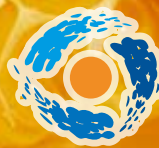




Your Best Holidays in Latgale, Aukštaitija and Vitebsk region



Bella Dvina



BALTIC COUNTRY OF LAKES

Bella Dvina and Baltic Country of Lakes



The Baltic Country of Lakes is the richest with lakes in the Baltics – more than two thousand lakes are located here. The advantages of the region are its relief, nature, clean air and wonderful people. Next to the Baltic Country of Lakes lies a country with a poetic name “Bella Dvina”. This country 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”. Looking at the map, one can conclude, that inhabitants of three countries – Russia, Belarus and Latvia – can consider the Western Dvina for their own. Its flow begins in Russia, and goes through Belarus. As it flows into Latvia, it is no longer Dvina, but rather Daugava, which then flows into the Baltic Sea.

Active tourism throughout the year, fascinating cultural events, and picturesque sceneries – all of this comprises a unique mosaic, which provides true visual and aesthetical enjoyment.

We offer you to get acquainted 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. The aim of this brochure is a joint data base of the Baltic Country of Lakes and “Bella Dvina” region, which would include the information about the culture and history objects, natural resources, gastronomic tourism, and offers of active, health and winter tourism in Latgale, Aukštaitija and Vitebsk regions.

We hope that this brochure will make your travelling in the Baltic Country of Lakes and “Bella Dvina” region easier and will be useful for elaboration of personal travel route. You can find more information about tourism possibilities and elaborated routes in the Baltic Country of Lakes and “Bella Dvina” region on the websites www.visitlatgale.com and www.belladvina.com.





Greetings, travelers!

Regions “Baltic Country of Lakes” and “Bella Dvina” are the richest with lakes in the Baltics. More than two thousand lakes are located here. Here flows the wonderful river Daugava, well known since ancient times for the trade route “from Varangians to Greeks”. The advantages of the region are its relief, nature, clean air and wonderful people. We offer the border regions of three countries for travelling.

These border regions are gifted with beautiful natural landscape – hills, forests, and blue lakes. The nature here pleases your eye and soothes your soul.

These regions are also gifted with wonderful people – strong both in body and spirit, who honor their ancestors and carry on their traditions and skills. The people here have always stood out with their diligence and warm hearts; they have always respected and praised their homeland.

The regions “Baltic Country of Lakes” and “Bella Dvina” not only are able to preserve the cultural traditions and culinary heritage of three counties, but also are also open for various cultures and people.

I wish you to have a good time travelling, to enjoy the unique landscapes and fresh air, to meet wonderful people and participate in culture events. You will get a pleasant experience!

I hope, that the material about the most popular tourism objects in Latgale (Latvia), Aukštaitija (Lithuania) and Vitebsk (Belarus) collected in this brochure will motivate you to visit these beautiful regions, will make the travelling easier and will be useful for elaboration of personal travel route.

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Cultural and Historical tourism

Latgale, Aukštaitija and Vitebsk region are three regions with a very rich and diverse culture. Many nationalities and ethnical groups, who live here for centuries, mutually influencing each other, formed it.

The Baltic Country of Lakes has something that can forever charm the soul of a tourist, who has travelled faraway lands and continents. Even while, without a doubt, each European castle has unique history and a lot of romantic legends, they are not a rarity. Majestic gothic cathedrals, magnificent churches, public buildings, city ensembles, cultural landscapes... All that in great number can be found in Latgale and Aukštaitija, but there is also something unique here – the centuries-old way of life of peasants, which is miraculously carefully and sincerely preserved.

The region of “Bella Dvina” is rich in objects of cultural heritage and almost breathes history. You can run into a historical monument at every step. Cities and hamlets, which have formed on the banks of Western Dvina – Daugava during the past centuries, still keep the unsolved secrets of history. It is applicable both to the largest city in Belarus – Polotsk, and to the smallest one – Dzisna. Many events took place on the banks of Western Dvina – the Livonian War of the 16th century, the Northern War of the 17th century, the French invasion of Russia, the World War II... This land has heard the voices of Ivan the Terrible and Stephen Batory, the commands of Peter the Great, Corsican accent of Napoleon. On the banks of Dvina great artists lived and created their works, such as Ilya Repin and Marc Chagall. Charmed by this land and this wonderful river, they devoted their works to it.



LATGALE

Aglona County

Kameņeca boulder

Phone: +371 29118597, +371 653 22100, Jaunaglona, Aglona parish, www.aglona.lv

A cult place of ancient Latgalians. A stone from the basis of old chapel with an altar built on it.



Ruskuļu boulder

Phone: +371 29118597, +371 653 22100, Ruskuli, Aglona parish, www.aglona.lv

Located in the Southwest of Ciriša lake. A cult stone with five holes meant for sacrifices. It was



Hill of the king Christ

Phone: +371 29742774, Madelāni, Aglona parish, www.kkk.lv

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



Holy spring of Aglona

Phone: +371 29118597, +371 653 22100, Aglona, Aglona parish, near the Basilica, www.aglona.lv

In the 19th century there was a hospital at the sulfur 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.



Balvi County

Monument to the fallen soldiers of Latgale partisan regiment

Intersection of Brīvības and Partizānu Streets, Balvi, www.balvi.lv

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



Monument to victims of Abrene county communist genocide

Corner of Bērzpils and Brīvības Streets, Balvi, www.balvi.lv

Monument in the centre of town of Balvi was found on the 23rd August 2006. Sculptor Matias 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 sent out during the big deportations, and also to those who have been arrested, killed or have suffered during soviet regime.



Cibla County

Cultural-historical and nature path of Eversmuiža

Phone: +371 657 29046, +371 29230204 (guide), Cibla, <http://turisms.ludza.lv>, www.pierobeza.lv

The path curls along picturesque banks of the river Ilža (Ludza), through old park of Eversmuiža, past St. Andrew Catholic Church of Eversmuiža and estate buildings to Felicianova estate and mill. Working hours: on request.



Daugavpils City

Daugavpils city historical centre

Phone: +371 654 22818, Daugavpils, www.visitdaugavpils.lv, info@visitdaugavpils.lv

Monument of state significance. Unique with the fact that the city was rebuilt in a short time – during the 19th century. Rigas Street from Daugavas Street to Cietokšņa Street, Cietokšņa Street – Sakņu Street, Sakņu Street – Stacijas Street, Stacijas Street – Lāčplēša Street, Lāčplēša Street – Viestura Street, Viestura Street – Raiņa Street, Raiņa Street – Alejas Street, Alejas Street – 18. novembra Street, 18. novembra Street – Daugavas Street, Daugavas Street – Raiņa Street. Facades of buildings are in eclecticism, Empire style and Art nouveau.



The Centre of Russian Culture (Russian house)

Phone: +371 654 37936, Tautas Street 11, Daugavpils, <http://rusdom.ucoz.lv/>, rusdom@inbox.lv

Exhibitions available in this house: “Old-believers in Latvia”, “Orthodoxy in Latvia”, “Ware of Hohloma”. The sculpture garden “Fairytale yard” is laid out. Excursions every Wednesday and Friday (except state holidays) 10:00–17:00 or on request.



Monument to Pāvels Dubrovins

Phone: +371 654 22818, Dubrovin Park, Daugavpils, www.visitdaugavpils.lv, info@visitdaugavpils.lv

Erected in 1882. The park is situated between Rigas and Parādes Streets. Pāvels Dubrovins, who was the major of the city (1876–1890) participated in the establishing of the park. That is the reason, why the park is named after him. Approximately two meters high bronze statue was erected in his honor. The statue made by the artist A. Taratinov, who has made bas-relief of the Queen Beatrixe of Netherlands on the one gulden coin.



Sundial

Phone: +371 654 22818, Vienības Street 13, Daugavpils, www.visitdaugavpils.lv, info@visitdaugavpils.lv

Fixed on a quadrangular pedestal. The lineature of dial corresponds to the geographical latitude of Daugavpils 56°. Designed by A. Jaskovs, the teacher of Science bias school (1910).



CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL TOURISM

Unity House

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The biggest building in the Baltic States constructed during first independent Latvian Republic (1937). The building is made in simple architectonic shapes – prisms and cubes.

Nowadays the building is performing functions of a library, theater and culture center. Unity House still serves society performing its historical mission – unites the multicultural society of the city and makes the culture life in the town more active.

**Daugavpils County****Pogulanka (Saliēna) Arch-shaped Stone Bridge**

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Built at the end of the 19th century of split and hewn boulders. The bridge is an architecture and engineering monument of local importance. It is one of a few bridges of this kind preserved in a good condition in this region.

**Memorial stone to ornithologist Kārlis Grigulis**

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The famous ornithologist and children writer K. Grigulis (1884–1972) was born in Saliēna parish “Stumpuri” house, where he spent his childhood. Memorial stone was erected in 1994. The symbol of wisdom – an owl – is carved in it.

**Memorial stone of Polish national heroine****Emilija Plātere**

Phone: +371 654 75572, Likсна, Likсна parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv, parvalde@likсна.lv

The memorial stone is located in Likсна paths – at the beginning of Emilijas Plāteres path. Emilija Plātere (1806–1831) is Polish and Lithuanian national heroine, since 1815 she has lived in Likсна 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.

**Ilūkste County****Historical center of Subate town**

Phone: +371 654 40823, Subate, www.ilukste.lv, tic@ilukste.lv

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.



Krāslava County

Monument to Karnickis

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<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

A picturesque place that has a connection with a romantic legend about a big and devoted love between Count Plāters daughter Emilija and a Polish officer Jozefs Karnickis. At one of the dancing parties Count Plāters daughter Emilija got acquainted with the owner of Eversmuiža, a military officer Jozefs Karnickis. The young people fell in love with each other. Count Plāters was against that love, he had planned to marry Emilija off to a wealthier man and a notable representative of their family circle. Emilija and Jozefs decided to kill themselves on one day: Jozefs had to shoot himself on one of Krāslava hills, but Emilija had to jump out of the window of the third floor of Krāslava castle. After seeing the sign Jozefs shot himself, but Emilija was saved by a servant at the last moment. Jozefs was buried on the place of his death. A monument was erected. The inscription on the tombstone said: "Don't judge and you won't be judged as well". 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 Central town square

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<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

Exists since the 18th century. The square had one and two-storey wooden and stone buildings with outbuildings. Those were merchant and craftsmen dwellings, stables and trade buildings. The main building was the Town Hall in the eastern part of the square. 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 Rīga to Moscow. In the corner of the Market square there was a chemist's shop that was built in the thirties in the 18th century and is successfully run today. The House of the Latvian society was situated in the Central town square, too. Town planning monument of state significance.



The monument "Māte Latgale raud" ("Mother Latgale weeps")

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<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

Opened on November 11th, 2003. It is dedicated to the memory of all victims of Krāslava Municipality during the terror of occupational regime. 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.



Līvāni County

Līvāni Liberation monument

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 Līvāni city park, www.livani.lv

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.



Ludza County

“Following the trail of Jewish nation in Ludza”, an educational path

Phone: +371 657 23931 (*Ludza Local history museum*), Ludza, www.ludzasmuzejs.lv, ludzasmuzejs@inbox.lv

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.



Wooden buildings of Ludza town historical centre

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Part of Odu, Tīrgus, 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. State significance town-planning monument.



Kaņicki's chapel

Phone: +371 657 25653, Church hill, Baznīcas Street 52, Ludza, <http://turisms.ludza.lv>

The chapel of Earls of Eversmūiža Polish landlords Kaņicki 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.



St. Mary statue

Phone: +371 657 25653, Church hill, Baznīcas Street 52, Ludza, <http://turisms.ludza.lv>

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.



Preiļi County

Pelēči watermill

Phone: +371 653 55643, +371 26027711, Pelēči parish, www.preili.lv

A monument of science and art. Watermill on Jāša river is 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. Working hours: on request.



Rēzekne City

Monument to Francis Trasuns

Atbrīvošanas Avenue 56, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv

In 1917 Francis Trasuns was one of initiators and organizers of congress of Latgale in Rēzekne. Historical rights of Latgale region to join other Latvian lands in one state were declared in the congress.



Monument to Jānis Rainis

Raiņa Street 29a, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv

The monument to Jānis 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 "United for Latvia"

Atbrīvošanas Avenue, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv

The monument is not only the symbol of Rēzekne, but also one of the most outstanding examples of Latvian monumental sculpture. People call it "Māra of Latgale". It has a tragic history, similar to that of Latgale itself.



Monument to clergyman, writer and teacher

Monsignor Nikodems Rancāns

Atbrīvošanas Avenue 115, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv

A monument to a clergyman, prominent activist of culture and education, a teacher and a writer Nikodems Rancāns (1870–1933) was unveiled in 2002 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.



Rēzekne County

Balda watermill

Phone: +371 64646074, Balda, Puša parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Built in the first half of the 19th century with grain milling inventory, devices and ice cellar. An architectural monument. Book your visit in advance.



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Memorial plank to Kārlis Ulmanis

Mākoņkalns, Mākoņkalns parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

At the foot of Mākoņkalns memorial plank was unveiled in the honor of visit of Kārlis Ulmanis – the president of first independent Latvian Republic – during his visit to Latgale in 1938.

**Memorial place**

Desetniki graveyard, Nautrēni parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Last resting place of the 19th century poet and defender of peasant rights Pēteris Migliniks, folk singer and enlightener Andrejs Jurdžs and poet Pēteris Jurciņš.

**Monument “Bearer of the Cross”**

Feimaņi, Feimaņi parish, www.feimani.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

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 Jāzepts Kirkillo. Renovated in 1990.

**Memorial place**

Šērbinieki, Ilzeskalns parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, info@ilzeskalns.lv

Family home of Finnish film director Teuvo Tulio who was born in Latgale.

**Riebiņi County****Šņepstu Castle Mound**

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Located near the highway, to the left when driving from Preiļi 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 were a slope and an entrance into Castle Mound. In 1892 partial dig took place here. Ceramic articles were found, as well as other thing of late Iron Age. The items found in the dig site, such as two 5th century oval flints, as well as other items of old can be seen in the historical museum. The items found here can also be seen in the Vilnius museum.

**Rušenica Castle Mound**

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Situated on the right bank of river Rušenica, one kilometer southeast from the former Rušenica estate. Area of the Rušenica Castle Mound is 90 meters long and 60 meters wide. Castle had two entrances – from northwest and south. Thickness of occupation layer is approximately half a meter.



Krupenišķu Castle Mound

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Near its foot flows river Smorodņaka, which is the border between Preiļi and Rēzekne Counties. Krupenišķu Castle Mound is built on a narrow ridge, southern end of which faces a lake. Its area is very ploughed up, ditches and ramparts have almost disappeared and have overgrown with trees. Shards of earthenware, charcoal, burned clay pieces and stone splinters have been found here.

**Kategrades Castle Mound**

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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.

**Spuldziņu Black Mountain**

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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 victims; 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. Living here took place in the last centuries BC, and first centuries AD – in the early Iron Age, when the territory of Rušona was densely inhabited.

**Kristapiņu Ancient Burial Ground**

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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.

**Karakapu Burial Ground and Karakapu Castle Mound**

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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, sand was used for building of estates, and peasants used it for their need as well. In its time there were a lot of fierce battles 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.



Vārkava County

Aizpūriši crucifix

Aizpūriši, Vārkava parish

Restored in 2007 to mark its hundred-year anniversary. Crucifix has a considerable cultural and historical value – the inner side of its roof is decorated by hand-drawn motives, the roof itself is decorated with woodcarvings. The crucifix was restored with the support of State Culture Capital Foundation and Varkava County council. Students of woodcarving department from Rēzekne Art and Design Secondary School under the guidance of their teacher Jānis Igovens carried out the restoration.



Viļaka County

Viļaka

Phone: +371 645 63302, Balvu Street 13, Viļaka, www.vilaka.lv

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 Latgale incorporation into Russia – it was the biggest parish centre in the pre-war independent Latvia. We invite you to visit the churches of three confessions – Orthodox, Lutheran and Catholic, the building of Viļaka estate and cultural monuments.



Viļāni County

Mill of count Borhs

Phone: +371 646 00320, +371 26480994, Lejas mill, Dekšāri parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

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 there. Book your visit in advance.



Zilupe County

Austras tree

Phone: +371 657 29925, +371 28656530 (guide), Meikšāni, Pasiene parish, www.zilupe.lv

Sculptor V. Titāns has made a sculpture group “Latvia in sun sign”. Pasiene parish is located most far off in the east of Latvia, so there is placed Austras tree – border sign for the east border of Latvia. When visiting one must have a passport and a pass granted by Pasiene border control post. Book your visit in advance.



Kurgan of Friendship

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Kurgan of Friendship is a mound heaped up in 1959 with an oak planted in the middle in honour to the friendship of nations of three countries – in the border crossing of Russia, Byelorussia and Latvia. When visiting one must have a passport and a pass granted by Pasiene border control post. Book your visit in advance.

**Cultural-historical path of Pasiene**

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The path acquaints the travellers with Pasiene Municipality. 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. Working hours: on request.

**AUKŠTAITĪJA****Anykščiai District****“The fire of happiness”, a monument to the writer****J. Biliūnas**

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), *Liudiškių Street, Anykščiai*
Gravestone to the writer J. Biliūnas, which is called “Laimės žiburys”, is located on the hill Liudiškių kalnas. In his story the writer tells about magic fire, which emerged on the high and steep hill. The man who will climb this hill and touch the fire will make all people happy, but he himself will turn into stone.

**The stone “Puntukas”**

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), *Dvarionis, Anykščiai municipality*

This is the most famous stone, dearest to every Lithuanian. It is of great value thanks to its size. In summer 1943 Bronius Pundzius engraved on the stone “Puntukas” bas-reliefs and the words from the will of pilots S. Darius and S. Girėnas. The people from bygone days considered this place as sacred, they came here to plead for help.

**Granary of A. Baranauskas**

Phone: +370 381 58015, +370 381 52922, *A. Vienuolio Street 4, Anykščiai*

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”. The granary is the first memorial museum in Lithuania. Working hours: July–August: Monday–Sunday – 9:00–18:00, September–June: Monday–Sunday – 8:00–17:00.



Utena District

Writers' hill

Phone: +370 389 54346 (TIC), Vyžuonos

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.



The Old post

Phone: +370 389 61598, J. Basanavičiaus Street 36, Utena, www.daile.utenam.lt, dailem@daile.utenam.lt

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 service, the horses were exchanged there, and there was also a cuartel, as well as the rooms for travellers and for those, who were waiting for carriages. The cellar of the post house has been preserved in good condition and now an art gallery is opened there.



A. and M. Miškiniai Ethnographical Homestead and Library

Phone: +370 611 42148, Juknėnai, www.utenosmuziejus.lt

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 house was built more than 100 years ago. In 1986, the house and the barn were used for Utena Countryside Museum exposition for A. and M. Miškinis. Here annual traditional poetry evenings and literary festivals of Utena town and region litterateurs take place. Working hours: Tuesday–Saturday 8:00–16:00.



Zarasai District

The Tower of Slaves

Stelmužė village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

This is a small, tallish and quadrangle structure built from rustic fieldstones called “The Tower of Slaves”. Therein the local landlords tortured the culprit serfs in the times of serfdom. Evidentially, the tower was built in the 18th century, when the manor belonged to the Barons Folkersamms.



Dusetos art gallery

Phone: +370 385 56878, Vytautas Street 54, Dusetos, www.zarasai.lt/tic

During the years of existence of the gallery there have formed certain traditions: at the end of the year exhibitions of miniatures by the artists of the Selonian region are arranged; every July, commemorating the foundation date of the gallery, the newest works of artists from Dusetos are traditionally displayed.



Sculpture park

K. Būga Street, Sartai lake shore, www.zarasai.lt/tic

Sculpture Park has been started to create in summer 2008. In the park you can find not only works from famous Lithuanian artists, but also an oak that was planted by Lithuania Republic President Valdas Adamkus.



Sculptures on Zarasas lake shore

Zarasai, Zarasas lake shore

Stone Sculpture Park on Zarasas lake shore has been started to create in summer 2011, there you can see works from Lithuanian and Latvian artists.



The route of wooden sacramental architecture in Zarasai region

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The monuments of wooden sacramental architecture – the most fragile heritage of our ancestors' spiritual and material creation – are imperceptibly and implacably disappearing. There are many reasons for their disappearance: there has been no awareness to cherish them as marvelous objects of folk art and building, a lot of sacramental buildings were lost in the 19th century. Nevertheless, we still have something to thank our destiny for – wooden churches, belfries and chapels can still be seen in the traditional Lithuanian countryside, we still have something to show our young people: buildings of cultural heritage, so nice and dear for local people and sometimes so unusual and unseen for travelers.



Cast iron obelisk in the memory of St. Petersburg–Warsaw highway

Vytautas and Vilnius St. Cross, Zarasai Square, Zarasai, www.zarasai.lt/tic

In 1845 there was a cast iron memorial – 11,1 meters high – built in Zarasai, which has fortunately survived till nowadays. The obelisk is quadrangular and sharp-pointed.



Sėlių square of Zarasai town

Zarasai, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The distinctive plan of the square layout and the radial networks of streets mainly determine the urban value of Zarasai town. The overall composition is extremely emphatic, as the Sėlių square is at the very epitome of the town, with the radial streets converging at it. This is actually the only town plan of such a form that has survived since the 19th century in Lithuania. The plan is known under the name of the so-called Russian town designs of those times.



Independence Square

Dusetos, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The old part of the town is a valuable cultural heritage object. It is an urban preserve, which has a municipality significance cultural value status.



CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL TOURISM

Šlyninka watermill

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Visitors will have the possibility to see the old mill – technical heritage object, 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.

**Birthplace of composer Jozas Grodis**

Rokėnai village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

Memorial stone was set on November 13th, 1966 with words: "Here, in the former homestead composer Juozas Gruodis was born on 1884.XII.20".

**Battle place of Antazavės Šilas**

Antazavė pinewood, Antazavė eldership, www.zarasai.lt/tic

In the battle place there are two rebuilt ground handlings.

**Tartar cemetery**

Salakas town, www.zarasai.lt/tic

There is no date when the cemetery was established, but it is still working till this day. This is the only Muslim cemetery in Aukštaitija.

**VITEBSK REGION****Braslaw District****Zamkovaya (Castle) Mountain**

Phone: + 375 2153 22735, Braslav, Zamkovaya Street

Zamkovaya Mountain rises high over low houses of Braslav. It is a high hill with flat cover and steep slopes, used as perfect observation platform, where you can enjoy fabulous neighborhood panorama. In the early Middle Ages, the place was a settlement of the Baltic tribe of Latgalians, the ancestors of Latvians. Archaeological excavations prove that a Slavic tribe of Kryvitchy inhabited the territory of Latgale settlement. On top of Zamkovaya Mountain there is a granite boulder with an inscription that says, "Braslaw was founded here. 1065." and a group of wooden sculptures which illustrates the story of the town's foundation.

**Building of the former hospital**

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC), Braslav, Kirova Street

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 Braslav's Zamkovaya Mountain. On his grave, there is a white obelisk with the lamp at the top.



Jewish cemetery

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC), village Druja

Jewish cemetery in Druja is the only place in Belarus with color inscriptions on tombstones. Nearly 250 monuments remained until today.

**Boris Stone**

Phone: + 375 2153 22735 (TIC), village Druja

This large round stone with the carved six pointed cross and faintly visible inscription is the most ancient monument of Druja; for a long period of time it was buried in river Zapadnaya Dvina at the outflow of Drujka, not far from its bank. On October 22nd, 2002, it was drawn from the river and fixed on the high bank of Dvina. It is one of the three remaining well-known 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. The stones inscription read: "God save your slave Boris".

**Miory District****Sledovyk stone**

Phone: +375 2152 48660, Perebrodye village, 0,75 km east of northern outskirts of Perebrodye village, 0,4 km north from autoroute Perebrodye-Ikazn

For many centuries, people of these places used to worship huge boulders. In the village Yazno, you will find a huge rock where, according to different legends, either Napoleon or Catherine II once dined. A boulder near the village Bertovschina (Bertovščina) was a place where the French army once stopped for the rest. Another interesting site is a Sewer Stone near Stariy Pogost: according to the legend, it used to sow clothes for local people until, one day, some woman put him into rage and it stopped sewing ever since.

**Memorial pillar**

Phone: +375 2152 48660, village Leonpol

Erected in the late 18th century to commemorate adoption of the Constitution of 1791.

**Stephen Báthory Island**

Phone: +375 2152 48660, Disna

The island is located at the spot where the two rivers run into each other. At this spot, the history of Disna began. Historical name of the town, Báthory Island, is well known up to our days. In 1579, before Polotsk campaign, Polotsk was occupied by the troops of Ivan the Terrible. It was here that King Stephen Báthory made a camp and reviewed his troops. 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.



CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL TOURISM

Centenary bridge

Phone: +375 2152 48660, *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 destroyed bridge span was replaced with another construction. The bridge was thoroughly repaired in 2002.

**Monument to the unborn child**

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Near the Catholic Church of the Ascension of the Holy Virgin Mary, there is a monument to the unborn child (sculptor Ales Dranets). 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.

**Polotsk District****Boris Stone**

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), *Polotsk*

Not far from the Saint Sophia Cathedral you can see a huge stone with carved cross and an inscription: "God save your slave Boris". According to the legend, during famine of 1128 Prince Boris Vseslavovich had these words carved in the stones, which used to be pagan religion 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 lay in the bed of the Zapadnaya Dvina close to Novopolotsk.

**Monument to the Grand Duke Vseslav Bryachislavich**

Phone: + 375 214 426949 (TIC), *crossing of Euphrosyne of Polotsk Street and Oktyabrskaya Street, Polotsk*

Vseslav Bryachislavich ruled in Polotsk from 1044 to 1101. The only monument in Belarus with a horse, unveiled in 2007.

**Memorial sign "Geographic centre of Europe"**

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), *F. Skoryny Boulevard 13, opposite to the restaurant "Славянский", 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.

**Monument to the Patriotic War**

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), *Freedom Square, 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 and installed in its original place.



Memorial sign to the letter “Ź”

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.

**Memorial Complex “Mound of Immortality”**

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), “Zadvinye” region, Polotsk

It is situated on the bank of river Western Dvina. Events that commemorate the victory in German-Soviet War are held here.

**Jesuit collegium**

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), Polotsk, Streletsii Side-street 4

The Jesuit collegium was founded in Polotsk in 1581. The wooden buildings of the collegium were initially located on the isle of Zapadnaya 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.

**Ivan the Terrible Earth wall**

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), Polotsk, Euphrosyne of Polotsk Street and Streletsii Side-street, opposite the monument to Euphrosyne of Polotsk and buildings of the Jesuit collegium

This is a fortification monument of the 16th century, erected under the order of the Russian Tsar Ivan the Terrible after Polotsk occupation by Russian troops in 1562 for the protection of the Lower Castle.

**Red Bridge**

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), Polotsk, Euphrosyne of Polotsk Street

The bridge across Polota got its name in commemoration of bloody battles between French and Russian armies in October 1812, when the number of victims reached 14 thousand people. In 1974, a memorial headstone was fixed near the bridge to commemorate liberation of the town from French troops.

**House of Peter the First**

Phone: +375 214 422855, Polotsk, Nizhnepokrovskaya Street 33

Residence building, built at the end of the 17th – beginning of the 18th century with the elements of baroque. Russian Tsar Peter the First used to stay there in summer 1705. 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. Daily 10:00–17:00, Monday off. In summer: 10:00–18:00, Monday off.



CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL TOURISM

Cluster of boulders “Yanovo” (“Яново”)

Phone: +375 214 426949 (TIC), Bikulnichi

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.

**Rossony District****Admiral Povalishin's tomb**

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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 in his estate, as he had died on April 7th, 1799. In this short time he left a good memory, having built a hospital, in which a doctor and five assistants worked. The oaks, which he planted to honor his sons, are still standing in Yankovich.

Memorial to two wars

Phone: +375 2159 41228; +375 2159 41008 (Department of sport and tourism), Klyastitsy village
On July 28th – August 1st, 1812 (Western calendar), a three-day battle between French troops and special corps of the Russian army took place here. The battle was won by the Russian troops under command of Major Yakov Kulnev over the greater forces of Maréchal Nicolas Charles Oudinot, thus ending the advance of the French on Petersburg.

Memorial to Yakov Kulnev

Phone: +375 2159 41228; +375 2159 41008 (Department of sport and tourism)

Not far from Kljastitsy, Yakov Petrovich Kulnev, a hero of the Patriotic War of 1812, found his demise. Mysterious ways of the fate led Yakov Kulnev to die where he was born.

**Mound of Rogneda**

Phone: +375 2159 41228; +375 2159 41008 (Department of sport and tourism), Perevoz village

Those tourists who are collecting romantic local legends must see the Mound of Rogneda and Rogvolod on the territory of Sinsha Preserve near Perevoz village. According to the chronicles, it is at this place that the first Prince of Polotsk perished and was buried. Archeological dig could have proved this legend right or wrong, but this is impossible: at this place, a fully functioning cemetery is now located. Because the Mound stands on the peninsula, bodies of the dead are taken to the cemetery on a boat, reminding us of a Greek myth about river Styx, which carried the souls of the dead to the dark kingdom of Hades...

**Verkhnyadzvinsk District****War obelisk of 1812**

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Verhnedvinsk, Sovetskaya Street

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 epopee.

Memorial to fascist victims, burnt villages, liberators and fellow countrymen

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Verhnedvinsk, Sovetskaya Street

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.



Railway station

Phone: +375 2151 58432, Bigosovo village

End station of Belarusian railway, village Bigosovo. The station was built in the first quarter of the 20th century in the modern style.



Former Osveja hospital

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Osveya

The building of the former Osveja hospital (1859) is one of the oldest architectural monuments of the Verhnedvinsk region.



Ivan Chersky's birthplace

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Svolna railway station

Historical monument in the valley of the river Svolna. Camping sites, swimming.



Immortality Mound

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Verhnedvinsk district, village Osveja (Osveya)

Historical monument. Meeting-requiems take place here.



Memorial of Memory

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Rositsa village

Historical monument. Processions with candles take place here. Excursions.



Natural and historic complex Lisno

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), village Lisno and its surroundings

Guided tours. Forests, lakes, swamps, landscape reserves. Fishing, hiking.



CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL TOURISM

Karl Kostsyushko-Valyuzhinich's (Kosciuszko-Walozynicz's) birthplace*Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), village Novoe Selo*

Historical monument in the valley of the river Zapadnaya Dvina. An old park nearby. Guided tours. Fishing, hiking.

**Memorial Complex “Mound of Friendship”***Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC)*

Is located in the places where the borders of three countries – Latvia, Russia, and Ukraine – come together. Historical monument. Festivities that honor the friendship of the three countries take place here.

**Memorial complex “Wall of Memory”***Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), village Janino*

Historical monument. Memory Days take place here. There are sculptures, pillars, and the Alley of Mourning. Guided tours available.

**Holy spring***Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), village Kohanovichy*

Rites of Blessing of Waters. A pond in the park, fishing, sauna.

**Vitebsk District****Former governor palace***Phone: +375 212 369229 (TIC), Vitebsk, Sovetskaya Street 18*

At the end of the 18th century, the house of the Kudinovichi who belonged to Polish nobility occupied this spot. In 1806, the building was purchased by the treasury and rebuilt into the governor's palace. Since spring 1811, it was the residence of Belarusian governor general Alexander of Württemberg, who was brother of the first king of Württemberg and of the wife of Russian Emperor Paul I, Maria Fyodorovna. 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, brother of Emperor Nicholas I, 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.

**Building of the former Women's eparchial school***Phone: +375 212 369229 (TIC), Vitebsk, Gogolia Street 6*

The building was erected in 1902 at the bank of the Zamkoviy stream, at the so-called Duhovskaya Mountain. Main facade is decorated with a balcony of the assembly hall at the second floor. The balcony rests on four massive pillars. Nowadays the building has turned into the Vitebsk Regional Deputy Council and Regional Executive Committee.



Memorial to the heroes of the Patriotic war of 1812

Phone: +375 212 369229 (TIC), Vitebsk, Sovetskaya Street

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 I.



Land bank building

Phone: +375 212 369229 (TIC), Vitebsk, Tolstogo Street 4

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: +375 212 369229 (TIC), Vitebsk, Lenina Street 36

The building is now used as the premises for the Regional Local History Museum.



Building of the former agricultural school

Tel./fax: +375 212 29 52 21, 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 50 meters from St. Petersburg–Odessa motorway. Complex of a post station of old: station building, outhouse for coachmen, and place for carriages, stables.



Craftsmen Tourism

Articles of the craftsmen are the uniqueness of the Baltic Country of Lakes and “Bella Dvina” region. Jugs and pots, candlesticks and whistles have become the traditional visiting card of this land. The most interesting thing is that each craftsman works in his own manner, leaving his signature in his craft. There are many such workshops in Latgale and Aukštaitija, and almost in every one it will be offered to learn a craft, to learn how soft and plastic clay is and how filigree must movements of the potter be, to learn the secrets of glazing and even participate in the firing of pots in a traditional kiln. Weaving of blankets from remnants, processing of leather, knitting and embroidery, woodcarving, wattling – these are only the most popular of the crafts in the Baltic Country of Lakes. In their turn, artisans of the Vitebsk region will get you acquainted with the weaving, belt weaving, ceramics, wattling, embroidery and one of the oldest crafts of Belarusian people – vitananka (вытинанка).



LATGALE

Aglona County

Nikolajs Guževs – basket maker

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www.aglona.lv, anna65@inbox.lv

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

**Anita Reščenko – workshop of floristic**

Phone: +371 29185234, *camping "Zemeņu krastiņi", Vortņiki,*
Kasteļina parish, www.aglona.lv, anitaaglona@inbox.lv

New ideas for the interior, it is possible to watch the process and to try to work with natural materials.

**Inta Reča – stitchcraft workshop**

Phone: +371 29429422, *Livdānu Street 13, Aglona,*
www.aglona.lv, inta_reca@inbox.lv

The newest textile technologies, the workshop of floristic and sewing. Production of adornments. Book your visit in advance.

**Vija Stupāne – artist**

Phone: +371 20224444, *Madelāni,* www.aglona.lv

The artist who paints nature and flowers. It is possible to appoint the time to see and buy the works.

**Olīta Selicka – stitchcraft workshop**

Phone: +371 29722169, *4. Maija Street 2, Aglona,*
www.aglona.lv, aglona64@inbox.lv

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.lv, ilzeg5@inbox.lv

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.lv, vija.ka@inbox.lv

Decorative works of wool and flax. Making gifts and decorations. Book your visit in advance.



CRAFTSMEN TOURISM

Baltinava County**Weaving workshop**

Phone: + 371 29134696, 29341738, Tilžas Street 5, Baltinava

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.

**Balvi County****The ceramic workshop of****Jolanta and Valdis Dundinieki**

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

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, how the clay lump turns in earthenware. You can try to make these ceramic articles yourself. Book your visit in advance.

**A workshop of ancient trades**

Phone: +371 29376933, Lāča dārzs (Bear Garden), Brīvības Street 52, Balvi, www.balvi.lv, meistarseriks@inbox.lv

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 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, Briežuciems parish, www.balvi.lv, mezalezita@inbox.lv

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, Bērzpils, Bērzpils parish, www.balvi.lv, annakrivisa@inbox.lv

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

**Jānis and Dzintars Studenti – wood craftsmen**

Phone: +371 29374261, +371 26545870, "Tīreļi", Pārupes Street 11, Tilža, Tilža parish, www.balvi.lv

Masters of basketry and wooden crafts. Book your visit in advance.



Artist Edite Maderniece

Phone: +371 26145405, "Ābeļziedi", Osudari, Bērzpils parish, editemaderniece@inbox.lv

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.

**Dagda County****Artist Andris Platacis**

Phone: +371 27598181, Ezernieki

Manufacturing of custom luminescent prints and pictures on the glass on request.

**Stanislava Belkovska**

Phone: +371 29175521, Ezernieki, Ezernieki parish

Knitting, crochet – socks, gloves, hats, various decorations.

**Elmārs Auziņš**

Phone: + 371 28652199, Andrupene parish

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

**Daugavpils City****"Latgale", an exhibition hall**

Phone: +371 654 21284, +371 29587963, Alejas Street 7–1b (entrance through the yard), Daugavpils, www.suvenir.ucoz.lv, latgsuv@inbox.lv

Offer items of Latvian national applied and decorative art: amber adornments, ceramics, various items from wood and leather, embroidered blankets and linen doilies, tablecloths, belts, gloves, socks, brooches, pastalas, national costumes and linen and wool clothing. You can have a photo of yourself in Latgalian national costume. Working hours: Monday – Saturday: 9:00–18:00, also on request.

**Daugavpils Clay Art Centre**

Phone: +371 654 25302, +371 29241988, 18. Novembra Street 8, Daugavpils, www.dnmm.lv

Offers an opportunity to get acquainted with cultural heritage of Latgale – traditions of pottery and ceramics. Each Wednesday from 12:00 till 14:00 master class takes place, in which ceramicists demonstrate their skills and invite visitors to try their hand in pottery.



CRAFTSMEN TOURISM

Smith Edgars Vronskis

Phone: +371 25506536, *Graudu Street 2d, Daugavpils, www.visitdaugavpils.lv, fabbro@inbox.lv*

Artistic metalworking, functional and decorative articles, demonstration of skills. Visitors have the chance to try to forge a lucky coin or some souvenir. Hosts newlywed. Book your visit in advance.



Studio of Folk Applied Art "Klūga"

Phone: +371 654 55936, *Patversmes Street 2, Daugavpils, www.visitdaugavpils.lv*

Fine wattlework are crafted here by using natural materials – withe, reed, and straw. The articles are baskets, trays, chests, decorum, bracelets, souvenirs, etc. Book your visit in advance.



Daugavpils County

Ceramic Valdis Grebežs

Phone: +371 29207737, *Parka Street 2, Višķi Technical School, Višķi parish, <http://clay.lv/>, keramik@inbox.lv*

Creates spatial ceramic panels, works with clay, wood, glass, aerocrete, withe, stone, and other materials. Programme "Ceramics and withe workshop with kokle accompaniment". Offers lessons of making Lucky buttons and svilpaunieks. Opportunity to work with clay from Latgale, create your first work of art and learn the basics of sculpture. Opportunity to participate in wattlework workshop. During the course of lessons the troupe of kokle players from Špoģi Art and Music school will offer to listen the sound of kokle from Latgale. Book your visit in advance.



Creation of the largest stitched blanket and master classes in needlework

Phone: +371 654 71321, *Skolas Street 1, Naujene, Naujene parish, muzejs@apollo.lv, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv*

Naujene Local History Museum invites everyone to participate in the making of a Guinness world record – creation of the largest stitched blanket. Offers master classes in needlework: cross-stitching, ruffle scarf knitting, rake knitting, earring crochet and making of brooches. Book your visit in advance.



Ilūkste County

The Spoon Museum, private collection

Phone: +371 26210612, *"Ilzes", Šēdere parish, www.ilukste.lv*

The carver Arvids Sietkovskis in his own farmstead founded the Spoon Museum. His exhibits are made 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. There is a possibility to buy souvenirs.



Kārsava County

Emīlija Vovere

Phone: +371 657 33384, Avotu Street 10a, Kārsava,
www.karsava.lv, www.pierobeza.lv

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 of design and interior.



Group of Weavers “Mozaika”

Phone: +371 28619159, Mērdzene, Mērdzene parish,
www.karsava.lv, www.pierobeza.lv

Local weavers from Mērdzene parish united to maintain the old traditions of weaving. It is possible to buy their works and also to get some training in weaver's craft.



Svetlana Ločmele

Phone: +371 26592360, svetas_pasts@inbox.lv,
www.karsava.lv

Svetlana Ločmele makes toys and textile dolls for children. Toys made by her can charm not only kids but also grown-ups.



Antons Rancāns

Phone: +371 22012101, Malnavas Street 10, Kārsava,
www.karsava.lv

Antons Rancāns is an expert of the woodcrafts. More than 10 years he is investigating and producing Latvian symbols out of the wood.



Krāslava County

Workshops of ceramist Valdis Pauliņš

Phone: +371 29128695, Dūmu Street 8, Krāslava,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, valdispaulins@inbox.lv

An examination and participation in the process of pottery manufacturing. You may try to make the article by your own hands, as well as kindle the potter's kiln. Baths, places for tents. A vast offer of ceramic articles, souvenirs, earthenware for the garden. Individual, family, schoolchildren and big group activities.



The workshop of the potter Ilmārs Vecelis

Phone: +371 26462413, Auleja, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>
 Ilmārs Vecelis is one of the “Pudniku 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. Book your visit in advance.



Artist Andrejs Gorgots

Phone: +371 29471277, Studio is situated in the Krāslava House of Culture, Rīgas Street 26, Krāslava, www.gorgots-art.lv, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, gorgotslava@inbox.lv

The artist considers he is an adherent of the Neoacademic school in painting. In his paintings he talks about love, death, about unachievable harmony, muddles up in the labyrinth of symbols, in the whimsical game of associations, as he desires more active dialogue with the audience. Book your visit in advance.

**Aleksandrs Maijers**

Phone: +371 656 20296, +371 29676782, Krāslava railway station 27, Ūdrīši, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, majer@inbox.lv

Pipes and bagpipes – the ancient musical instruments of Latvian folk. Artist manufactures various musical instruments from natural materials – rattles, wind bells and others, as well as teaches children to make reed pipes. Aleksandrs demonstrates the collection containing more than 100 different instruments and plays them. It is possible to participate in instrument production, as well as playing music. Purchase or ordering of instruments also possible. Book your visit in advance.

**Daiga Lapsa**

Phone: +371 29922011, Jeremejeva Street 18, Krāslava, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, tic@kraslava.lv

Artist, ceramicist, master of textile. Her paintings and articles will not leave anyone indifferent. Book your visit in advance.

**Artist Jevgēnijs Pohoduns**

Phone: +371 656 29616, +371 29522816, Kalnieši, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, bojarova@inbox.lv

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. Book your visit in advance.

**Weaving workshop “Indra”**

Phone: +371 26307995, +371 26430121, Indra, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, olga@indra.lv

Weavers work in an ancient technique of “splinter blankets”, thus preserving it for next generations. You can see produced articles in exhibition hall “Indras pūralāde”.

**Weavers of Izvalta**

Phone: +371 26212702, +371 26347423, Izvalta, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

The weaver receives small groups of excursionists (up to 15 people), demonstrates the process of weaving. Book your visit in advance.



Society "Kruoslovys amatnieku broliste"

Phone: + 371 26487763, *Studentu Street 5, Krāslava*,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, intasivers@inbox.lv

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. Artisans invite to learn the ancient crafts, and acquaint with the peculiarities of specific crafts. You can try your hand in pottery, weaving, and smiting. Book your visit in advance.

**Farm "Smaidī"**

Phone: +371 26445239, *Robežnieki*,
www.latvilna.lv, latvilna@inbox.lv

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

**Līvāni County****Latgale Centre of Art and Craft**

Phone: +371 653 81855, *Domes Street 1, Līvāni*,
www.latgalesamatnieki.lv, lmac@livani.lv

There is a continuous new acquisition exhibition "Craftsmen in Latgale" in the storeroom of the old estate. You may participate in the work of the ceramics, glass and textile workshops. In the exhibition hall you may examine and buy articles of craftsmen and artists.



Working hours: May–August: Wednesday–Friday 9:00–18:00, Saturday 10:00–16:00, Sunday 11:00–15:00; September–October: Wednesday–Friday 9:00–18:00, Saturday 10:00–16:00; November–April: Wednesday–Friday 9:00–17:00, Saturday 10:00–16:00.

Līga Eiduka

Phone: +371 26185807, *"Madaras", Jersika*, www.livani.lv

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*,
www.livani.lv

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 handymen varies from 25 to 80 years. There are some potters and basket makers as well.



Ludza County

Ludza Centre of Craftsmen

Phone: +371 29123749, +371 29467925, *Tālavijas Street 27a, Ludza*, www.ludzasamatnieki.lv, ligakondrate@inbox.lv, kondrats@one.lv

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 ethnographical and archeological costumes of all Latvian counties, linen and woolen clothing. You can learn various skills, cooking; there are master classes. Excursion groups, if booked in advance, may try 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: Tuesday–Saturday 9:00–17:00, Sunday, Monday – closed.



Workshop of Ēriks Kudlis

Phone: +371 26773129, *Ludza Centre of Craftsmen, Tālavijas Street 27a, Ludza*, <http://turisms.ludza.lv>

A well-known potter makes candlesticks, pots, vases and souvenirs in traditional style of Latgale ceramics, but does not forget about modern and unusual forms, which are reflected in clay candlesticks and various lamps.



Potter Mihails Sabanskis

Phone: +371 26357616, *Ludza Centre of Craftsmen, Tālavijas Street 27a, Ludza*, <http://turisms.ludza.lv>

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, inalienable part of decoration – different figures, which help the experts to distinguish works of Mihails from works of other potters.



Workshop of Vladislavs Mitčenko

Phone: +371 29498674, *Dunakļu Street 9, Ludza*, <http://turisms.ludza.lv>

Master carpenter, who has worked all his life with wood, wicker and splits. He makes demanded and useful things – from split baskets to furniture.



Šaļimons Kīpluks, a master of ancient crafts

Phone: +371 22023539, *Ludza Centre of Craftsmen, Tālavijas Street 27a, Ludza*, <http://turisms.ludza.lv>

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 Píkova, Brigi parish*,
<http://turisms.ludza.lv>, www.pierobeza.lv

In the workshop, which is created in the country house “Rudzupuķe”, 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, *Andriši, Rundēni parish*,
<http://turisms.ludza.lv>

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.

**Preiļi County****Workshop–museum of P. Čerņavskis**

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 +371 265 32639 (*Jāzeps Čerņavskis*), *Talsu Street 21, Preiļi*,
www.preilukeramika.viss.lv, cencers@inbox.lv

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 turnery 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.

**Woodwork shop of Stanislavs Geida and the exhibition “Dream maisonnette” (Sapņu namiņš)**

Phone: +371 29189021, *“Cerības”, Aizkalne parish*,
www.preili.lv

Turned woodwork – candlesticks, things for housekeeping. Purchase of articles possible.

**The tiny kingdom and a doll gallery of J. Mihailova**

Phone: +371 653 21737, +371 26423837, *Daugavpils Street 21, Preiļi*, www.lellukaralvalsts.lv, www.lenadoll.com

Handmade dolls that depict various situations, opportunity to see little kingdoms, and take photos while dressed in antique dresses. Working hours: every day 9:00–19:00.



Rēzekne County

Potter Andris Ušpelis

Phone: +371 29463032, Pocelujevka, Griškāni parish,
www.rezeknesnovads.lv

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. Book your visit in advance.



Potter Viktors Ušpelis

Phone: +371 28214013, Pocelujevka, Griškāni parish,
www.rezeknesnovads.lv

The form, color, national color and style are typical to ceramics from Silajāni. Excursion in the workshop. Purchase of works. The workshop is situated near the road Rēzekne–Dagda close to Rēzekne. Book your visit in advance.



Potter Aivars Ušpelis

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www.pudnikuskula.viss.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv,
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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. There is also a collection of ancient items, such as flatirons. Book your visit in advance.



Potter Antons Ušpelis

Phone: +371 29414377, Rīgas Street 64a, Rēzekne,
www.rezeknesnovads.lv

In his ceramics not only summer-green and yellow tones dominate, but also blue ones ensuring astonishing pottery image. Book your visit in advance.



Potter Viktors Pankovs

Phone: +371 646 28394, +371 26286808, Purmaļi, Vērēmi parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

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, Ilzeskalns parish,
www.rezeknesnovads.lv

His works attract with their contrasts, where smooth and rough is combined. And sometimes the minimum of glaze is the only accent that reminds of the black ceramics. Craftsman makes souvenirs of different forms, tableware. In the workshop the garden ceramics are made – big plant pots, clay figures such as snails, cats, birds and others. Book your visit in advance.

**Workshop of the potters Voguli**

Phone: +371 26403687, +371 22471191, Ceplīši, Lendži parish,
www.rezeknesnovads.lv, olga.vogule@inbox.lv

The potter introduced the potter's traditions of the late Stone Age into Latgale ceramics. Master makes vases with thin neck, capacious pots, and candlesticks with graphically modeled silhouettes. Book your visit in advance.

**Potter Evalds Vasilevskis**

Phone: +371 26382112, Akmeneiši, Kaunata parish,
www.pudnikuskula.viss.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

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, Ozolaine parish,
www.pudnikuskula.viss.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv,
stass_v@inbox.lv

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, Ņiperava, Griškāni parish,
www.rezeknesnovads.lv, zanisg@inbox.lv

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", Griškāni parish,
www.rezeknesnovads.lv

The form, color and technique of the traditional pottery are preserved. Book your visit in advance.



CRAFTSMEN TOURISM

Weaver Janīna Zeļenova

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www.rezeknesnovads.lv, edmunds.zelenovs@tvnet.lv

The master weaves belts, scarves, shawls, national skirts, tablecloths, as well as demonstrates the methods 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**

Phone: +371 646 27478, +371 26363336, Svīres, Vērēmi parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, kuzmans_andris@inbox.lv

In the works of master the traditional style is seen. 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, Vērēmi parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

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, Dītolvi, Puša parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

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 Gunārs Igaunis**

Phone: +371 28728790, Bikava Street 2a, Gaigalava parish, www.baltharmonia.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, gunarsigaunis@inbox.lv

An exposition of ancient musical instruments, manufacture of new ones, playing music. You may try to play instruments, too. Book your visit in advance.

**"Apkalnmājas", a workshop of leather articles**

Phone: +371 26597635, +371 646 37063, Adamova, Vērēmi parish, www.apkalnmajas.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, apkalnmajas@inbox.lv

Various original leather articles – belts, purses, original handbags. Possibility to try and make one yourself. Souvenirs. There is a programme for diversification of the wedding day. Book your visit in advance.



Smith Jānis Lubka

Phone: +371 29111736, "Pauguri", Nautrēni parish,
www.rezeknesnovads.lv

He works with metal – various things for housekeeping, such as bracelets, watches, candlesticks, stands for potted 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, Malta parish,
www.rezeknesnovads.lv, puudniiks@inbox.lv

Examination and purchase of works. Collection of ancient items for housekeeping. Book your visit in advance.

**Artist Gundega Rancāne**

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The artist paints still life with oil, using the play of light and shadow. Examination of works and purchase. Book your visit in advance.

**Eco farm "Dzeneiši"**

Phone: +371 26548778, Kristiņki, Nautrēni parish, dzeneisi@inbox.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

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 sights.

**Rugāji County****Rugāji weaving workshop "Skreine"**

Phone: +371 29329749, +371 26355954, Rugāji, Rugāji parish, www.draugiem.lv/skreine, martagailuma@inbox.lv

In the weaving workshop you can try your hand at weaving a crazy quilt on a real loom. You can get acquainted with weaving equipment, techniques and materials. Book your visit in advance.

**Vārkava County****Juris Kivlenieks – wood craftsman**

Phone: +371 28326781, Štaģeri, Vārkava parish, Vārkava municipality, www.varkava.lv

Wooden containers, bath items, household items, souvenirs, etc.; work on order. You can buy articles. You can visit an exhibition of ancient items. Book your visit in advance.



CRAFTSMEN TOURISM

Viļāni County

“Stelles”, a workshop of weavers

Phone: +371 25944788, Kultūras Square 4a, Viļāni,
www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Creative workshops of weavers and other craftsmen, exhibition of articles. Souvenirs. Book your visit in advance.



AUKŠTAITIJĄ

Anykščiai District

Horse museum

Phone: +370 616 25124 (N. Kačkusienė), +370 612 69545 (R. Vasiliauskienė), +370 381 51722, +370 623 70629, Niūroniai village

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; bread is baked here as well.

Blacksmith's skill – in the smithy the blacksmith's skills are shown. Weaving – in the old storeroom the weaver's skill is shown. The weaver weaves blankets, table-clothes, and towels.

Candle dipping – in the very old Aukštaitija hut they tell about bees and taking out the honey; candles are dipped.

Carving of wood – under the shade of an old storeroom the skill of carving is shown; the engraver makes spoons, carved image of grieving Christ, other articles from various types of wood. In the museum there are musical instruments of herdsmen. Master makes whistles, rattles, and pipes.

**Robertas Matiukas**

Phone: +370 610 13795, Anykščiai

The artist cuts out wooden crosses, sculptures and makes different jewelry from brass. Also he creates arms, guns of the Middle Ages, ancient military tools. He is a member of Lithuanian ethnic heritage association.

**Valentas Survila**

Phone: +370 615 37285, Elmininkai

Valentas Survila belongs to association of Lithuanian ethnic heritage. The artist makes wooden sculptures, arts and crafts – souvenirs, crosses, and suns. 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.

**Skaidrė Račkaitytė**

Phone: +370 381 51827, Anykščiai

The artist makes primitive toys, and this occupation is ancient Lithuanian trade. She also is a member of Lithuanian ethnic heritage association. In her ceramics everyone will find cuddle angels, charming souvenirs or dishes of black pottery. She organizes and coordinates exhibitions of folk artists works.



Utena District

Alvydas Valiukas

Phone: +370 68841017, +370 61309981, Mirkėnai village, www.valiukosodyba.puslapiiai.lt, alvydas222@gmail.com

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. Book your visit in advance.



Anelė Araminienė

Phone: +370 672 23070, +370 389 49212, Gudeniškiai village

Cuts out the sculptures from wood, makes sculptures from concrete, weaves, sews, plays an accordion, bakes bread.



Genadijus Kaminskas

Phone: +370 685 55514, Dariaus ir Girėno Street 1, Utena

Weaves furniture from wicker, also baskets, vases.



Vytautas Valiušis

Phone: +370 615 49525, +370 686 22807, Topolių Street 7, Leliūnai, www.keramikosratas.visiems.lt

In the old school of Leliūnai a museum is opened, where ceramics with unusual form and peculiar design are exhibited.



Odeta Tumėnaitė-Bražėnienė

Phone: +370 674 29176, +370 389 59578, Utenio Square 3, Utena

For 20 years she has cut out articles in appliqué style – pictures, postcards. Illustrates books. Has a great experience of pedagogical job.



Zarasai District

Adelė Tumėnienė

Phone: +370 678 76147, Zarasai

A weaver of national costumes. The drapery is various: bedspreads, tablecloths and towels woven by different pattern techniques. She is also a needlewoman, sash weaver, knitter and also likes crocheting.



Zenonas Striška

Phone: +370 614 48755, Antaliptė village, www.mediniai.lt

Master of traditional crafts, who cherishes old traditions. Makes certificated Lithuanian heritage products: rakes, beehives, nesting-boxes, also carves original works from wood.



CRAFTSMEN TOURISM

Aldona Karpavičienė*Phone: +370 385 52797, Zarasai*

She has braided from straw "sodai" for 20 years.

**Birutė Andrijauskienė***Phone: +370 673 00341, Zarasai*

The artist weaves bedspreads, towels, national costumes, and handbags, also knits wristlets.

**Gediminas Kairys***Phone: +370 686 61174, Degučiai village*

The craftsman carves spoons, masks and other original works from various types of wood.

**Pranas Savickas***Phone: +370 385 57290, Antalieptė village*

The artist has been engaged in wood carving already for 50 years. He makes crosses, koplytstulpiai (roadside pole chapels), sculptures, and domestic things.

**Raimundas Pupeikis***Phone: +370 612 42581, Zarasai*

The artist makes sculptures of different size, as well as stogastulpiai (roadside roofed poles). Book your visit in advance.

**Rimutė Vitaitė***Phone: +370 615 92968, Zarasai*

Weaves sashes typical to Aukštaitija region, makes material dolls and little witches. Also, she focuses on weaving only national costumes – skirts in 2 and 8 harness patterns, waistcoats in 4 harness patterns, satin aprons, and headaddresses for married women.

**Saulius Savickas***Phone: +370 629 94896, Antalieptė*

He makes crosses, koplytstulpiai (roadside pole chapels), rūpintojėliai (crucifix sculptures), and other sculptures, as well as outdoor and indoor furniture.



Traditional Crafts Association*Phone: +370 615 92968, Zarasai*

Association of folk artists and craftsmen of Zarasai region.

**Vytautas Kruopis***Phone: +370 674 22103, Zarasai*

He makes crosses and artistic domestic things.

**VITEBSK REGION****Braslaw District****Lukyanec Angela Ivanovna***Phone: +375 2153 22233, Leninskaya Street, Braslaw*

Weaving. Takes interest in knitting, embroidery and bead braiding.

**Zinkevich Valeriy Anatolyevich***Naberezhnaya Street 12, Braslaw*

Creates ceramic articles of Iron Age, early and late Middle Age, and ethnographic pottery of Braslaw region.

**Rulevich Lyudmila Ivanovna***Phone: +375 2153 32224, Zhdanova Street 11, Braslaw*

Weaving and belt braiding. Takes interest in wattling.

**Parahnevich Mihail Ivanovich***Phone: +375 2153 32340, Zhdanova Street 19, Braslaw*

Artistic processing of wood, making wooden furniture. Takes interest in photography.



CRAFTSMEN TOURISM

Parahnevich Nataliya Nikolaevna

Phone: +375 2153 32340, Zhdanova Street 19, Braslaw
Embroidery. Takes interest in knitting, weaving, tapestry.

**Cherkas Mihail Boleslavovich**

Phone: +375 2153 33352, Leninskaya Street, Slobodka village

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 Yosifovich**

Buloychika Street 1, Braslaw
Pottery, ceramics.

**Miory District****Disna House of Crafts**

Phone: +375 2152 37274, Disna

Ceramics, weaving, crazy quilt. Purchase of articles, observation and participation in the work process.

District recreation centre

Phone: +375 2152 40281, Lenina Square 14, Miory

Ceramics, embroidery, other crafts. Observation, participation in the work.

Gallery-shop of local craftsmen articles

Phone: +375 2152 41474, Lenina Square 14, Miory

Polotsk District**Traditional Weaving Museum of Poozerje**

Phone: +375 214 423041, Voykova Street 1, Polotsk

Branch of National Polotsk Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve. Stationary exhibition in Belarusian language. Collection of weaving articles from Poozerje region of late 19th – early 20th centuries. Working hours: every day 10:00–17:00, Sunday – closed. Summer working hours – 10:00–18:00, Monday – closed.



Centre of Arts and National Cultures

Phone: +375 214 421778, Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 27, Polotsk

The centre organizes work according to the national, ethnographical and cultural peculiarities of inhabitants of the city. Preserving the best examples of national craft and popularization of national Belarusian culture. 6 kinds of master classes take place to educate both children and adults. Working hours: Monday – Friday 9:00–20:00, Saturday 10:00–17:00, Sunday – closed.

**Souvenir shop “Гора мастеров” (“City of masters”)**

Phone: +375 33 6452670, F. Skoryny Avenue 7, Polotsk

Here you can see and buy souvenirs made of clay, straw, textile, leather, glass, wood, etc. Exhibitions. Working days – 10:00–19:00, holidays – 10:00–17:00

**Rossony District****House of Crafts**

Phone: +375 2159 41659, Sovetskaya Street 9, Rossony

Straw weaving, weaving. Purchase of articles, observation and participation in the work process.

Verkhnyadzvinsk District**House of Crafts**

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Sovetskaya Street 81, Verkhnyadzvinsk

Straw weaving, weaving and other crafts. Purchase of articles, observation and participation in the work process.

Vitebsk District**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, archeological 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 promote traditional arts to the wide masses, especially children and youth. Realizing this aim without charge various interest clubs and amateur associations take place here.



Museums

Each museum is a treasure chest, upon opening which, everyone can find something new, unknown... It can be surprise, delight or quandary over what you saw or heard. No one is left indifferent in a museum. Museums allure with their mysteriousness and antiquity. In the collections of the museums you can find out about the history of populated places, about instruments used in daily work by our ancestors. In the memorial rooms of writers you can imagine how these famous writers have worked. You can see many unusual collections in the Baltic Country of Lakes and "Bella Dvina" region, like the museum of glassworks, museum of hammers, Belarusian book-printing museum and History Museum of Saint Sophia Cathedral architecture. Little or big, each collection has its own story and is unique.



LATGALE

Aglona County

Bread museum of Aglona

Phone: +371 29287044, Daugavpils Street 7, Aglona, www.aglonasmaize.viss.lv, maizesmuzejs@inbox.lv

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 bakery. Hosting of weddings following Latgalian traditions. Conference hall. Dishes of Latgalian culinary heritage. Working hours: on request.

**World War II exhibition**

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

The core of the museum is the weapon from the WWII. There are uniforms, munitions, household objects and plane parts as well. You can have a photo on German army motorcycle. Bicycle rental.



Baltinava County

Museum of Baltinava

Phone: +371 29341738, Tilžas Street 7, Baltinava

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 constant 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 take place in the museum. An excursion to the tourism objects of Baltinava municipality. Working hours: on working days 10:00–16:00.



Balvi County

Museum of Balvi Municipality

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

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). Working hours: Tuesday–Friday: 10–17, Saturday: 11–16.



MUSEUMS

Tilža Cultural history and tourism center

Phone: +371 26545870, Brīvības Street 5, Tilža, www.balvi.lv
 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, Krišjāni and Bērzpils municipalities. Museum was founded in 1967. You can go on a trip in surrounding fairest and most interesting places (book in advance!). Working hours: on workdays 9:00–13:00, weekends – on request.

**Cibla County****Museum of Cibla County**

Phone: +371 657 29046, Cibla

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. Book your visit in advance.

**War Museum of Līdumnieki**

Phone: +371 26536409, +371 28625187, Līdumnieki, www.pierobeza.lv

Small museum, in which the relics from the WWII, found around here, are collected. Few expositions tell about the history and inhabitants of Līdumnieki. Museum is located near the border with Russia. Book your visit in advance.

**Dagda County****Local history exhibition hall "PATRIA"**

Phone: +371 656 81420, +371 22038750, Dagda, www.dagda.lv

There are four exhibition halls, in all of which you can find interesting things connected with the history of Dagda. Book your visit in advance.

**"Farmstead of Andrupene", an open-air museum**

Phone: +371 26458876, Andrupene, www.dagda.lv, laukuseta@inbox.lv

This museum will be interesting for both young and old, everybody may find here something interesting for oneself. The museum is a complex of buildings of the beginning of the 20th century. If booked in advance, it is possible to taste dishes of Latgale culinary heritage, as well as to hear performance of local folklore group in national style. Working hours: April–October 8:00–17:00, Saturday 10:00–14:00, Sunday – on request.

**Memorial room of Konstantīns Raudive**

Phone: +371 656 29413, Asūne, www.dagda.lv

It is the school where the famous philosopher Konstantīns Raudive had studied, so a memorial room was set up. Some articles written by the hand of Raudive have been preserved. In the memorial room the voices of the dead can be heard. Book your visit in advance.



Memorial room of Marija Andžāne

Phone: +371 656 28350, *Šķaune*, www.dagda.lv

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. Book your visit in advance.



Daugavpils City

Daugavpils Regional Studies and Art Museum

Phone: +371 654 24155, *Rigas Street 8, Daugavpils*, www.dnmm.lv, museum@apollo.lv

One of the oldest and biggest museums in Latgale. There are several exhibitions: "Cultural History of Daugavpils Region", "Nature of Daugavpils Region", as well as art hall of Marks Rotko and art hall of Leonīds Baulins.

Working hours: Wednesday–Saturday: 10:00–18:00, Sunday: 10:00–16:00.



Museum "Jews in Daugavpils and Latgale"

Phone: +371 29548760, *Cietokšņa Street 38, Daugavpils*, www.visitdaugavpils.lv

Located on the second floor of synagogue. Exposition tells about the traditions of Jewish lifestyle in Latgale and Daugavpils. Shows the changes in number of Jews, family trees in photography, household and cult objects, as well as various publications: journals, calendars, books. Local guide and researcher of local history Josif Ročko will get you acquainted with the synagogue and exposition, you will learn interesting and touching stories of local Jewish families, historical aspects of Jewish life, traditions of praying, meaning of the altar in the synagogue, and other things. You can visit the exposition and the synagogue for a donation; book your visit in advance.



Daugavpils County

The memorial house of Latvian poet Janis Rainis

Phone: +371 29272200, *Birkīnēļi, Kalkūne parish*, berkenele@inbox.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv

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 in "Dagdas skiču burtnīca". Offer: exhibitions "Rainis and Berķenele", 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: Tuesday–Saturday – 10:00–18:00 (from May 15th till October 15th), from October 16th till May 14th and on weekends – on request.



The Museum of Military Equipment

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

It is located near the hotel "Sventes muiža". The heavy tank IS-2 – "Joseph Stalin", medium tank T-34, the amphibious armored patrol car BRDM-2, BRDM-1, "Villis" – Jeep Willys and GAZ-67 can be viewed there. Working hours: on request.



Local History Museum of Naujene

Phone: +371 654 71321, Skolas Street 1, Naujene, Naujene parish, www.naujene.lv, muzejs@apollo.lv, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv

The exposition reveals cultural-historical heritage of Naujene parish. 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 Valentīna Zeile. Thematic excursions are offered, as well as workshops and pedagogical programs. Working hours: Monday–Friday – 8:00–18:00 (May 1st – October 30th), Monday–Friday – 9:00–17:00 (November 1st – April 30th). Weekends – on request.



The Skrindi family museum

Phone: +371 654 71009, +371 29964210, Vabole, Vabole parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv, skrindu_muzejs@inbox.lv

The museum is a memorial place to the first participants of national awakening brothers Skrindas – Benedikts (1869–1947), Kazimirs (1875–1919) and Antons (1881–1918). The regular exhibition tells about the life and work of Skrindas family. There one can see the exhibition about the history and the present time of Likсна and Vabole parishes and more than century old furniture and household objects. There are some books, magazines, newspapers and photographs of the beginning of 20th century. Video documentaries. Working hours: Monday–Friday – 9:00–17:00. Weekends – on request.



Ethnographical Old-believer village of Slutišķi

Phone: +371 654 71321, Slutišķi, Naujene parish, www.naujene.lv, muzejs@apollo.lv, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv

Here one can see the open-air part of Naujene ethnographical museum – Slutišķi old-believer house. In this almost a hundred years old building you will see the art of woodcarving of the ancient Slavs, their traditions and lifestyle. In the outskirts of Slutišķi village there is a sign, which confirms that in this place there is a graveyard of 15th–17th century. During the excavations 175 graves were found there. Slutišķi village is situated on the right bank of Daugava at the foot of Markova castle mound. Slutišķi as a village in the history sources is first mentioned in 1785. Book your visit in advance.



Ilūkste County

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

Phone: +371 26109353, Atāli, Putnu sala, Bebrene parish, benita63@inbox.lv

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.



Selonian room

Phone: +371 654 62580, *Raiņa Street 33a, Ilūkste, jauniesu.centrs@ilukste.lv*

Selonian room acquaints with household traditions of the Selonians. National costumes of Selonia, household items, gramophones and jewelry boxes, crockery, clothes, footwear, books are exhibited. Here you can see exhibitions that tell about the history of Sēlija and Ilūkste.

Working hours: Monday–Friday 8:00–17:00.

**Garden of P. Sukatnieks**

Phone: +371 26369215, *“Apsītes”, Dviete parish, tic@ilukste.lv*

In “Apsītes” of Dviete parish the garden of the grape selectionist Pauls Sukatnieks begin its rebirth. The most famous strains of the selectionist are known not only in the Baltics, they are also grown in USA, Canada, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and other counties. You can get acquainted with the life of the famous selectionist and take a stroll through the pathways of his garden. The memorial stone of P. Sukatnieks has also been erected here. Book your visit in advance.

**Kārsava County****Museum of Malnava College**

Phone: +371 657 33100, *Malnava, Malnava parish, www.karsava.lv, malnavaskol@inbox.lv*

Information about the history, traditions, teachers and graduates of the technical college, as well as about the municipality can be found here. Working hours: Monday – Friday 8:00–16:00.

**Krāslava County****History and Art Museum of Krāslava**

Phone: +371 656 23586, *Pils Street 8, http://turisms.kraslava.lv, kraslavas_muzejs@inbox.lv*

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. In the course of time huge collections of documents, photographs, archeology, ethnography and other items have been gathered. There are paintings of many artists in the museum. There is a unique exhibition called “Five oars” which is placed in the 17 meters long improvised boat. Working hours: Tuesday–Friday – 10:00–17:00, Saturday – 10:00–16:00, Sunday–Monday – closed.

**Līvāni County****Latgale Art and Craft Centre**

Phone: +371 653 81855, +371 28603333, *Domes Street 1, Līvāni, www.latgalesamatnieki.lv, lmacc@livani.lv*

In the barn of old estate the visitors may view an exposition “Craftsmen in Latgale of the 19th and 20th centuries”, a demonstration of handicrafts in the creativity workshop of weavers and ceramics with the possibility to participate, as well as exhibitions of craftsmen and artists in the exhibition hall. Working hours: Tuesday–Saturday 9:00–18:00, Sunday, Monday – closed.



Exhibition Hall of Livāni Art and Music School of Jēkabs Graubiņš

Phone: +371 653 20175, Rīgas Street 12, Livāni, www.livani.lv

Since 1991 various exhibitions and activities have taken place in the exhibition house of Livāni Art School, which are popular among the inhabitants of the town and municipality. Working hours: every day 12:00–18:00, except Sunday, Monday and holidays.



Museum of glass-house

Phone: +371 653 81855, +371 28603333, +371 29157669, Domes Street 1, Livāni, www.latgalesamatnieki.lv, www.livani.lv, lmac@livani.lv

Museum of the glass-house in Livāni gives a unique opportunity to view the production manufactured in the glass-house of Livāni in all times. There are more than 4000 exhibits. Book your visit in advance.



Ludza County

Ludza Local History Museum

Phone: +371 657 23931, Kulneva Street 2, Ludza,

www.ludzasmuzejs.lv, ludzasmuzejs@inbox.lv, www.pierobeza.lv

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 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: September–April: Monday–Friday 9:00–17:00, Saturday 10:00–15:00, April–September: Monday–Friday 9:00–17:00, Saturday 10:00–17:00.



Museum of the Nukši School

Phone: +371 657 29484, Nukši, Nukši parish

Information about the history of Nukši and Pilda is collected here, excursions along education paths, seeing nature and archeological objects. Working hours: Monday–Thursday – 9:00–15:00, also on request.



Preiļi County

History and Applied Arts Museum of Preiļi

Phone: +371 653 22731, Raiņa Boulevard 28, Preiļi, muzejs@preili.lv, www.preili.lv/kultura/muzeji/Preilu

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, photograph. The exhibition “World of Games” offers an educational program “Come 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: Tuesday–Friday 11:00–18:00, Saturday 10:00–16:00, Sunday–Monday – closed.



"Jasmuiža", the museum of Rainis

Phone: +371 653 29313, +371 29487589, Aizkalne, Aizkalne parish, jasmuiža@memorialiemuzeji.lv

Exposition "Years of Gymnasium and Studies of J. Rainis" can be viewed. Exposition of Latgale ceramics and a brick-kiln gives an insight in the fascinating transformation of the clay. Special program for newlywed and their wedding guests. Working hours: May 15th – November 1st 10:00–17:00. Monday – closed.

**J. Mihailova Doll museum and miniature kingdom**

Phone: +371 653 21737, +371 26423837, Preiļi, Daugavpils Street 21, www.lellukaralvalsts.lv

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: 9:00–19:00.

**Rēzekne City****Museum of Cultural History of Latgale**

Phone: +371 646 22464, Atbrīvošanas Avenue 102, Rēzekne, www.muzeji.lv, www.rezekne.lv, latgmuzejs@tvnet.lv



Various Latgalian ceramics, visual art items, and ethnographic items have been collected here. Lectures, educational service of audio guide in Latvian, Russian and English, as well as for groups – an excursion accompanied by the specialist of the museum. Working hours: Tuesday–Friday 10:00–17:00, Saturday 10:00–16:00, Sunday, Monday – closed.

**Art house of the Art and Design High school of Rēzekne**

Phone: +371 26100114, + 371 646 22676, 18. novembra Street 26, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv

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 Latgale old masters, as well as works of the new generation artists of Latgale. Working hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 16:00–19:00, Saturday 10:00–14:00, Monday, Friday, Sunday – closed.

**Rēzekne County****Local History Museum of Bērzgale**

Phone: +371 26191623, Rītupes Street 34, Bērzgale, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, olga.berzgale@inbox.lv

A memorial room of the writer Antons Rupainis (1906–1976) was set up there. The other materials of the exposition tell about the history of the parish, its most famous people and cultural-historical traditions. Working hours: Monday–Friday 9:00–17:00, Saturday, Sunday – on request.



MUSEUMS

“Kolnasāta”, the museum of Francis Trasuns

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Sakstagals, Sakstagals parish,

www.muzeji.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, kolnasata@inbox.lv

There one can see the exhibition of F. Trasuns, writer J. Klīdzējs and a collection of old things. Every year in August the anniversary of the museum is celebrated. A theatricalized celebration of weddings is offered. Working hours: Monday–Friday 9:00–17:00, Saturday, Sunday – on request.

**“Mežmalas”, a farmstead of Latgale**

Phone: +371 646 46086, +371 26402687, +371 28602742,

Ditlovi, Puša parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

A collection of old household items and equipment. Functioning loom, basket making. Farmers offer tourists to try their hand in basket making. Crates, national woolen mittens and socks, herbal teas are offered. Forest path along pinery. Book your visit in advance.

**History Museum of Malta**

Phone: +371 29477761, +371 646 21521, Parka Street 8,

Malta, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, maltasmuzejs@inbox.lv

Historical exhibition of the history of parish in the 19th–20th century. Continuous exhibitions “Household Objects and Tools of the 20th century”, “Printed Works of the 19th–20th century”, “Collection of Banknotes from the 18th–20th century”. Working hours: Monday–Friday 9:00–17:00, Saturday, Sunday – closed.

**Museum of Malta 2nd High school**

Phone: +371 646 34355, +371 26379583, Sporta Street 5,

Malta, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Gallery of the Latgalian jewelry of the 6th–13th centuries. Working hours: Monday–Friday 9:00–16:00, Saturday and Sunday – closed.

**Local History Museum of Nautrēni**

Phone: +371 29187765, +371 646 44390, Rogovka, Nautrēni

parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Permanent exposition of the local history of the district, school and parish. Working hours: on request.

**Exhibition Hall “Nostalgia”**

Phone: +371 26579759, Ciskādi, Baznīcas Street 10,

Sakstagals parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv,

diana.vasiljeva@saskarsme.lv

The exhibition hall is situated in the building of old Vitoli elementary school, which is considered a cultural monument of local significance. Soviet-era household items and toys. “Russian stove”. Cycling route, bicycle rental.



Museum of writer Mihails Narica

Phone: +371 646 24808, +371 29422282, *Deimaņi, Ozolaine parish*, www.narica.ambrand.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, mncentrs@e-apollo.lv

The museum of writer Mihails Narica. Mihails Narica was the second one after Boriss Pasternaks who published his novel "Unsung song" in the west. He openly turned to Hrushchov and communistic party about the dominance of the ideology of that time. Working hours: on request.

**Radio Museum**

Phone: +371 26189569, *Parka Street 3, Puša, Puša parish*, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

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 created by radio and other technique (equipment) of playback. The oldest exhibit is gramophone created in about 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 relics.

**Riebiņi County****Museum of Roberts Mūks**

Phone: +371 26822989 (*Marta Binduka*) *Liepu Street 1, Galēni, Galēni parish*

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.

**Rugāji County****"Saipetnieki", a private collection of antiquities**

Phone: +371 26519360, *Saipetnieki, Lazdukalns parish*

Collection – open-air exhibition of old tools, vehicles, stock and machinery. In summer season there is a beautiful flower garden. Working hours: on request.

**Vārkava County****Vārkava Local History Museum**

Phone: +371 27059046, *Kovaļevsku Street 6, Vārkava*

Vārkava parish is famous for being the home of the first elementary school in Latgale, so the first and permanent exhibition of the museum is "The First Elementary School in Latgale". The second permanent exhibition is about famous people of Vārkava County, as well as most notable events. Thursdays are the Tradition Day, when everyone can learn weaving, knitting, crotchet, and other crafts. Working hours: Wednesday, Friday 9:00–15:00, Thursday 12:00–15:00.



MUSEUMS

Museum of Vaivodi family

Phone: +371 653 29843, +371 20238414, "Lazdiņas", Vanagi, Upmala parish

In the museum created by the student of local history Jānis Vaivods one can see household objects, agricultural equipment, books. Visit of the museum is like an excursion to the past, filled with nostalgic feelings. In 2010 J. Vaivods published a book "Vanagu vēstures lappuses" ("Pages of Vanagi History"). Book your visit in advance.

**Museum of Vanagi Elementary School**

Phone: +371 28450919, Vanagi, Upmala parish

One can find several exhibitions here – history of the school, textbooks and exercise-books of 20s and 30s of the 20th century; materials about the national resistance movement in Vanagi and its leader – priest Antons Juhnevičs; a post-war teacher's office; there is an exhibition hall that sometimes become a creative workshop. The soul of the house-museum is the kitchen of teachers Anna and Jānis Stars, who lived in this house for many years. Book your visit in advance.

**Local history exposition of Rimicāni**

Phone: +371 28444927, Saules Street 2, Rimicāni, Rožkalni parish

Tells about the time of interwar period, kolkhoz, executive committees, and history of the school. Located on the 2nd floor of Rimicāni Elementary School. Book your visit in advance.

**Logocki home-museum**

Phone: +371 29498236, "Jaunkalni", Rožkalni parish

An ancient atmosphere and mode of life have been preserved in the house and yard. Owners allow to organize various public and private festivities. Perfect place for grasping the days of old. Open during summer.

**Vilaka County****Forest exposition of Anna Āze**

Phone: +371 26567080, +371 645 63723, Parka Street 14, "Bērnu dārzs", Žiguri, www.vilaka.lv

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 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.



“Cīruliši”, a collection of antiquities and motorcycles

Phone: +371 26446147, *Tepenica, Susāji parish,*
www.vilaka.lv, retro73@inbox.lv

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 arranged. Working hours: on request.

**“Vēršukalns”, the Museum of Cultural History of Susāji parish**

Phone: +371 29243878, *Svilpova, Susāji parish,*
www.vilaka.lv

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, program of bread baking and a special program for newlyweds. Working hours: on request.

**Museum of Viļaka**

Phone: +371 645 63302, +371 25926616, *Balvu Street 13, Viļaka,* www.vilaka.lv

Regular expositions: “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. Working hours: on weekdays 8:00–16:00.

**Viļāni County****Museum of Dekšāre parish**

Phone: +371 26315046, *Dekšāres, Dekšāre parish,*
vijaenkuzena@inbox.lv

The museum was opened on the 4th of May 1996. There is exhibition about the history of parish, school, and kolkhoz. A rich collection of Latgalian literature. Working hours: Monday–Friday 10:00–14:00, Saturday, Sunday – closed.

**Local History Museum of Viļāni**

Phone: +371 26476570, *Kultūras Square 2, Viļāni,*
www.rezeknesnovads.lv, muzejs-vilani@inbox.lv

Constant exhibition about the history of the city from ancient times till present days. Tours in Viļāni and Viļāni region. Working hours: Monday–Friday 8:00–12:00, 13:00–17:00, other days – on request.



AUKŠTAITIJĄ

Anykščiai District

Memorial museum of A. Vienuolis-Žukauskas

Phone: +370 381 58015, +370 381 52912, A. Vienuolio Street 4, Anykščiai, a.vienulis@delfi.lt, www.baranauskas.lt

The granary 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 granary 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: July–August: Friday–Sunday 9:00–18:00. September–June: Friday–Sunday 8:00–17:00.

**Memorial museum of B. Buivydaite**

Phone: +370 381 58138, Vilniaus Street 21, Anykščiai, a.vienulis@delfi.lt, www.baranauskas.lt

Manuscripts, books and personal things of the writer may be viewed in the museum. A sculpture and flower garden is being set up close by the house. Working hours: Monday–Friday 8:00–16:00.

**Centre of Sacral Art and Angels museum**

Phone: +370 381 51447, +370 663 77507, Vilniaus Street 11, Anykščiai, sakralinis@gmail.com, www.anyksmc.lt

Since July 23rd 2009 artwork collection, library and archive of Monsignor A. Talačka is exhibited there. The Centre is taking care of Monsignor's heritage; it has wide cultural activity – the Centre is dealing with the popularization of sacral art. On the 22nd of July in 2010 Beatričė Kleizaitė-Vasaris presented big collection of angels, and the museum of Angels was opened here – first museum of this kind in Lithuania. Working hours: May–June: Monday–Sunday – 10:00–17:00; July–August: Monday–Friday – 10:00–18:00, Saturday, Sunday – 10:00–17:00; September–October: Monday–Friday – 10:00–17:00, Saturday–Sunday – 10:00–16:00; November–April: Monday–Thursday – 10:00–17:00, Friday–Saturday – 10:00–16:00.

**Museum of Narrow-gauge Railway**

Phone: +370 381 58015, +370 612 81067, Vilties Street 2, Anykščiai, a.vienulis@delfi.lt, www.baranauskas.lt

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: May–October: Friday–Sunday 10:00–17:00, November–April: on request.



Horse museum

Phone: +370 381 51722, +370 623 70629, Niuronys, a.vienualis@delfi.lt, www.baranauskas.lt

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 of horse age, blacksmith tools, unique collections of philately and carved ware. The weaver, woodcarver and musical instrument master demonstrate their trade in the museum. about Christmas and Easter traditions. You may ride the horse, go for a drive in carriage, and teeter. Working hours: May–August: Monday–Sunday – 9:00–18:00. September–April: Monday–Sunday – 8:00–17:00.



Educational programs

The estate of Liudvika and Stanislovas Didžiuliai

Phone: +370 381 43901, Griežionėliai, www.baranauskas.lt, a.vienualis@delfi.lt

The estate of Liudvika and Stanislovas Didžiuliai was the center 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: Wednesday–Sunday 8:00–17:00.

**Museum of Svėdasai (Važgantas)**

Phone: +370 682 33024, Kunigiškiai village, www.svedasai.lt

The basic museum building was built after revolt of 1863. An artist Kajetonas Sklėrius and a 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. Book your visit in advance.

**Memorial museum of J. Biliūnas**

Phone: +370 381 51722, Niuronys village, a.vienualis@delfi.lt www.baranauskas.lt

In the homestead of the writer J. Biliūnas there is a museum. The main exposition here is things of J. Biliūnas family. Sitting in the entryway in 1906 J. Biliūnas wrote his famous novels “Beggar” and “Sad story”. Working hours: May–August: Monday–Sunday – 10:00–18:00, September–October: Monday–Sunday – 9:00–17:00, November–April: Tuesday–Saturday – 8:00–17:00.

**Utena District****Local History Museum of Utena**

Phone: +370 389 61637, +370 389 61634, Utenos Square 3, www.utenosmuziejus.lt, utenoskm@gmail.com

The building, in which the museum is located, is the second oldest building in Utena town. Exhibits of archeology, 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: Tuesday–Friday 10:00–18:00, Saturday 10:00–17:00.



Pottery museum of Vytautas Valiušis

Phone: +370 615 49525, +370 686 22807, Topoliu Street 7, Leliūnai, www.keramikosratas.visiems.lt

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: Tuesday–Friday 10:00–18:00, Saturday 10:00–17:00. Book your visit in advance.

**A. and M. Miškiniai Ethnographical Homestead and Library**

Phone: +370 611 42148, Juknėnai, www.utenosmuziejus.lt

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 house was built more than 100 years ago. In 1986, the house and the barn were used for Utena Countryside Museum exposition for A. and M. Miškinis. Here annual traditional poetry evenings and literary festivals of Utena town and region litterateurs take place. Working hours: Tuesday–Saturday 8:00–16:00.

**Wolf museum**

Phone: +370 651 38327, Indubakių village, Saldutiškio subdistrict, ramuno.atelje@lykos.com

Wolf museum is established in the farmstead where film director and cameraman Petras Abukevičius worked in the last years of his life and created the 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. Book your visit in advance.

**Brewage Museum**

Phone: +370 389 34317, +370 698 03447, Salų village, Sudeikių post, www.abuva.lt, info@abuva.lt

In the brewage museum 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. Book your visit in advance.

**Zarasai District****The museum of Zarasai region**

Phone: +370 385 52456, D. Bukontas Street 20/1, Zarasai, muziejus@zarasai.lt, www.zarasai.lt

Visiting the museum visitors in its spacious halls will be able to see the immortalized history of the region, old documents, fishing and hunting tools and trophies, ecclesiastical literature, clothes, paintings of the fellow-countryman M. Šileikis, sacral sculptures. Working hours: Tuesday–Friday 9:00–17:00, Saturday 9:00–16:00.



The museum of church art in the church of Holy Cross

Stelmužė village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The museum was established in 1997.

**Memorial Museum of linguist K. Būga**

Phone: +370 385 52456, Pažiegė village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

In one of the rooms there is a reconstructed interior of Būga's time, using authentic furniture and things. Books written by the Professor are exhibited here, along with family photographs. In the hallway there is an exposition, which tells about the linguist's life, scientific and social activities. Working hours: Tuesday–Friday 9:00–17:00, Saturday 9:00–16:00.

**J. Žilinskienė personal collection “Sea museum”**

Phone: +370 385 59426, Laisvoji Square 14, Salakas, www.zarasai.lt/tic

V. Žilinskienė is always happy to see guests, visitors of the museum. And not because some of them send a new exhibit to her museum. She is a kind companion, an excellent expert of her collection, and an active citizen of Salakas. We have no doubts that during your visit to the “Sea museum”, you will learn not only the secrets of depths, but also about Salakas and its surroundings. Working hours: Tuesday–Friday 9:00–17:00.

**Salakas ethnographical exposition**

Phone: +370 385 59426, Laisvoji Square 14, Salakas, www.zarasai.lt/tic

Salakas ethnographical exposition will reveal the way of living of Salakas people in the 20th century. Here you also will be able to learn about the most beautiful festivals of Salakas, old crafts and celebrities. Old photos, maps and renovated exhibits remind history of Salakas land. Working hours: Tuesday–Friday 9:00–17:00. During summer season also works on Saturdays.

**Antazavė Museum of History**

Phone: +370 385 41316, Antazavė village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

Antazavė museum is founded in the former mansion of Antazavė manor, built in the beginning of the 18th century by Count Ludwik Plater.

**Antalieptė Region Museum of History**

Phone: +370 385 57340, Antalieptė village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

Exhibits of the museum are brought from Antalieptė and its region. They tell about region's history, famous region people and about cultural heritage.



MUSEUMS

VITEBSK REGION

Braslaw District

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 burial 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 Hora ("Castle Hill"), 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 – day off.

**Traditional History Museum**

Phone: +375 2153 22230, Gagarina Street 8, Braslaw

Museum is located on the shore of Lake Drivjaty 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.



Miory District

Museum of History and Ethnography

Phone: +375 2152 41915, Shkolnaya Street 12, Miory

Located in the center 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 37228, Lenina Street 84, 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 masterpieces of local craftsmen.

Folk Local History Museum of the Secondary school No. 3

Phone: +375 2152 41153, Komsomolskaya Street 14, Miory

The museum was founded in 1986. Exhibition items were collected by the school students and friends 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.



Environment Museum

Phone: +375 2152 35329, *Chepuki village*

**G. Tsitovich Museum**

Phone: +375 2152 34612, *Noviy Pogost village*

**Polotsk District****National Polotsk Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve**

Phone: +375 214 425234, www.polotsk.museum.by,
muzey@vitebsk.by

All museums organize individual and group excursions, sell souvenirs.

**History Museum of Saint Sophia Cathedral architecture**

Phone: + 375 214 422201, +375 214 425340,

Zamkovaja 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. Today there is a museum of architecture of the cathedral, in which there is a concert hall of chamber and organ music. On a square near the cathedral the Boris stone is located, which has a sacral meaning.

**Belarusian Book Printing Museum**

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. Skaryna. Working hours: 10:00–17:00, Monday – closed. During the summer: 10:00–18:00, Monday – closed.

**Simeon of Polotsk Museum and Library**

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. Skaryny Street 2a, Polotsk

Here you can see collections of cult-applied crafts of the 12th–19th centuries, icon painting of middle of the 17th – beginning of the 20th centuries, secular portrait arts of the 18th century, Belarusian visual crafts of the 20th–21st centuries. Excursions, permanent exhibition in Russian language, two exhibition halls for changing exhibitions, arts salon. Working hours: 10:00–17:00, Monday – closed. During the summer: 10:00–18:00, Monday – closed.



Permanent exhibition in the house of Peter the First “Walk along Nizhnepokrovskaya Street”

Phone: +375 214 422855, Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 33, Polotsk

Located on the bank of Western Dvina. Exhibition takes place in the house of Peter the First, architecture monument of 1888. Exhibits tell the history of Nizhnepokrovskaya street, institutions and people who have lived and worked on this street in the beginning of the 20th century. Working hours: 10:00–17:00, Monday – closed. During the summer: 10:00–18:00, Monday – closed.



Local History Museum, Lutheran Church building

Phone: +375 214 422715, Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 11, Polotsk

Exhibition takes place in the building of Lutheran Church, an architectural monument of the late 19th century. 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. During the summer: 10:00–18:00, Monday – closed.



Traditional Weaving Museum of Poozerje

Phone: +375 214 423041, Voykova Street 1, Polotsk

Exhibition tells about history, traditions and characteristic features of Poozerje weaving (Hlybokaye, Myory, Verkhnyadzvinsk, Pastavy, Dokshytsy and Polatsk districts of Vitebsk region) of the late 19th – early 20th centuries. Working hours: 10:00–17:00, Monday – closed. During the summer: 10:00–18:00, Monday – closed.



Museum of Battle History

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. During the summer: 10:00–18:00, Monday – closed.



Children's Museum

Phone: +375 214 424558, Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 46, Polotsk
 Located on the bank of Western Dvina, there is a flower garden on the territory of the museum. Museum is located in the building, which is an architectural monument of the late 19th – early 20th centuries. 8 permanent exhibitions in Russian language. There is a computer hall. Working hours: 10:00–17:00, Monday – closed. During the summer: 10:00–18:00, Monday – closed.



Nature and Environment Museum

Phone: +375 214 424213, F. Skaryny 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. 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.



Museum in the apartment

of Z.M. Tusnolobova-Marchenko, Hero of the Soviet Union

Phone: +375 214 439469, Gvardeyev 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 last few years of her life. Working hours: 10:00–15:00, Monday – closed.



Rossony District

House Museum of Partisan Glory

Phone: +375 2159 41228; +375 2159 41008 – Department of sport and tourism, Mezžno village

Museum is located at the shore of a picturesque lake. Here, the first district party conference took place in May 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

Phone: +375 2159 41367, Sovetskaya Street 10, 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 Masharov, 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. Guided tours and a permanent exhibition in Russian. Working hours: 08:00–17:00. Monday off.



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Museum of Partisan Life

Phone: +375 2159 41228; +375 2159 41008 – Department of sport and tourism, Rovnoe Pole village

This open-air museum, founded in 2002, is situated in the Rovnoe Pole village, at the spot where 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.

**School museum “Patriotic War of 1812”**

Phone: +375 2159 34752, Klyasticy village

The school museum is dedicated to the events of Patriotic war of 1812 and the battle of Klyasticy. The exhibition contains maps, documents, paintings, equipment and a diorama dedicated to the battle. Excursions, permanent exhibition in Russian.

**Verkhnyadzvinsk District****Museum of Ivan Chersky**

Phone: +375 2151 59309, Shkolnaya Street 11, Volyntsy village

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 for a lifelong exile as a private soldier to Omsk, where he became engaged in geological and paleontological studies. From 1877 to 1881 Chersky accomplished a complex geological study of Baikal Lake, and developed the first geological map of its shores. 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.

**House museum of the folk club “Belye vorony” (“White crows”)**

Phone: +375 2151 28661, Kohanovichy village

Holding of theme parties, festivities. Conference room for 60 people. Permanent exhibition on the history of the club in Russian and Belarusian. Opportunity to spend the night in the house-museum (place for 20 persons, plus 10), gas cooker, fireplace, traditional bath.

House museum “At grandma Paraska’s place”

Phone: + 375 2151 57338 (TIC), Tinkovcy village

Permanent exhibitions in Belarusian: “Local Household”, “Osveja Tragedy”. Special exhibitions about the Belarusian-Latvian bonds. Nearby – valley of the Western Dvina, old park. Opportunity to spend the night in the house-museum (place for 10 persons, gas cooker, stove).



Vitebsk District

Vitebsk Literature Museum

Phone: +375 212 370589, Frunze Street 13, Vitebsk

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 etc. Working hours: 11:00–18:00. Monday, Tuesday off.



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. Museum's first permanent exhibition – a memorial hall – was created in 1995. The museum was officially opened on February 17th 1996. It is situated in the residential building, which was constructed for soldiers-internationalists. 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. Saturday, Sunday 9:00–17:00.



Marc Chagall House Museum

Telephone: +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. Off days: November 1st – May 1st: Monday, Tuesday; May 1st – November 1st: Monday.



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", "Graphic Arts of Marc Chagall". The museum collection 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. Monday, Tuesday off.



MUSEUMS

Vitebsk Regional Local History Museum

Phone: +375 212 364712, +375 212 360587, Lenina Street 36 (the building of former 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. Tuesday off.

**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: 09:00–19:00.

**Vitebsk District Local History Museum**

Phone: +375 212 200336, organizational questions: +375 212 365781, Oktyabrskaya village
Organization of excursions, exhibitions.

**Vitebsk Art Museum (Branch of Vitebsk Regional Local History 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 etc.). Working hours: 10:00–18:00. Monday – off.

**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. Sunday and Monday off.



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. Exhibition hall is open from 10:00 till 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. Monday – off.

**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. Exhibitions of modern Belarusian and foreign artists take place. Working hours: 10:00–18:00. Monday and Sunday – closed.

**Exhibition hall of the Center of national crafts and arts "Dvina"**

Phone: +375 212 360581, +375 212 370062, Chaykovskogo Street 3, Vitebsk

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. In the centre the creative workshops on traditional arts are located, as well as an exhibition hall with a gallery. 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: +375 29 6789590, Zaronovo village

15 different museums, created in the schools of Vitebsk district. Organizer of excursions: Nikitina Lyudmila Gennadyevna.



MUSEUMS

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. Museum is a corporate museum of the unitary transport enterprise “Витебское трамвайно-троллейбусное управление” (“Vitebsk tram and trolleybus administration”). Working hours: 8:00–17:00.

**Private Collections Museum (Branch of Vitebsk Regional Local History Museum)**

Phone: +375 212372269, 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. Museum's numerous collections in the sphere of numismatics, bonistics, sphragistics, faleristics, and sculpture are regularly extended thanks to the generosity of other Vitebsk collectors. Collection of postcards of the late 19th – early 20th centuries with sights of Vitebsk is kept in the museum funds. Postcards belong to the collection of Kolkov. Working hours: 10:00–18:00. Monday off.

**Repin's museum-estate Zdravnevo**

Phone/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. 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. The most valuable exhibits, which are now kept in the regional local history museum funds, include Repin's watercolors, pictures, icons created for the Slobodskaya church, as well as original photos, letters and books of Repin.



Estates, Castles, Castle Mounds, Ancient Burial Sites

Landlords, barons and counts have left us their imposing properties – estates and castles – as a testimony to their power. Each estate and castle has its own destiny. Some had not withstood the ravages of time and only their ruins remain, but some still regale the eyes of the visitors by their splendor and are the main attraction and pride of the town. It is always exciting to visit such places. Stepping over the doorstep of the castle, we feel as if we are the witnesses of the history of several centuries. In our fantasies, we dance in the magnificent ballrooms, drink tea on the terrace or simply walk in the magnificent park. Sometimes, however, our fantasies can be interrupted by a mysterious sound – it is, after all, customary for ghosts to live in old estates and castles.



ESTATES, CASTLES, CASTLE MOUNDS, ANCIENT BURIAL SITES

LATGALE

Aglona County

Castle mound of Madelāni

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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 mound are found. 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 the year 1000 BC, which is proven by shards of handmade pottery, as well as tools from bone and stone. The history sources claim that the Madelāni lord's daughter became a wife of Lithuanian king Mindaugas.



Baltinava County

Estate park of Baltinava

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The park is laid out in the thirties of the 19th century by the order of German landlord Klodt. During making 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 from the age of 70 to 150 and a little river Supenka.



Balvi County

Building and park of Balvi estate and Bear garden

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Estate was built in 1769. The building was remodeled a number of times, in order to adapt it to the need of the school. Currently, the Balvi Centre of education and development is located there, along with a cafe. The estate hall has one of the best acoustics in Latvia. Bear garden (Lāča dārzs) – former orchard of the estate, which is surrounded by the hazel-tree lane, but in the middle of the garden there is a pond with a little 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 tourism information centre. You can book an excursion through the estate in the museum.



Cibla County

Eversmuiža castle

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

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



Felicianova "Pļēna muiža" ("Estate of Plen")

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The residential building of Felicianova manor is built in the beginning of the 20th century in neogothic style. It is a red brick two-storey house. A German called Plen, whose family once owned the land in the vicinity of the village, builds the house. Working hours: on request.

**Daugavpils City****Daugavpils fortress**

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The symbol of Daugavpils city. The only example of fortress remaining without changes from the first half of the 19th century in East Europe. A bulwark with 8 bastions, 6 ravelins, and 6 counterguards along with other defensive constructions creates the line of fortifications: lunettes, reduts and the moat. There is a bridge fortification on the left bank of Daugava. Every detail is created using experience of the best Russian and European architects. The inside is planned in a traditional way of soldier towns. Square in the middle and other buildings around it. All the buildings are performed in the empire style, except Nicolai gate and water tower – these two are made in the gothic shapes.

**Daugavpils County****Chervonka (Vecsaliena) Castle**

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www.visitdaugavpils.lv, parvalde@vecsaliens.lv

It is one of the few Upper Latvia (Augšzeme) estates (1870), which has preserved its noble image, authentic window stained glass (19th century) and the big hall with luxurious ceiling. The building is constructed in neogothic style, and it is covered by steep gabled-ridged roof. Before the WWII in the beautiful manor of Vecsaliena there was a school for peasant children. During the war Velta Staltmane, a scientist, doctor of philology, has graduated this school. After the war it became a Russian school and couple of years later it was closed. For many years it carried functions of an office of the local administration, a library and a concert hall. Book your visit in advance.

**Castle mound of Markova**

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One of the smallest castle mounds of Latgale, archaeological monument of state significance. The castle mound is set up on a gravel hill, from where there is a wonderful view at the ethnographical village of Slutišķi and Nature Park "Daugava bends".



ESTATES, CASTLES, CASTLE MOUNDS, ANCIENT BURIAL SITES

Castle mound of Vecpils and castle ruins of Dinaburga

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The castle mound is located on the very bank of river Daugava. It was inhabited already in the 8th–13th centuries. It is considered to be the place where Daugavpils was founded. Foundation ruins of Livonia Order Dinaburga castle, built in 1275, and a miniature model of the castle (1997) can be seen on the mound. Next to the castle mound a resting ground is set up – Knight Square.



Ilūkste County

Castle complex of Bebrene estate

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The complex includes the castle of counts Plāteri-Zibergi (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.



Kārsava County

Malnava estate

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The manor house is built in the 19th century. The structure of the manor is symmetrical around the circular yard, to which the gate at the beginning of the driveway leads. 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 the 19th century in classicism style, with two 4-pillar porticos on the main facade. There are some more household buildings remaining as well. There is also a park.



Ruskulova estate, park and old mill

Phone: +371 657 07363, *Ruskulova, Salnava parish, www.karsava.lv*

The estate was built in the 18th century. 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. The guides of Salnava School direct excursions.



Salnava estate

Phone: +371 657 07363 (*parish council*), *Salnava, Salnava parish, www.karsava.lv*

Estate complex of the 18th century with partially preserved original structure, which includes cultivated park, a picturesque pond with islets, and a giant boulder.



Silinieki castle mound

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Silinieki castle mound was inhabited since the 12th century. The ancient tales tell that in the castle mound golden money is hidden, which sometimes appears to people in different forms, such as two boys, or a mouse, or a lady in white with big black dog.

Krāslava County**Castle complex of Counts Plāteri**

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Architecture monument of the 18th century. The central building of the complex is the castle of Counts Plāteri, building of which began in 1765. Initially the castle was to be built in baroque, but in the late 18th and early 19th century was rebuilt according to principles of classicism. The only castle in Latgale with such unique wall paintings in baroque and rococo. The wall paintings were found in 1984 during scanning internal walls. Currently, the once luxurious castle can only be viewed from outside. Still, there is a magnificent view at the Daugava from the viewing platform, and you can also visit the Museum of Art and History that is located in one of the buildings of the complex. The area of the park around the complex is 22 ha; it still has a lot of varieties of flora – approximately 70 types of trees and bushes. The grotto of the castle was restored and the guard of the castle – a lion – was rebuilt. In the reconstructed stables a House of Crafts is located, in which various cultural events take place during summer: creative workshops, degustation of culinary heritage, and others.

**Līvāni County****Jersika castle mound**

Phone: +371 29157669, *Jersika, Jersika parish*

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.

**Ludza County****Istra estate**

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The estate is built in the 19th century with a large resting 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 guest-house is set up in the estate territory.

**Odukalna burial field**

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Ancient burial place of Latgalians (7th–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, Hermitage in St. Petersburg, National Museum of Helsinki and other museums.



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Ludza castle ruins of Middle Ages

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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 resting area of the inhabitants and visitors of the town; there is a beautiful look from the mound to the town panorama.



Preiļi County

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 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”).



Rēzekne City

Castle ruins of Rēzekne

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In the end of the 13th century knights of the Livonian order built a two-storey stone castle here, with three blocks and three-storey 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 square at the foot of castle mound is named after bishop Jāzeps Rancāns (1886–1969).



Rēzekne County

Īdeņa castle mound

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The castle mound of Īdeņa is situated in northwest abrupt slope opposite to lake Lubāns in the hollows between small ditches. You can observe a wonderful view to the lake and surroundings. It has been settled since the 11th century.



“Rāzna”, a rehabilitation centre of Latgale region

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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 rest house for artists. The beautiful place in the highlands of Latgale with a beautiful view to the foggy beaches of lake Rāzna was chosen on purpose. Architectural monument of local significance. Book your visit in advance.

**The building of Lūznava estate with a park**

Phone: +371 646 46017, *Lūznava, Lūznava parish,*
www.rezeknesnovads.lv, info@luznava.lv

Manor house and the barn (1905–1911) built in art nouveau and eclecticism. 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, and 2,6 ha of them are ponds. In 1991 a statue called “Madonna” was erected there, sculptor L. Voronņevska. Book your visit in advance.

**Mākonkalns (castle ruins of Volkenberg)**

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www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Not far from the lake Rāzna there is a mountain Mākonkalns (Cloud mountain), 249 m above sea level – it is called also Padebešu kalns. In 1252 on the top of this mountain Livonia Order built one of the first fortifications in Latgale – castle of Volkenberg.

**Micānu – Kirkas hill**

Bērzgale parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

The small castle in Priekšukalns (on Kirkas hill) was transformed into a Lutheran church in 1792, which existed till 1912, when it was struck by a lightning and burned. Old people used to tell that under the church there was a big cellar where the treasures of Manteifels and the church were hidden and Manteifels were buried there.

**Springu castle mound**

Phone: +371 29121275, *Ozolmuiža parish,*
www.rezeknesnovads.lv

It is located in the outskirts of Rēzekne and is remarkable for its strange shape.



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Veitko estate

Phone: +371 646 44642, Rītupes Street 27, Bērzgale, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

New estate building was built in 1832 – with a spacious balcony on the second floor. Estate building has been preserved. Since 1993 the dorms of East Latgale Professional Secondary School are located here.



Zosna (Veczosna) estate

Phone: +371 646 07421, Zosna, Lūznava parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

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 is built in 1870 by the order of Grand Duke Gļiciņš. It is one of the rare buildings built in filled framework construction in Latgale.



Riebiņi County

Galēni (Ošupe) estate complex

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The core of the complex is the estate of counts Borhi, built in the 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 guardhouse, which are located around the front yard.



Pastari windmill

Phone: +371 29464960, Stabulnieki parish

Unique due to the fact, that this is the only reconstructed Holland windmill with turning mechanism in Latvia.



Rušona estate

Phone: +371 27533033, Rušona parish, www.rusonasmiuza.lv
An excellent place for rest – the banks of lake Rušons, where an estate built in 1903 in neorenaissance style is located. It's a one-storey stone building with two-storey central part, two-slope and four-slope roof. Reconstructed in summer 2007. Beautiful park around the estate.



Stables of the Kastire estate

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Architecture monument – stables of the former Kastire estate (19th century) – located near the outlet of river Jaša. Kastire estate since the beginning of the 19th century till the beginning of the 20th century belonged to the Žaba family, from which descended the famous traveler N. Žaba (1805–1885) and his brother, famous researcher of Kurd language, literature and history A. Žaba (1800–1894).



Gelenova park

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rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv

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 on Bicānu lake. Created in the 90s of the 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.

**Riebiņi estate castle with a park**

Phone: +371 653 22041, +371 20116431, *Riebiņi*

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 former days 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 the 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.

**Sacrificial place on Upursala island**

Phone: +371 29118597, +371 653 22100, *Rušona parish*

It is an ancient cult place of Latgalians, 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.

**Vārkava County****Vārkava estate**

Phone: +371 28239646, *Skolas Street 5, Vecvārkava, Upmala parish*

Built in 1865. Currently houses the county board.

**Castle of Arendole estate**

Phone: +371 29229713, *Arendole, Rožkalni parish*

It is built as a hunting castle and is envisaged for rest. The last owners of the castle at the beginning of the 20th century were the counts Plāteri-Zibergi, whose loyal attitude towards the peasants saved the estate from decay. Book your visit in advance.



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Viļaka County

The building of Viļaka estate

Phone: +371 645 63302, +371 25926616, *Pils Street 9–11, Viļaka, www.vilaka.lv*

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 State Gymnasium of Viļaka. Next to it there are estate household buildings including 2 outhouses, a park and stone brick fence. Excursions should be booked in the museum of Viļaka. Working hours: on request.



Zilupe County

Zaļesje estate

Phone: +371 657 29874, *Zaļesje, Zaļesje parish, www.zilupe.lv*

Former property of Baron Rozen. Beautiful, spacious castle, park, outbuildings and servant house at the lake.

**Pasiene estate**

Phone: +371 657 29925 (*parish council*), +371 28656530 (*guide*), *Pasiene, www.zilupe.lv*

The first building of the estate was built in the 17th century; in the 18th century Polish king August III gave the estate to the great chancellor of the Pasiene – Janis Borhs, who later built a temple there. In the end of 18th century, the property comes into the possession of the Benislavi family.

The last owner of the estate was Countess Obolenska. In the after war period there was a Pasiene secondary school here, and since 1977 a recreation centre. Book your visit in advance.



AUKŠTAITĪJA

Anykščiai District

Castle mound of Palatavys

Palatavys village

In the 13th–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.

**Castle mound of Šeimyniškėliai**

Anykščiai

It is the most explored castle mound in Lithuania. The archaeological findings give evidence that in the 13th–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.



Burbiškės estate*Burbiškės village*

The estate was built in the 17th–18th centuries, from 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 Liudvika and Stanislovas Didžiuliai**

Phone: +370 38143901, *Griežionėliai village*,
www.baranauskas.lt, a.vienuolis@delfi.lt

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: Wednesday–Sunday 8:00–17:00.

**The estate of Raguvėlė***Raguvėlė*

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.

**Utena District****Narkūnai castle mound**

Phone: +370 389 54346, *Narkunai village*

Archaeologists have declared that the settlement existed in the year 1100 B.C. As the story tells, the legendary Grand Duke Utenis built a castle here and established a settlement. The locals named the central square in the name of the Grand Duke, as well as a newspaper and a football team.

**Taurapilis castle mound**

Phone: +370 389 54346 (TIC), *Taurapilis village, Tauragnai subdistrict*

It is said that there is a mysterious cave in the castle mound and that in silent summer evenings beautiful kokle music can be heard from there.

**Pakalniai castle mound**

Phone: +370 389 54346 (TIC), *Pakalniai village, Leliūnai subdistrict*

Pakalniai castle on the western side of the lake Vidinkstas rises. This mound, also known under the name of “Švedų baterija” (“The Swedish Battery”), is wrapped in a shroud of mysterious legends.

**Šeimyniškiai castle mound**

Phone: +370 389 54346 (TIC), *Šeimyniškiai village, Užpaliai subdistrict*

One of the largest castle mounds in Utena district (length – 80 m, width – 40 m).



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Wedding hill

Phone: +370 389 54346 (TIC), Kloviniai village, Utena subdistrict

Kloviniai Pond and Wedding Hill attract many holidaymakers. The Hill was established in 1987 when national and local folk artists met here and depicted the old Lithuanian wedding rites and their participants by oak sculptures.

**Zarasai District****Pakalniškės castle mound**

Turmantas eldership, www.zarasai.lt/tic

Dates back to the 1st century BC – 1st century AD. Located on the shore of lake Ramis.

**Verslava castle mound**

Antalieptė eldership, www.zarasai.lt/tic

One of the most astonishing mounds in the district.

**Velikuškės II (Sala) castle mound**

Antazavė eldership, Sartai Regional Park, www.zarasai.lt/tic

There is evidence, that there was a settlement here long ago.

**Pakačinė (Dembos) castle mound**

Antazavė eldership, Sartai Regional Park

It was used from the 1st century BC to 1st century AD.

**Former manor of Antazavė**

Antazavė village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

Building started in the middle of the 18th century. Nowadays it is Antazavė Public Museum of History.



VITEBSK REGION

Braslaw District

Maskovich Castle Mound

Phone: +375 2153 22735 (TIC), *Maskovich village*

Archaeological finding of the 11th–15th centuries, mostly characteristic to Scandinavian culture. Among those – adornments and bones with runic inscriptions, which simply have no analogues not only in Belarus, but also in all lands of East Europe. Experts believe that Scandinavian settlers living among Slavs made the inscriptions in the 12th–13th centuries. Supposedly, the castle mound was destroyed in the 15th century during the opposition of Principality of Polotsk and crusaders. A beautiful scenic view opens from atop the mound, with forests, fields, and lakes of Nespish and Nedrovo.

**Plateru estate**

Phone: +375 2153 22735 (TIC), *Opsa village*

Built in 1904 as a Plater family residence. Hospital was located here during the WWI, and in 1922 Polish government bought the estate from Platers to establish an agricultural school.

**Chapel in the agricultural town of Ahremovcy**

Phone: +375 2153 22735 (TIC), *Ahremovcy village*

The once rich park has been partially preserved, as well as the chapel of Christ the Saviour, which is interesting for its architecture. It was built on the funds of count Felix Plater. Has all the characteristics of gothic style, built of red brick and rubble. In the central chapel a family tomb of Platers was located, which was destroyed during soviet rule.



Miory District

Lopatinski estate

Phone: +375 2153 32150 (TIC), *Leonpol village*

Lopatinski estate is the oldest building in baroque style in Miory district, built in the second half of the 18th century. Lopatinski family is known for their rivalry with the Radivilli family. There were four paintings of Rubens, their own publishing house, chemical and physical laboratories, and many other things. The estate was the cultural centre of the region; all local landlords visited the balls there.

**Miloshy estate**

Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), *Idolta village*

Construction began in 1873. In a short time, a magnificent, elongated from south to north, two-storey building was built. Over the entrance there is a mansard with balcony, which stands on four rectangular columns. Under the estate there was a large dungeon. In the tomb there was a well with spring water.



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Mirskii estate

Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), Kamenpolye village

The estate had 10 rooms. Interior was quite modest. Local craftsmen made most of the furniture. Since Mirski's were hunters, the walls of their study room were decorated with trophies and weapons.

**Rudnickiy estate**

Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), Dedino village

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. Up to recently, this has actually been functioning.

**Polotsk District****Saint Sophia Cathedral – Upper castle**

Phone: + 375 214 42 53 40, Zamkovaya Street 1, Polotsk

See History of Architecture Museum in the Saint Sophia Cathedral. Working hours: daily: 10:00–17:00, Monday – off. In summer: 10:00–18:00, Monday – off.

**Rossony District****A house with a hundred windows (Landowner Glazko castle)**

Phone: +375 2159 41008, +375 2159 41228, Komsomolskaya Street 13, Rossony

The former estate of landowner Glazko, erected in 1900, now hosts the Youth Art Palace, but local inhabitants still call this building "A house with a hundred windows". 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 bought bricks from abroad, with every single brick wrapped in paper! The architect did his best and decorated the estate with all romantic features of Gothic style. After the revolution of 1917, the married couple left the country and went abroad.

**Ruins of the Sokol Castle**

Phone: +375 215941008, +375 215941228, Kulnevo village

At the confluence of the rivers Drissa and Nishcha there are ruins of the Sokol castle, an ancient fortress, built at the times of the Livonian War of the 16th century. Only but memories remain of its glory... It used to be a real knight's fortified castle replicating the best German and Scandinavian examples. The castle was laid down in 1566 by the order of Russian Tsar Ivan the Terrible. A high wooden wall surrounded the mighty fortress with 11 towers. The castle was surrounded by rivers on two sides and by a mound on the third side, which seemed like an inexpugnable stronghold. Alas, the fairy tale knight's castle survived only for 13 years and was razed down on September 11th, 1579 by the troops of the King of Poland and the Grand Duke of Lithuania Stephan Batory. The battle had around 4 thousand casualties.



Verkhnyadzvinsk District

Estate and park complex of Nitoslavskie

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Opytnaya village

The complex was created in the village Opytnaya in the second half of the 19th century. The estate used to belong to different owners, but some local residents still remember one of the most notable names, that of the Nitoslavskie noble family. The estate is a true Old Classical building. It used to include the estate house, a chapel, household buildings and a small park with a pond. Estate house is a single-storey rectangular stone building with two side counterforts. Central part of the house is two-storey. It is a typical estate of the 19th century with a pond and artificial island in the centre of the estate complex. Earlier, the pond was crossed by small bridges, which added special romantic scent to the place... Before World War II, the 16th border patrol squad stayed in the estate. The troops kept the estate in perfect order and even laid out new alleys and flowerbeds. Later, an experimental station was opened here; the name "Opytnaya" ("experimental") was so popular with local residents that after the war it became the official name of the village. After the war, the estate used to host a construction college, followed by education courses for the kolkhoz chairpersons, and a veterinary college (1957 – late 1960^s). After being used as a summer pioneer camp for some time, the estate was abandoned.



Estate park in Osveya

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Osveya village

Nature monument with a total area of 27 ha. Take a walk along the Osveya park with the ruins of a once-famous palace (the palace was destroyed in 1914 and has never been restored); it is considered to be one of the most interesting examples of park design in the Vitebsk region.



Vitebsk District

Repin's museum-estate Zdravnevo

Phone: +375 212291673, 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. 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. The most valuable exhibits, which are now kept in the regional Local History Museum funds, include Repin's watercolors, pictures, icons created for the Slobodskaya Church, as well as original photos, letters and books of Repin.



Churches

The integral component of Latgale, Aukštaitija and Vitebsk regions' landscape is its cultural-historical heritage – churches of different confessions, which, in the course of centuries, have been spiritual centers. They have been built in different periods and reflect different styles of art – splendid Baroque, restrained Classicism, as well as different neo-styles with the features of national Romanticism. The towers of churches serenely mirror in the blue lakes and store historical evidences and mysterious legends in their walls, as well as give the landscape majesty and nobleness.

Latgale cannot be imagined without the holy way to Aglona, which brings together many thousands of pilgrims in the middle of August every year. Similarly Latgale and Aukštaitija cannot be imagined without the crucifixes along the roads, permanently reminding about strong bonds between the man and the God. Vitebsk region also opens its heart and churches to the pilgrim. There are a lot of holy places in the region – magnificent churches, from which you will be in awe, and holy relics, which heal both body and soul. The spirit of Euphrosyne of Polotsk, saint protectress of Belarusian land, watches over the ancient Polotsk, and in the monastery, founded by her, a national holy relic is held – the Cross of Saint Euphrosyne.

Even if you are not religious, visiting the churches will leave lasting impression, because many of them are unique evidences of history of culture. If you are a believer, this information will be your irreplaceable helper on the way to the sacred world. Compare different feelings in the churches of different confessions, get acquainted with the world, in which you are invited by the ancient temples and sense the touch of the Divine!



LATGALE

Aglona County

Aglona Basilica

Phone: +371 653 81109, +371 29188740, *Cirīšu Street 8, Aglona*, www.aglona.lv, abv@aglonasbazilika.lv

The Basilica, built in the Baroque style, springs up in the landscape with 60 m high towers (the first half of the 18th century, 1768–1800). The sacred painting “Miracle-worker Virgin of Aglona” (17th century) is famous for its remedial 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. Working hours: on request.

**Bērzgale Church**

Phone: +371 26134126, *Bērzgale*, www.aglona.lv

The church was built from 1744 till 1751. It is one of the oldest wooden churches in Latvia. 32 monuments of art can be observed there. The church organ is one of them. Working hours: on request.

**Kovaļova Old-Believer Church**

Phone: +371 26154785, *Kovaļova, Grāveri parish*, www.aglona.lv

Excursion in the church (1861) and father Jefim's story about the traditions of old-believers. Working hours: on request.



Baltinava County

Baltinava Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 645 63318, +371 29341738 (*museum*), *Baltinava*

The church was built 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 damaged during the WWII. A priest Alfons Misjuns, who spent in Baltinava 17 years, renovated it. Apply for a tour in Baltinava museum.

**Baltinava Orthodox Church**

Phone: +371 29341738 (*museum*), *Baltinava*

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.



Balvi County

Balvi Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 645 21375, Baznīcas Street 3, Balvi, www.balvi.lv

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. The Museum of Balvi municipality organizes excursions to the church.



Balvi Evangelical Lutheran Church

Phone: +371 26840337, Bērzpils Street 17, Balvi, www.balvi.lv

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. The excursions are organized by the museum of Balvi.



Bērzi Catholic Church

Phone: +371 645 44405, Bērži, Bērzpils parish, www.balvi.lv

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.



Tilža Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 26545870, Tilža, www.balvi.lv

Church was built 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 an organ.



Tilža Evangelical Lutheran Church

Phone: +371 26545870, Tilža, www.balvi.lv

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, Tilža, www.balvi.lv

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.



Tilža Baptist Preaching-house

Phone: +371 26545870, *Tilža*, www.balvi.lv

The first Baptists in these parts first appeared in the begging of the 20th century. The preaching-house was built in 1929.

**Cibla County****Eversmuīža St. Andrew Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 29230204 (*guide – Malvine Loce*), *Cibla*

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. Working hours: on request.

**Blessed Virgin Mary Annunciation Roman Catholic Church of Pušmucova**

Phone: +371 26171746 (*priest*), +371 28345990 (*parish*), *Pušmucova, Pušmucova parish*

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

**Dagda County****Andrupene Roman Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 656 52287, *Andrupene*, www.dagda.lv

The church and the parish existed already since the beginning of the 18th century. The chancellery reports of Vitebsk governor of 1854 tell that the present brick church is built in the place of the burnt one. The present brick church of Andrupene is built in 1849 in honour of Virgin Mary. The church has no towers and it is quadrangular. The ceiling is made from oak tree. There is a room with three stone altars in the church. 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. Working hours: on request.

**Dagda Roman Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 656 53634, +371 656 81420, *Alejas Street 2, Dagda*, dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv

The church was built in honour of holy trinity 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. The church is an architectural monument of national importance. There one can see pieces of art, altars, organ, pulpit, sculptures, a monument to Count Hilzens family, etc. Working hours: on request.



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Dagda Old-Believer Church of Nikolai Pokrov

Phone: +371 656 81420, *Ludzas Street 6, Dagda*,
dagdas.fenikss@inbox.lv

The building is not a cultural-historical monument, but the inner furnishings and holy things of the church are of great value. Working hours: on request.

**Landskorona Roman Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 29429028, *Šķaune*, www.dagda.lv

A wooden chapel in Landskorona existed already in 1696. In 1828 at the expense of landlord Mārtiņš Karņickis the present church of Landskorona was built. It was renovated and expanded in 1859. It is 34 m long and 17 m wide building, built using the base of the old church. In the main altar there is picture of holy trinity performed in a stained glass, and a Jesus Heart statue. There is a sculpture of Lurda Virgin, and it is the first time this kind of statue is placed in Latgale. A mess is hold in honour of Lurda Virgin on the 11th day of the month. Working hours: on request.

**Daugavpils City****Memorial place of the first Old-Believer Preaching-house in the Baltic States**

Phone: +371 654 22818 (TIC), www.visitdaugavpils.lv,
info@visitdaugavpils.lv

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, Roman Catholic Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, SS Boris and Gleb Russian Orthodox Cathedral and Church of the Community of Old Believers.

**Church Hill**

Phone: +371 654 22818 (TIC), *18. Novembra Street*,
www.visitdaugavpils.lv, *info@visitdaugavpils.lv*

Every traveler who wants to see Daugavpils has to visit the Church hill – it is the place, where churches of four confessions are located side by side – St. Martyrs Boris and Gleb Orthodox Cathedral, Martin Luther Lutheran Parish Church, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church and the first Old-Believer Community Preaching-house.

**Daugavpils St. Peter in chains Roman Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 654 20583, *Rīgas Street 39*, www.visitdaugavpils.lv

It is built in 1848–1849. Architectonic similarity with the St. Peter Basilica in the Vatican. The big dome of the white temple is upheld on four double pillars. Working hours: on request.



Grīva St. Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 654 24194, Baznīcas Street 28,
www.visitdaugavpils.lv

At the end of the 19th century in Grīva there were an old-believer church and a synagogue, but the Roman-catholic community had no church. It was built in 1881–1889, rebuilt in 1935–1942. The only church in Latvia, where window stained glass made in the St. Lucas workshop in Warsaw (1889) can be found. Working hours: on request.

**Grīva Old-Believer Preaching-house**

Phone: +371 654 22818 (TIC), Sēlijas Street 56,
www.visitdaugavpils.lv

Stone church harmonically has become a part of the wooden building of Grīva housing estate. It can be observed from the outside only.

**Synagogue**

Phone: +371 29548760, Cietokšņa Street 38, w
www.visitdaugavpils.lv

The building of Synagogue – the preaching-house of Kadišs – is built in 1850. It spatially fills up the corner of a block in the centre of the city, and its facades are turned towards Lāčplēša and Cietokšņa Streets. On the second floor of the synagogue there is a museum “Jews in Daugavpils and Latgale”. Working hours: on request.

**St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Chapel**

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

It is located on A. Pumpura Square, where in former days there was Orthodox cathedral named after the Saint grand duke. St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral was built in 1864. In 1961 it was closed, but on November 18th, 1962 at 4:00 o'clock it was blown up. The Chapel (2004) is opened every day. Working hours: at any time.

**Daugavpils County****Ambelī St. George Roman Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 654 40034 (priest), Ambelī, Ambelī parish,
www.visitdaugavpils.lv

It is a wooden church with small spire with a cross on the roof. There is no precise information about the time the church was built, although some sources claim that in 1782 it already existed. In 1888 the chapel was rebuilt, there are numerous monuments of art preserved in the church. Very important example of Latgalian Baroque is the woodcarving of the altar. It is the oldest wooden church in Daugavpils region. Working hours: can only be observed from outside.

**Berkenele (Birkeneļi) Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Phone: +371 29272200 (The house of J. Rainis), Birkeneļi, Kalkūne parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv, berkenele@inbox.lv

There is a lonesome Berkenele Evangelic Lutheran Church (1830) in Berkenele Lutheran Cemetery. Count Friedrich von Klopman built the church. The spire is decorated by the oldest weathervane (1649) in Daugavpils region. Can only be observed from outside.



CHURCHES

Demene Roman Catholic Church of the Most Holy Jesus Heart

Phone: +371 26310831 (priest), Demene, Demene parish,
www.visitdaugavpils.lv

Building of the church begun in 1932, led by M. Voitekunas, but the World War II halted the construction. The church got its sacral significance back in 80s, and construction was completed by August 30th, 1992, and it was consecrated. Can only be viewed from outside, at any time.

**St.Jesus' Heart Catholic Chapel in Dubna (Varsavena)**

Phone: +371 29155921 (priest), Dubna, Dubna parish,
www.visitdaugavpils.lv, info@visitdaugavpils.lv

The chapel was built in 1800. It is a peculiar octagonal wooden building with an elongation in the part of altar. This is the only sacral building in Daugavpils Municipality of such kind. Restoration works were done in 1882. Then the oak tree altar and the painting of Jesus Heart were made. On the 9th of October, 1882, the owner of Dubna manor Broņislavs Benislavskis who was the owner of the chapel by that time asked bishop Fialkovski to change the title of the chapel and call it in the name of Jesus Heart. Working hours: observation from the outside only, at any time.

**St.Jesus' Heart Roman Catholic Church in Elerne**

Phone: +371 654 71197 (priest), Elerne, Tabore parish,
www.visitdaugavpils.lv

The stone building of the church was built in 1650 in the Gothic style, with one tower; the spike was built in 1911. Till 1761 it served the needs of the Lutheran parish. Its architecture and details correspond with other churches built in Kurzeme dukedom at that time. The similarities are also seen in the interior. It is also seen from woodcarving fragments in mannerism style – the heads of angels over the whole hall and a relief of annunciation of Mary. Later Lutherans exchanged this church with Catholics for the Sīķele Church. Working hours: observation from the outside only, at any time.

**Jaunborne Crucifix**

Phone: +371 654 71197 (priest), Jaunborne, Saliēna parish,
www.visitdaugavpils.lv

Erected in 1907 on the boulder. In the recess there is a framed picture of the aide of Virgin Mary. There is writing in Polish language on the frame – 15th of October 1907. Further goes the appeal to Mary to give health. Under the niche there is a tin tablet with writing in Polish on it: "Matko Boska Nieustajacej Pomocy Mōdl się za Nami".

**Jaunborne Saint Cross Roman Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 654 71197 (priest), Jaunborne, Saliēna parish,
www.visitdaugavpils.lv

Built in 1859 from the funds of Polish landlord J. Sivickis. In 1890 it was rebuilt and in 1921 renovated. Art lovers can be interested in some separate items here; the most interesting thing could be the woodcarving of organ prospectus. There are 3 altars in the church. In the main altar there is a cross of the Saviour. In the choir room there is an organ (renovated in 1975) and a harmonium. Working hours: observation from the outside only, at any time.



The Most Holy Altar Sacrament Roman Catholic Church of Kalupe

Phone: +371 654 20972 (priest), Kalupe, Kalupe parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv

It was built in 1882 in shape of a cross. The church is made of red brick, without towers, 34,4 m long and 19,2 m wide. Over the facade rises an iron cross. The church is built in shape of the cross, with a tin roof, wooden ceiling, and the cement-tiled floor. In 1913 the walls were artistically painted. There are three altars with many sculptures of saints in the church. Working hours: from outside only, at any time.



Krivošejeva Old-Believer Preaching-house

Phone: +371 654 22818 (TIC), Krivošejeva, Bīkernieki parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv, info@visitdaugavpils.lv

The church was built in 1906–1907. The building of the church is a log building, which is paneled with horizontal boards. There are two towers. The icons are made in the period of the second half of the 19th century till 60s, 70s of the 20th century. Working hours: from outside only, at any time.



Crucifix Way

Phone: +371 654 71009, +371 29964210, Vabole parish, <http://www.catholic.lv/likсна/vabole.htm>, skrindu_muzejs@inbox.lv

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 road and all the activities connected with that is one of the most beautiful 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 Skrinda family offers an excursion and a documentary “Crucifix way”. Working hours: on request.



The Most Saint Jesus Heart Roman Catholic Church of Likсна

Phone: +371 654 75598, Likсна, Likсна parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv

The church is built in 1913 in the style of Neogothic. It is one of the most beautiful Neogothic sacred architectural buildings in Latgale. There are 2 symmetric towers on the both sides of the entrance, and the small tower in the back made to keep the architectonic style. There are three bells in the towers: 609 kg, 124 kg, and 62 kg. In the front side of the church there is a big window and the statue of Jesus Heart is seen behind it. Working hours: on request.



Maskovska (Moscow) Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 654 25347 (parish board), Maskovska, Višķi parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv

It was built and sanctified in 1879. The altar is very simple, without any decorations. The gates of the church and some icons are made in a very old technique – Novgorod style. Working hours: from outside only, at any time.



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Medumi Old-Believer Preaching-house

Phone: +371 654 22818 (TIC), Medumi, Medumi parish,
www.visitdaugavpils.lv, info@visitdaugavpils.lv

It is built in the period from 1937 till 1940. Peculiar feature – the bell tower is located aloof from the Preaching-house. The book of the church, which was written in 1608, is included in the list of protected culture monuments. Working hours: from outside only, at any time.

**Saliena (Tartaks) Orthodox Church**

Phone: +371 654 22818 (TIC), Tartaks, Vecsaliena parish,
www.visitdaugavpils.lv, info@visitdaugavpils.lv

Saliena community is one of the oldest orthodox communities in the surroundings of Ilūkste. The church was built in 1894. It is made of split stone with red brick exterior decoration. Money for the building was gained due to efforts of Archbishop Arsenijs from the merchant from St. Petersburg A. I. Gruzdev. Iconostasis has one storey, artistically very valuable.

**Siķele Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Phone: +371 654 22818 (TIC), Siķele, Vecsaliena parish,
www.visitdaugavpils.lv

It is located in the middle of pinery not far from the left bank of the river Daugava. There was a small wooden church since long ago, which was brought by one of Latvian bondmen from Russia. The church was on fire several times, but was renovated every time. It belonged to catholic community in the beginning, but in the second half of the 18th century they handed it over to Lutherans for getting back the Elerne church. It was built in 1819. Next to the church there is an old Lutheran cemetery of Muravki with ancient monuments. The church can only be observed from the outside.

**Skrudaliena Orthodox Church**

Phone: +371 654 22818 (TIC), Skrudaliena, Skrudaliena parish,
www.visitdaugavpils.lv, info@visitdaugavpils.lv

It was built in 1800 as a branch of Červonka St. Nikolai church on the lands of the landlord Felkerzāms. In 1811 it became a church of the community. While building the Skrudaliena church, landlord Felkerzāms promised to care about the church and its outbuildings, but his descendants did not keep the promise and soon the church was in a miserable condition and it was no longer possible to hold the masses in there. And since it was vital for parish to have one, a new church was built (1862–1872). It is a wooden church, with a lot of decorative elements and details. Working hours: may be observed from the outside only, at any time.

**Višķi St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 654 40034 (priest), Višķi, Višķi parish,
www.visitdaugavpils.lv

Built in 1908–1925. A building of three naves made of hewed granite blocks. In the facade there are observed the motives of Romanesque. Eminent architecture monument of national importance. One of the few sacral buildings in Latgale that is built of split stones. The church belongs to the type of one tower basilica cross churches. Working hours: can only be observed from the outside, at any time.



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Bebrene St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 26109353, Bebrene, Bebrene parish, benita63@inbox.lv (guide)

Interesting paintings of the apostles on the outer wall. There are some features of the Classicism in the architecture of the church. It was built from 1797 till 1883. In 1798 the dean Matejs Juraho confirmed it. The church and the manor in the opposite are placed in one axis of composition. During WWI there was a German hospital in the church. There were high windows in the church. They were walled up to make them smaller, and they still remain like that. Working hours: from the outside only, at any time.



Dviete St. Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 26475480 (priest), Dviete, Dviete parish, tic@ilukste.lv

The church was built in 1864 in Baroque style with two high towers. It was dedicated to St. Stanislaus Kostka. It is a one nave cross shaped building with three altars, two sacristies, plank floor, vaulted stone ceiling. There is a stone fence around the church. The church has one of the most magnificent interiors in Daugavpils and Ilūkste regions. Working hours: from the outside only, at any time.



Family Chapel of Counts Plāteri

Phone: +371 26109353, Bebrene (Bebrene new Catholic cemetery), Bebrene parish, benita63@inbox.lv

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 Plāteri are immured. Working hours: on request.



Our Lady Birth Orthodox Church of Ilūkste

Phone: +371 20219694 (TIC), Raiņa Street 2a, Ilūkste, tic@ilukste.lv

There was a cloister and a 7-year gymnasium under the jurisdiction of the Church. This church was damaged during the WWII and during Soviet occupation it was closed. The renovation works were started in 2001. The small red brick church (1880) is characteristic by the external wall paintings. Working hours: from the outside only, at any time.



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The Most Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church of Ilūkste

Phone: +371 20219694 (TIC), Zemgales Street 1, Ilūkste, tic@ilukste.lv

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. Two pillars hold the choir room. There is an organ in it. There are 3 stone altars with wooden decorations, made after the example of Subate church. Working hours: from the outside only, at any time.

**Laši Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Phone: +371 20028330 (guide), Eglaine, Eglaine parish

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". Working hours: from the outside only, at any time.

**Subate Evangelical Lutheran Church**

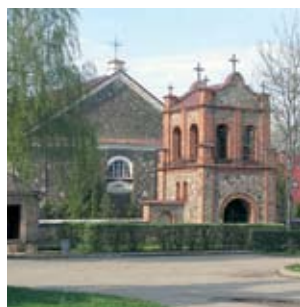
Phone: +371 20219694 (TIC), Baznīcas Street 32, Subate, tic@ilukste.lv

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. Working hours: from the outside only, at any time.

**Archangel Michael Roman Catholic Church of Subate**

Phone: +371 20219694 (TIC), Tīrgus Square 17a, Subate, tic@ilukste.lv

Built in 1831 at the expenses of the Count Mihails Zībergs-Plāters. The building has three naves; it's made of splintered stones, without towers, in the old basilica style, 30 x 16 x 9 m big. The church has three doors and 14 windows. There is a yard and stone fence around the church. At the same time when 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 wooden cross erected in 1889. Fence has a concrete roof. Church has a tin roof made in 1976. There are several 18th century sacred wooden sculptures made in Baroque style in the church. Working hours: from the outside only, at any time.



The Chapel of Zariņi (Zarinki) cemetery

Phone: +371 20219694 (TIC), Zariņi, Dviete parish,
tic@ilukste.lv

The chapel initially was located in Dviete in the park of the Count Plāters-Zibergs castle next to highway leading to Dviete. It was built approximately in 1750. After building a stone church in Dviete (1864), the wooden church was torn down and transported to Zariņi cemetery. The chapel is 6 x 5 m big, with A-line 2,5 x 2,5 m big altar. Entrance from the end (two-leaved door), 2 wide windows on the sides, and 2 narrow windows on the side of presbytery. A small tower with a bell on four columns on the roof. There is a cross on the tower. An old altar painting in honour of St. Ignatius Loyola on the wall. In the altar stone there are relicts of St. Bartholomew. Working hours: from the outside only, at any time.

**Kārsava County****Goliševa St. Trinity Orthodox Church**

Phone: +371 20223040 (priest), Goliševa, Goliševa parish,
www.karsava.lv

A wooden church, which is protected by the state, was built in 1841. The church is characteristic by external simplicity and luxurious arrangement of interior. As it is near the border, a special pass is necessary, issued by Border Guard. Working hours: survey of the church on request.

**Kārsava Pure-minded Euphrosyne Orthodox Church**

Phone: +371 657 33327, Stacijas Street 36, Kārsava,
www.karsava.lv, www.pierobeza.lv

The community was founded in 1911. In the same year in Kārsava parish school a temporal church was organized and the altar was built. 1917–1918 the priest of Kārsava parish A. Vickops arranged a church in his own house (14 x 83 m) and confirmed it in honour of St. Euphrosyne of Polotsk. In 1932–1938 with the help of the dean D. Zaharov and the community council the bell tower and the cupola was rebuilt and a cross at the altar was placed. A splendid church built in the traditions of Russian wooden architecture, where the well-known pastor Father Victor hears out the believers. Working hours: survey of the church on request.

**Rosary Our Lady Roman Catholic Church of Malnava**

Phone: +371 657 33558, +371 26528282 (priest), Baznīcas Street 1, Kārsava city,
<http://bazneica.lv/>, www.pierobeza.lv,
ajezugs@apollo.lv

Two churches are located side by side. The wooden church is built in 1762. Next to it there is a new beautiful church – bigger and more imposing, which opens its doors to congregation since 2003. Working hours: on request.



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Pudinava Holy Virgin Shelter Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 20223040 (priest), Pudinava, Mērdzene parish, www.karsava.lv

First Pudinava Orthodox Church was built in 1778. Present church was built in 1862 and renovated in 2011. Working hours: on request.

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

Phone: +371 20251327, Stiglova, Mērdzene parish, www.karsava.lv

Jesuits made the base of the church in 1706. There are 2 wooden chapels with bell towers next to the church, and a stone fence around the territory. Working hours: on request.

**Mežvidi Our Lady Roman Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 657 28268, Mežvidi, Mežvidi parish, www.karsava.lv

The church was established in a wooden house (1935) with a help of dean A. Dunskis. It is one nave building with wooden floor. Working hours: on request.

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

Phone: +371 26126901, Salnava, Salnava parish, www.karsava.lv

This church, rich with legends, was built in 1770. A protected architectural monument of local significance. Working hours: on request.

**Krāslava County****Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Church**

Phone: +371 26783660, +371 656 22201, Brīvības Street 28, Krāslava, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

Built in 1789 as a catholic chapel of St. Vincent hospital. In 1856 a piece of land was bought from Count Plāters 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. Working hours: on request.

**Auleja Roman Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 26629078, +371 29378955, Auleja parish, Auleja, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

One of the oldest wooden churches in Latgale, built in 1530. The old church had been destroyed during the war. The current stone church was built in Baroque style in 1709. Working organ.



Balbinova Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 26263061, Indra parish, Indra, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

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.



Indrica Catholic Church

Phone: +371 656 22201, +371 26263061, Indrica, Kalnieši, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

Unique wooden architecture monument (1655–1658). One of the oldest wooden churches in Latgale. In the choir room there is an old-fashioned organ with original woodcarvings. There are 4 altars with woodcarvings and ancient paintings. Working hours: on request.



Izvalta Catholic Church

Phone: +371 656 28238, Izvalta, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

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. Working hours: on request.



Krāslava Roman Catholic church of St. Ludwig

Phone: +371 656 22201, +371 656 23939, Sv. Ludvika Square 1, Krāslava, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

The church is one of the most characteristic examples of Baroque style in Latgale. The current stone church was constructed from 1755 till 1767, built according to the sketches of the Italian architect Antonio Paroko. The altarpiece “St. Ludwig Leaves for Crusade” represents the artistic culmination of the interior. It is one of the most valuable art findings of the last years. The masterpiece gives a wonderful lighting effect. There are two portraits of the 2nd half of the 18th century made by the Italian painter Filippo Castaldi: one is the portrait of Count Konstantins Ludvigs Plāters and the second – Countess Augusta Plāters (born as Oginska), who were the founders of the church. There are 13 altars in the church. Speaking of Krāslava Catholic Church and its significance for the region, 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 Catholic Basilica. From May to September the church is opened 8:00–18:30.



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Kombuļi Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 29378955, *Kombuļi parish, Kombuļi*,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

When in 1767 a new stone church had been built in Krāslava, the old was demolished and transferred to Kombuļi. This church in Kombuļi 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 Krāslava church. The improvement and reconstruction works of the church continued until the 40s of the 20th century. Services are held every day.

**Piedruja Roman Catholic congregation**

Phone: +371 29498354, +371 656 29632, *Piedruja parish, Piedruja*, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

First church in Piedruja was a wooden building, it was built in 1632. The Lithuanian State Chancellor Prince Leons Sapieha had built it. This church had burned down, but in 1759 the current stone church was built. There is an altar with illusory perspective in Piedruja Catholic church. Services are held every day.

**Pustiņa Roman Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 656 69292 (*parish administration*), *Robežnieki parish, Robežnieki*, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

The first Pustiņa church was built in 1737, it was a wooden building. In 1817 the new church construction had begun. It was built of red bricks; the foundations were from hewed stones. In 1899 church construction was completed; it was consecrated in the honour of the Virgin Mary's Ascension. Services are held every day.

**Priedaine Roman Catholic St. Brigit and St. Katharine Church**

Phone: +371 29498216, *Priedaine, Krāslava*,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

This is the newest church in the county. In 2007 it was consecrated in the honour of European guardians St. Brigit and St. Katharine. Beautiful stained-glass windows (author Nora Cēsniece) and interesting wooden interior.

**Līvāni County****Jersika Christ Transfiguration Church**

Phone: +371 26888809, *Jersika, Jersika parish*, www.livani.lv

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 “iron church”.



Līvāni St. Michael Catholic Church

Phone: +371 653 42405, Baznīcas Street 19, Līvāni, www.livani.lv, lkb@livani.lv

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.

**Līvāni Lutheran Church**

Phone: +371 653 41134, Dzelzceļa Street 17, Līvāni, www.livani.lv

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 Orthodox All Saints Church**

Phone: +371 26888809, Parka Street 9, Līvāni, www.livani.lv

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, <http://paxvobis.lv/rudzati/>

The building of Rudzāti parish church was finished in 1913. The count Plāters-Zibergs gave materials and funds for the building of the church. 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**

Gospori, Jersika parish, felix.sac@inbox.lv

Built in 1821. The church is 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.

**Znotiņi Our Lady Roman Catholic Church**

Znotiņi, Sutri parish, www.livani.lv

Znotiņi Catholic Church is a small red brick church, built in 1926. In soviet years it was doomed to decay, but now by the care of the parish it is restored and spruced, and invites travelers.



Ludza County

Brodaiža John the Baptist Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 29542421, Brodaiža, Pilda parish,
<http://turisms.ludza.lv>

One of the oldest churches in Latvia. 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.



The Lord Jesus Transfiguration Roman Catholic Church of Brodaiža

Phone: +371 29243655, +371 28384885, Brodaiža, Pilda parish,
<http://turisms.ludza.lv>, www.pierobeza.lv

The Dominicans of Pasiene built the first chapel in the 17th century, but the present stone church with very thick stonewalls is built in 1813 at the expenses of Brodaiža landlord K. Kiborts. It is a one-nave building with a small tower and 2 altars. The building is protected by the state. Working hours: on request.



Jewish Synagogue

Phone: +371 657 07203, +371 29467925,
 phone/fax: +371 65707202 (Ludza TIC), 1. maija Street 30,
 Ludza, <http://turisms.ludza.lv>, tic@ludza.lv,
ligakondrate@inbox.lv

On the turn of the 19–20th centuries Ludza was called Latvian Jerusalem, because then ~ 59% of Ludza inhabitants were Jews. From former 7 Jewish preaching-houses till nowadays only one Synagogue, built in 1800, has been preserved. It is a wooden building, paneled with red bricks. Damaged during the war, it now waits for reconstruction. Working hours: survey only from outside.



Virgin Mary Assumed into Heaven Roman Catholic Church of Ludza

Phone: +371 657 25653, Baznīcas Street 52, Ludza,
<http://turisms.ludza.lv>, www.pierobeza.lv

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 Karnicki 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>

Built in 1845 in the style of late Classicism by the design of A. Zaharovs. The temple adorns itself in the very centre of old town. It is 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

Phone: +371 657 29492 (*parish council*), +371 657 29439 (*guide*), +371 657 29443, *Ņukši, Ņukši parish*, <http://turisms.ludza.lv>, www.pierobeza.lv

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.

**Istalsna St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 657 29175 (*parish council*), +371 657 29458, +371 26488140, *Isnauda parish, Istalsna*, <http://turisms.ludza.lv>

In 1800 landlord Sokolovski built a wooden chapel, and in 1935 around the old one there a new grey concrete brick church with three altars, valuable paintings and crucifix was built. Working hours: on request.

**Vecslabada (Istra) Christ Resurrection Orthodox Church**

Phone: +371 657 29507 (*church*), +371 26370730 (*guide*), *Vecslabada, Istra parish*, <http://turisms.ludza.lv>

The church, built in 1908, is a monumental stone building with 6 towers. It is the biggest Orthodox Church in Latvian rural area. Working hours: on request.

**Preiļi County****Gornajaši Chapel**

Phone: +371 653 55643, +371 26027711, *Pelēči parish*, www.preili.lv

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**

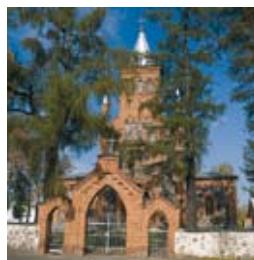
Phone: +371 653 35342, +371 26988969, *Moskvina*, www.preili.lv

Moskvina old-believer community is very old. The church is built in 1873. This community is 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. Working hours: on request.

**Preiļi Roman Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 653 22801, +371 29100689, *Tīrgus Square 11, Preiļi*, www.preili.lv

One of the most beautiful architectural monuments in the town. Built in 1878. The church is an architectural monument of local significance. 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.



CHURCHES

Preiļi Old-Believer Preaching-house

Phone: +371 29795474, Jelgavas Street 33, Preiļi, www.preili.lv

The old-believer preaching house existed in Preiļi since the 30s. It was located on the Raiņa Boulevard (Liepu Street). Only the gates remain, since in 1962 the preaching house was shut down and then torn down. In 1990 the head of the Preiļi old-believer congregation proposed and began the realization of an idea about the building of an old-believer church in Preiļi. Vasilij 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.

**Nīdermuiža Catholic Church**

Nīdermuiža, Pelēči parish, www.preili.lv

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. In the place of the burnt church the dean Jāzeps Andžejevskis built a new stone church in 1901. There is a very beautiful and big altar in the church, decorated with woodcarvings.

**Jasmuiža Roman Catholic Church**

Jasmuiža, www.preili.lv

A long time ago, in the Jasmuiža cemetery, a small wooden church was built. In 1815 local landlord Ksavery Shadursky, in the honor of Holy Cross, built a new stone church around the old one. It existed like this till 1926, when the dean Ostrovsky had everything but the stone walls demolished, in order to rebuild and enlarge it. It is now a 15 m long and 20 m wide cross-shaped church with several naves.

**Jasmuiža (Aizkalne) Orthodox Church**

Jasmuiža, www.preili.lv

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. On July 8th, 1904, it was consecrated in the name of Virgin Mary. It is 22x5 m large with two cupolas.

**Rēzekne City****Our Lady of Pain Roman Catholic Church of Rēzekne**

Phone: +371 646 23500, Atrīvošanas Avenue 87/89, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv

The church was built 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 Rēzekne**

Phone: +371 646 24522, Latgales Street 88b, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv

The biggest church in Rēzekne. Facade part of the cathedral is built in pseudoromantic style, and altar part – in pseudogothic. Cathedral is famous for its stained glass depictions of first Bishops of Livonia – St. Maynard and St. Albert. Since 1995 it is the Rēzekne–Aglona diocese center with a chair of a Bishop.



St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rēzekne

Phone: +371 646 22917, +371 29178835, *Raiņa Street 4, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv, www.rezekne.lēlb.lv*

The building of the church from red bricks in the place of an old wooden church started in 30s of the 20th century after a project of J. Cīrulis. The church has a sharp spire. The church 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 importance.

**The Orthodox Church of Birth of Our Most Blessed Lady of Rēzekne**

Phone: +371 646 22429, *Atrīvošanas Avenue 98, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv*

Project of the church was made by architects from St. Petersburg David Visconti and Charlemagne Bode II. The building of the oldest church in Rēzekne town was started in 1840, and it was consecrated 6 years later. Next to the church there is St. A. Nevsky chapel built in 1867.

**Rēzekne St. Nikolai Old-Believer Preaching-house**

Phone: +371 646 25471, +371 26354441, *Siņicina Street 4, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv*

The preaching house was built in 1895, and rebuilt in 1906 – a bell tower with three bells was added. The bells, teemed in 1905 from donated silver roubles, are the pride of the preaching house. There is also a museum here, which shows the lifestyle of Latgalian old-believers. Book your visit of the museum in advance.

**Rēzekne County****St. Anna Roman Catholic Church of Bērzgale**

Phone: +371 646 44633, *Ritupes Street 9, Bērzgale, Bērzgale parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv*

Church is 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, Gaigalava parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, catolic_bikava@inbox.lv*

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, Sakstagals parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv*

The church is a brick building of a Roman style. There is a painting "Madonna with a Child", crucifix and an organ.



CHURCHES

Dricāni St. Simeon and St. Jude Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 29214848, *Dricāni, Dricānu parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, marlau@inbox.lv*

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.

**Dukstīgals St. Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 646 23500, *Dukstīgals, Čornaja parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv*

The church burned during WWII and was renovated in 1947. In the central altar there is a picture and a statue of Our Lady.

**Feimaņi Roman Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 646 44892, +371 28673291, *Feimaņi, Feimaņi parish, www.feimani.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv*

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 67000, *Kaunata, Kaunata parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv*

The present stone church was built in 1850 in place of the old wooden church, which had burnt down. There is a picture in the church – “St. Elizabeth is visited by St. Mary”.

**Kuļņeva (Ilzeskalns) Orthodox Church**

Phone: +371 646 44580, *Ilzeskalns, Ilzeskalns parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv*

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.

**Malta (Borovaja, Borovska) Old-Believer Parish Church**

Phone: +371 643 4377, *Malta, Malta parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv*

The building started in 1931. An entrepreneur A. Grunčevičs built the church. The architecture monument of local importance. Simple building, with a small cupola in a shape of an onion. There are old relics in the church.



Malta (Rozentova) All Saints Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 646 34377, Malta, Malta parish,
www.rezeknesnovads.lv

A wooden log building with paired windows and onion shape cupola. A sun motive in the facade.

**St. Cross Honouring Roman Catholic Church of Malta (Rozentova)**

Phone: +371 643 4377, Rozentovas Street 4, Malta, Malta parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

An architecture monument of national importance. Notable painting "St. Magdalena at Jesus' Cross". Three movable altars – feretrons. Wooden log building built in 1780, confirmed in 1782.

**St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church of Nagļi**

Phone: +371 646 62413, +371 28615775, Nagļi, Nagļi parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

The Church was built in 1862 on the initiative of landlord Nābels. The organ dated by 1873 has been maintained in the church, three altars have paintings made in various times. Significant renovation has been made in 2011. Now the church, sparkling in its magnificence, is an important example of local constructing traditions.

**Virgin Mary Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church of Nautrēni (Rogovka)**

Phone: +371 646 28805, Rogovka, Nautrēni parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Nautrēni community church was built of bricks in Roman style in 1901–1914. Built on place where the old church was. Organ was bought in 1939, an art monument of national significance.

**St. Peter and St. Paul Roman Catholic Church of Ozolmuiža**

Phone: +371 646 40224, Ozolmuiža, Ozolmuiža parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

The church was built in 1820 at the expense of the counts Plāterī-Zibergi. 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, a cultural monument of national significance.

**St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church of Pilcene (Piļcine)**

Phone: +371 646 44069, +371 29214848, Pilcene, Dricāni parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

The oldest wooden church in Latgale built in 1772, special because of its half columns, hexagon tower, half circular windows, onion shaped cupola with a cross.



CHURCHES

The Most Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church of Puša

Phone: +371 646 46045, +371 29139057, *Puša, Puša parish*, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Church was built in 1743 on the funds of landlord Šadurskis. After finishing it was handed over to the Jesuits. In Puša there was a Jesuit mission established (Šadurskis mission). There are three altars in the church and the organ made by Latvian craftsman J. Gremze.

**St. Apostle Simeon and Jude Roman Catholic Church of Prezma**

Phone: +371 646 44830, *Prezma, Silmala parish*, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

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.

**Divine Providence Catholic Church of Rikava (Baltīņi)**

Phone: +371 646 62413, *Rikava, Rikava parish*, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

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 three 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 Riks family in the cemetery near the church.

**Virgin Mary Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church of Sarkaņi**

Phone: +371 646 44726, +371 25439574, *Sarkaņi, Lendži parish*, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

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, Gaigalava parish*, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

In 30s of the 19th century the government of Russian tsar eliminated Vecstrūžāni 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 was on fire, 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 Stoļerova**

Stoļerova, Stoļerova parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

A wooden church with two towers built in 1770 in Baroque style using only an axe, without using a single 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 region.



St. Archangel Michael Parish Church of Zosna

Phone: +371 646 07421, Zosna, Lūznava parish,
www.rezeknesnovads.lv

The church was built in 1800 for the donations 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.

**Riebiņi County****Riebiņi Catholic Church of St. Francis**

Phone/fax: +371 653 24375, Rušona parish, rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv

Building took place until 1907, under the leadership of dean Dominic Anderkus. From 1928 till 1933 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, Rušona parish,
rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv

Ancient wooden church of Pieniņi, built in 1806 by count Borhs, has been present till our days, although is being used as a warehouse. In 1936 curia ordered dean J. Kiselevskis to build anew church in another place – the shore of the lake. It's built of bricks in Gothic style with one tower. In 1939 main construction works were completed, and the church was consecrated in the name of Jesus Heart under the patronage of St. Anna.

**Vidsmuiža Roman Catholic Church**

Phone/fax: +371 653 24375, Galēni parish,
rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv

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 Stanislaus Žvegza.

**Rušona Church**

Phone/fax: +371 653 24375, Rušona parish,
rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv

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, 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.



CHURCHES

Lomi Old-Believer Preaching-House

Phone/fax: +371 653 24375, *Galēni parish*,
rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv

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, *Galēni parish*,
rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv

Wooden building of World War I period. A bit smaller than Lomi Old-Believer Preaching-House, and doesn't have as much icons. The parish consists of approximately 50 people.

**Tiša Old-Believer Preaching-House**

Phone/fax: +371 653 24375, *Gailiši village*,
Rušona parish, rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv

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 items of art, including 2 icons made in the 12th century.

**Vārkava County****Arendole Roman Catholic Church of Holy Virgin**

Phone: +371 654 20583, +371 26139541, *Arendole, Rožkalni parish*

In 1926 the dean of Kalupe Vitalis Treibšo bought a damaged stone building for the needs of the parish, which was previously used as a carpenter workshop in the Arendole estate. He built walls, ceiling, floor and tower, bought a wooden altar. In 1936 the church was consecrated.

**Kalupe Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Phone: +371 29505945, *Izdegas, Rožkalni parish*

In 1932 collection of donations started, the foundation was laid in 1935, and the church was consecrated in 1940. The church was built during the service time of priest Kārlis Briedis. Also the head of parish – Jānis Salinieks, made a large contribution.

**Vanagi Church of St. Anna**

Phone: +371 29122201, +371 29511995, *Vanagi, Upmalas parish*

In 1882 the first church in Vanagi was brought over from Vecvārkava and installed in the cemetery. In 1933 it was decided to build a new one. In 1934 the foundation of the new church was consecrated, and in 1936 the church was built and consecrated. It is interesting that the new church was built around the old wooden one.



Vārkava Roman Catholic Church of the Most Holy Trinity

Phone: +371 29223505, Padomes Street 4, Vecvārkava, Upmala parish, <http://paxvobis.lv/varkava/>

Built from 1877 till 1880, building led by dean Andrejs Čegis. Consecrated in 1896. Organ, bought in Lithuania, is a monument of art of state significance, and the church itself – an architectural monument of local significance.



Vīlaka County

Šķilbēni Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 645 21243, Rekova, Šķilbēni parish, skilbeni@vilaka.lv, www.vilaka.lv

There are two churches in Rekova – the old and the new one. The old temple – 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. You can book an excursion by phone: +371 28675992. There is a library inside. Working hours: on request.



Vīlaka Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 645 63332, +371 645 63302 (museum), Baznīcas Street 56, Vīlaka, www.vilaka.lv

Built in 1884–1891. It was sanctified in 1891. The Church has two 46 m high towers, around – brick fence. There is a 22-range organ made by Blomberg brothers in Warsaw. Working hours: on request. Excursions can be booked in the Museum of Vīlaka.



Vīlaka Evangelical Lutheran Church

Phone: +371 645 63302 (museum), Abrenes Street 15, Vīlaka, www.vilaka.lv

It was sanctified in 1928. The Church is an impressive building of boulders and red bricks.

There is a notable altar picture in the church “Jesus and His Disciples Walk through the Cornfield”, painted by Ā. Reinholds. An architecture monument of a local importance. Working hours: on request. Excursions can be booked in the Museum of Vīlaka.



Vīlaka Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 645 63302 (museum), Eržepoles Street 61, Vīlaka, www.vilaka.lv

The Church was built in 1871. It is located in the highest point of Vīlaka – on the castle mound of ancient Latgians. Church burnt down in 1964, but in 1991 it was restored. Working hours: on request. Excursions can be booked in the Museum of Vīlaka.



Viļāni County

St. Archangel Michael Roman Catholic Church of Viļāni

Phone: +371 646 62413, *Kultūras Square 6a, Viļāni*,
www.mariani.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

In 1753 Baron Miķelis Riks started to build the present ensemble of Viļāni stonewall church and monastery. The central altar of the church has been decorated with 8 Corinthian order columns, above which in the architrave there is an inscription *Quie ut Deus* (in English – “Which is like God”). On the left there is the altar of Heart of Jesus, on the right – the altar of sufferings of Jesus Christ where wooden crucifix made in the 18th century has been placed and ascribed with a power of miracle worker. The huge number of appreciation wots testifies about medically inexplicable healings and miracles. The church of Viļāni and its locality have turned nowadays into significant place for the pilgrimage.



Viļāni monastery of St. Albert

Phone: +371 646 62413, *Kultūras Square 6a, Viļāni*, www.mariani.lv, mariani@mariani.lv

After the invitation of Miķelis Riks in 1753 Bernardian monks arrived in Viļāni. They served to the congregation, managed congregation school. 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 a diocese were serving to the congregation. In 1924 monks of Marians arrived in Viļāni – Benedikts Skrinda and Bronislavs Valpītrs. Before the war 42 fathers and brothers of Marians were living in the monastery and serving the congregation. The World War II had broken the productive operation of monastery. In 1944 German troops, retreating from Viļāni, blew up 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 shooting range. In 1989 the monastery with its buildings was given back to Marians. At the present 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.



St. Alois Roman Catholic Church of Ostrone

Phone: +371 646 62413, *Sokolki parish*, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

As a temporal church it was built in 1935 under the guidance of the congregation provost father of Marians B. Valpītrs on the land gifted to the congregation by J. Pušmucovs. The war and years of occupation had stopped the construction works on a new church irreversibly. There are three altars with sculptures of saints in the church.

Zilupe County

St. Dominique Roman Catholic Church of Pasiene

Phone: +371 657 29925, +371 28656530 (*guide*), *Pasiene*,
Pasiene parish, www.pierobeza.lv

One of the most magnificent Catholic churches in Latgale, which was built in 1761 in peculiar Polish Baroque style with outstanding values of architecture and art. There are numerous monuments of art – central altar, side altars, and pulpit. Working hours: on request.



Savelīnki Chapel

Phone: +371 28656530 (guide), Kalnu Street, Zilupe

The Chapel is built in the 19th century, renovated in 1908. It is a miniature commemoration room with three Baroque altars, decorated with woodcarvings. The importance of Savelīnki church to the town is not studied enough. This church has a brilliant Baroque style woodcarving dated in 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. Working hours: on request.

**Lauderi Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church**

Phone: +371 26592725, +371 657 29678 (parish council),

Lauderi, Lauderi parish

Wooden church, protected by state. Built in 1767, contains numerous art monuments. On request.

**Zilupe Catholic Church**

Phone: +371 26516714, +371 28656530 (guide – Ilga Ivanova), Zilupe

In 1934 Bishop Rancāns confirmed a wooden church brought from Raipole. It has 2 bell towers, 2 sacristies. Working hours: on request.

**AUKŠTAITĪJA****Anykščiai District****Church of St. Matas**

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Vilniaus Street, Anykščiai

Built in 1899–1909. It is built in neo-gothic style. It is also the brightest accent of town's panorama. The church is the highest among the two-tower churches of Lithuania; its towers are 79 m high. There are numerous monuments of art inside.

**Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Church**

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), Anykščiai

The first wooden church in Anykščiai town 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 building 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, Andrioniškis eldership

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. Markūnas.



CHURCHES

Archangel Michael Church in Svėdasai

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), *Svėdasai, Svėdasai eldership, www.svedasai.lt*

In written sources Svėdasai Church is dated with the year 1522. The count Liucijonas Marikonis in 1848 built a 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. The church, bell tower and the chapel are famous with the bells of the 17th century.

**Inkūnai Our Lady Church**

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), *Inkūnai, Andrioniškis eldership*

"This simple Our Lady Church is located near the rivulet Šaltinelis, surrounded by a mysterious forest. The local engineer Pranas Markūnas designed the church. In the foundation of the Church there is engraved the date of sanctification – 1942.

**Jesus Heart Church in Burbiškis**

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), *Burbiškis, Anykščiai eldership*

The Church was built only in 1932, but after the war 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 set up in 1955.

**St. Anna Church**

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), *Traupis, Traupis eldership, www.traupis.lt*

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 SS. TRINITATIS 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, Kurkliai eldership*

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.

**St. Virgin Mary Church in Užunvėžiai**

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), *Užunvėžiai, Kurkliai eldership*

St. Virgin Mary Church was built in 1940 (architect K. Reisonas).



St. Virgin Mary Church in Skiemonys

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), *Skiemonys village, Skiemonys eldership*

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, Kavarskas eldership*

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.

**St. Stephan Church in Raguvėlė**

Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), *Raguvėlė, Troškūnai eldership, www.raguvele.lt*

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**

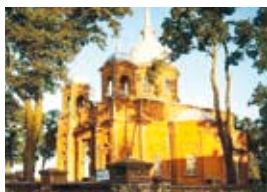
Phone: +370 381 59177 (TIC), *Troškūnai*

The Church is built at the end of the 18th century in the style of late Baroque (architect M. Knakfus). Seven altars. In one of them there is a statue of St. Virgin Mary famous for her mercy. 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.

**Utena District****Christ Assumption Church**

Phone/fax: +370 38954346 (TIC), *Vytauto Street 4, Utena*

The stone church, built in 1882–1884, is very special, because its trunion cross is covered with a big central cupola. It is a mixture 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/fax: +370 38954346 (TIC), *Aušros Street 78, Utena*

The church was built in 2005 and represents modern 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/fax: +370 38954346 (TIC), Sudeikiai Street, Utena*

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/fax: +370 38954346 (TIC), Sudeikiai village*

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 – white.

**Užpaliai Holy Trinity Church and Bell tower***Phone/fax: +370 38954346 (TIC), Užpaliai village*

It is one of the oldest bell towers in Lithuania; it is built in 1847 thanks to investment of local inhabitants. Four-storey bell tower has square shape; there are 3 spans of different size. Next to the tower there is an eclectic architecture church with the features of Gothic and Romanticism. Working hours: on request.

**Vyžuonos Church***Phone/fax: +370 38954346 (TIC), Vyžuonos village*

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. Working hours: on request.

**Leliūnai St. Joseph Church***Phone/fax: +370 38954346 (TIC), Leliūnai village*

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.

**Zarasai District****Jesus Cross Church and Belfry***Stelmužė village, www.zarasai.lt/tic*

Stelmužė's mission Church of the Holy Cross began its history in 1650. It was built by Latvian craftsmen using only axe, without saw and iron nails; the exterior of the temple is characterized by monumental expression and heavy proportions, and the whole composition is dominated by a two-pitched roof of rafter constructions. The belfry of Stelmužė church, in the western part of the churchyard, has been there since the middle of the 17th century.



The Zarasai Church of St. Mary's Ascension

Bažnyčios Street, Zarasai, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The church was built in 1842-1862, in Neo-baroque style. There is a God's Mother's effigy on the grand church altar. According to the local legend, the Grand Duke of Lithuania Vytautas donated the effigy.



Church of Holy Trinity

Dusetos, www.zarasai.lt/tic

Built in 1886-1888 in the New Romantic style, there are remains of some works by L. Gogel.



St. Mary's The Suffering church

Salakas village, www.zarasai.lt/tic, www.salakas.lt

This church, built in 1906-1911 in Neogothic and Neoromanticism style, is very unusual. Its walls are a collection of different kinds of boulders. The interior is modest, but there is a lot of light.



The Tiberiad Community of the Roman Catholic Fraternity Monks

Phone: +370 385 43694, Baltriškės village, baltriskes@tiberiade.lt, www.tiberiade.lt

Brother monks constantly live here since 2001. The characteristic feature of this particular brotherhood is the attention they pay to life in the brotherhood, its quality, trust, and popularization of Franciscan way of life. Book your visit in advance.



The Apparition Site of St. Virgin Mary

Kvintiškės village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

People say that this event happened 35 years ago. Nearby the nameless rivulet, connecting Ilgis and Pakaušis lakes, St. Virgin Mary appeared to two youngsters. The news of this happening spread far beyond the village of Kvintiškės. Throughout the year many people visit this place. Those who have visited it feel at ease, full of strength, a spiritual resurrection. Crucifixes are often built on the shore of Ilgis lake, and in summer everything is decorated with flowers.



Church of Jesus on the Cross

Imbradas village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

It was built in 1786-1787, a traditional wooden church in classical forms of folk architecture.



CHURCHES

Church of Providence

Antazavė village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The wooden church, built in 1794, is remarkable for its characteristic features of Baroque architectural style and complex shapes. Built with using only an axe.

**Orthodox Church**

Kauno Street Zarasai, www.zarasai.lt/tic

In 1885 the old wooden Orthodox Church was moved to a new place in Orthodox cemetery and it was dedicated to All Saints. The church has remained in the cemetery till our days.

**Church of St. John the Baptist**

Vajasiškis village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The church was built in 1863. Its traditional architecture is characterized by cruciform layout, flat front wall with a triangular pediment without ornamentation, flat interior ceiling and thin columns. In 1912 the church was renovated.

**The Church of the Blessed Jesus Heart**

Turmantas, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The church was built in 1928. At first it did not have the rights of a parish and the service was not kept in Lithuanian. Only in 1939, after Turmantas had been returned to Lithuania, the Lithuanian language was begun to be used in the church.

**The Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Queen**

Tilžė village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The church has a single nave, a rectangular layout with a small open turret above the pediment. Its walls are boarded up with horizontal planks. In the centre of the pediment there is a round window. There is one altar in the church.

**The Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Rosary**

Smalvos village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The foundations of the church are made of stonework, walls of axed timber, which is reinforced with vertical supports from inside, and from outside boarded with horizontal planks. The rafter roof of the church is covered with tin. Facades are dominated by flat surfaces. Three altars in Baroque style.



The Church of Exaltation of the Blessed Cross

Aviliai village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The history of the church goes back to 1812–1818. The architecture of the church has a typical traditional layout: a prolonged rectangular with a modest front without a portico. The central altar is impressive, with Kalvarija being depicted on it.



St. Cross Church

Antalieptė village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The church was built in the 18th century in late Baroque style. After a revolt in 1831 the church was closed. It was used for various purposes, and in 1918 it was returned to the parish.



St. Casimir Church

Baltriškės village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

Current wooden church was built in 1920. Although the church was built in the traditions of folk architecture, it has typical features of Classicism – a rectangular layout and a turret. Now the church is ministered by the monks of Tiberiada Community from Belgium.



The Old-Believer Church

Vytautas Street, Zarasai, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The church was built in 1992, when the old preaching house was relocated to Polivarkas village.



The Old-Believer Church

Turmantas, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The construction began in 1930 by the means contributed by believers and was finished in the summer of 1933.



The Old-Believer Church

Minauka village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The community of old-believers in Minauka was established in the second half of the 18th century. The church was built in 1904.



CHURCHES

The Old-Believer Church

Rüsteikiai village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

According to archival documents the community of old-believers in Rüsteikiai was established in 1890.

**The Old-Believer Church**

Raistiniškiai village, www.zarasai.lt

The community of old-believers in Raistiniškės is one of the oldest not only in Zarasai region but in the whole Lithuania, too. During the World War II the old-believers of the village barely escaped the tragedy of the village of Pirčiupiai: they were closed in the Orthodox Church and would have been burnt alive for taking part in killing a German soldier. Fortunately, Russian soldiers who took the blame for killing the soldier upon themselves saved them.



VITEBSK REGION

Braslav District

Catholic Church of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Phone: +375 2153 22760, +375 2153 21792,

Sovetskaya Street 23, Braslav

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 Braslav Lakes Lady. Every year, August 22nd, the church holds worship celebrations of this miraculous icon. In August 2009, the icon of the Blessed Virgin Braslav Lakes Lady was crowned with Pontifical crowns, 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 Braslav Blessed Virgin icon is the first icon to be incoronated in the Vitebsk region and the seventh in Belarus.

**Church of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin**

Phone: +375 298187818, Braslav, Sovetskaya Street

In front of the Catholic Church of Nativity, there is a Church of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin (1897) – a beautiful architectural monument of the Pseudo-Russian style.

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church and Bernardine Monastery**

Phone: +375 215325109, 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 215322735 (TIC), Druya village

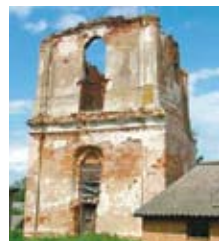
Orthodox Church of the Annunciation was one of the main shrines in Druya. It used to be a wooden building on the territory of the Orthodox monastery, which had existed in Druya since the 16th century. In the 18th century, it was the only Orthodox monastery in the Braslav region, and the monastery church (erected in stone after 1687) was the only Orthodox church in the Braslav 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 Paul

Phone: + 375 215322735 (TIC), Druya village

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 preserved. 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.



Church of Arrival of God's Providence

Phone: +375 29 7153668, 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 of special value. 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 in Belarus, built 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.



Miory District

Church of the Virgin Mary Shkaplarnaja

Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), Milosheva Street 1, Idolta village

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.



CHURCHES

Church of the Most Holy Jesus Heart*Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), Perebrodye village*

Located on the shore of Obstero lake, close to Braslav–Vitebsk highway.

**Church of Immaculate Conception of Most Holy Virgin Mary***Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), Dzisna*

Built in 1773. Located in the smallest city of Belarus.

**Church of the Holy Trinity***Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), Noviy Pogost village*

Built in 1853, located in the centre of the village.

**Church of the Holy Cross***Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), Cvetino village*

Built in 1864, located in the centre of the village.

**Church of Saint George***Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), Perebrodye village*

Monument of architecture, built in 1863, located on the shore of Obstero lake.

**Church of Saint Nicholas***Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), Kalinovaya village*

Built in the late 19th century, located in the centre of the village.

**Church of Saint Nicholas***Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), Noviy Pogost village*

Built in 1880, located in the center of the village.



Church of Saint Nicholas

Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), *Uzmeny village*

Built in 1882, located in the centre of the village.

**Church of Saint Nicholas**

Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), *Chrrassy village*

Built in 1886, located in the middle of the village.

**Church of Christ Transfiguration**

Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), *Yazno village*

Built in 1901, located in the centre of the village.

**Old-Believer Church of Holy Trinity**

Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), *Kublischino village*

Built in the beginning of 20th century, located in the centre of the village.

**Old-Believer Church of Holy Assumption**

Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), *Nivniki village*

Built in the beginning of 20th century, located on an elevation near a lake.

**Holy Trinity Church**

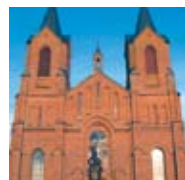
Phone: +375 297131509 (*father Sergey*), *Leonpol village*

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 pulled down and a small dome was constructed above the roof. The Trinity Church is a folk architecture monument with Baroque features.

**Roman Catholic Church of Assumption of Virgin Mary**

Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), *Kirova Street, Miory*

Architectural monument, built in 1907, located in the centre of the Miory city, on the shore of a lake.



CHURCHES

Resurrection Church of the 19th century

Phone: +375 2153 32150 (TIC), Yubileinaya Street, Disna

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 August 10th a mass procession is held here, with the icon being carried along the streets of the town from Resurrection Cathedral to Hodegetria and back.

**Church of Miory**

Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), Miory

Located in the centre of Miory city, near train and bus stations.

**Church of Saint Peter and Paul**

Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), Grigorovich village

Built in 1877, located in the centre of the village, near the Minsk–Miory highway.

**Golomyslo Church**

Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), Golomyslo village

Built in the second half of the 19th century, located in the centre of the village.

**Idolta Chapel**

Phone: + 375 2153 32150 (TIC), Idolta village

Built in the middle of the 19th century, located on the peninsula on lake Miloshevskoye.

**Polotsk District****St. Sophia Cathedral**

Phone: +375 2144 25340, 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 the 18th century it was destroyed by an explosion of gunpowder warehouse.

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 music.

Working hours: daily 10:00–17:00, Monday – off. In summer – 10:00–18:00, Monday – off.



Monastery of the Savior and Saint Euphrosyne

Phone: + 375 2144 21429, fax: + 375 2144 25672, *Euphrosyne of Polotsk Street 89, Polotsk*

This monastery is one of the most popular city sights. Euphrosyne of Polotsk, granddaughter of Vseslav Charodei, founded it. At the age of 12, the princess took the veil and became a nun. Later, she founded a female monastery. 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. 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. At the end of her life, Euphrosyne went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and died in Jerusalem in 1173. In 1910, hallows of Saint Euphrosyne were brought to the monastery and today numerous pilgrims from all corners of the world arrive to Polotsk to pray. A famous contemporary Belarusian artist Nikolai 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.



Polotsk–Hlubokaye Diocese of Belarussian Orthodox Church

Phone: + 375 2144 28852, +375 2144 18375, *Euphrosyne of Polotsk Street 80, Polotsk*

Bogoyavlensky Monastery and Cathedral

Phone: +375 214422926, *Nizhnepokrovskaya Street 24, Polotsk*

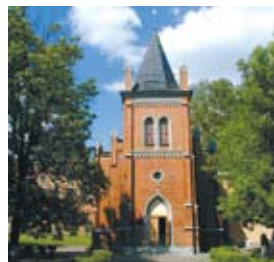
This male monastery was founded in 1582 and was considered to be main centre of Orthodoxy in Polotsk. In the 17th century there was a monastery school, in which the famous scientist, writer and teacher Symeon of Polotsk taught. In 1761–1779 the stone church was built. In 1780–1788 the monastery was expanded. Its residential building now hosts the museum and library of Symeon of Polotsk and a unique book-printing museum. In 1991 the church was handed over to believers.



Lutheran Chapel

Phone: +375 2144 22715, *Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 11, Polotsk*

In the end of the 19th century there were just a bit more than 200 Protestants. In 1888 they built a stone chapel in neogothic style. Since 1926 it hosts a local history museum.



Old-Believer Church

Phone: +375 2144 42113, *Uspenskaya Street 10, Polotsk*

The old-believer church was built in 1997. Currently it is a working church.



CHURCHES

Svyato-Pokrovskaya Church

Phone: +375 2144 58844, F. Skoryny Street 48, Polotsk

Built in 1781, initially was a cemetery church of Bogoyavlenskii monastery. Rebuilt and consecrated in 2004.

**Church of Saint Andrew Bobola**

Phone: +375 2144 33390, Dzerzhinskogo Street 54 a, Polotsk

Roman Catholic Church of Saint Andrew Bobola was built in 1997. Currently it is a working church.

**Church of the Martyr Josaphat**

Phone: +375 2144 37175, Novoselov Street 70, Polotsk

Greek Catholic Church of martyr Josaphat Kuntsevych was built in 1990.

Rossony District**Svyato-Voznesenskaya Church**

Phone: +375 2159 42506, Kolhoznaya 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.

**Verkhnyadzvinsk District****Saint Nicholas Church**

Phone: 375 2151 57023, Gagarina Street 3, Verhnedvinsk

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 Street 45, Verhnedvinsk

This Catholic shrine 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 Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

Phone: +375 2151 26846, *Tsentralnaya Street 65, Rositsa village*

The Lopatinski 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. Its walls heard passionate prayers and moans of people who were doomed to perish or become Fascist captives. The occupants burned more than 1600 civilians to death in Rositsa; among them were such famous Marianists as Antoni Leschewich and Yuri Kashira. After the war the Catholic Church was used as a village club, horse barn, shop, storehouse and grinding-mill. It was only in 1988 that the church began to function again, and in 2000 it was fully restored. In 1999 Pope John Paul II canonized Rositsa martyrs.



Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary

Phone: +375 296873421 (*father Leonid*), +375 2151 23777, *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 Ignatii Lopatinski 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 used by Orthodox Christians for prayers. 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.



Vitebsk District

Church of the Annunciation

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Tysiacheletia Square, Vitebsk,

<http://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. A very special technology was used in the process of church construction: 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 this purpose. In 1961, the damaged church was blown up under the order of the city authorities. In 1998, the church was restored.



Saint Barbara Church

Phone: +375 212253157, *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, as well as a chapel, which was situated close to the church. During the restoration of the church in 1998–1994, kaplica of the St. Cross Ascension was also restored. The church is known for its organ; numerous organ music concerts are regularly held here together with the Vitebsk Regional Philharmonic Hall.



CHURCHES

Svyato-Pokrovsky Sobor (Cathedral church)

Phone: +375 212 374831, +375 212 376431,
 Shubina Street 2, Vitebsk, <http://www.vitebsk.orthodoxy.ru>,
vitebsk_eparhia@mail.ru

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. Pokrovskaya Church was used for praying in the city even during the Second World War occupation period. The church was renovated in 1987–1992.

**Svyato-Uspenskaya church**

Phone: +375 212372548, *Kommunisticheskaya Street 15*,
 Vitebsk, <http://www.vitebsk.orthodoxy.ru>,
vitebsk_eparhia@mail.ru

This church was constructed in 1852 and closed after the revolution. The building was returned to the Christian community in 1997. 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 2123 69954 (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-Uspenkiy Cathedral**

Phone: +375 2123 73509, +375 2123 73205 (*Vitebsk eparchy*),
 Krylova St. 9, Vitebsk, <http://www.vitebsk.orthodoxy.ru>

The first documented data of existence of a church on Lysoy hill, Prechistensky and later Uspensky hill, at the point of confluence of rivers Vit'ba 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.

**Svyato-Voskresenskaya Church**

Phone: +375 2123 73509, +375 2123 73205 (*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 renovated and open to public.



Nature Tourism

The Baltic Country of Lakes is where the two regions – Latgale and Aukštaitija – meet. They are brought together by the splendid kaleidoscope of nature landscapes – glittering lakes, forests, groves, rivers, fields, meadows and hills, winding meandering roads and dreamy country paths. In the Vitebsk region travelers are greeted with clean calm rivers and clear lakes, wondrous hilly landscapes – heritage of a long-gone glacier – and the abundance of flora and fauna in forests, as well as mysterious paths through the bogs... By feasting your eye upon the unique landscapes created by glaciers, taking a swim in the clear waters of the lakes, fishing on the shore or in the boat, taking a stroll through the mysterious paths of the nature reserves and picking mushrooms and berries, it is so easy to break away from the grey everyday life and forget about your worries and troubles.

The Latvian writer Jānis Jaunsudrabiņš once had said: “We all are brought together by the mightiness and beauty of the nature, sun, air, earth and water, eternally being renewed and renewing.” Lithuanian writer Rimantas Vanagas on his turn has declared: “It is nice in Aukštaitija: hills, castle mounds, pine forests, clean lakes and rivers”. The nature of the Baltic Country of Lakes tempts and invites, it calls into a journey to find new impressions and the feeling of freedom. Come to enjoy the picturesque nature of our regions! Here you will really feel, how is it – to live, think and relax green!



National Park of Rāzna

The National Park of Rāzna is the youngest national park in Latvia, it is approved on January 1st 2007, its area is 59 615 ha, and it is the second biggest national park in Latvia. The park is located in the southeast part of Latvia, in the central part of Latgale highland and it includes the territory of Rēzekne, Dagda and Ludza counties.

The National Park was established to save diversity of species and biotopes connected with the lake Rāzna, cultural-historical and landscape values of the territory, as well as to promote the territory non-impoverishing economical development, nature tourism and ecological education. The National Park of Rāzna is included in the network of European Union (EU) protected territories "NATURA 2000" and in the EU list of territories significant for birds.

The National Park of Rāzna is rich with waters; lakes occupy 14% of its territory. The lake Rāzna, called the sea of Latgale, is the biggest lake by the volume in Latvia and the second biggest by the area. Lakes Ežezers, Salājs, Bižas, Zosnas, Ismeru–Žogotu and Viraudas are picturesque and popular among visitors. To protect these lakes it is forbidden to sail their waters with any watercraft using combustion engine.

Besides lakes the landscape characteristic for this region is made up by hills. The highest points of the territory and best panorama places are on the hills Lielais Liepukalns, Mākoņkalns, and Karātavu kalns. The territory of the National Park of Rāzna is attractive not only with its nature values, but also with the cultural scenery environment of Latgale. Ancient burial sites, cult places, castle mounds, churches and crucifixes are not only a part of the significant historical heritage, they are also valuable resources of scientific research, education and recreation.

The biggest part of Rēzekne county tourism companies are in the neighborhood of the lake Rāzna; they offer lodgings for the night and rest on the bank of the lake Rāzna, as well as an active recreation and excursions along the territory of the National Park of Rāzna.

LATGALE

Aglona County

Nature Park of Ciriša Lake

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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 dated with year 1 000 B.C. on it. 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.meziniekuumajas.viss.lv, meziniekuumajas@inbox.lv

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



Horoscope Park

Phone: +371 29234425, *Gūteņi, Aglona, www.meziniekumajas.viss.lv, meziniekumajas@inbox.lv*

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, Kastuļina parish, www.zemenukrastini.viss.lv, anitaaglona@inbox.lv*

The hostess will tell a story about the history of cultivating strawberries, variety of strawberries, tasting of berries. Walking through health path 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.

**Balvi County****Grand oak**

Phone: +371 64521430, +371 28352770, *Brīvības Street 48 (next to kindergarten), Balvi, www.balvi.lv*

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 traveler will receive strength from the oak to continue his journey.

**Staburags of Krišjāni**

Phone: +371 28790553, *Krišjāni parish, www.balvi.lv*

Staburags of Krišjāni is the most beautiful place in the parish, located on the banks of the river Tilža. The tale of Staburags is 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.

**Cibla County****Cultural-historical and nature path of Eversmuiža**

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The path winds along the picturesque banks of the river Ilža (Ludza), through the old Eversmuiža park, past Eversmuiža St. Andrew Catholic Church and estate buildings to Felicianova estate and the mill.

**Peiteļa Lake**

Phone: +371 657 29046 (*parish board*), *Lidumnieki*

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



Seimaņu stone

Phone: +371 657 29046 (*parish board*), *Seimaņi village, Līdumnieki parish, www.pierobeza.lv*

One of the biggest secular stones 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 board*), *Zvirgzdene parish, www.pierobeza.lv*

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.

**Dagda County****Bog path in Andrupene**

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The path is about 1 km long. 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.

**Cave of Dagda**

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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. Legends about hidden treasures and about a secret passage to Dagda church are connected with this cave.

**Oak groves in Pilori and Pahatnieki, Lake Ežezers**

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The oak grove in Pilori (Piļāri, Piļori) is one of the rare pure oak groves in Latvia. It is under the protection of the state since 1928. The oaks are 300–400 years old. The grove of Pilori is on the bank of lake Ežezers, from there several islands in the lake can be seen. If the water level is very low, about 70 islands emerge there; about 35 islands can be seen constantly.

**Path of Love**

Phone: +371 29193397, *Asūne, www.dagda.lv*

Beautiful place for a romantic walk, rich with interesting legends.



Daugavpils City

Stropu Lake

Phone: +371 29119558 (recreation complex "Vilnis"),
Daugavpils, www.stropuvilnis.lv

The only water body in Latgale, in which two of the beaches got the eco-certificate – the blue flag. Popular recreation place among both inhabitants and guests of the city.



Latgale Zoo

Phone: +371 654 26789, Vienības Street 27, Daugavpils,
<http://latgalezoo.biology.lv>, eco@apollo.lv

Here, in artificial jungle, spotted pythons crawl, spectacled caimans lay in the sun, red koi swim in the pond, happy monkeys and sugar gliders hang on the lianas, and other tropical animals swim, crawl, jump and fly. Children can caress a fluffy rabbit, play with guinea pigs and feed the fish in the pond.



Daugavpils County

Nature Park "Daugavas loki" ("Daugava's bends")

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Naujene, Tabore, Vecsaliena, Skrudaliena, Saliena parishes
in Daugavpils Municipality, Ūdrīši, Kaplava parishes in
Krāslava Municipality,
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info@visitdaugavpils.lv, tic@kraslava.lv

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 Municipality up to Krāslava. The most characteristic feature of nature are 8 large bends of the river Daugava, the length of bends reaches 4–6 km. Many nature 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.



Hill Eglu kalns

Phone: +371 654 25180, Eglu kalns, Svente parish,
www.visitdaugavpils.lv, parvalde@svente.lv

The highest peak in Augšzeme (Upper Latgale) highland. There, 220 m above sea level, a sighting tower is built; view on the hilly landscape of neighborhood and forest mosaic from the tower is beautiful. There is a facilitated place for rest; in winter skiing and sports centre "Eglukalns" is working.



NATURE TOURISM

Liksna path

Phone: +371 654 75572, *Liksna, Liksna parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv*

In 1999 inhabitants of the parish created the path for recreation, and it's expanding each year. It is a popular place for weddings. Take a walk along the path, and you will see not only skillfully crafted elements of environment, you will also learn of Emīlija Plātere, Polish national hero, who lived here in 1815. The path is 1 km long.

**Nīcgaļe boulder**

Phone: +371 654 22818, *Nīcgaļe, Nīcgaļe parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv, info@visitdaugavpils.lv*

The biggest boulder in Latvia. A nature monument of state importance. It is situated deep in the forest 6 km to the east of Nīcgaļe train station. Size: length – 10,5 m, width 10,4, height – 3,5 m perimeter – 31,1 m, volume (above the ground) 170 m³. The forester A. Jotsons in 1938 ordered one of the workers Lauskis to cut out three steps in the stone paying 5 lats for each step. Visitors still are using the same steps.

**Bird watching tower in Višķi**

Phone: +371 654 22818, *Ostrova, Višķi parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv, info@visitdaugavpils.lv*

Located near the Višķi–Aglona road between Lukna and Boltaru lakes. You can see four lakes from the tower. Good place for observing birds and nature.

**Saliena boulder**

Phone: +371 654 22818, *Saliena, Saliena parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv, info@visitdaugavpils.lv*

Natural monument of state significance. The second biggest boulder in Daugavpils Municipality after Nīcgaļe boulder. The length of the stone is 5,0 m, width 3,4 m, height 2,7 m, perimeter 12,5 m. It is located on the right bank of the river Saliena. There is a spring nearby.

**Sighting tower in Vasargeļišķi**

Phone: +371 65471321, *Vasargeļišķi, Naujene parish, www.naujene.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv, muzejs@apollo.lv*

You can see scenic landscapes of Daugava. The visitor can see the sight, depicted on the bank note of 10 lats.

**“Purlande”, a nature path of Eastern Selonia**

Phone: +371 29640431, *“Ausmas”, Laucesa parish, www.visitdaugavpils.lv*

The path is in 10 minutes drive from Daugavpils, 1,5 km from the guest house “Pie vecā kalēja”, located near the Daugavpils–Demene motorway. Creation of the path begun 6 years ago, near the oldest oak of the parish. Near the grand oak, two elms grow, which, together with other trees, form an original nature monument. The path winds around an elm grove, and crosses a ravine and a stream.



Ilūkste County

Nature path of Akmeņupe

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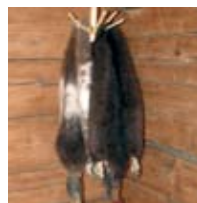
The path was established in 1998 with the aim to introduce people to the variety of Augšzeme nature and the need to protect it. The travelers may walk "Akmeņupe path" – 1 km, "The path of virgin land" – 1 km or "Eco path" – 5 km and get acquainted with landscapes, geological formations, forest, meadow or wetland plants, birds and animals characteristic to Akmeņupe valley. The path on the banks of the river is beautiful in all seasons, and every turn shows a new landscape.



Exposition of beavers in Bebrene

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Get acquainted with Eurasian beaver, its way of life, bad and good deeds. An opportunity to touch beaver's fur, teeth and gnawed trees, to watch the film about life of beavers, get to know about healing features of beaver's glands, to taste infusion of beaver's glands, to go on expedition along beaver places, as well as taste beaver meat products.



Nature Park "Dviete flood-lands"

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Nature Park (4989 ha) is set up with an aim to preserve natural meadows of flood-lands. 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. Wild horses and cows are grazing there. Tower for bird observation is set up. There are 12 specially protected species of plants and animals found in the territory of the park, more than 40 in Latvia or in EU protected bird species. 7 in Europe and 2 in Latvia protected biotopes. There are two zones – territory of the protected area and territory of the park.



Ezermala park

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Nature path, starts on the beach in Ezermala park, and continues to the shore of the lake at the Catholic Church. The path gives an opportunity to observe hilly shore of the lake, as well as look to the forests of neighboring state Lithuania. Picturesque panorama of "Switzerland of Subate" is viewed from the hill of Lutheran Church.



"Pilskalnes Siguldiņa", a forest scenery park

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Nature reserve "Pilskalnes Siguldiņa" (area 59,3 ha) is located in splendid valley, gnawed by the melting waters of glaciers. Depending on your interest, you can choose one out of five variants of educational path: Spriditis path, with 32 wooden sculptures of characters from fairy tales about Spriditis (Tom Thumb); dendrological path (3,8 km); path "Witnesses of history", which goes along German bunkers of WWI; swamp path (6,0 km); path of Augšzeme sceneries (8,0 km) or Obstacle bicycle path (20 km).



NATURE TOURISM

Kārsava County

Stone of Naudaskalns

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www.karsava.lv, turisms@karsava.lv

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

**Country Park “Nūmērnies valnis”**

Phone: +371 657 07363, *Nūmērne, Salnava parish*,
www.karsava.lv, turisms@karsava.lv

“Nūmērnies 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**

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www.karsava.lv, turisms@karsava.lv

A park has been set out in Salnava Manor territory with ponds, grand trees planted in the 18th century, and one of the biggest stones in the Kārsava District.

**Ruskulova Manor Park**

Phone: +371 657 26201, *Ruskulova, Salnava parish*,
www.karsava.lv, turisms@karsava.lv

Grand trees of various species, which were planted near the manor buildings, and a larch path, which was planted in the 18th century, have remained in the Ruskulova Manor Park territory.

**Malnava Manor Park**

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www.karsava.lv, turisms@karsava.lv, www.pierobeza.lv

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



Krāslava County

Adamova nature path

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Adamova nature path is one of the most splendid places of the Nature Park “Daugavas loki”. The configuration of the path is rather complicated, looping and going up and down. The length of the path is 1,8 km and it begins from the observation place of the Krāslava castle mound. 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. 755 species of fern are found there – 45% of existing in Latvia, as well as 50 from 79 varieties of snails met in Latvia.

Austrīņa stone

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<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, tic@kraslava.lv

A beautiful view of the river Daugava can be seen from here. In 1909 near this boulder Latvian writer Antons Austrīņš was creating his works.

**Lake Dridzis**

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 Skaista, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

Dridzis 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 the great panorama of many lakes can be seen. Dridzis is in the territory of a protected nature park.

**Piedruja path in Daugava valley, Stone of Daugava**

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<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

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.

**Observing tower of Priedaine**

Phone: +371 656 22201, Priedaine, Krāslava,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, tic@kraslava.lv

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

**Sauleskalns**

Phone: +371 656 22201, Kombuļi parish,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

Sauleskalns is a very special hill in Latgalian landscape. It rises 60 meters high over the neighborhood, but the height above the sea level is 211 m. It consists of several elevations. At the foot of the hill there are Lakes Dridzis, Varakļānu, Solnas, Velna, Saules, Joda, and many others. Sauleskalns is considered to be an ancient cult centre, which was important not only in the neighborhood, but in some more distant regions. There is a great panorama seen from the top of the hill – settlements, fields, lakes are merging with the sky there.



NATURE TOURISM

Nature educational path in Tabore

Phone: +371 656 29533, Robežnieki,

<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

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.



“Odu taka” in horse ranch “Klajumi”

Phone: +371 29472638, Klajumi, Kaplava, www.klajumi.lv,

<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, ilze.stabulniece@inbox.lv

“Odu taka” (The path of mosquitoes) acquaints with forest and bog landscapes, where one can see different plants: wild callas, cow-wheat, as well as meet forest bees. There is an opportunity to visit bog “concert hall”, spruce forest, to see ground dug-up by wild boar, peculiar trees (birches, fir and pine) grown together.



Līvāni County

Līvāni–Dīgāja ferry

Phone: +371 26497002, end of Zemgales Street, Līvāni, www.livani.lv

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: 7:00–21:00.



Dunava ferry

Phone: +371 22467117, Gospori, Jersika parish, www.livani.lv

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: 7:00–21:00.



Vidussala nature path

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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.



Ludza County

Stone “Eye of the Earth”

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The stone is unique because of its composition, as it is a quartz monocrystal. The biggest monocrystal boulder in Latvia.



Lake Istra with islands, Nature Park of Istra

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The biggest of three lakes surrounding Vecslabada village and neighboring landscape. A beautiful panorama can be seen from the watchtower of the castle mound.



Pildas Lake with islands

Phone: +371 26525785, Isnauda and Nukši parish

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), Istra parish

The witness of ice age on the shore of Lake Plisūns has very impressive size – 5,2 x 5,1 x 2,6 m, perimeter – 17 m.



“Velna bedres” in Rundēni

Phone: +371 29469278 (guide), Rundēni parish

“Velna bedres” (Devil’s holes) is 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 had fallen. Also presumption exists, that they are karst sinkholes of interesting formation.



Rēzekne County

Adamovas Lake

Vērēmi 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 Burzava hill area can be seen.



Hill Lielais Liepu kalns (The Great Lime Tree Hill)

Kaunata parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

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 relative height (86 m). On the peak of the hill there is the highest wooden sightseeing tower in Latvia. There one can enjoy wonderful view of the landscape of the Lake Rāzna and its surroundings. The parking place and sightseeing tower are linked with the 830 m long pathway having information stands. There is also comfortable place for rest or small activities with a place for fire, benches, open-air stage and swing.

**Lake Lubāns, wetland of Lubāns**

Phone: +371 28301143, Nagļi and Gaigalava parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Wetlands surrounding the lake Lubāns 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. Varied plant kingdom. Four towers for bird observation and 800 m long plank-ways in the bog of Teirumnieki.

**Lake Rāzna**

Kaunata, Čornaja, Lūznava, Mākoņkalns 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 bulk – it is the biggest lake in Latvia. On the south shore of the lake there is hill Mākoņkalns. The length of the lake is 12,1 km (in east–west direction), the biggest width 7 km (in the east part). The lake has 10 islands.

**Mākoņkalns stone path**

Mākoņkalns parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

On the way to Mākoņkalns, you can see old cult stones. The grey and brown triangle stone is called stone Āžmugura, as it resembles the back of a goat. The flat one named Platais akmens (wide stone) is located at the small bog 200 m from stone Āžmugura. There is a hollow reminding human being's foot in the stone called Vēlna pēdas (devil's feet). 200 m ahead (to the west) there is a stone reminding the horse foot. The ancient cemetery with the ancient stones owned by the former Polish noblemen Tarvidi is located 1,2 km ahead on the right side of the road. At Bondari and Utāni crossroads there is Bondari crucifix that was renewed in 2003. On the left side of the road, near the hill Mākoņkalns there is a big boulder named Rukmanis. Further on, there is hill Mākoņkalns with ruins of a castle mound of the 13th century.

**Nature trail of water and bog plants in Sakstagals**

Phone: +371 29440655, Pedēļi village, Sakstagals parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, zaigagraudina@inbox.lv

A new nature trail of water and bog plants is waiting for visitors in "Āboliņa" house in Pedēļi village. 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, loose-strife, willows and dogwoods grow here. In the bog one can see andromeda, crowberries, leather leaves, bog bean, bog myrtle, round-leaved sundew, and other representatives of moss type.



Riebiņi County

Indānu Ravine – Azarine Path

Phone/fax: +371 653 24375, Galēni parish,
rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv

Located on the border of East Latvian lowland and Latgale highland. Here the northeastern and southwestern geobotanical regions meet. Walking this path you can get acquainted with the plants, characteristic for our region, different biotopes, and, if you are lucky, animals.



Irbīšu Spring

Phone/fax: +371 653 24375, Galēni parish,
rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv

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. The place is popular among the passers-by as a place for a rest and its cold and tasty water.



Rugāji County

Beaver's Wisdom Path

Phone: +371 26263396, +371 64546674, Lukstiņi

830 m long path winds along the river Vērnīene. Walking the path, you can see work of beavers, learn of their lifestyle, and try to understand their wisdom, i.e. live according to the laws of nature. You can also solve interesting puzzles, connected with beavers. The path is located on the left side of Rugāji–Balvi road, 3 km from Rugāji.



Medņu Boulder

Phone: +371 645 46674, near bus stop Ruduki

One of the biggest boulders in Balvi neighborhood. Length – 5,8 m, width – 5,3 m, height – 1,4 m, perimeter – 19,0 m. Protected geomorphologic monument.



Elk farm “Mežsētas”

Phone: +371 29104212

In a fenced area approximately 350 elks graze. You can see them up close and feed them. 15 watchtowers, gazebo, place for a picnic. Bathhouse, lodging for the night. Fish ponds with a total area of 12 ha. Book your visit in advance.



Vārkava County

Educational ecological path of Vārkava

Phone: +371 29443089, Vecvārkava, Upmalas parish

Path begins near the Vārkava Secondary School. You can get acquainted with the plant kingdom characteristic for the region, natural sceneries, archeological monuments and cultural-historical places. Guided theme tours.



Forest path “Sprīdiši”

Phone: +371 22035005, Kazēri, Upmalas parish

Pedagogues Valentīna and Edvards Valaiņi turned their forest estate into fairy-tale forest. Here you can find wigwam, meet Sprīditis (Tom Thumb), Devil, heroes of Indian fairy-tales, gnomes, and others, sculptures of which were made of natural materials.



Viļaka County

Nature Park “Balkānu kalni”

Phone: +371 29132664, +371 645 21243, Logini, Šķilbēni parish, skilbeni@vilaka.lv

A protected nature area of local importance, the Nature Park “Balkānu kalni” was established in 2002. 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 in 1919 and 1920. Suitable place for organization of open-air activities.



Valley of the river Liepna

Phone: +371 26567080, Katleši, Žiguri parish

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 and springs can be found. Many boulders of different size form rapids and overfalls.



Ravine of Stiglova

Phone: +371 645 21243, Stiglova, Šķilbēni parish, skilbeni@vilaka.lv

The nature path is located in the ravine of Stiglova rivulet, where there 3–4 m high sandstone outcrops and about 60 different plant species can be found.



Lake of Viļaka

Viļaka

There is an island in the lake of Viļaka, where the ruins of the 13th century Marienhauzena castle are located. On the shore of the lake (Garnizona Street 6) there is a facilitated swimming place and a resting spot with a pergola and fireplace, playing grounds for children and volleyball courts.



Zilupe County

Hill Grebļa kalns nature path

Phone: +371 657 29925 (*parish board*), +371 28656530 (*guide*), *Meikšāni, Pasiene parish*, www.pierobeza.lv

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.



AUKŠTAITĪJA

Anykščiai District

Stone “Puntuko brolis” (“Brother of Puntukas”)

Pašventupė village, www.anyksciuparkas.lt

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. Length of the stone is 5,9 m, width – 4,7 m, height – 1,9 m. A popular spot.



Bog of the Queen

Regional park of Anykščiai, www.anyksciuparkas.lt

In the neighborhood of Anykščiai, on the right slope of the river Šventoji, relatively big water body (0,7 ha) with a number of springs is located; there are many legends and stories about it.



Variai Quartz sand outcrop

Phone: +370 38178489, *Pavariai village, pavariai@amu.lt, www.amu.lt*

State protected nature object. Quartz sand outcrop is located in Pavariai forestry in Stakiai village on the right bank of Variai spring. Visiting this object, you will see sands formed more than 400 million years ago.



Garden of wild animals

Phone: +370 38157121, +370 68611375, mikieriai@amu.lt, www.amu.lt

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.



NATURE TOURISM

Šventoji educational path

www.anyksciuparkas.lt, Regional park of Anykščiai

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 length of the path – 4,7 km.

**Observation tower near Lake Rubikiai**

It is located on the mound Bijeikiai, its height – 15 meters. From the observation tower a beautiful view at the lake Rubikiai neighborhood can be seen.

**Utena District****Stones “Mokas ir Mokiukas“**

Phone: +370 389 54346 (TIC), Šeimatis village, Tauragnai eldership

In the stone Mokas the year 1860 is carved. In 1968 the stones were declared geological nature monuments.

**Boulder “Pixie’s boat”**

Phone/fax: +370 389 54346 (TIC), Ligamiškis village, Užpalių parish

Length – 2,5 m, width – 0,95 m, height – 1,1 m. The stone is located not far from the Ligamiškis castle mound.

**Educational nature paths of Ažuolų miškas (Oak forest)**

Phone: +370 38961599, Leliūnai eldership

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.

**Spring of Lygamiškis (St. Krokulė spring)**

Phone: +370 389 54346 (TIC), Lygamiškis village, Užpaliai eldership

The water of the spring is famous for its magical features, because it is said to cure different diseases, bring happiness, protect from the Pėrkons (the Thunderer).



Rock sculptures of Šeimišiai conglomerate

Phone: +370 389 54346 (TIC), Šeimišiai village, Užpaliai eldership

These are fascinating sculptures, made by the nature from naturally cemented rounded particles of conglomerate – clay and gravel. Located at gravel pit of Šeimišiai.

**Dauniškis Lake Shore**

Phone/fax: +370 389 54346 (TIC), Aušros Street, Utena

Around the lake various paths are elaborated, children's playgrounds have been set up. In 2011 Utena celebrated its 750th anniversary. For this event a musical fountain was set up on the lake.

**Zarasai District****Panorama wheel**

D. Bukonto Street, Zarasai, www.zarasai.lt/tic

A 17 m high wheel was opened in 2011. Architect – Š. Kaune.

**Path on the Zarasai Lake Shore**

Zarasai, www.zarasai.lt/tic

There is a fountain, a boat rental centre and children's playground on the shore of the lake.

**Big island of the Lake Zarasai**

Zarasai, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The cradle of Zarasai – island with the area 44 ha, a place of recreation, cultural and sports activities in any season. The area of the lake is 313 ha; it has three more islands.

**Oak of Stelmužė**

Stelmužė village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

It is the oldest and the largest oak in Lithuania. Its height – 23 m, diameter – 3,5 m, perimeter at the ground – 13 m.



Gražutė Regional Park Visitor Centre

Phone: +370 38559426, *Laisvoji Square 14, Salakas*,
www.grazute.lt, parkas@grazute.lt

Here you can acquaint yourself with information about nature and culture objects of the park and its biological diversity and sceneries, prepared by scientists and professionals. There is a sea museum here, with a private collection of V. Žilinskiene. Gražutė Regional Park is the laureate of competition "Most attractive place of tourism in Lithuania 2009".



Reservoir (sea) of Antalieptė

Bikėnai village, Gražutė Regional Park, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The sea of Antalieptė – it is a picturesque reservoir made by man. It fascinates with its impressive area (1,9 thousand ha), variety of islands (more than 50), very winding coastline (160 km).



Educational paths of Degučiai

Phone: +370 38559426, *Degučiai village, Gražutė Regional Park*, www.grazute.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic

You can see rare species of birds; observe their life and habitat.



Šavaša educational path

Phone: +370 38559426, *Antalieptė village*, www.grazute.lt,
www.zarasai.lt/tic

It is the only geological educational path in Lithuania. It is set up on the bank of the river Šavaša, which is a true mountain river. Not only the river itself, but the entire environment around it is very impressive.



Lake Luodis

Salakas, www.zarasai.lt/tic

One of the biggest lakes in Lithuania. Cape "Žvėrinčiaus ragas" is the biggest and longest peninsula of the lake.



Regional Park of Sartai Visitor Centre

Phone: +370 38556849, *Vytauto Street 5, Dusetos*,
sartureg@takas.lt, www.sartai.info

This route includes only a part of the objects in this protected nature territory. To the visitors, who want to travel only along the territory of the regional park, we offer to turn to the park visitor centre or to Zarasai municipality TIC.



Educational path of Jaskoniškiai

Phone: +370 38556849, Jaskoniškiai village, Regional Park of Sartai, www.zarasai.lt/tic, sartureg@takas.lt, www.sartai.info

The path winds along sandy pinery. Walking along this path a visitor can feel life breath of the forest, dizzy scent of the flowers, as well as magnificence of the lake Sartai.

**Educational path of Ilgašilis**

Phone: +370 38556849, Regional park of Sartai, www.zarasai.lt/tic, sartureg@takas.lt

The path is a significant territory of "NATURA 2000". It acquaints with the works carried out in Ilgašilis bog. It is a renewed natural environment in area 13 ha, in which rare inhabitants of the bog can be found. In order to use the services of a guide, book your visit in advance.

**Lake Sartai**

Phone: +370 38556849, Regional Park of Sartai, www.zarasai.lt/tic, sartureg@takas.lt

The fifth biggest lake in Lithuania, there are facilitated relaxation places on the shores of the lake. Also a sculpture park is located on the shore. Of all the lakes of Lithuania Sartai has the longest coastline (79 km).

**Zoo "Ievos Žverinas"**

Phone: +370 68632552, Šlape, www.zarasai.lt/tic

Both young and old like to be here, since it is very interesting to observe animals. There are moufflons and two breeds of elks there. Book your visit in advance.

**Educational path of Šniukštai**

Phone: +370 61140406, Šniukštai village, www.zarasai.lt/tic

Travelling along 14 stops of the path, one can get to learn much new about firs, thuja, lime-trees, lilac, maples, junipers and other plants, as well as about their diversity and opportunities of use. In order to use the services of a guide, book your visit in advance.

Drūkšiu Lake

www.zarasai.lt/tic

The biggest lake in Lithuania belongs to the Disna–Daugava river basin. Famous because three counties – Lithuania, Latvia and Belarus – border here.



NATURE TOURISM

VITEBSK REGION

Braslav District

Braslav Lakes National Park

Phone: +375 2153 29361, *Dachnaya Street 1, Braslav*,
www.braslavpark.by

Braslav Lakes National Park was created in 1995 and occupies the total area of 69,1 thousand hectares. Braslav region opens the doors to the wonderful world of Belarusian Poozerje, with its numerous glacial reliefs and a great number of lakes, covering more than 13% of the park territory. The largest and the most beautiful lakes are Drivjaty, Snudy, Strusto, and Boginskoe. Forests cover 46% of the territory, largest forested areas being Balmont and Boginskii in the south and Druja forest estate in the north.

**Lake Strusto**

Phone: +375 2153 22735 (TIC), *Strusto village*

It is one of the largest and most beautiful lakes of the Braslav group, “the pearl of the Braslav lakes”, as people call it, with bright and clear water. In the centre of the lake there is the island Chaichin, with the total area of 1,62 km² and 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**

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.

**Lighthouse (Majak) 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 geodesists 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.

**Snudy Lake**

Phone: +375 2153 22735 (TIC), *Pljusy rural council*

Snudy is the second largest lake in the Braslav group of lakes, and one of the most picturesque. Its area is 22 km², length 8,8 km, and there are 11 islands with the total area of 1,6 km². For hundreds of years Snudy was considered to be one of the richest fishing places of the Braslav region. 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 chain of elevations between Nedrovo and Poteh lakes. 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, which grow here, and how people have begun to live here. The length of the path is 5 km, arrival on bus. Length of the tour – approximately 3 hours.



Miory District

Elnya (Yel'nya) Hydrological Nature Reserve

Phone: +375 2153 32150 (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 cleanest. 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 reserve swamps 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 2153 32150 (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). This is the only habitat of bearing knotberry in Belarus.



Hydrologic Reserve “Zhada”

Phone: +375 2153 32150 (TIC)

You can find the Zhada swamp in the border region of two districts of Vitebsk region – Miory and Sharkaushchyna districts. The swamp has impressive total area – 5700 ha. Some time ago this was the largest and richest cranberry reserve in the neighborhood. Swamps Zhada and Yelnya are two different swamp complexes, which are connected.



Natural Monument of State Significance “Chistaya Dubrava”

Phone: +375 2153 32150 (TIC), Yazno village

Created for the protection of oak groves. Total area – 4840 ha. The average age of the oaks – 150 years, some are 200–250 years old.



NATURE TOURISM

Obsternova Lake Group

Phone: +375 2153 32150 (TIC)

The Obsternova lake group on the border of Braslav 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. There is hydrological reserve “Boloto Moh” nearby. 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.

**“Krinica” spring**

Phone: +375 2153 32150 (TIC), Dedino village

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 Spring”**

Phone: +375 2153 32150 (TIC), 8 km from the Yazno village

The spring is an outlet of subterranean water. It was the pre-glacier 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 2153 32150 (TIC), 5 km from the Navoloka farmstead

The spring exists 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 2153 32150 (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 hydropower 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.

**Polotsk District****Biological reserve “Lonno”**

Phone: +375 2144 26949 (TIC)

Biological reserve was created in the territory of Polotsk district in 1979 to protect the cranberry reserves. Pine, birch, fir and alder grow here. An object of eco-tourism.



Hydrological Reserve “Bolshoye Ostrovito”

Phone: +375 2144 26949 (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.

**Hydrological Reserve “Glubokoye–Cherbomyslo”**

Phone: +375 2144 26949 (TIC), *Glubokoye and Cherbomyslo lakes region*
 Hydrological reserve is located in the northeast of Polotsk lowland. “Glubokoye–Cherbomyslo” was created in 1979 to preserve the lakes Glubokoye and Cherbomyslo and the adjacent natural complexes. Very rare protected plants grow here.

**Landscape Reserve “Kozyanskiy”**

Phone: +375 2144 26949 (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, black-throated loon, Eurasian bittern, black stork, white-tailed eagle and others.

**Rossony District****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 glaciation 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 preserve territory is the best option for active outdoor sports. There are bicycle, water and camping routes.

**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 log road passing through swamps, you can enjoy out-of-the-way places, which used to be inaccessible. The length of wooden boarding through the largest swamp of the reserve, called Velikiy Moh, equals to 600 m.

**Serebryanka Spring well**

Phone: +375 215 941747; +375 215 942759, *Inspection for natural resources and environment protection*

Serebryanka spring well is a natural sight in the Krasny Bor Landscape Reserve. Its healing water contains silver ions. People say that this water can cure all kinds of diseases. There is also a font where you can take a dive at any time of the year, since the spring is never frozen, not even in severe frosts!



NATURE TOURISM

Lake Nescherdo

Phone: +375 215 941747; +375 215 942759, 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 “Noble Zawalnia” or Belarus in fantastic stories, he managed to collect all the legends of his native region. 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.

**Glaskovskiy Boulder**

Phone: +375 2159 41747, +375 2159 42759, Inspection for natural resources and environment protection

This geological natural monument is a small-grained migmatite, which 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**

Phone: +375 2159 41747, +375 2159 42759, Inspection for natural resources and environment protection

This geological natural monument is medium-grained granite, which 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.

**Mezhnovskiy Boulder**

Phone: +375 2159 41747, +375 2159 42759, Inspection for natural resources and environment protection

This geological natural monument is rapakivi granite, which was brought here from Åland Islands by a glacier approximately 18–20 thousand years ago. Weight of the visible part is 27 tons.

**Lapeshenskiy Boulder**

Phone: +375 2159 41747, +375 2159 42759, Inspection for natural resources and environment protection

This geological natural monument is rapakivi granite, which was brought here from Åland Islands by a glacier approximately 18–20 thousand years ago. Weights more than 20 tons.

**Vysotkovskiy Boulder**

Phone: +375 2159 41747, +375 2159 42759, Inspection for natural resources and environment protection

This geological natural monument is rapakivi granite, brought from southwestern Finland by a glacier approximately 18–20 thousand years ago. The weight is more than 18 tons. A gorgeous stone.



Verkhnyadzvinsk District

Osveya Lake

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), village Osveya

Osveya 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, pike perch, pike, crucian carp, eelpout and goldfish. Beaver and muskrat, swan and small gull represent the lake's fauna. In the picturesque surroundings of the Osveya Lake you will find several archaeological sites, such as mounds in villages Chapaevskaya and Uragovo, and a burial mound near village Sukali.



Holy spring

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), village Kohanovichi

Natural monument, water consecration prayers. A pond in the park, fishing, sauna.



Arboretum

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), 2 km from Verhnedvinsk.

The arboretum has about 350 exotic plant species. Guided tours.



Park in Osveya

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Osveya village

Natural monument with a total area 27 ha. Take a walk along the Osveya park with the ruins of a once-known palace (the palace was destroyed in 1914 and has never been restored); it is considered to be one of the most interesting examples of park art in Vitebsk region.



Svolno oak forest

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Svolno railway station

Natural monument in the valley of the river Svolno, with the overall area of 100 ha and giant oaks. Active recreation, hiking.

Glacier valley

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), village Rositsa

A chain of lakes in the glacier valley, a natural monument. Grass beaches by the lakes, fishing, hiking.

Park

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), Sarya village

A natural monument with a total area 30 ha: exotic plants, springs, river Saryanka. Guided tours. Active recreation, hiking.

Osveiskiy Landscape Reserve

Phone: +375 2151 56231, Sovetskaya Street 170/2, Verhnedvinsk

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. Guided tours, events, hiking.

NATURE TOURISM

Nature complex of the river Sarjanka

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), village Sarja and its surroundings

30 km of rapids, springs, steeps and forests. Guided tours, hiking, fishing, and a beach.

**Natural and historic complex Lisno**

Phone: +375 2151 57338 (TIC), village Lisno and its surroundings.

Guided tours. Forests, lakes, swamps, landscape reserves. Fishing, hiking.

Vitebsk District**Biological Reserve “Chistik”**

Phone: +375 2123 69954 (TIC)

The reserve was created in 1979 on the Zhukovskoye swamp for preservation of cranberry reserves. The total area of the reserve is 300 ha. There are 187 species of vascular plants there, representing 125 genera. There are many rare and protected species of plants here.

**Luzhesno Dendrological Park**

Phone: +375 2123 69954 (TIC), Luzhesno village, 200 m from Western Dvina river

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. There are 4 tourist routes elaborated for the Vitebsk district aquatorium.

**Cinclidotus of Dunay**

Phone: +375 2123 69954 (TIC), near Ruba village

Area of the dendrological park “Rubovskiy” is 2,1 ha. A hero of WWII P. M. Shpandaruk plants the collection of plants. Currently there are more than 66 kinds of plants growing here.

**Biological Reserve “Zapolskiy”**

Phone: +375 2123 69954 (TIC), Novosyelkovoe forestry

Biological reserve was created in 1979 in order to preserve cranberry reserves and numerous mineral areas. 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 2123 69954 (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

The Baltic Country of Lakes is attractive not only due to unique landscapes of nature, but kind, responsive people. One of the pearls of the Baltic Country of Lakes – skills of our kind hostesses. For many years culinary heritage of Latgale and Utena region intrigues by its offers – klotskas, cepelins, gulbishniks, potato pancakes with cracklings, asushkas – they are only some dishes from the assortment of our culinary heritage. In the cafés and restaurants of Vitebsk region dishes of culinary heritage will be offered to you, as well as “modern” dishes. The most demanding gourmets will like the roasted chicken with crispy skin, original salads, potato pancakes with cream, with mushrooms, with meat or even roe – there are many variants.



GASTRONOMIC TOURISM AND COUNTRY DELIGHTS

LATGALE

Aglona County

Bread museum of Aglona

Phone: +371 29287044, *Daugavpils Street 7, Aglona*,
www.aglonasmaize.viss.lv, maizesmuzejs@inbox.lv

The only museum of bread in Latvia. A story about bread, ancient tools for bread baking. There is a possibility to purchase fresh bread baked by the receipts of ancient Latgalians. Lodging for the night. Dishes of Latgale culinary heritage.



“Upenīte”, a rural house

Phone: +371 26312465, *Tartakas Street 7, Aglona*,
a.upenite@inbox.lv

Tasting dishes of Latgale culinary heritage in the hall with fireplace in the cellar. Black bath. Tent places, places for the bonfire, swimming places at the Ciriša 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.



“Mežinieku mājas”, a guest house

Phone: +371 29234425, +371 28350601, *Gūteņi*,
Aglona parish, meziniekumajas@inbox.lv

A perfect place for traditional celebrations, Ligo, weddings, anniversaries, and for picnics. Tables laid according to Latgalian traditions using ceramic dishes. 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”.



Baltinava County

“Grantiņi”, a beekeeping biological farm

Phone: +371 29119362, +371 26481654, *Viļakas Street 13*,
Baltinava

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



“Paipalas”, Ltd.

Phone: +371 29294703, *Safronovka village*

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

“Ezerliči”, a farm

Phone: +371 26363508, *Ezerliči, Tilža parish, www.balvi.lv*

A lot of lilies, peonies and other flowers bloom in the garden “Ezerliči” of Skaidrite 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.



“Svīres”, a guest house

Phone: +371 29453349, *Vaņķi, Balvi parish, www.svires1.lv*

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. Book your visit in advance.



“Silaunieki”, a farm

Phone: +371 26545870, *Meža Street 1, Tilža, www.balvi.lv*
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.



“Kroniši”, a farm

Phone: +371 26133911, +371 26317773,
“Kroniši”, *Briežuciema parish, vijajerm@inbox.lv*

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.



Beer brewer Dainis Rakstiņš

Phone: +371 26452844, *Stacijas Street 4, Bērzpils, Bērzpils parish*

Dainis Rakstiņš will get you acquainted with the process of brewing genuine Latgalian beer. You can taste the product. Book your visit in advance.



Cibla County

Tradition Latgalian Farm

Phone: +371 26431062, “Grundulī”, *Berezovka village, Līdumnieki parish, www.pierobeza.lv*

A typical Latgalian rural farm, where rabbits, sheep, chickens, and cows are bred. Host's pets are decorative doves of various kinds. Hostess offers not only traditional Latgalian dishes from local products, but also sweets and cheese. Book your visit in advance.



GASTRONOMIC TOURISM AND COUNTRY DELIGHTS

Dagda County

“Farmstead of Andrupene”, an open-air museum

Phone: +371 26458876, +371 656 81860,
Andrupene, laukuseta@inbox.lv

A complex of buildings of the end of the 19th – beginning of the 20th centuries. It includes a living house, a barn, a sheep-fold, a smithy, and a bath. If booked in advance: Latgale national dishes, a performance of the local folklore group in the national style.



“Papardes zieds”, a café

Phone: +371 29519410, Alejas Street 29, Dagda
Manufacturing of the confectionery articles. A hall for celebrations and other cultural events. If booked in advance, there is a possibility to taste gifts from Latgale lakes: stuffed pike, boiled crayfish.



Daugavpils City

“Latgales piens”, A/S

Phone: +371 654 38823, Muiņas Street 3,
Daugavpils, latgales_piens@navigator.lv

The main directions of activity of stock company “Latgales piens” are purchasing milk, processing, production, realization and trade of dairy products. Stock company “Latgales piens” produces drinking milk, kefir, sour cream, yogurt, rjazhenka, curds, sweet cottage cheese, soft cheese and processed cheese.



“Vita”, a café

Phone: +371 654 22966, Rīgas Street 22 a,
Daugavpils

In the comfy café, located in the centre of the city, you can taste various Latgalian and Latvian dishes, made of local products. A variety of pancakes are offered with different filling.



Daugavpils County

Cheese tasting

Phone: +371 26064624, +371 26532508, Skolas Street 1,
Naujene, Naujene parish, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv

Keeper of the family traditions and hostess of Naujene parish Lilija Banite offers to taste 5 varieties of cheese. You can taste white cheese, Jāņu cheese with caraway seeds, yellow cheese, as well as the famous cured cheese with or without garlic. After tasting, you can buy the cheese you liked.



Homebrew tasting – “Latgalian ritual of welcoming guests”

Phone: +371 29468988, Skolas Street 1, Naujene, Naujene parish, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv

The host Jānis offers to enjoy the curative powers of the nature park “Daugavas loki” in different infusion of homebrew (infusion on propolis, on herbs, on oak bark). The kind hostess will welcome you to the ethnographic exposition of the Naujene Local History Museum “Room of a wealthy peasant” or in the Slutišķi village old-believer house where she will show you the hospitality of Latgalians and welcome you with homebrew, bacon and cucumber.



Ilūkste County

The Black kitchen in the Nature Park “Dvietes paliene”

Phone: +371 26109353, Putnu sala, Bebrene parish, benita63@inbox.lv

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.



Kārsava County

“Kramiņi”, a beekeeping biological farm

Phone: +371 26522501, +371 657 22392, Kitkova, Mērdzene parish, www.pierobeza.lv

The hosts offer a bee path to the apiary and a house of beekeeper with the chance to participate in the primary treatment of honey. Examination of the apiary. Tasting beekeeping products and a possibility to purchase them.



House of sweets in the farm “Dziles”

Phone: +371 26538016, Malnava, Malnava parish, www.dziles.lv, dziles07@inbox.lv

The hostess – a popular maker of sweets – offers the groups and families to discover the secrets of cake making and bake a pie or a cake together. There is a huge collection of cake recipes. Possibility to offer a cake or a pie for the wedding table.



“Āres”, a farm

Phone: +371 26548104, inta.adamovica@inbox.lv, Noriņas-3, Malnava, Malnava parish

Sheep, pigs, turkeys and geese are rebred here in the farm, and many products are produced and sold, such as cured products, sausages, shashlik and other meat products. Also various vegetables and plantlets are grown here. In order to enjoy a tradition Latgalian meal book your visit in advance.



Krāslava County

“Daugava”, a nourishment house

Phone: +371 656 22634, +371 29112899,
Rīgas Street 28, Krāslava, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>,
www.kraslavad.lv

While tasting dishes you may simultaneously examine the works of Krāslava artists. If you and your friends decide to have a cup of coffee, beer or a glass of juice, you may do it at the bar counter at the window – with a view on the Krāslava park and the Castle of Count Plāters. Dishes of Latgale culinary heritage.



Weaver's workshop “Indra”

Phone: +371 29394901, +371 26430121, Indra, Indra parish,
olga@indra.lv, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

Every year in Indra village a Jam day is held, which has become quite popular. Those interested may try to compete in the jam cooking competition, or taste the home cheese and Indra jam with berries, which are grown in Indra gardens.



“Lejasmalas”, a recreation complex

Phone: +371 29139680, Šķipi, Auleja parish,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, www.lejasmalas.viss.lv,
lejasmalas@inbox.lv

Dishes of culinary heritage of Latgale, accompanied by music of the local ethnographical music group “Aulejas sievas”. Special offer – a meal while listening to the sax or violin. Unique offer – to have Latgalian traditional dishes brought by boat on Anna or Artūrs Island.



“Kurmīši”, a peasant farm

Phone: +371 26538824, +371 656 23655, Ūdrīši,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, kraslava@llkc.lv

Acquaintance with the secrets of growing herbs and preparing the green tea. Tasting of medical tea. A possibility to purchase ecological green tea, switches of birch twigs with herbs, collection of herbs for the bath.



“Piedruja”, a hotel

Phone: +371 656 29682, +371 28608784,
+ 371 26357228, Piedruja,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, viesnicapiedruja@inbox.lv

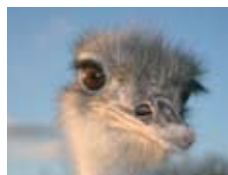
A hotel on the bank of the river Daugava. Tasty national dishes of Latgale heritage, which have absorbed tastes of five nations (Latvians, Lithuanians, Poles, Byelorussians, Jews). It is necessary to have a passport and a pass.



Mini-zoo of exotic birds “Akati”

Phone: +371 26157690, “Akati”, Robežnieki parish,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, tic@kraslava.lv

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.



“Guntīņi”, a farm

Phone: +371 29168868, *Robežnieki*, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>
Since 2005 rabbits are bred here. There are approximately 300 rabbits of 12 different breeds here. If you announce your arrival in advance, you may also taste rabbit meat – canned, roasted, shashlik.



“Cīruļi”, a farm

Phone: +371 29968900, *Lielie Muļķi, Ūdrīši parish*,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

Hosts Inta and Pēteris Babini invite you to get acquainted with the life of bees in the Lielie Muļķi village, which is located in the nature park “Daugavas loki”. Story about the bees. Tasting and purchase of products. Stories about the village and its name (literally “Big Fools”). Book your visit in advance.



Ludza County

“Kristīne”, a café

Phone: +371 657 81326, +371 26527888, *Baznīcas Street 25, Ludza*, koks kristine@e-apollo.lv,
www.pierobeza.lv



A good café in the heart of the old town of Ludza. Groups are served, as well as seminars and banquets. On preliminary request – dinner delivery. Latgale dishes are offered.



Ludza Centre of Craftsmen

Phone: +371 29123749, +371 29467925, *Tālavijas Street 27 a, shop – Baznīcas Street 42, Ludza*,
www.ludzasamatnieki.lv, ligakondrate@inbox.lv,
kondrats@one.lv



You can master the ancient skills. In the salon you can purchase national costumes from all regions of Latvia, linen and woolen articles. Latgalian culinary school is offered. If booked in advance – excursion groups can taste Latgale dishes. Before the Ligo festivities a Big Latgalian Fair is organized on the castle mound, as well as various events connected with crafts and traditions.



Preiļi County

“Ošu Mājas”, a snail farm

Phone: +371 29443577, *Preiļi parish*

Story about the breeding of snails. Tasting of helixes, which are prepared in various ways. You can also purchase the snails.



“Kalni”, production of home wine

Phone: +371 654 84126, +371 29472718, *Ārdava, Pelēči parish*
Tour through the wine production unit. Possibility to taste and purchase black currant and raspberry wine.



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Rēzekne City

“Mōls”, an artistic salon-bar

Phone: +371 646 25353, +371 29460041, *Latgales Street 22/24, Rēzekne, www.rezekne.lv, muols@inbox.lv*

Spirit of the kitchen – dishes cooked by old receipts of Latgale. The spirit of the interior – feeling of old times and comfort. Nutrition – hot, cold, sweet dishes; original strong and non-alcoholic drinks, cocktails. Tasting of Latgale dishes.



Rēzekne County

“Azarkrosti”, a cottage

Phone: +371 29459448, +371 646 27419, *Vērēmi parish, www.azarkrosti.viss.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, azarkrosti@inbox.lv*

It is situated on the bank of the Adamovas lake. The hostess cooks marvels of culinary heritage – curd and apple pies, using only her own receipts. Apartments for celebrations, a rural bath.



“Ezerkrasti”, a recreation complex

Phone: +371 26411207, +371 29176687, *Čornaja parish, www.raznaslicis.lv, www.ezerkrasti.viss.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, eseja4@inbox.lv, razna08@inbox.lv*

You may have a rest here, enjoying the magic of the lake Rāzna. You may taste the meal of Latgale culinary heritage. Apartments for arranging seminars and banquets, lodging for the night.



“Birzes”, a cottage

Phone: +371 26439970, +371 29422050, *Gaigalava parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, unces@inbox.lv*

The paradise for fishermen and bird observers. “Look everywhere you want – there is only water” – because the house is in the middle of the ponds. An abundance of fish. Fish is prepared for guests in many ways by many recipes.



“Pakuļmājas”, a place for rest

Phone: +371 26135941, *Dukstigals, Čornaja parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, jons1988@inbox.lv*

Village products, tasting of culinary home-made products. Not far from the lake Rāzna. Places for tents, a bath.



“Zaļā sala”, a guest house

Phone: +371 29373015, +371 29125600, *Greiškāni parish, www.hotelzalasala.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, zalasala@inbox.lv*

You and your friends may have a wonderful rest in the bath, celebrate anniversary or wedding, or arrange seminars and conferences. There is a game park for children. This is a resting place for 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, Kaunata parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Visit of the farmstead, tour with seeing domestic animals. Tasting of dairy products, horseback riding and cart riding.



“Zvejnieki”, farmstead of fisherman

Phone: +371 29165392, +371 28301143,

Īdeņa, Nagļi parish, www.zvejnieki.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, zvejnieki-lubans@inbox.lv

Located near the biggest lake of Latvia – Lubāns.

Various culinary articles from fresh fish are offered. You may watch birds here, admire splendid sunset at the lake.



“Lapegles”, certified biological farm

Phone: +371 26520908, Lapegles, Lendži parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, lapegles.lendzi@inbox.lv

A story about bees and their life, tasting and purchasing of beekeeping products.



Rugāji County

Baking of bread according to old traditions

Phone: +371 29364101, farm “Ābeles”, Baldones, Rugāji parish, www.rugaji.lv

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.



“Rūķiši”, a rural house

Phone: +371 29197821 (Margita), “Rūķiši”, Eglusala, Rugāji parish, zs.rukisi@inbox.lv, <http://www.draugiem.lv/rukisi>

An excellent place for recreation in a circle of friends, celebrating anniversaries, organization of seminars and conferences. There is a playground for children. 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. You can catch a fish here and it can be cured on the spot.



AUKŠTAITIJĄ

Anykščiai District

“Anykščių vynos”, JSC

Phone: +370 38150313, *Dariaus ir Girėno Street 8, Anykščiai*, info@anvynas.lt, www.anvynas.lt

The oldest wine factory in Lithuania “Anykščių vynos” 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” is Lithuanian culinary heritage. You may take an excursion “Wine route” (“Vyno kelias”) in the factory and try its production (no charge). Working hours: with a reservation.

**“Barono vila”, an estate of country tourism**

Phone: +370 698 85233, *Būteniai*, ruta@baronovila.lt, www.baronovila.lt

It is situated 1 km from the highway Utena–Kupiškis. The hostesses will treat you with tasty Aukštaitija national dishes. The meal is prepared for groups from 15 persons on preliminary request. Here you may taste delicious pilaf, which is made on fire. Lodging for the night (for 30 persons).

**“Pasagėlė”, a café**

Phone: +370 682 13405, *Niuronys*, pasagele@puslapiai.lt, www.pasagele.puslapiai.lt

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 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: Monday – Thursday: 10:00–22:00, Friday – Saturday: 10:00–00:00.

**Ritual sacrifice of sheep**

Phone: +370 68248202, *Antežeris*, antezeris@gmail.com, www.antezeris.lt

In the village Antežeriai, at the lake Nevėža the ritual sacrifice of sheep take place. After visiting the slaughter you will be treated by meal from fresh meat.

**Fishing in a rural homestead**

Phone: +370 682 48202, *Antežeris*, antezeris@gmail.com www.antezeris.lt

Here you'll see and try license fishing. In the evening the nets are cast. In the morning fish is weighted and boiled in special pots. Working hours: on request.



“Saules blynas”, an educational programme

Phone: +370 69222108, Slenio Street 9, Burbiškis, slyva@erdves.lt, www.saulėsbylnas.lt

Adamoniai estate – a secluded home, where the hostess will cook you tea with herbs, treat with Aukštaitija pancakes with various kinds of sauce – dishes of culinary heritage.



“Šaltinis”, a café

Phone: +370 38155147, +370 60020999, Šaltinio Street 1, Kavarskas, info@kavarsko-koldunai.lt, www.kavarsko-koldunai.lt

The spring of St. John the Baptist is known from the 16th century. Dishes are prepared here with the miraculous spring water.



Herbs in Anykščiai

Phone: +370 65978361, Vilniaus Street 22, Anykščiai, ramusvanduo@gmail.com www.ramunovaistazoles.lt

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: Tuesday – Sunday: 12:00–18:00.



Bread and pie

Phone: +370 612 96063, Slėnio Street 18, Anykščiai

Marija Bučinskienė bakes bread in charcoal-burner using organic sourdough. She also bakes bread with nuts, with parching fruits, extraordinary pie with honey and the unique anthill. Working hours: 8:00–19:00.



Utena District

Country tourism homestead “Alaušyne”

Phone: +370 38934317, +370 69803447, Salos village, Sudeikiai post, www.abuva.lt, info@abuva.lt, kavine@abuva.lt

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.



“Abu”, a café

Phone: +370 389 66044, +370 612 57383, Aukštaičių Street 3 b, Utena, www.abuva.lt, kavine@abuva.lt, info@abuva.lt

In this café you can taste dishes of Lithuanian culinary heritage. A good place for organization of seminars and various festivities.



“Šiaudinių Mėsinių”, JSC

Phone: +370 389 75030, +370 389 60051, Šiaudiniai village, siaudiniumesine@gmail.com

Meat products are prepared by old traditions and receipts, trying to keep the traditional taste and aroma. Special dishes can be ordered.



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Zarasai District

“Bikėnų užėiga”

Phone: +370 685 44450, *Bikėnai village*,
info@degesa.lt, www.degesa.lt

Dishes of culinary heritage are offered, such as fish cheese. Events can be held here. The cheese is prepared, if ordered in advance.



Ecological beekeeping farm of Janina Milašienė

Phone: +370 621 99194, *Pagrundai village*

Janina has been keeping bees for many years. Honey made here is both delicious and healthy. You may taste the honey. Book your visit in advance.



Inn “Prie bravoro”

Phone: +370 686 48890, *Dusetos village*,
cizoalus@takas.lt, www.cizoalus.lt

Unfiltered, live “Chizasa” beer, made by the recipes of ancestors. Dishes of Lithuanian kitchen. Exposition of ancient items for brewing beer. Lodging for the night, bathhouse, place for banquets. Organization of annual championships of crayfish eating.



Šlyninka watermill

Phone: +370 686 23348, *Šlyninka village*,
vandensmalunas@gmail.com, www.slyninkosmalunas.lt

Visitors will have the possibility to see the old mill – technical heritage object, 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.



VITEBSK REGION

Braslav District

Restaurant and cafeteria “Ozerniy” (“Озерный”)

Phone: +375 2153 22475, +375 2153 22553, *Sovetskaya Street 115 (Braslav central square), Braslav*
 Working hours: 12:00–24:00



Restaurant “Drivyati” (“Дривяты”)

Phone: +375 2153 32679, *Naberezhnaya Street, Braslav*
 Working hours: 10:00–24:00



Café “Suzorye” (“Сузор’е”)

Phone: +375 2153 22697, *Leninskaya Street 133, Braslav*
 Working hours: 12:00–24:00



Café “Vitalich” (“Віталіч”)

Phone: + 375 29 2553891, *Sadovaya Street 6, Braslav*

Working hours: 12:00–01:00



Café “Kupalnitsa” (“Купальница”)

Phone: +375 29 2974983, *Sovetskaya Street 69, Braslav*

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



Miory District

Café “Chaika” (“Чайка”)

Phone: +375 215241301, *Dzerzhinskogo Street 14, Miory*

Up to 72 guests.



Café “Molodezhnoe” (“Молодежное”)

Phone: +375 2152 4 27 89, *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”

Oktyabrskaya Street 1, Miory

Up to 50 guests.



GASTRONOMIC TOURISM AND COUNTRY DELIGHTS

Mini-Café “Priozernoye” (“Приозерное”)

Perebrodye village

Up to 36 guests.



Café “Dvina” (“Двина”)

Phone: +375 2152 37398, Yubileynaya Street 11, Dysna

Up to 60 guests.



Farm “Alyonushka”

Phone: +375 2152 37307, +375 29 8901887,

Frunze Street 22, Dysna

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 “Belie Rozy”

Phone: +375 2152 39581, +375 33 6455282,

Borovaya Street 6, Yazno village

During the summer guests can stay on a hayloft. If you love a good meal, you will be pleasantly surprised by the variety of meals made of natural products, which are offered by hostess. There are some domestic animals, such as two cows, sheep, pigs, and chickens. There is a lake nearby with lines, pikes, crucians, perch and breams. Also there is a forest nearby, rich with mushrooms and berries.



Farm “Dostatok”

Phone: +375 2152 37259, +375 29 8940182,

Kirova Street 18, Dysna

Hostess offers meals from natural products from her own garden. Only the best and proven recipes, she may also teach canning of products.



Farm “Klennaya”

Phone: +375 2152 39601, +375 29 2975258, Komsomolskaya Street 7, Yazno village

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 village

Guests are offered fresh milk, curd, vegetables, berries, Belarusian national dishes, and herbal teas. Three meals a day.



Polotsk District

Restaurant “Slavyanskii” (“Славянский”)

Phone: +375 2144 20797, F. Skoryny Avenue 13, Polotsk



Café “Damian” (“Дамиан”)

Phone: +375 2144 28766, Nizhne-Pokrovskaya Street 41B, Polotsk



Café “Dionis” (“Дионис”)

Phone: +375 2144 23148, Oktyabrskaya Street 25, Polotsk



Café “Hutorok Nikolaevskii” (“Хуторок Николаевский”)

Phone: +375 2144 28197, F. Skoryny Avenue 2, Polotsk



Café “Razdol” (“Раздол”)

Phone: +375 2144 20433, Tolstogo Street 15, Polotsk



Verkhnyadzvinsk District

Restaurant “Drissa” (“Дрисса”)

Phone: +375 2151 52370, Sovetskaya Street 55, Verkhnyadzvinsk

Restaurant “Flora-Plus” (“Флора-Плюс”)

Phone: +375 2151 57114, Sovetskaya Street 171, Verkhnyadzvinsk

Café “Labirint” (“Лабиринт”)

Phone: +375 2151 52470, Sovetskaya Street 47, Verkhnyadzvinsk

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 twenty years ago, in 1990. The hostess will show you her bee gardens in the forest and in the field, and will demonstrate various beekeeping tools.

GASTRONOMIC TOURISM AND COUNTRY DELIGHTS

Beekeeping farm

Phone: +375 214 514164, +375 29 5149909, *Staroselje village*

You will see numerous beehives along the road to Osveja and in the village Staroselje. The village, now almost abandoned, used to be a noisy and crowded place. 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.

Vitebsk District

Restaurant “Zolotoy Lev” (“Золотой Лев”)

Phone: +375 2123 58111, *Suvorova Street 20/13, Vitebsk*

Up to 56 guests. Working hours: 11:00–24:00.



Restaurant “Usadjba” (“Усадьба”)

Phone: +375 2123 74492, *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 2122 26073, +375 2122 25189, *Pobedy Avenue 1, Vitebsk*

Up to 76 guests. Working hours: 11:00–23:30.



Restaurant “Zhuravinka” (“Журавинка”)

Phone: +375 2124 28738, *Moskovskii Avenue 7, Vitebsk*

Up to 198 guests. Working hours: 9:00–24:00.



Café “U Ganny” (“У Ганны”)

Phone: +375 2122 55883, *Voinov-Internacionalystov Street 1-3, Vitebsk*

Up to 25 guests. Working hours: 10:00–24:00.



Café “Vitebsk” (“Витебск”)

Phone: +375 2123 60623, *Zamkovaya Street 5/2a, Vitebsk*
Up to 88 guests. Working hours: 11:00–23:30, Monday 11:00–16:00.



Café “Graf Suvorov” (“Граф Суворов”)

Phone: +375 2123 63653, *Suvorova Street 28, Vitebsk*

Up to 48 guests. Working hours: 10:00–02:00.



Café “Dvor u berezy” (“Двор у березы”)

Phone: +375 29 7177020, *Tretya Surazhskaya Street 37, Vitebsk*

Up to 50 guests. Working hours: 10:00–02:00.



Café “Nika” (“Ника”)

Phone: +375 2122 30054, *Moskovskii Avenue 9 k. 1, Vitebsk*

Up to 48 guests. Working hours: 11:00–23:00.



Café “Vitebskiy traktir” (“Витебский трактир”)

Phone: +375 2123 62957, *Suvorova Street, Vitebsk*

Up to 45 guests. Working hours: 12:00–00:00.



Café “Slavyanskoe” (“Славянское”)

Phone: +375 2123 72606, *Lenina Street 32, Vitebsk*

Up to 100 guests. Working hours: 11:30–16:00.



Café “Zadvinye” (“Задвинье”)

Phone: +375 2123 58137, *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 2122 05139, +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, *Городнянский Мох*

Lodging, catering, recreation, Russian bath, fishing, berry and mushroom picking.

Active Tourism

If you like active tourism, feeling the thrill, and you want to feel unprecedented emotions, then the Baltic Country of Lakes and Bella Dvina region is the place for you. It is not called land of Blue Lakes for nothing – there are more than two thousand lakes here. Thus, water tours will be among the most breathtaking adventures that await you in this hospitable land. You can simply take a ride on a boat or catamaran, listening to silent wash of waves and seeing beautiful sights. You can also go fishing, as there is plenty of fish.

You can also test yourself by seeing cityscape from a bird's eye view or get positive emotions playing paintball or golf with your friends. And how exciting it is to have a ride on a horse after a stressful working week! The Baltic Country of Lakes and Bella Dvina region is a perfect place for active recreation.



Horse Riding

A horse – this is a whole world. A horse – this is for health, for good posture, flexible spine and for the harmony of the soul. If you are riding, the time stops and all everyday troubles and anxieties are forgotten. The contact with the horse allows investigating yourself, your abilities and their limits (not necessary only physically). Equestrian sport – this is a unique kind of sport, which limbers up absolutely all groups of muscles, even muscles of the face. Why? Because during riding people smile. If you want to be closer to the nature and horses, which unite us with feelings forgotten long ago, make use of this chance and the route offered, which opens possibilities for contact with these wonderful animals – horses.

LATGALE

Balvi County

“Kapulejas”, a farm

Phone: +371 28738007, Rutkova, Tilža parish

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. Book your visit in advance.



Cibla County

“Akmeņi”, a guest house

Phone: +371 26454793, Franapole, Zvirgzdene parish,
www.akmeni.lv, www.pierobeza.lv, inara@akmeni.lv

Riding and instruction of experienced coach. Riding in a circle or through the neighborhood. Book your visit in advance.



A complex of the cultural-historical path of Eversmuiža

Phone: +371 28710501, +371 29438266, Cibla

Riding and instruction of experienced coach. Riding in a circle or through the neighborhood (along the cultural-historical path of Eversmuiža). Book your visit in advance.



Dagda County

“Ūzuleņi”, Ltd

Phone: +371 29111983, +371 656 53075, Ozoliņi, Dagda parish

Riding, driving cart (8 horses). Arrangement of trotter races. Book your visit in advance.



“Čadi”, a farm

Phone: + 371 26717893, Vecdome, Dagda parish

You can have a ride in a cart, or sleigh during winter. Trotter races are organized.



ACTIVE TOURISM / Horse Riding

Ilūkste County

Riding and driving in the carriage in Bebrene

Phone: +371 26109353, Bebrene, benita1963@inbox.lv

Riding and driving in the carriage through the park of the Bebrene castle complex. Book your visit in advance.



Krāslava County

“Klajumi”, horse ranch

Phone: +371 29472638, Kaplava, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, www.klajumi.lv, ilze.stabulniece@inbox.lv

2–7 day combined riding routes in the Nature Park “Daugava bends” and near the Latvia–Byelorussia border. Rent of the horses, a guide, lodging for the night, a bath, nourishment, rafts and boats. Reittherapy and relaxation during riding. Please, take passport with you. Book your visit in advance.



Rēzekne County

“Untumi”, stables

Phone: +371 26227297, +371 26337449, Spundžāni, Ozolmuiža parish, www.untumi.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, ligita@untumi.lv

Riding and driving in a cart, in winter – in sledge. Walks in the wedding park. Reittherapy. Watching storks via optical devices. Lessons of equestrian sport under the guidance of certified trainer. Book your visit in advance.

**“Rudo kumeļu pauguri”, a farm**

Phone: +371 28745654, +371 26283607, Šļakoti, Kaunata parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Visiting a rural farm, an excursion to the domestic animals. Riding, driving in cart. To liven up culture and economic bustle in the countryside, the club “Latgale trotter” was established, and it organizes the horse cart race for 3 years already. Everybody whose helper and friend is a horse can participate in the race. Book your visit in advance.



Riebiņi County

“Riebiņi”, stud farm

Phone: +371 653 22681, +371 29112796, Riebiņi, Riebiņi parish

An excursion through the stud farm, rent of horses, driving in harness. Book your visit in advance.



Rugāji County

“Mežaines”

Phone: +371 28764175, +371 28619479, *Mežaine, Rugāji parish*

Horse riding, participation in events, and services of a coach. In winter – sledges. Book your visit in advance.



AUKŠTAITIJĄ

Anykščiai District

The republic holiday of equestrian sport “Bėk bėk, žirgeli!”

Phone: +370 381 51722, *Niuronys, a.vienualis@delfi.lt, www.arkliomuziejus.lt*

On the first Saturday of June the national sport and ethnographic holiday “Run run, my horse” is arranged, then there is an opportunity to ride in horse-school or through the neighborhood of Niuronys, to try yourself participating in the competition of riding.



Horse museum

Phone: +370 381 51722, *Niuronys, a.vienualis@delfi.lt, www.arkliomuziejus.lt*

Exposition of items connected with horse riding collected throughout the country. Riding in horse school and driving in droshky through the picturesque Anykščiai Regional Park. The 12 km route “Žirgo takas” is prepared. Working hours: May–August – 9:00–18:00, September–April – 8:00–17:00.



Riding club “Vilartas”

Phone: +370 61884810, +370 61559120, *Niuronys, info@vilartas.lt www.vilartas.lt*

Riding and driving through the picturesque neighborhood of Niuroniai, the forest paths. Book your visit in advance.



Riding club “Orionas”

Phone: +370 686 35255, *Niuronys, Anykščiai, klubas.orionas@gmail.com, www.jodinek.lt*

Riding club “Orionas” is located in the picturesque neighborhood of village Niuronys. Here you can ride along the river Šventoji or in the forest. Book your visit in advance.



ACTIVE TOURISM / Horse Riding



Zarasai District

“Sartai stud farm”, Ltd. and farmstead “Pasartėlė”

Phone: +370 652 33232, *Hipodromo Street 4, Didžiadvaris village, pasartele@one.lt*

In the stud farm you have an ability to see most valuable horse breeds: Lithuanian heavies, žemaitukai and Russian trotters. Horse riding. Book your visit in advance.

**Association “Baltas mustangas”**

Phone: +370 689 10712, *Liaudėnai village*

Horse riding, driving on sledge. Book your visit in advance.

**“Rūtos žirgai”**

Phone: +370 601 22133, *Naujadvaris village*

Amateur horse riding. Book your visit in advance.



VITEBSK REGION

Miory District

“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 village*

Horse riding.

Verkhnyadzvinsk District

Horseback riding school

Phone: +375 29 9463786, *Osveya village*

Horseback riding trips near the lake Osveyskoe. Camping, guided tours.



Vitebsk District

Riding club

Phone: +375 2123 69954, +375 29 2140805, *Luzhesno village*

Created in 2003, offers horse riding, participation in competitions, learning how to ride.



Water Tourism

The numerous nature parks, sceneries, lakes and rivers will give you an opportunity to enjoy the magnificence of the Baltic Country of Lakes and Bella Dvina region. There are many adventures awaiting a traveler in the Baltic Country of Lakes. Special adventures will be floating down the Daugava on a raft, sailing the lake Drīdzis and the fastest river of Lithuania – Šventoji. Multi-day trips on the local water body systems alone are worth a lot. Such trips are best in the spring, when the lakes are full and rivers are swift. A trip on the water is relaxation in its purest form. Especially in Belarus, where the rivers are calm, and there are no dangerous bends and rapids. Lakes here form a true precious necklace: Glybo – Dryssa – Synša – Volobo – Donskoye – Prolobno – Ostrovytsy – Optino... All of these are connected with channels and rivers, which makes it possible to sail them indefinitely! The temptation to remain here forever or at least to spend here an unforgettable holiday is strong. After the active recreation you can rest alone or in a circle of friends in a guest house, listening to the rustle of leaves and singing of birds.

LATGALE

Aglona County

“Ezersētas”, a cottage

Phone: +371 29166259, +371 29194748, *Ladiškina, Kastuļina parish, www.laivaslatgale.lv, www.ezersetas.viss.lv, ezersetas@inbox.lv*

A great place for recreation at Užņa lake. Activities for children and adults. Two or more day trips through the lakes or rivers of Latgale. A route for boats is offered: Geraņimovas Ilzas lake (seeing Panu peninsula and Geraņimova manor park) – channel to Rušona lake – Petrovka peninsula – sacrificial stone at Rušona lake – river Tartaka – Kameņeca stone – Kameņeca manor and park – a nature path of Ciriša lake – Upursala. Accommodation, black bathhouse. 23 canoes, transportation of boats. Take your passports with you!



“Krastmala”, a recreation complex

Phone: +371 29244610, *Ansveriņi 1, Aglona parish, brasla@apollo.lv*

Leisure trips with a 10-person pontoon on the Ciriši HEPS reservoir. Excursion to the Ciriši HEPS. Wakeboarding and water skiing. Rent of water scooters and rowboats. A house is available for small companies, with a bath, kitchen and 3 bedrooms (beds for 6 persons).



“Aglonas Alpi”, a camp site

Phone: +371 29194362, +371 29275701, *Leitāni, Aglona, aglonasalpi@gmail.com, www.aglonasalpi.viss.lv*

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.



Balvi City

Balvi estate park

Partizānu Street 2, Balvi

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.



“Vilnītis”, a raft

Phone: +371 29376933, Balvi, meistarseriks@inbox.lv

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 Kanaviņš can hold 10–15 persons on its deck.



Place of recreation in Ausala

Phone: +371 26177942, +371 26431052, Ausala, Briežuciems parish, zspapardes@inbox.lv

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.



Cibla County

“Akmeņi”, a guest house

Phone: +371 26454793, Franapole, Zvirgzdene parish, www.akmeni.lv, inara@akmeni.lv

The guest house is situated in 500 m from the lake of Franapole, there is a pond nearby. A bath, water bicycles, sports grounds, places for tents. Watching beavers. Lodging for the night, a hall with fire-place. Golf, horse riding.



“Cirmas ezerkrasts”, a recreation complex

Phone: +371 28332523, Ezernieki, Zvirgzdene parish, www.cirmasezerkrasts.lv, info@cirmasezerkrasts.lv

It is situated on the bank of Cirmas lake. A sandy beach, vast possibilities for active recreation – boats, billiard, ping-pong. A house for banquets and seminars. Lodging for the night.



“Cirmas pludmale”, a place for recreation

Phone: +371 29123749, Zvirgzdene parish, kondrats@one.lv

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



Dagda County

“Papeles”, a rural house

Phone: +371 26127161, +371 656 53304, Ezernieki, Ezernieki parish

Driving by water cycle and water skis on the richest with islands lake in Latvia – the lake Ežezers. Rent of boats, surfing board and water skis, fishing. Places for tents.



“Active recreation in Dagda”

Phone: +371 29180459, Dagda

Nice place for recreation on the banks of Dagdas lake, rent of catamarans and boats. Places for tents.



Daugavpils City

“Vilnis”, a recreation complex

Phone: +371 29119558, Dzintaru Street 74, Daugavpils, www.stropuvilnis.lv, info@stropuvilnis.lv

In the summer – nice beach, sunshades, catamarans, water bikes, waterskiing, boats, and motorboats. Volleyball courts, playground for children, camping, guest house.

In winter – ski rental, snow bike, ATV. Special offer – floating three-deck house – bathhouse, hall, rooms. You can go for a ride on a small ship “Veiksme”. Lodging for the night. Book your visit in advance.



“Mučas”, boat rental

Phone: +371 28344394, Īsā Street 1, Daugavpils, www.laivunoma.com, mucas@inbox.lv

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.



Daugavpils County

“Beibuks”, a sports club

Phone: +371 29493121, Viļušī, Naujene parish, www.plostilatgale.lv, ilmars.lociks@inbox.lv

A fascinating trip along the river Daugava. Wooden raft and canoe rental. Accommodation possible, tent places, warm bathhouse.



“Gaišā”, a rural house

Phone: +371 29185690, Silene, Skrudaliena parish

A bath and a rest at Sila lake. Shower, WC, fire-place, banquet hall. Rent of boats, fishing, playground for children. Volleyball court. Place for tents and campfire. A possibility to cook fish soup.



Licensed fishing on Višķu and Luknas lakes and the river Dubna

Phone: +371 654 25347, +371 26860311, +371 26557072

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

**Licensed fishing and underwater hunting in Sventes lake**

Purchase of licenses: +371 29768455 (Association "Sventes pērle")

**"Ozianna", a camping**

Phone: +371 29182474, Vecloki, Naujene parish, <http://www.piedaugavas.lv>

It is situated on the territory of the Nature Park "Daugavas loki" at the Rozališķi curve. A bath and a hall for banquets. 22 places in 4 wooden houses. Places for tents. Rent of boats and bicycles.

**"Romuļki", a place of recreation**

Phone: +371 26177457, Slutišķi, Naujene parish

A place of recreation in the Nature Park "Daugavas loki", on the banks of the river Daugava. Offers rental of boats and bicycles, places for campfires, bathhouse for up to 15 persons, places for tents and trailers.

**"Saules nams", a guest house**

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

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.

**"Saulesstari", a guest house**

Phone: +371 22052626, Medumi, Medumi parish, www.saulesstari.viss.lv

Located in the territory of the Nature Park "Medumiezeraine" in a picturesque place on the banks of lake Medums. Offers: fishing, boat rental, going for a ride on catamaran, recreation and lodging in the Hunters lodge, a hall for banquets and rooms for festivities, bathhouse.

**"Silene", a recreation park**

Phone: +371 654 39375, +371 29462185, +371 27870024, Silene, Skrudaliena parish, www.silene.lv, www.mezaviesnica.lv

Water bicycles and water scooters. Fishing in Sila lake (fishing rods provided), field for sports games, segway, paintball, and kettcars. Sauna, pool, hall for banquets, catering and lodging.



“Sventes rasa”, a place of recreation

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

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

**“Višķezers”, a cottage**

Phone: +371 26549373, Ostrova, Viški parish,
www.viskezers.lv, info@viskezers.lv

Bath with a banquet hall and a room for resting for 25 persons. Sailing on boats, or a ship on air-cushion, water bicycles. Fishing. Well-groomed beach, sports ground. Bicycle rental. Places for tents. Lodging for the night.

**“Virogna”, a recreation base**

Phone: +371 29532933, +371 29532939, Sviliški 1, Špoģi,
 Viški parish, andris.samuss@ldz.lv, virogna@inbox.lv

Recreation in comfortable maisonettes near pine forest on the banks of Viragna lake. A beach, fishing opportunities, boat rental, bathhouse. Excellent place both for events and family holiday.

**Ilūkste County****Sailing by boats on flood-lands of the river Dviete**

Phone: +371 29137095, Putnu sala, Bebrene parish,
benita63@inbox.lv

Sailing by boats on flood-lands of the river Dviete during spring flood (April, May) on the territory of the Nature Park “Dviete flood-lands”. It is interesting that Daugava flood-water, pouring in the ancient valley of the river Dviete, increases the water level in the river Dviete for more than 6 m.

**“Saliņas”, a rural house**

Phone: +371 29249017, “Saliņas”, Eglaine parish

Water motorcycles and boats. For bath lovers – bath procedures, outside – an ofuro bath. In winter season the complex offers comfortable lodging for the night in double-rooms (10 places), in summer – additionally 6 houses (24 places). An open-air stage.

**Kārsava County****Pudinava Dam**

Phone: +371 657 22225, Pudina, Mērdzene parish,
turisms@inbox.lv, www.pierobeza.lv

Pudinava dam is a popular place of recreation during the summer, located on the largest river of Kārsava county.



Krāslava County

Society "Active recreation in Latgale"

Phone: +371 26061272, Indras Street 33, Krāslava,
www.atputalatgale.com, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>,
atputalatgale@inbox.lv

Discover and enjoy your holiday in the ecological Krāslava region with unforgettable views of nature, friendly people, excellent fishing and delicious local cuisine. Society "Active recreation in Latgale" is able to organize your private or group holiday in Latgale. Our services: inflatable boat rental (10), canoe rental (16), rental of other equipment (paddles, pumps, life jackets), transporting, guide. Take your passport with you.



"Skaidas", a farm

Phone: +371 26131147, Rīgas Street 58, Krāslava,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, tic@kraslava.lv

1–4 day routes along the river Daugava. Then there are routes on lakes of Krāslava county – Siveru lake, lake Dridzis, Ārdavu lake, Lejas lake. It is necessary to have a passport!



"Arkādija", a guest house

Phone: +371 27006998, +371 29709006, Gandeļi, Kaplava parish,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, tic@kraslava.lv

The hosts of the guest house offer sailing by boats along the river Daugava. 10 canoe (2 seats), one 6-seater boat, a motorboat, transportation. Accommodation. Children playground. Bathhouse. Spring water pool. It is necessary to have a passport!



"Dridži", a recreation complex

Phone: +371 29441221, Pamales, Skaista parish,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, www.dridzi.lv, info@dridzi.lv

50-seater raft "Napoleons I" develops the speed up to 1,5 knots. A party on the raft on the deepest lake in the Baltic States together with folk musicians or a potter. Lodging for the night. A bath.



"Piedruja", a hotel

Phone: +371 656 29682, +371 28608784, +371 26357228, Piedruja, Piedruja parish, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>,
viesnicapiedruja@inbox.lv

1–3 day excursion down the river Daugava on inflatable 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. There are 3 inflatable rafts (8 seats in each) available, transportation. Book your visit in advance. It is necessary to have a passport!



"Priedaine", a guest house

Phone: +371 26430798, Klusā Street 2, Krāslava,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

A trip on the raft in the Nature Park "Daugava bends". Lodging for the night, rest on the bank of the river Daugava, picturesque places, and fishing. 1 raft (up to 15 persons). It is necessary to have a passport!



“Skerškāni”, a cottage

Phone: +371 29195745, Ūdriši parish, www.skerskani.lv,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, skerskans@inbox.lv

Water excursions on the river Daugava by rafts and boats. Additionally – tent places on the bank of Daugava, a bath, switches of birch twigs with herbs, tea, lodging for the night (18 persons). Three 8-seater rafts, 2 rubber boats. It is necessary to have a passport!

**“Vaclavi”, a guest house**

Phone: +371 29118861, Kaplava parish,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

Accommodation in a special park made of stones. Fishing trout, carps and other fish in 7 ponds. Bathhouse, shed, place for campfire.

**Līvāni County****Līvāni Center of active tourism**

Phone: +371 653 81856, +371 29157669, Domes Street 1b, Līvāni, www.livani.lv, Asterija.Vucena@livani.lv

The following stock is available: canoe, bicycles, tents, 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 Europe.

**“Krasti”, a recreation complex**

Phone: +371 28315677, “Stikāni”, Rožupe parish,
krastibella@inbox.lv

A black bath, bath-house attendant service. Volleyball and basketball courts, a stage. There are up to 20 places in the guest house. Lodging for the night in two campsites or in tents. There is an opportunity for fishing, sailing on boats.

**“Saulpurenes”, a guest house**

Phone: +371 29504247, Turki parish,
marikakirillova@inbox.lv

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. Located in a rural area, near Līvāni, good access road. Book your visit in advance.

**“Avotiņš”, a recreation complex**

Phone: +371 22363282, Cirsenieki, Jersika parish,
dacebru@inbox.lv

Want to rest from the hustle of city and everyday stress, to enjoy the nature on the banks of the river Daugava? Recreation complex “Avotiņš” awaits you with a summer pool, beach volleyball court, and places for tents, lodging and fishing on the bank of Daugava.



Ludza County

Places of recreation at Mazais Ludzas lake

Phone: +371 657 07203, +371 29467925, Ludza, <http://turisms.ludza.lv>, tic@ludza.lv, ligakondrate@inbox.lv

Several places for recreation and the city beach are established here within the project "Water Joy".

- "Zaldātu radziņš", Peldu Street 21. An equipped beach, children playgrounds, pavilions, layings, a swimming pool, rent of the stock, beach volley-ball and football fields, a stage for holding various events, a place for campfire. A place for arranging various holidays, beach volleyball and football tournaments.
- Place of recreation at the Ludza Local History Museum, Kuļņeva Street 2. A pavilion, benches, laying, a raft. An excursion by raft on Mazais Ludzas lake (up to 20 persons).
- Place of recreation opposite "Zaldātu radziņš", Soikāna Street 22. Layings for fishermen, moorage for boats, benches.



"Aizupmājas", a rural house

Phone: +371 26525785, Aizupmājas, Ņukši parish

It is situated on the bank of the river Pilda. A black bath. Sailing by boats on the river and Pildas lake.



"Dzerkaļi", a recreation complex

Phone: +371 26324735, Dzerkaļi, Cirma parish,

www.dzerkali.lv, dzerkali@inbox.lv

Lodging for the night in cottages at Cirmas lake. A bar, a bath complex, rent of boats, water bicycles and motorcycles, a snow-tractor. Paintball, tennis court. Up to 1000 places for tents, places for trailers. A banquet hall.



"Ezerzemes", a rural house and a holiday house

Phone: +371 29488376, Kušneri, Nirza parish,

www.ezerzemes.lv, ezerzemes@inbox.lv

A rest at Nirzas lake. 2 rooms in the landlord house, separate house with kitchen, a hall with fire-place, sauna, shower, WC. A black bath on the bank of the lake, boats, a water bicycle, bicycles, playground and swimming pool for children.



"Meldri", a guest house

Phone: +371 29485444, Nirza, Nirza parish,

stjadeanatolijs@inbox.lv, www.pierobeza.lv

A rest at Nirzas lake. Rooms for 2–4 persons, fishing, tent places, a bath, a hall for banquet, boats, sports fields (football, volleyball), fireplace, dancing hall. Separate resting house for 5 persons.



"Ozero", a place of recreation

Phone: +371 29227288, +371 26443624, Šķaune–Garjāni, Istra parish, www.ozero.lv, ozero_andreja@inbox.lv

A paradise for fishermen on the bank of Šķaunes lake. Boats, pontoons, fed fishing places. Regular tournaments of fishing – winter and summer cups.



“Zirga smaids”, a recreation complex

Phone: +371 29474802, +371 29492552, Raipole, Nirza parish, www.zirgasmaids.lv, info@zirgasmaids.com

A rest at Nirzas lake. Separate two-storey houses (12 persons in each), a bath, sports pitches, and vast possibilities of active rest – boats, bicycles, water bicycles and others.

**Rēzekne County****“Kalēji”, a place of recreation**

Phone: +371 26405369, +371 28680486, Kozori, Ozolmuiža parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Fishing in the ponds, a place for swimming, a bath, lodging for the night. This is a good place for wedding; it suits sports arrangements and picnics.

**“Zvejnieki”, a farmstead of fishermen**

Phone: +371 29165392, +371 28301143, Īdeņa, Nagļi parish, www.zvejnieki.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Fishing on the lake Lubāns, a bath on the bank of the river Rēzekne, lodging for the night.

**“Birzes”, a place of recreation**

Phone: +371 26439970, Kvāpāni, Gaigalava parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Fishing in the ponds. Accommodation, bathhouse.

**“Dīķi”, a place of recreation**

Phone: +371 26175505, Grumuži, Lūznava parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, eleonora.777@inbox.lv

Fishing in the ponds, bathhouse. There are 7 ponds where one can catch carps, crucian carps, tenches and pikes. In winter riding down the hill on special rubber sleigh. Paintball, relaxation room.

**Facilitated swimming place on the northeastern coast of Feimaņu lake**

Feimaņi, Feimaņi parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Facilitated swimming place on the northeastern coast of Feimaņu lake near the motorway Feimaņi–Silajāņi. An outhouse for rest, parking place, playground for children.

**“Vlakon”, a paradise for fishermen**

Phone: +371 29293393, +371 28383139, Pērtņieki, Sakstagala parish, www.pertnieki.lv, vlakonkarjers@inbox.lv

“Vlakon”, Ltd. offers fishing services, fish breeding, and selling. Trade of fish food. The water body offered for fishing is 6,1 ha big and 10–12 m deep. In the pond just next fishing is also possible, there one can catch trout. Gazebo for picnics. Programme for a diversity of the wedding day's celebration. It is possible to order fish soup, smoked fish.



ACTIVE TOURISM / Water Tourism

“Palienas”, a place of recreation

Phone: +371 29423153, *Livža, Kantinieki parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv*

Fishing crayfish in the pond (an area 20 ha). Fish stocks are replenished each spring and autumn, with different species of fish (carp, trout, pike, sturgeon, etc.). Place for a picnic.

**“Silvija”**

Phone: +371 28661213, *Tauriņka, Ozolmuiža parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv*

Fishing in eight ponds – carp, bream, tench, pike and other fish. The opportunity of using fish smoking equipment, smoked fish (book in advance). Place for a picnic.

Center of water tourism development “Bāka”

Phone: +371 26663358, *Gaigalava parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, baka@rezeknesnovads.lv*

Wide variety of water sports and cultural activities, renting of water sports equipment, facilities for conferences, exhibitions, dressing rooms and other necessary infrastructure. Parking, trailer sites, soccer and volleyball courts, playground, benches and garbage bins, a small stage. Place for children and youth camps.

**Riebiņi County****Recreation on the shore of Zolvas lake**

Phone: +371 26315587, *“Agaves”, Rušona parish*

Rental of equipment for active recreation – boats, trampoline, badminton.

**“Baški”, water skiing base**

Phone: +371 26489663, +371 653 21928, *Rušona parish*

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.

**“Silmalas”, a recreation center**

Phone: +371 29101378, +371 22830104, *Rušona parish, zalaneanna@inbox.lv*

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. Popular fishing spots. The lake 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. Catering (book in advance). Places for tents and picnic. Bath.



“Šaures”, a guest house

Phone: +371 29642100, *Rušona parish, saures@inbox.lv, www.saures.viss.lv*

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, berries, strolling. 2 places for a fire. Places for tents, sports field, parking for 10 cars. Bathhouse, room for festivities; catering on request.

**“Zolva”, a recreation complex**

Phone: +371 29210452, +371 653 07046, *Siveriņa, Rušona parish*

Pleasant 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.

**Rugāji County****Recreation complex**

Phone: +371 29149202, *Mazezeriņi, Rugāji parish, www.rugaji.lv*

Guest house on the bank of Boževas lake, in the 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.

**Vārkava County****“Meža oga”, a place of recreation**

Phone: +371 29447731, *Lielie Klapari, Vārkavas parish*

The recreation complex “Meža oga”, located on the banks of Ūdzeņas and Klaparu lakes, offers two paintball fields – “Skrejeni” and “Slideni”, a place for swimming, rent of grill, places for picnics and tents, parking. Suitable place for organization of open-air events.

**Viļaka County****A place of recreation by Viļakas lake**

Phone: +371 645 07224 (*Viļaka county council*), *Garnizona Street 6, Viļaka*

In the lake there is an island, where the ruins of the medieval castle of Marienhauzen are situated. On the shore of the lake there is a facilitated place for swimming with a gazebo and place for a fire, playground for children, volleyball courts.

**“Zivsālas”, a guest house**

Phone: 26399514, 22330887, *Ezermala, Vecumu parish*

A place of recreation on the shore of Viļakas 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 Viļakas lake, where the ruins of 13th century castle of Marienhauzen are located.

ACTIVE TOURISM/ Water Tourism

Zilupe County

River Zilupe

Phone: +371 28656530 (guide), Zilupe, www.pierobeza.lv

In the town of Zilupe, behind the bridge, on the bank of the river there is a facilitated place for swimming, places of recreation, open-air stage.



AUKŠTAITIJĄ

Anykščiai District

Farmsteads of country tourism on the shore of the lake Rubikiai:

The farmstead "Esina", Phone +370 68629344, Aniūnai village, uab.esina@gmail.com, www.atostogoskaime.lt/esina

The farmstead "Žuvienės pašiūrė", Phone +370 65988610, Rubikiai village

The farmstead "Žvejo sapnas", Phone: +370 69874916, +370 62060763, Bijeikiai village, www.zvejosapnas.lt

The farmstead "Ajerynė", Phone +370 68748458, Mačionys village

Rich with attractive and picturesque places, the lake Rubikiai invites to spend free time, sail on boats, and visit its 16 islands.

**"Šventoje upės slėnis", a farmstead**

Phone: +370 65905057, Mikieriai, Andrioniškis eldership, sodyba@slenis.com, www.slenis.com

Trips on kayaks and rafts are arranged on the river Šventoji, rich with bends and crooks; a cosy place for rest and lodging for the night on open air are offered. A place for a bonfire.

**"Žalioji stotelė", a farmstead**

Phone: +370 61484134, Šventupis village, Debeikiai eldership, kilciausk@gmail.com, www.upesubaidare.lt

It is nice to sail on bends of the river Šventoji both on kayaks and boats. Hosts of the tourist camp "Green stop", situated on the river Šventoji, arrange trips on kayaks on this amazing river of Aukštaitija.



Utena District

"Alaušo slėnis", a complex for relaxation and events

Phone: +370 640 42840, Bikuškis village, Sudeikiai subdistrict, www.alausoslenis.lt, centras@alausoslenis.lt

The complex for relaxation and events is situated on the picturesque western shore of the lake Alaušai. Rent of boats, water bicycles, kayaks, windsurfing, fishing-tackle. There is a bar and a restaurant.

**"Alaušynė", a farmstead**

Phone: +370 389 34317, +370 69803447, Salos village, Sudeikiai post, www.abuva.lt, info@abuva.lt

The farmstead is at the lake Alaušai. Sailing by raft (20 persons) on the lake, rent of a cutter, water bicycles, and a boat. Café, a complex for relaxation including a bath, a tub and a swimming pool. The museum of brewing "Utenos". Book your visit in advance.



The farmstead of Alvydas Valiukas

Phone: +370 688 41017, +370 613 09981, Mirkėnai village, Leliūnai subdistrict, www.valiukosodyba.puslapiai.lt, alvydas222@gmail.com

The hosts offer a house-raft on the lake Ilgys. The house is for 4 persons.

**The farmstead of Gražina and Gintaras Krugiškiai**

Phone: +370 680 84199, +370 616 29853, Antakalnis village, Saldutiškis subdistrict

The farmstead is at the lake Aisetas. Rent of kayaks, sailing on lakes and brooks in accordance with the routes made up. Excursions to the swamp are especially popular among tourists. Book your visit in advance.

**“Sudeikiai”, a camping**

Phone: +370 615 15324, +370 687 21938, Sudeikiai, www.utenainfo.lt, tic@utenainfo.lt

On the bank of the lake Alaušai. A place for tents and campers. Sailing by boats, kayaks, playing volleyball, football, ping-pong, and table games, walking by the elaborated routes or driving on bicycles or cars, sailing by boats. Children playground. A center of diving.

**The farmstead of Vilija Čepulienė**

Phone: +370 611 62268, +370 682 20660, Pliauškečiai village, Saldutiškis subdistrict, www.vilijossodyba.lt, vilija@atostogoskaime.lt

The farmstead is in the forest Labanoras, not far from the lake Aisetas, where water excursions “Water outings for knowledge of the nature” are arranged on the ship adopted for a good rest and entertainment (for 25 persons).

**Zarasai District****Boat station on Zarasas lake shore**

Phone: +370 385 37171 (TIC), Zarasai, www.zarasai.lt/tic

You can rent boats, water bikes, canoe, sailboats, sail catamaran, bicycles.

**“Degesa”, JSC (foto Nr. 52 užė est v knižke)**

Phone: +370 685 44450, Bikėnai village, info@degese.lt, www.degese.lt

Located on the banks of the river Šventoji. Rent of boats, water bikes, kayaks, canoes, surfboards, and bicycles. Book in advance and you may taste a dish of culinary heritage – fish cheese. In winter – a skating rink.

**“Degesa”, Ltd.**

Phone: +370 685 44450, Salakas town, info@degese.lt, www.degese.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic

Very popular water trips with kayaks and canoes. Night water trips are also organized.



ACTIVE TOURISM/ Water Tourism

Country tourism farmstead “Pasartėlė”

Phone: +370 652 33232, *Didžiadvarys village,*

pasartele@gmail.com

Pontoon catamaran trips on the lake Sartai.

**Zarasai youth water sports club**

Phone: +370 610 63327, *Zarasai,*

adateleadatele@gmail.com

Pontoon catamaran, water skis, parasailing, diving, diving lessons. One-day educational trip on the lake of Zarasai. Catamaran can be relocated to other lakes on request.

**Zarasai water sports club**

Phone: +370 687 39626, *Laukesa village, v.memliukas@is.lt,*

www.poilsiobase.lt

You can rent water bikes, boats, tourist canoes, sports canoes, windsurfing boards, motorboat, and water skis.

**“Prie lagūnos”, Ltd.**

Phone: +370 652 80301

You can rent water tourism equipment.



VITEBSK REGION

Braslav District

Regional Sports Club “Drivyatich”

Phone: +375 2153 22735, *Krasnoarmeyskaya Street 2, Braslav, drivyatich@tut.by*

Water Route “To Vikings”

Length 23 km. Starts on Drivyati lake, then Druyka, Tsno, Nespish, Poteh lakes, and ends at Slobodka recreation.

Water Route “Till the hunched bridge”

Length 30 km. Drivyati lake – river Druyka – Tsno lake – Nespish lake – Voyso lake – bridge over Voyso-Strusto.

Water Route “Grand Lake”

Length 10 km. Drivyati recreation center – Chayka lake – eastern shore of the gulf – northern part of Ushino peninsula – southern part of Turbazovskiy Rog peninsula.

Water Route “To Veles”

Length 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.

Miory District

Place of recreation on the river Western Dvina

Phone: +375 2153 32150 (TIC), place of confluence of Western Dvina and Dysna rivers

A facilitated 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.

"Rosinka", a holiday center

Phone: +375 215235159, +375 215235243, Murashki village, www.agrozdrav.by, sanrosinka@mail.ru

The holiday center is located at the road Polotsk–Braslav, 19 km away from Miory, not far from the village Murashki of the Perebrodye rural council. Holiday center's buildings stand near lake Obsterno and are surrounded by old pine and broad-leaved trees. Catamarans, volleyball and football fields, strolling in the forest, etc.



"Aktam", a holiday center

Phone: + 375 215235144, Murashki village, aktam@mail.ru

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 Braslav lakes, follow one of the many local tourist routes.



Farm "Beliye Rosy"

Phone: + 375 2152 39581, Borovaya Street 6, Yazno village

Located in 800 m from a coniferous forest. Fishing, sailing on a boat, bath, trips to Zhady and Yelnya swamps.



Farm "Ortsovskaya pristan'"

Phone: + 375 2152 49275, Ortsy village

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. There is a lot of fish, so you can go fishing. There is also a boat, in case you want to sail a little.



Farm "Tihaya"

Phone: + 375 2152 37138, Zacherevye village

Located in the Zacherevye village on the shore of the biggest lake of the region – Obsterno, in 300 m from the motorway Miory–Braslav. Pool, sauna, Russian bath, sports field, beach, fishing. There are boats available.



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 plank way. Fishermen will be offered a separate route and shown the places richest with fish.

ACTIVE TOURISM / Water Tourism

Polotsk District

Place of recreation on the river Western Dvina

Phone: +375 2144 26949 (TIC), "Aeroport" microdistrict, Polotsk

A facilitated fenced water tourism station. In its territory you can find a place to eat at, places for tents, places for a fire, barbeque, a WC, etc. Made within the "Bella Dvina" project.

Verkhnyadzvinsk District

Place of recreation on the river Western Dvina. A hunter's and fisherman's lodge

Phone: +375 2151 52168, Solnechniy Alley 6, Verkhnyadzvinsk

A facilitated place of recreation, a city park with numerous gazebos, a stage, relaxation grounds, and a splendid beach. There is a nature museum nearby. Made within the "Bella Dvina" project.



Vitebsk District

Recreation center "Po`ozerye"

Phone: +375 2123 70253, +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 Play 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 2122 03233, +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 shashlick, overnight stay. We offer unsinkable canoes and life-saving equipment, lessons in canoeing and safety instructions for beginners. Experienced tourists go fishing, diving with aqualung, underwater hunting. Rent of sports and tourism equipment. Working hours: Monday–Friday – 8:00–17:00, dinner – 13:00–14:00.



Adventure Tourism

Adventure is a striking, unexpected and incredible event. It allows you to experience special emotions. The Baltic Country of Lakes and Bella Dvina region invites you to come in a search of adventure to Latgale, Aukštaitija and Vitebsk regions. You can experience new emotions, feelings and experiences by playing golf, seeing cities and other populated areas from a bird's eye view, going for a ride on unusual modes of transportation. You can go adventuring on the water as well – going for a ride on lakes and rivers on boats and rafts. In the Vitebsk region waterways travelers can roam the labyrinths of lakes, occasionally stopping on found islands; go for a ride on a canoe, rowboat or catamaran. Bicycle tourists can tour in their own pace here, on roads unavailable for cars. Fans of legends will like the tales of underground passages in Polotsk under the bed of Southern Dvina. The brave will, possibly, meet the tsmoks – the mysterious inhabitants of Rossony lakes, closest relatives of Loch Ness monster! If you have the spirit of an adventurer – come to the Baltic Country of Lakes and Bella Dvina region!

LATGALE

Aglona County

Camping “The Alps of Aglona”

Phone: +371 29194362, +371 292757701, *Leitāni, Aglona*,
www.aglonasalpi.viss.lv, aglonasalpi@gmail.com
 Volleyball, football, basketball. Extreme routes are available.
 Organization of sports events. Quad bike rental.



Active recreation center at Ciriša lake

Phone: +371 26123809, +371 653 22100, *Aglona*
 Excursion on raft to Upursala, boat rental, playground, beach.



Aglona from a bird's eye view

Phone: +371 29406255, *Jaunaglona*,
visvaldis.kursitis@inbox.lv
 Unforgettable flight by plane together with experienced pilot. Book in advance.



Cibla County

Golf at the guest house “Akmeni”

Phone: +371 26454793, *Franapole, Zvirgzdene parish*,
www.akmeni.lv, inara@akmeni.lv, www.pierobeza.lv
 Equipment for golf, instructor service. Riding, routes for bicycles, a rural bath.



ACTIVE TOURISM / Adventure Tourism

Paintball in Cibla

Phone: +371 26162066, Cibla, aldons777@inbox.lv

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). Book in advance.

**Dove farm**

Phone: +371 26431062, Grunduļi house, Berezovka village, Līdumnieki parish, www.pierobeza.lv

A typical Latgalian farmstead. Various animals are bred here – rabbits, sheep, cows, hens. Special attention is paid to breeding doves. There are 30 breeds of doves in the farm. Book your visit in advance.

**Daugavpils City****“Vilnis”, a recreation complex**

Phone: +371 29119558, Dzintaru Street 74, Daugavpils, www.stropuvilnis.lv, info@stropuvilnis.lv

In summer – an equipped modern beach, beach armchairs, umbrellas, catamarans, water bicycles, water skis, a cutter and rowing boats. A volleyball court. Playground for children, camping. In winter – rent of skis, snow motorcycles, quad bike, grill house, a cafe with a fireplace. Special offer – floating house with a bath, banquet hall and room for relaxation. Tours with the ship “Veiksme”.

**“Orange bowling”, a bowling hall**

Phone: +371 654 27102, Cietokšņa Street 60, Daugavpils, www.klondaika.com, klondaika@klondaika.lv

The newest most modern bowling in Daugavpils: 10 tracks and the equipment from the well-known company “Brunswick”. Besides you may play air hockey, billiard, and virtual tennis. Working hours: Monday 12:00–23:00, Tuesday–Thursday 11:00–23:00, Friday–Saturday 11:00–2:00, Sunday 11:00–23:00

**“Daugavpils ledus”, a sports center**

Phone: +371 65407192, +371 65407191, Stacijas Street 45a, Daugavpils, www.dlh.lv

Skating. Hockey matches and figure skating. Skating schedule: www.dlh.lv and on request.



Daugavpils County

“Beibuks”, a sports club

Phone: +371 29493121, *Viļuši, Naujene parish,*
www.plostilatgale.lv, ilmars.lociks@inbox.lv

Organization of open-air events and sports games with catering and lodging. Offers tours with wooden rafts and canoe along the river Daugava.



“Ultra”, a sports society

Phone: +371 29225359, *Grīva airfield, Kalkūne parish,*
www.flight.lv, info@flight.lv

Flying on a special tandem-paragliders or a motorized hang glider. Training flights, certification of pilots. Flights and driving in tandem on the airfield of Grīva: lifting to the height of 300–400 m, followed with gliding flight and soft landing. Aeroshows.



“D.I.S.K.”, a parachute club

Phone: +371 29874294, +371 26898749, *Grīva airfield,*
Kalkūne parish, www.dropzone.lv

Jump – attraction with a round parachute, jumps in tandem, leisure flights with AN-2 and JAK 18t, skydiving demonstrations.



“Silene”, a recreation park

Phone: +371 654 39375, +371 29462185, +371 27870024,
Silene, Skrudaliena parish, www.silene.lv,
www.mezaviesnica.lv

Paintball, segway, water bicycles, water scooters, kettcars and distance skiing.



Mysteries of the Knights of Dinaburg Castle

Phone: +371 654 71321, *Skolas Street 1, Naujene, Naujene parish,*
muzejs@apollo.lv, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv

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.



Ilūkste County

Excursion with Surprises in Bebrene Castle cellars

Phone: +371 26109353, *Bebrene, Bebrene parish,*
benita63@inbox.lv

If booked in advance, various performances await you in the cellar, during which ghosts, bats, and other creatures can suddenly appear.



Kārsava County

Training ground "Pa mežacūku pēdām"

Phone: +371 29228806, Salnava, Salnava parish

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



Moto track "Lūsēni"

Phone: +371 29121964, Mežvidi, Mežvidi parish

Moto track "Lūsēni" regularly hosts not only local but also state-wide competitions, which attract motorsports fans from all districts of Latvia.



Krāslava County

"Stirnmeži", a cottage

Phone: +371 25960091, +371 29728133, Varnaviči, Kaplava parish, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

A quiet place in the wood near Jablonkas lake. Bathhouse, beach, fishing, boat and bicycle (10) rental. Paintball (not less than a group of 10 people). Farm breeds sheep. Walks, observing animals and birds. On request – special sheep meat meals, participation in hunting, quad bikes. It is necessary to have a passport.



A night excursion in the park of Counts Plāteri

Phone: +371 656 22123, +371 656 22201, Pils Street 6, Krāslava, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>

A night excursion in the park of Counts Plāteri accompanied by the guide.



"Vokors pi azara", a cottage, Izvalta "safari"

Phone: +371 29422679, Izvalta, Izvalta parish, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, www.latgaletours.lv, latgaletours@inbox.lv

A trip on an ATV through the territory near Sargavas lake. Lodging for the night. A black bath.



"Klajumi", a horse ranch

Phone: +371 29472638, Kaplava, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, www.klajumi.lv, ilze.stabulniece@inbox.lv

Byelorussia spread out before you! Routes and trips of riding in the Nature Park "Daugava bends" and near the Latvia–Byelorussia border. 2–7 day combined routes. Classes for beginners. Reittherapy and relaxation during riding. Lodging for the night. A shower, kitchen, a bath, WC. Aromatherapy. Please, take a passport with you!



Ludza County

"The story of the lakes of Ludza", an excursion on the raft

Phone: +371 657 07203, +371 29467925,
phone/fax: +371 65707202, Ludza, tic@ludza.lv,
ligakondrate@inbox.lv, http://turisms.ludza.lv

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 of Ludza Center of Craftsmen. In hot summer days the best finish of the excursion – swimming in the equipped beach "Zaldātu radziņš".



"Dzerkaļi", paintball in the recreation complex

Phone: +371 26324735, Dzerkaļi, Cirma parish,
www.dzerkali.lv, dzerkali@inbox.lv

Paintball is a thrilling game! The complete set for 1 person – 6 lats for 1 game (3 h). It includes instruction, an instructor, referee and technician service, rent of player equipment. The recreation complex offers various houses for guests and different possibilities for active recreation.



"Zirga smaids", paintball in the recreation complex

Phone: +371 29474802, +371 29492552, Raipole, Nirza parish, www.zirgasmaids.lv, info@zirgasmaids.com

A military game. All equipment necessary for the game. Lodging for the night in separate two-storey houses (12 persons in each), a bath, sports grounds, and vast possibilities of active rest on the shore of Nirzas lake – boats, bicycles, water bicycles and others.



Bicycle route "Around 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

The route is devised around 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 (Apply in Ludza TIC), Baznīcas Street 42, Ludza, turisms.ludza.lv, tic@ludza.lv, ligakondrate@inbox.lv,
Phone: +371 657 22189, +371 29459658, (Ludza CYC),
www.ludzaspils.lv, bjc@ludzaspils.lv

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!



Preiļi County

The small kingdom and doll gallery of J. Mihailova

Phone: +371 653 21737, +371 26423837,

Daugavpils Street 21, Preiļi, www.lellukaralvalsts.lv

The artist J. Mihailova created the small kingdom, where you may change clothes and suddenly become a queen, a princess or a court lady. You may examine more than 200 dolls made by the hands of the artist.



Rēzekne City

Bowling center "Joker"

Phone: +371 646 07094, Upes Street 34b, Rēzekne,

www.joker-rezekne.lv, www.rezekne.lv

Bowling, café. Working hours: 12:00–22:00.



Rēzekne County

Excursions to the airfield, flights

Phone: +371 29405302, Audriņi airfield, Audriņi parish,

www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Flights for groups and private persons 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 aerodrome.



"Vilniši V", a place of recreation

Phone: +371 26725256, Gaiduļi, Ozolaine parish,

www.rezeknesnovads.lv, vilnisiv@inbox.lv

Fishing, catamarans, lodging for the night, a bath.



"Dīķi", a place of recreation

Phone: +371 26175505, Grumuži, Lūznava parish,

www.rezeknesnovads.lv, leonora.777@inbox.lv

Fishing, lodging for the night, a bath, a room for relaxation, paintball. In winter – riding with a rubber sledge, hot tea and bath afterwards.



"Priēzupe"

Phone: +371 26178693, Audriņi parish,

www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Paintball.



"Līdaciņas"

Phone: +371 29252998, +371 29474627, Karpinje, Kaunata

parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, [www.lidacinass.lv](mailto:tiptops@inbox.lv),

tiptops@inbox.lv

Water bike, water skiing, wakeboarding, and archery.



A shooting-gallery

Phone: +371 26661666, Treuhi, Čornaja parish,

www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Shooting stands and hunt shooting at targets.

**The water route along the river Rēzekne**

Phone: +371 29166259, +371 29194748. Offer provided by

www.laivaslatgale.lv

The river Rēzekne is not a well-known river, rarely sailed. 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 116 km, the river basin in 2066 km². The river flows through Latgale highland and Lubāna plains.

**“Rozīte”, household**

Phone: +371 26417666 “Skredeļi”, Audriņi parish,

www.rezeknesnovads.lv

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.

**Rugāji County****“Rugāji”, a sports club**

Phone: +371 29149202, Rugāji, www.rugaji4x4.lv

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.

**Vārkava County****“Meža oga”, a paintball club**

Phone: +371 29447731, “Krusti”,

<http://mezaoga.savavieta.lv>, majastirans@inbox.lv

Two game fields: “Skrejenis” and “Slidenis”. A pavilion. A place for picnic, tents. The place for relaxation is located in a silent forest on the bank of the river that connects two small lakes.



AUKŠTAITIJA

Anykščiai District

Summer sledge route

Phone: +370 381 78144, kalita@res.lt, www.kalitoskalnas.lt, Kalno Street 25, Anykščiai

The summer sledge route on the hill Kalita invites you to try an entertainment similar to roller coaster. The route has the length 500 m and consists of 5 turns, a spring-board and a loop. Intended for all age groups. Up to 24 lovers of such active entertainment may use the route simultaneously. Working hours: Summer Monday–Sunday: 11:00–19:00.

**Anykščiai cartodrome**

Phone: +370 687 81480, tsk@motorsportas.lt, www.motorsportas.lt

The cartodrome of Anykščiai is open all the year for extreme drivers. On the cartodrome races are arranged for people of various age groups. The competitions and championships are held on the route. Working hours: from June 1st till August 31st: Monday–Sunday 11:00–19:00, other time – on request.

**Adventure park “Dainuvos nuotykių slėnis“**

Phone: +370 693 35060, Dainuvos slėnis, Anykščiai, rezervacija@nuotykiuslenis.lt www.nuotykiuslenis.lt

Adventure park “Dainuvos nuotykių slėnis” is located in a pine forest near Anykščiai, on the bank of the river Šventoji. It's an attractive place to spend leisure time for active people. Here you may try 6 line levels of various difficulties or to choose the flight through the river Šventoji. Working hours: from May 1st till September 30th: Monday–Sunday: 10:00–18:00, other time – on request.

**Corn labyrinth**

Phone: +370 67410502, Anykščiai, www.poilsisanyksciuose.lt

Corn labyrinth is a wonderful attraction near Anykščiai. The path of the labyrinth is designed after various places of Anykščiai, for example, “Laimės Žiburys”, granary of A. Baranauskas or horseshoe. Such entertainment is a great opportunity to spend some time together with entire family. Working hours: from August 1st till October 15th: Monday–Sunday: 10:00–18:00, other time – on request.

**A trip with the Narrow-gauge Railway train**

Phone: +370 381 54597, +370 620 18243, Vilties Avenue 2, Anykščiai, info@siaurukas.eu, www.siaurukas.eu

Visit the museum of Narrow-gauge Railway and you'll have a good and memorable time here. The train goes to short trips in summer season (from May till October) from Anykščiai Railway Station. Tickets are available at Anykščiai Railway Station; the train goes to Troškūnai or to the lake Rubikiai. Other times – on request.



Utena District

Country tourism homestead of Gražina and Gintaras Krugiškiai

Phone: +370 680 84199, +370 616 29853, Antakalnis village, Saldutiškis subdistrict

Farm is located not far from lake Aisetas. Hosts rent canoes and organize recreation by the lake, tours on lakes and rivers. Trips to the bog are especially popular. Book your visit in advance.



“Utena paintball”

Phone: +370 614 59884, Plento Street 2, Radeikiai village, www.utenosdazasvydis.lt, utenosdazasvydis@gmail.com

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. Book your visit in advance.



Zarasai District

Zarasai aeroclub

Phone: +370 686 32252, Dimetriškės village, munka2002@one.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The aeroclub offers to fly a plane or jump with several types of parachutes that differ in their shape and flight characteristics. Book your visit in advance.



“Degesa” Ltd.

Phone: +370 685 44450, Bikėnai village, info@degesa.lt, www.degesa.lt

Rent of boats, water bikes, kayaks, canoes, surfboards, bicycles.



Grand and minor rings of Gražutė cycle track

Phone: +370 385 59426, Laisvoji Street 14, Salakas, parkas@grazute.lt, www.grazute.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic

Great ring of Gražutė cycle track connects the most interesting and beautiful objects of Gražutė Regional Park. Lesser ring of the cycle track comes through Apiritis, Ilžikis, Asavėlis, Asavas, Tumiškis and around Samavas lakes. It begins in Zarasai city, nearby camping “Zarasai”. For your convenience one section of this track connects with Great ring, so you will have a great opportunity to test your stamina in both cycle tracks.



Cycle track “Tarp Zalvio ir Zalvės”

Phone: +370 385 56834, Vytautas Street 5, Dusetos, sartureg@takas.lt, www.sartai.info, www.zarasai.lt/tic

The track is 13 kilometers long, but you can choose a shorter variation of the track. There are a lot of signs, so you will never get lost. This track is for those who want to spend an active day in nature, admire the forests, lakes and to know more about valuables of Zarasai land.



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Aeroclub "Orlėkis"

Phone: +370 670 20859, *Dimitriškės village*,
www.zarasai.lt/tic

Flights with paraglider, tandem flights, lessons for beginners, demonstration programme. Book your visit in advance.

**"Pasartėlė", Ltd.**

Phone: +370 652 33232, *Didžiadvaris village*,
pasartele@gmail.com

Paintball. Can be organized in your chosen place.

**Youth path**

Phone: +370 385 59426, *Salakas town*, www.zarasai.lt/tic
 First and only sightseeing path in Europe created by Youth exchange program participants. The path is located in Gražutė Regional Park territory near the Luodis lake and is 300 m long.

**VITEBSK REGION****Miory District****Hunter's lodge**

Phone: + 375 215242141, *Lesnaya Street 3A, Miory*
 Hunt tours for wild hoofed animals, water-marsh game, fur-bearing animals. It is possible to hold corporate events and anniversaries here.

**Hunter's lodge**

Phone: + 375 2152 37364, + 375 2152 37886,
Mazurino village

Hunting, bath, rent of boats and surfing equipment, car service, services of a guide.

**Hunter's lodge**

Phone: + 375 2152 41916, *Zacherevye village*

Organization of hunting tours for traditional game, observation of wild animals. Strolling in the forest, picking of berries and mushrooms.

Farm "Murashki"

Phone: + 375 2152 48554, + 375 2152 41057, *Murashki village*

Educating excursions, organization of summer and winter fishing, hunting, including a trophy boar, moose, roebuck; hiking. Also a bath.



Farm “U Yegerya”

Phone: + 375 29 3507014, Oktyabrskaya Street 7, Yazno village

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 village

Organization of winter and summer fishing, any kind of hunting, including a trophy boar, moose, roebuck; picking of mushrooms; excursions.

Polotsk District

Hunter base “Lebedinoye”

Phone: +375 2144 27367, Oktyabrskaya Street 54, Polotsk

The base: Polotsk district, Schaty lake

Hunting. Shower, Finnish sauna, Russian bath. Guesthouse, hotel for hunters.

Palace of Culture and Sport

Phone: +375 214 53 55 17, Molodezhnaya Street 94B, Novopolotsk, himik92@yandex.ru

Rent of skates and mass ice-skating.

Culture and Sports Complex “Polotsk-Steklovolokno”

Yubileynaya Street 7, Polotsk

Phone: +375 2144 24166 (culture complex), daily 8:00–17:00

Phone: +375 2144 15923 (sports complex), daily 7:30–22:00

**Culture and Entertainment Complex “Dionis”**

Phone: +375 2144 23148, +375 2144 410204, Oktyabrskaya

Street 25, Polotsk

On the territory of the café there is a bowling hall (8 lanes) and club “Sfera”.



Rossony District

Hunter's lodge

Phone: +375 215941228; +375 215941008 (Department of sport and tourism), Yankovichy village

Hunting and fishing. Belarusian cuisine. Russian bath.



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Hunter's lodge

Phone: +375 215941228; +375 215941008 (Department of sport and tourism), Selyavschina village

Hunting and fishing. Belarusian cuisine. Russian bath.

**Hunter's lodge**

Phone: +375 215941228; +375 215941008 (Department of sport and tourism), Tofeli village

Hunting and fishing. Belarusian cuisine. Russian bath.

**Rossony Regional Sports Club "Start"**

Phone: +375 215941228, fax: +375 215942860, Rossony, fsk-start@yandex.ru

Rent of bicycles, boats, sports equipment; sauna, pool, gym, sports hall.

**Vitebsk District****Sports Club "Urozhay"**

Phone: +375 2122 03233, +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 2123 73033, +375 2122 79710, +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

Vitebsk district, road P-115, turn from Gerasimovo village, Losvido lake, "Losvido" camping

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 Ieshoz"**

Phone: +375 2122 61774, +375 2122 37027, 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 barbecue.



Hunter's lodge "Gorbatch"

Phone: +375 2122 67356, +375 2126 71548,
+375 2122 64578, suragles@rambler.ru

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 2122 05139, +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 2122 90646, +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 2122 90736, +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 293175212, +375 297108854, *Ozernaya Street 1, Lipovcy village*

Host is Gendel Vladimir Yevseyevich. Accommodation, feeding, relaxation, Russian bath, fishing, picking of berries and mushrooms.

Farm of Vecherniy Aleksey Ivanovich

Phone: +375 212299417, +375 291867281, *Nikiforovskogo Street 1, Vymno village*

Accommodation, feeding, relaxation, Russian bath, fishing, picking of berries and mushrooms.

Recreation Center "Po`ozerye"

Phone: +375 2123 70253, +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.

Health Tourism

In the Baltic Country of Lakes tourists are offered relaxation in rural areas, near a lake or a river, where one can enjoy the nearly untouched nature, beautiful sceneries and silence. You may visit both the farms, where the herbs and medical plants are grown, and guest houses, where health-improving procedures are offered. You may taste dishes made of ecologically clean products, and Latgalian SPA – the “black baths”. Country delights and the hospitality of local inhabitants will not leave you indifferent. In the sanitariums and health complexes of Vitebsk region, which work all the year round, you will quickly regain your strength and health by combining medical procedures with leisure activities.



LATGALE

Aglona County

"Ezersētas", a guest house

Phone: +371 29166259, +371 29194748, *Kastuļina parish, www.laivaslatgale.lv, ezersetas@inbox.lv*

Lodging for the night and a black bath at Užuņa lake. Trips to the lakes and rivers of Latgale. Working hours – on request.

**"Mežinieku mājas", a guest house**

Phone: +371 29234425, +371 28350601, *Gūteņi, Aglona parish, meziniekumajas@inbox.lv, www.meziniekuamajas.viss.lv*

An ecological farm. Lodging for the night and Horoscope Park. A bath with aromatic switches of green birch twigs, massage and tea with herbs. Latgalian national dishes in clay pots. Working hours – on request.

**"Upenīte", a guest house**

Phone: +371 26312465, *Tartakas Street 7, Aglona, a.upenite@inbox.lv*

An ecological farm. Lodging for the night, a place for swimming, a black bath and massage. Working hours – on request.

**"Zemeņu krastiņi", a rural house**

Phone: +371 29185234, *Vortņiki, Kastuļina parish, www.zemenukrastini.viss.lv, anitaaglona@inbox.lv*

A rest at Geraņimovas Ilzas lake – lodging for the night, a strawberry path, fishing. A strawberry bath with a mask of clay or strawberry, massage and taking a healthy steam bath. Working hours – on request.

**Country house "Ābelītes"**

Phone: +371 29567209, *Madelāni, Aglona parish, abelitesmadelani@inbox.lv*

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

**"Juglains"**

Phone: +371 29130048, *Leitāni, Aglona parish*

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.



HEALTH TOURISM

Balvi County

Balvi swimming pool

Phone: +371 26656086, Dārza Street 2, Balvi, www.balvi.lv, basesins@balvi.lv

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: Tuesday–Sunday – 9:00–22:00. Closed in summer season. For information about changes in working times see www.balvi.lv.

**"Bilgas", a farm**

Phone: +371 26179342, +371 28636145, "Bilgas", Briežuciems parish, mezalezita@inbox.lv

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.



Cibla County

"Akmeņi", a guest house

Phone: +371 26454793, Franapole, Zvirgzdene parish, www.akmeni.lv, inara@akmeni.lv

A guest house provides 2–3 and 5 day health improvement courses. Horse riding, bicycle routes, field golf, flapping in a bathhouse. The hosts have a 10-year experience with ecotourism. A great relaxation in the nature. Working hours – on request.



Dagda County

"Obiteļa", a relaxation complex

Phone: +371 29152078, Andzeļi, cbuvalmek@inbox.lv

A nice place for relaxation or celebration at the river Narūta (50 persons). Lodging for the night and a bar. A bath, a swimming pool with river water, a tub. Children playground. Working hours – on request.

**"Tinēji", a guest house**

Phone: +371 26832249, +371 656 80363, Beitāni, www.tineji.lv, zeize@apollo.lv

Rest with family and friends nearby Užuņa lake. Black bathhouse, fishing, picnic place, collecting of berries and mushrooms. Bicycle rental. Tent places. Accommodation. Working hours – on request.



Daugavpils County

“Mežmalas”, a guest house

Phone: +371 22442529, “Baraviki”, Likсна parish
Sauna, black bath. There is a forest nearby, rich with mushrooms and berries. In the pond you may catch crucians, lines, and other fish. Working hours – on request.



“Ezermala”, a guest house

Phone: +371 29455141, Ezermala, Svente parish,
ivetacalite@mail.ru

Located in a picturesque place, in the territory of Nature Park “Svente”, not far from Sventes lake. A comfortable house is offered, with a kitchen, fireplace, billiards, and two baths – traditional and black bath. You may go fishing in Sventes lake and two ponds, in which carps, lines and trouts live.



Daugavpils City

Daugavpils Olympic Center

Phone: +371 654 75140, Stadiona Street 1, Daugavpils, www.daugavpilsoc.lv, info@daugavpilsoc.lv

The only sports medicine center 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. Working hours – www.daugavpilsoc.lv.



“Hotel Dinaburg”, a hotel

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

A hotel complex for recreation includes: a swimming pool with stream, SPA, hydromassage, sauna with aromatherapy, Turkish bath. Working hours – on request.



“Olimpija”, a sports complex

Phone: +371 654 51070, Valkas Street 2u, Daugavpils, www.hotel-olimpija-sk.lv, info@hotel-olimpija-sk.lv

Speleotherapy – a cleansing effect on the respiratory system. SPA-center: a swimming pool, Turkish bath, bio-sauna, jakuzzi-spa, sauna, a salt-bath. Solarium. A fitness-club. Bike-aerobic. Working hours – on request.



Thai massage salon “Thai Ban Lux”

Phone: +371 20389071, Rīgas Street 63, Daugavpils,
thaibanlux@inbox.lv

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. Book your visit in advance.



HEALTH TOURISM

Ilūkste County

“Saliņas”, a rural house

Phone: +371 29249017, “Saliņas”, Eglaine parish

Bath procedures, outside – an ofuro bath. A complex is on the bank of Sviļa lake. Water motorcycles and boats. Working hours – on request.



Kārsava County

“Eglaine”, a guest house

Phone: +371 26333749, Nesteri, Malnava parish,
zseglaine@inbox.lv

The guest house is near the border of Latvia and Russia. Lodging for the night on ashen beds with mattresses stuffed with hay. Meal from ecologically clean products grown in the own farm. National holidays with a folklore group. Working hours – on request.



Krāslava County

“Mežābeles”, a guest house

Phone: +371 29492045, Čenčupi, Skaista parish,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, dr.krumpane@inbox.lv

Located in an ecologically clean territory of protected nature park of the lake Dridzis, 17 km from Krāslava. Surrounded by forests, meadows and a clean lake rich with fish. After a 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).

**“Klajumi”, a horse yard**

Phone: +371 29472638, Klajumi, Kaplava parish,
<http://turisms.kraslava.lv>, www.klajumi.lv,
ilze.stabulniece@inbox.lv

A traditional and black bath with the service of masseur and a bath-house attendant. Latgalian dishes. Lodging for the night. Reittherapy. Riding and trips to the border of Latvia–Byelorussia. Working hours – on request.



Livani County

“Vidussala”, a nature path

Phone: +371 27701575, +371 653 26494, Vidussala, Turki parish, kristinesislova@inbox.lv

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.



“Krasti”, a recreation complex

Phone: +371 28315677, “Stikāni”, Rožupe parish,
krastibella@inbox.lv

A black bath, a bath-house attendant service. Volleyball and basketball courts, a stage. There are up to 20 places in the guest house. Lodging for the night in two campsites or in tents. There is an opportunity for fishing, sailing on boats.

**Ludza County****“Aizupmājas”, a rural house**

Phone: +371 26525785, Aizupmājas, Nukši parish

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.

**“Dzerkaļi”, a recreation complex**

Phone: +371 26324735, Dzerkaļi, Cirma parish,
www.dzerkali.lv, dzerkali@inbox.lv

A bath with switches of green birch twigs, tea with herbs and honey, massage and cosmetic masks. Bath-house attendant, masseuse, cosmetologist available. Working hours – on request.

**“Ezerzemes”, a rural house**

Phone: +371 29488376, Kušneri, Nirza parish,
www.ezerzemes.lv, ezerzemes@inbox.lv

A rest at Nirzas lake. A black bath on the shore of the lake. Boats, water bicycle, bicycles, playground and swimming pool for children. Working hours – on request.

**“Zirga smaids”, a complex of recreation**

Phone: +371 29474802, +371 29492552, Raipole, Nirza parish,
www.zirgasmaids.lv, info@zirgasmaids.com

A rest at 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. Working hours – on request.

**Rēzekne City****Health studio “Freija Beauty”**

Phone: +371 28601670, Dārzu Street 4, Rēzekne,
www.freijabeauty.lv, info@freijabeauty.lv

Complete massage, back massage, foot massage, hand massage. Vacuum massage for feet, hips, stomach, waist. Body wrapping procedures. SPA procedures. Infrared sauna. Working hours: Tuesday–Friday – 10:00–20:00; Saturday–Sunday – 10:00–15:00.



Salon "Veselibas sala"

Phone: +371 22045577, +371 29559770, Dārzu Street 60, Rēzekne, www.veselibassala.lv

Curative bath, sauna, energy massage, classic massage, services of a cosmetologist, pedicure, modeling of nails, manicure, gift cards, shop "Labas lietas" (phone: +371 28688041).

**Rēzekne County****"Čiekuri"**

Phone: +371 29335199, +371 29467348, "Čiekuri", Rozentovas Street 2, Malta, Malta parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, andris.kiscenko@lau.lv

A bath ritual. 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. It is best to enjoy the ritual when there are two persons. You may then spend the rest of the evening in calm conversation in the attic of the bath. Lodging for the night is possible. Book your visit in advance.

**"Jāņi", a rural house**

Phone: +371 29724662, +371 646 23335, Seksti, Feimaņi parish, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, janis@ru.lv

A bath with the service of a bath-house attendant. Massage. Working hours – on request.

**"Rāzna", Latgale rehabilitation center**

Phone: +371 646 46923, +371 646 46910, +371 29422323, Veczosna, Lūznava parish, www.lnrc.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, lnrc@apollo.lv

Expert consultations, a physiotherapist with certification, an individual program, medical gymnastics, massage and water procedures. Working hours – on request.

**"Rāznas stāvkrasti", a guest house**

Phone: +371 29141134, Lesinski, Kaunata parish, www.raznasstavkrasti.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Health and recreation center, infrared ray cabin, pearl bath, SPA, salt room, swimming pool, solarium, water massage bath. Working hours – on request.

**"Untumi", a horse yard**

Phone: +371 26227297, +371 26337449, Spundžāni, Ozolmuiža parish, www.untumi.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, ligita@untumi.lv

Reiththerapy. Relaxation – exercises on the horse. Working hours – on request.



“Veselibas sala”

Phone: +371 22045577, *Sala, Lūznava parish*, www.veselibassala.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, etgars15@inbox.lv
Sauna procedures, Russian steam bath with birch twigs, services of a professional bathhouse attendant, energetic massage. Meeting the specialists of ayurvedic medicine and ancient signs of Balts. Beautician (cosmetician) services.

**Riebiņi County****Bath “Cielavas ligzda”**

Phone: +371 26672464, *Sprukstiņi, Siļukalns, Siļukalna parish*, <http://cielavas-ligzda.viesumajas.lv>, iveta.b70@inbox.lv

Various forms of relaxation for small companies of relatives, friends or colleagues: traditional and Japanese bath, swimming in a pond, fishing, relaxation in a gazebo on an island, volleyball, badminton, water bicycle.

**“Lidumnieki”, a relaxation center**

Phone: +371 26404721, +371 26392778, *Stabulnieki parish*
Camping, place for tents, bath with a pool and open-air bath. Conference hall for meetings, banquet hall for 130 persons for weddings and anniversaries. Billiard. Facilitated swimming and picnic places. Catering on request.

**“Silmalas”, a guest house**

Phone: +371 29101378, *Siveriņa, Rušona parish*
Rest at Rušonas lake – a bath, massage and other SPA procedures. Lodging for the night. Working hours – on request.

**Rugāji County****“Rūķiši”, a guest house**

Phone: +371 29197821, *Eglusala, Rugāji parish*, zs.rukisi@inbox.lv

In the guest house “Rūķiši” 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.

**AUKŠTAIĻA****Anykščiai District****“Anykščių šilėlis”, relaxation and health center**

Phone: +370 381 58885, +370 686 60415, +370 698 09508, *Vilniaus Street 80, Anykščiai*, info@anyksciusilelis.lt, www.anyksciu-silelis.lt

Here you may enjoy relaxing procedures, that allow refreshing vitality. Massage and a bath with mineral water relieve your tiredness, relax muscles, eliminate stress and enhance immunity. Book your visit in advance.



Swimming pool "Bangenis"

Phone: +370 38159431, +370 68630729, *Ažupiečių Street 1A, Anykščiai, sveikatosaze@res.lt, www.sveikatosaze.lt*

The length of the swimming pool tracks – 25 m, a water cascade, Russian bath with switches of green birch twigs, Turkish steam bath with calming music. An aromatic salt bath. Japanese bath on the open air – it is especially effective in winter. Working hours: the swimming pool – September–May, Monday–Friday – 13:00–22:00, Saturday–Sunday – 10:00–22:00. The bath: September–May, Monday–Thursday – 17:00–22:00, Friday – 16:00–22:00, Saturday–Sunday – 10:00–22:00.

**Utena District****"Abu", a relaxation center**

Phone: +370 389 66044, +370 612 57383, +370 687 97766, *Aukštaičių Street 3b, Utena, www.abuva.lt, info@abuva.lt*

The center offers sauna, a whirlpool bath (jakuzzi), a massage pool, massage showers.

Working hours: Friday 17:00–22:00, Saturday 13:00–22:00.

**Pool**

Phone: +370 389 65143, *Taikos Street 44, Utena*

Working hours: Tuesday–Friday 18:00–21:00, Saturday–Sunday 16:00–20:00.

**Zarasai District****Massage cabinet**

Phone: +370 602 94880, *S. Darius and S. Girėnas Street 28 a, Zarasai*

Various kinds of massage – classic, segmental, honey, blood and lymph circulation massage, massage for babies up to 1 year. Book your visit in advance.

"Vijuandra"

Phone: +370 600 43810, *Pakalnės Street 12, Zarasai, lapera@langasiateiti.lt, www.vijuandra.lt*

Chocolate and honey massage, hydro-massage, face massage, aromatherapy, procedures with seaweed. Visitors will be able to make their own face and hand creams and body oils. Book your visit in advance.

**Health center**

Phone: +370 697 22154, *Vilniaus Street 1b, Zarasai, zarasubaseinas@gmail.com, www.zarasai.lt/baseinas*

Swimming and special pools with the equipment for medical procedures, infra-red and steam saunas, a massage-bath. Working hours: Monday–Sunday 10:00–22:00.



VITEBSK REGION**Braslav District****“Drivyati” relaxation center, National Park “Lakes of Braslav”**

Phone: +375 2153 32100, *Drivyati lake, Naberezhnaya Street, Braslav*

Provided services: billiard, tennis, excursions, sledging, banquets, bath, sauna with mini-pool, gym, parking, boats, informational services, permits for amateur fishing.

**“Slobodka” relaxation center, National Park “Lakes of Braslav”**

Phone: +375 2153 33106, *Poteh lake, Slobodka village*

Provided services: excursions, sledging, banquets, bath, guarded parking, boats, informational services, permits for amateur fishing and passes to tourist bases.

**“Leoshki” relaxation center, National Park “Lakes of Braslav”**

Phone: +375 2153 54100, *Voloso lake, Leoshki village*

Provided services: excursions, bath, guarded parking, boats, permits for amateur fishing and passes to tourist bases.

**“Zolovo” relaxation center, National Park “Lakes of Braslav”**

Phone: +375 2153 34552, +375 2153 34553, *Zolovo lake*

Provided services: billiard, excursions, sledging, banquets, bath, guarded parking, catamarans, boats, and informational services.

**Tourism and health enterprise “Lakes of Braslav”**

Phone: +375 2153 32150, *Rybhoznaya Street 15, Braslav*

Provided services: rent of tourism equipment, excursions, bath-sauna, bar “Volna”.

**Miory District****Sanitarium “Rosynka”**

Phone: + 375 215235159, + 375 215235243, *Murashki village, www.agrozdrav.by, sanrosinka@mail.ru*

The sanitarium is located at the road Polotsk–Braslav, 19 km away from Miory, not far from the village Murashki of the Perebrodye rural council. Sanitarium's buildings stand near lake Obsterno and are surrounded by old pine and broad-leaved trees. Catamarans, volleyball and football playgrounds, walking in the forest, etc.

**Sports and health complex**

Phone: +375 2153 32150 (TIC), *Kommunisticheskaya Street 47, Miory*

Complex includes gymnastics hall, gym, mini-pool (5,5x10 m), billiard hall and table tennis hall, Russian bath, sauna. Up to 32 persons can use the complex during one shift.

HEALTH TOURISM

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, Dysna

Located in the center of the city. Russian bath, up to 15 persons, birch twigs, shower.

Farm “Mazurniy bereg”

Phone: + 375 2152 37101, Mazurino village

Steam room, shower, sauna, strolling.

**Farm “Tihaya”**

Phone: +375 2152 37138, Zacherevye village

Wooden two-storey building is suited for relaxation by a company of 8–10 persons; it is made of modern, ecologically clean materials. All facilities present, there is also a sauna and small pool.

**Polotsk District****Health complex “Polotsk-Steklovolokno”**

Phone: +375 2144 76128, 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), there is also playground for children. This particular health institution specializes in treating patients with illnesses and diseases of motor apparatus, pulmonary systems, skin.

Sanitarium “Naftan”

Phone: +375 2145 19392, Molodezhnaya Street 1, Novopolotsk, profilaktory@naftan.by

Sanitarium is located in the forest near the river Western Dvina. Those who choose to relax here can receive services of treating common illnesses.

**Vitebsk District****Vitebsk Palace of Sports**

Phone: +375 2122 18806, Stroiteley Avenue 23, Vitebsk

Government Agency “Vitebsk Central Sports Complex”

Phone: +375 2122 48920, Lyudnikova Avenue 12, Vitebsk

Sanitarium “Zheleznodorozhnik”

Phone: +375 2123 79255, Malye Letsy village, letsy@vtb.rw.by

Sanitarium “Lettsy”

Phone: +375 2122 97243, +375 2122 97242, Malye Letsy village, letzy@vitebsk.by

Sports Club “Urozhay”

Phone: +375 2122 03233, 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.

Winter Tourism

Winter in the Baltic Country of Lakes is unforgettably beautiful – frosty and delicate simultaneously, and filled with fascinating active recreation. Those, who have forgotten what is the snow sparkling in the sun, cold pine air, that makes cheeks red, and an evening glass of mulled wine near a fireplace in a warm wooden house, certainly must spend a few winter days in the Baltic Country of Lakes. Find the best way of recreation offered by our tourism offer providers, be it skiing, skating, fishing or sledging, and plan your holiday in Latgale!

Do not be saddened because your vacation happened to be in winter – Latgale and Aukštaitija are the places where winter is the most beautiful time of the year. Everyone can feel the magnificence of winter by choosing the offers listed here.

In the Bella Dvina region, besides the skiing, skating and sledging you may also hunt in winter. Wolf, roe, hare, fox, and blackcock – this is only a small part of what our forests can offer. After the hunt you may enjoy a calm conversation before a fireplace, and the hostess will prepare tasty local dishes. How pleasant will it be to wrap yourself in a warm blanket and fall in deep slumber!



WINTER TOURISM

LATGALE

Aglona County

Farm “Upenīte”

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

Winter fishing, sledging from the hill. You may enjoy the winter while strolling in the forest. Biological farm. Tasting of dishes of Latgale culinary heritage. Black bath.

**Farm “Zemeņu Krastiņi”**

Phone: +371 29185234, Vortniķi, Kastuļina parish,
www.zemenukrastini.viss.lv, anitaaglona@inbox.lv

Offers winter fishing and bath ritual with using clay, strawberry and yoghurt masks. Professional bathhouse attendant will perform a massage and various other procedures for improving your health.



Cibla County

“Akmeņi”, a guest house

Phone: +371 26454793, Franapole, Zvirgzdene parish, www.akmeni.lv, inara@akmeni.lv

A calm rest in the nature. The farm is engaged with ecotourism for 10 years. Various health-improving tours, riding, a rural bath. Winter fishing, skiing. Working hours – on request.

**“Cirmas ezerkrasts”, a recreation complex**

Phone: +371 28332523, Ezernieki, Zvirgzdene parish,
www.cirmasezerkrasts.lv, info@cirmasezerkrasts.lv

The recreation complex is located on the shore of Cirmas lake. Lodging for the night for 60 persons. Russian bath. Winter fishing. A house for celebrations – this is a perfect place for arranging corporative holidays. Working hours – on request.

**“Eversmuiža”, a complex of cultural-historical path**

Phone: +371 28710501, +371 29438266, Cibla

Riding with an experienced coach. Driving in sledge, horse riding in circle or cultural-historical path of Eversmuiža. On request.



Dagda County

“Farmstead of Andrupene”, an open-air museum

Phone: +371 26458876, Andrupene, www.andrupene.lv,
laukuseta@inbox.lv

Excursions to museum, driving in sledges from the hill. Before the Christmas – acquaintance with Christmas customs – prayers and singing, tasting of Latgale Lenten dishes. Working hours: Tuesday–Friday - 8.00 –17.00, Saturday - 10.00–14.00, Sunday - on request.



“Ūzuleņi”, Ltd

Phone: +371 29111983, +371 656 53075, *Ozoliņi*

Riding, driving in sledges and wagons (8 horses). Races for fast horses. Working hours – on request.

**“Obiteļa”, a recreation base**

Phone: +371 29152078, *Andzeļi*, cbuvalmeks@inbox.lv

A stadium with synthetic surface serves as an open-air ice rink for hockey and skating. Rent of skates. Japanese bath – ofuro. A swimming pool with river water. Dishes of Latgale culinary heritage. Lodging for the night (30 persons). Working hours – on request.

**Daugavpils County****“Eglukalns”, a skiing and sports base**

Phone: +371 22034430, +371 29506190, +371 29212581,

“Kalnāji”, Svente parish, www.eglukalns.lv, eglukalns@apollo.lv

It is near the highest peak of Augšzeme highlands and Daugavpils county – Eglukalns (220,1 m above sea level). Family skiing route, a slalom speed route, a route for snow tubing and ski distance run. Illumination system and lifts are present. A café rent of equipment. Working hours – see www.eglukalns.lv

**Daugavpils City****“Daugavpils ledus”, a sports center**

Phone: +371 654 07190, *Stacijas Street 45a, Daugavpils, www.dlh.lv*

Daugavpils ice hall offers winter joy all year round. Ice hockey and skating is one of the popular ways of entertainment for inhabitants of Daugavpils. The ice of the hall meets the standards of Europe and the contests of Europe and world importance are taking place there. Skating schedules: www.dlh.lv and on request.

**“Vilnis”, a relaxation complex**

Phone: +371 29119558, *Dzintaru Street 74, Daugavpils, www.stropuvilnis.lv, info@stropuvilnis.lv*

It is located near Stropu lake. A possibility to drive a snow-tractor, a quad bike. Snow-tractor towing: a board, a sledge. Rent of skis, sledges. Working hours – on request.

**Kārsava County****“Eglaine”, a guest house**

Phone: +371 26333749, *Nesteri, Malnava parish, zseglaine@inbox.lv, www.pierobeza.lv*

A guest house is near the border of Latvia and Russia. Lodging for the night on ashen beds with mattresses stuffed by hay. Meal from ecologically clean products. Arrangements with a folklore group. Skiing, sledging. Working hours – on request.



WINTER TOURISM

Krāslava County

“Klajumi”, a horse ranch

Phone: +371 29472638, *Kaplava*, <http://turisms.kraslava.lv>,
www.klajumi.lv, ilze.stabulniece@inbox.lv

Riding and driving, a bonfire, roasting of shashlik and sausages with hot wine in the Nature Park “Daugava bends” and near the border Latvia–Byelorussia. A health-improving bath, massage, medical clay masks, green tea of “Kurmiši” with honey. It is necessary to have a passport! Working hours – on request.



Līvāni County

Latgale Arts and Crafts Center

Phone: +371 653 81855, *Domes Street 1, Līvāni*,
www.latgalesamatnieki.lv, lmac@livani.lv

Traditionally on the last Saturday of February the Center organized a plain-air of snow sculptures. Everyone can participate, both professional and amateurs. It is necessary to take various instruments with you, with which you will give form to the snow.

**Family days in the ceramicist's workshop**

Phone: +371 653 81855, +371 29539740, *Domes Street 1, Līvāni, Latgale Arts and Crafts Center*

During the winter, each second and fourth Saturday of each month the Arts and Crafts Center offers to try your hand at ceramics, under the guidance of professional ceramicist. Book in advance, ceramicist Eleonora Pastare.



Ludza County

“Ezerzemes”, a rural house

Phone: +371 29488376, *Raipole, Nirza parish*,
www.ezerzemes.lv, ezerzemes@inbox.lv

A traditional Latgale house with a black bath on the shore of Nirzas lake. Winter fishing on Nirzas lake. Lodging for the night in the host house on the first floor or in a separate wooden house with a bath. Working hours – on request.

**“Dzerkalī”, a recreation complex**

Phone: +371 26324735, *Dzerkalī, Cirma parish*,
www.dzerkali.lv, info@dzerkali-tur.lv, dzerkali@inbox.lv

A complex is on the bank of Cirmas lake. Russian bath, Japanese bath, fishing on the lake and ponds, winter holidays in the house of banquets, arranging of winter games, riding, paintball in the forest. Working hours – on request.



“Ozero”, a place of recreation

Phone: +371 29227288, *Šķaune – Garjāni, Istra parish*,
www.ozero.lv, ozero_andreja@inbox.lv

In winter – licensed fishing on fed places, rent of houses for winter fishing. Arranging of competitions. Working hours – on request.

**“Zirga smaids”, a recreation complex**

Phone: +371 29474802, +371 29492552, +371 65722400,
Raipole, Nirza parish, www.zirgasmaids.lv,
info@zirgasmaids.com

In winter – winter fishing on Nirzas lake, a skating rink, skis and snow-tractors. Paintball. Arranging Christmas and New Year holidays. Working hours – on request.

**Rēzekne County****“Diķi”, a farm**

Phone: +371 26175505, *Grumuži, Lūznava parish*,
www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Going for a ride on special rubber sledges for adults and children, then – hot tea and a bath, lodging for the night. Working hours – on request.

**“Rudo kumeļu pauguri”, a farm**

Phone: +371 28745654, +371 26283607, *Šlakoti, Kaunata parish*, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

Offers horse riding and excursions in the neighborhood in the cart. In winter – sleigh drives. The club “Latgale trotter” was established, and it organizes the horse cart race for 3 years already. Everybody can participate in the race. Book your visit in advance.

**“Untumi”, a horse yard**

Phone: +371 26227297, +371 26337449, *Spundžāni, Ozolmuiža parish*, www.untumi.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv,
ligita@untumi.lv

Riding, in winter – driving in sledges. Horseriding under the supervision of an instructor in the territory of the farm. Reittherapy and relaxation. A possibility to roast sausages and shashlik in the house for picnic. Working hours – on request.

**Dog farm „Meirānu krasts”**

Phone: +371 28265866, *Bērzgale, Bērzgales parish*,
meiranukrasts@inbox.lv, www.meiranukrasts.jimdo.com

There is a rout available - acquaintance with a breed of northern draught dogs „Alaskan malamute”, in the winter going for a ride in a dog cart or with a snow motorcycle. Accommodation, picnic's place, fishing. Working hours: on request.

**Riebiņi County****“Silmalas”, a recreation complex**

Phone: +371 29101378, +371 26413355, *Siveriņa, Rušona parish*, zalaneanna@inbox.lv, <http://www.atputalatgale.lv>

Offers winter fishing, skiing routes, ski rental, bath; catering must be booked in advance.



WINTER TOURISM

Viļaka County

“Balkānu kalni”, a center of recreation and sport

Phone: +371 29132664, Logini, Šķilbēni parish,
skilbeni@vilaka.lv

The center of recreation and sport “Balkānu kalni” is in a very nice place. In winter there are routes for distance skiing. Local and regional competitions of skiing are held. Working hours – on request.



AUKŠTAITĪJA

Anykščiai District

“Kalita”, a center of entertainment

Phone: +370 38178144, +370 698 73879, Kalna Street 25,
Anykščiai, kalita@res.lt, www.kalitoskalnas.lt

This hill known as the center of winter entertainment is on the outskirts of Anykščiai, at the confluence of the rivers Šventoji and Anikščiai. The length of the main ski route – 250 m, overfall of the height – 40 m. Rent. Instructors. Working hours: Tuesday–Friday 15:00–20:00, Saturday–Sunday 11:00–22:00. Also on request.

**Anykščiai cart race track**

Phone: +370 68781480, Highway Nr. 120 (Anykščiai–Ukmergė) 1 km from Anykščiai, www.motorsportas.lt

The cart race track of Anykščiai is open all the year for lovers of the extreme driving. On the race track entertainment races are arranged for people of various ages. The competitions and championships are held on the route. Working hours: Monday–Sunday 11:00–19:00 and on request.

**Farm “Pavariai”**

Phone: +370 680 28484, +370 615 27041, Pavariai-2 village,
www.pavariai.lt, info@pavariai.lt

Winter entertainments – fishing under the ice, cooking the fish soup on the bonfire; a bath and swimming in ice-hole. Children may sculpture a snowman; go for a ride on sledges, skate on the frozen pond, and walk in the forest. Working hours – on request.

**“The Valley of the river Šventoji”**

Phone: +370 65905057, Mikieriai, sodyba@slenis.com,
www.slenis.com

In “The Valley of the river Šventoji” in winter the ski trips and winter fishing are arranged. Choosing these entertainments you will try all winter pleasures. Working hours – on request.

**“Vilartas”, a riding club**

Phone: +37061884810, +370 615 59120, Niūroniai,
www.vilartas.lt, info@vilartas.lt

Riding, driving in the carriages and sledges on the wonderful roads along the river Šventoji and in the forest. Working hours – on request.



“Origonas”, a riding club

Phone: +370 686 35255, *Niūroniai, klubas.*

origonas@gmail.com, www.jodinek.lt

The club is located in a picturesque neighborhood of village Niūroniai. Horse riding, sledging along the river Šventoji and in the forest. Working hours – on request.

**Utena District****“Alaušynė”, a farmstead**

Phone: +370 38934317, +370 69803447, *Salos village,*

Sudeikiai post, www.abuva.lt, info@abuva.lt

An excellent place for relaxation with family or in a circle of friends. In winter you may drive on quad bikes or skis. You can rent the equipment. Book your visit in advance.

**The farmstead of Gražina and Gintaras Krugiškiai**

Phone: +370 680 84199, +370 616 29853, *Antakalnis village,*

Saldutiškis subdistrict

The farmstead is at the lake Aisetas. Here you may try kayak tours in the winter and the educational programs about bathing. Book your visit in advance.

**The farmstead “Aliai”**

Phone: +370 611 42287, *Aliai village, www.aliai.lt,*

info@aliai.lt

Here you are able to play croquet on the ice and try to felt wool using the dry way. Working hours – on request.

**Zarasai District****Traditional national horse race in Dusetos “Sartai”**

Dusetos village, www.zarasai.lt

Organizers of one of the most popular winter festivals in Lithuania understand their responsibility – this race takes place for more than 100 years. Traditionally winter sports enthusiasts are invited to the race in Dusetos on the first Saturday of February.

**Skating rink on Šventoji river ice**

Phone: +370 685 44450, *Bikėnai village,*

info@degesa.lt, www.degesa.lt,

Skating rink is set up in December – February (depending on weather conditions). Popular among both inhabitants and guests.



WINTER TOURISM

Pancake Day

Phone: +370 686 23348, Šlyninka village,

vandensmalunas@gmail.com, www.slyninkosmalunas.lt

Traditionally organized in February. Main role is given to characters named Kanapinis and Lašininis; the main element of this holiday is pancake eating.

**Traditional snow sculpture event on Šventoji river ice**

Phone: +370 685 44450, Bikėnai village,

info@degesa.lt, www.degesa.lt

It is an event for families, friends who like to be together and for everyone who wants to realize themselves in art.

**Traditional amateur winter fishing contest on Sartai lake ice**

Phone: +370 611 41630, Didžiadvaris village

The contest is organized on the first Sunday of March.

**Winter Fishing**

Zarasai, www.zarasai.lt/tic

In winter you can see an unusual view – dozens of fishermen are fishing by the old traditions.

VITEBSK REGION

Miory District

Farm “Boguden`ki”

Phone: +375 295130999, Ortsy village

Strolling, skiing.

Farm “Spirkovich”

Phone: +375 215239793, Klennaya Street 32, Yazno village

Guests are offered to ride horses.

Farm “Syaliba Murashki”

Phone: +375 215239793, Murashki village

Organization of winter fishing.

Polotsk District

Farm “Kanashi agro”

Phone: +375 33 6130950, Suvalkovo village, 20 km from the city

Organization of winter fishing on request.

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