



BellaDvina



BALTIC COUNTRY OF LAKES

TOURIST
ROUTE

BELLA DVINA AND
THE BALTIC COUNTRY OF LAKES
**BRING FRIENDS
ALONG TO THE LAND
OF BLUE LAKES**



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 and www.belladvina.com.



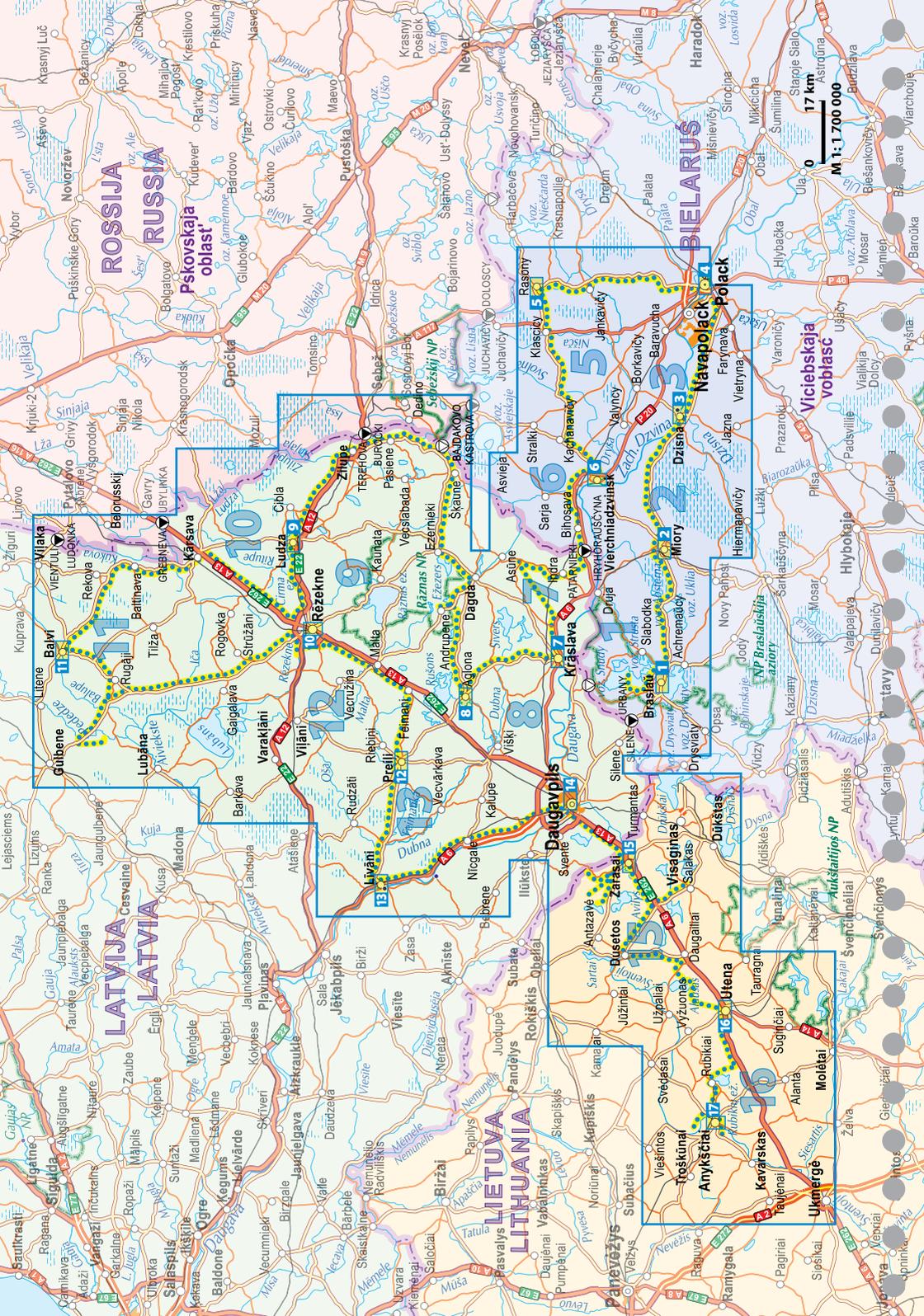
BALTIC COUNTRY OF LAKES

LATVIA (Latgale)
LITHUANIA (Aukštaitija)



Bella Dvina

BELARUS (Viciebsk/Vitebsk region)
LATVIA (Latgale)



TOURIST ROUTE FOR GROUPS BRING FRIENDS ALONG TO THE LAND OF BLUE LAKES

ABOUT THE ROUTE

Route type: a cultural and historical heritage tourist route for groups travelling by bus, minibus, cars, or bicycles. Places of interest, lodgings, restaurants and cafes indicated in this tourist route are ready to accommodate tourist groups of at least 20 people and more.

LENGTH: ~ 890 km

Length of the Belarusian segment ~ 270 km
Length of the Latvian segment ~ 427 km
Length of the Lithuanian segment ~ 193 km

DIFFICULTY RATE:

Low (easy) for car drivers, medium for cyclists. Please consider heavy traffic when taking the Polack – Braslaŭ, Riga – Daugavpils, Daugavpils – Rēzekne, Daugavpils – Zarasai – Utena motorways. Rough and uneven earth roads may occur.

ROUTE:

The Viciëbsk region (Belarus): Braslaŭ (*Braslav*) – Miory – Dzisna (*Disna*) – Polack (*Polatsk/Polotsk*) – Rasony (*Rossony*) – Vierchniadzvin'sk (*Verkhnedvinsk*).

Latgale (Latvia): Robežnieki – Krāsava – Aglona – Priežmale – Andrupene – Pasiene – Ludza – Rēzekne – Kārsava – Balvi – Rugāji – Gaigalava – Audriņi – Spundžāni – Preiļi – Līvāni – Nīcgale – Daugavpils.

Aukštaitija (Lithuania): Zarasai – Utena – Anykščiai – Niūronys.

Options: The route has been planned so that you can start it or end it at any point.

Would you like to have unforgettable holiday time with your friends? Well, take a trip to the wonderful Bella Dvina region! While on vacation, be ready to see some new places and to acquire new exciting skills. You will visit many interesting sites that represent the region's cultural and historical heritage; along with that, you will have a chance to learn the secrets of traditional ancient crafts.

The route is a perfect opportunity to travel across three regions: the Viciëbsk (*Vitebsk/Vitebsk*) region in Belarus, Latgale in Latvia and Aukštaitija in Lithuania. All three regions are similar in that they are known as the areas with the most number of lakes in each respective country.

Wherever you go during the tour, you will meet nice, hospitable and interesting people.

Don't waste your time, get your friends and relatives together – and hit the road!



MAP LEGEND: LATVIA AND LITHUANIA

ROUTE SEGMENTS

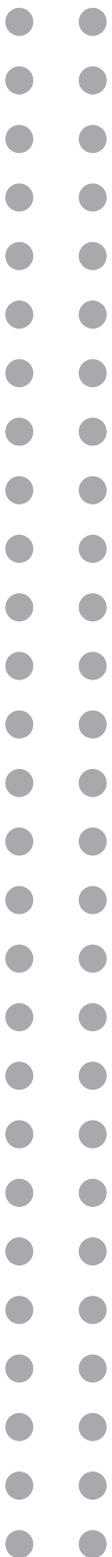
	RĒZEKNE Dagda	City, town
	Krāslava	Centre of administrative unit
	Padure	Rural settlement
	> 5000	Population in settlements (1:500 000)
	1000 - 5000	
	500 - 1000	
	< 500	
		Dual carriageway
		Main road
		Regional roads
		Paved roads
		Gravel roads
		Unsurfaced road
		Multi-level junction
		Distances 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 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

	URBAN AREAS, BY TYPE AND POPULATION	
	CITIES AND TOWNS	
	НОВОПОЛОЦК NAVAROLACK	100 000 to 500 000 inhabitants
	ПОЛОЦК ROLACK	50 000 to 100 000 inhabitants
	МИОРЫ MIORY	Less than 20 000 inhabitants
	URBAN-TYPE SETTLEMENTS	
	РОССОНЫ RASONY	More than 5 000 inhabitants
	ОСБЕЯ ASVIEJA	Less than 5 000 inhabitants
	RURAL SETTLEMENTS	
	1:1 000 000 scale maps	
	1:200 000, 1:250 000, 1:500 000 scale maps	
	Separate farms and buildings	

ROADS

	RAILROADS
	Railroads and stations
	CAR ROADS
	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
	ROAD NUMBERS
	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

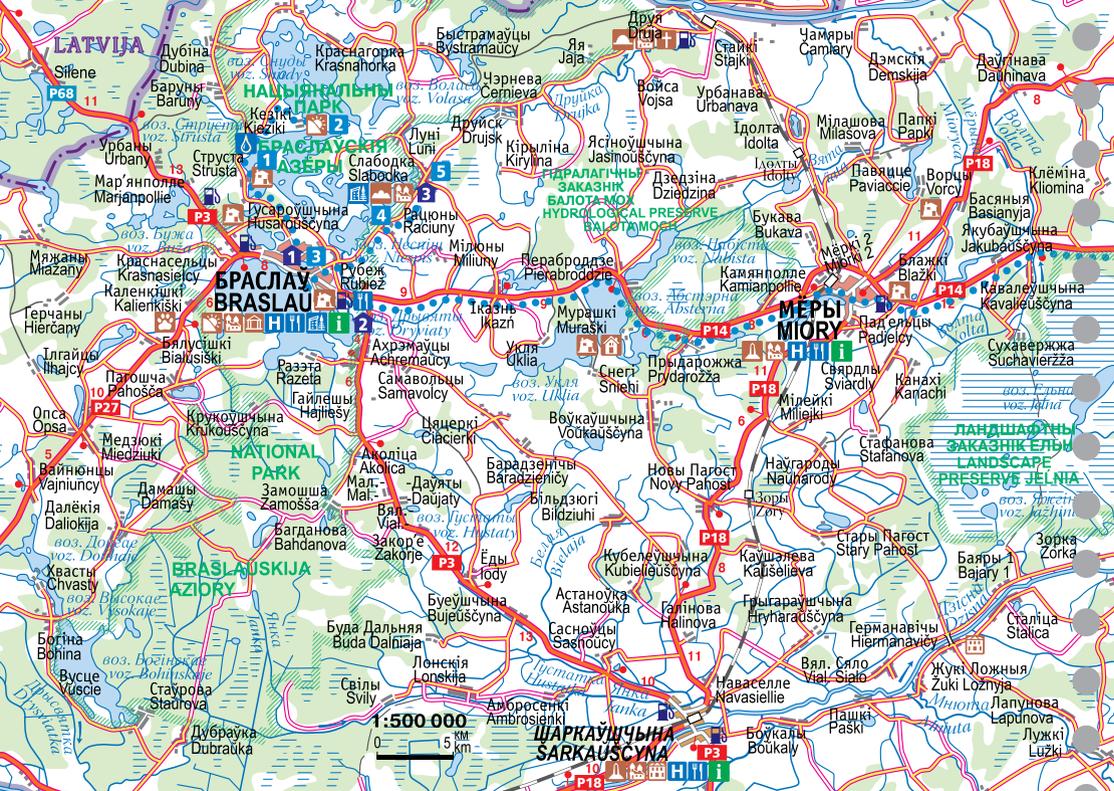
Abbreviations used on the map

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





BRASLAŨ (BRASLAV) – MIORY

~ 42 km

BRASLAŨ (BRASLAV), THE CITY WITH THE MOST LAKES IN BELARUS

Braslaŭ (*Braslav*) is situated on Lake Dryviaty, a vast lake that is always beautiful, rain or shine. Braslaŭ is one of the oldest towns in Belarus. Archaeological findings provide evidence that there was a settlement at this place in the 8th-9th centuries. Braslaŭ is the city with most number of lakes in Belarus. In general, there are more than 250 lakes in the Braslaŭ district.

1 Lake Struta

It is one of the largest and most beautiful Braslaŭ water reservoirs, "the gem of the Braslaŭ lakes", as people call it, known for its clear water. In the centre of the lake there is Chaichin, an island with the area of 1.62 km² and fanciful coastline. This island is considered to be the second largest island in Belarus. There you will have a unique opportunity to see Karelian birch, quite a rare plant.

Address: Braslaŭ district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, GPS: N 55.45 E 27.40, ☎ +375 2153 22735

2 Mayak ('Lighthouse') Hill

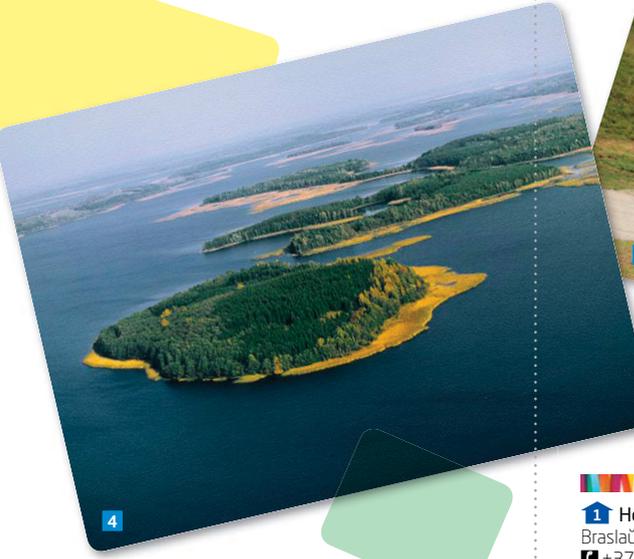
Mayak Hill is the highest of the Kieziki Hills. This hill got its name in the early 20th century, after geodesists had built a triangulation tower on its top. Before this, the hill had been called Biznya hill. Have a look from the observation platform at the top of the hill to enjoy the magnificent view of the neighbouring lakes and the steeples of the Roman Catholic church in Slabodka.

Address: Kieziki village, Braslaŭ, Braslaŭ district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, GPS: N 55 43 E 27 04, ☎ +375 2153 22735

3 Zamkavaja ('Castle') Hill (Zamkovaya Gora) in Braslaŭ

Zamkavaja ('Castle') Hill (*Zamkovaya Gora*) is used as a perfect observation platform. From up there you can enjoy the fabulous panoramic view of the neighborhood. In the early Middle Ages, the place was inhabited by the Latgalians (a Baltic tribe, the ancestors of Latvians). Archaeological excavations prove that the Krivichs (*Kryvičy*), a Slavic tribe, inhabited the territory of the Latgale settlement. On top of the Castle Hill there is a granite boulder with an inscribed plate that reads, "Castle Hill is the place where the town of Braslaŭ was founded. 1065."

Address: Zamkavaja (*Zamkovaya*) vul. (St.), Braslaŭ, Braslaŭ district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, GPS: N 55 38 E 27 02, ☎ +375 2153 22735



4 Guided tour of the Slabodka Mountain Range

This unique natural formation was formed by the last glacier that had moved through Belarus. It consists of a chain of elevations between Niedrava (*Nedrova*) and Pociech (*Potekh*) lakes, in the vicinity of Slabodka village. During the tour you will learn about the effects that the glacier had on the national park area; you will get to see various kinds of landscape relief and rare plant species that grow here. A guide will introduce you to an exciting story of how this land had been mastered by people. The length of the route is 5 km.

Ticket price(s): USD 1.8 (per person), USD 18.00 (for a group of 10 persons).

Address: Braslaŭ district, Viciebsk region, GPS: N 55 40 E 27 09, ☎ +375 2153 22735

5 Roman Catholic Church of God's Providence

This Catholic church was built of stone in 1901. Total area of church is 993 m²; the area of the church garden is 0.303 hectare. The style of the church features a fusion of romanescque and gothic architectural trends. The metal bindings of the church entrance door with floral patterns are of special artistic value. Experts claim that the bindings of the Slabodka Catholic church are among the best examples of ironsmith in Belarus. Regular masses take place in the church ever since it has been founded.

Address: Slabodka (*Slobodka*) village, Braslaŭ district, Viciebsk region, GPS: N 55 41 E 27 11, ☎ +375 29 7153668

WHERE TO STAY:

1 Hotel, 121 Saviečkaja (*Sovetskaya*) vul. (St.), Braslaŭ, Viciebsk region, Belarus, GPS: N 55 38 E 27 01, ☎ +375 2153 22271, up to 65 persons

2 Drivyaty Recreation Centre in the Braslaŭskija Aziory (*Braslaŭ Lakes*) National Park on Dryvjaty (*Drivyaty*), Naberežnaja (*Naberezhnaya*) vul. (St.), Braslaŭ, GPS: N 55 36 E 27 04, ☎ +375 2153 32100

3 Slabodka Recreation Centre in the Braslaŭskija Aziory (*Braslaŭ Lakes*) National Park on Pociech (*Potekh*) Lake, Slabodka village, GPS: N 55 40 E 27 10, ☎ +375 2153 33106

WHERE TO EAT:

Ozyornyi Restaurant/Canteen, 115 Saviečkaja (*Sovetskaya*) vul. (St.), Braslaŭ, Viciebsk region, Belarus, GPS: N 55 38 E 27 01, ☎ +375 2153 22495, +375 2153 22475

Drivyaty Restaurant, 1 Naberežnaja (*Naberezhnaya*) vul. (St.), Braslaŭ, Viciebsk region, Belarus, GPS: N 55 36 E 27 04, ☎ +375 2153 32679

Suzor'ye Café, 133 Lieninskaja (*Leninskaya*) vul. (St.), Braslaŭ, Viciebsk region, Belarus, GPS: N 55 38 E 27 02, ☎ +375 2153 22697

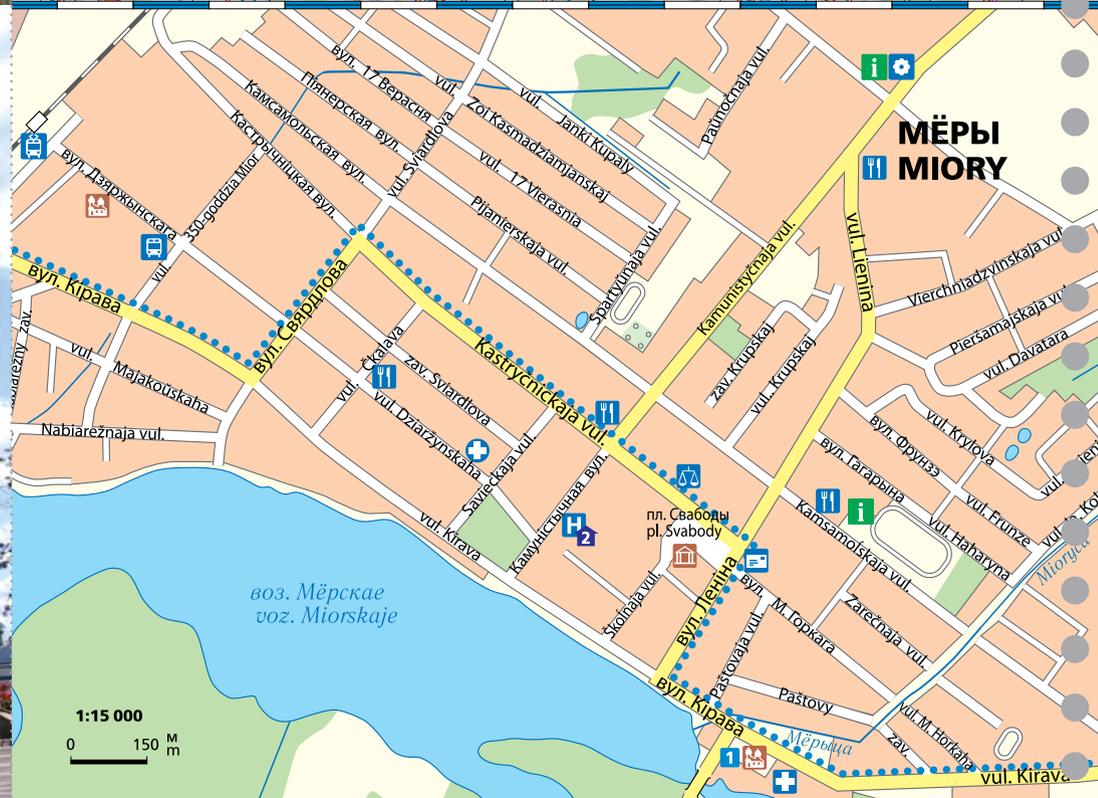
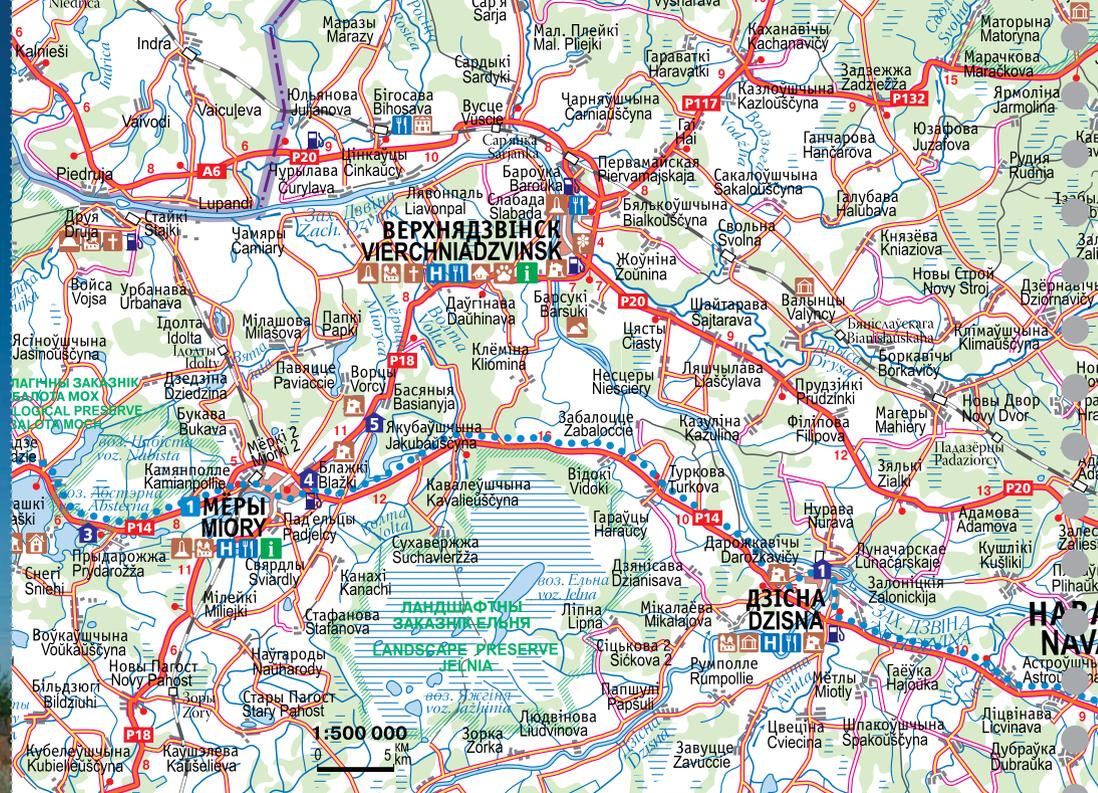
Vitalich Café, 6 Sadovaja (*Sadovaya*) vul. (St.), Braslaŭ, Viciebsk region, Belarus, GPS: N 55 38 E 27 02, ☎ +375 29 2553891

Kupal'nitsa Café, Saviečkaja (*Sovetskaya*) vul. (St.), Braslaŭ, Viciebsk region, Belarus, GPS: N 55 38 E 27 02, ☎ +375 29 2974983

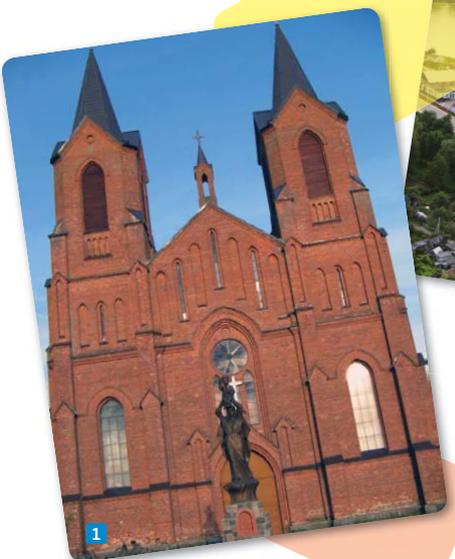
Slavia Bar, 210th km on motorway P-3, Braslaŭ district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, GPS: N 55 37 E 27 06, ☎ +375 2153 32625

INFORMATION:

i Braslaŭ (*Braslav*) tourist information point, 2 Čyrvonaarmiejeskaja (*Krasnoarmeyeskaya*) vul. (St.), Braslaŭ, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2153 22735, 22735@tut.by, drivyatich@tut.by



MIORY – DZISNA (DISNA) ~ 46 km



MIORY

The town of Miory is situated at a picturesque lake of Mior'skaje (Miorskaye Lake), 190 kilometers away from Viciebsk (Vitebsk/Vitebsk). Miory was first mentioned in chronicles in 1514 as Merya Estate in the Braslaw powiat of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. In 1517 the Grand Duke of Lithuania and the King of Poland Sigismund I the Old granted the estate to the Governor of the Podlyaski province Ivan Sapeha. In the middle of the 16th century the settlement of Miory became part of the estate of the local gentry family, the Mirskis. Miory is special for its geometrically regular layout system. This approach has been preconditioned by the actual location of the town on the shore of the oblong narrow lake. The 500-metre long embankment is the town-people's favourite recreation and pastime spot, as well as the symbol of the town.

1 The Roman Catholic Church of Assumption of Virgin Mary

This Neo-Gothic church, built in 1907, is an asset of architectural heritage from the early 20th century. Located in the centre of Miory, on the lake shore, this church is considered to be a true gem of the town. The relatively small church is built of brick; there are two towers at the sides. The flanks of the building are decorated with dummy counterforts. Lancel windows add yet more to the beauty of the building.

Address: 3 Kirava (Kirava) vul. (St.), Miory, Viciebsk region, GPS: 55.614602, 27.629565, ☎ +375 2152 48660

WHERE TO STAY:

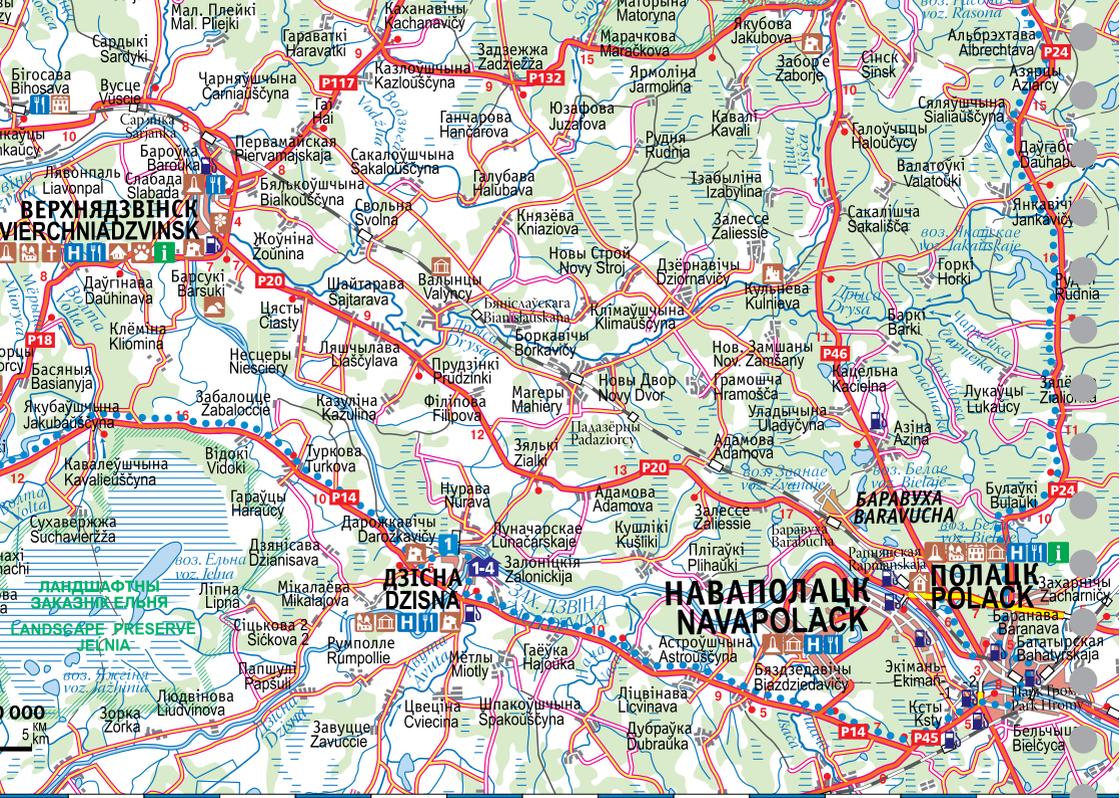
- 1 Usad'ba Kostrovitskikh Farmstead,** Darozh'kaviči (Darozh'kavichi) village, Miory district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2152 37624, +375 29 3778738
- 2 Hotel,** 10 Kamunistyčnaja (Kommunisticheskaya) vul. (St.), Miory, Miory district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2152 41271, up to 37 persons
- 3 Guest houses at Aktam Tourist Complex,** Muraški (Murashki) village, Miory district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2152 35144, <http://www.aktam.by>, up to 90 persons
- 4 Nash Dom Farmstead,** Blažki (Blazhki) village, Miory district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2152 42894, +375 29 7178061
- 5 Ortovs'kaya Pristan Farmstead,** Orčy (Ortsy) village, Miory district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2152 49275, +375 29 5922566

WHERE TO EAT:

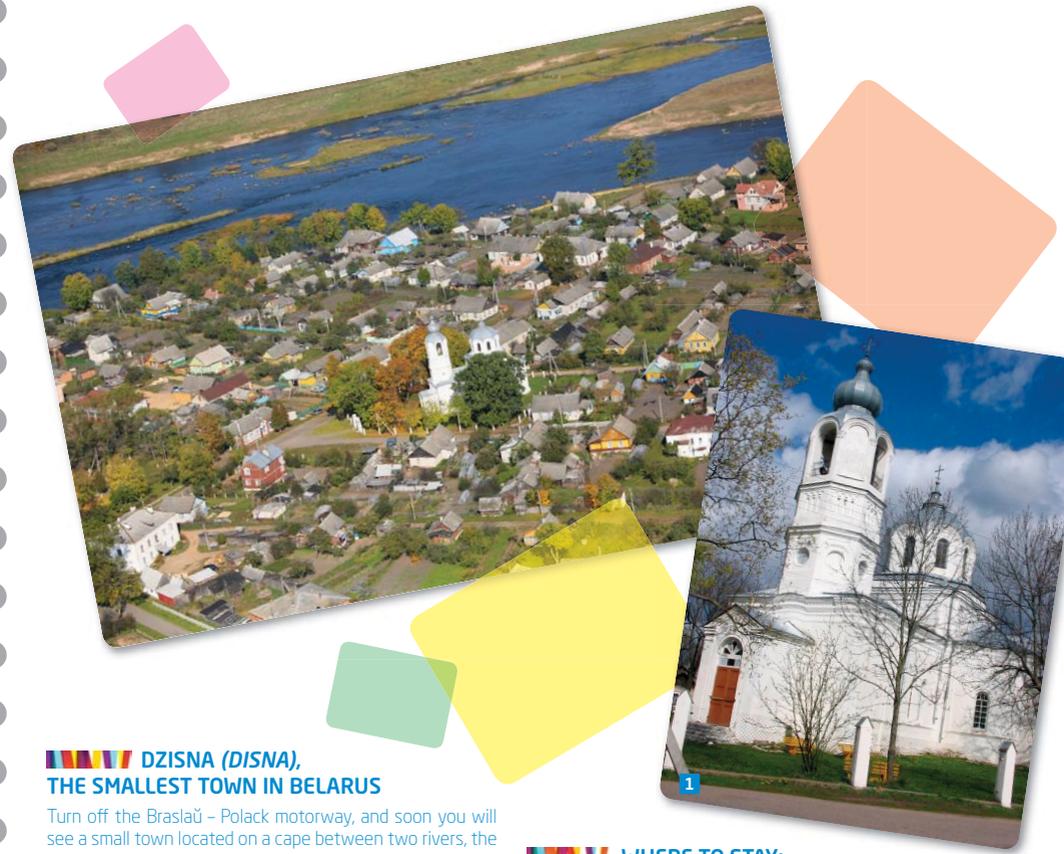
- Chaika Café,** 14 Dzieržyn'skaha (Dzerzhinskogo) vul. (St.), Miory, Viciebsk region, Belarus, GPS: 55.628121, 37.857723, ☎ +375 2152 41301
- Brigantina Café,** 2 Kastryčnickaja (Oktyabr'skaya) vul. (St.), Miory, Viciebsk region, Belarus, GPS: 55.6232851, 27.6201132, ☎ +375 2152 41975
- Molodyozhnoe Café,** 50 Kamunistyčnaja (Kommunisticheskaya) vul. (St.), Miory, Viciebsk region, Belarus, GPS: 55.61910, 27.630348, ☎ +375 2152 42789

INFORMATION:

- i Miory tourist information point,** 28 Kamsamolskaja (Komsamolskaya) vul. (St.), Miory, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2152 41533, mспорт07@mail.ru, www.miorysport.vitebsk.by



DZISNA (DISNA) – POLACK (POLATSK/POLOTSK) ~ 45 km



DZISNA (DISNA), THE SMALLEST TOWN IN BELARUS

Turn off the Braslaŭ – Polack motorway, and soon you will see a small town located on a cape between two rivers, the Dzisna (*Disna*) and the Western Dzvina (*Zach. Dzvina/Dvina*). This town, Disna, is not just an ordinary small town: this is the smallest town in Belarus; its population is just about 2,500. In the 11th century, it used to be a domain of the Polack (*Polotsk*) dukes and was known under the name of Kopets-Gorodok. A small Kopets-Gorodok was considered to be a very important strategic point – it defended Polotsk, which was then the capital of the Principality, from the invasions of crusaders.

1 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. According to a legend, the icon floated down the Western Dzvina (*Zach. Dzvina/Dvina*) to Dzisna in the 18th 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 (*Yubileinaya*) vul (St.), Dzisna, Miory district, Viciebsk region, Belarus,
GPS: 55.566086, 28.207569,
☎ +375 2152 37624, +375 29 377 87 38

WHERE TO STAY:

- 1** Hotel, Jubilejnaja (*Yubileinaya*) 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 29 894 01 82
- 4** Usad'ba Baby Moroz Farmstead, 9 Zarečnaja (*Zarechnaya*) vul. (St.), Dzisna, Miory district, Vitebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2152 37281, +375 29 358 10 15, ☎ +375 33 613 74 14

WHERE TO EAT:

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



POLACK (POLATSK/POLOTSK)



POLACK (POLATSK/POLOTSK), THE MOST ANCIENT TOWN IN BELARUS

Polack, with its museums and churches, will definitely leave a long-lasting impression; prepare to yield to the charms of its atmosphere of ancientry with a thrilling trace of mystery. It is a miraculous and enigmatic city. Polack is unique in itself, for it is the oldest city in Belarus and the place where Belarusian statehood was formed. It is not surprising then that Polack has so many unique attractions that cannot be found anywhere else.

1 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 Frantsyŭska Skaryny Avenue. Visit the post office to get a certificate which confirms that you have been to the very centre of Europe.

Address: Frantsyŭska Skaryny (Frantsiska Skoriny) prasp. (Ave.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, **GPS:** N 55 30 E 28 48

2 St Sophia Cathedral (The Cathedral of Holy Wisdom)

It is the only Belarusian temple named after Saint Sophia (the Holy Wisdom of God). The Cathedral church was built on the Dzvina 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 Polot'sk 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.

Ticket price: BYR 5,000 (reduced), BYR 9,000 (full price).
Address: 1 Zamkavaja (Zamkovaya) vul. (St.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, **GPS:** 55.486593, 28.765115,
 ☎ +375 214 42 53 40, sophia.polot'sk@museum.by, www.sophia.polot'sk.museum.by



3 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.

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00-17:00.
Ticket price: BYR 3,500 (reduced), BYR 7,000 (full price).
Address: 22 Nižnie-Pakroŭskaja (Nizhne-Pakrovskaya) vul. (St.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, **GPS:** 55.483809, 28.771949,
 ☎ +375 214 42 57 25, book.polot'sk@museum.by, www.book.polot'sk.museum.by

4 St Euphrosyne Cross in the Convent of the Savior and St Euphrosyne

Euphrosyne of Polot'sk, a granddaughter of Vseslav the Sorcerer, the celestial protectress of Polot'sk, founded the convent, which is now one of the most popular city sights. The relics of Saint Euphrosyne still rest there. In 1161 the famous goldsmith of Polot'sk Lazar Bogsha made the well-known altar [Communion] cross for the convent's church. However, this unique national relic of Belarus disappeared during the World War II and the mysterious event still thrills historians. Nikolai Kuzmich, a famous contemporary Belarusian artist, made a replica of the cross of Euphrosyne of Polot'sk. Nowadays anyone can come and see the relic exposed in the convent every Sunday and during major Christian holidays.

Address: 89 Jeŭfrasinni Polackaj (Yefrosinni Polot'skaj) vul. (St.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, **GPS:** 55.487553, 28.767781,
 ☎ +375 214 42 14 29; +375 214 42 56 72



WHERE TO STAY:

1 *Dvina Hotel*, 13 Francyska Skaryny (Frantsiska Skoriny) prasp. (Ave.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 214 42 22 35, +375 214 42 70 44, www.slavyanskiy.by, up to 160 persons

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

WHERE TO EAT:

Slavyanskiy Restaurant, 13 Francyska Skaryny (Frantsiska Skoriny) 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 Kastyryčnickaja (Oktyabrskaya) vul. (St.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 214 42 31 48

Khutorok Nikolayevskiy Café, 2 Francyska Skaryny (Frantsiska Skoriny) 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

INFORMATION:

i Polack (Polatsk/Polotsk) tourist information centre, 8 Francyska Skaryny (Frantsiska Skoriny) prasp. (Ave.), Polack, ☎ +375 214 42 69 49, polatsk-sport@mail.ru, www.polatsk-turizm.by, www.belladvina.com



POLACK (POLATSK/POLOTSK) – RASONY (ROSSONY)

~ 90 km

RASONY (ROSSONY)

Rasony (*Rossony*) township, administrative centre of the district, is situated in the northern part of the Viciebsk (*Vit-sebsk/Vitebsk*) region. Rasony has been known since 1552 as the village of Rosono in the Polack (*Polotsk*) voivodeship in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. At that time, the village belonged to the Korsaks noble family and consisted of seven farmsteads. Yet, the most ancient artefacts found by archaeologists in this area date back to the 10th – 12th centuries. There are a few explanations of where the name Rasony derives from, the nicest and simplest of them being as follows: the settlement is located in the midst of nature untouched by the human civilization, and in the morning the grass shimmers and sparkles with clearest gems of dewdrops (Rasony is consonant with the Russian and Belarusian *росы* for dew). However, there is a more plausible version of the origin of the name: the settlement is in the vicinity of Lake Rosona, and the Old Belarusian word *расхоны* [raskhony] meant 'ravines, slopes, diverging in different directions', which characterized exactly the shoreline of Rosona.

1 The house of hundred windows (Landowner Glazko's castle)

Former estate of a local landowner Glazko now hosts the Youth Art Palace. Locals say that the landlord Glazko had fallen in love with a girl from a rich family. The ambitious and conceited young lady kept refusing the modest noble. Finally, she said she would accept Glazko's proposal only if he built her a castle comparable to the one owned by her father. Glazko ordered bricks from abroad, and each and every piece of brick was delivered wrapped in paper! The architect did his best and decorated the estate house with every romantic feature of the Gothic style, with turrets, lancet windows, and arches. After the revolution of 1917, the married couple had to leave the unsafe country and go abroad.

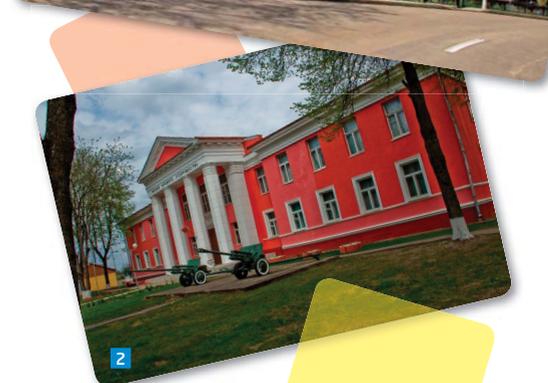
Address: 13 Kamsamolskaja (*Komsamolskaya*) vul. (St.), Rasony, Viciebsk region, Belarus,
GPS: 55.901039, 28.812718, ☎ +375 2159 41008

2 Battle Commonwealth Museum

This museum, which is dedicated to the comradeship-in-arms of Belarusian, Russian, Latvian and Lithuanian partisans, was opened on 4 July 1981. The exposition, set in 13 museum halls, highlights the joint fight of Belarusian, Russian, Lithuanian and Latvian partisans against the fascist invaders during the World War II. A few exposition rooms are dedicated to the P.M. Masherov, the underground activity in the Rasony region, and to the liberation of this area. There is a permanent exhibition "The History of the Rasony Region".

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 08:00-17:00.
Ticket price:
guided tour of the museum: BYR 30,000/group;
non-guided entrance: BYR 5,000 for adults,
BYR 3,000 for children

Address: 10 Saviečkaja (*Sovetskaya*) vul. (St.), Rasony, Viciebsk region, Belarus, **GPS:** 55.906356, 28.811345,
☎ +375 2159 41367



WHERE TO STAY:

1 Rossony Hotel***, 5 Saviečkaja (*Sovetskaya*) vul. (St.), Rasony, Viciebsk region, Belarus,
☎ +375 2159 41271, up to 49 persons

WHERE TO EAT:

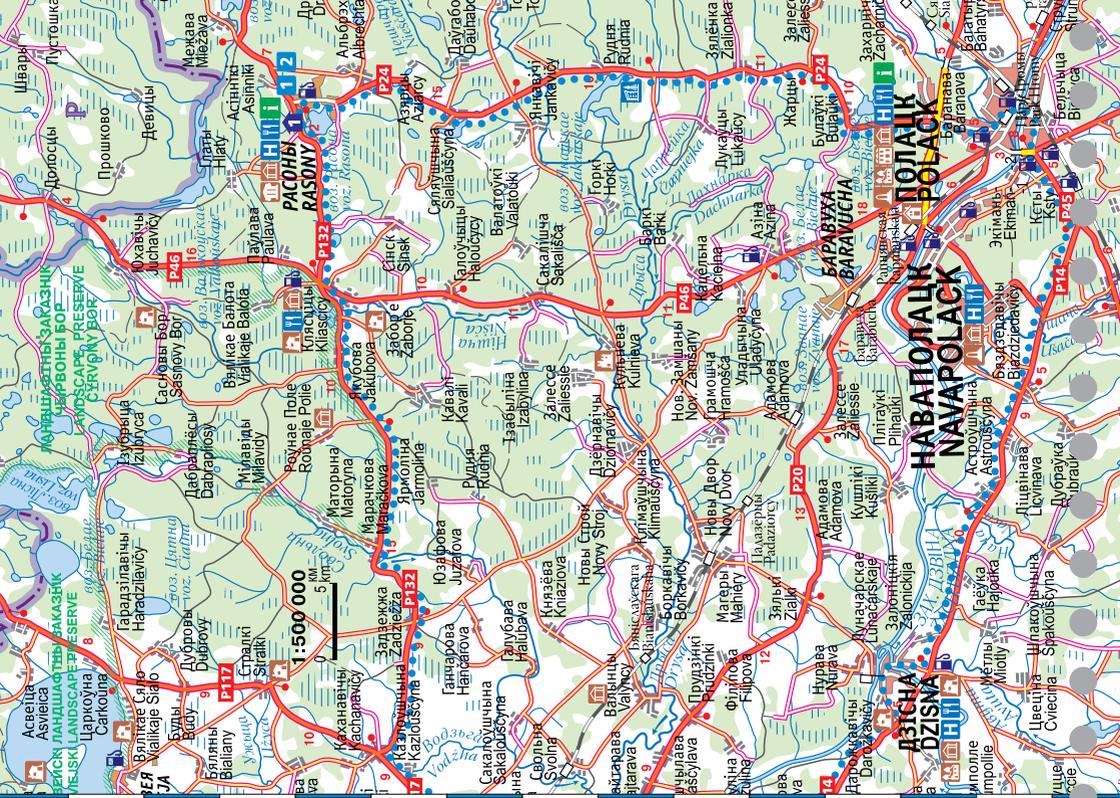
Rosinka Restaurant, 3 Chamčanoŭskaha (*Homchenovskogo*) vul. (St.), Rasony, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2159 34086

Canteen, Klyasticy (*Klyastitsy*) village, Rasony district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2159 34086

Sport-Vid Café & Bar, 13 Kamsamolskaja (*Komsamolskaya*) vul. (St.), Rasony, Viciebsk region, Belarus

INFORMATION:

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





RASONY (ROSSONY) – VIERCHNIADZVINSK (VERKHNEDEVINSK) ~ 62 km



VIERCHNIADZVINSK (VERKHNEDEVINSK)

The town and the river used to bear one name throughout its history. It was only in 1962 that the town of Drissa (*Drissa*) was renamed to Vierchniadzvinsk. Since ancient times the town has been a famous centre of traditional art weaving. Drissa was first mentioned in 1386 in the Chronicles (*Kronika polska, litewska, żmódzka i wszystkiej.*) by Maciej Strykowski. During the war campaign of 1812, the headquarters of the 1st Russian army commanded by Barclay de Tolly was located in a camp near Drissa. This campaign was subsequently described in the famous novel *War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy.

1 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.), Vierchniadzvinsk, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2151 57023

2 Ivan Chersky Museum

The museum, which is located in the Valynsy (*Volyntsy*) village, on the right side of the river, tells about the live of Ivan Chersky, an explorer of Siberia and Far East. In 1863, Chersky took part in the Kalinowski's rebellion. After the rebellion had been suppressed, Chersky was condemned to a lifelong exile to Omsk as a private soldier. There he became engaged in geological and paleontological studies. From 1877 to 1881, Chersky produced a complex geological study of Baikal Lake and developed the first geological map of its shores. His research on Baikal gained him a gold medal from Russian Geographical Society. In 1885, the Russian Geographical Society managed to get him amnestied, whereupon he moved to St. Petersburg and lived there. In St. Petersburg, Chersky worked in the Museum of the Academy of Science of Russia and gained recognition as a great scientist.

Address: 1 Melioratorov vul. (St.), Valynsy (*Volyntsy*) village, Vierchniadzvinsk district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, GPS: 55.707892, 28.18585, ☎ +375 2151 59309

WHERE TO STAY:

1 Hotel, 65 Savieckaja (*Sovetskaya*) vul. (St.), Vierchniadzvinsk (*Verkhnedvinsk*), Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2151 53271, up to 44 persons

2 Odirianika Lyuks Hotel, 53 Savieckaja (*Sovetskaya*) vul. (St.), Vierchniadzvinsk (*Verkhnedvinsk*), Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2151 52878, up to 23 persons

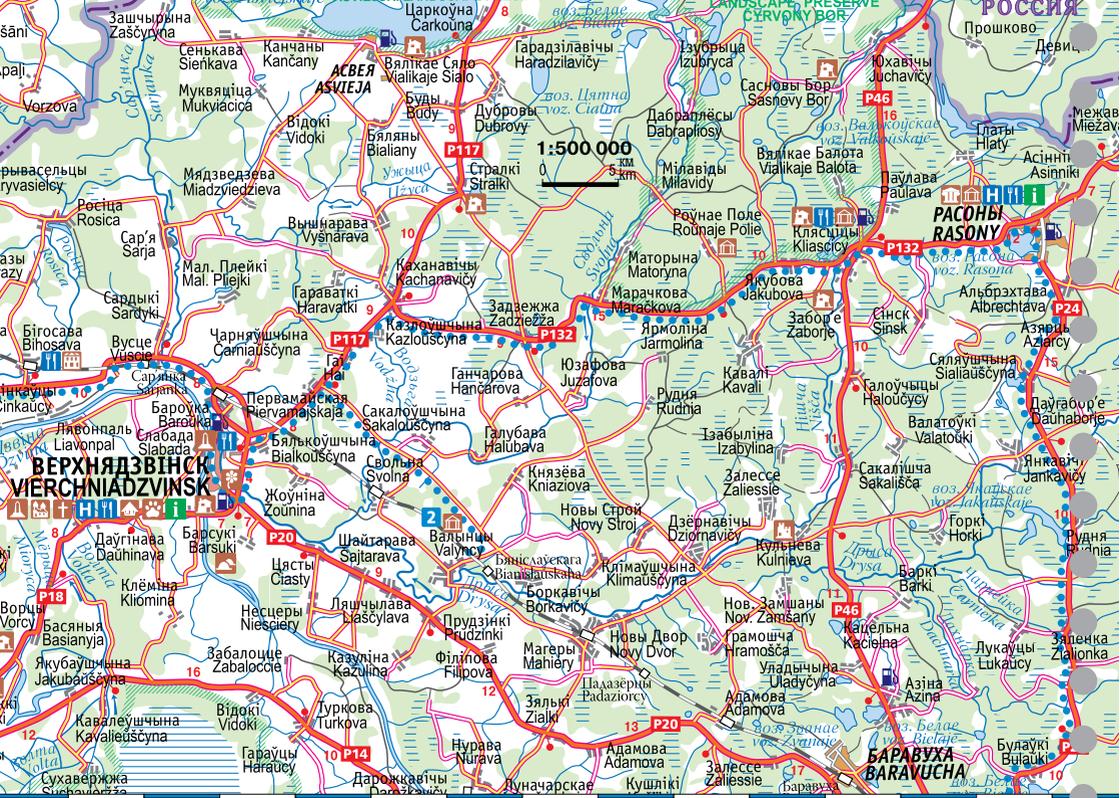
WHERE TO EAT:

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

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

Labirint Café, 47 Savieckaja (*Sovetskaya*) vul. (St.), Vierchniadzvinsk (*Verkhnedvinsk*) district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2151 52470

Nesterka Café, Bihosava (*Bigosova*) village, Vierchniadzvinsk (*Verkhnedvinsk*) district, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2151 58629, +375 2151 21206



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

INFORMATION:

i Braslaŭ (*Braslav*) tourist information point, 2 Cyrvoaararmiejckaja (*Krasnoarmejckaya*) vul. (St.), Braslaŭ, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 2153 22735, 22735@tut.by, divyatic@tut.by

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

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

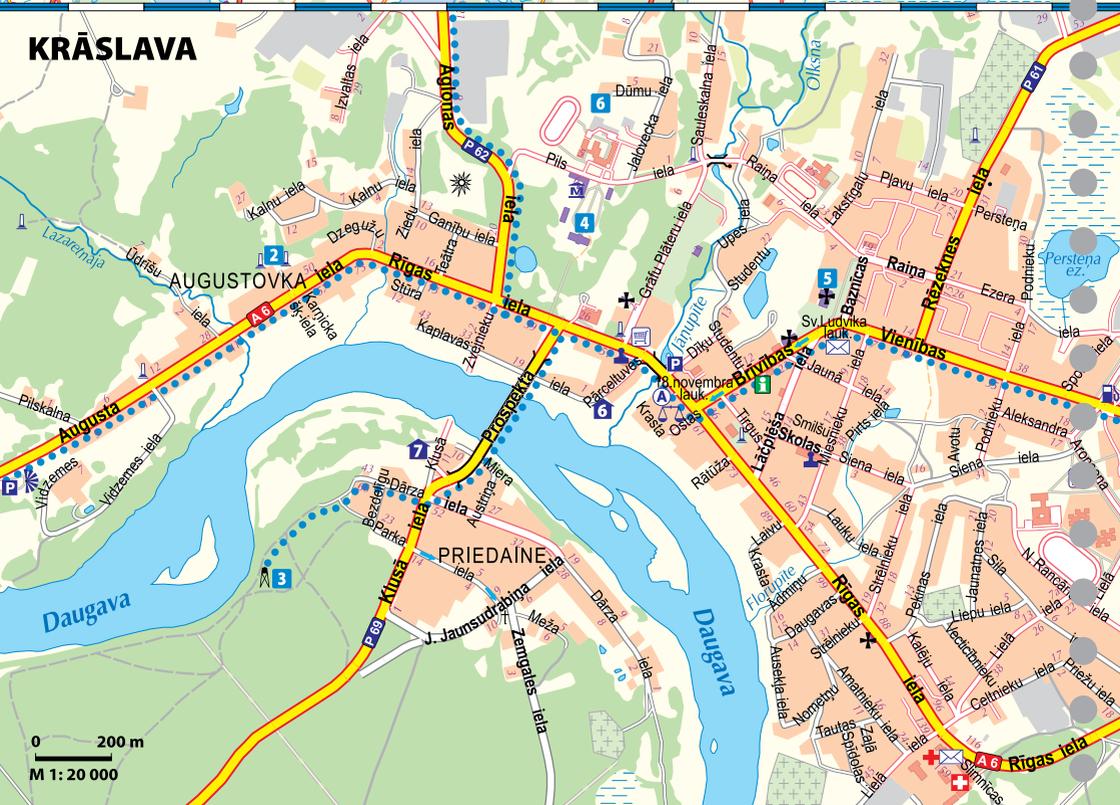
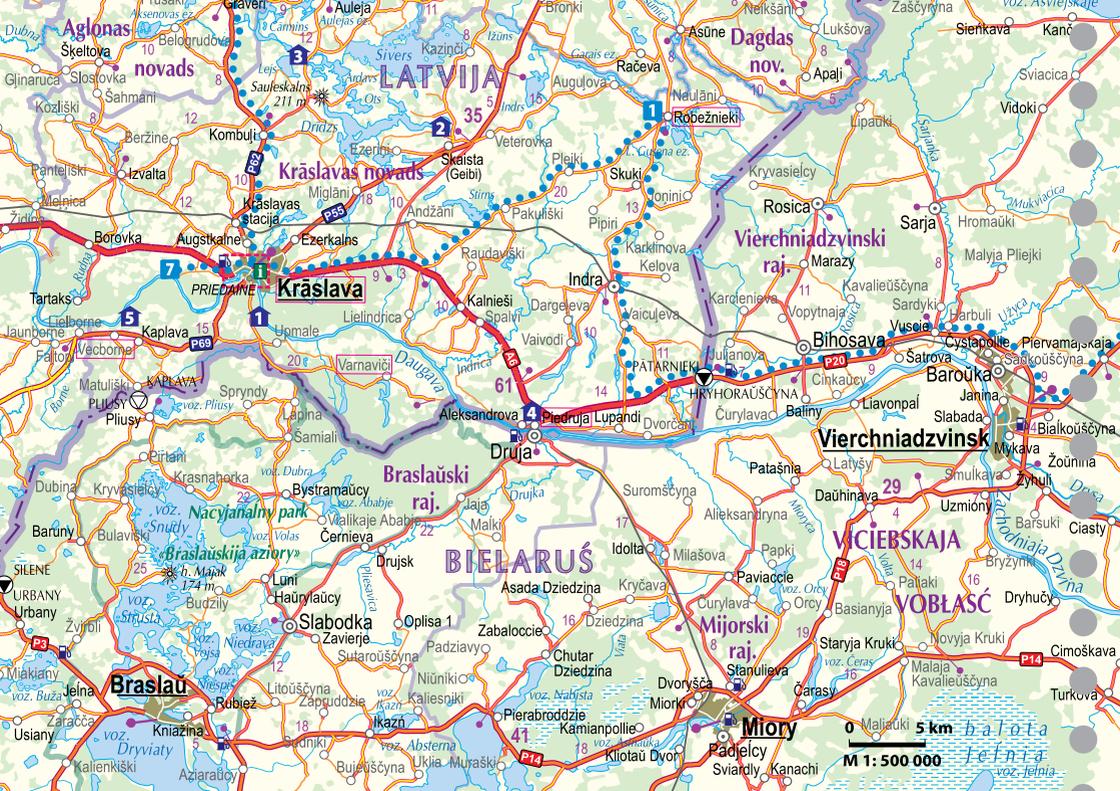
i Polack (*Polatsk/Polotsk*) tourist information centre, 8 Francyska Skaryny (*Frantsiska Skoriny*) prasp. (Ave.), Polack, Viciebsk region, Belarus, ☎ +375 214 42 69 49, polotsk-sport@mail.ru, www.polotsk-turizm.by, www.belladvina.com

i Vitebsk tourist information point, 16 Smiatanina (*Smetanina*) vul. (St.), Viciebsk, Belarus, ☎ +375 212 203233, fsk-urozhay@mail.ru

i Department of Culture, Sports and Tourism for the City of Viciebsk (*Vitebsk/Vitebsk*), 32 Lienina (*Lenina*) vul. (St.), Viciebsk, Belarus, ☎ +375 212 369229, fax: +375 212 369718

i Department of Culture, Sports and Tourism for the Viciebsk (*Vitebsk/Vitebsk*) District, 10 Dimitrova vul. (St.), Viciebsk, Belarus, ☎ +375 212 369954, zhavoronkov121@yandex.ru

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



VIERCHŅIADZVINSK (VERKHNEDVINSK) – ROBEŽNIEKI – KRĀSLAVA

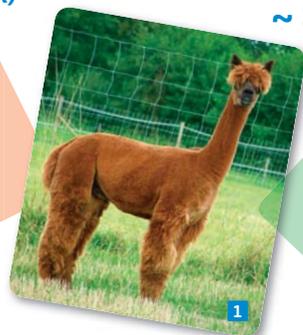
~ 85 km



1 Akati, a mini-zoo

In this mini-zoo, you will see ostriches, emus, peacocks, pheasants, ornamental ducks, alpacas, as well as cows, rabbits, pigs, sheep, goats and other domestic animals. You can take a guided tour around the mini-zoo, buy souvenirs and try dishes made with various poultry eggs. Visit upon prior arrangement, negotiable prices.

Address: Akati, Robežnieki parish, Krāslava county, Latvia,
GPS: 55.976654, 27.604866, 📞 +371 26157690,
 tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com



4 Castle buildings of the Plater Counts

The Plater Castle is an architectural heritage site of the 18th century and the only castle in Latgale with such kind of décor. The renovated stable building now hosts the Crafts Centre. In summer, the building serves as a venue to various local cultural events, such as art workshops, tasting of Latgalian culinary heritage dishes and other activities.

5 Krāslava Roman Catholic Church of St Ludvig

This church is a spectacular specimen of Latgalian Baroque. In 1757-1842, premises of the church used to accommodate the local Catholic seminary, the first higher educational institution in Latvia. The building is accessible from the outside only.

You can take a guided sightseeing tour around the town (about 2 hours).
 Please, call 📞 +371 656 22201 to book a tour

6 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. Here you can also try Krāslava beer. Visits upon prior arrangement.

Address: 8 Dumu St., Krāslava,
GPS: 55.9027660, 27.1607900,
 📞 +371 29128695,
 valdispaulins@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com

7 Kurmiši Farmstead

Here you will get to know how to grow medicinal herbs and prepare herbal tea blends. You will be offered to try and purchase ecological herbal teas, bunches made of medicinal herbs, as well as herb blends for bath and sauna. Visits upon prior arrangement.

Address: Ūdrīši parish, Krāslava county, Latvia,
GPS: 55.896107, 27.075522,
 📞 +371 26538824, +371 656 23655,
 kraslava@lkc.lv, www.visitkraslava.com

2 Józef Karnicki Hill and the Love Spring

This picturesque place offers a fantastic view over the Daugava River and the town of Krāslava.

3 Observation tower in Priedaine

The second highest wooden observation tower in Latvia (32-metre high) offers you a fascinating view on the Daugava River and Krāslava's outskirts.



WHERE TO STAY:

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

2 Dridži Recreation Centre, Skaista parish, Krāslava county, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.974209, 27.364309, **☎** +371 29441221, **info@dridzi.lv**, **www.dridzi.lv**, up to 52 persons

3 Lejasmalas Recreation Complex, Auleja parish, Krāslava county, Latvia, **GPS:** 56.022194, 27.218971, **☎** +371 29139680, **lejasmalas@inbox.lv**, **www.lejasmalas.viss.lv**, up to 112+26 persons

4 Piedruja Motel, Piedruja parish, Krāslava county, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.802162, 27.440157, **☎** +371 656 29682, +371 28608784, **viesnicapiedruja@inbox.lv**, up to 52 persons

5 Vaclavi Recreation Complex, Kaplava parish, Krāslava county, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.879177, 27.030144, **☎** +371 29118861, **vaclavi@inbox.lv**, **www.vaclavi.lv**, up to 50 persons

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

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

Lejasmalas Recreation Complex, Auleja parish, Krāslava county, Latvia, **GPS:** 56.022194, 27.218971, **☎** +371 29139680, **lejasmalas@inbox.lv**, **www.visitkraslava.com**, **www.lejasmalas.viss.lv**

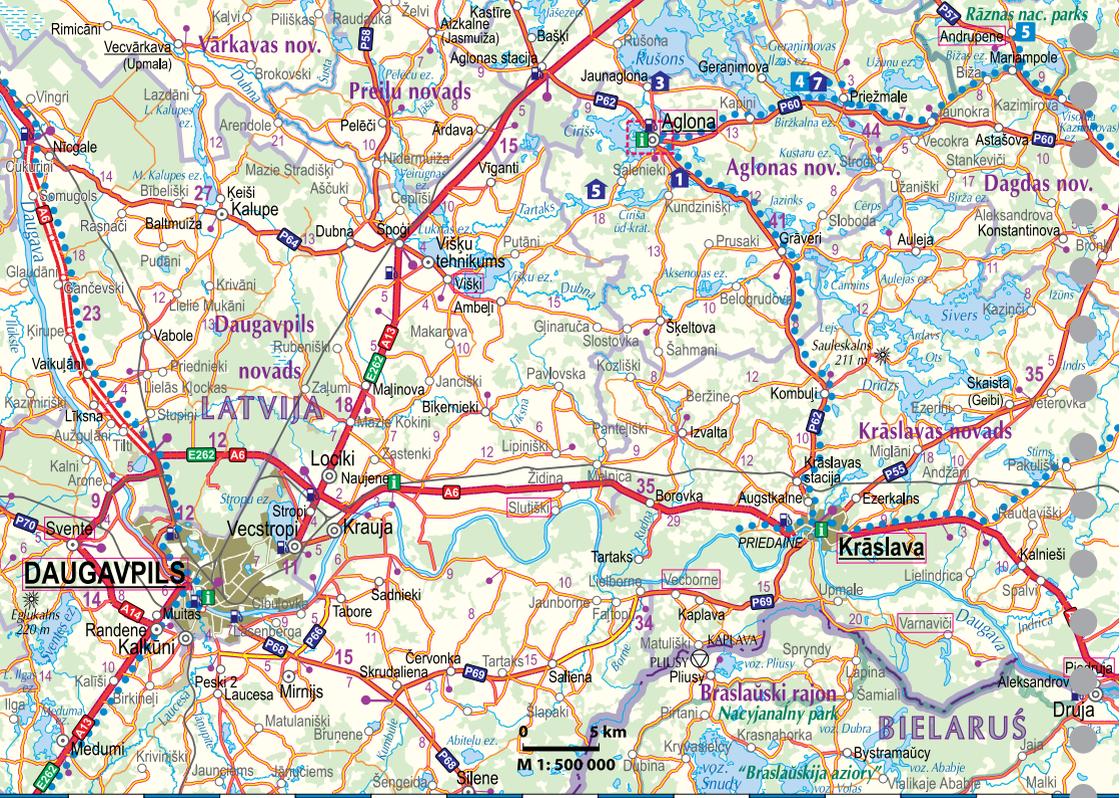
INFORMATION:

i Krāslava tourist information centre, 13 Brīvības St., Krāslava, Latvia, **GPS:** 55.896404, 27.167624, **☎** +371 656 22201, **tic@kraslava.lv**, **www.visitkraslava.com**



KRĀSLAVA – AGLONA – PRIEŽMALE – ANDRUPENE

~ 65 km



AGLONA

Aglona is located in the southeastern part of Latvia. In ancient times this land was inhabited by a Balts tribe (letgali) and some Finno-Ugric peoples, which is proven by 17 ancient settlements, 3 stone altars for pagan offerings, two islands for pagan sacrificial ceremonies, along with numerous ancient burial places and necropolises. The local basilica, which was built in 1780 by Dominican monks, is a popular pilgrimage destination due to its miraculous image of the Virgin Mary. In September 1993, Aglona Basilica welcomed Pope John Paul II. Every year, on 15 August, about 300,000 pilgrims assemble at this sacred place.

1 Aglona Basilica

The basilica, built in the Baroque style in 18th century (1768-1800), is well known for its belfries that tower 60 metres high above the surrounding landscapes. Besides, the basilica is world famous for its worshiped icon *Our Miraculous Lady of Aglona*, much more than just a Byzantine-style piece of art of the 17th century, oil on oak, with beautiful silver embellishment. This icon is famous for its healing powers. Every year, on 15 August, Aglona becomes a venue for a solemn Mass to commemorate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Visits upon prior arrangement.

Ticket price: LVL 0.90 (adults), LVL 0.60 (children)

Address: 8 Cirišu St., Aglona, Latvia,
GPS: 56.1271, 27.0166,
☎ +371 653 81109, +371 29188740,
 abv@aglona bazilika.lv, www.aglona.travel

2 Aglona Bread Museum

It is one-of-the-kind museum in Latvia. Here you will scent freshly baked bread, feel the warmth of a fresh loaf in your hands while listening to stories of the most worshiped food product. Here you can take a guided tour of the museum and the bakery, try dishes of Latgale culinary heritage, or celebrate a wedding in Latgalian style. Opening hours: upon prior request.

Ticket price: LVL 2.50; LVL 2.00 for students.
 Fixed meals with Latgalian culinary heritage dishes and an entertainment show: LVL 7.00/person.

Address: 7 Daugavpils St., Aglona, Latvia,
GPS: 56.1332, 27.0018, **☎** +371 29287044,
 maizesmuzejs@inbox.lv, www.aglona maize.viss.lv

3 World War II Museum and Exhibition

Weapons of the WWI represent the core of the museum's exposition. You will also see uniforms, munitions, household articles and pieces of crashed airplanes. Here you can take a picture of yourself on a German motorcycle or rent a bicycle.

Ticket price: LVL 2.50; LVL 2.00 for students.

Address: 40 Daugavpils St., Aglona, Latvia,
GPS: 56.1304, 27.0052, **☎** +371 22484848,
☎ +371 29294180, +371 653 21380,
 ww1945@inbox.lv, www.ww2.viss.lv

4 Health Path, Strawberry Path, and Tree Path

The lady of the house will tell you how to cultivate strawberries and will introduce you to different strawberry varieties. You are welcome to treat yourself to delicious berries. While strolling down the local Health and Tree Path, you will discover plants and trees that are typical of the Latgale region and will learn about the ways they can improve your health. On your way down the path, be sure not to miss the Strawberry Queen and King. Visits upon prior arrangement.

Address: Zemeņu Krastiņi Guest House,
 Vortņiki, Kastujina parish, Latvia,
GPS: 56.1562, 27.1638, **☎** +371 29185234,
 anitaaglona@inbox.lv, www.zemenukrastini.viss.lv

5 Open-air Museum Andrupene Farmstead

The museum is located in a set of buildings of the early 20th century and belongs to the Latgale Culinary Heritage Network. Specialties of Latgalian cuisine are served upon prior arrangement. Your meal can be accompanied by the local folk music group.

Opening hours:
 April – October: Monday to Friday, 08:00 – 17:00;
 Saturday, 10:00 – 14:00;
 Sunday upon prior arrangement.

Address: Andrupene, Dagda county, Latvia,
GPS: 56.184296, 27.392864, **☎** +371 26458876,
 laukuseta@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com



WHERE TO STAY:

1 **Aglonas Alpi Camping site**, Leitani, Aglona, Latvia, GPS: N 56.1070 E 27.0261, ☎ +371 29194362, aglonasalpi@gmail.com, www.aglonasalpi.viss.lv, up to 82 persons

2 **Hotel of the Aglona basilica convent**, 8 Ciriša St., Aglona, Latvia, GPS: N 56.1271 E 27.0166, ☎ +371 653 81109, +371 29188740, abv@aglonasbazilika.lv, www.aglonasbazilika.lv, up to 20 persons

3 **Jaunaglona Hostel**, 9 Rušonās St., Aglona, Latvia, GPS: N 56.1623 E 26.9970, ☎ +371 26796288, sarmite.kampane66@inbox.lv, www.aglona.travel, up to 250 persons

4 **Pie Vijas Guest House**, 7 Daugavpils St., Aglona, Latvia, GPS: N 56.1332 E 27.0018, ☎ +371 29287044, ☎ +371 26461917, maizesmuzejs@inbox.lv, www.aglonasmaize.viss.lv, up to 20 persons

5 **Mežinieku Mājas Guest House**, Gūteņi, Aglona county, Latvia, GPS: N 56.1026 E 26.9415, ☎ +371 29234425, +371 28350601, meziniekumajas@inbox.lv, www.meziniekumajas.viss.lv, up to 80 persons

6 **Upenīte Farmstead**, Tartakas St., Aglona, GPS: N 56.1206 E 27.0018, ☎ +371 26312465, a.upenite@inbox.lv, www.aglona.travel, up to 30 persons

7 **Zemeņu Krastiņi Farmstead**, Vortņiki, Kastujina parish, Aglona county, Latvia, GPS: N 56.1562 E 27.1638, ☎ +371 29185234, anitaaglona@inbox.lv, www.zemenukrastini.viss.lv, up to 20 persons

WHERE TO EAT:

Turība Café, 36 Somersetas St., Aglona, Latvia, GPS: N 56.1302 E 27.0076, ☎ +371 653 24475, www.aglona.travel

Mežinieku Mājas Guest House, Gūteņi, Aglona county, Latvia, GPS: N 56.1026 E 26.9415, ☎ +371 29234425, +371 28350601, meziniekumajas@inbox.lv, www.meziniekumajas.viss.lv, Upon prior arrangement.

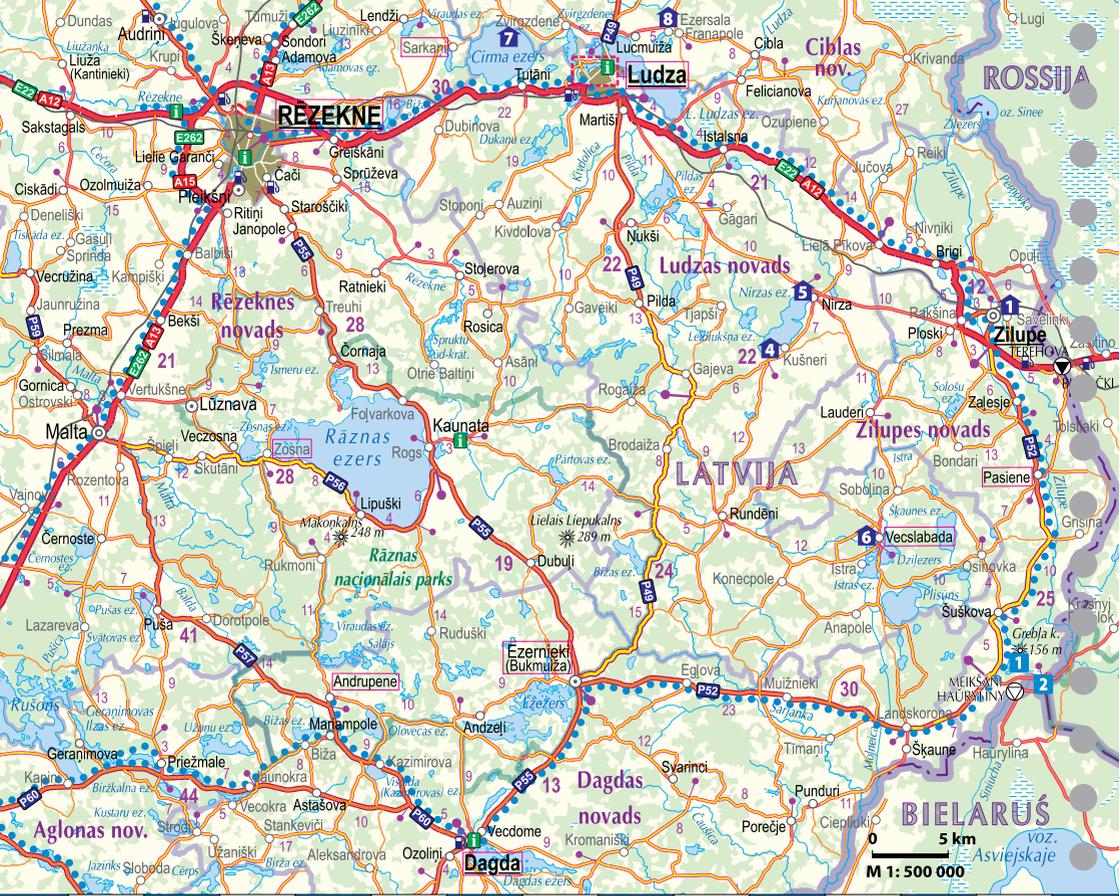
Upenīte Farmstead, 7 Tartakas St., Aglona, Latvia, GPS: N 56.1206 E 27.0018, ☎ +371 26312465, a.upenite@inbox.lv, www.aglona.travel, Upon prior arrangement.

Aglona Bread Museum, 7 Daugavpils St., Aglona, Latvia, GPS: 56.1332, 27.0018, ☎ +371 29287044, maizesmuzejs@inbox.lv, www.aglonasmaize.viss.lv, Upon prior arrangement.

INFORMATION:

i **Aglona County Business Support Centre**, 34 Somersetas St., Aglona, Latvia, GPS: 56.1305616, 27.0066813, ☎ +371 653 22100, ☎ +371 29118597, turisms@aglona.lv, www.aglona.travel





ANDRUPENE – PASIENE – LUDZA – RĒZEKNE

~ 146 km



1 Grebja Hill and a nature trail

This unique geological formation is a long narrow 5.5-kilometre long range of hills that appeared 14 million years ago in the glacier gap. Thanks to a specific microclimate, this protected area has flora species that were typical for Latvia in 4500–2500 B.C. It is a habitat to about 500 butterfly species, some of which are unique for the whole Baltic region. Several local plants and animals have been included in the Red List of Threatened Species. At the foot of the hill, there is a nature trail and a recreation site.

Address: Meikšāni, Pasiene parish, Zilupe county, Latvia, **GPS:** 56.1816675, 28.1200505, **☎** +371 28656530 (ru), www.pierobeza.lv



3 Wooden buildings in the historical centre of Ludza

At present, this district comprises parts of the Odu St., Tirus St., Baznīcas St., Tālavijas St., Kr. Barona St., Stacijas St., J. Soikāna St. Narrow streets of the town, with one- and two-storey houses with closed yards built of wood and brick, so typical of the 19th century Latgale, are nowadays part of national urban planning heritage.

Address: Ludza, Latvia, **GPS:** 56.547569, 27.725286

4 Ruins of a the Ludza medieval castle

In 1399, German crusaders built a castle on a mound between Large and Small Ludza Lakes; the castle turned out to be the most powerful fortress of the Livonian Order in Latgale. It was a three-storey building with 6 towers, 3 gates and 2 castle-fronts. The castle ruins are nowadays a favourite recreation area for local residents and guests of the town; the mound is a nice place for a great panoramic view of the town and its vicinity.

Address: Ludza, Latvia, **GPS:** 56.548698, 27.728720

2 The Mound of Friendship

The Mound of Friendship is a mound heaped up in 1959, with an oak planted in the middle. It was created in honour of the friendship between the three countries – Russia, Latvia and Belarus – whose state borders meet at this very place. Prior to visiting the site, get a special pass at the Pasiene Border Control Office and take your passport with you. Please, arrange your visit in advance.

Address: Meikšāni, Pasiene parish, Zilupe municipality, Latvia, **GPS:** 56.1707090, 28.1513104, **☎** +371 657 29925, +371 28656530 (guide), www.zilupe.lv

LUDZA

Ludza is the oldest town in Latvia. We invite you to get acquainted with its historical and cultural heritage, the Old Town district, which is one of the five urban heritage sites in Latvia, ruins of the castle built by the Livonian order, and churches of various confessions. For many years, narrow streets with one- and two-storey houses, built in the 19th century out of wood and brick, have been part of the urban landscape at the castle hill. Those in favor of active recreation can choose between a marked cycling route around the Small Ludza Lake or a rafting trip. You can also take a walk in the Ludza park or relax near a fountain.

5 Ludza Craftsmen Centre

Ludza Craftsmen Centre invites you to try yourself at traditional crafts, such as pottery, weaving, or tailoring. A showroom and shop will offer to buy pieces of work created by local craftsmen, order national and ethnic costumes of any Latvian region, as well as linen and woolen articles. Latgalian dishes are offered to guided tour groups upon prior booking. Every year, before the eve of the Ligo festivities, a Grand Latgalian Fair is held near the Ludza castle ruins, along with several other events that promote local crafts and traditions.

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday, 9:00-17:00.

Address: 27a Tālavijas St., Ludza, Latvia, **GPS:** 56.548401, 27.727196, **☎** +371 29123749, +371 29467925, ligakondrate@inbox.lv, www.ludzasamatnieki.lv, www.pierobeza.lv
A guided tour around the city would take about 3 hours.



WHERE TO STAY:

1 Hostel of the Zilupe Vocational Secondary School,
4 Kalnu St., Zilupe, Zilupe county, Latvia,
GPS: 56.390250, 28.138750, ☎ +371 657 25343,
zavs@junik.lv

2 Ludza Hotel, 1 Maija St. 1, Ludza, Latvia,
GPS: 56.545437, 27.725512,
☎ +371 29104055, +371 657 26112,
hotelludza@inbox.lv, www.hotelludza.lv, up to 24 persons

3 Lucia Hotel, 20 Kr. Barona St., Ludza, Latvia,
GPS: 56.5467526, 27.7247342, ☎ +371 26253535,
hotellucia@inbox.lv, www.lucia.lv, up to 54+20 persons

4 Zirga Smaids Recreation Complex,
Raipole, Nirza parish, Ludza county, Latvia,
GPS: 56.376060, 27.885380, ☎ +371 29474802,
☎ +371 29492552, www.zirgasmaids.lv,
info@zirgasmaids.com, up to 96 persons

5 Meldri Guest House, Nirza, Nirza parish,
Ludza county, Latvia, GPS: 56.406445, 27.929436,
☎ +371 29485444, stjudeanatolijs@inbox.lv,
up to 50 persons

6 Hostel of the Istra Secondary School,
Vecslabada, Istra parish, Ludza county, Latvia,
GPS: 56.2627649, 27.9884004,
☎ +371 657 29541, up to 25+45 persons

7 Cirmas Ezerkrasts Recreation Complex,
Ezernieki, Zvirgzdene parish, Cibla county, Latvia,
GPS: 56.566387, 27.620831, ☎ +371 28332523,
info@cirmasezerkrasts.lv, www.cirmasezerkrasts.lv,
up to 55 persons

8 Hostel of the Ezersale Boarding School,
Franapole, Zvirgzdene parish, Cibla county, Latvia,
GPS: 56.5671155, 27.7934648,
☎ +371 291 75902, up to 70 persons

WHERE TO EAT:

Latgale Café, 26 Brīvības St.,
Zilupe, Zilupe county, Latvia,
GPS: 56.3897903, 28.1180983,
☎ +371 29195643

Latgales Kukņa, 28 Talavijas St., Ludza, Latvia,
GPS: 56.5487643, 27.7263157,
☎ +371 29123749, +371 29467925,
ligakondrate@inbox.lv,
Upon prior arrangement.

Kristine Café, 25 Baznīcas St., Ludza, Latvia,
GPS: 56.5474777, 27.7260426,
☎ +371 65781326

Ludza Café, 1 Maija St. 1, Ludza, Latvia,
GPS: 56.545437, 27.725512,
☎ +371 29104055, +371 657 26112,
hotelludza@inbox.lv, www.hotelludza.lv

Lucia Café & Restaurant,
20 Kr. Barona St., Ludza, Latvia,
GPS: 56.5467526, 27.7247342, ☎ +371 26253535,
hotellucia@inbox.lv, www.lucia.lv

Eglīte Café & Restaurant, 31 Skolas St., Ludza, Latvia,
GPS: 56.5441379, 27.7183734, ☎ +371 29443534

Mirrors Café, 30 Stacijas St., Ludza, Latvia,
GPS: 56.5445525, 27.7207416, ☎ +371 26748804

Mājas Virtuve Café, 2b Krāsļavas St., Ludza, Latvia,
GPS: 56.5360684, 27.6974355, ☎ +371 657 25680

Mego Bistro & Café, 40a Raiņa St., Ludza, Latvia,
GPS: 56.5408875, 27.7116094, ☎ +371 26488272

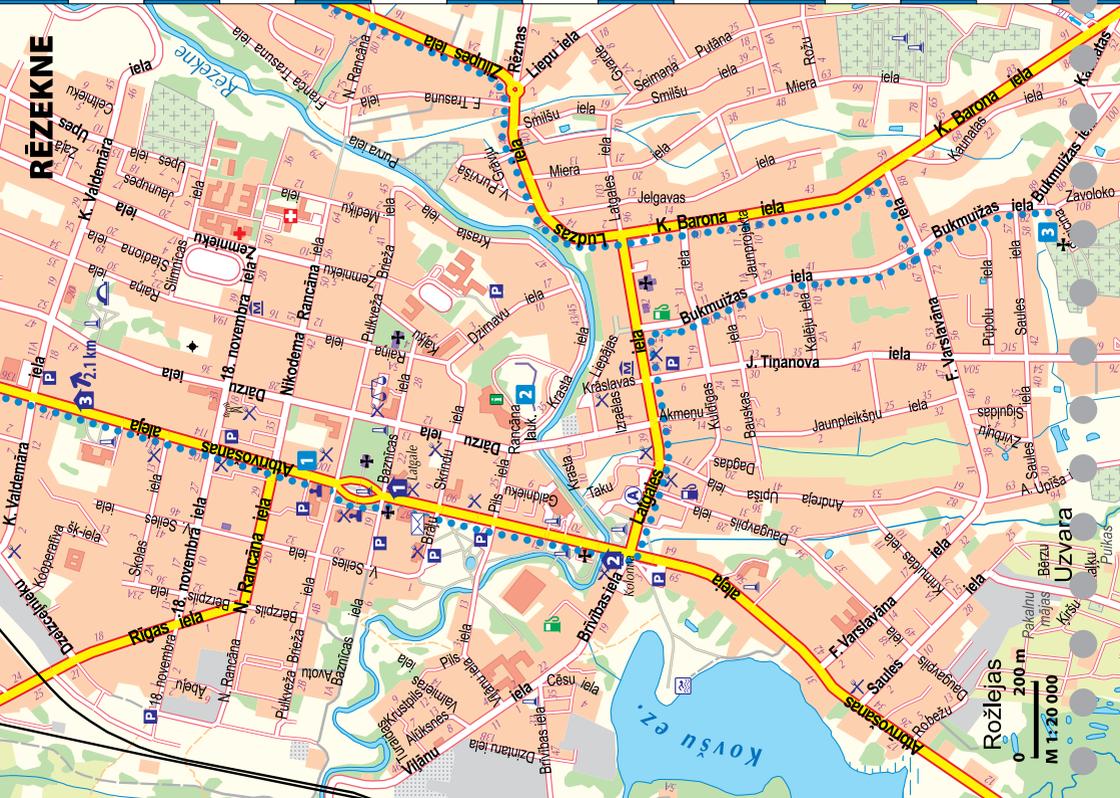
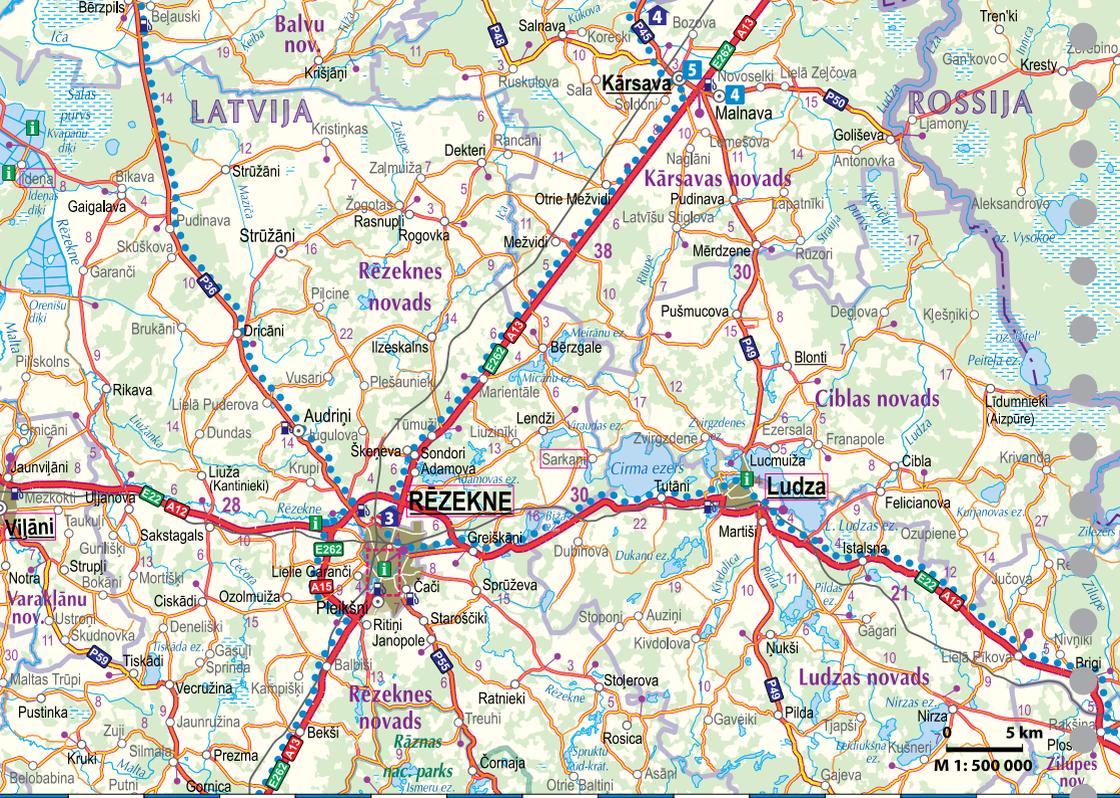
BL Invest Café, 68 Latgales St., Ludza, Latvia,
GPS: 56.5435755, 27.7116286, ☎ +371 657 26162

INFORMATION:

i Zilupe tourism coordinator,
13 Raiņa St., Zilupe, Latvia,
GPS: 56.3889594, 28.1263097,
☎ +371 28656530,
ilgaivanova@inbox.lv, www.zilupe.lv,
www.pierobeza.lv

i Ludza tourist information centre,
42 Baznīcas St., Ludza,
GPS: 56.5476465, 27.7252127,
☎ +371 657 07203, +371 29467925,
fax: +371 657 07202, tic@ludza.lv,
ligakondrate@inbox.lv, http://turisms.ludza.lv,
www.pierobeza.lv





RĒZEKNE – KĀRSAVA

~ 38 km



RĒZEKNE

The city of Rēzekne is spread on seven hills. The two highest Latvian hills, Mākonkalns and Lielais Liepu Kalns, are not far from the town. Besides, the two largest lakes, Rāzna and Lubāns, connected by the Rēzekne River, are situated quite nearby. Apart from being the historical and spiritual heart of Latgale, Rēzekne is also the geographic centre of the region. At the same time, the city is relatively close to the Russian border, which makes Rēzekne, with its motorway and railway junctions, a strategic geographical place.

1 Latgale Culture and History Museum ("European Destinations of Excellence 2008")

Latgale Culture and History Museum is a winner of "European Destinations of Excellence - 2008". You are welcome to visit the exhibition of Latgalian ceramics "The Wonder Created by Clay and Fire" and the historical exposition "Rēzekne at the Turn of Ages", to take part in educational programmes ("A Latgalian: 24 hours"), to go on a sightseeing tour "Meeting in the city of Rose", and to attend shows and lectures.

Opening hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10:00-17:00; Saturday, 10:00-16:00.
Ticket price: LVL 0.40, LVL 0.20 for students.

Address: 102 Atbrīvošanas Ave., Rēzekne, Latvia,
GPS: 56.5077665, 27.3319261, **☎** +371 646 22464,
www.muzeji.lv, www.rezekne.lv, latgmuzejs@tvnet.lv

2 Rēzekne Castle Hill

The ruins of the Livonian Order castle are one of the most ancient historic sites of the city. From the 9th to the 13th century, fortified buildings along the river bank used to protect the residential area of Latgalian. In the late 13th century, Rozitten castle was built as a fortified residence for Livonian knights. Due to its strategic location, the castle was often under siege by the Russians, Lithuanians and Poles; in 1656-1660, the castle was completely demolished by the Swedish conquerors. The fortress was never rebuilt after that. Another building at the foot of Castle Hill, which houses the Centre of Art Services, impresses with its daring design and architectural outlines. The Centre, which was officially opened in 2012, is the largest Latvian building with grass lawns on the roof.

Address: Rēzekne, Latvia,
GPS: 56.5023795, 26.3346719,
☎ +371 646 05005, www.rezekne.lv

3 St. Nicholas Old Believer Preaching House

The preaching house was built in 1895; in 1906, it was rebuilt and acquired a bell tower with three bells. The bells, cast in 1905 by A.S. Lavrov's Company in Gatchina, are the crowning glory of the preaching house. A museum in the building of the preaching house is dedicated to the lifestyle of Latgalian Old Believers. Make sure to book your visit to the museum in advance.

Address: Siņicina Street 4, Rēzekne, Latvia,
GPS: 56.489799, 27.341448,
☎ +371 646 25471, +371 26354441, www.rezekne.lv

4 Confectionery house at Dzīles Farm

Landlady Aina, well-known for her pastry and cakes, will reveal to you her baking secrets and will offer you to bake a pie or a cake together. She possesses a huge collection of cake recipes and offers a great variety of home-made bakery and confectionary products: assorted bread, pizzas, pies, tarts, pastry, fancy cakes and pies. There is a possibility to order a customized wedding cake or pie.

Address: Malnava, Malnava parish, Kārsava county, Latvia,
GPS: 56.7782951, 27.7193550,
☎ +371 26538016, www.dziles.lv, dziles@dziles.lv

5 St Euphrosyne Orthodox Church in Kārsava

Kārsava Orthodox parish was established in 1911; that same year, a temporary church with an altar was built in the Kārsava parochial school. In 1917-1918, A. Vīckops, the priest of the Kārsava parish, turned his own house into a church and consecrated it to Saint Euphrosyne of Polotsk. In 1985, the bell tower and the cupola were rebuilt and a cross was placed above the altar. The nice church building features a typical East Slavic architectural approach. A vast garden around the church is a place where the famous Father Victor welcomes the believers. Visitors are admitted upon preliminary arrangement.

Address: Stacijas Street 36, Kārsava, Latvia,
GPS: 56.791652, 27.679249, **☎** +371 657 33327,
www.karsava.lv, www.pierobeza.lv



WHERE TO EAT:

Rozalija Restaurant at the Kolonna Rēzekne Hotel, 2 Brīvības St., Rēzekne, Latvia, GPS: 56.500329, 27.327323, ☎ +371 64607840, <http://www.hotelkolonna.com/hotel-rezekne/restaurant>

Latgale Restaurant at the Latgale Hotel, 98 Atbrīvošanas Ave., Rēzekne, Latvia, GPS: 56.5058428, 27.3309118, ☎ +371 26164444, anita@edieni.lv, www.edieni.lv

Little Italy Restaurant, 100 Atbrīvošanas Ave., Rēzekne, Latvia, GPS: 56.5073309, 27.3317416, ☎ +371 646 25771, +371 646 25770, info@littleitaly.lv

Mōls Bar & Art Salon, 22/24 Latgales St., Rēzekne, Latvia, GPS: 56.4993802, 27.3305235, ☎ +371 646 25353, +371 29460041.

Baravika Café & Restaurant, 11 Brāļu Skrindu St., Rēzekne, Latvia, GPS: 56.5046439, 27.3317008, ☎ +371 646 25072.

Irish Pub Bar, 174 Atbrīvošanas Ave. (at *Ziemeļblāzma* Cultural and Leisure Activity Centre), Rēzekne, Latvia, GPS: 56.5258730, 27.3446267, ☎ +371 646 38242

Argo Café, 9 Krāslavas St., Rēzekne, Latvia, GPS: 56.5005865, 27.3344819, ☎ +371 22016835

Café & Restaurant at Džokera Bowlinga Klubs Bowling Club, 24b Upes St., Rēzekne, Latvia, GPS: 56.5161497, 27.3504693, ☎ +371 20223232, +371 26339925, www.joker-rezekne.lv

WHERE TO STAY:

1 Latgale Hotel, 98 Atbrīvošanas Ave., Rēzekne, Latvia, GPS: 56.5058428, 27.3309118, ☎ +371 646 22180, info@hotellatgale.lv, www.hotellatgale.lv, up to 95 persons

2 Kolonna Rēzekne Hotel, 2 Brīvības St., Rēzekne, Latvia, GPS: 56.5003292, 27.3273233, ☎ +371 646 07820, reservationrezekne@kolonna.com, www.hotel.kolonna.com, up to 80 persons

3 Rebir Hotel, 165 Atbrīvošanas Ave., Rēzekne, Latvia, GPS: 56.5339274, 27.3463297, ☎ +371 646 38052, rebir@rebir.lv, up to 39 persons

4 Rītupes stārķi Guest House, Orinski, Salnava parish, Kārsava county, Latvia, GPS: 56.836338, 27.694590, ☎ +371 27860847, info@atputasbazes.lv, www.robeza.lv

INFORMATION:

i Rēzekne and Vijāni tourist information centre, 31 Krasta St., Rēzekne, Latvia, ☎ +371 646 22222, +371 26332249, tic@rezekne.lv, www.rezekne.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, www.pierobeza.lv

i Kārsava tourist information point, 53 Vienības St., Kārsava, Latvia, GPS: 56.7870148, 27.6751856, ☎ +371 29327265, turisms@karsava.lv, www.karsava.lv





KĀRSAVA – BALVI – RUGĀJI

~ 75 km

BALVI

There is some special charm about the town of Balvi that sets it out from the rest of Latvian towns. Ancient and modern buildings are in perfect balance with abundant greenery, which adds a nice European touch to the image of the town. Any visitor is a welcome guest here. Little tourists will definitely enjoy the playgrounds in the central public garden and in the Bear Garden with its 23 boulder compositions. Look out for the Balvi bears that hide among the rocks! When in Balvi, be sure not to miss the estate park and take a ride on board of *Vilnitis* raft across Lake Balvi. Balvi Museum will be of great interest both to adults and children, with its breath of antiquity alternating with breezes of modern times. The Water Lily fountain is Balvi's true adornment; just look at this flower blooming at its best by night!



4 **Paradīzes Guest House**, Brūklāji, Bērzkalne parish, Balvi county, GPS: 57.0804248, 27.3830531, ☎ +371 22009975, +371 29423688, up to 40 persons

5 **Zvejnieki Farmstead**, Īdeņa, Nagļi parish, Rēzekne county, Latvia, GPS: 56.7505875, 26.9475525, ☎ +371 29165392, +371 28301143, zvejnieki-lubans@inbox.lv, www.zvejnieki.lv, up to 25 persons

6 **Svīres Guest House**, Vaņķi, Bērzkalne parish, Balvi county, Latvia, GPS: 57.0993660, 27.2923346, ☎ +371 294 53349, up to 14 persons

WHERE TO EAT:

Dzirnas Café, 2 Rēzeknes St., Gaigalava, Gaigalava parish, Rēzekne county, Latvia, GPS: 56.7322117, 27.0686316, ☎ +371 29493578

Canteen at the Balvi estate, 47 Brīvības St., Balvi, Latvia, GPS: 57.1320357, 27.2575293, ☎ +371 27878580, +371 26162614

Kukuramba Pizzeria, 6 Partizanu St., Balvi, GPS: 57.1323189, 27.2639187, ☎ +371 20008865

Lāča ķepās Café (in Balvi Hotel), 14 Tautas St., Balvi, Latvia, GPS: 57.1295009, 27.2613232, ☎ +371 64521935

Nāc un Ēd Canteen, 3 Bērzpils St., Balvi, Balvi county, Latvia, GPS: 57.1308046, 27.2678684, ☎ +371 645 22843

Senda Café, 72 Brīvības St., Balvi, Latvia, GPS: 57.1315797, 27.2722678, ☎ +371 645 21778

1 Ceramic workshop of Jolanta and Valdis Dundenieks

Jolanta and Valdis Dundenieks are known as the artists who do not yield to the trite mainstream of 'trendy' ceramics, but preserve the secrets of authentic Latvian earthenware. In the workshop, you can watch a film that will show you how a lump of clay turns into a piece of earthenware. After the film, you will be offered to try yourself as a potter and create your own piece of ceramics. Visits upon prior arrangement.

Address: Saksmale, Bērzpils parish, Latvia, GPS: 56.8169344, 27.0886392, ☎ +371 29173889, www.balvi.lv, jvdundenieki@inbox.lv

2 Mežsētas Deer-breeding Farm

There are about 350 red deer of various ages grazed in a fenced area of the farm. You can approach and see them up close, and even feed them. 15 watchtowers, a gazebo, and a picnic ground are available at the site. There is a range of souvenirs on offer. The farm offers lodgings for the overnight stay and a sauna. Fish ponds with a total area of 12 hectares are rich in carp, trout, sheatfish, sturgeon and crayfish. Visit upon prior arrangement.

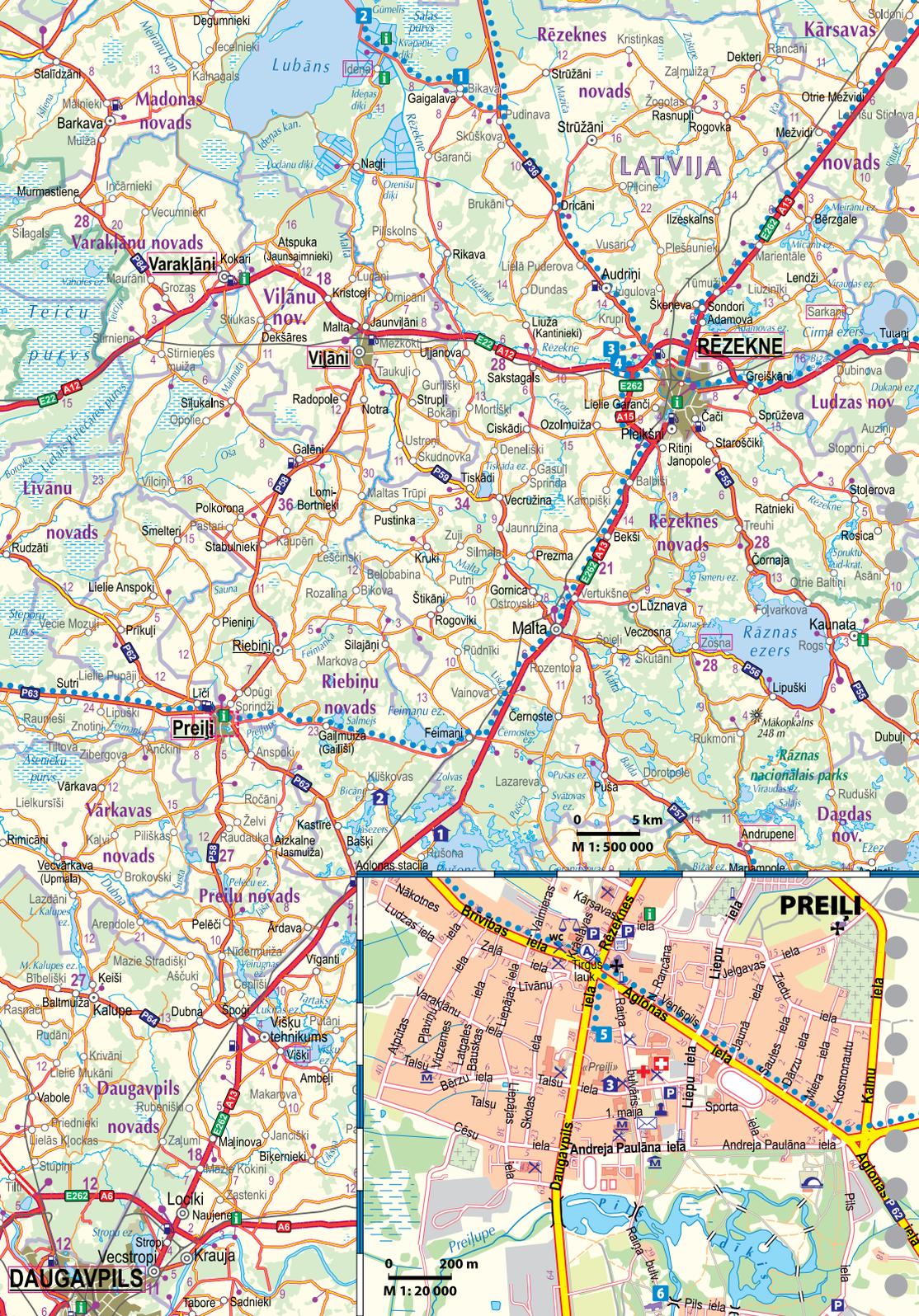
Address: Mežsētas, Sileniņi, Rugāji parish, Latvia, GPS: 57.005596, 27.130737, ☎ +371 29104212

WHERE TO STAY:

1 Hostel of Bērzpils Secondary School, 12 Dārza St., Bērzpils, Balvi county, Latvia, GPS: 56.8477108, 27.0836465, ☎ +371 26188635, berzpilsvsk@balvi.lv, up to 40 persons (June-July)

2 Balvi Hotel, 14 Tautas St., Balvi, Latvia, GPS: 57.1295009, 27.2613232, ☎ +371 645 22307, viesnicabalvi@inbox.lv, up to 40 persons

3 Vizbules Guest House, Bērzkalne, Bērzkalne parish, Balvi county, Latvia, GPS: 57.1041647, 27.3490242, ☎ +371 26472561, up to 50 persons



GAIGALAVA – AUDRIŅI – SPUNDŽĀNI – PREIĻI ~ 89 km



1 Gunārs Igaunis' workshop of ancient musical instruments

Here you can see the exhibition of ancient musical instruments and watch how new instruments are made. You can also try to play any instrument you like. Book your visit in advance.

Address: 2a Bikava St., Gaigalava parish, Latvia,
GPS: 56.733959, 27.070263, ☎ +371 28728790,
www.baltharmonia.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv



2 Bāka Water Tourism Development Centre

Bāka Water Tourism Development Centre offers lodging facilities, a hall for conferences or exhibition events, a terrace for bird watching. There is a parking lot for cars and caravans, a soccer field and a volleyball pitch, a playground for children, benches, a small stage, and an area for youth camps. You can take a sightseeing tour on a motorboat across Lubānas Lake or rent water skis, surfboards, and kites.

Address: Kvapani, Gaigalava parish, Rēzekne county, Latvia,
GPS: 56.7949443, 26.9449898, ☎ +371 26663358,
www.rezeknesnovads.lv, baka@rezeknesnovads.lv

PREIĻI

Preiļi is among the oldest settlements in Latvia; it was first mentioned in written sources in 1250. In chronicles of 1382, Preiļi was described as the estate owned by the Borch (Borchowie) count family. In 1852, Preiļi was granted the official status of a township, and since 11 February 1928, it has enjoyed the status of a town. Since 31 December 1949, Preiļi has been the administrative centre of the Preiļi district; this went on until 24 October 2000, when the Preiļi county was established by merging the Preiļi and Aizkalne parishes and the town of Preiļi.

3 Rozītes Household

Here you will find a unique privately owned collection of exotic birds and animals. You are welcome to see the windmill that was built by the household owner. Don't miss the opportunity to ring the sonorous bells made of copper and silver alloy! Visitors are admitted upon prior arrangement.

Address: Skredeļi, Audriņi parish, Rēzekne county, Latvia,
GPS: 56.5417613, 27.2555687, ☎ +371 26417666,
www.rezeknesnovads.lv

5 Jelena Mihailova's miniature kingdom and doll gallery

Jelena Mihailova, a local artist, has created a "kingdom in small", where one can try on fancy clothes and turn into a queen or a princess or a lady of the court, at least for a while. More than 200 dolls, handmade by the artist, are displayed in the gallery, waiting to be seen and admired.

4 Untumi Horse Ranch

Here you can enjoy horseback riding in summer and sleigh rides in winter. The stable yard 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 26227297, +371 26337449,
www.untumi.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv, ligita@untumi.lv

Opening hours:
 Monday-Sunday, 09:00-19:00 (in summer);
 Monday-Friday, 10:00-16:00,
 Saturday and Sunday, 10:00-17:00 (the rest of the year).
Ticket price: doll gallery: LVL 1.20 for adults,
 LVL 0.60 for schoolchildren, free entrance for preschool children; LVL 1.50 to try on a costume for adults,
 LVL 1.00 for preschool children.

Address: 21 Daugavpils St., Preiļi, Preiļi county, Latvia,
GPS: 56.2912, 26.7232,
 ☎ +371 653 21737, +371 26423837,
www.lellukaralvalsts.lv



6 Preiļi Park and the Borch Manor buildings

Preiļi Park is one of the most picturesque landscape parks in Latvia and the second largest park in the country, with its total area of 42.1 hectares. The noble Borch dynasty (Borchowie) is of particular importance to the history of Preiļi. The Borchs had been the landlords in Preiļi for almost 500 years, and the town owns much of its heritage to its former proprietors. The chapel, which was built in 1817, the residential castle of the counts, horse stables, the Island of Adam and Eve, and the Love Hill are the identity sights of the town.

Address: Preiļi, Latvia, **GPS:** 56.2866, 26.7289,
 ☎ +371 653 22041, +371 29116431,
 ☎ +371 29100689, www.preili.lv



WHERE TO EAT:

Pie Pliča Guest House, 9 Raiņa Blvd, Preiļi, Latvia,
GPS: N 56 29.149 E 26 72.646, ☎ +371 29121689,
www.pieplicaviss.lv, www.lauraplus.lv

Vilku Krogs Restaurant, 46 Liepājas St., Preiļi, Latvia,
GPS: N 56 28.853 E 26 72.085, ☎ +371 653 23333

Restaurant, 1a Kooperatīva St., Preiļi, Latvia,
GPS: N 56 29.703 E 26 72.377,
 ☎ +371 29638179, +371653 23588.
 Catering services upon advance orders.

Preilene Bistro, 15 Rēzeknes St., Preiļi, Latvia,
GPS: N 56 29.571 E 26 72.595, ☎ +371 653 07145

Centrs Café, 1 Krāslavas St., Preiļi, Latvia,
GPS: 56.2953598, 26.7243298, ☎ +371 653 24420

Express Café, 5a Rīgas St., Preiļi, Latvia,
GPS: N 56 29.908 E 26 70.870, ☎ +371 29425113

Levaž Cafe & Restaurant, 1a Kooperatīva, Preiļi, Latvia,
GPS: N 56 29.643 E 26 72.345, ☎ +371 26432050

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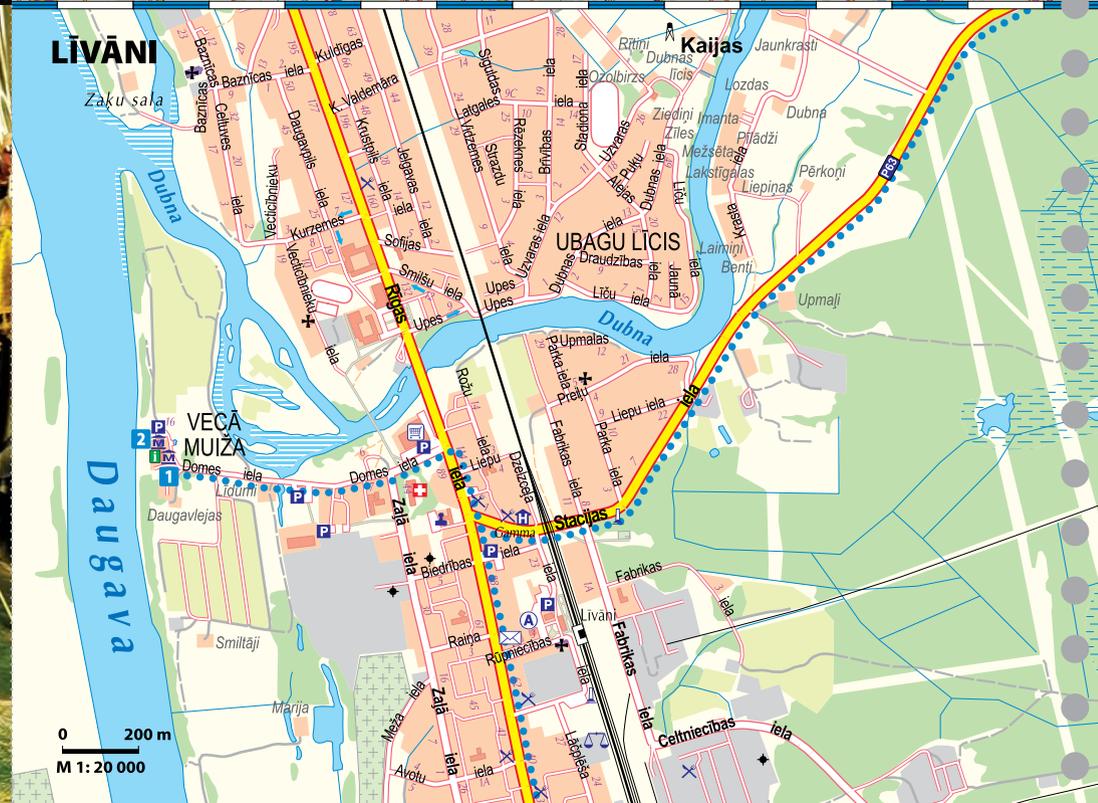
1 Preiļi tourist information centre, 4 Kārsavas St., Preiļi, Latvia,
GPS: 56.2954872, 26.7275232,
 ☎ +371 653 22041, +371 29100689, +371 29116431,
tic@preili.lv, www.preili.lv

WHERE TO STAY:

1 Simalas Guest House, Siveriņa, Rušona parish, Riebiņu county, Latvia, **GPS:** N 56.2035 E 27.0001,
 ☎ +371 29101378, +371 26413355,
zalaneanna@inbox.lv, up to 60 persons

2 Šaures Guest House, Šaures, Rušona parish, Latvia, **GPS:** N 56.2300 E 26.9285,
 ☎ +371 29642100, +371 29473563, up to 40 persons

3 Preiļi Hotel, 2a Talsu St., Preiļi, Latvia,
GPS: 56.2912873, 26.7247672, ☎ +371 26438147,
 up to 33 persons



PREIĻI – LĪVĀNI – NĪCGAĻE – DAUGAVPILS ~ 92 km



LĪVĀNI

Līvāni is the key to Latgale's entrance gate. Līvāni is considered to be founded in 1289, when it was mentioned for the first time in written documents as the fortified settlement of the Dubna Castle, which was located on the right bank of the Dubna River and was owned by Johann Iškšiles. The barn of the ancient manor currently houses the exhibition *Craftsmen in Latgale in the 19th and 20th Centuries*.

1 Līvāni Glass Factory Museum

Līvāni Glass Museum offers a unique opportunity to view the whole range of the products manufactured by the *Lettglass* glasshouse of Līvāni throughout the history of the enterprise. There are more than 4000 items in the collection. Guided tours for groups are provided upon prior arrangement.

Address: 1 Domes St., Līvāni, Latvia.
GPS: 56.356312, 26.175270, ☎ +371 653 81855,
 ☎ +371 28603333, +371 29157669,
 www.latgalesamatnieki.lv, www.livani.lv, lmac@livani.lv

2 Latgale Art and Craft Centre

Exhibition *Craftsmen in Latgale in the 19th and 20th Centuries* is available in the granary of the ancient manor. Best pieces of art and handcrafts are demonstrated in the exhibition hall; weavers and potters show their skills and works in their workshops and offer visitors to take part in production of their articles. Here you can see the longest waist band in Latvia, attend programmes "Embellishments of Silk", "Merry Craftsmen of Līvāni" (in collaboration with the *Turki Folk Association*), "The Amazing Līvāni", "The Plastic Art of Clay", "A Wedding in Latgale" that have been specially elaborated for tourists.

Opening hours:
 May-August: Wednesday-Friday, 09:00-18:00,
 Saturday, 10:00-16:00; Sunday, 11:00-15:00;
 September-October: Wednesday-Friday, 09:00-18:00,
 Saturday, 10:00-16:00;
 November-April: Wednesday – Friday, 09:00-17:00,
 Saturday, 10:00-16:00.

Address: 1 Domes St., Līvāni, Latvia.
GPS: 56.356312, 26.175270, ☎ +371 653 81855,
 www.latgalesamatnieki.lv, lmac@livani.lv

3 The Nīcgaļe boulder

This is the biggest boulder ever brought to Latvia by glaciers, a nature monument of national importance. It rests deep in forest, 6 km to the East of the Nīcgaļe train station. The boulder is 10.5 m long, 10.4 m wide and 3.5 m high; its perimeter is 31.1 m, and the volume of its above ground part is 170 m³. In 1938, forester A. Jotsons asked one of his subordinates to cut out three steps in the stone; the worker was paid 5 lats for each step. Visitors still use the steps to climb up the boulder. In the 18th and 19th centuries, a table and a set of chairs were put on the flat upper part of the boulder.

Address: Nīcgaļe, Nīcgaļe parish, Daugavpils county, Latvia,
GPS: N 56 09.238 E 26 27.511, ☎ +371 654 22818,
 www.visitdaugavpils.lv, info@visitdaugavpils.lv

WHERE TO EAT:

Gosiewski Gostinec Polish-style Tavern,
 Gančevski, Likсна parish, Daugavpils county, Latvia,
GPS: N 56 03.353 E 26 22.526, ☎ +371 654 75640,
 www.visitdaugavpils.lv

Bordertauna Café, Jersika, Jersika parish, Līvāni county, Latvia,
GPS: N 56 25. 49943, E 26 20. 59802,
 ☎ +371 653 81852

Preilene Bistro, 32 Rīgas St., Līvāni, Latvia,
GPS: N 56 34.61555, E 26 17.93436, ☎ +371 653 07145

Gamma Café, 5a Stacijas St., Līvāni, Latvia,
GPS: N 56 35. 48657, E 26 17. 56644, ☎ +371 653 81887

Sipres Canteen, 8 Cēlnieciņas St., Līvāni, Latvia,
GPS: N 56 34.96643, E 26 18. 37195, ☎ +371 29638405

INFORMATION:

1 Līvāni tourist information centre,
 1b Domes St., Līvāni, Latvia,
GPS: 56.358063, 26.163704,
 ☎ +371 653 81856, +371 29157669,
 asterija.vucena@livani.lv, www.livani.lv



DAUGAVPILS



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The second largest city in Latvia and the centre of Eastern Latvia, Daugavpils has given the world the outstanding painter Mark Rothko, "the king of tango" Oscar Strok and the actor, stage director, public and political figure Solomon Mikhoels (Vovsi). 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. Unique urban area of Daugavpils comprises the elements of Classicism and eclecticism; it sets Daugavpils out from other Latvian cities and yet constitutes a properly balanced ensemble.

1 Daugavpils fortress

Daugavpils fortress, the symbol of the city, is the only specimen of an East European fortress of the early 19th century that has remained almost unchanged up to the present time. The zigzag line of the fortifications consists of a bulwark with 8 bastions, 6 ravelins and 6 counterguards along with other defensive constructions. There is a bridge fortification on the left bank of the Daugava. Every detail of the fortress has been designed based on the best architectural patterns of Russia and Europe. The interior of the fortress was created in accordance with conventional layouts of military settlements, with the parade ground in the centre and the residential areas and office buildings grouped up around it. All facades have been designed in the Empire style, with the exception of Nicholas Gate and water tower that feature typical gothic outlines.

Address: Daugavas St., Daugavpils, Latvia,
GPS: N 55 52.966 E 26 29.959, ☎ +371 654 22818,
www.visitdaugavpils.lv, info@visitdaugavpils.lv



2 Daugavpils History and Art Museum

One of the oldest and biggest museums in Latgale invites you to see its exhibitions *Culture and History of the Daugavpils region*, *Nature of the Daugavpils region*. The art gallery presents works by Mark Rothko and Leonīds Bauļins.

Opening hours: Wednesday-Saturday, 10:00-18:00, Sunday: 10:00-16:00.

Ticket price: LVL 0.80 for adults, LVL 0.25 for students.

Address: Rīgas Street 8, Daugavpils, Latvia,
GPS: N 55 52.149 E 26 30.695, ☎ +371 654 24155,
www.dnmm.lv, museum@apollo.lv

3 Latgale Zoo

Here, in the artificial jungle, spotted pythons crawl, spotted caimans bask in the sun, red koi carps swim in the pond, frolic macaques and sugar gliders hang on lianas. The rain forest site teems with other tropical animals that swim, crawl, jump, leap, fly and pipe. Little tourists can caress a fluffy rabbit, play with guinea pigs and feed the fish in the pond.

Opening hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 09:00-18:00. Monday and Tuesday: days off.

Ticket price: LVL 0.40 for adults; LVL 0.20 for children.

Address: 27 Vienības St., Daugavpils, Latvia,
GPS: N 55 52.543 E 26 30.626, ☎ +371 654 26789,
<http://latgaleszoo.biology.lv>, eco@apollo.lv

4 Church Hill (Baznīcu kalns)

Any traveller who wishes to make closer acquaintance with Daugavpils ought to visit the Church Hill, a unique spot shared by churches of four different Christian confessions: the Martin Luther Cathedral, the Roman Catholic Church of the Most Holy Mother of God, the Daugavpils Orthodox Cathedral of Blessed Martyrs Sts Boris and Gleb, and Old Believers' Church of the Resurrection, the Nativity of the Theotocos and St Nicolus.

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



WHERE TO STAY:

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

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

3 **Olimpija Sports and Recreation Complex**, 2u Valkas St., Daugavpils, Latvia, GPS: N 55 52.745 E 26 33.774, ☎ +371 654 51070, info@hotel-olimpija-sk.lv, www.hotel-olimpija-sk.lv, up to 27 persons

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

5 **Parādīze Guest House**, 18 Novembra St. 193c, Daugavpils, Latvia, GPS: N 55 52.869 E 26 33.469, ☎ +371 654 51551, paradizehotel@gmail.com, www.paradizehotel.lv, up to 22 persons

6 **Hostel of the Daugavpils State Gymnasium**, 24 Saules St., Daugavpils, Latvia, GPS: N 55 52.869 E 26 33.469, ☎ +371 654 20611, +371 26159884, up to 60 persons

WHERE TO EAT:

Gubernators Restaurant, 10 Lāčplēša St., Daugavpils, Latvia, GPS: 55.868217, 26.515917, ☎ +371 654 22455, nemenovs@inbox.lv

Plaza Restaurant, 46 Ģimnāzijas St., Daugavpils, Latvia, GPS: 55.871583, 26.517067, ☎ +371 654 04912, restaurant@hotellatgola.lv, www.hotellatgola.lv

Hesburger Bistro, 55 Rīgas St., Daugavpils, Latvia, GPS: 55.872883, 26.522083, ☎ +371 654 57348, daugavpils@hesburger.fi, www.hesburger.lv

Čili Pica Pizzeria, 70 Cietokšņa St., Daugavpils, Latvia, GPS: 55.876783, 26.513883, ☎ +371 25424242, www.e-pica.lv

Čili Pica Pizzeria, 9 Rīgas St., Daugavpils, Latvia, GPS: 55.872000, 26.518600, ☎ +371 25424242, www.e-pica.lv

McDonald's, 18 Novembra St. 42, Daugavpils, Latvia, GPS: 55.867033, 26.529250, ☎ +371 654 21691, факс: +371 654 26931, www.mcdonalds.lv

Vita Café, 22a Rīgas St., Daugavpils, Latvia, GPS: 55.870517, 26.517450, ☎ +371 654 27706, ☎ +371 29469434, mezvidi.tabore@inbox.lv

Vēsma Bistro & Bar, 49 Rīgas St., Daugavpils, Latvia, GPS: 55.872683, 26.521167, ☎ +371 65410704, ☎ +371 654 44350, info@vesma.lv, www.vesma.lv



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

INFORMATION:

i **Aglona County Business Support Centre**, 34 Somersetas St., Aglona, Latvia, GPS: 56.1305616, 27.0066813, ☎ +371 65322100, +371 29118597, turisms@aglonalv.lv, www.aglona.travel

i **Balvi tourist information centre**, 46 Brīvības St. (Balvi County Museum), Balvi, Latvia, GPS: 57.130650, 27.277336, ☎ +371 645 22597, +371 29272948, turisms@balvi.lv, www.balvi.lv, www.pierobeza.lv

i **Dagda tourist information centre**, 8 Daugavpils St., Dagda, Latvia, GPS: 56.0954349, 27.5392153, ☎ +371 656 81420, +371 26244209, +371 656 81421, dagdas.feniks@inbox.lv, www.visitdagda.com

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

i **Kārsava tourist information point**, 53 Vienības St., Kārsava, Latvia, GPS: 56.7870148, 27.6751856, ☎ +371 29327265, turisms@karsava.lv, www.karsava.lv

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 **Līvāni tourist information centre**, 1b Domes St., Līvāni, Latvia, GPS: 56.358063, 26.163704, ☎ +371 653 81856, +371 29157669, asterija.vucena@livani.lv, www.livani.lv

i **Ludza tourist information centre**, 42 Baznīcas St., Ludza, GPS: 56.5476465, 27.7252127, ☎ +371 657 07203, +371 29467925, tic@ludza.lv, ligakondrate@inbox.lv, http://turisms.ludza.lv, http://www.draugiem.lv/ludzas-tic/, https://twitter.com/Ludzas_TIC

i **Naujene Tourist Office**, 1b Skolas St., Naujene, Daugavpils county, Latvia, GPS: 55.9313702, 26.7161378, ☎ +371 654 71321, muzejs@apollo.lv, www.naujene.lv

i **Preiļi tourist information centre**, 4 Kārsavas St., Preiļi, Latvia, GPS: 56.2954872, 26.7275232, ☎ +371 653 22041, +371 29116431, tic@preili.lv, www.preili.lv

i **Rēzekne and Viļāni tourist information centre**, 31 Krasta St., Rēzekne, Latvia, GPS: 56.5032653, 27.3338231, ☎ +371 646 22222, +371 26332249, tic@rezekne.lv, www.rezekne.lv, www.rezeknesnovads.lv

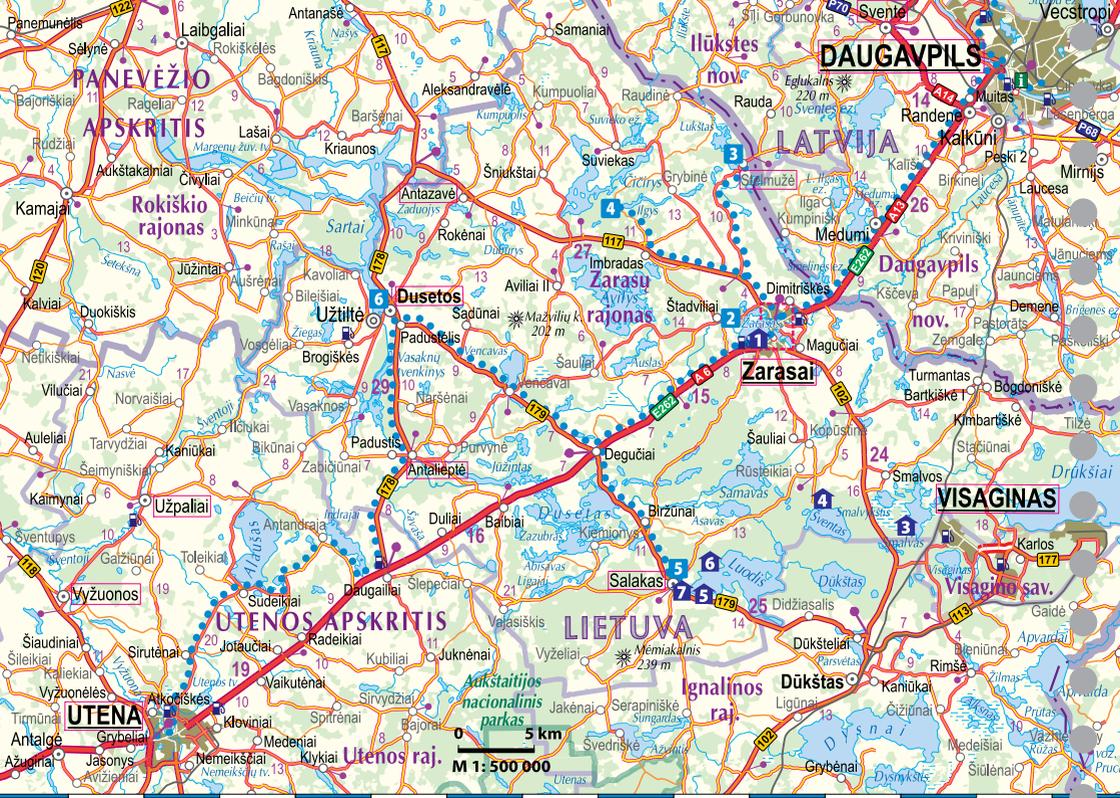
i **Riebiņi tourism coordinator**, 8 Saules St., Riebiņi, Riebiņi county, Latvia, GPS: 56.3402682, 26.8008107, ☎ +371 653 24375, rolands.naglis@riebini.lv, www.riebini.lv

i **Rugāji tourist information centre**, 36 Kurmenes St., Rugāji, Rugāji municipality, Latvia, GPS: 57.0020023, 27.1297828, ☎ +371 645 46674, +371 26355954, marite.ornina@rugaji.lv, www.rugaji.lv

i **Viļaka tourist information centre**, 13 Balvu St., Viļaka, Latvia, GPS: 57.1844666, 27.6694558, ☎ +371 29213878, turisms@vilaka.lv, www.vilaka.lv

i **Baltinava tourism coordinator**, 16 Kārsavas St., Baltinava, Latvia, GPS: 56.9426460, 27.6433556, ☎ +371 29364993, +371 64507268, turisms.baltinava@gmail.com, www.baltinava.lv

i **Zilupe tourism coordinator**, 13 Raiņa St., Zilupe, Latvia, GPS: 56.3889235, 28.1263058, ☎ +371 28656530, ilgaianova@inbox.lv, www.zilupe.lv, www.pierobeza.lv



DAUGAVPILS – ZARASAI

~ 29 km



3 Stelmuže village

The village Stelmuže is widely known in Lithuania due to the Stelmuže oak, the oldest oak in Europe. Perhaps only the nearby hills, lakes and field stones are older than this colossus. The oak is believed to be 1,500 years old. Here you will also see the Stelmuže Catholic Church of the Holy Cross, which was built in 1650; skillful Latvian carpenters who built the church used nothing but axes, not even a single iron nail. At those times, the church was owned by the Calvinists and belonged to the diocese of the Ilūkste Catholic Church in Latvia.

The church is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 till 18:00 and on Sunday from 10:00 till 17:00.
Ticket price: LTL2.00.

Address: Stelmuže village, Zarasai district, (Zarasai-Rokiškis road), Lithuania,
GPS: 55.829801, 26.217341,
☎ +370 385 39082, +370 64841617

ZARASAI

The old part of Zarasai is regarded as an architectural heritage site under state protection. The unique layout features a network of radial streets meeting at square in the centre of the town. Radial streets are interconnected by means of circular streets. Zarasai is the only Lithuanian urban area designed and built according to such pattern. Nevertheless, the layout of the old town fits nicely in the surrounding natural landscapes.

Many famous people have lived in the Zarasai district; their tombs can be found in local cemeteries. At present, there are 30 historical sites and 69 archaeological sites in the district, including hillforts and mounds, barrow cemeteries, monuments, and 6 stones of archaeological value. Besides, the district possesses 14 architectural heritage sites and 71 outstanding pieces of art, most of which are kept in local churches. You can visit any of the eight museums and a local art gallery.

1 Ferris Wheel observation platform

A wheel-shaped observation platform was opened on the shore of Lake Zarasas in 2011; it immediately became popular among the locals and guests of Zarasai. The observation platform is 17 metre high and 34 metre wide.

Address: D. Bukonto St., Zarasai, Lithuania,
GPS: 55.727954, 26.243971, **☎** +370 385 37171,
 turizmas@zarasai.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic

2 The watermill in Šlyninka

Here you can take a tour of the mill and help the hosts to mill flour. After milling, in the educational craft centre, you can try to knead dough for a pie, bake pancakes on charcoals, make a loaf of the dough remains and bake it in the oven. At the mill you will be treated to home-made bread, assorted cheese and tea and will be invited to take part in a quiz on local customs and traditions.

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday, from 10:00.
Address: Šlyninka village, Zarasai district, Lithuania,
GPS: 55.733891, 26.19786,
☎ +370 686 23348, +370 687 59106,
 vandensmalunas@gmail.com, www.slyninkosmalunas.lt

4 The site of Marian apparition

On 30 June, 1967, a miracle happened near a nameless rivulet that connects Ilgys and Pakaušis lakes: the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in front of two young men. The news of the epiphany spread far outside the local village of Kvintiškės. From this day on, this place teems with visitors and pilgrims all year round. Those who come to this unique site feel their spirit revived, their bodies refilled with power, and experience other positive effects. Crucifixes are often erected on the lakeside of Ilgys, and in summer visitors and the locals decorate the shore with flowers.

Address: Kvintiškės village, Zarasai district, Lithuania,
GPS: 55.803176, 26.083953,
☎ +370 385 37171,
 turizmas@zarasai.lt, www.zarasai.lt/tic

5 Sea Museum

Sea Museum is located in the Gražutė Regional Park Visitors' Centre. There are about 3,000 exhibits collected over 30 years, including artifacts from African coasts, islands of Indonesia, the Sea of Japan. The exposition set is continuously updated and expanded with new exotic fish, shells and corals.

Opening hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00-18:00,
 Saturday, 10:00-17:00 (June-August);
 Lunch 12:00-12:45.

Address: 14 Laisvoji Sq, Salakas, Zarasai district, Lithuania,
GPS: 55.579988, 26.13437, **☎** +370 385 59426,
 parkas@grazute.lt, www.grazute.lt

6 Dusetos Art Gallery and Sculpture Park

The gallery is the main culture and art centre for each and every artist who lives and works in the Zarasai region, such as the National Prize winner S. Sauka, N. Saukienė, E. Raugas, R. Pučekas, A. Staukas, and many others. The Sculpture Park was founded in summer 2008. In the park, you can see numerous works by famous Lithuanian artists and an oak that was planted by Valdas Adamkus, the President of Lithuania. Admission is free.

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday, 10:00-18:00.

Address: 31a Būgos St, Dusetos, Zarasai district, Lithuania,
GPS: 55.745011, 25.83751,
☎ +370 385 56878, +370 612 33086,
 dusetu.galerija@zarasai.lt

WHERE TO STAY:

1 **Zarasai Camping site** (accommodation in tents or motor caravans), 67 Kauno St., Zarasai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.718681, 26.222076, **☎** +370 620 93432 (in summer)

2 **Nakviša Guest House**, 2C Šiaulių St., Zarasai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.733265, 26.244596, **☎** +370 385 51642, +370 699 36701, nakvisa@alv.lt, www.nakvisa.alv.lt, **up to 22 persons**

3 **Smalvos Ecotourism Homestead**, Gailiutiškies village, Zarasai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.609934, 26.384707, **☎** +370 678 02221, info@smalvos.ru, www.smalvos.ru, **up to 30 persons**

4 **Švento Sodyba Ecotourism Homestead**, Kazeriškės village, Zarasai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.624905, 26.291628, **☎** +370 698 26947, sodyba@raginta.lt, www.raginta.lt, **up to 20 persons**

5 **Paukščių Sala Ecotourism Homestead**, Salakas, Zarasai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.572592, 26.155757, **☎** +370 698 44450, info@degesa.lt, www.degesa.lt, **up to 76 persons**

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

7 **Artūras Krumchol's Ecotourism Homestead**, Salakas, Zarasai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.581226, 26.13359, **☎** +370 699 33761, +370 699 45559, **up to 27 persons**

8 **Vijandra Ecotourism Homestead**, 12 Pakalnės St., Zarasai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.733141, 26.242652, **☎** +370 600 43810, +370 678 11847, lapera@langasiasteiti.lt, www.vijandra.lt, **up to 25 persons**

9 **Zarasai Guest House**, 15 Vitauto St., Zarasai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.733238, 26.244397, **☎** +370 385 52154, jaunimocentras@gmail.com



WHERE TO EAT:

Monopolis Restaurant, 8 Sėlių Sq., Zarasai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.731489, 26.24407, **☎** +370 385 30545

Svaja Café, 1C Sinagogos St., Zarasai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.73335, 26.243941, **☎** +370 385 52110

Diana Café & Bar, 7 Šiaulių St., Zarasai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.733861, 26.245276, **☎** +370 385 52337

Perlas Café, 16 Vilniaus St., Zarasai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.733856, 26.253227, **☎** +370 385 30713

Vandens Lelija Café, 27D Kauno St., Zarasai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.721168, 26.234779, **☎** +370 655 50808

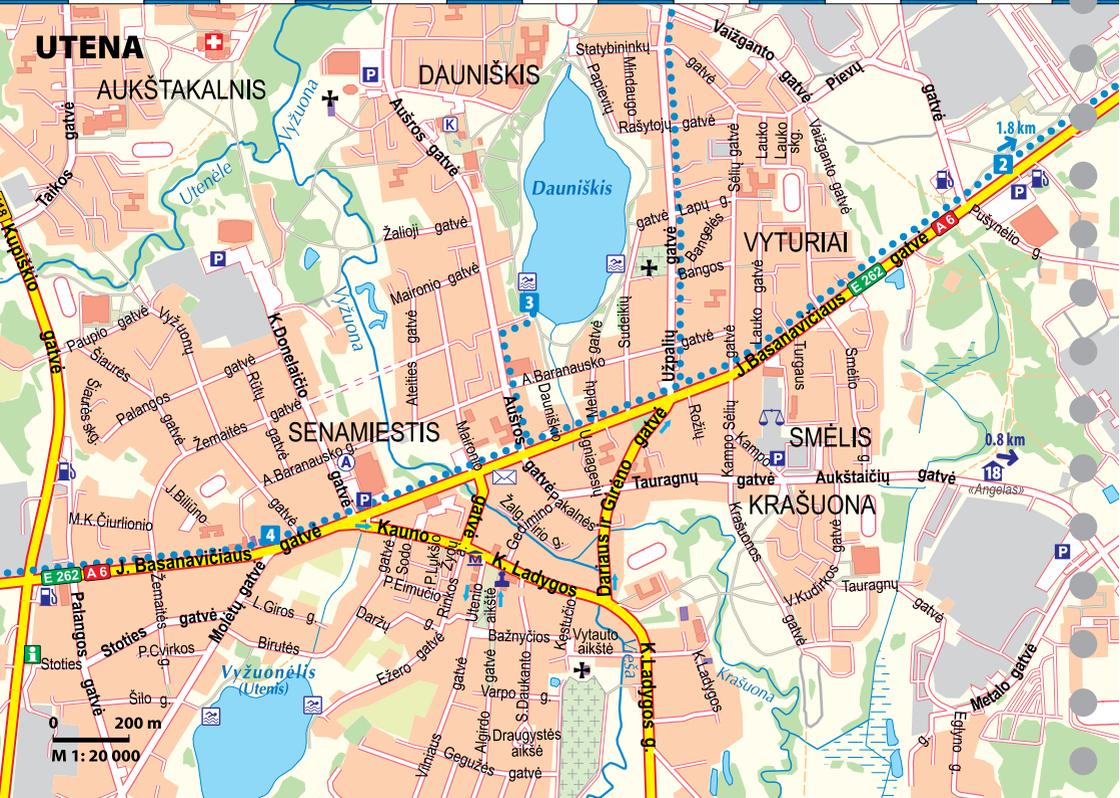
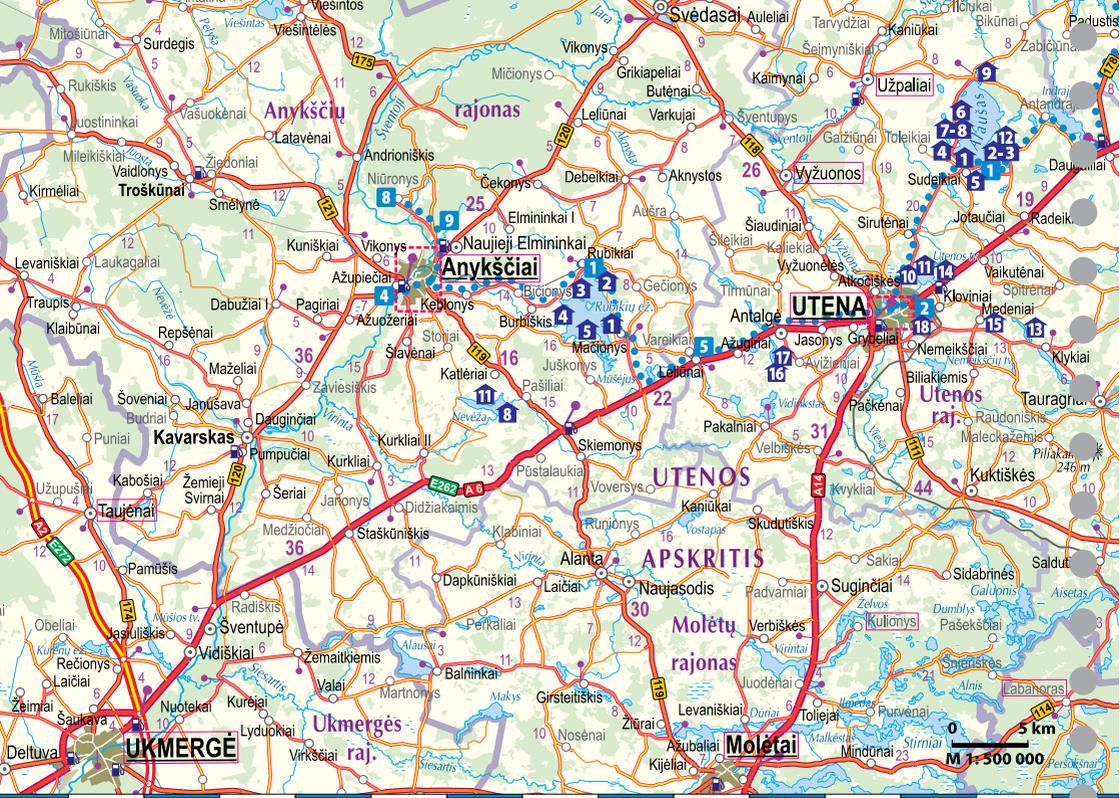
Kavos Galerija Café, 20-9 Sėlių Sq., Zarasai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.732752, 26.245579, **☎** +370 615 55673, kavosgalerija@gmail.com

Puiki Vietelė Café & Bar, Bajarų St., Lake Zarasas embankment, Zarasai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.732307, 26.241234, **☎** +370 686 93801

Paukščių Sala Café & Bar, Salakas, Zarasai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.572592, 26.155757, **☎** +370 685 44450, info@degesa.lt, www.degesa.lt

Degučių Karčiama Café, Degučiai village, Zarasai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.658801, 26.052911, **☎** +370 688 75974, www.deguciukarciama.lt





UTENA – ANYKŠČIAI

~ 38 km



UTENA

Utena, modern capital of the Aukštaitija ethnographical region, was mentioned for the first time in written documents of 1261. In 1599, Utena was granted a trade privilege. During the Great Northern War, the town was destroyed to the ground; it was in the 19th century that active revival of the town commenced, soon after the road Kaunas – Daugavpils had been built. Somewhat later the narrow-gauge railway connecting Panevėžys and Švenčionėliai was built, passing via Utena. The post office, built in the Classicism style in 1835, is the oldest building that has survived in Utena up till our days.

1 Raft trips across Lake Alaušas

A farmstead near Lake Alaušas invites you to take a trip across the lake on a raft that can accommodate 20 passengers. On your way across the lake, you will stop on Alaušas Island where you will be offered to take part in various entertainment activities. You can rent a boat, a motor boat, or a paddle boat, have a meal at a local café and relax in a sauna or a swimming pool.

Address: Salos village, Sudeikiai post office, Utena district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.584694, 25.70641, **☎** +370 389 34317, +370 389 66044, **✉** +370 698 03447, info@abuvalt, www.abuvalt

2 Utena Brewery Museum

Utenos Alus Brewery is a world-known brand since 1977; the brewery is famous for using soft and clear water that is ideal for producing beer. Chemical composition of the water in the Utena district is similar to the water used in the Czech city of Pilsen, the legendary capital of beer. This is why after its construction, Utenos Alus Brewery, one of the most modern breweries in the Soviet Union, invited Czech brewers over to Utena. The Czechs set up brewing equipment and made the pilot batch of beer. Take a guided tour to see how beer is made, visit the fermentation and bottling facilities of the brewery and taste four kinds of beer. The museum offers 2-hour guided tours for groups of 20 people. Visits upon prior arrangement.

Address: 12 Pramonės St., Utena, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.497029, 25.642985, **☎** +370 618 87753, muziejus@utenosalus.lt, jonas.lingys@svyturyrs.lt, www.utenosalus.lt

3 Dauniškis lakeside

There are several different trails and children's playgrounds around Lake Dauniškis. In 2011 the town of Utena celebrated its 750th birthday; for this grand event, Lake Dauniškis was decorated with lights and a musical fountain.

Address: Aušros St., Utena, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.502865, 25.602042, **☎** +370 38954346, +370 68721938 (TIC), tic@utenainfo.lt, www.utenainfo.lt

4 Former post office

Post office, built in 1831-1835, is the oldest building in Utena. The post office was used to deliver mail and change horses; some rooms were used as quarters for soldiers. The building also had rooms for travellers and for those waiting for passing carriages. The list of those who either stayed or changed horses here included Tsar Nicholas I of Russia with his son Alexander, a famous Russian artist Ilya Repin, French writer Honoré de Balsac. The cellar of the post office now hosts an art gallery.

Address: 36 J. Basanavičiaus St., Utena, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.496939, 25.592199, **☎** +370 389 61598, +370 687 73522, dailesm@daile.utena.lm.lt, www.daile.utena.lm.lt

5 Vytautas Valiušis' Museum of Ceramics

Ceramic pieces exhibited in the museum are characterized by a wide range of shapes, purposes, production techniques and ornaments. Here you can marvel at how the potter turns clay into pieces of art. Or maybe you would like to try to operate the potter's wheel and make your first ceramic pot?

Opening hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10:00-18:00; Saturday, 10:00-17:00. **Ticket price:** LTL 2.00.

Address: 7 Topolių St., Leliūnai, Utena district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.475539, 25.393338, **☎** +370 686 22807, +370 615 49525, vandavaliusiene@gmail.com

WHERE TO STAY:

1 Sudeikiai Camping Site (accommodation in tents and motor caravans), Sudeikiai, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.586086, 25.680296, ☎ +370 615 15324, ☎ +370 686 61520, +370 687 21938, +370 389 54346, tic@utenainfo.lt, www.utenainfo.lt

2 Alaušynė Ecotourism Homestead, Salos village, Sudeikiai Post Office, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.584694, 25.70641, ☎ +370 389 34317, +370 698 03447, info@abuva.lt, www.abuva.lt, up to 42 persons

3 Artūras Malinauskas's Ecotourism Homestead, Salos village, Sudeikiai Post Office, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.585376, 25.706964, ☎ +370 640 53571, ☎ +370 611 53036, malina660@gmail.com, up to 24 persons

4 Samanė Ecotourism Homestead, Sudeikiai, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.59425, 25.666309, ☎ +370 389 73948, +370 676 34348, +370 676 34347, up to 80 persons

5 Valė Leipuvienė's Ecotourism Homestead, 1 Tulpių St., Sudeikiai, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.582937, 25.681461, ☎ +370 389 34388, ☎ +370 682 36812, up to 21 persons

6 Alaušo Slėnis Leisure and Event Centre, Bikuškis village, Sudeikiai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.615213, 25.67884, ☎ +370 640 42840, fax: +370 656 02840, centras@alausoslenis.lt, www.alausoslenis.lt, up to 68 persons

7 Bikuškio dvaras Ecotourism Homestead, Bikuškis village, Sudeikiai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.605285, 25.692022, ☎ +370 687 20278, ☎ +370 686 14592, gruodiene@mail.tele2.lt, up to 24 persons

8 Julius Grižas's Ecotourism Homestead, Bikuškis village, Sudeikiai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.598228, 25.673559, ☎ +370 687 87259, up to 28 persons

9 Alaušai Ecotourism Homestead, Alaušai village, Sudeikiai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.636175, 25.699441, ☎ +370 620 75317, aldonagr@yahoo.com, www.sodybaalaušai.lt, up to 30 persons

10 Šaudorada Ecotourism Homestead, Šaltupys village, Sudeikiai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.521808, 25.617388, ☎ +370 389 77012, ☎ +370 614 66252, saudorada@gmail.com, up to 20 persons

11 Padbuožynė Ecotourism Homestead, Padbuožė village, Sudeikiai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.522078, 25.630159, ☎ +370 687 78962, ☎ +370 662 46871, info@padbuozyne.lt, www.padbuozyne.lt, up to 40 persons



12 Saulėleidis Homestead Ecotourism, Rukliai village, Sudeikiai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.590389, 25.721095, ☎ +370 685 31137, ☎ +370 655 69104, sauleleidis.sodyba@gmail.com, up to 20 persons

13 Vidų Sodyba Ecotourism Homestead, Katleriai village, Utena eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.485854, 25.74408, ☎ +370 616 10087, vidusodyba@gmail.com, www.vidusodyba.lt, up to 30 persons

14 Juosas Kačinskas' Ecotourism Homestead, Droničėnai village, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.517958, 25.653144, ☎ +370 389 50512, ☎ +370 68625643, +370 612 15125, +370 612 16867, saslas2003@yahoo.com, www.pasjuozal.lt, up to 25 persons

15 Pečiurkiemis Ecotourism Homestead, Medeniai village, Utena eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.490782, 25.702185, ☎ +370 615 20169, +370 687 97716, info@peciurkiemis.lt, www.peciurkiemis.lt, up to 30 persons

16 Alvydas Valiukas' Ecotourism Homestead, Mirkėnai village, Leliūnai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.465499, 25.482238, ☎ +370 688 41017, +370 613 09981, alvydas222@gmail.com, www.valiukosodyba.lt, up to 28 persons

17 Ilgio Vingis Ecotourism Homestead, Margavonė village, Leliūnai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.473014, 25.481055, ☎ +370 678 23019, info@ilgiovingis.lt, www.ilgiovingis.lt, up to 20 persons

18 Angelas Hotel, 2 Aukštaičių St., Utena, Lithuania, GPS: 55.493422, 25.6315, ☎ +370 389 69009, +370 646 08063, hotelangelas@gmail.com, www.hotelangelas.lt, up to 60 persons

**WHERE TO EAT:**

Angelo Menė Restaurant, 2 Aukštaičių St., Utena, Lithuania, GPS: 55.493422, 25.6315, ☎ +370 389 69009, +370 646 08063, hotelangelas@gmail.com, www.hotelangelas.lt

Alaušo Slėnis, Restaurant & Bar, Bikuškis village, Sudeikiai eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.615213, 25.67884, ☎ +370 640 42840, fax: +370 656 02840, centras@alausoslenis.lt, www.alausoslenis.lt

Alaušynė Café, Salos village, Sudeikiai Post Office, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.584694, 25.70641, ☎ +370 389 34317, +370 389 66044, info@abuva.lt, www.abuva.lt

Auksiniai Liūtai Restaurant, 55 J.Basanavičiaus St., Utena, Lithuania, GPS: 55.497957, 25.599916, ☎ +370 389 61202

Charlie Pizza Pizzeria, 127 J.Basanavičiaus St., Utena, Lithuania, GPS: 55.504111, 25.624401, ☎ +370 620 14227, vrg1.23@vici.eu, www.charlie.lt

Elfas Café, 37 Aušros St., Utena, Lithuania, GPS: 55.502865, 25.602042, ☎ +370 656 89875, salanginas@gmail.com

Čili Pica Pizzeria, 21 Aušros St./ 44 Baranausko St., Utena, Lithuania, GPS: 55.500626, 25.602735, ☎ +370 389 50083, www.cilil.lt

Charlie Pizza Pizzeria, 78 Aušros St., Utena, Lithuania, GPS: 55.507543, 25.596255, ☎ +370 389 50194, vrg1.13@vici.eu, www.charlie.lt

Žarija Café, 2 Ladygos St., Utena, Lithuania, GPS: 55.496065, 25.603228, ☎ +370 389 50481

ABU Café, 3b Aukštaičių St., Utena, Lithuania, GPS: 55.49689, 25.625013, ☎ +370 389 66044, info@abuva.lt, www.abuva.lt

Visis Café, 66 Palangos St., Utena, Lithuania, GPS: 55.497945, 25.583714, ☎ +370 389 56907, ☎ +370 616 06682, liutgaras@liutgaras.lt

Prie Užtvankos Barbecue House, Droničėnai village, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.517885, 25.655886, ☎ +370 389 50512, +370 686 25643, +370 612 16867, www.pasjuozal.lt, saslas2003@yahoo.com

Nakvena Café, Kauliniškis village, Vyžionis eldership, Utena district, Lithuania, GPS: 55.516625, 25.566261, ☎ +370 389 73948



ANYKŠČIAI – NIŪRONYS

~ 5 km



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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.

Still have doubts?
Well, it is time for you to prove it yourself!

1 Paddle boat trip across Lake Rubikiai

You will be touched by the fascinating panoramic view of Lake Rubikiai and its surroundings. Rubikiai is one of the highest lakes above the sea level (163 m high). What makes the lake a truly spectacular sight are its 16 islands that can only be reached by water.

Opening hours: May-October: Monday-Saturday, by arrangement.
Price: from LTL 15.00.

Address: Rubikiai village, Anykščiai district, Lithuania,
GPS: 55.527989, 25.282025, ☎ +370 659 88610,
reg.tyla@yahoo.com, www.zuviene.visiems.lt

2 Summer sledge track

Summer sledge track is a unique one-of-a-kind attraction in Lithuania. You can enjoy a sledge ride any time of year, rain or shine, wet or fine. The attraction is safe; maximum speed of the sledges does not exceed 40 km/h due to centrifugal speed brakes. The roller coaster track is 0.5-kilometre long.

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday, 10:00-19:00.
Ticket price: LTL5.00; LTL4.00 for children under 12.

Address: 25 Kalno St., Anykščiai, Lithuania,
GPS: 55.525342, 25.125668,
☎ +370 381 78144, +370 698 73879,
kalita@res.lt, www.kalitoskalnas.lt

3 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: LTL4.00; LTL3.50 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,
turizmas@siaurukas.eu, www.siaurukas.eu

4 Kart racing in the Anykščiai kart circuit

Anykščiai kart circuit is open to the fans of extreme kart racing all year round. Entertainment races are arranged for people of various ages. The track is often used as a venue for competitions and championships.

Opening hours: May-September: Monday-Sunday, 11:00-19:00; October-April: upon arrangement.
Ticket price: LTL 10.00 - LTL 20.00.

Address: motorway No.120 (Anykščiai-Ukmergė), 1 km away from Anykščiai, **GPS:** 55.518735, 25.070052,
☎ +370 687 81480, ts@motorsportas.lt, www.motorsportas.lt



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5 Adventure Valley Park (Dainuvos Nuotykių Slėnis)

The park is situated in the famous Anykščiai pine forest, not far from the centre of Anykščiai, on the left bank of river Šventoji. You can try any of the six tracks of various difficulty levels or choose a "flight" above river Šventoji.

Opening hours:

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

Ticket price: LTL 10.00 – LTL 40.00.

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



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6 Wine Route guided tour and wine sampling

Anykščių Vynas, the oldest winery in Lithuania, is a modern enterprise that manufactures high-quality fragrant wine with a unique remarkable flavour. Black currant wine Voruta is now a certified product distributed through the Lithuanian National Heritage network and European Culinary Heritage network. "Vyno kelias" (Wine Route) Programme offers a guided tour of the winery and sampling of *Anykščių Vynas* products.

Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday, upon arrangement.
Ticket price: LTL 20.00.

Address: 8 Dariaus ir Girėno St., Anykščiai, Lithuania,
GPS: 55.524422, 25.108151,
☎ +370 381 50313, +370 615 44270,
degustacija@anvynas.lt, www.anvynas.lt

7 Observation tower at the Šeimyniškielių 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.vienulis@delfi.lt, www.baranauskas.lt

8 Bread baking master classes

The Horse Museum in Niūronys offers educational programmes dedicated to local Christmas and Easter customs; you can also watch a baker at work and see how candles are made. The most spectacular and popular element of the programme is the bread baking show. Guests are invited to an ancient Aukštaitian hut and hear a story about the long way that bread makes, from rye grains sown in the field to the freshly baked loaf on a table. Visit Niūronys on the first Saturday of June to take part in a local festival *Bėk bėk Žirgeli (Run, Stallion, Run)*.

Opening hours: upon arrangement.

Ticket price: LTL 16.00; LTL 10.00 for schoolchildren.

Address: Niūronys village, Anykščiai district, Lithuania,
GPS: 55.573447, 25.086543,
☎ +370 616 25124 (Nijolė Kačkuvienė),
☎ +370 612 69545 (Rita Vasiliauskienė),
arkliomuziejus@gmail.com, www.arkliomuziejus.lt

9 Off-road trips in a military truck

Take an extreme off-road tour across the Anykščiai district to get an unforgettable experience! During the tour you will visit the quartz outcrop of Varyus, see a six-trunk oak, and observe impressive peaks and slopes of the Šventoji River.

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday, upon arrangement.
Ticket price: LTL 600.00.

Address: Gojus village, Anykščiai district, Lithuania,
GPS: 55.556031, 25.144339, ☎ +370 687 81480,
arunas@subaru.lt, www.gojauskaimas.lt

WHERE TO STAY:

1 Ajerynė Ecotourism Homestead, Mačionys, Skiemonis eldership, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.487389, 25.306996, ☎ +370 687 48458, www.atostogoskaime.lt/krikstaponio-sodyba, up to 60 persons

2 Esina Ecotourism Homestead, Aniūnai, Skiemonis eldership, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.524267, 25.293905, ☎ +370 686 29344, uab.esina@gmail.com, www.atostogoskaime.lt/esina, up to 43 persons

3 Pas Diržius Ecotourism Homestead, Rubikiai, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.512, 25.262285, ☎ +370 699 27071, sodyba@turizmas.lt, up to 40 persons

4 Šapokų Sodyba Ecotourism Homestead, Rubikiai, Anykščiai eldership, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.498331, 25.248125, ☎ +370 611 53795, s.beata@erdves.lt, up to 25 persons

5 Žvejo Sapnas Ecotourism Homestead, Bijeikiai, Anykščiai eldership, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.487705, 25.266012, ☎ +370 698 74916, www.zvejospapnas.lt, up to 48 persons

6 Nykščio Namai Hotel***, 18 Liudiškių St., Anykščiai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.522706, 25.118339, ☎ +370 381 58520, www.nykscionamai.lt, up to 115 persons

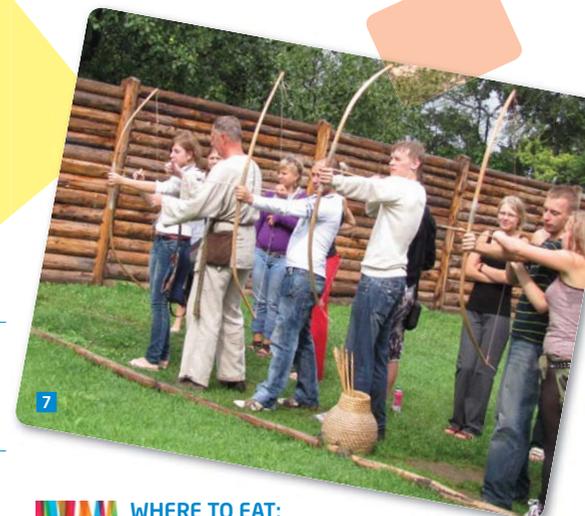
7 Puntukas Hotel**, 15 A.Baranausko Sq., Anykščiai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.524953, 25.103296, ☎ +370 610 00620, +370 381 51345, kulirima@gmail.com, up to 40 persons

8 Radvilių Sodyba Ecotourism Homestead, Paežerių-1 village, Skiermonis eldership, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.44661, 25.194455, ☎ +370 614 97683, +370 612 14744, info@radviliu-sodyba.lt, www.radviliu-sodyba.lt, up to 36 persons

9 Anykščių Šilėlis Recreation Centre**, 80 Vilniaus St., Anykščiai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.510537, 25.084549, ☎ +370 381 58885, +370 687 36919, info@anyksciusilelis.lt, www.anyksciusilelis.lt, up to 83 persons

10 Hostel of the Anykščiai Technology School, 2 Ažupiečių St., Anykščiai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.520146, 25.081759, ☎ +370 381 59404, ☎ +370 616 07728, info@zum.anyksciai.mil.lt, <http://www.anyksciutmlt>, up to 40 persons

11 Bitės Vila Ecotourism Homestead, Antezėris village, Skiermonis eldership, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.453233, 25.1658, ☎ +370 698 07945, bitesvila@gmail.com, www.bitesvila.lt, up to 70 persons



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WHERE TO EAT:

Žuviėnės Pašiūrė Café, Rubikiai, Anykščiai eldership, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.527957, 25.282025, ☎ +370 659 88610, reg.tyla@yahoo.com, www.zuviene.visiems.lt

Nykščio Namai, Café, Bar & Restaurant, 18 Liudiškių St., Anykščiai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.522706, 25.118339, ☎ +370 381 58520, www.nykscionamai.lt

Paukštukas Pūga (chocolate, coffee and tea), 3A Daukanto St., Anykščiai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.52397, 25.104527, ☎ +370 619 49840

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

Erdvė Café, 8 A.Baranausko Sq., Anykščiai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.524761, 25.104956, ☎ +370 381 54300

Puntukas Café & Bar, 15 A.Baranausko Sq., Anykščiai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.524953, 25.103296, ☎ +370 381 51345

Šilės Café, 80 Vilniaus St., Anykščiai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.51063, 25.084843, ☎ +370 381 58 885, ☎ +370 687 36919, www.anyksiu-silelis.lt

Laumės Vingis Café, 2 Mindaugo St., Anykščiai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.512316, 25.095901, ☎ +370 381 52752

Jara Jums Pizzeria, 13 K.Ladigos St., Anykščiai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.525322, 25.110368, ☎ +370 381 59191

Anykščių Vyno Canteen, 8 Dariaus ir Girėno St., Anykščiai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.524477, 25.108098, ☎ +370 381 50204

Bistro, St. Statubininkų 8-1, Anykščiai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.522725, 25.118332, ☎ +370 645 21071

Šaltinis Café, 1 Šaltinio St., Kavarskas, Anykščiai district, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.432942, 24.926958, ☎ +370 381 55147

Pagoja Café, 61 J. Biliūno St., Anykščiai, Lithuania, **GPS:** 55.52964, 25.121226, ☎ +370 645 34571



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

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

Details on the visa formalities pertaining to those going from Lithuania to the Republic of Belarus are available at www.lithuania.mfa.gov.by

Embassy of the Republic of Latvia in the Republic of Belarus.

6a Daraševiča (*Doroshevicha*) St., 220013 Minsk, **☎** +375 17 211 30 33, +375 17 217 51 15, **fax:** +375 17 284 73 34

Consulate of the Republic of Latvia in Viciebsk (*Vitebsk*).

27a B. Hmelnickogo (*B. Khmelnitskogo*) St., 210015, Viciebsk (*Vitebsk*), **☎** +375 212 23 55 18, **fax:** +375 212 23 55 17

Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in the Republic of Belarus.

68 Zaharava (*Zakharova*) St., 220088 Minsk, **☎** +375 17 285 24 49, **fax:** +375 17 285 33 37

Embassy of the Republic of Belarus in the Republic of Latvia.

12 Jēzusbaznīcas St., LV-1050 Rīga, **☎** +371 6 722 25 60, **fax:** +371 6 732 28 91, **Answering machine:** +371 6732 25 50, **e-mail:** latvia@belembassy.org

Consulate General of the Republic of Belarus in Daugavpils (Latvia), 18 Novembra St. 44, LV-5403 Daugavpils, **☎** +371 654 20 965, **fax:** +371 654 26 145, **e-mail:** daugavpils@belembassy.org

Embassy of the Republic of Belarus in the Republic of Lithuania.

13 Mindaugo St., LT-03225 Vilnius, **☎** +370 5 266 22 00, 370 52 66 22 11, **fax:** +370 5 266 22 12, **e-mail:** lithuania.emb@mfa.gov.by

Consular Section of the Embassy of the Republic of Belarus in Lithuania.

41 Muitinēs St., LT-03113 Vilnius, **☎** +370 5 213 22 55, **fax:** +370 5 233 06 26, **e-mail:** lithuania.cons@mfa.gov.by

VISA SUPPORT FOR BELARUS IN LATGALE (LATVIA):

Gertruda Travel Agency, 66 Viestura St., LV-5401 Daugavpils, Latvia, **☎** /**fax:** +371 654 24199, +371 26815359, info@gertruda.lv, www.gertruda.lv

Mari Travel Agency, 25 Viestura St., LV-5401 Daugavpils, Latvia, **☎** +371 654 29773, +371 29247110, info@mari.lv, www.mari.lv

Tourist Office of Park Hotel Latgola, 46 Čimnāzijas St., LV-5401 Daugavpils, Latvia, **☎** +371 654 04900, turisms@hotellatgola.lv, www.hotellatgola.lv

Remaco Travel Agency, 18 Imantas St., LV-5401 Daugavpils, Latvia, **☎** +371 654 24181, dinaburg@remaco.lv, www.remaco.lv

M.A.R.K.-D Travel Agency, 42 Čimnāzijas St., LV-5401 Daugavpils, Latvia, **☎** +371 654 27473, +371 29192123, 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, www.ta-tevzeme.lv

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USEFUL INFORMATION

BORDER CROSSING

Belarus-Latvia border crossing points:

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

Car road checkpoints:
Hryharouščyna (*Grigorovshchina*)/Paternieki, 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*)/Kraūkūnai, Dotiški (*Dotishki*)/Eišiškės, Kemeliški (*Kemelishki*)/Prienai, Klievica (*Klevitsa*)/Ureļiai, 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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