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Did you know...

The Cradle of the Latvian Flag. Cēsis is considered the birthplace of the Latvian flag. The first known flag, sewn in 1916, is on display today at the Cēsis Museum.

Life in the Viking Age. Āraiši Lake Fortress is the only place in Europe where you can walk through an authentically reconstructed 9th–10th century fortified Latgalian settlement.

The Self-Sufficient People of Līgatne. In Līgatne, a narrow-gauge railway was built to serve the paper mill, transporting raw materials and finished products. It operated until the end of the 20th century.

Vidzeme Began in Straupe. From the 11th to the 13th century, Straupe was the center of the Idumeja region (Vidumaa in Livonian). The name “Vidzeme” later originated from this.

The Longest Tavern in Latvia. The Jaunpiebalga Tavern is considered the longest tavern building in Latvia – approximately 116 meters long and 14 meters wide – built more than 200 years ago.

The Oldest Brewery in the Baltics. Beer has been brewed in Cēsis since 1590 – home to the oldest brewery in the entire Baltic and Nordic region.

Cinema Loves Cēsis Region. Latvian film classics such as “Limousine the Colour of Midsummer’s Eve”, “Sprīdītis”, “Edgar and Kristina”, and “Blizzard of Souls” were filmed in various locations around Cēsis.

The Pride of Latvian Flavors. In Priekule, the legendary rye variety ‘Kaupo’ – used to bake authentic Latvian rye bread – was developed, along with the potato variety ‘Early Yellows’, popular in both Latvia and Estonia.



Cēsis Municipality – a place where nature, culture, and traditions converge in harmony, offering experiences that both inspire and surprise.

The charm of small towns and rural idylls meets a creative spirit and a sense of worldly freedom. From the clear lakes of Piebalga to the rugged valleys of the Amata River, from the tranquility of Līgatne’s forests to the expansive hills of Priekule, every corner of the municipality holds its own unique atmosphere and story.

At the heart of the municipality lies Cēsis – a place where an eternally creative spirit meets historical landmarks and contemporary art. The medieval castle, cobblestone streets, green parks, and panoramic views captivate with authenticity and inspire with modern creativity.

In Līgatne, history reveals itself not only in the paper mill and unique sandstone cellars but also along nature trails where time seems to stand still. Along the banks of the Amata River, adventurers can embark on hikes or enjoy the gentle flow of water. The rural tranquility of Priekule contrasts with the powerful poetry of Veidenbaums, while in

Piebalga – birthplace of Latvian literary legends – the echoes of eternal creativity resonate. In Pārgauja, ancient mysteries intertwine with craftsmanship and the warmth of the people – from historic Straupe to picturesque villages where contemporary creations are rooted in tradition.

Cēsis Municipality is where the past meets the present, where traditions live on in new forms, and where every traveler can find a story that resonates. Here, the beauty of nature, inspiring human stories, and hospitality invite you to return.

It’s time to set out and discover Cēsis Municipality!



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CULTURE and HISTORY

Cēsis is a place where history and creativity are constantly alive. You can feel the energy in every step – from the majestic medieval castle to contemporary exhibition halls, from green parks to lively ielas where events unfold one after another. Festivals, art happenings, and encounters shape the rhythm of the town, drawing both locals and visitors alike. Cēsis is not only the heart of the municipality – it is a vibrant feeling that stays with you long after your visit.

1. Cēsis Old Town

Rīgas iela, Skolas iela, Pils iela, Torņa iela, Katrinas iela etc., GPS 57.3130, 25.2731

The Old Town is famous for its preserved medieval street network, several historically and architecturally outstanding buildings, as well as ancient market squares – Rožu and Livu Square. You can learn more about the buildings of the Old Town on a guided walk.

3. St. John's Church

Lielā Skolas iela 8, Cēsis, GPS 57.3121, 25.2716
+371 64121549, www.cesusirds.lv

St. John's Church is one of the oldest and most magnificent sacred buildings in Latvia. It houses a significant collection of tombstones, an altarpiece by Estonian artist J. Köler, and one of Latvia's most resonant concert organs. From the reconstructed tower, completed in 1853, visitors can enjoy a panoramic view of the city. The church also serves as a concert hall. For an additional fee, it is possible to climb the tower.

4. Transfiguration of Christ Orthodox Church of Cēsis

Palasta iela 22, Cēsis, GPS 57.3140, 25.2670

The church (built in 1845) was constructed on the foundations of the former St. Catherine's Church (14th–18th century). The building is designed in the Byzantine style. It was here that the Estonian painter Johan Köler began his professional career by creating the church's ceiling paintings. In the church's garden, the resting place of the owners of Cēsis Castle Manor, the von Sievers family, can be found. The church can be viewed from the outside.

6. Cēsis Stories

www.cesustasti.lv

Discover the rich history of the town of Cēsis with the "Cēsu Stāsti" project. This initiative invites you to explore the stories hidden behind the city's buildings, streets, and natural landmarks, revealing the unique character and heritage of Cēsis. On the website cesustasti.lv, you'll find various categories, including houses, manors, schools, streets, shops, and people, forming a mosaic of the town's history. The project also offers routes to help you explore Cēsis and its surroundings, letting you feel the breath of history in modern times.

2. Vidzeme Concert Hall Cēsis

Raunas iela 12-1, Cēsis, GPS 57.3133, 25.2764
+371 64119922, www.cesukoncertzale.lv

This acoustic concert hall hosts a wide range of high-quality professional arts events to delight the public. These include symphony, chamber music, jazz and contemporary musical concerts, operas, ballet and dramatic theatre performances, arts projects, film programmes and visual art exhibitions.



5. The Old Brewery

Lenču iela 11, Cēsis, GPS 57.3148, 25.2710

The brewing tradition in Cēsis dates back to the 15th century, and the old beer brewery was built in 1878 and is included on the list of nationally protected cultural monuments. The brewery's grounds now are home to the Art Space Mala, where you can enjoy a vegan meal, various concerts and events, as well as contemporary art exhibitions.

7. Cēsis Castle Complex

Pils laukums 9, Cēsis, GPS 57.3134, 25.2709

+371 26576111, www.cesupils.lv

Dating back to the period between the 13th-16th centuries, the Cēsis Medieval Ruins include the former Livonian Order Stone Castle and the Master's Residence. Taking candle-lit lanterns in hand, visitors can take a tour of the castle, enjoy a panoramic view of the tower from the Western Tower and visit the medieval prison. In summer, the castle grounds host artisans at work and a Medieval Activities' Centre, while visitors to the medieval kitchen garden can meet the gardener. The New Castle (built at the end of the 18th century) was formerly home to the noble von Sievers family, but since 1949 it has housed the Cēsis Museum. Visitors to the castle can view a permanent exhibition Cēsis – Mirror to the History of Latvia, the ornate 19th century castle interior, as well as rotating exhibitions. A visit to the castle will reveal why Cēsis is known as the birthplace of the Latvian national flag. A picturesque panorama of town opens up from the Lademaher Tower.



CASTLES and MANORS



8. Rucka Manor

Piebalgas iela 19, Cēsis, GPS 57.3095, 25.2820

+371 29407566, www.ruckasmuiza.lv

Rucka Manor Park is the geographical centre of Cēsis, where Rucka Manor stands. Here, you can enjoy various cultural events, listen to stories about the manor's history and development, and also taste pizzas made using Italian recipes at the "Trattoria" pizzeria.

MUSEUMS and EXPOSITIONS

9. Space Education Center

Cīruļšu iela 63, Cēsis, GPS 57.3016, 25.2365

+371 27873226, www.kosmosacentrs.lv

The center's three floors provide an interactive experience about space and its exploration, related sciences, as well as the daily life of astronauts and life on Mars. The centre features a replica of the real space station "Auseklis."



12. Historical exhibition "Burning Conscience"

Pils iela 12, Cēsis, GPS 57.3133, 25.2727

+371 26576111

Inscribed on several memorial plaques in the courtyard are names of 643 people from the historical District of Cēsis who died as a result of repressions. Detention cells are home to a permanent history exhibition revealing individual tales of resistance and the story of the occupation of Latvia.

14. MUSEUS Exhibition Hall

Rīgas iela 22, Cēsis, GPS 57.3116, 25.2717

To introduce Latgale's energetically powerful cultural heritage to audiences in Cēsis, space has been allocated in the exhibition hall for works by Latgalian ceramic artists, jewellery artists and painters. The exhibition on view changes every three months.

10. Cēsis Exhibition Hall

Pils laukums 3, Cēsis, GPS 57.3137, 25.2724

+371 64123557, www.cesupils.lv

Cēsis Exhibition Hall was built to serve as the manor house stables and coach-house, but since 1985 the building's primary function has been as an arts venue. It hosts a rotating program of art exhibitions featuring works by Latvian Masters and contemporary artists, along with chamber music concerts, lectures and performances.

11. Global Center for Latvian Art

Lielā Skolas iela 6, Cēsis (entrance from Baznīcas laukums), GPS 57.3125, 25.2724

+371 22416319, www.plmc.lv

Created with the aim of promoting the preservation of artistic values created by Latvian artists who went into exile as a result of World War II and the younger generation living abroad, the centre provides a systematic, in-depth and comprehensive insight into the development and diversity of Latvian exile art, enabling it to be evaluated in the context of world art developments.

13. Nordic Nature Medicine Museum

Pils laukums 15, Cēsis, GPS 57.3141, 25.2717

+371 22433986, www.naturemedicine.lv

June – September

An exhibition showcasing over 40 medicinal herbs exemplifying nature in Latvia and the Nordic countries will enhance the knowledge of those already familiar with medicinal herbs. But for those who are just discovering the natural world and its valuable products, the museum will be an exciting journey into a world with a colourful history and immensely promising future.

NATURE
and PARKS**15. Castle Park and Riekstukalns**

Cēsu Pils parks, Cēsis, GPS 57.3137, 25.2697

A landscaped park built in the early 19th century by the von Sievers family complete with an artificial pond, boat wharf and gazebos. A sculpted bust of the owner of the New Castle, Carl Gustav von Sievers was erected on Kārlis's Hill. Adjoining the open-air stage is the ancient Wenden castle mound, Riekstukalns (11th-13th century), which was once home to a wooden castle around which the town of Cēsis took shape.

**17. Svētavots**

Atpūtas iela 12, Cēsis, GPS 57.3037, 25.2358

+371 29460660, www.svetavots.lv

In the Ancient Gauja River Valley, an ice-free spring emanates from the Svētavots Cave. Its water is considered to have healing properties. A walking park has been created around the spring. If you make a prior reservation, a guide will conduct a health ritual. There is admission to the site and requires prior registration.

**19. Kaķupīte Nature Trail**

Vaives pagasts, GPS 57.2555, 25.3668

This is a circular trail of medium difficulty, 800 meters long, with a natural ground cover. The trail features a small wooden sculpture park where you can encounter animal characters from Latvian folk tales, as well as listen to audio stories by scanning QR codes. Picnic tables are also available.

WORKSHOPS
and CRAFTS**20. Vēverišas Weavers' Workshop**

Rīgas iela 19, Cēsis, GPS 57.3116, 25.2721

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Latvian folk costumes from various parts of the country are made at the workshop, where visitors can also view and buy various craftworks made by local artisans. Visitors can also observe how Latvian folk patterns are woven into textile fabrics on looms. Prior booking is required.

22. Green Lifestyle Workshops by ieber.lv

Pļavas iela 13, Cēsis, GPS 57.3125, 25.2794

+371 28804545, www.ieber.lv

ieber.lv offers more than 20 workshops on green living that inspire and educate on sustainable habits. The workshops take place in Cēsis, online with material delivery, or as traveling workshops at the client's location. Topics include creating natural light, green kitchen principles, lifestyle impacts on the climate, sustainable financial planning, and making healthy snacks.

16. Maija Park with Kids' Playground

Maija parks, Cēsis, GPS 57.3145, 25.2739

This park is ideally suited for recreation with children. It includes a special kids' attraction zone, skate park and bike park. In summer, visitors can enjoy the sight of illuminated fountains and a pair of black swans.

**18. Ķiruliši Nature Trails**

Ķiruliši, Cēsis, GPS 57.3072, 25.2213

Several circular walking trails introduce visitors to the development of the Gauja River Valley from the Ice Age to the present day. There you can see such sights as Ķirulišu Cave, Brides' Cave, Mirror Cliffs, Bell Cliffs, etc. On the trail near Žagarkalns, you can climb the 22-metre-high Green Tower.

21. Healthy Snack Workshop "Labas saknes"+371 26568037, www.labassaknes.lv

Visitors have the opportunity to sign up for a workshop and tasting session, where they can learn about the importance of vegetables in nutrition, taste the products, and create their own healthy candies.

23. Medieval Costume Workshop

Raunas iela 17-1, Cēsis, GPS 57.3129, 25.2751

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The workshop offers an introduction to medieval clothing, accessories and footwear. You can try on clothes, take photos, rent costumes and buy them, listen to a presentation about the development of medieval costume. Advance booking is required.

24. Siļķes. Native home of the Sculptor Jansons

Dzirnavu iela 33, Cēsis, GPS 57.3181, 25.2310

+371 29124876, www.artsilkes.lv

In the sculptors' family house and both workshops, sculptures created and in progress by three generations of artists are on display, and visitors also have the opportunity to observe artist Matiass Jansons at work. During the tour, a spacious sculpture garden can also be explored. Advance booking is required.

FOR FOOD
LOVERS**25. Cēsis Bakery**

Rīgas iela 18, Cēsis (entrance from Lielās Skolas iela), GPS 57.3120, 25.2720

+371 29238438, www.cesumaize.lv

A bakery in the heart of the Old Town bakes bread using organic spelt, buckwheat, oat, and barley flour grown in Latvia, prepared with natural sourdough. By booking in advance, the bakery owner will reveal the secrets of baking healthy bread.

27. Farm "Kalna Paltes"

"Kalna Paltes", Vaives pagasts, GPS 57.2599, 25.4724

+371 28377783, www.kalnarpaltes.lv

A family farm passionate about its place, work, and leisure. Visitors are offered gastronomic adventures, creative taste workshops, musical evenings, and products made from homegrown vegetables and berries. Pre-booking is required.

ACTIVE
RECREATION**28. Elektro Eži**

Rīgas iela 51a, Cēsis, GPS 57.3095, 25.2681

+371 20481188, www.elektroezi.lv

Less sweat, more fun! Elektro Eži offers e-bike and mountain bike rentals, as well as specially designed free cycling routes in Cēsis and the surrounding area, conveniently accessible on your phone. They also organize guided events.

30. Skiing and Biathlon Center "Cēsis"

"Lejas Luksti", Vaives pagasts, GPS 57.3039, 25.3786

+371 26433500, www.occesis.lv

Offers year-round active recreation opportunities and organizes various sports events. In winter, cross-country skiing trails of varying difficulty levels are open, and equipment rental is available. During the summer season, the trails can be used by runners and roller skiers. Disc golf and Nordic walking are available throughout the year.

26. Cēsis Market

Uzvaras bulvāris 24, Cēsis, GPS 57.3149, 25.2819

+371 26117224, www.cesutirgus.lv

In the town centre, you can purchase goods made by local farmers and artisan producers. Various themed market days are held regularly, as well as an extended market once a month.

29. Žagarkalns Skiing Resort

Ķirulišu iela 70, Cēsis, GPS 57.3006, 25.2301

+371 26266266, www.zagarkalns.lv

Offers different difficulty tracks connected to each other. The complex has the largest professional ski school in Latvia, making it the best place to learn skiing and snowboarding, as well as to enjoy holidays in the children's ski schools.

31. Jeeps in the Jungle

Apšukalna iela, Cēsis, GPS 57.30722, 25.2213

+371 28674520, www.facebook.com/dzipidzunglos

Embark on an outdoor adventure by navigating remote-controlled off-road model jeeps! Combine this engaging activity with a walk along the scenic Ķiruliši Nature Trails, a hike around Lake Ninieris, or explore other routes that add an element of excitement to your nature experience. Advance booking is required.

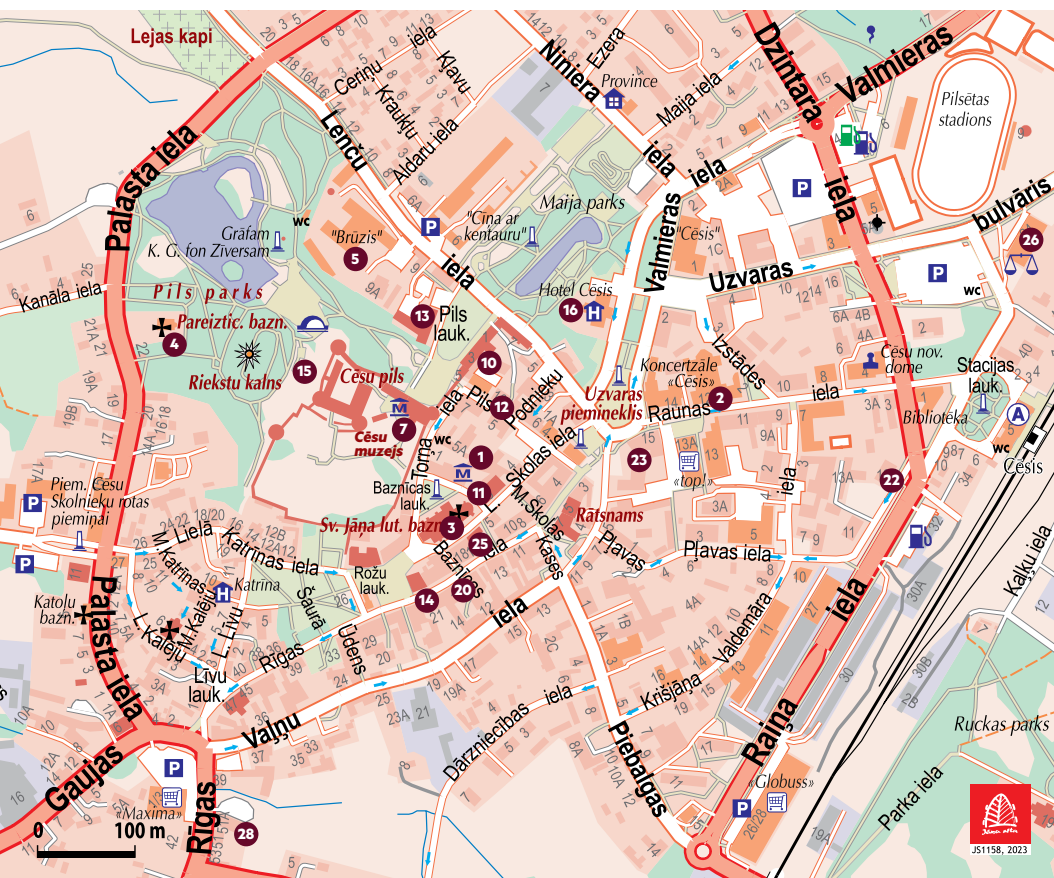
Orienteering Game “Explore Cēsis”+371 28318318, visit.cesis.lv/place/izzini-cesis

This orienteering game takes you on an informative walk through the old town of Cēsis and slightly beyond its borders. Participants follow a mapped route and answer questions, with answers found in nature, on the map, or by thinking outside the box.

Hunting Culture: Cēsisplay.roadgames.com/en/event/cesis-pilseta

Roadgames offers an exciting and interactive way to explore the surroundings from a different perspective while enjoying time with friends. The game can be purchased online and played at any convenient time.

Find more information here:



CULTURE and HISTORY

32. Ligatne Paper Factory

Pilsoņu iela 1, Ligatne, GPS 57.2372, 25.0416

www.papirfabrika.lv

For 200 years, the name Ligatne has been closely linked to its industrial heritage – Ligatne Paper Mill. By prior arrangement, visitors can explore the historic paper mill, learn about its history, the story of paper production, and how Ligatne Paper Mill shaped the development of the entire town. Advance booking is required.

34. Ligatne paper mill village audio guide

Ligatne, GPS 57.2335, 25.0399

visit.cesis.lv/place/ligatnes-papirfabrikas-ciemata-audiogids/

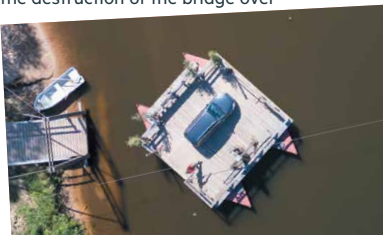
The audio guide includes stories about 21 historical sites, which can be accessed for free by scanning QR codes at the locations using a phone. In addition to the audio guide, the scanned code provides an extended description of each site. The audio guides are available in Latvian, English, German, and Estonian, making this walking route suitable for international tourists.

36. Ligatne Ferry

Ligatne, GPS 57.2549, 25.0442

+371 25737578

Guided by the power of the current, the ferry is not only a monument to the history of Latvian engineering, but also the only current-powered ferry that crosses the Gauja River. It was built at this location after the Second World War, following the destruction of the bridge over the Gauja.



Ligatne pulses with life – between sandstone cellars, the sound of festivals, gastronomic masterpieces, and the silence of nature trails. Creativity here grows alongside the trees, and stories echo with the murmur of the river. Every moment in Ligatne is like a small miracle – vivid, poetic, and unexpected. It's a place where emotions are born that stay with you.

33. Secret Soviet Bunker

“Skalupes”, Ligatnes pagasts, GPS 57.2554, 25.0688

+371 64161915, +371 26467747, www.bunkurs.lv

This secret Soviet era bunker is located 9 m below ground in the grounds of the Ligatne Rehabilitation Centre. Visitors to the bunker can play the reality game Object X, have a party in the bunker and enjoy a meal in the underground café.



35. ZEIT Creative Quarter

Gaujas iela 4, Ligatne, GPS 57.2361, 25.0376

+371 25779944, www.zeit.lv

Zeit is a place in a former helmet factory to enjoy festivities, attend concerts, organise seminars and stay overnight in a contemporary hotel. This is an ideal environment for families with kids complete with a large play space and a net park where both adults and kids can feel fully free among the 4-7m high net labyrinths.

37. Retro Tour

Springu iela 3, Ligatne, GPS 57.2329, 25.0426

+371 28652090, www.retroture.lv

May – October

A unique opportunity to explore the most beautiful spots in Ligatne, learn about the history of the paper mill, and experience a ride in a legendary 1980s minibus – the “Latvija”. Each trip can accommodate up to 8 passengers. Pre-booking is required.

MUSEUMS and EXPOSITIONS

38. Woodcraft Museum

“Vienkoči”, Ligatnes pagasts, GPS 57.1915, 25.0547

+371 29329065, www.vienkoci.lv

Located in Vienkoči Park, this museum is set up like an old workshop, showcasing how ancient craftsmen made household items for manor lords and common people alike. You can explore the details of crafting dugout canoes and other wooden items from the Stone Age to today. Guided tours and creative workshops are available upon request.

40. Museum of Traditional Fishing Craft

Gaujas iela 38, Ligatne, GPS 57.2546, 25.0446

+371 29232837

This museum is home to a diverse collection of fishing tackle and is further enhanced by your guide's narrative about the Gauja, its fishermen and their tackle. Advance booking required.

41. Ligatne Nature Trails

Ligatne, GPS 57.2486, 25.0150

+371 28328800, +371 64153313, www.ligatnesdabastakas.lv

A 5 km long set of landscaped trails within the territory of Gauja National Park offering visitors the chance to see some of the wild animals found in Latvia. The Ligatne Nature Trails are open all year round.



43. Ligatne Cellar Caves and Cliffs

Ligatne, GPS 57.2309, 25.0462

A walking trail offers a view of Ligatne's impressive cliffs and cellar caves, stretching from Anfabrika Cliffs to Lustūzis and the Morgas Caves. The first caves were carved into the rock as early as the 18th century, and today there are over 300 known caves.



45. Springi Cliff

Ligatne, GPS 57.2527, 25.0608

A majestic sandstone wall on the left bank of the Gauja River, stretching 600 meters with a maximum height of 21 meters. It's best viewed by boat but can also be reached via a small trail from the Ligatne Rehabilitation Center. In winter, spectacular icefalls form along the cliff.

39. Ligatne Bicycle Museum

Springu iela 1, Ligatne, GPS 57.2336, 25.0400

+371 29450130, www.veloligatne.lv

At the museum, you will learn about the golden age of cycling in Latvia and the bicycles made in this country through films, awards, bicycle parts, catalogue, and other historical artifacts.



NATURE and PARKS

42. Vienkoči Park

“Vienkoči”, Ligatnes pagasts, GPS 57.1915, 25.0547

+371 29329065, www.vienkoci.lv

A walking and recreation park along the Ligatne River with trails featuring many themed viewing and educational objects. The diverse park zones include models of historic manors and other buildings, wooden sculptures, ethnographic structures, dugout boats, and a tar kiln. Here you can see Latvia's first sandbag house, learn about its construction process, and find inspiration for a green lifestyle. The annual “Night of Fire” event takes place on the first Saturday of October. The park is open year-round.

44. Health Trail and Mythological Trail

Skalupes, Ligatne, GPS 57.2553, 25.0675

The Health Trail is a 1.5 km forest trail with exercises developed by physiotherapists from the Ligatne Rehabilitation Center. Suitable for all ages, it promotes an active lifestyle with fun and engaging tasks. The trail connects to the Mythological Trail, where visitors can see wooden sculptures of ancient Latvian deities and enjoy scenic views of the Gauja River.

46. Kūķi Cliffs

Ligatne, GPS 57.2741, 25.1070

The highest Devonian rock outcrop in Latvia – 43 meters high. Below the cliffs are multi-tiered rapids, which earned them the nickname “Rushing Rocks” from ancient rafters. In the middle of the cliffs is the unique Kūķi Cave, formed in the sandstone at the water's edge, accessible only during low water levels. Beautiful icefalls form here in winter.

LĪGATNE PARISH

WORKSHOPS and CRAFTS

47. Līgatne Craft House

Pilsõņu iela 4/24, Līgatne, GPS 57.2346, 25.0452
+371 29346946

The Craft House is located in one of the historic worker row houses of the Līgatne Paper Mill complex in Skolaskalns. It features weaving and ceramic workshops, and is home to the folk applied arts studio "Līgatne" and the group "Līgatne Potters". Visitors can enjoy local artisan exhibitions and workshops with prior booking.

49. Līgatne's Birch Bark Weavers

"Ikneši", Līgatnes pagasts, GPS 57.2150, 25.0911
+371 26310401

Among the rare birch bark weavers in Latvia are folk crafts masters Vizma and Pēteris Zvirbulis. These birch bark masters will explain and demonstrate how to make over 50 products from birch bark. Advance booking required.

FARMS

51. Svilis Pepper Farm

Liepu iela 12, Augšlīgatne, Līgatnes pagasts, GPS 57.1884, 25.0316
+371 28378507, www.svilispepperfarm.com

July – October/November

Enjoy a spicy tour at one of the largest chili farms in Latvia! During the visit, you will learn all about chili cultivation and have the chance to taste a variety of delicious chili sauces, jams, and pickled products. Advance booking is required.

52. Family Farm "Zaļumnica"

Zaļumnica, Līgatnes pagasts, GPS 57.1973, 25.0512
+371 28309102, zalumnica.lv

A family farm dedicated to meeting customer needs by growing high-quality and diverse plants and flowers, as well as fresh, natural produce – including greens, vegetables, fruits, and berries. The farm also offers planting workshops, creative activities, and event celebrations on-site, all of which require prior registration.

48. Līgatne Ceramic Clay Workshop

Līgatnes Amatu māja, Pilsõņu iela 4, Līgatne, GPS 57.2344, 25.0453
+371 22848109

The ceramics workshop is in the terraced houses once occupied by workers at Līgatne Paper Factor. From 1889 until 1990, this building was home to Līgatne's Old School. Booking an excursion in advance, visitors have the chance to find out about day-to-day life in the potter's workshop and buy tableware with no store markup. During the excursion, for an additional charge, you can make your own souvenir.



FOR FOOD LOVERS

50. Līgatne Vineyard

Springu iela 3, Līgatne, GPS 57.2329, 25.0420
+371 26521467, +371 28602642, www.ligatnesvinadaritava.lv

Līgatne Winery is a family business producing over 20 types of wine and other beverages made from berries and fruits harvested in the Gauja National Park area. The wine shop is open year-round, every day. By prior arrangement, guests can enjoy wine and non-alcoholic beverage tastings by candlelight in the Lustūža Cliff cellar cave. The winery welcomes both individual visitors, starting from 2 people, and groups of up to 80 people.



ACTIVE RECREATION

53. Net Park

Gaujas iela 4, Līgatne, GPS 57.2359, 25.0380
+371 25779944, www.tikluparks.lv

The 4-7 m high net labyrinths are the perfect place to enjoy some proper fun, rest and relax. An indoor playground is also available, along with a café and hotel. Open every day, all year round.

54. EasyBike

"Bērziņi", Līgatnes pagasts, GPS 57.2459, 25.0041
+371 22084232, www.easyride.lv

Guided electric mountain bike tours through the scenic landscapes of Gauja National Park. Easy Ride routes include Latvia's best MTB trails and the most beautiful nearby locations. All rides begin or end in Līgatne, which offers many picturesque forest trails untouched by tourist crowds.

GAMES

Photo orientation game "Explore Paper Mill village"

visit.cesis.lv/place/ligatnes-detalu-medibas

An exciting exploration of Līgatne's industrial heritage and natural environment. Join the adventure with family, friends, or take on the challenge solo! The game is available for purchase at the Cēsis Tourism Information Center.

Game "Līgatne: Fairy Tale Expedition"

play.roadgames.com/en/event/ligatne

Embark on an orienteering adventure in Līgatne to uncover fairy tale characters, witches with their spells, and colorful wall paintings. The game can be purchased online and played at any convenient time.



TASTE



STAY



Find more
information here:



Reality Game "Object X"

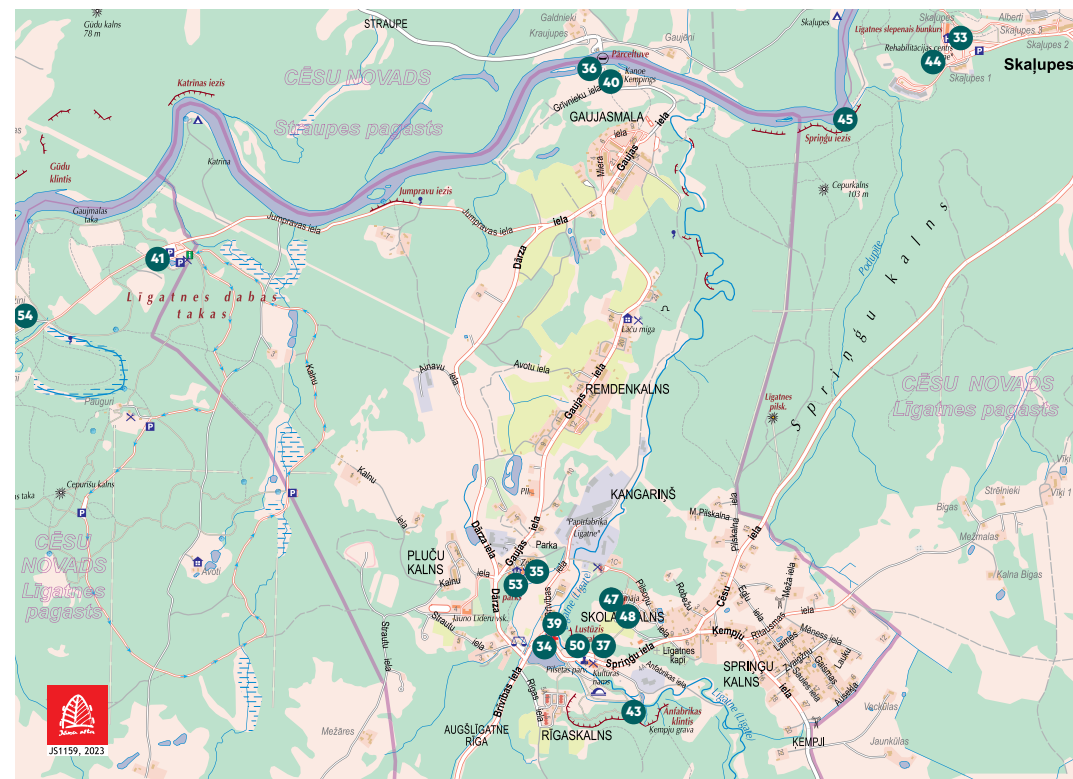
Skaļupes, Līgatne, GPS 57.2557, 25.0691
+371 26467747, www.bunkurs.lv

A reality game in the Soviet Secret Bunker for active and adventurous participants who are ready to take on a secret mission and get an adrenaline rush. Players assume the role of secret agents completing a classified mission to save their homeland from disaster. Participants can play individually or in teams.

Game "Battle of Trees and Shrubs"

Vienkoču parks, GPS 57.1965, 25.0522
+371 20071373, questngo.com

Quest n GO has created the first quest in Vienkoči Park, an exciting experience for families, parties, and corporate events. Players solve various tasks and answer questions while exploring nature.



CULTURE and
HISTORY55. Āraiši Lake Castle
Archaeological Park

Āraiši, Drabešu pagasts, GPS 57.2517, 25.2824
+371 25669935, www.araisi.com



Āraiši lake settlement is the only reconstruction of a 9th–10th century fortified settlement in Europe. By visiting the huts on the lake island, exploring the exhibition of artifacts found in the area, and listening to the stories of Āraiši, visitors can gain a unique experience. The journey into the past is provided by the Stone and Bronze Age homes on Meitu Island, while medieval traces are preserved in the castle ruins on the lakeshore.

58. Battle of the Woods

“Amatas”, Drabešu pagasts, GPS 57.2126, 25.2526
+371 26593677

Exciting outdoor activities in a historically important, interesting and very beautiful place. Team competitions related to the Latvian and Estonian Freedom Fights and the Battle of Cēsis, which will stimulate thinking, cooperation and team spirit. After the educational activities, you can have a picnic under an oak tree or by the river. There are also various opportunities for organised hikes along the Amata. Pre-registration required.

60. Latvian history adventure in Nītaure

Nītaure, GPS 57.0708, 25.1930
+371 29156765, daceepure@inbox.lv

An attractive guided tour of Nītaure historical sites in the context of Latvian history from the 9th to the 21st century. The tour is accompanied by stories, photographs and old drawings, a parade of soldiers' costumes from different centuries, a feast of the Order brothers and the picturesque nature of Nītaure.

In the Amata area, nature and adventure go hand in hand. The rushing Amata River shapes the character of the landscape, inviting visitors to hike, seek peace, or experience the force of nature. Small villages and scenic views create a space where movement and tranquility meet. Here, travelers can feel both on the road and at home – deeply inspired by nature, people, and authenticity.

56. Āraiši Windmill

Āraiši, Drabešu pagasts, GPS 57.2477, 25.2712
+371 29238208, www.araisuvejdzirnavas.lv

Dutch-type windmill built as the Drabeši Manor mill around the mid-19th century. Visitors can explore the restored milling equipment, which is spread across several floors, and learn all about the history of the mill. With prior reservation, groups can enjoy a hearty miller's lunch.



57. Forest Brothers' Bunker

Amadas, Drabešu pagasts, GPS 57.2226, 25.2236
+371 29350059, mezabrali.wordpress.com

The underground bunker with an exhibition of weapons, ammunition and other items used by the forest brothers can be visited by prior reservation. During the donation-based tour visitors will be able to see the items used by the national partisans and hear stories about the movement of the forest brothers in Latvia. Advance booking is required.

59. Krigaļi Mill

Nītaures pagasts, GPS 57.0616, 25.1457
+371 29441391

The mill was built in 1938, and the equipment is in working order. The guide will share the history of the mill, its operations, and the hydroelectric station (HES) established in 1997. During the summer, visitors can purchase garden berries. Advance booking is required.

61. Zaube Lutheran Church, Manor Park

Zaube, Zaubes pagasts, GPS 56.9975, 25.2585
+371 29183163

A church unique for its tower and oak door which are over 350 years old. The façade is lined with high and narrow window frames reminiscent of arrow slits. Next to Lake Lejas Lake is the famous Zaube Oak.

MUSEUMS and
EXPOSITIONS

62. Melānija Vanaga Museum

Doles-2, Amatas pagasts, GPS 57.1673, 25.2780
+371 29445480, www.melanijavanaga.lv

The message from commemorative items and the testimonies of Melānija Vanaga's 16 years in exile offer visitors an intimate insight into not only the writer's destiny, but that of all those deported to Siberia. Not far from the museum, one can view the only Siberian dugout in Latvia, which was conceived by the children of Siberia deported on 14 June 1941. For visiting the Museum prior booking is required.

NATURE
and PARKS

64. Amata Nature Trail

Drabešu pagasts, GPS 57.2223, 25.2352

Melturi – Kārļi Fish Farm – Zvārtes Rock – Vecclauči Bridge (19 km). This trail is suitable for hiking, Nordic walking, bird watching. The trail leads only along the right bank of the Amata River and is not suitable for cycling. Sandstone and dolomite outcrops, landscapes, diverse flora can be seen. The 46 m high Landscape Cliff is the highest in Latvia.

66. Cecīli Nature Trail

Drabešu pagasts, GPS 57.2183, 25.1657
+371 29477700, www.cecilutaka.lv

A private, well-maintained nature trail, where you can see various natural objects: the Cecīli Rock, the Dančupīte Cave, the Cecīli Pine, etc. The trail is not suitable for strollers and bicycles, but feel free to bring your dog. The trail is beautifully illuminated in the darker months of the year.

68. Writers' Park of Spāre Manor

Rakstnieku parks, Amatas pagasts, GPS 57.1953, 25.2262
visit.cesis.lv/place/spares-muizas-rakstnieku-parks

The Writers' Park, established in 1930, is a restored natural and cultural monument where well-known Latvian writers, including Aleksandrs Čaks and Arvids Grigulis, planted trees, leaving a lasting legacy. The park is enhanced with informational signs and newly planted trees by contemporary Latvian writers, offering a pleasant and educational walking spot.



63. Museum of Junk and Ancient Things

“Dzirnaiņi” Skujenes pagasts, GPS 57.0973, 25.4744
+371 26262495

On view are various items useful for work on the farm, which were used until 1992. Visitors have the chance to try out these old work tools. Individual programmes are available for groups, along with a guided excursion.

65. Ieriķi Nature Trail

Ieriķi, Drabešu pagasts, GPS 57.2082 25.1704
+371 26493739, www.ierikudzirnavas.com

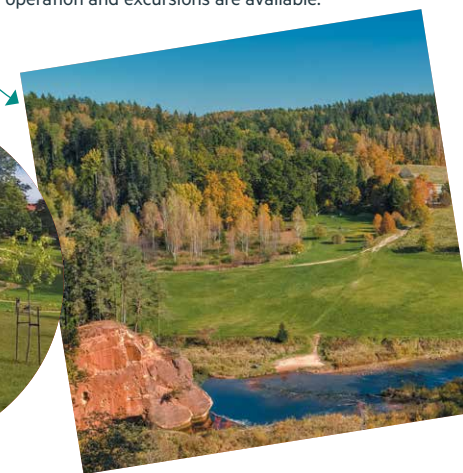
Meldrupite Waterfalls, floral arrangements, mill wheel, and walls. A perfect spot for walks, photoshoots and wedding ceremonies. In autumn and winter, when it gets dark, the Mill Trail is home to the Light Park. The route is adapted for people with visual impairments.



67. Zvārtes Rock

Zvārtes iezis, Drabešu pagasts, GPS 57.2459, 25.1480
+371 29252126

One of the most picturesque Devonian sandstone rock outcrops in Latvia. Crossing the pedestrian bridge over the River Amata, one can climb to the summit of the rock and walk the Forest Mother's Trail. A tourism information centre is in operation and excursions are available.



WORKSHOPS
and CRAFTS

69. Drabeši Manor Crafts House

Drabeši, Drabešu pagasts, GPS 57.2437, 25.2793
+371 29199870, www.kas-te.lv

Located in the early 19th-century Drabeši Manor, this crafts house offers workshops on ancient crafts, folk traditions, music, dance, and games. Group tours include experiences such as historical musical instruments, butter-making, and wool processing– from sheep to fabric. Pre-booking is required.

FOR FOOD
LOVERS

72. Family farm “Indrāni”

“Indrāni”, Skujenes pagasts, GPS 57.0908, 25.4955
+371 29455715, www.zsindrani.lv

If you want to learn how to fulfill your childhood dream of becoming a candy factory director, head to the Sugar Town in Indrāni! Here, visitors can enjoy a candy production workshop, a jewelry studio, a summer café, shopping, tastings, picnic baskets, and various pop-up events.

74. Beverage Factory
“Veselības Laboratorija”

Kalna iela 5, Līvi, Drabešu pagasts, GPS 57.2836, 25.2517
+371 26567007, www.veselibaslaboratorija.lv

A local producer of berry and fruit spirits, offering visitors a chance to see the production process, taste the products, and make purchases. Pre-booking is required.

FARMS

76. Deer Park “Annas Dzirnavas”

“Annas dzirnavas”, Zaubes pagasts, GPS 57.0335, 25.3500
+371 29176917

By pre-booking, visitors can enjoy an educational tour, feed majestic deer, and take photos with them.

70. Drum workshop “Sajūtu bungas”

“Kalna Vērši 4”, Drabešu pagasts, GPS 57.2417, 25.1859
+371 29456485

Drum masters Ilze and Sergejs Bušujevi help people become friends with the drums, create their own drums, and connect with their feelings, filling the drums with their energy and love. Making drums creates a special bond between people and their instrument.

71. Skujene Hillfort

“Ziedkalni”, Skujene, GPS 57.0941, 25.4740
+371 22143673, www.skujenespilskalns.lv

A scenic site for sightseeing and picnicking, ideal for families and groups. The creative space “100 Little Things Etudes” features an exhibition of decorative porridge bowls, painting workshops for up to 15 people, and local treats. The site is available by appointment.

73. Factory “Latvijas Ķiploks”

“Muciņas”, Līvi, Drabešu pagasts, GPS 57.2783, 25.2442
+371 29123367, www.latvijaskiploks.lv

Visitors have the opportunity to tour the factory and discover the various nuances of garlic, as well as taste unique products such as garlic chocolate, garlic tea, and garlic candies. Pre-booking is required.

75. Organic Farm
“Gustu Apinis”

“Cimbuļi”, Skujenes pagasts, GPS 57.0199, 25.4287
+371 29208644

May – September

Located 216 meters above sea level in the Vidzeme Highlands, this organic farm offers visitors a taste of authentic Italy and scenic views reminiscent of Tuscany. In a specially equipped workshop, the hostess leads a masterclass on milling grains with a porcelain millstone and making pasta in various shapes.



77. Farm “Ozoliņi”

“Annas Ozoliņi”, Zaubes pagasts, GPS 57.0360, 25.4108
+371 29174664, www.ozolini.lv

Together with the owner, you can take an educational walk through the meadows and learn about medicinal plants. You can create your own tea mandala, as well as taste and purchase various teas.

ACTIVE
RECREATION

79. Skiing Park “Ozolkaļns”

“Saulkrasti”, Drabešu pagasts, GPS 57.2943, 25.2221
+371 26400200, www.ozolkaļns.lv

In winter, “Ozolkaļns” offers Latvia's longest ski slopes – up to 500 meters – along with jumps, children's slopes, skiing and snowboarding lessons, and equipment rental. In summer, the park features a campsite, sauna, boat rentals, and bike rentals.

81. Sesīļi Ponies

“Sesīļi”, Drabešu pagasts, GPS 57.2526, 25.2083
+371 26595545

Children can enjoy pony rides at the farm, which also offers visits to children's parties. Pre-booking is required.



83. Horses at “Rembēni”

Rembēni, Skujenes pagasts, GPS 57.0899, 25.3886
+371 29142405

Owner Ieva has years of experience with horses. This scenic farm in the Vidzeme Highlands currently has four beautiful horses ready for riding, photography, and meeting visitors.

84. Farm “Zaķiši”

“Magonītes”, Amatas pagasts, GPS 57.2572, 25.1461
+371 29347387, www.zakisi.lv

A picturesque farm near the Amata River, home to various farm animals such as rabbits, cows, sheep, dwarf goats, and more. No prior booking is needed on summer weekends, but pre-arrangement is required at other times.

78. Farm “Lejas Suces”

“Lejas Suces”, Nītaures pagasts, GPS 57.0554, 25.1791
+371 29174211

May – September

On the farm, different animals and birds can be seen – chickens, quails, ducks, geese, rabbits, pigs, sheep. Can buy seasonal organic vegetables and berries. Place for organizing events and recreation in nature.



80. Rakši Zoo

“Rakši”, Drabešu pagasts, GPS 57.2762, 25.1985
+371 20009097, www.kamieli.lv

Home to more than 200 animals, including camels, llamas, alpacas, Madagascar lemurs, Australian kangaroos, Poitou donkeys, and others, which visitors can feed by hand. The zoo offers unique animal experiences such as lemur feeding, camel rides, walks with llamas and alpacas, donkey safaris, and more. You can also taste authentic Moroccan and Korean dishes and stay overnight at a Moroccan-style hotel.

82. An Adventure with Huskies
“Dod ķepu”

“Papardes 2”, Drabešu pagasts, GPS 57.2417, 25.2856
+371 25951531, www.dodkepu.lv

Visitors to the farm can not only cuddle the dogs but also take an exciting ride on a huskie-drawn sleigh through snowy forests and fields, and during the summer enjoy treks in the company of these happy companions who love people a great deal.





TASTE



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In the Vecpiebalga area, the depth of stories and lightness of inspiration coexist. This is the birthplace of Latvian literary legends and the strength of the language. Crystal-clear lakes, green hills, and blooming water lilies! The creative atmosphere nourishes not only culture but also masterful crafts. It's a place where words echo deeper, and life feels more genuine.

CULTURE and HISTORY

85. Dzērbene Lutheran Church

Dzērbenes pagasts, GPS 57.1914, 25.6780

+371 27264147

Built under the direction of the master builder Mārcis Sārums, the church was consecrated in 1842. It features Sandra Balode's diploma work, the painting "Christ on the Cross", which she created after graduating from the Art Academy of Latvia. Unfortunately, the previous painting, as well as one of the gilded chandeliers, was stolen in 1989.

87. Vecpiebalga Lutheran Church

Vecpiebalga, GPS 57.0579, 25.8218

+371 29163217

Open in 1845, this church was bombed in 1944. In 1997, the ancient walls were rebuilt, but without the bell tower. Hanging above the altar is Jūlijs Jēgers' painting My peace I give to you.

CASTLES and MANORS

89. Vecpiebalga Manor

Inešu pagasts, GPS 57.0191, 25.8305

Vecpiebalga Manor is a grand building in the classical styles, which is surrounded by a landscaped park with a regular plan and many exotic species of trees and shrubs. Its prototype featured in the famous Latvian novel Mērnīeku laiki (The Times of the Land Surveyors). The house can be viewed from the outside only.

90. Dzērbene Castle

Dzērbenes pagasts, GPS 57.1959, 25.6662

+371 29408315

Dzērbene Castle features a local history exhibit with materials and artifacts from different periods. There is also a memorial room dedicated to the famous "Mitten Jettiņa." Guided tours are available, including a visit to the castle tower and a chance to test your wits in the "Maria's Escape Room" game.

86. Lode (Apšu) Lutheran Church

Taurenas pagasts, GPS 57.1393, 25.6081

+371 29352904

The church was built in 1780 in the horizontal log style and right up to the start of the 20th century, the building had a thatched roof, which was later replaced with wooden shingles. The tower was built in 1911. The church's windows are unique and have survived from the 18th century. The altar, pulpit and organ prospect were made in 1893. Scenes from the film "Aija" were filmed near the church. The inside of the church is open to the public.

88. Dzērbene Cultural Heritage Center

"Biedri", Dzērbenes pagasts, GPS 57.1910, 25.6773

+371 29424560, visit.cesis.lv/place/dzerbenes-kulturvesturiska-mantojuma-centrs

The center organizes culturally significant events, such as "Mālderdienas," and offers guided tours, including walks through landscapes painted by Dzērbene-born artist Kārlis Gothards Grass, and discussions around the book "Stories of Dzērbene's Grandpa".



MUSEUMS and EXPOSITIONS

91. The Kaudzite Brothers' Memorial Museum "Kalna Kaibēni"

"Kalna Kaibēni", Vecpiebalgas pagasts,
GPS 57.0280, 25.7224

+371 26131784, www.piebalgasmuzeji.lv

15th of May – 15th of October

The oldest memorial museum in Latvia and a historical monument of 19th-century school history from the 1860s–1870s. Visitors can explore the writer's home decor from their lifetime, travel memorabilia, the place where the first Latvian novel "Mērnīku laiki" was written, as well as a garden with a viewing platform.

93. Kārlis Skalbe Memorial Museum "Saulrieti"

"Saulrieti", Vecpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57.0780, 25.8418

+371 26131784, www.piebalgasmuzeji.lv

15th of May – 15th of October

The summer home of writer Kārlis Skalbe features unique architecture and a romantic atmosphere. Visitors can explore the museum (closed on Mondays), attend thematic events, and experience wedding traditions (booking is required). Skalbe's family burial site at Vaktskalns offers scenic views of Lake Alauksks.

95. Latvian Ethnographic Open-Air Museum Rural Exhibition "Vēveri"

Vecpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57.1133, 25.8458

+371 29181219, +371 29364806

Piebalga's "Vēveri" has a history spanning at least 450 years. The site preserves the typical 19th-century Piebalga architecture, including windmills. The exhibition showcases weavers' tools, from spool frames to looms, various fabrics, and the tools of artisans and farmers.



92. Antons Austrīņš Memorial Museum "Kaikaši"

"Kaikaši", Vecpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57.0587, 25.8011

+371 26131784, www.piebalgasmuzeji.lv

15th of May – 15th of October

This memorial museum, located in the writer's childhood home, presents the life and work of one of Piebalga's most passionate poets. The museum also displays a unique collection of sun symbols from different cultures, created by the writer's daughter, Mudite Austrīņa.

94. Open collection of the Piebalga Museum Association "Orisāre"

"Pils", Inešu pagasts, GPS 57.0196, 25.8302

+371 26131784, www.piebalgasmuzeji.lv

The exhibition showcases the prominent figures of Piebalga and their works in the Piebalga museums and the collection part in Ineši parish near Vecpiebalga Manor. Exhibition of paintings by Piebaldzēns Jūlijs Jēgers. Opportunity to see the treasures of Piebalga museums – textiles.

96. Cinema Farm

"Dadži", Vecpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57.0630, 25.8276

+371 29119419

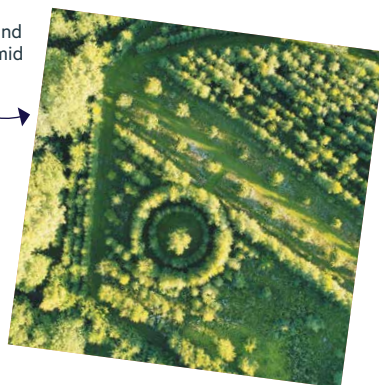
Accompanied by the owners, visitors can explore a collection from the last century film production and screening equipment, film reels, and visual entertainment items. This is the only exhibition in Latvia showcasing cinema technology with a cinema hall, offering guided tours that include the screening of authentic film fragments in all historical formats.

97. Open-air art gallery "Miers un bērziņš"

"Meirēni", Vecpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57.0761, 25.8278

+371 29131935

Walking through the birch grove, you can admire large-format photographs, enjoy the peaceful atmosphere, and build your own stone pyramid in the Pyramid Grove.



NATURE and PARKS

98. Brežģa Hill Observation Tower

Brežģa kalns, Taurenes pagasts, GPS 57.1131, 25.6930

Height of the hill: 255 m above sea level, relative height: 40 m. The 11 m high Brežģa Hill observation tower was opened in 2017. This is the place to catch sights of Lake Alauksks and Lake Zobols, and perhaps even Lake Inesis and to decipher which of the hillocks in the distance is Elkas Hill. A picnic and rest area are available to visitors.



99. Kaive Manor Park

Kaives pagasts, GPS 57.0507, 25.6311

Visitors to the park can admire the oak sculptures that were made during the "Tree and Axe" symposium by the skilled hands of sculptors and other countries. The park offers a picturesque view of the open-air stage and Lake Kaive.

100. Vecpiebalga "Guest room"

Vecpiebalga, GPS 57.0602, 25.8118

A park in the heart of Vecpiebalga, where you can admire various plantings, bridges, walking paths, and benches.

101. Walking Trail: Briņģi Loop

Ineši, GPS 57.0191, 25.830

visit.cesis.lv/place/pastaigu-taka-bringu-aplis

This 11 km circular route is popular and well-known, serving as the course for the annual "Briņģu Loop" fun run in early September. Its moderate length and easy difficulty level make it accessible to all, offering a peaceful forest walk and natural beauty.

WORKSHOPS and CRAFTS

102. Candle House

Inešu pagasts, GPS 57.0202, 25.8303

+371 26260202, www.gardeniaeco.com

In the Vecpiebalga Manor Candle House, natural "Gardenia Eco" candles made from plant wax are crafted – they burn beautifully and for a long time! Visitors have the opportunity to make their own candles, enriching them with plants and essential oils. Advance registration is required. A shop featuring local artisans' goods has also been established.



104. Creative House Memberi

"Biedri", Dzērbenes pagasts, GPS 57.1910, 25.6773

+371 29424560

Visitors can explore the creative world of artist Ērika Māldere and observe the work in designer Aigars Lenkevičs' "Lamp Design Workshop," where unique lamps and light sculptures are created based on individual orders. Various workshops are also offered to engage guests in hands-on experiences.

103. Piebalga Porcelain Factory

"Piensaimnieki", Inešu pagasts, GPS 57.0210, 25.8310

+371 28451800, www.porcelanadarbnica.lv

Piebalga's white gold is made at the Piebalga Porcelain Factory. Visitors can take a tour of the factory, discover the secrets of making fragile porcelain, and try out painting porcelain.



VECPIEBALGA PARISH

VECPIEBALGA, DZĒRBENE,
INEŠI, KAIVE, TAURENE

FARMS

105. Farm "Bitītes"

"Tenciši", Kaives pagasts, GPS 57.0903, 25.6446
+371 26225486, www.bitites.lv

The farm offers tours for small groups, where visitors can learn about bee products, taste and purchase them.

107. Rika Alpaca School

"Lejas Ģibuļi", Vecpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57.0667, 25.6971
+371 22011307, +371 26623637, www.rikasalpakas.lv

The Rika Alpaca School offers the opportunity to not only enjoy the scenic views of Piebalga, but also meet the alpacas, learn all about them, and take them for a walk. Visits must be booked in advance, as each tour is tailored individually to ensure the best experience when meeting these animals.



ACTIVE RECREATION

110. Leisure Complex Chill up

"Raskumi", Vecpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57.0847, 25.8096
20377207, www.chillup.lv

Visitors have access to a campsite, sauna, wakeboard and SUP boards. Rowing boats and bikes are available for rental. Active recreation fans can enjoy the use of the water attraction park. Overnight accommodation is also available, along with a tent area for corporate events.



106. Farm "3x9 zālītes"

"Pūcītes", Kaives pagasts, GPS 57.0544, 25.6236
+371 26188218, www.zalutejas.lv

Booking in advance, a guided tour is available of the "3x9 zālītes" nature trail, where walkers can encounter a multitude of wildflowers, enjoy nature in all its glory, sample some specials and buy some of the products made by "3x9 zālītes".

108. APIMI Cosmetics

Inešu pagasts, GPS 57.0191, 25.8305
+371 28341529, www.apimi.lv

"Apimi" are natural cosmetics made in Latvia, with ingredients including bee products – mostly honey, wax and propolis. The "Apimi" brand was created by sisters Madara and Ieva, drawing inspiration from the bees on their dad's farm and the properties of bee products. Visitors have the chance to take a tour of the production premises.

109. Bee Farm "Piebalgas ievākts medus"

"Upmaļi", Vecpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57.0556, 25.8255
+371 29493629, www.piebalgasmedus.lv

A beekeeping experience that includes insights into apitherapy, bee-related stories, honey tastings, and product purchases.



GAMES

Car Orienteering Game "Vecpiebalga-Jaunpiebalga"

PIEBALGA

play.roadgames.com/en/event/vecpiebalga-jaunpiebalga

During the game, discover where the Gauja River begins and where a village of dome-shaped houses is hidden. Step into the world of old cinema with a Zaporozhets car and vintage film equipment. Recharge at the sacred Bānūži spring and take in breathtaking views from Viņķu Hill. Stop by "Saulrieti" and Kencis' Hat to uncover what makes Piebalga so special. And it's not just the water lilies – though, by the way, they do bloom beautifully here!

Find more
information here:



TASTE



STAY



Jaunpiebalga is like a highland where ideas grow – home to craftsmanship, art, and human stories with a strong sense of roots. The hilly landscape inspires, while community life shows that creativity is not just a skill, but a mindset. Jaunpiebalga is where meaningful things are created.

CULTURE and HISTORY

111. Jaunpiebalga Saint Thomas's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Gaujas iela 23, Jaunpiebalga, GPS 57.1766, 26.0362

+371 28381573

Visitors to the church can admire the starry ceiling, gaze at the gothic interior and sit in any one of 800 seats. The ancient organ can be heard during both church services and concerts. Over 100 years ago, this is where a notable resident of Piebalga, composer Emīls Dārziņš learned to play the organ.

112. Jaunpiebalga Manor Inn

Gaujas iela 21, Jaunpiebalga, GPS 57.1771, 26.0416

+371 26412878, +371 2916865

The Jaunpiebalga Manor Inn, built in 1800, is a state-protected cultural monument. The current owner, Ainārs Sils, shares the history of the tavern, the surrounding inns, and showcases restoration works. The complex includes 3 buildings, forming a tavern ensemble.



MUSEUMS and EXPOSITIONS

113. Museum of the First Latvian National Opera Baņuta

"Piekalnes", Zosēnu pagasts, GPS 57.1492, 25.9297

+371 29244251, +371 28736495

The park and museum dedicated to the first Latvian opera Baņuta is located in the native home of the libretto's author Artūrs Krūmiņš at Skrāģu Tavern, located at the side of the historic St. Petersburg–Vecpiebalga Road. Baņuta Park is not only a sightseeing destination of cultural and historical interest, but also a picturesque location, especially Tirgskalns, which is one of the highest hills in the vicinity, as well as Kāpurkalns (Māras) Lake.

115. Jaunpiebalga Local History Museum

Gaujas iela 41, Jaunpiebalga, GPS 57.1663, 26.0177

+371 26615072

Opened in 1977, the museum offers visitors exhibitions about Piebalga, the folks who live here and the history of its schools, as well as ethnographic exhibits. Visitors can try their hand at writing with a quill pen and ink. Booking is required.

114. Piebalga Artwork Collection

Skolas iela 2, Zosēnu pagasts, GPS 57.1650, 25.8463

+371 26538154

On view in the collection are works of art that, at the instigation of Jēkabs Strazdiņš, were donated and collected at Pēterskola during the Second World War to form a golden collection of works of art by folk artists and professional artists from the Piebalga District. Visitors to the collection can view works by Jānis Valters, Jānis Jaunsudrabiņš, Jānis Cielavs, Hermanis Aplociņš, Jānis Titāns and other authors.

116. Emīls Dārziņš and Jānis Sudrabkalns Memorial Museum "Jāņaskola"

"Jāņaskola", Jaunpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57.1112, 25.9315

+371 26131784, www.piebalgasmuzeji.lv

15th of May – 15th of October

Walking through the rooms of the school building built in 1871, listening to the memorial tales and Dārziņš' music, visitors can try to solve three riddles – those of the artist's life, death and the secret of his art. Meanwhile, the Oliveretto Trail, which wends and winds its way alongside the museum will introduce you to the world of poet Jānis Sudrabkalns.

117. The Ciniši Antique Museum

"Ciniši", Jaunpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57.1955, 26.0894

+371 26155171

The Ciniši Antique Museum in Jaunpiebalga invites visitors to explore the Petkēviču family's private collection, which showcases both Soviet-era and older household items. The museum also features exhibitions of porcelain items from the Riga Porcelain Factory, Kuzņecovs, and other countries. Advance booking is required.

NATURE and PARKS

119. Plant nursery "Vidzemes ceriņi"

"Gaujas Murdēni", Zosēnu pagasts, GPS 57.1557, 25.8521

+371 29229933, www.vidzemescerini.lv

The walking garden spans approximately 5 hectares, where you can see 200 varieties of lilacs, hydrangeas, and about 20 varieties of philadelphus. Group tours with storytelling and practical gardening tips are offered, along with the opportunity to purchase plants.

121. Cycling Route "Mērnīku laiki"

Vecpiebalga, Jaunpiebalga, 57.0602, 25.8164

visit.cesis.lv/place/velo-marsruts-merniku-laiki

Challenge yourself with a multi-day cycling tour through the picturesque Piebalga region, following the footsteps of the first Latvian novel "Mērnīku laiki", ("The Time of the Surveyors"). This 100 km scenic route winds along dirt roads, Green Railways, and forest trails, uncovering locations that inspired the novel's colourful characters: Kencis and Pāvuls, Švauks, Ūlīniete, Pietuka Krustiņš, and others.

WORKSHOPS and CRAFTS

122. Pigori Workshop

"Mazkrūzes", Jaunpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57.1855, 25.9649

+371 28626469

Booking in advance, visitors can enjoy a guided excursion, accompanied by a talk by a tank drum maker about how these instruments are made. The opportunity to enjoy a demonstration, play musical instruments installed outdoors, as well as to learn a melody together on the tank drums, gaining a magical sound experience. Visitors can also stay overnight in a wigwam surrounded by the forest and musical instruments.

123. Workshop "Baltie darbi"

Rūpniecības 1A, Jaunpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57.1822, 26.0324

+371 226114226, www.baltiedarbi.com

This workshop showcases the history of linen nightwear, contemporary linen designs by Ilze Prūse, and a unique hat exhibition by Milda Skadiņa, highlighting cultural heritage.

118. Exhibition hall "Velves"

Gaujas iela 2a, Jaunpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57.1802, 26.0550

+371 26449732

The ancient manor's barn, now a cultural centre, houses an exhibition gallery in its cellars, showcasing works by Piebalgas artisans, members of applied and visual arts studios, art school students, and professional artists.

120. Viņķi Hill and Observation Tower

Viņķi, Jaunpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57.1474, 26.0762

The Jaunpiebalga observation tower is a tourist attraction where visitors can enjoy a panoramic view of the hilly landscape of the Jaunpiebalga region from the top. The 17.8-meter-high tower is decorated with Latvian symbols and patterns painted on panels by artist Sandra Strēle. In the surrounding area, there is an installation representing the sun. The site also hosts the Midsummer celebration every year.



124. Inese's Nature Knitting Studio

Jaunpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57.10903, 25.95978

+371 29257989, shop.wrapturebyinese.com

Visitors have the chance to learn to paint with yarn during a masterclass, replicating the multitude of colours they see in nature with yarn in knitting or crocheting. In her studio, they try on and buy Inese's knitwear, as well as ordering something original. Advance booking required.

FARMS

125. Dome House “Pūces”/Ceramic studio “puuceStudio”

“Pūces”, Jaunpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57:1583, 26.0137

+371 29439058, www.puucestudio.com

Take a tour of the dome house and enjoy stories about friendship with clay. Visitors can buy decorative tableware and interior items. Pottery masterclasses are available for small groups.



126. Dome House “Kupoli”

Jaunpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57:1591, 26.0175

+371 29135403

Visitors can explore these unusual dome house, listen to insights from 12 years of experience in building and living in them, and enjoy a cup of chaga tea.

127. Nature Farm “Lielkrūzes”

“Lielkrūzes”, Jaunpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57:1785, 25.9636

+371 29146397, lielkruzes.lv

A picturesque farm preserving natural and cultural heritage. The farm offers thematic tours, concerts, event spaces, an open-air stage for sports games, and a special winter experience – “Winter Tale with Gauja Elves.”

128. Farm “Mazvieķi”

“Mazvieķi”, Zosēnu pagasts, GPS 57:1538, 25.8780

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“Mazvieķi” is located in a very picturesque and peaceful spot in Zosēni, at Vieķi hillfort. The farm is engaged in sheep farming. During the tour, visitors can enjoy a walk through the pastures, an informative talk about sheep farming, and savour hot lamb soup under the branches of an oak tree.

ACTIVE RECREATION

129. “Vanagkalns” Ski Trail and Expeditions

“Ziedoņi”, Jaunpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57:1150, 25.9491

+371 26567616

Vanagkalns offers active recreation fans the opportunity to use the ski trail day and night, along a ski rental service. In summer, visitors can enjoy the use of Nordic walking trails. In addition to offering visitors the services of a guide, the venue also organises treks and boat rides.

130. “Zelta krogs” Tracks

“Zeltiņi”, Jaunpiebalgas pagasts, GPS 57:1065, 25.9249

+371 26333814

In winter, 6 ski trails (~40 km) are set up, connected to Vanagkalns and Krepšēni, creating a 50+ km network. In summer, there are 6 cycling and 4 hiking routes available. The trails are accessible with donations, and ski and bike rentals are offered.

GAMES

Car Orienteering Game “Vecpiebalga–Jaunpiebalga”

PIEBALGA

play.roadgames.com/en/event/vecpiebalga-jaunpiebalga

During the game, discover where the Gauja River begins and where a village of dome-shaped houses is hidden. Step into the world of old cinema with a Zaporozhets car and vintage film equipment. Recharge at the sacred Bānūži spring and take in breathtaking views from Viņķu Hill. Stop by “Saulrieti” and Kencis’ Hat to uncover what makes Piebalga so special. And it’s not just the water lilies – though, by the way, they do bloom beautifully here!

Find more information here:



PRIEKUĻI PARISH

PRIEKUĻI, LIEPA,
MĀRSNĒNI

CASTLES and MANORS

131. Veselava Manor

“Viesturi”, Veselavas pagasts, [GPS 57.2901, 25.4775](#)

+371 29247403, [www.veselava.lv](#)

In an imitation of medieval fortified castles, Veselava Manor Castle is built on an oval island, which is surrounded by a ditch on all sides. Visitors to the castle can learn about the von Campenhausen family and inspect the manor house's unique flue system.

133. Liepa Manor

Liepas muiža, Liepas pagasts, [GPS 57.37018, 25.4376](#)

+371 28490600, [www.liepasmuiza.lv](#)

Liepa Manor is a place where historical values meet unforgettable natural beauty. The territory features a preserved historic wooden manor house, an authentic witness to the estate's past. Guided tours of the manor grounds are available.

MUSEUMS and EXPOSITIONS

134. Veidenbaums Memorial Museum “Kalāči”

Liepas pagasts, [GPS 57.3955, 25.4780](#)

+371 25601677

15th May – 15th of October

Kalāči is a farm built in the 19th century where Eduards Veidenbaums lived. The museum offers visitors the chance to walk to the places that inspired Veidenbaums and spend some time in the famous Veidenbaums barn, learning about the secrets of his short but colourful life, discovering his poetry anew, his active life position, and to identify his legacy in today's cultural landscape.

Priekulji radiates quiet confidence – reflected in its landscapes, people, and stories deeply rooted in history. Here, the poetry of Eduards Veidenbaums merges with the calm of the hills, creating space for thoughts to breathe and for the noise of the world to recede. Life here flows simply and sincerely, allowing you to feel the depth of time and the authenticity of the place. The fields, forests, and stories of Priekulji remind us that true strength lies in stillness – and that the deepest thoughts are born in silence.

132. Skangāļi Manor

Skangāļi, Liepas pagasts, [GPS 57.3989, 25.4943](#)

+371 25300030, [www.skangali.lv](#)

A peaceful rural manor in the heart of Vidzeme, far from the rush of everyday life. It hosts concerts, camps, and various events, and offers overnight stays. Guided tours are available upon prior request, where you can learn about the manor's rich history.



135. Crop Breeding Museum

Selekcijas iela 3, Priekulji, [GPS 57.3171, 25.3416](#)

+371 64130162, [www.arei.lv/lv/muzejs](#)

Priekulji has long been associated with the development of new crop varieties. Here, visitors can learn about the evolution of plant breeding in Latvia and view unique equipment and tools used in the process. During summer bloom and autumn harvest, there's a chance to experience the everyday work of plant breeders. Prior registration is required, open on weekdays.

136. Edvards Treimanis-Zvārgulis Museum “Leukādijas”

Leukādijas, Priekulju pagasts, [GPS 57.3618, 25.3658](#)

+371 26370048

The museum offers an opportunity to explore the life and work of one of the most prominent Latvian authors at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. Visitors can tour the historic wooden summer house, later clad in dolomite, and discover the poet's manuscripts, photographs, and personal mementos in the memorial room. The museum grounds also include the poet Zvārgulis burial site with a monument, as well as the scenic spot where the Rauna River flows into the Gauja – a place that inspired many of his works. Visits are available by prior arrangement.

NATURE and PARKS

137. Ērgļu Cliffs

Priekulju pagasts, [GPS 57.3608, 25.2607](#)

One of the most picturesque cliff outcrops in Latvia. It is a majestic and imposing wall, with a picturesque landscape that opens up from the viewing areas above.

138. Lake Ninieris

Priekulju pagasts, [GPS 57.3377, 25.2991](#)

The lake's surroundings are ideal for hiking, cycling, skiing, and running. Visitors can enjoy well-equipped picnic areas and a swimming spot with a sandy beach.

140. Līču-Laņģu Cliffs

Liepas pagasts, [GPS 57.3902, 25.4165](#)

A rocky cliff about a kilometre long, featuring diverse outcrop formations and small caves carved by springs, hidden on the left slope of the Gauja River Valley. The walking route is approximately 9 km long. The trail is not suitable for strollers or bicycles.



FARMS

143. “Krūmiņi” House of bread

Liepas pagasts, [GPS 57.3631, 25.3987](#)

+371 26887921, [www.maizesmaja.lv](#)

A warm welcome awaits visitors who want to experience traditional bread, pie, and pastry baking in a real bread oven, learn about the journey from grain to bread, and immerse themselves in folk traditions in a well-kept countryside setting. Pre-booking is required.

144. Fish Farm “Sillakas”

Liepas pagasts, [GPS 57.3573, 25.4506](#)

+371 22028132, [www.sillakas.lv](#)

Anglers will definitely be delighted by the opportunity to catch trout, carp, catfish, sturgeon and charrs in five of the eleven fishponds at “Sillakas”. The hosts offer to cook your catch, smoking it or by cooking fish soup. If fishing does not appeal to you, you can take a tour of the trout rearing facility, as well as to buy and sample fish.

PRIEKUĻI PARISH



139. Priekulji Sun Park

Cēsu prospekts 7, Priekulji, [GPS 57.3121, 25.3546](#)

Blossoming in the sun in Saules Park to the delight of visitors are countless species of plants whose names can be discovered by those taking a walk along the park's trails. The unique sun dial will only tell the time if you take part in the process of determining the time. The park is at its most colourful in spring when 120 rhododendrons are in full bloom.

141. Lielā Ellīte (Devil's Oven)

Rūpnīcas iela 18, Liepa, [GPS 57.3844, 25.4275](#)

One of the oldest tourism destinations in Latvia. Together with the spring, where underground waters freely flow around the sandstone, the Devil's Oven becomes a stopping point, whose special atmosphere stems from the sense that it was once an ancient cult site.

142. Vaive Mill

Priekulju pagasts, [GPS 57.33089, 25.3924](#)

Vaive Mill is a picturesque spot in Priekulji parish, combining natural beauty with historical heritage. The Vaive River reveals impressive sandstone and dolomite outcrops and caves, attracting nature lovers.



145. Family Farm “Lieloga”

Lāčplēša iela 19, Priekulji, [GPS 57.3203, 25.3792](#)

+371 26601802, [www.lieloga.lv](#)

This family-owned farm is known for growing some of the tastiest watermelons in Vidzeme and promotes natural products and healthy eating. By prior arrangement, guests can take part in fermented food tastings and workshops and enjoy watermelon-tasting tours in late summer.

PRIEKUĻI PARISH

PRIEKUĻI, LIEPA,
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ACTIVE RECREATION

146. Priekule Discs Golf

Izmēģinātāju iela 1a, Priekule, GPS 57.3103, 25.3705

+371 29393403

The 18-basket course offers beginners a real challenge and great recreation for experienced enthusiasts of the game. Part of the course is located in an open space; another section is in a forest park giving players various options. Group activities with a trainer are also available.



148. LaazerFun

“Vidus Penderi”, Liepas pagasts, GPS 57.3954, 25.4299

+371 29123359

Offers an exciting outdoor laser tag experience, thrilling rides on two different tracks with radio-controlled race cars and 4x4 Auto Trucks, as well as quad bike rides for children on a closed track – perfect for a fun-filled party with friends. A children's playground is also available. Additional amenities include a picnic area, a campfire spot, and an all-season tent for small gatherings and corporate events.

147. Swimming Pool “Rifs”

Cēsu prospekts 46a, Priekule, GPS 57.3138, 25.3624

+371 29227544, www.rifs.lv

The swimming pool offers both grownups and kids the opportunity to actively enjoy some recreation time in the big pool, gym, aerobics halls, or to relax in the various saunas or two smaller pools with massage jets. Guest can also enjoy the refreshments on offer at the juice bar.



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PĀRGAUJA PARISH

In Pārgauja, history is present at every step – from the market square of Straupe to the small villages where modern creations are rooted in tradition. Here, craftsmanship and cultural heritage live in harmony with nature and the rhythm of everyday life. Pārgauja is a place where people act with heart and live with respect for the land and time. Each place in this area holds its own unique character – genuine, peaceful, and inspiring.

CULTURE and HISTORY

149. Rozula School

Rozula, Straupes pagasts, GPS: 57.4096, 25.0024

+371 29242575, www.facebook.com/Rozulasskola

Once an educational institution, Rozula School is now experiencing a second life, welcoming guests from near and far. Visitors to Rozula School can enjoy a guided tour of the building, take a leisurely coffee break, and play games with friends and family. The school is open on event days and by prior arrangement.

CASTLES and MANORS

150. Ungurmuīža

“Ungurmuīža”, Raiskuma pagasts, GPS 57.3625, 25.0888

+371 22007332, www.ungurmuiza.lv

A unique example of wooden Baroque architecture. The manor house is the only surviving wooden palace from the early 18th century in Latvia. Visitors can view interior wall paintings, as well as enjoy exhibitions and various cultural events, such as the Schubertiade and Starry Night, which have become annual traditions.

NATURE and PARKS

152. Kalējaļa

Raiskuma pagasts, GPS 57.3794, 25.2627

Kalējaļa is a 46-meter-long, up to 5.7-meter-wide, and up to 2-meter-high sandstone cave located on the right bank of the Strīkupe River, alongside the Strīki-Lenči road (near the main road bridge). It is one of the longest caves in Latvia. A nearby rest area has been set up close to the cave.

151. Lielstraupes Castle

Lielstraupes pils, Straupe, GPS 57.3473, 24.9473

+371 29464946

One of the region's most impressive ensembles of historical medieval building, Lielstraupes Castle, invites visitors to take a journey through the centuries and find their way through the castle's mazes. As you climb the building's 26 staircases with almost 300 steps, you cannot fail to notice the finery of the old oak interior and tile stoves glazed at the start of the last century. However, the discernible presence of the former hospital gives rise to the overlapping of unexpected moods, centuries and events.

153. Kvēpene Nature Trail

Raiskuma pagasts, GPS 57.3059, 25.1659

visit.cesis.lv/place/kvepenes-dabas-taka

This 11 km loop starts at the parking lot near Raiskums Chapel and winds through forest paths. It leads to Kvēpene Cave and a sacred spring flowing from an impressive sandstone outcrop. Along the way, you'll see the Kvēpene hillfort and a majestic old oak – about 500 years old – once featured on the five-lats banknote.



154. Red Cliffs and Rūcamavots

Raiskumkrogs, Cēsis, [GPS 57.3224, 25.2212](#)

Scenic red sandstone cliffs, 200 meters long and about 10 meters high, with countless cracks and grooves. Several springs flow from the cliffs, the most famous of which is the Rūcamavots. In the surrounding area, you can walk a 2-kilometer circular trail.

156. The Gardens of Guna and Jānis Rukšāns

"Jaunrūjas", Raiskuma pagasts, [GPS 57.3489, 25.1133](#)

+371 29488877

The garden features a collection of 250 varieties of hostas, the largest in Latvia. It also has an equal number of phloxes, 100 varieties of lilies, and about 80 species of water lilies. The crocus collection includes nearly all 250 species known worldwide. Visits must be arranged in advance.



WORKSHOPS and CRAFTS

159. Dainis Mežancis Blacksmith Workshop

Bērzu iela 2, Straupe, [GPS 57.3572, 24.9531](#)

+371 26520523

In this creative blacksmith's workshop, visitors can watch master blacksmith Dainis Mežancis at work as he crafts his pieces. He shares stories about the art of blacksmithing and invites guests to try their hand at forging. Next to the smithy, there is a garden with picnic spots, as well as a guest house with a sauna – perfect for gatherings with friends or family. Advance booking is required.

FOR FOOD LOVERS

161. Brewery "Raiskumietis"

"Rūķi 1", Raiskuma pagasts, [GPS 57.3118, 25.1574](#)

+371 20370370, [www.raiskumietis.lv](#)

In the former manor house barn, amber and dark lagers are brewed according to ancient recipes and bread is baked from natural yeast. By booking a tour, visitors can learn the finer points of brewing beer and baking bread, as well as enjoying nuances of flavour during a hearty sampling.

163. Rožkalni Bread

"Šķesteri", Straupes pagasts, [GPS 57.3533, 24.9549](#)

Upon entering the smallest Hanseatic town of Straupe, guests are welcomed by the aroma of delicious Rožkalni bread baked using traditional recipes. The shop also offers a selection of locally made food products.

155. Lake Drišķins

Drišķins, Raiskuma pagasts, [GPS 57.3634, 25.1716](#)

The lake with its gentle deepening is perfect for relaxation. Here, you can enjoy the charm of the lake surrounded by a pine forest in well-equipped picnic areas and swimming spots.

157. Lake Riebiņū

Stalbes pagasts, [GPS 57.3739, 24.9629](#)

On the eastern shore of the lake, there is a micro-reserve established to protect rare forest biotopes. A natural walking trail has developed around the lake, forming a circular route approximately 6 km long. The is a resting area with a parking lot, toilets, a campfire site, changing rooms, and tables.

158. Vējiņi Underground Lakes

"Vējiņi", Straupes pagasts,

[GPS 57.3398, 24.9056](#)

+371 29354189, [www.pazemesezeri.lv](#)

15th May – 31st October

A mysterious location on the banks of the River Brasla, where erosion caused by underground springs has created large caves. A unique system of caves with an underground stream and two beautiful underground lakes filled with clear and ice-cold underground water is open to the public, but only in the company of a guide. After the walk, you can enjoy a picnic or relax at the Vējiņi Holiday Home.

160. Kite-Making Workshop

"Kļaviņas", Stalbes pagasts, [GPS 57.4083, 24.9205](#)

+371 26806489, [kiteworld.lv](#)

In this creative workshop, participants learn how to make kites and enjoy the satisfaction of launching them. The hosts also offer kites from their collection and participate in outdoor events. Pre-booking is required.

162. Slow Food Straupe Market

Straupes zirgu pasts, Straupes pagasts,

[GPS 57.3249, 24.9189](#)

+371 29464946, [www.straupestirdzins.lv](#)

The only market for farmers and small producers in the Baltic States that is included in the international Earth Markets alliance. Visitors to the market can buy products corresponding to the slow food philosophy – seasonal, healthy, and grown in our district with environmental sustainability in mind. The market takes place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month.

ACTIVE RECREATION

164. Hunting sports and recreation area "Mārkuliči"

"Āvaidi", Straupes pagasts, [GPS 57.3005, 24.9087](#)

+371 29363936, [www.markulici.lv](#)

Exciting recreation for both adults and children seeking adventure. Visitors can try out various firearms at the shooting ranges, while enjoying relaxation by the Brasla River in a guesthouse with a sauna or in tents by a campfire.

165. Swing Park "Brasla Adventures"

"Āvaidi", Straupes pagasts, [GPS 57.2973, 24.9107](#)

+371 20002078, [www.facebook.com/brasladventure](#)

Swing Park offers a unique opportunity to enjoy a wide range of swings, from peaceful, classic swings to thrilling free-fall swings that will challenge your limits. Advance booking is required.



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“Green Railways” are cycling and hiking routes along former railway lines in Latvia and southern Estonia, forming a 750 km network. The route includes connecting segments such as the “Tour de LatEst” cycle route and the Alūksne–Gulbene narrow-gauge railway “Bānītis.” It is suitable for hiking, cycling, horseback riding, and cross-country skiing in winter. In Cēsis Municipality, a section of the route is available from Ieriki to Jaunpiebalga.

The Forest Trail is part of the European long-distance hiking route E11, passing through the most beautiful forests, regional parks, and national parks of Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia. It starts at the Poland-Lithuania border, passes through Riga, and ends in Tallinn, Estonia. In Cēsis Municipality, you can enjoy sections 5 to 7: Sigulda–Līgatne, Līgatne–Cēsis, and Cēsis–Cānuites.

The St. James Way (Camino de Santiago) is one of Europe's main historic pilgrimage routes. Since 2019, Latvia has an official Camino route stretching approximately 562 km, consisting of 18 stages from Valka (on the Estonian border) to Lithuania, with two parallel paths branching from Riga. In Cēsis Municipality, you can enjoy sections 5 to 7: Caunīes–Cēsis, Cēsis–Līgatne un Līgatne–Sīdvalde.



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Žagarkalns, Cīrulīšu iela 70, Cēsis, +371 26266266,
www.zagarkalns.lv

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Easy Ride, Ligatne, +371 22084232,
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Strazdu Grava, Selekcijas iela 6c, Priekulji, +371 29611629,
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**Camping "Apalkalns", Raiskums, +371 29448188,
www.apalkalns.lv**

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+371 26333814, visit.cesis.lv/place/zelta-krogs-velo-marsruti-un-velo-noma/

**Camping "Chill UP", "Raskumi", Vecpiebalga,
+371 20377207. www.chillup.lv**

Cēsu plosti, Pārgaujas iela 2, Cēsis, +371 26576205,
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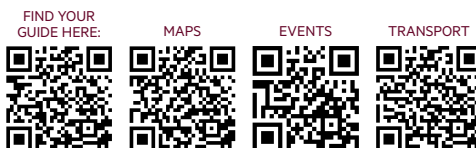
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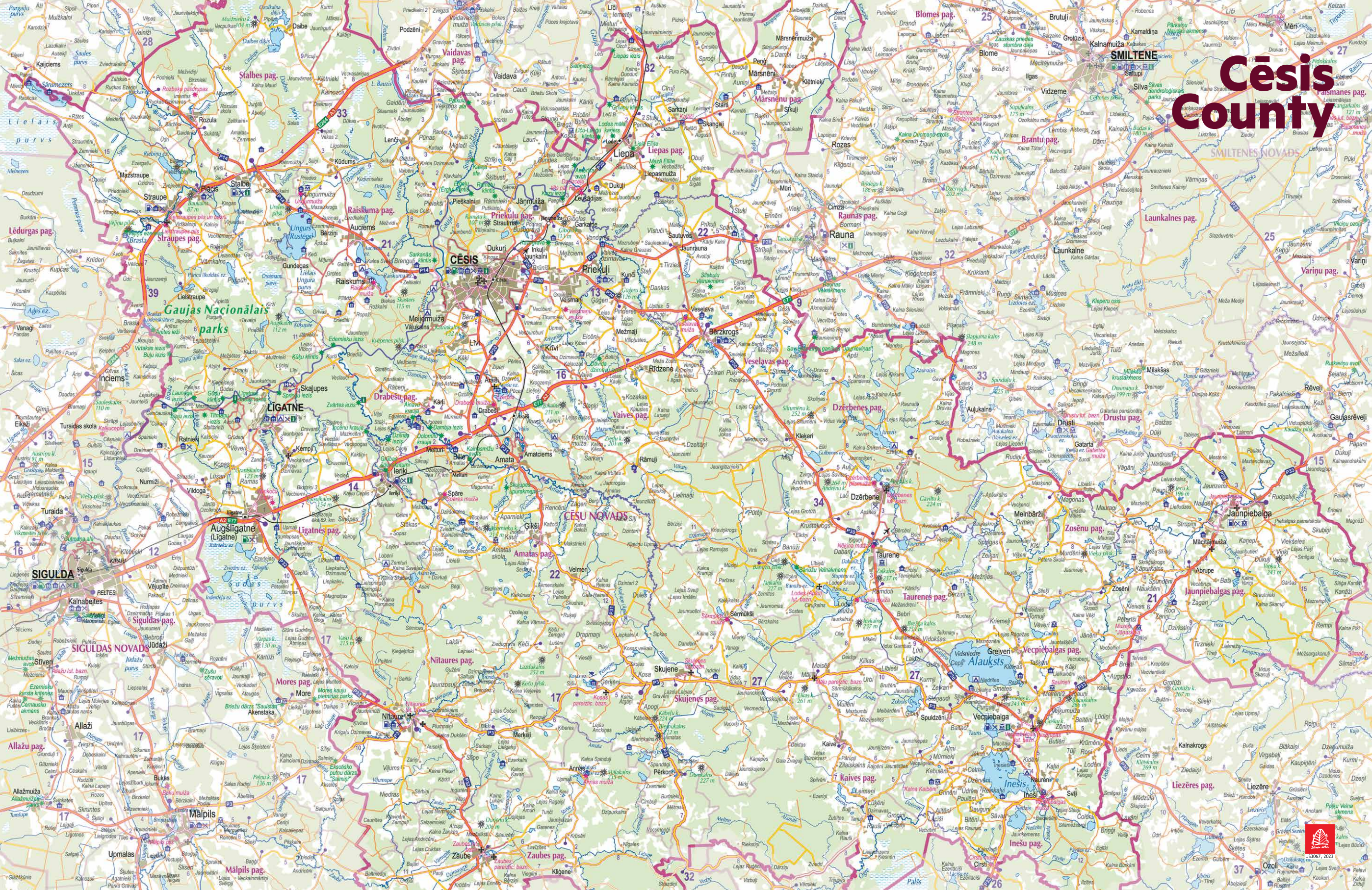
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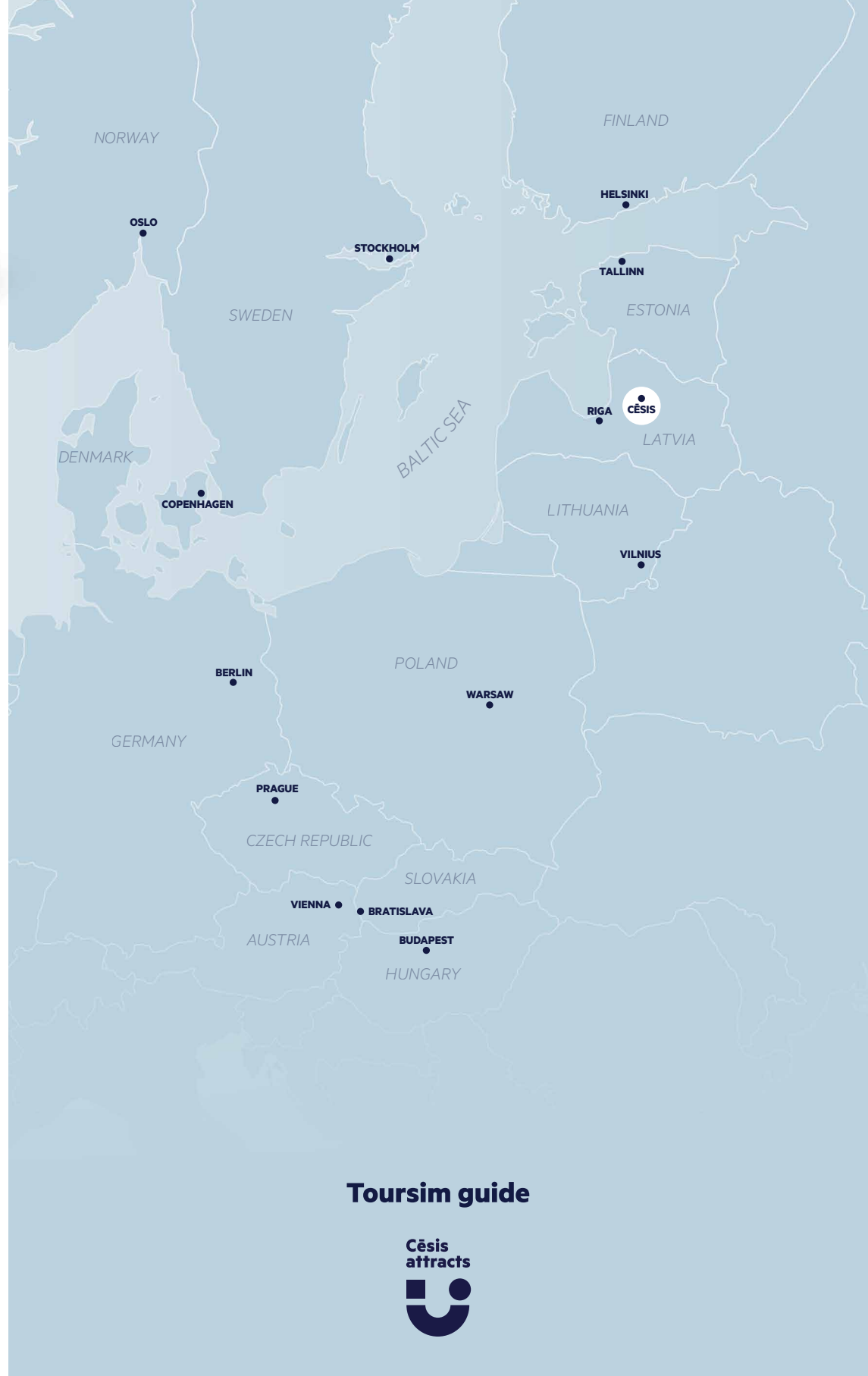
Discounts up to 30% and other bonuses

The Friends Card is something every lover of culture and art should have in their wallet, every traveler in their bag, and every visitor to Cēsis Municipality in their pocket! The card's offers make living in or visiting Cēsis more pleasant, convenient, and accessible.

The card can be purchased at the Tourism Information Centre in **Cēsis**, at the ticket office of the Āraiši Lake Castle Archaeological Park in **Āraiši**, as well as at the Lielstraupe Castle ticket office in **Straupe**.

When purchasing the Friend Card, the holder receives various discounts from 5% up to 30%, as well as other bonuses and special offers for services provided in Cēsis Municipality: sightseeing, active recreation, bike rental, cultural events, dining services, accommodations, and more. The card is valid for one year, and the number of special offers for cardholders increases every month.

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