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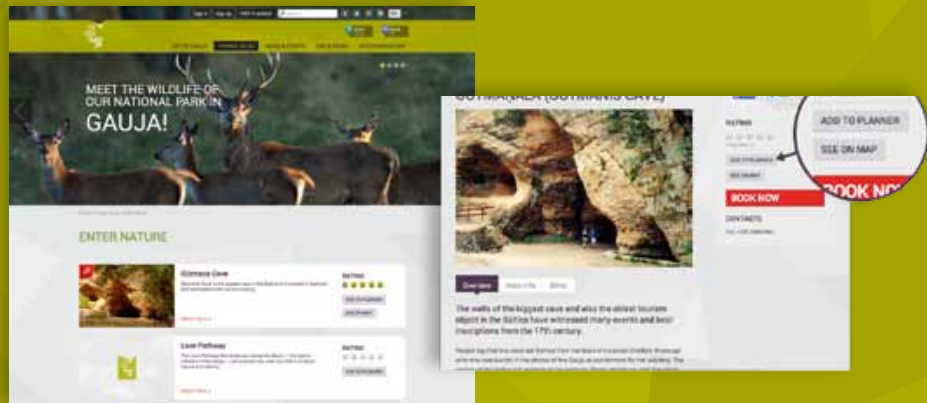
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GAUJA NATIONAL PARK

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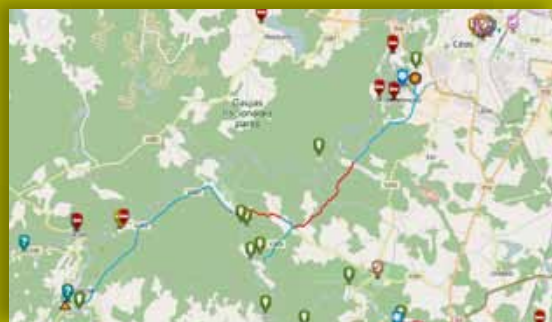
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GAUJA NATIONAL PARK

Enter the Gauja National Park – place, where the history, culture and nature allow you to enjoy the primordial with your own eyes, ears and hands. Each moment and each experience at the Gauja National Park is embraced by nature. Besides, this is not an ordinary park, it is park, where each encounter can become a new experience, enriching it through play, study and challenges. Variety of adventures allows each traveller to choose one's own place and scenario.

Like a fern that unfolds its fan of leaves while blooming, the river Gauja leads us deeper into the mysterious and untouched world of the nature, where every tree has its own story about ancient occurrences and legends. The time itself does not flow straight here, it flows in curves full of rapids just like the river Gauja, merging the present with the tales of the old times that have left their unique mark in the scenery and the people. All that is left to do is to breathe the misty morning fog, touch the moist landed trunk and loose oneself in the forked paths of legends, where the stems of grass are vibrating with life, souls dwell in the breeze and boulders bloom in ravines... ENTER GAUJA

NATURE

The biggest national park in Latvia was established more than 40 years ago. Gauja National park protects the rich nature of the ancient Gauja River valley and its surrounding areas as well as the vast diversity of plant, bird and insect species found here.

Nature enthusiasts can observe one of these rare species at the Gauja NP:

- Tree lungwort *Lobaria pulmonaria*
- Luminescent moss *Schistostega pennata*
- Northern bat *Eptesicus nilssonii*
- Common kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*
- Perennial honesty *Lunaria rediviva*

GAUJA VALLEY

The origins of the ancient Gauja River valley go back more than 350 million years, but its current ravine-ridden terrain was moulded by the glacier meltwater at the end of the Ice Age. The Gauja, which is the longest river in Latvia (452 km), winds through the national park.

HISTORY

The river once served as a trading route, and the Livonians built their settlements on its banks. Strong stone castles, which were enclosed by steep slopes and deep valleys, were built in the 13th century. The cities and the social and cultural life grew around these castles.

NOWADAYS

Today, the park is a place where legends of the past live alongside modern and cosy guest houses, restaurants and leisure spots. Here you can enjoy the aura of antiquity in old castles, receive a burst of energy at one of the ancient sacred places or experience the healing properties of the springs. You can also touch trees planted by kings, hear your voice echoing off sandstone rocks, or let the nature trails carry you off into rich forests. All of this should be enjoyed slowly, letting the taste, smell and colours introduce you to the rhythm of the local life. This is best done by hiking, riding a bicycle or a horse, or even taking a boat down the gentle stream of the Gauja River.

PLACODERMS – THE WITNESSES OF THE PAST

During the Devonian period (400 million years ago) a warm and shallow sea spread across the current territory of the Gauja NP and at the bottom of it dolomite and sandstone were forming. The sea was home to the placoderms and a multitude of fossils have preserved until today. There are still places in the park today where intact placoderm bodies can be found in the Devonian period strata.



GAUJA TRAVEL AROUND

Train

The railway line Rīga – Valka/Valga goes through the Gauja NP ensuring a convenient and regular opportunity to travel between Rīga, Sigulda, Cēsis and Valmiera throughout the whole day. There are special bicycle racks on the trains for transporting bicycles.

Get to know train schedules and buy tickets: www.mobilly.lv

Bus

All of the territory of the Gauja NP can be easily reached by buses which run from Rīga to Sigulda, Cēsis and Valmiera approximately once an hour. Travelling by bus between populated places within the Gauja NP has to be planned in accordance with the bus schedules.

Get to know bus schedules and buy tickets: <http://www.1188.lv/transport>

Bicycle

The starting point of a picturesque bicycle ride can be the train station. There are countless bicycle routes within the Gauja NP which will allow you to explore the rich nature, history and culture of the region. We suggest you avoid the busy highways A2 and A3 and take backroads and forest roads instead.

Boat

Whenever Gauja is ice free, many tourists take the opportunity to go boating in it in inflatable boats, canoes or on rafts. Amata and Brasla are also suitable for boating.

Car

The Gauja NP is located between highways A2 and A3 and has a dense network of roads and parking lots. The majority of the tourism objects are easily accessible by car.

1 | Sigulda tour in Electromobiles

Excursions in electromobiles with a guide will let you see the most beautiful places of Sigulda in an attractive and environment-friendly way.
Sigulda, ph. +371 26022919, www.impresso.lv

2 | Gauja tram

The only Gauja River Tram in Latvia that offers a ride accompanied by a guide through the "main street" of Valmiera – Gauja River. The Gauja River Tram offers rides during the summer as a public and private ride, and allows you to get to know the most noteworthy attractions of Valmiera.

**Valmiera, ph. +371 27828221, www.gaujastramvajs.lv
GPS: 57.5380, 25.4280**

3 | Līgatne crossing

The crossing, which is operated by the power of the stream, is a monument of technology history in Latvia and it is also the only Gauja crossing. The crossing was built after World War II during which the bridge across the Gauja was demolished.

**Līgatne, ph. +371 29189707, www.visitligatne.lv
GPS: 57.2549, 25.0444**

Distances between the cities (km)

..... Sigulda Līgatne Cēsis Valmiera
Rīga	54	71	90
Valmiera	62	60	32
Līgatne	20	30	60
Cēsis	38	30	32



SPAWNING OF SALMON-LIKE FISH IN GAUJA NATIONAL PARK

The “central artery” of Gauja National Park is the River Gauja with many tributaries. Many of these are rapid and swift, with clean, unpolluted water enriched with water coming from many springs, and therefore they are suitable for spawning of salmon-like fish — the Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*), brown trout (*Salmo trutta*), and stream trout (*Salmo trutta fario*). After a longer trip, the salmon-like fish travel in autumn to their birth places, and thus this is the time best suitable not only to watch the fish, but also enjoy what is happening on the riverside. A salmon watcher is a sort of a ranger, who has come to study the natural environment and create a positive effect from the presence of a human being.

Time to go:
Late October, beginning of November.

Best places to watch fish
The success of spotting salmon-like fish depends on the water table in rivers, the clarity of water, and weather conditions. If there was heavy rain prior to or during the migration, the water in Gauja and its tributaries will be mixed up with sand and loam particles which will make it dark and non-transparent. It will be hard to see the fish in such case. Other more suitable places might be an option — natural or man-made obstacles: rapids, waterfalls, low dams, or fish ladder, which the salmon-like fish have to pass by jumping over these!

Bridge over the River Gauja in Sigulda

A site easy to access — approximately 2 km from the centre of Sigulda. A popular place to watch salmon.

Pedestrian bridge over the River Gauja in Sigulda

The walk to the bridge (2 km from Kaķīši in Sigulda) can be combined with a walk along the banks of the primeval valley of the River Gauja.

Trail aimed at watching fish spawning in Līgatne

Established in 2011 with the support of the European Fisheries Fund in the centre of Līgatne, between Ānfabrika Cliffs and Lustūzis (opposite of Līgatne Tourism Information Centre); around 500 m long. Fish ladder is constructed at the former mill dam in Līgatne.

Kārļi Dam

On the River Amata. Fish ladder is established next to it. The dam can be reached by road leading from Kārļi or Ieriķi, or on foot along the Amata trail.

Nature trail of the River Ieriķupīte

The small River Grūba (Ieriķupīte, Melderupīte) flows into a deep ravine behind the road A2, where on a short section of the river four waterfalls are located — 2.3 m, 0.5 m, 1.7 m, and 0.8 m high, which consist of dolomite rock outcrops from Pļaviņas suite.

River Strīķupīte

Around 3 km long section of the river between Jenči–Jāņmuiža road and the mouth of the River Strīķupīte with the River Gauja.

Bridge over the River Gauja in Cēsis

3.5 km off the centre of Cēsis.

Bridge over the River Gauja in Rāmnieki

Easy accessible from Cēsis. The river is shallow in this place and fish might be clearly spotted under suitable circumstances.

River Vaive

The best places to watch salmon are downstream — in the section where the river mouths the River Rauna till Vaive Mill Dam.

Bridge over the River Gauja in Valmiera

Located in the centre of the city (Cēsu iela), near Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences.

Get detailed information and route maps in Tourist information centres and www.entergauja.com



MUSHROOMS OF GAUJA NATIONAL PARK

There are more than 4000 various mushroom species in Latvia. Mushrooms are extraordinary organisms combining the features of plants and animals. Not for nothing they have their own fungi kingdom. Mushrooms vary very much in terms of colours and shapes, and therefore are interesting to watch. There is a huge biodiversity in Gauja National Park — dry and wet forests, forests of slopes, secular trees, old and decayed trees, deadwood, former manor parks, etc., which create a rich variety of mushroom habitats. During the respective time, the number of spotted species and shapes will be impressive! A well-prepared guide is needed to complete this “mission” with success.

Dress code and tools:

- suitable clothes for various weather conditions and types of forests (including wet forests);
- rubber boots;
- basket and knife;
- mushroom identifier;
- magnifier;
- notebook;
- smartphone to post your special moments on social networks or make use of mobile applications — guides in the identification of mushrooms;
- navigation device in order not to get lost.

Time to go:

Mushrooms are spotted during the whole year (also in winter), but the best time is July–September demonstrating the largest variety of species.

Most interest places to watch mushrooms

Forests of Silciems

1–1.5 —km range around the Silciems Railway Station is among the most popular place to go for mushroom picking in the Greater Riga Area. Here you might find edible mushrooms popular in Latvia — various species of chanterelles, russulas, king boletes and other boletes, woolly milkcaps, orange milkcaps, gypsy mushrooms, etc. Most interesting is the chestnut bolete (*Gyroporus castaneus*), lurid bolete (*Boletus luridus*), edible polypore — sheep polypore (*Albatrellus ovinus*); an edible mushroom popular in Scandinavia) and the coral mushroom (*Ramaria aurea*).

Forests of Lielstraupe

A large forest 1–2 km southward, south-westward of Lielstraupe, where the largest of cap mushrooms in Latvia can be found — parasol mushroom (*Macrolepiota procera*). It is edible uncooked, or fried like pork chop. Wide range of cap mushrooms, including edible mushrooms. The car can be parked in the centre of Lielstraupe.

Vicinity of Zvārte Rock

Excellent landscapes and ideal places to pick mushrooms along the banks of Amata, heading along the nature trail from Zvārte Rock to Veclauči Bridge (~4 km). The medical mushroom chaga (*Inonotus obliquus*), as well as alder bracket (*Inonotus radiatus*) can be found here. The alder bracket has surface of changing colour depending on the viewpoint angle. Various mushrooms with a decaying effect are found on fallen trees.

Ungurmuiža Park

Notable due to the old oaks. Interesting polypores are growing on the trunks of fallen oaks. One might be lucky and spot the bright-coloured polypore *Hapalopilus croceus*, as well as other mushrooms related to oaks in autumn. Park your car near Ungurmuiža Manor.

Vicinity of Lake Vaidava

Wooded area (within a range of 1 km) eastward of Lake Vaidavas, and slopes of the lake shores. Here you might find the summer bolete. Park your car near in the parking lot near the swimming place of Lake Vaidava.

Find detailed information of best mushroom picking places at Gauja National Park in Tourist information centres and www.entergauja.com



BIRD WATCHING IN GAUJA NATIONAL PARK

Bird fauna in Gauja National Park in terms of nature tourism is appreciated both by foreign and local tourists. The largest nesting population of grey wagtail in Latvia is just one example. Although these are just few pairs, in terms of access and concentration it is the safest place in Latvia to watch this species during the nesting period. The forests of slopes with old deciduous trees attract less common species of woodpeckers (white-backed woodpecker, three-toed woodpecker, black woodpecker, middle spotted woodpecker). Relatively often spotted are the

elsewhere rare greenish warbler, red-breasted flycatcher and locally common hazel grouse. Ural owl has started nesting in the park, and the smallest owl of Latvia — pygmy owl — is also seen more often. Many corn-crakes and some species of warblers, which are not common in Western Europe (river warbler, Blyth's reed warbler), are found in the riverside meadows of Gauja. Rivers which are not covered with ice during the winter are home to the wintering white-throated dippers. Similarly, kingfisher is seen more often than elsewhere on the small rivers and

ice-free rivers, oxbow lakes, or larger areas where the springs come out of the earth. Significant habitats are the parks and alleys of former manors attracting much more common and thus easily spotted species of birds (woodpeckers, tawny owl). During the migration period, the migratory birds like stopping over at former or present quarries (in Lode, Bāle, Cēsis) and the largest lake of the park — Lake Ungurs. Meadows adjoining to the Suda Bog located outside of the reserve area are a significant place where the cranes gather in autumn.

I	Wintering white-throated dippers, nutcrackers			
II				
III		Owls and woodpeckers, hazel grouses, black grouses		
IV			Spring migration, ideal light to take photos of birds	
V				Nesting period and best time to listen to birds singing
VI				Watching permanent-resident birds
VII				
VIII				Autumn migration until mid-October
IX				
X				
XI				
XII	Wintering white-throated dippers			

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HIKING ROUTES

Best viewpoints in the Gauja primeval valley

The route covers the best viewpoints over the landscape of Sigulda. But in order to enjoy these, one shall get to know the steep crests and sags of the primeval valley.

Sigulda County Tourism Information Centre – cable car (or down by Sigulda Serpentine road and then upwards by Krimulda Serpentine road) – Pīkone Ravine – pedestrian bridge over Gauja – Bobsleigh and luge track – Station square

- April – October
- ~ 15 km
- One day
- Moderate/difficult
- Asphalt (in town), forest roads, paths, wooden stairs on the steep banks of the Gauja valley and its tributaries
- Sigulda County Tourism Information Centre
- Wooden markings, colored signs on trees



From Līgatne to Līgatne nature trails

Suitable for those looking for alternative routes to get from Līgatne to Līgatne nature trails while getting to know the landscapes of the Gauja riversides with the beautiful Katrīna Rock and Gūdas Cliffs en route

Līgatne TIC – Līgatne Ferry Crossing – Līgatne Nature Trails – Līgatne TIC

- April–October
- Easy
- ~13 km (excluding Līgatne Nature Trails)
- Including visit to Līgatne nature trails — one day
- Asphalt, forest roads, paths, gravel roads
- Līgatne TIC
- None on site



Cēsis – Ērģeļu (Ērģļu) Cliffs – Jāņmuiža

Suitable for travellers interested not only in the towns, but also in magnificent landscapes and one of the most monolith sandstone cliff walls in the Baltics — the Ērģeļu Cliffs. Destinations are easily linked with public transportation.

Cēsis Railway Station – Ērģeļu Cliffs – Rāmnieki – Jāņmuiža

- April – October
- ~ 14 km
- Easy
- Including sightseeing — full day of hiking. By bicycle — 3 hours
- Asphalt, gravel road, forest paths (in the vicinity of Ērģeļu Cliffs)
- Cēsis Bus/Train Station
- Jāņmuiža Train Station
- None on site





HIKING ROUTES

Green Valmiera

Suitable for walkers and cyclists who want to see Valmiera "from a different viewpoint". The route will show nature and cultural history values of Valmiera.

Route 1. Valmiera Tourist Information Centre (TIC) – Bachelors' Park – Valmiera State Gymnasium – Ģīme Nature trail – Iron Bridge – Plostnieku Street – Central Bridge across Gauja River – Valmiera St. Simon's Church – Livonian Order Castle – Walters Hill – Goat Rapids – Leisure Park – View terrace at Gauja River – Gauja River Steep Banks – Dīvaliņa Street – Lucas Street – Tērbatas Street – Millpond – Ziloņu Street – Valmiera TIC.

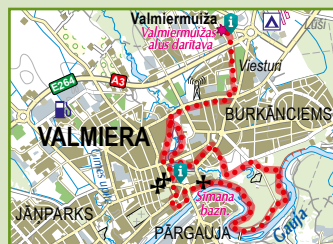
Route 2: a route from Jāņa Daliņa Stadium along Dīvaliņa Street, Tērbatas Street and Nameja alley can be continued until Valmiermuiža manor park and Valmiermuiža Brewery (+ 3 km both ways).

☀ April – October 🚶 Easy

📏 Section 1: around 7 km; Section 2: 4 km

🕒 3–5 hours including sightseeing

🚶 Asphalt, sidewalks, roads with gravel, forest paths, stairs in some places.



📍 Valmiera Tourist Information Centre (TIC) or Valmiermuiža Brewery if you want to add more to the route.

📍 None on site

📄 Download .pdf map of the route or .gpx file www.visit.valmiera.lv

Liepa, Liču–Laņģu cliffs

The route leads along natural, few-known trails up to Liču–Laņģu Cliffs located in the middle of the forest, and introducing to Lode Clay-pit.

📍 Lielā Ellīte – Lode Railway Station – "Lode" – Liču–Laņģu Cliffs – Lielā Ellīte

☀ June – October 📏 – 9 km

🕒 3–4 h 🚶 Easy

🚶 Asphalt, gravel road, forest paths.

📍 Car parking lot at Lielā Ellīte, Liepa

📍 There are marks and arrows.



From Līgatne to Cēsis

Suitable for active hikers or cyclists interested in nature, heritage and history. This is a trip through the most impressive primeval valley of a river in the Baltics with lots of sandstone outcrops on the slopes of ravines of the River Gauja and its tributaries from the Devonian Period.

📍 Līgatne TIC – Skāļupes – Rakši – "Ozolkalns" – Cēsis Castle Complex – Cēsis TIC

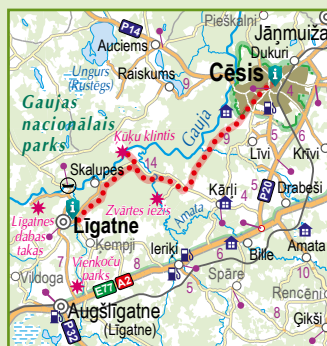
☀ April – September 📏 – 28 km

🕒 10 h on foot, 4–5 h by bicycle 🚶 Moderate

🚶 Līgatne – Skāļupe and Cēsis – asphalt; gravel roads and unpaved roads elsewhere

📍 Līgatne TIC 📍 Cēsis TIC

📍 None on site



River Amata. Rocks and cliffs of the river

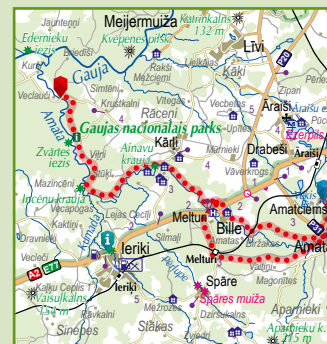
For travellers not afraid of large and frequent terrain differences, and also for those wishing to see and enjoy the beautiful banks of primeval valley of the River Amata while heading along remote forest paths. The path leading along the right bank travels through the upper and lower part of the valley, and therefore at some places difference of more than 40 m in height is experienced. This is sort of a geo-tourism route with an insight of dolomite and sandstone outcrops from the Devonian Period which are found in the primeval valley of the River Amata shaped by the glacier.

📍 Amatciems – Melturi – Kārļi – Amata – Kārļi – Zvārte Rock – Veclauči Bridge

☀ April – October

🕒 8–11 h, where:

- 1) Amatciems – Melturi 2 h,
- 2) Melturi – Kārļi 3 h,
- 3) Kārļi – Zvārte Rock 4 h,
- 4) Zvārte Rock – Veclauči Bridge 1–2 h



📏 –21.5 km. The route can be made by combining any of its sections:
1) Amatciems – Melturi 5 km,
2) Melturi – Kārļi 3.5 km,
3) Kārļi – Zvārte Rock 9.5 km,
4) Zvārte Rock – Veclauči Bridge 3.5 km

🚶 Difficult

🚶 Mainly forest paths; gravel road in section Amatciems – Melturi

📍 In Amatciems or at the road Rīga–Veclaicene (A2)

📍 Veclauču Bridge, destination for canoe-riders "Amata"

📍 Orange and bright red blazes – diamonds on tree trunks (in the section from Melturi to Veclauču Bridge)

Cēsis – Valmiera

The route runs alongside the primeval valley of the River Gauja linking two historic centres – Cēsis and Valmiera. The section between Rāmnieki and Valmiera leads pre-dominantly along remote forest roads and paths offering excellent places to watch wildlife in Gauja National Park, but hiking there is quite strenuous.

📍 Cēsis: Cēsis Railway Station – Ērgļu (Ērgļu) Cliffs – Rāmnieki – Sietiņiezis Cliff – Valmiera

☀ End of April – middle of September

📏 – 45 km

🕒 For hikers – 2 days (Day 1 Cēsis – Sietiņiezis Cliff – 25 km; Day 2 Sietiņiezis Cliff – Valmiera – 20 km), for cyclists – 1 day

🚶 Moderate

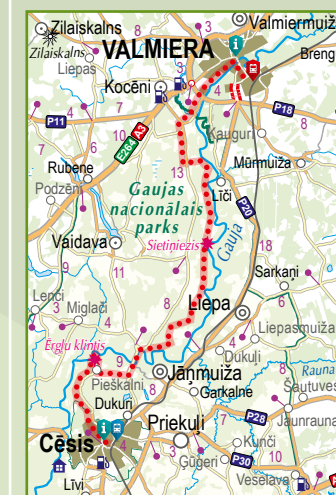
🚶 Asphalt (smallest part of the route), gravel roads, forest roads and paths

📍 Cēsis Railway Station or Bus Station

📍 Valmiera Railway Station or Bus Station

📍 Wooden markings with the symbol of a bicycle, orange blazes on trees

Find detailed information about more than 30 routes in Gauja National Park in Tourist information centres and www.entergauja.com





SIGULDA CYCLING ROUTES

1 Sigulda Classics in Gauja National Park

Gutman's Cave – The Bridge across the Gauja River – Adventure Park "Tarzāns" – Bobsleigh and luge track "Sigulda" – Recreation Complex "Kaķītis" – Fischer Cross-Country Ski Centre – Pedestrian Bridge over the River Gauja – Devil's Cliffs and Cave – Krimulda Manor – Krimulda Serpentine Road – Bundulītis – Gutman's Cave

12 km 1.5 h Moderate/difficult

Gutman's Cave

Forest gravel paths, asphalt roads With orange signs on trees

2 Sigulda – Murjāni – Sigulda

Fischer Cross-Country Ski Centre – Katlapu Rock – Leisure park "Rāmkalni" – The Big Stone – Fischer Cross-Country Ski Centre

30.2 km 3 h Moderate

Fischer Cross-Country Ski Centre

Mostly forest roads, gravel roads, paths, asphalt in Gauja Village With dark red signs on trees

3 Sigulda – Allaži – Sigulda

Fischer Cross-Country Ski Centre – Train stop "Silciems" – Satešele Castle Mound – Mežmuiža springs – Ezernieki karst sinkholes – Allaži Evangelical Lutheran church – Fischer Cross-Country Ski Centre

25.8 km 2-2.5 h

Moderate

Fischer Cross-Country Ski Centre

Mostly forest roads, paths, gravel roads, asphalt

With red signs on trees

4 Sigulda – Līgatne – Sigulda

Sigulda County Tourism Information Centre – Gančauskas – Līgatne nature trails – Līgatne – Ratnieki – Sigulda County Tourism Information Centre

46.4 km 4-6 h Moderate

Sigulda County Tourism Information Centre

Mostly forest roads, paths, gravel roads, asphalt in Līgatne

With blue signs on trees

5 Sigulda Classics

Sigulda County Tourism Information Centre – Satešele Castle Mound – Sigulda Castle – Aerial Cable car – Adventure Park Tarzāns – Bobsleigh and luge track "Sigulda" – Recreation Complex "Kaķītis" – Fischer Cross-Country Ski Centre

11 km 2-3 h with sightseeing

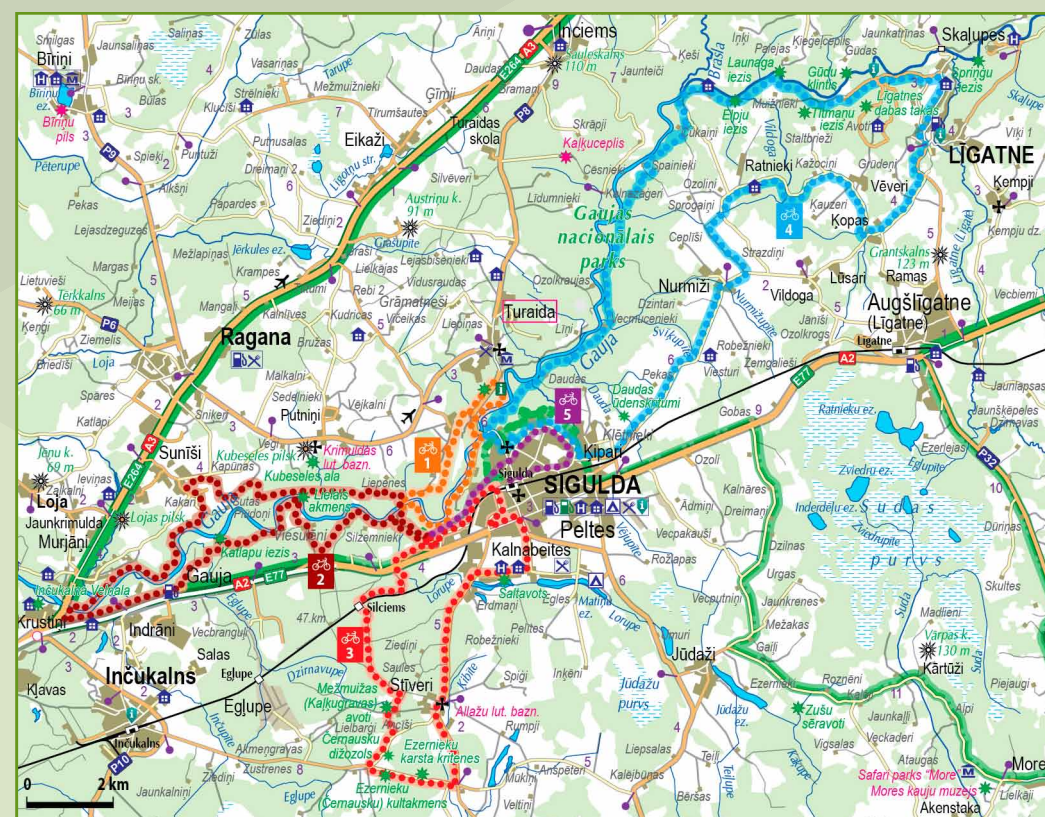
Easy

Sigulda County Tourism Information Centre

Fischer Cross-Country Ski Centre

Asphalt None on site

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BICYCLE RENTAL

Smart Bike

J.Poruka iela 14, Sigulda, t. 27776626, www.siguldaadventures.com/smartbike GPS: 57.1645, 24.8458

BICYCLE RENTAL

Veloriba

Ausekļa iela 7, Sigulda, ph. +371 26488507 www.veloriba.lv GPS: 57.1536, 24.8518

Ziedlejas

"Ziedlejas Gaujmaļi", Krimuldas Parish, Krimuldas County, ph. +371 26105993 www.ziedlejas.lv GPS: 57.1427, 24.7819

"Okej"

Raiņa iela 1, Sigulda, ph. +371 29351672, 29351672, www.okej.lv GPS: 57.1539, 24.8536

"Reiņa trase"

"Kalnzaķi", Krimulda County, ph. +371 29272255, www.reinatrase.lv GPS: 57.1796, 24.8175

"Rāmkalni"

"Vītiņkalni", Inčukalna County, ph. +371 29100280, www.ramkalni.lv GPS: 57.1248, 24.6585

Download maps and .gpx files of routes: www.tourism.sigulda.lv



CĒSIS CYCLING ROUTES

102 To Spring Rūcamavots and Red Rocks

Camping "Apaļkalns" – Lake Raiskums – Spring "Rūcamavots" and Red Cliffs – Tavern "Raiskumkrogs" – Raiskums – Camping "Apaļkalns"

15 km 1-2 h

Moderate

Camping "Apaļkalns"

Forest roads, gravel, asphalt

Road signs with number 102

103 Small Circle around Lake Raiskums

Camping "Apaļkalns" – Raiskums village with manor – Raiskums cemetery – Lake Raiskums – River Sveķupīte – camping "Apaļkalns"

6 km 0.5-1 h

Easy

Camping "Apaļkalns"

Forest roads, gravel, asphalt

Road signs with number 103

107 Away from Rush to the Peaceful Kvēpene

Camping "Apaļkalns" – Raiskums – Raiskums cemetery – Kvēpene forest – Kvēpene oak and hill fort – Raiskums – camping "Apaļkalns"

13.5 km 1-2 h

Moderate

Camping "Apaļkalns"

Forest roads, gravel, asphalt

Road signs with number 107

104 Large and Multi-shaped Circle on Both Side of the river Gauja: Raiskums–Līgatne–Raiskums

Camping "Apaļkalns" – Līgatne ferry crossing – Līgatne – Skaļupes – Kūķi Rocks – Veclauci Bridge across the Amata – Zvārte Rock – Zoo and recreation centre "Rakši" recreation park "Ozolkalns" – Čiruliši nature trails – bridge across the Gauja– Raiskums – camping "Apaļkalns"

45 km 4-5 h

Moderate Camping "Apaļkalns"

Forest roads, gravel, asphalt

Road signs with number 104

108 Loveliness of Cēsis Area

Cēsis TIC – Forest cemetery (Meža kapi) – Eagle Rocks – "Lenci" – Workshop "Siļķes" – Cēsis TIC

16 km 1-2 h

Moderate

Cēsis TIC

Forest roads, gravel, asphalt

Road signs with number 108

128 Landscapes of Vaive

Smilšu square Cēsis – Veismaņi Manor complex – Tavern Kaķukrogs – Trail of senses "Juši trail" – Līvs family monument – Rucka Manor complex

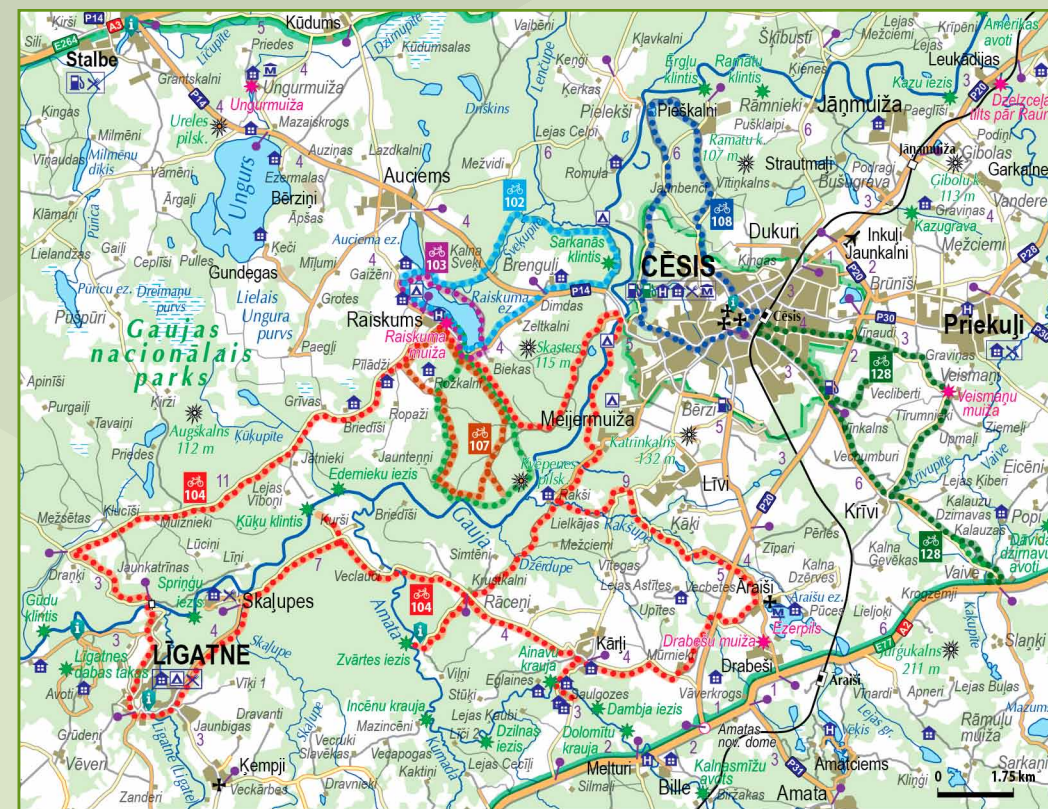
25 km 2-3 h

Moderate

Smilšu square, Cēsis

Forest roads, gravel, asphalt, forest trail, meadow

Blue arrows on trees, blue cycling road signs with number 128 at the crossings



BICYCLE RENTAL

Campsite "Žagarkalns"

Mūrlejas iela 12, Cēsis,
ph. +371 26170074,
www.zagarkalns.lv
GPS: 57.3075, 25.2208

Hotel "Katrīna"

Mazā Katrīnas iela 8,
Cēsis,
ph. +371 20008870
GPS: 57.3116, 25.2682

"Active tourism centre Eži"

Pils laukums 1, Cēsis,
ph. +371 26573132,
www.ezi.lv
GPS: 57.3140, 25.2728

Campsite "Apaļkalns"

Raiskums,
Pārgauja Parish,
ph. +371 29448188
www.apalkalns.lv
GPS: 57.3174, 25.1479

Hotel "Tigra"

Eduarda Veidenbauma
iela 2, Priekule
ph. +371 64174040
GPS: 57.3122, 25.3594



VALMIERA CYCLING ROUTES

“Valmiera Boys”

Valmiera Old town – Jāņa Daliņa stadium – Gauja River Steep banks – Narrow-Gauge Railway Bridge – Bachelors` park

11.5 km 1-1.5 h

Moderate Valmiera TIC

Asphalt, sand, gravel tracks

None on site

“Tales of Valmiera secular trees”

Valmiera TIC – Oak trees – Gauja River Steep Banks – Great pine – Suspension bridge- Narrow-Gauge Railway Bridge – Valmiera TIC

15 km 1.5-2 h

Moderate Valmiera TIC

Asphalt and forest tracks

None on site

Industrial Valmiera in the Centuries of Changes”

Valmiera TIC – bakery “Liepkalni” – SIA “Valpro” – Iron Bridge – SIA “ZAOO” – Valmiera Railway Station – AS “Valmieras stikla šķiedra”

10 km 2,5 h

Easy Valmiera TIC

Asphalt, forest trails and gravel roads

Not marked

Valmiera – Brenguļi arc

Peakas hillfort – Mūrmuiza Manor and the fortified tower – Beverīna wooden sculpture park and mazes – Brenguļi brewery – Abuls River – Active leisure centre “Baiļi”

42 km 3-6 h

Moderate with some difficult parts

Valmiera TIC

Asphalt, sand, gravel, forest tracks

Road signs with number 125

Burtnieks Lake arc

Dambji secular oak – Sandstone outcrops – Burtnieki Evangelic Lutheran Church – Dūre Lake – Burtnieki Lake – Silzemnieki birdwatching tower – Kanči stone (Rencēni stone) – Oleri Manor complex – “Meža kaķis” – The colony of white storks – Grieži stone – Jēkabkalns hill – St. Matthew`s Evangelic Lutheran Church – Stud-farm Burtnieki – Burtnieki Manor Park – Visrags trail – The garden of Zenta Skrastiņa

71 km 1-2 days

Moderate/difficult

Burtnieki Village

Asphalt, gravel, forest tracks

Road signs with number 127

“Green Railway” route Valmiera – Dikļi

Valmiera Railway Station – Iron Bridge – Jānparks Park – Beites – Kokmuiža Castle Complex – Murjāni Medieval Castle ruins – Dikļi Castle

~31 km 1 day

Medium

Valmiera Railway Station or city centre

Asphalt, gravel roads, forest paths, country roads and trails

Marked with “Green Railways” bicycle route signs and bicycle signs No. 14 in Kocēni Municipality.

Valmiera – Zilaiskalns arc

Valmiera – Zilaiskalns – Dikļi – Burtnieki – Valmiermuiža Craft Brewery

~70 km April - October

Easy for two days

Valmiera train station or Valmiera town

Asphalt, sand and gravel roads

Road signs with number 124

Download .pdf map of the route or .gpx file www.visit.valmiera.lv



BICYCLE RENTAL

“Gandrs”

Rīgas iela 27, Valmiera,
ph. +371 64222352, www.gandrs.lv
GPS: 57.3116, 25.2682

“Active tourism centre EŽI”

Rīgas iela 43, Valmiera,
ph. +371 64226223, www.ezi.lv
GPS: 57.5367, 25.4097



WATER ROUTES

Gauja River

Gauja is the most popular water tourism river in Latvia. The main tourist magnets are the beautiful river banks rich in sandstone outcrops, easy accessibility of the river, dense network of accommodation sites for water tourists, the nature of the river (suitable for various paddlers), long water tourism traditions, and the status of a national park. In this section, the river flows through its primeval valley which is among the most impressive Baltic terrain forms.

- 1) Valmiera – Cēsis; 2) Cēsis – Līgatne
3) Līgatne – Sigulda;
4) Sigulda – Murjāni

☀️ April – October

🚣 All types of boats

➡️ 1) 44 km; 2) 18 km; 3) 21 km;
4) 17 km;

🕒 1) 2 days;
2,3,4) 1 day

🟢 Easy

- 📍 1) Valmiera, Dalīni Beach;
2) Camping "Žagarkalns" or Leisure Park "Ozolkalns";
3) Līgatne ferry crossing";
4) bridge over the Gauja river in Sigulda

- 📍 1) "Žagarkalns" or "Ozolkalns";
2) Līgatne ferry crossing;
3) Sigulda bridge;
4) "Rāmkalni"

Brasla River

Although the river is classified as "small", this section of the river does not have the typical obstacles the small rivers have — trees fallen over the river, stacks of trees and branches in the river, and traces of beavers. Faster rapids are experienced in the section downstream of the water power plant till its mouth with the River Gauja. When the water level is higher, the shallow places, stones, and islets are below the water; however, in case of lower water level at some places these may hinder the paddlers and one shall be ready to step out and push the canoe. The trip on Brasla is enriched with the many sandstone outcrops.

- 1) Plācis – A3 bridge; 2) A3 bridge – Brasla River estuary in Gauja River

☀️ Spring, autumn

🚣 All types of boats

➡️ 1) 19,4 km;
2) 8,2 km;

🕒 1, 1–2 days;
2) 1 day

🟢 Easy

- 📍 1) Plācis, bridge near Straupe dairy;
2) A3 bridge

- 📍 1) A3 bridge; 2) Brasla River estuary in Gauja River, water tourist camp "Brasla"

Amata River

One of the most beautiful valleys of small rivers in Latvia with a large number of sandstone and dolomite rock outcrops. Most precious landscapes towards/from Ainavu Cliff, Ķaubju Rock and Zvārte Rock, as well as in the section of the River Amata from Zvārte Rock to Veclauči Bridge.

- 1) Railway bridge – Veclauči bridge;
2) Melturi – Veclauči bridge;
3) Zvārte Rock – Veclauči bridge

☀️ Early spring

🚣 All types of boats, for beginners – inflatable boats

➡️ 1); 2) 14,6 km;
3) 2,7 km

🕒 1) 2) half day;
3) 1–2 h

🟡 Moderate – difficult

Get detailed information and route maps in Tourist information centres and www.entergauja.com



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5 | Gūtmaņala (Gutman's Cave)

The walls of the biggest cave and the oldest tourism object in the Baltics have witnessed many events and bear inscriptions from the 17th century. A man called "gut man" by the local people used the water for healing, thus the cave was named after him. This is also the place of origin of the beautiful story about Rose of Turaida who used to secretly meet up with her beloved Viktors here.

Sigulda, ph. +371 61303030
GPS: 57.1761, 24.8426

6 | Līgatne nature trails

The nature trails will take you within a few meters of various forest animals and birds which live in enclosures in their natural habitat. These animals have been brought here from all over Latvia and most of them were either injured or domesticated baby animals which would not have been able to survive or find food without people's care.

Līgatne, ph. +371 64153169, 29189707,
www.visitligatne.lv
GPS: 57.2484, 25.0154

7 | Kvēpenes dižozols (Kvēpene Noble Oak)

The biggest tree in the Gauja NP and the tree with one of the densest foliage in Latvia. This tree has a circumference of 6 meters and a height of 20 meters. It grows on the right bank of the Gauja River.

Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County.
GPS: 57.2769, 25.1813

8 | Zilaiskalns (Blue Mountain)

It is an ancient sacred place, a medieval burial ground and a protected area. People tell a certain story of the special properties of Zilaiskalns: when the spring with healing properties for eye illnesses on top of Zilaiskalns dried out, people started using the sand for

healing instead. Zilaiskalns is thought to have been a meeting place for witches, there-fore people come here to foretell the future and sacrifice.

Kocēni County
GPS: 57.5485, 24.6915

9 | Sietiņiezis (Strainer Rock)

The largest white sandstone outcrop in Latvia has many artistic niches, cavities and caves. It is believed that the rock has gotten its name from the bee caves which look like little holes in its surface, thus, resembling a strainer. However, its largest protrusion Velna papēdis (The Devil's Heel) carries the name of the devil himself.

Kocēni County
GPS: 57.4305, 25.3829

10 | Ģīme Nature trail

There are informative stands all through the trail with various interactive elements and instructional materials. On the railings of the plankway you can see 48 different 3D reliefs of fish and aquatic organisms that live in Ģīmes River and Ģīmes Mill pond.

Leona Paegles iela 45, Valmiera
GPS: 57.5301, 25.4075

11 | Ķūķu klintis (Ķūķu Cliffs)

The biggest sandstone outcrop of the Devonian period in Latvia. There are rapids at the beginning of the cliffs with the relative decline of 0.5 m/km. Right beyond the rapids, opposite the highest point of the cliffs is the deepest whirlpool of the Gauja (about 7 m). The cliffs also have their own story: they got their name from the nearby houses "ķūķi", but "ķūķu porridge" or "ķūķis" was a traditional Latvian winter solstice meal. **Might be observed only from opposite side of the river**

GPS: 57.2741, 25.1066

12 | Līgatne cellar caves and cliffs

Many of these artificial caves (more than 300) were built already in the 18th century. People used to store food in them, but during the Tsar times the Līgatne Paper Mill used them to store paper. The secret of these caves is the temperature which remains the same both in the summer and in the winter. Caves are recommended be visited together with a guide.

Līgatne, ph. +371 641536169,
29189707, www.visitligatne.lv
GPS: 57.2335, 25.0396

13 | Cecīli nature trail

Shorter and longer one day routes through forest and along picturesque rivers Dančupīte and Amata. Available guided tours. Nearby cafe "Dzirnakmeņi".

Ierīķi, Drabešu Parish, Amatas County,
ph. +371 29477700, +371 26457649
GPS: 57.2091, 25.1705

14 | Zvārtes iezis (Zvārte Rock)

On the left bank of Amata river. Zvartes cliff- 20 m high scenic Devonian sandstone cliff, scarp- 44 m high outcrop. Miglas cliff nearby. Circular trail (1 km) and pick-nick places.

Information center, guided tours.
Amatas County,
ph. +371 29252126
GPS: 57.2474, 25.1423

15 | Vējiņi underground lakes

A unique cave system with an underground stream and two underground lakes. These are the only known underground lakes in the Baltics. To protect the large underground cavities sandstone and Quaternary period sediment layer, the lakes can be visited in the accompaniment of a guide only.

"Vējiņi", Straupe Parish, Pārgauja County, ph. +371 29354189,
www.pazemesezeri.lv
GPS: 57.3398, 24.9071

BOAT RENTAL

Makars

Peldu iela 2, Sigulda,
Gaujas iela 36, Līgatne,
ph. +371 29244948,
www.makars.lv

karlsonalaivas.lv

Upeņu iela 8, Sigulda,
ph. +371 26524203,
www.karlsonalaivas.lv

Mučas

"Imantas" Sigulda County,
ph. +371 29211634,
www.laivunoma.com

laivojam.lv

Vālodzes iela 8, Sigulda,
ph. +371 26529812,
www.laivojam.lv

VaidavEži

Vaidava lake, Vaidava, Kocēni
County, ph. +371 22062489,
www.ezi.lv

Campsite "Apalkalns"

Raiskums, Pārgauja County,
ph. +371 29448188
www.apalkalns.lv

"Gaujas laivas"

Raiskums, Pārgauja County,

ph. +371 29217749
www.gaujas-laivas.lv

Latroze

"Jaunbeites", Sigulda
County, ph. +371 26666728,
www.peldam.lv

Rāmkalni

"Vitiņkalni", Inčukalna
County, ph. +371 29100280,
www.ramkalni.lv

Žagarkalns

Mūrlejas iela 12, Cēsis,
ph. +371 26266266,
www.zagarkalns.lv

Gaujaskrasts

"Jaunstilbi", Raiskums
Parish, Pārgauja County,
ph. +371 29423270,
www.gaujaskrasts.lv

"Jeņču laivas"

Gaujas iela 83, Cēsis
ph. +371 20607509
www.jenculaivas.lv

"Cēsu plosti"

Pārgaujas iela 2, Cēsis.
ph. +371 26576205
www.cesuplosti.lv



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16 | Gleznotāju (Parādīzes) kalns (Painters' (Paradise) mountain)

A very scenic place with a view to the ancient Gauja River valley. It has inspired such great artists as J. Feders, J. Rozentāls and V. Purvītis, and that is also where the mountain gets its name from. A great view to the Turaida castle opens from the mountain.

Sigulda
GPS: 57.1748, 24.8658

17 | Velnala Cave and cliffs (Devil's Cave)

Velna ala (Devil's Cave) is an ancient cult place and has formed in the cliff 8 m above the water level. People who know this place well will tell you that once, while sleeping in the cave, the devil completely blackened its walls with his breath. The next evening he escaped through the top of the cave and ran straight into the Gauja whirlpool where he still sits today and drags in the occasional careless visitor.

Sigulda
GPS: 57.1496, 24.8118

18 | Ķeizarkrēsls and Ķeizarskats (The Emperor's Chair and the Emperor's view)

The place names originated when the Russian tsar Alexander II visited Sigulda. While waiting for the noble guest, an observation deck on the edge of the ancient Gauja River valley were built. The sovereign was delighted by the marvellous landscape and the place was named Ķeizarskats (The Emperor's view). Ķeizarkrēsls (The Emperor's chair) can be found nearby.

Sigulda
GPS: 57.1427, 24.8241

19 | Serpentine roads in Sigulda

Till year 2015 there was the only serpentine road in the Baltics – popular place for romantic walks. It was built in 1862 along with the first wooden bridge across the Gauja in honour of the Russian tsar Alexander II's visit in Sigulda. Since 2015 there are two serpentine roads in Sigulda – one in every bank of ancient Gauja River valley.

Sigulda. GPS: 57.1699, 24.8305; 57.162106, 24.843201

20 | Gūdu iezis (Gūdas rock)

The 250 m long and 18 m high sandstone cliff is often admired because of its resemblance to a stem of a huge ship. Story says: in the nearby Gūdas houses once lived a very miserly man who had promised his soul to the devil. The devil had dragged the man along with his bag of money into the deep whirlpool opposite the Gūdas cliffs.

When passing this whirlpool, the raftsmen always offered up silver coins to safely pass this complicated curve

Might be observed only from opposite side of the river. GPS: 57.2494, 25.0047

21 | Kalējāla (Blacksmith's Cave)

Some 20 years ago it was the longest cave in Latvia. Time has passed and previous record-owner has changed a lot. The cave is formed in soft sandstone rock and its entrance collapses time by time. Legend says – years ago there was a blacksmith who used to live in the cave.

Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County, GPS: 57.3795, 25.2629

22 | Ainavu krauj (Landscape Slope)

One of the highest rock outcrops in Latvia offers a marvellous view to the

ancient Amata River valley. It is the tallest rock outcrop in Latvia – 46 m. The length of the cliff exceeds 500 meters. It reveals a great view to the old valley of the Amata River in all seasons.

Amata County .GPS: 57.2383, 25.1979

23 | Cīruļiši nature trails

Walking and cycling trails of various length along the banks of the Gauja will teach you about the geological processes and changes which have occurred here since the Ice Age. These trails will introduce you to many interesting objects, such as Spoguļu klintis (Mirror Cliffs) or Vilka aiza (Wolf's Gorge).

Cēsis County. 57.3069, 25.2215

24 | Rocks of the lower reaches of Brasla

At the lower reaches of the Pārgauja and Krimulda municipality borderline river Brasla there is a 2 km long section with 12 sandstone outcrops which are all protected geological objects. This route is not marked.

**Pārgauja County
GPS: 57.2887, 24.9381
(recommended parking place)**

25 | Sarkanās klintis (Red Cliffs)

The approximately 10 m high sandstone cliffs, which uncover themselves in a 200 m long distance along the Gauja River, are also called Raiskuma iezis (Raiskuma Rock). Multiple springs flow from the rock, including the very popular Rūcamavots where many people draw water from. The water has a slightly unusual taste (the taste of iron is present).

**Raiskums Parish,
Pārgauja County
GPS: 57.3200, 25.2205**

26 | Inčukalna Velnala (Inčukalns Devil's Cave)

is a geological object and ancient cult place. The cave started forming after the ice age about five thousand years ago. A story tells that in old times, the Devil used to live in the cave, while under the cave, there was a cellar where the Devil had chained its lost souls. Under-ground water voices can still be heard in the cave.

**Inčukalns County.
GPS: 57.1266, 24.6438**

27 | Safari park "More"

The wildlife park with a territory of 170 ha has about 500 elks, fallow deer and white elks living in it. It will be a great place for those who want to rest from the city hustle in a pleasant and clean environment. This is also the first private deer garden in Latvia.

**"Saulstari", More Parish,
Sigulda County,
ph. +371 29444662,
www.safariparks.lv
GPS: 57.0791, 25.0572**

28 | Ieriķi watermill trail

Short and comfortable trail with waterfalls of Meldrupīte river, floristic sculptures, remaining stone walls and wheel of former water mill. In dark periods of autumn and winter it is turned into Park of Lights. Suitable for people with visual impairment. Nearby cafe "Dzirnakmeņi".

**Ieriķi, Amata County,
ph. +371 28396804,
www.ierikudzirnavas.lv
GPS: 57.2088, 25.1701**

29 | Guna Rukšāne's plant nursery

The visitors can see the biggest collection of crocuses (1600 varieties), as well as 250 species of hosta flowers, 100 species of lilies, 200 species of peonies, 70 species of waterlilies and 200 species of phlox flowers.

**"Jaunrūjas", Raiskums Parish,
Pārgauja County
ph. +371 29488877
GPS: 57.3489, 25.1134**

30 | Lake Vaidava

The surroundings of Lake Vaidava are a popular place for recreation and sporting events. It has a public and facilitated swimming place in Vaidava Village. Every July the oldest nationally organised sporting run (held since 1982) takes place around Lake Vaidava. Lake Vaidava stretches four kilometres and is as deep as 9 metres, so it is good place for fishing. Fishing is only allowed with a fishing licence which you can buy in the local Vaidava village store "Jancis".

**Vaidava, Kocēni County
GPS: 57.4335, 25.2836**

31 | Gauja River Steep Banks

One of the most beautiful and picturesque places in Valmiera. The Gauja River Steep Banks are 80 m wide and 10 to 15 m high, from which one can observe the ever changing and majestic Gauja River and its other bank. Within the territory of the Gauja River Steep Banks also the Park of Senses is located.

**Valmiera, Jāņa Daliņa iela 2,
GPS 57.5402, 25.4389**

32 | Līču-Laņģu Cliffs

Around 1 km long rocky cliff on the left side of the primeval valley wall of the River Gauja, which cannot be seen from the river. Its maximum height is ~30 m. The forms of sandstone outcroppings are very diverse: pre-dominated by more than 10 m high vertical walls divided by deep lateral ravines. Around 20 springs are flowing out of the feet of Cliffs, due to which caves of various length and hollows of various sizes have been shaped.

**Priekulī County
GPS: 57.3926, 25.3922**

33 | Lielā Ellīte (Big Hell)

The cave (also known as Liepa Hell) along with the spring has been a popular and significant sacrificial place since ancient times. The cliffs of Lielā Ellīte have formed from light sandstone and they attract interest with their unusual form – protuberances, niches, cavities and an arcade which is unique in Latvia. But the water from the nearby sacred spring is thought to be particularly healthy.

**Priekulī County
GPS: 57.3836, 25.4275**

34 | Ērģļu klintis (Eagle Cliffs)

The 700 m long sandstone cliff is the most monolithic sandstone wall in the Baltics. It is said that the sounds echoing off this cliff sound like organ, therefore these cliffs used to be called Ērģļu klintis (Organ Cliffs). Follow the walking trails, visit the observation decks, and watch the beautiful scenery of the Gauja River valley unfold before your eyes.

**Priekulī County
GPS: 57.36019, 25.2609**



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35 | Aerodium

The vertical wind tunnel flight is a unique entertainment that allows everyone to fulfil humanity's age-old dream of flying. The wind flow is so strong that it is possible to lie down in it and fly without wings.

The 47th km of Rīga-Sigulda highway, ph. +371 28384400, www.aerodium.lv
GPS: 57.1333, 24.7861

36 | Cable car across the Gauja River valley

The oldest cable car in the Baltics with 1020 m long cable that is situated 43 m above the river. The braves ones are welcome to try bungee jumping from the cable car or try zipline ŽĒRGLIS – the first and currently the only one such type attraction in the world, where the ride with the zipline takes place on the aerial cableway.

J. Poruka iela 14, Sigulda, ph. +371 28020088, www.siguldaadventures.com
GPS: 57.1645, 24.8458

37 | Adventure park "Tarzāns"

The biggest open-air adventure park in the Baltics will keep the whole family entertained – a toboggan track, obstacle courses in the trees, a chair lift, a catapult and a bungee jumping trampoline for children.

Peldu iela 1, Sigulda, ph. +371 27001187, www.tarzans.lv
GPS: 57.1596, 24.8386

38 | Minotaur-Labyrinth

The area of the labyrinth is more than 1000m², and the length of the route you have to go is –714 m. But that's not all, special task is also given at the entrance – to find checkpoints and mark them on map.

Miera iela 15, Sigulda, ph. +371 20207293, www.minotaur.lv
GPS: 57.1692, 24.8589

39 | Lāzertags Poligons 1

It is a military tactical game base, where laser tag battles take place in several arenas of the former military grounds – barrack, hangar, bunker, car fleet and other objects, where the team game with laser gun will turn into vivid, fascinating and, above all – safe battle. Both for children and adults.

Miera iela 15, Sigulda, ph. +371 20207293, www.poligon-1.lv
GPS: 57.1692, 24.8589

40 | Flights in a hot air balloon

Those who like surprises and adventure will enjoy the opportunity to see the earth from a bird's eye-view.

Traveller club "Altius", ph. +371 29288448, www.altius.lv

41 | Adventure park "Mežakaķis"

The park offers obstacle courses, wire ropes, bridges of different construction, swings, logs, ropes and ladders, wire rope rides, a skiing track, volleyball fields, an Alpine style guest house, a bath-house complex, a pub, and seminar premises.

Senču iela 1, Sigulda, ph. +371 67976886, www.kakiskalns.lv
GPS: 57.1431, 24.8291

42 | Leisure complex "Reiņa trase"

Leisure for fans of both quiet and extreme activities – a golf course, a training field with distance markings, volleyball and miniature football fields. **"Kalnzaķi", Krimulda County, ph. +371 29272255, www.reinatrase.lv**
GPS: 57.1796, 24.8175

43 | Leisure Park "Rāmkalni"

One of the longest toboggan tracks in the Baltics, attractions, boat and bicycle routes and rental, a bistro and a pub welcome both the young and the old.

"Vitiņkalni", Inčukalna County, ph. +371 29100280, www.ramkalni.lv
GPS: 57.1248, 24.6585

44 | Adventure Park "Supervāvere"

The adventure park has not only a trail in the woods with more than 65 challenges of various difficulty, picnic spots, boat and raft rental, camping places by Gauja river.

"Saulkrasti", Drabeši Parish, Amata County, ph. +371 26400200, www.ozolkalns.lv
GPS: 57.2943, 25.2220

45 | Recreation complex "Rakši"

Animal lovers will enjoy the opportunity to see animals in nature and pet camels, llamas, alpacas and guanacos as well as go for a walk with them.

"Rakši", Amata County, ph. +371 20009098, 20009097
www.kamieli.lv, GPS: 57.2756, 25.1979

46 | Hunting school and leisure centre "Mārkulīči"

Open-air shooting ranges and sports fields, boat rental and campgrounds. Those who would like to practice shooting should apply for a lesson prior.

"Āvaidi", Straupe Parish, Pārgauja County, ph. +371 29464946, www.markulici.lv
GPS: 57.3005, 24.9087

47 | "Gaujaskrasts"

Offers boat and raft rental, route planning, tent and equipment rental for spending nights in tents. Farm "Sandas", with previous reservation, invites guests to ride horses, offers animal therapy services, a tour through the farm and spending a night there. Photo shoots with horses and other farm animals.

"Jaunstilbi", Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County, ph. +371 29423270
GPS: 57.3416, 25.1519

48 | Valmiera Swimming pool

You can relax in various sized pools, rest in water relaxing area and in saunas, and use Sports Health Centre services.

Rīgas iela 91, Valmiera, ph. +371 27040012, www.valmieraspelbaseins.lv
GPS: 57.5280, 25.3880

49 | Park of Senses of the Gauja River Steep Banks and the Tree Path

Walking trail with natural and balance elements to activate senses: sight, smell, hearing, taste and touch. Tree Path at 5 to 8 m height with "floating" chairs, different tools, sauna buckets and other items. In conclusion – four breathtaking descents by rope across the Gauja river (650m).

J. Daliņa iela 2, Valmiera, ph. +371 27879242
www.sajutuparks.lv
GPS: 57.5402, 25.4389

50 | Vidzeme Olympic Centre

Right place for all skating, hockey and basketball lovers. The Vidzeme Olympic Centre invites you on an excursion in the Olympic centre, offers accommodation and rest in a sports bar.

Rīgas iela 91, Valmiera, ph. +371 64220660, www.voc.lv
GPS: 57.5280, 25.3880

51 | Sports and active leisure complex "Avoti"

The leisure complex has tennis courts, 9 hole golfcourse and miniature golf courses, a golf school, a BMX track, a BMX ABC, a nature labyrinth "Koka skola" (Wood school), a trampoline and a catapult. Vacationers can also stay in one of the cosy holiday houses.

Valmiermuiža, Burtnieki County, ph. +371 29499342, www.avoti.com,
GPS: 57.5562, 25.4440

52 | "Stud-farm Kocēni"

Offers horseback rides in the vicinity of the Kocēni village, rides in carts, as

well as excursions in the manège and stories about horse breeding and sport. There are also leisure premises and a picnic spot.

"Astras", Kocēni, Kocēni County, ph. +371 26405147, www.zirgaudzetavakoceni.lv
GPS: 57.5193, 25.3303

53 | BMX track

Track prototype for the Olympic Games is where the best Latvian BMX riders train. On Saturdays and Sundays during the summer season you can rent a BMX bike and test your skills.

Rubene, Kocēni County, ph. +371 29144300
GPS: 57.4670, 25.2556

54 | Wake park "Rančo parks"

A place for hiding from daily concerns and enjoying captivating water pleasure. An opportunity to test one's skills and courage in wakeboarding, master skills of wakeboarding (in a wake skating school), water skiing, tubing, or stand-up paddling.

Rubene, Kocēni County, ph. +371 26666046, www.ranhoparks.lv
GPS: 57.4651, 25.2539

55 | Adventure rides on horseback

The Gauja National Park offers its visitors to take several hours' long rides in hilly pine woods or practice on the training grounds with instructors.

"AdventureRide", ph. +371 29269559, www.adventureride.eu

56 | Swimming pool RIFS

Place, where to spend time actively in the large swimming pool, gym, aerobic's halls or relax in sauna and the small hydro-pool.

Cēsu prospekts 46a, Priekule, Priekule County, ph. +371 64130474, https://rifs.lv
GPS: 57.3143, 25.3625

57 | Equestrian club "Hobby Ride"

Moped riding as large, it is small with and without grounding. There are picnic areas, as well as the possible transfer to/ from Cēsis.

"Lejas Jukāni" Vaive Parish, Cēsis County, ph. +371 28687367, www.hobbyride.lv
GPS 57.2822, 25.4586

58 | Active recreation center "Karjers"

Old Cēsis dolomite quarry has become a water sports center. They offer wakeboarding track 258 m in length, swimming place, stand-up paddles (SUP) and other water sports equipment rental, responsive instructors, places for picnics.

Priekule iela 60, Cēsis (entrance from highway P20), ph. +371 20444141, www.cesukarjers.lv
GPS 57.3173, 25.3176

59 | Sigulda football-golf Park

Football-golf is an outdoor game. The general aim of the play is to kick the ball into the hole. There are 18 holes available for play with different obstacles and hazards.

"Kraujņinas", Krimulda County, ph. +371 26022919, www.siguldassfutbolgolfaparks.lv
GPS: 57.1927 24.8720

60 | Sigulda Sports centre

A Multi-functional sports centre with modern equipment for volleyball, basketball, indoor football, badminton, etc. A modern gym for heavy athletics and training, 100 metres long running track, a big and a small pool, and water park with various saunas.

A. Kronvalda iela 7A, Sigulda, ph. +371 25448860, www.siguldassports.lv
GPS: 57.1592, 24.8599

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ENTER WINTER

61 Leisure park "Rāmkalni"

This park has two 200 m long descents. One of them is quick and athletic, the other – fit for families. There is also one big and several smaller ramps, as well as an opportunity to rent equipment and relax in a pub. "Vītiņkalni", Inčukalns County, ph. +371 29100280, www.ramkalni.lv GPS: 57.1430, 24.8443

62 Bobsleigh and luge track "Sigulda"

The Sigulda bobsleigh and luge track offers the city guests an opportunity to enjoy a 1420 m long ride with 16 curves and a 200 m long braking distance, which is normally available to professional sportsmen only. Šveices iela 13, Sigulda, ph. +371 29185351, www.bobtrase.lv GPS: 57.1508, 24.8408

63 Fischer Cross-Country Ski Centre

1.25 km long and illuminated cross country ski track is the only one of a kind cooled ski track in Eastern Europe. The refrigerating system, which is built under the surface of the track, allows for maintaining snow cover as well as keeps its non-stop functioning in changing weather conditions. Service house provides inventory rental, ski service, and instructor's services. Dressing room, shower, and sauna are also provided. Puku iela 4, Sigulda, ph. +371 67970262, +371 29118847, www.siguldassports.lv GPS: 57.1403, 24.8177

64 Sigulda city track

The skiers can choose the most suitable track for their skills – 350 m, 200 m or 70 m, rent equipment and receive advice from instructors. There is also a special children's/beginners' park as well as a café.

Peldu iela 1, Sigulda, ph. +371 25733008, www.siguldassports.lv GPS: 57.1596 24.8386

65 Kaķīškalns track

Kaķīškalns invites you to enjoy a 320 m long descent on skis, use the platter lift, test your skills in the main track or on the beginners'/ children's slope as well as rent equipment, receive lessons from an instructor or rest in the pub. Senču iela 1, Sigulda, ph. +371 67976886, www.kakiskalns.lv GPS: 57.1431, 24.8291

66 Leisure complex "Reiņa trase"

One of the oldest skiing centres in Latvia has two tracks: the main track and the beginners' track, as well as a snowboard park, a specially created and marked children's track, a tube sliding track and a lit cross-country skiing track. The complex also offers equipment rent and instructors and has a café. "Kalnzaki", Krimulda County, ph. +371 29272255, www.reinatrase.lv GPS: 57.1796, 24.8175

67 Active leisure centre "Žagarkalns"

Twelve skiing tracks of various difficulty, snowtubing, instructors, cafes, a shop, a bath-house, picnic places, as well as an opportunity to rent equipment. "Žagarkalns", Cēsis, ph. +371 26266266, www.zagarkalns.lv GPS: 57.2981, 25.2268

68 Skiing Park "Ozolkalns"

The "Ozolkalns" skiing and snowboard tracks offer the longest descents in Latvia as well as an equipment rent and welcomes you to visit the café.

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	Sigulda City track	Kaķīškalns track	Reinis track	Žagarkalns	Ozolkalns	Rāmkalni
Length of descent	350 m	320 m	150 m	420 m	500 m	200 m
Height difference	90 m	80 m	35 m	70 m	80 m	30 m
Ski lifts	T-bar, double chair, <i>tablet</i> type and beginner ski lift	1 <i>tablet</i> type and 1 rope tow ski lift	2 <i>tablet</i> type ski lifts	5 <i>tablet</i> type ski lifts, 2 multilifts, 2 children lifts	double chair, <i>tablet</i> type ski lift and beginner ski lift	Anchor type ski lift
Beginner / children's hill	Beginner/ children's hill with a ski lift	Beginner/ children's hill with rope tow ski lift and snow park for children	Beginner hill (200 m) with <i>tablet</i> type ski lift; Children's park (100 m) with <i>SunKid</i> conveyour lift and children's skiing carousel	Beginners slope Kids Park with multilifts and rope ski lifts. Ski school.	Children's hill with an anchor lift	
Catering	Café	Café	Café	Café	Café	Café, restaurant
Equipment rent	Equipment rent, service and shop	Equipment rent and service	Equipment rent, shop and service	Equipment rent and service	Equipment rent and service	Equipment rent
Instructors	Skiing and snowboard instructors are available; Children's skiing school	Skiing and snowboard instructors are available; Adult and children's skiing schools for all levels of experience	Skiing and snowboard instructors are available; Children's skiing school	Skiing and snowboard instructors are available; children's skiing and snowboard school.	Skiing and snowboard instructors are available; Children's skiing and snowboard school	Skiing and snowboard instructors are available
Additional opportunities	Freestyle trampolines	Guest house and small SPA center; Seminar hall	Snow-tubing track, tube rent; Cross – country skiing track and equipment rent; Guest house and bathhouse; Seminar hall	Snowboard park; holiday house and bathhouse; Seminar hall; snowtubing	Challets and sauna; Ski bus	

i Sigulda TIC
 Ausekļa iela 6, Sigulda,
 ph. +371 67971335,
 www.tourism.sigulda.lv
 GPS: 57.1531, 24.8537

i Cēsis TIC
 Baznīcas laukums 1, Cēsis,
 ph. +371 26332213,
 www.visit.cesis.lv
 GPS: 57.3125, 25.2716

i Valmiera TIC
 Rīgas iela 10, Valmiera,
 ph. +371 26332213, 64207177
 www.visit.valmiera.lv
 GPS: 57.5385, 25.4210

i Līgatne TIC
 Sprīņu iela 2, Līgatne,
 ph. +371 64153169, 29189707,
 www.visitligatne.lv
 GPS: 57.2335, 25.0396

i Amata TIP
 Āraiši, Amata County,
 ph. +371 25669935, 28681083,
 www.amata.lv
 GPS: 57.2517, 25.2824

i Pārgauja TIP
 Pīķieru namiņš, Braslas 2
 Straupe, Pārgaujas County,
 ph. +371 26620422
 www.pargaujasnovads.lv
 GPS: 57.3757, 25.0391

i Valmiermuiža TIP
 Dzirnavu iela 2, Valmiermuiža,
 Burtņieki County,
 ph. +371 20264269,
 www.valmiermuiža.lv
 GPS: 57.5559, 25.4314

i State and Local Government Unified Customer Service Centre in Priekuli
 Cēsu prospekts 5, Priekuli
 ph. +371 29362837, visit.priekuli.lv
 GPS: 57.3112; 25.3531

i Sigulda TIC next to the Gutman's Cave
 Turaidas iela 2a, Sigulda,
 ph. +371 61303030
 www.tourism.sigulda.lv
 GPS: 57.1762, 24.8468

i Gauja National Park Information centre "Līgatne Nature Trails"
 Līgatnes dabas takas, Līgatne,
 ph. +371 29189707, 28328800
 www.visitligatne.lv
 GPS: 57.2484, 25.0154





Hidden in Noble Silence

This is your opportunity to savour the jewels that noblemen have safeguarded in the cusp of the forest for time eternal. Venture forth, rapt in contemplation, essaying your brush back and forth over the canvas, listening to the paint plotting its way into the canvas, and sipping tea in the manor garden, where you will hear the tick tuck of the venerable lord's clock.

We invite you to discover Latvia, travelling through time and enjoying the tranquillity of the historic residences of the aristocracy fanned by centuries of impressive history. The authentic hospitality of the nobility awaits you, along with the opportunity to step into the world of Latvia's nobility and to encounter its broad heritage, as well as to embark on a stately journey amid impressive settings nestling among painterly landscapes.

During your journey, you will be welcomed at the most important manor houses, castles and palaces in the Gauja region, offering fine dining and accommodation options, and an eclectic offering of additional services, ranging from tours recreating the epochs of the nobility through to scenic horse carriage excursions through the Latvian countryside.



Listen in noble silence!

73 | TURAIDA MUSEUM RESERVE



Turaidas iela 10, Turaida, Sigulda County, ph. +371 67972376, www.turaida-muzejs.lv GPS: 57.1868, 24.8478

Lend your ear to birdsong and you will hear exhilarating tales of history, land and the people that shaped them. Peer out of the castle tower to be stunned by the primeval carpet unfurling in the forested river valley. Air pulsating with love will persuade of the nobility and courage of Rose of Turaida. Bask in the sublime harmony of beauty wrought by human hands and the poetry of nature.

A TREASURE TROVE OF TESTIMONIES TO HISTORY

History Museum • Ensemble of Manor Buildings • Medieval Castle • Viewing Tower • Wooden Church • Sculpture Garden

74 | CĒSIS CASTLE



Pils laukums 9, Cēsis, Cēsis County, ph. +371 26576111, www.cesiscastle.lv GPS: 57.3132, 25.2714

Babbling in the tranquil air of the Castle Garden will be the playful ripples of the Old Town's fountains, as they refresh the gentle Vidzeme winds. Accompanying them will be the leisurely chimes of church bells, punctuated by craftsmen's tools calmly sculpting exquisite ancient jewellery. At the Western tower from may till september the history will be reborn in the Multimedia story of Cēsis castle. While somewhere deep among the groves of trees planted by the lords of the men, lovers will kiss.

THE CENTRE OF LIFE IN AN ANCIENT TOWN

History and Art Museum • Viewing Tower over the Old Town of Cēsis • Events and Concerts • Ancient Jewellery Forge • Castle Park • Medieval Workshops

75 | SIGULDA CASTLE



Pils iela 16, Sigulda, Sigulda County, ph. +371 67971335, www.tourism.sigulda.lv GPS: 57.1656, 24.8506

The air around will rustle amidst the tranquillity of the ancient Gauja river valley. Thus, you will feel like a castle guard on the edge of civilization, knowing that the security of the castle depends on you keeping your ears open to any danger emanating from the scenic panorama around you.

AN EPICENTER OF HISTORICAL EVENTS

A Grand Duke's Neo-Gothic Style Castle • Livonian Order Castle Ruins • Concerts, Cultural Events • Creative Quarter • Medieval Testimonies • Stunning Views of the Gauja River Valley

76 | DIKĻI PALACE



Dikļi, Dikļi Parish, Kocēni County, ph. +371 64207480, +371 26515445 www.diklupils.lv GPS: 57.5978, 25.1025

In the authentic interior of the manor, as you step across the softly creaking floor, you'll hear the echoing footsteps of the affable lord of the manor. The unruffled babbling of the water in the estate pond will fill you with the peace wrought by an idyllic landscape, accompanied by the gentle music of nature, to be enjoyed at any hour of the day or night. And the rustle of the park's mature trees will remind you of the old days when it seemed that even the birds sang more beautifully.

AN IDYLL FOR CONNOISSEURS OF HISTORY

Accommodation in Design Rooms • Gourmet Restaurant • Eco SPA • Hunting • Collection of Fireplaces and Paintings • Horse Carriage and Sleigh Rides





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77 | BĪRIŅI CASTLE



Bīriņi, Limbaži County,
ph. +371 64024033,
www.birinupils.lv
GPS: 57.2441, 24.6591

The lightest of breezes will cast the rustling leaves in the park aloft. The flutter of wings will announce the return of the stork to its home in the manor house tower. And don't be surprised to hear the ducks calling to one another as they play hide and seek among the water lilies. The bathhouse will resound to the sound of flailing birch besoms, while the paintbrush caresses the canvas as it strives to render this scene immortal.

ROMANCE AND PEACE

Accommodation in Design Rooms • Restaurant • Manor Parks and Arbours • Bathing-places • Park Library • Stable, Sleigh Rides

78 | MĀLPILS MANOR



Pils iela 6, Mālpils, Mālpils County,
ph. +371 26666600, www.malpileruizma.lv
GPS: 57.0064, 24.9494

A fountain will ripple peacefully in the courtyard where birds pause to quench their thirst. In the manor's entrance hall, an ancient harpsichord will toy with its notes, occasionally complemented by the barely audible whispers of candle flames. As the manor's ghost does his nocturnal rounds, won't be perturbed by the creak of painting frames.

REFINED MOMENTS OF CAREFREE LEISURE

Accommodation in Design Rooms • Gourmets' Restaurant • Culinary Masterclasses • Art Collection • Antique Bicycles • Hot Air Balloon Flights

79 | UNGURMUIŽA MANOR



Rāiskums Parish, Pārgauja County,
ph. +371 22007332, www.ungurmuiza.lv
GPS: 57.3625, 25.0887

Under the spell of this charming baroque pearl, you will encounter a rhythmic idyll – as you admire wall paintings in the most peaceful of surroundings, your imagination will vividly conjure up images of tranquil and carefree days at the wooden manor.

A UNIQUE WOODEN BAROQUE MANOR HOUSE

Unique Wooden Manor House • Accommodation in a Rural Manor House • Historic Wall Paintings • Ancient Recipe Restaurant • Tea Drinking Ritual

80 | KĀRĻAMUIŽA MANOR



Kārļi, Drabeši Parish, Amata County,
ph. +371 26165298, www.karlmuiza.lv
GPS: 57.2406, 25.2121

As the waters of the Amata River babble busily, a corn crane will scythe down a lesser butterfly-orchard in the meadow, while a stork will rattle loudly as he calls his love home. Apples will hit the ground bouncing to the rhythm in the century-old orchard. And in the bathhouse, the ripple of water will bring the steam out of stones, while a hammock gently will be oscillating in the breeze.

AT THE NATURAL EPICENTER OF THE MANOR

Rooms of Historical Personalities • Landscaped Nature Park • Walking Trails • Home Restaurant • Historic Orchard • Traditional Bathhouse

81 | VALMIERMUIŽA MANOR



Dzirnavu iela 2, Valmiermuiža,
Burtņieki County, ph. +371 20264269,
www.valmiermuiza.lv
GPS: 57.5559, 25.4314

The rattle of horses' hooves will carry you back in time to an age when the life at the manor was tranquil and unhurried. And your thirst will be quenched by the mere sound of live beer caressing the landlord's glasses, while the peaceful rustle of trees will gently cradle your leisurely and relaxed mood.

AN OASIS OF HOSPITALITY AT THE CROSSROADS OF HISTORY

Renowned Brewery • Brewery Tours • Finest Latvian Cuisine • Local Goods Market • Horse Riding

82 | KRIMULDA MANOR



Mednieku iela 3, Sigulda,
ph. +371 67972232, +371 29111619,
www.krimuldasmuiza.lv
GPS: 57.1677, 24.8298

The rustle of the forest will be complemented by the sound boats wending their way through the gently flowing water of the Gauja river valley. The cable car will whine temperamentally, while pegs are banged into barrel holes in the wine cellar. Up above, the birds will be all of a flutter as their flight carries them within range of the delicacies in the manor greenhouse.

A RESIDENCE OFFERING BEAUTIFUL VIEWS

Panoramic Views of the Ancient River Valley • Winery, Tastings • Cable Car Rides • Walking Trails • Health Treatments • Hostel

83 | VIENKOČI PARK



Vienkoči, Augšlīgatne, Līgatne County,
ph. +371 29329065, www.vienkoci.lv
GPS: 57.1915, 25.0547

Sounds from the ancient craftsmen's workshop will introduce you to the banging of a handmade hammer and a plane handled by a true master. Meanwhile, in the shadows of the forest, masterfully handcrafted sculptures will whisper long forgotten legends to one another of the wonders wrought by past lords of the manor.

THE MANOR CARPENTER'S MASTERPIECES

Wooden Crafts Museum • Miniature Copies of Historic Manors • Wooden Sculpture Park

84 | LIEPA MANOR / LINDENHOFF



Liepasmuiža, Liepa Parish,
Priekule County, ph. +371 28490600,
www.liepasmuiza.lv
GPS 57.3704, 25.4259

In Liepa Manor every sip of the pure forest air is full of culture and art. The authentic buildings welcome you to feel and experience historical stories that are centuries old. There is always an easel in the manor, which invites you to take a brush and express the feelings and peace you have experienced here.

ART RESORT

Art workshops and seminars • Art objects • Manor park and ponds • Horse drawn carriage rides • Guest house



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ENTER HISTORY

85 | Sigulda Evangelical Lutheran church

First mentioned in writing in the 15th century as St. Bērtulis' church, this building takes pride in the altar piece "Christ in the Garden of Ghetsemane", the cast iron bell installed in 2001 and the button mosaics created by V. Attāls. **Baznīcas iela 2, Sigulda, ph. +371 67973228, www.siguldasbaznica.lv GPS: 57.1624, 24.8523**

86 | Turaida Evangelical Lutheran church

This church, built in 1750, is one of the oldest wooden churches in Latvia and it is located on the Church Hill (which is also an ancient burial ground) inside the territory of the Turaida museum reserve. Rose of Turaida memorial site can be found next to the church. **Turaidas iela 10, Sigulda, ph. +371 67972376, www.turaida-muzejs.lv GPS: 57.1850 24.8492**

87 | Cēsis St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church

The church, consecrated in 1284, is one of the oldest and largest cult buildings in Latvia. Inside you can find an altar piece made by J. Kēleris and one of the biggest gravestone collections in Latvia, as well as enjoy excellent organ music and watch the Cēsis panorama from the church tower. **Lietā Skolas iela 8, Cēsis GPS: 57.3122, 25.2718**

88 | Valmiera St.Simon`s church

The church, built in 1283, has almost completely preserved its medieval appearance. In the church you can find gravestones of prominent 15th-16th century citizens, an organ (1886), pulpit and organ loft paintings (1730), as well as enjoy Valmiera's panorama from the church tower observation deck. **Bruņinieku iela 2, Valmiera, ph. +371 26332213, www.visit.valmiera.lv GPS: 57.5384, 25.4263**

89 | Valmiera Museum and the Livonian Order castle ruins

From the 13th century the city of Valmiera was destroyed multiple times. In 1702 the castle and the city was burned down, so nowadays only castle ruins remain. Valmiera Museum, which is located in Valmiera Old town, has fascinating stories and evidence about various different ages, and in exhibition halls you can see artwork of various different artists. **Bruņinieku iela 3, Valmiera, ph. +371 64223620, www.valmierasmuzejs.lv GPS: 57.5395, 25.4289**

90 | Rubene Evangelical Lutheran church

At the beginning of the 13th century, in one of the oldest Christian churches in Latvia its founder and priest Henry wrote one of the richest historical primary sources about the current Latvian and Estonian territory – the Livonian Chronicle of Henry (Heinrici Cronicon Lyvoniae). **Rubene, Kocēni County, ph. +371 64230432, 22307210 GPS: 57.4681, 25.2660**

91 | Dikļi Evangelical Lutheran church

Current building was built around 1848. In the church you can see some of the most unique artworks in Vidzeme – the pulpit (1699) and the altar (1698) decorated with mannerism style wood carvings.

Dikļi, Kocēni County, ph. +371 29124453 GPS: 57.5966, 25.0743

92 | Āraiši Church

Built c. 1225, tower and interior 18th century. Nearby rectory complex created in 18th-19th century, and old Āraiši cemetery with a fence from piled up boulders. The church has been recently renovated from inside and outside.

Āraiši, Amata County, ph +371 26435206 GPS: 57.2477, 25.2712

93 | Līgatne Paper Mill and the historical buildings of the Paper Mill village

Paper mill was established in 1815, operating for almost 200 years. The village of the Paper Mill is an authentic 19th century industrial and wood building ensemble which will introduce you to the lifestyle of Līgatne people in different centuries.

Sprīņu iela 2, Līgatne, ph. +371 64153169, 29189707, www.visitligatne.lv GPS: 57.2370, 25.0429

94 | Secret Soviet bunker

Built in the 80s, the bunker, which is located 9 m under the rehabilitation centre "Līgatne" and takes up more than 2000 m², is a unique place where the nuclear war shelter and authentic exhibits of the age have been preserved.

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You can embrace the atmosphere of that age by enjoying a 80s style meal and participating in a reality game as a detective.

"Skaļupes", Līgatne Parish, Līgatne County, ph. +371 64161915, www.bunkurs.lv GPS: 57.2554, 25.0688

95 | More battles memorial sites

The More battles memorial stone, unveiled in 1992, the restored trench fragments and the bunker, the memorial wall with the names of the legionnaires killed in the battles and the More battles museum opened in 2002 remind of the ruthless Second World War battles of 1944.

"Kalna Kaņēni", More Parish, Sigulda County, ph. +371 29446115, www.moresmuzejs.lv GPS: 57.0796, 25.0617

96 | Āraiši archaeological park

Uniqueness of the park is reconstructed ancient settlement from 9th-10th centuries on the lake according precise archeological findings in the Āraiši lake. The Park also have medieval castle ruins, prototypes of dwellings from Stone and Bronze Ages. Guided excursions about the lifestyle of ancient Latgians and building traditions.

Āraiši, Amata County, ph. +371 25669935, www.araisi.com GPS: 57.2499, 25.2800

97 | Āraiši windmill

Built in 1852. This is the only windmill in Latvia at working order. One can see the mechanisms that grind grain into flour. Guided excursion. By prior appointment groups can have traditional "Miller's meal" in summer season. Annual event – Bread Day takes place on the last Sunday, July.

Āraiši, Amata County, ph. +371 29238208, www.amata.lv GPS: 57.2527, 25.2682

98 | Kokmuiža manor

At the manor, where once a brewery was accommodated, offers excursions around the manor buildings and park. Spherical sundial is located next to the manor building.

Alejas iela 2, Kocēni, Kocēni County, ph. +371 27891672, www.visit.valmiera.lv GPS: 57.5229, 25.3345

99 | Vaidava castle hill

There were people who wanted to build Cēsis on the Vaidava castle hill, but the devil who lived there had threatened to demolish the city if they did not pay him to leave. The builders had not given money to the devil so overnight he demolished everything they had built during the day. So the people decided to build Cēsis elsewhere.

Vaidava Parish, Kocēni County, www.kocenunovads.lv GPS: 57.4580, 25.2690

100 | Veselava Manor house

Veselava Manor house was built in 1840s on an oval island surrounded by a moat to resemble the a medieval fortress.

"Viesturi", Veselava, Priekule County, ph. +371 26100962 GPS: 57.2901, 25.4773

101 | Old Post Station Straupe

Old Post Station Straupe is the only horse post station, in Latvia and it dates back to the 18th century, when Straupe was located on the internationally important Tērbata-Rīga horse post route. Straupe Farmer`s market takes place here every 1st and 3rd Sunday.

Vecpasts, Straupe Parish, Pargauja County, ph.+371 29170247, www.zirgupasts.lv GPS: 57.3237, 24.9221

102 | Lielstraupe Castle and Straupe Evangelical Lutheran Church

A unique medieval building, which is a combination of a castle and a church. The castle part has an authentic interior, but the church – various art monuments. The buildings are the evidence of ancient and not so ancient events, and life stories full of revelations, which the guides can transform into a beautiful message.

Straupe, Pārgaujas County, ph.+371 29464946 (castle visiting), ph.+371 26411827 (church visiting) GPS: 57.3474, 24.9476

103 | Cēsis History and Art Museum

The Cēsis New Castle provides an interactive way to learn about the historical events taking place from the 10th century until nowadays, to study the 19th century manor interiors, as well as to find out why Cēsis are known as the place where the Latvian flag originates. Panoramic view of the city from the tower.

Pils laukums 9, Cēsis, ph.+371 26576111, www.muzejs.cesis.lv GPS 57.3133, 25.2714

104 | Sirdsapziņas ugunskurs (Burning conscience)

A permanent exhibition of history about the resistance of the inhabitants of the former Cēsis district to the occupation authorities – from both the Communists and the Nazis from 1940 to 1957.

Pils iela 12, Cēsis. ph. +371 225445433 GPS: 57.3136 25.2727



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ENTER CRAFTS AND TRADITIONAL CULTURE

105 | Amber workshop

In the amber workshop a third-generation expert will introduce you to amber processing and will let you try it yourself.

Vēju iela 1, Sigulda, ph. +371 26185257
GPS: 57.1497, 24.8505

106 | Walking-Stick Park

Opened in 2007, the park is an homage to Sigulda's most popular souvenir – the Walking stick. Walking sticks were mentioned already in the 19th century travel guides. Although there is no practical need for it anymore, the Sigulda walking stick is still popular as a souvenir.

Sigulda. GPS: 57.1617, 24.8494

107 | Crafts' House at Drabeši Manor

Programmes for tourist groups – ancient musical instruments, folk music and dances, participation at traditional crafts workshops – weaving on looms, pottery. Prior arrangement and booking.

Drabeši manor, Amata County, ph. +371 29199870, www.amata.lv
GPS: 57.2428, 25.2790

108 | Antique jewellery forge

Watch the jewellery-maker in action and see the instruments and antique jewellery from Latgale. The craftsman will share his knowledge on the meaning of the jewellery and symbols, as well as on the jewellery wearing traditions.

Pils laukums 9, Cēsis, ph. +371 29158436,
GPS: 57.3133, 25.2710

109 | Līgatne spoon workshop

The workshop invites to learn how timber of more than 17 Latvian tree species is turned into spoons and other objects. You can also making them yourself.

"Vanagi", Augšlīgatne, ph. +371 26521467, www.spoonfactory.lv
GPS: 57.1908, 25.0365

110 | Līgatne House of Crafts

The House of Crafts is a part of the historical Paper-Mill Village of Līgatne. Skilful craftsmen meet here to learn traditional Latvian crafts. Visitors are invited to learn weaving, making paper, creating rug dolls and taking part in other activities.

Pilsoņu iela 4, Līgatne, ph. +371 29123825, www.visitligatne.lv
GPS: 57.2352, 25.0454

111 | National Fishing Trade Museum

In this museum the exhibits still smell of seaweeds and the fishnets are still wet. Here you will learn how our ancestors fished and how it is done today. You can also test your own fishing skills.

Gaujas iela 38, Līgatne, ph. +371 29232837
GPS: 57.2548, 25.0447

112 | Dikļi – the cradle of the Song Festival

In 1864 one of the most beautiful Latvian traditions – the Song Festival – was born in Dikļi. Writer, pastor and teacher J. Neikens organised the Festival on Neikenkalniņš, at the foot of which now stands a beautiful open-air stage. The Dikļi Song Festival exposition compiles

information about the origins of choir starting from the first regional Song Festival.

Exposition "Grāvelsiņi", Dikļi, Kocēni County, ph. +371 26649685, www.kocenunovads.lv
GPS: 57.5973, 25.0943

113 | "Medus kāre" (Honey crave)

Here you can listen to stories about bees, watch them in hives in the bee garden, discover the secrets of their life and honey harvesting through movies as well as taste honey made from various flowers and participate in wax candle making. Picnic spots and campgrounds are also available.

"Zvirgzdi", Vaidava Parish, Kocēni County, ph. +371 28341533
GPS: 57.4632, 25.2452

114 | Bread house "Krūmiņi"

Bread House "Krūmiņi" offers activities for adults and kids. One can participate in bread baking process, become master of tart party and go on an adventure on Pine trail.

"Krūmiņi" Liepa Parish, Priekulji County, ph. +371 26887921
GPS: 57.3631, 25.3987

115 | Laureta Candles Workshop

Here you can learn magic of candle light and see how various rapeseed wax candles are made and make some of your own.

Pļavas iela 7, Cēsis, ph. +371 29277504
www.lauretacandles.com
GPS: 57.3121, 25.2782



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116 | Pasaules latviešu mākslas centrs

This is a gallery where artwork of different latvians from all over the world meets with art lovers. The aim of the gallery is to recover and preserve the work of artists who exiled during the World War II, as well as contemporary Latvian art produced abroad.

Lielā skolas iela 6, Cēsis, ph. +371 20281728, www.plmc.lv
GPS: 57.3125, 25.2721

117 | Vaidava Ceramics

Vaidava Ceramics offers an excursion which will introduce you to the everyday work routine in the factory which produces crockery for everyday use and special occasions. Ceramic products are also available for purchase.

Ezera iela 2, Vaidava, Kocēni County, ph. +371 64284101, www.vaidava.lv
GPS: 57.4309, 25.2878

118 | Barrel museum

The Barrel Museum offers visitors the chance to see barrels and participate in barrel making together with the cooper, revealing the secrets of barrel making. Special programme for celebrations. Wedding programmes.

"Madaras", Vaidava Parish, Kocēni County, ph. +371 29268692, www.muca.lv, GPS: 57.4309, 25.2020

119 | Sigulda Castle Creative Quarter

Sigulda New Castle was built in 1878 in Neo-Gothic style, as the manor owner Kropotkins house. In the rest of the estate buildings artists are living and invite to participate at their workshops Various musical events take place here as well.

Pils iela 16, Sigulda, ph. +371 67971335
www.tourism.sigulda.lv
GPS: 57.1656, 24.8506

Artists and workshops in Sigulda Castle Creative Quarter:

Baltic jewellery workshop

You will find the wealth of the ancient Balts in this beautiful jewellery. The visitors have the opportunity to create their own original jewellery or make souvenirs.

Ph. +371 29295142

Walking-stick workshop

In this workshop you will be able to experience the traditional Sigulda walking-stick making process. This historical souvenir has been popular for more than 200 years.

Ph. +371 29425045

Leather workshop

Creating leather goods is one of the oldest crafts. In the workshop you can make presents and souvenirs.

Ph. +371 26442590

Textile workshop

Here you can see how the master transforms thread into a weaved product. The visitors can try their hand at making a souvenir.

Ph. +371 28942446

120 | Weavers' workshop "Vēverišas"

With the skilled hands of artisans, the objects of national applied arts, souvenirs and patterned folk costumes and archaeological costumes are made. Excursions can be ordered in the workshop. The visitors are welcome to take part in the process.

Rīgas iela 19, Cēsis, ph. +371 26054322, www.ververisas.lv
GPS: 57.3118, 25.2729

121 | Sculpture "Gadsimtiem ejot"

(As centuries pass by)

The bronze night guard created by M. Jansons is also called "The time man" or "The light bringer". The lantern attracts the largest amount of attention and has become the official symbol of Cēsis. It is said that by rubbing it, one can see his or her future and the light will guide the good thoughts and deeds.

Torņa iela, Cēsis
GPS: 57.3124, 25.2717

122 | Educational programmes of the Valmiera Museum

The Valmiera Museum offers various educational programmes such as "The Bread Route", "The Milk Route", the School of Knights and other creative activities, where young and old will have an opportunity to shape, take part and witness historical moments.

Bruninieku iela 3, Valmiera, ph. +371 64223620
www.valmierasmuzejs.lv
GPS 57.5387, 25.4268

123 | Sculptors Jansons Family house "Siļķes"

Masterpieces created by famous sculptors in three generations can be viewed in the open air sculpture park. Also you can visit sculptor's studio and get to know how internationally recognised sculptures are created today. Pre-booking required.

Dzirnavu iela 33, Cēsis, ph. +371 29124876, www.artsilkes.lv
GPS 57.3179, 25.2310



124



ENTER ECO-WELNESS & HEALTH



124 | The hotel "Jonathan SPA Estate"

The atmosphere of the hotel and its surroundings is permeated by a recreation philosophy based on harmony with nature in its entirety. The "Jonathan SPA Estate" provides also unforgettably delicious cuisine.

"Ezerputni", Amatsciems, Amata County, ph. +371 25606066, www.jonathanspahotel.com
GPS: 57.2254, 25.3034

125 | Dikļi castle

The castle which houses a 4-star hotel and a gourmet restaurant, also offers SPA therapies, massages, peeling, body wrap procedures and baths, as well as other procedures using local herbs.

Dikļi, Kocēni County, ph. +371 64207480, +371 26515445, www.diklupils.lv
GPS: 57.5978, 25.1025

126 | SPA hotel "Ezeri"

The SPA complex offers different saunas and pools, therapeutic and relaxing massages, treatments for body and face and traditional Latvian countryside sauna rituals with bathhouse attendant. "Ezeri", Sigulda County, ph. +371 67973009, www.hotelezeri.lv
GPS: 57.1319, 24.8542

127 | Velnala bath-house

This Latvian style herb bath-house, built from heavy logs and located at an ecologically rich place with a special energy, invites you to enjoy bath-house attendant services and tea ceremonies. "Brūveri", Sigulda County, ph. +371 26092153, www.hotelbruveri.lv
GPS: 57.1554, 24.8198

128 | Guest House "Lantus"

Enjoy Latvian traditional sauna rituals and special rural SPA treatments – swatting with bath besoms, hot honey massage and many more. You can take a dip in the pool or – if you prefer to be close to nature – in a backyard pond. "Lantus", Bērzaine Parish, Kocēni County,

ph. +371 29214406, 28648679, www.laukumaja.lv
GPS: 57.6317, 25.2430

129 | "Mazais Ansis" rural steam baths

Enjoy a rural steam bath. You can use the aromatic birch-tree whisk in the steam bath featuring a small room for up to 15 persons, a swimming-pool, shower, and dressing-room.

"Ansiši", Rubene, Kocēni County, ph. +371 64230352, www.mazais-ansis.lv
GPS: 57.4649, 25.2559

130 | Swimming pool complex in Valmiera

The complex offers various swimming pools in different sizes. There are swimming lessons, water fitness classes, special water classes for pregnant women and seniors, children mornings, SPA area with four types of saunas, whirlpool-stream swimming pools and other activities available.

Rīgas iela 91, Valmiera, ph. +371 27040012, www.valmieraspeldbaseins.lv
GPS: 57.5280691, 25.3880431

131 | Medical Rehabilitation Centre "Līgatne"

The rehabilitation centre offers medical rehabilitation, SPA procedures,

accommodation and various activities for your free time. Try these hiking trails – Mythological trail, and Health trail with exercises.

"Skaļupes", Līgatne parish, Līgatne County, ph. +371 64161915, www.rehcentrsligatne.lv
GPS: 57.2554, 25.0688

132 | Rehabilitation Centre Krimulda

Rehabilitation centre offers various water procedures such as the Charko douche, underwater massage, pearl, fir-needle, turpentine, and aromatic baths. Procedures with local mud are also available – bath and applications stimulate blood circulation, metabolism, and immune system. Physiotherapist exercises individually and in groups.

Mednieku iela 3, Sigulda, ph. +371 67972232, 29111619, www.krimuldasmauza.lv
GPS: 57.1677, 24.8298

133 | Ziedlejas

The rituals of "Ziedlejas" sauna is a unique adventure, which you will be able to enjoy with the help of wise masters and the strengthening nature. It is a place where everything happens without rush, because the nature loves a peaceful flow. You will gain strength from the surrounding environment by adjusting to its calm atmosphere. Feel the aromatic bath brooms rhythmically touch your body, surrounded by the heat and aromas, and experience a refreshing relaxation.

"Ziedlejas Gaujmaļi", Krimuldas County, Krimuldas Parish, ph. +371 26105993, www.ziedlejas.lv
GPS: 57.1427, 24.7819



ENTER CONFERENCES

						Phone	WEB	GPS
Vidzeme Concert hall "Cēsis" Raunas iela 12, Cēsis	4	50, 80, 110, 800	X	X		+371 6411 9921	www.cesukoncertzale.lv	57.3132, 25.2763
Valmiera Culture Centre Rīgas iela 10, Valmiera	4	50-696	X			+371 64207201	www.vkc.lv	57.5386, 25.4207
Sigulda Sport centre A. Kronvalda iela 7A, Sigulda	2	50, 400	X	X		+371 67973111	www.siguldassports.lv	57.1592, 24.8599
Concert hall "Valmiera" L. Paegles iela 10, Valmiera	3	20, 60, 300	X	X		+371 29324319	www.koncertzalevalmiera.lv	57.5362, 25.4179
Kocēni Culture Centre Alejas iela 3, Kocēni, Kocēni County	2	120, 250	x	x		+371 22005508	www.kocenunovads.lv	57.5225, 25.3360
Vaidava Culture and Craft Centre Skolas iela 1a, Vaidava, Kocēni County	3	100, 150, 250	x	x		+371 26051032	www.kocenunovads.lv	57.4299, 25.2845
Rehabilitation centre "Līgatne" "Skaļupes", Līgatne County	5	15, 30, 45, 180, 250	X	X	X	+371 64161915	www.rehcentrsligatne.lv	57.2560, 25.0709
Vidzeme University of Applied Science	9	15-225	X	X	X	+371 28375150	www.va.lv	57.5350, 25.4242
Dikļi Castle Dikļu pils, Dikļi, Kocēni County	5	40, 40, 60, 100, 150	X	X	X	+371 64207480	www.diklupils.lv	57.5978, 25.1025
Bīriņi Palace Bīriņu pils, Bīriņi, Limbaži County	4	15, 15, 50, 140	X	X	X	+371 64024033	www.birinupils.lv	57.2438, 24.6595
Mālpils Manor Pils iela 6, Mālpils, Mālpils County	9	6, 10, 15, 18, 20, 20, 40, 70, 120				+371 26666600	www.malpilsmuiza.lv	57.0064, 24.9494
Cēsis Castle complex Pils laukums 9, Cēsis, Cēsu novads	5	40, 50, 60, 100	X	X		+371 27878549	www.cesupils.lv	57.3133, 25.2714
Veselava Manor Veselava, Veselava Parish, Priekule County	1	120				+371 29247403	www.veselava.lv	57.2901, 25.4773
Hotel "Santa" "Kalnajāni", Sigulda County	1	30	X	X	X	+371 67705271	www.hotelsanta.lv	57.1307, 24.8456
Hotel Sigulda Pils iela 6, Sigulda		12, 25, 25, 60, 100	X	X	X	+371 67972263	www.hotelsigulda.lv	57.1555, 24.8524
Hotel "Wolmar" Tērbatas iela 16a, Valmiera	5	8 - 100	X	X	X	+371 64207301	www.hotelwolmar.lv	57.5434, 25.4306
Dikļi Culture Centre "Straumes", Dikļi Parish, Kocēni County	2	35, 100	x	x		+371 26486115	www.kocenunovads.lv	57.5975, 25.0650
SPA Hotel Ezeri "Ezeri", Sigulda County	4	15, 25, 40, 60	X	X	X	+371 67973009	www.hotelezeri.lv	57.1319, 24.8542
Recreation complex "Reiņa trase" "Kalnzaķi", Krimulda County	2	20, 80	X	X	X	+371 29272255	www.reinatrase.lv	57.1796, 24.8175
Valmiermuiza Craft Brewery Dzirnavu iela 2, Valmiermuiza	2	50, 50	X	X		+371 20264269	www.valmiermuiza.lv	57.5559, 25.4314
Hotel "Aparjods" Ventas iela 1a, Sigulda	2	30, 50	X	X	X	+371 67972230	www.aparjods.lv	57.1414, 24.8446
Krimulda Manor Mednieku iela 3, Sigulda	2	30, 60	X	X	X	+371 29111619	www.krimuldasmauza.lv	57.1677, 24.8298
Hotel "Tigra" Veidenbauma iela 2, Priekule, Priekule County	2	50, 160				+371 64174040	www.hoteltigra.lv	57.3122, 25.3593



Number of different halls or rooms



Capacity per rooms



Equipment (projector, screen etc.)



Catering



Accommodation



WILD AT PALATE

In 2017 the Rīga-Gauja region offer earned the honour of being European Region of Gastronomy. Latvian cuisine and gastronomy traditions have one thing in common – almost everything that was on our table, could be seen out of the window. Birch water in spring allowed to wash away the winter tiredness and waste from the bones, the meadow herbs were used as spices or in teas to keep in the home medicine chest. The forests gifted us with meat, mushrooms and berries, but rivers, lakes and the sea – with fish. At the same time, it agrees with the Latvian chefs' manifest of modern Latvian cuisine, which invites us to "create new recipes, where up-to-date local products are used" and "diversify the diet by using seasonal products".

Birch syrup

Birch syrup is a unique product with an extraordinary taste and it is a great garnish for both sweet and salty foods. You will taste a bittersweet and a little sour caramel flavour, which is a great addition to salads, grilled meat or apple cake. The syrup contains 95 % of birch syrup and 5 % of sugar. It does not contain preservatives.

Fruit tea "Taste of ancient Gauja Valley"

Fruit tea will let Gauja Region guests feel the generosity of our nature and the ability to give people the dearest – health and joy of living. The tea contains healing herbs that have been gathered from Gauja Ancient Valley and are full of the strength from the earth and the energy from the sun. The taste and the smell is made of chamomile blossoms, forest raspberry leaves, willowherb tops, peppermint leaves, hazel tree leaves and thyme tops.

Candied rhubarb, cranberry and quince

Rhubarb is a sour and juicy vegetable, which contains very little calories. Rhubarb is a source of mineral substances, vitamins and antioxidants. Candied large-berry cranberries and quince is a great alternative for sweets – they are tasty and very healthy. Cranberries contain vitamin C and B1, which improve immunity and speeds up metabolism. Quince is a source of mineral substances. As the taste of these candied foods is so distinctive we add only sugar to them and there is no need for taste enhancers, preservatives or dyestuff.

SPRING

The year starts in spring with birch sap and maple syrup, whose just-tapped freshness lasts but a brief moment. The fermentation will result in a sweetly sour, sparkling libation to your liking. Just about everyone – not only gourmets – following winter hibernation, crave the first greens that sprout up – aromatic, succulent, crisp and chock full of vitamins. The season's first sorrel, leaf lettuce, rhubarb simply reek of the reawakening land's strength and vitality – an opportunity not to be missed!

Rhubarb

Every Latvian household has a shrub of rhubarb, not only for its useful traits, but also for its looks. It is used in various gastronomical gluttonies – rhubarb pie, rhubarb jelly, rhubarb ice-cream, rhubarb chutney, rhubarb jam, rhubarb salad and a few dozen other delicacies.

Sorrels

The first sorrels unmistakably indicate that the spring has truly arrived. Sorrels are used in many ways – in salad together with chives or rustic goosefoots, nettles, and dandelion, with cottage cheese, as pie filling, in lavish stews, and, of course, in soup.

Birch and maple sap

The colder the winter, the sweeter the sap. It is used as a wine, sorbet, ice flakes, salad dressing, beauty compresses, and for detoxication – no reason to skimp on. You could also ferment it with a pinch of sugar, some raisins, and black currant twig, for your own champagne!

SUMMER

Latvian summers are short but nonetheless full of gastronomic goodies that can be savoured in the right place, at the right time. Nothing provides more pleasure than tending a garden, venturing deep into a forest for wild strawberries or chanterelle mushrooms, or choosing a spot lake or riverside for fishing. This is how we can explain why all our desserts have cherries on top, why the kitchen table has jars of jams and jellies all in a row, why our grills and in our smokehouses – ready to prepare, are the fish we have caught.

Catfish

The largest fish in Latvia, it can reach up to 250 kilos in weight. To make catfish more delicate, one should leave a whole gutted catfish for two to three days in cold in order to serve a pinkish fish of light consistency. The fishbone can be used for making a strong bouillon.

Sour cherries

The sour cherries are excellent for one's health, as, besides vitamins and minerals, the sweet-sour berries contain a lot of melatonin, which helps the human body to fight aging and insomnia. Devoted housekeepers insist that a jam or wine should be made just from the sour ones.

Cloudberry

Cloudberry hides in deep and far marshes. However, if you are lucky to find them, they can be used in making of a honeyed jam which perfectly complements dessert cheeses or fruit salad. Despite everything, cloudberry is the queen of contemporary forest gastronomy.

AUTUMN

The beautiful and scrumptious penny-bun mushrooms, just waiting to be picked, and sauteed in a cream sauce with the new crops of potatoes. Or how about the abundant quince [The quince is the sole member of the genus Cydonia in the family Rosaceae], that yellow fruit perfect for syrups or candied peel (succade), in the teapot, on a plate with game meat. The Latvian hunter – eager and enthusiastic, to say the least. Deer and moose on the loose are merely 'value added' to the cherished moments spent in the wood and brush, the invigorating air. And – a post-hunt feast tastes even more delicious.

Cydonia

The hard, golden fruit named quince or cydonia is known as Latvia's lemon. It is referred to as one of modern Latvian cuisine's trademarks. It is utilized in marinade when cooking lamb, a tangy additive in homemade sweet wines, and for jams, served with select cheeses.

Venison

Deer parks in Latvia are abundant and impeccably managed. Venison is perfect for a seasonal stew, or in select restaurants as tartare or steak. A venison roast – is there anything more appropriate for a holiday meal? Perfect for Independence Day on November 18!

Penny bun

Latvia is a mushroom-picking nation, and the penny bun is considered the ultimate prize for those venturing into the woods. You can simply sautee it with butter, braise in cream with young potatoes, sun-dry, and so on. Just remember – the penny buns you pick yourself – taste the best!

WINTER

Cold and damp weather in Latvia results in fare that is rich and filling, with character. Simple but sturdy foods from garden vegetables and grains. Potatoes and barley, rye products – through the centuries are a reminder of home fires burning. But what about the rowan berries? Beautiful and mildly tart – for a real taste of life.

Rye bread

It goes without saying: nowhere on planet Earth the rye bread is more delicious than in Latvia, and it's taste is a result of our history, memories, dreams, and philosophy on the order of things. It's not surprising that rye bread is what every Latvian living abroad craves for.

Rowan

Dried and powdered, the red-orange rowan berry is a subtle spice for various sauces and marinades. In jellies and marmalade it is an ideal accent for meat dishes or mild cheese. And as a liquid additive for your cocktail, it is the best that a berry can offer alcohol.

Turnip

Making our noble contribution to the current renaissance in long forgotten herbs and veggies – we give you: the turnip, stupendous in stews! Or simply baked in the oven, but better yet – in a salad with smoked fish and nuts. The turnip – just doing what comes naturally!



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ENTER LOCAL GOODS & MARKETS

134 | Valmiermuiža Craft Brewery

Brewery invites for excursion with beer tasting, as well as Valmiermuiža beer outlet to purchase live beer, treats and other Latvian masterpieces of wood. It goes on to Beer kitchen, which is lauded in the story of a nature-based and creativity cherished Latvian land taste. The guests invited to go for ride with horse or pony in Valmiermuiža castle park or the near surroundings or an excursion to Valmiermuiža stable.

Dzirnavu iela 2, Valmiermuiža,
ph. +371 20264269,
valmiermuiža.lv
GPS: 57.5559, 25.4314

135 | Brewery "Raiskumietis"

Raiskumietis is a brewery rich in traditions and in which according to the best ancestral techniques and the highest quality standards, with love, beer is being brewed, bread is baked in the wood oven and delicious local meat products are smoked. Raiskuma labumu darītava can be viewed with a guide, who will present all the production processes and methods. All the benefits can be tasted on the spot.

"Rūķi 1", Raiskums,
Pārgauja County,
ph. +371 20370370
GPS: 57.3122, 25.1569

136 | "Veselības laboratorija" (Health laboratory)

"Veselības laboratorija" produces dressings and brandies from herbs, berries, and fruits grown in Latvian gardens, forests, and meadows. During the tour, you can track the gathering of raw materials and pretreatment processes,

witness high-grade alcohol burning, and taste the variety of flavors at "Veselības laboratorija".

Līvi, Drabeši Parish, Amata County,
ph. +371 26567007,
www.veselibaslaboratorija.lv
GPS: 57.2822, 25.2540

137 | Matilde winery

"Matilde" is the only winery in Latvia that produces full-bodied, saturated wines, and offers home-made vermouth featuring a blend of herbs such as yarrow, mint, and wormwood.

"Bilderi", Kocēni Parish,
Kocēni County, ph. +371 26457057
GPS: 57.4851, 25.3633

138 | Steak Club

Steak Club offers classes to introduce any enthusiast to maturing and cooking Latvian-grown beef, according to the best Wild West barbecue traditions.

"Mazdzērvītes", Kocēni Parish,
Kocēni County,
ph. +371 20009022,
www.steikuklubs.lv
GPS: 57.4925, 25.3185

139 | Homestead "Silkalni"

About 100 various medicinal herbs are grown on fields or meadows or gathered in the wilderness – the forest. On a guided tour, visitors discover plants and secrets of growing, gathering, and drying herbs, as well as preparation secrets of tea blends, syrups, and extracts; they also get a taste of medicinal herbal teas.

"Silkalni", Vaidava Parish,
Kocēni County,
ph. +371 29432176
GPS: 57.4391, 25.2432



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140 | Krimulda manor wines

At the winery you will be introduced to the Krimulda manor and the manor's historical centre as well as offered various wines for tasting and purchasing. These wines have been produced right here with the brand name "Cremon"

Mednieku iela 3, Sigulda,
ph. +371 29111619,
www.krimuldasmuiza.lv
GPS: 57.1677, 24.8298

141 | Līgatne winery

Enjoy wine made from berries and fruit harvested in Līgatne and cheese made in Līgatne while sitting in the cellar cave of Lustūža cliff. Please arrange group visits prior.

"Vanagi", Augšlīgatne,
ph. +371 26521467,
www.spoonfactory.lv
GPS: 57.2330, 25.0421

142 | Zilver winery

The winery offers you to purchase Zilver house wines which have been made after old recipes and from berries and fruit grown and harvested on the spoph. Group tastings have to be previously arranged.

Saltavota iela 33, Sigulda,
ph. +371 26320208,
www.zilver.lv
GPS: 57.1322, 24.8530



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143 | Straupe Farmers' market

On every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, every healthy and delicious food lover can leisurely shop and enjoy a delicious meal in the first and currently the only farmers and small producers market in the Baltic States included in the International Earth Market Alliance. The home place of the market is Straupe Horse Post complex with its charm and cozy atmosphere and its original 19th century cobble stone pavement.

Vecpasts, Straupe Parish,
Pargauja County, ph. +371 29464946,
www.straupestirdzins.lv
GPS: 57.3237, 24.9221

144 | Markets of the Tasty Valmiermuiža

Every time alongside market, where visiting a wide range of home compounders, farmers and craftsmen troop from near and distant places, there is a celebration in honor of the Latvian anniversaries.

Guests can explore the festive traditions, enjoy concerts, participate in various workshops and activities, feast on delicious food, as well as to go horse riding.
Dzirnavu iela 2, Valmiermuiža,
ph. +371 20264269, www.gardumuti.lv
GPS: 57.5559, 25.4314

145 | Trout farm "Sillakas"

Sillakas offer fishing, an opportunity to buy and taste the fish, organise a party, stay overnight at the guest house and take a steam bath. Visitors are welcome to stay at the cosy and comfortable guest house with six excellently furnished rooms.

"Sillakas", Liepa Parish,
Priekulji County, ph. +371 29188367,
www.sillakas.lv
GPS: 57.3573, 25.4508

146 | Shop- bakery "Milti un Zīle rokā"

Latvian organic grain products, seeds, natural sourdough starter and more. Here you can find all to bake your own good bread at home!

Here in the shop – bakery we bake rye bread. Latvian home wine and spirits.
Rīgas iela 18 (entrance from Lielā Skolas iela), Cēsis, ph. +371 26412803
GPS 57.3119, 25.2718

147 | Bakery "Cēsu maize"

Here the bread is baked from Latvian organic whole grain wheat and spelt wheat whole grain flour. Made with natural leaven (sourdough), without the addition of bread yeast. They offer tasting of bread, a short story about the healthy composition of bread, about the process of natural fermentation.

Rīgas iela 18 (entrance from Lielā Skolas iela), Cēsis, ph. +371 26412803.
GPS 57.3119; 25.2718

148 | Plant Parade in Sigulda Festivity Square

An exhibition and fair of plants grown in Latvia, meeting with the plant growing and garden layout specialists. Majority of Latvian plant growers participate in this event (including more than 100 Latvia's plant nurseries) and it is the most attended annual event in this sector.

When: May, September
More info: www.staduparade.lv

149 | Brewery "Trimpus"

A small brewery where you can drink cold craft beer with a beautiful view on the St. John's church. Easier to find them thanks to the beer barrel on the wall of the building. Beer tastings are offered by prior arrangement.

Lielā skolas iela 6, Cēsis
ph: +371 23002000, <https://trimpus.lv>
GPS: 57.3112 25.2725

OTHER MARKETS AND ACTIVITIES:

Green Market Līgatne

When: Easter Sunday

Kocēni Spring Market

When: Easter Sunday

Plant parade in Sigulda

When: May, September

Summer Solstice Market in Valmiermuiža

When: Weekend before Midsummer

Cēsis Town Festival market

When: 4th Saturday of July

Valmiera City Festival market

When: July

Bread day in Āraiši windmill

When: end of July, beginning of August

Miķeļdiena Market

When: September 29 or weekend before that in Cēsis

Šimjūda Market

When: 2nd Saturday of October

Christmas Markets in Cēsis

When: 3rd and 4th weekend of Advent

Valmiera Christmas market

When: December

More information about events:
www.entergauja.com



GAUJA EAT & DRINK

Restaurants

"Dikļu pils" Dikļi, Kocēni County	ph. +371 64207480	www.diklupils.lv	GPS: 57.5978, 25.1025
"Aparjods" Ventas iela 1a, Sigulda	ph. +371 67974414	www.aparjods.lv	GPS: 57.1414, 24.8446
"Gadalaiki" "Ezeri", Sigulda County	ph. +371 67973009	www.hotelezeri.lv	GPS: 57.1319, 24.8542
Hotel "Sigulda" restaurant Pils iela 6, Sigulda	ph. +371 67972263	www.hotelsigulda.lv	GPS: 57.1555, 24.8524
Hotel "Santa" restaurant "Kalnāji", Sigulda County	ph. +371 67705271	www.hotelsanta.lv	GPS: 57.1307, 24.8456
"Kungu Rija" 1st km of the Turaida-Ragana road, Krimulda County	ph. +371 67971473	www.kungurija.lv	GPS: 57.1842, 24.8315
"Garšas Frekvence" Mālpils iela 4b, Sigulda	ph. +371 67974889	www.hotelsegevoid.lv	GPS: 57.1436, 24.8571
"Mālpils muižas restorāns" Pils iela 6, Mālpils, Mālpils County	ph. +371 67102555	www.malpilermuiza.lv	GPS: 57.0064, 24.9494
"Bīriņu pils restorāns" Bīriņi, Limbaži County	ph. +371 26521733	www.birinupils.lv	GPS: 57.2438, 24.6595
"KANNAS" "Annas muiža", Amata County	ph. +371 64180700	www.annashotel.com	GPS: 57.0343, 25.3633
"Agnese" Tērbatas iela 16a, Valmiera	ph. +371 64207304	www.hotelwolmar.lv	GPS: 57.5434, 25.4306
Hotel "Cēsis" restaurant Vienības laukums 1, Cēsis	ph. +371 64120122		GPS: 57.3140, 25.2746
"Rātes Vārti" Lāčplēša iela 1, Valmiera	ph. +371 64281942	www.ratesvarti.lv	GPS: 57.5390, 25.4252
"Vecpūsis" Leona Paegles iela 10, Valmiera	ph. +371 26110026	www.vecpūsis.lv	GPS: 57.5362, 25.4179
"Fazenda Bazārs" Vidzemes šoseja 14, Sigulda	ph. +371 66900669	www.fazenda.lv	GPS: 57.1454, 24.8590
"Jonathan Spa Estate" Amatiems, Amata County	ph. +371 25606066	www.jonathanspahotel.com	GPS: 57.2254, 25.3034
"Priede" Rīgas iela 27, Cēsis	ph. +371 27212727		GPS: 57.3113, 25.2706
"Valmiermuižas alus virtuve" Dzirnavu iela 2, Valmiermuiža	ph. +371 28664424	www.valmiermuiza.lv	GPS: 57.5559, 25.4314
"Ungurmuižas restorāns" Ungurmuiža, Pārgauja County	ph. +371 25652388	www.ungurmuiza.lv	GPS: 57.3625, 25.0887
"Villa Santa restaurant" Gaujas iela 88, Cēsis	ph. +371 64177177	www.villasanta.lv	GPS: 57.3104, 25.2291
"Kārļamuižas restorāns" "Kārļamuiža", Kārļi, Amata County	ph. +371 26165298	www.karlaimuiza.lv	GPS: 57.2406, 25.2121
"H.E. Vanadžiņš Ziemeļu restorāns" Rīgas iela 15, Cēsis	ph.+371 24771771		GPS: 57.3118 25.2728
"Epikūra dārzs" Raunas iela 12, Cēsis	ph.+371 62006777		GPS: 57.3132, 25.2768

Pubs, Cafés, Bistros

"Kakītis" Senču iela 1, Sigulda	ph. +371 67971624	www.kakiskals.lv	GPS: 57.1431, 24.8291
"Bucefāls" "Ceļmalas", Sigulda County	ph. +371 29747000	www.bucefals.lv	GPS: 57.1538, 24.8999
"Mazais Ansis" "Ansiši", Rubene, Kocēni County	ph. +371 64230352	www.mazais-ansis.lv	GPS: 57.4649, 25.2559
"Glendeloka" A. Kronvalda iela 2b, Cēsis	ph. +371 64161016	www.glendeloka.lv	GPS: 57.3220, 25.2984
"Vilhelmīnes dzirnavas" Sprīņģu iela 1, Līgatne	ph. +371 27551311	http://vilhelmine.lv	GPS: 57.2337, 25.0402
"Pie Jančuka" Sprīņģu iela 4, Līgatne	ph. +371 29149596		GPS: 57.2325, 25.0429
"Pie Raunas vārtiem" Rīgas iela 3, Cēsis	ph. +371 64127172		GPS: 57.3127, 25.2746
Valmieras teātra kafejnīca (IX-V), Lāčplēša iela 4;	ph. +371 25740886		GPS: 57.5394, 25.4261

Kūkas un pankūkas Rīgas iela 26; Rīgas iela 91, Valmiera	ph. +371 25773391		GPS: 57.5381, 25.4151 GPS: 57.5282, 25.3881
Kafejnīca "Tērbata" Tērbatas iela 2, Valmiera	ph. +371 26451719		GPS: 57.5405, 25.4261
"Kaķu Māja" Pils iela 8, Sigulda	ph. +371 29150104	www.cathouse.lv	GPS: 57.1563, 24.8517
"Ritters" Pils iela 4b, Sigulda	ph. +371 67709625	www.hotelpils.lv	GPS: 57.1544, 24.8532
"Reiņa Cafe" "Kalnāji", Krimulda County	ph. +371 29689953	www.reinatrase.lv	GPS: 57.1796, 24.8175
"Pagrabiņš" Vienības laukums 1, Cēsis	ph. +371 64120125		GPS: 57.3140, 25.2746
"DOMA" L. Paegles iela 15a, Sigulda	ph. +371 65906262	facebook.com/domasigulda	GPS: 57.1598, 24.8462
"Eklers" Pils iela 1, Sigulda	ph. +371 29168113	www.eklers.lv	GPS: 57.1539, 24.8527
"Jāņoga" Valmieras iela 21a	ph. +371 28309298		GPS: 57.3181, 25.2842
"Cafe2Locals" Rīgas iela 24a, Cēsis	ph. +371 28811774		GPS: 57.3114, 25.2705
"SOLO" J.Poruka iela 21a, Cēsis	ph. +371 26670033		GPS: 57.3144, 25.2932
Rehabilitation centre "Līgatne" "Skaļupes", Līgatne County	ph. +371 64161915	www.rehcentrsligatne.lv	GPS: 57.2560, 25.0709
"Trīs kūkas" "Ramatas", Augšlīgatne	ph. +371 29829121		GPS: 57.2338, 25.0380
"Zem ozola" Straupe, Pārgauja County	ph. +371 29641454		GPS: 57.3535, 24.9553
"Bastions" Bastiona iela 24, Valmiera	ph. +371 64225502		GPS: 57.5394, 25.4226
"Jauna Saule" Rīgas iela 10, Valmiera	ph. +371 26107189	www.jaunasaule.lv	GPS: 57.5386, 25.4206
"Province" Niniera iela 6, Cēsis	ph. +371 26407008		GPS: 57.3160, 25.2747
"Vendene" Raunas iela 17, Cēsis	ph. +371 64161361	www.glendeloka.lv	GPS: 57.3128, 25.2749
"Namma" Vidzemes šoseja 16, Sigulda (shopping centre "Raibais suns")	ph. +371 25456333	www.namma.lv	GPS: 57.1447, 24.8594
"Mr. Biskvīts" Ausekļa iela 9, Sigulda	ph. +371 67976611	www.mrbiskvits.lv	GPS: 57.1537, 24.8528
"GUSTAVBekereja" K. Valdemāra iela 2, Strēlnieku iela 2, Sigulda	ph. +371 25490021	www.gustavbekereja.lv	GPS: 57.1431, 24.8445
"Vinetas un Allas kārumlāde" Rīgas iela 12, Cēsis	ph. +371 28375579		GPS: 57.3120, 25.2729
"Dzirnakmeņi" "Ieriķu dzirnavas", Ieriķi, Amata County	ph. +371 64170089	www.ierikudzirnavas.lv	GPS: 57.2088, 25.1701
"Melturi" "Sarkanāboli", Drabeši Parish, Amata County	ph. +371 68301272		GPS: 57.2261, 25.2492
"Runčuks" Nītaure, Nītaure Parish, Amata County	ph. +371 28341539		GPS: 57.0717, 25.1940
"Cafe 7 Bar" Rīgas iela 7, Cēsis	ph. +371 20208749		GPS: 57.3119, 25.2740
"Zaķīši" Raikums, Pārgauja County	ph.+371 26645599	www.hotelzakisi.lv	GPS: 57.3150, 25.1548
"Retro" Raunas iela 10, Cēsis	ph. +371 26595654		GPS: 57.3133, 25.2775
Bistro "CATA" J.Poruka iela 8, Cēsis	ph. +371 29113954	www.garsigi.com	GPS: 57.3148, 25.2884
"Aroma" Lenču iela 4, Cēsis	ph. +371 29102277		GPS: 57.3133, 25.2745
"Melnais gulbis" Rīgas iela 20, Cēsis	ph. +371 26175841		GPS: 57.3119, 25.2715
"Bērzkrogs" "Krustlejas", Veselava Parish, Priekuļi County	ph. +371 27722557		GPS: 57.2798, 25.4955
"Kebab Sigulda" Dārza iela 29, Sigulda		facebook.com/siguldaskebabs	GPS: 57.1566, 24.8656
"Zulū" Pulkveža Briēža iela 113, Sigulda		facebook.com/zulusigulda	GPS: 57.1544, 24.8847
"Pancake house" Piebalgas iela 1, Cēsis	ph. +371 22333872		GPS: 57.3114, 25.2742
"Lauku Radu Restto" "Veidenbauma iela 2, Priekuļi	ph. +371 22099400		GPS: 57.3111, 25.3453
Vecpilsētas kebabs Lielā Skolas iela 6, Cēsis	ph. +371 20237139		GPS: 57.3119 25.2715
Bekko Rīgas iela 17-1, Cēsis	ph. +371 22454240		GPS: 57.3116 25.2723
Koncertbūfete "Cēsis" Raunas iela 12, Cēsis			GPS: 57.3132, 25.2765
Tayo Suši – takeaway sushi Pļavas iela 5, Cēsis	ph. +371 24118440		GPS: 57.3119, 25.2767
Jāņa tirgus K. Valdemāra iela 2, Sigulda	ph. +371 22336033	www.facebook.com/JanaTirgus/	GPS: 57.1536, 24.8484
"Kokos" Peldu iela 3, Sigulda	ph.+371 28440077	www.facebook.com/Kokos.Sigulda/	GPS: 57.1596, 24.8387
"Āraišu vējdzirnavas" Āraiši, Drabešu Parish, Amatas County. May-Oct. Pre-booking required.	ph.+371 29238208	www.araisi.com	GPS: 57.2517, 25.2824

Pizzerias

"La Pizza Veloce" Raiņa iela 2, Sigulda	ph. +371 27787711	www.atrapica.lv	GPS: 57.1543, 24.8547
"La Pizza Veloce" Rīgas iela 45, Valmiera	ph. +371 20009119	www.atrapica.lv	GPS: 56.8796, 24.6031
"Čili Pica" G. Apiņa iela 10a, Valmiera (shopping centre "Maxima")	ph. +371 64228558		GPS: 57.5426, 25.4171
StudioPizza Rīgas iela 20, Cēsis	ph. +371 20606000	www.studiopizza.lv	GPS: 57.3117, 25.2720





GAUJA RELAX

Hotels

"Dikļu pils" Dikļi, Kocēni County	ph. +371 64207480	www.diklupils.lv	GPS: 57.5978, 25.1025
"Aparjods" Ventas iela 1a, Sigulda	ph. +371 67972230	www.aparjods.lv	GPS: 57.1414, 24.8446
"Kārļamuiža" "Kārļamuiža", Kārļi, Amata County	ph. +371 26165298	www.karlamuiza.lv	GPS: 57.2406, 25.2121
SPA Hotel "Ezeri" Ezeri", Sigulda County	ph. +371 67973009	www.hotelezeri.lv	GPS: 57.1319, 24.8542
SPA Hotel "Jonathan SPA Estate" Amatciems, Amata County	ph. +371 25606066	www.jonathanspahotel.com	GPS: 57.2254, 25.3034
"Sigulda" Pils iela 6, Sigulda	ph. +371 67972263	www.hotelsigulda.lv	GPS: 57.1555, 24.8524
"Santa" "Kalnāni", Sigulda County	ph. +371 67705271	www.hotelsanta.lv	GPS: 57.1307, 24.8456
"Bīriņu pils" Bīriņi, Limbaži County	ph. +371 64024033	www.birinupils.lv	GPS: 57.2438, 24.6595
"Mālpils muiža" Pils iela 6, Mālpils, Mālpils County	ph. +371 26666600	www.malpilermuiza.lv	GPS: 57.0064, 24.9494
"Melturi" "Melturi", Amata County	ph. +371 29267224	www.melturi.viss.lv	GPS: 57.2188, 25.2314
"Good Stay Segevoid" Mālpils iela 4b, Sigulda	ph. +371 67974848	www.hotelsegevoid.lv	GPS: 57.1436, 24.8571
"Naktsmājas" Vaidavas iela 15, Valmiera	ph. +371 25464433	www.naktsmajas.lv	GPS: 57.5274, 25.3902
"Wolmar" Tērbatas iela 16a, Valmiera	ph. +371 64207301	www.hotelwolmar.lv	GPS: 57.5434, 25.4306
"Hotel Cēsis" Vienības laukums 1, Cēsis	ph. +371 64120122	www.hotelcesis.lv	GPS: 57.3140, 25.2746
"Kakītis" Senču iela 1, Sigulda	ph. +371 67976886	www.kakiskalns.lv	GPS: 57.1431, 24.8291
"Pils" Pils iela 4b, Sigulda	ph. +371 67709625	www.hotelpils.lv	GPS: 57.1544, 24.8532
"Katrīna" Mazā Katrīnas iela 8, Cēsis	ph. +371 20008870		GPS: 57.3116, 25.2680
"Atpūta" Cīrulīšu iela 49, Cēsis	ph. +371 22844646	www.hotelatputa.lv	GPS: 57.3037, 25.2418
"Kakis" Pils iela 8, Sigulda	ph. +371 26616997	www.cathouse.lv	GPS: 57.1563, 24.8517
"Annas Hotel" "Annasmuiža", Zaube Parish, Amata County	ph. +371 64180700	www.annashotel.com	GPS: 57.0343, 25.3633
Park of senses leisure complex J. Daliņa iela 2, Valmiera	ph. +371 27879242	www.voc.lv	GPS: 57.5410, 25.4405
"Gustavs" Lielā Katrīnas iela 28, Cēsis	ph. +371 26017771		GPS: 57.3120, 25.2665
"Zaķīši" Raiskums, Pārgauja County	ph. +371 26645599	www.hotelzakisi.lv	GPS: 57.3150, 25.1548
"Vanadzīņa māja" Rīgas iela 15, Cēsis	ph. +371 26491493		GPS: 57.3118, 25.2724
"Hotel Līgatne" "Skaļupes", Līgatne Parish, Līgatne County	ph. +371 64161915	www.rehcentrsligatne.lv	GPS: 57.2554, 25.0688
"Villa Santa" Gaujas iela 88, Cēsis	ph. +371 64177177	www.villasanta.lv	GPS: 57.3106, 25.2302
"Hotel Tigra" E. Veidenbauma iela 2, Priekule	ph. +371 64174040	www.hoteltigra.lv	GPS: 57.3124, 25.3596

Guest houses

"Livonija" Pulkveža Brieža iela 55, Sigulda	ph. +371 67973066	www.livonija.viss.lv	GPS: 57.1495, 24.8594
"Brūveri" "Brūveri", Sigulda County	ph. +371 26092153	www.hotelbruveri.lv	GPS: 57.1554, 24.8198
"Reinis" "Kalnzaķi", Krimulda County	ph. +371 29272255	www.reinatrase.lv	GPS: 57.1796, 24.8175
"Mauriņi" "Mauriņi", Allaži Parish, Sigulda County	ph. +371 29208640	www.maurini.viss.lv	GPS: 57.0870, 24.8323
"Kaupo" "Jaunbeites", Sigulda	ph. +371 29607356	www.hotelkaupo.lv	GPS: 57.1410, 24.8410
"Parks" Atbrīvotāju iela 1, Sigulda	ph. +371 29407215	www.parks-inn.lv	GPS: 57.1555, 24.8587
"Lantus" "Lantus", Bērzaine Parish, Kocēni County	ph. +371 26519319	www.laukumaja.lv	GPS: 57.6317, 25.2430
"Nītaures dzirnavas" "Dzirnavas", Nītaure, Amata County	ph. +371 29176967	www.nitauresdzirnavas.lv	GPS: 57.0730, 25.1858
"Kalniņi" "Jaunkalniņi", Drabeši Parish, Amata County	ph. +371 26022248	www.kalnini.lv	GPS: 57.2367, 25.2601
"Bērzi" "Bērzi", Plācis, Pārgauja County	ph. +371 29738677		GPS: 57.3625, 24.9769

"Villa Alberta" Līvkalna iela 10a, Sigulda	ph. +371 27770203	www.villaalberta.lv	GPS: 57.1660, 24.8626
"Denderi" "Denderi", Vaidava Parish, Kocēni County	ph. +371 29242644		GPS: 57.4416, 25.2682
"Mazais Ansis" "Ansiši", Rubene, Kocēni County	ph. +371 64230352	www.mazais-ansis.lv	GPS: 57.4649, 25.2559
"Meldri" "Meldri", Kocēni Parish, Kocēni County	ph. +371 26483015		GPS: 57.4341, 25.2700
"Lucas muiža" Lucas iela 2, Valmiera	ph. +371 29456899		GPS: 57.5398, 25.4312
"Province" Niniera iela 6, Cēsis	ph. +371 26407008	www.province.lv	GPS: 57.3160, 25.2747
"Augstrozes" "Ezernieki", Raiskums, Pārgauja County	ph. +371 26699996	www.augstrozes.com	GPS: 57.3126, 25.1573
"Ezergribieši" "Gribieši", Kocēni County	ph. +371 29485859	www.ezergribiesi.lv	GPS: 57.4370, 25.2753
"Vakarvēji" "Vakarvēji", Kocēni Parish, Kocēni County	ph. +371 29213204	www.vakarveji.lv	GPS: 57.5147, 25.2600
"Eglaines" "Eglaines", Kārļi, Amata County	ph. +371 29172332	www.hoteleglaines.lv	GPS: 57.2381, 25.1921
"Ungurmuiža" Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County	ph. +371 22007332	www.ungurmuiza.lv	GPS: 57.3625, 25.0887
"Burtakas" "Burtakas", Straupe Parish, Pārgauja County	ph. +371 29451234	www.burtakas.lv	GPS: 57.3479, 24.9339
"Ungurmalas" "Ezermalas", Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County	ph. +371 26433390	www.ungurmalas.lv	GPS: 57.3503, 25.1007
"Unce" Cēsu iela 20, Valmiera	ph. +371 29426161		GPS: 57.5316, 25.4236
"Laimes ligzda" "Lejas Astītes", Amata County	ph. +371 29158821	www.laimesligzda.lv	GPS: 57.2569, 25.2540
"Kārumnieki" "Kalnabeites", Sigulda Parish, Sigulda County	ph. +371 29338444	www.karumnieki.com	GPS: 57.1276, 24.8535
"Madaras" Vaidava Parish, Kocēni County	ph. +371 29268692	www.muca.lv	GPS: 57.4323, 25.2017
"Kunči" "Gala kunči", Priekule Parish, Priekule County	ph. +371 26414789	www.kunci.viss.lv	GPS: 57.3094, 25.4144
"Laso" "Alkšņi", Priekule Parish, Priekule County	ph. +371 29463284	www.laso.lv	GPS: 57.3261, 25.2805
"Sillakas" "Sillakas", Liepa Parish, Priekule County	ph. +371 29188367	www.sillakas.lv	GPS: 57.3573, 25.4508
"Spāriņu Kalns" "Gala Spāriņi", Priekule Parish, Priekule County	ph. +371 22006060	www.sparinukalns.lv	GPS: 57.3345, 25.5295
"Skangaļi Manor" "Skangaļi", Liepa Parish, Priekule County	ph. +371 26175981	www.skangali.lv	GPS: 57.3990, 25.4942
"Pie Pētera" "Vaguļi", Priekule Parish, Priekule County	ph. +371 28348909		GPS: 57.3245, 25.2830
"Vējaines" "Vējaines", Veselava Parish, Priekule County	ph. +371 26528188	www.vejaines.lv	GPS: 57.2756, 25.5082
"Jāņkrasti" Krasta iela 3a, Jāņmuiža, Priekule County	ph. +371 29377732	www.ezerklabi.lv	GPS: 57.3511, 25.3265
"Agave" "Veczīguri", Līgatne Parish, Līgatne County	ph. +371 26407514		GPS: 57.1422, 25.1040
"Ilzītes" "Ilzītes", Līgatne Parish, Līgatne County	ph. +371 29127134		GPS: 57.1942, 25.0303
"Ezernieki" "Ezernieki", Līgatne Parish, Līgatne County	ph. +371 26592550	www.ezernieki.lv	GPS: 57.1996, 25.0083
"Ratnieki" "Ratnieki", Līgatne Parish, Līgatne County	ph. +371 26445211	www.ratnieki.lv	GPS: 57.2237, 24.9615
"Bēršas" "Bēršas", Krimulda Parish, Krimulda County	ph. +371 2867 3293	www.bersas.lv	GPS: 57.1833, 24.8617
"Jaunlīdumnieki" "Līdumnieki", Mālpils County	ph. +371 25429962	www.jaunlidumnieki.lv	GPS: 57.0292, 24.9362
"Rendas" Ausekļa iela 14, Cēsis	ph. +371 26249818	www.rendas.mozello.lv	GPS: 57.3163, 25.2959
"Laba oma" Meža iela 2, Cēsis	ph. +371 29727244		GPS: 57.2993, 25.2857
Art-estate Lindenhoff Liepa Parish, Priekule County	ph. +371 28490600	http://lindenhoff.lv	GPS: 57.3693, 25.4379
"Villa Vanilla" "Lāčplēša iela 14, Sigulda	ph. +371 26383994	www.villa-vanilla.mozello.com	GPS: 57.1605, 24.8491
"More" More, Sigulda County	ph. +371 29664014	www.safariparks.lv	GPS: 57.0792, 25.0585
"Vaives dzirnavas" "Vaives dzirnavas", Priekule County	ph. +371 26577552	www.vaivesdzirnavas.lv	GPS: 57.3304, 25.3861
"Zvīguļi" Krasta iela 60, Gauja, Inčukalns County	ph. +371 20789789	www.zviguli.lv	GPS: 57.1252, 24.6851





Apartment hotels

"Priekā Pietura" Stacijas iela 6, Sigulda	ph. +371 29267957	www.priekapietura.lv	GPS: 57.1508, 24.8449
"Rožu romantika" L. Paegles iela 2d-49, Cēsis	ph. +371 29364219	www.rozuromantika.lv	GPS: 57.1618, 24.8255
"Glūdas grava" Glūdas iela 6a, Cēsis	ph. +371 27036862	www.gludasgrava.lv	GPS: 57.3129, 25.2590
"Cēsu namiņš" Lielā Skolas iela 7, Cēsis	ph. +371 26608166		GPS: 57.3121, 25.2724
"Gaujas ielas apartamenti" Gaujas iela 11-32, Valmiera	ph. +371 29451234		GPS: 57.5349, 25.4194
"Rīgas ielas 28 apartamenti" Rīgas iela 28-35, Valmiera	ph. +371 29487711		GPS: 57.5380, 25.4141
"Rīgas ielas 20 apartamenti" Rīgas iela 20-19, Valmiera	ph. +371 29487711		GPS: 57.5381, 25.4173
"Līvu apartamenti" Zvārtas iela 5, Līvi	ph. +371 26608166		GPS: 57.2793, 25.2409
"Bellās residence" Audēju iela 2, Valmiera	ph. +371 29111809		GPS: 57.5326, 25.4230
"Z-Apartment" Marijas iela 9-74, Valmiera	ph. +371 20129159		GPS: 57.5232, 25.4376
"Baumanis" Kārļa Baumaņa iela 5, Valmiera	ph. +371 29191086		GPS: 57.5374, 25.4196
"Āžkalna apartamenti" Āžkalna iela 5, Valmiera	ph. +371 29449995		GPS: 57.5473, 25.4184
"Kaktuss" Stacijas iela 45, Valmiera	ph. +371 26420883		GPS: 57.5241, 25.4385
"MK 21" Leona Paegles iela 3, Valmiera	ph. +371 29811852		GPS: 57.5360, 25.4189
"Līgatnes papīrfabrikas vēsturiskā ciemata apartamenti" Brīvības iela 5, Līgatne	ph. +371 26608166		GPS: 57.2341, 25.0400
"Vilhelmīnes apartamenti" Brīvības iela 5, Līgatne	ph. +371 27551311		GPS: 57.2339, 25.0404
"Rīgas kalna apartamenti" Rīgas iela 5, Līgatne	ph. +371 29142242		GPS: 57.2305, 25.0397
"Lāču miga" Gaujas iela 22, Līgatne	ph. +371 29133713		GPS: 57.2453, 25.0459
"Stacijas apartaments" Stacijas iela 41-5, Valmiera	ph. +371 28635857		GPS: 57.5249, 25.4381
"Hannas residence" Sporta iela 28, Valmiera	ph. +371 29111809		GPS: 57.5356, 25.3921
"Parka apartamenti" Lucas iela 8, Valmiera	ph. +371 29428432		GPS: 57.5430, 25.4279
"Jasmīne" Rubenes iela 40, Valmiera	ph. +371 29220853		GPS: 57.5467, 25.4213
"Cēsis Oldy City apartamenti" Rīgas iela 18, Cēsis	ph. +371 29330399		GPS: 57.3119, 25.2722
"Vitenberg apartamenti" Rīgas iela 9, Cēsis	ph. +371 22081626	www.apartmentsvitenberg.com	GPS: 57.3119, 25.2734
"Domus Boutique apartment" Diakonāta iela 4-7, Valmiera	ph. +371 26437073		GPS: 57.5373, 25.4211

Holiday houses

"Mednieku namiņš" Mednieku māja, Sigulda	ph. +371 26553922	www.celotajs.lv/medniekunamins	GPS: 57.1618, 24.8255
"Pilskalni" "Pilskalni", Kocēni Parish, Kocēni County	ph. +371 29299268	www.pilskalni.lv	GPS: 57.4615, 25.2684
"Ezerklabi" "Jaun-Klabi", Amata Parish, Amata County	ph. +371 29266445	www.ezerklabi.lv	GPS: 57.1784, 25.2449
"Jaunbrenčuļi" "Jaunbrenčuļi", Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County	ph. +371 26330479	www.jaunbrenčuļi.lv	GPS: 57.3183, 25.1964
"Vējiņi" "Vējiņi", Straupe Parish, Pārgauja County	ph. +371 29354189	www.pazemesezeri.lv	GPS: 57.3449, 24.9185
"Meža rozēs" "Meža rozēs", Amata Parish, Amata County	ph. +371 29143244	www.mezarozes.lv	GPS: 57.1899, 25.2069
"Murmuļmuiža" Amata Parish, Amata County	ph. +371 29407904	www.amata.lv	GPS: 57.1894, 25.3539
"Upeslejas" "Upeslejas", Straupe, Pārgauja County	ph. +371 29441970	www.celotajs.lv/upeslejas	GPS: 57.3635, 24.9589

"Ezersēta" "Gaižēni", Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County	ph. +371 29262455	www.ezerseta.lv	GPS: 57.3247, 25.1382
"Kužas" "Kužas", Vaidava Parish, Kocēni County	ph. +371 29472671	www.atputagimenei.lv	GPS: 57.6344, 25.1932
Leisure complex "Avoti" Valmiera Parish, Burtnieki County	ph. +371 29499342	www.avoti.com	GPS: 57.5562, 25.4440
"Ezerkalni" "Ezerkalni 1", Raiskums parish, Pārgauja County	ph. +371 29349365	www.ezerkalni.mozello.lv	GPS: 57.3082, 25.1662
"Māja kokos" "Lobēlijas", Priekuļi Parish, Priekuļi County	ph. +371 29462628	www.majakokos.lv	GPS: 57.3234, 25.2726
Campsite "Keči" "Keči", Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County	ph. +371 27400316		GPS: 57.3289, 25.0899
Holiday complex "Mežrozes" Liepa Parish, Priekuļi County	ph. +371 29426230	www.mezrozes.lv	GPS: 57.3602, 25.3891
"Kārklīni" "Kārklīni", Vaive Parish, Priekuļi County	ph. +371 29856585	www.karklini.com	GPS: 57.2196, 25.3579
"Bellās namiņš" Meža iela 2, Cēsis	ph. +37129727244		GPS: 57.2993, 25.2857
"Tālavas kalns" Tālavas iela 3, Cēsis	ph. +37129128655		GPS: 57.3183, 25.2565
"Mazais Līvkalns" Līvkalna iela 6, Sigulda	ph. +371 26517416	www.mazaislivkalns.lv	GPS: 57.1631, 24.8586
"Celmi" "Celmi", Vaive Parish, Cēsis County	ph. +371 26543840		GPS: 57.2085, 25.4231

Hostels

Hostel / Hotel "Krimuldās muiža" Mednieku iela 3, Sigulda	ph. +371 29111619	www.krimuldasmuiža.lv	GPS: 57.1677, 24.8298
Sports centre "Kocēni" Alejas iela 4, Kocēni, Kocēni County	ph. +371 64220647		GPS: 57.5221, 25.3350
Hostel "Buts" Bēraines iela 15, Cēsis	ph. +371 27898049		GPS: 57.3119, 25.2594
Hostel "Priekuļi" Dārza iela 12, Priekuļi	ph. +371 64130015	www.hostelispriekuli.lv	GPS: 57.3078, 25.3618
"Kaba" A. Pumpura iela 19/1, Sigulda	ph. +371 26613131	www.hostelkaba.lv	GPS: 57.1512, 24.8510

Campsites

"Apaļkalns" "Apaļkalns", Raiskums, Pārgauja County	ph. +371 29448188	www.apalkalns.lv	GPS: 57.3174, 25.1479
"Siguldas pludmale" Peldu iela 2, Sigulda	ph. +371 29244948	www.makars.lv	GPS: 57.1575, 24.8367
Canoe Camping Gaujas iela 36, Līgatne	ph. +371 29244948	www.makars.lv	GPS: 57.2545, 25.0457
Ozolkalns campsite "Saulkrasti", Drabeši Parish, Amata County	ph. +371 26400200	www.ozolkalns.lv	GPS: 57.2999, 25.2172
"Jaunarāji" "Jaunarāji", Brenčuļi Parish, Beverīna County	ph. +371 29121702	www.jaunaraji.lv	GPS: 57.5470, 25.4899
"Paegli" "Paegli", Limbaži Parish, Limbaži County	ph. +371 29819364	www.pazemesezeri.lv	GPS: 57,4272, 24,8051
"Unguri" "Unguri", Raiskums Parish, Pārgaujas County	ph. +371 29120992	www.kempingi.lv/unguri	GPS: 57.3530, 25.0874
"Briedīši" "Briedīši", Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County	ph. +371 26466916	www.briedisi-ak.lv	GPS: 57.2946, 25.1253
"Zemturi" "Zemturi", Līgatne Parish, Līgatne County	ph. +371 29482791	www.ligatneszemturi.lv	GPS: 57.1690, 25.0408
"Žagarkalns" adrese navigācijai: Mūrlejas iela 12, Cēsis	ph. +371 26266266	www.zagarkalns.lv	GPS: 57.3114, 25.2245
"Rāceņi" Rāceņi- 3, Vaidava Parish, Kocēni County	ph. +371 29232478		GPS: 57.4447, 25.2689
"Baiļi" "Baiļi" Kauguri Parish, Beverīna County	ph. +371 29284119	www.baili.lv	GPS: 57.5356, 25.4685
"Pie Tēva Tuka" "Pingvīni", Drabeši Parish, Amata County	ph. +371 29186772	www.amata.lv	GPS: 57.2586, 25.2656
"Lakeside" "Plīvķas", Kalnabeites, Sigulda County	ph. +371 27152155	www.lakeside.lv	GPS: 57.1309, 24.8644
"Dainas" Turaidas iela 8, Sigulda	ph. +371 29234706	www.facebook.com/camping.dainas	GPS: 57.1785, 24.8510



ENTER FESTIVAL

INTERNATIONAL WINTER MUSIC FESTIVAL IN VALMIERA

For more than 25 years in Valmiera the new year starts with a celebration for music lovers and lasts for several days. The International Winter Music Festival brings together Latvian and foreign musicians as well as the new talents in music.

When: January
More info: www.visit.valmiera.lv

ART MONTH IN VALMIERA

Each year the Art Month is dedicated to a specific theme. Exhibitions, creative workshops, master classes and lectures are being held. Together with entrepreneurs creative partnership projects are being carried out and environmental objects are being created and set up.

When: April
More info: www.visit.valmiera.lv

SIGULDA FESTIVAL

On this festival everyone is invited to participate in events that have already developed into a tradition. Live entertainment and musical performances for families with children takes place.

When: May
More info: www.tourism.sigulda.lv

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION IN TURAIDA

On the shortest night of the year enjoy ancient celebration rituals, traditions, folk songs and dances in Turaida! From 19:00 till sunrise experience the solstice night feast, follow the old traditions, participate in events and enjoy the magic of nature!

When: June
More info: www.turaida-muzejs.lv

SMALL OPERA FESTIVAL AT UNGURMUIZA MANOR

Beloved classical music event gathering famous Latvian opera stars. Classical music concert may be enjoyed while sitting beneath the oaks in the park.

When: June
More info: www.ungurmuiza.lv

MUSICAL BREAKFAST AT SIGULDA CASTLE

The visitors are invited to enjoy the concerts of professional musicians, feel the historical aura and enjoy self-made breakfast from the picnic baskets or breakfast at the restaurants nearby.

When: July
More info: www.tourism.sigulda.lv

SIGULDA OPERA MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Festival gathers world-famous opera music stars, who perform on the open-air stage in the medieval castle ruins, offering a view over the scenic primeval valley of the River Gauja. The Festival is among the top classical music events in Latvia.

When: July
More info: www.tourism.sigulda.lv

CĒSIS CITY FESTIVAL ROCK MUSIC FESTIVAL "FONO CĒSIS"

Celebration of taste and sense! Musical programs, attractions for families with children, events for young people, art and photo exhibitions, improvised scenes, creative workshops.

When: July
More info: www.visit.cesis.lv

ZAUBE WILD FOOD FESTIVAL

Culinary Festival is held with thematic tastings and wild flavour cooking demonstrations. There are various creative workshops, games, and entertainment for both adults and children.

When: July
More info: www.wildfoodfest.lv

DIKĻI CASTLE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Once a year the festival brings together the best Latvian musicians that fill the park with melodious songs and charming atmosphere.

When: July
More info: www.diklupils.lv

VALMIERA CITY FESTIVAL

Concerts, creative workshops, markets, excursions and competitions, which are integral elements of the rich in variety programme.

When: July
More info: www.visit.valmiera.lv

MUSIC FESTIVAL "ČELLO CĒSIS"

Cello Cēsis aims to help the listeners discover the inimitable voice and diverse sound of the cello through performances of both world-renowned cello players and young musicians.

When: September
More info: www.visit.cesis.lv

CĒSIS ART FESTIVAL

During the festival you can visit several tens of visual art, music, theater, film and dance events. The festival has become an important sign of Latvian culture and is known in Europe as well.

When: July/August
More info: www.cesufestivals.lv

MUSIC FESTIVAL "LABA DABA"

Festival hosts alternative music bands, creative and sports activities, the tenting area is established under the apple-trees. Bands from Latvia and abroad represent reggae, ethno-folk, rock, electric music and other music styles.

When: August
More info: www.labadaba.lv

OPEN-AIR FESTIVAL OF FLAVOURS, PAPER AND CONVERSATION "PĀRCeltuVE" ("FERRY") IN LĪGATNE

This festival is for everyone who wants to get to know Latvia through flavours, conversation and nature. Enjoy the festival programme, fresh air, green scenery and give your mind a chance to stop, relax from the busy daily life.

When: August
More info: www.visitligatne.lv

FIRE NIGHT IN VIENKOCI PARK

The event starts by lighting the light forest. There are various things to see: craftsmen workshops, torch-lit march, fire show and fire ritual as well as other activities.

When: October
More info: www.vienkoci.lv

BICYCLE-CINEMA FESTIVAL "CINEMA PEDAL"

A festival for enjoying recreational activities and the culture. The festival is unique because of the pop-up movie theatres, that you can reach by bicycle. The participants can go on three different routes: the big pedal, the half pedal and the family pedal.

When: May
More info: www.visit.valmiera.lv



ENTER SPORT EVENT

BOBSLEIGH AND LUGE TRACK "SIGULDA"

Luge World Cup as well as Junior Luge and Skeleton World Championship takes place here every year. The most professional athletes from more than 20 countries participate in the competition and the event is very exciting for the visitors.

When: January, February
More info: www.bobtrase.lv

LATVIA'S STATE FORESTS MOUNTAIN BIKE MARATHON

The oldest and the most popular mountain bike marathon race serial in Latvia which gathers more than 2000 participants for every race. Three distances are available. Each year two of races take place in Gauja National Park.

When: May, April
More info: www.velo.lv

ROEBUCK RUN

Trail run is held in the most picturesque place. Asphalt covers only 5-10% of the distance – all the rest is forest trails, small roads and off-roads. Five distances – Dormouse, Squirrel, Rabbit, Roebuck and Lynx – are available.

When: September
More info: www.stirnubuks.lv

VAIDAVA TRIATHLON

Olympic triathlon competition every year is held in Vaidava. Swimming distance takes place in Vaidava Lake, but running and cycling in the near surroundings. Distances for amateurs, enthusiasts and children are also available.

When: July
More info: www.sportlat.lv

CĒSIS ECO TRAIL

One of the most challenging run in Latvia. Three distances are available as well as children and family races. This run is qualification race for Ultra Trail Du Mont Blanc.

When: first weekend of August
More info: www.cet.lv

LATVIAN CYCLISTS UNITY RIDE

Meet more than 6000 cyclists in one race! The tradition of this race started in 1930-ties, when the president of Latvia invited cyclists to be part of this event. Nowadays tradition is still alive and is biggest cycling mass-sport event in Latvia.

When: First Sunday of September
More info: www.velo.lv

SPORTLAT VALMIERA MARATHON

Latvian championships in marathon takes place every year in Valmiera. Classical marathon distance as well as half-marathon and 5 and 10 km races are available.

When: September
More info: www.valmieras-maratonis.lv



ENTER FAMILY

“**D**ormouse, Do-o-ormouse!”, a pesky buzz rings straight into the ear. Dormouse scratches his tail. The tail was wide awake too. The tail, fluffed up like an owl, tickled the Dormouse’s nose. “Oh, the cruel world! Why do I have to get up so early?”, Dormouse grumbles squinting his sleepy eyes at the fading rays of the drowning sun. “Whose squeaky little voice is that?” It is the Dragonfly sitting on the edge of the tree hollow and fluttering its wings. “Good morning!” “Good evening!”, Dragonfly giggles and disappears into the wind. Dormouse sets to his morning routine.

Dormouse, a cute, chubby little animal, is often mistaken for rat. To set himself apart from the rodent, he has nurtured the distinct talent all dormice have. Dormouse was good at jumping. Oh, and what a jumper he was! Swoosh – from a hazel tree onto the spruce, oh my, almost missing the home sweet home in the hollow. Last year, while visiting the family, younger cousins had pulled Dormouse into a competition. Nothing special, family members only. Nonetheless, Dormouse jumped a whopping 10 yards! The prize was a whole bag of hazel nuts. Yummy! Overwhelmed by the savoury memory, Dormouse licks his constantly-growing front teeth and thinks of a snack – a slightly bitter willow tree stick, or something of a kind. “Must move!”, he concludes. As usual, before anything else, he begins by counting the fingers and toes on his front and back paws. “Ten and eight. Enough for setting out into the night. But where should I go?”

150 | Science centre “Zīnoo”

Interactive expositions and educating games, which will help you gain an understanding about the human body, nature sciences and technologies, await the visitors of the science centre.
Poruka iela 8, Cēsis,
ph. +371 25400228, www.zinoo.lv
GPS: 57.3146, 25.2885

151 | Viks’ fairytale park

The park invites you to take a walk on its fairytale trails and meet characters from the writer Viks’ fairytales rendered in wood. The park is the home to Ness and Nessy, Rūpu Dūkītis and other characters. You can also arrange an excursion with the writer himself as well as use the picnic spot and children’s playground.
Dikļi, Kocēni County,
ph. +371 64231933, 26447061
GPS: 57.5971, 25.0991

152 | Brīnumu mežs

“Brīnumu mežs” is an indoor children’s playground open all season. It has different kind of attractions - three floor barrier attractions, trampolines, swings, slides and playhouses.
Ainažu iela 6, Valmiera
GPS: 57.5432, 25.3923
Pulkveža Briēža 111c, Sigulda
GPS: 57.1556, 24.8154
ph. +371 22352717
www.brinumumezs.com

153 | Miniature Wonderland

Do big things in a world where everything is 87 times smaller than in the real world. Model your own little world with trees and roads. See how modern technology works and whether cars and people go by traffic rules. Operate plants, fountains, traffic lights, shops, schools and even trains!
Puķu iela 2, Sigulda,
ph. +371 28308377,
www.mazabrinumzeme.lv
GPS: 57.1405, 24.8183



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