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# Guide of cycling routes

## Western Latvia ◌ Kurzeme

- 35 cycling routes, including 16 routes marked with road signs
- 10 towns
- EuroVelo 10 and EuroVelo 13

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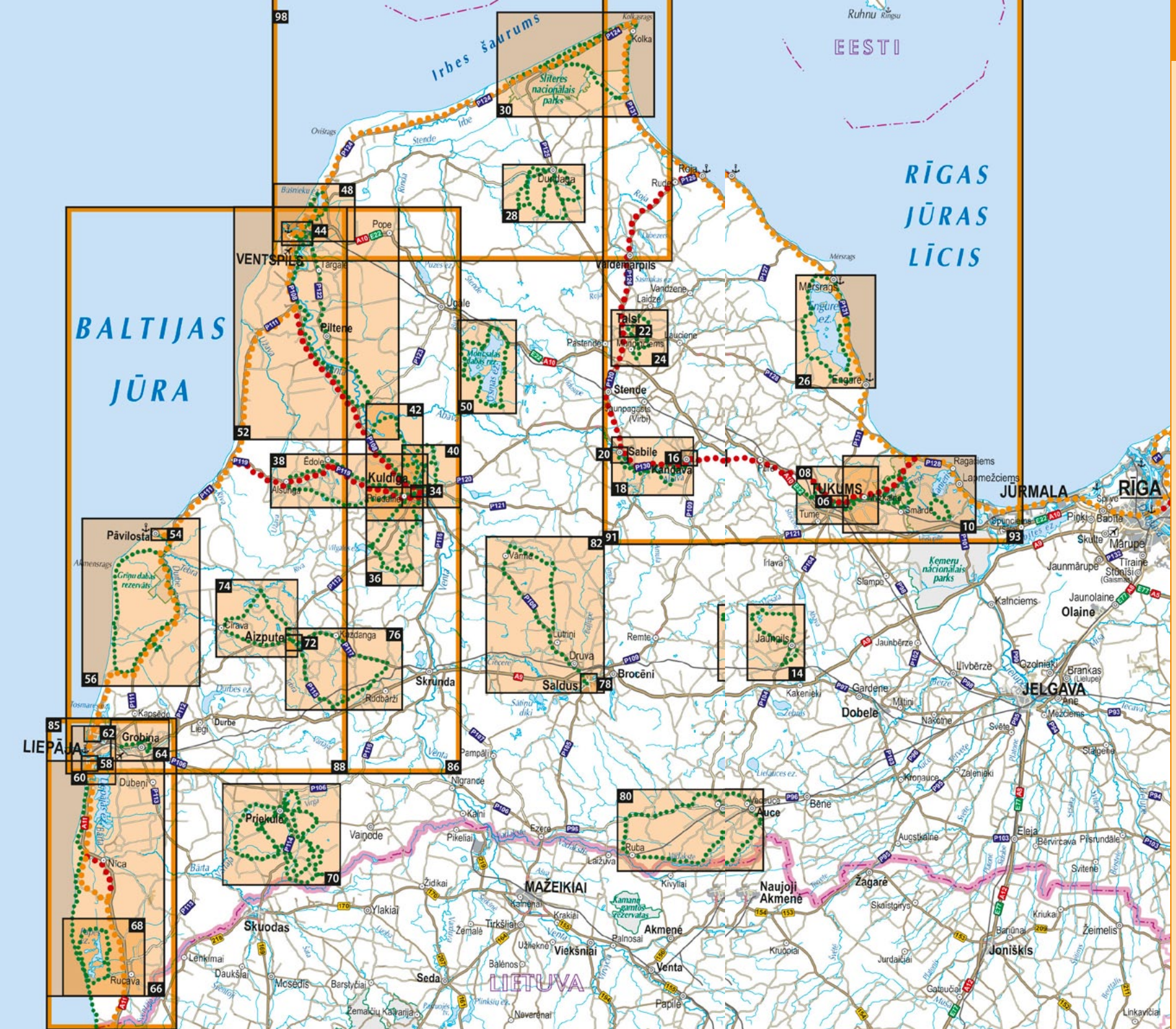


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## Introduction

*Kurzeme is situated in the western part of Latvia and borders Lithuania on the south. It is distinguished by the 390 km long and diverse coastline of the Baltic Sea and Gulf of Riga with its steep banks, stony seaside, protected dunes, and – most of all – the sandy beaches.*
*The region is rich in cultural heritage objects – castles and manors, old-towns, coastal fishermen villages, and ethnographic territories with ancient traditions, making Kurzeme stand out against other regions in Latvia. There are also more than 80 specially protected nature territories in Kurzeme, which are valued for their diverse range of species, biotopes, and landscapes, as well as high aesthetic, ecological and cultural value.*
*The Latvian list of UNESCO World Heritage objects includes Kuldīga Old Town, River Venta Valley, and Grobiņa Archaeological Ensemble. The ethnographic cultural space of Suiti people has been included in the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Need of Urgent Safeguarding.*
*The brochure includes 35 cycling routes, some of them are longer, some – shorter. But all routes will help you get to know the towns in Kurzeme, its nature, history, cultural heritage, and people better.*

**Cycling route road sign** means that the route has been marked with road signs. There are 16 such routes, and the routes at Ķemeri National Park, Slītere National Park, and Nīca, Rucava, Priekule, and Grobiņa Municipalities are marked with special colourings on trees and special markings.

**Nature tourism** cycling routes require better physical preparation as they mainly go along small roads and paths in woods, however, all hardships will definitely be overtaken by the things seen and enjoyed. There are several excellent cycling routes in specially protected nature territories in Kurzeme. The routes at Slītere National Park, Ķemeri National Park, nature reserves "Bernāti", "Pape", "Lake Engure", and protected area "Lake Būšnieki" wind along pine woods and dunes both so typical of seaside landscape and take you also to some quiet coastal fishermen villages. The routes at nature parks "Talsi Hillock", "River Abava Valley", "Riežupe", and nature reserve "River Venta Valley" go along hillocks and scenic river valleys. Collectors of cycling routes will find trips around Kurzeme lakes Usma, Pape, Engure, and Būšnieki of value.

**Town routes** will show you how particular towns look like when observed from a bicycle while taking you along cycling route network should there be such.

**Cultural history routes** stress the importance of cultural heritage. Several routes like Suiti Cycling Route and South Kurzeme Tour of Culture and History allow visiting Kurzeme's cultural environment, ethnographic territories, and cultural heritage. Nearly all towns have taken care for several local cycling routes linking interesting historical and modern tourism objects – castles, manors, museums, farms, and recreational parks. There is a good number of routes covering both nature and cultural history objects.

**Mark "Ražots Kurzemē" ("Made in Kurzeme")** means that you may try the local produce and visit farms during the trip. Kurzeme is proud of its special goods: sklandrauši (kind of filled-in rye pies), fish, cheese and dairy products, bread and other baked treats, porridges and other real-meals made according to ancient recipes, wine, honey and other sweets, which are made by small and large producers. A full cyclist is a lucky cyclist!

**Roads. Nota bene!**
The cycling routes go along asphalt and gravel roads, small rural roads, forest tracks and paths, as well as former railway lines.
**Asphalt legs** will be easy to cycle, however you must mind the traffic therefore cycle carefully on the right side of the road and abide by road traffic regulations and wear reflective clothing.
**The quality of gravel roads** is ever-changing and depends on the intensity of road maintenance. In dry summers be aware of bumpy road surface making you feel just like cycling along a washboard. During sunny days the dust cloud raised by cars may be disturbing, while the rainy days can make the road too muddy. However it should be noted that such legs are only included where it is impossible to take other small rural or asphalt roads.
**Small rural roads** are the most pleasant for cycling as usually they are of good quality with low traffic and allow indulging in rural scenery, rich nature and cultural landscape.
**Forest tracks and paths** are mainly part of nature tourism cycling routes and they require more physical effort. If you plan the trip after some rainy period, in early spring or autumn, it is advised to contact the local tourism information centre to learn if the route is cycleable at all. Remember that the quality of legs in woods may change if logging is performed.

**Former railway lines** can be cycled in several places in Kurzeme. One of them is located at Slītere National Park, where a leg of the cycling route No. 558 "Along the Liv Villages" winds from Mazirbe to Sīkrags. There are also some legs in Priekule and Grobiņa Municipalities, as well as between Liepāja, Pāvilosta, Alsunga, and Ventspils. Since these legs are not specially maintained usually, their quality may differ a lot – starting from a well-cycleable to quite a bumpy road, and you may also find some overgrown sections. If the former railway lines are not included in any special cycling route, we would advise them to experienced cyclists.

**EuroVelo 10 "Round the Baltic Sea" and EuroVelo 13 "Iron Curtain"**
EuroVelo 10 "Round the Baltic Sea" cycling route in Kurzeme is 476 km long and winds along the seacoast both visiting the largest port cities Liepāja and Ventspils and diverting from the sea to introduce you to Kurzeme's historical towns – Kuldīga, Talsi, Sabile, Kandava, and Tukums –, the cultural environment, and traditional landscape – hills, woods, and river valleys.
EuroVelo 13 "Iron Curtain" leg in Kurzeme will take you on a 375 km long trip round Kurzeme along the seaside. Those interested in military heritage will find this route a dessert with a cherry – the former Soviet military radio telescope in Irbene, which is the eighth largest in the world and is now used for civil purposes. Also Liepāja War Port, a unique complex of military and fortification buildings, situated on the coast of the Baltic Sea offers many impressions.
Kurzeme has been greatly influenced by the presence of sea. Coastal fishermen villages are a special place with its own atmosphere offering some smoked fish, just like real fishermen villages.

**May the weather be like amber and tailwind always blows!**

## Designations in route descriptions

- Tourism Information Center
- Hotel
- Guest house
- Camping
- Tent place
- Recommendable beginning of route
- Groceries outside town
- Catering
- Bicycle rent
- Bicycle service
- Picnic in the resting places
- 3 — Tourism site
- Marked route
- "Made in Kurzeme" – trying local produce and visiting farm

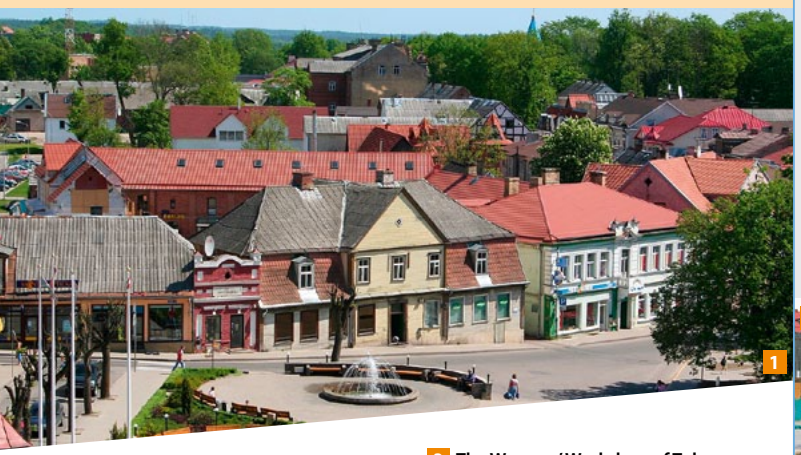
**Type of route**
- Town
- Cultural history
- Nature

**Level of difficulty**
- easy
- average
- difficult

**Type of road**
- asphalt
- gravel
- small, forest, and rural roads
- Joint EuroVelo 10 and 13 cycling route
- EuroVelo 10 cycling route
- EuroVelo 13 cycling route
- 552 — Marked local cycling route
- Alternative local cycling route

# 06 Still Leaving Your Heart down in Tukums Town!

*Tukums is a small, garden-embosomed town at the gateway to Kurzeme (Courland). It is a place where a small-town peace meets the tension of a contemporary town. The cycling route Small Circle around the Town will allow becoming acquainted with the town centre – the old wood buildings and their planning, to search for unique details in the old town, as well as to stop and visit a museum. Meanwhile the cycling route Great Circle around the Town will enable familiarisation with the town not only just in its centre, but also in more distant places, as well as to ascend hills and observe the town panorama from various sightseeing platforms, because Tukums is a Latvia-scale town of hills. The route Forest Circle will invite to a trip outside the town – to Lake Jumpravas to enjoy the diversity of nature and forests.*




**1** For more than 600 years, **the Liberty Square** (***Brīvības laukums***) has served in a capacity of the Market Square, where farmers from near and far came to trade, along with fishermen from the nearby seaside villages, as well as the local craftsmen. Meanwhile in the Soviet times it was called the Red Square and a monument devoted to V. I. Lenin was situated in the middle of it. Now the square is a popular recreation site and a place for the organisation of events.

**2** **Tukums Holy Trinity Lutheran Church** is one of the oldest buildings in the town and it dates back to 1644. It is an impressive building – four windows of the building are decorated with stained-glass panels presented by the richest inhabitants of the town in 1930s. From the church tower it is possible to get a bird's-eye view to Tukums. Brīvības laukums 1, Tukums, +371 63122305, 20221951, www.tukumabaznica.lv

**3** **The Weavers' Workshop of Tukums Museum** is an exciting place, which unveils to travellers the process of creating fabric. Here it is possible to find out more about the national costumes and ethnographic symbols of Tukums and the surrounding area, as well as to try test ones skills in weaving. Tidaholmas iela 3, Tukums, +371 63125539, 25622267, www.tukumamuzejs.lv

**4** **Catherine Square** has emerged in the area of former Tukums warehouses. It gained its title owing to Tsarina Catherine II of Russia who in 1795 granted the right of a district of a town to Tukums. Sculpture of the running inhabitant of Tukums – Tukums Catherine – is situated there as well. Meanwhile one of the walls of the building of the square is decorated with the poem "Tukums" composed by the famous Latvian poet Imants Ziedonis.

Distance to Riga – **70 km**
Population – **19 335**

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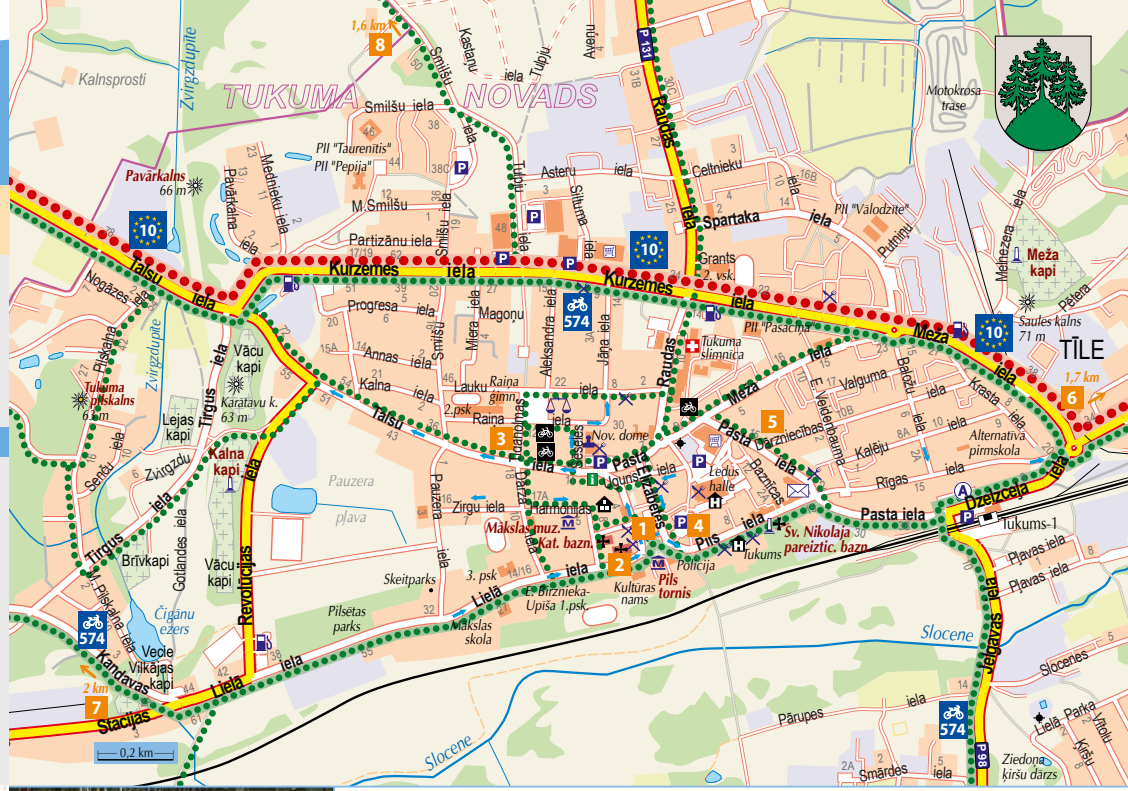

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**"Velo divi"**, Talsu iela 12,
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**"Velo serviss"**,
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**5** **Straw Workshop** in Tukums offers a broad range of decorative straw figures and souvenirs that can be seen on display there: gnomes, dragons, devils, witches, frogs, hares, cats, and many more. A nice recreation and cognition site for all creative people. It is recommended to register for a visit in advance. Dārzniecības iela 4a, Tukums, +371 29495746, www.salmulietas.lv

**6** **Durbe Manor** is one of the most interesting manors of the Classicism style in Kurzeme. M. Parka iela 7, Tukums, +371 63122633, 63122744, 26305946, www.tukumamuzejs.lv

**7** **Blacksmith's Workshop of Gints Haņeckis** is located near the border of Tukums. At the workshop, the visitors can see ready-made items, as well as items that are currently in the process of making, as well as to 'enter into the spirit' of a blacksmith; it is recommended to make advance arrangements for the visits. "Vecupnieki", +371 29167921

**8** Development of **Dendrological Park "Vāgneris"** was commenced in 1890 when gardener Fridrihs Vāgners arranged a gardening place. It is believed that this is one of the first and best foreign tree collections in Latvia that has been preserved throughout nowadays. For some exotic trees – *Abies mayriana, Fagus sylvatica, Ligustrum ovalifolium, Daphne mezereum f. alba* – this is the only location in the country. If you go for a walk in the park, it is preferable to take a plant and tree species classifier or an informative park plan (at the recreation complex "Vātgneris") with you, or to include a biologist in your company. "Vāgneris", +371 29139800, www.vagneris.lv

# 08 574 Castles in Vicinity of Tukums

29 km

## *Tukums – Vecmokas – Jaunmokas – Durbe – Šlokenbeka Manor*

*Tukums is like a border between the wealthy Zemgale and noble Kurzeme; however, hills of the town indicate that we are still in Kurzeme. The surroundings of Tukums is praised for castles. Both medieval and more recent period castles and manors, situated in rather short distances, are available to travellers. The route combines Šlokenbeka Manor, Durbe Manor and Jaunmoku Palace, Tower of Tukums Castle, as well as ruins of Vecmoku Manor. The end of the route could be also at Milzkalne railway station, which is situated 1 km from Šlokenbeka Manor and an asphalt-covered road leads to it. Afterwards it is possible to travel back to Tukums or in the direction of Riga with a train.*

**1 Ruins of Vecmoku Manor** are the only remains of the manor house that was owned by one of the wealthiest manors in the surroundings of Tukums. The manor was destroyed in 1944 when Soviet army troops occupied Tukums for a short period of time. A couple of household buildings and a park have remained next to the ruins that stand out with several outstandingly magnificent and long linden avenues. Three foliage tree avenues lead to the complex of the manor. One of the avenues is being regarded the longest Dutch linden avenue in Latvia. It is about 1 km long. Vecmokas, www.vecmokupils.lv

**2 Jaunmoku Palace** is the most recent manors of the surrounding area of Tukums. It was built in 1901 according to the design of architect V. Bokslaf as a hunting castle of the Riga Mayor G. Armistead where the neo-Gothic forms have been combined with the elements of Art Nouveau. The hall of the palace offers its visitors to view the greatest treasure of the place – painted tile stove with scenery of the 19th century Riga and Jūrmala made in the honour of the 700th anniversary of Riga. Nature, as well as cultural and historical exhibitions are organised at the palace. Furthermore there is a Forestry Museum and Sign Centre and there is a café and a hotel as well. Jaunmokas, +371 63107125, 26187442, www.jaunmokupils.lv

**3 Golf course "Odiņi"** is situated near Tukums. The total area of the golf course is 8.5 ha and it corresponds the requirements determined for the organisation of prominent golf tournaments. Owners of the golf course offer to learn how to play golf to all persons interested and to change the belief that golf is an elitist game. It is possible to rent golf sets there and a trainer is available there as well. It is recommended to register for a visit in advance. "Odiņi", +371 29474990, 28352001, 26367797, www.tukumagolfaklubs.lv

**4** The Castle Tower is a fragment of the oldest edifice in Tukums – the Livonian Order Castle. The museum of history of the town has settled there now. An exhibition, displaying topics and events important in the history of the town, is available there. Brīvības laukums 19a, Tukums, +371 63124348, 25622131, www.tukumamuzejs.lv

RAŽOTS LATVIJĀ KURZEMĒ

Herbal tea, Kurzeme wine, Manor cheese

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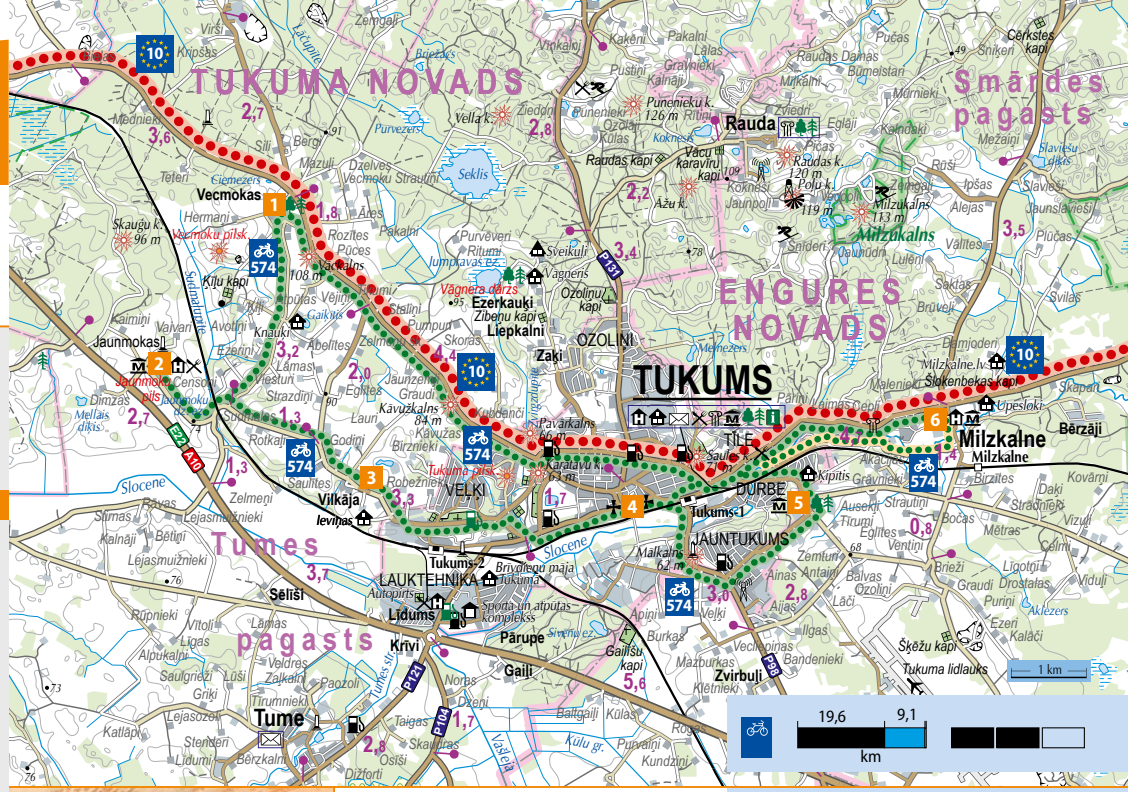


**5 Durbe Manor** is one of the most interesting manors of the Classicism style in Kurzeme. Nowadays the renovated halls of the manor feature the interior of the 19th century manor house, whereas on the second floor of the manor it is possible to view various cultural and historical exhibitions devoted to manors. One of the household buildings hosts the exhibition of ancient household items "The Latvian and his Master", which tells a story about the lives of farmers and craftsmen during the feudal times. M. Parka iela 7, Tukums, +371 63122633, 63122744, 26305946, www.tukumamuzejs.lv

**6 Šlokenbeka Manor** is one of the rarest examples of fortified manors, which has been preserved until nowadays, in the Baltic States and the only in Latvia. The year 1484 is regarded to be the year of origin of the manor. When Rigans destroyed Tukums in battles between the City of Riga and the Livonian Order, the construction of a fortified manor was commended in the valley of the River Sloka to protect the small village from enemies. From the former manor house construction, the portholes in the masonry walls have remained. In the 17th century the complex was reconstructed by adjusting it to domestic life. Barns, stables, brewery and distillery were built there. The Latvian Road Museum has been set up and can be visited there now. Excursions and tasting of Kurzeme delicacies are offered at the manor. Milzkalne, +371 29904147, www.slokenbeka.lv

See also page 6 about Tukums.

Railway station Tukums-1

Tukums, Milzkalne

Tukums, Jaunmoku Palace, Milzkalne

Šlokenbeka Manor, recreation sites of Tukums near Durbe Manor (Durbes Street) or at the Town Park (intersection of Lielā and Kuldīgas Streets)

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The route has been diverted from the main road and leads along a small road from Tukums to Šlokenbeka Manor.

*The greatest values of Ķemeri National Park are marshes and mineral waters containing sulphur, shallow coastal lakes rich in birds, humid deciduous forests and dunes covered with ancient pine forests, alluvial meadow and grass marshes. Such rare species as the black stork, white tailed eagle and lesser spotted eagle are living there. Wolves and lynxes are living in the forests, whereas otters and beavers – in waters, meanwhile especially rare species of bats – pond bat – live in the ancient buildings. Several cycling routes, marked with colouring on trees, have been created for recreation in the park – Valgums cycling routes include three tracks – Forest Circle, Šlokenbeka Circle and Lustūžkalns Circle, whereas the Green Dune route leads from Ķemeri railway station up to Lake Kaņieris along the ancient dune between two marshes. If the route is prolonged, one may reach Lapmežciems at the sea or move forward to cycling routes of Lake Valgums.*

552 ***Forest Circle*** 16 km
*This route is the right choice if you want to spend a couple of hours in a quiet trip along the forest roads without over-fatiguing oneself.*

552 ***Šlokenbeka Circle*** 17 km
*Those who choose this route have a chance to admire both creations of nature and human. In the beginning the route winds through sunlit forests along the River Slocene up to the fortification – Šlokenbeka Manor.*

552 ***Lustūžkalns Circle*** 22 km
*The route reveals the most hilly part of Ķemeri National Park and includes the highest peak of this territory – Lustūžkalns.*

***Green Dune*** 14 km
*The route leads from Ķemeri to Antiņciems through forests along the Green Dune that is several kilometres long sand bank overgrown with a thick forest that has formed as the seashore of the ancient Litorina. Trace the route can be identified in nature, it is bassed down the road without any additional branches.*

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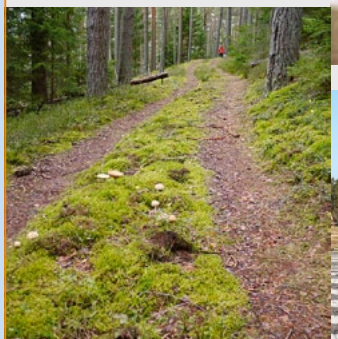

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**1 Recreation centre "Valguma pasaule"** even before World War II was a place that hosted visitors. Then it was named "Ārnieki". The surrounding area of Valgums was a popular hunting place for rulers already during the time of the Livonia Order Country and Duchy of Courland. The place remained popular also in the Soviet time and in 1968 a boarding-house was built there for the needs of the Council of Ministers of the USSR.
**Nature Painting Route** is 4.5 km long route with "freeze frames" or colourful frames in nature that draw attention and encourage to notice what is special in particular at that place of the route. Both the large oak and knots on the birch-tree, Alpine currant, dolomite outcrop along the bank of the picturesque Slocene, a spruce-tree pecked by woodpecker and grazed by bark beetles, a chute made by beavers, three whirlpools at one place, fasciated spruce-tree and birch-tree have been framed as a painting. Moving forward along the route you will reach the gothic labyrinth.
**Meditation Labyrinth** is one of the most ancient symbols of mankind. The gothic labyrinth of "Valguma pasaule" is based on the 13th century labyrinth from Chartres Cathedral (*Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Chartres*) in North France.
**Barefoot Path** is an adventure for feet. Pebbles and shingles, boulders and millstones, moss, cones, sea sand, reeds, woodchip, rough trunk of a pine-tree, clay, refreshing river water, moist grass soaked in rain, moist peat in the shadow of spruce-trees, sun-warmed up gravel… All of this can be enjoyed in a brisk, barefoot walk.
**Board Games Path** offers to play various board games with small balls in the open air. These games will be interesting both for older and younger pupils. The path covers games of 21 different degrees of difficulty and these games are handiwork of craftsmen. +371 63181222, 29414022, www.valgumapasaule.lv

**2 Ceramics workshop "Saules ceplis"** is owned by ceramist Madara Bartkeviča where she introduces visitors with the beginnings of ceramics, creation of crockery and the specifics of heating the black kiln. Here you can try to make a piece of crockery, jewellery or a toy. "Margrietas", +371 26072594

**3** World War I Soldiers' Cemetery is situated in **Jāņukrogs**. The memorial reads in German that in 1916 two German and 13 Russian soldiers, whose names are unknown, have been killed there and have been buried there. On the other side of the memorial there is an engraving, which seems to be the most important text for the killed soldiers even though they were enemies, stating: "They died to fulfil their sacred duty to the fatherland. Honour to the fallen soldiers!"

**4 Lustužkalns** in written sources has been mentioned as a fortified place where there is also an ancient burial field. Other sources reveal that in the 15th–16th century there was a hunting castle of the master of the Livonian Order that later on was rebuilt for the needs of the Duke of Courland. Lustužkalns, which is 72 metres above sea level, is the highest peak at Ķemeri National Park.

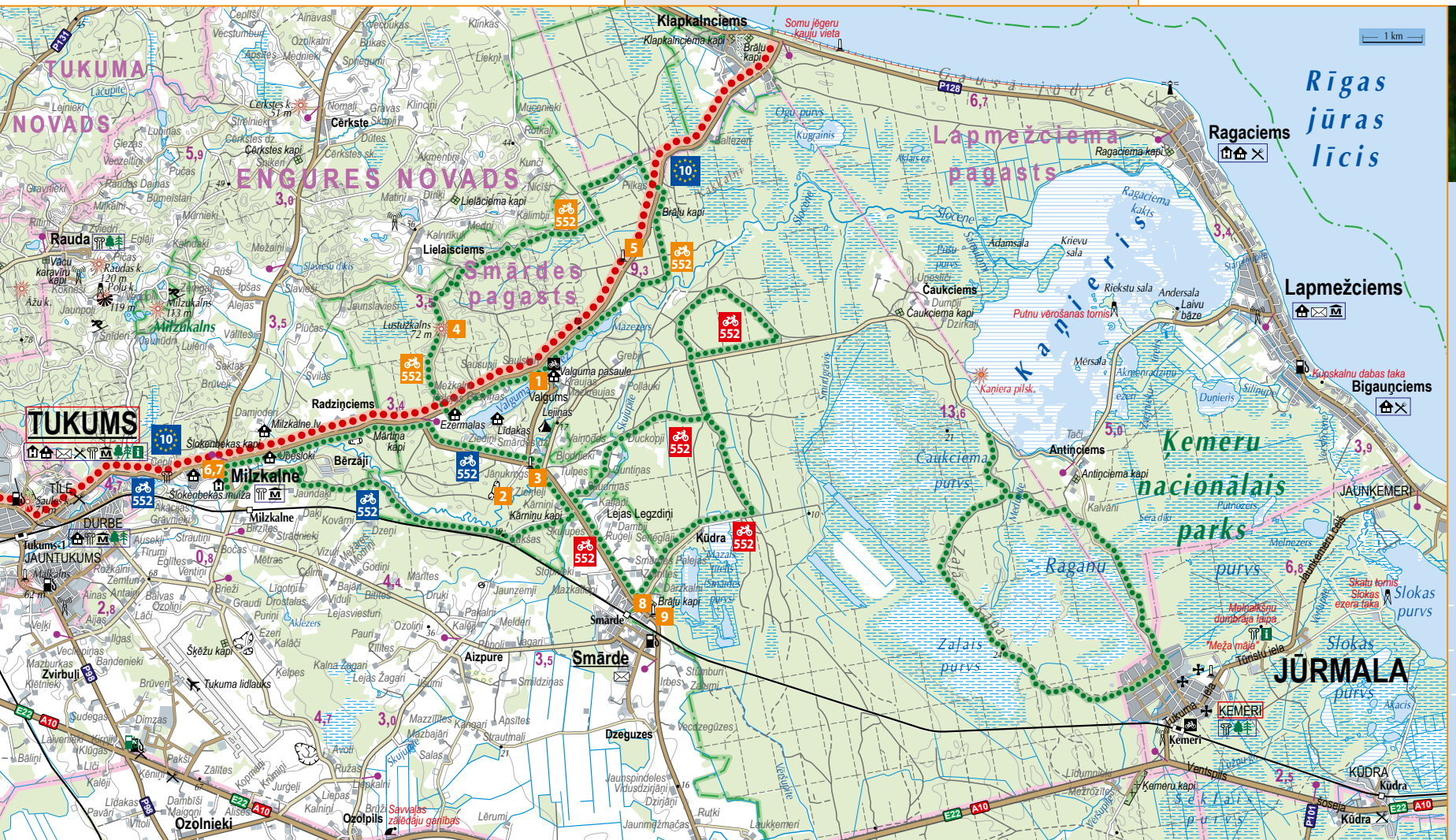
**5 World War I Soldiers' Cemetery** at the Klapkalnciems motorway, at the former Mud Pub (*Dublen-Krug*) is one more place, reminding that the surrounding area hosted some of the severest battles during World War I. A total of 33 fallen German soldiers and 36 fallen Russian soldiers have been buried there. In 1939 a memorial was set up there that states all of them have died fulfilling their sacred duty to the fatherland.

**6** **Šlokenbeka Manor** in historical articles for the first time was mentioned after 1484 when its construction began, as believed by historians, to protect the adjacent Tukums from enemy attacks. From the former manor house construction, the portholes in the masonry walls have remained. Excursions are organised at the manor during which visitors are introduced with the history of the manor, its development stages, owners, work and social life. Excursions can be supplemented with degustation of special manor treats. +371 29904147, www.slokenbeka.lv

**7** At the **Latvian Road Museum** the visitors can learn about the development of the Latvian road industry. The exposition displayed at the residential building of the manor tells more about the development of the Latvian road network and road industry. A separate exposition entitled From Plank-way to Bridge Suspended in Ropes is devoted to bridges. The visitors can see a collection of horse gear and carriages in the Mountain Cart-house, whereas a road machinery exhibition has been displayed in the Lower Cart-house. The basement floor of the manor features an exposition of household items, telling about the rural life of the manor and farmers of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century. +371 63182354, www.celumuzejs.lv

**8** **Wind Garden** is situated near Smārde railway station. It is a park-arboretum, which has been formed according to the design of landscape designer Dace Lukševica. The picturesque park features over 100 various types of plants, trees and bushes the total number of which is around 550 units, located in over 1.9 ha large area. A unique name has been attached to each plant group. The garden "Vēju dārzs" was created by the inhabitants of Smārde parish therefore the good thoughts, positive energy and love of hard-working people can be sensed in the park unveiled in autumn 2012. The light aura of the park is strengthened with fertility, harmony and love songs of ancient Latvian folklore groups. The park is a great place for recreation with children. From the artificially created hill there is a view to the large swings, sports path filled with amusement activities and tracks where one can spend great time.

**9** **K. Zāle memorial to Latvian riflemen fallen in World War I** at Smārde station is a commemorative symbol to Latvian riflemen who fought in this area in 1916 and died in the battle. The front-line was located in that area from 1915 until 1917 and in autumn 1916 Latvian riflemen won severe battles there.



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Recreation centre "Valguma pasaule"; Ķemeri, Smārde or Milzkalne railway stations

Milzkalne, Ķemeri

Valgums, Milzkalne, Smārde

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**"Ķemeru takas"**, +371 29239273, www.takas.lv

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# Jaunpils Great Circle

35 km

## *Jaunpils – Kartavu Hill – Hell Hill – Strutele Manor – Jaunpils*

*Jaunpils is a place, where the Middle Ages meet contemporary life. Jaunpils Castle is its pearl – the centre of medieval life. Such has been Kartavu Kalns (Gallows Hill) where an ancient Latvian castle mound was situated. Meanwhile many people associate Strutele with the name of the most brilliant Latvian folklorist Krišjānis Barons. This cycling route will allow enjoy the spaciousness of Latvian countryside and to observe towers of Jaunpils from a distance.*

**1** **Jaunpils Castle** was built in 1301 as a fortress of the Livonian Order that from three sides is surrounded by a millpond and that initially was inhabited by small units of knights. The castle has been rebuilt several times; however, many features characteristic to the Order castles have been retained in its exterior. Now a museum and a culture centre, as well as a medieval tavern and a hotel are located in the castle. It is possible to learn more about the castle by going on a medieval excursion together with a monk, brother Theodore, the brisk mistress Hilda, the castle love-song singer – minnesinger and other dwellers of the castle. +371 63107082, 29442539, 26101458, www.jaunpilspils.lv

**2** **Jaunpils Castle Museum** is situated in the oldest part of the castle. The halls of the museum possess medieval spirit and it is possible to learn about the history and the surrounding area, as well as inhabitants. +371 63162128, 20223423, www.jaunpilspils.lv

**3** **Jaunpils Lutheran Church** is more than 400 years old. The church altar and pulpit are regarded as significant examples of the mannerism style. There are exciting views to the cultural and historical centre of Jaunpils and the spacious fields of the surrounding area from the heights of the church tower. +371 29431992, www.jaunpilsbaznica.lv

**4** **Zviedru mūris (Swedish Wall)** is a stone wall in the centre of Jaunpils that, according to the legends, has been built by Swedish war prisoners, who were brought home by Jaunpils Baron Mathiass fon der Reck after the Salaspils Battle. This fact consequently contributed to the name of the wall. A medieval yard "Niedru lija" is situated behind the Swedish Wall. Upon previous reservations all persons interested can participate in exciting medieval games. +371 26336513, www.niedrulija.viss.lv

**5** **Kartavu kalns (Gallows Hill)** is a hillock covered with forests where once a Latvian castle mound was situated. It is believed that the Gallows Hill is Babote mentioned in the Livonian Rhymed Chronicle (*Livländische Reimchronik*), because it was the only castle mound with a bank located between Dobele and Kuldīga. Nowadays nature paths and a settlement formed by adolescents have been created there now. A large larch avenue leads to the Gallows Hill.

**6** **Jaunpils dairy farm store** is a place where one may purchase cheese, curds, cream and other products produced at the dairy farm. The store is open on working days from 10:00 to 18:00, whereas in the summer tourism season – every day to 19:00. Jaunpils dairy farm, +371 27884057, www.jaunpilspienotava.lv

**7** **Elles kalns (Hell Hill)** gained its name due to legends, thus, here the Devil itself once had lived – the servant of the local baron at the country manor, who was forbidden to wash, cut hair, shave and clip nails. Now everybody can view the 30 m long tunnels.

**8** **Strutele** is known for the fact that the most brilliant Latvian folklorist Krišjānis Barons was born on 31 October 1835 in the family of Strutele manor overseer Juris Barons and his wife Enģele. This is still evidenced by the plate attached to the former manor overseer house stating "In 1835 the collector of Latvian spiritual items K. Barons was born here".

**9** **Strutele Lutheran Church** was built in 1645. K. Barons was christened there. Similar as other churches, it was severely damaged during the Soviet time, but in 1990s it was renovated.

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Medieval feast, Jaunpils cheese

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**Tourist Information Centre of Tukums** Talsu iela 5, Tukums, +371 63124451, 28311557, tic@tukums.lv, www.visittukums.lv

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**"Mitavas"**, Jaunpils, +371 26324629

**"Ķimsīši"**, +371 29127060, www.kimsisi.viss.lv

**"Bramaņi"**, +371 26461975, www.bramani.viss.lv

**"Avotiņi"**, +371 26356947

Jaunpils Castle

Jaunpils, Strutele

Jaunpils

Jaunpils Castle, Gallows Hill, Hell Hill

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*Kandava is a Latvian-like, green and small town of Kurzeme (Courland), the pearl of the Ancient Valley of the River Abava. The town is a popular travel destination for Latvian and foreign tourists, painters and film-makers due to its ancient romantic landscape. The Old Town of Kandava charms with cobbled streets, ancient yards, vaults of houses and colourful greenery, entertaining sports activities and refreshing bathes, a pleasant coffee aroma and delicious tarts. One longs for unrushed rest and to return there more and more.*

**1 Castle of the Livonian Order model** has been formed at Abavas and Pils Streets in 2010 by making measurements of ruins and using approximate information about the Castle of the Livonian Order.

**2 Powder Tower** is a massive square building with 2 m thick walls. It is known that gunpowder was produced and stored in the tower at the time of the Duke Jacob. Nearly throughout the entire 18th century it remained unused. In the 19th century a prison was arranged there. The legend tells that there is a secret passage leading from the Powder Tower to the wine cellars of the castle. Sculpture Acorn Boy Warrior was set up next to the Powder Tower in 2011. Day and night the sculpture protects the Powder Tower and castle ruins, hoping that one day it will become a castle once again.

**3 Knights' Hillfort or ruins of the Castle of the Livonian Order.** Once the Castle of the Livonian Order was situated there. Construction was started in 1254 and it went on for more than 50 years. The castle was the residence of the district judge and later on it belonged to the Duke of Courland. The castle was inhabited until 1750, but afterwards it was deemed uninhabitable and in the course of time it turned into ruins with a view over the River Abava.

**4 Promenade.** Since 1925 the symbol of power – oak twig with three acorns – was depicted in the coat of arms of Kandava. You may combine the walk along the centre of the Old Town with learning of interesting facts about the history of Kandava by searching for 10 acorns in the promenade. Each acorn will tell a story about the most significant events of the century over the time period from the 11th up to the 20th century. Wedding-guests and tourists will be pleased with seven romantic bridges. There are two playgrounds for the joy of children. The promenade has been illuminated also at dark, you can give in its allurement also at the dark time of the day.

**5 Kandava Regional Museum** offers regular exhibitions With Horse to Kandava Market, Commemoration Room, Red Corner, If I had that Money, Cinema Stories of Kandava Surroundings, as well as a model of the Old Town of Kandava of the 19th, mid-20th century and a digital exposition on the history of the Old Town. Upon previous reservation it is possible to try Kandava acorn coffee and to play the board game Power from Acorn. Talsu iela 11, Kandava, +371 63182064, 63182422, 26667031, 29172935, www.kandavasmuzejs.viss.lv

**6 Kandava Lutheran Church** was built in 1736. Ancient Baroque wood-carvings, organ built in 1864, an altarpiece, as well as artworks used in church rituals are displayed in the church. Parents and sisters of the prominent Latvian linguist Kārlis Mīlenbahs have been buried in the Church Cemetery.
Baznīcas iela 5, +371 26311573, 28371554, www.kandavasdraudze.lv

**7 The thickest wild pear tree.** The thickest wild pear tree (*Pyrus pyraster*), which is very rare in Latvia, is growing in Kandava. Its circumference has reached 2.95 metres. Usually wild pear trees grow in deciduous forests, shrubs, roadsides, and on the banks of rivers and lakes.

Distance to Riga – **97 km**
Population – **4193**

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**"Sporta halle",**
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29457272, www.kss.serveris.lv

**Hostel of Kandava State Agricultural Technical School,**
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www.kandavastehnikums.lv

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www.guesthousepils.com

**"Dižpriedes",**
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63126812, www.dizpriedes.lv

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**"Nāriņa",** Daigones iela 14, Kandava, +371 29105411

**Bicycles in Kandava** – Kūrorta iela 10, Kandava, +371 29199834 (3 pcs.)
**Fuelling station AS "Virši A"**
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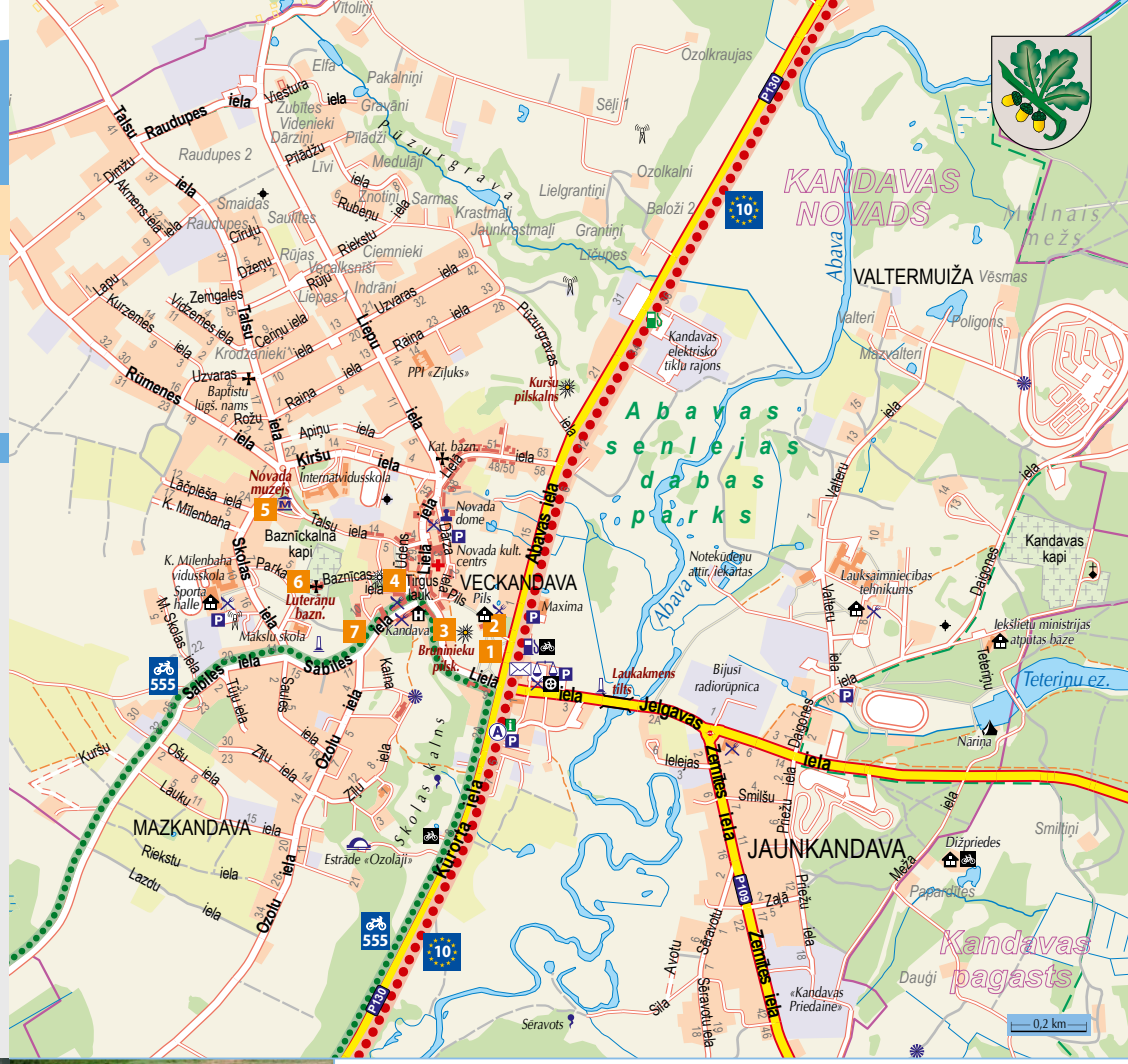
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Smiltiņi
Dauģi
Kandavas Priedaine
Sēravots
Kandavas pilskalns
Kandavas Novada muzejs
Internātvidusskola
Novada dome
Novada kult. centrs
Baznīckalna kapi
Baznīcas iela
Lutera bazn.
Kat. bazn.
Sporta halle
Mākslu skola
Brennieku pilsk.
Esplanāde «Ozolāji»
Skolas kalns
Maxima
Pils
Kandavas
Talsu iela
Raudupes iela
Abavas iela
Kūrorta iela
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Liepas
Uzvaras iela
Raiņa iela
Rožu iela
Apiņu iela
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M. Skolas iela
Parka iela
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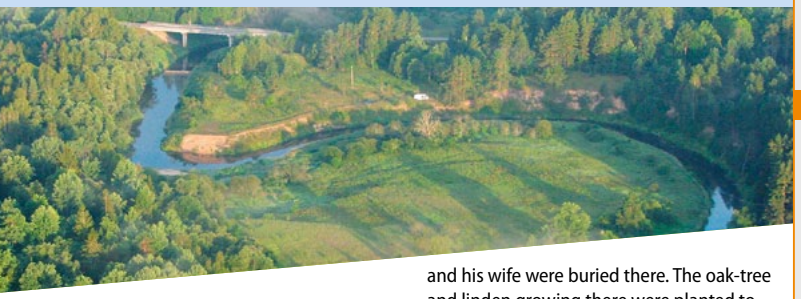
Jelgavas iela
Zemītes iela
Kuršu

# 18 Cycling Route of the Ancient Valley of the River Abava

36 km

***Kandava – Aizdzire – Kalnmuiža – Pedvāle – Sabile – Kandava***

*One of the most picturesque cycling routes of Kurzeme connects two small towns of the Ancient Valley of the River Abava – Kandava and Sabile, allowing to enjoy the Ancient Valley of the River Abava, which is one of the most beautiful river valleys in Latvia. It is 2 km long and 30 m deep. A nature park "Abavas senleja" (Ancient Valley of the River Abava) has been set up there with nature tourism tracks, water tourism tracks and sightseeing platforms. It is recommended to combine the cycling route with any of the events in the particular region – Sabile Wine Festival, art workshops in Pedvāle, Kandava Region Festival, Coffee and Tea Festival in Kandava.*



**1 The Devil's Rock and Devil's Cave of Abava.** The Devil's Rock is 2.1 m high, its perimeter is 15 m. There is a legend that the Devil's Rock can fulfil your wishes, only one must walk around the rock in the direction of sun two times and once – in the direction opposite the sun. There is an excellent view from the Devil's Rock to the Ancient Valley of the River Abava. Approximately 40 m from the rock on the bank of the River Abava there are two islands, the largest one is Devil's Cave. It is about 8.5 m deep and its highest place reaches 1.5 m, whereas length – 1.2 m. In the cave there is a nice view to sandstone and dolomite outcrops. During the spring time and in wet conditions, you should be very careful, because the walls of the ravine are very steep and slippery.

**2 Kalnmuiža Manor** was built at the beginning of the 19th century and it has been renovated; a hotel is situated there now. +371 29211644, www.kalnmuizaspils.lv

**3 Hill Zviedru cepure (The Swedish Cap).** The legend about the Swedish Cap tells that this hill is the former cult place that originated during the Swedish War in the 17th century when certain Swedish general and his wife were buried there. The oak-tree and linden growing there were planted to honour them, whereas the hill has been created by soldiers bringing earth in caps. Furthermore 200 soldiers have been buried there with all of their horses. In the summer time, you can enjoy a fun ride at the rodeli track, in winter – the downhill skiing slopes. Piltiņi, Recreation centre "Zviedru cepure", +371 26405405, 26514001, www.zviedrucepure.lv

**4 Pedvāle Open-Air Art Museum** is a unique "land art" sample in Latvia that has been created by sculptor Ojārs Arvīds Feldbergs. There each creative season is devoted to a stone-related topic. Internationally recognised artists take part in workshops on a regular basis by supplementing the museum with arts objects. Pedvāle, +371 63252249, www.pedvale.lv

**5 Drubazas Farmhouse** offers to walk a 2 km long nature trail along the bank of the River Abava, ascending 200 steps up to the bank of the Ancient Valley and enjoying the splendid scenery; here, wild animals can be observed in the meadows of the valley. The farmer offers degustation of home-made wines, as well as a descent across the River Abava along funicular. Drubazas, +371 26473783

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Wine, cider, acorns coffee

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**"Kārkli"**, +371 29177356, 26141371, www.karkli.lv

**"Zviedru cepure"**,
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**Kalnmuiža Manor**,
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**"Romance"**, +371 26686867,
www.romance.viss.lv

**"Birzes"**, +371 26256214,
www.vnbirzes.viss.lv

**"Pedvāle"**, +371 63252249, 29133374, www.pedvale.lv

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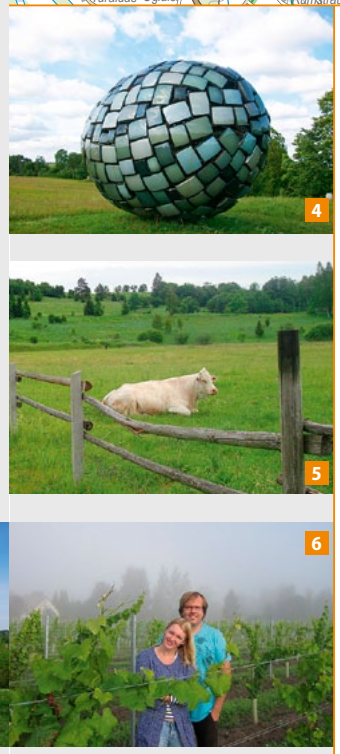


**6 Family winery "Abavas".** At the gateway of Sabile there is a grape garden that was set up in 2010 by planting around 20 various grape species. The owners offer degustations of wine of various fruit, berries and grapes and snacks matched to particular wines to groups of six people and more. Rinkules Zeltiņi, +371 29553558, www.abavas.lv

**7 Greiļi Hill** with a sightseeing platform with an excellent view to the Ancient Valley.

**8 At Play Pathway Wood of Fairy-Tales** you will meet well-known fairy-tale characters and you can try out exciting games for grown-ups and little ones in outdoors. "Plostkrogs", +371 29196494

**9 Valdeķi Manor** – the property of the former Latvian "press king" Antons Benjamins is situated near Kandava. A model farmstead was created there in the 1930s. The visitors can get acquainted with a collection of photographs of the Benjamins family and large format travel photos of Juris Benjamins. Valdeķi, +371 26452948

See also page 20 about Sabile and page 16 about Kandava.

Kandava, Sabile, tourist dwelling sites in the Ancient Valley of the River Abava

Kandava, Sabile

Pedvāle Open-Air Art Museums

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**"Atmatas"**,
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(2 pcs.)
**Kalnmuiža Manor**,
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(10 pcs.)
**"Hostel Hospital"**,
Rīgas iela 43, Sabile, +371 29640028
**Fuelling station AS "Virši A"**
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(4 pcs.)
**Guest house "DIŽPRIEDES"**
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# Sabile – A Town with a Cherry on Top!

*Sabile is a small, romantic town that has terraced in the most beautiful and deepest section of the Ancient Valley of the River Abava. Sabile was mentioned for the first time in 1253 when well-fortified Kurshi Castle and an ancient town were located there. In about the 13th – 14th century, a craftsmen and traders village was formed next to the castle built by German feudal lords. The Wine Hill is a symbol of Sabile – it is about 1 ha large vineyard and the coat of arms of the town also features a grape cluster. The traditional Wine Festival takes place in Sabile every year in the last days of July.*

Distance to Riga – **108 km**
Population – **1402**

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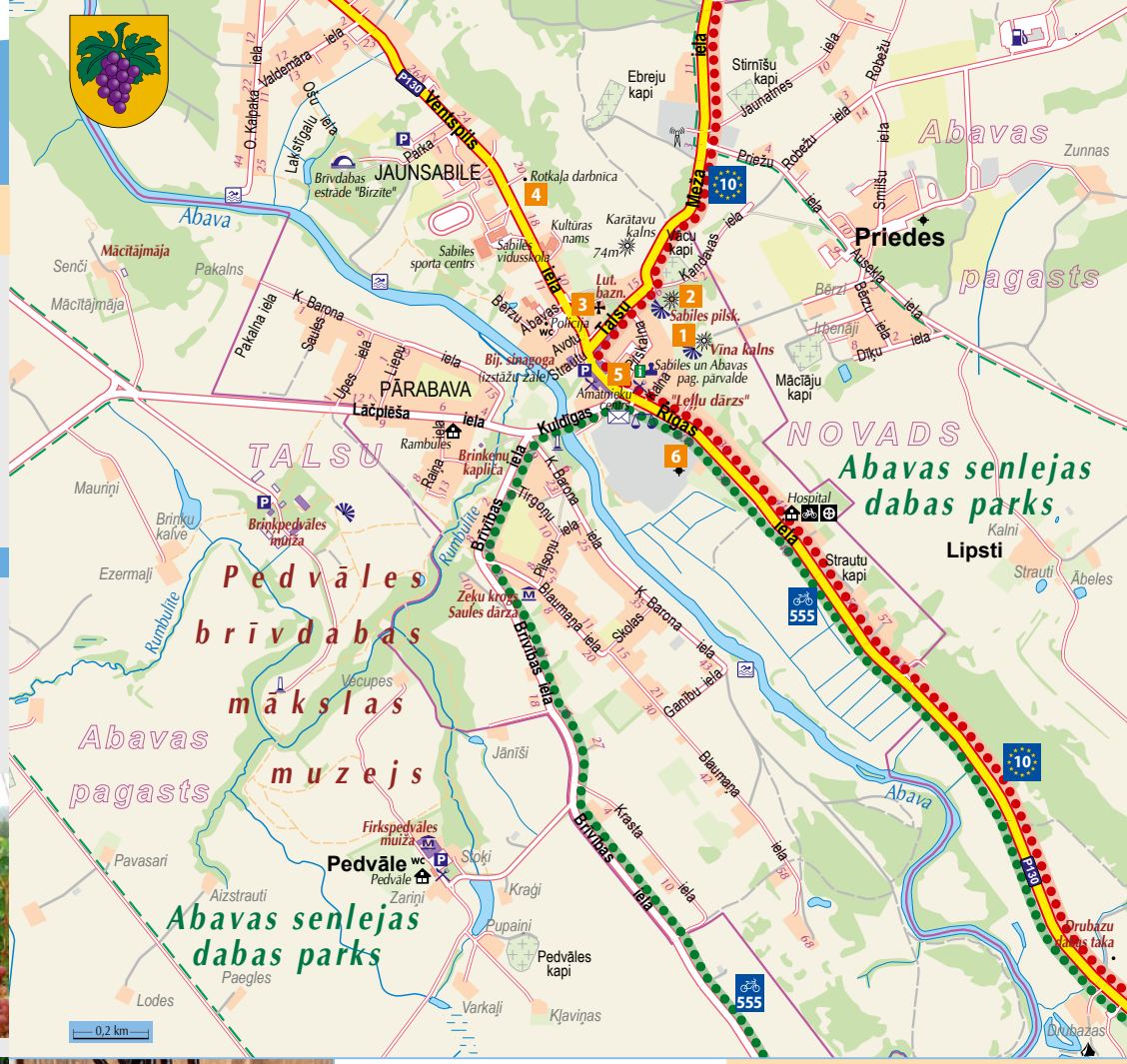

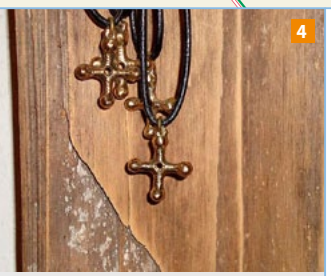

**1 Sabile Wine Hill.** There is a wonderful view to the ancient small town from Sabile Hillfort. It is especially beautiful there at the time of sunset. Sabile Wine Hill is unique with the fact that it has been entered in the Guinness Book of World Records as the most distant vineyard in the North where grapes are growing in open air. The peak of the hill is situated at the height of about 34 metres above the level of the town and the River Abava. Kalna iela, Sabile, +371 63252344, 27841827, www.sabile.lv

**2 Sabile Hillfort** is an archaeological monument that until the 13th century was a well-fortified Kurshi settlement. There is a wonderful view to the pearl of the Ancient Valley of the River Abava – Sabile. "Musical Sunset" is organised during the Wine Festival and the music melody spreads across the entire town. Talsu iela, Sabile, +371 63252344, 27841827, www.sabile.lv

**3** The oldest church bell in Latvia is located in **Sabile Lutheran Church**. It was cast in 1450 and it is still in working condition and when used for ringing in the sacred eve it is well-audible behind the valleys of Abava. The pulpit of Sabile Lutheran Church is the oldest in Latvia (16th – 17th century); it is the oldest wooden object of a Lutheran church that has been preserved until nowadays in Latvia. Ventspils iela 2/4, Sabile, +371 26102351, www.sabile.lv

**4 Harijs Jaunzems Jeweller Workshop.** Already for several years, a Latvian Chamber of Crafts certificated jeweller Harijs Jaunzems, studying the material of archaeological findings and publications about history and culture, is exploring and reproducing jewellery of the iron age and is forging sacred signs characteristic to Latvians in bronze. Jewellery is for sale as well. Ventspils iela 20, Sabile, +371 29995605, www.sabile.lv

**5** Quite a large number of the residents of Sabile and nearby surroundings are actively involved in **Sabile Craftsmen Centre**. The result of their work – beautiful blankets, pillows, mittens, socks, linen, scarfs, shawls and other handiwork – are displayed at the permanent exhibition. Souvenirs are sold at the Craftsmen Centre as well. Rīgas iela 9, Sabile, +371 26152461, www.sabile.lv

**6 Sabile cider** – a cider mill has been set up in the oldest winemaking town in Latvia – Sabile! An outstanding cider is obtained as a result of careful and well-considered selection of local apple species. Excursions at the production unit, degustation of various ciders. It is recommended to register for a visit in advance. Rīgas iela 22, Sabile, +371 29470405, www.sabilessidrs.lv

**"Hostel Hospital"**,
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# Talsi – The Town of Nine Hills

*Talsi – the town of nine hills whose quiet, cobbled streets, old wooden buildings and parks created long time ago manage to excellently cohabit with the future that can be sensed in children's chat, car buzzing, façade of buildings. Apple-trees are blossoming in the hills in the spring time, whereas in the middle of summer – sounds of music spread there during Talsi Town Festival and Dižmāra Fair, in autumn the hills are covered with multi-coloured leaf blanked and in winter – snowflakes are playing hide-and-seek there… Maybe this is why Talsi is cherished by artists and musicians – captured in many artistic works and mentioned in songs.*

Distance to Riga – **117 km**
Population – **10 825**

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29403911, www.martinelli.lv

**"Saule",**
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**"Vijoles",**
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**"Tiguļkalns",**
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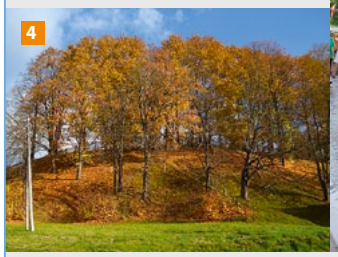

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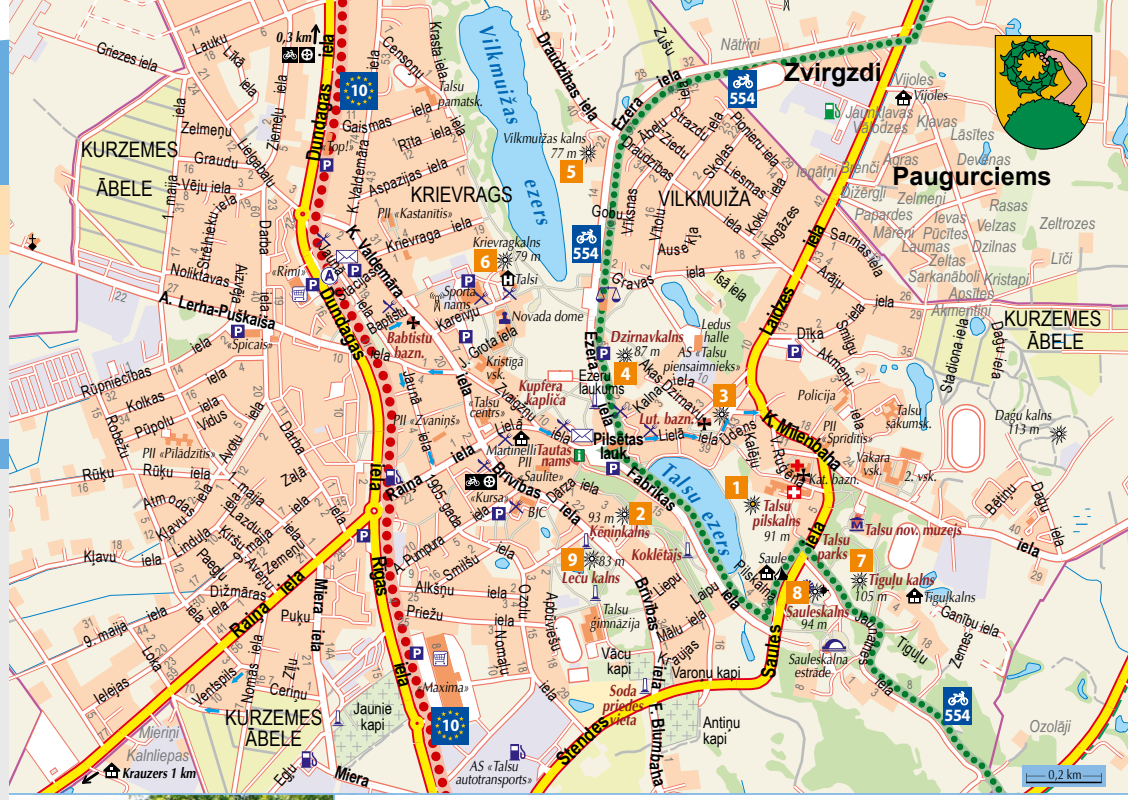


archaeological monument – is located at the foot of the hill. The built wooden foot-bridge allows travellers to have a look into the depth of the lake where there is the largest open fire cemetery in the Baltics, which is attested by 4000 found ancient Kurshi jewellery, tools and weapons. A walking path leads around the lake. Those who favour sports have a chance to work out in an outdoor training field.

**6** **Krievragkalns (Russian Horn Hill)** obtained its name from the Eastern Orthodox Church and land owned by the congregation in its surroundings. The administrative centre of Talsi regional municipality is located in the Russian Horn Hill.

**7** **Tiguļkalns (Tiguļi Hill)** is the home of Talsi Regional Museum (Mīlenbaha iela 19) where it is possible to view the historical, art and natural values of the region. The building is the former townhouse of Okte Baron von Fircks *Villa Hochheim*. The museum is surrounded by Talsi Dendrological Park started by the gardener of the baron. Talsi Roman Catholic Church is situated at the foot of Tiguļi Hill.

**8** **Sauleskalns (Sun Hill)** is filled with sun and sounds of music, because the open-air stage "Sauleskalns" (architect H. Pļavinskis), reconstructed in 2013, is a very popular place for the organisation of cultural and entertainment events. Every spring the new tourism season is unveiled by "Rally Talsi" with a parade of motor vehicles!

**9** **Leču kalns (Leči Hill)** obtained its name from the Leči House that was located there at the beginning of the 20th century. Talsi State Gymnasium is now located in the place of the former farmstead. A monument to commemorate the 1905-1907 revolution (sculptress O. Nigule) was unveiled at Leči Hill in 1980. Talsi coat of arms pole – a symbol of hospitality and friendship (1936) is situated near the hill.

**1** **Talsi Hillfort** was inhabited by ancient Livs and Kurshi in the 10th – 14th century, which is proved by objects found in archaeological excavations. Part of these objects has been displayed at Talsi Regional Museum. Wooden foot-bridges built at the foot of the hillfort lead around the lake. The new promenade is a popular walking place.

**2** **Ķēniņkalns or Town Garden** is decorated by one of the symbols of Talsi – the monument "Koklētājs" (Kokle Player), which is devoted to the Latvian freedom fighters (1996, sculptors K. Zemdega and V. Titāns). Talsi People's House (Lielā iela 19/21) and Creative Yard (2013) are stately standing at the foot of the hillfort where craftsmen, photographers and artists are working in modern premises. Visitors of the town can receive information and buy souvenirs at Talsi Region Tourist Information Centre.

**3** **Baznīckalns (Church Hill)** obtained its name from the church built at the beginning of the 15th century. The oldest stone building in the town – Evangelical Lutheran Church of Talsi – has been standing there since 1567. Priest C. F. Amenda – a friend of the prominent composer Ludwig van Beethoven – has been serving there. Town of Talsi originated in the surrounding area of the Church Hill.

**4** In the 15th century the Castle of the Livonian Order was situated at **Dzirnavkalns (Mill Hill)**. However, the hill obtained its name and has retained it until nowadays from a windmill that was working until World War I. Kalna Street, where the production unit of AS "Talsu piensaimnieks" is situated, leads from the Mill Hill to the ancient town. It is possible to buy cheese – "Talsu ritulis" and "Deviņkalnu siers" – and dairy products, as well as delicious pastries at the store-café "Piena sēta" (Kalna iela 10).

**5** **Vilkmuižas kalns (Wolf Manor Hill)** obtained its name from the Wolf Manor built on the hill. Lake Vilkmuiža –

# Cycling Route of the Rolling Countryside of Talsi

**25 km**

***Talsi – Ābeļi – Mundigciems – Plēsums – Sukturi – Stūriši – Zvirgzdi – Talsi***

*The route at the nature park "Talsu pauguraine" is excellent in terms of the nature scenery there – higher and higher rolling countryside open up to the view – Vanagkalns, Breņģu kalns, Āžu kalns and Kamparkalns – that not only give joy, but also take away the power to the most enduring cyclists. A swim in lakes will give a refreshment on hot summer days; recommended places for swimming – Lakes Čumalu, Lejaslabiņu, Ābeļu and Kamparu. In Talsi you will find everything that will help regain strength for the next trip. It is recommended to visit local taverns and enjoy the traditional cuisine of this area.*

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Apple crisps and juice, traditional porridge *kūķis* and traditional pastry *sklandrauši*, sweet cherries

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- **"Bezdubeņi"**, +371 26373335, 29266236, www.bezdubeni.lv
- **"Kamparkalns"**, "Dziļlejas", +371 29518415, 29860075, 29992933, www.kamparkalns.lv
- **"Pie Ābelītes"**, +371 28386425, 29175436, www.pieabelites.viss.lv
- **"Vizbulītes"**, +371 29343692, www.vizbuliites.lv
- **"Jāņkalni"**, +371 26096415, www.janukalni.lv
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Talsi

Zvirgzdi

Ķīvīškrogs, Talsi

"Rīti", "Eiropas birzs", "Sapņezers", "Kurzemnieki", "Mācītājmuiža"

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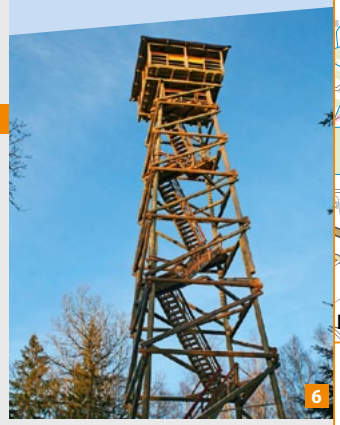

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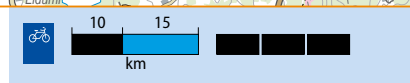


**1** A broad range of sites have been created for recreation at the **active recreation place "Rīti"**: a shed, "Pippi" house, bonfire place, beach volleyball and mini football fields, swings, trampoline. Children may view animals living in the farmstead – rabbits, chickens and sheep. +371 29287285

**2** **European Grove** is a tree plantation representing European Union Member States that has been created in Šķēde forest region of Talsi region Forest Study Station of the State Forest Service.

**3** A priest of Talsi Lutheran congregation and violinist, as well as a friend of composer Ludwig van Beethoven – Carl Ferdinand Amenda (1771-1836) was once living at **Talsu Mācītājmuiža (Talsi Mācītājmuiža Manor)** together with his family. At the moment the Manor is the property of Talsi Evangelical Lutheran Church congregation and a commemorative room of C. Amenda has been created there. +371 63223135, 26208929, www.talsitourism.lv

**4** **Milzu kalns (Giant Hill) and Sapņezers (Dream Lake).** Old legends, as well as the name and the appearance of the hill confirm that many years ago a giant lay down there many thousand years ago and is still lying there. At the beginning of the 20th century the Giant Hill was granted the status of a fortified hillfort and both Lives and Lithuanians are mentioned as residents of that place. However, a confirmation or denial for these versions can only be provided by archaeological excavations that have not been done at the Giant Hill. The romantic Dream Lake is quietly hiding at the foot of the Giant Hill. It is a popular place for lovers, newlyweds and artists.

**5** **Integrated orchard "Kurzemnieki".** Orchards, grassland, fields, forests, wetlands are formed in the shape of a mosaic in the territory of the farmstead and it nestles up to Sirdsezers (Heart Lake). One may become acquainted with environment-friendly cultivation of apples and to view the Roman snail farm. Degustations of fruit, berries and products thereof is possible in the season. Beach volleyball field, picnic and camp sites are available to guests and it is possible to fish there as well. There are also apple crisps degustations. It is recommended to register for a visit in advance. +371 29279461, 26453626

**6** **Kamparkalns Watchtower.** Kamparkalns is situated 175 metres above sea level and the tower built on it is 28 metres high, which is the highest sightseeing platform in Kurzeme. From the tower it is possible to observe sceneries of forests, hills and lakes of the nature park "Talsu pauguraine", as well as more distant parishes and objects whose location in nature can be traced with the help of pictures set up at the sightseeing platform. Two illuminated skiing routes operate there in winter. "Dziļlejas", +371 29518415, 29860075, www.kamparkalns.lv

**7** **Vanagkalns (Hawk Hill)** – ancient sacred place of ancestors – it is worth to stop there and have a look around! Like a separate elevation overgrown with oak-trees, rowan-trees and nut-trees it stands above the surrounding area and the valley of Kampari House and the forest-covered backs of the rest of the hills – Ozolkalns, Jāņkalns or Breņģu Hill, Dāvidkalns and Kamparkalns – uncovers for view. +371 29518415

**8** Walking through the **folklore path "Jāņkalni"** one may learn about the symbolic characters, signs and divinities of our ancestors, as well as to learn about our folklore heritage. It is also possible to walk through the map of Latvia – a labyrinth with 19 ethnographic regions. At the farmstead "Jāņkalni" travellers may relax in a Latvian bathhouse and comfortably stay in the loft. Farmers offer also degustation of traditional porridge *kūķis* and traditional pastry *sklandrauši*, as well as it is possible to participate in the cooking process. +371 26096415, www.janukalni.lv

See also page 22 about Talsi.

# Around Lake Engure

65 km

## *Engure – Bērzciems – Mērsrags – Ķūļciems – Ezermuiža – Engure*

*The route is not an easy one – paths in pine forests may be sandy, whereas the road of the western bank of the lake is covered with ground. Nevertheless, the possibility to enjoy both the lake and the sea makes all difficulties disappear. In the route it is possible to visit the Orchid Trail, bird observation towers and to see wild cows and horses.*

**1 Engure Naval School commemoration exposition** is devoted to the history of the school that was established in 1875 as the fourth of ten K. Valdemārs' naval schools, as well as for the purpose of the history of Engure parish, navigation and fishery. Prior registration required to visit the museum. Skolas iela 7, Engure, +371 63161231

**2 Engure Lutheran Church** is one of the rare wooden churches that has not been destroyed or rebuilt into a stone wall church. It was built in 1804 and later on it was rebuilt and repaired several times. The altar, pulpit and organ are very significant parts of the church. +371 29177920

**3 Nature Park "Engures ezers" and Lake Engure.** The nature park was created in 1998 and in includes Lake Engure, the seashore of the Gulf of Riga from Mērsrags to Engure, as well as forests between the seashore and the lake. Lake Engure is the largest seaside lake in Latvia – it is 6 km long and the deepest place of the lake is 2-3 metres. The name "engure" in the Liv language means an "eel", thus – Lake of Eels. However, at the moment there are practically no eels in the lake. Pasture-grounds and the Orchid Trail can be viewed in the park. +371 29474420, www.eedp.lv, www.enguresnovads.lv

**4 Rideļi Mill and mill lake.** There is a rye-flour grinding mill, as well as groats and pearl-barley mills. The excursion in the mill offers a chance to have a look at the process of grinding flour and it is possible to try the special pancakes of Rideļi Mill at the café "Cope" situated nearby the mill. Recreation sites both for those preferring a small fête and fishermen have been set up in the surrounding area of the Rideļi mill lake. +371 22440094, 26536532, www.rideludzirnavas.lv

**5 Mērsrags Lighthouse** was consecrated on 10 September 1875. The height of the light of the lighthouse is 21.3 metres, its tower has been built at Sotera, Lemonjais & Co factory in Paris.

**6** Expositions of the **museum "Saieta nams" (Gathering House)** tell a story about the domestic life in Mērsrags and its surroundings at the beginning of the 20th century, as well as about ancient signs on domestic objects. "Priedes", Rožu iela 6, Mērsrags, +371 63235995

**7 Canal of Mērsrags** was dug in 1842-1843, its length is about 4 km and it connect Lake Engure with the sea.

**8 Mērsrags Lutheran Church** hosts several state-protected cultural monuments – altarpiece "Christ with a Child" (1793), organ (second half of the 19th century), chandelier (end of the 19th century), etc. Bākas iela 9, Mērsrags

**9** Construction of **Mērsrags Baptist Church** was commenced in 1934 and completed in 1936. Priežu iela 1, Mērsrags

**10 Collection of hedgehogs** is linked with almost half a century old family story. Informative materials about birds and animals that can be encountered in nature in this surrounding area have been displayed in a garden shed. A bonfire place and an outdoor table have been set up for recreation. Ezera iela 20, Mērsrags, +371 29115127, 28355983

**11** The foundation-stone of **Mārtiņš' Dzedru Evangelical Lutheran Church** was consecrated in 1937, whereas since 1940 public worship is started by ringing the bell that has been cast in Liepāja Steel Wire Factory. It is the last church built in the so-called "Ulmanis' times".

**12 Ornamental birds and rabbits at the farmstead "Apsīši".** Here it is possible to view a bird garden, rabbits, ponies, sheep and bees. Families with children are particularly welcome. The owner of the farmstead offers a 50% discount for spending a night there to bicycle tourists. Ķūļciems, +371 63254404, 29421081, www.apsisi.viss.lv

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Fish, pancakes

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- **"Rideļu dzirnavas"**, +371 26536532, 22440094 www.rideludzirnavas.lv
- **"Mikas"**, +371 29243197
- **"Ceriņi"**, +371 26747898
- **"Dieniņas"**, +371 63154331, 26676283
- **"Branguļi"**, +371 29676126
- **"Mazā kaija"**, +371 20692525, 25521579
- Boat base **"Bebri"**, +371 29343402, www.bebri.viss.lv
- **"Sadancis"**, +371 63161318, 29409723, www.sadancis.lv
- **Boarding school of Engure Secondary School**, +371 29544650
- **1st boat base of Engure**, +371 29113439
- **"Saules kempings"**, +371 27797555, www.sauleskempings.lv
- **"Mērsraga bāka"**, +371 20255354, www.mersragabaka.lv
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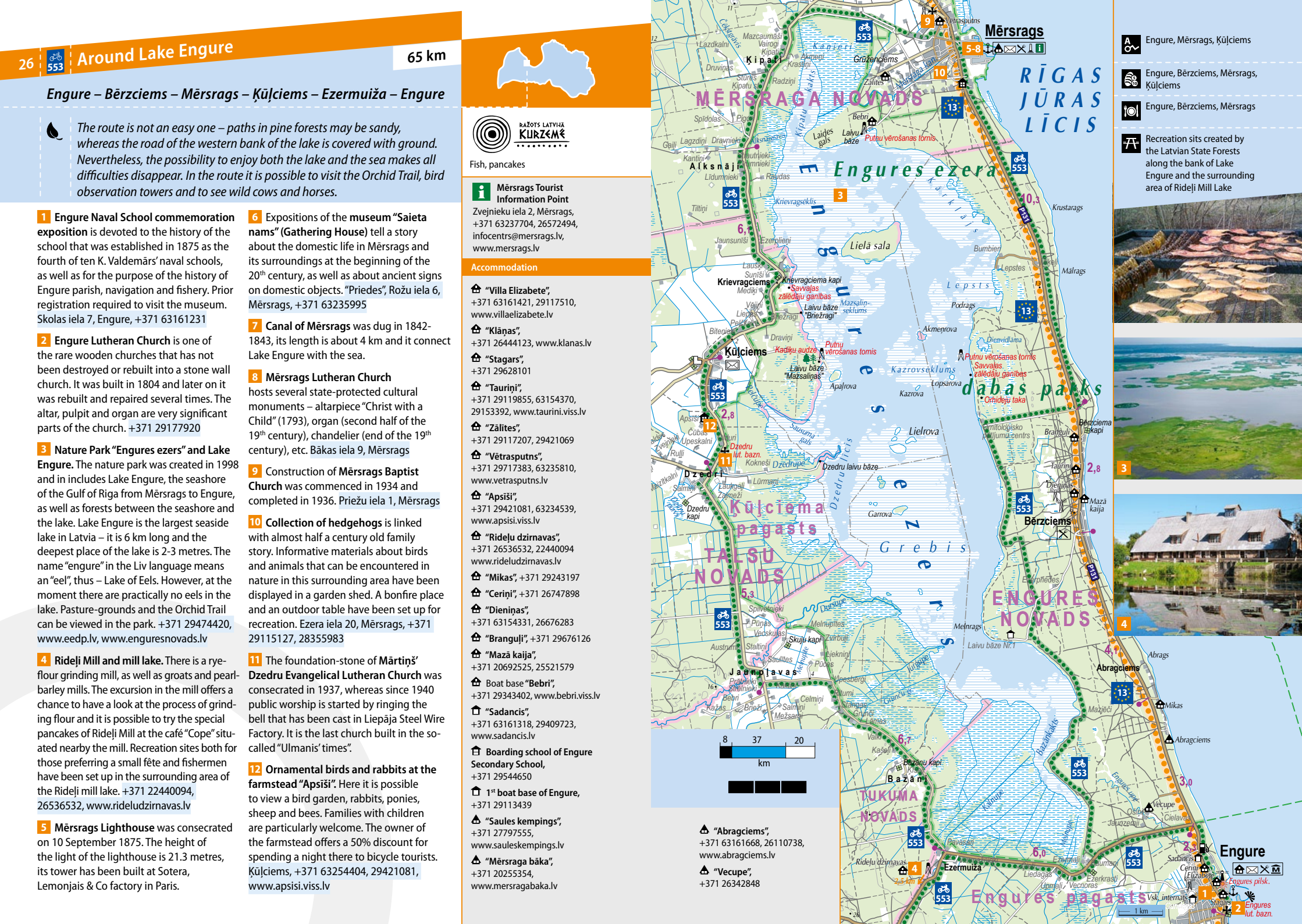


Engure, Mērsrags, Ķūļciems

Engure, Bērzciems, Mērsrags, Ķūļciems

Engure, Bērzciems, Mērsrags

Recreation sits created by the Latvian State Forests along the bank of Lake Engure and the surrounding area of Rideļi Mill Lake

# Cycling route "Baron Bōgans"

36 km

## *Dundaga – Pāce – Liepniekvalks Caves – Valpene – Kubali school – Būdeni – Jaunsniķeri – Dundaga*

*The cycling route "Baron bōgans" offers a possibility to become acquainted with the surrounding area of Dundaga by discovering Pāce Wool Factory, stud-farm "Kalēji", Liepniekvalks Caves, Kubali school-museum on the way. Furthermore, it is possible to climb the Valpene Pyramid and taste the delicacies of the local farmsteads, as well as to get to know the residences of the most brilliant Latvian folklorist Krišjānis Barons by visiting members of his family at "Jumari", and, of course, enjoy the beautiful sceneries of forests and fields. The route moves mostly along small rural roads with low traffic intensity.*

**1** The name of **Dundaga Castle** is associated with the broadest manor-castle territory in the Baltics – up to Sīkrags port and Kolkasrags lighthouses. Also nowadays Dundaga is a regional centre, whereas the almost eight hundred years old castle – a place hosting large-scale festivities, degustation of local delicacies, comfortable accommodation places, as well as the School of Music and Arts. In long-term existence of the castle it has been rebuilt several times and it has burnt down twice; however, it has been renovated and expanded. There is an islet and a large park near the castle. Pils iela 14, Dundaga, +371 63237859, 29478393, www.pilis.lv

**2** **"Stacija" and narrow gauge railway.** Former little train station – a wooden building in Dundaga next to Baptist Church – was built in 1930s and worked until 1968. Now a care home "Stacija" is situated there. Cyclists can use the section of railway embankment until the old German baron cemetery.

**3** **Pāce Wool Factory.** Traditional domestic craft in Pāce since the end of the 19th century. The only place in Latvia where complete processing of wool is done by retaining all properties of natural wool. After the excursion, it is possible to purchase wool of various colour and tones. +371 26151720, 26431463, www.pace.lv

**4** **Horses in "Kalēji" of Pāce.** Visit of the farmstead and horseback rides. There are semi-wild and Latvian brown cows in the pastureland. +371 26497430

**5** **Liepniekvalks Caves** are among the longest natural cave systems in Latvia (around 70 m). In 1988 sandstone caves were dug up by a group of nature researchers under the supervision of Guntis Eniņš. The caves can be viewed only from the outside. 10th kilometre of Dundaga-Ģibzde road. Dundagas–Ģibzdes ceļa 10. km

**6** **Organic farmstead "Jumari"** is a farmstead belonging to the members of the family of the most brilliant Latvian folklorist Krišjānis Barons. Upon previous registration it is possible to visit the farmstead and take a walk in nature, have some herbal tea, acorn coffee and lunch. Highbush blueberry is grown there. +371 29469425, 26601306

**7** **Valpene.** *Walpene* is mentioned in the 1290 document on a dispute between the Bishop of Courland and Riga Dome Chapter. The most brilliant Latvian folklorist Krišjānis Barons lived in Vaplene half a manor and studied at Kubali School. Mother of the Latvian folklorist Enģele has been buried in Valpene cemetery.

**8** **Valpene Pyramid.** A devotion to the brilliant Latvian folklorist – about 9 m high stone stack – was created in the middle of 1980s by Imants Ziedonis' group of confederates under the supervision of sculptor Vilnis Titāns. Names of houses of Vaplene village have been carved in stones.

**9** **Kubali school-museum.** The house was built as a wooden log building in 1842. It is possible to find out how it felt to be a pupil of the school (now the oldest log building school in Latvia) cherished by the teacher and the most popular Latvian author Ernests Dinsbergs in the middle of the 19th century, as well as to get to visit the renovated yard and the surrounding area. It is recommended to register for a visit in advance. +371 26332238, 63254335, www.kubalmuz.lv

**10** **"Būdeni".** Native home of the crocodile hunter in Australia Arvīds Blūmentāls (1925-2006). At the age of seventeen he volunteered to serve in a legion. After having treated a heavy injury, Arvīds went from Germany to Australia. In his letters to Latvia he wrote that he would never come back, because he cannot take upon himself the difficult emotional experience – to see his family and house destroyed and wrecked. The family of Arvīds – mother, father and the youngest brother – were exiled to Siberia.

**11** **"Jaunsniķeri".** By previous registration, within the scope of the cycling route it is possible to arrange degustation of Elma Zadiņa's large pies (*dižrausis*) and *pūtelis* – ancient dish of Courland, as well as to visit the farmstead. +371 26111364

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Traditional pastry *sklandrauši*, *pūtelis*, highbush blueberry, acorn coffee, herbal tea, Dundaga cheese, yoghurt

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**"Krūziņi"**
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**"Pūpoli",** Dundaga,
+371 29197900, 26554001,
www.dundaga.lv/pupoli

**"Pasaku namiņš",**
"Vecskrīveri", Dundaga,
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**"Pūpoli"**, +371 26554001

# 30 558 Along the Liv Villages

27 km

## *Kolka – Vaide – Saunags – Pitrags – Košrags – Mazirbe – Sīkrags*

*The route leads through the ancient fishing villages of the Livs in a narrow strip of land along the Great Sea (Dižjūra) on one side and the forest-covered inland part of Slītere National Park on the other side. Every village keeps special ancient fishing environment construction features and reserved charm of the scenery characteristic only to this place. The section of the route from Mazirbe to Sīkrags leads along the former narrow gauge railway track. One may plan the way back along the asphalt-covered Kolka-Ventspils motorway. One can try to cover the distance also along the seashore. Cycling route Nr. 557 Along the Great Sea and Small Sea branches off from Košrags.*

**1 Kolkasrags.** Kolka is the furthest northern point of Kurzeme peninsula, whereas Kolka Horn is the most explicit headland in the seashore of Latvia. It is a place where collision of waves of two "seas" – open Baltic Sea and Gulf of Riga – is observed. The headland as a sandbank below the surface of water continues in the distance of 6 km and its back is washed by the sea in the depth of 0.5-3 metres. Sea around the sandbank of Kolkasrags is a destruction site of countless ships. Kolka Lighthouse is situated on an artificial land at the end of the sandbank. Tourist and information centre with a parking lot is available at Kolkasrags. In the active zone it is possible to also enjoy a delicious meal and spend a night at "Laimes mājas" or to visit a mobile bathhouse. +371 29149105, www.kolkasrags.lv

**2 Kolka.** The Liv village where fishing traditions have been preserved up to nowadays. Here three churches meet as well – Kolka St Virgin Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church (+371 29644609), Kolka Orthodox Church of the Birth of Christ (+371 63220489) and Kolka Evangelical Lutheran Church (+371 26057021).

**3 Holiday House "Ūši".**

**4 The Liv Centre "Kūolka".**

**5 Fish smoking in Kolka.**

**6 Kolka Horn pine-tree nature trail.**

**7 "Purvziedi"**

**8 Pitrags.**

**9 Košrags fishing village** – town planning monument formed in the 17th century. Buildings, historic construction design structure, spatial arrangement, road network, characteristic relief are protected objects.

**17** Up to the middle of the 20th century **Mazirbe** was a place in the seashore of Kurzeme inhabited by the Livs. In the centre there is Liv People's House of peculiar architecture built in 1939 – the only in Latvia and the world. +371 29463028, www.kolka.lv

**18 The Liv cuisine and a collection of ancient domestic objects.** The house "Stūrīši" invites visitors who are interested in objects that tell a story about the ancient and not so ancient life of coastal fishermen, as well as those who want to taste Liv cuisine. Owners of the house will welcome travellers from May until September by previous reservations. If you wish, you will have a chance to enjoy traditional Liv lunch at Taizeļi family. +371 29469165, 29283967

**19 Fish smoking in Mazirbe.** "Sudrabkalni", +371 26114424; "Madaras", +371 26465991

**20** The section Mazirbe-Sīkrags leads along the **former narrow gauge railway track** up to the luggage storage building. The station building itself can be viewed at Seaside Open-Air Museum of Ventspils.

**21 Sīkrags** – a monument of fishing village and town planning. One of the oldest Liv settlements: as a village it was mentioned already in 1387. Its value lies in historic buildings, construction structure, road network, landscape, and characteristic silhouettes.

**22 Lake Pēterezers nature trail** in the length of 3.4 km takes you across the unique formation of nature – lowland structure of dunes and semi-dunes – *kangari* and *vigas*. The piles of dunes are positioned in parallel to the sea. Lake

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Traditional pastry *sklandrauši*, porridge *bukstiņbiezputra*, sprat, smoked fish, Liv cuisine

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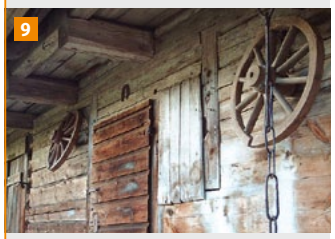
see also route No. 557 "Along the Great Sea and the Small Sea"




# 31 557 Along the Great Sea and the Small Sea

50 km

## *Kolka – Košrags – Dūmele – Ezermuiža – Melnsils – Kolka*

*The route from Kolka to Košrags brings through five Liv villages along a forest road – Košrags, Pitrags, Saunags, Vaide and Kolka. This route matches with the route No. 558 Along the Liv Villages. At some places they store the features of the ancient life of fishermen. From Košrags the route brings along Apakšceļš – lonely, forest-encircled old road between Košrags and Dūmelis along Baži Marsh and the bank of the former Lake Dieviņezers. Going through Ezermuiža and reaching Melnsils, the route leads back to Kolka either along an asphalt-covered motorway or the coast of the Small Sea parallel to it. The route has been marked with colours on trees.*

**1 Kolkasrags.**

**2 Kolka.**

**3 Holiday House "Ūši"** – degustation of porridge *bukstiņbiezputra* and a possibility to participate in the process of baking the traditional pastry *sklandrauši*. The hostess organises also hikes into the exciting history of the industrial Kolka by watching a film and trying the best sprat of Latvia. +371 63276507, 29475692, www.kolka.info

**4** One may learn about the historical domestic life, language and preservers of Liv values at the **Liv centre "Kūolka"**. +371 25902280, 29198596, www.livones.net

**5 Fish smoking in Kolka.** By arranging a visit in advance, "Pūpoli", +371 28311813; "Strautmaļi", +371 29256174; "Čiekurkalni", +371 26433375

**6 Kolka Horn pine-tree nature trail** in the length of 1.2 km introduces with habitats of the coastal dunes. Here you can also ascend the bird watchtower Slītere National Park, +371 63286000, www.daba.gov.lv

**7 "Purvziedi"** offers to view a collection of more than a thousand forest animal horns gathered by the owner of the farmstead for many years while working as a forester. There is also a nature protection exposition. +371 29395624, 63200179, http://viesunamiem.lv/purvziedi

**8 Pitrags** some time ago was a significant boat and ship construction centre. Now it is a village, which revives in summer when vacationers go there. Here you may view Pitrags Baptist Church and it is definitely recommended to visit Andris to try freshly smoked fish and to find out stories about ancient fences in Pitrags. "Krogi", +371 26493087, www.pieandrapitragaa.lv

**9 Košrags.**

**10 Apakšceļš** – a lonely, forest-encircled and ancient road between Košrags and Dūmelis. Many interesting facts are linked with this place – both about Pitragupe Mill, which not once failed to perform the work, as well as about a boiler of a shipwreck, which was used by the local baron for tar-works, and the former horse road, which crossed Baži Marsh and the impressive Dūmele Large Stone.

**11 Lake Dieviņezers** previously was one of the largest lakes in Kurzeme, but in 1930s by digging a canal it was let down in the sea. Now there is a meadow there.

**12 Dūmele Holiday House "Ziedkalni".** Here you can arrange fishing and rural SPA. +371 29417229, www.ziedkalni.lv

**13 Ezermuiža** is situated in the south-east part of the former Lake Dieviņezers and since baron times villagers were involved in protecting the meadow, forestry and logging.

**14 Melnsilupe** is the former place of canal and some time ago Lake Dieviņezers was let down in the sea there.

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Traditional pastry *sklandrauši*, porridge *bukstiņbiezputra*, sprat, smoked fish, Liv cuisine

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29451592, laimesmajas.lv

**32** Pēterezers nature trail traverses the former Northern Kurzeme narrow gauge railway track, one of the longest and highest dunes Stiebrkalns and the lowland of previously flooded and then let down *Pīļu dīķis* (Duck Pond). A recreation site has been set up along the bank of Lake Mazais Pēterezers. A peculiar landscape is formed by herbal marshes, hollows, lakes and diverse flora.

**23 Šlītere Lighthouse** became a day-and-night lighthouse only in 1961 by using the Slītere Tower built of stones in 1849. Nowadays it is being regarded as the second oldest navigation building that has been preserved until nowadays in Latvia (right after Oviši Lighthouse). Since 2002 the complex of lighthouse is a tourism object of Slītere National Park, as well as a watch-tower to visitors. There is also an exposition about sea lighthouses in Latvia, the Baltic States and the world. +371 28385025

**24 "Jaunlīdumi"** – organic and environmental health farmstead is situated in the upper part of the ancient bank of the Baltic Ice Lake – Blue Hills. It offers recreation in the bosom of nature and to view wild horses (*konik*). It is also possible to enjoy herbal tea and order lunch. +371 29467556, www.jaunlidumi.viss.lv

**25 "Mežlīdumi"** – healthy lifestyle centre "Tavai sirdij". The farmstead is situated in the upper part of the steep slope of Slītere Blue Hills. Various vegetables and legumes, especially soya beans, are grown there. Farmers use these products to make milk, sour milk, curds, cream and other delicious products. The visit offers to have a look into the basics of a healthy lifestyle and to try healthy food. +371 26543781, www.draugiem.lv/veseligadzivesveidacentrs

Kolka, Mazirbe 558

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Kolka, Kolkasrags, Mazirbe

Almost at every guest houses – **"Ūši"**, Vaides **"Purvziedi"**, Pitraga **"Krogi"**, Dūmeles **"Ziedkalni"** Mazirbes **"Stūrīši"**, Sīkraga **"Jaunklāvi"** see also route No. 557

Košraga **"Pītagi"**, +371 29372728 (10 pcs.); Mazirbes **"Kalēji"**, +371 29213412 (10 pcs.); **"Upeskalni"**, +371 29259510, 29259499 see also route No. 557

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**15 Melnsils** is one of the Livs' coastal villages, where they lived even in mid-20th century. This is a place enclosed by legends about Trommel the Robber.

**16 Ēvaži nature path and steep bank.** A 300 m long path will lead you to the 8–15 m steep bank. At the end of the path you will see one of the most beautiful views on the Kurzeme coastline of Gulf of Riga. Slītere National Park, +371 63286000, www.daba.gov.lv

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Rīgas jūras līcis

Slīteres nacionālais parks

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Bāzū purvs

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Kolka

Kūolka

Kolkasrags

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Kolkas pareizticīgo kapi

Kolkas lut. kapi

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Ūši

Vitoli

Zūži

Laimes mājas

Vaide

Vaides kapi

Vaides dīķis

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Pitraga kapi

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# 34 Kuldīga – Town with a Soul!

*Kuldīga – the pearl of Kurzeme where architecture characteristic to a small town, the River Venta with the widest waterfall in Europe and the old brick bridge across the river create a special atmosphere.*

**1 Venta Waterfall** is the widest waterfall in Europe (249 metres) and many legends and historic events are linked with this place. Owing to fish catching appliances used on the rapid and invented by Duke Jacob, in ancient times Kuldīga was called a town, which catches salmon in the air.

**2 Old Brick Bridge** across the River Venta is one of the longest brick bridges in Europe, which was built in 1874 and renovated in 2008. It was built according to the standards of the tsar times traffic – 500 feet long and 36 feet wide to be able to change with the carriage riding in the opposite direction.

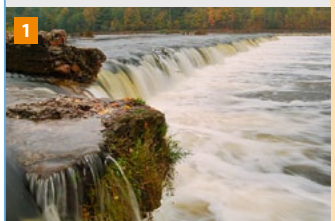
**3 Alekšupīte Waterfall** currently is the highest (4.5 metres) waterfall in Latvia. In the 19th century paper mill started operating next to the waterfall.

**4 Town Garden** is situated in the oldest part of Kuldīga, at the place of the former Livonian Order and later on residence of dukes of Courland. Duke Jacob was born in the castle. The Town Garden features a restored water reservoir with a fountain, pedestrian zones have been set up there. There is an arbour and observation platforms as well. In summer at weekends it is possible to watch open air cinema. In total 22 sculptures of sculptress Līvija Rezevska have been placed in the park.

**5 Kuldīga Regional Museum.** Even though there is a lack of direct evidence, the legend about the building being presented at the exposition of the Russian pavilion in Paris in 1900 is still alive. An exposition devoted to the history of the town is set up on the third floor. On the second floor there is a flat where it is possible to have an insight into the daily life of a wealthy resident of Kuldīga: a dining room, ladies boudoir, music room, kitchen, as well as gentlemen room where a part of the voluminous card collection of the collector Jānis Mētra has been displayed. Pils iela 5, Kuldīga, +371 63350179, 63322364, www.kuldigasmuzejs.lv

**6 Kuldīga medieval historical centre** (old town) around the River Alekšupīte. The only unique 17th-18th century small town building construction ensemble preserved in the Baltic States that includes also the so-called "Latvian Venice around the River Alekšupīte". Implementing the first stage of the Alekšupīte promenade project, a fountain has been set up at the Town Hall Square, bridges across the river have been renovated and Baznīcas Street has obtained a new look.

**7 Complex of synagogue buildings.** The Great Synagogue of Kuldīga was built in 1875, at the time Tsar Alexander II ruled. A prayer house was located next to it and the third building – Jewish chapel – has been preserved as well. After the reconstruction of the complex, a library was placed in the synagogue, whereas the former prayer house hosts an Arts House where various arts exhibitions and concerts are organised on a regular basis. 1905. gada iela 6, Kuldīga, +371 63350281



**8** Authors of the **environmental object "Teleports"** are sculptor Gļebs Panteļejevs and architect Andris Veidemanis. Object has two sides that symbolically reveal diverse centuries. The front of the object, which is formed by a polished and lacquered casting, symbolises the 21st century. Meanwhile the back and the sides of the object are intended as the 17th century and they have been made of rusted cast iron. Liepājas Street at the Flower Market, Kuldīga

**9 Duke's court pharmacy** is one of the few buildings that has been built in 1622 by using the German *fachwerk* (timber framing) technique. For many years a pharmacy was located there and it was called the duke's court pharmacy, because the patent for opening the pharmacy had to be bought from the Duke. Baznīcas iela 10, Kuldīga

**10 Old Town Hall of Kuldīga** with the Town Hall Square. A 17th century building with ancient gathering place – market square. There was a prison in the basement of the building. Baznīcas iela 5, Kuldīga

**11** The original **St Catherine Church** was built in 1252 and it is the first church of Kuldīga that has been given the name of the patroness of the town – Catherine. Baznīcas iela 31/33, Kuldīga, +371 63324394, www.kuldigas.lelb.lv

**12 Kuldīga Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church** and the so-called "Catholic quarter". The foundation-stone of the church was laid in 1641 in the presence of Duke Jacob. The building can take pride in the most luxurious interior among catholic churches in Kurzeme. The treasure of sacral arts are: sculpture "Madonna with a Child", painted confessional, pulpit, two Rococo style side altars and central altar. Raiņa iela 6, Kuldīga, +371 63324222

**13 Kuldīga Saint Ann Evangelically Lutheran Church** with a garden. The church was built in 1904 and there is a font, which in 1660 was donated by Duke Jacob to the German congregation of Kuldīga. Later on the German priest of the congregation presented it to the new Latvian church. Dzirnavu iela 12, Kuldīga, +371 63323014



Distance to Riga – **150 km**
Population – **12 494**

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**Kuldīga Regional Sports School,** Kalna iela 6 and Virkas iela 13, Kuldīga, +371 63322465, 29440515, www.kuldigassports.lv

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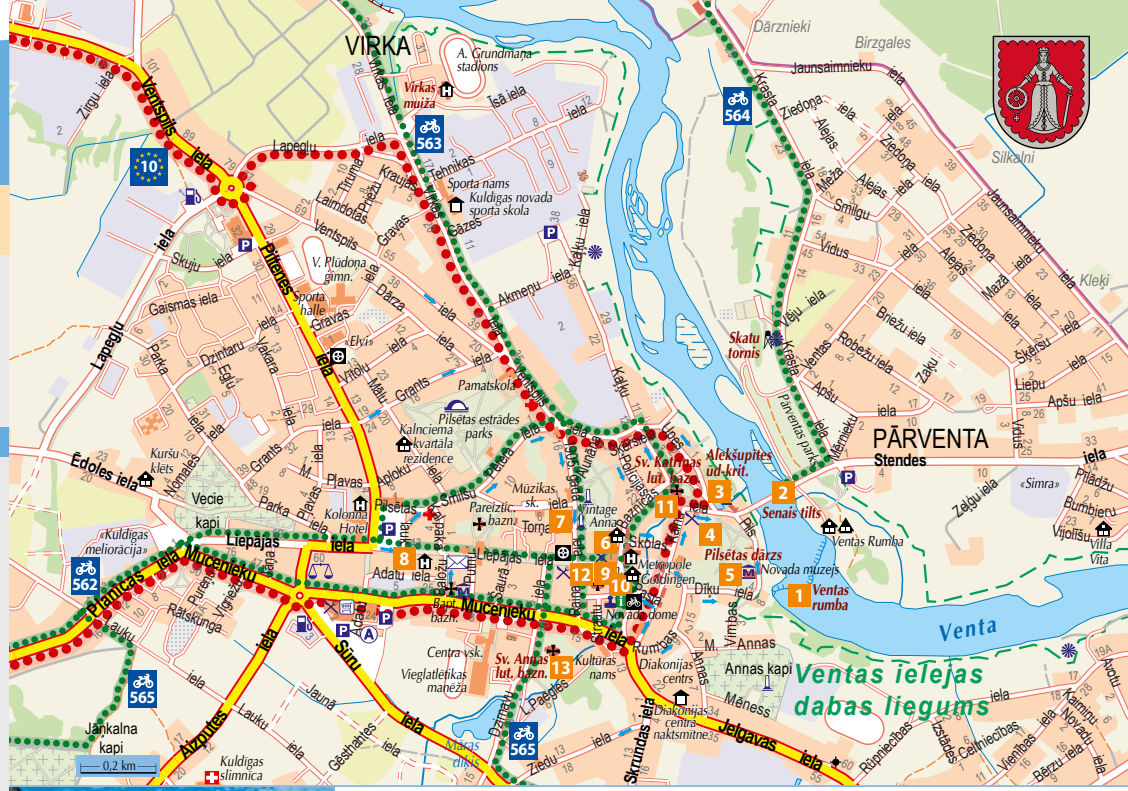


# 36 565 Passing Magnolias, Castle Mounds and Lakes

50,5 km

***Kuldīga – Pelči – Mazsālijas – Snēpele – Vilgāle – Kuldīga***

*A picturesque route at the plateau of Western Kursa where one may observe some of the most beautiful views of Kuldīga Region – with hills, winding roads and landscapes of small lakes. It leads along larger and smaller old farmsteads and ancestor castle mounds. Tracing of the route is formed to avoid motorways with intense traffic, therefore it leads along roads of small traffic and paths the driving quality of which is influenced by weather conditions.*

**1 Dendrological Garden** "Sauleskalni". At the former Taurkalne Manor Mill writer Voldemārs Zonbergs (Sauleskalns) created one of the largest and most beautiful stone gardens at that time in Kurzeme. There are about 600 ligneous plants and flower species in the garden. A romantic garden, picturesque pond, nature trails and contemporary comfort in a historical building. +371 26806054, www.sauleskalni.com

**2 Pelči Palace with a park.** The palace was built in 1903-1904 according to the design of V. Neimanis and it is one of the earliest buildings in Latvia where the impact of Art Nouveau may be sensed. At the moment Pelči Special Boarding School – development centre – is located at the palace. +371 63326245

**3 Mazsālijas Mill** was built at the beginning of the 19th century. Flour was ground there, as well as groats and pearl-barley were prepared there, sorting, cleaning of grain was also done there. Nowadays you can still see two turbines that were used to supply the buildings with electricity. Furthermore, millstones from the early operation of the mill have been preserved until nowadays.

**4** At the **Deer Garden "Mazsālijas"** the youngest travellers can become acquainted with activities in the deer garden in the particular season. Hikes, creative workshops, contests, festivities. You can have a walk along the trail both together with guides wearing masks, as well as alone. +371 22003744, www.mazsalijas.lv

**5 Mazsālijas Castle Mound** is 50 m long and 25 m wide. It is separated from the surrounding low land by a deep ditch and 5 m high bank. Earlier there was a deep ditch with a lifting bridge around the hill.

**6 Snēpele Manor-Castle and park.** Former hunting castle of barons with household buildings was built at the beginning of the 19th century. There are column-decorated porticoes on the both sides of the building. Door leafs of the 19th century have been preserved. Iron handrails of the 19th century can be viewed on the side of the park. Since 1924 school of Snēpele is located in the building. +371 63354217

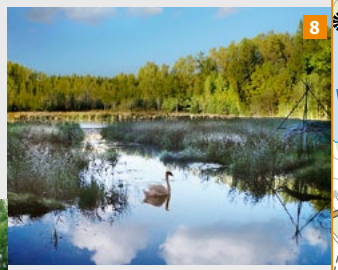
**7 Snēpele Luthernan Church** was built in the 17th century. In the course of time it has served as a concert hall and a sports hall; after reconstruction in 1991 public worship is once again held there. +371 63354268

**8 Turlava (Kundi) hillfort and Mežciems abyss.** One of the most mighty Kurshi hillforts that is protected by Hell Ravine – a deep lowland with several marshy lakes. In the western part of the hillfort there is Lake Bezdibens – a small, deep lake from which a streamlet with clear water flows out. A very mysterious and energetically strong place. www.turlava.lv

**9** The total area of **Lake** Vilgāle is 242.5 ha; the River Rīva stars its onflow into the lake.

**10 Upīškalns** is the former Soviet army distant communications base (construction was started in 1956), which maintained communication with ships and submarines in the Baltic Sea. One antenna tower was located in the base centre, whereas six towers, the height of which exceeded 200 m, are located there in the shape of a star in perimeter. Nearby there was the central control building, a bunker and barracks. Antennae that have been preserved until nowadays are now being used to ensure mobile services.

See also page 34 about Kuldīga.



RAŽOTS LATVIJĀ KURZEMĒ

Game meat, trout, ostrich meat sausages, home hen eggs and egg dishes

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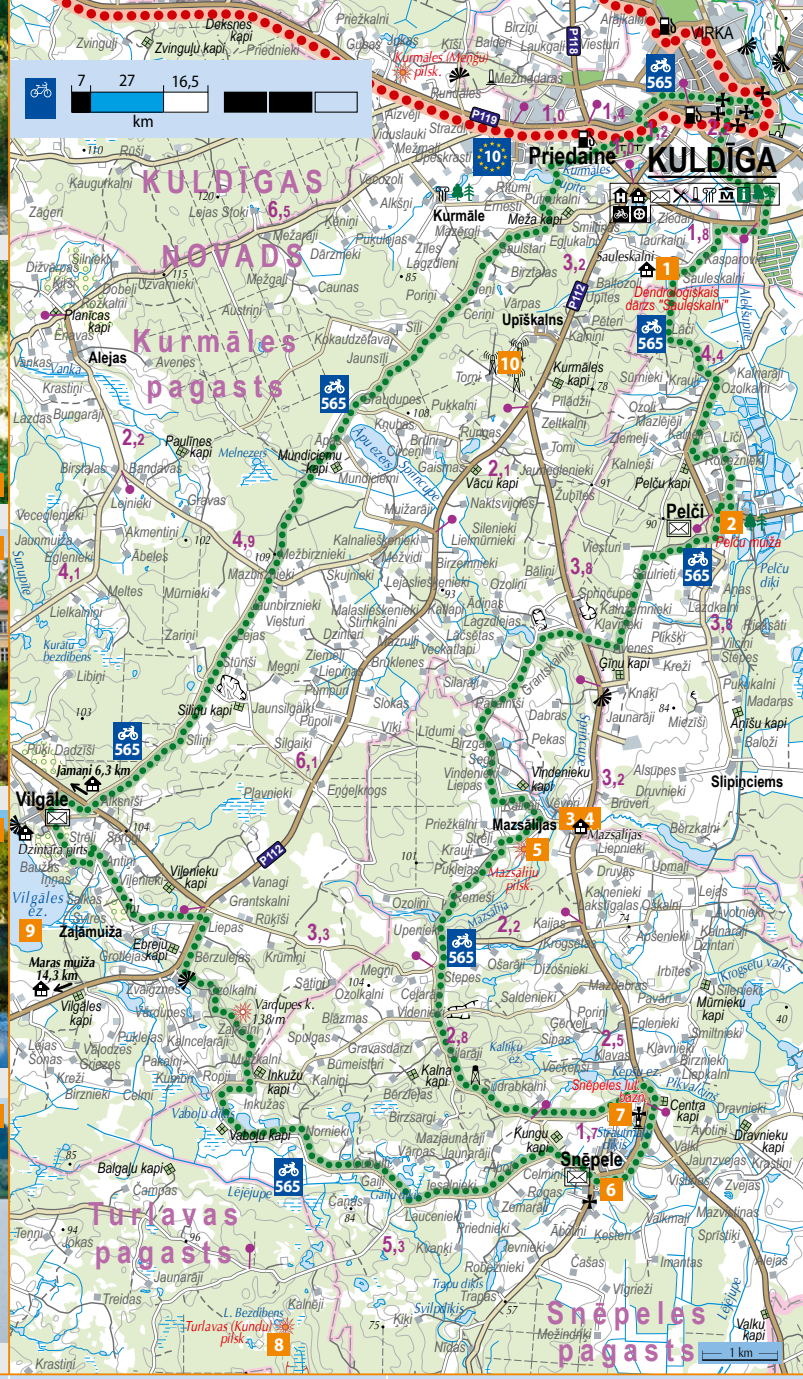


Kuldīga

Guest houses "Sauleskalni", "Mazsālijas", "Jāmaņi", "Dzintara pirts", "Maras muiža"; swimming place at Lake Vilgāle

Kuldīga, Snēpele, Vilgāle, Pelči; Kuldīga

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# 38 562 Suiti Cycling Route

**56 km**

## *Kuldīga – Īvande – Ēdole – Alsunga – Upītes – Kuldīga*

*The route leads along the ethnographic Suiti region and links Kuldīga with Alsunga. Experienced cyclers may create their own route tracking by choosing one of several picturesque road sections of P110 road and the old Suiti road. Suiti cuisine at Spēlmaņi Pub in Alsunga will give you strength for the road. The territory of the route is partly marked with intersection cycling route network signs and allows you to diversify the cycling route tracking.*

**1 Īvande Manor with a park** and large trees. It is possible to view the old manor house built at the end of the 18th century, as well as the new castle built across and formed in the style of Neoclassicism according to the design of architect T. Zeilers. The original interior has been partly preserved in both buildings. The largest European white fir in the Baltic States is growing in the park. At the moment a tourist accommodation place is available at the manor. +371 63343113, 29168626

**2 Īvande Water Mill** was built in 1842 and it still is in working condition. By previous reservations it is possible to see how the water mill operates. +371 63343157

**3 Ēdole Castle** is the only well-fortified stone wall castle with towers and a courtyard built at the time of Bishopric of Courland (1265) that is still inhabited. The tales and legends-encircled castle has suffered at wars and fire, but it has still been renovated. There is the Love Avenue in the park of the castle. In June Emīls Fair is organised in the courtyard of the castle. +371 63321251, 26228889, www.edolespils.lv

**4 Ēdole Lutheran Church.** Legends tell that the stately church was built in the 17th century by the owner of Ēdole Manor Johann Dietrich Behr to commemorate his murdered father, as well as to buy out the sin of his brother Philippe. The initiator of construction of the church himself ordered to bury himself under the door-step of the church. The church is one of the most excellent monuments of the Baroque time. +371 29140679

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3

Suiti cuisine, traditional pastry *sklandrauši*, home cheese

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www.ezermali.lv

**"Ķiši"**, +371 63353427,
29244221, www.kisi.lv

**"Pinka"**,
+371 26354230, 63350588

**"Valciņi"**,
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+371 26326343, 25937680

**"Ulmi"**, +371 26493659

**"Smiltnieki"**,
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www.majasmiltnieki.lv

**"Zāģeri"**,
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**"Kažoki"**,
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**"Īvandes muiža"**,
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www.ivandesmuiza.viss.lv

**5** More than 26 steppe marmots also known as bobak marmots are kept at the **marmot farm "Jaunstuči"**. The farm is available for visits from May until October. The marmot farm co-operates with local Suiti fine rye-bread, traditional pastry *sklandrauši* and pie (*plātsmaize*) bakers, as well as beekeepers therefore it is possible to purchase various delicious products of the local Suiti area there. It is recommended to register for a visit in advance. +371 26020002, www.murkskis.lv

**6 Alsunga Livonian Order Castle** is very ancient; its oldest part was built in 1372 with 2.3 metres thick stone walls, as well as defence towers and other buildings that have been built in the 15th-18th century. The recently-unveiled basement of the castle is now available as well. A tourist information centre has been also set up at the castle. +371 26425015, www.suitunovads.lv

**7 Alsunga St Michael Roman Catholic Church** was built in 1623, whereas the nave was formed in 1882, two side altars were set up as well. At the central altar there is also a painting "Saint Michael". Organ of the church was built by F. Veisenborns in Jēkabpils in 1893. +371 26326253, www.suitunovads.lv

**8 Alsunga Regional Museum** offers an exposition about the life of Suiti in ancient times and the history of the parish in the 20th century. +371 26425015, www.suitunovads.lv

**9 Rija (Threshing barn).** "Suiti ir varen' radoši un izdomas bagāti," (Translation: Suiti people are very creative and full of ideas) – people coming from this part of the country know how to praise them. Threshing barn provides an opportunity to try out your skills in various workshops, to not only find out useful tips, but also to shop. Handicraft of local craftsmen is beautiful, interesting and original! Ziedulejas iela 3, Alsunga, +371 29446594

**10** The length of **Žibgrava Health Trail** is about 1.2 km and it is a unique place with hilly forest relief (height of the ravine at some places is even 15 metres), diverse plant varieties, as well as picturesque River Kauliņupīte curves that crosses the trail in two places. The health trail of Žibgrava was formed at the end of 1990s and now it has been renewed and improved. Previous reservations by calling. +371 63351342, 26425015

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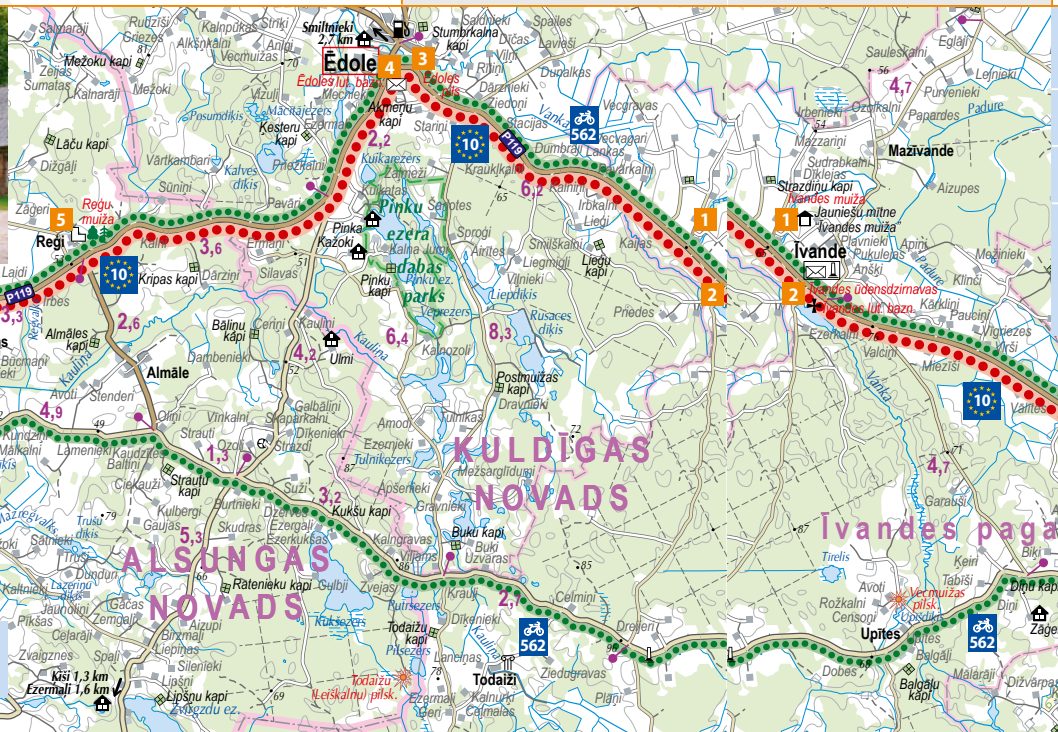


Kuldīga, Alsunga

Kuldīga, Īvande, Ēdole, Alsunga

Alsunga, Kuldīga

Rural house "Zāģeri", youth accommodation place "Īvandes muiža", guest house "Ezermaļi", guest house "Ķiši", holiday house "Ulmi", rural house "Kažoki", holiday house "Smiltnieki", Žibgrava Health Trail

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# Riežupe Cycling Route

564

27 km

***Kuldīga – Kalnmuiža – Ķūķciems – Mežvalde – Kuldīga***

*The route introduces to the beautiful woods of Riežupe Nature Park, the landscapes River of Riežupe and River Venta valleys, as well as the artificial sand cave labyrinth of more than 400 m. The route has been marked with cycling route network signs.*

**1 Riežupe Sand Caves** is the third longest underground cave labyrinth in the Baltics, their total length is 2 km, but currently only 460 have been cleaned and can be passed through. The caves are not natural, they have been dug by men when extracting sand for glass manufacturing in the 18th–19th century. +371 29555042

**2 "Osti"** is the home of the legendary Latvian actor Ēvalds Valters.

**3 River Veldze Waterfall** is a nice waterfall, although leaves usually pile up in the river near waterfall in autumns. The waterfall is 0.8–0.9 m high, its width is 11–16 m; it is located on the River Veldze, some 400 m before it runs into River Riežupe.

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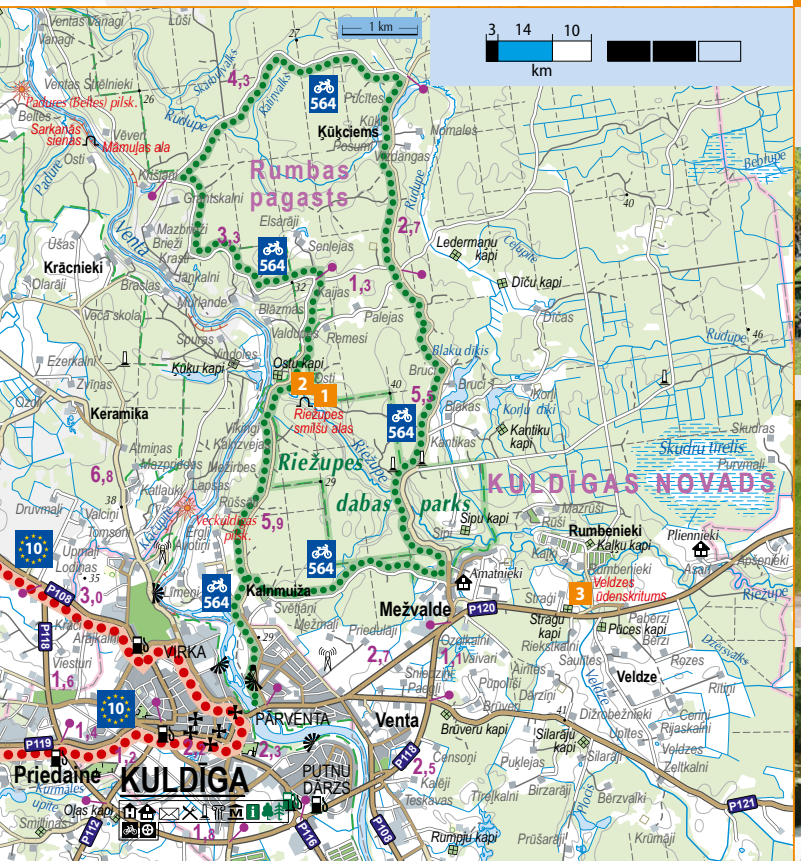
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Riežupes smilšu ala
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Ledermaņu kapi
Dīču kapi
Kantiku kapi
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Kalku kapi
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Skudru ūdenskritums
Ventas Vanagi
Ventas Skēlnieki
Padures (Beltes) pilsk.
Sarkanās sienas
Māmuļas ala
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Kuldīga
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Valcini
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# River Venta Valley Cycling Route

563

42 km

***Kuldīga – Padure – Venta House– Lakes Nabes – Vēgas – Padure – Kuldīga***

*The route mostly goes by the River Venta along small forest tracks and small populated places. The route has also been marked with cycling route network signs on crossroads, allowing changing the route when planning individual legs.*

**1 Veckuldīga Castle Mound** was one of the largest and best-fortified castle mounds in the ancient Curonian land Bandowe. Until the very 1355, Veckuldīga settlement of nearly 10 ha was situated at its foot.

**2 "Vindoles" and Ķūķi cemetery:** "Vindoles" is the home where the Colonel Krišs Ķūķis (born in 1874) used to live, near the home you can find also his grave.

**3 Ūši boiling house** is the summer kitchen with mantle chimney used by the servants' of Padure Manor. This is the only such building in Latvia. Opening the low wooden door of the house you will not enter some room, but a black and sooty conic chimney, instead.

**4 Padure Castle** was built at the beginning of the 19th century and represents Classicism; it used to be summer residence for barons. +371 63348149, www.padure.lv

**5** According to stories, the **beekeeping farm "Medulāji"** used to be gardener's house, bath-house, or even a dog-house some more time ago. Now "Medulāji" will introduce you to novelties in beekeeping practices. The beekeeper Maigonis Emars has also staged a small private exhibition to show the history of beekeeping, but it can only be seen by small groups of especially interested bee-lovers. +371 63348249

**6 Padure Granary** is a part of an architectural monument of national importance – Padure Manor House Complex with a park. The granary was built in the 18th century, and thanks to its mansard roof it is the only such building in Latvia still remaining. Over the last few years the building has revived like a phoenix and turned from a wreck into a local treasure. The ground floor has been adapted for the needs of a cultural centre. But the first floor hosts some larger and smaller cribs presenting several exhibits, mainly household items used in the 18th–19th century. +371 63348149, 29753278, www.padure.lv

**7 Padure Castle Mound** is a typical Curonian fortress and it used to be quite a remarkable centre of the ancient land Bandowe. The age and location of the castle mound makes it a unique monument in Kurzeme. In the western side of the castle mound, you will find a 15 m wide and 4 m high visually impressive rampart, behind which a moat had been dug.

**8 Lake Mazais Nabes and Lake Lielais Nabes** are two lakes located farthest from Kuldīga when travelling along this route. The lakes are interconnected and a channel (just like a navel-cord) connects them to a navigable river. The names of the lakes are quite ancient and they resemble the word navel-cord in Latvian, which is naba. Lake Lielais Nabes is connected with the River Venta by a drain of about 1 km. It is possible to take a break near the lakes to take a swim.

**9 Ķimale Manor House** was built in the 18th century. In 1891, the architect E. Zeilers developed a reconstruction plan according to the needs of that time. During the reconstruction, the building was enlarged by adding one more wing and a large room for winter garden "The Palm House".

See also page 34 about Kuldīga.

RAŽOTS LATVIJĀ KURZEMĒ

Warehouseman's Krišs lunch *(koča)* and dumpling soup, house wines of Smilškalni, honey

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Kuldīga

Kuldīga, Padure

Veckuldīga Castle Mound, camping "Nabīte", guest house "Struņķukrogs", guest house "Lazdkalni"

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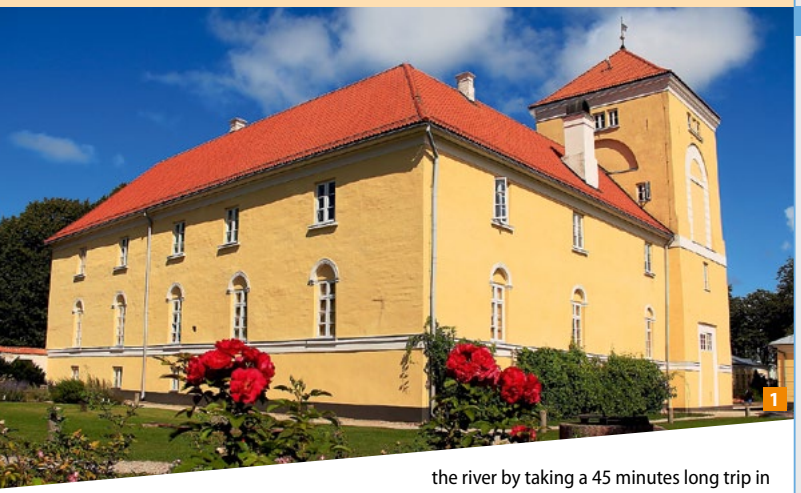
# Ventspils – The City on the Move!

*Welcome to Ventspils – the seaside town renowned for its hospitality! Here the port and the Blue Flag bleach live in harmony, and the people are proud of their particular Ventian Tongue, flag and money called "vents". This is the town always welcoming its guests with open heart. The stable values – the old narrow-gauge train "Mazbānītis" (The Little Train), the Livonian Order Castle, cow sculptures and numerous flower sculptures – have their own special magic. Also, it is impossible to forget about the digital planetarium, which is the most up-to-date one in the Baltics and the only one in Latvia. And Ventspils offers all of this and many other wonderful places.*




**1** **Livonian Order Castle** is the oldest medieval castle in Latvia that remains almost untouched in terms of the initial area and volume. Since 2001 Ventspils Museum resides in the castle, and each step taken assures that the history is still alive here. This is reminded both by the impressively reconstructed rooms on the first floor, which please all admirers of history and culture, and the rich exhibitions telling about the history of the city, port and Ventspils region. After visiting the castle you can try the fine meals of the medieval tavern "Melnais sivēns". Jāņa iela 17, Ventspils, +371 63622031, www.muzejs.ventspils.lv

**2** **Ostas Street Promenade** is a favourite place for walks for Ventspils inhabitants and guests. It is surrounded by the River Venta and enterprises of the port of Ventspils on the one side and the historical building and tourism objects on the other side. You can take a look at the city from the river by taking a 45 minutes long trip in the mouth of the River Venta and port by the excursion boat "Hercogs Jēkabs" (Duke Jakob).

**3** **Ostgals** is known for its original and romantic surroundings with paved and quiet streets and adorable wooden building of the 19th century. Ostgals has been recognised as an urban building monument of a national importance. The hustle at Ostgals is taken care of by the Centre of Performing Arts "Jūras vārti" which hosts concerts, exhibitions, theatre performances, celebrations and balls. Karlīnes iela 40, Ventspils, +371 63624271, www.jurasvarti.lv

**4** **Seaside Park** is one of the most beloved recreational objects in Ventspils offering playgrounds and picnic places. On the Anchor Trail everyone can get acquainted with the giants of the sea – anchors, while on the Jungle Trail you can try paths with various surfaces, crawl and climb on footbridges, suspension bridges and cables. The narrow-gauge train "Mazbānītis" (The Little Train) runs through the Seaside Park and a cycling route goes along the railway line to the Adventure Park.

Distance to Riga – **191 km**
Population – **38 494**

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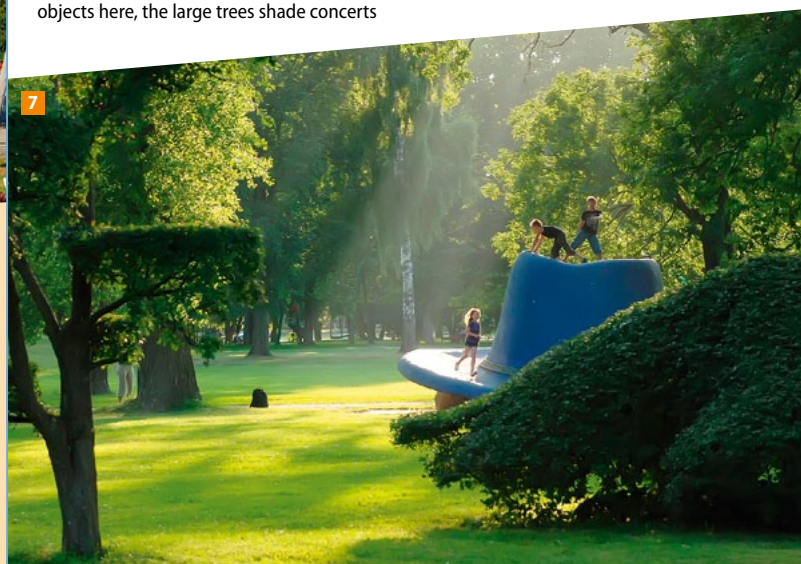
**5** **Seaside Open-air Museum** exhibits witnesses to the life of the ancient Latvian and Liv fishermen and farmers: boats, residential buildings, granaries, bathhouse and even windmills. One of the newest museum exhibits is the nearly 100-year old Lielirbe Baptist Prayer House. A favourite attraction at the Seaside Open-air Museum, at the same time an educational feature, is the narrow-gauge railway **Mazbānītis** (The Little Train), with its 1.4 km long Circle line and 3.0 km long Mountain line. Various annual customs are celebrated at the museum in line with the ancient traditions, and also craftsmen's fairs and other events are organised here. Riņķa iela 2, Ventspils, +371 63624467, www.muzejs.ventspils.lv

**6** **Adventure Park and Skiing Hill "Lemberga hūte" (Lembergs' Trilby)** is a complex of active recreation and sports offering exciting ways to spend the free time and different amusements challenging the strength and agility of the participants; the number of amusements grows every year. The top of the hill is decorated by the sculpture of red deer made in bronze.
Saules iela 141, Ventspils, +371 28611333, www.piedzivojumuparks.lv, www.lembergahute.lv

**7** **Reņķa Garden** is the green area of the town, a place, where every visitor feels comfortable. The childlike imagination has revived as extraordinary environmental objects here, the large trees shade concerts and dancing in summers, but runners, Nordic walkers and gymnasts favour the garden for sports activities. Reņķa Garden pond with the floating fountain and benches around it has become a nice place to take a breath and rest one's feet. The fitness equipment in Reņķa garden offers open-air exercise possibilities.

**8** **Ventspils Water Adventure Park** offers services for recreation and health. Those looking for active recreation will be pleased by the water amusements, the tired ones can relax at the SPA complex, while the pool and gyms offer sport activities. The water amusement park and SPA complex allowing combining of the physical activities with recreation and relaxation are extremely popular. The two pipes and the Mountain River take care of the fun in the water amusement park, while the calm background music at SPA complex helps to relax at various baths, sauna, salt chamber, and massage baths and showers.
Lauku iela 5, Ventspils, +371 63623974, 25636777, www.udensparks.lv

**9** **Ventspils cow parade** – after two art and patronage projects called "Cow parades" the streets, parks and squares of Ventspils are decorated by many unique cow sculptures. Passing the time, some other cows have joined the parade – "Cow, the Traveller" on the Ostas Street Promenade, "Cow, the Seaman" on the Southern breakwater, "Cow in Swing" near the quayside of the excursion boat "Hercogs Jēkabs" and "Cow of flowers" in Sarkanmuiža meadow.



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Vecmelbki
Straumes

# Round Lake Būšnieki

560 | 20 km

## *Ventspils – Pārventa – Būšnieki – Staldzene – Ventspils*

*Ventians would describe this route near Ventspils like this: "Take your boyfriend by the hand and say that you want to go to Ventspils to see the wind in Lake Būšnieki. Make him carry you on a bike half of the way, and you can ride in tandem on the other side of lake. Say you want to feel the wind in your hair while facing the sea on the Staldzene steep bank."*

**1 Cow parade in Pārventa:** Pomegranate Cow – author Museib Amirov (Azerbaijan). Pomegranate is one of the most universal symbols of Azerbaijan and Museib has chosen to depict this Oriental rich image on the Latvian cow figure. Ventspils Cow of Herbs – author "Serde", association of artists. The "Ventspils Cow of Herbs" project is based on the living tradition in Latvia and of course in Ventspils to grow and gather herbs. Cow of Golden Sun and Silver Moon – author Helēna Heinrihsone. A cow or archetypal combination of symbols of day and night, symbolising the eternal and everlasting spiritual light.

**2 Children's Town and Park "Fantasy"** is located on Talsu Street. The park is rich in colourful amusements. Near the park there is Pārventa Forest Trail with 12 objects of different difficulty made of cable and wire elements. Each Sunday at 15:00 the children's park hosts musical events for children.

**3** The 30 ha large **Deer Garden** is located near Lake Būšnieki and offers observation of red deer, fallow-deer and wild boars from the 6.5 m high observation tower. As the tower is located near feeding racks, the animals can be viewed best during the feeding hours. Talsu iela 240, Ventspils, +371 29102584, http://vlk.lv/briezu-darzs

**4 Lake Būšnieki** is a popular recreation place for families, fishermen and surfers. The lake is surrounded by equipped bathing and picnic places, it is possible to rent a boat at the boathouse and to stay overnight in tent, and surfers can use the 8 m long footbridges. Every spring there is a running race around the lake. +371 22000509 (boathouse)

**5 Staldzene** is an ancient fishermen village where some 19th century fishermen houses can be seen still. Also nowadays fishermen go fishing here and you can smell hard-smoked flounders on calm evenings. Staldzene with its remarkable steep bank is a wonderful place for walks and baths favoured by the inhabitants and guests.

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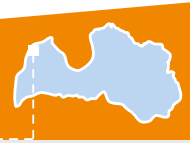

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Equipped places on the SE end of Lake Būšnieki

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# Round Lake Usma

48 km

## *Usma – Amjūdze – Āpciems – Usma*

*Lake Usma is the fourth largest lake in Latvia and, given its seven islands it is possibly also the most beautiful one. Still, the mysterious island Moricsala can be observed from a distance. The route goes along forest roads and small rural roads allowing enjoying the lake's scenery and approaching the lake from time to time. The best bathing places are located on the eastern coast of the lake, there you will find also several tourist accommodations and campsites. It is possible to try eel soup at the campsite "Zāģkalni"!* ***Remember!*** *Be careful when cycling along the 5 km long section on road A10.*

**1 Moricsala Nature Reserve and Exposition** – the reserve was established in 1912 and is named after the island which, in its turn, was named after the Moritz, Count of Saxony, who resided there and hid himself from the Russian army at the end of the Duchy of Courland in 1727. The reserve is not open for visitors, but you can take a look at it from a boat and see the exhibition of Moricsala Nature Reserve at Usma Christian Folk School. "Vecā skola", Usma, +371 63630512

**2 Usma Idol's Linden** is a sacred linden and according to legends it used to have nine forked branches. Now only two forked branches are alive. One of the forked branches has the status of a venerable tree – its girth is 4.2 m.

**3 Usma Evangelic Lutheran Church** is an architectonically interesting log building with an untraditional interior – a beautiful natural landscape can be seen through the window instead of an icon in the altar. Please inform of your visit if you want to see the interior, +371 22330578

**4 Usma Wooden Church in Renda rural territory** – a wooden building Usma Evangelic Lutheran Church (built in 1936) is located on Lake Usma coast near home "Baložkalni". Thanks to the persistence, initiative and tough work of the locals, the church is skilfully renovated now. Entry for tourists is possible only if previously arranged. +371 29195412

**5 Rope track "Godeļpols"** is an amusement set up in trees and on the ground offering active recreation both for adults and children. +371 29289349, 29429748, 28338717, www.godelpols.lv

**6 Ķīķerkalna observation tower** – the 27 m high observation tower gives a view over Lake Usma, Stende, Mundigciems, and also Talsi if the weather allows it.

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Eel soup, sausages of Desuciems (*Sausage Village*)

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Usma, campsites and tourist accommodations near the lake

Spāre, Usma, kempings "Usma"

Viesnīca "Hotel Usma SPA"

Tourism and recreational complex "Bukdangas", recreational complex "Godeļi", holiday home "Madaras", campsites "Usma", "Mežmalas", "Strazdiņi", "Dižkāpas", "Muižnieki", "Zāģkalni", "Usmas Meķi"

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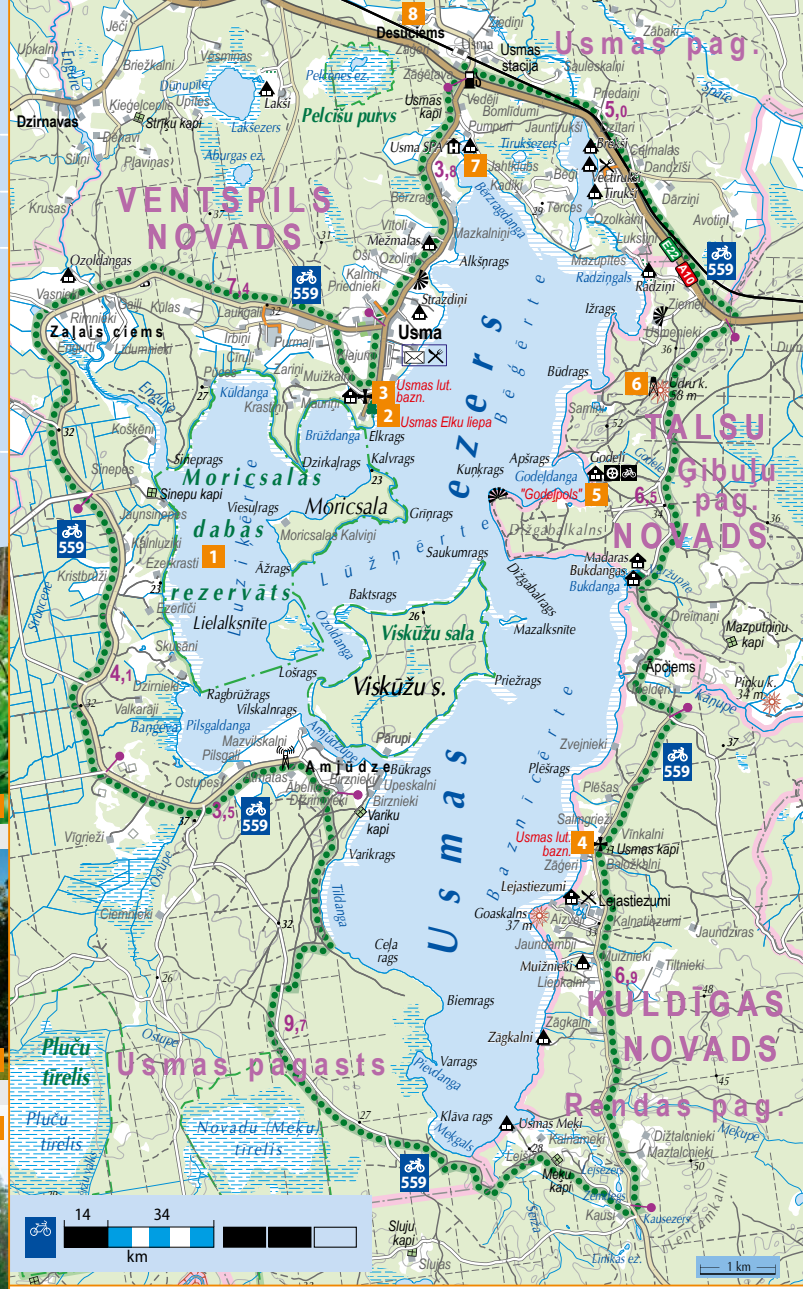


**7 Usma yacht club** is the only yacht port in inland water in Latvia (established in 1973). Currently there are approximately 150 members in the club, and 65 yachts can be parked at the port in total. The yacht club organises local competition and sailing school for youth. +371 29216328

**8** At the **Mini Zoo "Lejnieki"** you can see domestic animals and various exotic animals, including Shetland ponies, bobak marmots, and Peruan dwarf pigs. The owners are especially proud of the bird garden, where you can meet Jacobin pigeons, peacock, pheasants and other extraordinary birds. Home-made sausages and forest berries, mushrooms and game meat. Desuciems, +371 29103871, 26427659

# River Venta Cycling Route

561

85 km

## *Ventspils – Vārve – Zūras – Ventava – Zlēkas – Piltene – Ventspils*

*The route goes along the both banks of the River Venta. The tour will be rather easy on the right bank of the River Venta, allowing you to enjoy the peaceful and quiet scenery of river valley, except for the section from Piltene to Zlēkas, which can be dusty in dry summers and of poor quality. While travelling along the left bank of the River Venta, we suggest visiting the villages located one after another – Ventava, Zūras, Vārve. There are bathing places set up in the River Venta.*

**1 Pasiekste Wind Mill** was built in 1895 and worked until early 1960s. There is a place for accommodation near the wind mill.

**2 Stud Farm "Dumbrenieki"** offers hacking and riding, picnic place, staying overnight in tents. +371 29499498

**3 Farm "Bitnieki"** offers ecological beekeeping products, you may get acquainted with the processing, bee life and work in the bee-garden. Leči, +371 29720288

**4 Zūras Museum** exhibits various ancient household objects, crockery and books. A pond and a love islet with wooden benches and foot-bridges have been created for recreational purposes and the road to the museum is enclosed in a hundred-year old linden twin lane. +371 26658602

**5 Cheese Vītolbergs** – hard cheese made of milk freshly milked from the cows reared at the farm. You can try and purchase the cheese at cheese dairy. Z/s "Muižgaļi", +371 63630715, 29274754, www.vitolbergasiers.lv

**6 Bath "Omnibuss"** is a portable bath, which you can heat in a meadow next to your home or take to any place chosen. "Baloži", Ventava, +371 27582081, 28666281

**7 Goat show at "Upesliči"** – it is possible to see, hug and feed domestic animals – goats, kids, and a donkey, as well as to purchase goat cheese. Zlēkas, +371 29266186

**8 Zlēkas Gallows Hill** is an ancient secular place. At the hill, there is a recreational park with environmental objects – Phoenix and the Eye of the Universe, and a picnic place.

**9 Zlēkas Manor Complex and Park** – the manor was built in the early 18th century. In 1945 the manor burnt down, while other buildings were reconstructed after the war, only the portals have remained intact. There is a beautiful pond, picnic tables, benches and an open-air stage in the park.

**10 Zlēkas Lutheran Church** (1645) used to be called Zlēkas Cathedral owing to its rich interior. +371 25937709

**11 Zlēkas Water Mill and Millpond** – a historical building in a beautiful place, built in the second half of 19th century. The legendary Latvian movie "Velna kalpi velna dzirnavās" (Devil's Servants at Devil's Mill) was shot here. Accommodation, trips by boat, angling, picnic place. +371 26405793, 29241452

**12** It is possible to see three meanders of the River Venta from **Lagzdiena Castle Mound** at a time. Until 1234 the castle of the Couronian king Lamekin was situated here. Near the castle mound there is the River Pils (River Castle) which flows into the River Venta; the water from the River Pils used to be used for treating eyes. Observation site, fireplace and picnic place have been set up at the castle mound.

**13 Piltene Castle Ruins** – Piltene castle was built at the turn of 14th century as a convent castle and was used until the 16th century. Only the castle foundation and fragments of two towers (The Great Round Tower and the Tower of Shame) have survived until nowadays. Next to the castle ruins there are an open-air stage and picnic place.

**14 Piltene Lutheran Church** was built in the early 18th century. Construction materials from the collapsing castle might have been used to re-build the castle in 1856. The wood-carvings of organ prospect (1720s) might have been made by the well-known woodcarver J. Kreutzfeld, according to some specialists. +371 28876687

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Cheese Vītolbergs, honey, goat cheese, decorated candles, homemade smoked meat, medieval arms, costumes and armours

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Vārve, Ventava, Zūras, Zlēkas, Piltene, Tārgale

Observation site and beach next to the River Venta in Vārve, "Upesliči" in Zlēkas (next to bridge), Lagzdiena castle mound, Piltene open-air stage

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**15 Piltene Museum** – an exhibition on the history of Piltene rural territory and exhibition hall. Lielā iela 12a, Piltene, +371 26566315

**16** Situated in a scenic place right next to a park of venerable trees where the River Venta bends, the 300-year old **Landze Church** is called the pearl of baroque in Kurzeme, as it can be proud of the altar, pulpit and sexton desk made by the woodcarver Nicolaus Soeffrens. Apskate +371 26950035

**17 Tradition Centre of the Middle Age crafts "Pūrs"** has specialised in making medieval weapons, costumes and forging armours. The bravest ones can try their hand at archery or take part in medieval amusements or try a medieval meal. Ūdrande, Piltenes pag., +371 29743562

**18 "Demora"** offers hiking and riding and taking a ride in a droshky (a low, open carriage). "Laimiņas", Tārgales pagasts, +371 29522360

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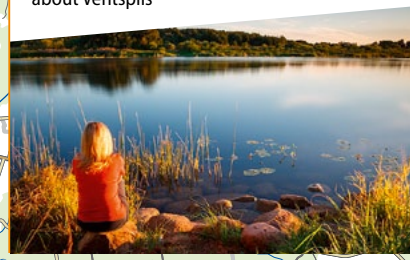

# Pāvilosta – A Town for Everyone!

*Pāvilosta is a small town in Kurzeme on the coast of the Baltic Sea. They say, nowhere in Latvia there are as much sunny days as here. Lately, Pāvilosta has turned into a nice and sweet tourism town. If lingering on for some time, you may give rest to your bicycle and take a ride on a canoe down the River Durbe, Tebra or Saka, paddle a sea kayak or try rowing a special wooden boat built according to the model of traditional Pāvilosta fishermen boats.*

**1** The permanent exhibition of **Pāvilosta Local History Museum and Boathouse** tells about the history of Pāvilosta and Pāvilosta Municipality. The museum is proud of the unique stone and bone axes, forged bronze brooches and belts found in Saka rural territory. Various exhibitions are organised on regular basis. Next to the museum there is a boathouse with large-size exhibits. Dzintaru iela 1, Pāvilosta, +371 63498276, 29226273

**2** **Breakwaters.** Initially, the harbour gates were made of lined paling and stones piled on juniper branches. During the Soviet times, when breakwaters were supervised by the border guards, it was forbidden to walk on them. Now the Northern breakwater is 287 m long and the Southern breakwater is 297.5 m long.

**3** **Vītolu and Klusā Streets.** Vītolu Street may be regarded the oldest street in Pāvilosta. There were about 10 houses in Pāvilosta until 1890. Klusā Street is peculiar for the strange numbering of buildings.

**4** **Ship "Dole".** Fishing vessels of type RB were the dominating ones in the fleet of Pāvilosta fishermen kolkhoz "Dzintarjūra" (The Amber Sea) during the 1950s–1960s. This particular ship is 18.20 m long, 5.22 m wide and 2.5 m high. In 2005 it was restored and made into a memorial to those fishermen families who had accepted the challenge of the sea. "Dole" is a witness of those times and the only remaining fishing vessel of type RB in Latvia.

**5** **Smoking fish.** Do not miss the opportunity to try your hand at smoking fish and taste your own smoked fish. Fish is smoked on the second Saturday each month, but it is better to arrange your visit beforehand. It is also possible to organise a fish smoking event at any other place according to your wishes.
Smilšu iela 17, Pāvilosta, +371 29207243

**6** The territory of the **Nature Reserve "Pāvilostas pelēkā kāpa" (Pāvilosta Grey Dune)** includes one of the largest grey dunes in Latvia, which creates a unique coastal scenery and is an important habitat for many protected species of fauna and flora. For your convenience, you can find a two-floor observation platform, parking place, information stands, footbridge taking to the sea, etc.
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**7** **The Big Stone (Seastone) of Pāvilosta (Āķagals).** Some 50 m from the shore, waves wash against the Big Stone of Pāvilosta, which is the largest sea stone in the Baltic Sea on Kurzeme seashore with 3.5 m above the soil (1.5 m in the water) and girth of 15 m. An interesting fact: this stone was a border mark during the Soviet times and civilians were forbidden to go farther behind the stone.

**8** **Sign of Peace.** A pole of peace was erected in Pāvilosta in 2006 to remind people that the time has come to change our thinking and to show a protest against the war in Iraq. Such poles of peace are placed in each country travelled by the well-known *cyclephile* Oļegs Stoļarovs and his fellows – the European Cyclists' Federation, the International Olympic Federation and the Japanese World Peace Prayer Organisation.

## Distance to Riga – **125 km**
## Population – **1088**

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# Pāvilosta Sea Route

79 km

## *Pāvilosta – Ziemupe – Saraiķi – Vērgale – Pāvilosta*

*Buy some smoked fish in Pāvilosta and the delicious bread at "Ievlejas" and go on a cycling trip around Pāvilosta. The route allows enjoying the seacoast while riding along small rural roads taking the cyclists closer to the sea at Akmensrags or Ziemupe, but Vērgale will definitely surprise you with its rich cultural and historical heritage. "May the weather be like amber", the locals wish you good and sunny weather!*

**1 Akmeņrags lighthouse.** Take a look at the breath-taking scenery of the sea and surrounding woods from the 37 m high lighthouse, which was built in 1921, and see the unique collection of amber and stones. Akmeņrags lighthouse stands out against other lighthouses in Latvia for its location – it is situated at one of the most dangerous sailing routes on the Baltic Sea coast. Arrange your visit beforehand. +371 28350899

**2** The 380-years old **Aužuļi linden** (girth: 7.65 m) is the fourth most venerable linden in Latvia. Unfortunately, it suffered from the storm of January 2005. Right next to the linden a new linden tree has been planted. Ziemupe, +371 29437166

**3 Swordfish exhibition.** A swordfish, approximately 10-years old, was washed ashore at Ziemupe beach in 2007. This was a unique finding, as fish of this species are typical oceanic fish and are of very rare occurrence in the Baltic Sea. The main exhibit is swordfish's model. Ziemupe Cultural Centre, +371 29437166

**4 Memorial to the battle ship "Moscow".** This battleship was one of the Russian squadron vessels during the Seven Year's War (1756–1763). Due to damage caused to the ship "Moscow" it was ordered to return to Kronstadt together with its crew of 600 people and 66 cannon in 1758. The control over the ship was completely lost just opposite Ziemupe and the ship was stranded.

**5 Ziemupe Lutheran Church** (1748) is rather small (25 × 11 m) and architectonically simple, as it does not have even a belfry, if compared to other churches in Kurzeme. +371 26274155

**6 Stone pile.** One of the versions about the origins of this pile, which is more than one kilometre long, is that Ziemupians have piled up stones in a long stack to slow down the sand, as earlier, when the coastline was not afforested yet, the sea sand attacking arable lands was a great disaster for the local inhabitants. Ziemupe, +371 29437166

**7 Saraiķi Lutheran Church** was built in the late 16th century, which is evidenced by its two bells welded in 1594 and 1602. +371 25986244

**8 Exhibition "Kurzemes zvejnieka sēta" (Courland Fisherman's Farmstead)** is placed in a barn built by Ilma Ruduša's father Ernests Račs. At the outside there is an old fishing vessel, built by the mistress's father, while the large sail, fishing nets and other ancient objects related to fishing and not only with it are exhibited on the ground floor of the barn. +371 63453504, 26540345, www.zarini.no.lv

**9** The girth of **Māski oak tree** is 5.49 m and height – 22 m.

**10 Vērgale Lutheran Church, cemetery and a monument to all lovers.** The first church was built in 1597, but the first stone building at the end of 17th century. The church was torn down in 1985 and re-built in 1992. The church is enclosed by a cemetery, and some tombstone bears an inscription "Mēs citādi nevarējām…" (We could not act otherwise…). You will not find a Vērgalian not being able to tell you the tragic story about two lovers – the son of Baron Stempel and servant maid Anna Lazdiņa. +371 29338335

**11 Vērgale Manor Complex** is one of the most interesting manor complexes of the Empire style in Kurzeme, which can be proud of the 3.5 ha large manor park where the tree lines are arranged in forms. The complex was built in the 18th century and the oak tree stairs, stove doors and also floor coverings in part of the rooms have remained in the manor still. Since 1922 the manor is the home of Vērgale Primary School. +371 29338335

**12 Vērgale Rural Territory Museum** is located at one of the buildings of the manor complex – the former distillery. The museum holds some ancient and unique exhibits – stone axes and bronze jewellery. +371 29338335.

**13 Saka–Leja Lutheran Church** was built around 1560. A 170-years old ship model is placed at the church, as the people used to believe that it would protect sailors from the death. There are only few churches in Latvia where a ship model is honoured. +371 29124128

**14 Campsite at Ievlejas** – baking and tasting of homemade bread, and storage of ancient objects where you can see the tools and household objects used by the ancestors. +371 29124128, www.ievlejas.viss.lv

See also page 54 about Pāvilosta.

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Smoked fish, homemade bread

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Pāvilosta

Ziemupe, Vērgale

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# Old Liepāja

**11 km**

*The route is suited for lovers of active recreation of all ages. While traveling around Old Liepāja, you will be introduced to its rich architecture and nature. The route will take you through the town's centre, along the canal, down the historical streets, through the Seaside Park, on the beach and by the lake.*

**1** **Rose Square** is a meeting place popular with the locals and located at the very heart of Liepāja. In summer you will find lovely roses here, while it becomes a romantic Christmas islet in winter. The flower beds are decorated with memorial plates of Liepāja twin towns.
Rožu laukums 5/6, Liepāja

**2** The special value of the **Holy Trinity Lutheran Cathedral** is organ, which is the largest mechanical non-rebuilt organ in the world. The 131 stops, 4 manuals and more than 7000 pipes are regularly put into practice in organ music concerts taking place at the cathedral. Take the opportunity to climb the cathedral's tower showing a wonderful view of the lovely Liepāja panorama! Lielā iela 9, Liepāja, +371 20360055, 27140075, www.trinitatis.lv

**3** **Jāņa Street.** Some of the old port warehouses that have remained until nowadays can be visited at Jāņa iela 1 (mid-18th century) and Jāņa iela 2 (early 19th century). Traces of the warehouse construction tradition of previous centuries are easily noticeable here.

**4** **Promenade** can be proud of its flower – the Amber Sandglass, which consists of 50 litres of amber donated by Liepāja inhabitants in the project "Atstāj savu dzintaru Liepājas laikā!" (Leave your amber in Liepāja's time) in 2003. The promenade offers a breath-taking view to the berths, ships and yachts.
Old Ostmala, Liepāja

**5** **Sculptures of images from Liepāja's hymn.** Although fixed in bronze, the song is heard. While the song "Pilsētā, kurā piedzimst vējš…" (In the city where the wind is born…) is of special value for people in Liepāja, the images of the hymn cast in bronze urge city guests to listen to the sound of Liepāja.
Kūrmājas prospekts, Liepāja

**6** **Liepāja Museum** is located at one of the most beautiful buildings of the early 20th century. Exhibition tells about the history of Liepāja city and neighbourhood.
Kūrmājas prospekts 16/18, Liepāja, +371 63422604, 29605223, www.liepajasmuzejs.lv, www.neredzamais-muzejs.lv

**7** **Monument to the sailors and fishermen perished in the sea.** Erected in the Seaside Park in 1977.
Kūrmājas prospekts, Liepāja

**8** **Saint Meinard's Catholic Church.** This original round building was Vatican's pavilion at Hannover EXPO 2000 (Germany) and was later presented by Vatican to Liepāja. Next to the church there is a 10 m high belfry presented to Saint Meinard's Catholic Church by the Pope John Paul II.
Ganību iela 120, Liepāja

Distance to Riga – **217 km**
Population – **72 110**

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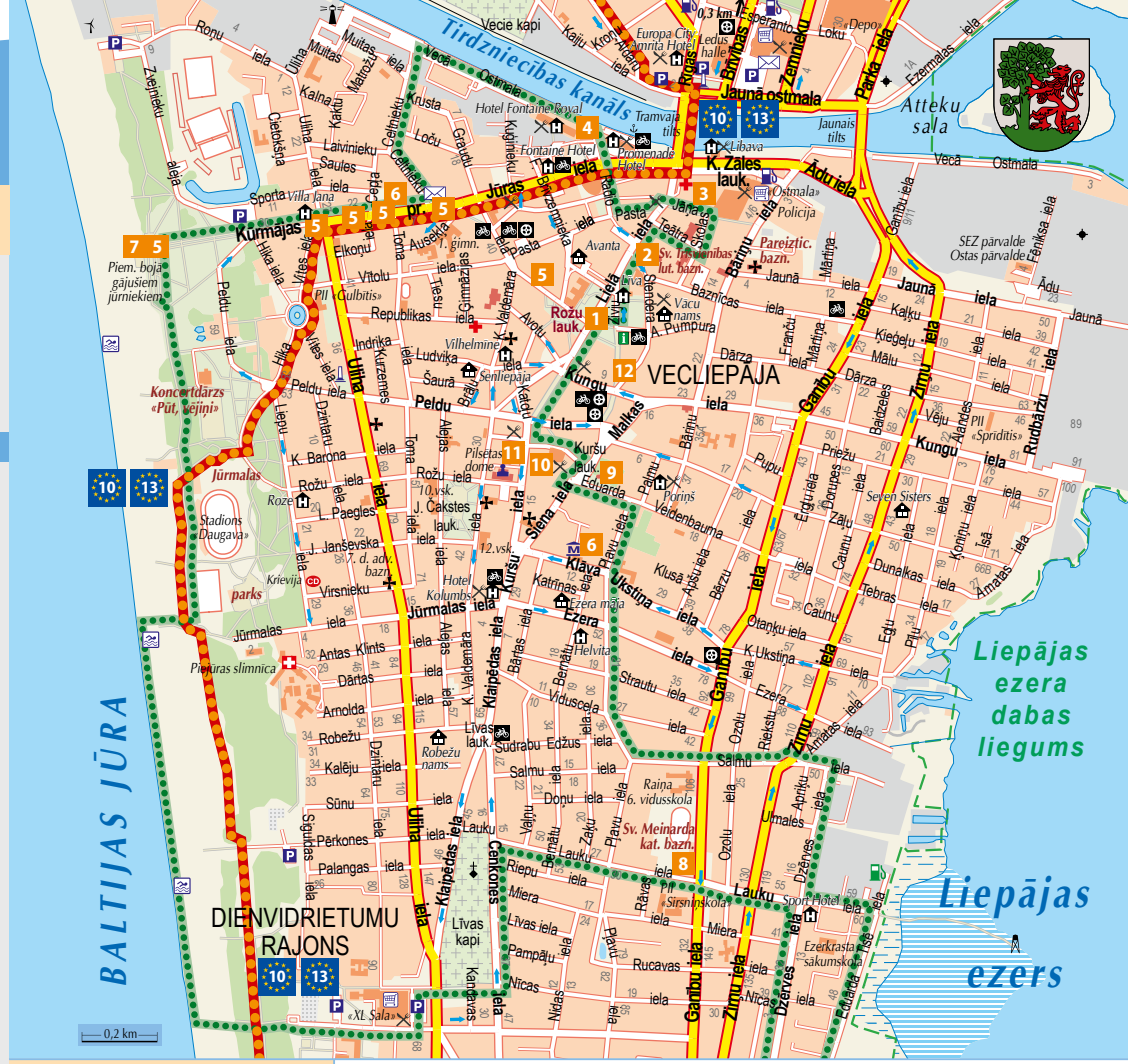


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**"Birojiņš"**, Peldu iela 4, Liepāja

**9** **St Anne's Church** is the oldest church in Liepāja and was first mentioned in writing already in 1508. The greatest treasure of St Anne's Church is the 9.7 m high and 5.8 m wide altar made by the woodcarver Nicolaus Soeffrens in 1697. Visitors are allowed to climb the church belfry to take a look at the scenic Liepāja.
E. Veidenbauma iela 1, Liepāja

**10** **Pētertirgus (Peter's Market).** The Art Nouveau market pavilion designed by the architect L. Melville is one of the most beautiful ones in whole Europe. It was opened in 1910. Don't pass by and buy some country treats and sweets!
Kuršu iela 5/7/9, Liepāja,
www.petertirgus.lv

**11** **St Joseph Catholic Cathedral.** The initially small church, which was consecrated in 1762, was reconstructed significantly at the end of 19th century. Actually, an entirely new church was built at that time. High at the ceiling there is a ship model presented by some crew that had experienced a miraculous escape from death during a storm after praying the God. Rakstvežu iela 13, Liepāja, +371 63429775

**12** You can try to fit your hand in at bronze casts of Latvian musicians' hands at the **Latvian musician's Walk of Fame** or try "playing" the largest guitar in Latvia.
Zivju iela, Liepāja

19 km

## *Klaipēdas Street – Ezerkrasts – Zirņu Street – Zirgu Island – Old Ostmala – Seaside Park – Southern breakwater – Promenade – Liepāja harbor area – Northern breakwater*

*The sea, lake, mild winters and bird migration route makes Liepāja and its region rich in birds of various species all year long. And it may even be the truth that Liepāja is the most interesting town in Latvia if speaking from the birdwatching point of view. If you are interested in nesting birds, travel to Lake Liepāja in summer and you will be pleasantly surprised! But during the spring and autumn migration birdwatching can be pursued at any place in the town. Thanks to the mild maritime climate, Liepāja is interesting also in winter, when your have great possibilities to come across some extraordinary wintering birds. Thousands of water birds winter in the lake if it is not frozen. The route goes along only hard-paved roads or specially built cycling routes.*

**1** **Tawny pipit** / *Anthus campestris*

**2** **Grey heron** / *Ardea cinerea*; **Great egret** / *Ardea alba*

**3** **Eurasian bittern** / *Botaurus stellaris*; **White-tailed eagle** / *Haliaeetus albicilla*

**4** **Water pipit** / *Anthus spinoletta*; **Kentish plover** / *Charadrius alexandrinus*; **Red kite** / *Milvus milvus*

**5** **Rook** / *Corvus frugilegus*

**6** **Black-headed gull** / *Larus ridibundus*

**7** **Fieldfare** / *Turdus pilaris*; **European robin** / *Erithacus rubecula*; **Hume's Leaf Warbler** / *Phylloscopus humei*

**8** **Steller's eider** / *Polysticta stelleri*; **Pied wheatear** / *Oenanthe pleschanka*; **King eider** / *Somateria spectabilis*

**9** **Peregrine falcon** / *Falco peregrinus*

**10** **Crested lark** / *Galerida cristata*

**11** **Red-breasted merganser** / *Mergus serrator*; **Common merganser** / *Mergus merganser*

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End of Vētru Street

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# 62 Naval Port

12 km

## *Naval Port*

*The Naval Port was created in the 19th century for the Russian Empire, but later it was used by the Soviet army. It used to be "a city within the city" – a territory non-accessible to civilians. Now the Naval Port is a unique and exceptional place with powerful and sharp contrasts and a venue of popular tourist shows. The most noteworthy tourism objects are St Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral, Naval Port Prison, manege, Oskars Kalpaks' bridge, the Northern breakwater, the Convention House of Naval Officers, etc.*

**1 Oskars Kalpaks' bridge** is one of the oldest metal construction bridges in Liepāja and Latvia, a real monument to technique. It was, probably, designed after a sketch by the French engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel. This is a drawbridge consisting of two parts, which are turned by 90° degrees to both sides. Atmodas bulvāris, Liepāja

**2 Baltic Diving School,** which is located next to Oskars Kalpaks' bridge on the sea side, is the only one in the Baltics. The school is a military institution teaching navy divers and mine-clearing divers. Atmodas bulvāris 1, Liepāja

**3 Saint Nicholas Orthodox Maritime Cathedral** is the visual and spiritual dominance of Naval Port. The cathedral was designed and built in line with the Russian Orthodox architectural style of the 17th century and has one central dome and four side domes symbolising Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and the four evangelists. Katedrāles iela 7, Liepāja

**4 Liepāja Naval Port Prison** had served as a place for serving short-term disciplinary punishments by military persons since it was erected. It has also been used both by the Soviet army and Latvian Naval Forces as a guardhouse. The last prisoners have left their marks on the prison's walls in 1997. Tourists have an opportunity to explore the prison and to participate in the reality show "Behind the bars". The bravest ones may also stay overnight at a cell. Invalīdu iela 4, Liepāja, www.karostascietums.lv

**5** Although only walls have remained from the **manege**, it is still possible to feel its former power. Each Sunday until World War I cavalry horse shows and jockey competitions were held at the manege, which was able to welcome more than 4000 people. Official receptions and festive meals for the garrison's sailors were hosted here, too. Zemgales iela, Liepāja

**6** The 37 m high **water tower** was built in 1905. Borehole water used to be pumped into a tower's reservoir with steam pumps and then delivered to inhabitants of the Naval Port three times a day. The tower provided water to whole territory of Naval Port. Although the old pumps used when the tower was built have remained, the water tower can only be seen from the outside. Ģenerāļa Baloža iela 29, Liepāja



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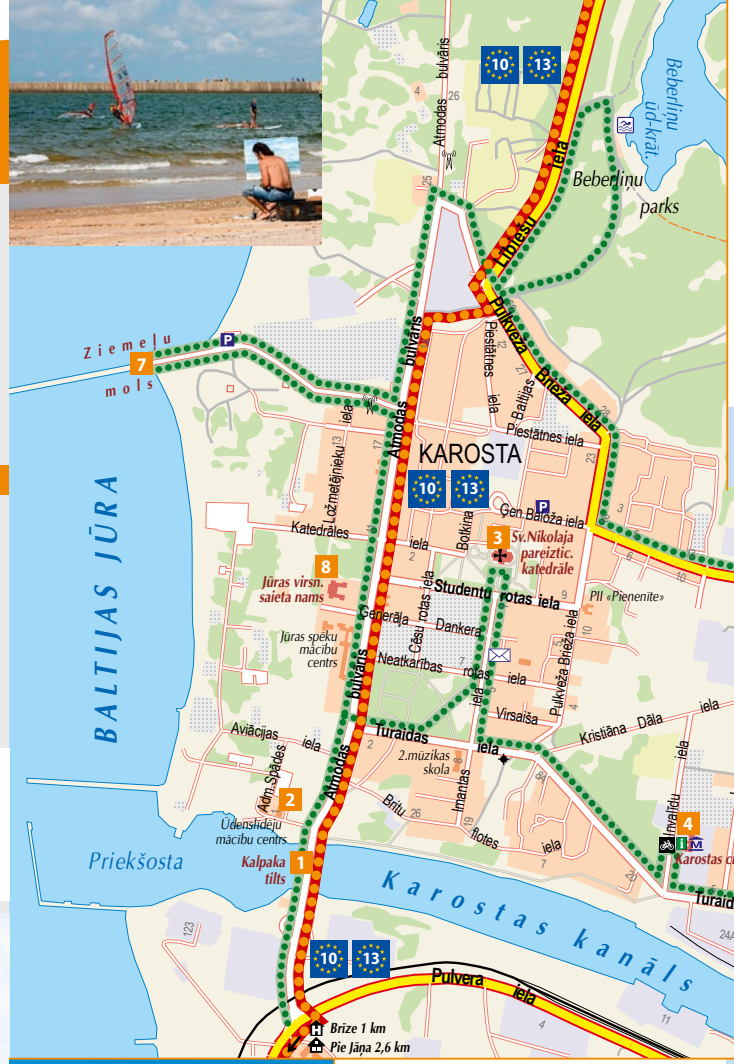


**7 Northern breakwater.** This hydro-engineering structure is a very important part of Liepāja's Navy Fortress and Naval Port complex. The total length of the breakwater is 1800 m and width – 7.35 m. This is a popular place in Liepāja where to watch sunset or have unforgettable impressions during a storm when the sea demonstrates its full power.

**8 Convention House of Naval Officers** is an example of Russian Art Nouveau architecture. This is a unique building not only on the Latvian, but also on the European scale. The Convention House was designed as a horseshoe, following the example of St Petersburg's suburban estates. The main façade faces the sea, while the southern part hosts a large terrace with columns and a balcony. The main building is surrounded by a park and various auxiliary buildings. The Convention House may only be seen from the outside.
Atmodas bulvāris 9, Liepāja

Next to Oskars Kalpaks' bridge

Atmodas bulvāris 9, Liepāja

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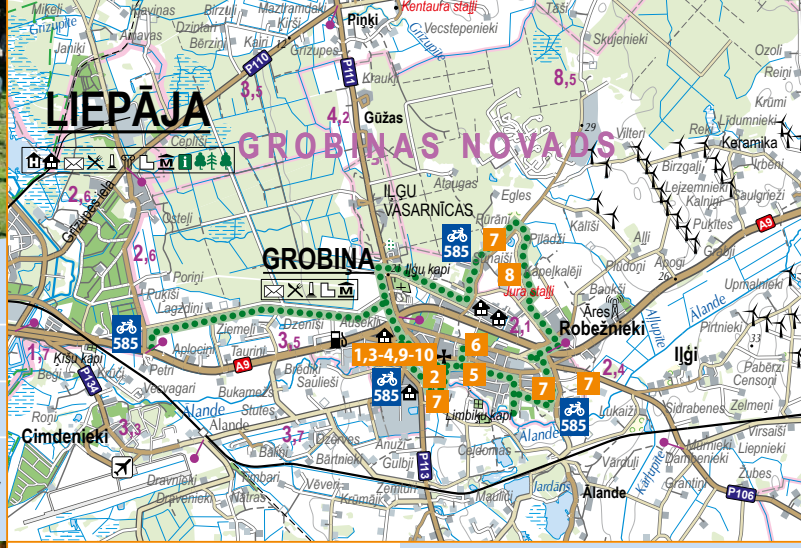
# Grobiņa Cycling Line

20 km

## *Liepāja Eastern border (anchor) – Grobiņa*

*Grobiņa and its hidden treasure will surprise each and every cyclist. Since the route goes partly along the former narrow-gauge railway line, the cyclists will have the possibility to enjoy a pleasant road in woods. However, as the route then goes along gravel road, this part will require certain training. The newly discovered places and secrets will give you educational and physical satisfaction. Unbelievable but true. Come and make sure yourself! Some sections of the route are marked with special wooden signs.*

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Liepāja Eastern border, next to anchor; Grobiņa TIC

Grobiņa

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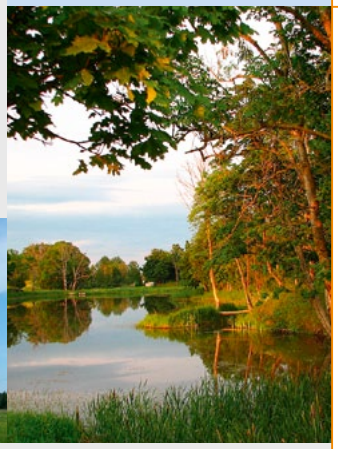

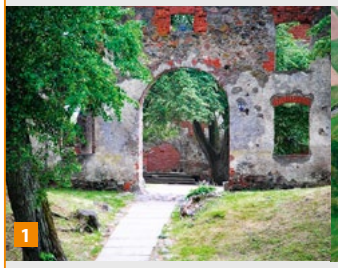

**1 Grobiņa Medieval Castle with bulwarks.** Four impressive bulwarks were built in the 17th century around the Order's brick castle built in the 14th century. People tell that even today you can hear a walled-in woman moaning due to love from the underground.

**2 Grobiņa Castle Mound (Skābarža kalns (Hornbeam Hill)) and the ancient town.** The romantic scenery of Dzirnavu dīķis (Millpond) surrounded by hornbeams and the ancient town – the mysterious Seeburg of the 9th century – under your feet… Artefacts of 9th-11th century have been found here although the castle mound has been inhabited also before. Some say that you can still feel the breath of Couronians here.

**3 Grobiņa Promenade "Senais Jūrpils krasts" (Ancient Coast of Seeburg)** is located near Grobiņa Castle Mound along the waterfront. Along the route of Promenade you will find plates with quotes from Latvian writers Zenta Mauriņa and Rainis.

**4 Grobiņa Lutheran Church** is the third church located here, it was consecrated in 1664 during the rule of the Duke Jacob Kettler when the Duke lived in Grobiņa Castle. The church was restored in 1892.

**5 Zenta Mauriņa Memorial Room.** Zenta Mauriņa, a writer, literary historian and winner of many international awards, lived here from 1898 until 1921. Excursion and the movie "Baltā spīts" (The White Spite) will give an insight into the life and works of the writer. Lielā iela 84, Grobiņa, +371 26191522, 63490416

**6 Saint Bridget Roman Catholic Church.** The church designed by the architects Aija Kokina and Andris Kokins is shaped like Noah's Ark. It is like a ship saving each man and taking them to the coasts of eternity through stormy seas that symbolise the secular life. Celtnieku iela 33, Grobiņa, +371 26191522, 63490416

**7 Priediens burial ground, Atkalni burial ground, Porāni (Pūrāni) burial ground and Smukumi burial ground** are objects included in the UNESCO Serial World Heritage Nomination list "Viking Monuments and Sites". Grobiņa used to play an important role in the Vikings' world on the Eastern coast of the Baltic Sea, which is evidenced by the richness and variety of the archaeological material.

**8 ""Jura staļļi" (Juris' Stable).** Pleasant time spent together with the elegant and noble animal – horse. Try your strengths in the adventure park "Spārnotais zirgs" (The Winged Horse) above the ground and relax at the picnic site. +371 28311380, www.jurastalli.lv

**9** Visiting the **Couronian Viking Settlement** is a wonderful opportunity to learn the life of Couronian Vikings, to put yourself in the shoes of Vikings, to listen to legends and to have pleasant time with your family and friends. Secrets if Couronian Vikings are written in the stone, earth and water here… Pīlādžu iela 3, Grobiņa, +371 26490324, www.grobinasvikingi.lv

**10** Have a real adventure by wakeboarding, water-skiing or tubing at **Grobiņa Wakepark "Viking Wake"**! Give way to fun in water! Dzirnavu dīķis (Millpond), M. Namiķa iela 2b, Grobiņa, +371 29294912, www.grobinasveikparks.lv

# Catch the Coastal Wind

52 km

***Liepāja – Bernāti – Jūrmalciems – Papes Priediengals – Pape – Nida – Lithuanian border***

*The route links Bernāti and Pape Nature Reserves and it can also be continued in Lithuania. This route is suited for cyclists of great endurance, as some sections in the nature reserve goes into woods, where paths are sandy and hilly. And do not forget about the wind direction, as cycling by the sea may turn out to be actually a fight with the prevailing western wind. From Bernāti to Pape the route is somewhere marked with a cycling sign on wooden poles and special colouring on trees.*

**1 Ancient homestead "Galdnieki" (Carpenters)** exhibits horse-drawn rake, several carts, sledges, planes and hammers, spinning-wheels, coffee-mills, church and other ancient household objects. Here you can not only see but also try on the beautiful national costume coming from Nīca.
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**2 Nature reserve "Bernāti"** is a Natura 2000 territory. The sea coast with the fine and white sand, dunes and pine forest is perfectly suited for relaxation. In the park you will also find the sculptures by Alvis Vitrups created after the legend "How did colours appear in the national costume of Southern Kurzeme".

**3 Memorial to the First President of Latvia Jānis Čakste,** who once thought that Bernāti is a perfect place for a resort.

**4 "Zaļais stars" (The Green Beam)** marks the farthest western point of Latvia. The sculpture bears a sun motif, and it is one of the four V. Titāns' granite sculptures placed at all farthest points of Latvia.

**5** The 37 m high **Pūsēni Dune** is the highest dune in Latvia.

**6 Jūrmalciems** is an old fishermen village with interesting, rather ancient surroundings where each homestead is surrounded by dunes. The breakwater still used by the local fishermen is also a must-see.

**7 Exhibition "Jūrmalnieku senatne" (Old-time Fishermen)** gives a glance of household objects and tools used by fishermen and tells about their usage and former names; this is also a great opportunity to learn something more about the history of Jūrmalciems.
"Smaragda", +371 26461735

**8 Open-air Museum "Vītolnieki"** is a branch of the Latvian Open-air Ethnographic Museum. The "Vītolnieki" complex is a typical fisherman's farmstead of a coastal village. Here you can see old buildings, tools used by fishermen in Pape, clothing and more than 1100-years old dugout which had been washed ashore at Pape seaside some years ago.
"Vītolnieki", Ķoņi village, +371 29262283

**9 Nīca Exposition of Antiques** shows ages-old national costumes from Nīca and Pērkone, as well as the rich contents of dowry chests – blankets, towels, table-cloths woven in Nīca, various embroideries, knitted mittens and socks.
Bārtas iela 6, Nīca,
+371 63469119, 25424971

**10 Roga Family Private Collection** contains about 600 presentation pens, as well as a collection of cars and motorcycles.
Upmalas, +371 29358190, 26176908

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Smoked fish

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+371 63489501, 29458532,
turisms@nica.lv, www.nica.lv

**Rucava Tourism Information Centre**
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www.rucava.lv

## Accommodation

**"Jūrnieka ligzda",**
+371 26596877,
www.jurniekaligzda.lv

**"Chill Inn",**
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**"Šķilas",** +371 29172358

**"Brakši",**
+371 29423291, www.braksi.lv

**"Vērbeļnieki",**
+371 29138565,
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**"Jūrmaļiekuļi",** +371 29490769

**"Šķiperi",** +371 26421276,
29125213, www.skiperi.viss.lv

**"Atmatas",**
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www.atmatas1.viss.lv

**"Sklandas",**
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www.sklandas.lv

**"Sipoli",** +371 29590033,
63430532, www.sipoli.viss.lv

**"Jūrmaļi",** +371 63454490

**"Klajumi",**
+371 26114601, 26212997,
www.jurmalciemaklajumi.viss.lv

**"Smilgas",**
+371 26394457, 29649583

**"Žodziņi",** +371 29473258

**"Ērgļi",**
+371 29295337, www.ergli.et.lv

**"Smaragda",** +371 26464331,
www.smaragda.net76.net

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Liepāja, Nida

Jūrmalciems, Nīca, Rucava

Pub "Jūrnieka Ligzda", summer café "Siena šķūnis" (in Vērbeļnieki), guest house "Papes Čakstes" (during the season)

Recreational sites next to Lake Pape

**"Pūķarags",**
+371 28378625,
www.pukarags.lv
**"Klajumi",**
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www.jurmalciemaklajumi.viss.lv
**Liepājas reģiona TIB,**
Rožu laukums 5/6, Liepāja,
+371 63480808, 29402111
www.liepaja.travel
**Rucavas TIC,** "Buši",
+371 29134903

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# Round Lake Pape

28 km

## *Pape – Papes Priediengals – Ezerskola – Brušvīti village – Pape*

*The route is fit for the "collectors" of lakes and the hardy ones who are not afraid of attacks by mosquitos and gadflies and some difficult sections in humid summers, autumns and springs, especially at the northern end of the lake. You can travel along the route on foot or by bicycle; the track is marked with signs. As the route goes along pasture of wild horses, the travellers should take care to share the path with the curious and friendly wild horses. The route starts at Pape Canal in Pape village, there you will find a description and map of the route. You can have your meal at picnic sites located on the lakeshore.*

**Nature Reserve "Pape"** is like a mosaic of unique natural ecosystems: the coastal lagoon-like Lake Pape and wetlands, the raised bog Nida Bog with poor fens, sandy beaches and walking dunes, dry and wet coastal forests, flood-land meadows with the typical flora and fauna. There are several birdwatching towers around Lake Pape, and wild horses and auroxen graze on the eastern coast of the lake pasturing the natural flood-land meadows which are rare in Latvia.
+371 29224331, www.pdf-pape.lv

**1 Lake Pape** is a 12 km² large lagoon-like lake, it is 8.3 km long, with the average width of 2.8 km and shoreline of 40.4 km. The lake is very shallow, its average depth is 0.5 m, reaching 2 m at the deepest point. The lake bottom is mainly even, covered with mud layer of up to 5 m. Shores are mainly low and peaty in the west and north-west, sandy in the east and south-west, rocky in the north. Vicinity is level, and low and boggy in south and west. The regular long-term western winds contribute to the sea water coming into the lake; although the Baltic Sea is a brackish water sea the water coming into the lake regularly creates a distinct biological diversity typical of lagoon-like lakes.

**2 Pape Lighthouse** was built in 1890. Pape Lighthouse is situated closest to the sea among other lighthouses in Latvia. Rising 21 m above the sea level, its lights may be seen even at 30 km distance if the weather is clear.

**3 Ornithological Station.** The territory between Lake Pape and the sea is one of the largest bird migration sites in Latvia. In autumn here you can find the only ornithological station observing birds of passage in Latvia where ornithologists register and ring migratory birds. The station in Pape village operates since 1966, the birds were caught by using nets in the first two years, but in 1968 the Rybachy ornithological station presented Pape station a trap. Since 1992, the small Helgoland trap is being used. (bird station). +371 63400341 (putnu stacija), 29236300 (Oskars Keišs)

**4 Birdwatching tower on the coast of Lake Pape.**

**5 Ezerskola (Lake School) sacrificial stone.** Centuries ago Lake Pape was also called the Sacred Lake. Its northern end is home of several ancient sacred sites of Couronians, from which the most popular one is Ezerskola (Lake School) sacrificial stone near Kalniški. Some say that the stone lies in a place where nine powerful energy lines cross.

**6 Workshop of jeweller Gunta Vecpils.** The master of amber processing and jewellery making will introduce you to the history of amber and its processing in Latvia. The master is willing to reveal the secrets how to turn amber into jewellery. Drāznieki, +371 26363079

**7 Wild horses and auroxen.** In 1999 the World Wildlife Fund released 18 wild horses in meadows next to Lake Pape. It was the first place in Latvia where these wild animals were introduced to graze the natural flood-land meadows. Wild horses eat grass, bushes, reeds and bark thus ensuring existence of open natural landscape and various meadows. At the beginning of 2004, the first 23 auroxen cows and 5 auroxen were introduced. Currently, the wild animals and auroxen live together on the eastern coast of Lake Pape and graze in an area of 400 ha. You can visit these herbivores only in the company of World Wildlife Fund tour guide by paying a small entrance fee.
+371 26693867, 29224331

**8 Ethnographic house "Zvanītāji" (Bellringers)** is a wooden building built in the late 19th century that has retained its original look. Rucava story-tellers offer groups improvised programmes "Vakarēšana" (Old-time Get-togethering) or "Rucavas goda mielasts" (Rucava Feast) which include singing, dancing, playing music and trying Rucavians' meals – real rye-bread, *sklandrauši* (a kind of filled-in rye pie) which are also called *žograuši* (fenced-pies) here, white butter with potatoes, *riezis* (a kind of potato pie) or potato loaves. +371 26814051

**9 Jānis Pūķis' exhibition of musical instruments** includes both generally-known musical instruments and self-made instruments designed by Jānis Pūķis, who can play almost all musical instruments in his exhibition. +371 25986240

**10 Rucava Lutheran Church** was built from 1872–1874 and restored in 1932 after a fire. The church is proud of interesting art objects from the late 19th century and organ built in 1936. +371 26073978

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Smoked fish, cranberries, black currants, strawberries, Rucavians' meals

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www.nica.lv

### Accommodation

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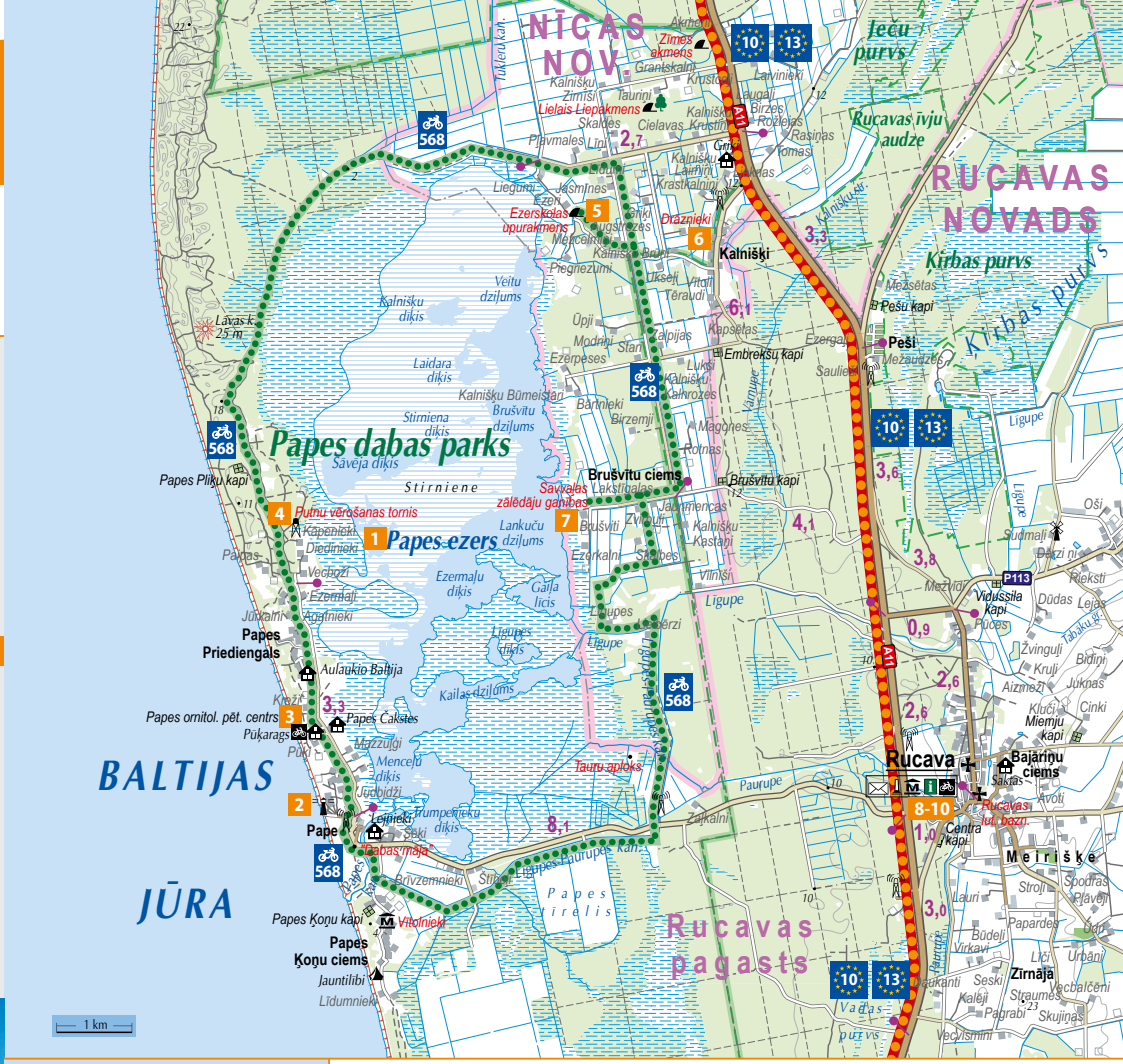
- **"Aulaukio Baltija"**, +371 26919070, 69973656, www.pape.lt
- **"Griķi"**, +371 29224331
- **"Saktas"**, +371 26796916
- **"Lejnieki"**, +371 26306030
- **"Pūķarags"**, +371 28378625, www.pukarags.lv
- **"Jauntilibi"**, +371 29897589




28 km

- Pape
- Rucava
- Guest house "Papes Čakstes" (during the season)
- Recreational sites next to Lake Pape
- **Rucava Tourism Information Centre**, "Buši", +371 29134903 **"Pūķarags"**, +371 28378625

*Priekule is a town in West Kurzeme with approximately 2300 inhabitants. It was first mentioned in literature in 1483, when land here was acquired by the baron family von Korff. The town was almost completely destroyed during World War II. Priekule is also linked with a legend about a man called Ikars – a blacksmith at manor who proved the world that a man can fly just like a bird by landing from the church belfry with self-made winds. Cyclists will enjoy the five cycling routes offered.*

**580** **For healthy recreation and nature lovers:**
***Priekule – Mazgramzda – Dāma – Mazdāma – Gramzda – Priekule***

45 km — 15 / 18 / 12 km

**581** **For active recreation to try your strengths and agility:**
***Priekule – Gulbene – Mazgramzda – Ruņupe ancient valley – Dāma – Smaiži Church – Aizvīķi***

58 km — 17 / 28 / 13 km

**582** **To see the manors, avenues, stones – witnesses to the history:**
***Priekule – Elekši – Purmsāti – Cāļi village – Trekņi – Gramzda – Mazgramzda – Priekule***

30 km — 12 / 18 km

**583** **The most important active recreation objects in the region:**
***Priekule – Paplaka station – farm "Stiebriņi" – Prūši – Gravnieki – Kalēti – Forest Park "Priediens" – Gramzda – Purmsāti – Priekule***

45 km — 3 / 27 / 15 km

**584** **Around Priekule:**
***Priekule – Brethren Cemetery – Kalnenieki – Altajs – Mucenieki – Dobeļi Pond – Drunka Hill – Streets of Priekule – The Swedish Gate***

19 km — 6 / 13 km

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turisms@priekulesnovads.lv,
www.priekulesnovads.lv

**Accommodation**

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Ganību iela 22, Priekule,
+371 29165112 , 63461474

**"Parka namiņš",**
Parka iela 18, Priekule,
+371 26193397,
www.placdarms.lv/parkanamins

**Purmsāti Boarding-school,**
"Purmsātu muiža", Purmsāti,
+371 29217096

**"Čiekuriņi",** Parka iela 4,
Bunka, +371 29236979

Priekule

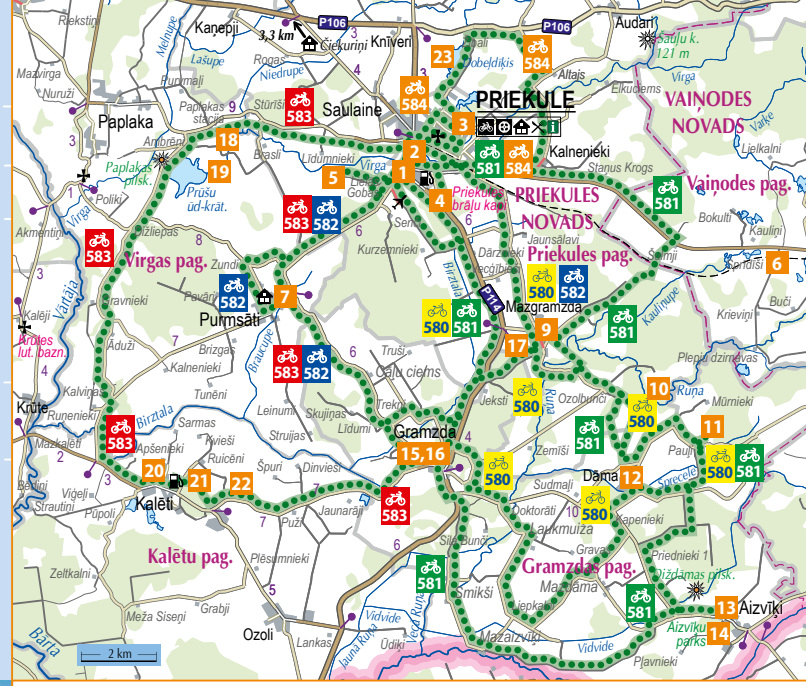
Priekule, Gramzda, Aizvīķi, Purmsāti, Kalēti

Priekule

Mazgramzda Manor, Aizvīķi Park, farm "Stiebriņi", Prūši Reservoir, Kalēti Forest Park "Priediens" next to Dobeļi Pond, Priekule Park – Parka iela

Biedrība **"Pārcēlājs"**, Baznīcas iela 26, Priekule, +371 26426992

**"Velo banka"**, Raiņa iela 5, Priekule, +371 29821306




**1** **Priekule Swedish Gate** was built in the 16th century with a Korff family emblem hammered in the Götaland sandstone, a silver bullet and a mascaron at the central part of the façade of the gate. The Swedish Gate is a cultural and architectural monument of national importance. +371 29472063, www.priekulesnovads.lv

**2** **Priekule Lutheran Church.**

**3** **Priekule Exposition of Antiques.** +371 29472063

**4** **Priekule Brethren Cemetery.** Tour-guide, +371 2772166

**5** **Elekši Hollow Stone.**

**6** **Elkuzeme Venerable Ash-tree.**

**7** **Purmsāti Manor.** You still can see the manor park, an avenue planted by the Baron Rommel, the manor and some auxiliary buildings. +371 29353408

**8** **Purmsāti manor entailment stone.**

**9** **Mazgramzda Manor Complex** was built in the mid-19th century, and a manor house with a mantel chimney can still be found in the territory. Next to the manor you will find also the longest avenue of venerable trees in Priekule region. +371 26451073

**10** **River Ruņa Nature Reserve.**

**11** **Smaiži Brethren Parish Church.**

**12** **Diždāma Manor.** +371 29394710

**13** **Aizvīķi Baptist Church.** +371 26609076

**14** **Aizvīķi Park.** +371 29186717

**15** **Gramzda** – the smallest village in Priekule municipality.

**16** **Dižgramzda Manor Spring.**

**17** **Bērzi (Birches) stone with bowl-shaped hollow.**

**18** **Farm "Stiebriņi"** – horse farm offering various recreational possibilities and rides. +371 26534780

**19** **Prūši Reservoir** – boats, pedalos, smoking of fish, picnic sites, angling licences. +371 26536512

**20** **Kalēti Manor House and venerable tree avenue.** Enjoy the wonderful rosarium while visiting Kalēti Primary School and School of Music and Arts that are located in the manor house. +371 26490240

**21** **Kalēti Forest Park "Priediens"** offers you visiting nature paths dedicated to animals, mushroom and herbs, enjoying children playgrounds and trying out of rope tracks of various difficulty. Tour guide, +371 26423893

**22** **Kalēti manor entailment stone** – manor boundary stone with an engraving dated in 1848.

**23** **Dobeļi Pond.** +371 26569872

*Aizpute is one of the oldest towns in Latvia, located on the coasts of the River Tebra, which used to be navigable. The Livonian Order castle ruins still remind of those old times. Nowadays various artists create their masterpieces here, and their art objects please both the locals and guests. Aizpute is known by many Latvians as the hometown of the late great musician Mārtiņš Freimanis.*

**1 Old Town Ensemble** with the wooden buildings is an urban building monument of a national importance which has been included in the list of European Cultural Heritage. The Watermill Complex (18th–19th century), stone bridge over the River Tebra (1907) with the coat of arms of the family Manteuffel on the parapet, brewery on Liepāja Street, Aizpute Manor Complex and the historical wooden buildings between Jāņa Street, Katoļu Street and Atmodas Street of the late 19th century create a unique urban building ensemble.

**2 Aizpute Local History Museum** is located in the Pilsmuiža building complex. The exhibitions give an insight into the history of Aizpute and its vicinity, as well as in the local economy and culture.
Skolas iela 1, Aizpute, +371 29623284, 63448880, www.visitaizpute.lv

**3 Aizpute winery.** The winery located in the old vaulted cellar of Aizpute Manor House provides an opportunity to learn something more about wine making and to try the wine made at Aizpute winery. Wine-tasting and masterclasses.
Skolas iela 1, Aizpute, +371 26 397949, 29480914, www.ekovins.lv

**4 Livonian Order Castle Ruins.** In the 13th century the Livonian Order built a fortification with two watchtowers located on opposite corners. In the 15th century a residential building with cellars and a gallery was built adjacent to the eastern façade of the fortress turning the fortification into a castle.
Liepājas iela 9, Aizpute

**5 Residency and workshops centre "Serde"** is a complex of historical buildings with creative atmosphere giving home of several workshops and art and cultural events.
Atmodas iela 9, Aizpute, +371 29817180, www.serde.lv

**6 Art gallery "Mētras māja" (Mētra's home)** hosts a guest house, tourism information centre, art gallery, shop, beauty parlour, and artists' workshop.
Pasta iela 1A, Aizpute, +371 29545975, www.metra-a.lv

**7** At the **weavers' studio** you have the possibility to see how linen is woven according to old methods and with ancient ornaments.
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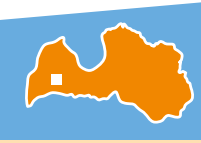

Distance to Riga – **179 km**
Population – **4852**

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## Accommodation

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**"Rūdekas",** Brīvzemnieka bulvāris 3, Aizpute, +371 29643231

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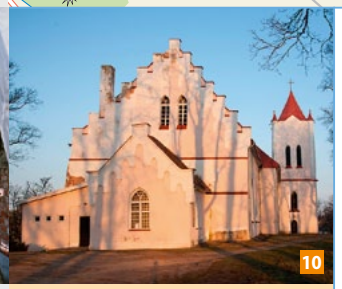


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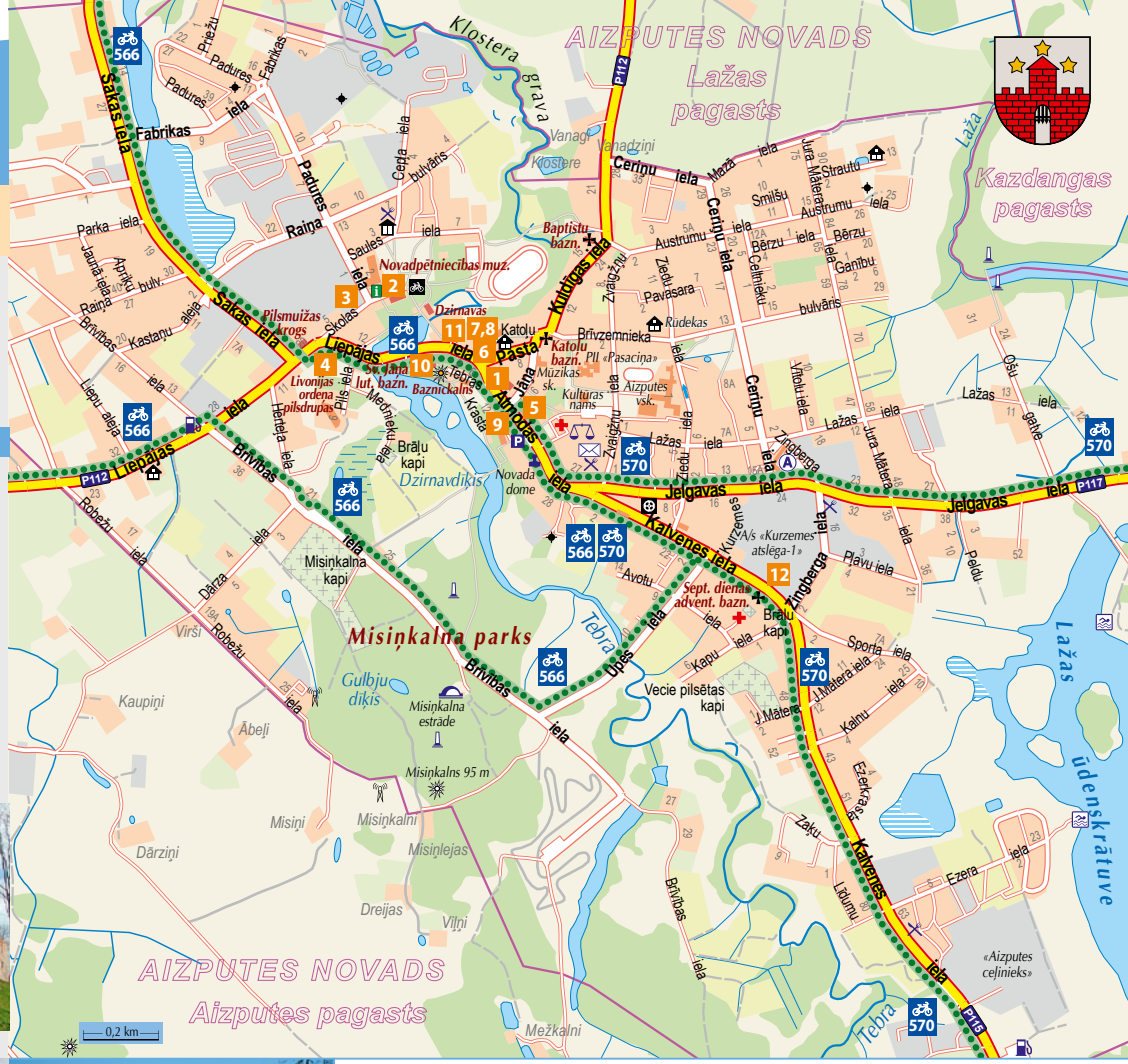
**Shop "Delta",** Jelgavas iela 6, Aizpute, +371 26015874




**8 Puppet Exhibition** presents around 700 puppets dressed in various costumes. The puppets have been collected for more than 30 years, and the oldest puppet is more than 100 years old.
Katoļu iela 1, Aizpute, + 371 28617307

**9 Tile Mosaic** is an environmental art object presented by the Finnish artist Paulina Pöllänen to Aizpute.

**10 Saint John's Church** is located in the place of the ancient Couronian castle Beida, which was destroyed by the German crusaders in the 13th century. In the church you will find the tombstone of Courland bishop H. Basedow.
Liepājas iela 3, Aizpute, +371 25907747

**11 Oak-tree sculpture "Pandas"** is a dedication to mothers and children by the Japanese artist Yasushi Koyama.

**12 Lindenberga factory of cardboard articles.** The read three-floor brick building is a typical example of manufacturing building of the late 19th century with a rich decoration of the main façade. The factory used to produce boxes for pharmacies, bags and labels, but now AS "Kurzemes atslēga-1" produce construction forgings here. If you want to see how keys are made, apply for a visit beforehand.
Kalvenes iela 27, Aizpute, +371 29623284

# South Kurzeme Tour of Culture and History

40 km

## *Aizpute – Apriķi – Cīrava – Aizpute*

*Take this route to visit the romantic Kurzeme town Aizpute, the nearby Apriķi and Cīrava manors and other important culture and history objects. Although the route travels along paved roads mainly, cycling down the only gravel road may require patience and physical preparedness.*

**1 Apriķi Manor Museum.** This baroque ensemble of manor buildings was built in the beginning of the 18th century. In the loft in the manor house you will find now Apriķi Museum telling about the history of the region, most important tourism objects, personalities and their lives. The museum is also home of four thousand gnomes, and the tourists may enjoy the museum educational programme, Apriķi gnome stories, pancake making and other activities. +371 29184684

**2 Apriķi Church** was built in the 17th century as a private church for the Barons Osten-Saken and due to its main values – woodcarvings and ceiling paintings – it is a true pearl of sacral art in Kurzeme. Arrange your visit beforehand. +371 26811417

**3 Dzērve Manor Complex and Park.** The manor house was built in the beginning of the 19th century, and the manor complex includes also an English landscape garden.

**4 Cīrava Antiquities Repository** was built in 1920s. The exhibition tells about the life and work of people in the countryside and about the economy and culture in Latvia and Cīrava rural territory. The exhibition includes many information materials and photographs, church books, registers, albums, and various household objects – kneading trough, churn, irons, cobbler and hatter's tools, saddlery, gramophones and other interesting objects. "Atbalsti", Cīrava, +371 25435898

**5 Cīrava Manor Complex** is a cultural heritage monument of a national importance and contains Cīrava manor house, built in 1752 and reconstructed in the 19th century, a stable built in Empire style, a servants' house, built in the beginning of the 19th century, and Cīrava Park.

**6 Cīrava Evangelical Lutheran Church** was built from 1780 until 1781 after a demand by the Baron von Behr and his wife. The church has a rococo altar, pulpit, lords' bench, organ lofts and prospect, as well as interior decoration from 1781. +371 26401508

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Honey, wine

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http://cirava.lv

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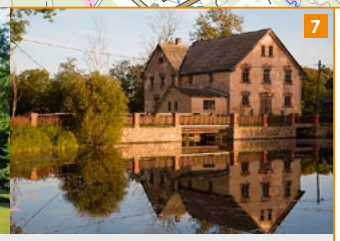
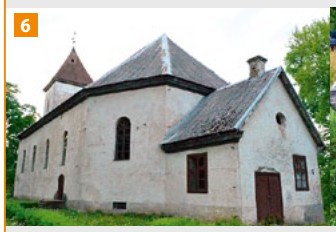
**Cīrava Vocational Secondary School,** +371 26488379



**7 Watermill** was built in 1881, and the building still retain the mill equipment from the early 20th century. The residential part of this architectural monument, as well as the spillway with the arched bridge, mill dam and the artificial reservoir are of special importance.

**8 Demonstration bee-garden "Strops" (Hive).** At the demonstration bee-garden of bee-keeper Baiba Tikuma you can learn about the life of a bee colony and try bee-keeping, it is also possible to participate in nursing the queen-bee and try the honey produced by these diligent creatures. Cīravas Ķēniņi, +371 26446701

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- Aizpute, Cīrava, Apriķi
- Apriķi, Cīrava
- Aizpute
- Next to Dzēkainis Pond (1.8 km off the road from Dzērve School to Apriķi), Sienāži (Grasshoppers') Park next to Cīrava Millpond near Apriķi Manor Pond
- **Aizpute Local History Museum – TIC,** Skolas iela 1, Aizpute, +371 29623284
- **Shop "Delta",** Jelgavas iela 6, Aizpute, +371 26015874

# Aizpute – Kazdanga – Kalvene – Aizpute

51 km

## *Aizpute – Kazdanga – Sieksāte – Kalvene – Aizpute*

*This is a route that will allow discovering of wonders created by both men and nature in Aizpute region. Cycling from Aizpute to Sieksāte you will see Kazdanga manor house, shiitake mushroom nursery and Sieksāte Milk Museum, cycling from Sieksāte to Kalvene you will travel along remote rural roads, while cycling from Kalvene to Aizpute you will see the limitless scenery of South Kurzeme.*

**1 Kazdanga Manor Complex** is an estate owned by the very rich and powerful Courland barons of the family Manteuffel for many generations. The manor house, representing Classicism style, was built in the beginning of the 19th century after the design by the famous German architect J. G. Berlitz. Now the manor house is the home of Kazdanga Museum and Forest Museum. +371 63449755, 28616717, www.kazdangaspils.com

**2 Kazdanga Manor Park and Dzirnezera (Mill-lake) Pond.** The origin of the park dates back to the early 19th century. Nowadays it is one of the largest (173 ha) manor parks in Latvia with exceptionally rich dendrological material. Dzirnezera Pond is linked with the River Alokste. Kazdanga was the first place in the Russian Empire where fish farming was undertaken. The park is interesting for its paths, cycling path, wooden sculptures, and a separate system of paths, benches and footbridges. You can take a ride with a boat or pedalo in the pond if it is arranged beforehand +371 29103813.

**3 Valtaiķi Church** was built in 1792. It has classic interior with some Rococo elements. The church is proud of its 15 stained-glass windows made in Italy according to a special order. +371 25425466

**4 "Garīkas" – shittaki mushroom nursery.** Shiitaki mushroom is recognised in whole world as a delicacy. In "Garīkas" you may try them and organise an excursion. + 371 29147778, www.garikas.lv

**5 Milk Manor "Berghof".** The Milk Museum, which is located in the manor, gives an introduction to the history of milk processing industry in Latvia, and offers listening to some stories about milk. You should also try milking a cow, machining milk and churning. + 371 26518660, 63331233, www.pienamuzejs.lv

**6 Tāši-Padure Manor House** was built in the 19th century as a residence of the baron family von Korff. In 1852 it changed hands to the family von Keiserling. Baron von Keiserling's hunting manor, which used to be used as a summer residence, is an excellent example of the late Classicism. Currently the building is occupied by Kalvene Primary School.

**7 Boja Manor** was built in 1860. The manor complex includes also a park with several ponds. The manor used to be owned by the von Behr family, powerful Courland barons. Nowadays the manor house is occupied by the South Kurzeme Forestry of VAS "Latvijas valsts meži".

See also page 72 about Aizpute.

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Shiitaki mushroom, Kazdanga cheese

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turisms@aizpute.lv,
www.visitaizpute.lv

**Kazdanga Tourism Information Centre**
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kazdanga.tic@inbox.lv,
www.kazdangaspils.com

### Accommodation

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63331233, www.pienamuiza.lv

**"Spāres",**
Skolas 8, Kalvene, +371 63497001

**"Lilijas",** Kazdangas pagasts,
+371 29100175, 63440460

**"Garīkas",**
Sieksāte, +371 29147778,
29134122, www.garikas.lv

**"Kazdangas apartamenti",**
Pils gatve 4, Kazdanga,
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Aizpute

Kazdanga, Valtaiķi, Kalvene

Sieksāte, Kalvene

Kazdanga Manor Park

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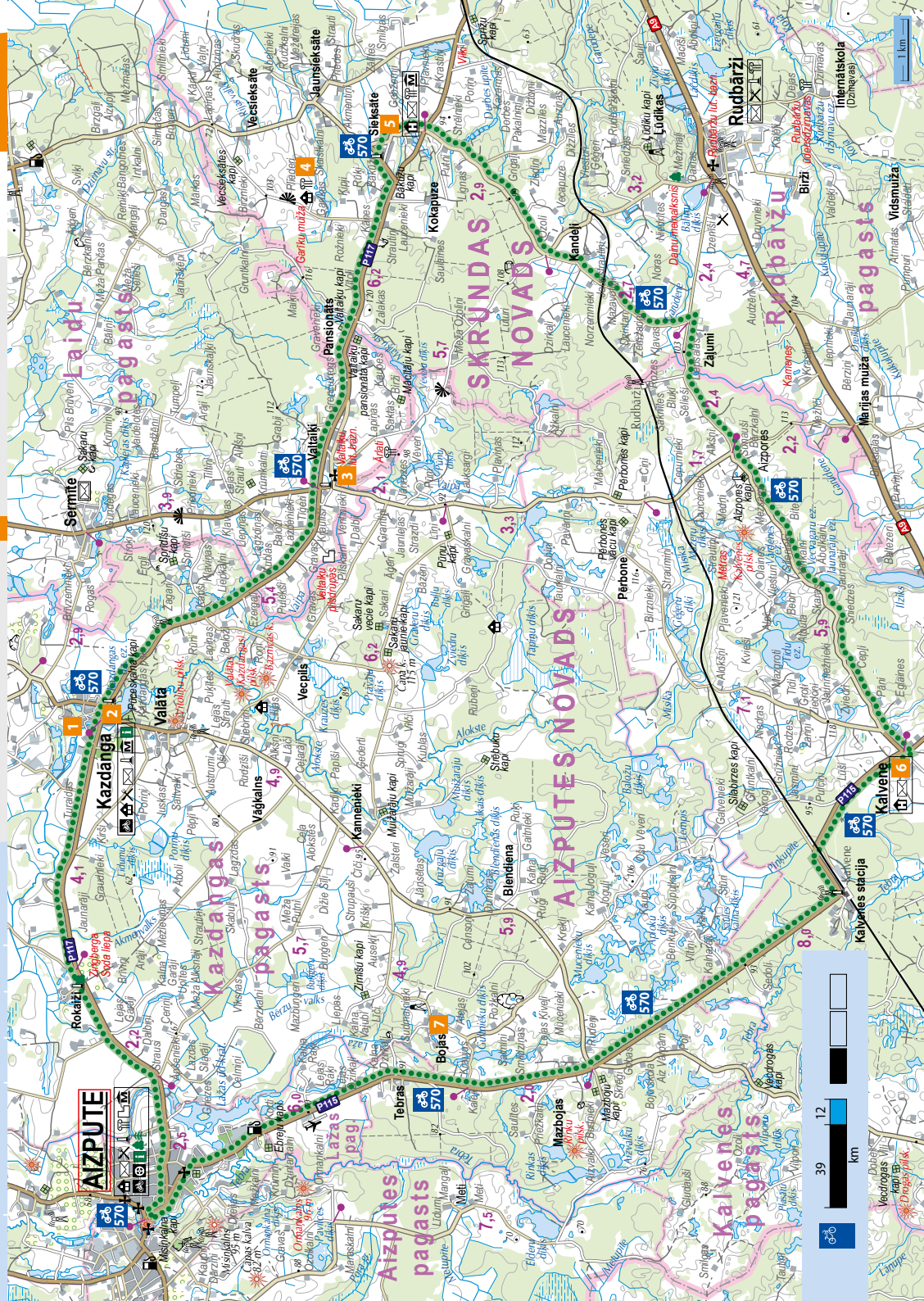

# Saldus – A Drop of Honey in Kurzeme

*Saldus is a town in Kurzeme, located in a sweet valley next to the River Ciecere and Lake Saldus just so that the rough winds would go by it and all goods would flow into the heart of the town.*

Distance to Riga – **122 km**
Population – **11 825**

**Saldus Tourism Information Centre**
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tic@saldus.lv,
http://turisms.saldus.lv

## Accommodation

**"Demians",**
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+371 29124422, 63881596,
www.hotelsaldus.lv

**"Kalnsētas",**
Kalnsētas iela 20, Saldus,
+371 63823849

**"Mans Nams",**
Lielā iela 10, Saldus,
+371 63822057,
www.elizabetehotel.lv

**Dzīvoklis Saldus centrā,**
Rīgas iela 13-5, Saldus,
+371 29497903, 26376325

**"Miuda",**
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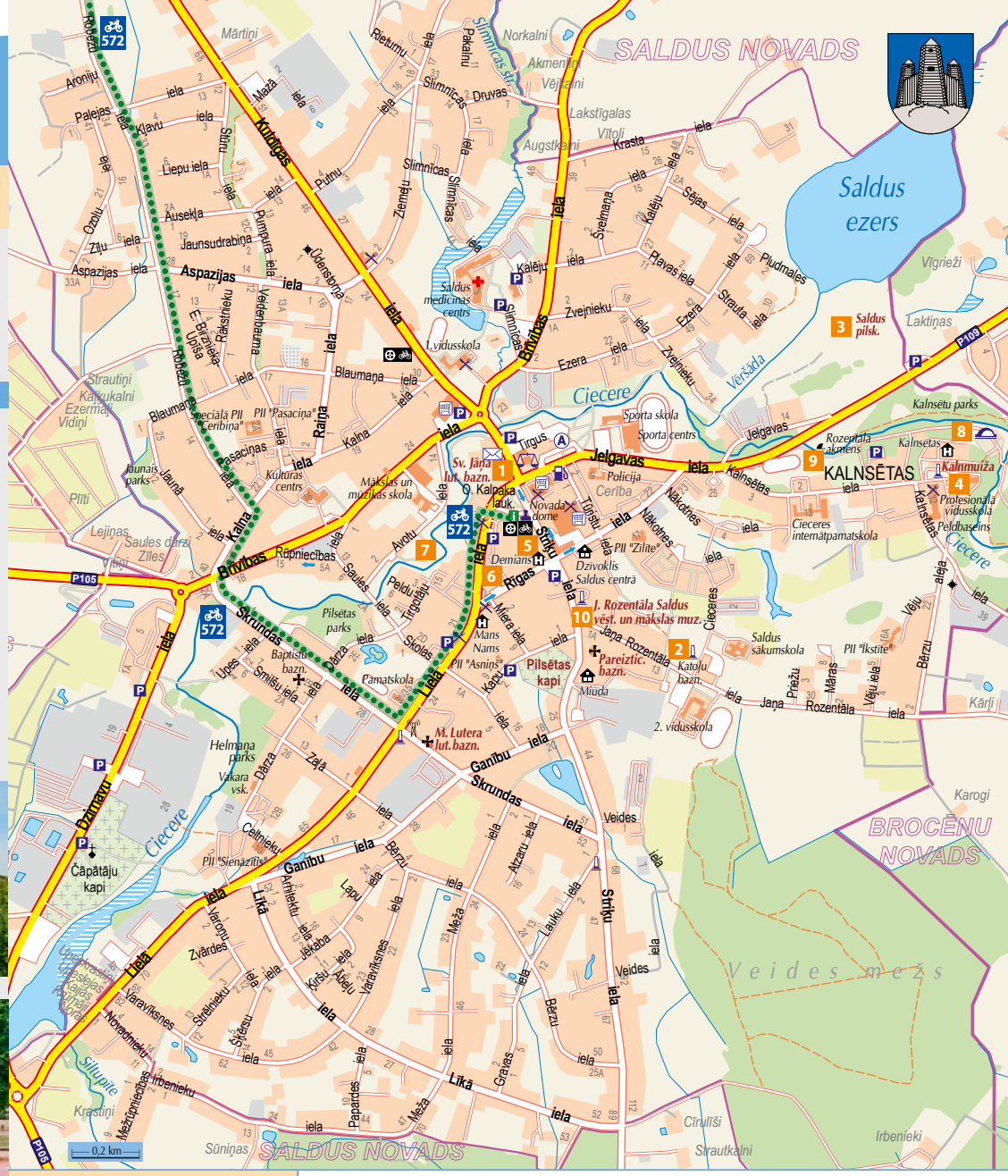
+371 26563716




**"Vinnijs",**
Striķu iela 1, Saldus,
+371 29228666,
www.velovinnijs.lv

**"AB sports",**
Kuldīgas iela 14, Saldus,
+371 29372312

**1 St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church** is the oldest building in Saldus. The church is home of several unique art objects – organ built by the master from Liepāja K. A. Herman, pulpit representing the Mannerism style, an altar built in the second half of the 19th century with altar painting by J. Dering, etc.
Kuldīgas iela 2, Saldus, +371 29258125

**2** The construction of **St Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church in Saldus** started in autumn 1999. The project was designed by the architect Aigars Andersons from Saldus, and the construction was possible thanks to donations raised in Latvia and abroad. The construction and furnishing of the church was completed in 2008.
J. Rozentāla iela 16, Saldus,
+371 63881081

**3 Saldus Castle Mound,** which is located next to Lake Saldus, gives evidence of the times of ancient Couronians in this region. There are many legends retained telling about the sweet life within the settlement. Saldus Castle Mound is an archaeological monument of a national importance.

**4 Kalnmuiža (Berghof) Manor**, which is located on the coasts of the River Ciecere, was built in 1872. The manor complex includes also the servants' house, park and granary. Its firs owner was Georg von der Recke, who named the manor *Berghof* or Kalnamuiža in Latvian. Nowadays Saldus Vocational Secondary School is located in the manor.
Kalnsētas iela 24, Saldus

**5 Kapellers' House** is home of the arts promotion society "Ilizanna". The building is gradually turning into a public centre where various exhibitions, small concerts, theatre performances, and creative workshops take place regularly. Here you will find also the salon shop "Pūču māja" (Owls' House).
Striķu iela 7, Saldus, +37126423495,
http://ilizanna.webs.com

**6 Fountain "Medus piliens" (A Drop of Honey)** is a piece of work by the sculptor Kārlis Īle, who was born in Saldus. You will find this fountain at Līgo square.

**7 Ciecere Nature Trail** winds down the River Ciecere from Kuldīgas Street Bridge to Saules Street Bridge. Stands with information about the plants growing nearby the River Ciecere are placed next to the trail.

**8 Kalnsēta Park** is located near Kalnmuiža and it was laid out by the owner of Kalnmuiža Baron von der Recke at the end of the 19th century.

**9 Rozentāls' stone.** The scenic turns of the River Ciecere have inspired many artists living near Saldus, but only Janis Rozentāls has its own stone on the coast of the River. The famous artist has frequently visited this site to paint, you can see the stone in his paintings "Pie strauta" (By the Spring) and "Ziemas ainava" (Winter Landscape).

**10 Saldus History and Art Museum of Janis Rozentāls** includes several buildings where the museum materials are stored, as well as art galleries and history exhibition halls. On the ground floor of Janis Rozentāls workshop you can see an exhibition about the distinguished man from Saldus and some of his early original works.
Striķu iela 22, Saldus, +371 63881547

# Auce and Saldus Border Area – Manors and Castles

56 km

## *Auce – Ķevele – Jaunauce – Ruba – Vadakste – Vecauce – Auce*

*This route will introduce you with manors and castles in Saldus and Auce Municipalities by taking you through the frontier of both municipalities along gravel roads with low traffic. The route allows enjoying of the scenic border areas of Latvia and glancing at the Lithuanian lands just behind the River Vadakste. Many manors will surprise you with their neatness and offers for tourists.*

**1 Jaunauce Manor** is an example of Empire style architecture of a national importance. The beautiful manor house was built for the Count von Medem at the beginning of the 19th century. The interior complex, which is an example of the Late Classicism style, has been retained, and the manor has the largest collection of 19th century stoves (7 stoves) and the only authentic dome painting representing the Classicism style in Latvia.
Jaunauce, +371 63846580,
Tour guide 26014296, www.jaunaucespils.lv

**2 Reņģe Manor (1882)** is located on the bank of the River Vadakste. A water tower has been build right next to the manor complex. The manor house was built for Barons von Nolken and it represents the architectural solution typical for manors built in the French Baroque architecture style. Currently the manor is used by Ruba Primary School. The road to the manor is a beautiful linden avenue, and right next to the manor you will find a manor park laid down at the end of the 19th century. Ruba, +371 63825665, 29168079

**3 Vadakste Manor and Park.** Vadakste Manor had belonged to the family von Bistram since the 16th century. In the second half of the 18th century, the old lords' house (later used as servants' house) was built. The new lords' house was built from 1911 until 1914 and it represents the neoclassical architecture style. The manor house has retained a hall with a fire-place built in Art Nouveau style, wide wooden staircase taking to the first floor and a tile stove in the Oval Room. The manor complex is surrounded by a park with rare tree species laid down in the 18th–19th century. Vadakste, +371 28758740

**4 History Exhibition of Vadakste Rural Territory.** Here you will find various history and local history materials, as well as an ethnographic collection. "Bruņenieki", Vadakstes pag. +371 28758740

**5 Vadakste Reservoir on the River Vadakste.** The reservoir has become a popular place for recreation and angling. At "Upmaļi" house in Vadakste rural territory you will find campsites and possibility to rent a boat and visit a bath-house. +371 26341958

**6 Priedula Lutheran Church and Priedula Cemetery.** Priedula Lutheran Church was built at the end of the 16th century as one of the seventy churches that were built in Courland according to the order by the Duke Gotthard Kettler. Priedula Lutheran Church is famous for its interior objects from the 17th century – confession chair and altar, as well as the pulpit from the 18th century. Next to the church Priedula Medieval Cemetery is located, where you can see interesting tombstones made of calc-tuf by the sexton and parish school teacher Heinrich Strauss. Priedula, +371 28758740

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**Accommodation**

**"Upmaļi",**
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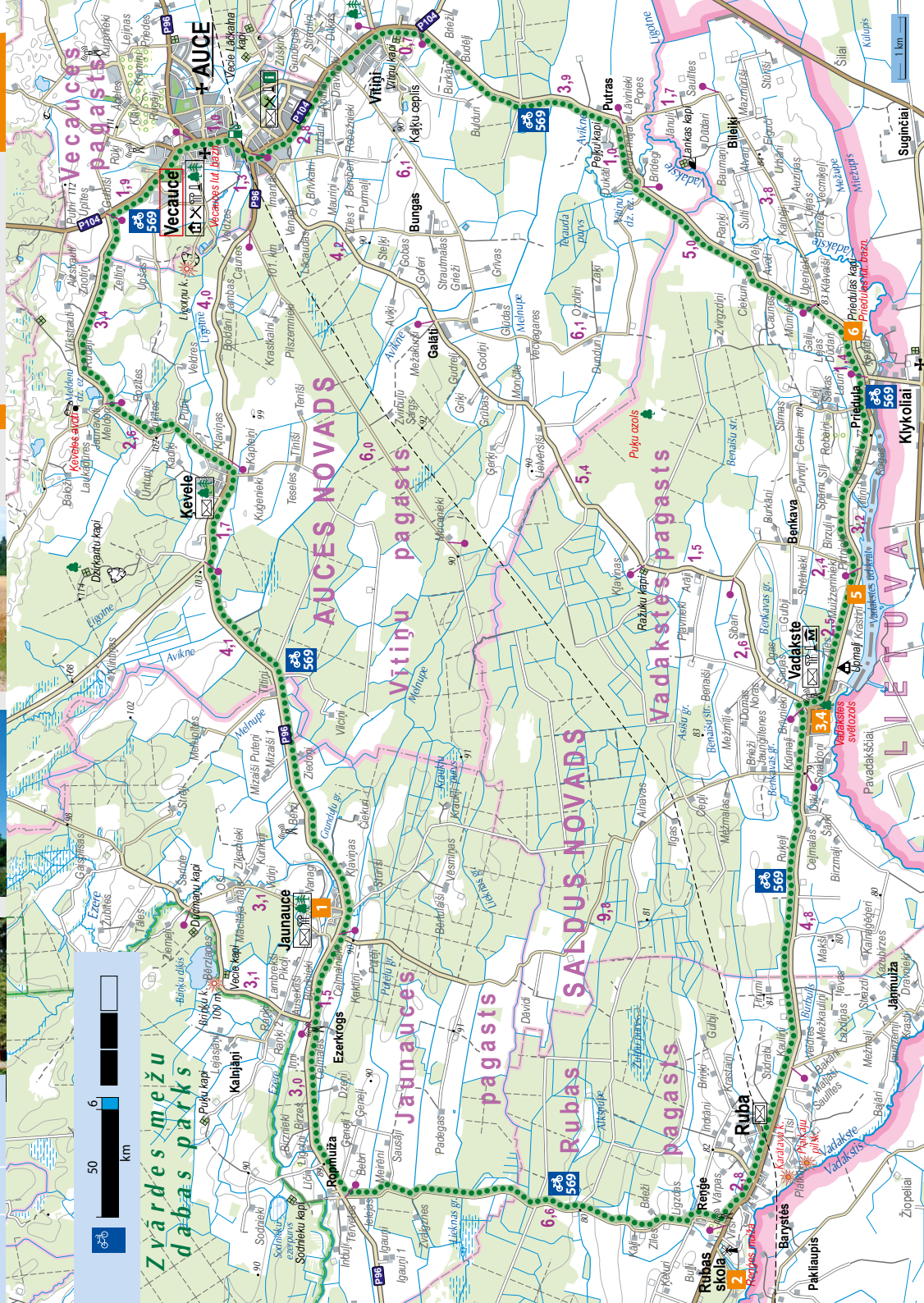
Auce

Jaunauce, Ruba, Vadakste

Jaunauce Park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Vadakstes dendrārijs
Vadakstes svētavots

# By the Lavender Fields

71 km

## *Saldus – Druva – Vārme – Šķēde – Lutriņi – Saldus*

*If you want to see a picture uncharacteristic of Latvia, it is best to cycle this route in mid-July when lavenders bloom. Saldus is called the drop of honey in Kurzeme, therefore, while on the trip, there are several must-to-dos: tasting the candy "Gotiņa" (Little Cow) produced in Saldus and the chicory ice-cream as you approach Druva. Cycling here is not difficult, as the route mainly goes along paved roads, you will have to cycle along a smaller road next to the River Šķēde only from Vārme to Šķēde, which will be a delight for those admiring scenic landscapes and quiet rural roads.*

**1 "Lillas Lavander".** July offers a wonderful possibility to see a beautiful lavender field and follow the life of lavender from blossoms until ready-made product. This is an opportunity to relax, to have a deep breath of the amazing scent of lavender, to take pictures of lovely moments in a lavender field and to know something about the history, cultivation, harvesting of lavender, distillation and use of oil. Ošenieki, +371 26447888, www.lillaslavender.com/lv

**2 Kalnziednieki Venerable Oak,** which can be seen from the road nearby the Ošenieki centre, is the mightiest venerable oak in Saldus Municipality, its girth being ir 7.9 m.

**3** Since 1926 Vārme Primary School is located in the **Vārme Manor House**, which was built by the Baron von Brinken in 1930. In the park you will find rare tree species – white pine (Pinus strobus), mountain pine (Pinus mugo), European larch (Larix decidua), dotted hawthorn (Crataegus punctate), common beech (Fagus sylvatica), white ash (Fraxinus Americana), white walnut (Juglans cinerea), silver poplar (Populus alba), balsam poplar (Populus balsamifera), snowy poplar (Populus nivea).

**4 Recreational Park "Aizupītes"** was established in 2011. In the central part of the park you will find an analemmatic (participatory) sundial. Unlike traditional sundials it only marks time together with a person, that is, when you participate! This type of sundial is not a very popular one, therefore take the chance! The estimates were made by Dr.sc.comp. Mārtiņš Gills. The stones used in the sundial were especially looked for in Vārme rural territory. The fountain floating in the pond makes the park even more romantic, especially in the night, when it is lighted.

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**5 Šķēde Manor Complex and Park.** The beginnings of manor complex on the banks of the River Šķēde date back to the 18th century, but in the 19th century the manor house was reconstructed giving some Neo-gothic looks to the house. In the mid-19th century an English landscape garden was laid out on the banks of the River Šķēde next to the manor, there you will find also Šķēde Venerable Oak (5.7 m).

**6 Jaunmuiža Manor and Park.** Jaunmuiža Manor is home of Jaunlutriņi Primary School. The manor house was built in the early 19th century. During the rule of the Prince von Lieven, different foreign trees were planted around the manor creating a park. When visiting, pay a special attention to the old Jaunmuiža granary and the former servants' house, where the colonel Jukums Vācietis was born. +371 29189208, www.jaunlutrini.lv

**7 Lutriņi Lutheran Church.** The fifth building of church in Lutriņi was completed in 1827, and this building has survived until nowadays. The church has an altar and altar paintings, as well as old service vessels dating back to the 19th century. +371 63846658

**8 Lutriņi School Museum** is located at Lutriņi Manor House and it tells about the history of the school and region. Here you will find also Lutriņi Primary School and park, which has been included in the list of protected dendrological plantations. +371 63831367

**9 Birth house of Janis Rozentāls "Bebri".** The beautiful landscape surrounding the house has, possibly, had some influence on Janis Rozentāls becoming a great painter. Now a memorial plate has been placed at "Bebri", but Janis Rozentāls' museum has been established in Saldus, in a house-workshop designed by the artist himself. +371 26149316

**10 Local History Exposition of Saldus Rural Territory** exhibits ancient objects and the permanent exhibition of Saldus artists' works that have been presented to the repository. Druva Culture Centre, +371 29145725

**11 Ice-cream making.** At AS "Druva Food" ice-cream house you can see how ice-cream is made, taste some fresh ice-cream and learn a lot about the production of this cold sweet. Druva, +371 63839154, 26524121, www.druvassaldejumi.lv

**12 SIA "Saldus Maiznieks"** offers a possibility to see how bread and pastries are made and to taste just-baked bread. Do not miss the opportunity to buy the delicious products at shop "Kukulītis". Kuldīgas iela 88, Saldus, +371 63807590, 29375296

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Ice-cream, mead, honey, bread, candies "Gotiņa" (Little Cow), candied fruits

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### Accommodation

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Druva, +371 29743909,
www. sidrabi.com

**Druva Secondary School Hostel,**
+371 63839440, 29573205,
www.druva.lv

**"Māli",**
Šķēdes pag., +371 26539164

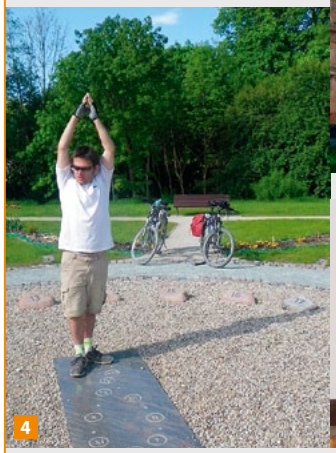
Saldus

Druva, Namiķi, Lutriņi, Jaunlutriņi, Šķēde, Ošenieki, Vārme

Druva

Next to Youth Centre in Jaunlutriņi, next to the shop "Saules pusē" (On the Sunny Side) in Druva, next to the school in Lutriņi, Vārme

**Youth Centre,**
Jaunlutriņi, +371 26522857,
www.jaunlutrini.lv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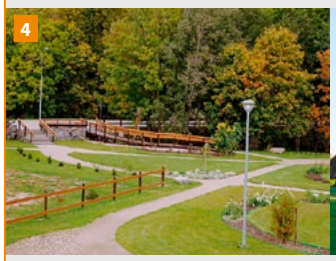
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## EuroVelo 10

*Lithuanian border – Nīca – Liepāja – Pāvilosta – Jūrkalne – Alsunga – Ēdole – Kuldīga – Ventspils – Kolka – Roja – Talsi – Sabile – Kandava – Tukums – Klapkalnciems – Jūrmala*

*In Kurzeme, EuroVelo 10 route winds 476 km along the sea cost and visits the largest port cities Liepāja and Ventspils, as well as the coastal fishermen villages, where you can try smoked fish. At times the route diverts from the sea to introduce you to the inland cultural landscape and landscape – hills, woods, and river valleys, as well as the small romantic towns – Kuldīga, Talsi, Sabile, Kandava and Tukums.*

## EuroVelo 13

*Lithuanian border – Jūrmalciems – Liepāja – Pāvilosta – Jūrkalne – Ventspils – Kolka – Roja – Mērsrags – Engure – Ragaciems – Jūrmala*

*EuroVelo 13 leg takes you on a 375 km long along Kurzeme's seaside. Those interested in military heritage will find this route a dessert since the Baltic Sea was the western border of the Soviet Bloc countries during the Cold War. However, not all military buildings are easy to notice now, sometimes you will have to search them, that is why the trip should be planned in advance. Our suggested must-sees are the former Soviet military radio telescope in Irbene, which was the eighth largest in the world at those times and is now used for civil purposes, and Liepāja War Port, a unique complex of military and fortification buildings, situated on the coast of the Baltic.*

**Accommodation**

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Nīca, +371 29294828

**"Nīcava",**
Nīca, +371 63486379, 29214661

**"Šķiperi",**
Klampjuciems,
+371 26421276, 29125213

**Vizuļi,**
Bernāti,
+371 26151028, 26404113

See accommodations also pages 58–63 and 66–69

Although this is a paved road and quick to cycle, it is unsafe and even dangerous for cyclists, as the traffic is intense, especially from Liepāja to Nīca. Be careful!

### *Lithuanian border – Nīca – Liepāja* — 56 km

Take some break at Rucava and Nīca villages, and visit also Bernāti to swim in the sea and see the farthest western point of Latvia – "Zaļais stars" ("The Green Beam").

### *Lithuanian border – Jūrmalciems – Liepāja* — 56 km

When leaving the road A11, the route goes along a gravel and rural road through Jūrmalciems, which is a small coastal village. Cycling to the sea is a must-do here! You will find ride though Liepāja to be especially pleasant as the cycling roads allow enjoying both wind and offers of the city of inspiration.

Military tourism objects:

**Liepāja War Port** is the largest historic military territory in the Baltics. In 1890, a construction of a huge fortress and war town was launched north to Liepāja according to the order of Alexander III, Tsar of Russia. Initially, it was named the Port of Emperor Alexander III. It was a completely autonomous populated place with its own infrastructure, power plant and water supply system, church and schools. During the Soviet times, the War Port was a closed territory, and even Liepāja civilians were banned from there. Nowadays the War Port is a peculiar blend of the military elegance of the tsarist Russia and the Soviet military sturdiness. It is no longer a town for army, but more a united tourism object. You will feel the mightiness of the War Port as soon as crossing the Oskars Kalpaks' bridge. It is worth seeing here: Saint Nicholas Orthodox Maritime Cathedral, Naval Port Prison, manege, Northern breakwater, Mail Carrier Pigeons' House, water tower, Convention House of Naval Officers, and un Northern fortresses.

Additional information and local routes:

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68 568. Round Lake Pape
58 Old Liepāja
60 Birdwatching
62 Naval Port

5 km
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BALTIJAS
JŪRA
Ventspils novods
Piltene
PRIEKŠPILTENE
Ugāle
Alsungas nov.
Jūrkalne
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Alsunga
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Ludzēsciems
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Cīpslene
Jaunmuiža
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Puzes ez.
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Liepājas ez.
Tosmares ez.
Engures ez.
Lielupe
Ālande
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Līguti
Vecpils
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Mazilmāja
Padones skola
Dzērves skola
Dzērvenieki
Mērnieki
Dubenmuiža
Meņģes muiža
Ploce
Bebe
Stirnas
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Grantiņi
Vaņģi
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## Liepāja – Pāvilosta – Jūrkalne – Ventspils 120 km

During the Soviet times, there were seven Soviet army bodies located on the seacoast from Liepāja to Akmeņrags. However you will have to use your imagination when visiting them, as there is not much left behind.

Military tourism objects:

1 **Ziemupe 158th ground-to-air missile base site,** where missiles for taking down aircraft still can be found.

2 **Pāvilosta and Jūrkalne,** where there used to be coastal defence battery.

3 **Jūrkalne coastal defence battery.**

4 **Cirpstene ground-to-air missile base.**

5 **Ventspils 46th coastal defence battery.**

Take a break in Vērgale, Pāvilosta, and Jūrkalne. Be sure not to miss Užavas beer brewery and try the most beloved beer in Kurzeme. Drive wise!

Quiet and peaceful paved road. Just stop by the ancient fishermen villages – Oviši, Lūžņa, Miķeļtornis, Sīkrags, Mazirbe, Košrags, Pitrags, Saunags, and Vaide – and you can try some fresh smoked fish or take a rest on the Baltic Sea coast. Be wise and take care of your lunch break timely, as you can find groceries only in Mazirbe and Kolka.

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Additional information and local routes:

54 Pāvilosta
56 571. Pāvilosta Sea Route
52 561. River Venta Cycling Route
44 Ventspils

## Ventspils – Kolka 80 km

The route goes along the former closed military territory, where only persons with special permits were allowed to enter. During the Cold War, the beaches were ploughed up and guard posts were built here. Kurzeme coastline was the western border of the USSR still. It is worth seeing the ruins of the former military town "Zvaigznīte" ("Starlet"). Here, just in the middle of nowhere, ruins of many-storey buildings are. Irbene Radio Astronomy Centre is located near; the centre was used for military counter-intelligence during the Soviet times, and it was the eighth largest building of its type in those times. It serves for civil purposes now.
Oviši hosts the oldest lighthouse still in operation, while Miķeļbāka lighthouse is the highest one. Kolka and Kolkasrags – a place where a closed military zone started in the Soviet times, where only those with special permits were allowed to enter.

Additional information and local routes:

44 Ventspils
48 560. Round Lake Būšnieki
31 557. Along the Great Sea and the Small Sea
30 558. Along the Liv Villages

In Roja, EuroVelo 10 departs from EuroVelo 13 again to visit the inland and see Talsi, Sabile, Kandava, Tukums – historic towns in Kurzeme. The route winds along paved roads, except for a small leg between Kandava and Pūre.

## *Kolka – Roja – Talsi* 70 km

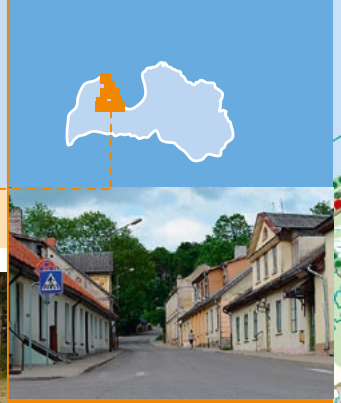
While cycling from Kolka to Roja, you will notice that the seacoast is just at a hand's distance. Near Roja it turns and leads inland taking you to the town of nine hills – Talsi. The traffic and quality of road pavement differs, sometimes the side of the pavement may even be decayed. Cycle carefully!
Take your stops at Roja, Valdemārpils, and Talsi.

## *Talsi – Sabile – Kandava – Tukums* 70 km

River Abava Valley and the charming towns of Kurzeme make the sometimes exhausting and narrow winding roads unique and unforgettable. The leg from Kandava to Pūre goes along small rural roads to avoid the road A10. Nevertheless, cyclists have to ride along the road A10 just a short distance from Pūre to Lazdas. Be extremely careful there, as the traffic is highly intense there. Stop at Talsi, Sabile, Kandava, and Tukums, do not miss the Chocolate Museum in Pūre and buy some of the marvellous chocolate treats to renew your energy. And be sure to try the fruits and berries harvested in Pūre, if riding here during the season; the local marketplace offers strawberries, blackberries, apples, cherries, and many others.

## *Tukums – Klapkalnciems – Jūrmala* 30 km

Tukums is proud of the castles near it, and this tour will start with opening the gates of Durbe Castle and Šlokenbeka (Schlockenbeck) Manor House. The leg from Tukums to Klapkalnciems is a winding paved road taking you through woods and along meadows. In Klapkalnciems the route meets EuroVelo 13 and then goes again along the sea travelling through fishermen villages ending at the recreational town Jūrmala. Be careful as you cycle, since this route is preferred also by car drivers on hot summer days. Well, you cannot blame them – the sea is just by.



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Additional information and local routes:

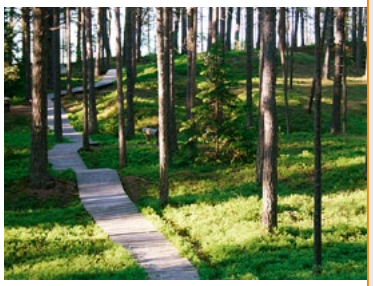
- 31 557. Along the Great Sea and the Small Sea
- 22 Talsi
- 24 556. Cycling Route of the Rolling Countryside of Talsi
- 20 Sabile
- 18 555. Cycling Route of the Ancient Valley of the River Abava
- 16 Kandava
- 06 Tukums
- 08 574. Castles in Vicinity of Tukums
- 10 552. Cycling Routes at Ķemeri National Park

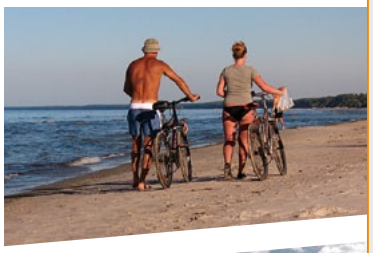
## Kolka – Roja – Mērsrags – Engure — 85 km

A route along paved roads, where the traffic increases 2–3 times during the sunny summer holidays, if compared to working days. The traffic is more intense closer to Riga.
Here you will not see any military buildings, however it is still worth getting to know the infrastructure of small ports and fishing traditions as they are practiced now, trying the fish caught and smoked by the local fishermen, that is why you should stop at Roja, Mērsrags, Bērzciems, and Engure.

## Engure – Ragaciems – Jūrmala — 34 km

The trip continues and goes through coastal villages – Apšuciems, Klapkalnciems, Ragaciems, Lapmežciems, and Bigauņciems, where you can take a stop. On a hot summer day, take the advantage of the sea to take a swim.
In Klapkalnciems the route meets EuroVelo 10 coming from Tukums. From Ragaciems to Jūrmala a pedestrian and cycling road has been built next to the road. The width and quality of the road is not even, still a cyclist can feel more safe and able to see more. This is a leg where you can learn battle stories coming from different times – here you can visit memorial sites commemorating the victims of the World War II and the memorial stone for the Finnish jaegers who fought here during the World War I.





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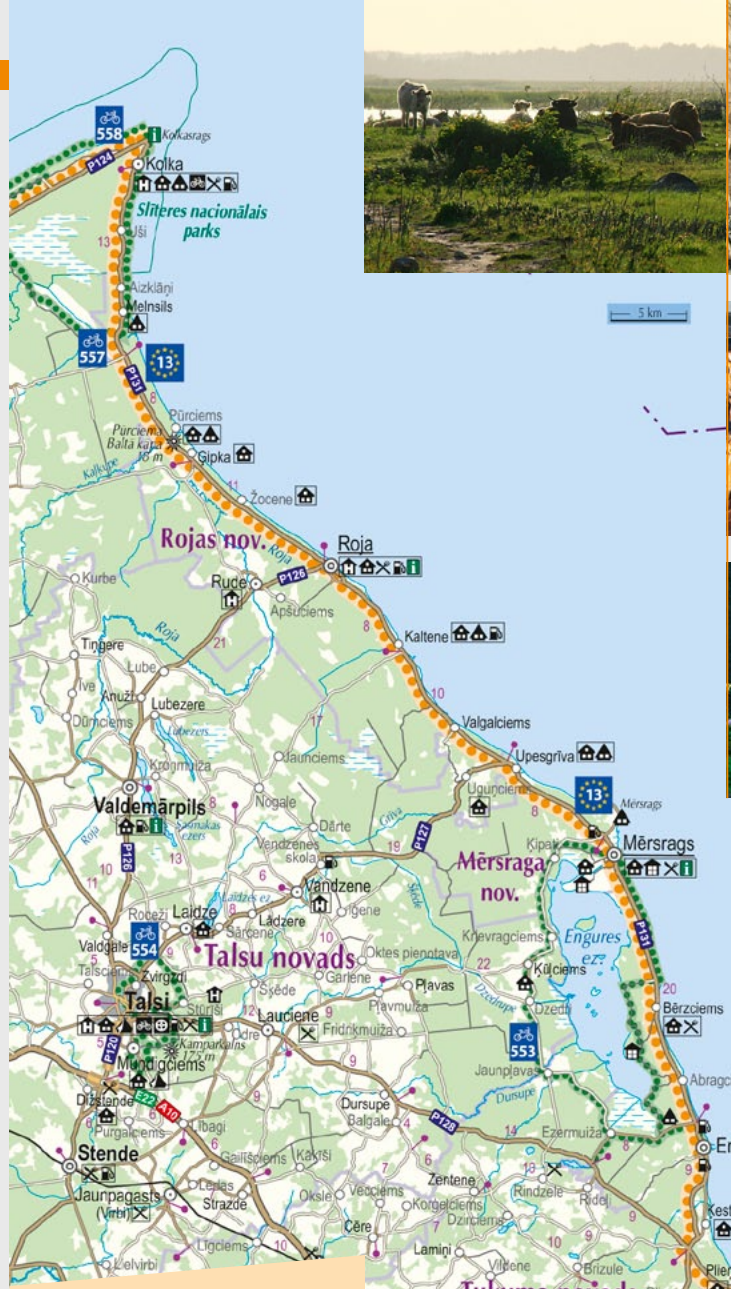



Additional information and local routes:

- 31 557. Along the Great Sea and the Small Sea
- 26 553. Around Lake Engure
- 10 552. Cycling Routes at Ķemeri National Park

Regional links of the cycling routes

## Legend

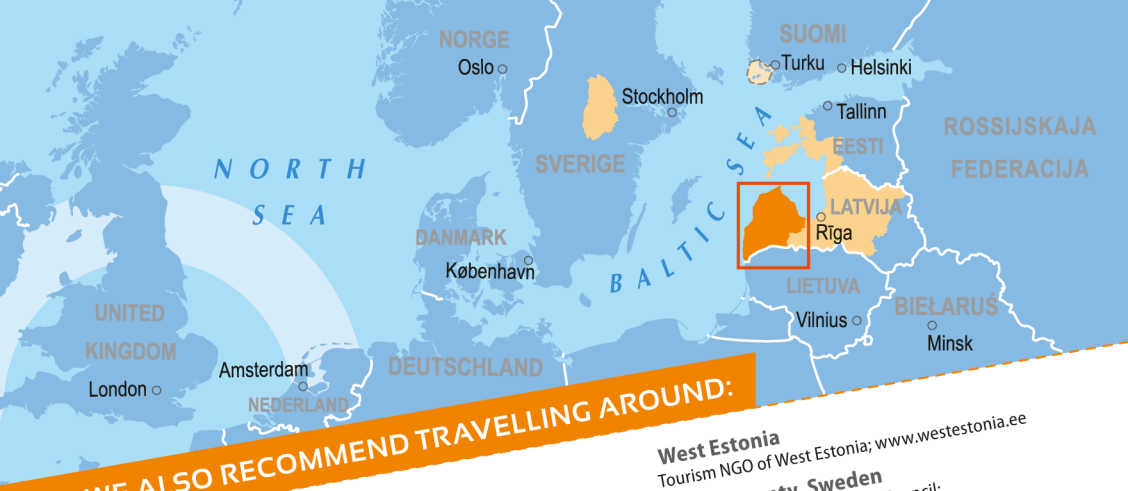
### 1 : 75 000 – 1 : 500 000

- Paved
- Gravel
- Unsurfaced road
- Street
- Road number (E22 A9 P121)
- Distance in km (3,5)
- Railway, station Stop (Saldus, Lašupe) Abandoned railway
- Boundary of protected nature areas
- Contour lines, height in m (80)
- Petrol station
- Church
- Restaurant, cafe
- Museum
- Interesting building
- Ruins
- Monument
- Post office
- Communication network tower
- Plantations Notable tree
- Viewpoints
- Ferry
- Windmill
- Important hill (Skaugu k. 96 m)
- Castle mound (Dundagas pilsk.)
- Interesting object (Rudes vējdzirnavas)

### 1 : 20 000

- Main road
- One way street
- Unsurfaced road
- Foot-paths
- Railway, station (Tukums-1)
- Boundary of protected nature areas
- Public buildings
- Important buildings
- Petrol station
- Church
- Restaurant, cafe
- Museum
- Bus terminal
- Parking
- Monument
- Post office
- Self-government
- Market
- Swimming place
- Open-air theatre

- Tourism site (7)
- Joint EuroVelo 10 and 13 cycling route
- EuroVelo 10 cycling route
- EuroVelo 13 cycling route
- Marked local cycling route (552)
- Alternative local cycling route

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