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BALTIC COUNTRY OF LAKES

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ROUTE

BELLA DVINA AND  
THE BALTIC COUNTRY OF LAKES

EXPLORE RIVERS AND LAKES  
OF BELARUS,  
LATVIA  
AND  
LITHUANIA



# BELLA DVINA REGION AND THE BALTIC COUNTRY OF LAKES

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The **Baltic Country of Lakes** is an area in the Baltic region that is abundant in lakes – more than two thousand lakes are located here. Next to the Baltic Country of Lakes, you will find a land with a poetic and beautiful name – Bella Dvina. This land is where the marvelous Dvina-Daugava river flows. This river has been known since ancient times owing to the legendary trade route from the Varangians to the Greeks. When you look at the map, you find out at once that the Western Dvina (Dzvina) is the river over which the people of three countries – Russia, Belarus, and Latvia – may claim their right. It begins in Russia, flows through the territory of Belarus, and, changing its address and name in Latvia, runs into the Baltic Sea.

Active tourism throughout the year, fascinating cultural events, picturesque sceneries – all of this comprises a unique mosaic which gives true visual and aesthetic enjoyment. We offer you to explore the Baltic Country of Lakes, which comprises Latgale in Latvia and Aukštaitija in Lithuania, as well as the Bella Dvina region, which includes Latgale in Latvia and part of the Viciebsk (Vitebsk/Vitebsk) region in Belarus.

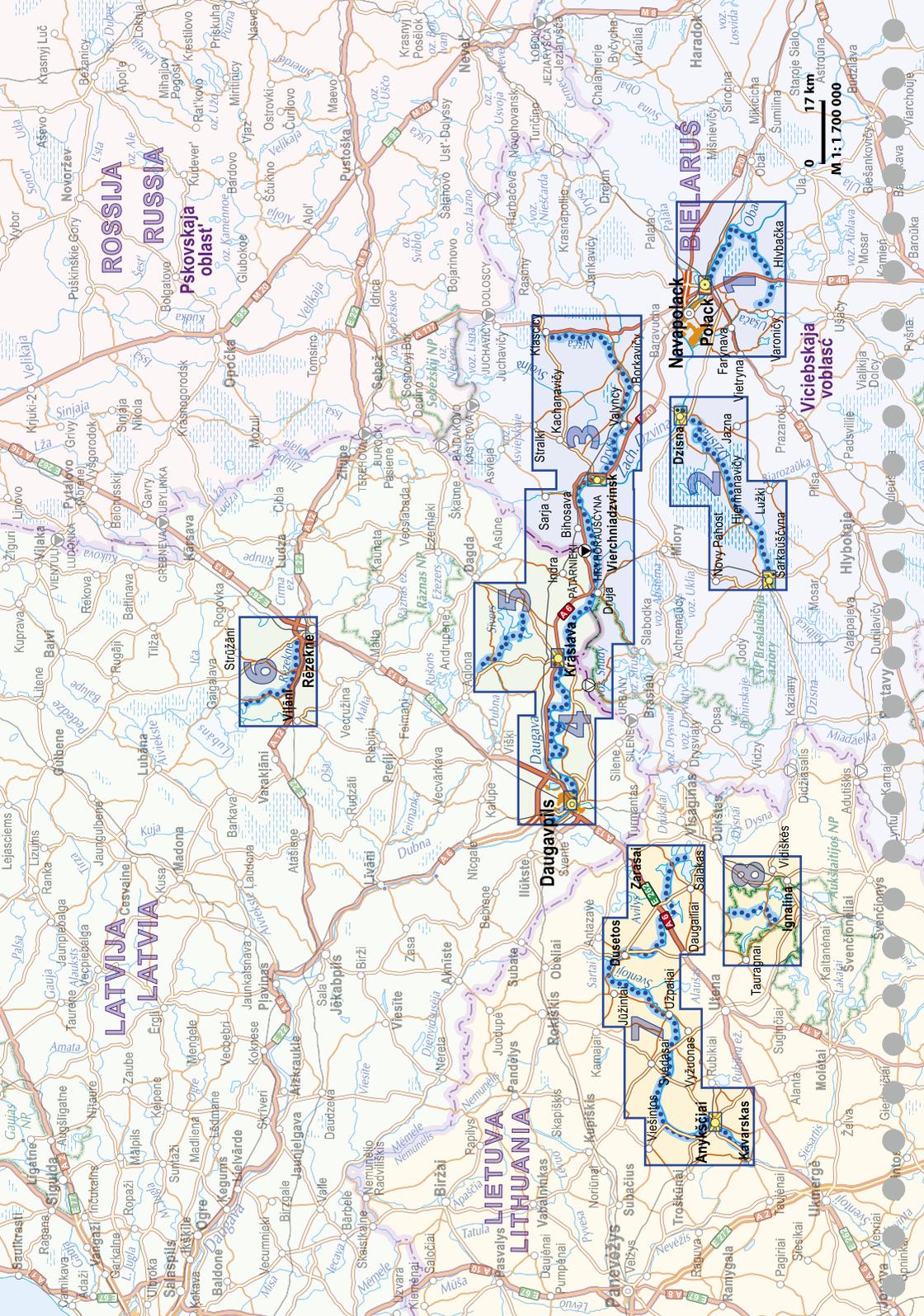
More information on tourism possibilities and tourist routes of the Baltic Country of Lakes and the Bella Dvina region are available at [www.visitlatgale.com](http://www.visitlatgale.com) and [www.belladvina.com](http://www.belladvina.com).



LATVIA (Latgale)  
LITHUANIA (Aukštaitija)



BELARUS (Viciebsk/Vitebsk region)  
LATVIA (Latgale)



# WATER ROUTES EXPLORE RIVERS AND LAKES OF BELARUS, LATVIA AND LITHUANIA

 THIS TRAVEL GUIDE INCLUDES  
THE DESCRIPTION OF EIGHT WATER TOURS:

- 1 From Lake Usmolia to Polack (Polatsk/Polotsk), the most ancient city in Belarus (Viciebsk/Vitebsk region)**  
Route length..... ~ 70 km  
Duration ..... 4 days
- 2 At the head of the Dzisna river (Viciebsk/Vitebsk region)**  
Route length..... ~ 90 km  
Duration ..... 5-6 days
- 3 Down magic rivers: from Belarus to Latvia (Viciebsk/Vitebsk region, Latgale)**  
Route length..... ~ 103 km  
Duration ..... 5-6 days
- 4 From Piedruja to Daugavpils (Latgale)**  
Route length..... ~ 116 km  
Duration ..... 4-5 days
- 5 Explore lakes and rivers of the Krāslava county (Latgale)**  
Route length..... ~ 30 km  
Duration ..... 1-2 days
- 6 From Untumi Stable Yard to Nagli in the Rēzekne county (Latgale)**  
Route length..... ~ 35 km  
Duration ..... 1-2 days
- 7 Down the Šventoji river (Aukštaitija)**  
Route length..... ~ 230 km  
Duration ..... 10-12 days
- 8 Explore rivers and lakes of the Utena district (Aukštaitija)**  
Route length..... ~ 22 km  
Duration ..... 1-2 days

It is a rare pleasure to leave all the worries and anxieties behind, drop a heavy backpack into a kayak and give yourself up to the slow flow of the river. At this moment a real magic happens; your life tempo has changed and everything is turning the way it should be. The landscapes around another river band are utterly scenic; you are relaxed, willing to be surprised, perceive and enjoy plain and ordinary wonders, like water lilies, a graceful swan taking off, or a duck family floating at full speed to avoid the intruder.

Travelling by water is a real recreation. Don't get slack while relaxing, though! Every waterman knows that there may be many "hidden reefs" during such a journey. Fallen and sunken trees, old bridge piles, dangerous underwater snags and just shallow places may be on your way. And yet, paddle ahead, and you'll see everything with your own eyes! While getting ashore to have a rest, don't miss the chance to look around and explore the area where you are staying; there might be some real treasures waiting to be seen and admired!





## USEFUL INFORMATION

### GOOD TO KNOW:

- When planning your travel, make sure to specify the regulations pertaining to your would-be visit and observe such.
- While resting near water, never forget about your personal safety and the safety of your companions; make sure to look after children.
- Make fires and deploy camps at designated campsites only.
- Make sure to pick up any garbage that might result from your stay and leave it at designated areas.
- Take nothing but your impressions and photos from the places you have been to.

According to **fishing regulations** currently in force, a natural person is allowed to fish in water reservoirs if he/she has a fishing card and a personal identification document on him/her. The fishing card should state the person's full name and personal number of a fisher. In places designated for licensed fishing, a licence document shall be required in addition to the fishing card.

At a private lake that is not subject to state fishing rights, the owner shall enjoy the right for fishing personally or confer such right to other natural and legal persons in compliance with the rules and regulations pertaining to the right for fishing (angling) in private water reservoirs.

### MORE DETAILED INFORMATION:

#### In Belarus:

The State Inspectorate for Wildlife Protection:  
www.gosinspekciya.gov.by;  
Polack (*Polotsk*) tourist information centre:  
☎ +375 214 42 69 49

#### In Latvia:

The State Environmental Inspectorate,  
the Daugavpils Regional Board:  
☎ +371 654 23219, +371 28366886

#### In Lithuania:

The Environmental Protection Agency,  
the Utena Regional Environmental Protection Department:  
☎ +370 389 68782

### RENT OF EQUIPMENT AND ORGANISED WATER TOURS IN BELARUS:

#### Polack (*Polatsk/Polotsk*) tourist information centre

Address: 8 Francyska Skaryny (*Frantsiska Skoriny*) prasp. (Ave.), Polack (*Polotsk*), Viciebsk (*Vitebsk*) region, Belarus,  
☎ +375 214 426949,  
polotsk-sport@mail.ru,  
12 kayaks

### RENT OF EQUIPMENT AND ORGANISED WATER TOURS IN LATVIA (LATGALE REGION):

#### Ezersētas Cottage

Address: *Kapari*, Kastulīna parish, Aglona county,  
GPS: 56.1569437, 27.3037222,  
☎ +371 29166259, +371 29194748,  
ezersetas@inbox.lv, www.laivaslatgale.lv,  
14 sports kayaks, 18 canoes

#### Aktīvā Atpūta Latgalē Society

Address: 33 Indras St., Krāslava,  
GPS: 55.9061777, 27.1923082,  
☎ +371 26061272,  
atputalatgale@inbox.lv, www.atputalatgale.com,  
24 canoes

#### Arkādija Guest House

Address: Gandeli, Kaplava parish, Krāslava county,  
GPS: 55.8710737, 27.1650405,  
☎ +371 27006998, +371 29709006,  
www.visitkraslava.com,  
10 canoes

#### Skaidas Farmstead

Address: 58 Rīgas St., Krāslava,  
GPS: 55.8932650, 27.1677123,  
☎ +371 26131147,  
tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com,  
9 canoes

#### Saulgoze Cottage

Address: Perveliški, Konstantinova parish, Dagda county,  
GPS: 56.0203137, 27.4769161,  
☎ +371 29912646,  
saulgozeg@inbox.lv, www.nomalaivu.lv,  
10 canoes

#### Beibuks Sports Club

Address: Vijuši, Naujēne parish, Daugavpils county,  
GPS: 55 55.602, 26 42.177,  
☎ +371 29493121,  
ilmars.lociks@inbox.lv, www.plostilatgale.lv,  
www.kanoelaivas.lv, www.lielaisplosts.lv,  
24 canoes

#### Mučas, rent of boats

Address: 1 Īsā St., Daugavpils,  
GPS: 55 51.468, 26 32.609,  
☎ +371 28344394,  
mucas@inbox.lv, www.laivunoma.com,  
12 kayaks (up to 30, upon preliminary orders)

### RENT OF EQUIPMENT AND ORGANISED WATER TOURS IN LITHUANIA:

#### IN THE ZARASAI DISTRICT:

##### Degesa, Ltd

Address: Bikėnai, Salakas parish,  
☎ +370 685 44450,  
info@degesa.lt, www.degesa.lt,  
25 canoes, 31 kayaks,  
24 two-person [rollable] kayaks,  
21 three-person [rollable] kayaks,  
4 four-person [rollable] kayaks

##### Pasartėlė Ecotourism Homestead

Address: 4 Hipodromo St., Dusetos,  
☎ +370 652 33232,  
pasartele@gmail.com, www.pasartele.com,  
4 canoes, 30 kayaks, 4 [rollable] kayaks

#### IN THE UTENA DISTRICT:

##### Rent of tourist and camping equipment

Address: ☎ +370 652 82255,  
gindrasius@yahoo.com, www.zygeiviuslenis.lt,  
10 kayaks

##### Rent of tourist and camping equipment

Address: ☎ +370 615 12555, +370 658 44865,  
speleda@yahoo.com

##### Peizažas Ecotourism Homestead

Address: Kirdeikiai village, Saldutiškis eldership,  
☎ +370 699 40376,  
kaimoturizmas1@gmail.com, www.sodybapeizas.lt,  
8 kayaks, 1 boat

#### Gražina and Gintaras Krugiškiai's Ecotourism Homestead

Address: Antakalnis village, Saldutiškis parish,  
☎ +370 680 84199, +370 616 29853,  
30 kayaks, 1 boat

#### Aiseto Baidarės, rent of kayaks

Address: Antakalnis village, Saldutiškis parish,  
☎ +370 611 00992,  
nuoma@aisetobaidares.lt, www.aisetobaidares.lt,  
10 kayaks

#### Širvynė Ecotourism Homestead

Address: Šeiminiškiai, Užpaliai parish, Utena district,  
☎ +370 698 25387, +370 615 24841,  
info@sirvyne.lt, www.sirvyne.lt,  
10 kayaks

#### IN THE ANYKŠČIAI DISTRICT:

Birutė Lukoševičienė, ☎ +370 614 76538

Daiva Širvinskienė, ☎ +370 618 08853

Egidijus Matelis, ☎ +370 616 30896

Gitana Mileikaitė, ☎ +370 605 20110

Marijus Rindzevičius, ☎ +370 659 05057

Inga Kilčiauskienė, ☎ +370 614 84134

Petras Bražiūnas, ☎ +370 614 37157

Ričardas Vasiliauskas, ☎ +370 613 73630

Rimas Kisielius, ☎ +370 676 35010

Rimas Zabulionis, ☎ +370 689 88465

Rimtautas Kukarevičius, ☎ +370 686 29344

Rita Šimkienė, ☎ +370 670 53465

Romas Antanaitis, ☎ +370 686 86312

Romas Savickas, ☎ +370 612 93029

Šarūnas Perevičius, ☎ +370 620 61306

Vasilijus Jakovlevas, ☎ +370 659 88610

Vida Grikėnienė, ☎ +370 616 44341





# MAP LEGEND: LATVIA AND LITHUANIA

## ROUTE SEGMENTS

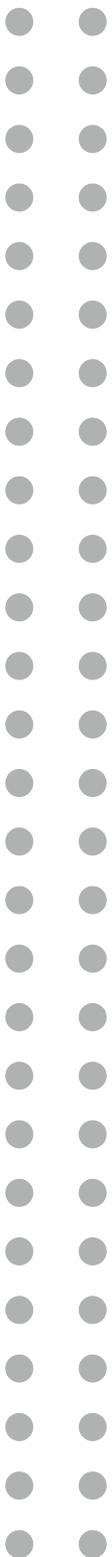
|  |  |
|--|--|
|  | City, town   |
|  | Centre of administrative unit                              |
|  | Rural settlement   |
|  | Population in settlements (1:500 000)                      |
|  | Dual carriageway   |
|  | Main road  |
|  | Regional roads   |
|  | Paved roads  |
|  | Gravel roads   |
|  | Unsurfaced road  |
|  | Multi-level junction                                       |
|  | Distances in kilometres                                    |
|  | Railway • Station • Stop                                   |
|  | National boundary  |
|  | Boundary of administrative unit                            |
|  | Name of administrative unit                                |
|  | Boundary of national park, nature reservation, nature park |

## TOWNS/CITIES

|  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
|  | Public buildings (selection)     |
|  | Important buildings (selection)  |
|  | Built-up area with house numbers |
|  | Industrial area                  |
|  | Allotment gardens                |
|  | Forests, parks                   |
|  | Cemetery                         |
|  | Main road                        |
|  | One way streets                  |
|  | Pedestrian streets               |
|  | Railway, station                 |

## OTHER OBJECTS

|  |  |
|--|--|
|  | Forest • Swamps  |
|  | Hotel, motel • Camping<br>Other accommodation, recreation centre |
|  | Self-government  |
|  | Hospital • Out-patient clinic                                    |
|  | Post office  |
|  | Filling station  |
|  | Bus terminal   |
|  | Parking  |
|  | Restaurant, cafe   |
|  | Museum   |
|  | Monument, memorial   |
|  | Church   |
|  | Open-air stage   |
|  | Communication network tower                                      |
|  | Market   |
|  | Pier   |
|  | Cable ferry  |
|  | International check point  |
|  | Check point  |
|  | Place, object of interest  |
|  | Tourism information  |
|  | Important hill   |
|  | Outstanding castle mound   |
|  | Nature object of interest  |
|  | Castle mound • Hill  |



## ROUTE SEGMENTS

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>URBAN AREAS, BY TYPE AND POPULATION</b> |  |
|  | CITIES AND TOWNS                           |
|  | 100 000 to 500 000 inhabitants             |
|  | 50 000 to 100 000 inhabitants              |
|  | Less than 20 000 inhabitants               |
|  | More than 5 000 inhabitants                |
|  | Less than 5 000 inhabitants                |
| <b>RURAL SETTLEMENTS</b>                   |  |
|  | 1:1 000 000 scale maps                     |
|  | 1:200 000, 1:250 000, 1:500 000 scale maps |
|  | Separate farms and buildings               |

## ROADS

|                     |                                 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>RAILROADS</b>    |                                 |
|                     | Railroads and stations          |
| <b>CAR ROADS</b>    |                                 |
|                     | Highways                        |
|                     | Roads with enhanced surface     |
|                     | Paved roads                     |
|                     | Unpaved roads                   |
|                     | Rural dirt roads                |
|                     | Field and forest roads          |
|                     | Distance on main roads, in km   |
|                     | Border check point              |
| <b>ROAD NUMBERS</b> |                                 |
|                     | National roads                  |
|                     | Roads in neighbouring countries |

# MAP LEGEND: BELARUS



## HYDROGRAPHIC AND HYDROTECHNICAL OBJECTS

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
|  | Rivers and streams         |
|  | Head of navigation         |
|  | Navigable waterways        |
|  | Flow direction             |
|  | Ferries                    |
|  | Bridges                    |
|  | Lakes, water basins, ponds |
|  | Canals, ditches            |

## BORDERS

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  | National borders                              |
|  | Borders of national parks and preserved areas |





# MAP LEGEND: BELARUS

## TOWNS/CITIES

- Built-up area in cities and towns
- Built-up area in rural settlements
- Мыково**  
**Mykava**
- Main roads
- Other roads
- Railways and stations
- Highways
- Car roads with enhanced surface
- Surfaced car roads
- Road numbers
- Rural dirt roads
- Field and forest roads
- Hiking trails in parks
- Car bridges and pedestrian bridges
- Lakes, water basins, ponds
- Rivers, streams, canals and ditches, flow direction; ferries
- Trees and shrubs
- Gardens
- Cemeteries

## OTHER OBJECTS

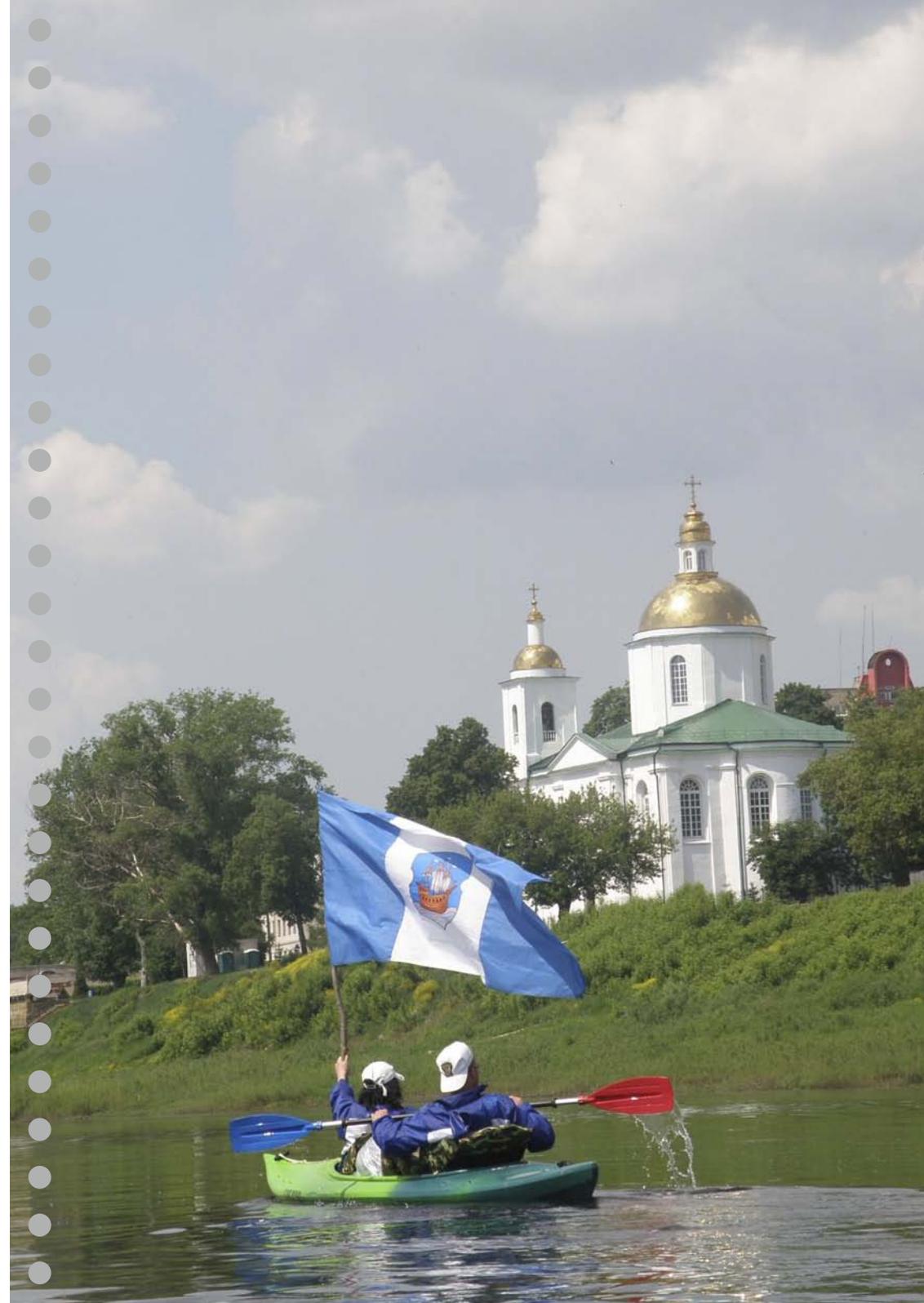
- Swamps and wetlands
- Forests
- Allotment gardens

### Abbreviations used on the map

|        |         |      |           |
|--------|---------|------|-----------|
| pl.    | square  | voz. | lake      |
| prasp. | avenue  | vul. | street    |
| pr.    | passage | zav. | by-street |
| v.     | island  |      |           |

## OTHER OBJECTS

- Hotels
- Guest houses and recreation centres
- Geographic centre of Europe
- Memorial complexes, monuments and sites
- Parks
- Arboretum
- Architectural sites
- Sacred buildings
- Museums
- Ancient fortress ruins
- Jewish cemetery
- Castle
- Archeological sites (Belarusian Stonehenge)
- Boris stone
- Zamkavaja (Castle) Hill, Mayak Hill
- Esker
- Boulders
- Spring
- Farmsteads, rural homesteads
- Hunter's and Fisherman's Houses
- Guest cottages
- Open-air animal enclosures
- Leisure activities
- Tourist information centres and points, tourist agencies
- Railway stations
- Bus stations
- Markets
- Post offices
- Hospitals
- Polyclinics/out-patient clinics
- Cafés, restaurants, bars
- Gas stations
- Stadiums, sports grounds



# ROUTE № 1

FROM LAKE USOMLIA TO POLACK (POLATSK/POLOTSK)

## MAIN ROUTE:

LAKE USOMLIA – LAKE KANAŠY (KANASHY) – LAKE SUJA (SUJA) – HOMLIA (GOMLYA) – LAKE TUROŪLIA (TUROVLYA) – RIVER TURAŪLIANKA (TUROVLYANKA) – HARANY (GORJANY) VILLAGE – THE WESTERN DVINA (ZACH. DZVINA) RIVER – POLACK (POLOTSK)

## ABOUT THE ROUTE:

Type: a recreation trip to meet the requirements of watermen.

Route length: ~70 km.

Duration: 4 days.

Difficulty rate: medium (irrespective of seasons), except for the route segment down the Turaŭlianka river.

**Please, take your personal ID with you!**

**Route:** at your choice.

We recommend that you contact a water tour agent that will help you to choose the most appropriate option.

**Polack (Polotsk)**, the most ancient city in Belarus, is the meeting point for the tour participants. There is a safety briefing to be delivered; gear, outfit and equipment to be distributed. **Transfer to Lake Usomlia** (the Polack district): take P-46 motorway up to the turn towards Zaozerje (Zaozerye) village (~18 km), then go to Usomlia village (~10 km). Just before the exit to Zaozerje, on both sides of the road, you will see memorial sites dedicated to the events of the Great Patriotic War.

## FIRST SEGMENT:

**Waterway from Lake Usomlia to Lake Suja (Suja), Homlia (Gomlya) village ~13 km**

The route goes across lakes Usomlia, Kanašy (Kanashy) and Suja (Suja). The lakes are joined together by small channels. The trip is not complicated; the lakes and rivers are calm, with no obstructions or other difficulties.

## HOMLIA (GOMLYA)

### WORTH SEEING:

#### 1 Memorial complex

dedicated to the Partisan Brigade of Kliment Voroshilov.

#### 2 Memorial complex

(on your left) was created to commemorate the activity of the Vetrino underground district committees of the Young Communist League and the Communist Party of Belarus, as well as heroic deeds of the partisan brigade commanded by D. Tyabut.

#### 3 Field of Military Glory

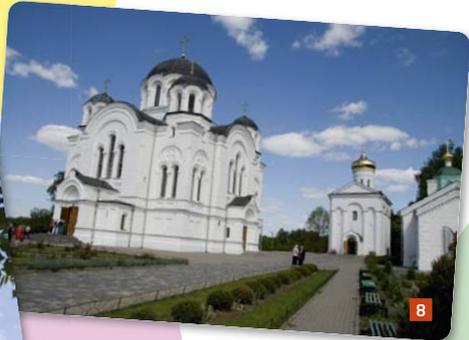
(on your right). Nowadays, the heroic defenders of the Brest Fortress are well known to many people, yet few know about the fortified district of Polack (Polotsk) where the defending troops had been keeping the enemy from seizing the city for twenty days. Field of Military Glory commemorates the history of the Polack fortified district, which is part of the fortification network known as the Stalin Line.

#### 4 Belarusian Stonehenge

at Bikulničy (Bikulnichy) village is located one kilometre to the northeast from the village, on the lakeside of Lake Janava (Janovo). There is a set of stones laid squarewise, each side about 15 m. The sides of the square are positioned so that they point to the sunset points at the critical sectors of the solar coelospheric trajectory. The stones make the shape of the letter "П"; all of them are pointed right at Volotovka Hill that towers over Lake Janava. Some scientists assume that this positioning is not accidental. Local residents are hardly aware of the existence of the Belarusian version of Stonehenge; however, the half-forgotten pagan tradition is kept in their genetic memory, so once a year they hold a gathering at the mysterious shrine at the Midsummer bonfire.



## ROUTE № 1



**THE ROUTE CONTINUES TO:**  
**Haradzišča (Gorodishche) village - Harany (Goryany) village - the Western Dvina (Zach. Dzvina) River - Lučna (Luchno) village ≈ 18 km**

Farther on, the route stretches down the calm and slow Western Dvina (Zach. Dzvina).

### **WORTH SEEING:**

**5 The arboretum in Harany (Goryany) village and the boulders at Novyje Harany (Novyje Goryany)**

Modern scientists share the view of druids who believed that every tree possessed its individual properties and power to have positive influence on the state of humans. You can charge yourself from the positive energies emanated in the arboretum at Harany where a wide variety of tree species is presented. Near Novyje Harany village, close to a road, huge boulders will certainly attract your attention. This place is assumed to have been a pagan shrine used for religious purposes during pre-Christian times. A specific geometrically aligned positioning of the stones proves the hypothesis.

**6 Lučna (Luchno) village**

is close to the construction site of the Polack hydroelectric power plant. Polack hydrostation is the first in the series of Belarusian hydroelectric power plants planned to be put in operation on the Western Dvina.

**THE ROUTE CONTINUES TO:**  
**Lučna (Luchno) village - the Western Dvina (Zach. Dzvina) River - Polack (Polotsk), ≈ 14 km**

### **WHERE TO STAY:**

**1 Yanovo Farmstead, Bikulničy (Bikulnichy) village,** Polack district, Viciebsk region, Belarus,  
**☎** +375 214 47 62 51, +375 29 8195388,  
up to 10 persons

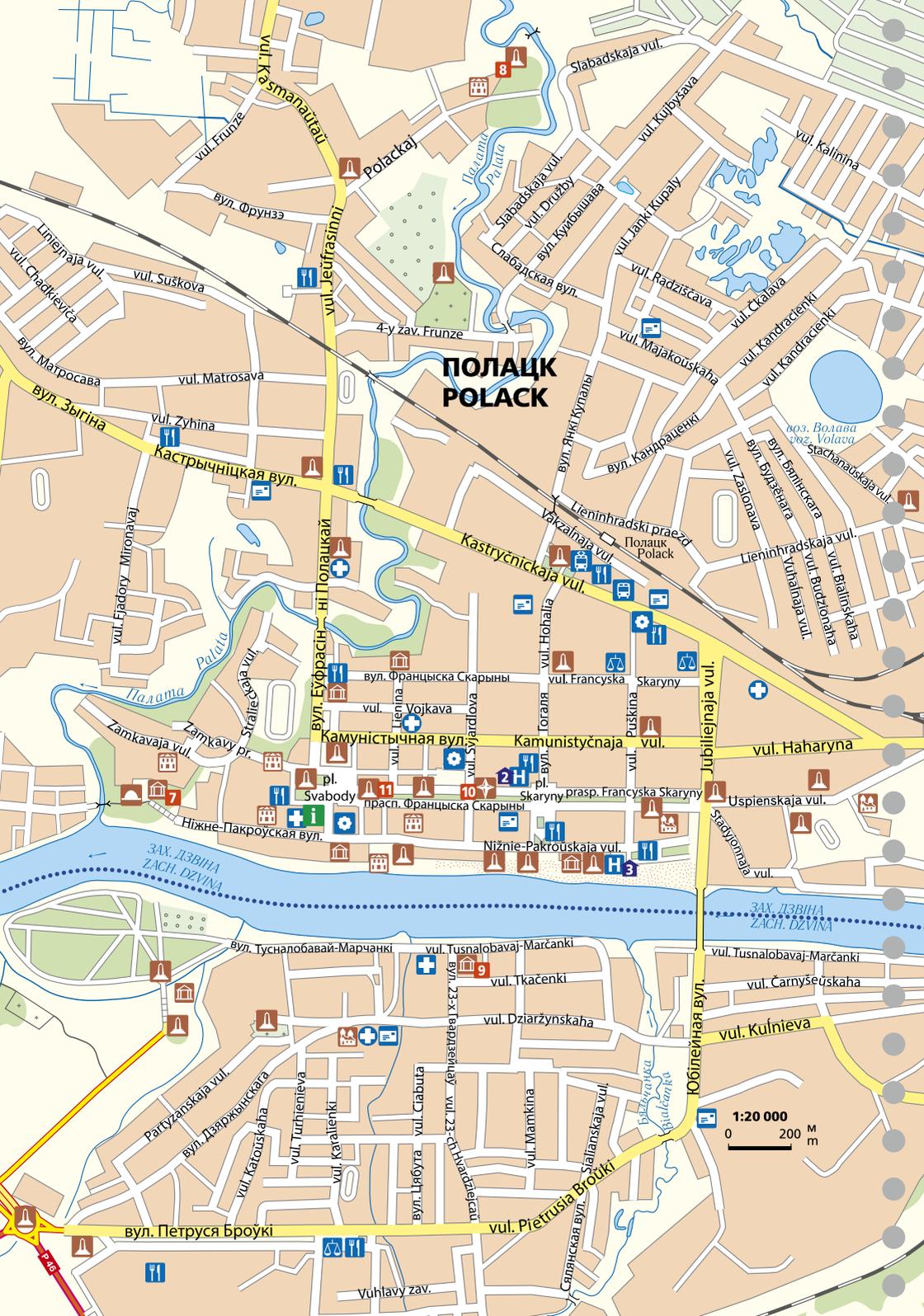


**THE ROUTE CONTINUES TO:**  
**Lake Suja (Suya) - Lake Turoŭlia (Turovlya) - River Turaŭlianka (Turovlyanka) - Haradzišča (Gorodishche) village ≈ 25 km**

The route leads you down the Turaŭlianka (Turovlyanka) river that flows from one lake to another. **Lake Suja (Suya)** is one of the most beautiful lakes in the Polack district. By going down a channel from the Turaŭlianka, you will reach **Lake Turoŭlia (Turovlya)**. The water reservoir is special in that it is not actually a lake, but a boggy area covered with very high and thick reedbed. In the second half of summer, the lake overgrows with hydrophytes and becomes barely passable. Many tourists search for channels of the Turaŭlianka by making their way through fencing canes. After the lake has been left behind, the hardest part of the route begins: the **Turaŭlianka river**.

The Turaŭlianka is a small rushing stream that twists between amazingly beautiful banks. On your way you may come across blockages of trees, small bridges, stones and boulders. You will probably have to get ashore and carry and drag the boats, outfit and equipment, bypass the impassible areas. It takes a lot of effort to go down the Turaŭlianka. Kayaks often capsize there, but for those who take no water trips without risks and shots of adrenaline, it is an ideal option indeed!

The rushing Turaŭlianka leads directly to the **Western Dvina (Zach. Dzvina)**.



## 11 The monument to letter 'Ź'

The monument is dedicated to a unique letter that can only be found in the Belarusian alphabet. Letter 'Ź' is a manifestation of the unique cultural and language identity of the Belarusian people. The monument can also be used as a sundial.

**Address:** Francyska Skaryny (Frantsiska Skaryny) prasp. (Ave.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 214 42 69 49 (TIC)

## POLACK (POLOTSK) WORTH SEEING:

### 7 St. Sophia Cathedral

It is the only Belarusian temple named after Saint Sophia (the Holy Wisdom of God). The Cathedral church was built on the Dvina River in the 11th century, during the reign of the legendary Prince Vseslav the Sorcerer. Nowadays the cathedral is part of the National Historical and Cultural Conservation Area of Polatsk that comprises 11 museums. The cathedral hosts a museum dedicated to the history of the temple, as well as a concert hall where organ and chamber music is performed.

**Address:** 1 Zamkavaja (Zamkovaya) vul. (St.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 214 42 53 40

### 8 The Convent of the Saviour and St. Euphrosyne

The Convent of the Saviour and St. Euphrosyne is one of the most fascinating architectural and historical sites in the city. The Transfiguration Church is notable for its frescos of the 12th century; it is definitely a gem of the Polack art of building.

**Address:** 89 Jeŭfrasinni Polackaj (Yefrasinni Polotskai) vul. (St.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 214 42 14 29

### 9 Belarusian Museum of Book Printing

This is the only museum of the kind in Belarus. Its exposition highlights unique ancient printed folios and demonstrates all stages that a book had to take on its long way to the reader. Part of the exposition is dedicated to Francysk Skaryna, a Belarusian and Eastern European pioneer of printing.

**Address:** 22 Nižnie-Pakrouskaja (Nizhne-Pokrovskaya) vul. (St.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 214 42 57 25

### 10 The memorial sign Polack, the Geographic Centre of Europe

The memorial sign Polack, the Geographic Centre of Europe was unveiled on 31 May 2008 in the city garden on Francyska Skaryny Avenue. The design is based on the wind rose, with a map of Europe in the centre of the rose and Polack in the very centre of the map.

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## WHERE TO STAY:

### 2 Dvina Hotel.

13 Francyska Skaryny (Frantsiska Skaryny) prasp. (Ave.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 214 42 22 35, +375 214 42 70 44, up to 160 persons

### 3 Parus Hotel.

50a Nižnie-Pakrouskaja (Nizhne-Pokrovskaya) vul. (St.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 214 42 51 70, +375 214 42 54 15, polotskrowing-cor@mail.ru, up to 50 persons

## WHERE TO EAT:

### Slavyanskiy Restaurant.

13 Francyska Skaryny (Frantsiska Skaryny) prasp. (Ave.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 214 42 07 97

### Damian Café.

41b Nižnie-Pakrouskaja (Nizhne-Pokrovskaya) vul. (St.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 214 42 87 66

**Dionis Café.** 25 Kastryčnickaja (Oktyabrskaya) vul. (St.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 214 42 31 48

### Khutorok Nikolayevskiy Café.

2 Francyska Skaryny (Frantsiska Skaryny) prasp. (Ave.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 214 42 81 97

### Badalan Café.

57/1 Pietrusia Broŭki (Petrusya Brovki) vul. (St.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 44 734 54 80, +375 44 734 54 81

**Razdol Café.** 15 Talstoha (Tolstogo) vul (St.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 214 42 04 33

**Good to know:** for any further information on this tourist route, please address the respective tourist information centres and points.

## INFORMATION:

**1 Polack (Polatsk/Polotsk) tourist information centre,** 8 Francyska Skaryny (Frantsiska Skaryny) prasp. (Ave.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 214 42 69 49, polotsk-sport@mail.ru, www.polotsk-turizm.by, www.belladivina.com



# ROUTE № 2

AT THE HEAD OF THE DZISNA RIVER

**MAIN ROUTE:**  
**ŠARKAUŠČYNA (SHARKOVSHCHINA) –**  
**HIERMANAVIČY (GERMANOVICHI) – DZISNA (DISNA)**

**ABOUT THE TOUR:**

Type: a recreation water tour.  
 Route length: ≈ 90 km.  
 Duration: 5 to 6 days.  
 Difficulty rate: minimum.

**Please, take your personal ID with you!**

**Route:** at your choice.  
 We recommend that you contact a water tour agent that will help you to choose the most appropriate option.

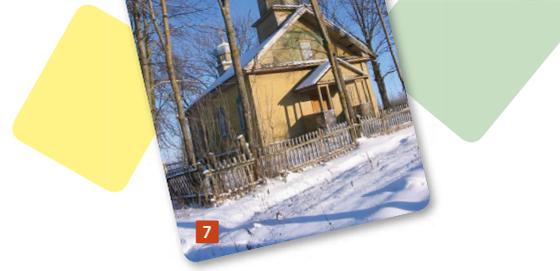
This fascinating tour starts at Šarkaušchyna (*Sharkovshchina*). At the beginning, the tourists get acquainted with the 500-year old town located on a bank of the Dzisna river.

Šarkaušchyna and the adjacent area host **59 cultural and architectural sites!** The town of Šarkaušchyna, the administrative centre of the Šarkaušchyna district in Viciebsk (*Vitebsk/Vitebsk*) region, is situated on the bank of the Dzisna river, 210 kilometres away from Viciebsk and 195 kilometres from Minsk. Šarkaušchyna was first mentioned in chronicles of 1503. Please see the map of Šarkaušchyna on page 20.



**WORTH SEEING:**

- 1 The wooden Church of the Holy Assumption**  
 built in 1912 on the bank of the Dzisna river, at the southern edge of the town.
- 2 The Church of Consolation of All the Afflicted,**  
 built in late 19th century in honour of the image of the Mother of God that bears the same name. The church was built of brick at the place where a wooden church once used to stand; its décor features certain motifs typical of Old Russian architecture.
- 3 The Lopatinsky family estate (19th century) and the Fedorovich family estate (early 20th century),**  
 both located in the local park on a bank of the Dzisna river.
- 4 The Monument to Liberators of Belarus from the German Occupation**  
 In a park on the Majakoŭskaha (*Mayakovskogo*) Street, there is a **common grave** of more than 200 Soviet soldiers and partisans killed in the battles during the Great Patriotic War. In 1960, an obelisk was erected at the grave.



After a short sightseeing tour of Šarkaušchyna, tourists get in their kayaks and head to Hiermanavičy (*Germanovich*) village.



**ШАРКАЎШЧЫНА  
SARKAUŠČYNA**

**WORTH SEEING:**

**5 The Catholic Church of Annunciation of the Holy Virgin Mary**

It is the main attraction of Hiermanavičy. The church, built in 1787, towers over the bank of the Dzisna river. The church is a masterpiece of the Vilnius baroque style. Its interior is embellished with flower ornaments in frescos and stucco. The church was closed in 1940 and re-opened in 1988.

**6 The local manor and park**

**7 Chapel of Old Believers**

**8 The Jazep Drozdovich Museum of Culture and Ethnography**

Tourists leave Hiermanavičy and head for the town of Dzisna.

**DISNA (DZISNA)**

‘Small yet great’; this reference is true of the town of Dzisna with its population of just about 2,200. The ancient trade route *From the Varangians to the Greeks* used to pass through this small settlement, known since 1461. The town, which was then called the township of Kopets, enjoyed an extremely advantageous location at the confluence of the rivers Dzisna and Dzvina. The Castle of Dzisna, that existed from the 14th till the 18th century, protected the rivers of the Principality and was used both as an outpost and as a custom house. It was here that goods were inspected; besides, numerous warehouses were placed here to store fat, bread, wax, honey, fish and other conventional goods that Dzisna’s merchants used to ship to Riga. For their way back, they loaded ships mostly with fabrics, small ware and fancy goods.

**WORTH SEEING:**

**9 Stephen Báthory’ Island**

The island is located at the confluence of the two rivers, the Dzisna and the Western Dvina (*Zach.Dzvina*), where the history of the settlement of Dzisna has begun. The confluence spot is a token of the Bella Dvina region: it is here that the middle of the Western Dvina is considered to be. People call the Dzisna “a blue ribbon on a belt of the beautiful Dvina”. In 2010, a tourist camping site and a recreation ground were created here within the EU-funded project “Bella Dvina”. From the high steep bank you can clearly see the spot where the Western Dvina and the Dzisna merge; this spot is marked with a clear line. Besides, from up here you can enjoy a beautiful view of the Stephen Báthory Island.

**10 The centenary bridge**

This unique arch bridge with wooden floor on metal and stone footing has been in use for more than 100 years. The bridge was renovated in 2002.



**11 The Resurrection Cathedral (19th century)**

This cathedral, built of stone, is especially notable for its icon of the Theotocos Hodegetria painted in the 15th century. On 10 August every year there is a mass procession here, and the icon is carried along the streets of the town from the cathedral to the Hodegetria Church and back.

**Address:** Jubilejnaja (*Jubilejnaya*) vul (St.), Dzisna, Miory district, Viciebsk region, Belarus  
**☎** +375 215 23 76 24, +375 29 377 87 38

**12 Dzisna History Museum**

Enthusiasts from the local secondary school have managed to collect many materials dedicated to the history of Dzisna. Here you can trace the town’s history from the Stone Age up to the present time.

**Address:** 2a Pieršamajskaja (*Pervomayskaya*) vul. (St.), Dzisna, ☎ +375 2152 37346

**WHERE TO STAY:**

- 1 Hotel, Jubilejnaja (*Jubilejnaya*) vul (St.), Dzisna, Miory district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2152 37386, up to 20 persons**
- 2 Alyonushka Farmstead, 22 Frunze vul. (St.), Dzisna, Miory district, Vitebsk region, Belarus ☎ +375 2152 37307**

- 3 Dostatok Farmstead, 18 Kirava (*Kirova*) vul. (St.), Dzisna, Miory district, Vitebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2152 37259, +375 29 8940182**

- 4 Usad’ba Baby Moroz Farmstead, 9 Zarečnaja (*Zarechnaya*) vul. (St.), Dzisna, Miory district, Vitebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2152 37281, +375 29 3581015, ☎ +375 33 613 74 14**

**WHERE TO EAT:**

- Dvina Café, 11 Jubilejnaja (*Jubilejnaya*) vul (St.), Dzisna, Miory district, Vitebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2152 37398**

**INFORMATION:**

- i Miory tourist information point, 28 Kamsamolskaja (*Kamsamolskaya*) vul. (St.), Miory, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2152 41533, mspport07@gmail.ru, www.miorysport.vitebsk.by**



**ДЗІСНА  
DZISNA**



## ROUTE № 3

DOWN MAGICAL RIVERS: FROM BELARUS TO LATVIA



**MAIN ROUTE:**  
**KLIASCICY (KLYASTITSY) – ZABORJE (ZABORYE) – KULNEVA (KULNEVO) – DZIORNAVIČY (DERNOVICHY) – VALYNCY (VOLYNTSY) – VERCHNIADZVINSK (VERKHNEVINSK) – DOWN THE WESTERN DVINA TO THE BELARUS-LATVIA BORDER – THE LATVIAN SEGMENT. THE ROUTE HAS BEEN PLANNED DOWN THE NIŠČA (NISHCHA) RIVER TO THE INFLOW INTO THE DRYSA (DRISSA) (≈ 36 KM, A 2-DAY TRIP), DOWN THE DRYSA TO VERCHNIADZVINSK (VERKHNEVINSK) (≈ 67 KM, A 3- TO 4-DAY TRIP) WHERE THE DRYSA CONFLUENTS WITH THE WESTERN DVINA.**

### ABOUT THE ROUTE:

Type: a recreation water route. The route is well suited for families with children; the rivers are characterized by regular current and no dangerous spots, except for the segment of the route along the Nišča River.  
 Route length: ≈ 103 km.  
 Duration: 5 to 6 days.  
 Difficulty rate: minimum; average on the Nišča River.

**Please, take your personal ID with you!**

**Route:** at your choice.  
 We recommend that you contact a water tour agent that will help you to choose the most appropriate option.

The trip begins on the Nišča river in a small village called **Kljasticy (Klyastitsy)**. The settlement is well-known for events that took place in its vicinity during the Patriotic War of 1812. The Kljasticy Secondary School hosts a **museum 1** focused on the war of 1812 and the Great Patriotic War.

You can start your water adventure at a bridge in Kljasticy. From here, it will take you 10 minutes to get to the dam of the local hydroelectric power station, which is located 2 km from the starting point. Here you will have to make a bypass and carry the outfit and equipment. In 20 minutes ahead you will see **Zaborje (Zaborye)** village. Be careful while passing under the wooden bridge; it is almost ruined. You can disembark and explore the village that is considered to be a capital of rural tourism in Belarus.

Attention: beware of rocks in the riverbed behind the bridge at Zaborje! **300 m after the bridge there is a rope stretched across the river**, and on the left bank there is a hydrological post.

11 km from the bridge at **Sakališča (Sokolishche)** village, the river bends around a hill and there is another impassable blockage. Here you will need to get ashore and bypass the obstacle. It might be hard due to the steep banks, so you might want to do the bypass on the right bank. The mouth of the Nišča is about 100 metres from the blockage.

### KULNEVA (KULNEVO)

There are ruins of an ancient fortress **2** at the confluence of the rivers Drysa and Nišča. Behind the river mouth, there is a quite good camping site on the left bank of the river. The riverbanks are high and steep, but somewhat farther gently sloping areas, sandbars and beaches occur. There are many places that will be great for a stopover camp. These are the basic features of the river up to **Barkoviči (Borkoviichi)**.

Upon leaving Barkoviči, we take the Drysa river all the way down to **Verkhniadzvinsk (Verkhnedvinsk)**.

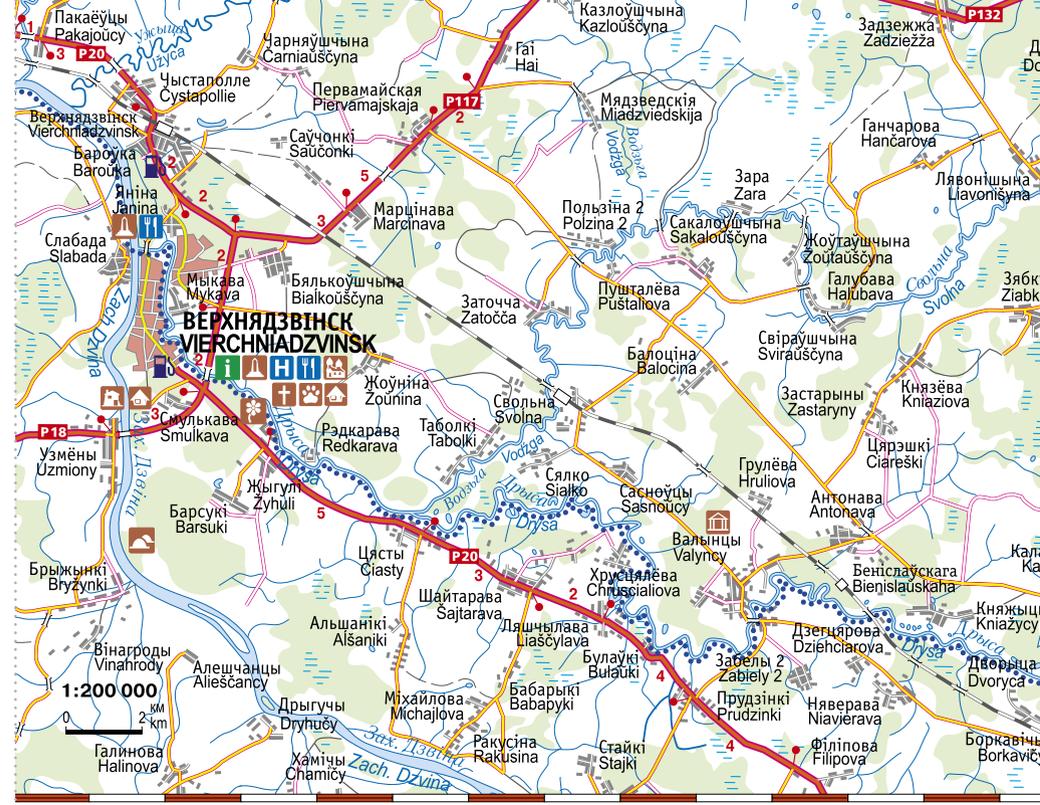
### WHERE TO STAY:

**1 Khoren' Homestead**, Kljasticy (Klyastitsy) village, Rasony (Rossony) district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2159 34343, up to 12 persons



**2 Vladenia Leshego Farmstead**, Sasnovy Bor (Sasnovyi Bor) village, Rasony (Rossony) district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 44 753 42 61, up to 6 persons

**3 Krolova Khata Homestead**, 33 Internatsjjanalnaja (Internatsjonalnaya) vul. (St.), Zaborje (Zaborye) village, Rasony (Rossony) district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2159 35710, ☎ +375 29 39 25710, up to 10 persons



**4 Ozyornaya Farmstead**, Zaborje (Zaborye) village, Rasony (Rossony) district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2159 35747

**5 Mechta Rybaka Farmstead**, Zaborje (Zaborye) village, Rasony (Rossony) district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2159 35740

### VALYNCY (VOLYNTSY) WORTH SEEING:

**3 Museum dedicated to Ivan Chersky, an explorer of Siberia and Far East**

The museum is located on the right bank of the river. In 1987, a commemorative sign was set up in Svorna village, at the spot where Chersky's homestead had once been.

Address: Valyncy (Volyntsy) village, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2151 59288

### INFORMATION:

**1 Rasony (Rossony) tourist information point**, 13 Kamsamolskaja (Komsomolskaya) vul. (St.), Rasony, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2159 41008, fax: +375 2159 42860, fsk-start@yandex.ru





The town and the river used to bear the same name. It was only in 1962 that the town of Drysa (*Drissa*) was renamed to Verkhniadzvinsk (*Verkhnedvinsk*). Since ancient times, the town has been a famous centre of traditional art weaving. The grandeur of the Western Dvina, almost 400-metre wide, is the powerful finale of a kayak trip.

**VERCHNIADZVINSK (VERKHNEDEVINSK)**  
**WORTH SEEING:**

**4 Large Jewish cemetery**

There is a large Jewish cemetery close to the Drysa river. You can see the biggest tomb of war victims there, with the remains of 759 Jews, residents of Drysa, executed by fascists.

**5 The Memorial**

to Victims of Fascism, Burnt Villages, Liberators and Fellow Countrymen.

**6 The obelisk to commemorate the war of 1812**

The obelisk was erected for the one-hundredth anniversary of the battles during the Napoleon war campaign. The monument is in the City Park, in Savieckaja (*Sovetskaya*) St.

**7 Roman Catholic Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin**

This Roman Catholic church is located in the very centre of the town. It features a fusion of neo-Gothic and Baroque styles. In early 1990s, the church was reconstructed and became the most beautiful and magnificent place of interest in Verkhniadzvinsk.

Address: 45 Savieckaja (*Sovetskaya*) vul. (St.), Verkhniadzvinsk (*Verkhnedvinsk*), ☎ +375 2151 52866

**8 St. Nicholas Church**

The church was built in 1819 in a style strongly influenced by Classicism. The main building, which is square in plan, is covered with high large-scale cylinder tholobate topped with a spherical dome and tip coupola. The three-level square bell tower with hip roof dominates architectural outlines of the church. A newly casted bell weighing more than a hundred kilograms was placed on the bell tower in 2005.

Address: 3 Haharyna (*Gagarina*) vul. (St.), Verkhniadzvinsk, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2151 57023

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**WHERE TO STAY:**

**6 Hotel**, 65 Savieckaja (*Sovetskaya*) vul. (St.), Verkhniadzvinsk (*Verkhnedvinsk*), Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2151 53271, up to 40 persons

**7 Odrianika Lyuks Hotel**, 53 Savieckaja (*Sovetskaya*) vul. (St.), Verkhniadzvinsk (*Verkhnedvinsk*), Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2151 52878, up to 15 persons

**WHERE TO EAT:**

**Drissa Restaurant**, 55 Savieckaja (*Sovetskaya*) vul. (St.), Verkhniadzvinsk (*Verkhnedvinsk*) district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2151 52370

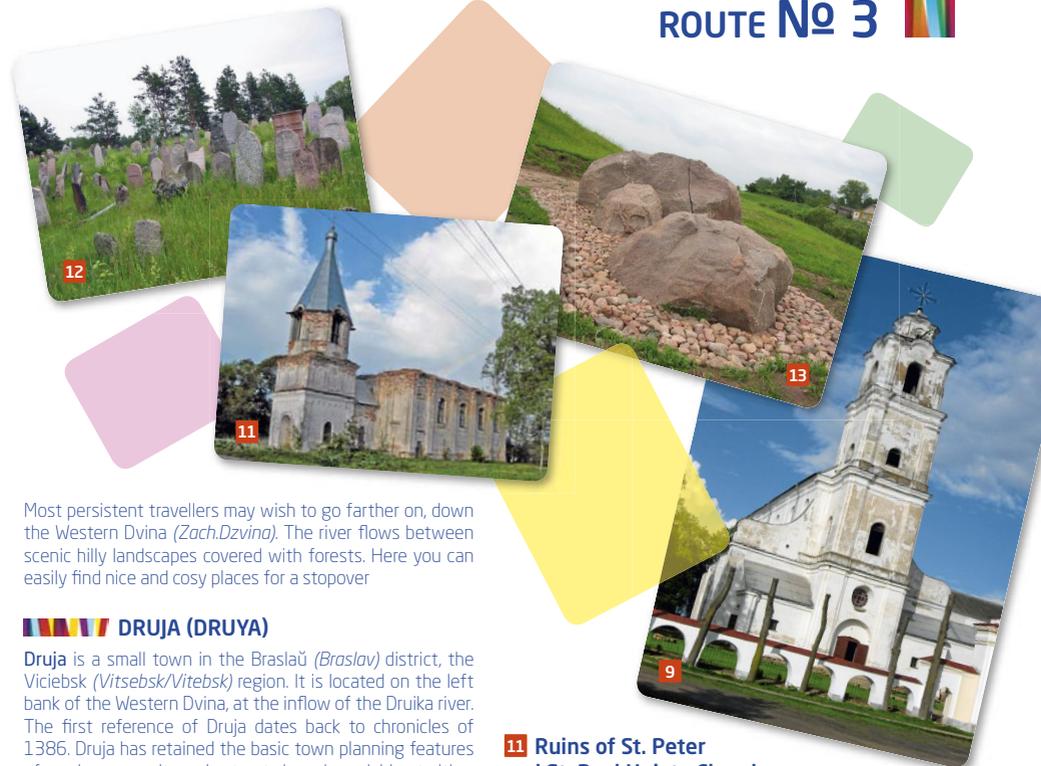
**Flora-Plus Restaurant**, 171 Savieckaja (*Sovetskaya*) vul. (St.), Verkhniadzvinsk (*Verkhnedvinsk*) district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2151 57114

**Labirint Café**, 49 Savieckaja (*Sovetskaya*) vul. (St.), Verkhniadzvinsk (*Verkhnedvinsk*) district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2151 52470

**Nesterka Café**, Bihosava (*Bigosovo*) village, Verkhniadzvinsk (*Verkhnedvinsk*) district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2151 58629

**INFORMATION:**

**1** Verkhniadzvinsk (*Verkhnedvinsk*) tourist information centre, 6 Mira vul. (St.), Verkhniadzvinsk, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2151 57338, slaviana@inbox.ru



Most persistent travellers may wish to go farther on, down the Western Dvina (Zach.Dzvina). The river flows between scenic hilly landscapes covered with forests. Here you can easily find nice and cosy places for a stopover

**DRUJA (DRUYA)**

Druja is a small town in the Braslaŭ (*Braslav*) district, the Viciebsk (*Vitebsk/Vitebsk*) region. It is located on the left bank of the Western Dvina, at the inflow of the Druika river. The first reference of Druja dates back to chronicles of 1386. Druja has retained the basic town planning features of previous ages; its main streets have been laid out either parallel or perpendicular to the Dvina river.

In front of the town, across the river, there is the Latvian township of Piedruja.

Downstream of Druja, the Western Dvina enters the territory of Latvia and changes its name to Daugava.

You can disembark either in Druja or Piedruja, depending on the permits you have. Please, contact the Piedruja border crossing point to arrange your stay in Latvia. (tel.: +371 656 81458)

**WORTH SEEING:**

**9 Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and the Bernadine Monastery**

The Church of the Holy Trinity and the Bernadine Monastery make up the most remarkable architectural ensemble in Druja. It is situated on the high bank of the Western Dvina; from up there, a big island known as the Bernadine Island can be seen. The tower of the Bernadine monastery stands high above the low old buildings of the old town; it is the most popular site and remarkable element of Druja's outlines.

Address: 74 Lienina (*Lenina*) vul.(St.), Druja (*Druya*), ☎ +375 2153 25109

**10 Ruins of the Church of Annunciation**

The Orthodox Church of Annunciation had once been one of the most worshiped shrines in Druja.

**11 Ruins of St. Peter and St. Paul Uniate Church**

The church was built in the late 18th century in Late Baroque style. After the Church Union had been terminated in 1839, the church was transferred to the Autocephalous 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 used to be kept. During World War II, the chapel was partly destroyed and turned into ruins. Nowadays, only tower walls can be seen at the spot where the church used to stand.

**12 The Jewish cemetery**

Jewish cemetery in Druja is the only graveyard in Belarus with colour inscriptions on tombstones. In total, about 250 tombstones have remained there.

**13 Boris Stone**

A large rounded boulder with the carved Lorraine cross and faintly visible inscription is the most ancient monument in Druja; for a long period of time, it had been buried in the Western Dvina, at the mouth of Druika, not far from its bank. The boulder was then taken out of the river and moved to the high bank of the Dvina. It is one of three 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 Polack (*Polotsk*) Principality. The inscriptions on each of the stones read: "O Lord, save Thy slave Boris".

# LATVIA ROUTE № 4

## FROM PIEDRUJA TO DAUGAVPILS



### MAIN ROUTE:

THE ROUTE HAS BEEN PLANNED DOWN THE DAUGAVA RIVER TO THE CITY OF DAUGAVPILS. PIEDRUJA – KRĀSLAVA – VASARGELIŠKI, ≈ 76 KM, VASARGELIŠKI – DAUGAVPILS, ≈ 40 KM.

### ABOUT THE ROUTE:

**Type:** a recreation water route that is well suited for families with children.  
**Route length:** ≈ 116 km.  
**Duration:** 4 to 5 days.  
**Difficulty rate:** minimum.

**Please, take your personal ID with you!**

**Route:** at your choice.

We recommend that you contact a water tour agent that will help you to choose the most appropriate option.

**Piedruja** is located at the crossing point of European roads, at the Belarusian and Latvian frontier. Piedruja welcomes its guests with the shine of golden domes of its Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches. **Piedruja** is the first destination on our way down the route.



### 3 Piedruja trail in the Daugava valley and the boulder *Signs of the Daugava*

The trail is remarkable for its rare protected diversity of flora and fauna, as well for some historical monuments and attractive scenery. In 1990, Augšdaugava landscape protected area was established on both banks of the Daugava, from Piedruja to Daugavpils. Beside the river, there is a boulder with the name 'Daugava' carved in 7 languages: Estonian, Finnish, Russian, Polish, German, Latvian and Livonian. The monument was designed by Vilnis Titāns.

**Address:** Piedruja county, Krāslava, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55.7995039, 27.4517164,  
**☎** +371 656 29682, +371 28608784,  
[www.visitkraslava.com](http://www.visitkraslava.com)

### WHERE TO STAY AND EAT:

**1** **Piedruja Motel**, Piedruja county, Krāslava, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55.802826, 27.452087, **☎** +371 656 29682,  
**☎** +371 28608784, +371 26357228,  
[viesnicapiedruja@inbox.lv](mailto:viesnicapiedruja@inbox.lv), [www.visitkraslava.com](http://www.visitkraslava.com), 50 mect

### 4 Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist in Indrica

This unique wooden building (1655-1658) is one of the oldest wooden Roman Catholic churches in Latgale. In the choir chapel, there is an old organ decorated with original woodcarvings. There are four altars with woodcarved embellishment and ancient paintings.

**Address:** Indrica, Kalnieši parish, Krāslava county, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55.848503, 27.331581, **☎** +371 26263061,  
[tic@kraslava.lv](mailto:tic@kraslava.lv), [www.visitkraslava.com](http://www.visitkraslava.com)



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### PIEDRUJA WORTH SEEING:

#### 1 Roman Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Holy Mother of God

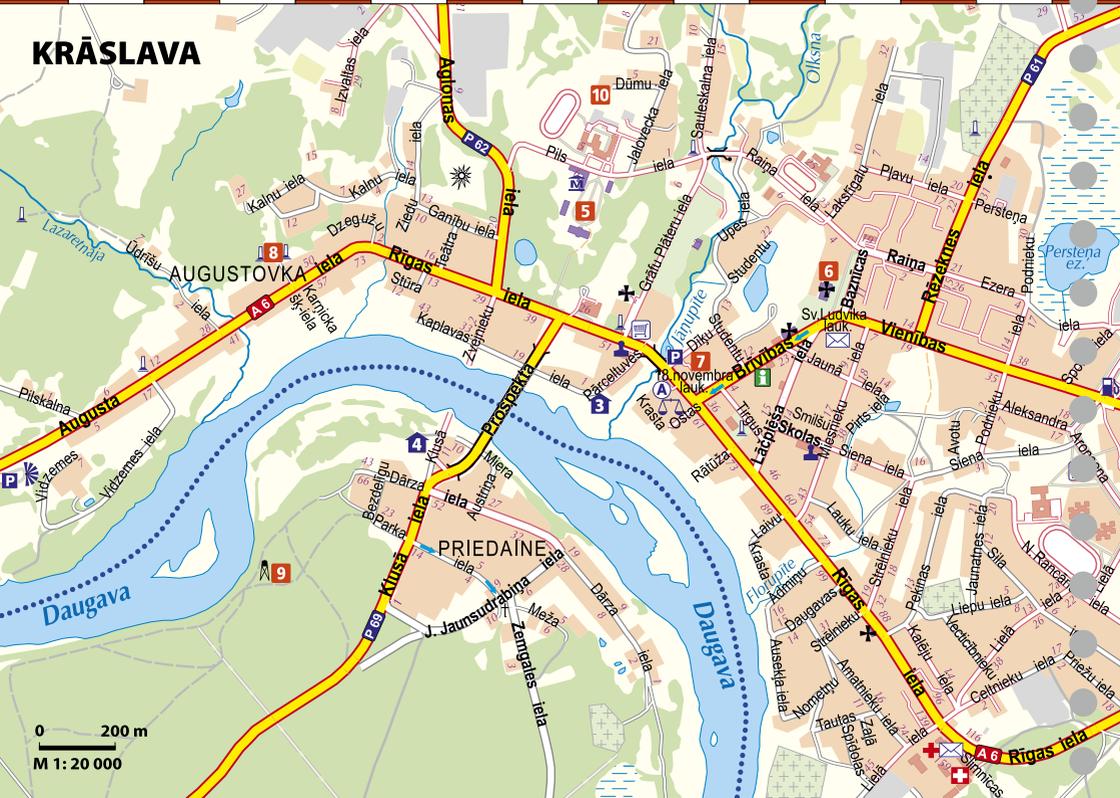
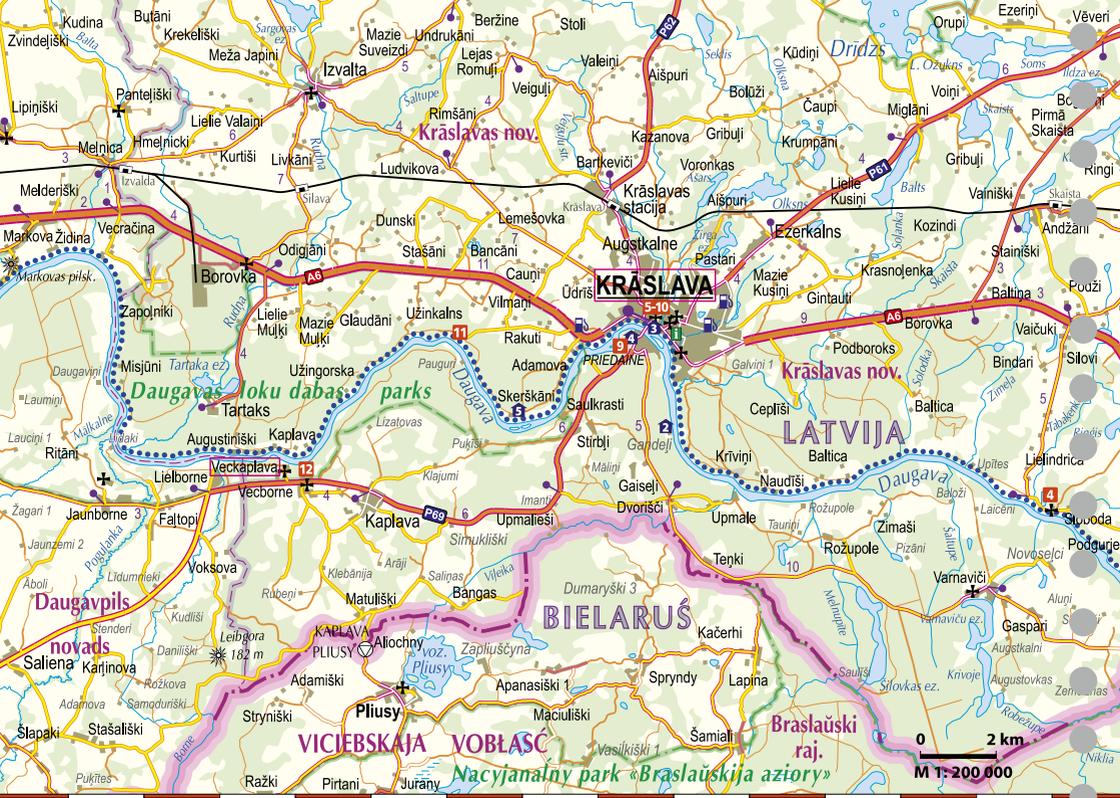
Initially, the church was built of wood in 1632 during the governing of the Lithuanian State Chancellor Prince Leon Sapieha. The wooden building had burned down, and the church was built anew of stone in 1759. This church features an altar based on illusory perspective. Services are held every day.

**Address:** Piedruja, Krāslava county, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55.7995039, 27.4517164, **☎** +371 29498354,  
**☎** +371 656 29632, [www.visitkraslava.com](http://www.visitkraslava.com)

#### 2 St. Nicolas Orthodox Church

In Krāslava there is only one Orthodox church with 6 domes. St. Nicholas is one of the most beautiful and interesting churches in the county, in terms of its architectural design. It was built in 1885 to replace the previous church that had been too small to accommodate all believers of its parish.

**Address:** Piedruja, Krāslava county, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55.7998334, 27.4495907, **☎** +371 26783660,  
[www.visitkraslava.com](http://www.visitkraslava.com)



### 7 Krāslava central square

This example of town planning of the 18th century is regarded as an architectural site of national importance. Back in 18th century, the Town Hall (1752) and a pharmacy were the main buildings that towered above the square. The pharmacy (the latter building is still there and hosts the pharmacy ever since 1810).

**Address:** 18 Novembra Sq., Krāslava,  
**GPS:** 55.898029, 27.169189,  
[www.visitkraslava.com](http://www.visitkraslava.com)

### 8 Józef Karnicki hill and memorial

This picturesque place is often associated with a local love story. There lived once a young Polish officer Józef Karnicki, who fell in love with Count Plater's daughter, the beautiful Emilia. But the officer was too poor, and the Count refused to accept him as his son-in-law. The young lovers were planning a secret marriage, but their plans failed. Overwhelmed by despair, Emilia and Józef decided to commit suicide. They agreed that Emilia would light a candle in the castle window, thus giving a sign to Józef to shoot himself; she would then jump out of the window. At the very last moment, a maid stopped Emilia from committing suicide, but Józef, unaware of this, went on with the original plan and shot himself dead. He was buried at the spot of his death, which was marked by a memorial with a cross of cast iron. The inscription on the tombstone reads "Judge not lest ye be judged". The very next day after the funeral, a spring started to flow from the hill.

**Address:** Augusta St. (behind building No.28), Krāslava,  
**GPS:** 55.901203, 27.143955

### 9 Observation tower in Priedaine

Located on the left bank of the Daugava, this is the second highest wooden observation tower in Latvia (32-metre high). It will offer you a fascinating view on the Daugava river and Krāslava's outskirts.

**Address:** Priedaine, Krāslava, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55.892807, 27.147560,  
 ☎ +371 656 22201, +371 26487763,  
[tic@kraslava.lv](mailto:tic@kraslava.lv), [www.visitkraslava.com](http://www.visitkraslava.com)

At a 19-kilometre distance, there is the town of Krāslava, one of the most popular tourist attractions. Krāslava is located in the so-called "Swiss corner" of Latgale, at a bend of the magnificent Daugava, 40 km away from the second largest city of Latvia, Daugavpils, and 275 km away from Riga, the capital of Latvia. Here, the highland ranges of the Eastern Latvian upland slope down to the Daugava. Krāslava attracts tourists primarily by its numerous historical monuments and architectural landmarks located in the town and nearby.

## WORTH SEEING:

### 5 Castle buildings of the Plater Counts

The Plater Castle is an architectural heritage site of the 18th century. The castle that belonged to the Plater family is the central building of the complex. Construction of the mansion, designed by an Italian architect Antonio Paracco, started in 1765 under Count Konstantin Ludvig Plater. Once a luxurious residence, the castle can nowadays be viewed from outside only, but the observation deck near the castle offers an astounding view over the Daugava valley. Besides, you can visit the Art and History Museum. The castle is surrounded by a 22-hectare-wide English park.

**Address:** 6 Pils St., Krāslava, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55.901772, 27.161808, ☎ +371 656 23586,  
[kraslavas\\_muzejs@inbox.lv](mailto:kraslavas_muzejs@inbox.lv), [www.kraslavaspils.lv](http://www.kraslavaspils.lv)

### 6 Krāslava Roman Catholic Church of St. Ludwig

This church is a spectacular specimen of Latgalian Baroque. The church, designed by an Italian architect Antonio Paracco, was built in 1755-1767. In the altar part of the church you can see the fresco Saint Louis Is Leaving for the Crusade by an Italian painter Filippo Castaldi. In the choir chapel there are portraits of Count Konstantin Ludvig Plater and Countess Augusta Plater, the founders of the church; the portraits date back to the 1860s. The relics of St. Donat the Martyr make Krāslava Roman Catholic church a temple of special significance.

**Address:** 1 Sv. Ludvika Sq., Krāslava, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55.895241, 27.164383,  
 ☎ +371 656 23939, +371 656 22201,  
[tic@kraslava.lv](mailto:tic@kraslava.lv), [www.visitkraslava.com](http://www.visitkraslava.com)

### 10 Ceramics workshops of Valdis and Olga Pauliņš

Here you can have a look around the shops, take part in the production of ceramic ware, and try to start up a pottery kiln. There is a wide range of ceramic pottery and household articles, souvenirs, and garden ceramic pieces on offer. Various workshop sessions on ceramic crafts are available for individuals, families, schoolchildren or big tourist groups. Visits upon prior arrangement.

**Address:** 8 Dumu St., Krāslava, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55.904575, 27.163010,  
 ☎ +371 29128695,  
[valdispaulins@inbox.lv](mailto:valdispaulins@inbox.lv), [www.visitkraslava.com](http://www.visitkraslava.com)

## ROUTE № 4



After you have passed by Krāslava, the river will take you to Daugavas Loki (Daugava's Bends) Nature Park.

### DAUGAVAS LOKI (DAUGAVA'S BENDS) NATURE PARK

This nature park has been established to preserve the unique natural sites and assets of cultural and historical heritage, as well as the slightly modified landscapes of the ancient valley of the Daugava in the Naujene-Krāslava area. Bends in the Daugava valley are considered to be the most ancient geological formations in Latvia. Being part of the preserved landscapes of the Augšdaugava (upper Daugava), in 2004 Daugavas Loki Nature Park received the status of a NATURA 2000 area. In 2011 it was included in the Latvian list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

**Address:** Naujene parish, Tabore parish, Vecsaliena parish, Skrudaliena parish, Salienu parish of the Daugavpils county; Ūdrīši parish, Kaplava parish of the Krāslava county, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55.889946, 26.727676, ☎ +371 656 22201,  
☎ +371 26487763, +371 654 22818,  
muzejs@apollo.lv, info@visitdaugavpils.lv,  
tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv,  
www.visitkraslava.com

### WHERE TO STAY:

**2** **Arkādija Guest House**, Kaplava parish, Krāslava county, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.872231, 27.165070,  
☎ +371 27006998, +371 29709006,  
tic@kraslava.lv, up to 21 persons

**3** **Zive Guest House**, 14 Pārceltuves St., Krāslava, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.896503, 27.163353,  
☎ +371 29185835, vm\_zive@inbox.lv, up to 22 persons

**4** **Priedaine Guest House**, 2 Klusa St., Krāslava, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.894691, 27.152517,  
☎ +371 26430798, priedainesvn@inbox.lv,  
up to 21 persons

**5** **Skerskāni Cottage**, Ūdrīšu parish, Krāslava county, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.876274, 27.102413, ☎ +371 29195745,  
skerskans@inbox.lv, www.skerskani.lv, up to 17 persons

### WHERE TO EAT:

**Daugava Catering House**, 28 Rīgas St., Krāslava, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.8974676, 27.1619588,  
☎ +371 656 22634, +371 29112899,  
www.kraslavad.lv, www.visitkraslava.com

**Mārīte Café**, 2 Tīrgus St., Krāslava, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.895850, 27.1661311,  
☎ +371 656 24039, +371 29112899,  
www.kraslavad.lv, www.visitkraslava.com

**Todes Café**, 58 Rīgas St., Krāslava, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.8940425, 27.1664958,  
☎ +371 26131147, +371 29166609,  
Services upon preliminary arrangement.

### WORTH SEEING:

#### **11** **Kurmīši Farmstead**,

located 1,5 km away from the Daugava, on the right bank of the river. Here you will get to know how to grow medicinal herbs and prepare herbal tea blends.

**Address:** Rakuti, Ūdrīši parish, Krāslava county, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.896107, 27.077522,  
☎ +371 26538824, +371 656 23655,  
kraslava@lkc.lv, www.visitkraslava.com

#### **12** **Kaplava Orthodox Church of the Intercession of the Holy Mother of God**

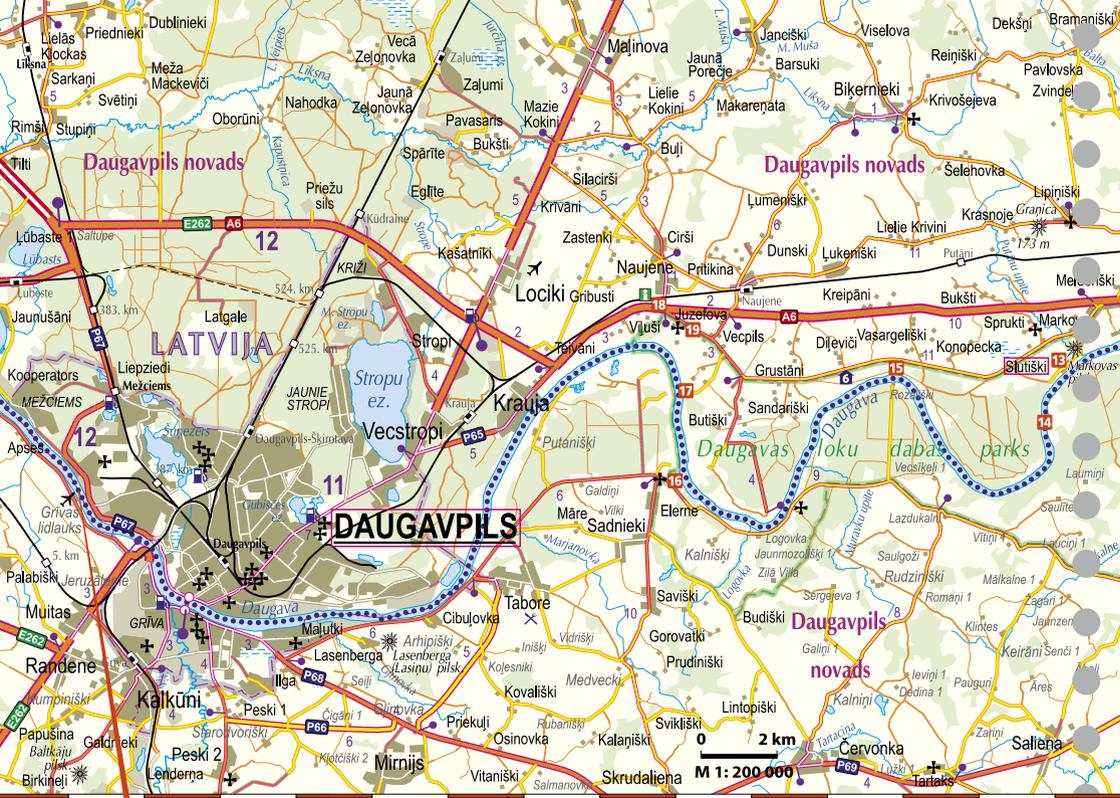
The church is located on the left bank of the Daugava river. Initially, there church was built out of wood after the Orthodox parish had been established in 1794. In 1889, it was decided to replace the previous building with a new church, of brick and stone.

**Address:** Veckaplava, Kaplava parish, Krāslava county, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.8667060, 26.9940822,  
☎ +371 26076244, www.visitkraslava.com

### INFORMATION:

**i** **Krāslava tourist information centre**, 13 Brīvības St., Krāslava, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.8961483, 27.1671155,  
☎ +371 656 22201, +371 26395176,  
tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com

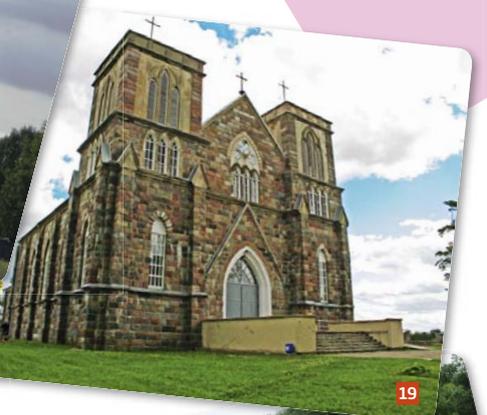




**15** It is convenient to finish the tour here. The final point of the route is on the bank of the Daugava in the Kalkūne parish, by the airfield of Grīva, 7 km from Daugavpils. You can comfortably disembark here, together with your outfit and equipment. The spot is accessible by car or bus.



## ROUTE No 4



### DAUGAVPILS COUNTY WORTH SEEING:

#### 13 Ethnographic Old Believers' village Slutiški

This village on the right bank of the Daugava was first mentioned in documents dated 1785. What makes the village unique is a rich variety of house facades, pediments, attics windows and door frames that are richly decorated with lace-like woodcarvings. You are welcome to visit an Old Believers' House where you can get acquainted with the lifestyle and customs of these religious communities.

**Address:** Slutiški, Naujene parish, Daugavpils county, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55 54.575, 26 52.632,  
**☎** +371 654 71321,  
 muzejs@apollo.lv, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv,  
 www.naujene.lv

#### 14 Daugava Gate natural site

By forming a valley between Krāslava and Naujene, the Daugava river has created a unique natural site called "Daugava Gate". At this peculiar spot, downwards of Slutiški village, the ancient Daugava valley becomes particularly narrow. The narrowest segment of the valley is between the Slutiški Cliff and the Ververu Cliff. The Daugava has meandered through centuries, following the peculiarities of local landscape and shaping the riverbed; as a result, two cliffs came into being, each as high as 42-43 m. At this spot, the valley is just 0.5- to 0.6-kilometre wide. The Daugava Gate is in the list of top 10 important natural sites in Latvia.

**Address:** Slutiški, Naujene parish, Daugavpils county, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55. 53957, 26. 52518,  
**☎** +371 654 22818, +371 654 71321,  
 muzejs@apollo.lv, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv,  
 www.naujene.lv

#### 15 Vasargeliški observation tower

on the right bank of the Daugava. Climb on top of the 24-metre observation tower to get the bird's-eye view of the scenic Daugava landscapes. On your left, there is a splendid view over the Rozāliški Bend. Look to the right to enjoy the famous landscape depicted on a 10 lat banknote; don't forget to take the banknote with you to compare the views.

**Address:** Vasargeliški, Naujene parish, Daugavpils county, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55 54.863, 26 48.790, **☎** +371 654 71321,  
 muzejs@apollo.lv, www.naujene.lv,  
 www.visitdaugavpils.lv

#### 16 Roman Catholic Church in Elerne

The church was built in 1650 by Heinrich Tinen. It had served the needs of the local Lutheran parish till 1761. Its general architecture outlines and details correspond to other churches built in the Kurzeme Dukedom at that time. Traditions of the 17th century can also be seen in the interior; they are obvious in the woodcarved fragments in Mannerism style, as well as statues of angels and a relief of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary. Later, Lutherans exchanged this church with Catholics for the church in Sīķele. The church is available for observation from the outside only, at any time.

**Address:** Elerne, Tabore parish, Daugavpils county, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.8904623, 26.7132458,  
**☎** +371 654 71197, www.visitdaugavpils.lv

#### 17 Vecpils castle mound and the ruins of the Dinaburga Castle

The castle mound is located by the Daugava river. This area was inhabited as long ago as the 8th-13th centuries AD. It is considered to be the place where Daugavpils was founded. Here you can see the ruins of the Dinaburga Castle (built in 1275) and a miniature model of the castle (1997).

**Address:** Vecpils, Naujene, Naujene parish, Daugavpils county, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55.55544, 26. 43413, **☎** +371 654 71321,  
 muzejs@apollo.lv, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv,  
 www.visitdaugavpils.lv

#### 18 Creation of the largest patchwork blanket in Augšdaugava

Do you want to be part of a new Guinness world record? Naujene History Museum invites everyone to participate in the creation of the largest patchwork blanket.

**Address:** 1 Skolas St., Naujene, Naujene parish, Daugavpils county, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55 54.679, 26 43.619, **☎** +371 654 71321,  
 muzejs@apollo.lv, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv,  
 www.visitdaugavpils.lv

#### 19 Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Juzefova

The construction of the church started in 1934 and was accomplished in 1961. During the Soviet period, the church was turned into a recreation centre. In 1989, the local Catholic community reclaimed the building.

**Address:** Naujene, Naujene parish, Daugavpils county, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55 54.679, 26 43.619, **☎** +371 654 71321,  
 muzejs@apollo.lv, naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv,  
 www.visitdaugavpils.lv

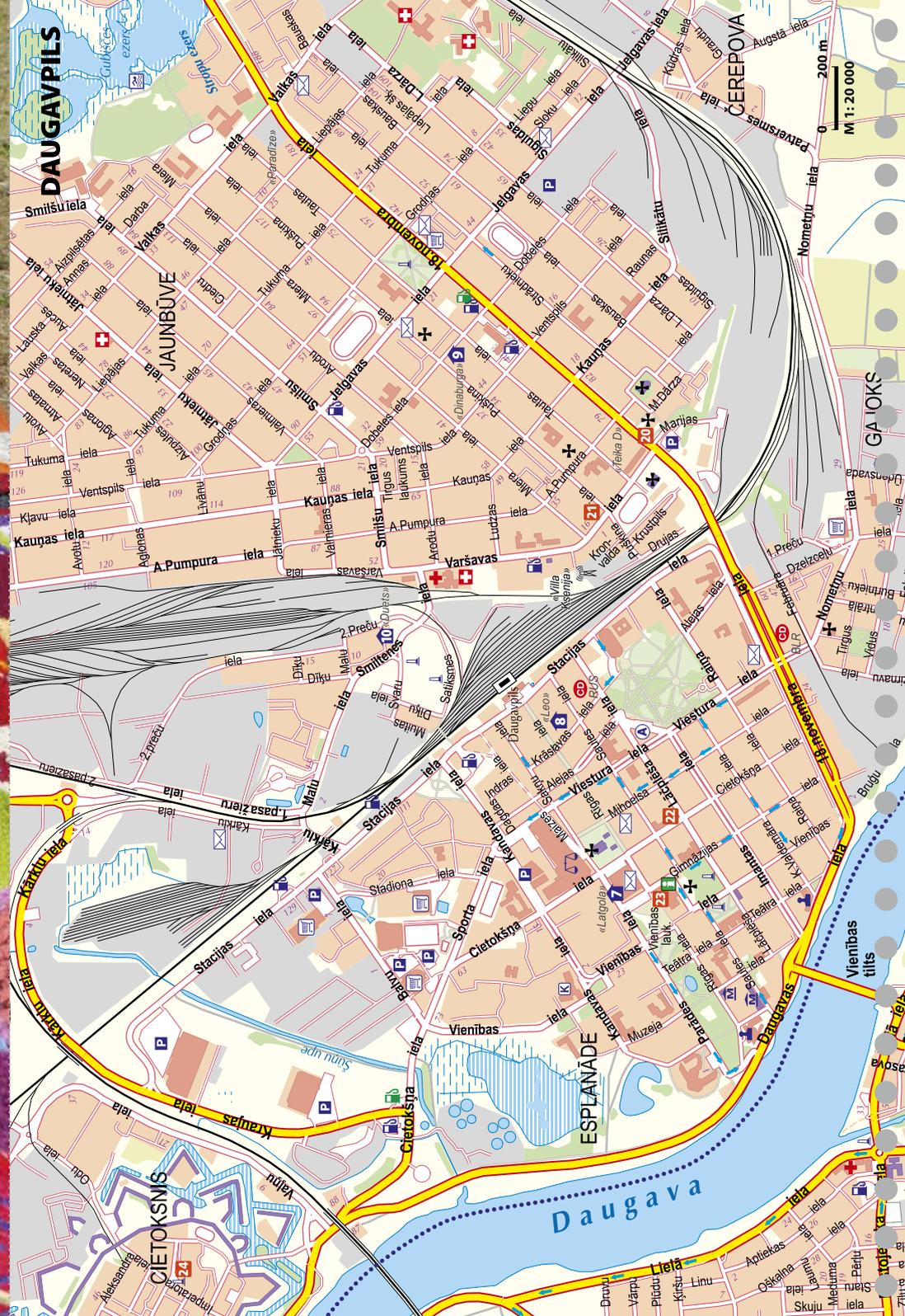
### WHERE TO STAY:

**🏠 Ozianna camping site,** Dīļeviči, Naujene parish, Daugavpils county, Latvia, **GPS:** 55 54.730, 26 47.669, **☎** +371 29182474, www.piedaugavas.lv, **up to 22 persons** For catering services, please, contact the host in advance.

Farther ahead is the city of Daugavpils, the second biggest city in Latvia. (see p.35)

### INFORMATION:

**📍 Daugavpils tourist information centre,** 22a Rīgas St., Daugavpils, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.870945, 26.514692, **☎** +371 654 22818, skype: visitdaugavpils, info@visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv, http://www.facebook.com/Daugavpils.novada.TIC, https://twitter.com/daugavpilstic, www.draugiem.lv/daugavpilstic



## ROUTE № 4

### DAUGAVPILS

The 19th century fortress and Church Hill with churches of the four different Christian confessions are the symbols of the city. The historic centre of Daugavpils was laid out and built in the 19th century in accordance with a blueprint that was approved in St. Petersburg in 1826. The historic centre of Daugavpils is a cultural heritage site of national importance. Its unique urban area is probably the most attractive part of the city and one of the best examples of compromise between the old and the new.

### WORTH SEEING:

#### 20 Church Hill (Baznīcu Kalns)

Church Hill is a unique spot shared by churches of four different Christian confessions: the Martin Luther Cathedral (1893), the Roman Catholic Church of the Most Holy Mother of God (1902-1905), the Daugavpils Orthodox Cathedral of Blessed Martyrs Sts Boris and Gleb (1905) and Old Believers' Church of the Resurrection, the Nativity of the Theotocos and St. Nicolas (1908-1928).

Address: 18 Novembra St., Daugavpils, Latvia,  
 GPS: 55.870544, 26.539879,  
 ☎ +371 654 22818 (TIL),  
 info@visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv

#### 21 Russian Culture Centre

The centre offers several unique exhibitions, such as "Old Believers in Latvia", "Orthodoxy in Latvia", "Pictures by Pyotr Khudobchenok", "Gzhel ceramics", "Khokhloma Ware". You are also welcome to visit the Fairytale Yard sculpture garden with 17 statues depicting popular characters of Russian fairy tales.

Address: 14 Varšavas St., Daugavpils, Latvia,  
 GPS: 55.8723876, 26.5370652, ☎ +371 654 13237,  
 rusdom@inbox.lv

#### 22 Daugavpils Synagogue

The building of the synagogue and the Kaddish House of Worship (1850) fills up the corner of a block of buildings in the centre of the city. On the second floor of the synagogue, there is a museum "Jews in Daugavpils and Latgale". Guided tours are provided upon customers' requests.

Address: 38 Cietokšņa St., Daugavpils, Latvia,  
 GPS: 55.870411, 26.520845, ☎ +371 29548760,  
 www.visitdaugavpils.lv

#### 23 Daugavpils Theatre

It is the oldest professional theatre in Latvia and the only professional theatre in Latgale with two national troupes of actors, Latvian and Russian, sharing the stage.

Address: 22 a Rīgas St., Daugavpils, Latvia,  
 GPS: 55.52237, 26.30962, ☎ +371 654 26520,  
 daugavpilsteatris@apollo.lv, www.dteatris.lv

#### 24 Daugavpils fortress

Located on the left bank of the Daugava, this building is the only specimen of an East European fortress of the early 19th century that has remained almost unchanged up to the present time. Starting from 2013, the fortress now hosts the Mark Rothko Art Centre, the only place in Eastern Europe where you can see original works by the famous artist.

Address: Daugavpils St., Daugavpils, Latvia,  
 GPS: 55.52966, 26.29959, ☎ +371 654 22818,  
 info@visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv,  
 www.facebook.com/Daugavpils.cietoksnis,  
 www.dinburgascietoksnis.lcb.lv

## ROUTE № 4



### WHERE TO EAT:

**Gubernators Restaurant**, 10 Lāčplēša St., Daugavpils, Latvia, **GPS:** 55 52.093, 26 30.955, **☎** +371 654 22455, nemenovs@inbox.lv

**Plaza Restaurant**, 46 Ģimnāzijas St., Daugavpils, Latvia, **GPS:** 55 52.295, 26 31.024, **☎** +371 654 04912, restaurant@hotellatgola.lv, www.hotellatgola.lv

**Čili Pica Pizzeria**, 9 Rīgas St., Daugavpils, Latvia, **GPS:** 55 52.320, 26 31.116, **☎** +371 25424242, www.e-pica.lv

**McDonald's**, 42, 18 Novembra St., Daugavpils, Latvia, **GPS:** 55 52.022, 26 31.755, **☎** +371 654 21691, www.mcdonalds.lv

**Vēsma Bistro**, 49 Rīgas St, Daugavpils, Latvia, **GPS:** 55 52.361, 26 31.270, **☎** +371 654 10704, +371 654 44350, info@vesma.lv, http://www.vesma.lv

**Vita Café**, 22a Rīgas St, Daugavpils, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.52231, 26.31047, **☎** +371 29469434, **☎** +371 654 27706, mezvidi.tabore@inbox.lv

### INFORMATION:

**i Daugavpils tourist information centre**, 22a Rīgas St., Daugavpils, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.870945, 26.514692, **☎** +371 654 22818, skype: visitdaugavpils, info@visitdaugavpils.lv, www.visitdaugavpils.lv, http://www.facebook.com/Daugavpils.novada.TIC, https://twitter.com/daugavpilstic, www.draugiem.lv/daugavpilstic

### WHERE TO STAY:

**7 Park Hotel Latgola**, 46 Ģimnāzijas St., Daugavpils, Latvia, **GPS:** 55 52.301, 26 31.018, **☎** +371 654 04900, reception@hotellatgola.lv, www.hotellatgola.lv, **up to 236 persons**



**8 Leo Hotel\*\*\***, 58 Krāslavas St., Daugavpils, Latvia, **GPS:** 55 52.389, 26 31.546, **☎** +371 654 26565, www.hotelleo.lv, **up to 11 persons**

**9 Dinaburg Hotel\*\*\***, 39 Dobeles St., Daugavpils, Latvia, **GPS:** 55 52.597, 26 32.682, **☎** +371 654 53010, info@hoteldinaburg.lv, www.hoteldinaburg.lv, **up to 102 persons**

**10 Duets Guest House**, 2 Preču St. 1, Daugavpils, Latvia, **GPS:** 55 52.691, 26 31.897, **☎** +371 27026227, +371 654 35607, hotelduet@inbox.lv, hotel\_duet@inbox.lv, **up to 36 persons**



## ROUTE No 5

EXPLORE LAKES AND RIVERS OF THE KRĀSLAVA COUNTY

### MAIN ROUTE:

LAKE DRĪDZIS – LAKE OTA (7 KM) – LAKE ĀRDAVAS (2 KM) –  
THE SOURCE OF THE DUBNA RIVER (4 KM) – LAKE LEJAS (1 KM) –  
LAKE CĀRMAŅA (2 KM) – LAKE JADZINKA (5 KM) – LAKE ČERTOK (4 KM)

### ABOUT THE ROUTE:

**Type:** a recreation water route. The route is well suited for families with children; the rivers are characterized by regular current and no dangerous spots.

**Route length:** ≈ 30 km.

**Duration:** 1 to 2 days.

**Difficulty rate:** minimum on the lakes; medium on small and mid-sized rivers in spring.

**Please, take your personal ID with you!**

**Route:** at your choice.

We recommend that you contact a water tour agent that will help you to choose the most appropriate option.

The variety of 146 lakes in Krāslava county provides you with many opportunities to enjoy water recreation, to escape from the sizzling summer heat by diving in fresh lake waters, and to see the beauty of aquatic life.

The tour starts at the eastern part of Lake Drīdzis, at Drīdži Recreation Centre. You can order a separate cottage or a place for a tent; your vehicle can be safely parked there during your travel.

Lake Drīdzis is about 742 hectares wide and 11 kilometres long. It is the deepest lake in the Baltic countries, its maximum depth reaching up to 65.1 m. Going down a 200-metre long connecting canal from Lake Drīdzis, you can get into Lake Ota. Before entering Lake Ota, we recommend that you get off the route and have a walk along Drīdzis lakeside to its north-western part, to Sauleskalns Hill (211 metres high). A stroll to the hill and back is about 4 km. Ota's average depth is 2 metres. An 500-metre long channel extended from the north-western part of Ota will take you to Lake Ārdava with its numerous islands, peninsulas and bays. Head northward, towards the Dubna River, which flows from the most distant part of the lake; on the opposite side, it flows into Ārdava from Lake Sivers. You may now get off the main route again and paddle to Sivers, the ninth largest lake in Latvia, with a total area of 1,692 ha. This lake is remarkable for its 25 islands. Sivers is popular with fishermen for being rich in fish; a trip to Sivers and back is about 3 km. From Lake Ārdava go 1 km down the Dubna, and you will reach Lake Lejas; there is Lejasmalas Recreation Complex on the lakeside, near the mouth of the Dubna.

From Lake Lejas down the river you will get to Lake Cārmaņa. The mouth of the Dubna is located 2 km away from its outflow in Lake Lejas. The lake goes narrower as you go forward, and in 1.5 km, by the left lakeside, you will see a small island. The Dubna's outflow is right behind the isle.

Keep going along the narrow and long Lake Cārmaņa until you reach the Grāveri-Stradi motorway. To get to the next lake, Jadzinka, you will have to carry the equipment for about 250 m, but this is the only place where you will have to get ashore and walk. After you paddle north-westwards across Jadzinka, you may finish the journey in the farther north-western creek of the lake. A pleasant surprise awaits you in the very end of the way: the legendary Lake Čertok ('the devil's lake') is only 300 metres away from you now and is definitely worth visiting.

### WHERE TO STAY AND EAT:

**1** Drīdži Recreation Centre,  
Skaista parish, Krāslava county, Latvia,  
GPS: 55.9776985, 27.3667732, ☎ +371 29441221,  
www.dridzi.lv, info@dridzi.lv, up to 52 persons.  
Catering services are provided upon advance orders.

**2** Lejasmalas Recreation Complex,  
Sķipi, Auleja parish, Krāslava county, Latvia,  
GPS: 56.0227142, 27.2177538, ☎ +371 29139680,  
lejasmalas@inbox.lv, www.lejasmalas.viss.lv,  
up to 112+26 persons.  
Catering services are provided upon advance orders.

### INFORMATION:

**i** Krāslava tourist information centre,  
13 Brīvības St., Krāslava, Latvia,  
GPS: 55.8961483, 27.1671155, ☎ +371 656 22201,  
tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com

**i** Ezersētas Cottage, water tours by Ainārs Streļčs,  
Kapari, Aglona county, Latvia,  
GPS: 56.1569437, 27.3037222,  
☎ +371 29166259, +371 29194748,  
ezersetas@inbox.lv, www.laivaslatgale.lv





## ROUTE № 6

FROM UNTUMI STABLE YARD TO NAGĻI IN THE RĒZEKNE COUNTY

### MAIN ROUTE:

UNTUMI HORSE RANCH – THE BRIDGE AT TAURINĶA MILL ≈ 4.5 KM,  
TO THE BRIDGE ON THE SAKSTAGALS-LIUŽA ROAD ≈ 8.5 KM,  
TO THE BRIDGE AT ROMANOVKA ≈ 9 KM,  
TO THE ROAD BRIDGE BEFORE RIKAVA VILLAGE ≈ 9 KM.

### ABOUT THE ROUTE:

**Type:** a recreation water route. The route is well suited for families with children; the rivers are characterized by regular current and no dangerous spots.

**Route length:** ≈ 35 km.

**Duration:** 1 to 2 days.

**Difficulty rate:** minimum; medium in spring.

**Please, take your personal ID with you!**

**Route:** at your choice.

We recommend that you contact a water tour agent that will help you to choose the most appropriate option.

The Rēzekne River flows out of Lake Rāznas and gets into Lake Lubāns; the total length of the river is 116 km.

The starting point of the suggested route is in the outskirts of the city of Rēzekne, beside *Untumi Horse Ranch*, where you can safely leave your vehicle parked.

### 3 Vlakons Recreation Site

Vlakons will arrange a guided tour to a local dolomite pit where you will get to know interesting facts about dolomite mining. Please book a guided tour in advance. Camping grounds, barbecue spots, a picnic gazebo, beach volleyball grounds are there for you. You can also order fish soup, smoked fish.

**Address:** Pērtņieki, Sakstagala parish, Rēzekne county, Latvia, **GPS:** 56.753591, 27.0411995,

**☎** +371 28383139, +371 29293393,

**✉** silvijaf@inbox.lv, vlakonkarjers@inbox.lv,

[www.rezeknesnovads.lv](http://www.rezeknesnovads.lv), [www.pertnieki.lv](http://www.pertnieki.lv)

In about 7 km, you will reach a bridge near Rikava village, which is the final destination of the route.

### WHERE TO STAY:

**1 Priedītes Cottage**, Kraupeli,

Sakstagala parish, Rēzekne county, Latvia,

**GPS:** 56.5528055, 27.0982920,

**☎** +371 29183080, +371 26451915,

**✉** Pjotr41@mail.ru, [www.rezeknesnovads.lv](http://www.rezeknesnovads.lv),

up to 6+15 persons

### INFORMATION:

**i Ezersētas Cottage**, water tours by Ainārs Streļčs,

Kapari, Aglona county, Latvia,

**GPS:** 56.1569437, 27.3037222,

**☎** +371 29166259, +371 29194748,

**✉** ezersetas@inbox.lv, [www.laivaslatgale.lv](http://www.laivaslatgale.lv)

**i Rēzekne and Vijāni tourist information centre**,

31 Krasta St., Rēzekne, Latvia,

**GPS:** 56.5056007, 27.3308906,

**☎** +371 646 22222, +371 26332249,

**✉** tic@rezekne.lv, [www.rezekne.lv](http://www.rezekne.lv),

[www.rezeknesnovads.lv](http://www.rezeknesnovads.lv), [www.pierobeza.lv](http://www.pierobeza.lv)

### WORTH SEEING:

#### 1 Untumi Horse Ranch

Here you can enjoy horseback riding in summer and sleigh rides in winter. The horse ranch offers horseback riding therapy. Strolling across the local wedding park and watching storks zoomed by optical devices would be fun, too. Horseback riding lessons are taken under the supervision of a qualified instructor. Visits and services upon prior arrangement.

**Address:** Spundžāni, Ozolmuiža parish, Rēzekne county, Latvia, **GPS:** 56.5347186, 27.2587872,

**☎** +371 26337449, [ligita@untumi.lv](mailto:ligita@untumi.lv), [www.untumi.lv](http://www.untumi.lv)

The water level in the Rēzekne River is high enough even in dry seasons; the current often changes from slow to rapid, and there are places literally paved with underwater rocks. On your way down the river, you will see several places of interest without having to leave the boat:

#### 2 The boulder of Subinaite

The boulder of Subinaite is a protected natural site. It partly rests in water. About 2 km downstream from a bridge, there is *Vlakons Recreation Site*, stretched along the left river bank.

**GPS:** 56.5617496, 27.0805946



## ROUTE № 7

DOWN THE ŠVENTOJI RIVER IN LITHUANIA

MAIN ROUTE:

LAKE LUODIS – BAYS AND CREEKS AT ANTALIEPTĖ – DUSETOS –  
LAKE SARTAI – UŽPALIAI – ŽALIOJI – MICKŪNAI – MIKIERIAI – INKŪNAI –  
ANDRIONIŠKIS – NIŪRONYS – ANYKŠČIAI – KAVARSKAS

### ABOUT THE ROUTE:

Type: a recreation water route.

The route is well suited for families with children; the rivers are characterized by regular current and no dangerous spots.

Route length: ≈ 230 km.

Duration: 1.0 to 12 days.

Difficulty rate: minimum.

**Please, take your personal ID with you!**

**Route:** at your choice.

We recommend that you contact a water tour agent that will help you to choose the most appropriate option.

Most of the lakes situated in the region of Aukštaitija are interconnected by rivers and streams, the largest of them being the beautiful Šventoji River. Its basin spreads across significant areas of the Zarasai, Utena and Anykščiai districts.

The journey starts at the western part of Lake Luodis.

### LAKE LUODIS

The lake is 4.4 km wide and 6.3 km long from its north-eastern side to the southern side; its average depth is 18.4 m. It has two larger islands, Alaunė and Sadauskas, and two smaller islands, Pilelis and Kanapinis. The coastline of Luodis is intricate; there are numerous large bays and creeks. The southern lakeside protrudes towards the centre of the lake and shapes the Žvirinčiaus Cape. The lakesides are mostly high, steep and undermined by water; they are low, damp and marshy only at the edges of bays.

**Address:** Salakas village, Zarasai district, Lithuania,

**GPS:** 55.578187, 26.153651,

**☎** +370 385 59426,

**✉** parkas@grazute.lt, www.grazute.lt

### BAYS AND CREEKS AT ANTALIEPTĖ

The Antalieptė bays and creeks are situated on both sides of the Kaunas-Zarasai motorway, eastward from Antalieptė, across Gražutė National Park. Local bays and creeks have been shaping since 1959. This picturesque water basin was artificially created in order to connect 26 lakes that used to be separate. Its common basin strikes with its vast area (1,900 ha in total), numerous islands (more than 50) and curved coastline (about 160 km long). Bays are up to 46 m deep; their average depth is 7.2 m. Bays of Antalieptė are second biggest bays in Lithuania.

**Address:** Bikenai village, Zarasai district, Lithuania,

**GPS:** 55.608532, 26.06237,

**☎** +370 385 59426,

**✉** parkas@grazute.lt, www.grazute.lt

### WORTH SEEING:

#### 1 Antalieptė hydroelectric power plant

The hydropower plant in Antalieptė is an asset of historical and technical heritage. The power plant is located on the Šventoji river.

**Address:** Antalieptė, Zarasai district, Lithuania,

**GPS:** 55.656948, 25.875741, **☎** +370 385 37171,

**✉** turizmas@zarasai.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic

Please disembark and come ashore before you reach the hydroelectric power plant. It is impossible to cross the structures of the hydropower plant in a boat. Any try to do so would be extremely dangerous!





## WHERE TO STAY AND EAT:

**1** *Pas Antanų* Ecotourism Homestead,  
Luodkos village, Zarasai district, Lithuania,  
GPS: 55.569492, 26.209444,  
☎ +370 698 11010, +370 698 07875, up to 17 persons

**2** *Bebryne prie Luodžio* Ecotourism Homestead,  
Salakas village, Zarasai district, Lithuania,  
GPS: 55.586667, 26.158972,  
☎ +370 617 28057, +370 619 20913,  
info@bebryne.lt, http://www.bebryne.lt, up to 25 persons

**3** *Paukščių Sala* Ecotourism Homestead,  
Salakas village, Zarasai district, Lithuania,  
GPS: 55.572592, 26.155757, ☎ +370 685 44450,  
info@degesa.lt, www.degesa.lt, up to 76 persons

**4** *Atostogų Grybiškeje* Ecotourism Homestead,  
Grybiškiai village, Zarasai district, Lithuania,  
GPS: 55.623881, 26.173298,  
☎ +370 699 46282, +370 685 44181, up to 10 persons

**5** *Romualdas Jasiukas'* Ecotourism Homestead,  
Bikėnai village, Zarasai district, Latvia,  
GPS: 55.622724, 26.075118,  
☎ +370 615 40489, +370 385 59204,  
g.jasiukiene@gmail.com, http://bikenai.lt, up to 12 persons

**6** *Raskila* Ecotourism Homestead,  
Bikėnai village, Zarasai district, Lithuania,  
GPS: 55.625673, 26.087683, ☎ +370 617 05181,  
dale.tauginiene@gmail.com, up to 10 persons





**LAKE SARTAI**  
 Lake Sartai is located in the north-eastern part of Lithuania, in the Zarasai and Rokiškis districts. It has the longest coastline among Lithuanian lakes (79 km). Sartai is 5.7 m deep, in average; the maximum depth is up to 20.9 m. The Sventoji river crosses the lake. The town of Dusetos and the Regional Park of Sartai are situated in the vicinity of the lake.  
**Address:** Dusetos, Zarasai district, Lithuania,  
**GPS:** 55.785504, 25.82235,  
**☎** +370 385 56834,  
 sartureg@takas.lt, www.sartai.info

**DUSETOS**  
**WOTH SEEING:**  
**2 Exposition of beer brewing antiquities**  
 Here, on shore of Lake Sartai, you will get to know local beer brewing traditions that have been continuously perfected ever since 1863. Welcome to *Prie Bravoro* Inn where you can taste light non-pasteurized beer *Čižo Alu* made from a secret recipe of ancestors.  
**Address:** Dusetos, Zarasai district, Lithuania,  
**☎** +370 686 48890,  
 cizoalus@zarasai.lt, www.cizoalus.lt

**3 Dusetos Art Gallery and Sculpture Park**  
 The gallery is a major culture and art centre for each and every artist who lives and works in the Zarasai region, including the winner of the National Prize Š. Sauka, N. Saukienė, E. Raugas, R. Pučekas, A. Staukas, etc. The Sculpture Park was founded in summer 2008. In the park you can see an oak that was planted by the Lithuanian President Valdas Adamkus.  
**Opening hours:** Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00-18:00  
**Address:** 31a K.Bugos St.,  
 Dusetos, Zarasai district, Lithuania,  
**☎** +370 385 56878, +370 612 33086,  
 dusetu.galerija@zarasai.lt

**WHERE TO STAY:**  
**7 Žygeivių Šlėnis Camping Site** (lodging in tents), Degėšiai village, Užpaliai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania,  
**GPS:** 55.671234, 25.623763,  
**☎** +370 652 82255, +370 686 95376,  
 gindrasius@yahoo.com, www.zygeiviuslenis.lt  
**8 Širvynė Ecotourism Homestead**, Šeimyniškių village, Užpaliai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania,  
**GPS:** 55.660353, 25.607479,  
**☎** +370 698 25387, +370 615 24841,  
 info@sirvynė.lt, www.sirvynė.lt, up to 14 persons.  
 Catering services upon prior arrangement.

**INFORMATION:**  
**i Zarasai district tourist information centre**, 22 Sėlių St., Zarasai, Lithuania,  
**GPS:** 55.732477, 26.246857,  
**☎** +370 385 37171, +370 682 40988,  
 turizmas@zarasai.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic  
**i Utena district tourist information centre**, 39 Stoties St., Utena, Lithuania,  
**GPS:** 55.494122, 25.582184,  
**☎** +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938,  
 tic@utenainfo.lt, www.utenainfo.lt



**UŽPALIAI**  
**WORTH SEEING:**

**4 The ancient city mound of Šeimyniškiiai**

It is one of the largest and most beautiful ancient settlement mounds in Lithuania. The mound is located on a high cape-like elevation surrounded by the Piliaus River in the north-east, and enclaved by the River Pilupis at the south-west. The ancient settlement site is a wedge-shaped flat oblong area (70 metres long, 40 metres wide in the south-east and 19 metres wide in the north-west).

**Address:** Šeimyniškiiai village, Užpaliai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.658829, 25.624775, **☎** +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), [tic@utenainfo.lt](mailto:tic@utenainfo.lt), [www.utenainfo.lt](http://www.utenainfo.lt)

**5 Šeimyniškiiai rock conglomerate**

**Address:** Šeimyniškiiai village, Užpaliai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.654445, 25.601669, **☎** +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), [tic@utenainfo.lt](mailto:tic@utenainfo.lt), [www.utenainfo.lt](http://www.utenainfo.lt)

**6 Užpaliai Roman Catholic church and the bell tower**

The bell tower of the Užpaliai Roman Catholic church was built in 1847 with the funds raised by the local community.

**Address:** Užpaliai, Utena district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.629966, 25.56638, **☎** +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), [tic@utenainfo.lt](mailto:tic@utenainfo.lt), [www.utenainfo.lt](http://www.utenainfo.lt)

**7 The monument to St. Florian**

People of Užpaliai made St. Florian their patron saint for a reason. The settlement was destroyed by fire more than once, and local people decided to erect a monument to St. Florian, the patron saint of fire fighters, in the square near the Catholic church. Each spring, administration of the Užpaliai eldership organizes festivities in honour of St. Florian, as well as a festival with participation of local fire fighters.

**Address:** Užpaliai, Utena district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.629966, 25.56638, **☎** +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), [tic@utenainfo.lt](mailto:tic@utenainfo.lt), [www.utenainfo.lt](http://www.utenainfo.lt)

**8 Laumės valtis Boulder ('Witch's Boat')**

The boulder is 2.5 m long, 0.95 m wide and 1.1 m high. The rock is located not far from the Lygamiškis mound, on the right bank of the river.

**Address:** Lygamiškis village, Užpaliai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.629966, 25.56638, **☎** +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), [tic@utenainfo.lt](mailto:tic@utenainfo.lt), [www.utenainfo.lt](http://www.utenainfo.lt)



**9 The mound of Lygamiškis**

The mound is located on a high cape-like elevation of the Šventoji river bank. The ancient settlement site is an oblong flat irregular triangular ground, 70 m long and 60 m wide. On its edge, there is an earth wall, which is 90 m long, 10 m wide and up to 1.3 m high. Its steep slopes reach up to 8-10 m, except for the western slope. Northward and eastward from the mound, right at its foot, there is a settlement where plastered and clay pottery items were found. The artifacts are now kept in the National Museum of Lithuania.

**Address:** Lygamiškis village, Užpaliai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.629966, 25.56638, **☎** +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), [tic@utenainfo.lt](mailto:tic@utenainfo.lt), [www.utenainfo.lt](http://www.utenainfo.lt)

**10 The spring of Lygamiškis (St. Krokulės spring)**

The water of this spring is famous for its magical qualities; it is believed to cure various diseases, bring happiness and even protect against the lightning.

**Address:** Lygamiškis village, Užpaliai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.629966, 25.56638, **☎** +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), [tic@utenainfo.lt](mailto:tic@utenainfo.lt), [www.utenainfo.lt](http://www.utenainfo.lt)

**WHERE TO STAY:**

**9 Jevgenija Masiulienė's Ecotourism Homestead,** 61 J. Basanavičiaus St., Užpaliai, Utena district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.630262, 25.575015, **☎** +370 699 97633, [zozefine@gmail.com](mailto:zozefine@gmail.com), **up to 20 persons.** Catering services upon prior arrangement.

Continue down the **Šventoji River**, and you will pass under a bridge (**GPS:** 55.62284, 25.427937). This bridge, designed by P. Morkūnas, is located on motorway No.120, next to Mickūnai village. The first bridge of metal was built in 1872, but it was ruined by German troops during World War I. In 1923, the bridge was built anew according to a blueprint by engineer P. Morkūnas. Other bridges across the Šventoji designed by this engineer can be seen at Dusetos, Radiškis (not far from Ukmergė), and Užpaliai.

Continue 2 km downstream, and you will get to the **preserved landscape site of the Šventoji River.**



## ROUTE No 7



### WHERE TO STAY AND EAT:

**10** **Žalioji Stotelė Farmstead**, Šventupis, Anykščiai eldership, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.622834, 25.42412, **☎** +370 614 84134, [kilciausk@gmail.com](mailto:kilciausk@gmail.com), [www.upesubaidare.lt](http://www.upesubaidare.lt), [www.zaliojisstotele.lt](http://www.zaliojisstotele.lt), **up to 16 persons**

**11** **Untupiai Farmstead**, Kupriai, Debeikiai eldership, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.62781, 25.308701, **☎** +370 659 05300, [info@untupiai.lt](mailto:info@untupiai.lt), [www.untupiai.lt](http://www.untupiai.lt), **up to 40 persons**

**12** **Senoji Sodyba Farmstead**, Mickūnai, Debeikiai eldership, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.634865, 25.283974, **☎** +370 614 37157, [senojsodyba@gmail.com](mailto:senojsodyba@gmail.com), **up to 20 persons**

**13** **Geras Farmstead**, Pustinka, Debeikiai eldership, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.641865, 25.274085, **☎** +370 605 20110, [sodybageras@gmail.com](mailto:sodybageras@gmail.com), [www.sodybageras.lt](http://www.sodybageras.lt), **up to 7 persons**

**14** **Tarp Liepų Farmstead**, Ragaišiai, Anykščiai eldership, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.642106, 25.266167, **☎** +370 682 38142, +370 686 89040, [sodyba@tarpliepu.lt](mailto:sodyba@tarpliepu.lt), [www.tarpliepu.lt](http://www.tarpliepu.lt), **up to 27 persons**

### WORTH SEEING:

#### **11** Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady in Inkūnai

The modest church is located in a forest by the Šaltinėlis creek. The church was designed by a local engineer Pranas Morkūnas. Foundation of the church bears a carved inscription "1942", which stands for the date when the church was sanctified.

**Address:** Inkūnai village, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.65363, 25.183265

**Mikieriai** village (**GPS:** 55.664006, 25.179579) is located on the right bank of the Šventoji river. Here you will see a forestry and a fenced area with wild animals.



### WHERE TO STAY:

**15** **Tiltas recreation site** (camping sites, fire places). On the right bank of the Šventoji you will find a cosy camping ground. Close to the camping ground, there is a pendant bridge, which is also known as the Monkey Bridge. The distance between the Tiltas recreation site and Andrioniškis is about 15 km.

**GPS:** 55.62284, 25.427937

**16** **Šventosios Upės Slėnis Farmstead**, Mikieriai, Anykščiai parish, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.660209, 25.16781, **☎** +370 659 05057, [sodyba@slenis.com](mailto:sodyba@slenis.com), [www.slenis.com](http://www.slenis.com), **up to 20 persons**

**17** **Lašinių Sodyba Farmstead**, Lašiniai, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.646776, 25.144491, **☎** +370 612 61297, [tomaspuodziunas@gmail.com](mailto:tomaspuodziunas@gmail.com), [www.lasiniusodyba.lt](http://www.lasiniusodyba.lt), **up to 8 persons**

### PELYŠA CREEK

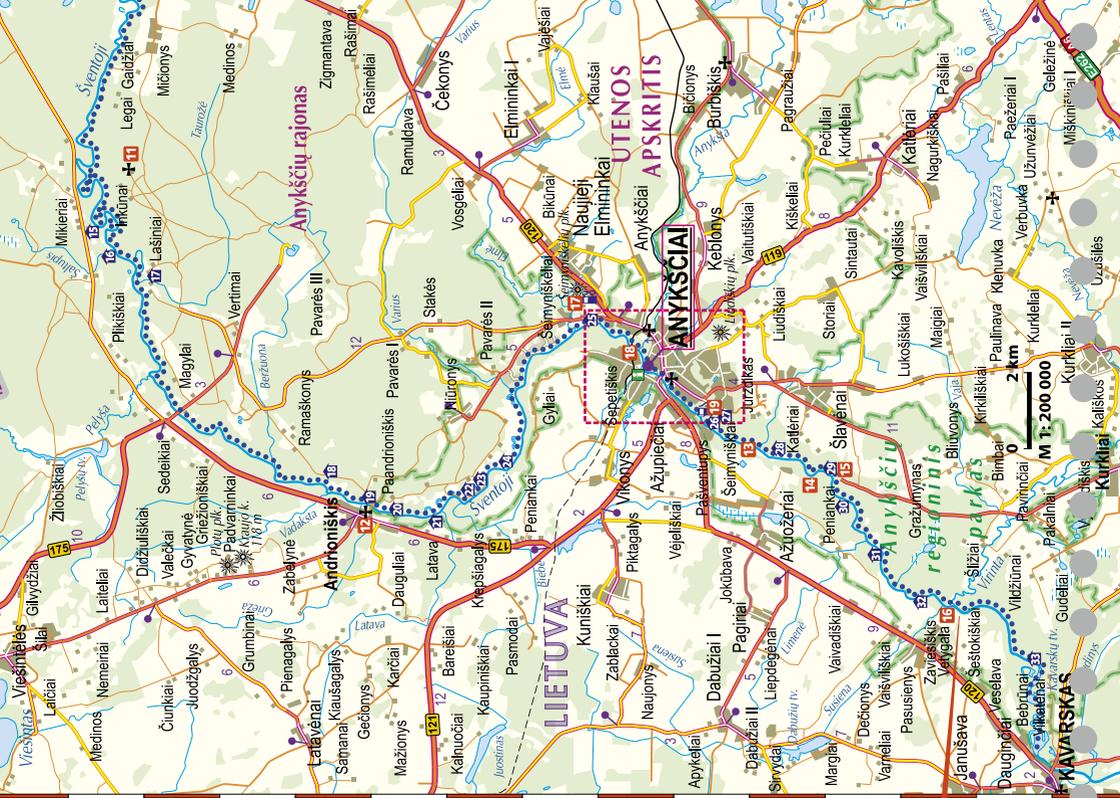
The 19.3-kilometre long Pelyša creek (**GPS:** 55.647434, 25.104682) is a rightside tributary of the Šventoji river. Pelyša's bed is partly located in the local geologic reserve. Fishbones and scales of fish species that used to inhabit the local waters 320 to 400 million years ago have been discovered in the sandy banks of the stream. There is a dam about 3 km away from the Pelyša's mouth. The creek used to be a rich source of fish for local residents.

**GPS:** 55.647434, 25.104682

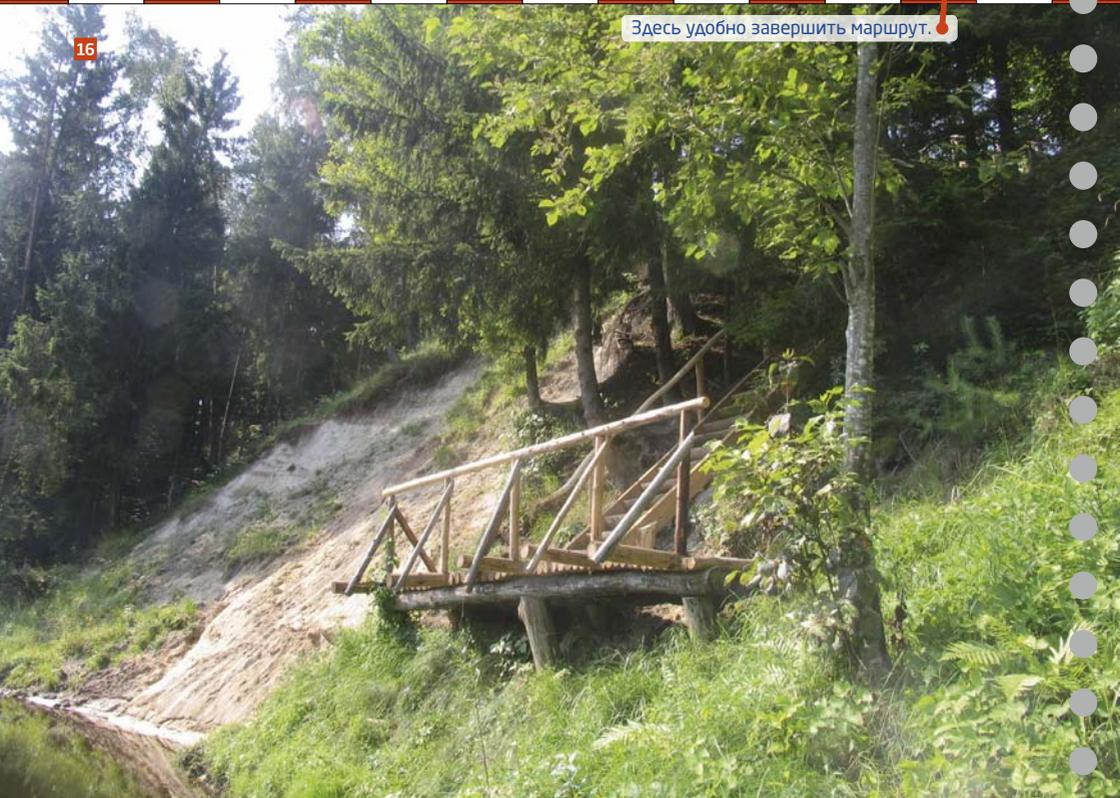
### INFORMATION:

**i** **Anykščiai district tourist information centre**, 1 Gegužės St., Anykščiai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.527038, 25.098837, **☎** +370 381 59177, +370 659 00319, [antic@zebra.lt](mailto:antic@zebra.lt), [www.antour.lt](http://www.antour.lt)





Здесь удобно завершить маршрут.



**ANDRIONIŠKIS**

This small town is often associated with a story of the coronation of Mindaugas, the only King of Lithuania. In 1929, a meteorite, later known as the Andrioniškis meteorite, fell close to the town.

GPS: 55.596544, 25.04452

**WORTH SEEING:**

**12 The Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Andrioniškis**

The first wooden building for the church in Andrioniškis was built by the Cartoriskis noble family in 1726. The present church building appeared in the 1940s after a grain storehouse had been reconstructed.

**Address:** Andrioniškis, Andrioniškis eldership, Anykščiai district, Lithuania,  
GPS: 55.596644, 25.046177, ☎ +370 381 59177 (TIC)

**LATAVA CREEK**

Latava creek is another rightside tributary of the Šventoji river. In 1997, an ancient settlement mound was found in a forest near Latava. The mound site, which is considered to have been a residence of local princes, is a round flat ground 30 to 33 metres in diameter, surrounded by a moat and an earth mound at the elevated side. Judging from occasional artefacts discovered there, the mound dates back to the 13th-14th centuries. Scholars assume it was at this very place that the only King of Lithuania Mindaugas was crowned.

GPS: 55.578689, 25.04624



**WHERE TO STAY:**

**18 Pušų Takas Farmstead,** Paandrioniškis, Andrioniškis eldership, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.595813, 25.050627, ☎ +370 670 53465, info@pusutakas.lt, www.pusutakas.lt, up to 50 persons

**19 Paandrioniškis recreation site** (camping sites, fire places), GPS: 55.594808, 25.051101

**20 Senasis Ažuolas Farmstead,** Paandrioniškis, Andrioniškis eldership, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.59025, 25.052127, ☎ +370 638 00727, ricardasvv@gmail.com, up to 17 persons

**21 Latava recreation site** (camping sites, fire places), GPS: 55.578703, 25.045607

**22 Pre Barbaros recreation site** (camping sites, fire places), GPS: 55.575507, 25.052858

**23 8 Kilometras recreation site** (camping sites, fire places), GPS: 55.567726, 25.057254

**24 Prie Ažuolo recreation site** (camping sites, fire places), GPS: 55.562402, 25.064672

**25 Šeimiškielis recreation site** (camping sites, fire places), GPS: 55.543599, 25.124577

## ROUTE № 7



The town of **Anyškėiai**, our next destination, is located about 8 km down from the Latava creek. On your way to Anyškėiai, you will have a chance to see exciting natural sites and stop at camping grounds.

### WORTH SEEING:

#### **13** *Brother of Puntukas* boulder

The boulder rests on top of a high hill on the Šventoji's right bank. The outlines of the rock remind of a big animal, with its head stuck out of the ground, its mouth open. The boulder is 5.9 m long, 4.7 m wide and 1.9 m high.

**Address:** Pašventupys, Anyškėiai district, Lithuania,  
**GPS:** 55.50935, 25.071171

#### **14** *Karalienės Liūnas* ('King's Bog') spring

There is a large, 6-7 metre deep spring water reservoir in the vicinity of Anyškėiai, on the right bank of the Šventoji River. The total area of the water spring is 0.7 hectares.

**GPS:** 55.491656, 25.058461

#### **15** *Puntukas* boulder (on the left river bank).

Puntukas, the most popular boulder in Lithuania, is located in the landscape reserve area of the Anyškėiai pine forest. Puntukas is the second biggest boulder in Lithuania.

**Address:** Dvarėnu village, Anyškėiai district, Lithuania,  
**GPS:** 55.484201, 25.059663, ☎ +370 38159177,  
antic@zebra.lt, www.antour.lt

#### **16** *Vetygala* quartz outcrop

This 90-metre long and 20-metre high outcrop is located on the steep bank of the Šventoji river, just below the mouth of Virinta. Here you can see pre-glacial light-shaded layers of quartz and sand.

**Address:** Anyškėiai district, Lithuania,  
**GPS:** 55.454526, 25.002046,  
☎ +370 38159177, antic@zebra.lt, www.antour.lt

### WHERE TO STAY:

**26** *Dainuvos slėnis* recreation site (camping sites, fire places), **GPS:** 55.514203, 25.081106

**27** *SPA Vilnius Anyškėiai*, 80 Vilniaus St., Anyškėiai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.510537, 25.084549,  
☎ +370 381 58885, +370 313 53811,  
info@anyksciusilelis.lt, www.anyksciusilelis.lt,  
up to 110 persons

**28** *3 Kilometras* recreation site (camping sites, fire places), **GPS:** 55.497939, 25.067115

**29** *Pre Puntuko* recreation site (camping sites, fire places), **GPS:** 55.483553, 25.059485

**30** *Kankorėžis* Ecotourism Homestead, Abromiškis village, Anyškėiai eldership, Anyškėiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.474626, 25.016777,  
☎ +370 656 20104, sodybakankorezis@gmail.com,  
www.sodybakankorezis.lt, up to 24 persons

**31** *Pesliai* Recreation Site (camping sites, fire places), **GPS:** 55.475698, 25.026751

**32** *Šaltinio* Recreation Site (camping sites, fire places), **GPS:** 55.466138, 25.008633

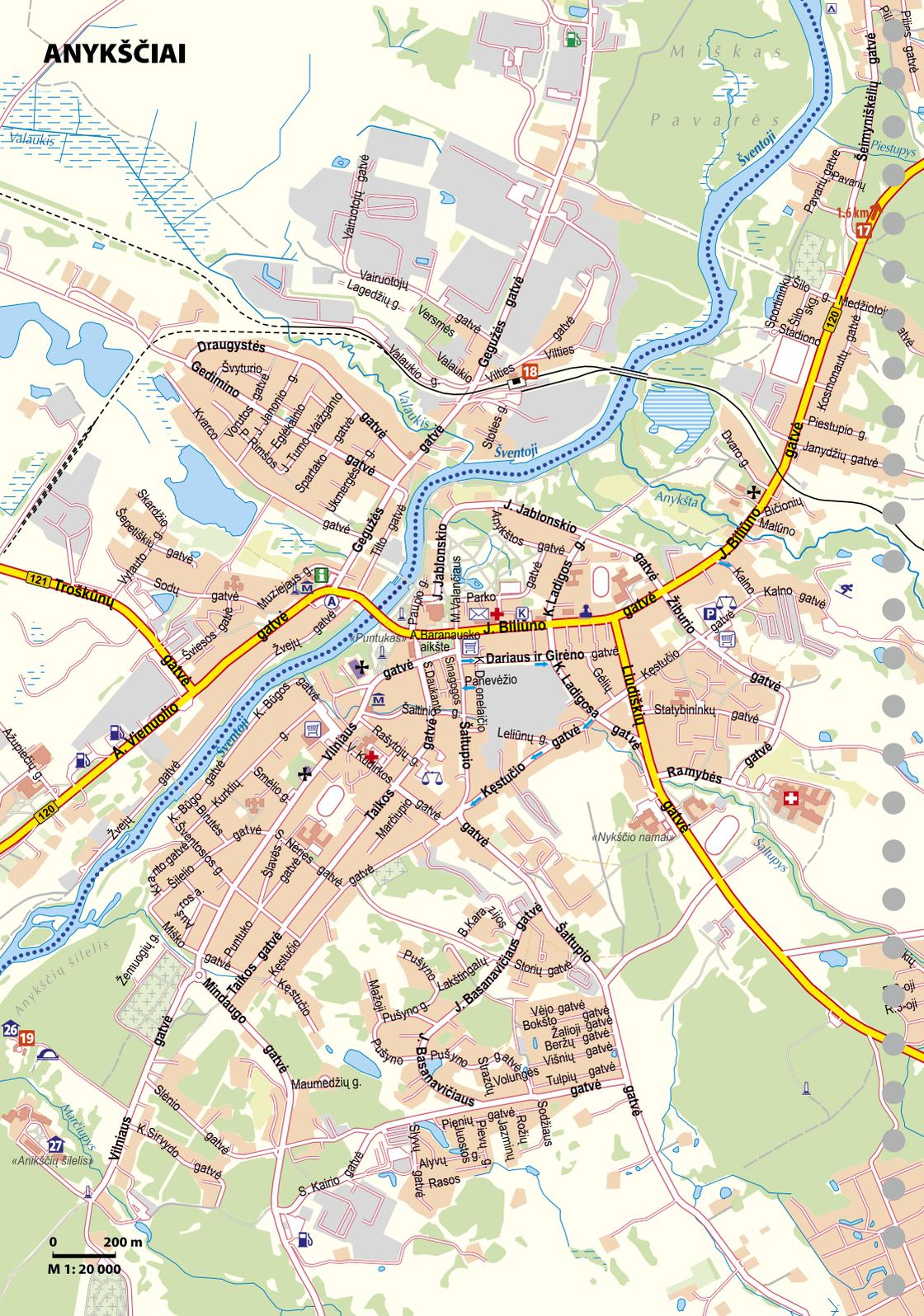
**33** *Viltakėnai* Recreation Site (camping sites, fire places), **GPS:** 55.438091, 24.981213



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**ANYKŠČIAI**

Anykščiai is the only town in Lithuania with a narrow gauge railway still in use. River Šventoji that flows through the Anykščiai district has created scenic landscapes. Come to see one of the country's largest lakes, Lake Rubikiai, with its 16 islands. Stop to marvel at Puntukas, one of the biggest boulders in Lithuania, with the carved testament of brave Lithuanian pilots addressed to the nation. Visit the local Horse Museum to enjoy the revived world-famous Lithuanian handcrafts. Anykščiai is also the capital of the most famous national drink, Lithuanian wine.

GPS: 55.526926, 25.103389

**WORTH SEEING:**

**17 Observation tower at the Šeimyniškielių castle mound (Voruta)**

Not far Anykščiai, you will find Šeimyniškielių castle mound with a wooden observation tower. The mound is located between two deep valleys across which the rivulets Vorialis and Volupis used to flow. Some historians believe that it is here that the castle Voruta used to stand; the castle belonged to Mindaugas, the only King of Lithuania. Nowadays, the mound is among the most thoroughly studied historical sights in Lithuania and in the entire Eastern Baltic region.

**Opening hours:**

May-October: Monday-Sunday, 10:00-17:00, November-April, on request.

**Ticket price:** LTL 1.50; LTL 1.00 for schoolchildren.

**Address:** 97A Biliūno Ave., Anykščiai, Lithuania, GPS: 55.544633, 25.141224,

☎ +370 381 58015, +370 610 00421, a.vienuoelis@delfi.lt, www.baranauskas.lt

**18 Narrow Gauge Railway Museum**

Exposition of the museum is located in the complex of the narrow gauge railway station. Here you will see a restored building of the 100-year-old railway station, rails and a water tower, a stone-paved square and a steel bridge across the Šventoji River. You will also have a chance to ride a hand-powered railcar. From May through October, the train goes along the narrow gauge track all the way down to Lake Rubikiai or village Troškunai.

**Museum**

**Opening hours:**

Monday-Sunday, 10:00-17:00 (May-October), November-April, on request.

**Ticket price:** LTL 4.00; LTL 3.50 for schoolchildren.

**Address:** 2 Vilties St., Anykščiai, Lithuania, GPS: 55.532716, 25.108468,

☎ +370 381 58015, +370 612 81067, info@baranauskas.lt, www.siaurukomuziejus.lt

**Regular (scheduled) trips, educational programmes.**

The train leaves at 11:00 on Sundays and Saturdays (May-October). **Ticket price:** LTL 20.00.

☎ +370 381 54597, +370 620 18243, siaurukas.info@gmail.com, www.siaurukas.eu



When boating through the town, pay your attention to the dam.

Please disembark and come ashore before you reach the dam. Crossing the dam in a boat is very dangerous!

**19 Adventure Valley Park (Dainuvos Nuotykių Slėnis)**

Adventure Valley Park is situated in a pine forest not far from the centre of Anykščiai on the left bank of the river.

**Opening hours:**

May-October: Monday-Sunday: 10:00-18:00, November-April: upon arrangement.

**Address:** Dainuvos valley, Anykščiai, Lithuania, GPS: 55.51408, 25.08308, ☎ +370 693 35060, rezervacija@nuotykiuslenis.lt, www.nuotykiuslenis.lt

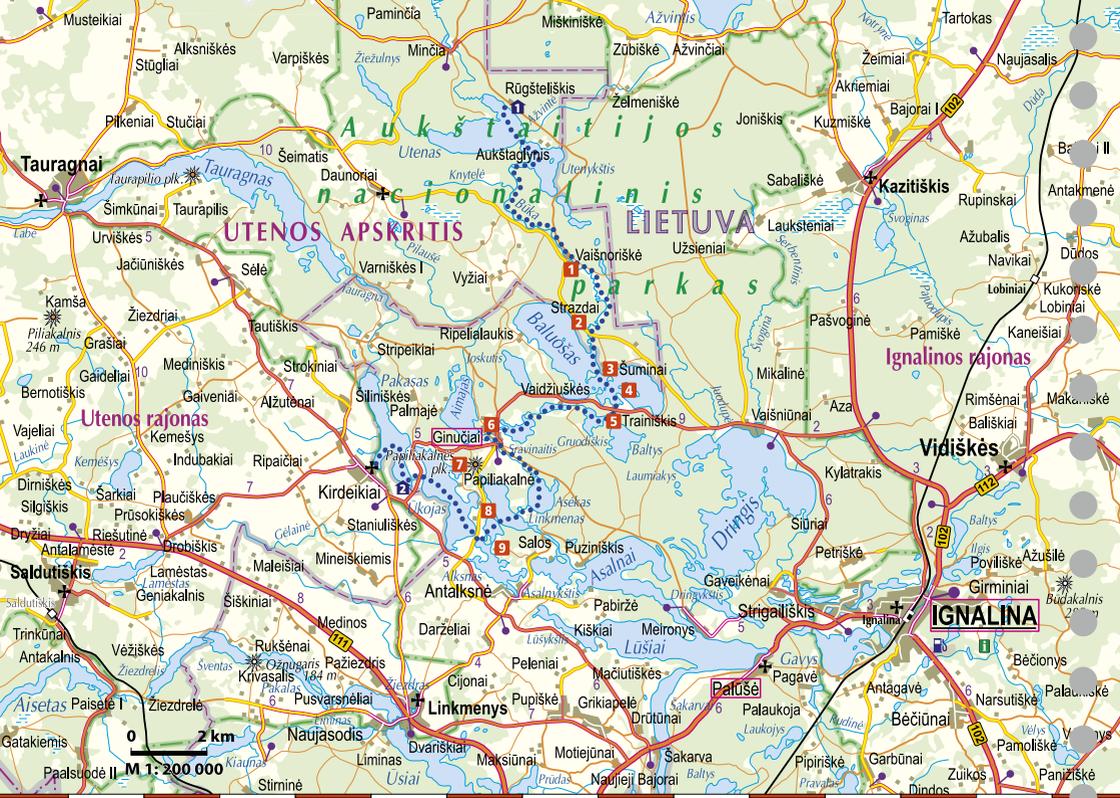
**WHERE TO EAT:**

**Bangelė Café,** 1 Paupio St., Anykščiai, Lithuania, GPS: 55.525866, 25.102631, ☎ +370 381 78213

**SPA Vilnius Anykščiai Restaurant,** 80 Vilniaus St., Anykščiai, Lithuania, GPS: 55.510537, 25.084549, ☎ +370 381 58885, anyksčiai@spa-vilnius.lt www.spa-vilnius.lt

**INFORMATION:**

**i Anykščiai district tourist information centre,** 1 Gegužės St., Anykščiai, Lithuania, GPS: 55.527038, 25.098837, ☎ +370 381 59177, ☎ +370 659 00319, antic@zebra.lt, www.antour.lt



## ROUTE No 8

EXPLORE RIVERS AND LAKES OF THE UTENA DISTRICT

### MAIN ROUTE:

LAKE UTENAS – LAKE UTENIKŠTIS – THE BŪKA RIVER –  
LAKE BALUOŠAS – LAKE BALUOŠIKŠTIS – THE SKREGDŽA RIVER –  
LAKE SRAVINAITIS – THE SROVĖ RIVER – LAKE ASEKAS – THE ASEKA RIVER –  
LAKE LINKMENAS – LAKE ALKŠNAITIS – LAKE ŪKOJAS – LAKE PAKASAS

### ABOUT THE ROUTE:

**Type:** a recreation water route.

The route is well suited for families with children; the rivers are characterized by regular current and no dangerous spots.

**Route length:** ≈ 22 km.

**Duration:** 1 to 2 days.

**Difficulty rate:** minimum on the lakes; medium on small and mid-sized rivers in spring.

**Please, take your personal ID with you!**

**Route:** at your choice.

We recommend that you contact a water tour agent that will help you to choose the most appropriate option.

The route starts at the left side of Lake Utenas.



### WORTH SEEING:

#### 1 Vaišnioriškė ethnographic village

The first residential manor in Vaišnioriškė appeared in 1830; later on, four more manors followed. By 1913, all houses in the village had been rebuilt. Two houses, a threshing floor, two barns and a public steam bath (*banya*) were built in traditional folk style. The village is already starting to look like a traditional settlement of the late 19th century; in the near future, all buildings in the village will be renovated in accordance with this model.

**Address:** Vaišnioriškė village, Tauragnai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.426403, 26.026109, **☎** +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), **✉** tic@utenainfo.lt, www.utenainfo.lt

#### 2 Strazdai ethnographic village

The village is located between Lake Baluošas and a forest. The village was mentioned for the first time in written sources of 1783 as Balašėkulis. In 1971, the village was added to the List of Architectural Heritage Sites. The preserved area of the village is about 7.5 hectares.

**Address:** Strazdai, Tauragnai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.410879, 26.030329, **☎** +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), **✉** tic@utenainfo.lt, www.utenainfo.lt

#### 3 Šumaini ethnographic village

The village has born various names throughout its history: Pabalaušė, Smaldiškės, Smaldiškės, Užubaluošė. In the first half of the 20th century, the village changed its name for Šumaini; the name derives from the Šuminas family who used to live here. The village can boast a very old pine; the 17-metre high tree is 0.9 metre in diameter.

**Address:** Šumaini, Tauragnai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.400236, 26.041273, **☎** +370 389 54346, +370 687 21938 (TIC), **✉** tic@utenainfo.lt, www.utenainfo.lt

#### 4 Ildasalė Island on Lake Baluošas

This is a unique natural hydrographic site: the only lake in Lithuania that is located on an island.

**Address:** Ignalina district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.394173, 26.05001, **☎** +370 386 52597, +370 386 33477 (TIC), **✉** tic@ignalina.lt, www.ignalinatic.lt

## ROUTE № 8



### 5 Trainiškis oak

In Trainiškis village, you will find a 800-year old oak. Its diameter is 2.2 m and its height is about 23 m. The tree still remembers pagan times when Lithuania was covered with sacred oak groves.

**Address:** Trainiškis village, Ignalina district, Lithuania,  
**GPS:** 55.388968, 26.043946,  
**☎** +370 386 52597, +370 386 33477(TIC),  
tic@ignalina.lt, www.ignalinatic.lt

### 6 Ginučiai watermill

It is the only mill in the park that still keeps its original equipment. The mill has been in operation until 1968; the energy of the rotated iron water-wheel was utilized for production of electric power supplied to residents of Ginučiai. In 1978, park authorities restored the mill without changing the equipment inside. Now the mill is protected by the state as a technology specimen of the 19th century. Its second floor now houses the Bread Museum, and the former miller's rooms have been refurbished for recreation purposes. Those who visit the mill for the first time often bathe under a waterfall from the overflow mill dam, and this is regarded as a kind of ritual.

**Address:** Ginučiai village, Linkmenis eldership, Ignalina district, Lithuania,  
**GPS:** 55.385564, 25.995092,  
**☎** +370 616 29366, +370 386 47478

### 7 Ginučiai castle mound

This site is an archeological asset dating back to the 11th or the 12th century. It is assumed to have been the location of the Linkmenis Castle described by Herman Wartberge in 1373. There is a memorial stone at the top of the castle mound to commemorate the visit of the Lithuanian President Antanas Smetona to this site before the World War II.

**Address:** Ginučiai village, Linkmenis eldership, Ignalina district, Lithuania,  
**GPS:** 55.374707, 25.98427,  
**☎** +370 386 52597, +370 386 33477 (TIC),  
tic@ignalina.lt, www.ignalinatic.lt



### 8 Ladakalnis Hill

Ladakalnis Hill is 175 metres high above the sea level, and it dominates in the range of the Šiliniškės Hills. Ladakalnis Hill resembles a lifted crest of huge dragon extending in both directions as far as eyes can see. Historians believe that the Balts used to hold sacred ceremonies on this hill to offer their sacrifices to goddess Lada, the Great Mother. The hill offers a fascinating view of the six lakes. Ladakalnis has been declared a natural site of special geomorphological importance.

**Address:** Papilijakalnė village, Linkmenis eldership, Ignalina district, Lithuania,  
**GPS:** 55.366347, 25.990657,  
**☎** +370 386 52597, +370 386 33477 (TIC),  
tic@ignalina.lt, www.ignalinatic.lt

### 9 Salos ethnographic village

Salos ethnographic village incorporates two villages that belong to the Aukštaitija National Park on a peninsula surrounded by lakes Asalinikštis, Linkmenas, Alksnas and Alksnaitis. The village aims to preserve ancient architecture, so a unique heritage reserve was established here. Only two buildings have remained since the late 19th century: a cabin and a barn; other buildings are the 20th century replicas of the old prototypes.

**Address:** Salos, Linkmenis eldership, Ignalina district, Lithuania,  
**GPS:** 55.356859, 25.993103,  
**☎** +370 386 52597, +370 386 33477 (TIC),  
tic@ignalina.lt, www.ignalinatic.lt

The route ends on the lakeside of Pakasas.

### WHERE TO STAY AND EAT:

**1 Antanas Lagunavičiaus' Farmstead,** Rugšteliškis, Tauragnai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania,  
**GPS:** 55.4621, 26.005385,  
**☎** +370 610 39356, +370 686 22783,  
rima.lagunaviciene@gmail.com, up to 20 persons

**2 Peizažas Farmstead,** Kirdeikiai, Saldutiškis eldership, Utena district, Lithuania,  
**GPS:** 55.372243, 25.956097, **☎** +370 694 32018,  
kaimoturizmas1@gmail.com, www.sodybapeizas.lt,  
up to 30 persons



## RAFTING TOURS IN LATVIA



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RELAX ON THE WATER, YET ARE RELUCTANT TO PADDLE OR ROW, TRY EXPLORING OUR BEAUTIFUL RIVERS AND LAKES ON A RAFT!

### ■ **Priedaine Guest House on the bank of the Daugava River: trips along the Daugava on a log raft**

Trips on a raft down the Daugava in Daugava's Bends Nature Park. Lodging, recreation on the bank of the Daugava, a tent camping site, and fishing are available.

**Address:** 2 Klusa St., Krāslava, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55.894691, 27.152517, ☎ +371 26430798,  
priedainesvn@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com

### ■ **Piedruja Motel, 200 m away from the Daugava: trips along the Daugava on an inflatable raft**

1- to 3-day guided tours down the river Daugava on inflatable rafts. The hosts provide catering. Here you will enjoy all joys of a water tour: relax near the fire, make barbeque, cook fish soup, and prepare tea brewed in the open fire. There are 3 inflatable rafts (8 seats in each) available; transportation services are offered. Please, book your visit in advance.

**Address:** Piedruja, Piedruja eldership, Krāslava county, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55.8006849, 27.4490435,  
☎ +371 656 29682, +371 28608784,  
☎ +371 26357228,  
viesnicapiedruja@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com

### ■ **Skerškāni Cottage on the bank of the Daugava River: trips along the Daugava on an inflatable raft**

Guided tours down the Daugava on rafts and boats. Optional offers include tent places on the bank of the Daugava, a steam bath, medicinal herbal tea, overnight lodging (up to 18 persons). There are three 8-seater rafts and 2 inflatable boats.

**Address:** Udriši eldership, Krāslava county, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55.8778591, 27.0980411,  
☎ +371 656 22922, +371 29195745,  
skerskans@inbox.lv, www.skerskani.lv

### ■ **Beibuks Sports Club: trips along the Daugava on a log raft**

Fascinating trips on log rafts and canoes along the Daugava river will introduce you to picturesque sites of the ancient Daugava valley. Log raft hire services are offered. There is a log bath cabin; indoor accommodation, tent camping site are offered. There is an opportunity to take part in an organized outdoor game or recreation activity, with bed and board services. Customized water tours down the Daugava are yet another option. The Big Raft Festival is held here every year.

**Address:** Viliuši, Nauene eldership, Daugavpils county, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55.55602, 26.42177,  
☎ +371 29493121,  
ilmars.lociks@inbox.lv, www.plostilatgale.lv

### ■ **Mučas boat rent: trips along the Daugava on a log raft**

*Mučas* offers popular tourist water routes in the Daugavas Loki Nature Park, down the Tartak, Dubna and Laucese rivers, and across Latgale lakes. Here you can rent *Vista* kayaks, rafts, canoes, inflatable boats and try any of the newly developed water routes. Rent of bicycles is also available.

**Address:** 1 Isa St., Daugavpils, Daugavpils county, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.51468, 26.32609,  
☎ +371 28344394,  
mucas@inbox.lv, www.laivunoma.com

### ■ **Dridži Recreation Complex at Dridzis lakeside: trips across Lake Dridzis on a log raft**

Dridži Complex offers recreation in bungalows with amenities (kitchen, WC, shower, sauna) on shore of the deepest lake in Baltic countries, Lake Dridzis. The complex offers a room available for festivities or workshops (up to 70 seats) and provides catering services. Children's playgrounds are equipped with inflatable bouncers. A 50-seat raft and twin-hull paddle boats are there for your entertainment.

**Address:** Skaista eldership, Krāslava county, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 55.9783148, 27.3662656, ☎ +371 29441221,  
info@dridzi.lv, www.dridzi.lv, www.dridzi.viss.lv

### ■ **Trips across the Small Ludza Lake on a log raft**

The tour starts at the museum building in Kujņeva St. Holiday parties can be arranged on the raft. Please contact the Ludza tourist information centre to make a booking.

**Address:** 2 Kujņeva St., Ludza, Ludza county, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 56.550568, 27.725843, ☎ +371 29467925,  
☎ +371 657 07203, tic@ludza.lv, www.ludza.lv

### ■ **Vilnītis: across the Balvi Lake on a log raft**

Enjoy the beauty of the town of Balvi from a raft made by a local craftsman Ēriks Kanaviņš. Please book your visit in advance.

**Address:** Balvi city park, Balvi county, Latvia,  
**GPS:** 57.1337559, 27.2584410, ☎ +371 29376933







## USEFUL INFORMATION

### HOLIDAYS

#### AND COMMEMORATIVE DAYS

##### Belarus

- 1 January – New Year's Day
- 7 January – Christmas (Orthodox Church)
- 8 March – Women's Day
- 9th day after Orthodox Easter – Radunitsa (*Day of Rejoicing*)
- 1 May – Labour Day
- 9 May – Victory Day
- 3 July – Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus
- 7 November – Anniversary of the October Revolution
- 25 December – Christmas (Catholic Church)

##### Latvia

- 1 January – New Year's Day
- 29 March – Good/Great Friday
- 31 March – 1 April – Easter
- 1 May – the day of the Convocation of the Constitutional Assembly of the Republic of Latvia
- 4 May – Restoration of Independence Day (the day when Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Latvia was announced)
- 10 May – Mother's Day
- 23 June – Līgo
- 24 June – Jāņi (St. John's Day)
- 18 November – Proclamation of the Republic of Latvia
- 25 December – Christmas Day
- 26 December – Boxing Day
- 31 December – New Year's Eve

##### Lithuania

- 1 January – New Year's Day
- 16 February – Restoration of the Lithuanian State
- 11 March – Day of Restoration of Independence of Lithuania
- 31 March – 1 April – Easter
- 1 May – International Labour Day
- 1st. Sunday of May – Mother's Day
- 1st. Sunday of June – Father's Day
- 24 June – Joninės (St. John's Day)
- 6 July – Statehood Day
- 15 August – Žolines
- 1 November – All Saints Day
- 24 December – Christmas Eve
- 25 December – Christmas Day
- 26 December – Boxing Day

### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

#### Belarus

- 101 – rescue service
- 102 – police
- 103 – ambulance (emergency medical assistance)
- 199 – information about the emergency telephone numbers

#### Latvia

- 112 – rescue service
- 113 – ambulance (emergency medical assistance)

#### Lithuania

- 112 – general emergency service

### VISA PROCEDURES

EU citizens do not need a visa to visit Latvia and Lithuania. Citizens of Russia and the CIS need either a national **Latvian/Lithuanian** (country) entrance visa or a **Schengen visa**.

Details on the visa formalities pertaining to those who go from the Republic of Belarus to Latvia are available at [www.mfa.gov.lv](http://www.mfa.gov.lv)

Details on the visa formalities pertaining to those who go from the Republic of Belarus to Lithuania are available at <http://by.mfa.lt>

Details on the visa formalities pertaining to those who go from Latvia to the Republic of Belarus are available at [www.latvia.mfa.gov.by](http://www.latvia.mfa.gov.by)

Details on the visa formalities pertaining to those going from Lithuania to the Republic of Belarus are available at [www.lithuania.mfa.gov.by](http://www.lithuania.mfa.gov.by)

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

6a Daraševiča (*Doroshevicha*) St., 220013 Minsk,  
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fax: +375 17 284 73 34

#### Consulate of the Republic of Latvia in Viciebsk (*Vitebsk*),

27a B. Hmelnickogo (*B. Khmelnitskogo*) St., 210015, Viciebsk (*Vitebsk*),  
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e-mail: [daugavpils@belembassy.org](mailto:daugavpils@belembassy.org)

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

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fax: +370 5 266 22 12,  
e-mail: [lithuania.emb@mfa.gov.by](mailto:lithuania.emb@mfa.gov.by)

#### Consular Section of the Embassy of the Republic of Belarus in Lithuania,

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e-mail: [lithuania.cons@mfa.gov.by](mailto:lithuania.cons@mfa.gov.by)

### VISA SUPPORT FOR BELARUS IN LATGALE (LATVIA):

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**Mari Travel Agency,**  
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**Tourist Office of Park Hotel Latgola,**  
46 Čimnāzijas St., LV-5401 Daugavpils, Latvia,  
☎ +371 654 04900,  
[turisms@hoteldaugavpils.lv](mailto:turisms@hoteldaugavpils.lv), [www.hotellatgola.lv](http://www.hotellatgola.lv)

**Remaco Travel Agency,**  
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☎ +371 654 24181,  
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**M.A.R.K.-D Travel Agency,**  
42 Čimnāzijas St., LV-5401 Daugavpils, Latvia,  
☎ +371 654 27473, +371 29192123,  
[ludviga@dpunet.lv](mailto:ludviga@dpunet.lv), <http://www.mark-d.lv>

**Tēvzeme Travel Agency,**  
98 Atbrīvošanas Alley (Latgale Hotel, 2nd floor), LV 4601, Rēzekne, Latvia,  
☎ /fax: +371 646 22822, +371 26476097,  
[tevzeme@efeipro.lv](mailto:tevzeme@efeipro.lv), [www.ta-tevzeme.lv](http://www.ta-tevzeme.lv)

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**Molena Travel Agency,**  
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**LL Birojs IK,**  
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**Ludzas tūrisma aģentūra Travel Agency,**  
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**Mari Travel Agency,**  
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**Eurosun Tour Travel Agency,**  
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[mobiline@inbox.lv](mailto:mobiline@inbox.lv)

### VISA SUPPORT FOR BELARUS IN THE UTENA DISTRICT (LITHUANIA)

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☎ +370 687 21 938, ☎ /fax: +370 389 54 346,  
[tic@utenainfo.lt](mailto:tic@utenainfo.lt), [www.utenainfo.lt](http://www.utenainfo.lt)

### VISA SUPPORT FOR LATVIA AND LITHUANIA IN THE VICIEBSK (*VITEBSK*) REGION (BELARUS)

**Vitebsk Hotel Travel Agency,**  
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☎ +375 212 359115, fax: +375 212 359114,  
GSM: +375 29 1102838,  
[vittour@hotel-vitebsk.by](mailto:vittour@hotel-vitebsk.by), [www.hotel-vitebsk.by](http://www.hotel-vitebsk.by)

**Vitpol Travel Company,**  
2 Aviacionnyi (*Aviatsionnyi*) Lane, 210022, Viciebsk (*Vitebsk*),  
☎ /fax: +375 212 480054, GSM: +375 29 8970313,  
[vitpol@vitpol.by](mailto:vitpol@vitpol.by), [www.vitpol.by](http://www.vitpol.by)

**Brig Travel Agency,**  
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## USEFUL INFORMATION

### BORDER CROSSING

#### Belarus-Latvia border crossing points:

**Railway station checkpoints:**  
Bihosava (*Bigosovo*)/Indra.

**Car road checkpoints:**  
Hryharouščyna (*Grigorovshchina*)/Patarnieki, Urbany /Silene.

**Simplified border checkpoints:**  
Haurylina (*Gavrilino*)/Meikšāni, Druja (*Druya*)/Piedruja, Lipauka (*Lipovka*)/Vorzovo, Pliusy/Kaplava.

#### Belarus-Lithuania border crossing points:

**Railway station checkpoints:**  
Bieniakoni/Stasylos, Gudagai/Kena.

**Road checkpoints:**  
Bieniakoni/Šalčininkai, Kamenny Loh (*Kamennyi Log*)/Medininkai, Katlouka (*Kotlovka*)/Lavoriškės, Pryvalka (*Privalka*)/Raigardas.

**Simplified border checkpoints:**  
Vidzy/Tverečius, Hieraniony (*Geraneny*)/Kračkūnai, Dotiški (*Dotishki*)/Eišiškės, Kemeliški (*Kemelishki*)/Prienu, Klievica (*Klevitsa*)/Ureliai, Loša (*Losha*)/Šumskas, Lyntupy/Papelekis, Maldzeviči (*Moldevichi*)/Adučiškis.

### TRANSPORT

#### Road traffic rules

Belarus, Latvia and Lithuania are countries with right-hand traffic.

Speed limits (maximum): 60 km/h in urban areas in Belarus; 50 km/h in Latvia and Lithuania (unless otherwise provided by different road signs); 90 km/h outside urban areas.

Consumption of any amount of alcohol (including beer) while driving is not allowed in Belarus, Latvia and Lithuania. Radar control of traffic speed is widely used. Traffic radar detectors are not allowed.

In Belarus, road signs are mostly in Cyrillic (not in English). In Latvia and Lithuania dipped headlights must be on any time of year.



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