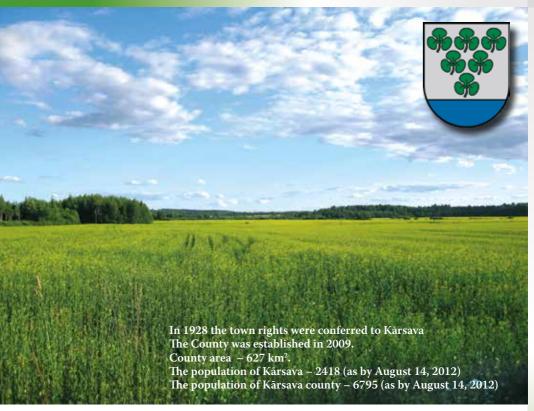
#### **Gastronomic Tourism**



# The Black kitchen ("Melnais ķēķis") in the "Dvietes paliene" nature park

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For more than 150 years guests are offered to try and make meals following ancient recipes. Tasting dishes of beaver meat and other rural products. Book your visit in advance.



Kārsava County is situated in the territory that is populated for a long time, where people have settled more than 7000 years ago. Historically the County is developed in the point of intersection between the old trade route that led from Russian midland to the Baltic Sea and mail path from Peterpils to Warsaw. The first rail Warsaw – Saint Petersburg that was opened in 1860 in Latvia also leads through Kārsava town and County.

Rural tourism with notable cultural objects – Melnava and Salnava estates, Melnava Catholic Church and Kārsava Orthodox Church develop in Kārsava County. It attracts tourists not only with its natural resources and beautiful landscapes but also with sympathetic people, who do their job with pride and enthusiasm – sweets master Aina Barsukova bakes bread and cakes, the farm "Kramiņi" produces honey and wax candles, and the farm "Āres" raises livestock of good quality and produces meat products. In Latgale old crafts are honored and Kārsava County it is not an exception – local master craftsmen – weaver group "Mozaīka", master of wood processing Antons Rancāns and weaving master Emīlija Vovere.



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#### Kārsava County Council

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#### Most popular sightseeing places in Kārsava county (top objects)



# 1. Rosary Our Lady Roman Catholic Church of Malnava

Phone: +371 657 33558, +371 26528282, ajezups@apollo.lv, http://bazneica.lv/, Baznīcas Street 1, Kārsava; GPS: 56.786138, 27.672327

The only place in Latvia where two churches are located side by side. A wooden church was built in 1741. Art monuments can be seen in the church three altars and a pulpit built in 1760. The wooden church is a protected architectural monument of state significance. Next to it there is a new beautiful church – bigger and more imposing; building started in 1932, and the church was consecrated in 2003. The Romanesque style interior was created in Riga School

of Arts and Crafts, as a graduation work of the woodcarving department students.



#### 2. Malnava Estate

Phone: +371 657 33100, Malnava, Malnavas parish; GPS: 56.776286, 27.719689

The manor house is built in 19th century, and because of it's size it reminds more of a villa. The structure of the manor is simmetrical around the circular yard, to which the gate at the beginning of the driveway lead. On one side of the yard there is a barn, on the other the manor house. Manor house was destroyed in the WWII, and after the renovation the original interior did not survive. There were side blocks built in 1928 to make it more convenient for the use of agricultural school. A barn has remained – built in the beginning of 19th century in classicism style, with two 4-pillar

porticos on the main facade, along with several others household buildings. There is also a park in the complex. (K.Veinberga, J.Zviedrāns).



# 3. Kārsava Pure-minded Euphrosyne Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 20235963, Stacijas Street 36, Kārsava; GPS: 56.791652, 27.679249

The community is founded in 1911. The church building committee collected the necessary funds in Russia, and in one and a half year they collected 25000 roubles. These funds allowed to build a house for the priest on the land of the Malnava estate in 1912. 1917 – 1918 the priest of Kārsava parish A. Vīckops arranged a church in his own house and confirmed it in honour of St. Euphrosyne of Polock. In 1985 it was reconstructed in traditions of Russian wooden church architecture style. It was done by craftsmen from Polock, Moscow and Riga. Is is now a splendid church built in the traditions of Russian wooden architecture.

#### 4. Bakery "Dzīles"

Phone: +371 26538016, dziles@dziles.lv, www.dziles.lv, Malnava, Malnavas parish; GPS: 56.773190, 27.721639

The hostess of the "Dzīles" Aina bakes bread and cakes on order. She offers various kinds of bread, such as corn bread and fine rye-bread, baked in accordance with the traditions of ancestors on maple leaves, pumpkin bread, bread made of dried tomatoes, and other kinds of bread. The hostess — a popular maker of sweets, offers the groups and families to discover the secrets of cake making and bake a pie, a cake or a pizza together. There is a huge collection of cake recipies. Possibility to offer a cake or a pie for a wedding table.

#### 5. Pudinava Dam

Phone: +371 29327265, Pudinava, Mērdzenes parish; GPS: 56.713573, 27.741154

Pudinava dam, located in Pudinava village of Mērdzenes parish on the biggest river of Karsava county, is a popular place for relaxation in summer.





#### Museums

#### Malnava college museum

Phone: +371 657 33100, Malnava, Malnavas parish, malnavaskol@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.774303, 27.719471 Information about the history, traditions, teachers and graduates of the technical college, as well as about the county is collected here. Working hours: Mon-Fri: 8.00 – 16.00.

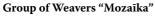


#### **Craftsman tourism**

#### **Emīlija Vovere**

Phone: +371 657 33384, Avotu Street 10a, Kārsava; GPS: 56.790158, 27.674566

The famous master of her trade weaves from uncleaved wickers various things useful for housekeeping – baskets for mushrooms and shopping, trays, bread-plates, stools, laundry baskets, as well as various things for decoration and interior design.



Phone: +371 28619159, Mērdzene, Mērdzenes parish; GPS: 56.685500, 56.685500

Local weavers from Mērdzene perish united to maintain the old traditions of weaving. It is possible to buy their works and also to get acquainted with the weaver's craft.







#### Svetlana Ločmele

Phone: +371 26592360, svetas pasts@inbox.lv Svetlana Ločmele makes toys and textile dolls for children. Toys made by her can charm not only kids but also grownups.



#### Antons Rancāns

Phone: +371 22012101, Malnavas Street 10, Kārsava;

GPS: 56.784100, 27.675166

More than 10 years he is investigating and producing Latvian characters out of the wood. His wooden articles could be seen in museums in Kārsava, Baltinava, Mežvidi un Rēzekne,

#### Estates, castles, castle mounds, ancient burial sites

Malnava estate, see TOP sightseeing places in Kārsava county (object no. 2).



#### Ruskulova Estate and the Old Windmill

Phone: +371 29327265, Ruskulova, Salnavas parish; GPS: 56.798006, 27.495762

The estate was built in the second half of 18th century. It belonged to the count Tolstojs, later to baron Levenshtein, then to the mother of Russian tsar Nikolay II. The building of the estate is destroyed. The park that was set up around the estate has been preserved, as well as lanes of centenarian larches and ruins of an old mill.



#### Salnava Estate

Phone: +371 29327265, Salnava, Salnavas parish;

GPS: 56.814215, 27.553201

Estate complex of the 18th century with partially preserved original structure, which includes the landlord's house (1785), a landscaped park, a picturesque pond with islets, and the stone of Love.



#### Silinieki Castle Mound

Phone: +371 29327265, Pudinava, Mērdzenes parish;

GPS: 56.694524, 27.718843

Silinieki Castle Mound was inhabited in 12th century. The ancient tales tell that there is money hidden in the castle mound, which manifests to people in a different ways - like two boys, or a mouse, or a white lady with big black dog.

#### **Churches**

#### Goliševa St. Trinity Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 20223040 (priest), Goliševa, Goliševas parish; GPS: 56.744321, 27.910257

The church was built in shape of a cross, characteristic for the architecture of that time, and consecrated in the same year (1841). The church is characteristic by external simplicity and luxurious arrangement of interior. To visit the church a special pass issued by State Border Guard is required, since the church is located in Latvia-Russia border area.



**Kārsava Pure-minded Euphrosyne Orthodox Church,** see TOP sightseeing places in Kārsava county (object no. 3).

**Rosary Our Lady Roman Catholic Church of Malnava**, see TOP sightseeing places in Kārsava county (object no. 1).

#### **Pudinavas Holy Virgin Shelter Orthodox Church**

Phone: +371 20223040 (priest), Pudinava, Mērdzenes parish; GPS: 56.710196, 27.726629

First Pudinavas Orthodox Church was built in 1778. Present church was built in 1862 and renovated in 2011.



#### Stiglova Honour of the St. Cross Catholic Church

Phone: +371 20251327, Stiglova, Mērdzenes parish; GPS: 56.698500, 27.663929

The base of the church was made in 1706. It is a wooden building with two towers and three altars. It is a protected architectural monument of state significance.



#### Mežvidi Our Lady Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 29327265, Mežvidi, Mežvidu parish; GPS: 56.701983, 27.526473

The church is established in a wooden house in 1935 with the help of dean A. Dunskis. It is a one nave building with a wooden floor.



# Salnava St. John Crying Voice in the Desert Catholic Church

Phone: +371 26126901, Salnava, Salnavas parish; GPS: 56.812367, 27.555785

Church with its centuries-old legends was built in 1770. It is a protected architectural monument of local significance.



# **Nature Tourism**



#### Stone of Naudaskalns

Phone: +371 29327265, Naudaskalns, Salnavas parish; GPS: 56.48033, 27.36862

It is the biggest boulder in Karsava county. It has irregular shape, its surface size: length -3,45 m, width -1,86 m, height -2,8 m, close-grained granite.



#### "Nūmērnes valnis", a nature park

Phone: +371 29327265, Nūmērne, Salnavas parish; GPS: 56.837868, 27.471336

"Numernes valnis" is in the list of NATURA 2000 territories. The park was established in order to protect rare and protected wood and swamp habitats, rare and protected herbage and animal species, visually superior landscapes and provide society with high quality recreation resources.



#### Salnava Manor Park

Phone: +371 29327265, Salnava, Salnavas parish; GPS: 56.814215, 27.553201

In Salnava Manor Park territory there is a cultivated park with reservoirs, trees planted in 18th century and one of the biggest stones in the Kārsava county.



#### Ruskulova Manor Park

Phone: +371 29327265, Ruskulova, Salnavas parish; GPS: 56.798006, 27.495762

In the Ruskulova Manor Park territory some species of secular trees and larch path which was planted in 18th century by the building process of the manor have been preserved till modern time.



#### Malnava Manor Park

Phone: +371 657 33100, Malnava, Malnavas parish; GPS: 56.776286, 27.719689

In Malnava Manor territory there is one of the oldest parks in Latvia, which was planted around 1830. Nearly 150 species of trees grow there.

Pudinava Dam, see TOP sightseeing places in Kārsava county (object no. 5).

# **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**

#### "Kramiņi", a beekeeping biological farm

Phone: +371 26522501, +371 657 22392, Kitkova, Mērdzenes parish; GPS: 56.699024, 27.760194

There are more than 60 bee families at the farm. Farm offers a journey to the kingdom of honey and bees. They offer the bee path with the chance to participate in the primary treatment of honey, an examination of the apiary, stories about bees, tasting the beekeeping products and a possibility to purchase them, making and purchase of wax candles.



Bakery "Dzīles", see TOP sightseeing places in Kārsava county (object no. 4).

#### "Āres", a farm

Phone: +371 26548104, inta.adamovica@inbox, Noriņas-3, Malnava, Malnavas parish; GPS: 56.779655, 27.723777
The farm breeds pedigree sheep, pigs, turkeys and geese. The farm produces and sells cured products, sausages, shashlik, and other meat products. Groups may enjoy a dinner in Latgalian style. The farm also grows vegetables and saplings in greenhouses.



# Active tourism / Water tourism

Pudinava Dam, see TOP sightseeing places in Kārsava county (object no. 5).

# **Active tourism** / Adventure Tourism

#### Training ground "Pa mežacūku"

Phone: +371 29228806, Salnava, Salnavas parish; GPS: 56.803885, 27.550746

The training ground is intended for hunting dog training. Certified dog leaders work with hunting dogs.



#### Moto track "Lūsēni"

Phone: +371 29121964, Mežvidi, Mežvidu parish; GPS: 56.692345, 27.542847

Moto track "Lūsēni" regularly hosts not only local but also the Latvian wide competitions, which attracts motorsports fans from all Latvian counties.



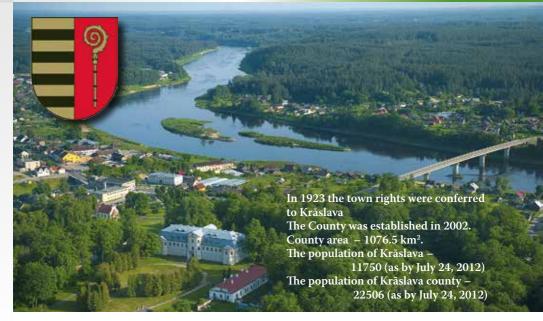
# **Health Tourism**

# "Eglaine", a guest house

Phone: +371 26333749, zseglaine@inbox.lv, Nesteri, Malnavas parish; GPS: 56.829225, 27.752844

The guest house is near the border of Latvia and Russia. Lodging for the night on ash beds with mattresses stuffed with hay. A rural bath. Meal from ecologically clean products grown in the own farm. National holidays with a folk-lore group.





Krāslava County starts at the place, where Dvina changes into Daugava, wooden lace scouts windows reflects the sun and "Good morning!" sounds in many languages. The local environment consists of many nationalities and ethnic groups that are mutually influenced.

Krāslava is one of the tourists' favourite towns in Latvia that is situated in the so-called Latvian Switzerland, embosomed with Latvian destiny river Daugava bow, about at a distance of 40km from the second biggest city of Latvia – Daugavpils and about 275 km from the capital of Latvia – Rīga.

The cultural heritage of the Krāslava town and 11 parishes are represented by prominent architectural, artistic, archaeological, cultural and town planning monuments under state protection. Cultural landscape includes the Baroque style castle complex inherited from the Plāteri family and brick wall church, several estate buildings and prominent parks in the whole territory of the County, as well as churches of different confessions, the roadside crucifixes and over 100 lakes.

People of the County are proud of the deepest lake in Baltics – Dridzis and the river of destiny Daugava, the onflow of which in Krāslava and Daugavpils Counties is included in the national register of UNESCO. The main economic sectors are wood-processing, agriculture, tourism and trade. The visiting cards of the County are bread of the local producer, Krāslava beer, butter, green teas, linseed oil, honey, cucumbers and tomatoes, ceramics, woodwork, routes along the Daugava river and horse riding. Krāslava County invites to enjoy the beauty of nature and to listen to the breath of history!



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# LATGALE

# Most popular sightseeing places in Krāslava county (top objects)

# 1. Counts Plāteri castle complex with park park

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Architectural monument of state significance of 18th century. The construction of the central building started



approximately in 1765, by the project of the architect A. Parako. The interior wall paintings are the most excellent monument of the 18th century Latgale applied art. Near the castle there were additional household buildings: houses of the steward and gardener, feed-lot, stables, cellars, greenhouse. Around the castle there is a 22 ha big scenic park. Its dendrological composition is very varied - around 70 kinds of trees and bushes. The grotto in the park was restored, with its mysterious "subterranean passage" and the guardian of the castle - a lion. From the viewing platform one can see beautiful sceneries of Daugava and the city. Nowadays the park is a popular relaxation place among both inhabitants and guests of the city. After the renovation in the former stables a "Crafts house" was established there, where various events, workshops, and tastings of Latgale culinary heritage are held.

# 2. Krāslava Roman Catholic church of St. Ludwig

Phone: +371 656 22201, +371 656 23939, Sv. Ludviga Sq. 1, Krāslava, tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.895241, 27.164383

The church is one of the most characteristic examples of Baroque style in Latgale. The first, wooden, church for the Catholics was built in 1580-1590 by Mikelis de Brunavs. The current stone church was constructed from 1755 till 1767, built according to the project of the Italian architect Antonio Paroko. The altarpiece "St. Ludwig Leaves for Crusade", painted



by Filipo Kastaldi in 18th century, represents the artistic culmination of the interior. One should pay attention to the martyr St. Donat's relics that attract numerous pilgrims, making Krāslava town the second most significant pilgrimage place in Latgale after Aglona Basilica. From May to September the church is opened 8:00–18:30. From 1757 till 1844 there was an ecclesiastical seminary near the church - the first higher education institution in Latvia. The services are taking place every day. Book your visit in advance!

# 3. The Central town square of Krāslava

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Created in 18th century. The main building of the marketplace were the Town Hall, built in 1752, and the pharmacy, which resides in the current building since 1810 and still functions today. The square was surrounded by one and one and a half storey wooden and stone buildings with outbuildings. Those were merchant and craftsmen



dwellings, inns with stables and trade buildings. At the end of the square there was the Town Hall. It was a two-storey stone building with a custom-house on the first floor, the room for measuring and weighting and later on — commercial premises as well. Along the Market square there was the main highway, a post road from Riga to Moscow. The House of the Latvian society was also situated in the Central town square. Town planning monument of state significance. Since 2010 there is also a fountain, made in the form of the Coat of Arms of the city.



# 4. "Daugavas loki" nature park

Phone: +371 654 71321, +371 656 22201, +371 26487763, +371 654 22818, Naujenes, Tabores, Vecsalienas, Skrudalienas, Salienas parishes in Daugavpils county, Ūdrīšu, Kaplavas parishes in Krāslava county, muzejs@apollo.lv, info@visitdaugavpils.lv, tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv, gPS: 55.889946, 26.727676

The Nature Park is located in the valley of the river Daugava, in the area of protected landscapes of Upper Daugava; the area of the park is 12 372 ha. The park spreads on the both banks of the river Daugava in Naujene, Tabore, Vecsaliena,

Skrudaliena and Saliena parishes of Daugavpils County up to Krāslava. The most characteristic feature of nature are 8 large bends of the river Daugava, the length of bends reaches  $4-6~\rm km$ . Many natural and cultural-historical monuments are found in the territory of the park. In 2011 it was included in Latvian list of UNESCO world heritage sites.

# 5. Horse ranch "Klajumi"

Phone: +371 29472638, Kaplava, ilze.stabulniece@inbox.lv, www.klajumi.lv; GPS: 55.857395, 27.041130

A suitable place for nature lovers and admirers of everything natural. A perfect place both for companies of friends and for families. There is a "mosquito path", which acquaints with

forest and bog sceneries, and where you may see various plants - marsh calla, cow-wheat - and even see the forest bees. Opportunity to visit the bog "concert hall", mast spruce forest, see the ground dug up by wild boars and peculiar trees. 2–7 day combined riding routes in the nature park "Daugavas loki" and near the Latvia–Byelorussia border. Reittherapy and relaxation gymnastics on a horse. Participation in weddings and other festivities. Services of a bathhouse attendant. Aromatherapy. Lodging in a guest house (9 persons). In winter - riding a horse or a sledge, winter picnic with roasting of sausages on a fire in the nature park "Daugavas loki".

# 6. Workshop of ceramist Valdis Pauliņš

Phone: +371 29128695, Dūmu Street 8, Krāslava, valdispaulins@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.904575, 27.163010

An opportunity to participate in the process of pottery manufacturing from start till end and try your hand in pot making, as well as kindle the potter's kiln. A vast offer of ceramic articles, souvenirs, earthenware for the garden. Individual, family, schoolchildren and big group activities. You can book and excursion, or simply contact the ceramist to buy his articles.

# 7. "Kurmīši", a farm

Phone: +371 26538824, +371 656 23655, Rakuti, Ūdrīšu parish, kraslava@llkc.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.896107, 27.077522 Excursion on the farm that grows various medical

plants. Tasting of medical tea. A possibility to purchase ecological green tea, switches of birch twigs with herbs, collection of herbs for the bath.

#### 8. Sighting tower in Priedaine

Phone: +371 656 22201, +371 26487763, +371 26395176, Priedaine, Krāslava, tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.892807. 27.147560

The second highest wooden observing tower in Latvia (32 m), from which a beautiful view of Daugava and the neighbourhood of Krāslava can be seen.



#### 9. Indrica St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Phone: +371 26263061, Indrica, Kalnieši, tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.848503, 27.331581

Unique wooden architecture monument (1655–1658). The oldest wooden church in Latgale. It was built in prereformation time. In 1695 landlord Jānis Andrejs Plāters converted to Christianity, and in 1698 the church was rebuilt and given to Catholics. In the choir room there is an oldfashioned organ with original woodcarvings. There are 4 magnificent altars with woodcarvings and ancient paintings. Book your visit in advance!



#### 10. Mini-zoo "Akati"

Phone: +371 26157690, "Akati", Robežnieku parish, tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.976654, 27.604866

Excursion in the mini-zoo. You can see peacocks, pheasants, turkeys, African black ostriches, Australian emu, as well as piglets, cows, rabbits, sheep, goats, and other domestic animals. Places for tents on a silent shore of a lake surrounded by forest. At request: tasting eggs of various birds. Price – on agreement. Book your visit in advance.



# **Cultural and Historical objects**

#### **Building of the Library**

Phone: +371 656 22201, +371 26395176, Grāfu Plāteru Street, Krāslava, tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.899106, 27.1655501

Built in the Baroque style in 1759 in accordance with the project of A. Parako. In the 18th century on the second and third storeys of the building there was the biggest library in Inflantia. The library consisted of 20000 volumes, different rare atlases and manuscripts. The first floor was the summer residence of Plāteri family. It's a pity none of those manuscripts were preserved till modern times. In the 19th century the largest part of the library was moved to another property of Plāters. During the World War I the library was destroyed, and the occasional surviving volumes were relocated to the Rēzekne after 1920.







#### Augustus's Stone

Phone: +371 656 22201, Augusta Street 12, Krāslava, tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com;

GPS: 55.8989149, 27.1451314

The Coat of Arms of Plāteri family along with number 1729 are engraved on the stone. This is the year when count Jans Ludviks Plāters bought the Krāslava manor. It is called the Augustus's king Augustus II, who visited the Krāslava in 1729. It was also the

stone in honor of the Polish I border stone of the village.



#### Monument to Karnickis

Phone: +371 656 22201, +371 26395176, Augusta Street (behind building no.28), Krāslava, tic@kraslava.lv,

www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.901203, 27.143955

The legend tells, that the young Polish officer Josifs Karnickis fell in love with the beautiful daughter if the count - Emily. However, Josifs was poor, and count turned him down. The young people decided to marry in secret and leave Kraslava, but their plan failed. In despair Emīlija and Jozefs decided to kill themselves. Emīlija had to blow out the candle in the window of the castle and jump out of the window. Josifs, in turn, had to shoot himself the moment he sees the sign. However, count's daughter was under watch, and the guards blew out the candle. Josift considered that a signal and shot himself. He was buried on the same spot. Next

day a spring sprung out from the mountain. It is said that whoever drinks the water from the spring on the Midsummer night with his loved one will be happy and loved till the end of life.



The monument "Māte Latgale raud" ("Mother Latgale weeps") *Phone:* +371 656 22201, +371 26395176, *Rīgas Street (near building no.52), Krāslava, tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS:* 55.8946804, 27.1661638 It is dedicated to the memory of all victims of Krāslava and Dagda

It is dedicated to the memory of all victims of Krāslava and Dagda counties during the terror of occupational regimes. The sculptors are Indulis and Ivo Folkmaņi from Daugavpils. The monument is erected thanks to the initiative of Krāslava department of

politically repressed and with the support of the Latvian fund.

# Museums



#### History and Art Museum of Krāslava

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Krāslava History and Art Museum is situated in the middle of Krāslava Old Park in one of the 18th century buildings of the Krāslava castle. There are more than 20 000 items in the collection of the museum. Among them - huge collections

of documents, photographs, rare books of 18-19c., archaeology, ethnography and other items have been gathered. There are paintings of many artists in the museum. Traditionally in autumn exhibitions of local artists take place. There are various thematic and other exhibitions at the museum. There is a unique exhibition called "Five oars" which is placed in the 17 meters long improvised boat, since the boat with five oars can be found on the Coat of Arms of the city. Working hours: V-X: Wed-Fri:10.00 – 17.00, Sat:10.00 – 16.00, Sun: 10-14. Mon-Tue – closed. XI-IV: Tue-Fri: 10.00-17.00, Sat:10.00-16.00. Sun-Mon - closed.

# **Craftsman tourism**

**Workshop of ceramist Valdis Pauliņš**, see TOP sightseeing places in Krāslava county (object no. 6).

#### The workshop of the potter Ilmars Vecelis

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Ilmārs Vecelis is one of the "Pudnīku skūla" (Potters' School) founders and participants. An interesting technology of clay processing. Watching and participation in the process of manufacturing of pottery. Purchase of souvenirs.

#### Weaving workshop "Indra"

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Weavers work in an ancient technique of "splinter blankets", thus preserving it for next generations. You can see produced by the artisans (and our ancestors) articles in exhibition hall "Indras pūralāde". You may also see the works of students of Indra Music and Art school. You may also taste jam made out of berries which grow in local gardens.

#### Weavers of Izvalta

Phone: +371 26347423; +371 26212702, Izvalta, tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.9565941, 27.0250110

The weavers preserver the old craft, and produce splinter blankets, carpets, and bed-spreads. They also teach the craft. The weavers welcome small groups of excursionists. Book your visit in advance.

#### **Aleksandrs Maijers**

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Artist manufactures various musical instruments from natural materials – rattles, wind bells and others, as well as teaches children to make reed pipes. He makes musical instruments since 1996, and cooperates with recording company "Upe" and art salon "Grieži".

#### Artist Jevģēnijs Pohoduns

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The artist offers the guests to become familiar with the world of art, to learn painting in a beautiful place on the shore of lake Silova. A huge collection of paintings, an interesting library and a collection of weapons. You won't be bored even on a rainy day. Excursion through the farm and an exciting story about the hobbies.























#### "Kruoslovys amatnīku bruoliste"

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Artisans of Krāslava region have united in one society to preserve the cultural heritage of the ancient crafts of the region and thus promote it. In the "Room of Crafts" there are exhibitions of artisan's articles and creative workshops.

#### **Artist Andrejs Gorgocs**

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The artist considers himself an adherent of the Neoacademic school of painting. Motives of sadness and tragedy dominate his works, made in psychedelic style.

#### Artist Maija Šuļga

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Professional needlewoman. Creates her articles in various needleworking techniques. Also works on order. Book your visit in advance!

#### Ilona Laksa

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GPS: 55.9788767, 27.1762041

Wickerwork, ceramic souvenirs. Book your visit in advance!

#### "Smaidi", a farm

Phone: +371 26445239, Robežnieku parish, latvilna@inbox.lv, www.latvilna.lv; GPS: 55.978577, 27.675591

The farm raises sheep. Blankets and pillows are made out of wool. You can purchase these or order something else you would like.

# **Krāslava Roman Catholic church of St. Ludwig,** see TOP sightseeing places in Krāslava county (object no. 2)

**Indrica St. John the Baptist Catholic Church,** see TOP sightseeing places in Krāslava county (object no. 9)

#### Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Church

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Built in 1789 as a catholic chapel of St. Vincent hospital. In 1856 a piece of land was bought from Count Pläters in order to begin construction of a new church. The old St. Yuri church was torn down and a cross was put in the place of the demolished altar. Construction of the new church was finished in 1859 and it was consecrated in honor of Our

Lady's patronage. It was meant originally for both Orthodox and Old-Believers. In 1867 it was consecrated as an Orthodox church.

#### Krāslava Lutheran Church

Phone: +371 26173083, Grāfu Plāteru Street 2, Krāslava, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.900913, 27.162666

The Lutheran Church, partly surrounded by old trees, is situated in Kraslava, in the corner of count's Platers park. The first foundation stone had been placed in 1935; the church had been consecrated in 1938. The church was operational until 1944. In 1984 the museum exhibition hall was established here, it was located here until 1996, when the congregation regained the church. Services in Krāslava's Lutheran congregation are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

#### Old-Believers church

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Russian Old-Believers have been living on the territory of Latgale for more than three hundred years. According to the information received, one of the Old-Believers' churches was on the Daugava's bank in Rātuža Street. The Parish was officially registered in 1850. There is no precise information on the actual year of the building. From the stories of old people we know that a local merchant gave up his outbuildings to rebuild them into an Old-Believers church. It was sanctified to the honour under the shelter of God-Mother. The church was burth down in 2002. The new church was built to be similar to the old, but it is made of stone and is much bigger.

# Priedaine Roman Catholic St. Brigitas and St. Katrinas Church

Phone: +371 29498216 (priest), Dārza Street 30, Priedaine, Krāslava, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.8923279, 27.1576528 This is the newest church in the county, unveiled in 2001. It has beautiful stained glass panels (author is Nora Cēsniece) and wooden interior.

#### Auleja Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 26629078, Auleja, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS:56.0568916, 27.2816897

One of the oldest wooden churches in Latgale was located on the bank of lake Aulejas, it was built in 1530. The church was damaged heavily during a war. The current stone church was built in 1709. The organ is fully functioning.

#### **Balbinova Roman Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 26263061, Indras parish, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.8847782, 27.5471312

In former times Balbinova (Indra) had been in Piedruja congregation. In 1801 Nitoslavski family asked Tsar Alexander I the permission to build a wooden chapel in the family cemetery. In 1803 chapel was built. In 1940 the new church building was almost completed, it was consecrated by Bishop Jāzeps Rancāns. Improvement works continued also after the consecration. Services are held on Sunday, Thursday and Friday.























#### Izvalta Catholic Church

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Izvalta, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.9544931, 27.0208733 The first wooden church in Izvalta was built in 1625. In the 18th century it was rebuilt, and the Bishop of Livonia Antons Ostrovskis sanctified it in honour of St. Michael archangel. In 1896 the current church of Izvalta was built. Book your visit in advance!

#### Borovka Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 656 28238, Borovka, Ūdrīšu parish, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.9150367, 26.9866202
Borovkas church was built in 1811 by Vaclovs and Kazimirs Plāteri. Borovka was a branch of Kraslava congregation. Services are being held twice a month, in Sundays.

#### Skaista Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 26805779, +371 29461786, +371 29583026, Skaista, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.9610693, 27.3768041 The first Catholic church in Skaista had been built in 1778-1788. The church had burned down during the First World War. In 1920-1921 the current wooden church was built. Services are held every Sunday.

#### Kombuli Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 656 29036, +371 29378955, Kombuļi, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.9802843, 27.1749566

When in 1767 a new stone church had been built in Kraslava, the old had been dismantled and transferred to Kombuli. This church in Kombuli existed for about 60 years. In 1818 the old wooden church was demolished and a stone chapel was built, it was dedicated to St. John. It was a branch of Kraslava church. The improvement and reconstruction works of the church continued until the 40s in the 20th century.

#### Piedruja Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 29498354, +371 656 29632, Piedruja, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.7995039, 27.4517164
Piedruja's first church was a wooden building, built in 16'

Piedruja's first church was a wooden building, built in 1632. It had been built by the Lithuanian State Chancellor grand duke Leons Sapieha. This church had burned down, but in 1759 the current stone church was built. There is an illusive altar in Piedruja's Catholic church. The services are taking place every day.

#### Pustina Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 656 69292, +371 29132731, Robežnieki, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.9744040, 27.6149246

The first Pustinas church had been built in 1737, it was a wooden building. In 1817 the construction of a new church had begun. It was built of red bricks; the foundation was from hewed stones. In 1899 church construction was completed; it was consecrated in the honour of the Virgin Mary's Ascension. The services are taking place every day.

# LATGALE

#### Varnaviči Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 656 629934, Kaplavas parish,

www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.8305949, 27.2955275

The first wooden church had been built in 1822 as a branch of Elerne church. In 1929 canon J. Borodzics built the current stone church in Varnavici, which is located 3 km from the former church site. Services are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

#### Vecborne Lutheran Church

Phone: +371 29474134, Kaplavas parish, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.8617911, 27.0094491

The history of Vecbornes church is extremely interesting, because there are two Vecbornes churches in Latvia. One is located in the Latvian Ethnographic Open Air Museum, second - in Kaplavas parish of the Kraslava county. The wooden old church of Borne, which is now situated in the Latvian Ethnographic Open Air Museum, presumably, had been built in 1537. In 1936 at the suggestion of Monument Board and Ethnographic Open Air





Museum Vecbornes church was dismantled and transferred to Riga. New church design and construction is being held on the initiative of Monument Board in Borne. The current church of Borne was built and consecrated in 1939.

#### Piedruja Orthodox Church

Phone: + 371 26783660, Piedruja, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.7998334, 27.4495907

Among the few Kraslava county Orthodox churches, only one - Piedruja's Orthodox Church - can be proud of its six domes. This is one of the most beautiful and the most architecturally interesting churches in our region. It was built in 1885, when the old little



wooden church could no longer serve all the Orthodox believers. Services are held on one of the Saturdays of the month (the congregation agrees upon this with the priest).

#### Kaplava Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 26076244, Kaplavas parish, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.8667060, 26.9940822

Kaplava congregation has been founded and the church has been built on the bank of Daugava in 1794. In 1889 it was decided to build a new stone church, which was done. Church was consecrated in honor of Our Lady the Protectress. Services are held on seeral



Sundays of the month, congregation having agreed upon this with the priest.

# **Nature Tourism**

"Daugavas loki" nature park, see TOP sightseeing places in Krāslava county (object no. 4)

#### Adamova nature path

Phone: +371 656 22201, on the side of Augusta Street, Krāslava, tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.892502, 27.134514 Everyone has got a chance to get acquainted with the variety of nature, to enjoy picturesque views, to pass mysterious labyrinths and to observe the unique work of nature. These places are favourable



for existence of the richest diversity of flora and fauna. The configuration of the path is rather complicated, looping and going up and down. The path begins in Kraslava, from the viewing platform (entering the city from the Daugavpils direction). Different wooden statues make the walk more interesting for the children. The path is 1.8 km long. One may see a beautiful view of Daugava valley here.



#### Lake Drīdzis

Phone: +371 656 22201, +371 26487763, +371 26395176, Skaista, tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com;

GPS: 55.9579087, 27.2731090

Drīdzis is the deepest lake in the Baltic States. The lake has characteristic elongated shape, many bays, nine islands; the biggest of them is the island Bernātu sala (13,9 ha). Lake is curving like a

river. It makes many creeks and peninsulas. Maximum depth reaches 65,1 m. From the hills a great panorama of many lakes can be seen. Drīdzis is in the territory of a protected nature park.



#### Piedruja path in Daugava valley, Stone of Daugava

Phone: +371 656 29682, +371 28608784, Piedruja, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.7995039, 27.4517164

It is located in Piedruja, in the upper course valley of the river Daugava, in the territory of Augšdaugava Protected Landscape Area, which is rich in rare and protected species of plants and animals, as well as in cultural landscape and historical monuments.

Walking along Piedruja path, Stone of Daugava can be seen. On this stone the name of the river Daugava is engraved in 7 languages – Estonian, Finnish, Russian, Polish, German, Livonian, and Latvian. Located near river Daugava. Author - Vilnis Titāns.



#### Nature educational path in Tabore

Phone: +371 656 29533, Robežnieki, Robežnieku parish, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.9708006, 27.614540

It is located in Robežnieki, on the shore of the Lielais Gusena Lake, in picturesque neighborhood, there are also two facilitated resting areas. The total length of the path is 1,3 km. There are 15 stops with information stands and attractive tasks along the path.

The path is made with the purpose for everybody to learn about nature objects, get aesthetic satisfaction and have a good rest.

**The "mosquito path" of horse ranch "Klajumi",** see TOP sightseeing places in Krāslava county (object no. 5)

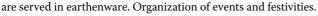
# **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**



#### "Daugava", a nourishment house

Phone: +371 656 22634, +371 29112899, Rīgas Street 28, Krāslava, www.kraslavad.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.8974676, 27.1619588

While tasting the dishes you may simultaneously examine the works of Krāslava artists. If you book your visit in advance, you may taste dishes of Latgale culinary heritage, which





"Indra", a weaving workshop Phone: +371 29394901; +371 26430121, Indra, Indras parish, olga.indra@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com;

GPS: 55.877403, 27.533455

Each August the Jam Day takes place in Indra, where one can taste the homemade cheese and the jam made from the berries which are growing in the local gardens with a big wooden spoon. One can also participate in the jam making competition.

"Kurmīši", a farm, see TOP sightseeing places in Krāslava county (object no. 7)

# LATGAL

#### "Lejasmalas", a recreation complex

Phone: +371 29139680, Šķipi, Aulejas parish, lejasmalas@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com, www.lejasmalas.viss.lv; GPS: 56.022194, 27.218971

Dishes of culinary heritage of Latgale, accompanied by violin and saxophone music. Unique offer – to have Latgalian traditional dishes brought by boat on Anna or Artūrs Island.



#### "Piedruja", a motel

Phone: +371 656 29682, +371 28608784, +371 26357228, Piedruja, viesnicapiedruja@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.802826, 27.452087

Tasty national dishes of Latgale heritage, which have absorbed tastes of five nations - Latvians, Lithuanians, Poles, Byelorussians, and Jews. You may also order a performance (inside and open-air).



#### "Guntini", a farm

Phone: +371 29168868, Robežnieki, zsguntini@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.9758768, 27.6042540
Since 2005 rabbits are bred here. There are approximately 300 rabbits of 12 different breeds here. You may taste rabbit meat – canned, roasted, or shashlik. Book your visit in advance.



#### "Cīruli", a farm

Phone: +371 29968900, +371 656 29967, Ūdrīšu parish, Lielie Muļķi, piligrimpb@gmail.com, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.909363, 27.001305

The hosts Inta and Pēteris Babini invite you to get acquainted with life of bees in the village of Lielie Mulķi, which is located in the "Daugava's bends" ("Daugavas loki") nature park. Story about the life of the bees. Tasting and purchase of beekeeping products. Stories about Lielie Mulķi. Book your visit in advance.



# **Active tourism / Horse Riding**

Horse ranch "Klajumi", see TOP sightseeing places in Krāslava county (object no. 5)

# Active tourism / Water tourism

#### Society "Active recreation in Latgale"

Phone: +371 26061272, Indras Street 33, Krāslava, atputalatgale@inbox.lv, www.atputalatgale.com; GPS: 55.8993709, 27.1930447



Discover and enjoy your holiday in the ecological Krāslava county with unforgettable natural landscapes, diverse lakes, the natural flow of Daugava and participation in boat trips. Inflatable boat rental (10),

canoe rental (24), rental of other equipment (paddles, pumps, life jackets), transporting, guide.

### "Arkādija", a guest house

Phone: +371 27006998, +371 29709006, Gandeļi, Kaplavas parish, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.872231, 27.165070

The hosts of the guest house offer sailing by boats along the river Daugava. 10 canoes (2-3 seats), one 6-seater boat, a motorboat, transportation. Lodging for the night. Children's playground. Baths. A pool with spring water. Take your passports with you!







#### "Piedruja", a motel

Phone: +371 656 29682, +371 28608784, +371 26357228, Piedruja, Piedrujas parish, viesnicapiedruja@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com, GPS: 55.802826, 27.452087

1–3 day excursion down the river Daugava on inflatable rafts (2 rafts) with a guide. The organizers will provide catering. You

will enjoy all the nice things – rest at the fire, barbeque, cooking of the fish soup, and tea boiled on the fire. Transportation of rafts is possible. Book your visit in advance. Take your passports with you!



#### "Priedaine", a guest house

Phone: +371 26430798, Klusā Street 2, Krāslava, priedainesvn@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.802826, 27.452087

A trip on the raft in the Nature Park "Daugava's bends". Lodging for the night, rest on the bank of the river Daugava, and fishing. 1 raft (up to 15 persons). Take your passports with you!



#### "Skaidas", a farm

Phone: +371 26131147, Rīgas Street 58, Krāslava, tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.8940984, 27. 1664203

1–4 day routes along the river Daugava, with stops at picturesque places and lodging on the islands on Daugava, where you may see the magnificent views of the nature park "Daugava's bends". Then there are routes on lakes of Krāslava county – Sīveru, Drīdzis, Ārdavu, and Lejas lakes. 9 canoes, transportation. Take your passports with you!



# "Skerškāni", a cottage

Phone: +371 656 22922, +371 29195745, Ūdrīšu parish, skerskans@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com, www.skerskani.lv; GPS: 55.876274, 27.102413

Water excursions on the river Daugava on iflatable rafts (3 rafts). Tent places on the bank of Daugava, a rural bath, herbal teas. Lodging for the night. Take your passports with you!



#### "Dridži", a recreation complex

Phone: +371 29441221, Pamales, Skaistas parish, www.dridzi.lv, info@dridzi.lv, www.visitkraslava.com 50-person motorized raft with a roof, speed up to 1,5 knots. You may hold an event on the raft or a surprise party. If ordered in advance, a ceramist may accompany you, who will show you his skills and allow you to try your hand at this ancient craft.



#### Sergejs Šuļga, IANTD diving instructor #7705

Phone: +371 22338032, Studentu Street 5, Krāslava, sairusbuve@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com, GPS: 55.8970225, 27.1656347

Diving for beginners and professionals with the assistance of instructor in Drīdža lake near Sauleskalns and in other lakes of Latgale. Organization of underwater hunting in the lakes where

it is allowed. Diving in the Baltic Sea. Courses of diving according to PADI, NDL, IANTD systems.

### **Active tourism / Adventure Tourism**

#### "Stirnmeži", a cottage

Phone: +371 25960091, +371 29728133, Varnaviči, Kaplavas parish, stirnmezi@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com;

GPS: 55.8067589, 27.3005994

A quiet place in the wood near Jablonkas lake. Rural bathhouse, beach, fishing, boat and bicycle (5) rental, paintball (no less than group 10 persons). Farm breeds sheep. Walks, observing forest animals and birds. On request – special sheep meat meals, participation in hunting, quad bikes.

#### A night excursion in the park of Counts Plateri

Phone: +371 656 22123, +371 656 22201, Pils Street 6, Krāslava, tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.901772, 27.161808

A night excursion in the park of Counts Plāteri accompanied by the guide.



Horse ranch "Klajumi", see TOP sightseeing places in Krāslava county (object no. 5)

### **Health Tourism**

### "Mežābeles", a cottage

Phone: +371 29492045, Čenčupi, Skaistas parish, dr.krumpane@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.9693372. 27.2798139

Located in an ecologically clean territory of protected nature park of the lake Drīdzis, 17 km away from Krāslava. Surrounded by forests, meadows and a clean lake rich with fish. After a stroll fishing or bath bostess will offer you specially prepared

stroll, fishing or bath, hostess will offer you specially prepared green tea and honey. You may listen to a lecture "Flower and tree therapy" (5–15 persons). There is a special walking therapy for children (up to 20 persons).



# Healthy recreation center "Bramaņi"

Phone: +371 27080606, "Bramaṇi", Semjoški, Indras parish, www.indrayoga.eu, www.hathayoga.lv;

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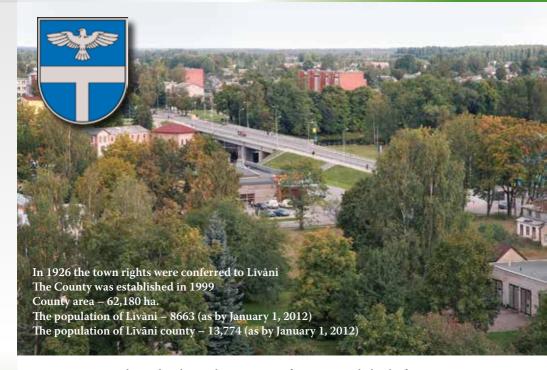
The center conducts individual and group classes in yoga, breathing techniques and meditation under the guidance of a certified by international and Latvian State institutions yoga instructor Aleksandrs Lahtionovs. Water treatment, seminars and retreats organization. Consultancy on healthy lifestyle, daily routines and improving physical and mental health.



Development of an individual treatment programs. Tours for the study of natural resources of the region, visits to cultural centers and craftman's workshops. Reconstruction of the rituals and ceremonies of the world. Possible overnight stay in the house, stalls, shed or tents, vegetarian meal course. Additional offers - archery, hot tub, juggling training, henna tattoo. Working hours: booked in advance.

Horse ranch "Klajumi", see TOP sightseeing places in Krāslava county (object no. 5)

LIVANI COUNTY



Līvāni county is located in the southeastern part of Latvia, on right bank of river Daugava. Is consists of 5 parishes - Jersikas, Rožupes, Rudzātu, Sutru, and Turku parish.

More than 1000 years ago, not for from the place where Dubna river flows into Daugava, a small settlement of traders and craftsmen was established, called Dubnava. The begginings of morern Līvāni are connected with the year 1533, when the landlord Jurgens Līvens built a manor, and called it Līvenhofa. Through this, Līvāni got its name. In 19th century Līvāni became the largest industry center in the Vitebsk Governorate of the Russian Empire.

Nowadays Līvāni county is known for one of the most modern libraries in Latvia, active work of non-governmental organizations, unique enterprises that produce optical fibre, with the achievements of its inhabitants in sport, culture, and other areas, as well as with developed infrastructure and spruced environment. Līvāni county is gladly visited by people from other Latvian cities and counties, as well as by people from abroad. This is due to the fact, that there is a lot to see and do here - visit the Latgale Art and Craft centre, the union of old and new, or the luxurious Līvāni museum of glass, which has no equal in Latvia, you may also the beauty of Daugava while being ferried across the river and feel the breath of history in the castle mound of Jersika, which is one of the most significant Latvian archaeological monuments. And this is not all. Līvāni - the key to the gates of Latgale! Unlock them and discover something new!



#### Līvāni County TIC

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#### Līvāni county council

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# Most popular sightseeing places in Līvāni county (top objects)

# 1. Latgale Centre of Art and Craft

Phone: +371 653 81855, Domes Street 1, Līvāni, lmac@livani.lv, www.latgalesamatnieki.lv; GPS: 56.3551772, 26.1630076

Opportunity to see the continuous exhibition "Craftsmen in Latgale", see and participate in the work of the ceramics, glass and textile workshops. In the exhibition hall you may examine articles of craftsmen



and artists. There is a trade area, and also a conference hall which you may rent. Water gallery in the cellar of 16th century. Book excursions in advance. Working hours: Tue-Fri: 9.00-18.00, Sat: 10.00-16.00, Sun, Mon: closed. During the summer also works on Sundays.

# 2. Museum of glass factory

Phone: +371 29157669, Domes Street 1, Līvāni, lmac@livani.lv, www.latgalesamatnieki.lv, GPS: 56.3551772, 26.1630076

The museum acquaints its visitors with the glass articles since 1887. The museum of the glass factory in Līvāni gives a unique opportunity to view the production manufactured in the glass-house of Līvāni in all times. There are more than 4000 exhibits. Book excursions in advance. Working hours: Tue-Fri: 9.00 – 18.00, Sat: 10.00-16.00, Sun, Mon: closed. During the summer also works on Sundays.



# 3. Exhibition Hall of Līvāni Art and Music School of Jēkabs Graubiņš

Phone: +371 653 20175, Rīgas Street 12, Līvāni; GPS: 56.3443930, 26.1794049

Since 1991 various exhibitions and activities have taken place in the exhibition house of Līvāni Art School, which are popular among the inhabitants of the town and municipality. Working hours: Tue-Fri: 12:00 - 18:00, Sat-Mon: closed.



# **Cultural and Historical objects**

Latgale Centre of Art and Craft, see TOP sightseeing places in Līvāni county (object no. 1).

#### Līvāni Liberation monument

Phone: +371 653 81856 (Līvāni County TIC); Fabrikas Street 6, Līvāni (Līvāni city park); GPS: 56.3532482, 26.1817878

The idea of building a monument appeared as early as in 1929. However, only on the 3rd October 1934, on the 15th commemoration day of liberation was the founding stone of the monument consecrated. The monument was unveiled on May 15th, 1935. The monument was destroyed during the soviet occupation on April 2nd, 1958. Rebuilt and unveiled on 2nd of December 2004.





#### Jersika castle mound

Phone: +371 653 81856 (Līvāni County TIC); Jersika, Jersikas parish, Līvāni county; GPS: 56.2769885, 26.2018027

The location of the famous Jersika Castle on the 18 m high bank of Daugava. Get acquainted with the centre of ancient Latgale kingdom, which was ruled by king Visvaldis in the 13th century.

#### Museums

**Latgale Centre of Art and Craft,** see TOP sightseeing places in Līvāni county (object no. 1). **Museum of glass factory, s**ee TOP sightseeing places in Līvāni county (object no. 2).

Exhibition Hall of Līvāni Art and Music School of Jēkabs Graubiņš, see TOP sightseeing places in Līvāni county (object no. 3).

# **Craftsman tourism**

Latgale Centre of Art and Craft, see TOP sightseeing places in Līvāni county (object no. 1).



#### Līga Eiduka

Phone: +371 26185807, Jersikas parish, "Madaras", Jersika; GPS: 56.2255935, 26.2096944

The weaver workshop is an ancient building with only a weaving loom. She weaves blankets, tablecloths, belts, strips of carpet and other articles. In 2006 she, together with the other weavers, made a 94 meters long national belt, which is the longest belt in Latvia. The belt is exhibited in the exposition hall of the Latgale Centre of Art and Craft.



#### "Dubna", the Studio of Folk Applied Art

Phone: +371 653 44866, Sporta Street 5a, Līvāni; GPS: 56.3441494, 26.1768989

The main task of the participants of the studio is to work within the boundaries of the traditions of their county.

There are towels, blankets and tablecloths made using

traditional Latgalian patterns. Each of the participants makes herself a traditional dress of the county she was born in, or of the one she is fond of. Participants of the studio are the preservers and promoters of national traditions. The age of handywomen varies from 25 to 80 years. There are some potters and basket makers as well.

# Churches



#### Jersika Christ Transfiguration Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 653 43872, Jersika, Jersikas parish,

http://www.pravoslavie.lv/index.php?newid=1873&id=6; GPS: 56.2593939, 26.2052000

This church is very special, because it is unlikely that there is another one like this. External decoration of the church – the walls, window frames, roof rafters, roof, the lower part of the cupola and the cupola itself – is of iron and cast iron. People call this church the "iron church". Previously it was located in Daugavpils, on the spot where Borisa-Gļeba cathedral is now.

# LATGALE

#### Līvāni St. Michael Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 653 42405, Baznīcas Street 19, Līvāni, lkb@livani.lv; GPS: 56.3645384, 26.1652542

This Catholic Church can be considered a true architectural monument. Building of the church was finished in 1861. In 1880 the enlargement of the church was carried out. During the First World War it was heavily damaged. The church has several altars. It is stone building with three naves, with its most significant architectonic elements being interior architecture and furnishings of the church. In 1936 new organ was set up, the picture of the artist Šēnbergs "St. John the Baptist" and 14 paintings of the way of the cross were installed.



Phone: +371 653 41134, Dzelzceļa Street 17, Līvāni;

GPS: 56.3506716, 26.1801030

The engineer Pētersons from Krustpils developed the design of the church, and the first foundation stone was set in autumn 1929. Construction was finished in May 1932. On the Easter of 1933 the parishioners were called together by a new bronze bell, at the end of the thirties with the help of the priest K. Briedis the parish received a new organ.

#### Līvāni All Saints Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 26888809, Parka Street 9, Līvāni; GPS: 56.3549998, 26.1818393

The foundation stone was put in September 1937. The external works of the building were finished in 1939. In the period after the war the building was wrecked, in the sixties the cupola was broken down. The church regained its property in 1992, the restoration started in 1998, a year later the cupola with its original cross, preserved from pre-war period, was restored, and from this year also the activity of the parish is renewed.

#### Rudzāti Roman Catholic Parish Church

Phone: +371 653 26369, Parka Street 1, Rudzāti, Rudzātu parish, http://paxvobis.lv/rudzati/; GPS: 56.2829110, 26.5675123

The building of Rudzāti parish church was finished in 1913. The count Plāters-Zībergs gave materials and funds for the building of the church. In 1913 it was consecrated by the dean of Varakļāni - V. Tomašūns. It is a one-nave building with a tile floor. The church has three altars. In the main altar there is a painting "Virgin Mary Hands St. Dominique a Rosary".

# St. Mary Magdalena (Madaliņa) Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 26493629, Gospori, Jersikas parish, www.catholic.lv/madaliena/; GPS: 56.2178581, 26.2365401 Built in 1821. The church is a 18 m long and 10 m wide one-nave building. It is built of boulders in Romanesque style. There are 2 big sacred paintings in the church: a picture of the aide of Our Lady, which is older than a church itself, and St. Mary Magdalena picture, painted in 1934 by the artist M. Drancens.













#### Znotini Our Lady Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 653 70535, Znotiņi, Sutru parish,

GPS: 56.2829110, 26.5675123

Znotini Catholic church is a small red brick church, built in 1926. In soviet years it was doomed to decay, but now with the care of the parish it is restored and spruced, and invites travellers.

### **Nature Tourism**



#### Ferry Līvāni - Dignāja

Phone: +371 26497002, at the end of Zemgales Street, Līvāni, GPS: 56.3431944, 26.1652420

It is an opportunity to meet history in person, as currently only 3 ferries operate in Latvia – in Līvāni, in Jersika parish and in Līgatne. The ferry is made from pontoons of soviet army. It connects the opposite banks of the river Daugava, and it is the most straightforward route from Latgale to Zemgale, or, as some locals say – to Kurzeme, as the lands on the other side of the river once belonged to the duke of Kurzeme. Working hours in summer season: 7.00-21.00.



#### **Dunava Ferry**

Phone: +371 22467117, Gospori, Jersikas parish,

GPS: 56.2199129, 26.2147549

One of the three ferries that operate in Latvia. It is the most straightforward route to Dunava, where you can see a monument to rafters, and then further goes to Tadenava, Rubeņi or Selonia. Or you can simply enjoy the charm of Daugava. Working hours in summer season: 7.00 – 21.00.



#### **Future Oak Village**

Phone: +371 26595334, Kažu village, Sutru parish, zanepra@tvnet.lv, GPS: 56.3195172, 26.5805960

People both from Latvia and from abroad can come here and plant their oak to mark some big occasion or event (wedding, childbirth, etc.), or simply plant the oak to return after many years and see how much has it grown.

# **Active tourism** / Horse Riding



#### "Kumelsēta", horse stables

Phone: +371 26070822, "Jaungrāveri", Grāveri, Jersikas parish, zane.gaiduka@gmail.com, Skype: zane.gaiduka, www.kumeljseeta.info; GPS: 56.3319949, 26.1837615

Riding along Daugava, through forests and fields, both in a warm summer day and white snowy fields, enjoying the magic of the moment and feeling of freedom on the back of the horse. If you wish to relax from the environment and hustle of the city, spend some time in the nature and spend some time actively, then the stables "Kumeļsēta" is the place to go to. Slow walks though the forest paths and along rural roads, wind blowing your hair while riding along the Daugava river or around the Iesalnieku lake - there are rides suitable for everyone.

# Active tourism / Water tourism

#### Līvāni Center of active tourism

Phone: +371 653 81856, +371 29157669, Domes Street 1b, Līvāni, asterija.vucena@livani.lv, www.livani.lv; GPS: 56.3551772, 26.1630076

The following stock is available: canoe, bicycles, tent, a set for the beach volleyball, walking-sticks, a set for badminton and other stock useful for the active rest. It is necessary to ask about the quantity of available stock in advance! In

the Center you may receive information about tourist objects, tourism enterprises, routes in Latgale, Latvia, Lithuania and in all of Europe.



#### **Health Tourism**

#### "Saulpurenes", a guest house

Phone: +371 29504247, "Saulpurenes", Turku parish, marikakirillova@inbox.lv, GPS: 56.3684251, 26.1844687 Offers 2 comfortable guest houses, up to 9 persons each, rural bathhouse, a pond for fishing and other activities, bicycle rental, places for tents, children playground, volleyball court, a canopy with a place for picnic, seeing rabbits, a ride on a rubber boat on the river Dubna. A place for relaxation with a fire-place in open air. Working hours: on request.



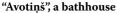
Phone: +371 27701575, +371 653 26494, Vidussala, Turku parish, kristinesislova@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.3684251, 26.1844687

Here you can see the bitter aroma of tansy, touch the velvety bush of tarragon, taste wild strawberries, caress the wonderful inflorescence of larkspur. For the rainy days there is a bathhouse, after which you can drink herbal tea. There is a forest path. The hostess is a certified bathhouse attendant.



Phone: +371 28315677, Rožupes parish, krastibella@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.3707719,26.2422696

In the recreation complex "Krasti" you can have a pleasant rest, wash away the road dust in the bathhouse, and swim in the nearby river of Dubna. A black bath, a bath-house attendant service. The are guest houses and places for tents. For active recreation - a streetball court, a stage, and terraces for various events. There is an opportunity for fishing, sailing on boats.



Phone: + 371 22363282; Cirsenieki, Jersikas parish, dacebru@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.2851786, 26.1884750

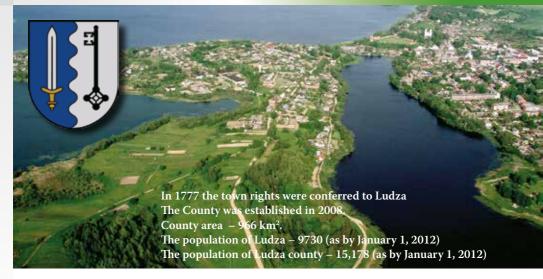
If you want to rest from the hustle of city and everyday stress, to enjoy the nature, open space and romance in a hot tub under the starry sky, as well as enjoy the pleasure of a rural bath fuelled by firewood in a calm and beautiful place on the shore of Daugava, then the rural bath "Avotiņš" welcomes you.











Baltic latgalian tribes have chosen this beautiful County at down side, rich in lakes and forests, for living already in the 1 BC. The evidence of this is 14 settlements, more than 25 castle mounds and about 70 burial mounds. Between the Small and the Big Ludza lake at the top of the lofty hill, Latgalian wooden castle rose in order to protect the border of the County, and around it bustling and rich town that was named Ludza in honour of castle's king's daughter Lūcija had developed.

For the first time the name of Ludza was mentioned in 1177 in Kiev Ipatia chronicle, where the fact of birth and christening of the son of the prince Rjuriks in Ludza was mentioned. In 1777 when Latgale was joined to Russia, it became the district center; soon it developed into trade center, becoming the second biggest town in Latgale following Daugavpils. At the time when Latvia was an sovereign state, Ludza was economically and socially active town with 238 enterprises, 356 stores, beautiful Catholic wooden church, hospital, gymnasia, station, museum, but in 1938 because of wartime and fire, it lost almost all wooden structures of the old town and strategically significant buildings.

Ludza always has been situated in the significant point of intersection of the trade route between the Europe and extensive Russia; this circumstance determined the destiny of people and lands – The Russians, the Swedes, the Poles, and the Germans endeavoured to get it in their property. Over the century there settled also the Estonians, Russian old-believers, the Byelorussians, the Ukrainians, and the Jews. Today the image and future of the town is marked by the crossing of the important ways and events, the interaction of social life and traditions, culture and art. Since 2004 Ludza is the border town of the European Union and the bridge between the European and Russian lands. Friends of Ludza town are the sister cities in Germany, Italy, Russia, Byelorussia, Lithuania, Estonia, Georgia and the Ukraine.

Ludza County is among the list of counties which are the richest in lakes. 106 lakes with the total area 5 230,7 ha are located in the territory of the County.

Such well-known inhabitants of Ludza as Hercs Franks, military leader in 1812 Jakovs Kuļņevs and scientist Florians Osindovskis bore the name of Ludza far from the state border.



#### **Ludza County TIC**

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#### Ludza County council

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# Most popular sightseeing places in Ludza county (top objects)

# 1. Wooden buildings of Ludza town historical centre

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Part of Odu, Tirgus, Baznīcas, Tālavijas, Kr. Barona, Stacijas, J. Soikāna Streets. The narrow streets of the

town, the 19th century wooden and brick one-storey and two-storey buildings with closed yards during several centuries have been integral part of castle mound foot scenery and town construction. Town planning monument of state significance.



Phone: +371 657 07203, +371 29467925, phone/fax: +371 657 07202 (Ludza TIC), Baznīcas Street 52, Ludza, http://turisms.ludza.lv, tic@ludza.lv, ligakondrate@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.548698, 27.728720

In 1399 German crusaders in order to defend east border of Livonia Order built a powerful castle on the castle mound between the Large and Small lakes of Ludza-

three-storey building with 6 towers, 3 gates and 2 castle-fronts. At present castle ruins is a favourite recreation area of the inhabitants and visitors of the town; there is a beautiful view from the mound to the town panorama.



Phone: +371 657 07203, +371 29467925, phone/fax: +371 657 07202 (Ludza TIC), Odu Street 9, Ludza, http://turisms.ludza.lv, tic@ludza.lv, ligakondrate@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.547466, 27.733397 Ancient burial place of Latgallians (7–12th centuries), which was a research object of outstanding scientists for many years. Valuable Latgalian antiquities found in

archaeological excavations are now in depository collections of the History museum of Latvia, Ermitage in St. Peterburg, National museum of Helsinki and other museums.

# 4. Ludza Centre of Craftsmen

Phone: +371 29123749, +371 29467925, Tālavijas Street 27a, Ludza,

www.ludzasamatnieki.lv, ligakondrate@inbox. lv, kondrats@one.lv; GPS: 56.548401, 27.727196

The Craftsmen Centre, established at the foot of an old castle mound of Ludza, invites to master ancient trades. You may try yourself in the trade of potter, weaver or tailor. In the salon and the shop on Baznīcas Street 42 you





may purchase works of craftsmen, order national ethnographic and archaeological costumes of all Latvian counties, linen and woolen clothing. You can learn various skills, cooking; there are master classes of cooking Latgalian food (Latgalu kukna). Excursion groups, if booked in advance, may taste Latgalian dishes. Before the Ligo (summer solstice) the big Latgalian fair is organized on the Ludza Castle Mound, as well as various events related to crafts and traditions. Working hours: Mon-Sat: 9.00 – 17.00, Sun: closed.









## 5. Ludza Local History Museum

Phone: +371 657 23931, ludzasmuzejs@inbox.lv, www.ludzasmuzejs.lv, Kuļņeva Street 2, Ludza; GPS: 56.550568. 27.725843

One of the richest open-air museum collections in Latgale with a large exposition. Located in the house of the general of Patriotic War of 1812, national hero Yakov Kulnev. In 2009 historical and nature exhibitions were

opened. Exhibition hall. Exposition reflects the history of the county from ancient to modern times. Interesting open-air exhibition, which allows seeing buildings of previous century and learning the rural Latgalian lifestyle of 19th–20th centuries. Working hours: IX-IV Mon-Fri: 8.00-17.00, Sat: 10.00-15.00; IV-IX Mon-Fri: 8.00-17.00, Sat: 10.00-17.00.



# 6. "The story of the lakes of Ludza", an excursion on the raft

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Several places for relaxation were arranged and the city beach was equipped at the lake within the "Water Joy"

project. The excursion begins from the one near the Ludza Local History Museum – Kuļņeva Street 2. After visiting the museum, the guide will acquaint you with the history and values of the ancient town (an excursion on the raft on the Mazais Ludzas lake). At the end of the route – sightseeing and visiting the castle ruins, churches, and the Ludza Center of Craftsmen.



# 7. Lake Istra with islands, Nature Park of Istra

Phone: +371 657 29541 (school), +371 26370730 (guide - teacher Marudenoks), +371 657 29507 (parish council), Vecslabada, Istras parish; GPS: 56.262611, 27.987328

The biggest of three lakes surrounding Vecslabada village and neighbouring landscape. A beautiful panorama can be seen from the watchtower of the castle mound.



### 8. St. Peter and St. Paul Roman Catholic Church of Pilda

Phone: +371 657 29492, +371 657 29439 (Ernestine Potaša), +371 657 29443 (parish council), Nukši, Nukšu parish, http://turisms.ludza.lv; GPS: 56.453754, 27.732088 Outstanding monument of wooden architecture (1922). One of the biggest and most beautiful wooden churches in Latgale, with 2 high towers. Working hours: on request.



Phone: +371 657 29507 (church), +371 26370730 (guide), Vecslabada, Istras parish, http://turisms.ludza.lv; GPS: 56.265854, 27.986984

The church, built in 1908, is a monumental stone building with 6 towers. It is the biggest Orthodox Church in Latvian rural area. In the 30ies of the 20th century the Vecslabada orthodox congregation was the biggest one in Latvia. Working hours: on request.



# 10. "Zirga smaids", a recreation complex

Phone: +371 29474802, +371 29492552, Raipole, Nirzas parish, www.zirgasmaids.lv, info@zirgasmaids.com; GPS: 56.376060, 27.885380

A rest at Nirzas lake - the deepest and cleanest lake of Ludza county. Lodging for 96 persons in 2-storey log houses. Each house has a bathhouse, and there is also a separate bathhouse with a big antechamber. Vast



opportunities of active recreation — boats, bicycles, water bicycles and others. A military game - paintball. All equipment necessary for the game. Riding on a horse or in a sledge and other recreation opportunities on the shore of Nirzas lake. A possibility to get blue clay right from the bottom of the lake. Taking a clay-bath will positively influence your entire organism. In winter — winter fishing on Nirzas lake, a skating rink, skis and snowmobiles. Paintball. Riding on a horse or in a sledge. Arranging Christmas and New Year holidays. Working hours — on request.

# **Cultural and Historical objects**

# "Following the trail of Jewish nation in Ludza", an educational path

Phone: +371 657 23931 (Ludzas Local history museum), Ludza, www.ludzasmuzejs.lv, ludzasmuzejs@inbox.lv;

GPS: 56.550568, 27.725843

At the beginning of the 20th century Ludza was called Latvian

Jerusalem, because 59% of the population at the time there were Jewish by origin. The guides of the museum acquaint with the trail of Jewish nation history zigzags in Ludza locality. Book your visit in advance!

Wooden buildings of Ludza town historical centre, see TOP sightseeing places in Ludza county (object no. 1).

#### Karnicki's chapel

Phone: +371 657 25653, Ludza county, Ludza, Baznīcas Street 52, Baznīckalns, http://turisms.ludza.lv; GPS: 56.5478502, 27.7283094

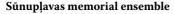
The chapel of counts of Eversmuiža Polish landlords Karņicki was built in 1738, it is a wooden building with conical roof and a

cross upon it. It has special shape of windows, shutters from the outside and double floor inside. After the conflagration the chapel served as a church for the congregation. There is a belfry beside the chapel, which remained after the fire in 1938 as well. Book your visit in advance!



Phone: +371 657 25653, Ludza county, Ludza, Baznīcas Street 52, Baznīckalns, http://turisms.ludza.lv; GPS: 56.5478502, 27.7283094

A sculpture of Holy Maria – Māra, the Queen of earth, made by Leon Tomashicky in 1934. At the pedestal there is an inscription that says: "Queen of earth and sea – pray for us!". Book your visit in advance!



Phone: +371 29469278, Sūnupļava, Rundēnu parish; GPS: 56.2879402, 27.8385380

The ensemble created on the side of the road Rundēni – Lauderi in memory of the soldiers of 11 different nations who have fallen in the WWII during the defence of Height 144.









#### Rundēnu Svātkolns ("Holy Mountain of Rundēni")

Phone: +371 29469278, Rundēni, Rundēnu parish;

GPS: 56.2806023, 27.8182099

An ensemble of wooden statues, made in 2007 by a group of enthusiasts led by local historian Jānis Alnis.

### Museums

Ludza Local History Museum, see TOP sightseeing places in Ludza county (object no. 5).



#### Museum of the Nukši School

Phone: +371 65 729484, Ņukši, Ņukšu parish;

GPS: 56.4550685, 27.7386092

Information about the history of Nukši and Pilda is collected here, excursions along education paths, seeing nature and archaeological objects. Working hours: Mon-Thu: 9.00–15.00. (or on request).

### **Craftsman tourism**

Ludza Centre of Craftsmen, see TOP sightseeing places in Ludza county (object no. 4).



#### Workshop of **Ēriks Kudlis**

Phone: +371 26773129, Ludza Centre of Craftsmen, Tālavijas Street 27a, Ludza, http://turisms.ludza.lv;

GPS: 56.548401, 27.727196

A well-known potter makes candlesticks, pots, vases and souvenirs in traditional style.



# Potter Mihails Sabanskis

Phone: +371 26357616, Ludza Centre of Craftsmen, Tālavijas Street 27a, Ludza, http://turisms.ludza.lv;

GPS: 56.548401, 27.727196

Experience obtained during the work for enterprise "Latvijas keramika" ("Latvian Ceramics") is the valuable base for the appearance of new works, both useful in housekeeping and as works of art. Candlesticks, pots and bowls twinkle in yellow, brown and silver tones.



# Workshop of Vladislavs Mitčenko

Phone: +371 29498674, Dunakļu Street 9, Ludza, http://turisms.ludza.lv; GPS: 56.5571927, 27.7214137

Master carpenter, who has worked all his life with wood and wicker, and is one one of the few who work with splits. He makes demanded and useful things – from split baskets to furniture.



#### Saļimons Ķipļuks, a master of ancient crafts

Phone: +371 22023539, Ludza Centre of Craftsmen, Tālavijas Street 27a, Ludza, http://turisms.ludza.lv;

GPS: 56.548401, 27.727196

The master of ancient crafts shows the process of manufacturing of interesting ancient things – pipes, linen cord, and footwear made of it. He learned all the skills necessary for the work in farmstead in childhood from his parents, and now gladly shares his knowledge.

#### Workshop of Anita Lukača

Phone: +371 29733546, Mazā Pikova, Brigu parish, http://turisms.ludza.lv; GPS: 56.432129, 27.999344

In the workshop, which is created in the country "Rudzupuke", they weave blankets, carpets, strips of

In the workshop, which is created in the country house "Rudzupuke", they weave blankets, carpets, strips of carpets, tablecloths, pillows, as well as wattle baskets, trays and souvenirs. Processes of weaving and wattlework are shown.

#### Workshop of the carpenter Andris Prikulis

Phone: +371 26399315, Andrīši, Rundēnu parish, http://turisms.ludza.lv; GPS: 56.268333, 27.811890

In his grandfather's house a young and reckless craftsman creates beautiful things of interior – furniture, complicated constructions, and he is proud of some of his wooden altars in Catholic Churches in Latgale. He makes useful household items, tools, horse carts and sledges.





# Estates, castles, castle mounds, ancient burial sites

**Odukalna burial field,** see TOP sightseeing places in Ludza county (object no. 3). **Ludza castle ruins of Middle Ages,** see TOP sightseeing places in Ludza county (object no. 2).

#### Istra estate

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The estate is built in the 19th century with a large park on the island Panu sala of Lake Istra, where rare species of trees were planted and herons were settled. The estate was famous with an outstanding gardener and artist gathering evenings. Nowadays a care home is set up in the estate territory. Book your visit in advance!



#### Divkšu castle mound

Phone: +371 657 29753 (parish council), Divkši, Nirzas parish; GPS: 56.3825264. 27.8719015

A castle mound of the 10th century with pronounced defence system and a cult stone of the ancient Latgalians, right on the bank of one of the cleanest and rich in fish lakes in Latvia - Nirzas lake.



# **Churches**

#### Brodaiža John the Baptist Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 29542421, +371 29403104.

Brodaiža, Pildas parish,

http://turisms.ludza.lv; GPS: 56.321465, 27.764982

One of the oldest churches in Latgale. This wooden Orthodox Church is architectural monument protected by the state. Built in 1751. Rebuilt in 1832. Decorated with woodcarvings, people love it and take care of it. The icons are counted among the oldest in Latgale. Working hours: on request.













Phone: +371 26516714, Brigi, Brigu parish;

GPS: 56.3825264, 27.8719015

Built in 1800 in missions of Dominicans from Pasiene. Wooden church. Interior is mainly made of wood. Valuable altarpiece. The church is surrounded by a garden and a stone wall.

# The Lord Jesus Transfiguration Roman Catholic Church of Brodaiža

Phone: +371 657 29276, +371 28384885, +371 29243655 (priest), Brodaiža, Pildas parish, http://turisms.ludza.lv;

GPS: 56.320053, 27.765242

The Dominicans of Pasiene built the first chapel in the 17th century, but the present stone church with very thick stone walls was built in 1813 at the expenses of Brodaiža landlord K. Kiborts. The building is protected by the state. Working hours: on request.

#### Jewish Synagogue

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phone/fax: +371 657 07202 (Ludza TIC), 1. Maija Street 30, Ludza, http://turisms.ludza.lv, tic@ludza.lv,

ligakondrate@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.5483686, 27.7245187

At the beginning of the 20th century Ludza was called Latvian Jerusalem, because 59% of the population at the time there were

Jewish by origin. From former 7 Jewish preaching-houses till nowadays only one Synagogue, built in 1800, has been preserved. It is a wooden building, panelled with red bricks. You can only observe it from the outside.



#### Istalsna St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 657 29175 (parish council), +371 657 25653,

+371 26488140, Istalsna, Isnaudas parish,

http://turisms.ludza.lv; GPS: 56.4955080, 27.8452827

In 1800 landlord Sokolovski built a wooden chapel, and in 1935 new grey concrete brick church was built around the the old one, with three altars, valuable paintings and a crucifix. Working hours: on request.



# Virgin Mary Assumed into Heaven Roman Catholic Church of Ludza

Phone: +371657 25653, Baznīckalns, Baznīcas Street 52, Ludza, http://turisms.ludza.lv; GPS: 56.547764, 27.729279

In 1995 the restored white church with the pictures of the way of the cross painted by J. Bārda opened its door to believers. Next to the church there is the chapel of Polish landlords Karņicki and the statue of St. Mary made by L.Tomašickis. Working hours: every day 8:00–18:00, other time - on request.



#### The Most Blessed Our Lady Falling Asleep Orthodox Church of Ludza

Phone: +371 26673089, Latgales Street 121, Ludza, http://turisms.ludza.lv; GPS: 56.547089, 27.725716

Built in 1845 in the style of late Classicism by the design of A. Zaharovs (and rebuilt in 1900-1901). The temple adorns itself in the very centre of old town. It is an architectural monument protected by the state. It is being reconstructed now. Working hours: every day 9:00–15:00, other time on request.

**St. Peter and St. Paul Roman Catholic Church of Pilda,** see TOP sightseeing places in Ludza county (object no. 8).

#### Raipole St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 65729724, +371 28849809, Raipole, Nirzas parish; GPS: 56.3712515, 27.8853399

The first church was built by Dominicans in 1699, but the last stone church was built in 1932, consecrated by dean A. Urbšs. It is classic, monumental 3-storey building with a sensible rural naiveness in interior. Restored, in Sundays services are accompanied by organ music.



Phone: +371 65729458, +371 26488140, Rogaiža, Pildas parish; GPS: 56.3533847, 27.7348437

The small wooden chapel, built in 18th century, is located in the Rogaiži cemetery is an architectural monument protected

by the state. It was built by the owner of Rogaiži manor – Ķelpšs – in honor of the St. Anthony.





**Vecslabada (Istra) Christ Resurrection Orthodox Church**, see TOP sightseeing places in Ludza county (object no. 9).

### **Nature Tourism**

#### Stone "Eye of the Earth" ("Zemes acs")

Phone: +371 29734574, Fjodorku village, Brigu parish, demondeis@inbox.lv, zemesacs@inbox.lv;

GPS: 56.4686220, 28.1355454

The stone is unique because of its composition, as it is a quartz monocrystal. The biggest monocrystal boulder in Latvia Working hours: on request.

# Kazicu Bikakmens ("Bull stone")

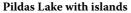
Phone: +371 29469278, Kazici, Rundēnu parish;

GPS: 56.2642057, 27.7670347

A big, ancient stone of the Balt tribes, which also performed the function of a border stone. It is 5.3 m long, 3.5 m wide and 1.8 m high. Two crosses are cut in the stone, along with a symbol which resembles a horseshoe, as if with two horns. From afar the stone is similar to deer or bull head. Older people tell that

upon touching the Bull stone, the stone takes all your illnesses and gives strength and energy.

**Lake Istra with islands,** Nature Park of Istra, see TOP sightseeing places in Ludza county (object no. 7).



Phone: +371 26525785, Isnaudas and Ņukšu parishes;

GPS: 56.471642, 27.773952

Lake, protected by the state, is the biggest from the group of connected lakes, rich with fish and different species of water birds, peculiar and protected plants. On the east shore – ancient castle mound.

#### **Boulder of Plisūns**

Phone: +371 26370730 (guide N.Marudenoks), Istras parish; GPS: 56.221214, 28.009644

The witness of ice age on the shore of Lake Plisūns has very impressive size  $-5.2 \times 5.1 \times 2.6$  m, perimeter -17m.













#### "Velna bedres" ("Devil's pits") in Rundēni

Phone: +371 29469278 (guide), Rundēnu parish; GPS: 56.2956727, 27.8530276

The only such object in the Baltic States, consisting of five holes of unknown origin. There is a hypothesis that the holes possibly have formed in the place, where meteorite has fallen.

# **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**



#### "Kristīne", a café

Phone: +371 657 81326, +371 26527888, Baznīcas Street 25, Ludza, kokskristine@e-apollo.lv; GPS: 56.5474946, 27.7260768

A good café in the heart of the old town of Ludza. Groups are served, as well as seminars and banquets. If

requested in advance - dinner delivery. Traditional Latgalian dishes are offered.

Ludza Centre of Craftsmen, see TOP sightseeing places in Ludza county (object no. 4).



#### Latgalu kukna ("Latgalian kitchen")

Phone: +371 29123749, +371 29467925, Tālavijas Street 28, Ludza, ligakondrate@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.5487827, 27.7263012

Latgalu kukna is located near the Ludza Centre of Craftsmen; it has a big family room with an ancient

interior and long tables, a big bread stove and a stove-couch in the middle. If booked in advance, the hostess offers to taste the ancient Latgalian dishes. The hostess offers to learn how to prepare ancient Latgalian dishes; she also offers to organize special tasting days, such as Cheese day, Bread day, Jam, Porridge, etc.

# Active tourism / Water tourism



#### Places of recreation at Mazais Ludzas lake

Phone: +371 657 07203, +371 29467925, Ludza, http://turisms.ludza.lv, tic@ludza.lv, ligakondrate@inbox.lv, GPS: 56.5508370, 27.7117541

Several places for relaxation were arranged and the city beach was equipped at the lake within the "Water Joy" project.

- "Zaldātu radzinš" (Peldu Street 21). A beach, children playgrounds, pavilions, layings, a swimming pool, rent of the equipment, beach volleyball and football fields, a stage for holding various events, a place for campfire. A place for arranging various holidays, beach volleyball and football tournaments. GPS: 56.548294, 27.710781
- Place of recreation at the Ludza Local History Museum (Kulneva Street 2). A pavilion, benches, laying, a raft. An excursion on a raft (up to 20 persons). GPS: 56.5499233, 27.7257460
- Place of recreation opposite to the "Zaldātu radziņš" (Soikāna Street 22). Layings for fishermen, moorage for boats, benches. 7 boat routes are offered for recreation and familiarization with the neighbourhood of Ludza.



#### Lake Cirmas

Phone: +371 29123749 ("Cirmas pludmale"), +371 28332523 ("Cirmas ezerkrasts"), Cirmas parish, kondrats@one.lv, info@cirmasezerkrasts.lv, www.cirmasezerkrasts.lv; GPS: 56.5690300, 27.6304419

Cirmas lake is one of the cleanest and most suitable lakes for recreation. Sandy and gently sloping beaches are suitable for children. Around the lake there are several places for recreation - recreation complex "Cirmas ezerkrasts" and a landscaped beach "Cirmas pludmale".



## "Aizupmājas", a rural house

Phone: +371 26525785, Aizupmājas, Ņukšu parish;

GPS: 56.4727178, 27.7508736

It is situated on the bank of the river Pilda, not far from the lake Pilda. A black bath. Sailing by boats on the river and lake Pilda.

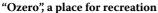
#### "Ezerzemes", a holiday house

Phone: +371 29488376, Kušneri, Nirzas parish, www.ezerzemes.lv, ezerzemes@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.377357, 27.892639

A rest at Nirzas lake. Separate log house with kitchen, a hall with fire-place, sauna, shower, WC. A black bath, boats, a water bicycle, playground and swimming pool for children.

#### "Meldri", a guest house

Phone: +371 29485444, Nirza, Nirzas parish, stjadeanatolijs@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.406445, 27.929436
A rest at Nirzas lake. Rooms for 2–4 persons, fishing, tent places, a bath, a hall for banquets, boats, sports fields, fireplace in the garden, dancing hall. Separate house for 5 persons.



Phone: +371 29227288, +371 26443624, Šķaune-Garjāņi, Istras parish, www.ozero.lv, ozero\_andreja@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.2628008, 28.0706048

A paradise for fishermen on the bank of Šķaunes lake. Boats, pontoons, fed fishing places. Regular tournaments of fishing – winter and summer cups.

#### "Sniedziņi", a place for recreation

Phone: +371 26480634, +371 28782345, Sniedziņi, Pildas parish, sniedziniam@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.3838693, 27.7198393

A rest at Lejassniedziņa lake. Places for tents, trailers, picnic, and fires (firewood); boats, sports fields, parking place, places for swimming, swings, well, fishing.











"Zirga smaids", a recreation complex, see TOP sightseeing places in Ludza county (object no. 10).

# **Active tourism / Adventure Tourism**

**"The story of the lakes of Ludza"**, an excursion on the raft, see TOP sightseeing places in Ludza county (object no. 6).

Paintball in the recreation complex "Zirga smaids", see TOP sightseeing places in Ludza county (object no. 10).

#### Bicycle route "Around the Mazais Ludzas lake"

Phone: +371 657 07203 (Ludza TIC), +371 29467925, Baznīcas Street 42, Ludza, turisms.ludza.lv, www.ludza.lv, tic@ludza.lv, ligakondrate@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.547569, 27.725286

The route is devised around the Mazais Ludzas lake. Many noteworthy locations in Ludza are included in the route, such as Ludza Roman Catholic Church, castle mound, Ludza Local History Museum, etc. Length of the route is 6 km.





#### Night route "Atvērties tumsā"

Phone: +371 657 07203, +371 29467925 (booking in Ludza TIC), Baznīcas Street 42, Ludza, turisms.ludza.lv, tic@ludza.lv, ligakondrate@inbox.lv, phone: +371 657 22189, +371 29459658 (Ludza BJC), www.ludzaspils.lv, bjc@ludzaspils.lv; GPS: 56.547569, 27.725286

The elaborated route shows Ludza from the viewpoint of youth very well, both to tourists and to locals. Each control point of the route stands out from other places of Ludza with a plate. Each of these control points offers an activity, which will only be revealed once you yourself come here to enjoy Ludza!

# **Health Tourism**



#### "Aizupmājas", a rural house

Phone: +371 26525785, Aizupmājas, Ņukšu parish;

GPS: 56.4727178, 27.7508736

Guest house provides health improvement courses in the peace of the countryside, boat trips down the Pilda river and Pilda lake. Black bathhouse with different sorts of besom and honey. Visitors

gave this place a special name – "In the Ear of the God". Working hours: May – September.



#### "Ezerzemes", a holiday house

Phone: +371 29488376, Kušneri, Nirzas parish, www.ezerzemes.lv, ezerzemes@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.377357, 27.892639

A rest at Nirzas lake. A black bath on the shore of the lake will improve your mental and physical health. Boats, water bicycle, bicycles, playground and swimming pool for children. Working

hours: January - December.

"Zirga smaids", a recreation complex, see TOP sightseeing places in Ludza county (object no. 10).

# **Winter Tourism**



#### "Ezerzemes", a holiday house

Phone: +371 29488376, Raipole, Nirzas parish, www.ezerzemes.lv, ezerzemes@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.377357, 27.892639

A traditional Latgalian house with a black bath on the shore of Nirzas lake. Lodging for the night in a separate log house with a bath. Winter fishing on Nirzas lake. Book your visit in advance!



#### "Ozero", a place for recreation

Phone: +371 29227288, M. Šķaune – Garjāṇi, Istras parish, www.ozero.lv, ozero\_andreja@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.2628008, 28.0706048
A place for recreation that is especially suitable for fishermen. In winter – licensed fishing on fed places, rent of houses for winter fishing. Book your visit in advance!

"Zirga smaids", a recreation complex, see TOP sightseeing places in Ludza county (object no. 10).

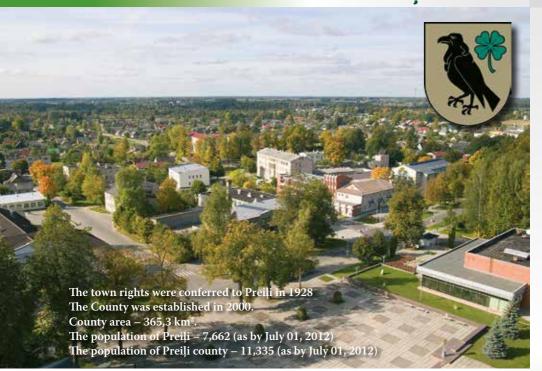


#### Ludza skating rink

Phone: +371 28351822, P. Miglinīka Street 27a, Ludza, tic@ludza.lv, ligakondrate@inbox.lv, http://turisms.ludza.lv; GPS: 56.5406251, 27.7161732

Two skating rinks are placed nearby. There are stands for spectators and lightning. A favourite spot for recreation in winter. The skating

rink is located behind the building of Ludza Sports school. Works only when the conditions are favourable.



Preiļi county consists of Preiļu, Aizkalnes, Saunas and Pelēču parishes and the Preiļi town. Preiļi is one of the oldest populated areas in Latgale that was mentioned for the first time in historical sources around 1250. From the beginning of the 13th century till the 1376 Preiļi and land around were a part of Rīga late diocese. Preiļi town was founded by merging Preiļi estate, Preiļi village and Preiļi independent village. On 11 February of 1928 the town rights were conferred to Preiļi. At the prewar times Preiļi was a small-scale trade centre, but at the postwar times the town has boomed. On 31st of December of 1949 Preiļi was approved as Preiļi district center. The construction of various enterprises and municipal buildings began, the number of inhabitants increased and industry had developed.

In the period of 500 years Preili was in the ownership of Polish noblemen counts Borhi, and their heritage is the Preili estate park, which is the second biggest park (41,2 ha) in Latvia. It is recommended to visit this park accompanied by a guide, as in this case during the excursion it is possible to hear various legends, stories and tales.

The most popular tourism objects in Preili are the aforementioned park with estate complex, the miniature kingdom and a puppet gallery, P.Čerņavska ceramics house, the helix farm, the Catholic church that is the smallest church in Latvia (near the guesthouse "Pie Pliča"), the monument to the cheese "Siera dimants" and the Preili historic and decorative art museum.



#### Preili County TIC

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#### Preili County council

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# Most popular sightseeing places in Preiļi county (top objects)



# 1. Park of Preiļi with the complex of the estate of Borhi

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It is one of the most outstanding landscape parks in Latvia. The noble family of the counts Borhi has a special place in the history of Preiļi. Borhi were the landlords in Preiļi for approximately 500 years. The

long-term proprietors of Preiļi left a good heritage to the town — its visiting card — building complex of Preiļi estate (gatekeeper maisonette, a chapel built in 1817, horse stables, castle, manor paradise — "The island of Adam and Eve", "Hill of Love"). Book your visit in advance!



# 2. Doll museum and miniature kingdom of I. Mihailova

Phone: +371 653 21737, +371 26423837, Preiļi, Daugavpils Street 21, www.lellukaralvalsts.lv; GPS: 56.2912, 26.7232

Handmade dolls, which depict various plots. Opportunity to see a miniature kingdom, and, being dressed in an ancient dress, to have a photo of yourself with castles in the background. Working hours: each day from 9:00 till 19:00.



# 3. History and Applied Arts Museum of Preiļi

Phone: +371 653 22731, Raina Boulevard 28, Preiļi, www.preili.lv/kultura/muzeji/Preilu, muzejs@preili.lv; GPS: 56.2894, 26.7261

The collection of the regular exhibitions – ceramics of P. Čerņavskis and works of Preiļi potters, household objects and tools that describe the lifestyle of the

people of the region, photographies, documents. The exhibition "World of Games" offers an educational program "Come to play!", during which one can learn about the games and toys of soviet children and schoolchildren. The exhibition "Touching the Flax" offers educational programs "Craft has a golden basis" and "Seed-vessel" ("Pogaļa"), during which you can learn about ancient crafts. You will have an opportunity to learn the skill of weaving a plain cloth on a loom, play games related to crafts. Special wedding program "Dowry chest". Book your visit in advance. Working hours: Tue-Fri: 11.00-18.00, Sat: 10.00-16.00, Sun-Mon: closed.



# 4. "Jasmuiža", the museum of Rainis

Phone: +371 653 29313, +371 29487589, Aizkalne, Aizkalnes parish, jasmuiza@memorialiemuzeji.lv; GPS: 56.2020, 26.7781

Exposition "Years of Gymnasium and Studies of J. Rainis" can be viewed. Exposition of Latgale ceramics and a kiln gives an insight in the fascinating transformation of the clay. Special program for newlywed and their wedding guests. Working hours: May 15 - November 1: 10.00-17.00. Monday: closed.

#### 5. Workshop-museum of P. Černavskis

Phone: +371 653 22946, +371 29429630 (Raivo Andersons), +371 26532639 (Jāzeps Čerņavskis), Talsu Street 21, Preiļi, www.preilukeramika.viss.lv, cencers@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.2913, 26.7162

Examination of exposition "P. Čerņavskis — a master and a personality". Demonstration of techniques of clay turning. There is a possibility to try your hand at pot making and purchase articles (you can take your article with you or it will be sent to you later by post, after burning it). There is a programme elaborated for various events — weddings, anniversaries, etc. You may purchase the articles.



#### 6. "Ošu Mājas", a snail farm

Phone: +371 29443577, "Ošu mājas", Preiļu parish; GPS: 56.2502, 26.7201

Story about the breeding of snails. Tasting of helixes, which are prepared in various ways. You can also purchase the snails.



#### **Cultural and Historical objects**

#### Pelēči watermill

Phone: +371 653 55643, +371 26027711, Pelēču parish, www.preili.lv; GPS: 56.1473, 26.7208

A monument of science and art. Watermill on Jāša river was built in the 19th century. Nowadays the mill has been renovated and serve as a small hydroelectric power station. There is a possibility to inspect the mill and get acquainted with the main principles of the work of hydroelectric stations. Book your visit in advance!



Museums

**History and Applied Arts Museum of Preiļi,** see TOP sightseeing places in Preiļi county (object no. 3).

"Jasmuiža", the museum of Rainis, see TOP sightseeing places in Preiļi county (object no. 4. **Doll museum and miniature kingdom of J. Mihailova**, see TOP sightseeing places in Preiļi county (object no. 2).

#### **Craftsman tourism**

## Woodworking workshop of Stanislavs Geida and the exhibition "Dream maisonette" ("Sapņu namiņš")

Phone: +371 29189021, "Cerības", Aizkalnes parish, www.preili.lv; GPS: 56.1996, 26.7773

Turned woodwork – candlesticks, containers, and things for housekeeping, which you may buy. For those interested - story about the techniques of growing cranberries and a survey of the fields.



**Doll museum and miniature kingdom of J. Mihailova**, see TOP sightseeing places in Preili county (object no. 2).

Workshop-museum of P. Černavskis, see TOP sightseeing places in Preili county (object no. 5).

#### Estates, castles, castle mounds, ancient burial sites

Park of Preili with the complex of the estate of Borhi, see TOP sightseeing places in Preili county (object no. 1).

#### Churches



#### Gornajaši Chapel

Phone: +371 653 55643, +371 26027711, Pelēču parish, www.preili.lv; GPS: 56.1473, 26.7208

The chapel was built in 1788. Its interior contains Baroque time painting examples, two crucifixes of the first half of the 19th century and the 18th century altar. Working hours: on request.



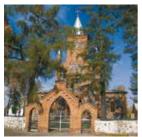
#### Moskvina Old-Believer Preaching-house

Phone: +371 653 35342, +371 26988969, Moskvina,

www.preili.lv; GPS: 56.3040, 26.6426

Moskvina old-believer community is very old. The church is built in 1873. This place was chosen since in those times this was a very populated place with several dozens of houses. This community was famous for its good quality of singing not only in Latvia, but also in all Baltic States. It is the oldest preaching-

house in the neighborhood; a 200 years old bell, chandeliers and icons have been preserved there. You may hear the singing. Working hours: on request.



#### Preili Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 653 22801, +371 29100689, Tirgus Sq. 11, Preiļi, www.preili.lv; GPS: 56.2939, 26.7255

One of the most beautiful architectural monuments in the town. The permission for building was received in 1878 from the governor of Vitebsk. The church is an architectural monument of local significance, and contains 6 monuments of art of state significance. In the garden you may see the statue of Mother Latgale (artist B.Buls), and just beside the garden - a monument to the politically repressed (artist V.Dzintare). The church has

one big tower with three bells in it. On the top of the altar, made in the likeness of the one in Aglona Basilica, three paintings are placed. Under them there is more than 100 years old icon "Assumption of Our Lady" fettered in silver. The paintings of the way of the cross were brought from Poland around 1935 together with the organ. Working hours: on request.



#### Preili Old-Believer Preaching-house

Phone: +371 29795474, Jelgavas Street 33, Preiļi, www.preili.lv; GPS: 56.2946, 26.7326

The old-believer preaching house existed in Preili since the 30s. It was located on the Raina Boulevard (Liepu Street). A small wooden house with a single tower. Only the gates remain, since in 1962 the preaching house was shut down and then torn down.

In 1990 the head of the Preili old-believer congregation proposed and began the realization of an idea about the building of an old-believer church in Preili. The project was registered in St. Petersburg and in 1992 construction began. The author of the project is P. Mirošnikovs. Vasiliy Hrapunov organized the donations, managed the workers, and participated in building of walls and laying of stoves. On November 24th, 1996, the building was completed and the church was consecrated. It was built on the private donations and the funds of the old-believer congregation.

#### Nīdermuiža Catholic Church

Nīdermuiža, Pelēču parish, www.preili.lv;

GPS: 56.1200, 26.7090

The first wooden church in Nīdermuiža, built in 1748. In 1875 it was expanded, and in 1892 completely renovated. In 1898 it burnt down. In order to have a place to have service at, a small wooden chapel was raised, until a new church was to be built. It was located behind the current fence of the church, in the



apple orchard, opposite to the presbytery. In the place of the burnt church the dean Jazeps Andžejevskis built a new stone church in 1901. The funds were donated by the congregation and some well-wishers from Lithuania and Pēterpils. There is a very beautiful and big altar in the church, decorated with woodcarvings; it was bought by dean Andžejevskis from some closed church in Lithuania. It is a 16m long and 14m wide building with several naves and concrete floor and tin roof. In 1977 the roof and towers were painted with oil paint. There is a stone fence around the church.

#### Iasmuiža Roman Catholic Church

Aizkalne, www.preili.lv; GPS: 56.1996, 26.7771

The church is located 12km away from Preili, in the centre of the Aizkalne. A long time ago, in the Jasmuiža cemetery, a small wooden church was built. It is not known when it was built. In 1815 local landlord Ksaverijs Šadurskis, in the honor of Holy Cross, built a new stone church around the old one. It was 24m long, 12m wide and 10m high, and it had a rectangular shape.



Under the porch the paintings of St. Peter and St. Paul were painted on the wall. It had no tower. It existed like this till 1926, when the dean Ostrovsky had everything but the stone walls demolished, in order to rebuild and enlarge it. In order to add chapels, 9m of each side wall were torn down, and 9m long and 3m wide chapel was built on each side. It was also elongated in the front, and a small tower was built on the elongation. It is now a 15 m long and 20 m wide cross-shaped church with several naves.

#### Jasmuiža (Aizkalne) Orthodox Church

Aizkalne, www.preili.lv; GPS: 56.1996, 26.7771

Historian S. Saharov in his book "Orthodox Churches of Latvia", published in 1939, noted that Jasmuiža Orthodox Church was built in 1904 with the support of local landlord Grigory Kuznecov and his son Nikita. 4500 roubles were received from the state treasury. On July 8th, 1904, it was consecrated in the name of Virgin Mary. It is 22x5 m large with two cupolas and a bell tower. In January 1, 1938, there were 142 attendees of the church, who lived both close and far, up to 20km away.



#### **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**

"Ošu Mājas", a snail farm, see TOP sightseeing places in Preili county (object no. 6).

#### "Kalni", production of home wine

Phone: +371 654 84126, +371 29472718, Ārdava,

Pelēču parish; GPS: 56.1412,26.8246

Tour through the wine production unit. Possibility to taste and purchase black currant and raspberry wine.







Rezekne is the city in the heart of Latgale. Among the many verticals of churches' belfries and the historical horizontals of destiny's lines it is like alive and fiery potter's kiln where not only earthenware hardens but also lifetime of strong people.

From ancient times Rēzekne has been the Latgalian centre of spirituality, culture and education. Rēzekne is like a rainbow that joins the East and the West, it is the city with varied possibilities and high development potential. It is the largest border city of European Union that Latvia starts with.

Come to Rezekne in order to enjoy the spirit of the East Latvian regional polyfunctional centre, to participate in the East Latvian creative service centre's masterclasses, to visit Latgale Culture and History museum exhibitions and Art House of Rezekne Art and Design Secondary School. Here, together in one place live different nationalities, religions and traditions. Get acquainted with the history of Orthodoxy, Lutheranism, Old-believers, Judaism and Catholicism.

Rēzekne is situated on the seven hills and zigzag Rēzekne river flowing through the city joins together the biggest Latvian lakes - Rāzna and Lubāns. The highest points of the city - Lutheran Church belfry, Ančupāna hill observation tower, Pleikšna hill height, ruins of the Rēzekne castle hill and "Zeimuļa" towers will help you to count the hills. Walking along the pedestrian street a wonderful outlook to Rēzekne River's zigzags appears.

Important culture events take place in Rēzekne. Here songs of different cultures sound, performances, classical music concerts, days of art and international artists' and musicians' en plein air take place.

#### Rēzekne city council

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#### Rēzekne, Rēzekne county and Vilani County TIC

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#### Rēzekne culture and tourism center

Rēzekne, Krasta Street 31, LV - 4600Phone: +371 26425756 GPS: 56.5027620, 27.3341528 tic@rezekne.lv, www.rezekne.lv www.rezeknesnovads.lv

#### Most popular sightseeing places in Rēzekne county (top objects)

## 1. Museum of Cultural History of Latgale "European Destinations of Excellence – 2008"

Phone:+371 646 22464, Atbrīvošanas Avenue 102, Rēzekne, muzejs@rezekne.lv,www.rezekne.lv, www.greatbaltic.eu; GPS: 56.5077665, 27.3319261

The museum offers: exhibition of Latgalian ceramics "The wonder created by the transformation of clay and fire" and the historical exhibition "Rezekne in the course

of time"; educational programs ("24 stundis latgalīts" and others) and the excursion through the city Working hours: VI-VIII: Wed-Fri: 11.00-18.00, Sat: 10.00-16.00, Sun: 10.00-15.00, Mon-Tue: closed, IX-V: Tue-Fri: 10.00-17.00, Sat: 10.00-16.00, Sun-Mon: closed.



Atbrīvošanas Avenue 93, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv; GPS: 56.5065818, 27.3308466

It symbolizes the idea of fighting for freedom from foreign powers, the free Latgale, and the efforts of the people to shape and protect their country - Latvia. People call it "Māra of Latgale". The monument is not only the symbol of Rēzekne, but also one of the most outstanding examples of Latvian monumental sculpture.



## 3. Eastern Latvia Creative Services Centre

Krasta Street 31, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv; GPS: 56.5027620, 27.3341528

The building, which was built in 2012 at the foot of a castle mound, surprises with the bold design and architecture solution. In this peculiar building you may find the schoolchildren interest centre, youth centre, shop of articles of Latgalian craftsmen, a café,

premises for creative workshops, tourism development centre and tourism information centre. It is also the biggest building in Latvia that has a lawn on the roof. The towers of the centre are decorated with mosaic.

#### 4. Castle ruins of Rēzekne

Krasta Street 33, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv; GPS: 56.5023795, 26.3346719

Ruins of the Livonia Order castle built at the end of 13th century on the mound, on which in the 9th–13th centuries a fortified castle of ancient Latgalians stood. In the end of 13th century knights of the Livonian order built a two-storey stone castle here, with three blocks and three-storeyed towers. To get in the castle,



one had to cross a drawbridge, go through three iron gates, and only then get into forburg (frontyard of the castle). At the beginning of 2003 not far from Rēzekne castle mound a model of Rēzekne castle was made in the territory of company "Rēzeknes Ūdens". The model of the castle may be seen only during tourism season – from April to October. The square at the foot of castle mound is named after bishop Jāzeps Rancāns (1886–1969).





#### 5. Rēzekne St. Nikolai Old-Believer Preachinghouse

Phone: +371 646 25471, +371 26354441, Siņicina Street 4, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv; GPS: 56, 489799, 27,341448 Icons, a bell tower with the heaviest bell in Baltics (4 t). It was teemed in 1905 from donated silver roubles. You may see a 16th century icon. There is also a sunday school here, and a museum, which shows the lifestyle of Latgalian oldbelievers.

#### 6. Latgales Vēstniecība "Gors"

Phone: +371 28603736, Pils Street 4, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv: GPS 56.5044022, 27.3262985

#### **Cultural and Historical objects**

Monument "United for Latvia", see TOP sightseeing places in Rēzekne (object no. 2). Castle ruins of Rēzekne, see TOP sightseeing places in Rēzekne (object no. 3).



#### Monument to Antons Kūkojs

Atbrīvošanas Avenue 102, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv; GPS: 56.5077665, 27.3319261

Unveiled in 2012, near the museum of Latgalian culture and history, author is Svetlana Skačkova. Antons Kūkojs was a writer, poet, painter, ceramist, stage designer, actor, director and simply a Latgalian who was always proud of his origin. Antons Kūkois is an important person for Latgale, and the memory of him is stored in books and anthologies, in his paintings and articles.



Atbrīvošanas Avenue 56, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv; GPS: 56.4977896, 27.3261417

In 1917 Francis Trasuns was one of initiators and organizers of congress of Latgale in Rezekne. Historical rights of Latgale region to join other Latvian lands in one state were declared in the congress.



#### Monument to Jānis Rainis

Monument to Francis Trasuns

Raina Street 29a, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv; GPS: 56.5119218, 27.3392179

The monument to Janis Rainis in Culture and recreation park at Dārzu street was erected in 1972 (artist Oto Kalējs). In 1927 Jānis Rainis being a culture minister visited Rēzekne and performed a speech to the youth.

#### Monument to clergyman, writer and teacher Monsignor Nikodems Rancāns

Atbrīvošanas Avenue 115, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv; GPS: 56.5126903, 27.3337082

A monument to a clergyman, prominent activist of culture and education, a teacher and a writer Nikodems Rancāns (1870–1933) was unveiled in 2003 in front of former Rēzekne National Teachers Institute (right now it is the Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Law of Rēzekne Institution of



Higher Education). N. Rancāns spent his life educating the youth of Latgale. In 1907 he founded the parochial school in Rēzekne, where pupils were taught in Latvian. In 1929 he became the head of Rēzekne Teachers Institute.

Museums

Museum of Cultural History of Latgale, see TOP sightseeing places in Rezekne (object no. 1).

#### Art house of the Art and Design High school of Rezekne

Phone: +371 26100114, +371 29637905,

18. Novembra Avenue 26, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv; GPS: 56.5089441, 27.3389558

A building in eclecticism style decorated with woodcarvings, built in the last quarter of 19th century. You may see ceiling paintings, magnificent stoves, and unique parquet flooring. In the Art house one can get acquainted with the exposition



"Painting of Latgale" from the funds of Museum of Cultural History of Latgale and view the paintings of Latgalian old masters, as well as works of the new generation artists of Latgale. Working hours: Tue-Thu: 16.00-19.00, Sat: 10.00-14.00, Sun, Mon, Fri: closed.

## State Border Guard College, exposition of border guards history

Phone: +371 64603679, fax: +371 64603680, Zavoloko Street 8, Rēzekne; GPS: 56.4866583,27.3402461 Displays the history of the Latvian Border Guard in chronological order. We offer several themed films. There is an opportunity to inspect the Education Center, Dog handling centre and sports training centre. The State Border



Guard College can be visited by groups (10 persons or more). The tour must be booked no less than 4 days in advance, book the tour by calling us or send the application to a fax number 64603680. The application should indicate: who will come, how many people, what do you want to see and to indicate the contact person. Working hours: Tue-Thu: 9.00 - 14.00. Length of tour:  $\sim 2$  h. Free of charge.

#### **Craftsman tourism**

#### Potter Antons Ušpelis

Phone: +371 29414377, Rīgas Street 64a, Rēzekne, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5261765, 27.3185787 In his ceramics not only summer-green and yellow tones dominate, but also blue ones ensuring astonishing pottery image. Book your visit in advance.



#### **Churches**



#### Our Lady of Pain Roman Catholic Church of Rezekne

Phone: +371 646 23500, Atbrīvošanas Avenue 89, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv; GPS: 56.5059061, 27.3298932

Building of the church had begun in 1936. The church is dedicated to Our Lady of Pain (central altar). There are paintings of the beginning of the 20th century in the church, and a statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the garden.



#### The Most Saint Jesus Heart Roman Cathedral of Rezekne

Phone: +371 646 24522, Latgales Street 88b, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv; GPS: 56.499649, 27.338104

The biggest church in Rēzekne. Since 1995 it is the Rēzekne–Aglona diocese center with a chair of a Bishop.



#### St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rezekne

Phone: +371 646 22917, +371 29178835, Raiņa Street 4, Rēzekne, www. rezekne.lv; GPS: 56.5055329, 27.3370950

The building of the church from red bricks in the place of an old wooden church started in 30s of the 20th centuryin accordance with the project of J. Cirulis. It was built in 1938 and renovated in 1994. An altar picture "Christ Saves the Drowning" by A. Egle was considered to be lost for more than a half of the century. A cultural monument of a local significance.



#### The Orthodox Church of Birth of Our Most Blessed Lady of Rezekne

Phone: +371 646 22429, Atbrīvošanas Street 98, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv; GPS: 56.5064563, 27.338104

Culture monument of state significance. A lot of icons and a collection of objects of art. The building of the oldest church in Rēzekne town was started in 1840. You may see a three-level iconostasis in the church. Next to the church there is St. A. Nevsky chapel built in 1867.

**Rēzekne St. Nikolai Old-Believer Preaching-house,** see TOP sightseeing places in Rēzekne (object no. 4).

#### **Nature Tourism**



#### Aquaterrarium

Phone: +371 26181439, Dārzu Street 21/17 (building of Rēzekne 2nd secondary school); GPS: 56.508346, 27.334929

Space occupied by a variety of animals - fish, lizards, crocodiles, snakes and a nice monkey, visually interesting to visitors - reminds of a mysterious underground cave. Groups are kindly asked to book their visit in advance. Working hours: Tue-Fri: 12.00-15.00, Sat-Sun: 12.00-16.00.

#### **Gastronomic Tourism**



#### "Mols" an artistic salon-bar

Phone: +371 646 25353, +371 29460041, Latgales Street 22/24, Rēzekne, muols@inbox.lv, www.rezekne.lv; GPS: 56.4993811, 27.3304911

Opportunity to taste Latgalian dishes prepared in accordance with ancient Latgalian recipes. You may also observe painting, wicker-work, linen and the Latgalian ceramics.



#### Kolonna Hotel Rezekne

Phone: +371 64607825, Brivibas Street 2, Rēzekne, www.hotelkolonna.com; GPS: 56.5009450, Lon: 27.3274910 national kitchen: "gulbešnīki", "tarkuonīks", Latgalian "murcovka", "guļbu salati", "meļņeidzu zupa", "kikalkys", "mīžu kopeja ar bulkom", and others. Every day in the restaurant "Rozālija".



#### **Active tourism** / Adventure Tourism

#### Bowling center "Joker"

Phone: +371 646 07094, Upes Street 34b, Rēzekne, www.ioker-rezekne.lv, www.rezekne.lv; GPS: 56.5160325, 27.3508167 Bowling, café. Working hours: 12.00 - 22.00.



#### St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rezekne

Phone: +371 646 22917, +371 29178835, Raina Street 4, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv; GPS:56.5055329, 27.3370950 Church has been built in Neo-Gothic style. It was sanctified

in 1938. Nowadays it is possible to see an exhibition "From basement till tower. Ancient constructing crafts of Latgale in photos" in the church. There are 108 photos which show the construction works of the church from 1932 till 1938. There is an opportunity to climb the bell tower and see Rezekne from the height of 37 metres.



#### **Health Tourism**

#### Health studio "Freija Beauty"

Phone: +371 28601670, Dārzu Street 44, Rēzekne, www.freijabeauty.lv, info@freijabeauty.lv; GPS: 56.5110059, 27.3365032

Complete massage, back massage, foot massage, hand massage. Vacuum massage for feet, hips, stomach, waist. Body wrapping procedures. SPA procedures. Infrared sauna. Working hours: Tue-Fri: 10.00 – 20.00, Sat-Sun: 10.00 – 15.00.



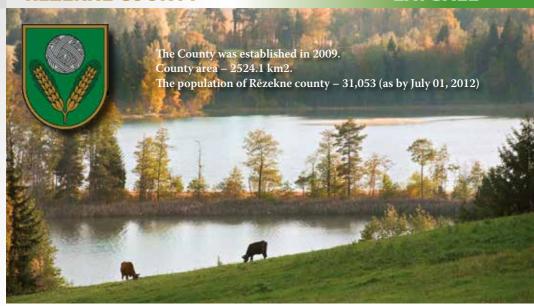
#### Salon "Veselības sala"

Phone: +371 22045577, +371 29559770, Dārzu Street 60,

Rēzekne, www.veselibassala.lv; GPS: 56.5148630, 27.3398345

Curative bath, sauna, energy massage, classic massage, services of a cosmetologist, pedicure, modeling of nails, manicure, gift cards, shop "Labas lietas" ("Good things").





Rēzekne County is situated in the very center of Latgale, around 250 km away from Rīga. 25 parishes form Rēzekne County, making it the biggest County in Latgale. The extensive County borders on Madona, Balvi, Kārsava, Cibla, Ludza, Dagda, Aglona, Riebiņi and Viļāni Counties.

The nature in Rēzekne County is magnificent and diverse. There are the two biggest Latvian lakes — Lubāns and Rāzna — here. Both reservoirs are very important fishing lakes in the country; moreover Īdeṇi village that is on the shore of Lubāns Lake is the only inland fishing village in Latvia. Lubāns Lake adjoining to Lubāns wetland territory (813 km²) is one of the most interesting bird observation places in Latvia, where more than 220 species of birds dwell, of which 44 are registered in the Latvian Red Book. In return Rāzna lake or "Latgalian Sea" that is generous with water is a favourite place of holiday- makers in stifling summer afternoons. On the shore of Rāzna lake rises the Mākoņkalns, which is full of legends, and the Big Liepa Hill (Lielas Liepu kalns), which is the third highest peak in Latvia.

Talented and hospitable people are pride of the County. There are several potteries in Rēzekne County, where clay lumps in the skilful hands of ceramists turn into unusual ceramic masterpieces. Latgalian ceramists successfully keep and teach others ancient handicraft skills, because each pottery has a peculiar charm and a chord that is adopted from the Latgalian green grass, golden cornfields and blue lakes.

The magnificent nature of the County has also inspired many writers and poets who were born in Rēzekne County. The talented writer Jānis Klīdzējs (1914 – 2000) described his recollections of childhood and local inhabitants in his book "A Human child" ("Cilvēka bērns") (1956), that was filmed in 1991. The film was also included into The Guinness book of Records as the first film in Latgalian language. In summer 2012 the heroes created by Klīdzējs - a liitle boy Boņuks with his best friend dog Žiks - were eternalized in the monument on the writer's burial place in Kantinieku cemetery. The Rēzekne County is best characterized by the words of Jānis Klīdzējs, cut into stone "There is no similar place in the entire world".



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#### Most popular sightseeing places in Rēzekne county (top objects)

## 1. Center of water tourism development "Bāka"

Phone: +371 26663358, Kvāpāni, Gaigalavas parish, baka@rezeknesnovads.lv, www.baka.rezeknesnovads.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.7949443, 26.9449898

A landscaped place for a wide variety of water sports and cultural activities. Facilities for conferences and exhibitions, terrace for bird watching, dressing rooms and other necessary infrastructure. Parking, trailer sites, soccer and volleyball courts, playground,



benches, a small stage. Place for children and youth camps. Sightseeing excursion around Lake Lubāns by motor boat. Water skis, surfboard and kite rentals. Working hours: on request.

#### 2. Teirumnieki marsh path

Phone: +371 28301143, Nagļu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.7176262, 26.9463940 The bog and surrounding land is included in Lubāna wetland. Enjoy habitats and landscapes of the bog by walking along 800m long footbridge path which leads along Lake Teirumnieki and a place for recreation.



#### 3. National Park of Rāzna

Phone: +371 64605860, DAP Latgale regional administration, Zemnieku Street 16a, Rēzekne, www.daba.gov.lv

The National Park of Rāzna is the youngest national park in Latvia; it is interesting and unique because of several reasons. One of them is the lake Rāzna, which is the biggest lake by the volume in Latvia, and lake Ežezers, which is the richest in islands in the entire Baltics. The second is the rich cultural environment, which is formed by the folklore, religion, household



and crafts traditions of Latvians and other nationalities that live here, as well as by the diverse architectural and historical monuments. And finally - the hilly landscape characteristic for the Latgale highlands, which can be viewed in all its magnificence from the 34m high tower on the Lielais Liepu hill. Use the opportunity to get closer to the nature in Rāzna national park - enjoy the rest at the waters, watch the birds, visit the cultural and historical objects, walk though the nature paths and ride on a bicycle around the lake.

#### 4. Lake Rāzna

Kaunatas, Čornajas, Lūznavas, Mākoņkalna parishes, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

The level of the lake water is 163,8 m above sea level. Rāzna is often called the sea of Latgale. By the volume — it is the biggest lake in Latvia. On the south shore of the lake there is a hill Mākoņkalns. The length of the lake is 12,1 km (in east—west direction), the biggest width is 7 km (in the east part). The lake has 10 islands, two bays.





#### 5. Hill Lielais Liepu kalns

Dzerkaļi, Kaunatas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.2693975, 27.6560941

The hill (289,3 m above the sea level) is the highest peak in Latgale and the third highest peak in Latvia, and the second one according to the relative height (86 m). On the peak of the hill there is the highest wooden sightseeing tower in Latvia (34m). There one can enjoy wonderful view of the surrounding landscape, Lake Rāzna and other lakes. The parking place and sightseeing tower are linked with the 830 m long pathway having information stands,

places for resting, and a swing. There is also comfortable place for rest or small activities with a place for fire, benches, open-air stage and a swing. The nearby Dzerkaļi hill (286,3 m above the sea level), is the highest peak in Latvia according to the relative height (89.2 m).



#### 6. Mākoņkalns (Volkenberga castle ruins)

Phone: +371 29139677, Mākoņkalna parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.2781791, 27.4133567 Mākoņkalns ("The Cloud Mountain") (249 m above the sea level) is located near the lake Rāzna. In 1252 on top of the mountain the Livonian Order built one of the first fortifications in Latgale - Volkenberga castle.



#### 7. "Kolnasāta", the museum of Francis Trasuns

Phone: +371 26338798,+371 27508050, Sakstagals, Sakstagala parish, kolnasata@inbox.lv, www.muzeji.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5334402, 27.1498245

There one can see the exhibition of F. Trasuns, writer J. Klīdzējs and a collection of old household items. Every year in August the anniversary of the museum is celebrated. A theatricalized celebration of weddings is offered. Working hours: Mon-Fri: 8.00-16.00, Sat-Sun: on request.



#### 8. "Untumi", stables

Phone: +371 26227297, +371 26337449, Spundžāni, Ozolmuižas parish, ligita@untumi.lv, www.untumi.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS:56.5347186, 27.2587872 Riding on a horse or in a cart, watching storks via optical devices, relaxation in a picnic house, walks in the wedding park. Reittherapy and therapeutic relaxation. In winter – riding on a horse or in sledge. Lessons of equestrian sport under the guidance of certified trainer. Working hours: on request.



#### 9. "Rozītes", a household

Phone: +371 26417666, "Skredeļi", Audriņu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5417613, 27.2555687 A private collection of exotic birds and dwarf animals. Seeing a windmill, which was built by the host. Opportunity to ring the bell of copper and silver alloy – which may bring you more money. Working hours: Mon-Fri: excursion in 10:00, adults 2,50 Ls, children (up to 5 years old) - 1,50 Ls.

#### 10. "Zvejnieki", a guest house

Phone: +371 29165392, +371 28301143, Idena, Naglu parish, Zvejnieki-lubans@inbox.lv; www.zvejnieki.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv;



Located near the largest Latvian lake - Lubans. Offers various dishes prepared from fresh fish. Here you may observe birds, beautiful sunsets, enjoy the calm of nature, and go for a trip, accompanied by a guide. Fishing in the lake Lubāns and river Rēzekne.



#### **Cultural and Historical tourism**

#### Balda watermill

Phone: +371 29149131, Balda, Pušas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.2758777, 27.2115940 Built in the first half of the 19th century with grain milling inventory, devices and ice cellar. Architecture monument. Working hours: on request.

#### Memorial plank to Kārlis Ulmanis

Mākoņkalns, Mākoņkalna parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.2767574, 27.4150237

At the foot of Mākonkalns memorial plank was unveiled in the honor of the visit of Kārlis Ulmanis - the president of first independent Latvian Republic - during his visit to Latgale in 1938.

#### Memorial place

Desetnīku cemetery, Nautrēnu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.7290395, 27.4345743

Last resting place of the 19th century poet and defender of peasant rights Pēteris Miglinīks, folk singer and enlightener Andrejs Jurdžs and poet Pēteris Jurciņš.

#### Monument "Bearer of the Cross"

Feimani, Feimanu parish, www.feimani.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.2685046, 27.0317657 A statue of Christ bearing cross, placed on a high pyramid-like pedestal. This cross in 1828 was built by Livonian canon, dean of Rēzekne and writer Jāzeps Kirkillo. Renovated in 1990.

#### Memorial place

Šķērbinieki, Ilzeskalna parish, info@ilzeskalns.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS:56.6727931, 27.3619089 Family home of Finnish film director Teuvo Tulio who was born in Latgale.











#### Estates, castles, castle mounds, ancient burial sites

Mākoņkalns (Volkenberga castle ruins), see TOP sightseeing places in Rēzekne county (object no. 6).







#### **Īdeņa** castle mound

Phone: +371 28301143, İdeṇa, Nagļu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.7480732, 26.9466847 Īdeṇa castle mound is located near the lake Lubāns. It is on the north-western steep slope opposite to lake Lubāns in a protrusion between small ravines. It has been settled since the 11th century.

#### "Rāzna", a rehabilitation centre of Latgale region

Phone: +371 646 46923, +371 646 46910, +371 29422323, Sauču kalna Street 3, Veczosna, Lūznavas parish, www.lnrc.lv, lnrc@apollo.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3340367, 27.3074509

The building of the rehabilitation centre "Rāzna" proudly rises on a small hillock on the bank of the lake Zosna, hiding in the crown of tree branches in a picturesque park, originally the house was built as a summer resting house for artists. An architectural monument of a local significance. Can be observed from the outside.



#### The building of Lūznava estate with a park

Phone: +371 646 46017, Lūznava, Lūznavas parish, info@luznava.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3548746, 27.2525331

Manor house and the barn (1905–1911) built in art nouveau and eclecticism styles. The house is built of red bricks using huge amount of architectonic artistic formations: hammered

works of balcony railings, bulkheads of windows, decorative door leaves and keyholes. The area of the park is 23,7 ha, of which 2,6 ha are ponds. In 1991 a statue called "Madonna" was erected in the park, sculptor L. Voroņevska. Book your visit in advance!



#### Springu castle mound

Phone: +371 29121275, Ozolmuižas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5183199, 27.2806661
It is located in the outskirts of Rēzekne and is remarkable for its peculiar shape.



#### Zosna (Veczosna) estate

Phone: +371 646 07421, Zosna, Lūznavas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3266127, 27.33751

The building of the estate is surrounded by a small park on the bank of the lake Rāzna with 39 species of trees and shrubs. The building of Zosna manor is dated with the end of the 19th century. It consists of manor house, the house of steward, servant or coachman house, and outbuildings, which are

partially ruined. There is a small park at lake Rāzna linked to the manor. The main architectural value of Zosna estate building is manor house. It was built in 1870 by the order of Grand Dukes Golicins. It is one of the rare buildings built in filled framework construction in Latgale.

#### Museums



#### Local History Museum of Berzgale

Phone: +371 26191623, Rītupes Štreet 34, Bērzgale, olga.berzgale@inbox.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.6311943, 27.5121919

A memorial room of the writer Antons Rupainis (1906–1976) is set up here. The other materials of the exposition tell about the history of the parish. Working hours: Mon-Fri: 9.00-17.00, Sat-Sun: on request.

"Kolnasāta", the museum of Francis Trasuns, see TOP sightseeing places in Rēzekne county (object no. 7).

#### "Mežmalas", a farmstead of Latgale

Phone: +371 646 46086, +371 26402687, +371 28602742,

Dītlovi, Pušas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv;

GPS: 56.2252852, 27.3240014

A collection of old household items and equipment. Functioning loom, basket making. Hosts offer tourists to try their hand in basket making. Crates, national woolen mittens and socks, and herbal teas are offered. Forest path through a pine forest. Working hours: on request.

#### **History Museum of Malta**

Phone: +371 29477761, +371 646 21521, Parka Street 8, Malta, maltasmuzejs@inbox.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv;

GPS: 56.3515241, 27.1579520

Historical exhibition of the history of the parish in the 19th–20th centuries. Continuous exhibitions "Household Objects and Tools of the 20th century", "Printed Works of the 19th–20th centuries", "Collection of Banknotes from the 18th–20th centuries". Working hours: Mon-Fri: 9.00.-17.00, Sat-Sun: closed.

#### Museum of Malta 2nd secondary school

Phone: +371 646 34355, +371 26379583, Sporta Street 5, Malta, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3491374, 27.1563623 Gallery of the Latgalian jewellery of the 6th–13th centuries. Working hours: Mon-Fri: 9.00–16.00, Sat-Sun: closed.

#### Local History Museum of Nautrēni

Phone: +371 29187765, +371 646 44390, Rogovka, Nautrēnu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.7109879, 27.4178722 Permanent exposition of the local history of the district, school and parish. Working hours: on request.

#### Exhibition Hall "Nostalģija"

Phone: +371 26579759, Ciskādi, Baznīcas Street 10, Sakstagala parish, diana.vasiljeva@saskarsme.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.4902786, 27.1332278

The exhibition hall is situated in the building of old Vītoli elementary school, which is a cultural monument of local significance. Soviet-era household items and toys. Model of a "Russian stove". Cycling route, bicycle rental.

#### Museum of writer Mihails Narica

Phone: +371 646 24808, +371 29422282, Deimaṇi, Ozolaines parish, mncentrs@e-apollo.lv; www.narica.ambrand.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3894349, 27.2558703

Museum of writer Mihails Narica Mihails Narica was the second one after Boriss Pasternaks who published his novel in the west, the "Unsung song". He openly turned to Hrushchov and communistic party about the dominance of the ideology of that time. Working hours: on request.













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#### Radio Museum

Phone: +371 26189569, Parka Street 3, Puša, Pušas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.2439402, 27.2128087

The museum of antiquities and radio has started developing in 2011 in the rooms of administration of rural parish of Puša. The base for the museum is radios and other equipment meant for playback. The oldest exhibit is gramophone created in ~1918. There is also small collection of antiquities consisting of family

relics, such as, for instance, vase of Kuznecov factory, kerosene lamp of Otto Miller and other interesting items.

#### **Craftsman tourism**



#### Potter Andris Ušpelis

Phone: +371 29463032, Pocelujevka, Griškānu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS:56.4825021, 27.3550071

Form, color, decorations and style characteristic for Silajāṇi ceramics. In his creations the meaning of traditional signs of ornament is kept. Whistles, pots, jugs and vases are made from clay. The craftsman follows the rule that the article should have no more than three ornaments. In the potter's workshop you

may hear a story abut the history of the Latgalian ceramics, see a demonstration of the process of the turning, and in the exhibition hall you may see the articles. You may also participate in the process and make a whistle; or simply order or buy an article. Book your visit in advance!



#### Potter Viktors Ušpelis

Phone: +371 28214013, Pocelujevka, Griškānu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.4825021, 27.3550071
Form, color, decorations and style characteristic for Silajāņi ceramics. You may see the workshop and buy the articles. Located near the Rēzekne - Dagda road, fairly close to Rēzekne. Book your visit in advance.



#### Potter Aivars Ušpelis

Phone: +371 29466372, Garkalni, Maltas parish, puudniiks@inbox.lv; www.pudnikuskula.viss.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3263488, 27.1336887 Unconventional, interesting and attractive. These words describe the works of the potter you can find in the farmstead of Aivars Ušpelis. Aivars Ušpelis pays attention to studying and preserving the traditions of pottery of Latgale. He uses environmentally friendly technologies and works on improving the prestige of craftsmen. Book your visit in advance.



#### Potter Viktors Pankovs

Phone: +371 646 28394, +371 26286808, Purmaļi, Vērēmu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5894941, 27.4099012 In his works red glaze is typical, so they look like porcelain. Red color glazing is extremely rare in Latgalian pottery. Here you can see huge pots and the experiments of the craftsman – huge vases made using Chinese themes, which become alive after putting on the colorful glazing. Book your visit in advance.

#### Potter Pēteris Gailums

Phone: +371 26606602, Jaungailumi, Ilzeskalna parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, www.pudnikuskula.viss.lv;

GPS: 56.6842391, 27.4258026

His works attract with their contrasts, where smooth and rough is combined. And sometimes the minimum of glaze is only an accent that reminds of the black ceramics. Craftsman likes to make variations of the traditional household crockery, long,

slender vases, and candlesticks of unusual forms. Book your visit in advance.



Phone: +371 26403687, +371 22471191, Ceplīši, Lendžu parish, olga.vogule@inbox.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5632596, 27.4622324

The potter introduced the potter's traditions of the late Stone Age into Latgalian ceramics. Craftsman makes sculpturesque and flowing forms, vases with thin neck, capacious pots, and candlesticks with graphically modelled silhouettes. Book your visit in advance.

#### Potter Evalds Vasilevskis

Phone: +371 26695877, Akmeneiši, Kaunatas parish, www.pudnikuskula.viss.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv;

GPS: 56.3010279, 27.5396229

In these works the ancient method of clay baking is used, i.e. the articles are baked in the stove made in a hole in the ground. Book your visit in advance.

#### Potter Staņislavs Viļums

Phone: +371 29106193, Bekši, Ozolaines parish, stass\_v@inbox.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv, www.pudnikuskula.viss.lv; GPS: 56.4040101, 27.2189657

The potter tells about the making of black ceramics. No industrial devices are used in the process of creation, wood is used to heat the oven, and no hazardous materials are used in the glazing. Visitors may participate in the process of article creation, as well as purchase the works of the craftsman. Book your visit in advance.

#### Potter Juris Krompāns

Phone: +371 646 40517, +371 27529187, Niperava, Griškānu parish, zanisg@inbox.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv;

GPS: 56.5132259, 27.4528839

The potter offers to participate in the process of creation of candlesticks with multiple branches and other ceramic wonders. Exhibition hall. Book your visit in advance.

#### Potter Anatolijs Vituškins

Phone:+371 26518909, "Svečturīši", Griškānu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5008987, 27.4503317 Occasionally his articles are referred to as "generally Latgalian", as the form, colour and technique of the traditional pottery are preserved. Book your visit in advance.

























#### Weaver Janīna Zeļenova

Phone: +371 29436903, Riuči, Vērēmu parish, edmunds.zelenovs@tvnet.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5664164, 27.3597199

The craftswoman weaves belts, scarves, shawls, national skirts, tablecloths, as well as demonstrates the process and secrets of weaving. Excursions, demonstration of weaving, purchase and order of articles, trying your hand on the "small" loom. Book your visit in advance.

#### **Wood turner Andris Kuzmans**

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In the works of the craftsman the traditional style can be noticed. Wooden cups, plant pots, stands, shelves and other things are made from oak, ash-tree, birch, white spruce and pine-tree. The craftsman says that every item matches only with its own material and shape. Book your visit in advance.

#### Antons Rancāns, a sculptor working with wood

Phone: +371 646 28830, +371 26528669, Makašāni, Vērēmu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5851889, 27.3148414

The biggest part of his works is the sculpture caricatures dedicated to well-known people, with peculiarities of their traits shown with kindhearted humor, as well as social phenomena deserving an ironic smirk. Book your visit in advance.

## Helēna and Boleslavs Mundas, wattling baskets from wood splits

Phone: +371 646 46086, +371 26402687, +371 28602742, Dītlovi, Pušas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.2252852, 27.3240014

You can always buy a wattled split basket there, as well as a birch besom. Book your visit in advance.

#### $Workshop\ of\ ancient\ musical\ instruments\ of\ Gun\"{a}rs\ Igaunis$

Phone: +371 28728790, Bikava 2a, Gaigalavas parish, gunarsigaunis@inbox.lv; www.baltharmonia.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.7339604, 27.0702624

An exposition of ancient musical instruments, manufacturing of new ones, playing music. You may try to play instruments. Book your visit in advance.

#### "Apkalnmājas", a workshop of leather articles

Phone: +371 26597635, +371 646 37063, Adamova, Vērēmu parish, www.apkalnmajas.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5525703, 27.3567663

Various original leather articles – belts, purses, original handbags. Possibility to try and make one yourself. Souvenirs. There is a programme for a wedding. Book your visit in advance.

#### Smith Janis Lubka

Phone: +371 29111736, "Pauguri", Nautrēnu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.7351211, 27.3818710

He works with metal – various things for housekeeping, such as bracelets, watches, candlesticks, stands for pot-plants and mirrors, coat hangers, chairs. In the hands of handyman the black metal "blossoms" into a real flower or a leaf. Visitors can make a nail or a horseshoe themselves. Book your visit in advance.



#### Artist Vēsma Ušpele

Phone: +371 29466372, Garkalni, Maltas parish, puudniiks@inbox.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3263488, 27.1336887

Examination and purchase of works. Collection of ancient items for housekeeping. Book your visit in advance.



#### Artist Gundega Rancāne

Phone: +371 29491167, +371 646 28830, Makašāni, Vērēmu parish, skola@makasani.lv;www.makasani.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5851889, 27.3148414

The artist paints still life with oil, using the play of light and shadow. Examination and purchase of works. Book your visit in advance.



#### Eco farm "Dzeneiši"

Phone: +371 26548778, Kristiņki, Nautrēnu parish, dzeneisi@inbox.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.7592915. 27.2907203

Articles of wool, linen, wood, leather. Rolling of wool. An opportunity to try your hand in various crafts, as well as to learn the basic skills of playing golf! Tasting and purchase of herbal teas. Also birch besoms are offered along with other things useful for bath, such as wool caps, wooden seats, etc. Places for tents and picnic, beautiful landscape.



#### **Churches**

#### St. Anna Roman Catholic Church of Bērzgale

Phone: +371 646 44633, Rītupes Street 9, Bērzgale, Bērzgales parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.6322934, 27.5133871 The church was built in 1750 in renaissance Baroque style. The altar has Baroque style woodcarvings and two Our Lady paintings. From the outside the church is similar to the Aglona Basilica.



## The Most Saint Jesus Heart Roman Catholic Church of Bikova (Gaigalava)

Phone: +371 646 44503, Miera Street 2, Gaigalava, Gaigalavas parish, catolik\_bikava@inbox.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.7377617, 27.0681192

The main altar is decorated by images of both sons of Zebedee, above the Holy Communion – figures of St. Michael and a Queen of Rosary, on the right altar – figures of St. Joseph and John the Baptist. On the left altar – figures of St. Peter and St. Elizabeth. Visitors can enjoy the white building with its Gothic style and architectonic shape.













#### St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church of Ciskādi

Phone: +371 646 40550, Ciskādi, Sakstagala parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.4926829, 27.1359125

The church is a brick building of a Roman style. There is a painting "Madonna with a Child", crucifix and an organ.

#### Dricāni St. Simeon and St. Jude Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 29214848, Dricāni, Dricānu parish,

marlau@inbox.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv;

GPS: 56.6495700, 27.1881799

The present stone church was built in 1859. There is an altar of Holy Spirit decorated with woodcarvings, wooden statues of saints, paintings of Simeon and Jude, in whose names the church is named.

#### Feimaņi Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 646 44892, +371 28673291, Feimani,

Feimanu parish, www.feimani.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv;

GPS: 56.2684454, 27.0382068

This wooden church is special because of the biggest amount of art items of national importance.

#### The Most Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church of Kaunata

Phone: +371 646 67002, Kaunata, Kaunatas parish,

www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3317049, 27.5468836

The present stone church was built in 1850 in place of the old wooden church, which had burned down. There is a painting in the church – "St. Elizabeth is visited by St. Mary".

#### Kuļņeva (Ilzeskalns) Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 646 44580, Ilzeskalns, Ilzeskalna parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.6411634, 27.3944161

In 1832 Kuļņeva Orthodox Church was built by the brother of Jakovs Kuļņevs - landlord of Ilzenberga (Ilzeskalns) estate Mihails Kuļņevs. In 1868 a bell tower was built of bricks. The church is a rectangular building with semicircular lateral expansions of the alcove type. Jakovs Kuļņevs, Mihails Kuļņevs and his wife are buried there. The grave is a unique object, as it is very rare in Latvian Orthodox churches.

#### Malta (Borovaja, Borovska) Old-Believer Parish Church

Phone: +371 646 34377, Malta, Maltas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3448823. 27.1684428

Building of the church had begun in 1931. An entrepreneur A. Gruncevičs built the church. An architectural monument of a local significance. Simple building, with a small cupola in a shape of an onion. There are old relics in the church. A gospel with an engraving, icon "Bringing into the Temple" ("Ienešana templi"), icon "Holy Trinity".

#### Malta (Rozentova) All Saints Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 646 34377, Malta, Maltas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3462785, 27.1862041

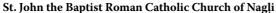
A wooden log building with paired windows and onion shape cupola. A stylized sun motive on the façade.

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#### $St. \ Cross \ Honouring \ Roman \ Catholic \ Church \ of \ Malta \ (Rozentova)$

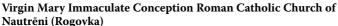
Phone: +371 646 34377, Rozentovas Street 4, Malta, Maltas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3412008, 27.1829964

An architectural monument of national significance. Notable painting "St. Magdalena at Jesus' Cross". Three movable altars – feretrons. Wooden log building built in 1780, confirmed in 1782.



Phone: +371 646 62413, +371 28615775, Nagli, Naglu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.6840133, 26.9278920

The Church was built in 1862 on the initiative of F. Nābels. The organ dated by 1873 has been maintained in the church, three altars have paintings made in different times. Significant renovation has been made in 2011. Now the church, sparkling in its magnificence, is an important example of local constructing traditions.



Phone: +371 646 28805, Rogovka, Nautrēnu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.7075252, 27.4153023

Nautrėni community church was built of bricks in Roman style in 1901–1914. Built on place where the old church was. Art monument of state significance. Organ was bought in 1939.

#### St. Peter and St. Paul Roman Catholic Church of Ozolmuiža

Phone: +371 646 40224, Ozolmuiža, Ozolmuižas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.4909924, 27.2288215

The church was built in 1820 at the expense of the counts Plāteri-Zībergi. It is a stone building with a small bell tower. There are 3 altars in presbytery. The big stone altar has four columns and a big, massive cross. Culture monument of state significance. Ozolmuiža was an independent congregation from the start, with its own deans.

#### St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church of Pilcene (Pilcine)

Phone: +371 646 44069, +371 29214848, Pilcene, Dricānu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.6642331, 27.2674856

The oldest wooden church in Latgale built in 1772, special because of its half columns, hexagon tower, half circular windows, and onion shaped cupola with a cross.

#### The Most Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church of Puša

Phone: +371 646 46045, +371 29139057, Puša, Pušas parish, www.rezeknesnovas.lv; GPS: 56.2345534, 27.2290676

Church was built in 1743, the funds were given by landlord Šadurskis. After finishing it was handed over to the Jesuits. With that, a Jesuit mission was established in Puša (Šadurskis mission). The church has three altars. The organ was made by Latvian craftsman J. Gremze.

### St. Apostle Simeon and Jude Roman Catholic Church of Prezma *Phone:* +371 646 44830, *Prezma, Silmalas parish,*

www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.4013946, 27.1337133

In 1859 a brick stone church with 2 towers was built. In 1897 Bishop A. Simons consecrated the newly built church in honour of apostles Simeon and Jude. In 1974 a chapel was set up in one of the church sacristies, an altar was put up, an altarpiece built into altar and big improvement and reconstruction works were carried out.























#### **Nature Tourism**



#### Divine Providence Catholic Church of Rikava (Baltiņi)

Phone: +371 646 62413, Rikava, Rikavas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.6251206, 27.0420400

Was built in 1832 by the donations of Count Antonijs Riks, and it is one of the most outstanding sacral buildings of late Classicism in Latgale. There are thee altars with saint paintings in the church – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Heart of Jesus and Saint Anthony. There are several memorial plates in the church and a chapel of Riki family in the cemetery near the church.

### Virgin Mary Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church of Sarkani

Phone: +371 646 44726, +371 25439574, Sarkaṇi, Lendžu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5624640, 27.5650360

The church is famous for Our Lady painting. Many Catholics believe that the picture has miraculous powers and can cure diseases.

#### The Most Holy Trinity Parish Catholic Church of Strūžāni

Phone: +371 646 44537, Vecstrūžāni, Gaigalavas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.7441880, 27.1778735

In 30s of the 19th century the government of Russian tsar eliminated Vecstružāni catholic community and added it to Gaigalava community, but in the 20th century the parish was reunited and a church was built. In 1954 the church burned down, but already in 1958 it was renovated and confirmed. It is interesting that Soviet government did not allow building towers for the church.

#### Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church of Stolerova

Stoļerova, Stoļerovas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.4298746, 27.5567911

A wooden church with two towers built in 1770 in Baroque style using only an axe, without using a single iron nail. In 1999 with a supervision of dean Butāns there was a new stone church built on a place of the burnt down church. This is the newest renovated church in Rēzekne County.

#### St. Archangel Michael Parish Church of Zosna

Phone: +371 646 07421, Zosna, Lūznavas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3305042, 27.3392354

The church was built in 1800 for the donations, consecrated in honour of Archangel St. Michael. Built on a stone basis, wooden building, with planking. There is a small square tower in front of the church, which was renovated in 1994.

#### Adamovas Lake

Vērēmu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

The average depth is 3,8 m. There are five islands in the lake. From the highest hillocks of lake neighborhood fantastic sights to Burzaya hill area can be seen.

Hill Lielais Liepu kalns, see TOP sightseeing places in Rēzekne county (object no. 5).

#### **RĒZEKNE COUNTY**

#### Lake Lubāns, wetland of Lubāns

Phone: +371 28301143, Nagļu and Gaigalavas parishes, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Wetlands surrounding the lake Lubāns, which local inhabitants from ancient times are calling "klāni", are low bogs and high bogs, wet meadows, damp forests. In autumn and spring many thousands of migrating water birds settle down in reservoirs. In the waters of the lake ides, roaches, carps, tenches, perches,



crucians, breams and other fish are living. Diverse plant kingdom. Four towers for bird observation and 800 m long plank-ways in the bog of Teirumnieki.

#### The stone path of Mākoņkalns

Mākoņkalna parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.2894310. 27.3935874

On the way to the Mākoņkalns you may visit the ancient cult stones. The grey and brown triangle stone in Jaunstašuļi is called "Āžmuguras akmens" ("the stone of goat's back"), as it resembles the back of a goat. The flat one named "Platais akmens" ("the flat stone") is located at the small bog 200 m from stone Āžmugura. There is a hollow, similar to a human being's



footprint, in the stone, which is called "Velna pēdas" ("the devil's footprints"). Together with the other stones in vicinity it forms a shape similar to a clock. 200 m further to the west there is a stone with a hollow similar to a horse's footprint, which is called "Zirga pēdas akmens" ("the stone of horse's footprint"). An ancient family cemetery of the former Polish landlords Tarvidi, with ancient gravestones, is located 1,2 km ahead on the right side of the road. At Bondari-Utāni crossroads there is the Bondari crucifix that was restored in 2003. On the left side of the road, near the Mākoņkalns, there is a big pink boulder named Rukmanis. Further on there is a hill Mākoņkalns on top of which there is a castle mound with the ruins of Livonian castle of the beginning of the 13th century. At the foot of the mountain - a memorial stone to Kārlis Ulmanis, and nearby - wooden stairs to the top of the mountain. The Lipuški village was mentioned as an inhabited place in a chronicle already in 1893, as the biggest old-believer congregation in Baltics.

Lake Rāzna, see TOP sightseeing places in Rēzekne county (object no. 4).

**Teirumnieki marsh path,** see TOP sightseeing places in Rēzekne county (object no. 2).

National Park of Rāzna, see TOP sightseeing places in Rēzekne county (object no. 3).

Watching storks via optical devices, see TOP sightseeing places in Rēzeknecounty (object no. 8)

#### Nature trail of water and bog plants in Sakstagals

Phone: +371 29440655, "Āboliņa", Pedeļu village, Sakstagala parish, zaigagraudina@inbox.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5467259, 27.1156471

A new nature path of water and bog plants is waiting for visitors in "Āboliņa" house in Pedeļi village in rural parish of Sakstagals. The blooming water lilies have been growing in a pond. The Komarova lotus brought from East has been making a habitat there. Various green fern, loosestrife, willows and dogwoods grow here. In the bog one can see andromeda, crowberries, leather leafs, bog bean, bog myrtle, round-leaved sundew, and other representatives of moss.



#### **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**



#### "Azarkrosti", a cottage

Phone: +371 29459448, +371 646 27419, Purmaļi, Vērēmu parish, www.azarkrosti.vis.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5627729, 27.4043846 It is situated on the bank of the Adamovas lake. The

hostess cooks marvels of culinary heritage – curd and apple pies, using only receipts known only to her. Premises for celebrations, a rural bath.



#### "Ezerkrasti", a recreation complex

Phone: +371 26411207, +371 29176687, Tiliši, Dukstigals, Čornajas parish, eseja4@inbox.lv, razna08@inbox.lv; www.raznaslicis.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; www.ezerkarsti.lv, GPS: 56.3617417, 27.4376405



You may have a rest here, enjoying the magic of the lake Rāzna. You may taste the meal of Latgale culinary heritage. Premises for seminars and banquets.



#### "Birzes", a cottage

Phone: +371 26439970, +371 29422050, Kvāpāni, Gaigalavas parish, unces@inbox.lv;

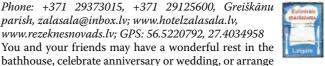
www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.7758952, 26.9742267 The paradise for fishermen and bird observers. "Look

anywhere you want – there is only water" – because the house is in the middle of the ponds. An abundance of water, birds, and fish. Fish is prepared for guests in many ways by many recipes.



#### "Zalā sala", a guest house

Phone: +371 29373015, +371 29125600, Greiškānu parish, zalasala@inbox.lv; www.hotelzalasala.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5220792, 27.4034958 You and your friends may have a wonderful rest in the



seminars and conferences. There is a game park for children. This is a place of recreation for the entire family! On request in the guest house you may order a meal cooked by Latgale culinary heritage receipts from ecological products!



#### "Rudo kumeļu pauguri", a farmstead

Phone: +371 28745654, +371 26283607, Šļakoti, Kaunatas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.2806915, 27.5165521 Visit of the farmstead, tour with seeing domestic animals. Tasting of dairy products, riding on a horse or in a cart.



#### "Lapegles", a certified biological farm

Phone: +371 26520908, Lapegles, Lendžu parish, lapegles.lendzi@inbox.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5910046, 27.4741576

A story about bees and their life, tasting and purchase of beekeeping products.

"Zvejnieki", a guest house, see TOP sightseeing places in Rēzekne county (object no. 10).

## LATGALE

#### **Active tourism / Horse Riding**

"Untumi", stables, see TOP sightseeing places in Rēzekne county (object no. 8).

#### "Rudo kumeļu pauguri", a farmstead

Phone: +371 28745654, +371 26283607, Šļakoti, Kaunatas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.2806915, 27.5165521 Riding on a horse or in a cart. To liven up culture and economic bustle in the countryside, the club "Latgales rikšotājs" ("Latgalian trotter") was established, and it organizes the horse cart races for 3 years already. Everybody whose helper and friend is a horse can participate in the race. Working hours: on request.



#### Active tourism / Water tourism

#### "Kalēji", a place of recreation

Phone: +371 26405369, +371 28680486, Kozori, Ozolmuižas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5089282, 27.2607667

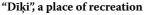
Fishing in the ponds, a place for swimming, a bathhouse. This is a good place for wedding; it suits sports arrangements and picnics.



"Zvejnieki", a guest house, see TOP sightseeing places in Rēzekne county (object no. 10).

#### "Birzes", a place of recreation

Phone: +371 26439970, Kvāpāni, Gaigalavas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.7758952, 26.9742267 Fishing in the ponds, lodging for the night, a bathhouse.



Phone: +371 26175505, Grumuži, Lūznavas parish, eleonora.777@inbox.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3090330, 27.3165768

Fishing in the ponds, a bathhouse. There are 7 ponds where one can catch carps, crucian carps, tenches and pikes. In winter - riding down the hill on a special rubber sleigh. Paintball, relaxation room.





### Landscaped swimming place on the northeastern shore of Feimanu lake

Feimaņi, Feimaņu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.2814913, 27.0333597

A landscaped swimming place on the northeastern shore of Feimaņu lake near the motorway Feimaņi–Silajāṇi. An outhouse for relaxation, parking place, playground for children.



#### "Vlakon", a paradise for fishermen

Phone: +371 29293393, +371 26159894, +371 28383139, Pērtnieki, Sakstagala parish, vlakonkarjers@inbox.lv, www.pertnieki.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.753591, 27.0411995



"Vlakon" Ltd. offers fishing services, fish breeding, and selling. Retail and wholesale trade of fish food. The water body offered for fishing is 6,1 ha big and 10–12 m deep. In the nearby pond fishing is also possible, there one can catch trout, which are bred there. Gazebo for picnics. Programme for a wedding day's celebration. It is possible to order fish soup, smoked fish.



#### "Palienas"

Phone: +371 29423153, Livža, Kantinieku parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.697574, 27.1413325

Fishing crayfish in the pond (area of 20 ha). Fish stocks are replenished each spring and autumn, with different species of fish (carp, trout, pike, sturgeon, etc.). A landscaped beach, place for a picnic.



#### "Silvija"

Phone: +371 28661213, Tauriņka, Ozolmuižas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5368409, 27.2177409

Fishing in eight ponds – carp, bream, tench, pike and other fish. An opportunity to use fish smoking equipment, or buy smoked fish (order in advance). Place for a picnic.

**Center of water tourism development "Bāka"**, see TOP sightseeing places in Rēzekne county (object no. 1).



#### The water route on the river Rezekne

Phone: +371 29166259, +371 29194748, offer provided by www.laivaslatgale.lv

The water route on the river Rēzekne. It is not a well-known river, and is rarely sailed. The river of the Daugava grand basin. Source of the river is lake Rāzna near Kaunata. The mouth is lake Lubāns. The river Rēzekne is the twelfth longest river in Latvia with the total length of 116 km, the river basin has an

area of 2066  $\rm km^2$ . The river flows through Latgale highland and Lubāna plains.

#### **Active tourism / Adventure Tourism**



#### Excursions to the airfield, flights

Phone: +371 29405302, Audriņu airfield, Audriņu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5561235, 27.2226181 Flights for groups and individual flights over the lakes of Rēzekne, a possibility to have a look at the border of EU from a bird's eye view. Excursions for groups through the airfield.



#### "Dīki"

Phone: +371 26175505, Grumuži, Lūznavas parish, eleonora.777@inbox.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3090330, 27.3165768

Fishing, lodging for the night, a bathhouse, a room for relaxation, paintball. In winter – riding on a rubber sledge, hot tea and bath afterwards.



#### "Priežupe"

Phone: +371 26178693, Audriņu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5350891, 27.3046346 Paintball.

"Rozītes", a household, see TOP sightseeing places in Rēzekne county (object no. 9).

#### "Līdacinas"

Phone: +371 29252998, +371 29474627, Karpinje, Kaunatas parish, tiptops@inbox.lv; www.lidacinas.lv; GPS: 56.3048325, 27.6494380

Water bike, water skiing, wakeboarding, and archery.

#### A shooting gallery

Phone: +371 26661666, Treuhi, Čornajas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.432364, 27.4026172 Shooting stands and hunt shooting at targets.



Phone: +371 28265866, Bērzgale, Bērzgales parish, meiranukrasts@inbox.lv; www.meiranukrasts.jimdo.com; GPS: 56.6235331, 27.5293710

Acquaintance with a breed of northern draught dogs "Alaskan malamute", in the winter going for a ride in a dog cart or with a snowmobile. Accommodation, place for a picnic, fishing. Working hours – on request.

#### Sighting tower in Ančupāni

*Pridenoji, Kolna Ančupāni, GPS: 56.5384309, 27.3168691* On the highest hill of Ančupāni forest, almost 200 above sea level, a 28,5 m high wooden tower is built. You can see how beautiful our land is, and opens a magnificent view of Rēzekne.







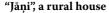


#### **Health Tourism**

#### "Čiekuri"

Phone: +371 29335199, +371 29467348, "Čiekuri", Rozentovas Street 2, Malta, Maltas parish, andris.kiscenko@lau.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3407426, 27.1843826

A bath ritual in Latgalian Malta - Čiekuri. With the aid of various natural means — plants, energies, curative powers of touch, spirits of trees and bushes — we will help you to relax, improve your health and gain strength to feel better. We work individually with each customer. Lodging for the night is possible. Working hours: on request.



Phone: +371 29724662, +371 646 23335, Seksti, Feimaņu parish, janis@ru.lv; www.rezeknesnovads.lv;

GPS: 56.2088162, 27.0397278

A bath with the service of a bath-house attendant. Medical massage. Working hours: on request.













#### "Rāzna", a rehabilitation centre of Latgale region

Phone: +371 646 46923,+371 646 46910, +371 29422323, Veczosna, Lūznavas parish, lnrc@apollo.lv; www.lnrc.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3340367,27.3074509

Consultations of experts, a physiotherapist with certification, individual programs, medical gymnastics, massage and water procedures. Working hours: on request.

#### "Rāznas stāvkrasti", a guest house

Phone: +371 29141134, Lesinski, Kaunatas parish, www.raznasstavkrasti.lv; GPS: 56.3011353, 27.5036350

Health and recreation center, infrared ray cabin, pearl bath, wet SPA, salt room, swimming pool, solarium, water massage bath. Working hours: on request.

#### "Veselības sala"

Phone: +371 22045577, Sala, Mostovaja, Lūznavas parish, etgars15@inbox.lv; www.veselibassala.lv, www.rezeknesnovads. lv; GPS: 56.3609390, 27.1897762

Sauna procedures, bath with special twigs and services of a professional bathhouse attendant, energetic massage, healing. Meeting the specialists of ayurvedic medicine and ancient signs of Balts. Beautician (cosmetician) services.

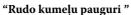
"Untumi", stables, see TOP sightseeing places in Rēzekne county (object no. 8).

#### **Winter Tourism**



#### "Dīķi"

Phone: +371 26175505, Grumuži, Lūznavas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.3090330, 27.3165768 Going for a ride on special rubber sledges for both adults and children, after that – hot tea and a bath, lodging for the night. Book your visit in advance!



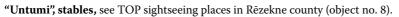


Phone: +371 28745654, +371 26283607, Šļakoti, Kaunatas parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.2806915, 27.5165521 Offers horse riding and excursions through the neighbourhood in a cart. Riding on a horse or in a cart. To liven up culture and economic bustle in the countryside, the club "Latgales rikšotājs" ("Latgalian trotter") was established, and it organizes the horse cart races for 3 years already. Everybody whose helper and friend is a horse can participate in the race. Book your visit in advance!

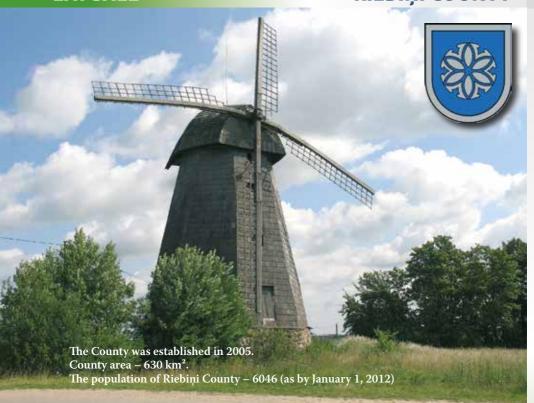
#### "Meirānu krasts", dog farm



Acquaintance with a breed of northern draught dogs "Alaskan malamute", in the winter going for a ride in a dog cart or with a snowmobile. Accommodation, place for a picnic, fishing. Working hours – on request.







Riebiņi County consists of 6 parishes (Galēni, Riebiņi, Rušona, Silajāņi, Sīļukalns and Stabulnieki), and there are many traditions and events here that gather local people and visitors of the County each year.

The Territory of Riebiņi County is rich with waters, in total there are 32 lakes, and the Rušona parish is the richest – there are 23 lakes there, in addition, the territory is also rich in cultural and historical objects. There are several notable landscape territories in the territory of Riebiņi County, they are: estate complex, park in Galēni parish, Riebiņi estate with park and Pieniņi locality in Riebiņi parish, the are with biggest lakes, numerous castle mounds, nature reserve – "Jaša – Bicāni lake", nature reserve – "Islands of Rušona lake", protected landscape area – "Kaučers", Gelenova park, are around the Pastars mindmill (the only mill with turnable windscreen mechanism of Dutch type reconstructed in Latvia) in Stabulnieki parish, nature reserve "The big Pelečāre bog" in Sīļukalns parish and churches of different confessions in all parishes. There are 5 micro-reserves in the territory of the County: one in Galēnu parish, two in Stabulnieku parish and two in Rušonas parish.



#### Riebiņi county tourism organizer

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#### Riebiņi County council

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#### Most popular sightseeing places in Riebiņi county (top objects)



#### 1. Museum of Roberts Mūks

Phone: +371 26822989 (contact person Marta Binduka), Liepu Street 1, Galēni, Galēnu pagasts; GPS: 56.47581, 26.83044

In January 2006, after the death of world-famous philosopher and historian of religion Roberts Mūks, his widow gave his study room, manuscripts, printed works, part of the library, personal belongings, Buddha statue collection, pipes, furniture, paintings and many other personal things to the Galēni parish.



#### 2. Stud farm of Riebini

Phone: +371 653 22681, +371 29112796, Riebiņi, Riebiņu parish; GPS: 56.34271, 26.79836

An excursion through the stud farm, rent of he

An excursion through the stud farm, rent of horses, riding in harness. Working hours: on request.



#### 3. "Bašķi", water skiing base

Phone: +371 26489663, +371 653 21928, Rušonas parish; GPS: 56.5404, 26.8828

Sports activities, bathhouse, swimming, rent of windsurfing boards and water skis. Opportunity to go water skiing under the supervision of a trainer. Trampoline jumps – for the fans of water skiing.



#### 4. "Silmalas", a recreation center

Phone: +371 29101378, +371 22830104, Rušonas parish, zalaneanna@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.20184, 26.99569

Recreation center is located on the shore of Rušona lake. Motorboat routes to 5 islands. Rent of rowing boats, canoe, catamarans and water skis. Trips on motorboats. Places for tents and picnic. Popular fishing spots, especially among anglers. The lake (2370 ha) is

rich with fish – pikes, perches, breams, and roaches. Commercial fishing in ponds – carps, lake fish. Lodging for the night (up to 70 people) in houses. Hall for celebrations or seminars. Bathhouse, massage, SPA procedures. In winter - winter fishing, skiing, rent of skis, bathhouse. Catering has to be booked in advance.



#### 5. "Šaures", a guest house

Phone: +371 29642100, Rušonas parish, saures@inbox.lv, www.saures.viss.lv, GPS: 56.2239, 26.5960

An excellent place of recreation for companies near two lakes. We offer a ride with boats or rafts, fishing. Water routes on lakes and rivers of Latgale. Recreation in forest available – picking of mushrooms and berries,

strolling. 2 places for a fire. Places for tents, sports field, parking for 10 cars. Bathhouse, room for festivities; catering on request.

#### Museums

Museum of Roberts Mūks, see TOP sightseeing places in Riebiņi county (object no. 1).

#### Estates, castles, castle mounds, ancient burial sites

#### Šnepstu Castle Mound

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rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv; GPS: 56.34067, 26.79991 Located near the highway, to the left when driving from Preili to Aglona. Šņepstu Castle Mound is 19 meters high; its area is 80x60 meters. Northern and western sides were artificially lifted, while in southeast trenches protected it, between which there was a slope



and an entrance into the Castle Mound. In 1892 partial dig took place here. Ceramic articles were found, as well as other things of late Iron Age.

#### Rušenica Castle Mound

Phone/Fax: +371 653 24375, Rušonas parish,

rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv; GPS: 56.23772, 26.84693 Situated on the right bank of river Rušenica, one kilometre southeast from the former Rušenica estate. Area of the Rušenica Castle Mound is 90 meters long and 60 meters wide. Castle had two en-



trances - from northwest and south. Thickness of occupation layer is approximately half a meter.

#### Krupenišķu Castle Mound

Phone/Fax: +371 653 24375, Rušonas parish,

rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv; GPS: 56.22684, 27.03812 Near its foot flows river Smorodṇaka, which is the border between Preili and Rēzekne Counties. Krupenišķu Castle Mound is built on a narrow ridge, southern end of which faces a lake. Shards of earthenware, charcoal, burned clay pieces and stone splinters have been found here. Some stories tell that there is money buried here.



#### **Kategrades Castle Mound**

Phone/Fax: +371 653 24375, Rušonas parish,

rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv; GPS: 56.23639, 26.93055 Located in Kategrade village, near Kategrades lake. It is a solitary mountain, which rises 17 meters above the surrounding fields. Northwestern and southwestern sides are steep, while the rest are artificially fortified with ditches and ramparts, which were plowed



down with time and have almost disappeared. Total area is 50x70 meters. Thickness of the occupation layer is one meter, in which antiquities dated for 9th–12th centuries were found. Archeological digging did not take place.

#### Spuldzinu Black Mountain

Phone/Fax: +371 653 24375, Rušonas parish,

rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv; GPS: 56.25682, 26.92339 Black Mountain is a protected archeological object of state significance, as it is an ancient cult place. It got its name from pagan burning of sacrifices; however, findings and the occupation layer suggest that it was also used for living. Some ancient folk tales of



pagan sacrifices in this place survived till nowadays. Upper layer of the ground is very dark, which indicates burning. It was inhabited during the last centuries BC, and first centuries AD – in the early Iron Age, when the territory of Rušona was densely inhabited.



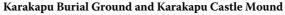




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Archeological digging here took place since 1928. 315 burial sites were found. In the 8th-13th centuries on the territory of burial ground local inhabitants, belonging to the Latgalian tribe, were buried. Luxurious artifacts found here were made by local artisans. There was not much external influence at the time, and the diversity of artifacts suggests strong, original and rich local culture.



Phone/Fax: +371 653 24375, Galēnu parish,

rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv; GPS: 56.26338, 26.97544 Nowadays the only part where you can see the remains of a rampart is the lowest part in the northeastern side. Higher points of the mound were leveled during 18th-20th centuries, The sand was used for building of estates, and peasants used it for their needs as well.

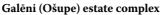
In its time a lot of fierce battles took place near this mound, which is indicated by ancient war axes found there. Supposedly, the burial ground was created during the time of Livonian War. Archeological digging did not take place.

#### Concentration camp (Memorial place for the victims of terror)

Phone/Fax: +371 653 24375, Caunes, Rušonas parish, rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv; GPS: 56.18774, 26.91851

On the way from Aglonas station to Rezekne, on the right side of the road one may see a building, where people were tortured mercilessly and the place where concentration camp was located. Now there is only a memorial plate at that place. During the times of independence it there was a flax factory here, but during the period of 1941-1944 this place was a concentration camp of German army, where more than 200 people have died.





Phone/fax: +371 653 24375, Galēni, Galēnu parish; GPS: 56.47669, 26.81983

The core of the complex is the estate of counts Borhi, built in 18th century, and rebuilt many times. Complex got its current appearance in the second half of 19th century. There are a number of auxiliary buildings – sheds, stables, servant house, barns and guard house, which are located around the front yard.



#### Pastari windmill

Phone: +371 29464960, Stabulnieku parish;

GPS: 56.4171, 26.7861

Unique due to the fact, that this is the only reconstructed Holland type windmill with turning mechanism in Latvia.



#### Rušona Estate

Phone: +371 27533033, Rušonas parish, www.rusonasmuiza.lv; GPS: 56.18790, 26.97375

A former Rušona estate residential building, built in 1903, is located on the bank of Rušona lake. It's a one-floor stone building with two-floor central part, two-slope and four-slope (in central part) roof. Reconstructed in summer 2007. Build in neo-renaissance style. Beautiful park around the estate. An excellent place for recreation on the banks of Rušona lake.

#### Stables of the Kastīre estate

Phone/Fax: +371 653 24375, Rušonas parish, rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv;

GPS: 56.21335, 26.86974

Located near the outlet of river Jaša. Architectural monument – stables of the former Kastīre estate (19th century). Kastīre estate since the beginning of the 19th century till beginning of 20th century belonged to the Žaba family, from which de-

scended the famous traveler N. Žaba (1805-1885) and his brother, famous researcher of Kurd language, literature and history A. Žaba (1800-1894).

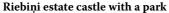


Phone/Fax: +371 653 24375, Rušonas parish, rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv;

GPS: 56.22791, 26.92347

A scenic park with 23 species of exotic trees and bushes, with a total area of 8 ha, including both dry land and waters. Located on the peninsula of Bicānu Lake. Created in the 90ies of 19th

century, belonged to landlord who created it for his daughter Helena. There was an estate complex in the territory of the park. It was built in renaissance style, yet only the foundations and some auxiliary buildings remain.

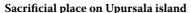


Phone: +371 653 22041, +371 20116431, Riebiņi;

GPS: 56.34087, 26.80032

It is located on the bank of a small river Feimanka, surrounded by centenarian lime-trees. It is constructed in the style of late Classicism (19th–20th centuries). In the past the estate belonged to the family of von Weisenhoffs. In the seventies of

the 19th century it became the property of Polish engineer S. V. Kerbedzs. In the beginning of 20th century Jevgenija Kerbedza, a widely known philanthropist of the time, renovated the abandoned castle. She used the castle as a recreation centre for artists, writers and composers.



Phone: +371 29118597, +371 653 22100, Rušonas parish;

GPS: 56.18245, 26.99829

It is an ancient cult place of Latgalians, it is located on island Upursala. In the central part of Upursala there is a hillock, and in the highest place of it a stone is located, which people call Upurakmens (Sacrifice stone). The legend tells that there were writings carved on the stone and people sacrificed lambs there. It is 1,2 m high, perimeter at the ground is 5,5 m.



**Churches** 

#### Riebiņi Catholic Church of St. Francis

Phone/Fax: +371 653 24375, Rušonas parish, rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv;

GPS: 56.18473, 26.06518

Building took place until 1907, under the leadership of dean Dominiks Andrekus. From 1928 till 1933 the author of many secular books Antons Tumans served the parish, and in 1941 – to-be bishop Valerians Zondaks. Riebiņi church is a 15 m long and 12 m wide three-nave building with tin roof and tile floor.









#### Pieniņi Roman Catholic Church of Jesus Heart and St. Anna

Phone/Fax: +371 653 24375, Rušonas parish, rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv;

GPS: 56.18306, 26.57300

The ancient wooden church of Pienini, built in 1806 by count Borhs, has been preserved till our days, although is being used as a warehouse. In 1936 curia ordered dean J. Kiselevskis to build a new church in another place on the shore of the lake. It's built of bricks in Gothic style and has one tower. In 1939 main construction works were completed, and the church was consecrated in the name of Jesus Heart and the patronage of St. Anna.



#### Vidsmuiža Roman Catholic Church

Phone/Fax: +371 653 24375, Galēnu parish, rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv; GPS: 56.47807. 26.83805

The first church in Galēni was built of wood in 1743. It was built by count Borhs on his own funds. Its area was 245 m2, and it existed for more than 160 years. As it was only allowed to build a new stone church in the place of the old one, the old church was disassembled and relocated, and served as a temporary church while the new one was being built. After the World War II it was a shop, and in 1945 it

burnt down. The current stone church was built from 1910 till 1912 by dean Stanislaus Žvegzda.



#### Rušona Church

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The first known church in Rušona was supposedly built in the 16th century, and it was built of wood. Destroyed during the Polish–Swedish wars. Jesuits built new wooden church in 1677, and in 1766 a new, third wooden church was built in its place. In

1816 on the funds of Iveta Selecka the current stone church was built. Under the church there are cellars, in which, according to folklore, monks were buried. According to the elder of the parish, in 2016 the church will celebrate its 200th anniversary. One can already find historical evidence in the sacristy, for example, the chasubles of previous priests.



#### Lomi Old-Believer Preaching-House

Phone/Fax: +371 653 24375, Galēnu parish, rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv;

GPS: 56.47807, 26.83805

Interesting wooden architecture. The preaching-house is located in the middle of the Lomi village, near a motorway of state significance. There are many items of sacral art here —

lamps, icons, prayer books. It is designed for 30 persons.



#### Makarovka Old-Believer Preaching-House

Phone/Fax: +371 653 24375, Galēnu parish, rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv; GPS: 56.47807. 26.83805

Wooden building of World War I period. A bit smaller than Lomi Old-Believer Preaching-House, and doesn't have as many icons. The congregation consists of approximately 50 people.

#### Tiša Old-Believer Preaching-House

Phone/Fax: +371 653 24375, Gailīšu village, Rušonas parish, rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv; GPS: 56.28024, 26.90035
The preaching house was built in 1936 of wood. The wooden interior is a unique example of handmade decoration. The preaching house is located on a scenic shore of Lake Salmeja. It has numerous valuable monuments of art, including 2 icons made in the 12th century.



#### **Nature Tourism**

#### Indānu Ravine - Azarīne Path

Phone/Fax: +371 653 24375, Galēnu parish, rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv; GPS: 56.47807, 26.83805

Located on the border of East Latvian lowland and Latgale highland. Here the northeastern and southwestern geobotanical regions meet. Falls and rises characteristic for Eastern Latvian lowland. The bedrock is covered in sediment from the last

ice coat, mainly grit. Walking this path you can get acquainted with the plants, characteristic for our region, different biotopes, and, if you are lucky, also with animals.

#### Irbīšu Spring

Phone/Fax: +371 653 24375, Galēnu parish, rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv; GPS: 56.47807, 26.83805

Located on the border of Stabulnieki and Galēni parishes. With the initiative of Galēni parish the place of source of the spring and its surroundings were cleaned, which made them much more attractive for a visit. A small bridge was built for easier access, as well as the framework for the well and a roadsign pointing to the site. The place is popular among the passers-by as a place for a rest with a cold and tasty water.

#### **Active tourism** / Horse Riding

**Stud farm of Riebiņi,** see TOP sightseeing places in Riebiņi county (object no. 2).

#### Active tourism / Water tourism

#### Recreation on the shore of Zolvas lake

Phone: +371 26315587, "Agaves", Rušonas parish;

GPS: 56.22134, 26.99428

Rental of equipment for active recreation – boats, trampoline, badminton.



<sup>&</sup>quot;Bašķi", water skiing base, see TOP sightseeing places in Riebiņi county (object no. 3).

<sup>&</sup>quot;Silmalas", a recreation center, see TOP sightseeing places in Riebiņi county (object no. 4).

<sup>&</sup>quot;Saures", a guest house, see TOP sightseeing places in Riebiņi county (object no. 5)



#### "Zolva", a recreation complex

Phone: +371 29210452, +371 653 07046, Siverina, Rušonas parish; GPS: 56.21908, 26.99173

Recreation on the shore of Zolvas lake. Boats, fishing, bathhouse, swimming, room for banquets with a fireplace. An excellent place for organization of cultural and sports events.

#### **Health Tourism**



#### Bath "Cielavas ligzda" ("Wagtail's Nest")

Phone: +371 26672464, Sprukstini, Sīļukalns, Sīļukalna parish, http://cielavas-ligzda.viesumajas.lv, iveta.b70@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.52357, 26.75635 Various forms of relaxation for small companies of relatives,

friends or colleagues: traditional and Japanese bath (openair hot tub), swimming in a pond, fishing, relaxation in a gazebo on an island, volleyball, badminton, water bicycle.



#### "Līdumnieki", a relaxation center

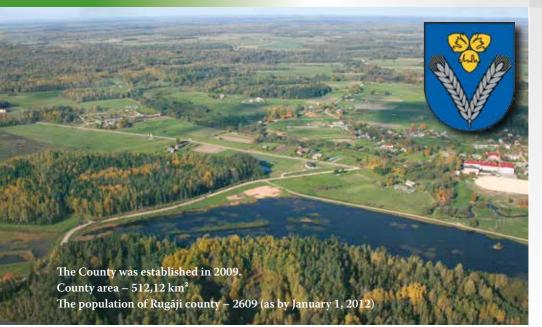
Phone: +371 26404721, +371 26392778, Stabulnieku parish; GPS: 56.41501, 26.78198

We offer a bath with a pool and a bath near a reservoir. Lodging, camping, place for tents, premises for seminars and conferences, banquet hall for weddings and other festivities (130 persons). A swimming place, places for a picnic, billiard, and catering (on request).

"Silmalas", a recreation center, see TOP sightseeing places in Riebini county (object no. 4).

#### **Winter Tourism**

"Silmalas", a recreation center, see TOP sightseeing places in Riebini county (object no. 4).



Rugāji County is situated in the north of Latgale and consolidates two parishes – Rugāji and Lazdukalns. Here you can see how contemporary and traditional is interlaced together. County's inhabitants are bent on both realization of new achievements in their life and try to preserve inherited ancestral traditions and skills from generation to generation. In Rugāji County the Latgalian dialect is still heard in private life.

People, their work and achievements are the greatest value of Rugāji County. If you are in Rīga and you see the stars of Freedom (Brīvības) monument, then remember that people from Rugāji County also participated in coinage of the stars. If you are a patriot of your country, than we can together recollect that Latgalian partisan regiment in the period of Latvian war of Independence (1919 – 1920) was formed in Rugāji.

If you are a friend of nature and a follower of healthy way living you are invited to relax and to enjoy the beauty of Latgalian nature with farmers in holiday house with special offers for tourists. If you are allured with off-road philosophy join the organizers of sports club "Rugāji" off-road tours and competitions on jeeps and all-terrain vehicles. If you are a hockey fan, we will play hockey - you can come with your own team and participate in "Lazdukalns cup game" that takes part every year in January. If you are inquisitive, visit elk farm in nature reserve of Padedze. If you want to linger in memories, you are invited to visit open-air antique collection "Saipetnieki" in Lazdukalns parish. There are a lot of different antique household objects, implements, rooms with antique equipment and furniture, fantastic flower garden with magnificent compositions, fountains and resting-places in the collection.



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# Most popular sightseeing places in Rugāji County (top objects)







# 1. "Saipetnieki", a private collection of antiquities

Phone: +371 26519360, Saipetnieki, Lazdukalna parish; GPS: 56.9167692, 27.1171342 Open-air exhibition of old tools, vehicles, stock and machinery. In summer season there is a beautiful flower garden. Working hours: on request.

#### 2. Elk farm "Mežsētas"

Phone: +371 29104212, Mežsētas, Silinieki, Rugāju parish; GPS: 57.0081851, 26.8775535

Located on the left side of road Rugāji–Lubāns, the last farm in the territory of the Rugāji county, not far from Pededzes river. Breeds elks. In fenced areas approximately 350 elks of various ages graze. Fish ponds with a total area of 12 ha, where you can fish trout, carp, cat-fish, sturgeon, tench and crayfish. Places for tents.

#### 3. "Rūķīši", a rural house

Phone: +371 29197821, "Rūķīši", Egļusala, Rugāju parish, zs.rukisi@inbox.lv, http://www.draugiem.lv/rukisi; GPS: 56.9903390, 27.1288853

You and your friends may have a wonderful rest in the bathhouse, celebrate anniversary or wedding, or arrange seminars and conferences. There is a playground for children. Here you can find recreation for the entire family! If booked in advance, dishes of Latgale culinary heritage are offered, as well as

dishes of other nations. Special offer – dishes from fish or wild game. Our signature dish is a fish soup made on a fire. You can catch the fish for the soup yourself, in our ponds. Fish can be cured on the spot.

# Museums

**"Saipetnieki"**, **a private collection of antiquities**, see TOP sightseeing places in Rugāji County (object no. 1)

# **Craftsman tourism**



### Rugāji weaving workshop "Skreine"

Phone: +371 29329749, +371 26355954, Rugāji, Rugāju parish, www.draugiem.lv/skreine, martagailuma@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.9996938, 27.1289958

In the weaving workshop you can try your hand at weaving a crazy quilt on a real loom. You will be acquainted with weaving equipment, technique and fabrics. Book your visit in advance!

#### **Nature Tourism**

#### Mednu Boulder

Phone: +371 645 46674, near the Ruduki stop, Rugāju parish; GPS: 57.0348908, 27.1666778

One of the biggest boulders in Balvi neighborhood. Length -5.8 m, width -5.3 m, height -1.4 m, perimeter -19.0 m.



Elk farm "Mežsētas", see TOP sightseeing places in Rugāji County (object no. 2)

# **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**

#### Baking of bread according to old traditions

Phone: +371 29364101, "Ābeles" farm, Baldones, Rugāju parish, www.rugaji.lv; GPS: 57.0072172, 27.0367455 The hostess bakes brown and white bread by ancient recipes. Invites guests to get acquainted with the recipes, prepare the leaven and dough, and bake the bread together.



"Rūķīši", a rural house, see TOP sightseeing places in Rugāji County (object no. 3)

# **Active tourism / Horse Riding**

#### "Mežaines", a farm

Phone: +371 28764175,+371 8619479, Mežaine, Rugāju

parish; GPS: 56.9481024, 27.1452297

Horse riding, participation in events, and services of a coach. In winter – sledges. Working hours: on request.



## Active tourism / Water tourism

#### Recreation complex "Harmonija"

Phone: +371 29149202, Mazezeriņi, Rugāju parish, www.rugaji.lv; GPS: 56.9949384, 27.1700498

Guest house on the bank of Boževas lake, surrounded by a forest. 3 bedrooms for 2 persons each, hall for 25 persons, bathhouse, pool, bubble bath, shower and WC. Guests can use the kitchen, places for tents and fire, gazebo on the bank of the lake, boat. Volleyball court.



# **Active tourism / Adventure Tourism**



#### "Rugāji", a sports club

Phone: +371 29149202, Rugāji, Rugāji County, www.rugaji4x4.lv; GPS: 57.0044815, 27.1345213

The sports club "Rugāji" arranges various popular competitions on the vehicles 4x4 – cross country, trophy competitions in bad conditions of road and with different obstacles.

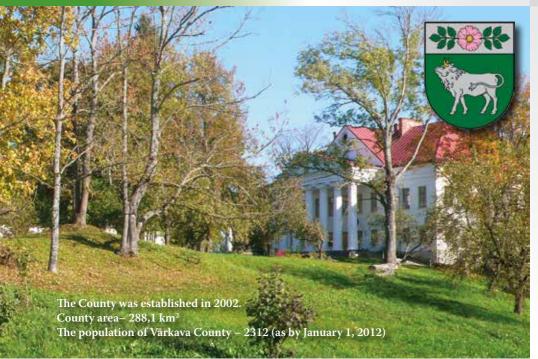
#### **Health Tourism**



#### "Rūķīši", a guest house

Phone: +371 29197821, Eglusala, Rugāju parish, zs.rukisi@inbox.lv; GPS: 56.9903390, 27.1288853

In the guest house "Rūķīši" you may have a rest in the bath or in the black bath, take a steam bath with aromatic switches of green birch twigs and refresh in an oak tub on the open air. Taste dishes from local products or dried fish. Working hours: on request.



Vārkava County is situated in the southeast of Latvia. It borders on Līvāni, Preiļi and Daugavpils Counties. Upmale and Rožkalni parishes form the Vārkava County. The administrative center is Vecvārkava. In lengthways of 37 km through the Vārkava County flows one of the biggest affluents of Daugava – Dubna. The county is proud of its numerous cultural and historical monuments; of which remarkable are Piliški castle mound and several ancient burial grounds, Vārkava estate palace (in the middle of 19th century) Arendole estate manorhouse (at the beginning of the 19th century), Vārkava Catholic Church (1877).

In Vārkava County you can: celebrate Ligo ("Jāṇi"), because every seventh man in the County has name Jānis; have romantic dreams standing under the mistletoe in Arendole or Vārkava estate park; boat down Dubna, fish tenches, pikes, perches, roaches and breams and also try to cross the river, going across Stari or Kursīši footbridges, shoot in paintball club "Wild berry" ("Meža oga") in the Lielie Klapari; meet mainly Latgalian speaking people (In 2011 76% of County's inhabitants spoke Latgalian) and try to catch the peculiarities of three dialects (Kalupe, Vārkava, Līvāni); performances of 13 amateur collectives (vocal ensembles, groups of folklore, dance groups, theatre groups) during various events, listen to an interesting story about biologists brothers Aleksandrs and Vladimirs Kovaļevski, who received a worldwide recognition, and in remembrance of whom the monument in Vārkava parish's "Zaķīši" is erected and Vārkava central Street is named after; meet Tom Thumb ("Sprīdītis"), the devil ("Vadātājs"), the hunter and others heroes (images) created from natural materials, walking along the trail "Sprīdīši" in Kazēri; as well as to go to "End of the World" ("pasaules gals") to the Ašinieks bog to observe birds.

#### Vārkava County council

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# Most popular sightseeing places in Vārkava county (top objects)



# 1. Vārkava Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 29223505, +371 653 29726, Padomes Street 4, Vecvārkava, Upmalas parish, www.varkava.lv; GPS: F. 56.19 799 N 26.50 405

The church in Vecvārkava was built under the dean's Andrejs Chegis leadership in 1877. Mogileva's bishop Albins Simons confirmed the church in 1896. The church is dedicated to the Holy Trinity. The church is 25 metres high and 18 metres wide building with three altars, where beautiful pictures of

saints are placed. There are also big choir rooms with an organ which was bought in Lithuania in the beginning of this century. This organ is an art monument of state significance; the church is an art monument of local significance.



# 2. Vārkava Local History Museum

Phone: +371 28715317, +371 27099432, Kovaļevsku Street 6, Vārkava, Vārkavas parish, muzejs@varkava.lv, www.varkava.lv; GPS: E 56.24 916, N 26.56 990

Vārkava region is mentioned frequently as the motherland of the first folk school in Latgale. Offers: exposition "The first folk school in Latgale", "Vārkava and its inhabitants at the turn of an age", which displays culture historical

inheritance of Vārkava district. In the Barn-museum rooms there is an opportunity to have a look at ethnography exposition and to examine household objects and tools of 19th and 20th centuries. In the tradition room of the museum thematic excursions, creative workshops, and tradition events are offered. Working hours: Mon-Fri: 8:00-16:30, Sat-Sun: on request.



# ${\bf 3.} \ Educational \ ecological \ ``V\bar{a}rkava's \ nature \ trail"$

Phone: +371 29443089, Vecvārkava, Upmalas parish, Vārkava County, www.varkava.lv; GPS: E 56.19 799 N 26.50 405

"Vārkava's nature trail" has plants, natural landscapes, and archaeological buildings (including Vārkava manor castle and Vārkava Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church) and culture historical places characteristic for the Vārkava County. The time necessary to acquaint oneself with the

trail - 2, 5 hours. It is 2,5 km long with 20 examination objects. Several topical excursions are offered: "Vārkava's trail" (2,5 hours), biota of banks (1,5 hours), life in the meadow (1 hour), dendrology (1 hour), vulnerary plants (1 hour), exploration in Dubna river (2 hours).



# 4. Monument to the world-famous biologists - brothers Kovalevsky

Phone: +371 27059046, "Zaķīši", Vārkavas parish, elvira.abolina@varkava.lv, www.varkava.lv

Monument to the world-famous biologists, brothers Alexander and Vladimir Kovalevsky, was opened in Vārkava parish on August 28, 2010. Monument is a compliment from Vārkava's population to the scientists who were born and spent their childhood here.

# **VĀRKAVA COUNTY**

#### 5. Vārkava manor house

Phone: +371 28239646, +371 27059046, Skolas Street 5, Vecvārkava, Upmalas parish, www.varkava.lv, GPS: F. 56.19 799 N 26.50 405

For the first time the manor house was mentioned in 1583 as belonging to Rēzekne starostwo, and being rented to noble Bernard Oledenbokum. In 16th century a traders' folwark had formed, where traders had to buy different



goods for Polish king - timber, ashes, coal, beaver, bear and marten leather - and to deliver them on Dubna to Daugava and on it further to Riga. Later this traders' folwark became a manor and then Vārkava manor house castle was built and close by it Vārkava parish church. Nowadays in the Vārkava manor house there are: the administration of Vārkava region, library, Vārkava region culture centre, family doctors practice.

# **Cultural and Historical objects**

Monument to the world-famous biologists - brothers Kovalevsky, see TOP sightseeing places in Vārkava county (object no. 4).

Vārkava manor house, see TOP sightseeing places in Vārkava county (object no. 5).

#### Vārkava park

Phone: +371 29443089, Vecvārkava, Upmalas parish, Vārkava County, www.varkava.lv; GPS: E 56.19 799 N 26.50 405 The park was created around Vārkava manor house in 19th century, its area is 2,7 ha. There are local species of the trees in this park, as well as sharp-leaf maple, sugar maple, pubescent philadelphus, aromatic asp, silver willow, Hungarian bush, Crimean lime, and others. In the territory of the park one may also find the Vecvārkava open-air stage.



#### Arendoles manor house

Phone: +371 29229713, +371 29421413, Arendole, Rožkalnu parish, Vārkava County, www.varkava.lv, arendole@apollo.lv; GPS: E 56.15 107 N 26.61 175

Arendoles manor house building complex grew in the first part of 18th-19th centuries. It was built as a place of recreation and hunting for the landlords. Among the Latgalian manor houses Arendoles manor house is notable for its luxury and originality. Arendoles manor house is glamorous, historical place in Latgales fields and one of the few manor houses which are open for public. A visit can be arranged, contact the owner of manor house Arvīds Turlajs in advance.



#### **Arendole Park**

Arendole, Rožkalnu parish, Vārkava County, www.varkava.lv; GPS: E 56.15 107 N 26.61 175

The Arendole park (6,5 ha) has several exotic species of trees and bushes. The popular place of recreation among the inhabitants of Arendole with a little open-air stage and benches. There is much mistletoe in park trees; it is believed that if you kiss under them, you will get everlasting love.







## Memorial for the poet, lawyer and social worker Juris Pabērzs

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In the middle of 80-ies of 20th century in "Pabērži" of Rožkalnu parish, in the yard of the hereditary house of Juris Pabērzs, a monument dedicated to him was erected. Juris Pabērzs was born on 29th of July in 1891 in Pabērži of Kalupe parish. He learned

in Kalupes and Arendoles primary schools, Petersburg Saint Katherine church gymnasium, studied law in the Petersburg University. From 1911 the first stories, publicity articles and poems were published in the press. He was a minister of justice (from 1929 till 1931 and from 1940 to 1941), minister of folk welfare (1934). J. Paberzs was awarded with rank 5 Order of the Three Stars in 1926.

#### Museums

Vārkava Local History Museum, see TOP sightseeing places in Vārkavas county (object no. 2).



#### Rimicāni locality local history exposition

Phone: +371 28444927, Saules Street 2, Rimicāni,

Rožkalnu parish, www.varkava.lv; GPS: E 56.20 795, N 26.42 748 Exposition about Rimicāni school history and Rimicāni locality cultural and historical inheritance is offered. The formation of the exposition promotes the link between existent and former

inhabitants with the birthplace and pride about its culture historical inheritance. Working hours: on request.



#### Logocki house museum

Phone: +371 29498236, "Jaunkalni", Rožkalnu parish, www.varkava.lv Logocki house museum is located on the side of the road between Vārkava and Arendole. An antique atmosphere and household conditions have been preserved there. The owners of the house organize both public and private holidays. A perfect place to grasp the ancient times. Museum is waiting the visitors

in summer season! Working hours: on request.



#### Vaivodi family museum

Phone: +371 653 29843, +371 20238414, "Lazdiņas", Vanagi, Upmalas parish, www.varkava.lv; GPS: E 56.29 119 N 26.37 663 Student of local history in Vanagi Jānis Vaivods created a family museum, where one can see household objects, agricultural tools, and books collected by him from closer and further locality. The number of exhibits is measured in hundreds. The

owner of museum will tell many interesting facts about Vanagi locality, because he collected materials about this area all his life. In 2010 his book "Pages of Vanagi history" came out, after a long and hard work. In the book Vanagi village history is unravelled from Jersika country times to nowadays and its volume is 665 pages. Working hours: on request.



#### Vanagi primary school museum

Phone: +371 28450919, Vanagi, Upmalas parish, www.varkava.lv; GPS: E 56.29 119 N 26.37 663

Offers: exhibition of textbooks, exercise books, and manuscripts of twenties and thirties of 20th century. Materials about National opposition movement in Vanagi, about priest Antons

Juhnevics, the leader of opposition movement. School museum building serves also as a creative workshop. Working hours: on request.

#### **Craftsman tourism**

#### Woodworking master and welder Juris Kivlenieks

Phone: +371 28326781, Butki, Vārkavas parish, www.varkava.lv Juris Kivlenieks is a third generation cooper. Barrels is the primary specialization of the skilful woodworker, but Juris also makes wooden vessels, garden furniture and in the last years - wooden toys. With the revival of traditions of bathhouse different bathhouse tools are in demand, especially dippers, cups, buckets and even tubs.



# Needlewoman, gardener, florist and and expert of other things Valentīna Valaine

Phone: +371 22035005, Vecvārkava, Upmalas parish, www.varkava.lv; GPS: E 56.19 799 N 26.50 405

Valentīna comes from a very big and honest Dzeņi family; this family's women are great needlewomen and hearth protectors.

Undeniably, Valentina has some favourite types of handicraft; her artistic value and creativity are shown in basketworks, macrame, floristic, gardening and landscape design.



#### **Churches**

**Vārkava Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church,** see TOP sightseeing places in Vārkava county (object no. 1).

#### Arendole Saint Virgin Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 654 20583, +371 26139541, Arendole, Rožkalnu parish, www.varkava.lv; GPS: E 56.15 046 N 26.61 035

Dean of Kalupe Vitalis Triebšo bought devastated stone building in 1926, which in Arendoles manor house was a joinery. The building was rebuilt for the needs of the church and the confirmation of Arendoles Saint Virgin Roman Catholic Church took place in 1930.



#### Vanagi Saint Anna Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 29122201, +371 29511995, Vanagi, Upmalas parish, www.varkava.lv; GPS: E 56.29 119 N 26.37 663

The first Vanagi church was transferred from Vecvārkava. It was transported to Vanagi and placed on a stone foundation in the cemetery. Decision to build a new church was made in 1933. In



1934 the dean of Līvāni Staṇislavs Vaikuļs confirmed the foundation of the church. Two years later the new church was consecrated by the bishop Jāzeps Rancāns. It is interesting that the new church was built around the old wooden church.

## **Nature Tourism**

**Educational ecological "Vārkava's nature trail",** see TOP sightseeing places in Vārkava county (object no. 3)

#### "Sprīdīši" Forest trail

Phone: +371 22035005, "Kazēri", Vārkava County, www.varkava.lv Valentina and Eduards Valaiņi created the trail in their little forest domain, which resembles a fairy forest. In this place, where 200 years old pine, and ash and other trees planted by grandparents grow, at first grew a wooden hut - "Vigvams"; after that a place was found for Sprīdītis, the Devil, heroes of Indian fairy tales,



Boa, Dwarf, Hunter and other characters, which were made of natural materials by Valentīna. Eduards is outstanding storyteller and humorist, who does not allow anybody to get bored.

# Active tourism / Water tourism



#### "Salenieki", a guest house

Phone: +371 29183904, +371 29159452, Salenieki, Rožkalnu parish, www.varkava.lv

It is situated on the bank of Lielais Kalupes Lake. The guest house offers lodging for the night (40 places), fantastic sporting opportunities (there are football and volleyball fields), rent of

boats, banquet halls (20 and 100 persons), bathhouse, fireplace,

the rooms for seminars and conferences (20 and 100 persons), ecological products, there is a parking place and place for the tents. The household is practices biological agriculture, it has the "Green Certificate".



# "Ludmila", a guest house

Phone: 29571408, Bučkas, Vārkavas parish, www.varkava.lv It is situated on the bank of the lake Bleida. Bleida Lake is a popular place for fishing. Guest house offers lodging for the night (20 places), 2 bathhouses with resting rooms, fishing, rent of 4 boats, 1 motor boat and water-skis, fantastic place for swimming, volleyball field, basketball basket, out kitchen,

places for tents and picnic, playground for children, parking lot. There is a possibility to buy smoked fish. Guests are welcomed from May till September.



#### "Upes mājas", a place of recreation

Phone: +371 29344705, Upes Street 13, Vecvārkava, Upmalas parish, www.varkava.lv; GPS: E 56.19 799 N 26.50 405 It is situated at a picturesque bank of river Dubna. It offer lodging for the night (20 places), bathhouse, guest room (up to 100 persons), Dzenu family museum visit, landscaped

swimming place (with playground for children), rent of a boat and bicycles, places for tents and picnic, services of a guide. Guests are welcomed from May till September.

# **Active tourism / Adventure Tourism**



#### "Meža oga", a place of active recreation

Phone: +371 29447731, Lielie Klapari, Vārkavas parish, www.varkava.lv; GPS: E 56.24 625 N 26. 56,743

Situated at the bank of Klapari Lake. There are two paintball grounds - Skrejeni and Slideni; it also provides swimming place, grill rent, place for tents and picnic, car parking place. It is possible to organize different events related to the sport activities.

# **Health Tourism**

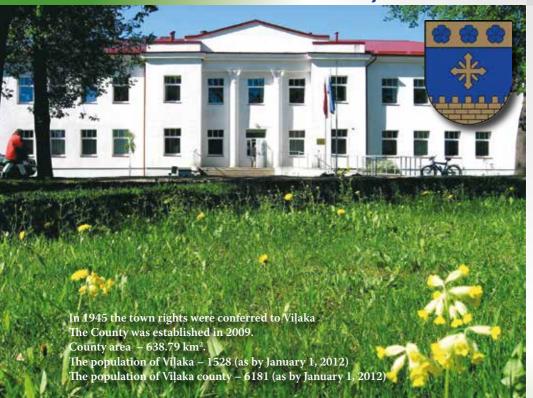


#### "Vingri", a guest house

Phone: +371 26319486, Vingri, Rožkalnu parish,

www.varkava.lv

It is situated at the bank of river Dubna. Guest house offers lodging for the night (4 places), guest hall with the fireplace (10 persons), infrared rays sauna, black bathhouse, bathhouse attendant services, swimming, fishing, boat rental, place for picnic and tents, as well as to taste bee-garden products. Guests are welcomed from May till September.



Viļaka is one of the ancient great Latgalian tribes' settlements, one of the significant Livonian fortified frontier posts in Rīga archdiocese - Marienhauzena castle with settlement from the 1293. Small fragments of Marienhauzena castle remained on the large island (1,5 ha) in Viļaka lake.

European Union starts with Viļaka County – in the length of 66,6 km the County borders on Russian Federation.

And you, traveler arriving to Viļaka, will be able to enjoy the amazing landscape, from the ruins of old historical witness Marienhauzena castle on the island of Viļaka lake, till the main landscape dominant, the gothic rose Viļaka Catholic church; ascend the ancient Latgalian castle mound, from which you could see the wonderful panorama of Viļaka town. An asylum seeker tired of urban rhythm could enjoy quiet and silence in Marienhauzena estate's orchard. Traveler, come to Viļaka and you will see, what effect did the time have on this settlement, and how rich is its history.



#### Vilakas novada TIC

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# Most popular sightseeing places in Viļaka county (top objects)



# 1. "Vēršukalns", the Museum of Cultural History

Phone: +371 29243878, Svilpova, Susāju parish, www. vilaka.lv; GPS: 57.1799285, 27.6295046

The specific aura of the building can be felt just by stepping over the doorstep. Museum has significant role in preservation and popularization of nonmaterial cultural heritage. Granary and barn of clothes are also set up; in 2009 a permanent exhibition of works of local weavers, knitters, crocheters and other

artisans was opened here. Museum offers program of bread baking and a special program for newlyweds. Working hours: on request.



#### 2. Forest exhibition of Anna Āze

Phone: +371 26567080, +371 645 63723, Parka Street 14, "Bērnudārzs", Žīguri, www.vilaka.lv; GPS: 57.2678964, 27.6671720

There one can see stuffed animals in the imitation of their natural habitat, pelts, horns, tools of the foresters of all times, forester uniforms, communication devices, photographs and the stories of old foresters. With Missis Anna's wonderful narration talent every small detail seems to be very interesting and important evidence of history. Anna Āze has not only collected a lot of books about forests, she wrote some of them herself. Working hours: on request.



# 3. Vilaka Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 645 63332, +371 645 63302 (museum), Baznīcas Street 56, Viļaka, www.vilaka.lv; GPS: 57.178322,27.679024

The construction of the church took place from 1884 till 1891. It was sanctified in 1891. The Church, built in Neo-gothic style, has two 46 m high towers, around it there is a brick fence with 14 altars of the way of the cross without paintings. There is a 22-range organ made by Blomberg brothers in Warsaw. Book your visit in advance!



## 4. Nature Park "Balkanu kalni"

Phone: +371 29132664, +371 645 21243, Logini, Šķilbēnu parish, skilbeni@vilaka.lv; GPS: 57.0682409, 27.5846969

A protected nature area of local importance, the Nature Park "Balkānu kalni" was established in 2002. The total area is 32 ha. Three nature paths leading, according to the legend, to the "sunken church". Wooden sculptures are displayed on the paths. There are some historical entrenchment places from the freedom battles of 1919 and 1920. Suitable place for organization of open-air activities.

# **Cultural and Historical objects**

#### The Pearl of Northern Latgale - Vilaka

Phone: +371 645 63302, Balvu Street 13, Viļaka, www.vilaka.lv; GPS: 57.1842526, 27.6693683 Viļaka is one of the oldest places inhabited by the Latgalian tribe, and one of the most important fortified border posts of Livonia in the Archbishopric of Riga. Since 1293, Marienhauzen castle with the settlement was one of the four Latgalian eldership centers during the Polish rule. The center of Marienhauzen estate, which in 1829 got village rights after the incorporation of Latgale into Russia, the biggest parish centre in the pre-war independent Latvia, the centre of Abrene district during the Soviet rule from 1945 till 1960. We invite you to visit the churches of three confessions, Orthodox, Lutheran and Catholic, the building of Viļaka estate, and the cultural monuments.

#### Viļaka estate complex

Phone: +371 645 63302, +371 25926616, Pils Street 9 and Pils Street 11, Vilaka, www.vilaka.lv;

GPS: 57.1828503, 27.6862164

The estate belonging to the count Zabello at the end of the 19th century was the third biggest in Latvia. In the 20th century it was destroyed, its foundation used for building of the State Gymnasium of Vilaka. Next to it there are the



estate's household building complex, which includes including 2 outhouses, a park and stone brick fence. Working hours: on request. Apply for a tour in Vilaka museum.

#### Museums

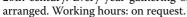
"Vēršukalns", the Museum of Cultural History, see TOP sightseeing places in Viļaka county (object no. 1).

Forest exhibition of Anna Aze, see TOP sightseeing places in Vilaka county (object no. 2).

#### "Cīrulīši", a collection of antiquities and motorcycles

Phone: +371 26446147, Tepenīca, Susāju parish, www.vilaka.lv, retro73@inbox.lv; GPS: 57.2169161, 27.6236109

Antiquities and retro motorcycles, as well as premises for activities in the restored house built in the thirties of the 20th century. Every year gathering of retro motorcycles is





#### Museum of Viļaka

Phone: +371 645 63302, +371 25926616, Balvu Street 13, Viļaka, www.vilaka.lv; GPS: 57.1842526, 27.6693683

Permanent exhibitions: "The History of Viļaka in the Course of Ages", memorial room of bishop Kazimirs Duļbinskis, "Tools and Household Items of Viļaka Municipality", "Maps of Livonia and Marienhauzena (Viļaka) Municipality". Excursions to Viļaka provincial town tourism objects (book in advance!). You can see paintings of Valdis Bušs, Nikolajs Breikšs, Jānis Jansons and Jānis Laicāns, gifted to the museum. Working hours: on weekdays 8:00–16:00



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# **Churches**



#### Šķilbēni Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 645 21243, Rekova, Šķilbēnu parish, skilbeni@vilaka.lv, www.vilaka.lv; GPS: 57.0416777. 27.6204488

There are two churches in Rekova – the old one and the new one. The old one is a former barn adjusted to the needs of the church. The new Šķilbēni Our Lady of Pain Roman Catholic Church was sanctified in 2009. Its building was started as a church already during the first independent Latvian Republic. As the times changed, the use of the building was adjusted to everyday needs. There is an exhibition of

liturgical items, to book an excursion call +371 28675992. Since 2011 there is a library with ecclesiastical literature. Book your visit in advance!

Vilaka Roman Catholic Church, see TOP sightseeing places in Vilaka county (object no. 3).



#### Vilaka Evangelical Lutheran Church

Phone: +371 645 63302 (museum), Abrenes Street 15, Viļaka, www.vilaka.lv; GPS: 57.1803669, 27.6819955

It was sanctified in 1928. The Church is an impressive building, built of boulders and red bricks. There is a notable altar picture in the church "Jesus and His Disciples Walk through the Cornfield", painted by Å. Reinholds. An architectural monument of a local significance. Apply for a tour in Vilaka museum.



### Vilaka Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 645 63302 (museum), Eržepoles Street 61, Vilaka, www.vilaka.lv; GPS: 57.1931718, 27.6659810

The Church was built in 1871. It is a cross-shaped Byzantium-type church with 5 symmetrically placed cupolas. It is located on the highest point of Vilaka – 120m above sea level, on the Eržepole castle mound of ancient Latgalians. Church burnt down in 1964, but in 1991 it was restored. Architectural monument of state significance. Apply for a tour in Vilaka museum.

# **Nature tourism**

Nature Park "Balkanu kalni", see TOP sightseeing places in Viļaka county (object no. 4).



#### Valley of the river Liepna

Phone: +371 26567080, Katleši, Žīguru parish; GPS: 57.3376587, 27.7357822

A protected nature area of local importance. "Valley of the river Liepna" was established in 1997. A route of ecotourism can be walked accompanied by the environment guide, it is located along banks of the river Liepna, where large diversity of plant species, as well as great trees, rivulets, springs and flood-land meadows can be found. Near Katleši there are dolomite outcrops on the banks and in the bed of the river. Many boulders of different size form rapids and overfalls.

#### Ravine of Stiglova

Phone: +371 645 21243, Stiglova, Šķilbēnu parish, skilbeni@vilaka.lv; GPS: 57.0388904, 27.5587285

The nature path is located in the ravine of Stiglova rivulet, where one may find 3–4 m high sandstone outcrops and about 60 different plant species can be found. Place for resting and picnic.



Viļaka; GPS: 57.1894734, 27.6826542

There is an island in the lake of Vilaka, where the ruins of the 13th century Marienhauzena castle are located. On the shore of the lake (Garnizona Street 6) there is a landscaped swimming place and a resting spot with a gazebo and fireplace, playgrounds for children and volleyball courts.

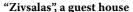




#### **Active tourism / Water tourism**

#### A place of recreation by Vilakas lake

Phone: +371 645 07224 (Vilaka County Council), Garnizona Street 6, Vilaka; GPS: 57.1894734, 27.6826542 There is an island in the lake of Vilaka, where the ruins of the 13th century Marienhauzena castle are located. On the shore of the lake there is a landscaped swimming place and a resting spot with a gazebo and fireplace, playgrounds for children and volleyball courts.



Phone: +371 26399514, +371 22330887, Ezermala, Vecumu parish; GPS: 57.1958772, 27.7006004

A place of recreation on the shore of Vilakas lake, conference and banquet hall (50–65 persons), kitchen with equipment, bathhouse, black bathhouse, grill, place for a fire. Sports courts: badminton, basketball, rent of bicycles and boats. Guided tours (Latvian, Russian, and English languages), possibility to visit the island on Vilakas lake, where the ruins of 13th century castle of Marienhauzena are located.





# **Winter Tourism**

# "Balkanu kalni", a centre of recreation and sport

Phone: +371 29132664, Logini, Šķilbēnu parish, skilbeni@vilaka.lv; GPS: 57.0682409, 27.5846969

The centre of recreation and sport "Balkanu kalni" is is located in a picturesque place with pronounced landscape. In winter there are routes for distance skiing. Local and regional skiing competitions are held. Book your visit in advance!





Viļāni town and Viļāni, Sokolki, and Dekšāre parishes form the territory of Viļāni County. A part of the territory of Viļāni County is located in Latgalian highland, on its western and north-western slope, a part in West Latvian lowland.

There is useful mineral mine Pērtnieki (in Sakstagala and Viļāni parishes) of national significance in Viļāni County and Lubāna and Sūļagala bog (in Nagļi and Dekšāre parishes) to which the territorial status of nature reserve and NATURE 2000 territory is awarded.

"Agriculture Science Center of Latgale" Ltd. in Vilāni County is the only science institution in the West Latvian region that performs the research work providing rural employers with competitive technologies and their implementation into practice. On the experimental fields of the Center different cereals, rape, flax and other sorts of crops are cultivated.

Beautiful Oženieku juniper in Dekšāre parish, the crown of which is 5,8 m wide and the tree is 11,4 m high, is the leafiest juniper in Latvia.

In the Viḷāni Roman Catholic Church a candle chapel of the Light or of God's grace (the only one in Latvia) is established. Anyone can put a burning candle with his own intention or plea, which will burn out in 6 or 9 hours (depending on its size) in this chapel, and while the candle is burning one of the 24 Marian assistants' prayers' association groups is praying for this plea.

One of Viļāni County's characterizing elements is Craft Fair that takes place on the second Sunday of each month. The fair gathers customers and sellers since 1993.

Viļāni County is proud of actīve amateurs, in total more than 300 participants, who popularize the name of the County – both in Latvia, and abroad. The motto of Viļāni County: "Where the bees are, honey is!" ("Kur bitis, tī mads!")



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# Most popular sightseeing places in Vilāni county (top objects)

# 1. St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church of Vilāni

Phone: +371 646 62413, Kultūras Sq. 6a, Viļāni, www.mariani.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5524646, 26.9228300

In 1753 baron Mikelis Riks started to build the present ensemble of Vilāni stone church and monastery. In the very beginning, there were 9 altars. It was one of the most beautiful and luxurious churches in Latgale. There is a transcript of the document about founding



the Viļāni church and monastery. The document was composed and signed by landlord Miķelis Riks on 18th of November 1777. The central altar of the church has been decorated by Corinthian order columns with the architrave inscription Quis ut Deus (in English – "Who is like God"). In the left nave there is an altar of Jesus Heart, in the right one – the altar of Jesus Christ sufferings and a wooden crucifix of the 18th century, which is said to perform miracles. The huge number of appreciation signs reflects medically inexplicable healings and miracles. Nowadays the church of Viļāni and its surroundings have turned into a significant place for pilgrimages. Along with the renovated church one can also see the Chapel of Candles, Saint Theresa from Child Jesus Chapel and a rose garden, the Chapel devoted to souls in purgatory, the cellars with a Chapel devoted to unborn children, Way of the Cross, Chapel of Cross, grotto with sculptures of herdsmen of Fatima devoted to Fatima God Mother, Rosary garden with the sculpture of Saint Bishop Meinhard, the first Latvian missionary, and the sculpture of the guardian of congregation Archangel Michael. Please, book your visit in advance in order to visit the objects mentioned above.

# 2. Local History Museum of Viļāni

Phone: +371 26476570, Kultūras Sq. 2, Viļāni, muzejs-vilani@inbox.lv

Permanent exhibition about the history of the city from ancient times till present days. Tours in Viļāni and the county. Working hours: Mon-Fri: 8.00-12.00, 13.00-17.00, other days – on agreement.



# **Cultural and Historical tourism**

#### Mill of count Borhs

Phone: +371 646 00320, +371 26480994, Lejas dzirnavas, Dekšāru parish; GPS: 56.6201224, 26.7769731

Count Borhs built Lejas mill at the end of the 18th century not far from the castle of Varakļāni. Milling equipment can be viewed on three storeys here. Here one may learn how the flour was milled in times past. Working hours: on request.



Museums



#### Museum of Dekšāre parish

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The museum was opened on the 4th of May 1996. There is an exhibition about the history of the parish, the school, and the kolkhoz. Separate exhibitions are devoted to the writer Leonards Latkovskis, Alberts Sprūdžs, poet Aleksandrs

Garančs, journalist Donats Latkovskis, publicist Francis Zeps, painter Konstantīns Broks, priests Jānis Svilāns and Vaclavs Erels. A rich collection of Latgalian literature. Working hours: Mon-Fri:10.00-14.00, Sat-Sun: closed.

#### **Craftsman tourism**



#### "Stelles", a workshop of weavers

Phone: +371 25944788, Kultūras Sq. 4a, Viļāni, www.rezeknesnovads.lv; GPS: 56.5524646, 26.9228300 Creative workshops of weavers and other craftsmen, exhibition of articles. Souvenirs. Book your visit in advance.



#### Wood turner Pēteris Lukjanovs

Phone: +371 29457283, Mehanizatoru Street 4, Radopole, peeteris67@inbox.lv

In the workshop of wood turner Peteris Lukyanovs it is possible to see and purchase various works of precious wood - candle holders, dishes, egg holders, etc. Peteris uses tropical trees for his works. Working hours: on request.

# **Churches**

**St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church of Viļāni,** see TOP sightseeing places in Viļāni county (object no. 1).

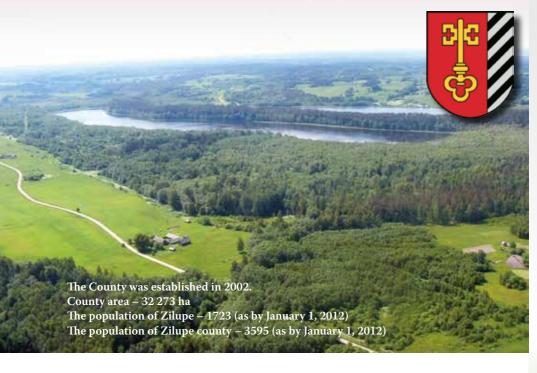


#### Viļāni monastery of St. Albert

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After the invitation of Mikelis Riks in 1753 Bernardian monks arrived in Viļāni. They served to the congregation, managed congregation school. In a library of the monastery there were 463 books of ecclesiastical nature in Latin, Polish

and Latvian languages. When tsar of Russia issued an order about the closure of all monasteries in 1832, Bernardians were banished from Viļāni. The archbishop of Mogiļeva took a possession of congregation's properties, and priests of the diocese were serving to the congregation. In 1924 monks of Marians arrived in Viļāni – Benedikts Skrinda and Bronislavs Valpitrs. Before the war 42 fathers and brothers of Marians were living in the monastery and serving the congregation. The World War II had interrupted the productive operation of monastery. In 1944 German troops, retreating from Viļāni, blew up a significant part of the monastery. In their turn communists banished monks and alienated building of the monastery. There they created boarding-school, rooms for learning science about tractors, flats for teachers and even a shooting range. In 1989 the monastery with its buildings was given back to Marians. Presently the monastery of Marians has been renovated and is the biggest monastery for men in Latvia. In order to visit garden and chapels of the monastery please book your visit in advance.



Zilupe town began to develop at about 1900 due to the construction of the railway Moscow – Ventspils – Ribinsk. By the left riverside of Zilupe, near Zilupe station, railwaymen, employees, merchants and others began to settle. The station was built on the former land of baron Rozens near the Rivcāni village in Pasiene parish, therefore the initial name of the station was Rozenova. In 1908 in Zilupe there were already a post office, a school, and many trading companies.

The First World War has put an end to the development of Zilupe. The railway bridge was blown up, the crossings were destroyed, and communication with further locality was broken off. From the November 1918 till the January 1920 Zilupe was under Bolshevik rule.

After the formation of the Latvian state, Zilupe began to flourish again - exchange points were established on the border with the Russia, where the precious metals (gold, silver) from Russia were exchanged and then sent to Riga. In 1924, after the exchange points were closed, the economic activity in Zilupe diminished significantly. However, the activity still facilitated the economic development of Zilupe and its region, and in 1925 Zilupe was given the status of densely populated area, and in 1931 - the rights of a city. The main occupations of the inhabitants were trading, agriculture and crafts.



#### Zilupe County tourism organizer

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#### Zilupe County council

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# Most popular sightseeing places in Zilupe county (top objects)



# 1. St. Dominique Roman Catholic Church of Pasiene

Phone: +371 28656530 (guide), Pasiene, Pasienes parish; GPS: 56.2899205, 28.1601683

The Pasiene church, which stands majestically on the border with the Russia, in the ancient valley of Zilupe, was named the most artistically perfect baroque style sacral building in the entire Latvia by the scientist Boriss Vipers, and also one of the most excellent treasures of art and architecture. It is

considered to be one of the most impressive buildings built in Polish baroque traditions in Latgale. The church of Pasiene is often called the Pearl of Eastern Europe. The church, which was initially built as a Dominican cloister church after the first wooden church was burnt down, was the centre of Catholicism in Latvia for many years. The white church with two towers has been standing almost unchanged since 1761.



## 2. Grebļa kalns - nature trail

Phone: +371 28656530; +371 28629748, Meikšāni, Pasienes parish, www.zilupe.lv; GPS: 56.1816675, 28.1200505

Grebļa mountain (also called Šķaunes esker, Kausas mountain) is a peculiar geological formation - a 5,5 km long and 30m high esker (a long winding ridge) between the Pintu and Šešku lakes. 14 millions of years ago two gigantic

glaciers slid over the current Pasiene, and between them a narrow, high (150 m above sea level) ridge was formed. On the peak of the mountain, which is up to 7 meters wide, a path for tourists was made. It is quite funny to travel this ridge, where the sun rays are reflected almost athwart. In this protected area there is a specific microclimate, and because of that the variety of flora has remained as it was here in 4500–2500 B.C. Here one can find up to 500 butterfly species, some of them are unique in the Baltics. Some of the plants and animals are included in the Red Book. There are ancient Meikšānu and Kausa castle mounds in this area.



# 3. Kurgan of Friendship

Phone: +371 28656530; +371 28629748, Meikšāni, Pasienes parish, www.zilupe.lv; GPS: 56.1707090, 28.1513104

Kurgan of Friendship is 3m high a mound which was created in 1959 in the place where borders of Latvia, Belarus and Russia meet, in honour of the friendship of the three nations during the World War II. An lane of trees leads to the

Kurgan from each country. On the top of the Kurgan grows an oak – symbol of friendship of the nations, which can also be considered as a symbol of beauty of absence of borders, as oaks grow in all 3 countries. When visiting one must have a passport and a pass granted by Pasiene border control post\*. Book your visit in advance!



# 4. Cultural-historical path of Pasiene

Phone: +371 28656530; +371 28629748, Meikšāni, Pasienes parish, www.zilupe.lv; GPS: 56.1786379, 28.1130017

The path acquaints the travellers with Pasiene County. It goes from the estate, past the Catholic Church of Pasiene, to the hill Grebļa kalns and Kurgan of Friendship. When visiting one must have a passport and a pass granted by Pasiene border control post\*. Book your visit in advance!

<sup>\*</sup> The special pass (permission), which allows presence in the border area, can be issued at any Border guard administration office.

#### **Cultural and Historical tourism**

#### Austras tree

Phone: +371 28656530; +371 28629748, Meikšāni, Pasienes parish, www.zilupe.lv; GPS: 56.1738339, 28.0954623

Sculptor V. Titāns has made a sculpture group "Latvia in sun sign" and dedicated it to the commemoration of the 80th anniversary. The general idea of the project was to mark the furthest point in Latvia in north, south, east and west with



symbolical sculptural signs with sun motives. In these signs the letters LV (Latvian state) are engraved, the geographical latitude and longtitude, as well as the name of the sculpture. In the Meikšāni of the Pasiene parish the furthest point in the east can be found (it is 28 degrees 14 minutes). One of the sculptures of Viļņis Titāns can be seen here - the Austras koks ("Tree of Austra").

**Kurgan of Friendship,** see TOP sightseeing places in Zilupe county (object no. 3).

**Cultural-historical path of Pasiene,** see TOP sightseeing places in Zilupe county (object no. 4).

**Churches** 

**St. Dominique Roman Catholic Church of Pasiene,** see TOP sightseeing places in Zilupe county (object no. 1).

#### Lauderi Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 20266571, Lauderi, Lauderu parish, www.zilupe.lv; GPS: 56.3417603, 27.9975854

The church was built in 1767 and rebuilt in 1897. It is 24m long, 10m wide and 6m high. It is a log building with foundation made of boulders. A frontal tower, built in 1897 (architect - Koršikovs). Altar with the painting is and art monument of 18th century. Lauderi Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church is included in the list of protected monuments and the list of objects of European heritage - "Wooden heritage in Latvia".



#### Saveļinki Chapel

Phone: +371 28656530, Saveļinki, Zaļesjes parish, www.zilupe.lv; GPS: 56.3901010, 28.1365670

There is a small church in Savelinki cemetery, whici is often called a chapel. It is an object protected by the state. It is a small wooden building, possibly built in the beginning of 19th century, and renovated in 1908.

It is a miniature commemoration room with three small Baroque altars, decorated with woodcarvings. They are decorated by painting, but in seventies the painting were heavily damaged, since inappropriate paint was used in restoration. The importance of Savelinki church to the town is not studied enough. This church has a brilliant Baroque style woodcarvings dated by the 18th century and has common features with Auleja and Bērzgale churches. Such a brilliant masterpiece could be made only in collaboration of administration of the Pasiene cloister and the monks.





#### **Zilupe Orthodox Church**

Phone: +371 28656530, Brīvības Street 4, Zilupe, www.zilupe.lv; GPS: 56.3902969, 28.1112460

When entering Zilupe, it is hard to miss the orthodox church, since from both inside and outside it amazes people with its luxury and brightness. After the fire in 2004, the church was rebuilt in four years, and became one of the visiting cards of Zilupe. In 1935 building of a wooden church began. Thanks to the efforts of priest and members of parish, it was furnished. The walls received carvings, holy paintings were gathered with great love. Vladimirs Antipovs served as a dean for 54 years, and was buried in the yard of teh church. During the fire in

2004 the church turned to ashes in moments. The tower also burnt down, and one of bells was shattered. The locals only managed to save the paintings from the church.



#### Zilupe Jesus Heart Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 26516714 (dean J.Kupčs); +371 28656530 (guide), Baznīcas Street 19, Zilupe, www.zilupe.lv;

GPS: 56.3829979, 28.1243834

When a stone church was built in Raipole, the old wooden church was dismantled and transported to Zilupe, where in 1932 it was rebuilt. It was also remodeled and enlarged during the process - two towers and two sacristies were added. In 1934 bishop Rancans consecrated the Zilupe church. It is a 14m long

and 10m wide building with tin roof and wooden floor. There is a choir room with harmonium, three altars. The big one has the paining of Jesus Heart, the side ones have paintings of St. Anthony and Our Lady.

# **Nature Tourism**

**Grebļa kalns – nature trail,** see TOP sightseeing places in Zilupe county (object no. 2).



#### Rudova mountain

Phone: +371 28656530, Lauderu parish, www.zilupe.lv; GPS: 56.3286549, 27.9291583

Rudova mountain is the largest peak in locality. It is hard to tell when exactly did the castle exist on the mountain, as archaeological digging did not yet take place here. Separate fragments of vessels, which found their way to museum, are made without the usage of wheel, but this innovation reached

the centres of Latvian counties only in 10th century AD. In farthest settlements the wheel was used as late as 11-12th centuries. The found shards suggest that Rudova castle mound was used before the introduction of potter's wheel. The Rudova castle mound is included in the list of protected cultural monuments.

# Active tourism / Water tourism

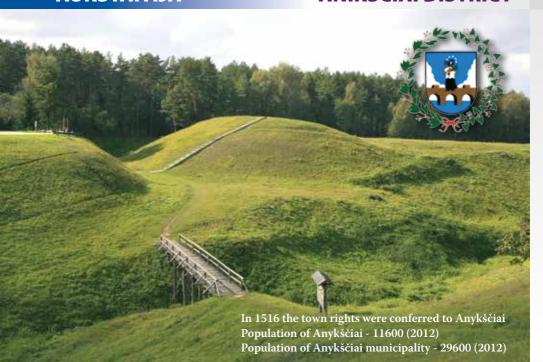


#### River Zilupe

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GPS: 56.3904444, 28.1322103

In the town of Zilupe, behind the bridge, on the bank of the river there is a landscaped place for swimming, places of recreation, open-air stage.



Anykščiai is like a handful of diamonds of Lithuania.

The presents of fate to Anykščiai amazes as well as makes happy. Nature and history in this region has accumulated so many impressive treasures that this little patch of country has become a place where everything Lithuania is attractive with can be found. Sventoji river, which flows through the Anykščiai region has the most spectacular views in Lithuania, and one of the biggest lakes, Rubikiai, which has 16 islands in it, creates a unique labyrinth of wild nature. In Anykščiai wood one may find the Puntukas boulder, one of the mightiest boulders in all of Lithuania. On this stone there is a testament to the nation, left by two brave Lithuania pilots.

Anykščiai is the only city in Lithuania through which the narrow-rail trains are still moving. The capital of the best-known national drink – Lithuanian wine, which is made of local orchards' harvest – is also Anykščiai. Doubt it? It means that the time has come for you to make sure.



#### Anykščiai TIC

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# UKŠTAITIJA

# Most popular sightseeing places in Anykščiai district (top objects)



#### 1. Puntukas stone

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Dvaronys village, Anykščiai district; GPS: 55.484201, 25.059663

The most visited stone in Lithuania is in the Anykščiai wood's landscape reservation. This is the second largest stone in Lithuania. Puntukas was carried not only by icebergs, but also by devil, which wanted to break the church of Anykščiai. But the rooster crowed, the devil released Puntukas from his hands and the stone as big as house fell down into the wood. That is how it is written in Antanas Baranauskas poem "Anykščių šilelis" ("Anykščiai wood"). In the midsummer of 1943 during

the German occupation, sculptor Bronius Pundzius finished the bas-relief of pilots Steponas Darius and Stasys Girenas, who flew over Atlantic Ocean and words of their testament.



## 2. Castle mound of Šeimyniškėliai

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Located not far from Anykščiai. The archaeological findings give evidence that in the 13 th -14th centuries there was a wooden castle. Some historians link it with the only castle of king of Lithuania Mindaugas mentioned in the historical documents - Voruta. It is the most explored castle mound in Lithuania. Working hours: V-X: 10:00-17:00, XI-IV: on request.



# 3. "The light of happiness", a monument to the writer J. Biliūnas

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Liūdiškių Street, Anykščiai; GPS: 55.511997, 25.122765

Gravestone to the writer J. Biliūnas, which is called "Laimės žiburys", is located on the hill Liudiškių. In his story the writer tells about a magic light, which emerged on the high and steep hill. The man who will climb this hill and touch the light will make all the people happy, but he himself will turn into stone.



#### 4. Horse museum

Phone: +370 381 51722, +370 623 70629, Niūronys village, Anykščiai district; arkliomuziejus@gmail.com, www.arkliomuziejus.lt; GPS: 55.573447, 25.086543

The only such museum in Lithuania, founded in 1978. Stuff connected with horses is exhibited there; these items have been collected from the entire state – harness, vehicles, blacksmith tools, carved ware. The weaver, woodcarver and musical instrument master demonstrate their craft in the museum. Educational programmes

on Christmas and Easter traditions. You may ride the horse, go for a drive in carriage, teeter. Working hours: V-VIII: 9.00-18.00, IX-IV: 9.00-17.00.

# **ANĪKŠČIAI DISTRICT**

#### 5. St. Matthew church in Anykščiai

Phone: +370 381 51447, Vilniaus Street 8, Anykščiai; GPS: 55.524267, 25.100587

St. Matthew Church was built in the period 1899–1909 in Neogothic style. It is also the brightest accent of town's panorama. The church is the highest church of Lithuania - its towers are 79m high. There are several art monuments in the church. In 2012 in one tower an observation platform was created. Working hours: IV-IX: 10.00-19.00, X-III: Mon-Fri: 10.00-17.00, Sat-Sun: 10.00-16.00. Working hours may change.

# 6. Anykščiai regional park visitors center

Phone: +370 38151227, J. Biliūnas Street 55, Anykščiai, info@anyksciuparkas.lt, www.anyksciuparkas.lt; GPS: 55.529398, 25.119916 Here you will learn about the significant places of Anykščiai district: you'll find out what size the stone Puntukas is, hear various legends and stories about famous trees, stones, "hike" on an interactive map of the park. All of this under one roof. Working hours: Mon-Thu: 08.00-17.00, Fri: 08.00-15:45, Sat: 10.00-18.00, Sun - closed. Working hours may change.

# 7. Varius rock exposure

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Pavariai village, Anykščiai district; GPS: 55.577895, 25.110302 Exposure of quartz sand on the bank of river Varius. The total height of the slope is about 4,9 m, length along the Varius river – about 26 m. Here one may see quartz sand which existed since 400 millions of years ago.

# 8. "Anykščių vynas" excursion and tasting of production

Phone: +370 381 50313, Dariaus ir Girėno Street 8, Anykščai,degustacija@anvynas.lt, www.anvynas.lt; GPS: 55.524422, 25.108151

The oldest wine factory in Lithuania "Anykščių vynas" is a modern enterprise making high quality aromatic drinks with a remarkable taste from the natural raw materials — black currant, cherry and chokeberry vine "Voruta", which is Lithuanian culinary heritage. You may take an excursion "vyno kelias" ("Wine route") in the factory and try its production (free of charge). Working hours: with a reservation. Monday-Sunday: closed.













## 9. The summer bobsleigh track

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The summer bobsleigh track offers a ride down the hill. The route is 500m long and has 5 turns. Intended for all age groups. Up to 24 lovers of such active entertainment may use the route simultaneously. Working hours: I-XII: 10.00 - 19.00

## 10. A trip with the Narrow-gauge railway train

Phone: +370 381 54597, +370 620 18243, Vilties Street 2, Anykščiai, siaurukas.info@gmail.com, www.siaurukas.eu; GPS: 55.532716, 25.108468

You will have a very good time visiting the narrow-gauge railway museum. From May to October everyone can ride the train, a technical heritage of Narrow Gauge Railway of Aukštaitija. In summer weekends regular trips

are arranging: to Rubikiai or to Troškūnai. A nice programme is offered in the station - you may hear stories "The hundred-year old narrow-gauge railway", "The sacral heritage of the narrowgauge railway", "Mythological stones of Anykščiai", and many others. Narrow-gauge railway train runs: V-X: Sat, Sun: 11.00. Tickets with a reservation.

# **Cultural and Historical objects**

**Puntukas stone,** see TOP sightseeing places in Anykščiai district (object no. 1).

Castle mound of Śeimyniškėliai, see TOP sightseeing places in Anykščiai district (object no. 2). "The light of happiness", a monument to the writer J. Biliūnas, see TOP sightseeing places in Anykščiai district (object no. 3).



# The granary of poet and Bishop Antanas Baranauskas

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The granary of the poet and bishop A. Baranauskas was built in 1826, using only a saw and an axe, entirely without nails. Here A.Baranauskas wrote his famous poem "Anykščių šilelis" ("Anykščiai forest"). The granary is the first memorial museum in Lithuania. Working hours: VII-VIII: 9.00-18.00, IX-VI: 8.00-17.00.



# Castle mound of Palatavys

Palatavys, Anykščiai district; GPS: 55.583205, 25.024245 In the 13-14th centuries on the castle mound of Palatavys there was the residence of Grand Duke. The historian T. Baranauskas from Anykščiai ties together castle mound of Palatavys with the castle of Mindaugas – Latava (Lettowia). Close by the castle mound the rivulet Latava flows.



Palatavys village, Anykščiai district; GPS: 55.500614, 25.217783 The estate was built in the 17–18th centuries; it was the property of Vilnius University, but since the middle of the 19th century till 1932 it belonged to Venclovavičiai family, who built a new estate castle and set up a park. The big reception hall, rooms, walnut doors and stoves in the Empire style have been preserved.



#### The estate of Raguvėlė

Raguvėlė village, Anykščiai district, www.raguvelesdvaras.lt; GPS: 55.655343, 24.6633

The court of Komarai estate (the end of the 18th – beginning of the 19th centuries), building complex of Classicism architecture, consisting of 19 buildings. It is one of the few manor courts, which was designed on the principles of Classicism and has been preserved well.



Museums

#### Museum of Narrow-gauge Railway

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The exposition of the museum is located in the complex of narrow-gauge railway station. There you will see restored buildings of the centenarian station, rails and water tower, paved square and a steel bridge across the river Šventoji.



You will have an opportunity to travel through different periods of the narrow-gauge railway history and to try interesting exhibits: hand driving railcar or a three-wheeler on railway tracks. Working hours: V-X: 10.00-17.00, XI-IV: by reservation.

#### Angel's Museum and the Anykščiai Centre of Art

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anyksciumenucentras@gmail.com, www.anyksmc.lt; GPS: 55.524245, 25.102018

Since 2009 artwork collection, library and archive of Monsignor

A. Talačkais is exhibited there. The centre is taking care of Monsignor's heritage; it has wide cultural activity and deals with the popularization of sacral art. In July 22, 2010, Beatričė Kleizaitė-Vasaris gifted a large collection of angels. Since then the first angel museum in Lithuania was opened here. Currently there are around 200 angels in the exhibitions: paintings, graphics, works of Lithuanian folk art. Working hours: V-X: Mon-Fri: 10.00-18.00, Sat-Sun: 10.00-16.00, XI-IV: Mon-Thu: 10.00-17.00, Fri-Sat: 10.00-16.00, Sun - closed. Working hours may change.

Horse museum, see TOP sightseeing places in Anykščiai district (object no. 4).

#### The memorial house-museum of Antanas Žukauskas-Vienuolis

Phone: +370 381 58015, +370 381 52912, Vienuolio Street 4, Anykščiai, info@baranauskas.lt, www.baranauskas.lt; GPS: 55.527066, 25.09787

The barn of the poet and bishop A. Baranauskas is the first memorial museum in Lithuania, which is set up by the bishop's

relative, writer A. Vienuolis. The barn was built in 1826, using only a saw and an axe, entirely without nails. Close by the barn there is the house of the writer A. Vienuolis, where an exposition was set up; on the second floor the rooms of the writer may be viewed. Working hours: VII-VIII: 9.00-18.00, IX-VI: 8.00-17.00.















#### S.Petraška exhibition

Phone: +370 381 58015, +370 381 52912, Muziejaus Street 6, Anykščiai, info@baranauskas.lt, www.baranauskas.lt; GPS: 55.527066, 25.09787

In the exhibition one may see unique works, created in a technique inherent only to this artist. He depicts landscapes, Lithuania state symbols, cultural objects of Anykščiai region. You may see the process of creation of his articles on a video. Working hours: VII –VIII: 09.00-18.00, IX – VI: 08.00-17.00

#### The memorial museum of Bronė Buivydaitė

Phone: +370 381 58138, Vilniaus Street 21, Anykščiai, info@baranauskas.lt,www.baranauskas.lt; GPS: 55.523259, 25.100688

Manuscripts, books and personal belongings of the writer may be viewed in the museum. A sculpture and flower garden is being set up close by the house. Working hours: Mon-Fri: 8.00 - 16.00.

#### The estate of Liudvika and Stanislovas Didžiuliai

Phone: +370 381 43901, Griežionėlės, info@baranauskas.lt, www.baranauskas.lt; GPS: 55.628585, 25.027755

The estate of Liudvika and Stanislovas Didžiuliai was the centre of printed material distribution during press prohibition time. In the exhibition offered in their house you may see household items, personal things and the hiding place for forbidden Lithuanian press. Working hours: WedSun: 08.00-17.00, Mon-Tue: closed.

#### Museum of Svėdasai (Vaižgantas)

Phone: +370 682 33024, Kunigiškiai village, www.svedasai.lt; GPS: 55.738259, 25.405072

The main museum building was built after revolt of 1863. An artist Kajetonas Sklėrius and writer J. Tumas-Vaižgantas studied here in their childhood. At the end of the 20th century a museum was established here with the old classroom exposition. Working hours: on request.

#### Homestead-museum of writer Jonas Biliūnas

Phone: +370 381 51722, Niūronys village, info@baranauskas.lt, www.baranauskas.lt; GPS: 55.569876, 25.092288

In the homestead of the writer J. Biliūnas there is a museum now. The main exposition here are things of J. Biliūnas family. Sitting in the entrary in 1906 J. Biliūnas wrote his famous novels "Beggar" and "Sad story". Working hours: V-X: 10.00-18.00, XI-IV: Tue-Sat: 9.00-17.00, Sun-Mon: closed.

**Historical complex of Šeimyniškėliai castle mound,** see TOP sightseeing places in Anykščiai district (object no. 2).

#### Craftsman tourism

#### **Educational bread baking**

Phone: +370 616 25124 (N. Kačkuvienė), +370 612 69545 (R. Vasiliauskienė), +370 381 51722, +370 623 70629, Niūronys village, arkliomuziejus@gmail.com, www.arkliomuziejus.lt; GPS: 55.573447, 25.086543 Revealing bakery - in the very old Aukštaitija hut they tell about the way of bread: from sowing of rye to fresh baked bread put on the table. Blacksmith's skill - in the smithy the

blacksmith's skills are shown. Weaving - in the old storeroom the weaver's skill is shown on a weaver's loom. Blankets, tablecloths, and towels are woven here. Candle dipping - in the very old Aukštaitija hut they tell about bees; you may see how the candles are dipped. In the museum there are musical instruments of herdsmen, master makes whistles, rattles, and pipes. Working hours: on request.

#### Robertas Matiukas

Phone: +370 610 13795, Anykščiai

The artist cuts out wooden crosses, sculptures and makes different jewellery from brass. Also he creates arms, guns of the Middle Ages, ancient military tools. He is a member of Lithuanian ethnic heritage association.



Phone: +370 615 37285, Elmininkai

Valentas Survila belongs to association of Lithuania ethnic heritage. The artist makes wooden sculptures, also crafts souvenirs and crosses. Also he works with metal; his exclusivity is simultaneous use of both wood and metal in his works. The artist takes part in folk art exhibitions, seminars.



Phone: +370 381 51827, Anykščiai

The artist makes primitive toys and her occupation is trade of ancient Lithuanian things. She is a member of Lithuanian ethnic heritage association. In her ceramics everyone will find adorable angels, charming souvenirs or dishes of black pottery. She organizes and coordinates exhibitions of folk artist works.





**Churches** 

St. Matthew church in Anykščiai, see TOP sightseeing places in Anykščiai district (object no. 5).

# Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Church

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Anykščiai; GPS: 55.529254, 25.120582

The first wooden church in Anykščiai was built in 1867. It is named after the Russian grand duke Alexander Nevsky. The present church was built in 1873. Next to it the buildings of the old town school, where the writers J. Biliūnas and A. Žukauskas have studied, have been preserved.

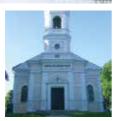














#### St. Peter and Paul Church in Andrioniškis

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Andrioniškis village; GPS: 55.596644, 25.046177

The first wooden church in Andrioniškis was built by Čartoriskiai in 1726. The present stone church was built in the middle of the 20th century after reconstruction of stone grain storehouse by the project of the local engineer P. Morkūnas. Juostininkai parish bought the former wooden church.

#### Archangel Michael Church in Svėdasai

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Svėdasai village, www.svedasai.lt; GPS: 55.681109, 25.365395

In written sources Svédasai Church is dated with the year 1522. The count Liucijonas Marikonis in 1848 built a funeral chapel for his family in the yard of the church. The present church was built in 1794, when a wooden church was added to the stone church of that time.

#### Inkūnai Our Lady Church

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Inkūnai village; GPS: 55.65363, 25.183265

This simple Our Lady Church of St. Aušra Gates (Švč. Aušros vartų Dievo Motinos bažnyčia) is located at the rivulet Šaltinėlis and surrounded by a forest. The local engineer Pranas Morkūnas designed the church. In the foundation of the Church there is the date of sanctification engraved – 1942.

#### Jesus Heart Church in Burbiškis

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Burbiškis;

GPS: 55.508614, 25.231878

The Church was established only in 1932, but after the World War II the building had to be handed over to the school. To regain the building of the church neither letters of the local inhabitants to Stalin, nor their visit to Moscow helped. The present church was built in 1955.

#### St. Anna Church

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Traupis village, www.traupis.lt; GPS: 55.511986, 24.750934

The church was built in 1892. In the church tower there is the oldest bell in Anykščiai municipality; there is an inscription on the bell: "IN HONOREM SSTRINITATIS ET BV MARIAE M.R.D. FUSA ANNO 1635". It was dug up in 1976 in the yard of the church.

# St. George Church in Kurkliai

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Kurkliai village; GPS: 55.41444. 25.061794

The Church built at the end of the 19th century is remarkable with its features of folk architecture and Neoclassicism style. The frame of the central altarpiece "Mary with an infant" is the richest and most brilliant in the entire municipality.

# **AUKŠTAITIJA**

#### St. Virgin Mary Church in Užunvėžiai

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Užunvėžiai village;

GPS: 55.432382, 25.173641

St. Virgin Mary Church (Užunvėžių Švč. Mergelės Marijos bažnyčia) was built in 1940 (architect K. Reisonas).

## St. Virgin Mary Church in Skiemonys

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Skiemonys village; GPS: 55.415677, 25.27488

The first church in Skiemonys was built at the beginning of the 17th century. The history of the church is connected with a divine phenomenon – in the middle of summer 1962 in the former territory of the church Our Lady appeared before an eighteen years old girl.

#### St. John the Baptist Church in Kavarskas

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Kavarskas village; GPS: 55.433186, 24.92707

The first church in Kavarskas was built in 1463. The building of the present church was started in the middle of the 19th century. During the First World War it was ruined. Thanks to the efforts of the priest P. Legeckas (1844–1934) a building "grew" on the same foundation, which nowadays decorates panorama of the town. In the bell tower there is a bell, which was teemed in 1769, in Karaliaučius.

#### St. Stephan Church in Raguvėlė

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Raguvėlė village, www.raguvele.lt; GPS: 55.655663, 24.663087

In 1796 the landlord Jurgis Komaras built a wooden church, which has been preserved till nowadays. There is one of the oldest organs (1795) in Anykščiai municipality in the church, the author of the organ is unknown. In the decoration of the organ the coat of arms of Komarai family has been used.

# St. Trinity Church and Bernardian Monastery complex

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Troškūnai village, GPS: 55.587025. 24.870104

The Church is built at the end of the 18th century in the style of late Baroque (architect M. Knakfus). It has 7 altars. In one of them there is the famous painting of St. Virgin Mary (Švč. Mergelė Marija). The oldest organ of Anykščiai municipality is in the Church, the organ is famous for its ornaments. Next to the Church there is a Monastery built at the same time.











# **Nature Tourism**

**Anykščiai regional park visitors center,** see TOP sightseeing places in Anykščiai district (object no. 6).

Puntukas stone, see TOP sightseeing places in Anykščiai district (object no. 1).



#### Stone "Puntuko broils" ("Puntukas' brother")

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Pašventupys village, Anykščiai district; GPS: 55.50935, 25.071171

It is located in the hem of firs and pines on a high hillock at the river Šventoji and resembles a big beast, which has poked out his head from the ground and opened his mouth. Indeed, this stone suits to be the brother of Puntukas – if you

dig it out from earth, it can easily compete with Puntukas in its size. Both stones are here from glacial leftovers, both arrived from Scandinavia and have lived here for thousands of years.



#### St. John's the Baptist Spring in Kavarskas

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Kavarskas village; GPS: 55.431588, 24.928653

The source of fresh water is at the top of the hill, 134m above river bed level. It is said to have healing powers - it cures various diseases.



#### Bog of the Queen

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Regional park of Anykščiai, www.anyksciuparkas.lt; GPS: 55.491656, 25.058461

In the neighbourhood of Anykščiai, on the right slope of the river Šventoji, relatively big waterbody (0,7 ha.) with a number of springs is located; there are many legends and stories about it. People say that once a Queens carriage

sunk here, and also a young woman, which did not want to divulge information to an enemy, drowned here.

Varius rock exposure, see TOP sightseeing places in Anykščiai district (object no. 7).



#### Vetygala rock exposure

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Anykščiai district;

GPS: 55.454526, 25.002046

Rock exposure is 90m long, about 20m high, located on the left bank of Šventoji, near the Virinta mouth. At the rock exposure one can see preglacial layers of light quartz and

mica sand. There is no other place like this one in Lithuania; remains of fishes who lived 300-350 millions of years ago were found here.



#### Garden of wild animals

Phone: +370 381 57121, Mikieriai village, mikieriai@amu.lt, www.amu.lt; GPS: 55.664816, 25.17465

The garden of wild animals was established in the outskirts of Šimonys forest, in the territory of Anykščiai forestry, in 2005. Elks, moufflons, spotted deer and wild boars can be seen there.



#### Šventoji educational path

Phone: +370 381 50738, near the guest house "Anykščių šilelis", Vilniaus Street 80, Anykščiai, www.anyksciuparkas.lt; GPS: 55.510957. 25.082797

Walking along the bank of the river Šventoji, you will reach not only quiet and nice nature corner, but also in specially equipped stops you will get acquainted with the plant

kingdom of nature reservation, you will get to know how rivers and springs are forming nature landscape, see impressive outcrops. The path is  $\sim$ 5 km long.

#### Observation tower near Lake Rubikiai

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), close to the lake Rubikiai; GPS: 55.485534. 25.261263

The observation tower on the Bijeikiai castle mound is 15m high. From the observation tower a beautiful view at the lake Rubikiai neighbourhood can be seen. In the distance you can see the Burbiškiai and Mačonis villages and spires of churches in Lelunai and Alanta.

#### Arboratum and Sculpture park

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Troškunėliai village; troskunai@amu.lt, www.amu.lt; GPS: 55.577763, 24.875795 In 2005 in territory of Troškūnai forestry the Arboratum of Anykščiai forestry have been started, and till the spring 2009, 115 species of decorative trees and shrubs have been planted. In 2008, during an international plain-air, during the festivities of the 50-year anniversary of Anykščiai forestry, oak-tree sculptures have been set up.





# **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**

"Anykščių vynas" excursion and tasting of production, see TOP sightseeing places in Anykščiai district (object no. 8).

#### "Barono vila", an estate of country tourism

Phone: +370 698 85233, Būteniai village, ruta@baronovila.lt, www.baronovila.lt; GPS: 55.648254, 25.383681

It is situated 1 km from the highway Utena–Kupiškis. The hostesses will treat you with tasty Aukštaitija national dishes. Participant of the European culinary heritage network. The meal is prepared for groups from 15 persons on preliminary request. Here you may taste delicious pilaf, which is made on fire.



Phone: +370 682 13405, Niūronys village, kavinepasagele@gmail.com, www.pasagele.puslapiai.lt; GPS: 55.57362, 25.085448

In the territory of the Horse museum in café "Pasagėlė" you are invited to taste potato horns, honey bread, kvass, and the "Laimos" pie. The meal is making using local products and traditions. In the granary nearby you may order dishes





from potatoes, cereals or meat, or get acquainted with the history of dishes of Anykščiai region. Service "Kitchen on the wheels" – service in any place chosen by the clients. Lodging for the night. Working hours: Sun-Thu: 10.00-22.00, Fri-Sat: 10.00-24.00

#### Ritual sacrifice of sheep

Phone: +370 682 48202, Antežeris village, antezeris@gmail.com, www.antour.lt/laisv/eduk; GPS: 55.45192, 25.175618

In the village Antežeris, at the lake Nevėža the ritual sacrifice of sheep take place. After visiting the slaughter you will be treated by meal from fresh meat. Book your visit in advance.













Phone: +370 682 48202, Antežeris village, antezeris@gmail.com, www.antour.lt/laisv/eduk; GPS: 55.45192, 25.175618 Here you'll see and try licensed fishing. In the evening the nets are cast. In the morning fish is weighted and boiled in special pots. Working hours: on request.

#### "Saulesblynas", an educational programme

Phone: +370 692 22108, Slenio Street 9, Burbiškis village, slyva@erdves.lt, www.edukacijos.lt; GPS: 55.507811, 25.220934

Adamoniai estate – a secluded home, where the hostess will cook you tea with herbs, treat with Aukštaitija pancakes with various kinds of sauce. Working hours: on request.

#### "Šaltinis", a café

Phone: +370 381 55147, +370 600 20999, Šaltinio Street 1, Kavarskas village, info@kavarsko-koldunai.lt, www.kavarsko-koldunai.lt: GPS: 55.432872, 24.926714



The spring of St. John the Baptist is known from the 16th century. Café-bar "Šaltinis". Dishes are prepared here with the miraculous spring water. Hand-made ravioli are

especially tasty. Certified food of the European culinary heritage network. Working hours: 10.00 - 18.00



#### Herbs in Anykščiai

Phone: +370 659 78361, Vilniaus Street 22, Anykščiai, ramusvanduo@gmail.com, www.ramunovaistazoles.lt; GPS: 55.522533, 25.098573

The picker of herbs organizes presentations for children and adults about local herbs and tea drinking ceremonies. He also makes coffee from acorns. Working hours: Tue-Sun: 10.00 - 18.00



## Bread and pies

Phone: +370 612 96063, Slėnio Street 18, Anykščiai; GPS: 55.512346, 25.090422

Marija Bučinskienė bakes bread in charcoal-burner using organic sour dough. She also bakes bread with nuts, with parching fruits, extraordinary pie with honey and the unique anthill. Working hours: 8.00-19.00.

# **Active tourism / Horse Riding**



#### Riding club "Origonas"

Phone: +370 686 35255, Niūronys village, klubas.origonas@gmail.com, www.jodinek.lt; GPS: 55.572922, 25.08782

Riding club "Origonas" is located in the picturesque neighbourhood of village Niūronys. Here you can ride along the river Šventoji or in the forest. Working hours: on request.

# The republic holiday of equestrian sport "Bekbek, žirgeli!"

Phone: +370 381 51722, +370 623 70629, Niūronys village, arkliomuziejus@gmail.com, www.arkliomuziejus.lt;

GPS: 55.573447, 25.086543

On the first Saturday of June the national sport and ethnographic holiday is arranged, then there is an opportunity

to ride in horse-school or through the neighbourhood of Niūronys, or to look at the competition of riding. There is also a crafts fair. Working hours: first Saturday of June.

Horse museum, see TOP sightseeing places in Anykščiai district (object no. 4).

#### Riding club "Vilartas"

Phone: +370 618 84810, +370 615 59120, Niūronys village, info@vilartas.lt, www.vilartas.lt; GPS: 55.577175, 25.075694 Riding on a horse or cart through the picture sque neighbourhood of Niūronys and the forest paths. Working hours: on request.



# Active tourism / Water tourism

#### Farmsteads of country tourism on the shore of the lake Rubikiai

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Anykščiai district;

GPS: 55.485534, 25.261263

Wonderful panorama of Rubikiai lake and its surroundings will not leave anybody indifferent. The lake is 163m above sea level. The jewels of the lake are the 16 islands. Around the lake guest

houses are placed, which offer wonderful possibilities to the travellers - rent of boats, water bicycles, rafts or yacht. The guest houses are:

«Ajerynė», phone: +370 687 48458, Mačionys village, Skiemonys eldership, www.atostogoskaime.lt/krikstaponio-sodyba

«Esina», phone: +370 61630896, Aniūnai village, Škiemonys eldership, info@esina.lt, www.esina.lt

«Janinos klėtis», phone: +370 67201556, +370 38177280, Aniūnai, Skieminys eldership, rita gaveniene@yahoo.com

«Pas Diržius», phone: +370 69927071, Rubikiai village, Anykščiai eldership; sodyba@turizmas.lt

«Šapokų sodyba», phone: +370 61153795, Rubikiai village, Anykščiai eldership; s.beata@erdves.lt «Žuvienės pašiūrė», phone: +370 65988610, Rubikiai village, Anykščiai eldership; reg.tyla@yahoo.lt

«Žvejo sapnas», phone: +370 69874916, Bijeikių village, Skiemonys eldership; www.zvejosapnas.lt

# "Šventosios upės slėnis", a farmstead

Phone: +370 659 05057, Mikieriai village, Andrioniškis eldership, sodyba@slenis.com,www.slenis.com; GPS: 55.660209, 25.16781 Trips on kayaks and rafts are arranged on the river Šventoji, which is rich with bends and crooks; a cosy place for a rest and lodging for the night on open air are offered.

#### "Žalioji stotelė", a farmstead

Phone: +370 614 84134, Šventupis village, Debeikiai eldership, kilciausk@gmail.com, www.upesubaidare.lt;

GPS: 55.622834, 25.42412

Hosts arrange trips on kayaks and canoe on this amazing river of Aukštaitija.





#### **Active tourism** / Adventure Tourism

The summer bobsleigh track, see TOP sightseeing places in Anykščiai district (object no. 9).



#### Anykščiai cartodrome

Phone: +370 687 81480, Route No. 120 (Anykščiai – Ukmergė), 1 km from Anykščiai, tsk@motorsportas.lt,

www.motorsportas.lt; GPS: 55.518735, 25.070052

The cartodrome of Anykščiai is open all the year for extreme drivers. On the cartodrome races are arranged for people of different age groups. The competitions and championships are

held on the rout. Working hours: V-IX: 11.00 – 19.00, X-IV: on request.



#### Adventure Park "Dainuvos nuotykių slėnis"

Phone: +370 693 35060, Dainuva valley, Anykščiai, rezervacija@nuotykieslenis.lt, www.nuotykiuslenis.lt; GPS: 55.51408, 25.08308

Adventure Park "Dainuvos nuotykių slėnis" ("Adventure valley Dainuva") located in pine forest near Anykščiai on the bank of the river Šventoji. It's attractive place to spend leisure time for active people. Here you may try 6 tracks of various levels of difficulty or to choose the flight above the river Šventoji. Arriving

in "Dainuvos nuotykių slėnis" you'll feel the spirit of winning. 10.00-18.00, XI-IV: on request.



#### Corn labyrinth

*Phone:* +370 674 10502, Anykščiai, www.poilsisanyksciuose.lt Corn labyrinth is nice attraction near Anykščiai. The track of labyrinth includes different attractive places of Anykščiai, such as "The Light of happiness", the granary of A. Baranauskas or horse stables. Such entertainment is a great opportunity to spend time together for all family. Working hours: VIII-X: 10.00-19.00

A trip with the Narrow-gauge railway train, see TOP sightseeing places in Anykščiai district (object no. 10).

# **Health Tourism**



# "Anykščių šilelis", a relaxation and health centre

Phone: +370 381 58885, +370 686 60415, Vilniaus Street 80, Anykščiai, info@anyksciusilelis.lt, www.anyksciu-silelis.lt; GPS: 55.510654, 25.084469

Here you may enjoy relaxing procedures that allow one to refresh vitality. Massage and bath with mineral water relieve your tiredness, relax muscles, eliminate stress and enhance immunity. You will feel as if born anew. Working hours: on request.



#### Swimming pool "Bangenis"

Phone: +370 381 59431, + 370 620 83 544, Ažupiečių Street 1A, Anykščiai, sveikatosoaze@res.lt, www.sveikatosoaze.lt; GPS: 55.52187, 25.084442

The length of the swimming pool tracks – 25 m, a water cascade, Russian bath with switches of green birch twigs, Turkish steam bath, where calming music plays. Health improving

programmes in aromatic and salt baths. Japanese bath on the open air – it is especially effective in winter. Working hours of the swimming pool: X-V: Mon-Fri: 13.00-22.00, Sat-Sun: 10.00-22.00. Working hours of the baths: X-V: Mon-Thu: 17.00-22.00, Fri:16.00-22.00, Sat-Sun: 10.00-22.00. Working hours may change.



Utena – the town of happy people!

Utena is a capital of Eastern Aukštaitija and one of the oldest towns of Lithuania that was mentioned for first time in a letter of the King Mindaugas in 1261. Utena is situated in an exceptionally picturesque location – amid the lakes Dauniškis and Vyžuonaitis. For the 750th anniversary of the town a unique attraction – shining and playing fountain with water screen - was created in Lake Dauniškis.

The land of Utena is fascinating during all the seasons: in summer holiday-makers are enticed by wonderful Lake Alaušas, in winter – many car racing fans are attracted by the popular Halls Winter Rally. Holiday-makers are welcome to cosy homesteads of rural tourism, the number of which exceeds forty in the land of Utena.

Guests of Utena may visit the only in Lithuania Museum of Ceramics and try to make a pot by their own hands. If you visit the old post-office in Utena, which many years ago was lyricized by the poet Antanas Baranauskas, you will familiarize with an interesting history of the intermediate station of Warsaw – St. Petersburg highway.

Many famous people such as Honoré de Balzac, Ilya Repin, Jonas Basanavičius and others had stayed here when travelling.

Regular visitors of Utena can notice that during the recent years the town has been visibly beautified. Some new squares and cosy parks were established, streets are being rapidly improved.

The residents of Utena are hospitable eastern Aukštaitians who will make every guest welcome and willingly show around the town. Come and make sure that Utena is indeed the town of happy people!



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# UKŠTAITIJA

#### Most popular sightseeing places in Utena district (top objects)



#### 1. Hill of Weddings

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The Eastern part of the town is famous for the Kloviniai dam and the Hill of Weddings nearby, drawing visitors with its original wooden sculptures. Sculptures have been carved by the skilful folk carving artists, when in 1987 they gathered together from all around Lithuania to the

republican folk artists camp in Utena, initiated by Folk Art Society. In autumn of 2011, the folk artist

Pranas Kaziūnas renovated all the sculptures representing the old wedding ceremonies.



#### 2. Utena Brewery Museum

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The brewery "Utenos alus" has been famous in all over the world since 1977 because the water in this region is most suitable for brewing – it is soft and pure. "Utenos alus" is popular both in Lithuania and abroad, as it has a unique taste, high quality, and is constantly modernized. If you visit the new Utena

Brewery Museum, which was opened in 2012, you will learn the whole history of this brewery and other interesting information. This is the only place where you can look at the exposition of innovations / communication / advertisement of the "Utenos" trademark, familiarize yourself with the beer brewing process. You will visit the shops of boiling, fermentation and bottling. During the excursion you will have an opportunity to appraise the taste of several kinds of beer. The excursions are organized for groups of at least 20 persons and last for around 2 hours. Working hours: on request.



#### 3. Ethnographic villages in Aukštaitija National Park

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Strazdai village, Šuminai village, Vaišnoriškė village and Varniškės village, Tauragnai eldership; GPS: 55.410297, 26.030771; 55.399868, 26.041586; 55.425058, 26.026608; 55.42065, 25.945455

Those who come to look over the wonderful environs of Tauragnai, are surprised by the ethnographic villages of Strazdai, Šuminai,

Vaišnoriškė or Varniškės, each of which has its own peculiarity, and forests and water are magnets that attract visitors to these areas. In Šuminai you will find the oldest pine, which was recognized as a protected object in 1999. The grand oak of Varniškės also is a protected monument of nature.

# **AUKŠTAITIJA**

#### 4. Dauniškis Lake Shore in Utena

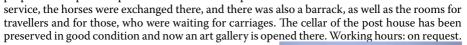
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An open-air stage near the lake is an excellent place for magnificent music nights during the summer. The Utena city anniversary festivities (last Saturday

and Sunday of September) also take place in a picturesque place with a view of the lake. A musical fountain with lightning has been set up in the Dauniskis lake. Around the lake various paths are elaborated, children's playgrounds have been set up. The fountain was created in commemoration of the Utena's 750th anniversary.



Phone: +370 389 61598, +370 687 73522, I.Basanavičiaus Street 36, Utena, dailesm@daile.utena.lm.lt, www.daile.utena.lm.lt; GPS: 55.496737, 25.592173 Utena post complex was built in 1830–1835. The buildings are notable for their classical, artistic harmonic proportion shapes. The post house functioned as post





Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC). Narkūnai village, Leliūnai eldership, tic@utenainfo.lt, www.utenainfo.lt, GPS: 55.475394, 25.553552

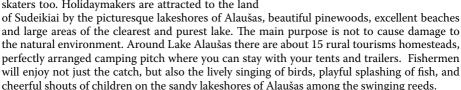
Dates back to the beginning of the 1st millennium BC – 2nd cent. and the beginning of the 14-15th cent. The hillfort (Castle of Utenis, the Great Hillfort) is situated on a separate hill on the left bank of river



Utenėlė. More than 800 artifacts were found here: metal arbalest arrow, bows, a hammer with a wide edge, pins, awls, knives, sickle knives, parts of scythes, spurs, cylindrical keys, buckles, brass brooches, and others. Many of the residents of Utena and the town visitors get together on Narkūnai Hillfort to celebrate different festivals. When Utena celebrates its birthday different theatrical performances are showed on the hillfort where even the Duke Utenis rises from his grave and congratulates the townspeople.

#### 7. Sudeikiai village (Lake Alaušas)

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC). Sudeikiai village, tic@utenainfo.lt, www.utenainfo.lt; GPS: 55.582899, 25.683157 Sudeikiai is a resort "pearl" with a boat dock. Here you can rent a boat, pedalo, roller-skate or bicycle. Perfectly installed well-lit cycleway can be used by the skaters too. Holidaymakers are attracted to the land





## UKŠTAITIJ

#### 8. Užpaliai village

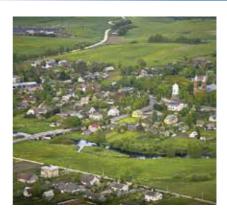
Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Užpaliai village, tic@utenainfo.lt, www.utenainfo.lt; GPS: 55.635452, 25.581362
Those who come to admire the environment of the land of Užpaliai, must necessarily visit the Saint Spring of Krokulė. The residents of Užpaliai village are proud of having a brick Holy Trinity church built in Gothic style in 1892. In the churchyard there is an old brick belfry built in classicism style in 1847, an architectural monument. An outcrop with conglomerate may be seen near Šeimyniškiai hillfort. The spirits of the ancestors speaking from the hillforts, beautiful stories and legends make this land



charming and quite unique.

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Vyžuonos village, tic@utenainfo.lt, www.utenainfo.lt; GPS: 55.585422, 25.496218 Vyžuonos village is situated by the River Vyžuona. Vyžuonos was made famous in all over the land by Radziwill - the Dukes of Biržai and Dubingiai. Opinion prevails that the first church in Vyžuonos was built on the initiative

of Kristinas Astikas in 1406. Thanks to the Dean Pranciškus Drukteinis, the church was rebuilt





and enlarged and the tower was added to it in 1891–1892. It is built in Gothic style, and has a Latin cross in the front. In July, the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene is celebrated here and such feast is very rare in Lithuania. In 2000, thanks to the sculptor Henrikas Orakauskas, the Writers' Hill appeared in the township of Vyžuonos. It is a memorial to two talented writers – literary critic Antanas Masionis and prose writer Bronius Radzevičius. A wooden angel with spread out wings protects the fragile and eternal landscape.

#### 10. Vytautas Valiušis Ceramics Museum

Phone: +370 686 22807, +370 615 49525, Topolių Street 7, Leliūnai village, www.utenosmuziejus.lt;

www.utenosmuziejus.lt; GPS: 55.475528, 25.392788

Ceramics exhibited in the museum are characterized by different shape, application, production technique and ornamentation. There prestidigitations of the potter can be viewed: how practical items and artworks are born from

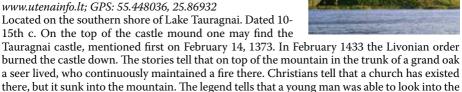


the clay. Everybody may sit down here at the potter wheel and make the first pot in their life. Working hours: II-V- 10:00-18:00, VI- 10:00-17:00. Price: 2 Lt.

**Narkūnai hillfort,** see TOP sightseeing places in Utena district (object no. 6).

#### Taurapilis castle mound

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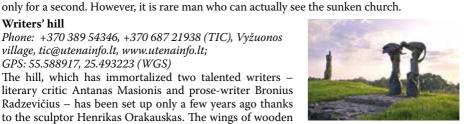
mountain and saw the sunken church with a destroyed altar, and the dusty organ was playing music. It is said that the mountain opens at the day of the summer solstice, at midnight, but

#### Writers' hill

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GPS: 55.588917, 25.493223 (WGS)

The hill, which has immortalized two talented writers literary critic Antanas Masionis and prose-writer Bronius Radzevičius – has been set up only a few years ago thanks to the sculptor Henrikas Orakauskas. The wings of wooden angel wrap up fragile and eternal nature scenery.



**Old post,** see TOP sightseeing places in Utena district (object no. 5).

#### Sculptures in Utena Town Garden

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Utena Town Garden is decorated with four sculptures of the postal route St. Petersburg - Warsaw. The author of the sculpture "Belaukiant kelionės" (Waiting for the Trip) is Arvydas Ališanka. The stone sculpture, which depicts a man waiting for the train, is completed only when a traveller



sits there. Samogitian Kazys Venclovas has made the sidewalk strip "Kelias" (Road) for the residents of Utena decorated with the authentic décor elements of the old postal route. The resident of Tauragnai, Kestutis Musteikis, has created the sculpture "Atrask savo laime" (Find Your Happiness). The sculpture in a form of a horseshoe reminds of a magnet with two poles - plus and minus. The author of the sculpture "Atgimimas" (Rebirth) is Jonas Šimonėlis. The sculpture of glass and stone is like an explosive which dispels evil.

#### Sudeikiai Gallery of Art

Phone: +370 682 13300, Aukštaičių Street 12, Sudeikiai village, www.sudeikiai.lt; GPS: 55.584906, 25.684304 Already since 1999, very popular plein-airs of painters have been organized in Sudeikiai and their works are exhibited in Sudeikiai Gallery of Art. More and more new painters gather together during the plain-airs. The archive of Sudeikiai Gallery of Art keeps over 100 works of professional painters and photographers. Book your visit in advance.



#### Museums



#### **Local History Museum of Utena**

Phone: +370 389 61637, +370 389 61634, Utenio Sq. 3, Utena, www.utenosmuziejus.lt, utenoskm@gmail.com; GPS: 55.496131, 25.601113

The building, in which the museum is located, is the second oldest building in Utena town. Exhibits of archaeology, history and ethnography, photography, literature and art are collected and kept in the museum. Exhibitions of folk art, photography, as well as works of professional artists and

pupils are organized there. Working hours:  $\overline{\text{II}}$  -  $\overline{\text{V}}$  10:00 – 18:00,  $\overline{\text{VI}}$  10:00 – 17:00. Price: 2 Lt

Utena Brewery Museum, see TOP sightseeing places in Utena district (object no. 2).

Vytautas Valiušis Ceramics Museum, see TOP sightseeing places in Utena district (object no. 10).



#### Literary-Ethnographic Farmstead of the Poet A. Miškinis and Translator M. Miškinis

Phone: +370 611 42148, Juknėnai village, Daugailiai eldership, www.utenosmuziejus.lt; GPS: 55.540579, 25.890999

In 1982, the homestead was included into the list of historical monuments. The remaining buildings of the homestead are a living house, a stall, a cellar, and a barn. The buildings were built more than 100 years ago. In 1986, the house and the barn were used for Utena Countryside Museum's exhibition dedicated to A. and M. Miškiniai. Here annual traditional poetry evenings and literary festivals of Utena town and region litterateurs take place. Book your visit in advance.



#### Wolf museum

Phone: +370 686 32295, +370 699 65912, Indubakiai village, Saldutiškis eldership, ramuno.atelje@gmail.com, www.ramuno-atelje.lt; GPS: 55.379824, 25.847641 Wolf museum is established in the farmstead where film director and cameraman Petras Abukevičius worked in the

last years of his life and created his last film about wolves. The purpose of the museum is to change the stereotypical negative attitude towards wolves, to exhibit the beauty and spirit of the nature and to develop man's spirit and responsibility for one's actions to the nature. Working hours: on request.



#### Brewage exposition of rural tourism homestead "Alaušynė"

Phone: +370 698 03447, Salos village, Sudeikiai post, info@abuva.lt, www.abuva.lt; GPS: 55.584694, 25.70641 In the brewage exposition you will learn how beer is made, acquaint yourself with the main elements and process of beer manufacture, traditional beer vessels, see collections of old "Utena" corks, labels, samples of malt and hops of which beer is made. Working hours: on request.



#### **Craftsman tourism**

#### **Blacksmith Alvydas Valiukas**

Phone: +370 688 41017, +370 613 09981, Mirkėnai village, Leliūnai eldership, alvydas222@gmail.com, www.valiukosodyba.lt;

GPS: 55.465499, 25.482238

The owner of the farmstead is an excellent smith cherishing traditions of this trade, so here you may have a look at ornament metal articles made by his own hands, acquaint with the process of this hard work. Working hours: on request.



Phone: +370 611 42287, Aliai village, Utena eldership, info@aliai.lt, www.aliai.lt; GPS: 55.47910, 25.73204
Here you may felt wool using the dry way and play croquet.
Working hours: on request.

#### Craftswoman Anelė Araminienė

Phone: +370 672 23070, +370 389 49212, Gudeniškiai village, Kuktiškės eldership; GPS: 55.444885, 25.668037 Cuts out the sculptures from wood, makes sculptures from concrete, weaves, sews, plays an accordion, bakes bread. Working hours: on request.

#### Basket maker Genadijus Kaminskas

Phone: +370 685 55514, Dariaus ir Girėno Street 1, Utena; GPS: 55.49908, 25.607774

Weaves furniture from wicker, also baskets, and vases. Working hours: on request.









Ceramicist Vytautas Valiušis, see TOP sightseeing places in Utena district (object no. 10)

#### Paper cutting master Odeta Tumėnaitė-Bražėnienė

Phone: +370 674 29176, 370 389 59578, Utenio Sq. 3, Utena; GPS: 55.496131, 25.601113

For 20 years she has cut out articles in appliqué style – pictures, postcards. Illustrates books. Has a great experience of pedagogical job. Working hours: on request.

#### Sculptor Vytautas Šemelis

Phone: +370 687 22947, Sirutėnai village, Sudeikiai eldership, semelisvyt@gmail.com;

GPS: 55.549653, 25.621799

Abstract custom-made sculptures are carved out of natural field boulders. You can observe the creation process. Working hours: on request.





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#### Churches



### Christ Assumption Church Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC),

*Phone:* +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (11C.), *Vytauto Street 4, Utena; GPS:* 55.494285, 25.606113 The stone church, built in 1882–1884, is very special, because its trunnion cross is covered with a big central cupola. It is a mix of Romantic and Byzantine style. Next to the church there is high stone bell tower, built approximately in 1876.



#### **Church of the Divine Paternity Congregation**

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Aušros Street 78, Utena; GPS: 55.507546, 25.596264 The church was built in 2005 and represents modern architectural style. The church is especially valued for Prof.

architectural style. The church is especially valued for Prof. Kazimieras Morkūnas' solid stained glass works decorating its presbytery and windows.



#### Queen Mary the Martyr Chapel

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Sudeikių Street, Utena; GPS: 55.504431, 25.608176

The chapel was built in Utena town on the bank of the lake Dauniškis. The cornerstone of the chapel was set on May 14th, 1992. The initiators and sponsors of the building were Marija and Aleksandras Žemaičiai living in USA. The chapel is a testimony of respect to the partisans of Aukštaitija.



#### St. Virgin Mary Church in Sudeikiai

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Sudeikiai village; GPS: 55.583538, 25.684909

In some sources it is written that the church was built in 1781, in others the year 1791 is mentioned, but in some – 1806. In the foundation of the church there are big stones, the vaults are in classical style, decorations are white.



#### Užpaliai Holy Trinity Church and Bell tower

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Užpaliai village; GPS: 55.637656, 25.582379

It is one of the oldest bell towers in Lithuania; it is built in 1847 thanks to investment of local inhabitants. Before that there was a wooden bell tower here. The new four-storey bell tower has square shape. Wall of the first floor are built of stone, and the walls of other floors are built of red plates. The walls are 1,8 thick. It is designated as an architectural

monument since 1971. The first mentions about the Užpaliai church are dated back to 1523. Approximately in 1750 the old church was dismantled and a new wooden church was built. In 18th century there was a large fire in the village, and the church had burnt down. The wooden church was rebuilt. In 1884-1892, thanks to efforts of priest Kazimeras Kozminskas and local inhabitants, a new stone church was built. Simultaneously a dean's house, poorhouse and people's house were built. 5 altars were placed in the church, and a 16-voice organ was installed. It is an eclecticism style church with some features of gothic and romanticism styles. The façade has two towers, and the garden has a metal fence with stone pillars.

#### Vyžuonos Church

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Vyžuonos village; GPS: 55.585693, 25.495646

It is the oldest building in Utena municipality; it was built in 1406, and now the church is architectural monument of republic significance. There are valuable pictures, ancient sculptures, bindings of old altarpieces and other valuable items in the church.

#### Leliūnai St. Joseph Church

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Leliūnai village; GPS: 55.474267, 25.397037

Gothic style church of St. Joseph, built on the initiative of Antanas Masaitis. The centerpiece of the church is the pipe organ with 21 ranks of pipes, installed in 1913.

#### Kuktiškės Church

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Kuktiškės village; GPS: 55.392714, 25.678187

In the middle of the township there is a wooden Church of Saint John the Baptist of the Latin cross plan, which was built in 1890. The fence of the churchyard is made of stones with iron openwork gate, side gate, stairs. In the churchyard, there is a wooden belfry, ornamented cross.

#### Saldutiškis Church

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Saldutiškis village; GPS: 55.350806, 25.813547

In the very middle of the township there is the Church of Saint Francis of Assisi, which was built in 1928. The first dean of it was the priest St. Švėgžda, who also cared for construction of the church. For this purpose, the stone granary of the manor was used and the wooden part of the church with two massive towers of the frontispiece was built on its foundation. The church is single-nave building, there are three altars in it.









#### **Nature Tourism**

**Daunišķis Lake Shore** in Utena, see TOP sightseeing places in Utena district (object no. 4).

#### Tauragnas Lake and Taurapilis Hillfort

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Taurapilis village, Tauragnai eldership; GPS: 55.448036, 25.86932 Lake Tauragnas is the deepest (62.5 m) lake of Lithuania located in Utena region, Aukštaitija National Park. It is notable that it is considerably higher above the sea level than other lakes (165 m). On the southern shore of Lake



Tauragnas there is Taurapilis Hillfort. A small village with the same name adjoins it. The hillfort is protected by waters from three sides and by special defensive facilities from the fourth side. The stories tell that on top of the mountain in the trunk of a grand oak a seer lived, who continuously maintained a fire there. Christians tell that a church has existed there, but it sunk into the mountain.

**Ethnographic villages in Aukštaitija National Park,** see TOP sightseeing places in Utena district (object no. 3).



#### Stones "Mokas ir Mokiukas"

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Šeimatis village, Tauragnai eldership; GPS: 55.455865, 25.899564
The Mokas stone is located in 200m from the motorway Tauragnai – Kazitiškis. In the stone Mokas the year 1860 is carved. Beside this stone, there is another smaller one called Mokiukas. The legend tells that at one time a pagan man Mokas lived here. When the christianization began, he left with his wife and son. In a few versts, the Tauragnas

lake stood in their way. The father and the son decided to swim over, but the wife was a bad swimmer. He ordered to swim and not to turn back. Still, his wife turned back and drowned and he with his son successfully crossed the lake. Both of them grieved for the lost wife and mother, they cried and turned to stones from grief. In 1968 the stones were declared geological nature monuments.



#### Educational nature paths of Ažuolija (Oak forest)

Phone: +370 389 61599, Leliūnai eldership; GPS: 55.462094, 25.575501

The total area of the forest is 305 ha. Part of the oak forest, 86,2 ha, was declared Botanical Zoological Reservation. Educational nature paths are set up in the reservation, where one can get acquainted with the diversity of old leafy forest and primordial of the springs.

Sudeikiai village (Lake Alaušas), see TOP sightseeing places in Utena district (object no. 7).



### Red deer and fallow-deer in the Centre of Recreation and Events "Alaušo slėnis"

Phone: +370 640 42840, fax: +370 656 02840, Bikuškis village, Sudeikiai eldership, centras@alausoslenis.lt, www.alausoslenis.lt; GPS: 55.615213, 25.67884

The Centre is located on the western shore of the picturesque Lake Alaušas. Those, who love animals, can observe the red deer and fallow-deer grazing nearby. You may rent boats, canoes, catamarans, windsurfing equipment and fishing equipment. There is a restaurant and a bar.



#### Castle mound of Šeimyniškėliai

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Šeimyniškiai village, Užpaliai eldership; GPS: 55.658829, 25.624775

One of the most beautiful and largest castle mounds in Lithuania, dated 10-15th century. In north-east it is surrounded by the rivulet Pilius, and in south west - by

Pilupis. Užpaliai Castle is located on the hillfort. In March 1373 the outer bailey of the castle was attacked and burnt down by the Livonian Order that killed all the people who were there and seized 70 horses. In the beginning of February 1433 the castle was rebuilt because it was planned to arrange the meeting regarding the adjustment of borderlines with Livonia here.

#### Rock sculptures of Šeimyniškiai conglomerate

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Šeimyniškiai village, Užpaliai eldership; GPS: 55.654445, 25.601669 These are fascinating sculptures, made by the nature from naturally cemented rounded particles of conglomerate – clay and gravel. Located at gravel pit of Šeimyniškiai.



Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Lygamiškis village, Užpaliai eldership; GPS: 55.627948, 25.563963
The water of the spring is famous for its magical features, because it is said to cure different diseases, bring happiness, protect from the Pērkons.

#### Lygamiškis hillfort

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Lygamiškis village, Užpaliai eldership; GPS: 55.629966, 25.56638

The hillfort dates back to the 1st millennium. It is located on the bank of the River Šventoji. The hilltop is oblong, shaped as irregular triangle, 70x60m. At the edge of it there is an embankment - 90 m long, 10 m wide at the base and up to 1.3 m high. There are some remains of a cultural layer on the hilltop. Some burnt items, bones, stone hatchets were found when ploughing. The slopes are steep, 8-10 m high. To the







north and east of the hillfort there were settlements. Some moulded lined and rough ceramics have been found there. The findings are kept in the National Museum of Lithuania.

#### Stone "Laumės valtis" ("Pixy Boat")

Phone: +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), Lygamiškis village, Užpaliai eldership; GPS: 55.629966, 25.56638

The stone laying by Lygamiškis Hillfort is 2.50 m long, 0.95 m wide, 1.10 m high. The legend tells that there is a golden boat buried in the castle mound. There were many brave men who tried to dig it out but all of them lost their lives in the morning with the cock-crow. But there were more



and more brave fellows in Užpaliai. One day two strong men decided to test their strength. Although they were disturbed by witches, and tempted by sweet beautiful girls, they dug the golden boat out before the cock-crow. But they started quarrelling with each other over whom the boat should belong to. With that, the boat turned to stone. That stone still lies there.

#### **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**

#### Rural tourism homestead "Alaušynė"

Phone: +370 389 34317, 370 698 03447, Salos village, Sudeikiai post, kavine@abuva.lt, info@abuva.lt, www.abuva.lt; GPS: 55.584694, 25.70641

The homestead is located at the lake Alaušas. It offers rafting in the lake (for 20 persons). If booked in advance, you can taste pancakes with various sauces, a dish of culinary heritage, on the island. Working hours: on request.







#### Café "ABU"

Phone: +370 389 66044, 370 612 57383, Aukštaičių Street 3B, *Utena*, *kavine@abuva.lt*, *info@abuva.lt*, *www.abuva.lt*; GPS: 55.49689, 25.625013

In this café you can taste dishes of Lithuanian culinary heritage. A good place for organization of seminars and various festivities.



Phone: ,+370 612 48242, +370 389 60051, Šiaudiniai village, Vyžuonos eldership, siaudiniumesine@gmail.com; GPS: 55.546705, 25.508641



Meat products are prepared by old traditions and receipts, trying to keep the traditional taste and aroma. Special dishes

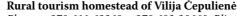
can be ordered - roasted turkey, cured pig's head, stuffed chicken. Working hours: on request.



#### Rural tourism homestead "Vidų sodyba"

Phone: +370 616 10087, Katlėriai village, Utena eldership, vidusodyba@gmail.com, www.vidusodyba.lt; GPS: 55.485854, 25.74408 The homestead by Lake Ilgis offers you to try the lake fish soup, potato pancakes of Vidai with Aukštaitian

dip or Lithuanian cepelinai (national dish). The group must consist of at least 10 persons. Book your visit in advance.



Phone: +370 611 62268, +370 682 20660, Pliauškečiai village, Saldutiškis eldership, vilija@atostogoskaime.lt, www.vilijossodyba, GPS: 55.309491, 25.807627

On the island of Lake Aisetas, the fish soup of Aisetas is cooked and served with homemade bread baked in the bread oven. The group must consist of at least 10 persons. Working hours: on request.



#### **Active tourism / Water tourism**



#### Camping "Sudeikiai"

Phone: +370 615 15324, +370 686 61520, Sudeikiai village, tic@utenainfo.lt, www.utenainfo.lt; GPS: 55.586086, 25.680296 It is situated on the bank of the lake Alaušas. You can stay in the camping pitch with your own tents or trailers. The area of 5 ha offers perfect opportunities to spend your leisure time. Here you can play volleyball, table tennis, draughts, chess,

different board games, darts, listen to singing birds, roast shashlik. There is also a playground for children, which will allow the little travellers to have a good time and get many positive emotions and impressions, and will leave a long-lasting memory of the vacation. The gym equipment under open sky will allow the travellers to feel better and improve their form.



#### Complex for relaxation and events "Alaušo slėnis"

Phone: +370 640 42840, Bikuškis village, Sudeikiai eldership, centras@alausoslenis.lt, www.alausoslenis.lt;

GPS: 55.615213, 25.67884

Rest on the western shore of the lake Alaušas. Rent of boats, water bicycles, kayaks, windsurfing and fishing equipment. There is a bar and a restaurant. Working hours: on request.



#### Rural tourism homestead "Alaušynė" Phone: +370 389 34317, +370 698 03447, Salos village,

Sudeikiai post, info@abuva.lt, www.abuva.lt; GPS: 55.584694, 25.70641

Rest on the shore of the lake Alaušas. Sailing on a raft (20 persons) on the lake. Rent of a cutter, water bicycles, and a boat. Café. Working hours: on request.

#### Rural tourism homestead of Alvydas Valiukas

Phone: +370 688 41017, +370 613 09981, Mirkėnai village, Leliūnai eldership, alvydas222@gmail.com, www.valiukosodyba.lt; GPS: 55.465499, 25.482238 The hosts offer a house-raft on the lake Ilgvs. The house is for 4 persons. Book your visit in advance.

#### Rural tourism homestead of Gražina and Gintaras Krugiškiai

Phone: +370 680 84199, +370 616 29853, Antakalnis village, Saldutiškis eldership; GPS: 55.334512, 25.820869 The farmstead is located at the lake Aisetas. Rent of kayaks, sailing on lakes and brooks in accordance with the elaborated routes. Excursions to the swamp are especially popular among tourists. Working hours: on request.

#### Rural tourism homestead of Vilija Čepulienė

Phone: +370 611 62268, +370 682 20660, Pliauškečiai village, Saldutiškis eldership, vilija@atostogoskaime.lt, www.vilijossodyba; GPS: 55.309491, 25.807627

The farmstead is in the forest Labanoras, not far from the lake Aisetas. Water educational excursions "Water outings for knowledge of the nature" are arranged on the ship designed for recreation and entertainment (for 25 persons). Working hours: on request.

#### Campsite "Žygeivių slėnis" ("Hikers' Valley")

Phone: +370 652 82255, +370 686 95376, Degėsiai village, Užpaliai eldership, gindrasius@yahoo.com,

www.zygeiviuslenis.lt, GPS: 55.671234, 25.623763

You can rent canoes and hiking equipment here. The wonderful River Šventoji and other rivers of eastern Lithuania invite you to make your sailing dreams come true. Canoe obstacle course, archery. Night kayak tours are organized. Working hours: on request.









#### **Active tourism / Adventure Tourism**

#### Utena Paintball

Phone: +370 614 59884, Plento Street 2, Radeikiai village, Daugailiai eldership, utenosdazasvydis@gmail.com, www.utenosdazasvydis.lt, GPS: 55.546815, 25.746341 Paintball is a military game in which opposing players or teams fight for victory in a battle by shooting balls filled with paint. Paintball is a game of good mood and a perfect opportunity to spend your leisure time. It's a game that can spice-up your birthday party, bachelor party or anniversary. Working hours: on request.



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### Production of bird boxes in the rural tourism homestead "Širvynė" $\,$

Phone: +370 698 25387, +370 615 24841, Šeimyniškiai village, Užpaliai eldership, info@sirvyne.lt, www.sirvyne.lt, GPS: 55.660353, 25.607479

The homestead by the River Šventoji offers the families to come and participate in the educational programme "Starling

Feast", which lasts for 2-3 hours. During this program the lecture about the returning birds is read, short instructions about the bird box production are given, bird boxes are produced from the pre-fabricated blanks and decorated, quiz is arranged. There is a possibility to grill some sausages in an outdoor fireplace after the program. Come and make your own bird box, fix it near your home and you will enjoy the birds coming home every spring. Working hours: on request.

#### **Health Tourism**



#### Relaxation center "Abu"

Phone: + 370 389 66044, +370 612 57383, +370 687 97766, Aukštaičių Street 3B, Utena, info@abuva.lt, www.abuva.lt; GPS: 55.49689, 25.625013

The center offers bowling hall, sauna, turkish and steam baths, a whirlpool bath (jacuzzi), a massage pool, as well as billiard. Working hours: on request.



#### Pool

Phone: +370 389 65143, Taikos Street 44, Utena;

GPS: 55.506859, 25.586423

Working hours: II – V: 18.00 – 21.00, VI – VII: 16.00 – 20.00.

The pool is closed in summer.

#### **Winter Tourism**



#### Rural tourism homestead "Alaušynė"

Phone: +370 389 34317, +370 698 03447, Salos village, Sudeikiai post, info@abuva.lt, www.abuva.lt;

GPS: 55.584694, 25.70641

An excellent place for relaxation with family or in a circle of friends. Up to 60 persons. In winter you may drive on quad bikes or skis. Rent of equipment. Working hours: on request.



#### Rural tourism homestead of Gražina and Gintaras Krugiškiai

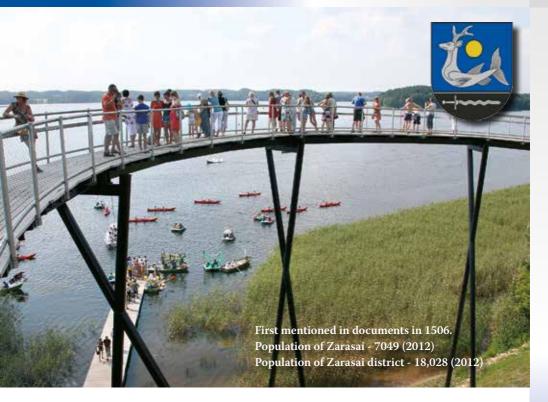
Phone: +370 680 84199, +370 616 29853, Antakalnis village, Saldutiškis eldership; GPS: 55.334512, 25.820869

The farmstead is located at the lake Aisetas. Here you may try kayak tours in the winter and the educational programs about bathing. Book your visit in advance.



#### Rural tourism homestead "Aliai"

Phone: +370 611 42287, Aliai village, Utena eldership, info@aliai.lt, www.aliai.lt; GPS: 55.47910, 25.73204 Here you may felt wool using the dry way and play croquet on ice. Working hours: on request.



At the North-East of Lithuania a small, but very nice Zarasai district is located, surrounded by countless lakes, decorated with hills, pine forests, and birch groves. It is often called the land of the blue lakes. There are more than 300 lakes in the district, and they take up one tenth of the total area. Travellers like to compare it with Scandinavia with its numerous lakes or with European country of uncommonly expressive nature, Switzerland. In the south Zarasai borders on Ignalina, and in north and east with Latvia and Belarus.

The second of the riches of the district are the forests - they take up one third of the total area. They give not only the wood, but also mushrooms and berries, as well as a great diversity of birds and animals.

The region is not small, its territory is 1339 square kilometres, but it is scarcely populated. There are many beautiful places where you can spend the night and have a rest.

We believe that you, our dear guests, will fall in love with our magnificent Zarasai district, and will return again and again. See you in the land of the blue lakes!



#### Zarasai TIC

Seliu St. 22, Zarasai, LT-32110 GPS: 55.732687, 26.247346 Phone: +370,682 40988 Phone/Fax: +370 385 37171 turizmas@zarasai.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic

#### Zarasai District municipality

Seliu Street 22, Zarasai, LT-32110 GPS: 55.732687, 26.247346 Phone: +370 385 37144 www.zarasai.lt

#### Most popular sightseeing places in Zarasai district (top objects)









#### 1. Observation ring

Phone: +370 385 37171, D. Bukontas Street, Zarasai, turizmas@zarasai.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic;

GPS: 55.728237, 26.243434

It was opened in 2011, and became popular among both guests and inhabitants of the district. It is 17m high.

#### 2. Šlyninka watermill

Phone: +370 686 23348, +370 687 59106, Šlyninka village, vandensmalunas@gmail.com, www.slyninkosmalunas.lt;

GPS: 55.736755, 26.197763

Visitors will have the possibility to see the old mill, participate in the process of milling flour, and after milling, in the house of educational crafts, to mix a pie, bake pancakes in the fireplace on hot coal, make a loaf of bread with their own hands. You can taste rural delicacies here - home bread, different kinds of cheese, and tea. You may also participate in a quiz about the traditions of the Zarasai district.

#### 3. Stelmužė oak and church

Phone: +370 676 41 389, Stelmužė village, Zarasai; GPS: 55.830242, 26.221409

The oak is 23 metres high. The diameter of the oak 3 meters above the ground is 13,5 meters. The average girth is 4m. Currently it is in a bad condition, as it is covered with moss, fungus and lichen. A wooden church was built in 1650. It was built by Latvian craftsmen using only axe, without a saw or nails. It is a monumental building with heavy proportions. In 1713 it was renovated. The belfry, built in 17th century, is in the northern part of churchyard.

#### 4. The apparition site of St. Virgin Mary

Phone/Fax: +370 385 37171 (TIC), Kvintiškės village, Imbrado eldership, www.zarasai.lt/tic; GPS: 55.802508, 26.084949

On July 30, 1967, near the Ilgis lake saw an indescribably beautiful girl, who was standing on a putrid pile. Soon the news of the miraculous happening spread, and people started to come here. Every year on the bank of the lake, as well as in the lake itself, new crucifixes and altars decorated with flowers appear. These are signs of gratitude, faith and hope.

### 5. J. Žilinskienė private collection "Sea museum"

Phone: +370 385 59426, Laisvoji Sq. 14, Salakas town, parkas@grazute.lt, www.grazute.lt;

GPS: 55.591762, 26.131165

Exhibitions can be seen in the visitor centre of the Grazute regional park. Here you may see hundreds of exhibits collected for several decades. There are exhibits from African seashore, Indonesia isles, and Japan. The ethnographic exhibition is constantly



supplemented with new exhibits. Working hours: Mon-Fri: 09.00 – 18.00, break: 12.00 - 12.45

#### 6. Dusetos art gallery

Phone: +370 385 56878, Vitauta Street 54, Dusetos, Zarasai district, dusetu.galerija@zarasai.lt; GPS: 55.745138, 25.837913

It is a well-known art and culture centre, which unifies all the artists living in the Zarasai district (laureates of the national award Š. Sauka, N.Saukiene, E. Raugas, R. Pučekas, E. Valinišķite, A.Stauskas, and others).



## 7. Ramūno Čižo exhibition of brewery equipment and degustation of beer

Phone: +370 686 48890, +370 385 56653, Dusetos, Zarasai district, cizoalus@zarasai.lt, www.cizoalus.lt; GPS: 55.745982, 25.85401

On the banks of Sartai lake you will taste the beer and learn the process of making it, which is known since 1863. In the pub "Prie Bravoro" you will taste a light, unfiltered live beer "ČiŽasa", which is brewed in accordance with old traditions. Everything is inherited



from the ancestors - from the recipe till the equipment. It is brewed of barley malt, natural yeast, honey, hops, and water of excellent quality. It is made to be the best beer, both for the brewer and the guests.

#### **Cultural and Historical objects**

**Stelmužė oak and church,** see TOP sightseeing places in Zarasai district (object no. 3).

#### Antalieptė hydroelectric power station

Phone: +370 385 37171, Antalieptė village, Zarasai district, turizmas@zarasai.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic;

GPS: 55.661402, 25.862209

Antalieptė hydroelectric power station is an object of historical and technical heritage. It is built on the place of former settlement in 1954–1959, blocking the Šventoji river.



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#### Guerrilla Dugouts in Antazavė Wood

Phone: +370 385 37171, Antazavė Village, Zarasai district, turizmas@zarasai.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic; GPS: 55.808586, 25.926656 You may visit the site of dislocation and battle of guerrillas from Vytis company with two reconstructed dugouts in Antazavė pinewood, next to the road leading from Antazavė to Dusetos. Mykolas Kazanas-Siaubas (26 January 1926 – 07 July 1945), commander of Vytis guerrilla company, together with his men lived here in autumn and winter of 1944. Same year heavy battles with soviet armies took place here.

#### Museums



#### The museum of Zarasai region

Phone: +370 385 52456, D. Bukontas Street 20/1, Zarasai, www.zarasai.lt, muziejus@zarasai.lt; GPS: 55.728354. 26.245193

Here you may see a barn of a wealthy peasant. The exhibition shows the tools of a peasant: old kitchen ware, beekeeping and fishing equipment, tools of a carpenter and shoemaker, looms and workbenches, examples of ancient cloth, blankets and clothes. There is an exhibition of sacral sculptures. Working hours: Tue-Fri: 9.00-17.00, Sat: 9.00-16.00. Price: 2 Lt.



#### The museum of church art

Phone/Fax: +370 385 37171 (TIC), Stelmužė village, www.zarasai.lt/tic; GPS: 55.830242, 26.221409

The Stelmužė church exists since 1650. At that time it was a branch of Ilukste church in Latvia. It was built by Latvian artisans. It was built without using a saw or any nails. It is located on a mountain, which was surrounded by trees at the time, not far from the settlement of that time. Since 1808 it is a Catholic church.



#### Linguist K. Būga memorial museum

Phone: +370 385 52456, Pažiegė village, Zarasai district, www.zarasai.lt/tic; GPS: 55.742298, 25.761963

The exhibition allows to learn of the linguist's life, scientific and social activities. In the courtyard there is cross, erected in memory of Būga family. Author is J.Verza. Working hours: Tue-Fri: 9.00-17.00, Sat: 9.00-16.00.



#### Antalieptė museum of history

Phone: +370 385 57340, Antalieptė village, www.zarasai.lt/tic; GPS: 55.668358, 25.859749

Exhibits of the museum are brought from Antalieptė and its region. They tell about region's history, its famous people and cultural heritage.

Ramūno Čižo exhibition of brewery equipment and degustation of beer, see TOP sightseeing places in Zarasai district (object no. 7).

#### Estates, castles, castle mounds, ancient burial sites

#### Pakalniškės castle mound

Phone: +370 385 37171 (TIC), Turmanto, turizmas@zarasai.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic;

GPS: 55.657487, 26.058593

It is located on the bank of the lake Ramio. 1st millennium

BC - 1st millennium AD.

#### Verslava castle mound

Phone: +370 385 37171 (TIC), Antalieptė, turizmas@zarasai.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic;

GPS: 55.653365, 25.86072

One of the rockiest castle mounds in the district. Located in 2km from Antalieptė.

#### Velikuškės Mound (Hill Fort)

Phone: +370 385 37171 (TIC), Antazavė, Sartai regional park, sartureg@takas.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic;

GPS: 55.8239, 25.855171

There are indications of this area being inhabited in ancient times.







#### **Craftsman tourism**

#### **Pranas Savickas**

Phone: +370 385 57290, Antalieptė village,

GPS: 55.668358, 25.859749

He makes crosses, koplytstulpiai (roadside pole chapels), sculptures.



#### Rimutė Vitaitė

Phone: +370 615 92968, Zarasai

Weaves sashes typical to Aukštaitija region, makes dolls and little witches. Also weaves national costumes - skirts, waistcoats, aprons, headdresses (povoyniki).



#### **Gediminas Kairis**

Phone: +370 686 61174, Degučiai Village,

GPS: 55.657487, 26.058593

The craftsman carves spoons and other original works from various types of wood.



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#### **Churches**



#### The Zarasai church of St. Mary's ascension

Phone/Fax: +370 385 37171 (TIC), Bažnyčios Street, Zarasai, www.zarasai.lt/tic; GPS: 55.73027, 26.245495 The church was built in 1842-1862 on one of the highest points of the city in a Neo-baroque style. It is 24m long and 30m high. According to the local legend, the effigy in the large altar was donated by the Grand Duke of Lithuania Vytautas.



#### **Dusetos Church of Holy Trinity**

Phone/Fax: +370 385 37171 (TIC), Dusetos village, www.zarasai.lt/tic; GPS: 55.74279, 25.838461
Built between 1886-1888 in the New Romantic style; three altars still have sculptures made by L. Gogel. In the middle of 18th century a 13m high belfry was built in accordance with the project of A. Parako.



#### St. Mary's The Suffering church

Phone/Fax: +370 385 37171 (TIC), Salakas eldership, www.zarasai.lt/tic, www.salakas.lt, GPS: 55.591762, 26.131165

It is a very unusual and daring building, as its walls are a collection of boulders. The interior is simple, but there is much light. There is an original "Boulder chapel" in the churchyard (author is G. Laucus), made of 117 boulders.



#### The Tiberiad community

Phone: +370 385 43694, Baltriškės village, Degučiai eldership, www.tiberiade.lt, baltriskes@tiberiade.lt; GPS: 55.671431, 25.974003 The monks of the order live here since 2001. This order is characterized by attention to the life of the brotherhood, its quality, trust, popularization of the way of life of

#### **Nature Tourism**



#### Stone of the Plains (Lygumu akmuo)

Phone: +370 385 37171, Stelmužė village, Zarasai district, turizmas@zarasai.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic, GPS: 55.828416, 26.221006

If, after seeing Stelmužė Oak, you walk a road to the northern boundary of the park for 1-1.5 km, on the right you will see a well-trodden path leading to a hefty Stone of the Plains (Lygumų akmuo), also called the Devil's Stone.

The legend tells that the once upon a time in the morning the cocks crowed and the devil dropped the stone and all the ground trembled when it fell, thus creating the hills around.

Franciscans.

Stelmužė oak, see TOP sightseeing places in Zarasai district (object no. 3).

#### Educational path in Degučai

Phone: +370 385 59426, Degučiai village, Zarasai district, Gražute regional park, www.grazute.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic; GPS: 55.658212. 26.055077

3 km long educational path in Degučai is made in the territory of the regional park of Gražutė. Travelling along this path you will be able to see an owl and its house, the hollow, to learn about moss, lichen and firs, to find the hairs of elks and to learn about the ice stratification, sites



of ancient settlement and barrows, you will discover the mysteries of the upper bog and get to know the world of rare plants and animals in the lower one. It is an excellent place of recreation.

#### Educational path in Šavaša

Phone: +370 385 59426, Antalieptė village, Gražute regional park, www.grazute.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic;

GPS: 55.660058, 25.861479

The only geological educational path in Lithuania. It is located on the bank of Šavaša river, which is a true mountain river. The river is impressive, as is nature around it.



#### Educational path in Jaskoniškės

Phone: +370 385 56849, Sartai regional park, www.sartai.info, www.zarasai.lt/tic, sartureg@takas.lt; GPS: 55.78078, 25.828242

The path goes through a sandy pine forest, which is called "Smalinyčia" since ancient times, as people have always come here to gather resin. This place is suited for walks, during which you can learn about life in the forest and admire the Sartai lake. The informative stands will provide the information about many things, such as creation of springs, when the pine trees grow, and when spruce trees do, as well as a lot of other interesting things.



#### Educational path in Ilgašilis

Phone: +370 385 56849, Sartai regional park, www.zarasai.lt/tic, sartureg@takas.lt;

GPS: 55.77681, 25.870869

The length of the path is 240m. Here you may meet rare inhabitants of a bog, as well as learn about the nature of bog. Wooden plankways have been set up here.



#### **Dusetos forest educational path**

Phone: +370 385 56834, Dusetos, Zarasai district, sartureg@takas.lt, www.sartai.info; GPS: 55.787853, 25.791867

Dusetos forest is quite unusual. It is evident from old stories and legends, some still unsolved, some forgotten. The old lime-tree, the tracks of a sledge in the snow, the mysterious maple mountain, the lost Žvirbliške village, the giant Vasinos bogs, the rare bog plants, lime springs, centenarian trees..



Some of these things can no longer be found, but can be learned about, if you visit the path. The path is 3,4 km long, it has 14 stops. The walk will take approximately 1,5-2 hours.





#### Luodis Lake

Phone: + 370 385 37171, Salakas, Zarasai district, parkas@grazute.lt, www.grazute.lt;

GPS: 55.579015, 26.153138

The lake is 6,3 km long, 4,4 km wide, the maximum depth is 18,4 m. It has two big islands - Alaune and Sadauskas - and two smaller ones - Pilelis and Konopile. Shoreline is winding, there are a lot of gulfs. The shores are high and steep.



#### Antalieptė Reservoir

Phone/Fax: +370 385 37171 (TIC), Bikeni, Salakas eldership, *Gražute regional park, www.zarasai.lt/tic;* 

GPS: 55.628232, 26.056033

The Sea of Antalieptė is a man-made picturesque body of water. The Sea is quite impressive in size (1900 ha), abundance of islands (more than 50) and very winding shoreline.



#### Sartai Lake

Phone: +370 385 56849, Dusetos, Sartu regional park, www.zarasai.lt/tic, sartureg@takas.lt; GPS: 55.785504, 25.82235

It is the fifth biggest lake in Lithuania. It has landscaped swimming places. On the shore of the lake you may also find a sculpture park. The lake's 79 km shoreline is the longest in Lithuania.

#### **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**

**Šlyninka watermill,** see TOP sightseeing places in Zarasai district (object no. 2).



#### "Degesa" Ltd.

Phone: +370 685, Bikenai, info@degesa.lt, www.degesa.lt; GPS: 55.628026, 26.083376 On the banks of Šventoje river, near the Antaliepte gulf, "Degesa" Ltd. offers both rent of water sports equipment and dishes of culinary



heritage. The gulfs of Antaliepte are known with their abundance of fish. If booked in advance, you may taste dishes of culinary heritage, such as fish cheese. Such cheese has been prepared for the last 100 years. You may also taste herbal teas and local pancakes.

Ramūno Čižo exhibition of brewery equipment and degustation of beer, see TOP sightseeing places in Zarasai district (object no. 7).

#### **Active tourism / Horse Riding**

#### Association "Baltas mustangas" ("White Mustang")

Phone: +370 68910712, Liaudėnai village, Turmantas eldership

Horseriding, riding with the sledge.



#### Rūta's Horses ("Rūtos žirgai")

*Phone:* +370 601 22133, *Naujadvaris village* Amateur horseriding.



#### Active tourism / Water tourism

#### "Degesa", a marina

Phone: +370 685 44450, Bikėnai village, info@degesa.lt, www.degesa.lt; GPS: 55.628026, 26.083376

On a shore of river Šventoji a marina is established, where you may rent boats, canoes, catamarans, bicycles. There are three different kinds of baths here. Especially popular are canoe excursions up the Šventoji river. There are also night excursions. B&B services.



#### Homestead "Pasartėlė"

Phone: +370 652 33232, Hipodromo Street 4, Dusetos, pasartele@gmail.com; GPS: 55.733119, 26.242453
Water trips on pontoon catamaran on Sartai lake, the deepest lake in Lithuania.



#### Youth club of water sport

Phone: +370 610 63327, Zarasai, dateleadatele@gmail.com; GPS: 55.742205, 26.247847

The club offers: pontoon catamarans, water skis, wakeboard, educational diving, diving lessons, one day excursions on a catamaran through the lakes of the region (visit of the most interesting tourism objects).



#### Rent of water tourism equipment

Phone: +370 686 93801, crossing of Bajorai and Pliaterytė Streets, Zarasai; GPS: 55.731568, 26.241137

You can rent boats, kayaks, motorboats, water bicycles, segways, bicycles, catamarans (10 persons).



#### Active tourism / Adventure Tourism





#### Paintball

Phone: +370 686 93801

Paintball is an extreme sport in which players compete, in teams or individually, to eliminate opponents by tagging them with capsules containing water soluble dye and gelatine shell on the outside (referred to as paintballs) propelled from a device called a paintball marker (commonly referred to as a paintball gun). It will make your event, be it a birthday or a bachelors' party, a lot more interesting. Book your visit in advance.

#### Paragliding club "Orlėkis"

Phone: +370 670 20859, Dimitriškės village, Zarasu pagasts, www.zarasai.lt/tic; GPS: 55.731568, 26.241137

Flying with a paraglider, tandem flights, lessons for beginners, demonstrations.

#### **Health Tourism**





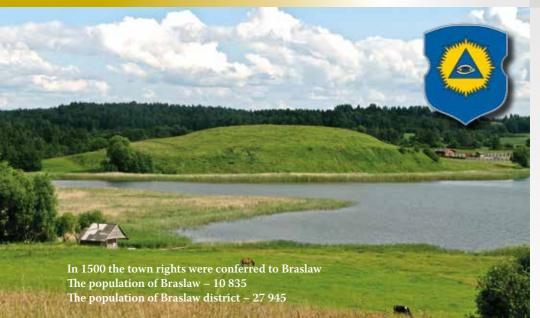
#### Health Centre

Phone: +370 697 22154, Vilnius Street 1b, Zarasai, zarasubaseinas@zarasai.lt, www.zarasai.lt/baseinas; GPS: 55.733119, 26.242453

Water pool with special medical equipment, sauna, infrared ray and steam baths, massage bathtubs. Working hours: I-V and IX-XII - Mon-Sun: 11.00 - 22.00

#### "Viiuandra"

Phone: +370 600 43810, Pakalnės Street12, Zarasai, lapera@langasiateiti.lt, GPS: 55.733119, 26.242453 Chocolate and honey massage, hydro massage, face massage, aromatherapy, procedures with seaweed. Visitors will be able to make face and hand creams and body oils themselves.



Braslaw is an old town of Belarus. In the 9th century the ancient Latgalian and Kriviches tribes, who later formed the main body of the town, were settled on this place. The first mention of Braslaw was found in 1065 in the chronicle of Maciej Stryjkowski "Chronicle of Poland, Lithuania, Zhemantia and the whole Russia". There Braslaw was referred to as Bryachislavl. It was named Bryachislavl in honour of the prince Bryachislav Izyaslavich, who turned the settlement of Zamkovaya hill into front line fortress. Since the 14th century Braslaw was incorporated into the Grand Duchy of Lithuania that was under the reign of the prince Gediminas and later under his son Jaunutis.

On 8th of October, 1500, the prince Alexander conferred Magdeburg rights to the town. In the 17th -18th centuries in result of innumerable hostilities Braslaw was heavily ruined and several times it was completely destroyed. Braslaw was the Braslaw voivodeship center from the 1793 till 1795. After the third division of Poland - Lithuania in 1795 the town was a part of the Russian Empire and became a district center. In the war of 1812 it was controlled by French army.

In 1913, 1550 inhabitants lived in the town; institutions such as a wine plant, a hospital a cow college were opened. In November of 1917 the town was ruled by the Soviet government. In 1918 the emperor's knights were located in Braslaw. Since the February of 1922 till 1939 the town was a part of Poland, but since 1939 it is a part of Republic of Belarus and since 1940 the town is the center of Braslaw district.

Nowadays the Braslaw district is the land of natural wealth. One fourth of the total area of the district is occupied by more than 300 lakes. One fourth is occupied by forests. In 1995 a nature park "Braslavskiye ozyora" ("Lakes of Braslaw") was created, in order to preserve and enhance natural wealth. The territory of the park is perfectly suited recreation and tourism.



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# **ITEBSK REGION**

#### Most popular sightseeing places in Braslaw district (top objects)



#### 1. Lighthouse (Mayak) mountain

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC), Keziki village
Lighthouse (Majak) mountain is the highest hill of the
Kezikovskie Mountains; it got its name in the early 20th
century when the surveyors built a triangulation tower at
the top of the hill. Before this, the hill was called Biznya
mountain. Enjoy magnificent view on neighboring lakes
and the steeple of Slobodka Catholic Church, peeping

over the wood from the observation platform made in the form of a tower at the top of the hill.



#### 2. Zamkovaya gora (Castle Mountain)

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC), Braslaw, Zamkovaya Street Zamkovaya Mountain raises high over the city of Braslaw. It is a high hill with flat top and steep slopes, used as perfect observation platform, where you can enjoy fabulous panorama. In the early Middle Ages, the place was a settlement of the Baltic tribe of Latgalians, the ancestors of modern Latvians. Archaeological excavations prove

that a Slavic tribe of Krivitches also inhabited this territory along with Latgalians. On top of Zamkovaya Mountain there is a granite boulder with an inscription that says: «Замковая гора является местом основания города Браслава. 1065 г.» ("Zamkovaya mountain is the place where Braslaw was founded in 1065"). There is a group of wooden sculptures which illustrates the story of the town's foundation.



## 3. Catholic Church of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Phone: +375 2153 22760, +375 2153 21792, Sovetskaya Street 23, Braslaw

The Church was erected in 1897 out of stone and red brick. Front facade of the Church is decorated with a three-storied tower. The main relic of the church is a miraculous icon of the Blessed Virgin Braslaw Lakes Lady. Every year, on the 22nd of August, the church holds

worship celebrations of this miraculous icon. In August 2009, the icon of the Blessed Virgin Braslaw Lakes Lady was crowned with Pontifical crown, thus getting an official recognition of its miraculous properties. According to historical evidence, the icon belonged to the Greek-Catholic monastery, which was burnt because of the lightning stroke in 1832, but the icon was miraculously saved. The Braslaw Blessed Virgin icon is the first icon to be coronated in the Vitebsk region and the seventh in Belarus.



### 4. Monument "Brother's cemetery of soldiers of 1st Baltic front and partisans"

Sovetskaya Street, Braslaw

The brother's cemetery (military cemetery) is located in a square on the Sovetskaya street. Here the soldiers of the 1st Baltic front and partisans, who died during the liberation of Braslaw, are buried. In 1981 a monument was erected - a sculpture of soldier with two obelisks behind. Nearby there are the memorial plates with the names of the dead.

# **VITEBSK REGION**

#### 5. Museum of Local History

Phone: +375 2153 21445, Engelsa Street 39, Braslaw

Located in the central part of the city. There are interesting collections in the 6 halls of the museum. Different ages are represented in the expositions, beginning with late Stone Age. Many exhibits come from the digs of the 8th–11th century castle mounds. Exhibits tell of the lifestyle, occupations and culture of the inhabitants of the Braslaw



region during the period of Kievan Rus'. You can see a model of a castle here, the one that once stood on the Zamkova mountain, to which the employees of the museum lead excursions. The ethnographic collection is of a huge interest: articles from flax, weaving articles, works of the woodcarvers, potters. Some of the exhibits are dedicated to outstanding people, related to Braslaw region in some way or another. Excursions in Russian and Belarusian languages for groups of up to 20 people. Monday - closed.

#### 6. Traditional History Museum

*Phone:* +375 2153 22230, *Gagarina Street 8, Braslaw* Museum is located on the shore of Lake Drivyaty in the former mill. Have a look at the exposition of craft museum that will tell you much about traditional netting, weaving, and pottery of the Braslaw region.



#### 7. Okmenitsa (Okmenica) spring

*Phone:* + 375 2153 22735 (*TIC*), *village Chernishki*Okmenitsa natural boundary ("stony" in Lithuanian) got its name from the small river running into the lake Strusto. Not far from the river outlet there is a very interesting tourist attraction – a healing spring Šalkinia ('cool' in Lithuanian), or Zimnik, as the locals call it. According to the legend, the spring waters will heal you only if you pay to the spring, which explains why there are so many different coins there – both ancient and contemporary ones.



#### 8. Boris Stone

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC), Druya

This large round stone with the carved six pointed cross and faintly visible inscription is the most ancient monument of Druya; for a long period of time it was buried in river Zapadnaya Dvina at the outflow of Druyka, not far from its bank. On October 22nd, 2002, it was drawn from the river and placed on the steep bank of Dvina. It is one



of the three remaining famous Boris stones, which, upon the order of Prince Boris Vseslavovich in early 12th century, were decorated with Christian symbols and inscriptions and placed in different locations of the Polotsk Principality. People used to call them differently: Boris, Boris-Khlebnik, Pisar', Pisanik, Boris-Gleb, Borisoglebskiy, and even French stone and Napoleon stone. On each stone there was an inscription: «Господи помоги рабу своему Борису» ("God, help your servant Boris"). Legend has it that during the Great Famine of 1128 Prince Boris had these inscriptions carved on big stones, which used to be pagan relics. By doing so, the Prince hoped to promote Christianity in the Polotsk land, glorify his own deeds and find favour in the eyes of God. Exact number of Boris stones is still unknown, but in the 19th century there were more than ten. Some of Boris stones were destroyed during the imperial period, and three stones were blown up in the 1930s as part of the Soviet Union anti-religious policy.

# **ITEBSK REGION**

#### **Cultural and Historical objects**

Zamkovaya gora (Castle Mountain), see TOP sightseeing places in Braslaw district (object no. 2).



#### Building of the former hospital

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC), Kirova Street, Braslaw
The building, erected in 1906, is located in Kirova Street.
Its history is closely connected with the name of Stanislav
Narbut (1853–1926), who worked there for 40 years and was
buried on Zamkovaya Mountain. On his grave, there is a
white obelisk with the lamp at the top.



#### Jewish cemetery

Boris Stone, see TOP sightseeing places in Braslaw district (object no. 8).

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC), Druya
Jewish cemetery in Druja is the only place in Belarus with color inscriptions on tombstones. Nearly 250 monuments

remained until today.



#### Monument to the Stanislav Narbut

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC), Zamkovaya Street, Braslaw S. Narbut was a doctor of medicine, enlightener, committed humanist, local historian and a generator of countless ideas of social sphere. He earned a great respect and love of the people. Thanks to his efforts the first hospital in city was built, and was often referred to as Narbut's hospital. It still serves the city, and got its 'second wind' after the cloister of St. Euphrosyne was opened in Polotsk.





#### Lukyanec Angela Ivanovna

Phone: +375 2153 22233, Leninskaya Street 77, Braslaw Weaver. Takes interest in knitting, embroidery and beadwork.



#### Zinkevich Valeriy Anatolyevich

Naberezhnaja Street 12, Braslaw

Creates ceramic articles of Iron Age, early and late Middle Age, as well as ethnographic pottery of Braslaw.

# **VITEBSK REGION**

#### Rulevich Lyudmila Ivanovna

Phone: +375 2153 32224, Zhdanova Street 11, Braslaw Weaving and plaiting of belts. Takes interest in weaving with straws.



#### Parahnevich Mihail Ivanovich

*Phone:* +375 2153 32340, *Zhdanova Street 19, Braslaw* Makes wooden furniture. Artistic processing of wood. Takes interest in photography.



#### Parahnevich Nataliya Nikolayevna

*Phone:* +375 2153 32340, *Zhdanova Street 19, Braslaw* Embroidery. Takes interest in knitting, weaving and making tapestries.



#### Cherkas Mihail Boleslavovich

Phone: +375 2153 33352, Leninskaya Street, Slobodka village, Braslaw district

Wattling from straws: decorative tableware, chests, hats, spatial sculpture from straws with wooden or wire framework, models of architecture complexes, using straw ribbons and wheat ears, compositions with a plot from Belarusian fairytales.



#### **Labut Ruslan Iosifovich**

Buloychika Street 1, Braslaw Pottery, ceramics.



Museums

**Museum of Local History,** see TOP sightseeing places in Braslaw district (object no. 5). **Traditional History Museum,** see TOP sightseeing places in Braslaw district (object no. 6).

#### Estates, castles, castle mounds, ancient burial sites

#### **Estate of Plateri**

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC), Opsa village
Build in the beginning of 20th century (1904) as a residence
of Plateri family. During the WWI there was a hospital
established here, and in 1922 the Polish government bought
the estate from Plateri family and established an agricultural
school here.





#### Estate of Vavzheckiye

Vidzy-Lovchinskiye village, Braslaw district

The estate of Tomash Vovzheckiy (XVIII) is a monument of classicism architecture. The two façades built in different styles make the building quite peculiar looking. The façade in the northern side has a traditional porch with triangular fronton above it. The façade in the southern side is quite unusual for Belarus - in the centre there was a brick verandagallery with two symmetrically placed stairs. The estate is

surrounded by a park, in which 40 different kinds of trees and bushes grew.



#### Ahremovtsy park "Belmont"

Ahremovtsy village, Braslaw district

Located in the Ahremovtsy village, on the shores of Dryvyaty lake. Building started in the second half of 18th century beginning of 19th century. The area of the park is 65 ha. You can find both traditional kinds of trees here - spruce-tree, oak, black walnut tree, lime-tree, birch - and exotic ones - Siberian larch, white pine, Canadian poplar, thuja, and others.



#### **Ahremovtsy Chapel**

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC), Ahremovtsy

Only the magnificent park and the Jesus Heart Chapel have been present till modern times. Built at the expense of count Felix Plater. Built of red brick and split stones. In the central chapel there was a crypt of Plateri family, but during the soviet regime it was demolished.

Zamkovaya gora (Castle Mountain), see TOP sightseeing places in Braslaw district (object no. 2).



#### Maskovichi castle mound

 $Phone: +375\ 2153\ 22735\ (TIC), Maskovichi\ village$ 

Archaeological findings characteristic of Scandinavian culture of XI-XV centuries. Finding include jewellery and bones with pictures and rune inscriptions, which have no analogues not only in Belarus, but in all lands of Eastern Slavs. Specialists think that the inscriptions were made by

incomers from Scandinavia, who lived among Slavs; it is possible that they were mercenaries from the castle garrison. It is believed that the castle was destroyed in XV century during the battles between principality of Polotsk and the crusaders. From the mountain one may see beautiful sceneries, with forests, fields, and lakes of Nespish and Nedrovo.

#### **Churches**

**Catholic Church of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin**, see TOP sightseeing places in Braslaw district (object no. 3).



#### Church of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

*Phone:* + 375 29 818 78 18, Sovetskaya Street, Braslaw Located near the Catholic Church of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin. It was built in 1897. An architectural monument of the Pseudo-Russian style.

#### Church of Arrival of God's Providence

Phone: +375 29 715 36 68, Slobodka village

A stone building built in 1901. The total area of church is 993 m2. It is built in a style combined from romance and gothic architecture. The metal bindings of the door, with floral designs, are especially valued. According to specialists, the bindings of Slobodka church are one of the best examples of ironsmith in the territory of Belarus. The masses constantly take place since the founding.



#### **Church of the Most Holy Trinity**

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC), Vidzy village

One of the highest churches in Belarus, build in 1914 of red brick. The towers are 59 meters high. The church is decorated with numerous details characteristic for Gothic style. At the beginning of 20th century, the Vidzy parish was considered to be among the largest in Kovno Governorate.



#### $Holy\ Trinity\ Catholic\ Church\ and\ Bernardine\ Monastery$

Phone: +375 2153 25109, Lenina Street 74, Druya

Holy Trinity Catholic Church and the Bernardine Monastery is the most remarkable architectural composition in Druya. They are situated on the high bank of the river Dvina where a big island, known as the Bernardine Island, can be seen. High tower of the Bernardine shrine, rising above the low old buildings, is the most popular site and a remarkable element of the Druya skyline.



#### Ruins of the Church of the Blessed Virgin Annunciation

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC), Druya

Orthodox Church of the Annunciation was one of the main shrines in Druya. It used to be a wooden building on the territory of the Orthodox monastery, which had existed in Druya since the 16th century. In the 18th century, it was the only Orthodox monastery in the Braslaw region, and the monastery church (erected in stone after 1687) was the



only Orthodox church in the Braslaw poviat. Russian tsar Peter I who visited Druya during the Northern War highly appreciated the monastery. In 1720 he made a considerable donation to the monastery. History scholars believe that one of the reasons why Peter became interested in the Druya sanctity was that relatives of his wife Katherine lived in Druya. In the early 19th century, the monastery fell into decay. In 1814, only three monks lived in the monastery, while there were only nineteen Orthodox families in the town. In 1823 the monastery was closed. As for the church, it stopped functioning after the World War II, leaving only ruins to the future generations.

#### Ruins of the Uniate Church of St. Peter and St. Paul

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC)

The church was built in the late 18th century in late Baroque style. After Unia had been liquidated in 1839, the church was transferred to the Orthodox Church. In the late 19th century, wooden elements of the building were disassembled, and the stone tower was reconstructed into the chapel, where miraculous icon of the Saviour was placed. During World War II, the chapel was partly destroyed, and fell into decay ever



since. Nowadays, only tower walls have remained, with remaining Baroque decorations.











#### **Corpus Christi church**

Ikazn, Braslaw district

Built in the beginning of XX century in Neo-Romanesque style from limestone blocks and bricks. Built using large, massive shapes. Façade includes two pyramid-shaped towers, between which in the ridge of the roof there is a shield with a rose in the centre.

#### St. Peter and St. Paul Church

Drivvati village, Braslaw district

The history of this church began in 1514, when the king Sigismund I the Old donated the money for the church. In 1725 a wooden church was built here, but it was destroyed during WWI. A new wooden church was built in 1929, according to the project of L. Vitan-Dubeykovskiy. In 1970 it was closed, but in 1990 it was renovated and opened again.

#### St. John the Baptist Church

Opsa village, Braslaw district

It was built in 1887, in the place of the church that had burnt down in 1768. A monument of Neo-Gothic architecture.

#### **Church of the Holy Trinity**

Plyusi village, Braslaw district

Built in the beginning of XX century of boulders. It was closed until 1941, and during the WWII was partially destroyed. In 1991 believers were able to visit the church again, after it was renovated.

#### St. Peter and St. Paul Church

Zamoshye village, Braslaw district

Built in the place of a wooden church in 1896 in Neo-Classicism style. Renovated in 1996.

#### Church of St. Nikolaos the Wonderworker

Ikazn, Braslaw district

Built in 1905 in the place of an Uniate wooden church, which was demolished in 1825. An architectural monument of the Pseudo-Russian style. Two-plane portal on columns makes an arch-like entrance.

#### Women's convent of St. Pantaleon

Kirova Street, Braslaw

The convent was built in the name of Pantaleon the Healer. The first service took place on the 6th of March of 2006, and the first liturgy on the 11th of March of the same year. On 20th of December, 2007, with the decision of Belarusian synod, a separate women's convent was created.

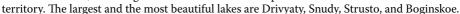


#### **Nature Tourism**

#### "Braslaw Lakes" National Park

Phone: +375 2153 29361, Dachnaya Street 1, Braslaw, www.braslavpark.by

"Braslaw Lakes" National Park was created in 1995 and occupies the total area of 69,1 thousand hectares. Braslaw region opens the doors to the wonderful world of Belarusian Poozerje ("land of lakes"), with its glacial relief and a great number of lakes, covering more than 13% of the park





#### Lake Strusto

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC), Strusto village

It is one of the largest and most beautiful lakes of the Braslaw group, "the pearl of the Braslaw lakes", as people call it; it has bright and clear water. In the centre of the lake there is the island Chaichin, with the total area of 1,62 km² and a weirdly curved coastline. This island is considered to be the largest island of Belarus, and here you will have a unique opportunity to see a very rare plant – Karelian birch.



**Okmenitsa** (**Okmenica**) spring, see TOP sightseeing places in Braslaw district (object no. 7). **Zamkovaya gora** (Castle Mountain), see TOP sightseeing places in Braslaw district (object no. 2).

#### **Snudy Lake**

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC), Plyusi village

Snudy is the second largest lake in Braslaw. Its area is 22 km2, length 8,8 km, and there are 11 islands with the total area of 1,6 km2. The length of the shoreline is 34,4 km. For hundreds of years Snudy was considered to be one of the richest fishing places of the Braslaw region. At the end of XIX century half of the lake belonged to the Mozhayi cloister



in Lithuania, and the other half belonged to the owner of Zaverye manor baron Ganu. It was mostly Old-Believer village inhabitants living at the lakeside who used to fish here.

#### **Guided Tours on the Slobodka Mountain Range**

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC), Slobodka village

A unique natural formation, result of the last glacier on the territory of Belarus. Consists of a chain of elevations between Nedrovo and Poteh lakes near the Slobodka village. During the tour you will learn of the effect of the glacier in the territory of national park, forms of relief, rare kinds of plants



growing here, and how people have begun to live here. Length of the tour - approximately 3 hours. The length of the path is 5 km, arrival on a bus.

#### Excursion path "Park Belmont"

Ecological path created in the territory of the former park "Belmont". There is an old estate in the park, with an old and complicated history, connected with the famous Plateri family. Park with the rare species of trees and bushes has been partially preserved. Some trees are more than 200 years old. The total area of the park is 5.5 ha.



# **ITEBSK REGION**

#### **Gastronomic Tourism**



#### Restaurant and cafeteria "Ozerniy" ("Озерный")

Phone: +375 2153 22475, +375 2153 22553, Sovetskaya Street 115 (Braslaw central square), Braslaw Working hours: 12.00 – 24.00.



#### Restaurant "Drivyaty" ("Дривяты")

*Phone:* +375 2153 32679, *Naberezhnaya Street, Braslaw* Working hours: 10.00 – 24.00.



#### Café "Suzorye" ("Cy3op'e")

*Phone:* +375 2153 22697, *Leninskaya Street 133, Braslaw* Working hours: 12.00 – 24.00.



#### Café "Vitalich" ("Виталич")

*Phone:* + 375 29 2553891, *Sadovaya Street 6, Braslaw* Working hours: 12.00 – 01.00.



#### Café "Kupalnitsa" ("Купальница")

*Phone:* +375 29 2974983, *Sovetskaya Street 69, Braslaw* Working hours: 09.30 – 01.00.



#### Bar "Slaviya" ("Славия")

Phone: +375 2153 32625, near the entry into Braslav from the Miory side Working hours: 12.00 – 01.00.





#### Regional Sports Club "Drivyatich"

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#### • Water Route "To Vikings"

Length of the route is 23 km. Lake Drivyaty - Druyka river - Lake Tsno - Lake Nespish - Lake Poteh - ends at Slobodka recreation centre.

#### • Water Route "Till the hunched bridge"

Length of the route is 30 km. Lake Drivyaty - Druyka river - Lake Tsno - Lake Nespish - Lake Voiso - bridge over Voiso lake channel - lake Strusto.

#### • Water Route "Grand Lake"

Length of the route is 10 km. Drivyati recreation centre - Caika island - easter shore of the creek - northern part of Ushino peninsula - southern part of Turbazovskiy Rog peninsula.

#### • Water Route "To Veles"

Length of the route is 76 km. Till the middle of "Till the hunched bridge" route - channel between Voyso and Strusto lakes - Chaychin lake - northern shore of lake Strusto - along the Perevolka peninsula – Snudy lake – Lipovec lake – "Ruchey" tourist station – channel between Volos Severniy and Volos Yuzhnij lakes.

#### **Health Tourism**

#### "Drivyaty" relaxation centre, National Park "Lakes of Braslaw"

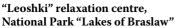
Phone: +375 2153 32100, Naberezhnaya Street,

Lake Drivyaty, Braslaw

Provided services: billiard, tennis, excursions, sledging, banquets, steam baths, sauna with mini-pool, gym, parking, boats, informational services, permits for amateur fishing.

#### "Slobodka" relaxation centre, National Park "Lakes of Braslaw"

Phone: +375 2153 33106, on the shore of lake Slobodka Provided services: excursions, sledging, banquets, bath, guarded parking, boats, informational services, permits for amateur fishing.



Phone: +375 2153 54100, Leoshki

Provided services: excursions, steam baths, guarded parking, boats, permits for amateur fishing.

#### "Zolovo" relaxation centre, National Park "Lakes of Braslaw"

Phone: +375 2153 34552, +375 2153 34553, on the shore of lake Zolovo

Provided services: billiard, excursions, sledging, banquets, steam baths, guarded parking, catamarans, boats, and informational services.

#### Tourism and health enterprise "Lakes of Braslaw" ("Браславские озера")

Phone: +375 2153 32150, Rybhoznaya Street 15, Braslaw Provided services: rent of tourism equipment, excursions, sauna, bar "Volna".

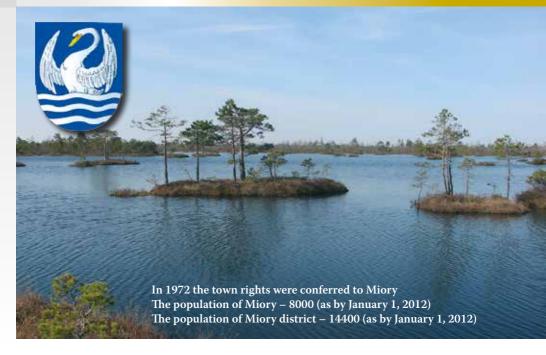












Miory district is situated in the north-eastern part of Belarus, it borders on Braslaw, Sharkovschinskiy, Glubokoye, Polotsk, and Verkhnyadzvinsk districts and Latvian Republic. There are favourable conditions for tourism development in the district: interesting history, peculiar culture, rich natural resources potential, developed infrastructure. There are 83 lakes, 16 rivers and 39 springs, and the 22 bogs occupy 17% of the territory.

One of the most notable tourism features is the bog "Elnya" – the largest bog in Europe. The most important water arteries of the district are the Western Dvina and its affluent Disna. All rivers have 50 m protective zone, where no manufactures can be built. There are more than 20 fish species in reservoirs, which attracts fishermen. Forests occupy 20% of the district's territory. The major forest tracts are in the territory of hydrologic reserves and wetlands, that is why it is difficult to access them, and this attracts admirers of extreme.



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# Most popular sightseeing places in Miory district (top objects)

# 1. Sanatorium "Rosinka"

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Sanatorium is surrounded by lakes and forests; it is located on the shore of lake Obsterno, which is one of the cascade of 15 lakes of Braslaw. In this wonderful forest oasis you may



find all the conditions for an excellent rest, improve your health, renew your energy and learn a lot of useful information, such as correct way of breathing, and balancing of food intake. In summer the air is saturated by phytoncides. Sanatorium offers several medical services, such as treatment of blood circulation, breathing, and urinary system organ illnesses.

# 2. Farm "Tihaya"

Phone: + 375 2152 37138, Zacherevye

The farm is located on the shore of the biggest lake of the region - Obsterno. The two-storey wooden building is perfectly suited for resting in a company of up to 10 persons. It is built of modern, ecological materials. The guests are offered all basic facilities, as well as sauna and a small pool. For active recreation there is a sports field in the backyard.



In the shade of the tress there is a canopy. The shashlik will taste great in open air, along with sauce made of mushrooms picked nearby and the fish soup, made of fish which you can catch here. There is swing and a sandbox for children.

# 3. Farm "Mazurniy bereg"

Phone: + 375 2152 37101, Mazurino

Located in a picturesque place on the southern bank of Dvina. The farm has a cottage, 2 guest houses, a bath with lodging on the second floor, a unique eating place arranged in knightly style, a place for picnics, and a hall for celebrations. In 70 metres from the farm you may see the Western Dvina,



and in 100m a mighty forest. Fishing, hunting, hiking, and the life-giving water will inspire you and give you energy. After active recreation hosts offer you enjoy your sleep in oaken beds. The farm is planned for up to 20 persons. There is a possibility to arrange festivities.

# 4. Sports and health complex

Phone: +375 2152 40210, Komunisticheskaya Street 47, Miory, msport07@mail.ru

The complex includes a gymnastics hall, gym, small pool (5,5x10 m), billiard hall and table tennis hall, Russian bath, and a sauna.



# 5. Farm "Beliye Rosy"

Phone: + 375 2152 39581, Borovaya Street 6, Yazno

The guests are offered two rooms (4-5 persons). In summer you may spend a night in the hay shed. Gourmands will be pleasantly surprised by the dishes offered by the hostess, made of ecological products. Guests may use the gazebo, hammock, children's playground, places for picnic, and the bath. In 200m you can find a lake, in which there are



tenches, spikes, crucian carps, perches and breams. There is forest nearby, rich in mushrooms and berries. Tourists can visit unique bogs - Zhada and Elnya.

# **Cultural and Historical tourism**



# Sledovnyk stone

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Perebrodye village, 0,75 km west of northern outskirts of Perebrodye village, 0,4 km north from motorway Perebrodye–Ikazn

For many centuries people in these parts used to worship huge boulders. In the village Yazno, you will find a huge rock where, according to stories, either Napoleon or Catherine

II once dined. A boulder near the village Bertovschina (Bertovščina) was a place where the French army once stopped to rest, in 1812.



# Memorial pillar

Phone: +375 2152 41533(TIC), Leonpol;

GPS: 55.804691, 27.804357

Erected in the late 18th century to commemorate adoption of the Constitution of 1791.



# Stephen Báthory Island

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Disna

The island is located at the spot where the two rivers run into each other. At this spot, the history of Disna began. In 1579, before Polotsk campaign, it was here that King Stephen Báthory made a camp. Back from the campaign, he left his artillery in the castle. In summer 1581, Stephen Báthory's Pskov campaign started from here. According to the legend, the king ordered to deepen the ditch surrounding the castle to make it inaccessible. This is how the riverbeds of Dvina and Disna merged and the castle turned into an island.



# Centenary bridge

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Disna

This unique arch bridge with wooden cover on metal and stone ground has been used for more than 100 years. After the World War II the damaged parts were repaired. The bridge was thoroughly repaired in 2002.



# Monument to the unborn child

Phone: +375 2152 41083, +375 2152 49555,

Pochtovaya Street 11a, Miory; GPS: 55.614602, 27.629565 Near the Catholic Church of the Ascension of the Holy Virgin Mary, there is a monument to the unborn child. In the hole of the guillotine scaffold, there is one apple half with a child in it. The Blessed Virgin icon protects the unborn child from the guillotine blade.





# Museum of History and Ethnography

*Phone:* +375 2152 41915, *Shkolnaya Street 12, Miory* Located in the centre of the city. Educational and thematic excursions are organized. Excursions to notable historical places of the region, excursions through the city.

# **Disna Local History Museum**

Phone: +375 2152 37346, Pervomayskaya Street 2a, Disna Enthusiasts from the boarding-school collected lots of materials dedicated to the history of Disna, including exhibits from the archaeological excavations of 1982. Here we can trace the town history from the Stone Age up to the



present time. Museum features exhibits of different centuries as well as pictures, books, images, and articles of local craftsmen.

# Local History Museum of the Secondary school No. 3

Phone: +375 2152 41153, Komsomolskaya Street 14, Miory Museum was founded in 1986. Exhibition items were collected by the students, as well as the participants of the Argonauts of the Past Club. Guided tours on 28 topics, overall length is 20 hours. Museum exhibition consists of 10



main sections, which tell about the history of the Miory district from the ancient times to the end of the 20th century.

Museum of book printing of the Secondary school No. 3 Phone: +375 2152 41153, Komsomolskaya Street 14, Miory



# **Environment Museum**

Phone: +375 2152 35329, Chepuki



# G. Tsitovich Museum

Phone: +375 2152 34612, Noviy Pogost



### **Local History Museum**

Phone: +375 2152 36519, Sitkovo



# **Local History Museum**

Phone: +375 2152 33290, Uzmeny



Museum "Radzimaznaustva" («Радзімазнаўства») and museum "Hatka babki Jadzvinni" («Хатка бабкі Ядзвінні»)

Phone: +375 2152 41533, Leonpole

# **Craftsman tourism**



# Disna House of Crafts

Phone: +375 2152 37274, Disna

Ceramics, weaving. Purchase of articles, observation and participation in the work process.



# District recreation centre

*Phone:* +375 2152 40281, Lenina Street 14, Miory Ceramics, embroidery, other crafts. Observation, participation in the work.

Gallery-shop of local craftsmen articles *Phone:* +375 2152 41474, *Lenina Street 14, Miory* 

# Estates, castles, castle mounds, ancient burial sites



# Lopatinski estate

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC); GPS: 55.799961, 27.780192 Lopatinski estate is the oldest building in baroque style in Miory district, built in the second half of 18th century according to the project of the famous Italian architect A.Genu. Nikolaus Tadeush Lopatinski, having received the Churilovichi village in his property, renamed it to Leonpol, in honour of his father Leon Lopatinski, hero of Turkish war.

He decided to build his main estate here. The family archive was relocated here, along with the library and art gallery, which had four paintings of Rubens. In 1919-1921 the Dvina river was the frontline of the war, and the estate was heavily damaged by the artillery of the red army. When the Belarus was divided between Poland and Soviet Russia, and Leonpole became a part of the Rzeczpospolita, the owner of the manor Eusebiush Lopatinski funded the remodelling of the manor into a catholic church. Such a transformation is rare in Belarus.



# Miloshy estate

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Idolta

Construction began in 1873. In a short time, a magnificent two-floor building was built. Over the entrance there is a mansard with balcony, which stands on four rectangular columns. In the family tomb there is a well with spring water.



# Mirskii estate

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Kamenpolye;

GPS: 55.61537, 27.5423

The estate had 10 rooms. Interior was quite modest. Most of the furniture was made by local craftsmen. Since Mirski's were hunters, the walls of their study room were decorated with trophies and weapons.

# Rudnicky estate

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Dedino;

GPS: 55.68592, 27.49724

Estate complex includes one house, near which there is a partially preserved scenic park and few auxiliary buildings made of stone. The estate has an original heating system. For the entire huge estate, there was but one stove, in the basement, yet the entire estate was heated. It is still functioning. On the first floor there were a bath, a kitchen, and a bakery. Many rooms had fireplaces.



# **Churches**

# Church of the Virgin Mary Shkaplernaya

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Idolta;

GPS: 55.709791, 27.577774

This Church, erected in 1939, is a beautiful building with unusual architecture, which reminds more of a romantic castle rather than a church. It was built in modern style. There are no similar churches in Belarus. The walls were made of brick and stones prepared by local workmen. The church is situated in the eastern part of the village not far from the road to Miory.



Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Perebrodye;

GPS: 55.619825, 27.393149

Located on the shore of Obsterno lake, close to Braslaw-Vitebsk highway.

# Church of Immaculate Conception of Most Holy Virgin Mary

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Disna;

GPS: 55.56903, 27.21451

Built in 1773. Located in the smallest city of Belarus.

# **Church of the Holy Trinity**

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Noviy Pogost;

GPS: 55.495751, 27.475336

The church was built in 1853. Located in the centre of the village.



# **Church of the Holy Cross**

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Cvetino;

GPS: 55.484828, 28.191743

Built in 1864. Located in the centre of the village.





# **Church of Saint George**

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Perebrodye;

GPS: 55.626031, 27.393831

Monument of architecture, built in 1863, located on the shore of Obsterno lake.



## Church of Saint Nicholas

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Kalinovaya

Built in the late 19th century. Located in the centre of the village.



## Church of Saint Nicholas

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Noviy Pogost;

GPS: 55.494225, 27.478953

The church was built in 1880. Located in the centre of the village.



# **Church of Saint Nicholas**

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Uzmeni;

GPS: 55.740184, 27.921748

The church was built in 1882. Located in the centre of the village.



# **Church of Saint Nicholas**

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Cherassy;

GPS: 55.629031, 27.730042

The church was built in 1886. Located in the centre of the village.



# **Church of Christ Transfiguration**

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Yazno;

GPS: 55.427141, 28.156858

The church was built in 1901. Located in the centre of the village.



# **Old-Believer Church of Holy Trinity**

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Kublischino;

GPS: 55.542158, 27.532913

Built in the beginning of 20th century. Located in the centre of the village.

# **Old-Believer Church**

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Nivniki;

GPS: 55.648919, 27.360652

Built in the beginning of 20th century. Located near a lake.

# **Holy Trinity Orthodox Church**

Phone: +375 29 713 15 09 (father Sergiy);

GPS: 55.799762, 27.784219

Leonpol wooden Holy Trinity Church (1774–1782) was built without a single nail. It was almost a hundred years later that the nails were used for reconstruction and re-building works. Initially the church had two towers, then they were torn down and a small dome was constructed above the roof. The Holy Trinity Church is a folk architecture monument with Baroque features.

# Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Kirova Street, Miory;

GPS: 55.614602, 27.629565

Architectural monument, built in 1907, located in the centre of the Miory city, on the shore of a lake.

# **Resurrection Church**

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Yubileynaya Street, Disna; GPS: 55.56736, 28.21922

The walls of this stone church keep the icon of Hodegetria of the 15th century. According to the legend, this icon came to Disna through Zapadnaya Dvina in the 18th century. Annually, on the 10th of August, a mass procession is held here, with the icon being carried along the streets of the town from Resurrection Cathedral to Hodegetria church and back.

# **Church of Miory**

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Miory

Located in the centre of Miory city, near train and bus stations.

# **Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul**

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Grigorovichi;

GPS: 55.64163, 28.07522

Built in 1877, located in the centre of the village, near the Minsk–Miory highway.

# **Golomyslo Church**

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Golomyslo;

GPS: 55.533001, 28.099837

Built in the second half of the 19th century, located in the centre of the village.

















# **Idolta village Chapel**

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Idolta;

GPS: 55.716997, 27.573078

Built in the middle of the 19th century, located on the peninsula on lake Miloshovskoye.

# **Nature Tourism**



# Elnya (Yel'nya) Hydrological Nature Reserve

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC)

This unique corner of Belarusian Poozerje, located in the territory of Miory and Sharkovschina districts within the borders of Polotsk lowland, covers the area of 23,2 ha. It is only here that you can see ranges of postglacial fenland (tundra) –

the last ones remaining in Europe. There are more than 100 lakes in the reserve; Lake El'no is the largest (5,4 km2), and Lake Lopuhi is the clearest. 12 out of 100 lakes of the reserve are available for fishing. Lake Lopuhi (up to 8 m deep) and Lake Blizhneye (up to 5 m deep) are the best places for those who enjoy underwater fishing. The bogs of the reserve are considered to be the largest in Europe! Travel through the swamps will satisfy even the pickiest enthusiasts of extreme and active tourism. There is also a two-day walking tour for those fond of eco-tourism, as well as special tours for ornithologists and bird watchers.



# Hydrologic Wildlife Reserve "Boloto Moh" ("Swamp Moss") Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC)

This wildlife reserve was founded in 1981 at the territory of the

Miory district with the aim of protecting peat bog Boloto Moh and maintaining its natural conditions. In the reserve, you will find vast cranberry bogs and a habitat of bearing knotberry, a

rare relict plant species of tundra and taiga, which is included in the list of rare and endangered species (Red Book).



# Hydrologic Reserve "Zhada"

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC)

You can find the Zhada swamp in the border region of two districts of Vitebsk region - Miory and Sharkaŭshchyna districts. The swamp has impressive total area – 5700 ha. Some time ago this was the largest and richest cranberry reserve in the neighbourhood. Swamps Zhada and Yelnya are two

different swamp complexes, which are connected.



# Obsternova Lake Group

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC)

The Obsternova lake group on the border of Braslaw and Miory districts of Vitebsk region consists of 13 lakes with a total area of 32 km2, which are connected through a system of swampy water channels. The largest lakes of the group are Obsterno, Nobysto, Uklya, Vazho, and Inovo. In 1960s, after the building

of the dam, the water level of the lakes rose for 80-100 cm. The lakes attract fishermen, tourists and people, who simply want to relax.



# Natural Monument of State Significance "Chistaya Dubrava"

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Yazno

Created for the protection of oak groves. Total area – 4840 ha. The average age of the oaks - 150 years, some are 200-250 vears old.

# "Krinica" spring

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Dedino

Natural monument of local importance. It is connected to a legend, that the Holy Virgin wept for her son, and her tears became springs. People believe that the water of Krinica helps to cope with various diseases.

# Hydrological Reserve "Saint John's Spring"

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), 8 km from the Yazno village The spring is an outlet of subterranean water. It was a preglacier water body, which formed 15–16 thousand years ago. The area of the natural monument is 2,5 m2. Locals believe that this water has miraculous powers. On the 19th of August every year, on the day of St. John, a prayer takes place here.





# Spring "Holy Water"

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), 5 km from the Navoloka village

The spring exists for approximately 5 thousand years. For the water to help, people have always thrown coins in there, thus during the cleaning of spring in the 19th century coins of the 16th–19th centuries were found.

# Waterfall on the Vyata River

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), Mezhdurechye village Waterfall is a unique work of man and nature. In the beginning of the 20th century there was a carton factory here. Thanks to the waterfall, a local hydro power plant operated, which supplied not only surrounding inhabited places, but also Miory city. Alas, with time it was closed. Nowadays the waterfall, a popular place of recreation for



both inhabitants and visitors, awaits someone who can return its former magnificence.

# **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**

# Café "Chaika" ("Чайка")

Phone: +375 2152 41301, Dzerzhinskogo Street 14, Miory Up to 72 guests.



# Café "Molodezhnoe" ("Молодежное")

Phone: +375 2152 42789, Kommunisticheskaya Street 54, Miory

Up to 50 guests.



# Café "Brigantyna" ("Бригантина")

*Phone*: +375 2152 41975, *Oktyabrskaya Street 2, Miory* Up to 72 guests.







# Café "Orhideya" ("Орхидея")

Phone: +375 2152 49098, Komsomolskaya Street 26, Miory Up to 50 guests.



## Café "Gold-Café"

*Phone:* +375 2153 32150, *Oktyabrskaya Street 1, Miory* Up to 50 guests.



# Mini-Café "Priozernoye" ("Приозерное")

*Phone:* +375 2153 32150 (*TIC*), *Perebrodye* Up to 36 guests.



# Café "Dvina" ("Двина")

Phone: +375 2152 37398, Yubileynaya Street 11, Disna Up to 60 guests.



# Farm "Alyonushka" ("Аленушка")

Phone: +375 2152 37307, Frunze Street 22, Disna Hostess offers dishes of Belarusian and Turkmen kitchen, vegetables, berries and fruits from her own garden. You can take a bath in bathhouse, have herbal tea from oregano, mint, melissa and St. John's wort, which were grown near the farm. Also goat milk products are available.

Farm "Beliye Rosy", see TOP sightseeing places in Miory district (object no. 5).



### Farm "Dostatok"

Phone: +375 2152 37259, +375 29 8940182, Kirova Street 18, Disna

Hostess offers meals from natural products from her own garden. Only the best and proven recipes. She can also teach canning of products.



# Farm "Klennaya"

*Phone:* +375 2152 39601, Komsomolskaya Street 7, Yazno Hostess will make meals following the best Belarusian recipes. Her drinks, made from herbs and berries, are quite demanded, as well as her infusions and goat's milk.



# Farm "Spirkovich"

*Phone:* +375 2152 39793, *Klennaya Street* 32, *Yazno* Guests are offered fresh milk, curd, vegetables, berries, Belarusian national dishes, and herbal teas. Three meals a day.

# **Active tourism** / Horse Riding

# "U Zhuravlya", a farm

*Phone:* +375 29 3425932, *Ustenko Street 6, Leonpol village* Horse riding.



# "Spirkovich", a farm

Phone: +375 2152 39793, Klennaya Street 32, Yazno Horse riding.



# **Active tourism** / Water tourism

### Place of recreation on the river Western Dvina

Phone: +375 2152 41533 (TIC), place of confluence of Western Dvina and Dysna rivers

A landscaped tourist station, including gazebo, table, benches, place for a fire, places for tents, sanitary zone, information panel with the map of the Bella Dvina region, map of Miory city with main tourism objects, main tourist routes. Made within the "Bella Dvina" project.

Sanatorium "Rosinka", see TOP sightseeing places in Miory district (object no. 1).

# "Aktam", a recreation complex

Phone: +375 2152 35144, Murashki, aktam@mail.ru, www.aktam.by

Here you can rent boats and bicycles. Wooden houses stand on shore of lake Obsterno. Fishing. To see main sights of the Miory district and Braslaw lakes, follow one of the offered local tourist routes



**Farm "Beliye Rosy"**, see TOP sightseeing places in Miory district (object no. 5).

# Farm "Ortsovskaya pristan"

Phone: +375 2152 49275, Ortsy

There is a beautiful beach near the farm, you can take pleasant swim there or bathe in the sun. A 20 m long plankway with a trampoline goes into water from the beach. For lovers of extreme – a 5 m high tower for jumping in water. Good fishing spot. Water trips on a boat.



Farm "Tihaya", see TOP sightseeing places in Miory district (object no. 2).

# Farm "Ustal - otdohni"

Phone: +375 2152 35192, Zarechnaya Street 51, Perebrodye village

There is a bath and a boat. On the lake shore there is a landscaped beach and a plankway. Fishermen will be offered a separate route and shown the best fishing spots.



# **Active tourism** / Adventure Tourism



# Hunter's lodge

*Phone:* +375 2152 42141, Lesnaya Street 3a, Miory Hunt tours for wild hoofed animals, water-marsh game, furbearing animals. It is possible to hold corporate events and anniversaries here.



# Hunter's lodge

*Phone*: +375 2152 37364, +375 2152 37886, *Mazurino* Hunting, bath, rent of boats and surfing equipment, car service, services of a guide.



# Hunter's lodge

Phone: +375 2152 41916, Zacherevye

Organization of hunting tours for traditional game, observation of wild animals. Strolling in the forest, picking of berries and mushrooms.



# Farm "U Yegerya"

*Phone:* +375 29 3507014, *Oktyabrskaya Street 7, Yazno* Fishing, hunting boars, moose, roe; walking in the forest, picking berries and mushrooms; rent of boats; tours to the bog on an ATV; tours on tourist routes of Yaznenschina and neighboring districts; a bath.



### Farm "Ustal - otdohni"

Phone: +375 2152 35192, Zarechnaya Street 51, Perebrodye village

Excursion to historical sites of Polotsk, boat tours on Braslav lakes with overnight stay in tents, visiting the nature reserve "Boloto-moh" to pick berries and mushrooms. A bath.



# Farm "Syaliba Murashki"

*Phone:* +375 2152 48554, +375 2152 41054, *Murashki* Organization of winter and summer fishing, any kind of hunting, including a trophy boar, moose, roebuck; picking of mushrooms: excursions.

# **Health Tourism**

Sanatorium "Rosinka", see TOP sightseeing places in Miory district (object no. 1).

**Sports and health complex,** see TOP sightseeing places in Miory district (object no. 4).

# Bath

Phone: +375 2152 41583, Kirova Street, Miory

Located on the shore of a lake in the center of Miory city. Russian bath, up to 20 persons, birch twigs, shower.

# Bath

Phone: +375 2152 37367, Lenina Street 23, Disna

Located in the center of the city. Russian bath, up to 15 persons, birch twigs, shower.

Farm "Mazurniy bereg", see TOP sightseeing places in Miory district (object no. 3).

Farm "Tihaya", see TOP sightseeing places in Miory district (object no. 2).

# **Winter Tourism**

# Farm "Boguden`ki"

*Phone:* +375 29 5130999, *Ortsy* Strolling, sailing on boats, skiing.



Phone: +375 2152 39793, Kulneva Street 32, Yazno Horse riding.



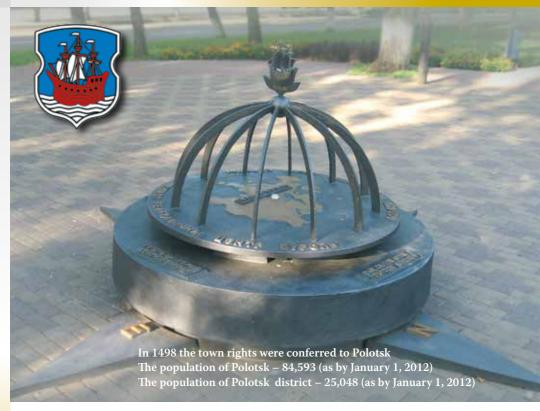
Phone: +375 2152 39793, Murashki

Winter fishing.









Polotsk is the heart of Polotsk district. Its name is like a historical echo of the Belarusian land. Eternal like splashes of Dvina waters, great, old Belarusian land. The Ancient Greece was the cradle of European civilization, and Polotsk is the cradle of Belarus. Belarus has started with this city, here the historical and cultural roots of the country were found. For the first time Polotsk was mentioned in 862 with other old East-European cities in the chronicle "Tale of Bygone Years".

Polotsk is the admirable city with old history and unique atmosphere. There is no another city in Belarus that is famous for such historic personalities as Vseslav Bryachislavich, St. Euphrosyne of Polotsk – the enlighteness and Land's protectress, humanist and publisher Francysk Skaryna, philosopher and pedagogue Symeon of Polotsk.

In the course of time the name of Polotsk spread far away from the country. It is not only the mother of all towns in Belarus, the city of churches and museums, but also the great nook of virgin nature. Also the hospitality of Polotsk inhabitants knows no bounds.



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# Most popular sightseeing places in Polotsk district (top objects)

# 1. Saint Sophia Cathedral

Phone: + 375 214 445340, Zamkovaya Street 1, Polotsk Saint Sophia Cathedral was built on the bank of Dvina in the 11th century, during the rule of the legendary Vseslav of Polotsk. It was a grand building with many cupolas, one of three Sophia cathedrals in Kievan Rus' (two more were in Kiev and Novgorod). It symbolized the equality of Polotsk with these two great cities of other Slav countries. In the beginning of XVIII century this land became the fighting arena of the Great Northern War. In 1705 tsar Peter the Great stayed in Polotsk. The walls of the cathedral were witnesses to a great crime - five Uniate priests were killed by the order



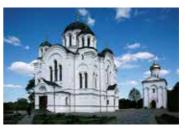
of the tsar. Tsar ordered for cathedral to be remade into a gunpowder warehouse, and in August of 1710 it blew up. It was renovated in 1750. The reconstruction works took place from 1738 till 1750, under the leadership of the famous architect Johann Christoph Glaubitz. Now the church is an example of the so-called Vilnius Baroque style. There is also a museum in the church, as well as a concert hall of organ and chamber music. Working hours: daily 10:00-17:00, Monday – closed. In summer – 10:00-18:00, Monday – closed.

# 2. Monastery of Saint Euphrosyne

Phone: +375 214 421429, fax: +375 214 425672,

E. Polotskoy Street 89, Polotsk

The monastery ensemble includes the Church of Saint Euphrosyne, the Kreuzkirche, 'warm' church, two-floor building, gates (bell tower) with residential building. Church of Saint Euphrosyne with fresco of the 12th century is the pearl of Polotsk architecture. Euphrosyne of Polotsk, granddaughter of Vseslav Charodey, founded



it. At the age of 12, in secret from the parents, the princess took the veil and became a nun. Later, she founded a female monastery. At the end of her life, Euphrosyne went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and died in Jerusalem in 1173. In 1910, remains of Saint Euphrosyne were brought to the monastery and today numerous pilgrims from all corners of the world arrive to Polotsk to pray. In 1161, a famous Polotsk goldsmith Lazar Bogsha made a well-known cross for the Church, which later turned into a unique national relic of Belarus. However, the cross disappeared during the World War II and the mystery of this event still heats the imagination of historians. A famous contemporary Belarusian artist Nikolay Kuzmich made a replica of the cross of Euphrosyne of Polotsk. Today everyone can come and see the relic with his or her own eyes in the monastery every Sunday as well as during major Christian holidays.

# 3. Children's Museum

Phone: +375 214 424558,

Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 46, Polotsk

Located on the bank of Western Dvina. Museum is located in the building, which is an architectural monument of the late 19th – early 20th centuries. 8 permanent exhibitions in Russian language. Playing with children. There is a computer hall. Working hours: 10:00–17:00, Monday – closed. During the summer: 10:00–18:00, Monday – closed.







# 4. Nature and Ecology Museum

Phone: +375 214 424213, F. Skoryny Street 21, Polotsk Opened in 2005, in the 32 high building of former water tower built in 1953. The exhibition allows not only to get acquainted with the diverse flora and fauna of the region, but also to see how the relationship of man and the nature surrounding him progressed through the centuries. Part of the exhibition is dedicated to the protection of nature. Photo and art gallery exhibitions take place here. Near the museum there is a sculpture "Fish in the sunrays. Ecological motive", which makes one think of the relationship of man and nature. Working hours: 10:00–17:00, Monday – closed. During the summer: 10:00–18:00, Monday – closed.

# 5. Museum of the Belarusian Bookprinting

Phone: +375 214 425725,

Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 22, Polotsk

Located on the bank of Western Dvina. Exposition of the museum takes place in the building of former Bratskaya school, architectural monument of the 18th century. Excursions, permanent exhibition in English and Belarusian languages. Opportunity to buy souvenirs. Among the exhibits – unique ancient printed books; in its halls all the stages of book

printing are shown. Part of the exposition is dedicated to the Belarusian pioneer of printing, translator, redactor and publisher F. Skoryna. Working hours: 10:00-17:00, Monday – closed. During the summer: 10:00-18:00, Monday – closed.





# **6.** Memorial sign "Geographic centre of Europe"

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), F. Skoryny Boulevard 13, opposite to the restaurant "Slavyantskiy", Polotsk The memorial sign "Polotsk – the geographic centre of Europe" was unveiled in 2008. The design is based on wind rose, with a map of Europe in the centre of wind rose, and Polotsk in the centre of Europe. The composition is crowned by the coat of arms of the city, which is three-masted trade ship.

# 7. Memorial sign to the letter "Ў"

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), F. Skoryny Boulevard, Polotsk

Draws awareness to the letter, that can only be found in the Belarusian alphabet, and reminds of cultural and language peculiarities of Belarusian people.

# 8. Museum "Lenin's Age"

Phone: +375 2144 37797, Kotovskogo Street 18, Polotsk, pankrat53@gmail.com

There are more than 400 sculptures of Vladimir Lenin in the exposition; a cup from the legendary cruiser "Aurora", whose shot began a new age; canonical busts, which were located in the entrance halls of administration buildings; the gypsum sculptures of a small Volodya from the pioneer camps; the rare sets of writing materials with a depiction of a resting Lenin. Working hours: weekdays - on request, weekends and holidays - 10.00-13.00 and 14.00-17.00.

# 9. Jesuit collegium

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), Streletskiy Side-street 4, Polotsk The Jesuit collegium was founded in Polotsk in 1581. The wooden buildings of the collegium were initially located on the isle of Western Dvina in front of the church, but after the fire at the beginning of the 18th century the wooden building was replaced by the stone construction. Today the eastern block of the collegium hosts the largest art gallery in Belarus, and the western block belongs to the Polotsk State University.



Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), crossing of E. Polotskoy Street and Streletskiy Side-street, opposite to the monument to Euphrosyne of Polotsk and buildings of the Jesuit collegium, Polotsk

This is a fortification monument of the 16th century, erected under the order of the Russian Tsar Ivan the Terrible after occupation of Polotsk by Russian troops in 1563.







# **Cultural and Historical objects**

# **Boris Stone**

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC)

Not far from the Saint Sophia Cathedral you can see a huge stone with a carved cross and an inscription: «Господи помоги рабу своему Борису» ("God, help your servant Boris"). Legend has it that during the Great Famine of 1128 Prince Boris had these inscriptions carved on big stones, which used to be pagan relics. People used to give this stone different names, such as Boris stone, Boris-Khlebnik, Pisar', Pisanik, Boris-Gleb, Borisoglebskiy, and even French stone and Napoleon stone. The stone was placed at the walls of the Saint Sophia Cathedral about twenty years ago; before this, it was located in the riverbed of the Western Dvina close to Novopolotsk.



**Memorial sign "Geographic centre of Europe"**, see TOP sightseeing places in Polotsk district (object no. 6).

**Memorial sign to the letter "Ў"**, see TOP sightseeing places in Polotsk district (object no. 7).



### The monument to Vseslav the Sorcerer

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), crossing of E. Polotskoy Street and Oktyabrskaya Street, Polotsk

Vseslav Bryachislavich ruled in Polotsk from 1044 till 1101. The only monument in Belarus with a horse, unveiled in 2007.



## Monument to the Patriotic War of 1812

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), Freedom Square (Ploschad Svobody), Polotsk

One of the seven monuments (the only one in the territory of Belarus), which were built after the victory of Russian people in the Patriotic War of 1812. The monument was restored in 2012.



# Memorial Complex "Mound of Immortality"

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), "Zadvinye" borough, Polotsk Events that commemorate the victory in German-Soviet War are held here. Located on the bank of Western Dyina.

**Jesuit collegium**, see TOP sightseeing places in Polotsk district (object no. 9). **Ivan the Terrible Earth wall,** see TOP sightseeing places in Polotsk district (object no. 10).



## Red Bridge

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), E. Polotskoy Street, Polotsk The bridge across Polota got its name in commemoration of bloody battles between French and Russian armies in October of 1812, when the number of fallen reached 14 thousands of people. In 1974, a memorial headstone was erected near the bridge to commemorate liberation of the town from French troops.



# House of Peter the Great

Phone: +375 214 422855, Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 33, Polotsk

Residence building, built in 17th century. Currently the exposition of stationary exhibition of National Polotsk Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve "A walk along Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street" is taking place here, which

tells the story of the oldest street of the city. Working hours: 10:00-17:00, Monday - closed. In summer: 10:00-18:00, Monday - closed.



# Cluster of boulders "Yanovo" ("Яново")

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), Bykulnichi

An ancient pagan shrine, now a nature monument of state significance. These boulders had cult significance for our ancestors. Hundreds of years ago pagan rites were carried out at this place. This is a Belarusian analogue to the world-famous Stonehenge in England.

# Sculpture "Polotsk merchant"

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), territory "Polotsk Trade House" Ltd., Gogola Street 16

Symbol of a Polotsk merchant of all ages. The basis of the composition is a trade ship, which symbolizes the trade traditions of Polotsk. The highlights the importance of Polotsk as a trade center.



Saint Sophia Cathedral, see TOP sightseeing places in Polotsk district (object no. 1).

# Monument to the Kriviches - founders of the city

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), yard of the Art gallery, F. Skoryny Street 2a, Polotsk

The sculpture was created in 2001 in modern style. It depicts a boat, which is carried by the waves of eternity; inside the boat there are the grand duchess Rogneda and her son Izyaslav - the beginners of the dynasty of grand dukes of Polotsk.



# A monument to the architect John

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), Bogdanovicha Street, close to the administrative building "Building Trust No. 22", Polotsk

The monument is a literary artistic composition: a 3,5m high bronze statue of an architect and a small model of Euphrosyne of Polotsk church.



# Museums

# National Polotsk Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), www.polotsk.museum.by, muzey@vitebsk.by All branches of the museum organize individual and group excursions, sell souvenirs.

# Museum of history of architecture of the Sophia Cathedral

*Phone:* + 375 214 425340, *Zamkovaya Street 1*, *Polotsk* The cathedral is located on the bank of Western Dvina. On a square near the cathedral the Boris stone is located, which has a sacral meaning.



**Museum of the Belarusian Book-printing,** see TOP sightseeing places in Polotsk district (object no. 5).

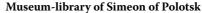
Children's Museum, see TOP sightseeing places in Polotsk district (object no. 3).

Nature and Ecology Museum, see TOP sightseeing places in Polotsk district (object no. 4).









Phone: +375 214 426339, Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 22, Polotsk Exposition of the museum takes place in the building of former Bratskaya school, architectural monument of the 18th century. Exhibition is dedicated to the enlightener, poet, playwright and teacher Simeon of Polotsk (1629–1680). Working hours: 10:00–17.00, Monday – closed. During the summer: 10:00–18:00, Monday – closed.

Art Gallery, former Jesuit collegium and former cadet corps *Phone:* +375 214 423632, *F. Skoryny Street 2a, Polotsk* 

The exhibitions of the gallery envelop the time period from 12th till the 21st century. There are exhibitions of different arts. Excursions, permanent exhibition in Russian language, two exhibition halls for changing exhibitions, arts salon. Working hours: 10:00-17:00, Monday - closed. In summer: 10:00-18:00, Monday - closed.

# Permanent exhibition in the house of Peter the Great "Walk along Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street"

Phone: +375 214 422855, Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 33, Polotsk

The museum is located on the bank of Western Dvina. It is established in the house of Peter the Great. The exhibits tell of

the history of Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street, the oldest street in Polotsk. Working hours: 10:00-17:00, Monday - closed. In summer: 10:00-18:00, Monday - closed.



# Museum of local lore

Phone: +375 214 422715, Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 11, Polotsk Exhibition takes place in the building of Lutheran Church, an architectural monument of 19th century. The museum is located on the bank of Western Dvina. Permanent exhibition in Belarusian language tells of history of the city, its economic, politic, and culture life from the ancient times till 1941. Working hours: 10:00-17:00, Monday - closed. In summer: 10:00-18:00, Monday - closed.



# Museum of Traditional Manual Weaving of Poozerye

Phone: +375 214 423041, Voykova Street 1, Polotsk

A branch of the National Polotsk Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve. Permanent exhibition in Belarusian language, which acquaints with the articles of Po`ozerye craftsmen of 19th-20th centuries. Working hours: 10:00-17:00, Monday - closed. In summer: 10:00-18:00, Monday - closed.



# Museum of Wartime Fame

Phone: +375 214 434421, Mound of Immortality, Polotsk Located in the territory of the city park, near the Mound of Immortality. Exhibits tell about the defense, occupation and liberation of the city from the German invaders, about the partisan movement in the Polotsk region, about participants of Great Patriotic War from Polotsk. Working hours: 10:00-

17:00, Monday - closed. In summer: 10:00-18:00, Monday - closed.

# Museum in the apartment of

# Z.M. Tusnolobova-Marchenko, Hero of the Soviet Union

Phone: +375 214 439469, Gvardeycev Street 1, Polotsk Exhibition of the memorial museum takes place in one of the apartments of residential building in the house, in which Z.M. Tusnolobova-Marchenko, a heroic nurse who saved a lot of lives during the Great Patriotic War, spent the last few years of her life. Working hours: 10:00-15:00, Monday

# Museum of medieval chivalry

Phone/Fax: +375 214 443777, +375 29 834 55 66,

Engelsa Street 3, Polotsk

- closed.

Three thematic halls, a half an hour long audio guide. Working hours: Thu-Sun: 9:00-12:00 and 13:00-18:00, other days - on request.





Museum "Lenin's Age", see TOP sightseeing places in Polotsk district (object no. 8).

# Craftsman tourism

# Traditional Weaving Museum of Po'ozerye

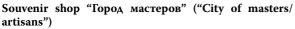
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# **Centre of Arts and National Culture**

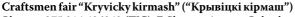
Phone: +375 214 421778, Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 27, Polotsk

The centre organizes work according to the national, ethnographic and cultural peculiarities of inhabitants of the city. Preserves the best examples of national craft and popularizes national Belarusian culture. 6 kinds of workshops take place to educate both children and adults. Working hours: Mon-Fri: 9.00-20.00, Sat:10:00-17:00, Sun: closed.



Phone: +375 214 46 26 70, +375 214 42 88 88, +375 29 899 00 03, +375 33 6452670, +375 44 746 26 70, E. Skoryny Avenue 7, Polotsk

Exhibition and purchase of articles. Working hours: weekdays -10:00-19:00, weekends -10:00-17:00.



Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), F. Skoryny Avenue, Polotsk During the fair you may see and buy various articles of craftsmen from Polotsk - souvenirs, straw articles, basketry, weaving, knitting and embroidery articles, and also articles made of leather, metal and glass. It is organized annually at the end of May, during the celebration of anniversary of Polotsk.











# Polotsk factory of artistic articles "Sofia"

*Phone:* +375 214 488794, *Gagarina Street 11, Polotsk*Offers articles, made in a unique wicker weaving technique.
The articles combine modern technologies with traditional Belarusian ornaments using old weaving techniques. The articles with Polotsk symbols are in high demand.

# Estates, castles, castle mounds, ancient burial sites



# Saint Sophia Cathedral – Upper castle

*Phone:* + 375 214 425340, *Zamkovaya Street 1, Polotsk* History of Architecture Museum in the Saint Sophia Cathedral. Working hours: 10:00-17:00, Monday - closed. In summer: 10:00-18:00, Monday - closed.



# Defence dyke - Lower castle

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), Zamkovaya Street, stadium "Spartak", Polotsk

Nowadays there is a stadium here.



### Old castle mound

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), territory of the estuary of river Polota, Polotsk

The are of the castle mound is approximately 1 ha, it is located 800 above the mouth of river Polota.

# **Churches**

Saint Sophia Cathedral, see TOP sightseeing places in Polotsk district (object no. 1).

 $\textbf{Monastery of Saint Euphrosyne,} \ see \ TOP \ sightseeing \ places \ in \ Polotsk \ district \ (object \ no. \ 2).$ 

# Polotsk-Hlubokaye Diocese of Belarussian Orthodox Church

Phone: + 375 214 428852, + 375 214 418375, E. Polotskoy Street 80, Polotsk



# Bogoyavlensky Monastery and Cathedral

Phone: +375 214 422926, Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 24, Polotsk

Built in 1582 and was considered to be main centre of Orthodoxy in Polotsk. Its residential building now hosts the museum and library of Symeon of Polotsk and a unique book-printing museum. The church is the cathedral of Polotsk–Hlubokaye diocese bishop.

### Former Lutheran Church

Phone: +375 214 442715, Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 11, Polotsk

In the end of the 19th century there were just a bit more than 200 Protestants in Polotsk. In 1888 they built a stone chapel in neo-gothic style. Since 1926 it hosts a local history museum.



*Phone:* +375 214 442113, *Uspenskaya Street 10, Polotsk* The old-believer church was built in 1997.





# Svyato-Pokrovskaya Church Phone: +375 214 458844, F. Skoryny Street 48, Polotsk Built in 1781, initially was a cemetery church of Bogoyavlenskiy monastery. Rebuilt and consecrated in 2004.

# Church of Saint Andrew Bobola

*Phone:* +375 214 433390, *Dzherzinskova Street 54a*, *Polotsk* Roman Catholic Church of Saint Andrew Bobola was built in 1997.



# Church of the Martyr Josaphat

*Phone:* +375 214 437175, *Novoselova Street 70, Polotsk* The Roman Catholic church was built in 1990.

# **Nature Tourism**

# Biological reserve "Lonno"

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC)

In the middle of the Lonnica bog there is a lake Lonno. Biological reserve was created in the territory of Polotsk district in 1979 to protect the cranberry reserves. Pine, birch, fir and alder grow here.



# Hydrological Reserve "Bolshoye Ostrovito"

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), Velikoye Ostrovito lake region Hydrological Reserve "Bolshoye Ostrovito" was created in the territory of Polotsk district in 1979 in order to preserve the lakes, which are valuable for scientific work, including the unique lake of Velikoye Ostrovito. The reserve is located in the north-eastern Polotsk lowland. Rare species of birds have been found here: black-throated loon, common goldeneye, short-toed snake eagle and Eurasian three-toed woodpecker.









Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), Glubokoye and Cherbomyslo lakes region

Hydrological Reserve "Glubokoye-Cherbomyslo"

Created in 1979 to preserve the lakes Glubokoye and Cherbomyslo and the adjacent natural complexes. Very rare protected plants grow here, such as lake quillwort and water lobelia.

# Landscape Reserve "Kozyanskiy"

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), between rivers Obol and Sosnyca

Created in 1999 on the basis of hunting grounds. The main goal is to preserve the unique landscape and rare and endangered species of plants and animals, which are listed in the Red Book, such as badger, lynx, brown bear, blackthroated loon, Eurasian bittern, black stork, white-tailed eagle and others.





# Restaurant "Slavyanskiy" ("Славянский")

Phone: +375 214 420797, F. Skoryny Street 13, Polotsk



Café "Damian" ("Дамиан")

Phone: +375 214 428766, Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 41B,

Polotsk



# Café "Dionis" ("Дионис")

Phone: +375 214 423148, Oktyabrskaya Street 25, Polotsk



# Café "Hutorok" ("Хуторок")

Phone: +375 214 428197, F. Skoryny Avenue, Polotsk



# Café "Razdol" ("Раздол")

Phone: +375 214 420433, Tolstogo Street 15, Polotsk

# Café "Bratchina" ("Братчина")

Phone: +375 214 423849, Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 22, Polotsk

Located in a historical building, which was once a school, and now hosts a book printing museum. The interior is decorated in neo-classicism style, and dishes are prepared in accordance with ancient recipes, and even have their old names. Offers a large choice of Belarusian dishes. Organizes days of Slav kitchen (Czech, Polish, Ukrainian, Russian). Working hours: 12:00-16:00 and 16:30-23:45.



# Café "Volna" ("Волна")

Phone: +375 214 458173, Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 50a, Polotsk, polotskrowing-cor@mail.ru.

Offers Belarusian and Armenian national dishes, and business lunches. Working hours: 08:00 - 02:00



# Tourism compex "Mayentak" ("Маёнтак")

Baranovo village, road P-20, Polotsk district

Offers a log house (area of 280 m2). No machinery was used in the building. The travellers are always offered fresh vegetables and fruits from own garden. Large menu, and special dishes. Various opportunities of recreation, as the complex is located on shores of lake Poloti. Possibility of organization of water trips.



# **Active tourism / Horse Riding**

# Horse club "Zhivoy Vostorg" ("Pure joy"/"Живой восторг")

Phone: +375 29 271 57 15, +375 33 574 57 45, bus stop Kulnevo, Krasnoarmeyskaya Street, Polotsk Riding, riding lessons. Individual service, book your visit in advance.



# Active tourism / Water tourism

# Place of recreation on the river Western Dvina

*Phone:* +375 214 426949 (*TIC*), "Aeroport" borough, Polotsk A landscaped place of recreation. Place for a picnic, places for tents, fires, barbecues; dry WC. Made within the "Bella Dvina" project.







# Water tourism route "By small trails till the big river"

Phone: +375 214 424499, +375 29 777 36 19, +375 44 777 36 19, tourism agency "Semj dorog", F. Skoryny Avenue 34, 7dorog@tut.by, www.7dorog.by Route: Obolanka river - Western Dvina river (till Polotsk). The length is 70km, and it will take 3 days. It is an educational, sporty and eco-friendly route.

# Water tourism route "Polotsk principality: in the tracks of ancestors"

Phone: +375 214 424499, +375 29 777 36 19, +375 44 777 36 19, tourism agency "Semj dorog", E. Skoryny Avenue 34, 7dorog@tut.by, www.7dorog.by Route: Polotsk - Gomel - lake Gomla - river Turovlanka - lake Suya - lake Turovlanka - river Western Dvina - Luchno - Polotsk. The length is 65 km, and it will take 3 days. It is an

educational, sporty and eco-friendly route.



# Water tourism route "Places of battles of the war of 1812"

Phone/Fax: +375 214 441297, road 1-A, Vologina Street, Polotsk, turynd@mail.ru, kraeved.ihb.by, polotsk-goo.vitebsk.by Route: Polotsk - lake Cherepetitsa (border of the Russian Federation) - lake Nishcha - Yuhovichi village - Klastytsy village - Zaborye village - Golovitsy village - Sokolische village - Kulnevo village - Drysa village - Dernovichy village - Polotsk.

The length of the route is 174 km, 72 of which are on water, and it will take 6 days. It is an educational, sporty, historical and eco-friendly route. Creators of the route: Department of tourism, local history and excursions, Polotsk youth and children centre, Polotsk education department.



# Water tourism route "Part of border route "From Varyags till Greeks""

Phone/Fax: +375 214 441297, road 1-A, Vologina Street, Polotsk, turynd@mail.ru, kraeved.ihb.by, polotsk-goo.vitebsk.by Route: Polotsk - bridge in Evyhi village (Russia) - lake Reble (Russia) - lake Ushcho (Russia) - Ushchanka - Talankino - Turki - Perevoz - lake Dryssa - lake Sinsha - river Drysa - Krasnopolye - Tofeli - Yankovichi - bridge over road Polotsk

- Rossony - Polotsk. The length of the route is 340 km, 150 of which are on water, and it will take 6 days. It is an educational, sporty, historical and eco-friendly route. Creators of the route: Department of tourism, local history and excursions, Polotsk youth and children centre, Polotsk education department.

# **Active tourism / Adventure Tourism**



# Hunter base "Lebedinoye"

Phone: +375 214 427367 (hunter base), Oktyabrskaya Street 54, Polotsk Hunting. Guesthouse, hotel for hunters. Finnish sauna, Russian bath. Shower.

# Hunter base "Skif"

Phone: +375 29 612 76 19, +375 29 174 07 55, +375 2140730, +375 214 440769, belproto@mail.ru



# **Culture and Sport Centre**

Phone: +375 214 535517, Molodezhnaya Street 94B, Novopolotsk, himik92@yandex.ru Rent of skates.



# Culture and Sports Complex "Polotsk-Steklovolokno" Yubileynaya Street 7, Polotsk

Phone: +375 214 424166 (Culture complex). Working hours: each day from 8:00 till 17:00. Phone: +375 214 415923 (Sports complex). Working hours: each day from 7:30 till 22:00.



# Culture and Entertainment Complex "Dionis"

Phone: +375 214 423148, +375 214 410204, Oktyabrskaya Street 25, Polotsk

On the territory of the café there is a bowling hall (8 lanes) and club "Sfera".



# Entertainment club "Kentavr"

Phone: +375 29 212 55 50, +375 29 665 68 78, Kopteva, Polotsk district www.kentavr-club.com

Offers an excellent way of recreation - the war games paintball and airsoft. Book your visit in advance.



# Places of rent of sports equipment

- Oktyabrskaya Street 54, Polotsk
- Marinenko Street 12, Polotsk
- Bogdanovicha Street 1, Polotsk
- F. Skoryny Avenue 12, Polotsk
- Recreation centre "Suya", Polotsk



# **Health Tourism**



# Health complex "Polotsk-Steklovolokno"

Phone: +375 214 476128, Suya, www.polotsk-psv.by/company/sosial/profilak/

Located in a picturesque pine forest on the banks of the river Turovlyanka, which connects lakes Suya and Yemelyaniki. For the fans of active recreation there is a volleyball court, boat and catamaran rental station (8 boats and 3 catamarans), Russian bath on the bank of the river (separate

fee), and there is also a playground for children. This particular health institution specializes in treating patients with illnesses and diseases of motor apparatus, pulmonary systems, skin.



# Sanatorium "Naftan"

Phone: +375 214 519392, Molodezhnaya Street 1, Novopolotsk, profilaktory@naftah.by

Sanatorium is located in the forest near the river Western Dvina. Those who choose to relax here can receive services of treating common illnesses.

# Entertainment club "Kentavr"

*Phone:* +375 29 212 55 50, +375 29 665 68 78, *Kopteva, Polotsk district www.kentavr-club.com* Offers a true wooden bathhouse - a source of health, energy and immunity! Book your visit in advance.



# Wrestling sports complex "Olympiyec"

Phone/Fax: +375 214 417114, +375 214 418407, Zigina Street 59 a, Polotsk, polotsk-sdysor@mail.ru

Offers various health-improving procedures and exercises. There is a sports hall (with an area of 522,4 m<sup>2</sup>), wrestling hall (31 m<sup>2</sup>), fitness hall (76,3 m<sup>2</sup>), and s sauna.



# Specialized state sport and education institution "Vitebsk region olympic center of rowing sports"

Phone: +375 214 426030, +375 214 428240, Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 50 a, Polotsk, polotsk-cor@mail.ru
Offers various health-improving procedures and exercises.
There are a sports hall, wrestling hall, fitness hall, and a sauna.

# **Winter Tourism**



# Farm "Kanashi agro"

Phone: +375 33 6130950, Suvalkovo village, 20 km from the city

Organization of winter fishing on request.

The population of Rossony – 5244 (as by January 1, 2012) The population of Rossony district – 10530 (as by January 1, 2012





In the north-eastern part of Belarus one can find the wonderful Rossony district, almost untouched by civilization. It borders with Verkhnedvinsk and Polotsk districts, as well as Pskov district in Russia. In Rossony district there are 192 lakes and more than 15 rivers, both small and large.

The district's landscape is captivating - lakes, hills, forests, and yet more lakes... Rossony district is often compared to Switzerland and Finland. The first thing you notice upon arriving is the purity of nature. The small settlements, which are separated from one another and from major industrial centres, are not impacting the purity of forests, lakes and bogs. Some say, that the name of the district - Rossony - originated from teh word "rosy" (dew). It truly is a land of crystal clear dew.



# **Rossony TIC**

Komsomolskaya Street 13, Rossony Phone: +375 2159 41008, fax: +375 2159 42860, fsk-start@yandex.ru

# Rossony district executive committee

Sovetskaya Street 4, Rossony, 211460 Phone: +375 2159 41008 www.rossony.vitebsk-region.gov.by

# Most popular sightseeing places in Rossony district (top objects)



# 1. Comradeship-in-arms Museum of Belarusian, Russian, Latvian and Lithuanian partisans

Phone: +375 2159 41367, Sovetskaya Street 10a, Rossony

The museum was founded in 1980. It occupies thirteen halls, the main exposition demonstrating a collective fight of partisans of Belarus, Russia, Lithuania, and Latvia against fascist invaders during the Great Patriotic War. Certain halls are dedicated to Masherov, underground resistance in the Rossony district, and liberation of the region. One of the most famous permanent expositions is devoted to the history of the Rossony district.

Both military-patriotic and art exhibitions are organized here. Working hours: 10.00 - 17.00. Monday - closed,



# 2. Museum of Partisan Life

Phone: +375 2159 41228, +375 2159 41008 – Department of culture, sport and tourism, Rovnoye Polye village

This open-air museum, founded in 2002, is situated in the Rovnoye Polye village, at the spot where the encampment of the Rokossovskiy brigade used to be located. Partisan huts had been reconstructed under the guidance of local Great Patriotic War veterans. Guided tours and a permanent exhibition in Russian.



# 3. "A house with a hundred windows"

Phone: +375 2159 41008, +375 2159 41228, Komsomolskaya Street 23

The former estate of landowner Glazko, erected in 1900, now hosts the Youth Art Palace, but locals still call this building "A house with a hundred windows". The house looks like a small fortress; it is quite evident that such an unusual house, with its secret stairs and unexpected corridor turns, should have an unusual history. The legend has it that landowner Glazko fell in love with a proud rich girl. Some say that she was a representative of a noble German family; others describe her as

the first beauty of Poland. The ambitious girl said she would accept Glazko's proposal only if he built a house with a hundred windows for her. Whim and prejudice are poor guides, but the Romeo decided to take the chance. Glazko ordered the bricks from abroad, with every single brick being wrapped in paper! The architect did his best and decorated the estate with all romantic features of Gothic style: turrets, lancet windows, arches. After the revolution of 1917, the married couple left the country and went abroad, but the house, which still remembered this beautiful love story, remained.

# 4. Sinsha National Landscape Preserve

Phone: +375 2159 41860, Sovetskaya Street 4, Rossony, www.ecotourism.by, eko-rosy@tut.by

Sinsha Landscape Preserve was created in 1996 on the territory of Rossony district of Vitebsk region; it occupies a territory of about 13,5 thousand hectares. Preserve's territory is the standard of comparison for the landscapes of the last glacierization and combines



all types of glacial landscapes. Local lakes are connected into a united complex system; their basins are of glacial origin. Despite relevantly shallow depths, many of them have rather high banks and a beach line that is varied and picturesque. Lake terrains occupy more than 10% of the preserve territory. The special feature of the territory is a large number of hills. More than 80% of the preserve is covered with woods of the south taiga nature zone. Here you will find headwater, lowland and transitional swamps. The preserve territory is the best option for active outdoor sports. There are bicycle, water and camping routes.

# 5. Rossony Regional Sports Club "Start"

Phone: +375 2159 41228, fax: +375 2159 42860, Rossony, fsk-start@yandex.ru

Rent of bicycles, boats, sports equipment; sauna, pool, gym, sports hall.



# **Cultural and Historical objects**

# Glaskovskiy Boulder

Phone: +375 2159 41747, +375 2159 42759 - Inspection for natural resources and environment protection

Near the place where the landlord Glazkov lived there stands a huge boulder. This geological natural monument was brought here from Scandinavia by a glacier approximately 18–20 thousand years ago. The weight of the visible part is over 35 tons. There is a spring nearby.



# **Loktevskiy Boulder**

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This geological natural monument was brought here from Scandinavia by a glacier approximately 18–20 thousand years ago. Weight of the visible part is 32 tons. 5 kinds of moss and lichen grow on this boulder. The Ice Age left its marks on the surface of the stone.



# Mezhnovskiy Boulder

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A geological natural monument. Weight of the visible part is approximately 27 tons. Located to the south from the road Krasnopolye-Rossony, on the right bank of river Drysa.



# Lapeshinskiy Boulder

Phone: +375 2159 41747, +375 215 942759 – Inspection for natural resources and environment protection

A geological natural monument. Weight of the visible part is approximately 20 tons. Located 0,25km to the north-east from the road to Sinski.





# Vysotkovskiy Boulder

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A geological natural monument. Weight of the visible part is approximately 18 tons. It belongs to the granite group usually found in northern parts of Finland. A magnificent stone. Located on the side of the road.



# Admiral Povalishin's grave

Phone: +375 2159 41747, +375 2159 42759 – Department of culture, sport and tourism, Yankovichi village

Vice-Admiral Illarion Povalishin gave fifty years of his life to military service; he is now buried at the local village cemetery. In 1790, Empress Catherine II awarded Vice-Admiral Povalishin with the Order of St. George of the Second Degree. He did not live long after that, as he died 7 years after the award, but he did manage to build a hospital in that time, with a staff of one doctor and 5 assistants. The oaks, which he planted to honor his sons, are still standing in Yankovichi.



# Memorial of the Two Wars

Phone: +375 2159 41228, +375 2159 41008 – Department of culture, sport and tourism, Klyastitsy village

On July 28th – August 1st, 1812, a three-day battle between French troops and a separate corps of the Russian army took place here. The battle was won by the Russian troops under command of Yakov Kulney.



# Memorial to Yakov Kulnev

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The general Yakov Kulnev was born and died in this place. A number of battles were won under his command.



# Mound of Rogneda

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Those tourists who are collecting romantic local legends definitely must visit this place. According to the chronicles, it is at this place that the first Prince of Polotsk perished and was buried, as had his daughter later. Archaeological dig could

have proved this legend right or wrong, but this is impossible: at this place, a fully functioning cemetery is now located. Since the Mound stands on a peninsula, bodies of the dead are taken to the cemetery on a boat.

# **Craftsman tourism**



### **House of Crafts**

Phone: +375 2159 41659, Sovetskaya Street 9, Rossony Straw weaving, weaving. Purchase of articles, observation and participation in the work process.

# Museums

# House Museum of Partisan Glory

Phone: +375 2159 41228, +375 2159 41008 – Department of culture, sport and tourism, Mezhno village

Museum is located at the shore of a picturesque lake. Here, the first district party conference took place in 1942. Guided tours and a permanent exhibition on the partisan movement. Recreation near the water (a beach), sports ground, fishing.



Comradeship-in-arms Museum of Belarusian, Russian, Latvian and Lithuanian partisans, see TOP sightseeing places in Rossony district (object no. 1).

Museum of Partisan Life, see TOP sightseeing places in Rossony district (object no. 2).

# School museum "Patriotic War of 1812"

Phone: +375 2159 34752, Klyastitsy village

The school museum is dedicated to the events of Patriotic war of 1812. The exhibition contains maps, documents, paintings, and equipment related to the events of the war.



# Estates, castles, castle mounds, ancient burial sites

"A house with a hundred windows", see TOP sightseeing places in Rossony district (object no. 3).

# **Sokol Castle Mound**

Phone: +375 2159 41008, +375 2159 41228, Kulnevo village At the confluence of rivers Dryssa and Nishcha there are the ruins of the Sokol castle, an ancient fortress, built at the times of the Livonian War of 16th century. Only memories remain of its glory. The building of the castle started in 1566 by the order of Russian Tsar Ivan the Terrible. The mighty fortress



with 11 towers was surrounded by a high wooden wall. Despite being fortified, it stood for only 13 years. It was burned down on September 11, 1579 by the troops of the King of Poland and the Grand Duke of Lithuania Stephan Batory. The battle had around 4 thousand casualties.

# Churches

# Svyato-Voznesenskaya Church

*Phone:* +375 2159 42506, *Kulneva Street 96*, *Rossony* Made in 1879 from local stone in a retrospective-Russian style, which is characterized by an almost complete denial of complex decorations.



# **Nature Tourism**

# Serebryanka Spring

Phone: +375 2159 41747, +375 2159 42759 - Inspection for natural resources and environment protection

Serebryanka spring well is located in the Krasny Bor Landscape Reserve. Its healing water contains silver ions. People say that this water can cure all kinds of diseases.



**Sinsha National Landscape Preserve,** see TOP sightseeing places in Rossony district (object no. 4).



# Krasniy Bor Landscape Reserve

Phone: +375 2159 41860, Sovetskaya Street 4, Rossony, www.ecotourism.by, eko\_rosy@tut.by

You are most welcome to visit Krasniy Bor Landscape Reserve and see all the grandeur of wild nature with your own eyes. Thanks to the new plankways passing through swamps, you can enjoy out-of-the-way places, which used

to be inaccessible. The length of the plankway through the largest swamp of the reserve, called Velikiy Moh, equals to 600 m.



# Lake Nescherdo

Phone: +375 2159 41747, +375 2159 42759 - Inspection for natural resources and environment protection

Jan Barszczewski, one of the founders of new Belarusian literature, was born on shore of Lake Nescherdo in village Muragi. In his book he managed to collect all the legends of the region; the book was very popular among his

contemporaries and was more than once compared to "One Thousand and One Nights". It was called "Noble Zawalnia or Belarus in fantastic stories". In 1997, a monument to a famous countryman was erected in the village Muragi. Jan Barszczewski, just like many other contemporary regional ethnographers, used to claim that in Lake Nescherdo, as well as in other lakes surrounding Rossony, fantastic creatures dwelt, which looked like many-headed snakes or dragons. He used to call them tsmoki. Local residents of the Rossony district assured Barszczewski that these terrible creatures used to nest in ... landowners' estates!

# **Adventure Tourism**



# Hunter's lodge

*Phone:* +375 2159 41228, +375 2159 41008 – Department of culture, sport and tourism, Yankovichi village Hunting and fishing. Belarusian cuisine. Russian bath.



# Hunter's lodge

*Phone:* +375 2159 41228, +375 2159 41008 – Department of culture, sport and tourism, Selyavschina village Hunting and fishing. Belarusian cuisine. Russian bath.



# Hunter's lodge

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Hunting and fishing. Belarusian cuisine. Russian bath.

**Rossony Regional Sports Club "Start"**, see TOP sightseeing places in Rossony district (object no. 5).



Since long ago - both the town and the river that flows through the town have one and the same name. But in 1962 to the town Drissa a new name Verkhnedvinsk was given. Since olden times the town is known as the traditional weaving center.

For the first time the town was mentioned in the chronicle of Maciej Stryjkowski "Chronicle of Poland, Lithuania, Zhemantia and the whole Russia" in 1386.

During the war of 1812 the headquarters of the Barclay de Tolly's 1st Russian Army was located here, it was 14 m2 big. Lev Tolstoy wrote about these historical events in his novel "War and Peace".

Our main wealth is the abundance of waters. The Western Dvina with its many tributaries flows through here. There are big lakes here - Osveyskoye, Lisno, Beloye, Izubritsa. The Osveyskoye lake is the second biggest in Belarus.

A nature reserve of republican importance "Osveyskiy" was created here. In the territory of the district one may find 9 nature reserves of local importance, 7 natural monuments, 16 rare and endangered kinds of plants, 5 species of mammals and 36 species of birds which are included in the Belarusian Red Book.



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# Most popular sightseeing places in Verkhnedvinsk district (top objects)



# 1. Museum of Ivan Chersky

Phone: +375 2151 59309, Meliatorov Street 1, Volyntsy In Volyntsy village on the right side of the river there is a museum of Ivan Chersky, a famous explorer of Siberia and Far East. In 1863 he took part in the Kalinowski's rebellion. After the rebellion was suppressed, Chersky was convicted and exiled to Omsk, where he became engaged in geological and paleontological studies. For the study of Baikal he was awarded a gold medal from

Russian Geographical Society. In year 1885, the Russian Geographical Society managed to get him amnestied – since that time he lived in St. Petersburg, worked in the Academy of Science museum and gained recognition as a great scientist.



# 2. Park of the estate

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Osveya village Natural monument with a total area of 27 ha. Here you may find exotic plants. Excursions, Located near the Osveyskoye lake. Active recreation, hiking. It is considered to be one of the most interesting parks in Vitebsk region.



# 3. Rositsa Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Phone: +375 2151 26846, Centralnaya Street 65, Rositsa village

The Lopatinskie family erected Rositsa Catholic Church at the beginning of the 20th century. According to the legend, the red bricks, delivered to Bigosovo by train for the construction of the church in Rositsa, were passed to the site of church construction in the following way: the residents of neighboring villages made a chain from the railway

station to the church and passed the bricks from hand to hand. The church is the witness of the Rositsa tragedy: in February 1943, the fascists held a punitive action called "winter magic" and used the church as a "sorting station" for their victims. The occupants burned more than 1600 civilians to death in Rositsa; among them were such famous Marianists as Antoni Leschevich and Yuri Kashira. In 1999 Pope John Paul II canonized Rositsa martyrs.



# **4.** Orthodox Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary

Phone: +375 29 6873421 (father Leonid), Sarya village

This amazing church, true architectural pearl of the 1852–1857, was designed by a Prussian architect Gustav Shacht and constructed by the owner of the Sarya estate Ignatiy Lopatinskiy in commemoration of his beloved wife Mary. In 1865 the church was expropriated by the state treasury for quite a weird reason of being "too beautiful", after that the church was given to Orthodox Church. In 1935 it was closed, and after the World War II it was used as a warehouse. The church reconstruction was started at

the end of 1980s and has not yet been finished. Despite the fact that some decorations of the church are lost, it still makes quite an impression.

#### 5. Park

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Sarya

Natural monument with a total area of 30 ha. Here you may find exotic plants, springs, and the river Sarya that flows nearby. Excursions, Active recreation, hiking.



#### 6. Horseback riding school

Phone: +375 29 9463786, Osveya village Horseback riding trips. Places for tents, excursions. Located near the Osveyskoye lake.



#### Mini Zoo "Lesnaya Skazka"

*Phone:* +375 2151 53364, *Verkhnedvinsk* Here you may see various wild animals. There are also extreme sport tracks nearby.



#### **Cultural and Historical objects**

#### Commemorative Obelisk to War of 1812

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Sovetskaya Street, Verkhnedvinsk

The granite obelisk stands in the City Park, reminding of the events of 1812. It was erected to commemorate the one hundred years anniversary of Napoleon's epopee.



#### Memorial to fascist victims, burnt villages, liberators and fellow countrymen

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Sovetskaya Street, Verkhnedvinsk
In the large Jewish cemetery close to Drissa you will see the biggest graves with the remains of 759 Drissa Jews who had been shot dead by the fascists.



Phone: +375 2151 58475, Bigosovo village

Built in 1924–1926. An architecture monument in modernism style. You may see signs of fortification architecture in it. Nearby you may find old houses, which were built specifically for the railway employees.







#### Former Osveya hospital

*Phone/Fax:* +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Osveya village The building of the former Osveya hospital (1859) is one of the oldest architectural monuments of the Verhnedvinsk region.



#### Ivan Chersky's birthplace

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Svolna railway station Historical monument. Excursions. Places for tents, a beach.



#### **Mound of Immortality**

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Osveya village Historical monument. Meeting-requiems take place here.

#### **Memorial of Memory**

*Phone/Fax:* +375 2151 57338 (*TIC*), *Rositsa*Historical monument. Processions with candles take place here. Excursions.



### Karl Kostsyushko-Valyuzhinich's (Kosciuszko-Walozynicz's) birthplace

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Novoye Selo village Historical monument. Excursions. Western Dvina, old park. Fishing, hiking.



#### Memorial Complex "Mound of Friendship"

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 57338 (TIC)

Historical monument. Is located in the places where the borders of three countries – Latvia, Russia, and Ukraine – come together. Festivities that honor the military cooperation of the three countries take place here. During these festivities you may buy articles of local craftsmen.



#### Memorial complex "Wall of Memory"

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Janino
Historical monument. Memory Days take place here.
There are sculptures, pillars, and the Alley of Mourning.
Excursions.

#### "Holy key"

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Kohanovichi village Rites of Blessing of Waters. A pond in the park, fishing, sauna.



**Craftsman tourism** 

#### **House of Crafts**

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 61009, +375 29 292 80 23, Leningradskaya Street 15. Verkhnedvinsk

Straw weaving, weaving and other crafts. Purchase of articles, observation and participation in the work process.



#### Museums

Museum of Ivan Chersky, see TOP sightseeing places in Verkhnedvinsk district (object no. 1).

### House museum of the folk club "Beliye vorony" ("White crows")

Phone: +375 2151 28661 (TIC), Kohanovichi village

Holding of theme parties, events. Excursions. There is a park with a pond nearby. For those who enjoy active recreation swimming in winter, cycling. Conference room for 60 persons, multimedia. Permanent exhibition on the history of the club in Russian and Belarusian. Opportunity to spend the night in the



house-museum (places for 20 persons), gas cooker, fireplace, traditional bath.

#### Local History Museum of the Secondary school No. 2

*Phone:* +375 2151 53868, *Internatsyonalnaya Street 1, Verkhnedvinsk* Excursions. Conference hall for 200 persons, multimedia.

#### Local History Museum of the Secondary school No. 1

*Phone:* +375 2151 52247, Sovetskaya Street 60, Verkhnedvinsk Excursions. Conference hall for 100 persons, multimedia.

#### **Churches**

#### Church of St. Nikolaos the Wonderworker

Phone: +375 2151 57023, Gagarina Street 3, Verkhnedvinsk

The church was built in 1819 in classicism style – main square building is covered with high large-scale cylinder with spherical dome and outside ornament; the church line is decorated with three-high square bell tower with hip roof. In 2005, a new bell weighing more than a hundred kilograms was placed on the bell tower.



#### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Church

Phone: +375 2151 52866, Sovetskaya iela 45, Verkhnedvinsk

This Catholic church is located in the very centre of the town, combining the features of both neo-Gothic and Baroque. In 1990s the church was reconstructed and became the most beautiful and magnificent place of Verhnedvinsk.



**Rositsa Holy Trinity Catholic Church,** see TOP sightseeing places in Verkhnedvinsk district (object no. 3).

**Orthodox Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary,** see TOP sightseeing places in Verkhnedvinsk district (object no. 4).



#### Saint Euphrosyne Church

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Borovka

The church was built in 1907. When in 2008 an icon of the Saint Euphrosyne was brought to the church, believers both from Belarus and from abroad started visiting the church in order to ask the Saint Euphrosyne for help.

#### **Nature Tourism**



#### Osveyskoye Lake

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Osveya village

Osveyskoye Lake, the second largest lake in Belarus, is one of the most well-known attractions of this small town. Those who enjoy fishing will appreciate this lake with its variety of fish species, such as bream, zander, pikes, crucian carp, and eel-pout. Beaver and muskrat, swan and small gull represent the lake's fauna. In the picturesque surroundings

of the Osveyskoye Lake you will find several archaeological sites, such as mounds in villages Chapayevskaya and Uragovo, and a burial mound near village Sukali.

#### Svolno oak forest

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Svolna railway station

Natural monument in the valley of the river Svolno, with the overall area of 100 ha and grand oaks. Active recreation, hiking.

#### Glacier valley

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Rositsa

A chain of lakes in the glacier valley, a natural monument. Grass beaches by the lakes, fishing, hiking.



#### Arboretum

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), 2 km from Verkhnedvinsk The arboretum has around 350 exotic plant species. Excursions

Park of the estate in Osveya, see TOP sightseeing places in Verkhnedvinsk district (object no. 2).

Park in Sarya, see TOP sightseeing places in Verkhnedvinsk district (object no. 5).

#### Landscape Reserve "Osveyskiy"

Phone: +375 2151 56231, Sovetskaya Street 170/2, Verkhnedvinsk

Osveiskiy Landscape Reserve was created in 2000 in order to preserve valuable glaciolacustrine moraine hill and lake landscapes, which shelter lynx, black stork, white grouse, common crane, kestrel, large and small bittern, golden eagle, fish-hawk, and other plants and animals, many of which are included in the Red Book of the Republic of Belarus. Organization of guided tours and other events.

#### Nature complex of the river Saryanka

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Sarya

30 km of rapids, springs, steeps and forests. Guided tours, hiking, fishing, and a beach.

#### Natural and historic complex Lisno

Phone/Fax: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Lisno

Forests, lakes, swamps, landscape reserves. Guided tours. Fishing, hiking.

#### **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**

#### Restaurant "Drissa" ("Дрисса")

Phone: +375 2151 52370, Sovetskava Street 55,

Verkhnedvinsk



#### Restaurant "Flora-Plyus" ("Флора-Плюс")

Phone: +375 2151 57114, Sovetskava Street 171, Verkhnedvinsk



#### Café "Labyrinth" ("Лабиринт")

Phone: +375 2151 52470, Sovetskaya Street 47, Verkhnedvinsk



#### Café "Nesterka" ("Нестерка")

Phone: +375 2151 58629, +375 2151 21206, Bigosovo village

#### Beekeeping farm

Phone: +375 214 424422, +375 29 7184898, Zadezhye village

Nadezhda Semankova comes from a family of beekeepers. The family started keeping bees in 1947, while Nadezhda Semankova committed to beekeeping in 1990. The hostess will show you her bee gardens in the forest and in the field, and will demonstrate various beekeeping tools.

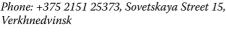
#### Beekeeping farm

Phone: +375 214 514164, +375 29 5149909, Staroselye village

You will see numerous beehives along the road to Osveya and in the village Staroselje. Sergey Yakimov can tell you a lot about how to keep and breed bees, how to use beekeeping tools and appliances, and how to move a bee colony.

#### Café "Zhemchuzhina" ("Жемчужина")

Verkhnedvinsk









Café "Gastsynets" ("Гасцінец")

Phone: +375 29 8167463, Strelki village



Café

Phone: +375 2151 59160, Shayterovo village



Café "Vetraz" ("Ветразь")

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#### Café "Na hvilinku" ("На хвилинку")

Phone: +375 2151 53982, Kachkarya Street

#### **Active tourism / Horse Riding**

#### Horseback riding school

Phone: +375 29 9463786, Osveya village

Horseback riding trips. Places for tents, excursions. Located near the Osveyskoye lake.

#### Active tourism / Water tourism



### Place of recreation on the river Western Dvina. A hunter's and fisherman's lodge

Phone: +375 2151 52168, Solnechniy Alley 6, Verkhnedvinsk A landscaped place of recreation, a city park with numerous gazebos, a stage, relaxation grounds, and a splendid beach. Made within the "Bella Dvina" project.

#### Water route "Cruise of Osveyskoye" ("Освейский круиз")

Length of the route is 25 km. Can be travelled on a canoe or a motorboat. Designed for scientists, ornithologists, families, groups of up to 8 persons with a guide. The route can be completed on a motorboat in 2 hours, or on 4-5 canoes in 2 days. If travelling on canoes, there are 2 places for rest and lodging on the shore of the lake. The route is goes along the Osveyskoye lake shoreline, counter-clockwise.

The aims of the route are:

- · To show the beauty and charm of the Osveyskoye lake;
- To acquaint the tourists with the diversity of birds;
- To provide information about the negative consequences of interaction of a man and a lake;
- To motivate people to respect and preserve nature.

The route is meant for summer and autumn seasons (June - October), sometimes also spring (May). There are limitations in regard to use of the boats, thus it is only allowed to travel the route when the wind speed does not exceed 5 m/s.

#### **Active tourism / Adventure Tourism**

#### Physical education and sports club "Dvina"

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Organization and conduction of sports events; skiing, skating, roller skating.



#### "Yustiyanovo", a farm

*Phone*: +375 29 712 43 74, *Ruchyevaya Street 5, Yustiyanovo* A single-storey house for 8 persons, a bathhouse. A place for swimming on the bank of Western Dvina. Rent of boats, fishing, excursions, picking berries and mushrooms.



#### "Vera", a farm

*Phone:* +375 29 294 31 31, F.Skoryny Street 22, Verkhnedvinsk A two-storey house (for up to 12 persons), sauna, a place for swimming on the banks of river Drissa, rent of boats, excursions, picking berries and mushrooms.



#### "Fortuna", a farm

*Phone:* +375 29 714 65 62, *Velikoye Selo village* A single-storey house (for up to 10 persons), catering, lodging, Russian bath, a place for swimming on the shore of lake Osveyskoye, rent of boats, fishing, excursions.



#### "Noyev Kovcheg", a farm

Phone: +375 33 610 00 91, Molodyozhnaya Street 15, Strelki village

A single-storey house for up to 8 persons. Catering, lodging, Russian bath, place for picnic, swimming places on lakes Strelkovskoye and Tyatno.



#### "Smulkovo", a farm

Phone: +375 29 711 92 44 (TIC), Smulkovo village

A single-storey house for up to 6 persons with household buildings. Lodging, catering.

#### "Osveyskiy hutorok", a farm

*Phone*: +375 2151 25217, *Pervomayskaya Street 1a, Osveya village* A single-storey house for up to 5 persons with household buildings. Catering, lodging, boat rental, fishing, a beach, excursions.

#### A hunter's and fisherman's lodge

Phone: +375 2151 52168, Solnechniy Alley, Verkhnedvinsk A single-storey house for up to 8 persons. Lodging, hunting, fishing, swimming place on Drissa river.



#### **Winter Tourism**



#### A hunter's and fisherman's lodge

*Phone:* +375 29 212 36 94, *Lesnikovo village* Lodging for the night. Winter hunting.

#### A hunter's and fisherman's lodge

*Phone:* +375 29 212 2151 56231, Lisno village Lodging for the night. Winter hunting and winter fishing.

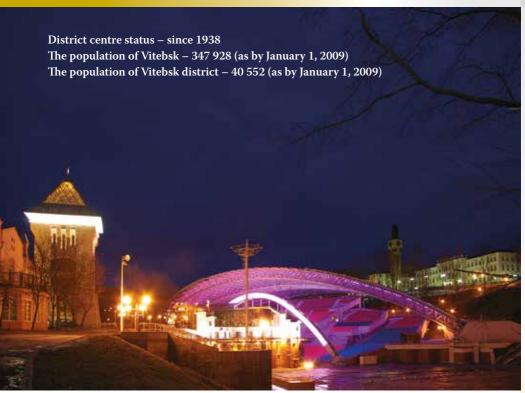
#### A hunter's and fisherman's lodge

*Phone:* +375 29 212 2151 53364, *Yustiyanovo village* Lodging for the night. Winter hunting and winter fishing.



#### A hunter's and fisherman's lodge

*Phone:* +375 2151 53784, *Potino village*Lodging for the night. Winter hunting and winter fishing.
Russian bath, swimming place on lake Osveyskoye.



Vitebsk is the administrative, industrial and cultural center of the Vitebsk district. It is one of the oldest cities in Belarus. It began to develop on the riversides of the East Dvina and Vitba. According to the legend the city was established by the princess Olga in 974.

Nowadays, it is one of the beautiful cities in Belarus. The historical centre of the city is formed by the buildings on Suvorova, Krylova, Kupaly and Tolstogo Streets. Stone buildings that are located on the sloping relief create a single composition.



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#### Most popular sightseeing places in Vitebsk district (top objects)



#### 1. Former governor's palace

Phone: +375 212 369229 (TIC), Sovetskaya Street 18, Vitebsk The palace witnessed many historical events and important persons. Since the spring of 1811, it was the residence of Belarusian governor general Alexander of Württemberg. In July 1812, five weeks after the Neman crossing, French troops entered the city, and the governor's palace became temporary residence of Napoleon. In 1831, the palace

became the last abode of Grand Duke Konstantin, who perished here during the cholera outbreak. In 1853–1854, the building was residence of Ivan Lazhechnikov, a famous Russian writer, author of the popular novel "Ice House", and a former vice-governor of Vitebsk.



#### 2. Marc Chagall House Museum

Phone: +375 212 363468, Pokrovskaya Street 11, Vitebsk Opened in 1997. House museum is located in Pokrovskaya Street in the house, which was built by the artist's father at the beginning of 1900s. This is the house where Marc Chagall lived as a child and an adolescent. In the museum, you will find houseware items of the late 19th – early 20th centuries, copies of archive documents and Marc Chagall's

works which illustrate the life of Marc Chagall and his parents' family in the beginning of the previous century. In 1997, a monument to Marc Chagall was erected outside of the house. The monument, known as Vitebsk Tune on the French Violin, was created by V. Moguchiy. Working hours: 11.00-18.30, Mon: closed. October 1 - March 1: Mon-Tue: closed.



### 3. Marc Chagall Vitebsk Museum, Marc Chagall Art Centre

Phone: +375 212 360387, Putna Street 2, Vitebsk

Opened in 1993 in the house, which is considered to be an architectural monument of the end of the 19th century. You can visit two permanent exhibits: "Marc Chagall and Vitebsk" and "Graphic Arts of Marc Chagall". The collection of the museum comprises more than 300 graphic art works by Marc Chagall (lithographic paintings, woodcut

printings, calligraphic etchings, aquatints). Marc Chagall Vitebsk Museum regularly hosts exhibitions of Marc Chagall's works, as well as temporary exhibitions of modern Belarusian and foreign artists. In 2002, a special scientific library on the art of Marc Chagall and classical avant-gardists was opened. Working hours: 11.00-18.30, Mon-Tue: closed.



#### 4. Vitebsk Regional Local History Museum

Phone: +375 212 364712, +375 212 360587, Lenina Street 36 (the former building of City Hall), Vitebsk

Founded in 1918 as the Vitebsk regional museum and part of Antiquity Museum. The museum has 14 exposition halls and about 200 thousand general exhibition items, including archaeological evidence, collections of coins, cold steel arms of Europe and Eastern countries, Masonic

attributes, tapestry, glass-ware, porcelain, birchbark manuscripts, natural science collections, etc. Permanent exhibitions: "Nature of the Vitebsk Region", "Ancient Vitebsk of the 9th–14th centuries", "Vitebsk Region during the Great Patriotic War of 1941–1945". Working hours: 11.00 – 18.00, Tue: closed.

#### 5. Vitebsk Art Museum

Phone: +375 212 362231, +371 212 363145, Lenina Street 32 (former district court), Vitebsk

The art museum was founded in 1992 as the branch of the regional local history museum. Its exhibit presents collections of Russian and European porcelain and faience of the 17th – beginning of the 20th centuries, Belarusian needlecraft of the first half of 19th century, and housewares



of Nalibokskaya and Urechskaya workhouses of the 18th century. The museum keeps numerous collections of icons, arts and crafts items, stove tiles by Belarusian factories, as well as works of well-known Russian, Belarusian and Jewish artists (Azgur, Leitman, Aivazovsky, Vereshchagin, Levitan, Bialynitski-Birulia, Khrutski, and others). Working hours: 10.00 – 18.00. Mon: closed.

6. Exhibition hall of the Vitebsk Centre of Modern Art

Phone: +375 212 214894, +375 212 360293,

Beloborodova Street 5, Vitebsk

Works of painters, graphic artists, sculptors and masters of decorative and applied art from Vitebsk are exhibited here. There is also a salon, in which the works of painters from Vitebsk can be bought. Working hours: 10.00 – 18.00, Mon: closed.



#### 7. Repin's museum-estate Zdravnevo

Phone: +375 212 291673, fax: +375 212 291673, Koitovo village

The estate is located 16 km to the north of Vitebsk where former estate of the well-known Russian artist Ilya Repin was situated. Here you may see several valuable exhibits - Repin's watercolors, pictures, icons created for the Slobodskaya church, as well as original photos, letters and books of Repin. Ilya Repin, a famous Russian artist, bought



this estate on the picturesque shore of the Zapadnaya Dvina near Vitebsk in 1892. The artist devoted much time and effort to the redevelopment of the estate: main building of the estate was reconstructed in accordance with his design. The artist's family members, his relatives, acquaintances and students, often visited Zdravnevo. Ilya Repin's father was buried not far from the Zdravnevo estate, at the graveyard of the local parish church. It was in Zdravnevo that the paintings "Belarus", "Autumn bouquet", "Moonlight night", "Duel" and many others were created from 1892 to 1901.

#### 8. Svyato-Blagoveschenskaya Church

Phone: +375 212 373509, +375 212 373205 (Vitebsk eparchy), Tysiacheletia Square, Vitebsk,

www.vitebsk.orthodoxy.ru, vitebsk\_eparhia@mail.ru

This church is one of the oldest churches in the city. It was constructed in the 12th century and became the first stone church of Vitebsk and a fine example of Old Russian architecture. The church walls were made of rows of white hewn limestone blocks and double rows of plinth (flat and



wide bricks). The church was erected in cooperation with Byzantine masters of architecture. During World War II, the church was partially destroyed. After the war, Belarus received a contribution from Germany for restoration of this church, but the money was not used for its restoration. In 1961, the damaged church was blown up under the order of the city authorities. In 1998, the church was restored.



#### 9. Svvato-Uspenskiv Cathedral

Phone: +375 212 373509, +375 212 373205 (Vitebsk eparchy), Krylova Street 9, Vitebsk,

http://www.vitebsk.orthodoxy.ru

The first documented data of existence of a church on Lysoy hill, Prechistenskoy and later Uspenskoy hill, at the point of confluence of rivers Vitba and Western Dvina, date back to 1406. In 1763 the new brick building of the church and monastery was built, there were also buildings of seminary in the same complex as cathedral. In 1936

the church was demolished. In September 26, 1998, the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia Alexy II planted a capsule with memorial letter and blessed the first stone for the renovation of church. Today the church is fully renovated and open to public.

#### 10. Svyato-Voskresenskaya Church

Phone: +375 212 373509, +375 212 373205 (Vitebsk eparchy), Suvorova St. 2, Vitebsk, http://www.vitebsk.orthodoxy.ru

The earliest available sources that tell of Voskresenskaya (Rynkovaya) church date back to 16th century. In 1936 it was demolished. In 2001 renovation works begun. On July 5, 2006, cupolas were raised. Today the church is fully renovated and open to public.

#### **Cultural and Historical objects**

Former governor's palace, see TOP sightseeing places in Vitebsk district (object no. 1).



#### Building of the former Women's eparchial school

Phone: +375 212 369229 (TIC), Gogolya Street 6, Vitebsk The building was erected in 1902 at the bank of the Zamkoviy stream, at the so-called Duhovskaya Mountain. Main façade is decorated with a balcony of the assembly hall at the second floor. The balcony rests on four massive pillars. Nowadays the building hosts the Vitebsk Regional Deputy Council and Regional Executive Committee.



#### Memorial to the heroes of the Patriotic war of 1812

Phone: +375 212 369229 (TIC), Sovetskaya Street, Vitebsk You will find this memorial at the end of Sovetskaya Street, in the Park, which also bears the name of the Heroes of the Patriotic war of 1812. The memorial was erected in 1912 to commemorate courage and perseverance of Russian soldiers in the battles near Vitebsk on July 13-15th and October 26th 1812. The idea to erect the memorial belongs to the Vitebsk Science and Archive Committee, and the people of Vitebsk and Vitebsk province gathered the money for the memorial. The memorial is a 26-meter granite obelisk with a bronze two-headed eagle on top. On its rectangular pedestal rock you will see a stone plate with an inscription, which says, "This is to honor immortal courage of the heroes of the Patriotic war who took part in the battles near Vitebsk on July 13th, 14th and 15th and October 26th, 1812." On each side of the plate there is a cast-iron cannon, replica of a mortar from the times of Peter the Great.

#### Land bank building

*Phone:* +375 212 369229 (*TIC*), *Tolstogo Street 4*, *Vitebsk* Brothers Vitenbergs, merchants, built the house in the middle of the 19th century.

In 1900, the Moscow Land Bank purchased the building. From 1906 up to 1910, the house hosted the Vitebsk private grammar school named after Ivan Nerush, which was famous for its teacher, well-known Belarusian folklorist and ethnographer Nikolai Nikiforovskii.

#### Vitebsk City Hall

Phone: +375 2123 69229 (TIC), Lenina Street 36, Vitebsk The building is now used as the premises for the Regional Local History Museum.









#### Building of the former agricultural school

*Phone/Fax:* +375 212 295221, Luzhesno village
This architectural monument of the 19th century is located
500 meters from the river Zapadnaya Dvina.

#### Post station

Phone: +375 212 369954 (TIC), Borovlyany

Architecture monument. Located in 50 meters from St. Petersburg–Odessa motorway. Complex of the old post station includes: station building, outhouse for coachmen, place for carriages, stables.

#### Museums

#### Vitebsk Literature Museum

Phone: +375 212 370589, Frunze Street 13, Vitebsk Vitebsk Literature Museum was founded in 199

Vitebsk Literature Museum was founded in 1989 as the branch of the regional local history museum. Its exhibit is devoted to the development of literature in the Vitebsk region and aims to inform its visitors about enlighteners, writers and poets who were born in the Vitebsk region, lived



there or are somehow related to this land. Some sections are dedicated to the life and work of Euphrosyne of Polotsk, Francysk Skaryna, Simeon of Polotsk, Jan Barszczewski, and others. Working hours: 11.00 - 18.00, Mon-Tue: closed.

#### Vitebsk Museum of Soldiers-Internationalists

Phone: +375 212 223972, +371 212 238253,

Voinov-internatsionalistov Street 20, Vitebsk

The museum was founded in 1993. First exhibition items were collected with Soviet troops still in Afghanistan. The museum was officially opened on February 17th, 1996. The



permanent exhibition "Afghanistan. The way it was: problems of war and peace in light of events of 1979–1989" occupies three halls and is devoted to the history of the Afghanistan war and the Vitebsk 103rd airborne division in particular. Working hours: 10.00 - 18.00, Sat-Sun: 9.00 - 17.00.

Marc Chagall House Museum, see TOP sightseeing places in Vitebsk district (object no. 2).

Marc Chagall Vitebsk Museum, Marc Chagall Art Centre, see TOP sightseeing places in Vitebsk district (object no. 3).

**Vitebsk Regional Local History Museum,** see TOP sightseeing places in Vitebsk district (object no. 4).



### Vitebsk Regional Museum of M. Shmyrev, Hero of the Soviet Union

Phone: +375 212 366954, Chekhova Street 4, Vitebsk This museum, opened in 1969, has four exposition halls. Its permanent exhibition is devoted to the history of partisan movement in the Vitebsk region during the Great Patriotic War and, in particular, to the deeds of the well-known partisan leader M. Shmyrev. Close to the museum's building, there is a memorial park with an oak alley planted by the

former partisans, a monument to M. Shmyrev, an installation "Railroad War", artillery cannons, and a mortar. Working hours: 9.00-19.00.



#### Vitebsk District Local History Museum

Phone: +375 212 200336, organizational questions: +375 212 365781, Oktyabrskaya village Organization of excursions, exhibitions.

Vitebsk Art Museum, see TOP sightseeing places in Vitebsk district (object no. 5).



#### Vitebsk Regional Arts and Crafts Centre

Phone: +375 212 373713, +375 212 364696, Lenina Street 35a. Vitebsk

Here you can enjoy the exhibitions of arts and crafts as well as the works of naïve art branch of Vitebsk and regional artists. Souvenir shop. Working hours: 10:00 – 19:00, Sun-Mon: closed.



### Exhibition hall of the Vitebsk Children's Art School No. 1

Phone: +375 212 372394, Suvorova Street 3, Vitebsk In the exhibition hall, works by the school students are exhibited, as well as works of art, graphics, sculpture, arts and crafts of Belarusian and foreign artists. Working hours: 10.00 – 18.00.



#### Exhibition hall / music salon

Phone: +375 212 360293, Frunze Street 11, Vitebsk
In the exhibition hall, exhibitions of works by modern
Belarusian and foreign artists are held. Working hours:
11.00 – 18.00. Mon: closed.

**Exhibition hall of the Vitebsk Centre of Modern Art**, see TOP sightseeing places in Vitebsk district (object no. 6).

### Exhibition hall of the Center of national crafts and arts "Dvina"

Phone: +375 212 360581, +375 212 370062, Chaykovskogo Street 3, Vitebsk

The exhibitions of craftsmen and professional and amateur artists from Vitebsk take place here; in the trade yard the city festivities and fairs take place. The Center of national crafts and arts is located in the reconstructed building of former "salt warehouses" (architectural monument of the



18th century), situated in the historical part of the city, on the bank of Western Dvina. Around it workshops of craftsmen, mall and ceramics burning workshop are located. Club of historical reconstruction "Naglfar" operates in the Center, as well as ensemble of folk music "Syabrina".

#### Local history museums

Phone: +375 212 206549, cell phone: +375 29 6789590, Zaronovo village

15 different museums, created in the schools of Vitebsk district. Organizer of excursions: Nikitina Lyudmila Gennadyevna.



#### National museum "Vitebsk tram"

Phone: +375 212 243339, +375 29 7143339, 5th Frunze Street 7, Vitebsk

Created in 1966 and dedicated to the history of development of trams in Vitebsk. Working hours: 8.00 - 17.00.



#### Private Collections Museum (Branch of Vitebsk Regional Local History Museum)

Phone: +375 212 372269, Dovatora Street 26, Vitebsk

The museum was founded in 1993, based on the collection of Golkevich, which was owned by the Vitebsk Regional Local History Museum. Here you may see collections in the sphere of numismatics, bonistics, sphragistics, faleristics, and sculpture. Collection of postcards of the late  $19th-early\ 20th$  centuries with sights of Vitebsk is kept in the museum's funds. Postcards belong to the collection of Kolkov. Working hours: 10.00-18.00. Mon: closed.

**Repin's museum-estate Zdravnevo,** see TOP sightseeing places in Vitebsk district (object no. 7).

#### **Craftsman tourism**



### Vitebsk National Crafts Centre "Возрождение" ("Revival")

Phone: +375 212 200434, organizational matters: +375 212 365781, Oktyabrskaya village

Excursions, exhibitions, making and purchase of souvenirs, organization of master classes of various crafts.



### Culture complex "Золотое кольцо города Витебска "Двина"" ("Golden ring of Vitebsk city "Dvina"")

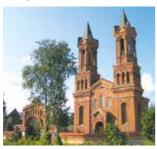
Phone: +375 212 360581, +371 212 363572, Chaykovskogo Street 5 (embankment of Dvina), Vitebsk

The institution is carrying out scientific work by studying various kinds of national crafts, and has a scientifically methodological collection of best examples of works of national craftsmen and artists, historical items of local way of life, archaeological materials. Systematic work is

taking place for processing of collected materials; activities of local artisans and associations are chronicled. One of the tasks of the institution is to popularize traditional arts among the wide masses, especially children and youth. In order to do so, various interest clubs have been created here, where the children may work in the craft they like, free of charge.

#### **Churches**

**Svyato-Blagoveschenskaya Church,** see TOP sightseeing places in Vitebsk district (object no. 8).



#### Saint Barbara Church

Phone: +375 212 253157, Leningradskaya Street 27, Vitebsk This church was designed by a Vitebsk engineer Viktor Yunosha-Piotrovskiy and was built in 1884 of red non-plastered brick in the Neo-Gothic style. During Soviet regime, old graveyard near the church was destroyed (St. Barbara is considered the patron of the deceased), as well as the chapel that was situated close to the church. During the restoration of the church in 1998–1994, chapel of the St. Cross Ascension was also restored. The church is known for its organ; numerous organ music concerts are regularly held

here in cooperation with the Vitebsk Regional Philharmonic Hall.



#### Svyato-Pokrovsky Sobor (Cathedral church)

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The cathedral was built in 1806–1821 by Trinitarian monks (catholic order of the Blessed Trinity), together with the monastery building. After the rebellion of 1831 the church was closed. In 1840, the monastery building hosted an orphanage, and then turned into a female prison,

which existed there for approximately 100 years. In 1858, the church turned into Orthodox Church; the Vitebsk merchant Grigory Volkovich financed its reconstruction. The church was repoyated in 1987–1992.

#### Svyato-Uspenskaya church

Phone: +375 212 372548, Kommunisticheskaya Street 15, Vitebsk, http://www.vitebsk.orthodoxy.ru,

vitebsk\_eparhia@mail.ru

The church was built in 1852. The sacred place holds parts of Holy relics of St. Theophan the Recluse, righteous man John the Russian, Great Martyr Barbara and thirty more saints.



#### Luzhesno Svyato-Pokrovskaya Church

Phone: +375 212 369954 (TIC), Luzhesno village

Architectural monument of retrospective-Russian style, located in 200 m from the Western Dvina River. Built in 1908 of brick. It's a cross-shaped church with three-nave bell tower and five-edged apse.



**Svyato-Uspenskiy Cathedral,** see TOP sightseeing places in Vitebsk district (object no. 9). **Svyato-Voskresenskaya Church,** see TOP sightseeing places in Vitebsk district (object no. 10).

#### **Nature Tourism**

#### Biological Reserve "Chistik"

Phone: +375 212 203233 (TIC)

The reserve was created in 1979 on the Zhukovskoye swamp for preservation of cranberry reserves. There are 187 species of vascular plants there, representing 125 genera. The total area of the reserve is 300 ha. There are many rare and protected species of plants here, some of which are in the Red Book.



#### Luzhesno Dendrological Park

Phone: +375 212 203233 (TIC), Luzhesno village

For 40 years the teachers and students of Luzhesno Agricultural College have collected plants for their collection, which now includes 250 species. Most of them come from other regions. Three of the species growing here are listed in the Red Book of Belarus. The park has a fence. There are 4 tourist routes elaborated for the Vitebsk district aquatorium.



#### **Cinclidotus of Dunay**

Phone: +375 212 203233 (TIC), Ruba

Area of the dendrological park "Rubovskiy" is 2,1 ha. There is a protective zone of 50m around the park. A hero of WWII P. M. Shpandaruk planted the collection of plants. Currently there are more than 66 kinds of plants growing here. The north-western part of the park borders with the Western Dyina river.





#### Biological Reserve "Zapolskiy"

*Phone:* +375 212 203233 (TIC), Novosyelkovoye forestry Biological reserve was created in 1979 in order to preserve cranberry reserves and numerous mineral areas, protect the forest ecosystem and the wild animals. It is forbidden to damage the natural monument in any way, such as destroy plants, change the hydrological regime, fishing, waste disposal, etc.



#### Biological Reserve "Moshno"

Phone: +375 212 369954 (TIC)

Biological reserve was created in 1979 in order to preserve cranberry reserves. It is forbidden to damage the natural monument in any way, such as destroy plants, change the hydrological regime, fishing, waste disposal, etc.

#### **Gastronomic Tourism and Country Delights**



#### Restaurant "Zolotoy Lev" ("Золотой Лев")

*Phone:* +375 212 358111, Suvorova Street 20/13, Vitebsk Up to 56 guests. Working hours: 11:00–24:00.



#### Restaurant "Usadjba" ("Усадьба")

*Phone:* +375 212 374492, *Vtoraya Dovatora Street 5, Vitebsk* Up to 84 guests. Working hours: Monday—Thursday, Sunday: 12:00–24:00, Friday—Saturday: 12:00–04:00.



#### Beer Restaurant "Lyamus" ("Лямус")

Phone: +375 212 226073, +375 2122 25189, Pobedy Avenue 1, Vitabel

Up to 76 guests. Working hours: 11:00-23:30.



#### Restaurant "Zhuravinka" ("Журавинка")

*Phone:* +375 212 428738, *Moskovskiy Avenue 7, Vitebsk* Up to 198 guests. Working hours: 9:00–24:00.



#### Café "U Ganny" ("У Ганны")

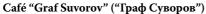
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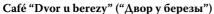
Up to 25 guests. Working hours: 10:00-24:00.

#### Café "Vitebsk" ("Витебск")

Phone: +375 212 360623, Zamkovaya Street 5/2a, Vitebsk Up to 88 guests. Working hours: 11:00–23:30, Monday 11:00–16:00.

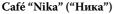


*Phone:* +375 212 363653, *Suvorova Street 28, Vitebsk* Up to 48 guests. Working hours: 10:00–02:00.

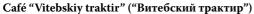


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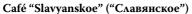
Up to 50 guests. Working hours: 10:00-02:00.



*Phone*: +375 212 230054, *Moskovskii Avenue* 9 k. 1, *Vitebsk* Up to 48 guests. Working hours: 11:00–23:00.



*Phone:* +375 212 362957, *Suvorova Street* 2, *Vitebsk* Up to 45 guests. Working hours: 12:00–00:00.



*Phone*: +375 212 372606, *Lenina Street 32*, *Vitebsk* Up to 100 guests. Working hours: 11:30–16:00.

#### Café "Zadvinye" ("Задвинье")

*Phone:* +375 212 358137, Chaykovskogo Street 5, Vitebsk Up to 60 guests. Working hours: 12:00–23:00.

#### Farm "Chistiye klyuchi"

*Phone:* +375 2122 90736, +375 29 7162584, *Kommunarka village* Lodging, catering, recreation, Russian bath, fishing, berry and mushroom picking.

#### Farm "Izbushka"

*Phone:* +375 29 6245493, *Shmyreva Street, Zaburovye village* Lodging, catering, recreation, Russian bath, fishing, berry and mushroom picking.













#### Farm "Zadvinye"

Phone: +375 212 205139, +375 29 6507246, Zadvinye village

Lodging, catering, recreation, holiday tours, fishing, hunting, berry and mushroom picking, museum, vine braiding.

#### Farm of Klyuev Nikolay Petrovich

Phone: +375 29 7106997, Gorodyanskiy Moh village

Lodging, catering, recreation, Russian bath, fishing, berry and mushroom picking.

#### **Active tourism / Horse riding**



#### Riding club

*Phone*: +375 212 369954, +375 29 2140805, *Luzhesno village* Created in 2003, offers horse riding, participation in competitions, learning how to ride.

#### Active tourism / Water tourism



#### Recreation center "Po'ozerye"

Phone: +375 212 370253, +375 33 6144104, office: Gogolya Street 11, Vitebsk. Relaxation center: Kanashi village, Gorodokskiy district, info@poozerie.com, www.poozerie.com The center is located on the shore of lake Plav and provides services of organization of active recreation, hunting and fishing; there are 3 guest houses (2, 9 and 15 persons), with

rooms for 2-5 persons with all the necessary facilities, fireplace, TV, DVD, etc.



#### Sports Club "Urozhay"

Phone: +375 212 203233, +375 29 7125729, Smetanina Street 16A, Novka, fsk-urozhay@mail.ru

4 water routes are elaborated on the rivers Western Dvina, Kasplya, Usvyacha, Luzhesnyanka. There are tourist stations along the way for resting, making shashlik, overnight stay. We offer unsinkable canoes and life-saving equipment, lessons in canoeing and safety instructions for beginners.

Experienced tourists go fishing, diving with a qualung, underwater hunting. Rent of sports and tourism equipment. Working hours: Monday –Friday – 8:00-17:00, dinner – 13:00-14:00.

#### **Active tourism / Adventure tourism**

#### Sports Club "Urozhay"

Phone: +375 212 203233, +375 29 7125729, Smetanina Street 16A, Novka, fsk-urozhay@mail.ru Provides services: organization of sports events and holidays; ice skating; riding quad bikes, canoes, catamarans, boats and scooters. Working hours: Monday–Friday: 8:00–17:00, dinner 13:00–14:00.



#### Hunter's and fishermen's base "Losvido"

*Phone*: +375 212 73033, +375 212 279710, +375 29 7141232 Located in 23 km from Vitebsk by road P-115 (after the Dolzha village turn to Gerasimovo village) on the shore of a magnificent lake — Losvido. The hunter's lodge offers 3 rooms, for 2, 3 and 4 persons; 2 cabins for 2 and 3 persons; bath for 5 persons. There is a canteen, gas cooker, fridge, and utensils. Rent of 16 boats, 4 catamarans, and barbecue.

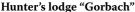
#### Surfer station "Losvido"

Rent: + 375 29 6613072, lodging: + 375 297123965, road P-115, turn to Gerasimovo village, Lake Losvido Services of the station: surfing, kiting, yacht saili

Services of the station: surfing, kiting, yacht sailing equipment, training, rent and production. Rent of windsurfing equipment, AHD boards, Simmer and Point sails. Services of camping: living in cabins for 2, 3, 4 and 6 persons, cold and hot water, shower, WC, TV, DVD; baths; territory is fenced, there are places for tents.

#### Hunter's lodge "Vitebskiy leshoz"

Phone: +375 212 261774, +375 212 237027, Drekolye village The hunter's lodge is located in 12 km from Vitebsk, in a picturesque place between two lakes — Borovskoye and Drekolskoye. There is a two-storey house, with kitchen, banquet hall, 5 rooms for a total of 10 persons, 2 WC's, hot water. There is a bath, place for barbeque.



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The complex is located on the northeastern shore of lake Vymno, in 35 km from the Surazh city. In the hunter's lodge there are 3 rooms for 8 persons. Stove heating. There is water, fireplace, gas cooker, and Russian bath. There is also a gazebo for 10–15 persons. Parking. Feeding: breakfast, dinner, supper – for a separate fee. In addition: services of a guide, organization of cultural theatricalized events.







#### Farm "Zadvinye"

Phone: +375 212 205139, +375 29 6507246, Zadvinye village

Host is Tulyakin Anatoliy Sergeyevich. Accommodation, feeding, relaxation, tours, fishing, hunting, picking of berries and mushrooms, museum, willow braiding.

#### Farm "Yas`kovo"

Phone: +375 212 290646, +375 29 5972966, Yas'kovo village

Hostess is Kudevich Kristina Vladimirovna. Accommodation, feeding, relaxation, Russian bath, fishing, picking of berries and mushrooms.

#### Farm "Chystiye klyuchi"

Phone: +375 212 290736, +375 29 7162584, Kommunarka village

Hostess is Popovich Valentina Mihaylovna. Accommodation, feeding, relaxation, Russian bath, fishing, picking of berries and mushrooms.

#### Farm "Izbushka"

Phone: +375 29 6245493, Shmyreva Street, Zadubrovye village

Host is Berashevich Aleksandr Vasilyevich. Accommodation, feeding, relaxation, Russian bath, fishing, picking of berries and mushrooms.

#### Farm of Klyuyev Nikolay Petrovich

Phone: +375 29 7106997, Gorodnyanskiy Moh village

Accommodation, feeding, relaxation, Russian bath, fishing, picking of berries and mushrooms.

#### Farm "Aleksandrina"

Phone: +375 29 3175212, +375 297 108854, Ozernaya Street 1, Lipovtsy village

Host is Gendel Vladimir Yevseyevich. Accommodation, feeding, relaxation, Russian bath, fishing, picking of berries and mushrooms.

#### Farm of Vecherniy Aleksey Ivanovich

*Phone:* +375 212 299417, +375 29 1867281, *Nikiforovskogo Street 1, Vymno village* Accommodation, feeding, relaxation, Russian bath, fishing, picking of berries and mushrooms.

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Relaxation Center: Kanashi village, Gorodokskiy district, info@poozerie.com,

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The Center is located on the shore of lake Plav and provides services of organization of active recreation, hunting and fishing; there are 3 guest houses (2, 9 and 15 persons), with rooms for 2–5 persons with all the necessary facilities, fireplace, TV, DVD, etc.

#### **Health tourism**

#### **Vitebsk Palace of Sports**

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Phone: +375 212 203233, cellphone: +375 29 7125729, Smetanina Street 16A, Novka, fsk-urozhay@mail.ru

Working hours: Monday–Friday: 08:00–17:00, dinner 13:00–14:00.

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