











## VITEBSK – BEŠENKOVIČI





### VITEBSK



Vitebsk is a city with a special aura, which has always discovered and encouraged talents, a city where world famous artists used to work and live: Ilya Repin, Yehuda Pen, Marc Chagall, Kazimir Malevich. Vitebsk is a city of celebrations, contests and festivals, youth creative performances, variety shows and review competitions of talented youth.



#### Church of the Annunciation

Tysiacheletia sq., Vitebsk

Tel.: + 375 212 37 35 09, 37 32 05 (Vitebsk eparchy)

http://www.vitebsk.orthodoxy.ru

A very special technology was used in the process of church construction, dated back to the 12th century: the church walls were made of rows of white hewn limestone blocks and double rows of plinth (flat and wide bricks).

#### Saint Barbara Church

#### 25, Leninskaya str., Vitebsk

This church was built in 1884 and is known for its organ; numerous organ music concerts are regularly held here together with the Vitebsk Regional Philharmonic Hall.

### Svyato-Pokrovsky Sobor (Cathedral church)

2, Shubina str., Vitebsk,

Tel.: + 375 212 37 48 31, 37 64 31

The cathedral was built in 1806–1821 by Trinitarian monks (catholic order of the Blessed Trinity). In 1858 the church turned into Orthodox Church and was used for praying in the city even during the Second World War occupation period.

## Svyato-Uspenskaya church

15, Kommunisticheskava str., Vitebsk

Tel.: + 375 212 37 25 48

## http://www.vitebsk.orthodoxy.ru

Constructed in 1852. The sacred place holds parts of Holy relics of St. Theophan the Recluse, righteous man John the Russian, Great Martyr Barbara and thirty more saints.

### Former governor palace

## 18, Sovetskava str., Vitebsk

Residence palace of Belarusian governor general Duke Alexander of Württemberg, and house of a famous Russian writer Ivan Lazhechnikov. Even Napoleon used to visit the palace and it was the very place where Grand Duke Konstantin, brother of Emperor Nicholas I, perished during the cholera outbreak.

### Land bank building

### 4. Tolstogo str., Vitebsk

The house was built in the middle of 19th century by brothers Vitenbergs, merchants. From 1906 up to 1910 the house hosted the Vitebsk private grammar school named after Ivan Nerush, which was famous for its teacher, well-known Belarusian folklorist and ethnographer Nikolai Nikiforovskii.

## Building of the former Women's eparchial school

## 6, Gogolia str., Vitebsk

The building was erected in 1902 at the bank of the Zamkoviy stream, at the so-called Duhovskaya Mountain. Nowadays the building has turned into the Vitebsk Regional Deputy Council and Regional Executive Committee.

### Vitebsk Regional Local History Museum

36, Lenina str., Vitebsk (the building of former City Hall)

Tel.: + 375 212 36 47 12

Schedule: 11.00 – 18.00. Monday off

Erected in 1918 as the Vitebsk regional museum and part of Antiquity Museum. The museum exhibits comprise archaeological evidence, collections of numismatics, cold steel arms of Europe and Eastern countries, Masonic attributes, tapestry, glass-ware, porcelain, birchbark manuscripts, natural science collections etc.

## Vitebsk Art Museum

## (Branch of Vitebsk Regional Local History Museum)

32, Lenina str., Vitebsk (former district court)

Tel.: + 375 212 36 22 31

Schedule: 11.00 – 18.00. Monday, Tuesday off.

The exhibit presents collections of Russian and European porcelain and faience of the 17th – beginning of the 20th centuries, Belarusian needlecraft of the first half of 19th century, houseware of Nalibokskaya and Urechskaya workhouses of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The museum keeps numerous icon collections, as well as works of well-known artists (Azgur, Leitman, Aivazovsky, Vereshchagin, Levitan, Bialynitski-Birulia, Khrutski etc.).

Zapadnaya Dvina in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. On August 10 every year a mass procession is held here, with the icon being carried along the streets of the town from Resurrection Cathedral to Hodegetria and back.

#### Disna Historical Museum

5. Kuzmina str., Disna, 5

Tel.: + 375 2152 3 73 46

Enthusiasts from the boarding-school collected lots of materials dedicated to the history of Disna, including exhibits from the archaeological excavations of 1982. Here we can trace the town history from the Stone Age up to the present time.

## **Restaurants:**

Cafe "Dvina"

11. Yubileinava str., Disna Tel.: + 375 2152 3 73 98

## Hotels:

Hotel, 26, Yubileinaya str., Disna Tel.: + 375 2152 3 73 86

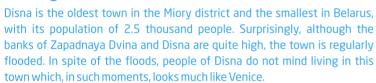


## POLOTSK - DISNA





## DISNA





### Stephen Báthory Island

The island is located at the spot where the two rivers run into each other. At this spot, the history of Disna began. Historical name of the town, Báthory Island, is well-known up to our days. In 1579, before Polotsk campaign (at this time, Polotsk was occupied by the troops of Ivan the Terrible), King Stephen Báthory made a camp here and reviewed his troops. According to the legend, the king ordered to deepen the ditch surrounding the castle to make it inaccessible. This is how the river beds of Dvina and Disna merged and the castle turned into an island.

#### Centenary bridge

This unique arch bridge with wooden cover on metal and stone ground has been used for more than 100 years.

## Resurrection Cathedral of the 19th century

Disna, Yubileinaya str., (before - Zamkovaya str.)

The walls of this stone church keep the icon of Hodegetria of the  $15^{\rm th}$  century. According to the legend, this icon came to Disna through

# Vitebsk Literature Museum (Branch of Vitebsk Regional Local History Museum)

13, Frunze str., Vitebsk Tel.: + 375 212 37 05 89

Schedule: 11.00 – 18.00. Monday, Tuesday off.

The exhibit presents literature works in the Vitebsk region, while some sections are dedicated to the life and work of Euphrosyne of Polotsk, Francysk Skarvna. Simeon of Polotsk, lan Barszczewski etc.

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

26, Dovatora str., Vitebsk. Tel.: + 375 212 37 22 69

Schedule: 11.00 – 18.00. Monday off

The museum was founded in 1993, based on the collection of Golkevich, which was owned by the Vitebsk Regional Local History Museum. It owns numerous collections in the sphere of numismatics, bonistics, sphragistics, faleristics, sculpture.

# Repin's museum-estate "Zdravnevo" (Branch of the Vitebsk Regional Local History Museum)

Ruba village, Vitebsk region Tel.: + 375 212 29 16 73

The estate is located 16 km to the north of Vitebsk where former estate of the well-known Russian artist Ilya Repin was situated. The most valuable exhibits of the regional local history museum include Repin's watercolours, pictures, icons as well as photos, letters and books by Repin.

## Marc Chagall Vitebsk Museum, Marc Chagall Art Centre

2, Putna str., Vitebsk Tel.: + 375 212 37 27 37

Schedule: 11.00 – 18.00. Monday, Tuesday off.

Opened in 1993 in the house which is considered to be an architectural monument of the end of the 19th century. You can visit two permanent exhibits: "Marc Chagall and Vitebsk"; "Graphic arts of Marc Chagall". The museum collection comprises more than 300 graphic art works by Marc Chagall.

## Marc Chagall House Museum

11, Pokrovskaya, Vitebsk Tel.: + 375 212 36 34 68

Schedule: 11.00 – 18.30. Off days: October 1 – March 1: Monday,

Tuesday; March 1 – October 1: Monday

Opened in 1997. House museum is located in Pokrovskaya Street in the house which was built by the artist's father at the beginning of 1900s. Childhood and youth of Marc Chagall are closely connected with this house.

# Exhibition Hall of the Vitebsk Branch of Belarusian Commonwealth of Artists

5, Beloborodova str., Vitebsk Tel.: + 375 212 21 48 94

Comprises the works of Vitebsk painters, graphic designers, sculptors, applied and decorative arts painters. In the salon you can buy the works by famous Vitebsk artists.

## Exhibition Hall of Vitebsk Regional Arts and Crafts Centre

35a, Lenina str., Vitebsk

Here you can enjoy the exhibitions of arts and crafts as well as the works of naïve art branch of Vitebsk and regional artists.

## Exhibition Hall of the Centre of Folk-crafts and Art "Zadvinie"

3, Chaikovskogo str., Vitebsk (bay of Dvina)

Tel.: + 375 212 36 05 81

"Zadvinie" organizes various folk-crafts exhibitions for both amateurs and professional artists of Vitebsk and holds city festivals, fairs and holidays of Belarusian folk calendar.

### Vitebsk museums (www.museum.by):

#### Tourist information centre:

12, Dimitrova str., Vitebsk Tel.: + 375 212 36 99 54

E-mail: tic\_vitebsk@belladvina.com

# Hotels: "Eridan"

21/17, Sovetskaya str. Tel.: + 375 212 36 24 56 www.eridan-vitebsk.com

#### "Luchesa"

1, Stroitelei ave.

Tel.: + 375 212 29 83 51 www.luchesa.by

#### "Vetraz"

25/1, Cherniahovskogo ave. Tel.: + 375 212 27 22 75 E-mail: vitebsktourist@mail.ru

#### "Vitebsk"

5/2a, Zamkovaya str. Tel.: + 375 212 37 26 30

### "Sportivnaya"

12, Liudnikova ave. Tel.: + 375 212 24 79 19

#### "Zolotoi telenok"

6a, Belorusskaya str. Tel.: + 375 212 36 27 91 www.zt.by

# "Dvina"

41/18, llyinskogo str. Tel.: + 375 212 37 71 73

The new road, although following the ancient water way, prefers to reach the destination point directly, without tracing the curly turns of Zapadnaya Dvina. If you have enough time, stop the car, pull off the main road and try to "catch up" with the Dvina in the old town of Bešenkoviči.

#### Children's Museum

46, Nizhnepokrovskaya str., Polotsk

Tel.: + 375 214 42 45 58

## Nature and Environment Museum in the building of the water tower

21 F. Skaryna str., Polotsk Tel.: + 375 214 42 42 13

#### **Polotsk Museums**

www.polotsk.museum.by E-mail: muzey@vitebsk.by

#### Tourist information centre:

8, F. Skaryna str., Polotsk Tel.: + 375 214 42 69 49 E-mail: tic\_polotsk@belladvina.com www.belladvina.com

#### **Restaurants:**

### Restaurant "Slavianskii"

13 F. Skaryna ave.

Tel.: + 375 214 46 07 97

#### Cafe "Damian"

41b, Nizhnepokrovskaya str. Tel.: + 375 214 42 87 66

## Cafe "Dionysus"

25, Oktiabrskaya str. Tel.: + 375 214 42 31 48

## Cafe "Hutorok Nikolaevski"

2, F. Skarvna ave.

Tel.: + 375 214 42 81 97

#### **Hotels:**

### Hotel "Slavianskii"

13, F. Skaryna ave.

Tel.: + 375 214 42 22 35

#### Souvenirs:

## Shops "Art City"

7, F. Skaryna ave.

Tel.: + 375 214 46 26 70

## Shop "Dom Torgovli"

16, Gogolya str.

Tel.: + 375 214 42 52 36

Having met Zapadnaya Dvina in ancient Polotsk, we lose sight of it again, driving along the new international road. While crossing the Miory district, stop and meet Dvina again in a very symbolic placesmall charming Disna, right in the middle of Zapadnaya Dvina.

## Bogovavlensky monastery

24. Nizhnepokrovskava str.

Tel.: + 375 214 42 29 26

It was founded in 1582 and was considered to be main centre of Orthodoxy in Polotsk. Its residential building now hosts the museum and library of Symeon of Polotsk and a unique book printing museum. Since 1991, Bogovavlensky monastery is open to all believers.

#### Ivan the Terrible Earth wall

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

## "Red Bridge"

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

#### House of Peter the First

33, Nizhnepokrovskava str., Polotsk

Tel.: + 375 214 42 27 15

Residence building, built at the end of 17<sup>th</sup> – beginning of 18<sup>th</sup> century with the elements of baroque. Russian Tsar Peter the First used to stop there in summer 1705.

## Saint Sophia Cathedral - Upper castle

1, Zamkovaya str., Polotsk Tel: + 375 214 42 53 40

### **Belarusian Book Printing Museum**

22, Nizhnepokrovskaya str., Polotsk

Tel.: + 375 214 42 57 25

### Simeon of Polotsk Museum and Library

22, Nizhnepokrovskaya str., Polotsk

Tel.: + 375 214 42 63 39

### Art Gallery, former Jesuit collegium and former cadet corps

2a, F. Skaryna str., Polotsk Tel.: + 375 214 42 36 32

### Exhibit in the house of Peter the First "Walk along Nizhnepokrovskaya"

33, Nizhnepokrovskaya str., Polotsk

Tel.: + 375 214 42 28 55

### Local History Museum, church building

11, Nizhnepokrovskava str., Polotsk

Tel.: + 375 214 42 27 15

### Weaving Museum of Poozerje

1. Voikova str., Polotsk

Tel.:. + 375 214 42 30 41

## Museum of Battle History

Polotsk, Immortality Mound (Kurgan Bessmertiya)

Tel.: + 375 214 43 44 21

## **BEŠENKOVIČI – POLOTSK**





## **BEŠENKOVIČI**



Bešenkoviči is located on the Zapadnava Dvina and is well-known as the centre of traditional ceramic ware - the so-called Bešenkoviči ceramic ware. The town was first mentioned in the Chronicles as a settlement of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in 1460. The place was visited by the Russian Tsar Peter the First, Emperor Napoleon and Alexander Lof Russia.

## **WORTH SEEING:**

## Khreptovichi's Palace (end of the 17<sup>th</sup> – first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century)

9, Kommunisticheskava str., Bešenkoviči Tel.: + 375 2131 4 21 83, 4 10 22, 4 10 12

This is the major cultural site of Bešenkoviči. In 1812, Napoleon used to stay at this palace, followed by Alexander I. The whole ensemble has preserved to the present day, although the construction has undergone certain modifications.

## Elijah's (Ilyinskaya) Church

2. Uritskogo str., Bešenkoviči Tel.: + 375 2131 2 21 58

Erected in the Pseudorussian style in 1870.

#### The Mound of Glory.

The Mound was constructed in commemoration of Great Patriotic War victims.

## Bešenkoviči District Local History Museum

Bešenkoviči, 6, Volodarskogo str.

Tel.: + 375 2131 4 21 83

Schedule: 10.00 - 18.00. Saturday off.

Among museum's exhibits you will find numerous archaeological items, materials covering the history of Bešenkoviči district: events of 1917, civil wars, the Great Patriotic War, post-war reconstruction period.

#### Tourist information centre:

13, Chuklaya, Bešenkoviči Tel.: + 375 2131 4 12 04

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www.belladvina.com

#### **Restaurants:**

### Restaurant "Sputnik"

7/11, Kommunisticheskaya str, Bešenkoviči

Tel.: + 375 2137 41007

#### Cafe "Rendezvous"

7/11, Kommunisticheskaya str., Bešenkoviči

Tel.: + 375 2137 41672

#### Hotels:

Hotel, 2, Svobody sq., Bešenkoviči

Tel.: + 375 2131 4 21 50

## Recreation centre "Krupenino"

Tel.: + 375 2131 4 18 00



## **POLOTSK**

The most ancient Belarusian town, first mentioned in chronicles in 862. This ancient town is the birthplace of Belarusian national identity. Polotsk is the hometown of many famous people of history, including legendary Vseslav Charodei, Duke Rogvolod and his proud and fearless daughter Ragneda, Reverend Euphrosyne of Polotsk, goldsmith Lazar Bogsha, enlightener, writer and teacher Symeon of Polotsk, first printer Francysk Skaryna...



## Saint Sophia Cathedral

1, Zamkovaya str., Polotsk Tel.: + 375 214 42 53 40

Saint Sophia Cathedral was constructed on the bank of the Dvina in the 11<sup>th</sup> century by the legendary Vseslav Charodei. It used to be a colossal multipledomed building, with only two cathedrals in East Slavic lands that could be compared to it (in Kiev and Novgorod). In 1710 the temple was blown up and reconstructed only in1750. Today Saint Sophia Cathedral turned into the Museum of Church History, with a Concert Hall of chamber and organ music.

#### **Boris Stones**

Not far from the Saint Sophia Cathedral you can see a huge stone with carved cross and an inscription: "God save your slave Boris". According to the legend, the Duke Boris Vseslavovich carved these words during famine of 1128 at the stones, which used to be pagan religion relics.

## Monastery of the Savior and Saint Euphrosyne

89, Euphrosyne of Polotsk str., Polotsk

Tel.:+ 375 214 46 20 99, 46 01 36

The monastery ensemble includes the Church of Saint Euphrosyne, The Kreuzkirche, 'warm' church, two-floor building, gates (bell tower) with residential building. Church of Saint Euphrosyne with fresco of the 12<sup>th</sup> century is the pearl of Polotsk architecture.

Euphrosyne of Polotsk, granddaughter of Vseslav Charodei, is the founder of monastery. At the end of her life, she went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and died in Jerusalem in 1167. In 1910, hallows of Saint Euphrosyne were brought to the monastery and today numerous pilgrims from all corners of the world arrive to Polotsk to pray.

In 1161, a famous Polotsk goldsmith Lazar Bogsha made a well-known cross for the Church, which later turned into a unique national relic of Belarus. However, the cross disappeared during the World War II and the mystery of this event still heats the imagination of historians. A famous contemporary Belarusian artist Nikolai Kuzmich made a replica of the cross of Euphrosyne of Polotsk. Today everyone can come and see the relic with his or her own eyes in the monastery every Sunday as well as during major Christian holidays.

## Jesuit collegium

## 4, Streletskii per., Polotsk

The wooden buildings of the collegium were initially located on the isle of Zapadnaya Dvina in front of the church, but after the fire at the beginning of the  $18^{\rm th}$  century the wooden building was replaced by the stone construction. Today the eastern block of the collegium hosts the largest art gallery in Belarus.

## **Lutheran Cathedral**

#### 11, Nizhnepokrovskaya str., tel.: + 375 214 42 27 15

At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Polotsk was hometown for more than 200 Protestants. At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, they constructed a stone church building in Neo-Gothic style. Today, the Local History Museum is located here.

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## **DISNA – VERHNEDVINSK**





## **VERHNEDVINSK**

Down the ages both the town and the river bore one and the same name. It was only in 1962 that the town Drissa was renamed to Verhnedvinsk. The town used to be a famous centre of traditional art weaving. The town was first mentioned in Chronicles of Poland, Lithuania, Zhemoitia and All Rus by Matvei Striikovski in 1386. During the Patriotic war of 1812, at the encampment which had been created near Drissa and occupied the territory of about 14 sq. km, staff headquarters of the First Russian army of Barclay de Tolly was situated. These historical events are covered in Leo Tolstoy's War and Peace.



## **WORTH SEEING:**

## War obelisk of 1812

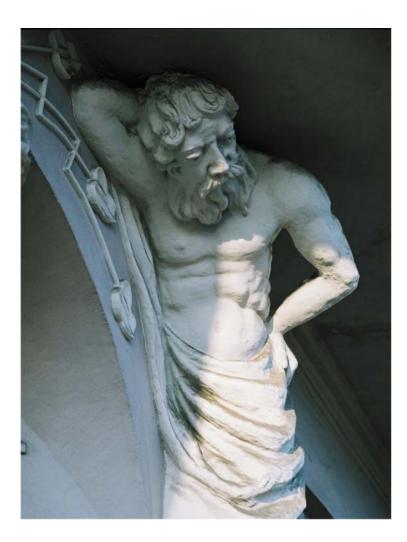
The granite obelisk stands in the City Park, reminding of the events of 1812. It was erected to commemorate the one hundred anniversary of Napoleon epopee.

### Saint Nicholas Church

Verhnedvinsk, 3 Gagarina str.

Tel.: + 375 2151 57023

The church was built in 1819 in classic style — main square building is covered with high large-scale cylinder with spherical dome and outside ornament; the



church line is decorated with three-high square bell tower with hip roof. In 2005, a new bell weighing more than a hundred kilograms was placed on the bell tower.

## **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Church**

45, Sovetskaya str., Verhnedvinsk

Tel.:+ 375 2151 52866 (head of community)

This Catholic relic is located in the very centre of the town, combining the features of both neo-Gothic and Baroque. In 1990s the church was reconstructed and became the most beautiful and magnificent place of Verhnedvinsk.

### Tourist information centre:

1, Kooperativnaya str., Verhnedvinsk

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### **Restaurants:**

### Restaurant "Drissa"

55, Sovetskaya str, Verhnedvinsk

Tel.: + 375 2151 5 23 70

### Restaurant "Flora-Plus"

171, Sovetskaya str, Verhnedvinsk

Tel.: + 375 2151 5 71 14

#### Café "Labirint"

49, Sovetskaya str, Verhnedvinsk

Tel.: + 375 2151 5 24 70

### Café "Nesterka"

village Bigosovo

Tel.: + 375 2151 5 86 29

#### **Hotels:**

Hotel, 65, Sovetskaya str, Verhnedvinsk

Tel.: + 375 2151 5 32 71

**Hotel,** 2, Solnechniy per., Verhnedvinsk

Tel.: + 375 2151 5 21 68 E-mail: dvina-hunting@mail.ru

#### Souvenirs:

## **Shopping centre**

50, Sovetskaya str., Verhnedvinsk Tel.: + 375 2151 5 23 87, 5 24 96

## **VERHNEDVINSK – BIGOSOVO**





## **BIGOSOVO**

Don't miss the unusual railway station — architectural monument of the 19th century in modern style. Not every small location can boast of such a station! It is a stone's throw away from the border with Latvia and very close to Rosica. According to the legend, the red bricks, delivered to Bigosovo by train for the construction of the church in Rosica, were passed to the site of church construction in the following way: the residents of neighbouring villages made a chain from the railway station to the church and passed the bricks from hand to hand.

The route now continues on the territory of Latvia.

Patarnieki – Piedruja – Kalnieši – Kraslava – Rakuty – Naujene – Daugavpils

## **Tourist information centre of Daugavpils**

22a Rīgas str., Daugavpils Tel.: + 371 65422818 E-mail: nfo@visitdaugavpils.lv www.visitdaugavpils.lv

## Daugavpils hotels:

### Hotel "Park Hotel Latgola"

46, Ģimnāzijas str., Daugavpils Tel.: + 371 65404900 E-mail: reception@hoteldaugavpils.lv www.hotellatgola.lv

### Hotel "Hotel Dinaburg"

39, Dobeles str., Daugavpils Tel.: + 371 65453010, 65453009 E-mail: info@hoteldinaburg.lv www.hoteldinaburg.lv

## **Daugavpils State Gymnasium Hotel**

24, Saules str., Daugavpils Tel.: + 371 65420611, 26159884

#### **Restaurants:**

#### Bistro "Vēsma"

49, Rīgas str., Daugavpils Tel.: + 371 65444363

### Cafe "Vita"

22a, Rīgas str., Daugavpils Tel.: + 371 65427706

#### Restaurant "Gubernators"

10, Lāčplēša str., Daugavpils Tel.: + 371 65422455

## Cafe "Pasaules brīnumi"

15, Vienības str., Daugavpils Tel.: + 371 65421797



## Daugavpils Local History and Art Museum

Daugavpils, 8 Rīgas str. Tel.: + 371 65424155 museum@apollo.lv www.dnmm.lv

One of the oldest and largest museums of Latgale. It was founded in 1938 in one of the most beautiful buildings of the city, which is considered a historical and architectural monument (jugendstyle). Exhibits: 'History and culture of the Daugavpils region', 'Nature of the Daugavpils region', Art Hall of Mark Rotko.

#### Monument to Pavel Dubrovin

Daugavpils, Dubrovin Park Tel.: + 371 65422818 E-mail: info@visitdaugavpils.lv www.visitdaugavpils.lv

In Dubrovin Park, not far from the fountain, there is a monument to former mayor and the founder of the park, Pavel Dubrovin (1839-1890).

## **Unity House**

22a, Rīgas, Daugavpils str. Tel.: + 371 65422818 E-mai: info@visitdaugavpils.lv www.visitdaugavpils.lv

It used to be the largest building in the Baltic States during the First Latvian Republic period. Now the building hosts the centre of Latvian culture, Daugavpils theatre, tourist information centre and central library, information centre of USA, bank, etc.

### Solar clock

13, Vienības str., Daugavpils Tel.: + 371 65422818 E-mail: info@visitdaugavpils.lv www.visitdaugavpils.lv

The solar clock is located in the Vienibas street, 13, not far from educational building of the Daugavpils University.

#### Russian house

11, Tautas str., Daugavpils Tel.: + 371 65437936 E-mail: usdom@inbox.lv www.rusdom.lv

Exhibits: Old Faith Church in Latvia, Orthodoxy in Latvia, Gzhel bright room, Khokhloma gorenka, fairytale backyard, where characters of Russian fairy tales live (created by the Daugavpils artist Petr Hudobchenok).

### Tourist information centre of Daugavpils

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## PATARNIEKI – PIEDRUJA





## **PIEDRUIA**



The border-crossing point Piedruja welcomes you at the crossroads of European countries with its shining church domes. Piedruja, first mentioned in historical chronicles of the 14th century, used to be a strategic location for three states: Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. Grand Duchy of Lithuania, and Russia. The Catherine tract, which goes through Piedruja, was the road along which all conquerors of Europe used to march.

## **WORTH SEEING:**

#### Piedruja trail in the Daugava valley

The trail has numerous rare and preserved species of flora and fauna as well as historical monuments and unique landscape. On one of Daugava's banks you can see the Daugava stone by Vilnis Cimanis where the word Daugava is carved in seven languages: Latvian, Estonian, Finnish, Russian, Polish, German and Livonian.

## Hotel "Piedruja" (200 m from Daugava)

Piedruja, Kraslava region,

Tel.: + 371 65629682, 28608784, 26357228

This hotel is located on the riverside of Daugava. You can enjoy your Latgalian or multinational dinner, flavoured with local folk group in the hotel or in the open air. You can also enjoy a raft journey along the Daugava.

## PIEDRUJA – KALNIEŠI





## Indrica Catholic Church Indrica, Kalnieši, Kraslava region Tel.: + 371 65622464, 65622201

This unique building (1655-1658) is one of the oldest wooden catholic churches in Latgale. In its chorals, you will see an old-fashioned organ with original preserved woodcarving.

## KALNIEŠI – KRASLAVA





## KRASLAVA

Kraslava is located in Latgale, 'the blue lakes district'. It lies in the bend of the Daugava river, 40 km away from the second largest city of Latvia, Daugavpils, and 275 km away from Riga. On Kraslava's coat-of-arms you will see a silver boat with five oars against the blue background. The oars stand for five nationalities of people who live in Kraslava: Latvians, Russians, Belarusians, Polish and Jews. When explaining the meaning of this emblem to the guests, Kraslava citizens usually say, "We are in one boat, so we have to row together!"

## **NAUJENE – DAUGAVPILS**





#### **DAUGAVPILS**



The second largest city of Latvia, founded in 1275. The city is the birth-place of the world famous artist Mark Rotko, tango king Oskar Strock and actor Solomon Michoels. The fortress, built in the XIX century, and the church mountain, comprising the churches of four confessions, are considered to be the symbols of the city.

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## **WORTH SEEING:**

### **Daugavpils fortress**

Daugavpils, Daugavas str. Tel.: + 371 65422818

E-mail: info@visitdaugavpils.lv

www.visitdaugavpils.lv

This fortress is a unique cultural and historical sight. It is the only fortress of the second half of the 19th century in the Eastern Europe, which has remained unchanged.

#### **Historic Centre of Daugavpils**

Tel.: + 371 65422818

E-mail: info@visitdaugavpils.lv www.visitdaugavpils.lv

National architecture masterpiece of town planning.

# **SOURTH SEEING:**

## Vasargeliški observation tower

Naujene district, Daugavpils region Tel.:+ 371 654471321, 65422818

From the observation tower you will see a unique scene - Daugavas Loki Natural Park at the bends of Daugava.

## Ethnographic Old Believer village Slutiški

Slutiški, Naujene district, Daugavpils region

Tel.: + 371 65471321

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www.naujene.lv

First mentioned in 1785. Take a look at traditional Old Believers' houses with facades, doors, attics and posh frames at the windows.

## Ancient settlement Vecpils and ruins of the Dinaburg fortress

Vecpils, Naujene district, Daugavpils region

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www.naujene.lv

This settlement, located on one of Daugava's banks, was populated already in the  $8^{\text{th}}-13^{\text{th}}$  centuries. It is the place where Daugavpils was founded. Enjoy the ruins of the Dinaburg fortress, built in 1275 as well as a miniature replica of the fortress (1997).

## Naujene Regional Ethnography Museum

Skolas str., Naujene district, Daugavpils region

Tel.: + 371 65471321

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www.naujene.lv

Museum comprises collections of ancient items of the Dinaburg palace, historical documents about churches and graves, and town plans. Enjoy the exhibition 'Daugava bends' ('Daugavas loki') and art gallery of the sculptor Valentina Zeiles.

### Horseback riding in the Naujene district

Naujene, Daugavpils region

Tel.: + 371 29446330

In the Pāvlilijas farm, you can ride a horse or a pony either in the training ground with a coach, or across beautiful outskirts of the Naujene. A pony named Bondzhogi will ride you in a rig.

#### **Restaraunts:**

Alta M

Slutiški, Naujene district, Daugavpils region

Tel.: + 371 28232242, 29735235

Alta M organises events at the recreation areas near the ethnographic Old Believer village Slutiški.



#### Kraslava Roman Catholic Church

1, St. Louis sq., Kraslava

Tel.: + 371 29816995, 65622201

This church is a spectacular example of Latgalian Baroque designed by an Italian architect Antonio Parokko within the period of 1755 to 1767. In the altar part of the church you will see a fresco painting of the 18<sup>th</sup> century called "Saint Louis crusades" by Italian artist Filipo Castaldi.

#### **Earl Plater Fortress**

8, Pils, Kraslava

Tel.: + 371 65623586

Originally the fortress decor was performed in Barocco style; however, at the end of  $18^{th}$  century and at the beginning of  $19^{th}$  century it was reconstructed in accordance with the traditions of classicism. Kraslava fortress is the only fortress in Latgale with such a decor.

## Kraslava Museum of Art and History

8, Pils str., Kraslava

Tel.: + 371 65623586

e-mail: kraslavas\_muzejs@inbox.lv

Museum is located in the old park in one of the buildings of the Kraslava fortress, owned by the Platers from the middle of the  $18^{th}$  century to the 1920s. Museum offers a unique exposition "Five ores".

#### Ceramic workshops of Valdis Paulinsch

8, Dumu str., Kraslava

Tel.: + 371 29128695

e-mail: valdispaulins@inbox.lv

Here you can have a look and even take part in the process of ceramic ware production as well as try to start up pottery kiln. Here you can also buy ceramic products, souvenirs, and garden ceramics.

## Observation tower in Priedaine (32 m)

The highest wooden observation tower in Latvia with a spectacular view on Daugava.

**Augustus stone** is located in Kraslava near house No 12, Augustus street. At the foot of the stone there is a big carved rectangle, with a family emblem of earls Broel-Plater and the date – "1729". The legend says that the King of Poland Augustus II once stopped at this stone in 1729, while hunting.

**Karnitski Mountain** is a very picturesque place, which is always associated with a romantic love story of Emilia, the daughter of the Earl Plater, and Joseph Karnitski, a Polish officer. This beautiful story was not destined to have a happy end: Joseph died tragically, but the legend is still passed on from generation to generation.

Kraslava is located in the protected landscape zone of Daugava. To the west from the city, **Daugavas Loki Natural Park** ("Bends of Daugava") begins, which lies in the reserve area of the river valley from Kraslava to Naujene.

**Adam natural path** is one of the wonders of the Daugavas Loki Natural Park ("Bends of Daugava"). Here you will have a unique opportunity to learn more about nature, enjoy picturesque scenery, pass along mysterious hollows, and have a look at unique natural sites.

## Tourist information centre of the Kraslava region:

13, Brīvības, Kraslava

Tel.: + 371 65622201, 26395176

E-mail: tic@kraslava.lv www. Kraslava.lv

#### **Restaurants:**

Board house "Daugava"

28, Rīgas str., Kraslava

Tel.: + 371 65622634, 29112899

Cafe "Mārīte"

2 Tirgus str., Kraslava

Tel.: + 371 65624039, 29112899

Cafe "Todes"

58 Rīgas str., Kraslava Tel.: + 371 29166609

#### Hotels:

Guest house "Zive"

14 Pārceltuves str., Kraslava.

Tel.: + 371 29185835

Guest house "Priedaine"

2, Klusa str. Kraslava Tel.: + 371 26430798



## **KRASLAVA – RAKUTY**







## **WORTH SEEING:**

## Tourist sights of the Daugavas Loki Natural Park:

KX «Kurmopi»

Rakuty, Udra district, Kraslava region Tel.: + 371 26538824, 65623655

E-mail: kurmisi@kraslava.lv

Here you can learn how to grow medicinal herbs and prepare green tea, try medicinal teas, buy ecological green herbal teas, medicinal herbs brooms and healing herbs for baths and saunas.

## **RAKUTY – NAUJENE**

25 km



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