



DEAR TRAVELLERS,

The cities and towns of Lithuania are fascinating because of their historical past, the spirit of the present and vision of the future. From Vilnius famous for its diversity of architecture from various epochs to pro-Lithuanian Kaunas renowned for its high concentration of modernist buildings; from Trakai dating back to glorious medieval Lithuania to the only Lithuanian port city Klaipėda christened Memel by Germans; from the seaside resorts cherishing the old recreational traditions to Druskininkai or Birštonas where innovative solutions are encouraged – every tourist site of Lithuania stands out for its unique way of rendering the colourful history of our country.

Do you enjoy the urban environment? Are you an enthusiast of history? Do you seek the harmony of city and nature? Lithuania will satisfy the needs of even the most demanding travellers and offer the best options for your visit. We have selected and presented eight cities and towns scattered across the country, rich in displays of cultural heritage from castles and manors to sacral and architectural monuments. Choose any of these wonderful locations and visit them at any time of year - they always have a lot to offer.

For those wishing to know what awaits them during their stay in one of the cities or towns, we have developed augmented reality solutions, i.e. videos that you can watch on your mobile device. All you have to do is download the OVERLY application from the App Store or Google Play, open the app and scan a photo of the place you are interested in.

Let us embark on a journey along the streets of the cities and towns of Lithuania - cobblestoned, bristling with church towers, winding along river beds and very rarely straight, just like the history of Lithuania.









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The only port city of Lithuania, referred to as Memel by German crusaders and now bearing the Samogitian name of Klaipėda, is distinguished not only for the spirit of freedom typical of port cities but also for its distinctive 18th and 19thcentury fachwerk (slope-roofed) architecture revealing the rich history of the city. The most beautiful fachwerk buildings are located along the streets of Aukštoji, Bažnyčių, Sukilėlių and Daržų in the Old Town of Klaipėda. In the centre of the city next to the **Blacksmiths' Museum** (Saltkalvių str. 2) there is an active smithy! Cobbled streets lead to the heart of the Old Town - Theatre Square, surrounded by the buildings of the Klaipėda Drama Theatre (Teatro str. 2), with a sculpture Anne of Tharau erected in commemoration of poet Simon Dach. The Castle Museum (Pilies str. 4) in authentic underground corridors of the former fort at the site of Klaipėda Castle presents the history of the city dating back to the 13th century. Next to the castle site, you will find the mysterious Black Ghost sculpture. Take a short trip by ferry and you will find yourself in Smiltynė. Visit the Lithuanian Sea Museum (Smiltynes str. 3) at the northernmost point of the Curonian Spit. The expositions and aquariums of one of the most popular Lithuanian museums present the flora and fauna of the Baltic Sea as well as the history of navigation and the dolphinarium offers spectacular dolphin shows



and forms of expression is a calling card of modern Vilnius.

site, the Classicist Vilnius Archcathedral Basilica now stands (Katedros sq. 2). A

broad vista opens up from a viewing platform in the cathedral bell tower (57m). Nearby, you will find the castles of the Lithuanian rulers: the Lower Castle (Royal Palace) (Katedros sq. 4), which houses a rich exposition, and the Upper Castle (Cediminas Tower) overlooking the city (Arsenalo str. 5). The National Museum of Lithuania (Arsenalo str. 1) invites visitors to discover the diverse history of the

The Vilnele River leads to Bernardine Carden, a neatly kept public park once owned by Bernardine monks situated at the foot of the Hill of Three Crosses. Right next to the park is the magnificent Gothic ensemble of St. Anne and St. Bernardine Churches (Maironio str. 8 and 10). The Gothic Orthodox Church of the Theotokos has had the title of an Orthodox sobor for six centuries (Maironio

Just across the bridge is the **Republic of Užupis**. This is the favourite spot of artists that has its own constitution! The just as artistic and original Literatų Street brings you back to the Old Town, right to the entrance of the architectural ensemble of Vilnius University (Universiteto str. 3), which dates back to 1579. The ensemble includes Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Classicist buildings as well as a viewing platform in the bell tower of the Church of Sts. Johns.

Stroll along the winding and narrow streets of the Old Town to the surviving fragment of the defensive wall of Vilnius, the Bastion (Bokšto str. 20), and the only remaining city gate of the original ten, the Cate of Dawn (Aušros Vartų str. 14), with its chapel containing the miraculous painting of the Blessed Virgin Mary visited by thousands of pilgrims every year.

One more significant sacral object is situated right on the other side of the border of the old town, Vilnius Choral Synagogue (Pylimo str. 39), as well as the oldest cemetery in the city, the Rasos Cemetery.

The most interactive museum in Lithuania the Centre for Civil Education (Totoriu str. 28) located near the Presidential Palace of the Republic of Lithuania is definitely worth a visit. Make sure to save time to explore the exhibitions of the Money Museum (Totorių str. 2/8) based in the same street, the Museum of Genocide Victims (Aukų str. 2A) revealing the painful history of the country and the National Callery of Art (Konstitucijos av. 22) in the new artery of the capital just across the rive

The Neris River leads you back to the **Church of Sts. Peter and Paul** (Antakalnio str. 1), the most prominent Baroque temple in Vilnius famous for its grandiose interior decorations, located a short distance away from the Old Town.

Seaside resort Palanga has a lot to offer to everybody. Make sure to discover the

romantic side of Palanga to find out why many European noble families chose this

resort for their holidays. The rumours of the healing effect of Palanga pine forests

The history of Palanga as a seaside resort is closely related to the name of Counts

Tyszkiewicz. This noble family transformed Palanga into a contemporary resort

according to the example of Western Europe. They initiated the construction

of the Kurhaus (Grafų Tiškevičių av. 1) and intricate wooden villas - one of

them called Anapilis houses the Palanga Resort Museum (Birutés av. 34A) -

equipped bathing-places and alleys and promoted cultural life of the resort. The

ewel of Palanga is Birutė Park designed by famous French landscaper Eduard

Fransua Andre. At the centre of the park, the Neo-Renaissance palace of the

Tyszkiewicz family houses the **Palanga Amber Museum** (Vytauto str. 17). Palanga

is unimaginable without its Sea Bridge (470m) stretching out into the distance

above the murmuring waters and offering picturesque views into the horizon. A

viewing platform in the tower of Palanga Church of Assumption of the Blessed

Virgin Mary (Vytauto str. 51) unveils the beauty of the town from a bird's-eye view.

and the Baltic Sea spread far beyond the borders of Lithuania!





NERINGA

dkrantė, Pervalka, Preila and Nida.

writer used to spend his summers and write.

Kaunas, once the temporary capital of Lithuania, stands out from both Lithuanian and European cities for its copious interwar architecture (1919-1939). Its dense $\stackrel{\cdot}{\text{concentration}} \text{ in the city is a unique phenomenon reflecting not only international}$ Bauhaus tendencies but also peculiar Lithuanian stylistics. It should come as no surprise that Kaunas has been selected as the Capital of European Culture for 2022. The city has received the label of European Heritage, has been selected as UNESCO City of Design and seeks to be listed among UNESCO World Heritage

In the 14th century, Kaunas Castle (Pilies str. 17), constructed entirely from brick had already been erected at the confluence of the largest rivers in Lithuania, the Neris and Nemunas. It is believed that following the establishment of the office of Hanseatic merchants in the House of Perkūnas (Aleksoto str. 6), Kaunas played a vital role in the trade of the country for an entire century. A viewing platform installed on the roof of the Jesuit Monastery (Rotušės sq. 7-9) offers splendid views of Kaunas Old Town including its symbol the Town Hall of Kaunas (Rotušės sq. 15), Gothic Vytautas the Creat Church (Aleksoto str. 3) and St.

Neringa, the seaside resort, is situated on the Curonian Spit listed among

UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Neringa consists of several settlements scattered

along the great dunes dating back to the times of the Curonians - Alksnyne

Juodkrantė was the first settlement to develop seaside resort traditions in the 19^{th}

century. The **Block of Villas** reflecting the architectural tendencies characteristic

of European resorts is living proof of that. Some villas still offer accommodation for

holiday-makers. The Nida **Fisherman's Ethnographic Homestead** (Naglių str. 4)

relates the story of the everyday life of the old Curonians. Find 82 weathervanes

from old wooden boats called Kurenkahns exhibited along the quay of the

Curonian Lagoon. Each of them contains a certain symbolic code reflecting the

dreams and worries of fishermen. The silhouette of red-brick Nida Evangelical-

Lutheran Church (Pamario str. 37) rises above the Curonian Lagoon. Next to it

is the Ethnographic Cemetery of Nida with its authentic wooden grave markers

- krikštai. The **Thomas Mann Memorial Museum** (Skruzdynės str. 17) is located

in the summerhouse built in the typical style of Neringa architecture where the

George the Martyr Church and Bernardine Monastery (Papilio str. 7). Kaunas Sobor, now called St. Michael the Archangel Church (Nepriklausomybės sq. 14), is reminiscent of the times of the Russian Empire, when Kaunas was the centre of the Gubernia. The building was originally an Orthodox church constructed for the Kaunas military garrison. Another relic of those times is the High Freda Manor (Ž. E. Žilibero str. 6), which served as the starting point of the construction of the Kaunas Fortress. Kaunas Botanical Garden of Vytautas Magnus University is currently located in the territory of the manor When Poland occupied Vilnius after World Warl, Kaunas became the capital of the

newly established Republic of Lithuania. It is here in the Historical Presidential Palace of the Republic of Lithuania (Vilniaus str. 33) that the highest national authority presided. With its institutions of higher education, theatres, radio, actively cultivated culture and sports as well as rapidly developing industry Kaunas turned into a true symbol of modern Lithuania. Today, a lot of surviving architectural examples of Kaunas Modernism remind us of that period, e.g. Kaunas Central Post Office (Laisves av. 102), Kaunas State Philharmonic Society (L. Sapiegos str. 5), the M. K. Čiurlionis National Art Museum (V. Putvinskio str. 55) that houses practically the entire creative work of this Lithuanian genius, the Vytautas the Great War Museum and Garden (K. Donelaičio str. 64), the House of "Pieno Centras," (S. Daukanto str. 18) and Kaunas Garrison Officers Club (A. Mickevičiaus str. 19). The district of Žaliakalnis attracts numerous visitors to Christ's Resurrection Basilica (Žemaičių str. 31A), which was used as a radio factory during Soviet times. Žaliakalnis (V. Putvinskio str. 22) and Aleksotas (Amerikos Lietuvių str. 6) Funiculars have been functioning for more than 80 years and have already been acknowledged as technological monuments - a true rarity throughout Europe. Modern-day Kaunas is successfully undergoing the transformation from a temporary capital to a contemporary one; however, not through its administrative status but also through its identity and viability. The city has not forgotten such heroes from the past as Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara who helped thousands of Jews during World War II – the **House of** Sugihara (Vaižganto str. 30) currently operates in the building of the former Consulate of Japan.

Kaunas opens up its artistic spaces to everyone - the Mykolas Žilinskas Art Gallery (Nepriklausomybės sq. 12) contains the Museum for the Blind - is not afraid of new forms of expression, e.g. the Pink Elephant graffiti (E. Ožeškienės str. 18-18A) or the **Old Wiseman** graffiti (Jonavos str. 3), and attracts visitors with such original and world-renowned objects as the Museum of Devils (V.



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"Homestead by salty water" (Birsten) - this is how Birštonas was referred to by crusaders in the Middle Ages and 500 years later, a spa town was established in this cosy location encircled by the looping Nemunas River. Mineral springs rich in bromine, clean air and a healing climate have to this day remained the main advantages of the town.

Built in the middle of the 19^{th} century and surrounded by lush greenery, Birštonas Kurhaus enhances further the atmosphere of a historical spa town. The Yellow Pump-Room (B. Sruogos str. 3) hiding in the shade of the trees offers the legendary mineral water "Vytautas." The name selected by writer Juozas Tumas-Vaižgantas brings memories of the glorious times when the castle of the monarch of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania stood on the hill in Birštonas (Vytautas Hill) and his hunting areas extended in all directions. Visit the Kneipp Carden designed according to the principles promoted by German Sebastian Kneipp with its reflexology path and other hydrotherapic treatments to boost immunity. Take a walk along the quay of the Nemunas River (2km) not only to gaze upon the flowing waters but also to get to Birštonas Central Park with the unique Mineral



Water Steaming Tower (Algirdo str. 21) for outdoor inhalations.



Druskininkai, a spa town with a history dating as far back as 1794, is known not only

for its mineral springs, therapeutic mud and clean air but also for various forms of

entertainment such as a year-round ski resort, the only cable car in Lithuania and

The gentle microclimate prevailing throughout the year is ideal for a long stroll

along one of many walking paths. The main walking trail leads from $Vij\bar{u}n\dot{e}l\dot{e}$ Park

around Druskonis Lake and Vijūnėlė Pond. In spring, the park turns into the sea of

blooming narcissuses with more than 220,000 blossoms! The preserved heritage

of Druskininkai wooden architecture reminds its guests of the history of the spa

town. The M. K. Čiurlionis Memorial Museum (M. K. Čiurlionio str. 35) located

in the paternal home of painter and composer M. K. Čiurlionis, in the old part of

Druskininkai offers some insight into the works, activities and family history of the genius. Spa Park located at the very heart of the town attracts a lot of people for

its beautiful sculptures, flower bed arrangements and the famous **Druskininkai**

Musical Fountain. The Tree Cake Museum based in Jaskonys invites its guests

to take part in the baking process of the cake included into the culinary heritage

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The historical centre of the capital of Lithuania, Vilnius, which is listed among UNESCO World Heritage Sites, clearly reveals the centuries-long organic development of the city that now prides itself on having the largest Baroque old town in Central and Eastern Europe. A variety of architectural styles speak not only of the history of the city but also of its cultural mosaics - brick Gothic reminds of the Hanseatic cities, Renaissance courtyards exhibit the contribution of Italian architects, the abundant heritage of Baroque architecture relates to intense activities of the Jesuits, the towers and temples of different confessions illustrate devotion to other gods, whereas Classicist palaces are living proof that the aristocracy of Vilnius followed the trends of Western Europe. The medievally romantic streets of Vilnius have always echoed with the voices of numerous nations and religions. Even today, openness to diverse nations, cultures, religions

The legendary Sventaragis Valley at the confluence of the Neris and Vilnelė Rivers has remained the heart of Vilnius. Where there once was a sacred Pagan



Trakai is the flagship of Lithuanian cultural tourism. The legendary residence of the rulers of Lithuania, the lakes and their picturesque shorelines, the heritage of the Karaites and aristocratic life are just a few of the many values concentrated

The bridges over Galvé Lake lead to Trakai Island Castle, a true relic dating back to the glorious 15th-century Lithuania, which houses the **Trakai History Museum**. The Sacral Art Exposition (Kęstučio str. 4) in the Chapel of the Dominican Monastery in the territory of Trakai Peninsula Castle, known as the Great Castle, is worth seeing. Trakai Basilica of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Birutes str. 5), funded by Vytautas the Great, is located in the centre of the old capital of Lithuania. Another significant liturgical site of Trakai is the house of worship Kenesa (Karaimų str. 30) of the Karaites, who have resided here since the 15th century (closed for reconstruction until 2020). There is also the **Karaite** Ethnographic Museum (Karaimy str. 22) in the vicinity. On the other side of the lake you will find **Užutrakis Manor Estate** (Užutrakio str. 17). The park of exquisite beauty designed by Eduard Fransua Andre has become one of the most popular



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