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## SEVEN WONDERS OF THE LAND OF ŠIAULIAI

**THE HILL OF CROSSES** with over 200,000 crosses. Every year, the hill is visited by thousands of tourists from all over the world.

**SUNDIAL SQUARE** with the highest sundial in Lithuania and a gilded sculpture "Šaulys" ("Archer") that has become the city's symbol.

**THE ENSEMBLE OF TYTUVĖNAI CHURCH AND MONASTERY** – one of the most interesting and largest examples of Lithuanian sacral architecture, adorned with frescoes, dating back to the 17th-18th centuries.

**THE BUTTERFLY EXPOSITION** – you will find the largest collection of diurnal butterflies in Lithuania in the Akmenė Regional Museum.

**CHERRIES OF ŽAGARĖ** – a four-day cherry festival and the election of the most beautiful scarecrow in one of the most unique Lithuanian towns in Joniškis land.

**WINDMILLS OF PAKRUOJIS** – the wind accelerating in wide plains is turning the vanes of as many as 18 windmills.

**THE TULIP FLOWERING FESTIVAL** – held every spring in the Burbiškis manor, Radviliškis land; as many as half a thousand tulip species burst into flower.







The centre of the city, which was twice destroyed during the wars of the 20th century and rebuilt again, has distinct architectural heritage of the interwar period modernism, which has survived to this day. Šiauliai is a city-phoenix, every time rising from ashes.

Discover Šiauliai and experience the magic of 3 “S”: sweets, special museums, and the sun.

The symbols of the sun, scattered all over the city (sundials, stained glass, etc.), have become an integral part of the city. The oldest sweet factory of Lithuania, “Rūta”, operating for over 100 years, special museums of chocolate, photography, telephony, and the only such Vanda Kavaliauskienė’s Cats Museum with over 4000 exhibits.

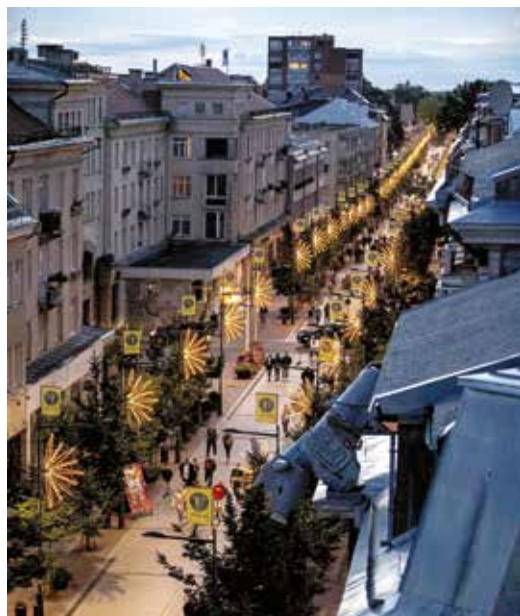
Rise with the sun and come to discover Šiauliai!





### ..... 1. ŠIAULIAI BOULEVARD .....

In 1975, we were brave – the third in Europe and the first in Lithuania who turned the central part of Vilnius Street into a boulevard. We decorated the pedestrian boulevard with original sculptures of small architecture, volumetric adverts, again pleasantly cheering and surprising everyone and turning the boulevard into a cosy and the most important Šiauliai residents' place of leisure, recreation, entertainment, and trade.



### ..... 2. ST APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL'S CATHEDRAL .....

The monument of Renaissance architecture St Peter and Paul's Cathedral is the most striking landmark of the city. The apex of the tower (its height is 70 m) can be seen from a distance, approaching Šiauliai from any side.

On May 8, 1997, by the decision of Pope John Paul II, Šiauliai diocese was founded. The church became St Apostles Peter and Paul's Cathedral. One of the oldest sundials in Lithuania is constructed on the southern facade of the cathedral.

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**[siauliukatedra.lt](http://siauliukatedra.lt)**



### ..... 3. SUNDIAL SQUARE .....

The architectural ensemble consists of an amphitheatre-shaped square and an 18-meter-high obelisk, crowned with a gilded sculpture of a running archer. On a sunny day, the obelisk with the archer's figure turn into a gnomon [gnōmōn from Greek is the arrow of the sundial]. The Sun's shadow moving along the dial face with metal numbers infused into the square (12, 3 and 6) shows the local time of the geographical latitude. The numbers indicate the date of the Battle of the Sun – 1236. This is when the name of Šiauliai was mentioned for the first time.

**Intersection of Ežero St. and**

**S. Šalkauskio St., Šiauliai**

**55.930723, 23.325164**



#### .....4. CHAIMAS FRENKELIS' VILLA .....



The villa attracts by its preserved wood trim of the interior, ornate moldings, fragments of paintings, stylized expositions reflecting Lithuanian province manor and the interwar period in Šiauliai. The villa built by a famous Jewish family Dora and Chaimas Frenkeliai in 1908 is the only Secession style building in the Baltic States, fascinating by its beauty and perfection.

In 2018, the villa's yard was enriched by the ornate fountain and a rosarium of a thousand roses, giving even more splendour to this space.

The villa cherishes Jewish culture.

The newly built tanner's workshop familiarises its visitors with the traditional tanner's craft.

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**55.925415, 23.32873**

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#### .....5. "RŪTA" CHOCOLATE MUSEUM .....



"Rūta" is one of the oldest sweet factories in Lithuania, operating since 1913. The old building of the factory houses the Chocolate Museum of "Rūta". The exposition of the museum presents both an interesting history of the factory and opens up secrets and peculiarities of chocolate consumption, lasting four millennia. The museum offers interactive sessions and organises themed chocolate and sweets tasting events.

The museum is neighboured by the sweet shop of "Rūta" and a café.

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#### .....6. VANDA KAVALIAUSKIENĖ'S CATS MUSEUM .....



##### **DID YOU KNOW?**

There are over 20 museums in Šiauliai, and you will find the BICYCLE Museum and the CATS Museum only in Šiauliai – they are unique in Lithuania.

The visitors of the museum founded by Vanda Kavaliauskienė in 1990, named after her, are gladly met by cats and the naughty cat Perlas, also called the director of the museum. Three halls of the museum are full of cats, cats, cats... They have come not only from the most different corners of Lithuania but also from many countries of the world. The museum is neighboured by a wildlife garden that is a home to the python, king rat snake, Amur rat snake, corn snake, Taiwanese beauty rat snake, lizards, crocodiles, and even a cute little monkey.

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**[gamtininkucentras.lt](http://gamtininkucentras.lt)**



## ..... 7. THE BICYCLE MUSEUM .....

The only museum dedicated to the history of bicycles in Lithuania was founded in 1980 at the Šiauliai bicycle and engine factory "Vairas". One of the oldest exhibits of the museum is the children's tricycle with red velvet-sheathed wooden saddle, forged from iron in 1905. Another attractive exhibit is the wooden prototype of the bicycle – "celerifere" or "the running machine", which in 1792 was ridden by count Mede de Sivrac in Paris, pushing his feet against the ground.

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## ..... 8. SCULPTURE "THE IRON FOX" .....

It is recorded in Lithuania's Book of Records that it is the largest animal sculpture: its weight is nearly 7 tons, length is about 15 meters, and height is 6,6 meters.

The steel heart of the Iron Fox (1,20 meters high and 0,90 meters wide) contains a capsule with words engraved on the copper plate for future generations. This is the work of art designed by the designer of Šiauliai Vilijus Purnas to commemorate the millennium of the first mention of the name of Lithuania.

**The coast of Lake Talkša**

**55.931092, 23.328995**



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The 6,6-meter high Iron Fox is the largest animal sculpture in Lithuania.

## ....9. THE MONUMENT TO THE LITHUANIAN CURRENCY – "THE CENTS ROOM".....

The Cents Room appeared as a monument to Lithuanian currency, when it was decided to introduce the Euro in Lithuania. People from all over Lithuania came to stick cents, while those who did not have this possibility, sent cents by post. This way, coins donated by people laid flat on the ceiling and walls of one room in the library of Šiauliai University. There is also a symbolic throne, over which a huge one-Litas coin and a map of Lithuania are hung. The Cents Room was made from 157 130 coins.

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

"The Cents Room" in Šiauliai is like a monument to the Lithuanian currency (Litas). The room was equipped using 157 130 coins.

## 10. THE PHOTOGRAPHY MUSEUM



The museum is located in the authentic building representing modern architecture of the interwar period of the 20th century, right in the centre of Šiauliai. It is the only museum of such type in Lithuania, a particularly important photography storage and representation centre.

The reconstructed museum has a modern gallery, educational space, photo laboratory, reading room and information centre, shop of souvenirs and publications, there is a panoramic viewpoint with the “camera obscura” on the outdoor roof terrace.

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## 11. ŽALIŪKIAI MILLER'S HOMESTEAD



Žaliūkiai Miller's Homestead is a space of ethnoculture, traditional customs and entertainments, surrounded by the modern city. The homestead consists of the restored miller's house and the only surviving building of Lithuanian traditional wooden architecture of the second half of the 19th century in Šiauliai – Žaliūkiai windmill.

Popular workshops “Bread Baking”, “The Excursion with a Miller and Bread Tasting” are held in the miller's house.

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## 12. THE VENCLAUSKIAI HOUSE



It is a distinct object of the modernist architecture of the interwar period, unique and one of the most characteristic examples of private interior painting decor of the first half of the 20th century in Lithuania. The cultural heritage site restored in 2019 presents historical exhibitions, hosts events and workshops, and has an open reading room. “Našlaičių sodas” (“The Orphans' Garden”) invites visitors to enjoy themselves in the children's playground, rest, and socialize. The museum exposition tells the history of the city of Šiauliai in the first half of the 20th century and reveals the place of an exceptional, national, civic, and active large family of the Venclauskiai in it.

**Vytauto St. 89, Šiauliai**

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## OTHER OBJECTS

- The Botanical Garden
- The Railway Museum
- The Radio and Television Museum
- The Telephony Museum
- Resurrection Square and Fountain
- Pharmacy-Teahouse “Valerijonas”

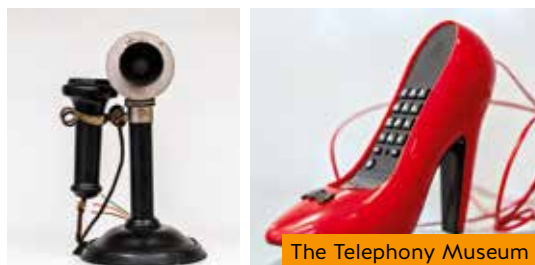
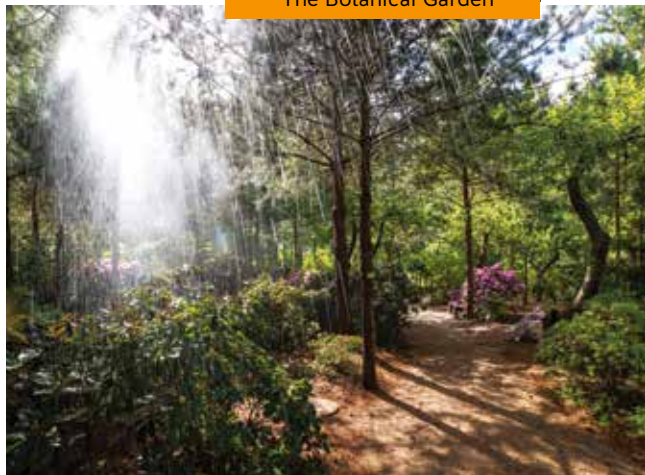
- The clock “The Cock”
- The Monument to Pope John Paul II
- Stained Glass “The Battle of the Sun”
- The sculpture “Grandfather with Grandchildren”
- The fountain “Pelicans”
- Žuvininkai (“Salduvė”) Mound



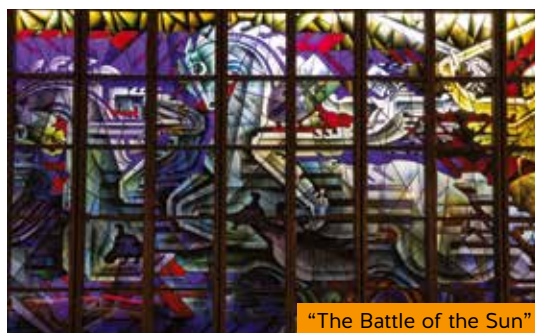
“Valerijonas”



The Botanical Garden



The Telephony Museum



“The Battle of the Sun”



“Pelicans”



Resurrection Square and Fountain



“Grandfather with Grandchildren”



## ART IN THE CITY

80 butterflies, a runaway hairstyle of a princess, a fox, pigeons, burning armour or a worker – these are the hints of what to look for on the walls of buildings. Have you ever seen balconies adorned with street art drawings? You will find them on the boulevard – raise your heads.

Green but not grass, with a tail but not a mouse and not a cucumber at all. What? You will see a chameleon that has squirmed in a tree on the boulevard. There are even more unexpectedly sized animal sculptures in the city. They all make up the street “zoo”.

Volumetric advertisements are an exceptional legacy found only in Šiauliai: black cancer on a pack of cigarettes, warning of the harm of smoking; two giant books “placed” on a column; or five black cats “walking” on the roof of a pharmacy.

Let us stop at the city’s clock “Gaidys” (“A Cock”). “Gaidys” not only sings but also welcomes passers-by in English, German, French, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Romani, and other languages at midday and 6 p.m.

There is ...a shoe tree growing in Šiauliai! When the cycling and skateboarding season is over, teenagers throw their shoes on the tree branches. This recurs year after year. We are going to look for it!

You will find all information about artistic accents and other places of interest in Šiauliai on the portal [visitsiauliai.lt](http://visitsiauliai.lt)



“My Shoes”



“80 butterflies”



“Falcon’s sharp eye...”





"The Šiauliai Fox"



"The Reading Man"



"The Shoe"



"The Chameleon"



"The Crayfish"



To Adolfinas and Gintaras Martinioniai





Every step is a new discovery in Akmenė land both speaking about its natural history and the legends of the district itself. The land of Akmenė reconciles the seemingly incompatible things: the verdurous shores of the Venta River and the landscape of harsh quarries, cosy towns and factory chimneys smoking all 24 hours, dinosaurs and butterflies, and mounds and swamps.

## TOP OBJECTS

### .....13. AKMENĖ REGIONAL MUSEUM .....



The Akmenė Regional Museum can make you feel like in a kind of jungle where you can admire a swarm of exotic butterflies. Butterflies of different species are very homey – all you have to do is stretch out the delicious fruit, and they come flying to eat straightaway. The museum is also home to other butterflies – the country's largest collection of diurnal butterflies, collected by Boris Izenbek, one of the most prominent butterfly collectors in Lithuania, is kept and displayed here. Some of them, unfortunately, cannot be found in nature any longer, while a dozen types of exhibits in the collection are on the verge of extinction and are now strictly preserved. As a contrast to the homely butterflies, you can also see the fossils – fossilized remains of the harsh Jurassic period.

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

The Venta River flowing through Venta Regional Park is the third longest river in Lithuania.



#### .....14. KAMANOS STATE STRICT NATURE RESERVE .....

Kamanos is not a derivative of the word *kamanės* (bumblebee). Therefore, do not be afraid and get ready to visit Kamanos State Strict Nature Reserve. We count: 12 boggy areas and over 120 lakelets. The swamp is adorned by lakelets Nimfėjai and Salos with picturesque shores and the 6-hectare Lake Kamanos. As many as 26 species of protected plants have been found in the strict nature reserve; this place is also visited even by lynxes, wolves, and hazel dormice. It is quite common that the visitor is lucky to see all the living treasures of that land. Those who want to get to know the natural values preserved in the strict nature reserve in more detail are welcome at the modern and up-to-date visitor centre.

**Pušų St. 2, Akmenė II village, Akmenė dist.**

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**+370 425 59 285**

**kamanos.lt**



#### .....15. VENTA REGIONAL PARK .....

The territory of Venta Regional Park is an exceptional place due to its geological structure and beautiful landscape. This is where one can see the surviving rocks of the Jurassic Period, dating back millions of years, and touch the fossils – the remains of animals that were alive at the time of the dinosaurs. The park has 1 strict nature reserve, 8 nature reserves, and 16 exclusive natural heritage sites, 2 of which have been labelled as natural monuments. Visitors can learn more about natural and cultural heritage sites in the exposition hall equipped in the modern visitor centre of Venta Regional Park. Interactive stands and the reproduced sounds of nature allow visitors to experience an immediate sense of nature.

**Ventos St. 30A, Venta, Akmenė dist.**

**56.1895494, 22.6812951**

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**ventosparkas.lt**



#### .....16. LAZDYNŲ PELĖDA'S MEMORIAL MUSEUM .....

Lazdynų Pelėda (An Owl of Hazelnut) is a unique phenomenon in the history of Lithuanian literature: two sisters Ivanauskaitės signed their prose works and published them under one joint pseudonym. Lazdynų Pelėda's Memorial Museum has been opened in the building of the Paragai Manor residential house – the writers' childhood home. Photographs, books and documents explaining an interesting path of life and creative work of Sofia Ivanauskaitė-Pšibiliauskienė (1867-1926) and Marija Ivanauskaitė-Lastauskienė (1872-1957) are exhibited in the residential part of the house and the attic. The museum also exhibits photocopies of pictures of writers' father – Nikodemus Ivanauskas (1839-1932), who was a painter and a professional artist.

**Paragai village. Akmenė dist.**

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### 17. AKMENĖ NATURE AND CULTURE PARK



Nature and Culture Park was established in the pine forest of Akmenė town in 2002. The park area consists of the pine wood, the Dabikinė River valley, a former sand quarry, and the shore of the pond. The park is abundant with wooden sculptures and has a unique stone stage. It is a venue for various cultural events, a great place for recreation and leisure. This is a great place to relax or, conversely, to spend your free time actively.

**Kadagiu St., Akmenė**  
**56.243530, 22.724650**

### 18. SIMONAS DAUKANTAS' MEMORIAL MUSEUM



In 1986, the museum to commemorate Simonas Daukantas, a historian who was the first to write the history of Lithuania in the Lithuanian language, was founded in the house where he once lived. Currently, the museum has about 300 exhibits. Among them – the chair from apple tree branches made by the enlightener himself, fossils of the Papilė outcrop dating back to the Jurassic period, and finds of the burial ground. Here, visitors can get familiar with various documentary material, memories of famous people, telling about this prominent Samogitian.

**Basanavičiaus St. 6, Papilė, Akmenė dist.**  
**56.151782, 22.791213**  
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### 19. JURAKALNIS OBSERVATION TOWER



Jurakalnis geological outcrop and spur are neighbored by a 15-meter observation tower. Having climbed the top of the tower, tourists can enjoy a wonderful view to the expressive valley of the Venta River, Papilė town and places to visit: Jurakalnis geological outcrop and spur, Papilė mounds I and II, St Joseph's Church, and the 15-stem lime-tree.

**Daubiškiai, Akmenė dist.**  
**56.144680, 22.783100**





## 20. NAUJOJI AKMENĖ CULTURE HOUSE

The new Akmenė Culture House built in 1958 is one of the most striking monuments witnessing the town's history. This is one of the most expressive architectural examples of the Stalinist era in Lithuania, which had to demonstrate the advantage of the new Soviet regime over the West or the 'bourgeois Lithuania'. The artistic and architectural expression of such buildings embodies the early task of the Soviet-era ideologists to cherish "cultural leisure of working people". The building houses an exhibition hall abundant in unique works of the country's most famous artists.

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Naujoji Akmenė  
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## 21. ŠALTIŠKIAI CLAY QUARRY

The quarries, otherwise known as Lithuanian Martian canyons, surprise visitors with a landscape uncharacteristic of Lithuania. A walk in the Šaltiškiai clay quarry will make one feel like on another planet, because due to clay layers the quarry has acquired a reddish colour. In Early Triassic times, 250 million years ago, a desert climate hovered here, and giant dinosaurs walked along the current quarry. It was namely in the Šaltiškės clay quarry that two teeth and the remains of two jaws of reptiles of the Triassic geological period – phytosaurs' fossils – were found. VISITS WITHOUT GUIDES ARE PROHIBITED.

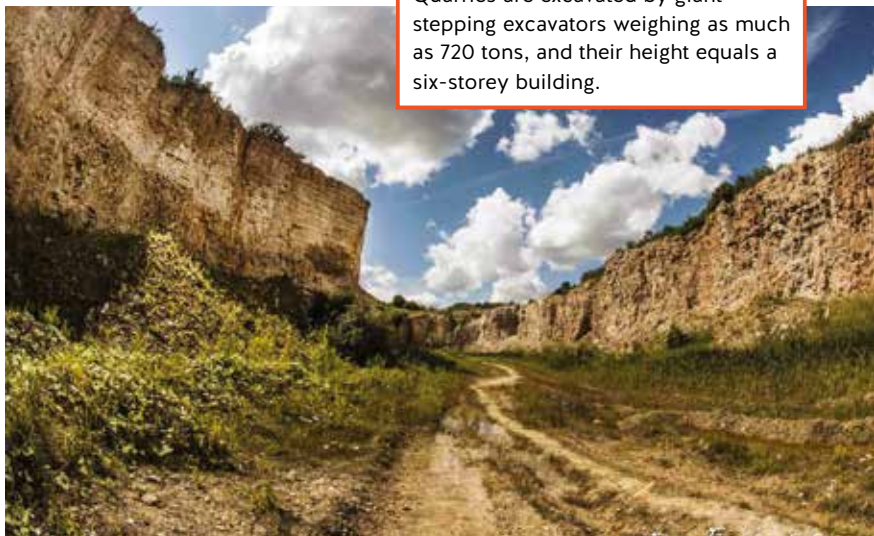
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## 22. MENČIAI LIMESTONE QUARRY

Menčiai Limestone Quarry attracts tourists to walk in the 'undiscovered land' – the bottom of the future lake. When the quarry is no longer used, it will be flooded with water. Walking in Menčiai Limestone Quarry, one can perfectly see excavated quarry limestone outcrops and even forget that this is the land of plains, where it is difficult to find a higher hill. VISITS WITHOUT GUIDES ARE PROHIBITED.

**Menčiai,  
Akmenė dist.  
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### DID YOU KNOW?

Quarries are excavated by giant stepping excavators weighing as much as 720 tons, and their height equals a six-storey building.



Semigallia is a historical region that once stretched across Latvian and Lithuanian territories. It is popular for its historical heritage of Semigallian tribes. Nowadays, the Lithuanian part of Semigallia is an unofficial subregion of Aukštaitija, that stretches along the border of Latvia. This region is united by the mutual heritage of tribal origin, history and its relics, as well as the rebellious Semigallian spirit. The largest town titled as the capital of the present-day Lithuanian part of Semigallia is Joniškis. We invite you to experience Semigallian spirit of Joniškis district.

## TOP OBJECTS

### ..... 23. JONIŠKIS CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY INTO HEAVEN .....



The church history dates back to 1536, when on the initiative of Vilnius bishop Jonas the territory inhabited as early as in the 7th century was baptized. In 1901, the church acquired the current appearance and the stepped cross-shaped plan. The interior of the church is particularly ornate and majestic. Its accent is symmetrically positioned 7 neo-Baroque brick altars. The niches of the walls are adorned with neo-Baroque sculptures of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Sorrows, St Casimir, St Joseph, Christ the Lord of the World and other saints, made by professional sculptors. The paintings on the ceiling of the church depict biblical narratives.

**Bažnyčios St. 2, Joniškis**  
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## ..... 24. THE COMPLEX OF SYNAGOGUES IN JONIŠKIS .....

The complex of synagogues consists of two synagogues: The White Synagogue and The Red Synagogue. The unique interior of The Red Synagogue, such as ceiling decorations, wall paintings, Torah ark or holy ark (hebr. aron kodesh), where once the Torah scrolls were kept, was recreated and restored. The synagogue displays an exposition “Jewish History and Culture of Joniškis Region”, which represents the history of the Jewish community of Joniškis till the start of World War II. The exposition of The White Synagogue creatively conveys the historical development of Joniškis and the most important moments in the history of the city using modern means of exhibition.

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## ..... 25. JONIŠKIS BASKETBALL MUSEUM .....

There is a saying “basketball is like a second religion in Lithuania”; however, for a prolonged period of time there was no place for fans, athletes and anyone interested in this sport to see the most famous achievements, attributes, and historical photos of the country's basketball players. Therefore, in 2009, the only basketball museum in Lithuania was opened in Joniškis. The museum has a special room to celebrate the victory of the Lithuanian basketball team in 1937 at the II European Basketball Championship in Riga (Latvia). Back then, Joniškis was the first city where the returning Lithuanian basketball team was greeted by the local government and fans with flowers and brass band marches.

**Livonijos St. 3, Joniškis**

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## ..... 26. COGNITIVE WALKWAY OF MŪŠOS TYRELIS .....

Cognitive Walkway of Mūšos Tyrelis was opened in 2015 and it is the longest known walkway in the swamps that was included in the Lithuanian Book of Records. The total length of the walkway is 5775,87 metres. The walkway is located in the exclusive natural area – Mūša Tyrelis Telmological Reserve. This natural complex in Northern Lithuania consists of several types of swamps, peatlands, and wetlands. Rivers the Mūša and the Juodupis, natural Miknaičiai lake and several other small lakes are floating in the swamp. The cognitive walkway of Mūša Tyrelis can also be visited independently, without the escorts of the staff of Žagarė Regional Park.

**Joniškis dist.**

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## ..... 27. RIDGE AND 2ND MOUND (ŽVELGAITIS HILL) OF ŽAGARĖ .....



Žagarė Ridge is a long, narrow formation of sand and gravel, formed by glaciers. While travelling this 3,6-kilometre long cognitive walkway you can admire the picturesque nature, observe the birds, animals or insects, and camp out. There are gazebos, observation towers, information stands, fireplaces, a basketball court, beach volleyball court, car parks, outdoor toilets, changing rooms, and many more. The second mound of Žagarė, called by local people Žvelgaitis Hill, is one of the stops in Žagarė Ridge cognitive walkway. According to local people, the legendary castle of Lithuanian duke Žvelgaitis was standing on the mound in the 13th century.

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[zagaresrp.am.lt](http://zagaresrp.am.lt)**

## ..... 28. ŽAGARĖ MANOR FARMSTEAD AND PARK .....



The Žagarė manor farmstead is one of the largest surviving manor farmsteads in Lithuania. In the late 18th century, Russian queen Catherine II gave Žagarė manor to her favourite Platon Zubov. In 1858, the manor was bought by the duke Dmitry Naryshkin. The Naryshkin family rebuilt and enlarged the manor, turning it into a lavish English-style residence. Several groups of buildings unfold in the plain relief: the residential house, surrounded by the park; the stud farm complex not far away from it; further away northward, farm buildings, the mill, and manor workers' houses. As many as 21 buildings survived to this day. The complex of stables manege and the wheel building workshop is a very striking accent of the manor farmstead.

**Malūno St. 1, Žagarė,  
Joniškis dist.  
56.362315, 23.264539  
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## 29. JAKIŠKIAI MANOR .....

Jakiškiai manor is mentioned in historical sources as early as in the late 16th century. To this day, the 17-room manor with classicist features, built in 1898, has survived. The construction of the manor was initiated by the owner of the manor German Koškolis. The large manor farm buildings burned down during the war, only the icehouse building, the basement, and the building with a steam mill survived till our days. The manor is not restored and is still authentic. The private Jakiškiai manor fascinates artists: cultural and art events are arranged, movies are filmed here, and arriving guests are greeted by a permanent exhibition of paintings, giving the manor a bohemian touch. The manor hosts events in as many as 6 halls.

**Dvaro St. 4, Jakiškiai, Joniškis dist.**

**56.180301, 23.53128**

**+370 682 57092 (for inquiry)**

**[jakiskiudvaras.lt](http://jakiskiudvaras.lt)**

### DID YOU KNOW?

In the vicinities of Joniškis, people worshiped Thunder, fire, snakes, and other ancient Baltic deities as long as until 1536, when the Bishop of Vilnius Jonas baptized locals and founded the Joniškis parish.



## 30. GASČIŪNAI CENTRE OF TRADITIONAL CRAFTS.....

Gasčiūnai is a village and an exclusive corner of Joniškis region, which is cherished and famous because of an active community. A documentary film has been created about the village. There is an ethnographic museum in a farm building made of clay where over 2000 different exhibits showing how our ancestors lived and worked are stored. The community also welcomes guests to visit the modern centre of traditional crafts. It offers educational programs: sticking and painting of clay, bread and buns are baked according to ancient recipes of our grandmothers. There are many ethnic celebrations in the Traditional Crafts Centre.

**Mokyklos St. 7, Gasčiūnai, Joniškis dist.**

**56.148331, 23.624787**

**+370 698 84 503**



## OTHER OBJECTS .....

- Joniškis History and Culture Museum
- Sofija Kymantaitė-Čiurlionienė's native house-exposition
- Table Tennis Museum
- Old Town of Žagarė
- Old Žagarė St Peter and Paul's Church with the crypt of Barbora Žagarietė
- New Žagarė St Peter and Paul the Apostles' Church
- Water entertainments in Žagarė
- Žagarė dolomite outcrop
- Brothers' Stone
- Juodeikiai St John the Baptist's Church and Father Stanislovas' house
- Rudiškės St Philip and Jacob the Apostles' Church
- Square of Roofed Pillar Type Sculptures "Nykstančių kaimų šviesa" ("The Light of Endangered Villages")
- Skaistgirys Jonas Viliūnas' park
- Skaistgirys barefoot trail and observation tower
- Matas Slančiauskas' farmstead-museum



Kelmė district, located near the historic Via Hanza road, attracts visitors with the diversity of its land: the beautiful bends of the Dubysa, Venta, and other rivers, pure lakes, and numerous heritage sites. You will be able to experience the peace provided by nature in Kelmė district: there are as many as 7 nature reserves in the district (Šilkainiai geomorphological reserve, Šatrija landscape reserve, and other) and 4 regional parks (Tytuvėnai, Kurtuvėnai, Dubysa, Varniai), which are abundant in untouched nature, unique natural monuments...

Kelmė district also has something to offer for culture lovers: events of enchanting classical music, sacred and folk-art events, exclusive churches, and peculiar museums.

## TOP OBJECTS

### 31. KELMĖ MANOR



Kelmė Manor Ensemble is a state-protected cultural heritage object, valued as a rarely preserved baroque-style Lithuanian provincial manor homestead. To this day, nine buildings of this homestead of the manor period survived. Kelmė manor is the place where the uprising of 1863 against Tsarist Russia first started in Lithuania.

**Dvaro St. 15, Kelmė**  
**55.6383075, 22.9362963**





### ....32. THE ENSEMBLE OF THE CHURCH AND THE MONASTERY IN TYTUVĖNAI....

Due to an artistic appearance and a combination of architectural styles, a unique ensemble is an original art monument not only in Lithuania but also in the context of north eastern European art. According to many art critics, Tytuvėnai Ensemble is an inexhaustible treasure trove of historical, cultural, architectural, and art monuments.

**Maironio St. 2A, Tytuvėnai, Kelmė district**  
**55.5968023, 23.1987862**



### ..... 33. UŽVENTIS WATERMILL .....

The building of Užventis watermill and distillery is one of the remaining buildings in the territory of the former Užventis manor farmstead. The restored old turbine produces electricity, the renovated mill halls are waiting for banquet guests.

**P. Višinskio St. 28, Užventis, Kelmė dist.**  
**55.786211, 22.6563303**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Kražiai – a town of records: the heaviest book, the soap giant, the 3rd largest stone in the vicinities...



### ..... 34. KRAŽIAI COLLEGE .....

One of the historical monuments here is the surviving building of the former Jesuit College (the early 17th century). It is a part of a huge complex of Jesuit buildings, which once existed in Kražiai. In 1616, Jesuits founded Kražiai College – the most important centre of education and religious life in Samogitia. The area of about 4 hectares was occupied by as many as 22 buildings for all kinds of purposes.

**Kolegijos St. 5, Kražiai, Kelmė dist.**  
**55.6009889, 22.6800859**



### ..... 35. ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY IN PALENDRIAI .....



Palendriai St Benedict's Monastery is located in the village of Palendriai, Kelmė district. Benedictines of Palendriai moved to the new monastery in the autumn of 2001. All who wish can go to the church of the monastery and pray together with monks.

**Palendriai village, Kelmė dist.**  
**55.7297619, 22.9331962**



### ..... 36. THE MUSEUM OF STICKS .....



Mečislovas Ežerskis, who lives in Kelmė, has carved over 3700 sticks. In 2009, the sticks made by Mečislovas Ežerskis were certified and recognized as a product of national heritage. There is no other such stickmaker in Lithuania. According to the stickmaker, every stick is unique, and you will neither make nor find another such stick. The longest stick made by Mečislovas is two meters long; the shortest, fifteen centimetres.

**Kooperacijos St. 33, Kelmė**  
**55.6313145, 22.9287047**

### ..... 37. PAKĖVIS MANOR .....



It is known that the writer and ethnographer Liudvikas Adomas Jucevičius (1813-1846) was born in this manor. During the Soviet years, the manor buildings were used for the purposes of the collective farm, the manor housed a school. The territory of the manor covers an area of about 40 ha.

**Dvaro St. 54, Pakėvis,**  
**Kelmė dist.**  
**55.682043, 22.8218614**



### 38. BERŽĖNAI MANOR

The manor that belonged to the families of counts Čapskiai, noblemen Šemetos, Gorskiai has been mentioned since the 15th century. The owners of the manor built neo-gothic manor buildings that have survived to the present day as well as planted the park and dug ponds. The manor was famous for its luxuriously furnished interiors and abundant collections of works of art.

**Beržėnai village, Kelmė dist.**

**55.8289223, 22.8091005**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The church-chapel in the private yard – Vaiguva Pijus Stulginskis' Chapel.



### 39. PAGRYŽUVYS MANOR

The romantic style Pagryžuvys manor-house was built in 1858 according to the design of the then famous architect F. Rimgaila. At the end of the 18th century, Pagryžuvys manor belonged to noblemen Šemetos; later, to the Pšeciševskiai family. After World War I, the manor was nationalized and given to Jesuits. Until World War II, the Jesuit monastery operated in the manor.

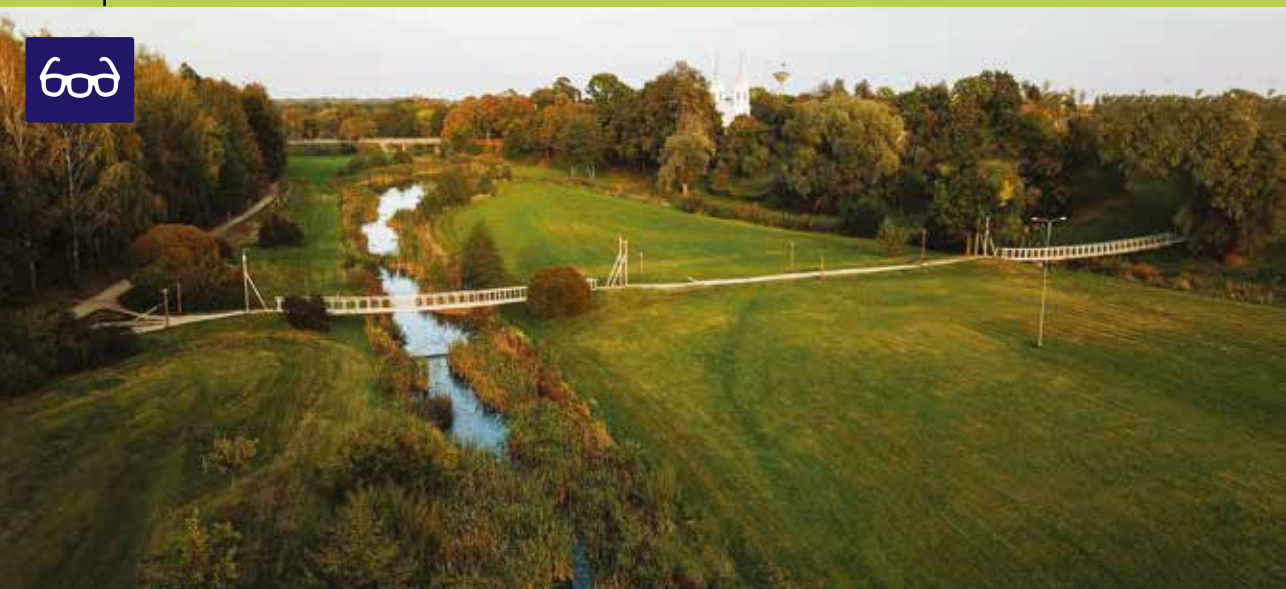
**Gryžuvos St. 16, Pagryžuvys, Kelmė dist.**

**55.6033026, 23.1281525**



### OTHER OBJECTS

- Burbaičiai mound
- Kubiliai mound
- Pustlaukis pit
- Pavandenė sacred hill
- Svilė crossroad of crosses



Pakruojis region is a land of communities, each of which has left its own distinctive face in Pakruojis lifeline. Lithuanians, Jews, Latvians, Germans, and Russian Old Believers have lived here for centuries ... We invite you to follow in their footsteps when traveling around the north of Lithuania. Lift a glass of delicious frothy Pakruojis beer, put a piece of Pakruojis gold – dolomite – in your pocket and come back again!

## TOP OBJECTS

### 40. PAKRUOJIS MANOR

Pakruojis manor farmstead is included in the Lithuanian Book of Records as the largest surviving complex of manor buildings in Lithuania (47 structures). Pakruojis manor hosts concerts, exhibitions, conferences, and offers various entertainments. Workshops organized here theatrically and attractively introduce to traditional crafts: candles are poured at the manor

beekeeper's, manor household chores are performed, sheep are cut and wool is felt; one can become familiar with the blacksmith's craft, visit the miller, the manor housewife, and the baron himself.

**Karčiamos St. 9, Pakruojis village,  
Pakruojis dist.**

**55.985077, 23.878640**

**+370 686 65 055**





### 41. PAKRUOJIS SYNAGOGUE

The most beautiful, cosy, wooden, and the oldest – all these words of praise are dedicated to our Pakruojis Synagogue. Pakruojis Synagogue has stood for 220 years. In 2017, it was restored and opened to the whole world. It is the only wooden synagogue of such splendour and size in Eastern Europe. Wonderfully recreated sky blue wallpapers, colourful beasts drawn on the ceiling, and, even more, a mystical animal mentioned in the Bible, Leviathan – a serpent eating its own tail. Lift your eyes up to the ceiling so as not to miss the train running towards the sky!

**Kranto St. 8, Pakruojis**

**55.979314, 23.849788**

**+370 673 27 052**



### 42. PAKRUOJIS OLD FIRE STATION

Pakruojis old fire station is located in the central part of the town. Pakruojis burned many times; therefore, in 1928, with the contribution of the Jewish community, a fire station penthouse was built. The wooden tower served for drying fire hoses, inventory was kept in other rooms of the building. Before World War II, a hand-operated siren was equipped. The hall was lit with carbide lamps; later, using electricity supplied by Pakruojis manor; and from 1934, with electricity produced by Maizelis' mill. Most of the firefighters were volunteers, and there was one paid firefighter-guard. After the renovation of Pakruojis old fire station in 2020, its premises house a cultural and artistic space.

**Laisvės square 10, Pakruojis**

**55.977973, 23.850242**

**+370 673 27 052**



### 43. LINKUVA ST MARY SCAPULA CHURCH AND OLD REGULA CARMELITE MONASTERY

The shrine of Linkuva can be boldly called an architectural diamond of northern Lithuania. Such diamonds shine in Italy and France, but rather come to Linkuva. Of powerful stature, a bit stubby, having survived several fires, the church acquired its current appearance more than 270 years ago. It is unique that during so many years, the builders of the church did not forget the shapes and lines of Renaissance architecture, which so beautifully unfold on the facades of the shrine. The old ensemble of the Carmelite monastery, consisting of three buildings, leans on the church. A cosy enclosed courtyard, old frescoes in the corridors of the monastery and an echo of the monks who once lived here. We look forward to your arrival!

**Laisvės St. 25, Linkuva, Pakruojis dist.**

**56.084935, 23.975102**

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#### ..... 44. PAKRUOJIS REGION ŽIEMGALA MUSEUM IN ŽEIMELIS .....



The town of Žeimelis is wonderful and old. In the times of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, this was the last stop before leaving the country and entering the Livonian lands. Travellers and merchants could overnight in Žeimelis and spend money in a dozen of the town's pubs and inns. Still earlier, the Semigallian tribe lived here. Their heritage along with other abundant exhibits of this land is preserved in Žiemgala Museum in Žeimelis. The museum has accumulated over 6,000 exhibits, and the museum's archaeology department is particularly valuable. The museum devotes a large amount of space to throw light on the activities of ethnic communities – Jews, Latvians, and Russian Old Believers.

**Vienybės square 14, Žeimelis,  
Pakruojis dist.**

**56.272630, 23.998877**

**+370 421 45 337**

#### ..... 45. LAUKSODIS ST ALOYZAS GONZAGA CHURCH .....



An exclusive and the only one such in Lithuania. The 270-year-old wooden basilica. The basilica is the oldest style of ecclesiastical architecture. The churches of the first centuries in Rome and Vilnius Arch-cathedral were built in the basilica style – all of them were brick churches. There are only a few wooden basilicas in the world, one of which is in the village of Lauksodis and is dedicated to St Aloyzas Gonzaga (Italy). The environment of the church is extremely beautiful and cosy – its space is surrounded by the green land area ending at the stream. We invite you to come and get inspired by the beauty and peace at Aloyzas from Gonzaga in Lauksodis.

**Lauksodis, Pakruojis dist.**

**56.234975, 24.001026**

**+370 673 27 052**

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The dolomite mined in Pakruojis land is the same rock that is found in Italian and Austrian Dolomite Alps.



## 46. ROZALIMAS FOREST PARK AND ZIGMANTIŠKIAI STONE WITH MARY'S FOOT

Rozalimas forest nature education and recreational park established near Rozalimas town with its recreational hiking trail is intended for acquaintance with Rozalimas pine forest, a vast range of stands, the land's mythological history, and other interesting objects. The educational trail is about 4,5 km long. It stretches through the forest, the massif of which extends north of Rozalimas along the road 149 Smilgiai-Pakruojis. The route is equipped with the necessary infrastructure: 18 information stands, rest areas, and arrows. Zigmantiškės stone is situated about 2 km northwest of Rozalimas. The legend tells of the apparition of St Virgin Mary who left this "foot" to shepherds.

**Rozalimas, Pakruojis dist.**

**55.897949, 23.87653**

**+370 673 27 052**

### DID YOU KNOW?

In 1921, the residents of Žeimelis voted to which state – Lithuania or Latvia – they should belong.



## 47. STAČIŪNAI WINDMILL

The mill was built in 1890. In Soviet times, it was turned into a warehouse and did not serve its original purpose. In 2004, the mill was restored. It is one of a few surviving windmills whose ground floor is constructed using stone masonry and has decorative elements, while the others are wooden. It is the only windmill in Pakruojis district with an inner cap rotation mechanism. Currently, the exposition of the milling equipment, the photos of Stačiūnai community life, various folk household items are displayed, travelling expositions are organized, and educational programmes are offered.

**Malūno St. 4, Stačiūnai, Pakruojis dist.**

**55.939432, 23.629885**

**+370 601 26 501; +370 615 32 824**



## OTHER OBJECTS

- Lygumai Church
- Lygumai Synagogue
- Rozalimas Synagogue
- Linkuva Synagogue
- Akmenėliai (Žeimelis) Old Believers' Cemetery
- Žeimelis Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Geručiai (Glebava) Manor
- Petrašiūnai Dolomite Outcrop
- Guostagalis stone called "Velnio krėslas" ("Devil's Chair")

**ŠIAULIAI**

1. Šiauliai Boulevard
2. St Apostles Peter and Paul's Cathedral
3. Sundial Square
4. Chaimas Frenkelis' Villa
5. "Rūta" Chocolate Museum
6. Vanda Kavaliauskienė's Cats Museum
7. The Bicycle Museum
8. Sculpture "The Iron Fox"
9. The Monument To The Lithuanian Currency – "The Cents Room"
10. The Photography Museum
11. Žaliūkiai Miller's homestead
12. The Venclauskiai House

**AKMENĖ DISTRICT**

13. Akmenė Regional Museum
14. Kamanos State Strict Nature Reserve
15. Venta Regional Park
16. Lazdynų Pelėda's Memorial Museum
17. Akmenė Nature and Culture Park
18. Simonas Daukantas' Memorial Museum
19. Jurakalnis Observation Tower
20. Naujoji Akmenė Culture House
21. Šaltiškiai clay quarry
22. Menčiai limestone quarry

**JONIŠKIS DISTRICT**

23. Joniškis Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven
24. The Complex of Synagogues in Joniškis
25. Joniškis Basketball Museum
26. Cognitive Walkway of Mūšos Tyrelis
27. Ridge and the 2nd Mound (Žvelgaitis Hill) of Žagarė
28. Žagarė Manor Farmstead and Park
29. Jakiškiai Manor
30. Gasčiūnai Centre of Traditional Crafts

**KELMĖ DISTRICT**

31. Kelmė Manor
32. The Ensemble of the Church and the Monastery in Tytuvėnai
33. Užventis Watermill
34. Kražiai College
35. St Benedict's Monastery in Palendriai
36. The Museum of Sticks
37. Pakėvis Manor
38. Beržėnai Manor
39. Pagryžuvys Manor

**PAKRUOJIS DISTRICT**

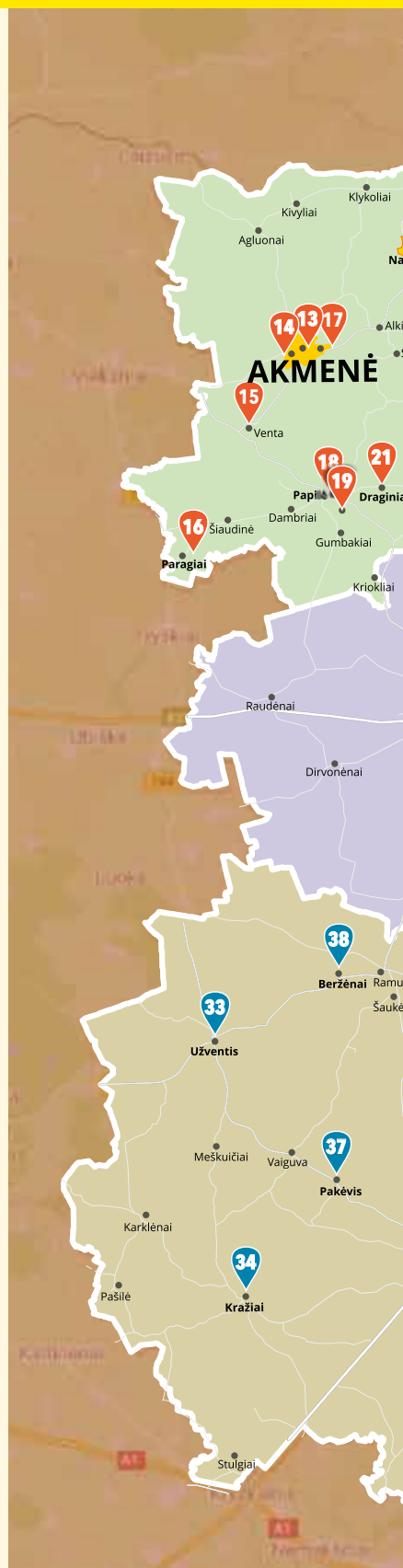
40. Pakruojis Manor
41. Pakruojis Synagogue
42. Pakruojis Old Fire Station
43. Linkuva St Mary Scapula Church and Old Regula Carmelite Monastery
44. Pakruojis Region Žiemgala Museum in Žeimelis
45. Lauksodis St Aloyzas Gonzaga Church
46. Rozalimas Forest Park and Zigmantiškiai Stone with Mary's Foot
47. Stačiūnai Windmill

**RADVILIŠKIS DISTRICT**

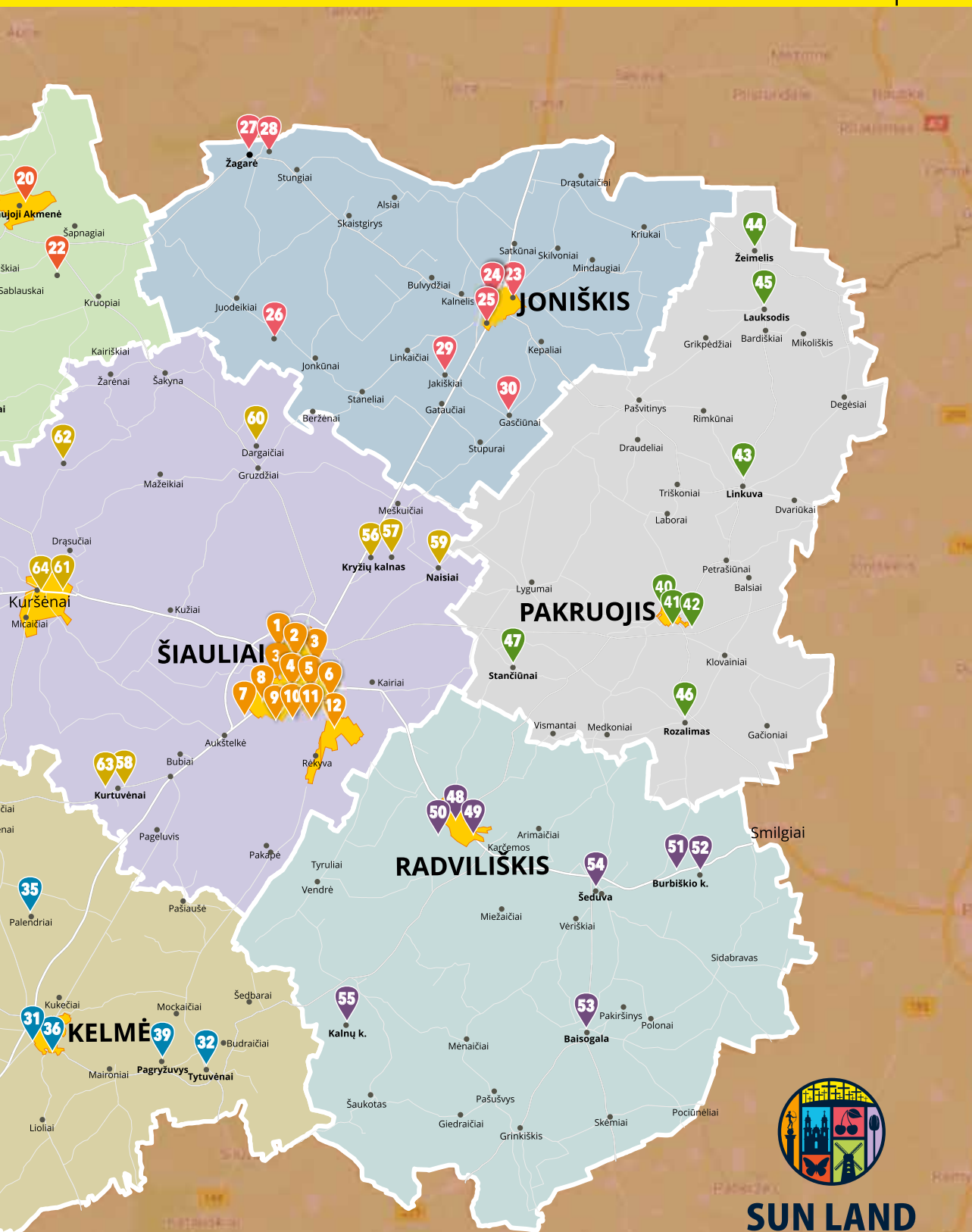
48. The wooden belfry of Radviliškis of St Virgin Mary's Nativity Church
49. The symbol of Radviliškis – a steam locomotive
50. Burbiškis Manor
51. Playing and illuminated fountain
52. Kleboniškiai Rural Household Museum
53. Baisogala Manor
54. Šeduva Museum of Historical Machinery
55. Šiaulė Observation Tower

**ŠIAULIAI DISTRICT**

56. The Hill of Crosses
57. Franciscan Monastery of the Lithuanian Province of St Kasimir at the Hill of Crosses
58. Kurtuvėnai
59. Naisiai
60. Mini Zoological Garden – Alpacas' Farm in Dargaičiai
61. Centre of Ethnic Culture and Traditional Crafts of Šiauliai District Municipality
62. Agailiai Chapel
63. Kurtuvėnai Church of St Jacob the Apostle
64. Kuršėnai Manor Homestead and Park









The land of Radviliškis is rich in manors of exceptional architecture with impressive parks adorned with sculptures of historical personalities, tree alleys breathing with refreshment and mystery, and fields with as many as over 460 tulip species. The mounds of the district, eight in total, braided with legends and stories, invite you to discover the treasures hidden in their slopes. New bicycle routes, educational hiking trails, workshops presenting ethnic culture traditions – all of it is waiting for you here, in a peculiar and hospitable Radviliškis district.

## TOP OBJECTS

### .....48. THE WOODEN BELFRY OF ..... RADVILIŠKIS ST VIRGIN MARY'S NATIVITY CHURCH



The belfry built in 1878 is a unique architectural monument of Radviliškis town, decorated with unique folk art decorative elements. Burnt twice and both times restored by believers' efforts and sacrifices, the five-story wooden belfry rises higher than the roof of the city's church. Today, it stands proudly at the parish house of prayer and is the first to greet everyone who enters the churchyard.

**Maironio St. 8,  
Radviliškis  
55.806578, 23.542758**



## ..... 49. THE SYMBOL OF RADVILIŠKIS - A STEAM LOCOMOTIVE.....

Since 2004, the attraction near Radviliškis railway station has been its trophy – a steam locomotive built in Berlin in 1944, which is entered in the Cultural Heritage Register due to its historical, technical, and technological value. The relic of Radviliškis locomotive depot, belonging to the so-called T series, is the only one of this kind, which has survived in our country. Today, it is an eloquent symbol of the town considered the capital of railwaymen.

**Laisvės Ave. 30, Radviliškis**  
**55.806275, 23.536753**

### DID YOU KNOW?

Burbiškis manor is like a miniature of the Netherlands.



## ..... 50. BURBIŠKIS MANOR .....

Burbiškis manor has been known since the 16th century. In 1819, the manor was acquired by the Baženskiai family who built a peculiar manor of Romanticism, Historicism and Neo-Gothic styles, reminding of a fortress. The new owners have also created an impressive, scenic 28-hectare park distinguishing itself by exceptional small architecture, ponds, tree-lined alleys, viewpoints, and islands. The park is adorned with the sculptures of Vytautas the Great and Adam Mickiewicz, for the first time created in Lithuania by Kazimieras Ulianskis.

The museum established in Burbiškis manor aims to restore as accurate picture of the past as possible, conveying the old culture of manors. The spaces of the manor farmstead house the exhibitions of the manor history, carriages, old technical equipment, houseplants, and tulips.

Every spring, the manor hosts the tulip flowering festivals well-known throughout Lithuania and abroad, poetry events “Poezijos pavasaris”, chamber concerts, and exhibitions.

**Burbiškis village,**  
**Radviliškis dist.**  
**55.782288, 23.897691**  
**+370 422 56 110**  
**[daugyvenesmuziejus.lt](http://daugyvenesmuziejus.lt)**



## ..... 51. PLAYING AND ILLUMINATED FOUNTAIN .....



The fountain shining in different colours and dancing to the melody was built in the town's renovated central square in 2018. Since the spring of 2019, it has delighted the residents and guests of Radviliškis town, giving a memorable sight.

**Aušros square 10, Radviliškis**  
**55.807625, 23.539579**

## ..... 52. KLEBONIŠKIAI RURAL HOUSEHOLD MUSEUM .....



Kleboniškiai Rural Household Museum has been established in the valley of the Daugyvenė River, in a former village site and occupies the area of 18 ha. Its exposition contains buildings characteristic of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century, relocated from vicinities. These are cottages, granaries, baths, threshing floors, and barns. The surviving homesteads are neighboured by the restored ones. To revive the old countryside, 11 buildings have been moved from other locations. There is a total of 28 buildings in the village, 18 of which belong to the museum. The village has a windmill built in 1884. The old trees of the former village site and the thatched roofs of the buildings add authenticity to the museum; while its inhabitants, reality. The village hosts exhibitions, educational programs, evening parties, attracts by its threshing floor theatre performances, folk music and crafts, and Shrovetide celebrations.

**Kleboniškės village, Radviliškis dist.**  
**55.770351, 23.856069**  
**+370 611 12 053**  
[daugyvenesmuziejus.lt](http://daugyvenesmuziejus.lt)

### DID YOU KNOW?

The village of Kleboniškės is Rumšiškės of northern Lithuania.





### 53. BAISOGALA MANOR .....

Baisogala manor is one of the most famous architectural monuments in Lithuania. From 1830, this manor belonged to the family of landowners Komarai. To this day, a central manor house, stables, a wheel building workshop, kitchen, warehouse, and a mill have survived. There is an impressive park with quite a number of exotic tree species. In 1952, the Institute of Animal Husbandry of Lithuania was established and still operates in the manor.

**R. Žebenkos St. 12, Baisogala,  
Radviliškis dist.**

**55.636825, 23.716913**



### 54. ŠEDUVA MUSEUM OF HISTORICAL MACHINERY .....

This is a museum of the Lithuanian Historical Vehicle Preservation Association "Retromobile". It is a mobile exposition of historical vehicles that can leave a place at any time. Its uniqueness is not in the frozen exhibits, but in its life.

**Panevėžio St. 36, Šeduva,  
Radviliškis dist.**

**55.757040, 23.766273**

**+370 687 32 733; +370 611 12 035**



### 55. ŠIAULĖ OBSERVATION TOWER .....

In the western part of the district, known as Šiaulė land, between Šiaulėnai and Šaukotas hills, there stands 21 meters high Observation Tower from the top of which a wonderful landscape can be admired. The tower is neighboured by a pedestrian walkway leading to the legendary Kudinai mount or Šiaulė mount.

**Kalnai village, Radviliškis dist.**

**55.645492, 23.419565**



### OTHER OBJECTS .....

- Diktariškis Manor
- Kleboniškių Windmill
- The Memorial to Movement of the Struggle for Lithuania's Freedom in Minaičiai

- Šeduva Mill
- Šiaulėnai Regional Museum
- Deportation Train Wagon in Radviliškis



Šiauliai district is known for the famous Hill of Crosses all over the world. The formation of the mound and its surroundings lasted for more than a century. The hill of prayers is important for its cultural, historical, sacral, social, archaeological, and national value. This is not the only destination that can impress travellers in Šiauliai district. Entertainments, workshops, culinary heritage, rich landscapes, hiking and cycling trails, and active leisure for families have attracted even the pickiest ones to our country for many years now. We invite you to discover mounds, manors, mini zoos, settlements, and, of course, the pearl of Šiauliai land – Kurtuvėnai.

## TOP OBJECTS

### 56. THE HILL OF CROSSES



#### DID YOU KNOW?

One of the legends of the Hill of Crosses tells that the beginning of the Hill of Crosses was associated with St Mary's apparition to children in 1872.

A small hill all densely hung with crosses stands in the fields about 12 km north of Šiauliai. This is the famous Hill of Crosses. In the Middle Ages, there was a wooden castle on the hill, called Kula in chronicles and destroyed by the Livonian army in 1348.

In the spring of 1961, the Soviet Government decided "to deal with" the Hill of Crosses. Despite everything, the Hill of Crosses remained a symbol of heroic resistance and belief in freedom throughout the whole period of Lithuanian occupation.

The Hill of Crosses became famous all over the world after the visit of Pope John Paul II here on September 7, 1993.

**Domantai village, Šiauliai dist.**

**56.01585, 23.415565**  
**[siauliurajonas.lt](http://siauliurajonas.lt)**



## 57. FRANCISCAN MONASTERY OF THE LITHUANIAN PROVINCE OF ST KASIMIR AT THE HILL OF CROSSES

In the autumn of 1993, during his visit to Franciscan Monastery of Mount La Verne in Italy and a few weeks after his trip around Lithuania, the Pope John Paul II said that there were two special hills in Europe – Mount La Verne and the Hill of Crosses and that these two hills had to be bridged. He urged Franciscan brothers to build a monastery near the Hill of Crosses. The Franciscans promptly responded to the Pope's encouragement. The construction of the building, standing 300 meters away from the Hill of Crosses, was started by Franciscan brothers of Tuscany province. The monastery was solemnly consecrated on July 8, 2000.

**Jurgaičiai village, Šiauliai dist.**

**56.017095612346, 23.420426845550537**

**+370 41 52 77 33**

**ofm.lt**



## 58. KURTUVĖNAI

A nobleman's farmstead existed in Kurtuvėnai as early as in the 14th century. The first owner of Kurtuvėnai manor Mykolas Jaugelavičius is mentioned in 1495. It is also known that other famous owners of the manor were the families of Kęsgailai, Nagurskiai, Oginskiai, Tiškevičiai, and Zyberk Pliateriai.

Today, Kurtuvėnai manor entertainment complex offers an incredible abundance of services: riding camps for children, a riding school, a photo session with horses, children's birthdays in the stud farm, a two horseshoe hike, a 6-day horse ride Kurtuvėnai-Palanga, carriage rides, carriage rental, hippotherapy (therapeutic riding) for children and adults, a ride with a carriage drawn by two horses, a horse hotel, various excursions, educational programs, bicycle routes, and a wide range of numerous manor attractions in Kurtuvėnai manor. Visitors can also enjoy great local food and traditional events, admire a surviving park, horse stud, ponds, a restored wooden Baroque-style barn and a wheel building workshop. In 2019, a new visitor centre was established.

**Parko St. 2, Kurtuvėnai, Šiauliai dist.**

**55.82679111289498, 23.049072711639383**

**+370 41 37 03 33, +370 618 29 964**

**kurtuva.lt**



## 59. NAISIAI

Naisiai is known for its Museum of Baltic Gods, the only museum of this kind in Lithuania, adorned with more than 50 oak sculptures of Baltic Gods. Other unique museums in Naisiai are the Museum of Bird Nesting Boxes, the Museum of Baltic Herbage, and Šiauliai Regional Literature Museum that has operated for as many as 37 years.

The landscape is enriched with paganism expressed by attractions such as Saulė Square (Sun Square), Alka Hill (Sacred Hill), Ugnis Square (Fire Square), Mėnulio akis (the Moon's Eye), Lake Laimė (Lake Happiness), Meilė Island (Island of Love), and the impressively large Baltai Arena (Arena of the Balts). Naisiai is also known for its professional theatre "Naisių vasara" ("Naisiai Summer"), Ramūnas Karbauskis' Žemaitukai horse stud, a paintball centre, swing park, and other attractions.

**Gėlės St. 9, Naisiai, Šiauliai dist.**

**56.022129, 23.51400**

**+370 611 33 333**

**naisiai.lt**



## .....60. A MINI ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN – THE ALPACAS' FARM IN DARGAIČIAI.....



The alpacas' farm and the mini zoological garden are located in the village of Dargaičiai, in Šiauliai district. It is one of the largest gardens in northern Lithuania and the Baltic States, which accepts individual visitors and excursion groups. Farmers tell stories where alpacas came from and how they appeared in Lithuania, what the animals are special about, present alpacas' wool, and its products that can also be bought here.

The most enjoyable part of the visit is getting to know alpacas and other animals. Currently, the farm is a home to 21 different animal species: alpacas, llamas, a camel, chinchillas, REX rabbits, donkeys, Queensland sheep, Dutch pygmy goats, the Falabella miniature horse (the smallest breed in the world), African ostriches, Jacob sheep, Coburg fox sheep, Highland cow, Arabian horse, and black nose sheep.

**Dargaičiai village, Gruzdžiai eldership,  
Šiauliai dist.**

**56.132807, 23.254368**

**+370 686 43 584;**

**[alpakuuginimas.lt](http://alpakuuginimas.lt); [minizoo.lt](http://minizoo.lt)**

## .....61. THE CENTRE OF ETHNIC CULTURE AND TRADITIONAL CRAFTS ..... OF ŠIAULIAI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY



The centre houses permanent expositions of Šiauliai region folk artists' works and ethnography. Visitors of the centre can get familiar with the crafts from ancient times to the present day. The museum has a particularly rich collection of pottery articles, since Kuršėnai has long been known as the Capital of Potters. During the excursion, one can take a walk in clogs, grind flour or try to "throw" a pot.

**Ventos St., 7A, Kuršėnai, Šiauliai dist.**

**55.999677, 22.932667**

**+370 41 58 34 22; +370 698 08 217**

**[kursenuamatucentras.lt](http://kursenuamatucentras.lt)**

## ..... 62. AGAILIAI CHAPEL .....



The first wooden chapel was built in the depths of Agailiai forest as early as in the times of serfdom. Believing in the magic of this place, people were building crosses here for a long time. In 1939, a small concrete church with a wooden tiled roof was built. During World War II, it was set on fire. Later it was rebuilt, but in 1974, it burnt down the second time after being struck by lightning. In 1910, the church was restored. It is included in the list of cultural values of Kuršėnai rural eldership.

In 2004-2005, the church was renovated with the funds of Kuršėnai forest enterprise. In 2006, a walking trail leading to the spring whose water is considered magical and has healing powers was equipped.

**Agailiai forest, Gedinėčiai forest dist.,**

**Šiauliai dist.**

**56.119991, 22.954859**



### ..... 63. KURTUVĖNAI CHURCH OF ST JACOB THE APOSTLE.....

The towers of Kurtuvėnai church of St Jacob the Apostle have been supporting the sky since 1792, upon the completion of the construction of the sanctuary, which lasted a decade. The snowy white 50-meter-tall towers of the church built in the late-Baroque style can be seen from far away. The church is adorned by the family coat of arms of the founder of the church count Jokūbas Nagurskis, located above the main entrance to the building. The interior of the church breathes reticent classicism, but aesthetic elements of late Baroque and neo-Gothic can be also discovered here. The ensemble of five altars and a pulpit was completed in 1820. This event is commemorated by a memorial plaque affixed to the church pillar.

**Višinskio St. 33, Kurtuvėnai, Šiauliai dist.**

**55.828047, 23.048167**

**+370 41 37 01 36**

**kurtuva.lt**



#### DID YOU KNOW?

Twelve crypts are walled in the basements of Kurtuvėnai Church of St Jacob the Apostle. It is believed that the nobles who ruled Kurtuvėnai manor and other representatives of the nobility were buried in this basement.

### ..... 64. KURŠĖNAI MANOR HOMESTEAD AND PARK.....

The history of Kuršėnai manor begins in 1564, when Žygimantas Augustas gave this manor in leno right to Jurgis Despot Zinovičius, Polock castle supervisor. In 1621, the manor went to S. Pacas, the treasurer of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania; and a decade later, to Jurgis Gruževskis and his wife. At the end of the 18th century, Kuršėnai was inherited by Steponas Gruževskis. In 1811, having invited the artist J. Rilkė with the entire apprentice brigade, he built a new (current) manor house, a chapel and repaired other buildings. The manor flourished even more under the reign of his younger son Edward, to whom the manor was passed in 1846.

During World War I, the Germans who settled in the manor destroyed the park, the manor and took away most valuable items. Thanks to advanced farming in the interwar period the manor flourished. In 1940, the manor was nationalized.

Kuršėnai manor is the only most valuable legacy of wooden manor architecture in Šiauliai district.

**Ventos St. 7E, Kuršėnai, Šiauliai dist.**

**56.00012, 22.932819**



### ..... OTHER OBJECTS .....

- Algirdas Laucevičius' deer farm
- Paliesiai manor house
- Gilvyčiai quarry
- Paežeriai manor homestead

- Old Believers' Prayer House
- Gruzdžiai manor farmstead
- A real tank turret with a shell, built on a pedestal (in memory of the Soviet soldiers who died in 1941–1945)



Šiauliai region will undoubtedly surprise even the most exquisite taste with exclusiveness of the culinary heritage. Traditional treats and recipes, beer straight from a barrel and secrets of specialties passed from generation to generation are major ingredients of the cuisine of the Land of the Sun.

### ..... ŠIAULIAI FLAVOURS .....



Flavours – that can be the goal of a trip. Stops offering new flavours and experiences are waiting for you in Šiauliai. “Avenue Brasserie”, a restaurant on Šiauliai boulevard, appearing in the top 30 in Lithuania, pampers gourmets with European cuisine.

In “Presto” tea house, try the Hussar soup or Vereshchiak, or maybe a mouth-watering cake. “Valerijonas” tea house pampers with vegetarian dishes, desserts, and even vegan ice cream. You will discover secrets hidden in a chocolate bubble in “Rūta” cafe. Restaurant “Žemaitis” invites you to remember traditional Lithuanian flavours and discover elements of the Jewish cuisine.

[visitsiauliai.lt](http://visitsiauliai.lt)

### ..... GOODIES OF THE BEE THERAPY CENTRE .....



The Bee Therapy Centre is established on the bank of the Venta River, not far from the Nightingale Valley, in the beautiful town of Papilė. Here you can not only treat yourself, relax but also taste various bee products: various kinds of honey, honey with honeycomb, bee bread and pollen, pitch or royal jelly.

**Nepriklausomybės St. 14, Papilė, Akmenė dist.**  
**+370 698 75 982**

[biciuterapija.lt](http://biciuterapija.lt)



## ..... ŽAGARĖ DUMPLINGS .....

Educational sessions-tastings of the pride of the culinary heritage of the Semigallian land: dumplings (rye dumplings with fried lardon and sauerkraut), cheese (5 types), zaptė (jam), ham and bacon, fruit sweets, homemade barley beer, homemade wine (cherry, apple, black currant), teas from the herbs collected at the foot of Žvelgaitis mound, sap (fresh in spring and fermented in other seasons). The price is negotiable; duration, up to 2 hours.

**Žagarės St. 51, Žiuriai village, Joniškis dist.**

**56.341722, 23.207889**

**+370 698 04 385 (reservation required)**

**ziemgalospaveldas.lt**



## ..... PILGRIMS' GIRA .....

*Gira* is a soft drink produced by fermentation from rye bread, fruits, berries, caraway, and other food products. Lithuanians used to produce and drink many kinds of *gira*. There are over 100 original recipes of *gira* that date back as far as the 16th century.

The educational program "Pilgrims' *gira*" includes the presentation of 5 different types of homemade *gira*, which distinguish themselves by their taste, history, and the way of delivering the educational program. Delicious *gira*, tasks, cheerful and professional educators "pilgrims" are waiting for you.

Educational sessions are booked in advance.

**Maironio St. 2A, Tytuvėnai, Kelmė dist.**

**55.5968023, 23.1987862**

**infotytuvėnai.lt**



## ..... A. UDRIENĖ'S SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP OFFERS .....

- An excursion and tasting of beer and homemade *gira*
- To observe a brewing process
- To admire a unique exposition of ancient beer production utensils
- To admire the collections of mystical stones and interesting beer mugs
- The duration of the excursion and tasting is 2-2,5 hours

**Alyvų St. 2, Jovarai village,  
Pakruojis dist.**

**+370 687 72 908**



### CAFÉ “PAS ŽITĄ”



The family cafe “Pas Žitą” has been located in the heart of Baisogala town since 2005. Three generations of the Šimkevičiai work here. Culinary secrets are passed down from generation to generation and are improved every time. In January this year, the family cafe enlarged and opened a confectionery unit producing restaurant-level desserts.

**Mokyklos St. 10, Baisogala, Radviliškis dist.**  
**55.639276, 23.724495**  
**+370 650 27 454**

### THE ONLY ONE SUCH IN LITHUANIA – KURTUVĖNAI HAM MATURED FOR 5 DAYS



During the ethnographic research conducted at Kurtuvėnai Regional Park, recipes of traditional dishes of this region were collected, the most interesting of which was matured ham. It is made by the hostess of the tavern “Kryžkelė”, to whom the following unique recipe is entrusted.

This exclusive dish is very full, especially suitable after a hike or excursion. The ham is served with a hot potatoe, *kastinys* (sour cream and butter blend), and cabbage. This dish has been prepared in Kurtuvėnai for the major holidays since long ago. The dish is served with a presentation and stories.

**P. Višinskio St. 18, Kurtuvėnai, Šiauliai dist.**  
**55.828698, 23.049828**  
**+370 674 01 316**

### KURŠĖNAI SWEET ROLL CAKE



During the tasting, you will get acquainted with the history of Kuršėnai as well as its sweet roll cake – the biggest brand that has promoted Kuršėnai the longest. It is the business card of the town, because if anything can be compared with this product, it is Kuršėnai pots, and just by their longevity.

While you enjoy the roll cake, the lady of the manor and the clerk will tell you about the nooks where the history of sweet and fragrant confectionery begins in Kuršėnai. Tasting of the roll cake is accompanied by witty remarks about the eating habits of the people of Kuršėnai and the eating agenda of the landlord of Kuršėnai manor J. Gruževskis.

**J. Basanavičiaus St. 7, Kuršėnai, Šiauliai dist.**  
**+370 41 584 486**  
**56.003845, 22.935584**  
**[siauliurajonas.lt](http://siauliurajonas.lt)**





For active and quiet recreation, choose lakes, recreation areas, and unique museums in Šiauliai region.

### ..... ŠIAULIAI - WITH LOVE FOR THE FAMILY .....

In Šiauliai, you can feel like in a zoo – foxes, oxen, and butterflies “live” in the city’s streets, and a huge chameleon “settled” in a tree. The renovated part of the boulevard, abundant in artistic accents, fountains, playgrounds and, of course, the children’s beloved “Trys nykštukai” (“Three Dwarfs”), is a convenient place to push prams.

The museums of cats, bicycles, chocolate, angels, railway, police and more are real lessons of history and life. Discover the one you like best!

The Saulė terrace is a multifunctional open-air leisure space in Šiauliai. It is equipped with separate spaces: children’s, sports, cinema and events, restaurant, and the recreation space. This is the largest free children’s playground in Šiauliai!

**[visitsiauliai.lt](http://visitsiauliai.lt)**



### ..... RESPITE BY JURAKALNIS .....

The respite place is equipped by Jurakalnis, which, for the convenience of visitors, has benches and a large parking lot, and on the way to the outcrop and spur, there is a gazebo and a fireplace. Jurakalnis spur is a typical relief shape formed by linear erosion. The linear erosion process and its consequences – the very erosive spur, gullies and ravines, where springs emerge and gush – are clearly visible here. Geologically most valuable are outcrops of rocks of the Jurassic period, which due to intensive erosion are naturally available for explorations. From the observation tower visitors can admire a wonderful view to the valley of the Venta and its terraces.

**Daubiškiai, Akmenė dist.**

**56.144680, 22.783100**



### .....THE HAG OF THE SWAMP MŪŠOS TYRELIS .....



Exclusive, mystical swamp sites, hag gates, rituals and magic, various workshops, while those who want to escape from the daily hustle and bustle are invited to sleep in a swamp cottage – nature views through the window, hares running with partridges, the squawk of cranes and songs of other birds will delight your hearts and bring you back to your inner home.

**Bičiuliai 1, Joniškis dist.**

**56.200505, 23.321848**

**+370 682 30 047 (reservation required)**

**FB Mūšos tyrelio pelkės laumė**

### .....THE FOREST MUSEUM .....



The history of the establishment of the museum is related to Enrikas Juzeliūnas, the then director of the forest enterprise, who had the horns of the auroch – the ancient Lithuanian forest animal, found on the slopes of the Dubysa river. These were about 2000-year-old horns – an extremely rare and interesting exhibit that was also evaluated by Prof. Tadas Ivanauskas. Together with the Directorate of Tytuvėnai Regional Park, the forest enterprise takes care of the management of the museum's display and supplements it with new exhibits. Today, the museum invites to admire an interesting collection of garden and forest birds, get acquainted with forest animals and their way of life, evaluate the great diversity of insects in this area, and admire the woodwork of local folk craftsmen.

Excursions in the Forest Museum are led by the staff of Tytuvėnai Regional Park, if they are booked in advance.

**Miškininkų St. 6, Tytuvėnai, Kelmė dist.**

### .....AKMENĖLIAI MANOR (PAKRUOJIS) .....



From 1780, the owner of Akmenėliai manor was Baron Theodor von der Ropp of German descent. The manor is located in the shade of centuries-old trees, on the bank of the river Kruoja. Akmenėliai manor houses a museum of a famous artist Stasys Ušinskas. In 2020, a monument "Horse" was erected in the territory of the manor, depicting one of Stasys Ušinskas' puppets.

**Petrašiūnų St. 6, Akmenėliai village, Pakruojis dist.**

**56.009416, 23.904528**

**+370 682 27 676**



### ..... RADVILIŠKIS SWIMMING POOL .....

In the swimming pool, much attention is paid to children, their health promotion and physical development. The new, modern swimming pool is open to all who care about their health, who want to learn to swim and spend their leisure actively and meaningfully. The swimming pool is also accessible to people who have physical disabilities.

**V. Kudirkos St. 2, Radviliškis**  
**55.810093, 23.546681**



### ..... RABBIT ISLAND .....

Naisiai has plenty of entertainments for the whole family. In warm weather, we invite you to visit Rabbit Island in Naisiai. Upon arrival, you will find a man-made artificial round island inhabited by a wide range of rabbit breeds: the Flemish Giant rabbits, German Rhinelanders with "butterfly markings", Californian rabbits, and the New Zealand Red rabbits. You will be able to go around the circle-shaped settlement and get to know everyone who lives in it. Children will be able to swing in the swing park neighbouring Rabbit Island.

**Naisiai, Šiauliai dist.**  
**56.020050, 23.498213**  
**+370 611 33 333**  
**[naisiai.lt](http://naisiai.lt)**



### ..... THE ZOO OF BREEDING BIRDS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS ..... **RAIBA PLUNKSNA (A SPECKLED FEATHER)**

The inhabitants of the farmstead range from miniature mice to 20 breeds of hens. The farmstead offers public educational activities, excursions and exhibitions, its visitors can get acquainted with domestic birds and animals. The farmstead is equipped with recreation areas with benches, children's playground, swings, and a sandbox. There is a collection of horns collected on the farm, a gallery of cross stitch pictures, accessories from feathers, and souvenirs.

**Atžalyno St. 36, Bertužiai village, Šiauliai dist.**  
**55.915876, 23.393650**  
**+370 620 88 561**





Nature of Šiauliai region invites to plunge into the sublime of parks and forests, to admire unique values of nature.

### .....ŠIAULIAI – SURROUNDED BY WATER.....



We really do not lack the beauty of nature – Lake Talkša and Prūdelis lie nearly in the very middle of the city, and the city is neighboured by huge Lake Rėkyva (the country's tenth largest), occupying the area of over a thousand hectares, which has been swashing its water for even more than ten thousand years. The lake is alive both in winter and in summer, sails constantly flutter here: in the warm weather, yachts spread their sails on the lake, giving the lake grandeur and peace, and in winter, the solid ice of the lake is tested by ice sled enthusiasts flying at high speed, having harnessed wind blowing in their colourful sails.

[visitsiauliai.lt](http://visitsiauliai.lt)

### .....JURAKALNIS GEOLOGICAL EDUCATIONAL TRAIL.....



We invite you walk along Jurakalnis geological educational trail. The trail equipped according to modern requirements, beginning at Simonas Daukantas' museum, curves to Jurakalnis ravine outcrop and spur, encompassing Papilė I mound, a viewing platform, and a tower.

**Papilė, Akmenė dist.**

**The beginning of the trail: 56.15147, 22.78789**

**The end of the trail: 56.14468, 22.7831**



### ..... ŠIAULIAI UNIVERSITY BOTANICAL GARDEN .....

The beautiful garden with blooming plants of 4600 species and breeds can melt the heart. Although we do not have mountains, this botanical garden has the largest and most abundant collection of mountain plants from all over the world in the Baltic States – the pride of the city!

A visitor can familiarise both with separate plants and see their communities that are close to natural. The Botanical Garden organises sightseeing and educational seminars, educational sessions, festivities, and concerts.

**Paitaičių St. 4, Šiauliai**

**55.932808, 23.283203**

**+370 659 93 748**

**[bs.su.lt](http://bs.su.lt)**



### ..... SKAISTGIRYS RECREATION AREA AND OBSERVATION TOWER .....

The recreation area on a hillock, located in the very centre of Skaistgirys town, is equipped with a free-of-charge barefoot trail, sculptures of various birds, children's playgrounds, and an observation tower, which overlooks the Semigallian plains and neighbouring dolomite quarries.

**Draugystės St., Skaistgirys, Joniškis dist.**

**56.303688, 23.381963**

**[visitjoniškis.lt](http://visitjoniškis.lt)**



### ..... KRIAUČIUS STONE .....

Kriaučius stone (Tailor's Stone) lies in a flat ploughed field, near the road Kražiai-Jauniškė, almost on the top of a streamlined 157-meter-high hillock. This boulder is the third largest in Lithuania. The length of the boulder is 7,84 metres; its width, 7,65 metres; and height, over 4 metres; the maximum horizontal circumference is 23,2 metres. This boulder (more precisely, its small upper part protruding above the ground) has long been known to the locals. However, only in 1974, the reclamators working here pushed the ground with a bulldozer for the first time and exposed the rear of the boulder more widely. In 1989, using pulley blocks with arm-thick ropes and two anchors dug in the ground, borrowed from the Mažeikiai Oil Refinery, the boulder was pulled out to the surface and dragged to the nearest hillock in Vileikiai village.

**Vileikiai village, Kelmė dist.**

**55.5455235, 22.7588868**



### ..... HANGING BRIDGES, CITY PARK AND SAKURA GARDEN IN PAKRUOJIS .....



The city park – a place for events and recreation, covering the area of 14 ha, was established in the Kruoja Valley in 1974. After organising the national wood-carving plein air in 1987, the park was adorned with wooden sculptures. Visit the beautiful valley of the river Kruoja, take a walk on the hanging bridges connecting its banks. These hanging bridges of Pakruojis are among the most beautiful and interesting hanging bridges in Lithuania. We invite you to come to Pakruojis park in May and admire the flowering of Japanese sakuras.

#### **Pakruojis**

**55.980802, 23.849302**

**+370 673 27 052**

### ..... RAGINĖNAI MOUND CALLED RAGANOS HILL .....



Mysterious Raginėnai Mound, also called *Raganos* Hill (The Hill of Witches), stands in the Daugyenė Cultural History Museum-Reserve located in the eastern part of the district, next to the road Šiauliai-Panevėžys. Legends tell that once hags lived here and witches spread with devils, arranged devils' weddings. According to other legends, the mound was poured with handfuls of Swedish troops.

#### **Raginėnai village, Radviliškis dist.**

**55.792895, 23.864883**

### ..... GIRNIKAI SACRED HILL .....



Girnikai mythological hill is one of the most valuable and most visited exceptional values of Kurtuvėnai Regional Park with the most popular observation platform in the regional park. It is the highest hill in the territory of Šiauliai district (183,4 m), overlooking the panorama of Kurtuvėnai regional park, Samogitian highlands, the city of Šiauliai, and the towns of Kuršėnai and Kurtuvėnai. Stories tell that Girnikai sacred hill is the tomb of the giants' mother Kurtuvė; church lost in the hill and the stone on the top of the hill, on which the holy fire used to burn, are mentioned. The mountain united three Baltic tribes: Samogitians, Curonians, and Semigallians.

#### **Girnikai, Šiauliai dist.**

**55.863742, 23.034096**

**[kurtuva.lt](http://kurtuva.lt)**





Leave your daily routine behind and change the surrounding milieu – the Land of the Sun has much to offer: “change” your car into a bike or a horse, your computer into a canoe paddle, and your mobile phone into a fishing rod.

#### “KANE’S” ARENA

An exclusive object in Lithuania, bringing together active people to play sports, socialize, arousing interest in joint activities, and encouraging occupation of people of all ages and families. The Arena welcomes lovers of 10 sports branches. Gathered under one roof, in a total area of 4500 m<sup>2</sup>, professionals and amateurs play volleyball, basketball, football, squash, paddle, tennis, beach volleyball and beach tennis, badminton, table tennis.

**Išradėjų St. 14, Šiauliai**  
**55.911920, 23.305695**  
**+370 636 91 111**  
[kanesarena.lt](http://kanesarena.lt)



#### EXCURSIONS AROUND THE UNDISCOVERED LAND

Try out excursions in the still undiscovered land. Martian canyons, the undiscovered land – this is how sometimes the impressive Menčiai limestone quarry and Šaltiškiai clay quarry in Akmenė land are called. However, it will not be so easy to come and walk around them. The quarries are a production area in a private territory; therefore, independent visits to the site are strictly PROHIBITED! Visits must be arranged in advance and arrivals must be coordinated with experienced guides.

**+370 682 52 867**  
[karjerais.lt](http://karjerais.lt)  
**FB karjerais.lt**



### ..... WAKEBOARDING PARK "FOXSPOT" .....



It is a water sports and amusement park in the very heart of Šiauliai – on the shore of Lake Talkša in the city centre, near "The Iron Fox".

Children, adults, beginners and advanced entertainment lovers can go wakeboarding, water skiing or ride on an inflatable tube.

**Žvyro St. 34, Šiauliai**  
**55.930013, 23.329414**  
**+370 606 80 133**  
**foxspot.lt**

### ..... WATER ENTERTAINMENT IN ŽAGARĖ .....



During the warm season, the panoramas of Žagarė esker can be also admired by swimming in Žvelgaitis pond. Stand up paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, boats, water bikes can be rented here, and those who like hot steam will be able to whisk themselves in the floating sauna.

**P. Cvirkos St., Žvelgaičiai village, Joniškis dist.**  
**56.351269, 23.224624**  
**+370 671 93 930**  
**FB Vandens Pramogos Žagarės Ežere**

### ..... WATER TOURISM IN THE DUBYSA AND KRAŽANTĖ RIVERS .....



The Dubysa is one of the most beautiful rivers in Lithuania and the most popular water tourism routes. The picturesque steep-slope old valley of the Dubysa, the mounds resting on the banks, natural alpine meadows, gurgling of the tributaries streaming on the slopes, the campsites suitable for an overnight stay, and the rural tourism homesteads create an atmosphere suitable for recreation. There are campsites with gazebos, fireplaces, and etc. at the beginning and at the end of the route.

**Start of the route: Maironiai village, Kelmė dist.**  
**55.591109, 23.074233**  
**Finish of the route: Padubysis village, Raseiniai dist.**  
**55.400974, 23.245054**



### BICYCLE RENTAL IN PAKRUOJIS

**Pakruojis Business Information Centre**  
**+370 673 27 052**



### PETRAŠIŪNAI RECREATION AREA

We invite you to come to Petrašiūnai recreation area from Pakruojis by bicycle. A convenient 5 km cycle track leads to the recreation area with a beach, rest site, outdoor gazebo, basketball stand, sandpit for children, pontoon footbridge, parking lot, and WC.

**Petrašiūnai village, Pakruojis dist.**  
**+370 673 27 052**



### STUD FARM OF ŠEDUVA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGIES AND BUSINESS

The stud farm hosts educational excursions, including the ones for visitors who have disabilities, competitions, and demo educational events. The most amazing moments and sights can be captured in photo sessions with horses.

**Jaunimo St. 12, Raudondvaris village,**  
**Radviliškis dist.**  
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**+370 618 16 923**



### NAISIAI PAINTBALL CENTRE

Fans of the extreme sport can try their hand at the paintball centre located in the very center of Naisiai settlement. Its territory is surrounded by a 2,5 m high fence and the total area (with a three-storey building) is 5500 m<sup>2</sup>. The building has as many as 70 rooms and an outdoor space with differently shaped barriers. The game is played with guns procured in the US.

**Vaikų St. 40, Naisiai, Šiauliai dist.**  
**56.022346, 23.511472**  
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**[naisiai.lt](http://naisiai.lt)**





Šiauliai region invites those eager to learn to attend activities ranging from workshops in authentic spaces to open-air trainings and to try out a wide variety of experiences from handicrafts to culinary experiments.

### ..... CREATIVE EXPERIENCES IN ŠIAULIAI .....



Knowledge is no burden to carry – we invite you to try out various workshops in Šiauliai!

Fosterers of leather-making traditions at Chaimas Frenkelis' villa will teach to make a leather bracelet. By twining round a person's wrist, these bracelets not only can protect a person against the evil eye but also give him/her strength and energy.

Learn to take pictures without a camera at the Photography Museum – don't you believe it? In "Valerijonas" pharmacy, the specialist will help you to make a unique cream with natural ingredients – the elixir of youth. You will become chocolate masters in the workshops of the "Rūta" Chocolate Museum..

And that is yet not all – museums, cafes, salons offer to try over 100 educational programs.

[visitsiauliai.lt](http://visitsiauliai.lt)

### ..... HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF VENTA LAND .....



During this workshop, pupils will theoretically get acquainted with the old history of Venta land, see a modern and interesting exposition of the Visitor Centre at Venta Regional Park, learn to throw Semigallian spears and strike fire with an ancient flint firesteel. There are computer terminals with touch screens in the exposition, where you can see and get acquainted with numerous interesting moments of the history of the region.

**Ventos St. 30A, Venta, Akmenė dist.**

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[ventosparkas.lt](http://ventosparkas.lt)



### ..... ŽAGARĖ PUPPET HOUSE.....

In the workshops taking place in The Puppet House, you will create your own puppet, a mythical creature souvenir, hear interesting stories about Raktuvė mound, Žvelgaitis hill, ancient gods, witches, their talismans and signs. Scarecrows have their own home in Žagarė – “Scarecrow factory” in the homestead of folk artist Aušra Petrauskienė on the bank of the river Švėtė.

**Vilniaus St. 6, Žagarė, Joniškis dist.**  
**56.360595, 23.255237**  
**+370 612 85 668 (reservation required)**  
**[ausratoys.blogspot.com](http://ausratoys.blogspot.com)**



### ..... SAMOGITIAN EVENING PARTY.....

Samogitians have long been famous for their customs, songs, music, and language. Probably Samogitia distinguishes itself from other regions most by its hospitality and merry-making. Therefore, evening parties were particularly popular in Samogitia.

During the educational session, everyone is invited to participate in a real Samogitian evening party, when various stories, legends, fun events are told, games are played, circle dances, dances take place, songs are sung, folk instruments are played, Samogitian *kastinys* (sour cream and butter blend) with potatoes and Samogitian *gira* (fermented bread drink) are tasted.

The educational program is ordered in advance.

**Kolegijos St. 5, Kražiai, Kelmė dist.**  
**+370 616 06 043, +370 674 98 827**  
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### ..... THE DOLOMITE ROAD.....

Dolomite is the gold of Pakruojis land. The same rock constituting the magnificent dolomite Alps in Austria and Italy is mined in Pakruojis district. We invite you to come to “The Coal Burning Cottage” at the approaches to Pakruojis Manor and travel along “The Dolomite Road”. During the educational session, you will be able to touch the most different varieties of the dolomite stone and get acquainted with its properties. There is a possibility to buy a souvenir from dolomite or even make it yourself!

**Karčiamos St., Pakruojis village,**  
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### .....VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE HISTORY OF RADVILIŠKIS RAILWAY.....



Virtual reality glasses will take you to the environment of a running train. You will be able to look around both inside the train and through the window. The view you will see will create an impression as if you were traveling through time, getting to know the most important periods of the history of Radviliškis railway.

We invite all students and guests of Radviliškis town and district to try out this virtual tour free of charge. Please register before your arrival.

**Aušros Sq. 3, Radviliškis**

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### .....MUNICIPAL CENTRE FOR ETHNIC CULTURE AND CRAFTS.....



The Centre of Ethnic Culture and Crafts of Radviliškis district municipality is located in the building of the old manor in Pakiršins. Here, craftsmen create and organise educational programs for children: "Marmuruok" ("Marble"), "Auksinis blynas" ("The Golden Pancake"), "Šok, trypk, meduolį nulipdyk" ("Dance, trample, make a honeycake"), "Keliaukime į liaudies muzikos šalį" ("Let's travel to the land of folk music"), "Lino raižiniai" ("Linen carvings"), "Medinė tulpė" ("A wooden tulip"), "Molis žemės brolis" ("Clay – the brother of land"), "Žvakių fabrikėlis" ("A candle factory"), "Vilniukas mui-linukas" ("Woolen piece – soapy piece"). The centre organises exhibitions and nurtures old traditional crafts.

**Parko St. 8, Pakiršins village,**

**Radviliškis dist.**

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### .....HORSE FRIENDSHIP.....



In the educational program "Žirgo draugystė" ("Horse Friendship") you will learn what a rider must do before riding a horse. How to behave safely around the horse, how to comb the horse, and how to thank it. Every participant will ride one circle on horseback. You will also hear how the horse differs from a riding horse, how horses express their emotions and communicate, whether they have a character, how to behave correctly and safely around the horse, why it is important to know how to properly prepare the horse for riding, what inventory must be used and how it must be used, the most important things that one has to know while sitting on a horse, how to thank the horse, why the horse "has" 5 hearts, whether it is possible to train the horse?

**Parko St. 2, Kurtuvėnai, Šiauliai dist.**

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The kaleidoscope of events in Šiauliai is colourful. The “Runway Run” in April, which has no analogues in the Baltic states, is a “fight” between a man and a fighter plane. The brightest lights shine during the event “Šiaulių naktys” (*“Šiauliai Nights”*). The city’s birthday “Šiaulių dienos” (*“Šiauliai Days”*) in September invites townspeople and guests to open-air concerts. The International Folklore Festival “Saulės žiedas” (*“The Flower of the Sun”*), taking place every two years, fills the city spaces with folk music and dances. The Chaimas Frenkelis’ Villa Summer Festival has already found its listener who enjoys both the voices of Sakartvel men and opera arias, surrounded by rose blossoms. “The Big Band Festival” shakes the city with the sound of trumpets in the summer.







One can get to know Šiauliai region by participating in various regional events, festivals, and traditional celebrations. Music lovers do not miss musical events. Music, good conversation, and theatre meet at Kražiai Festival. Classical music fans gather in Tytuvėnai Summer Festival. Those who want to discover theatre in different spaces come to Kurtuvėnai



Threshing Floor Theatre Festival. Believers do not miss the indulgence feasts at the Hill of Crosses, and families enjoy themselves at the Family Festival in Naisiai.

Numerous events are also organised in the manors of Šiauliai region. When tulips bloom in spring, everyone is attracted by Burbiškis manor, while the flower festival taking place at Pakruojis manor in the summer surprises with the creators' ingenuity and colours.

Žagarė Cherry Festival is one of the northernmost festivals in Lithuania. Not only concerts and entertainments but also the election of the most beautiful scarecrow are organised during the festival. Hundreds of scarecrows created by Žagarė residents adorn courtyards and streets.

Extreme sport lovers do not miss the Samogitian rally and motocross in Alexandria.





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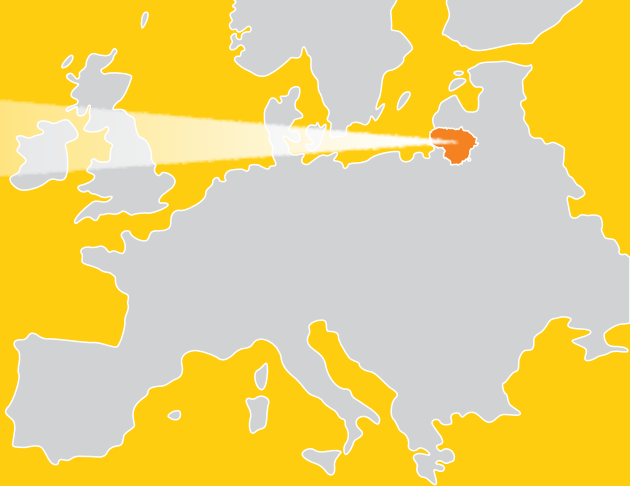
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