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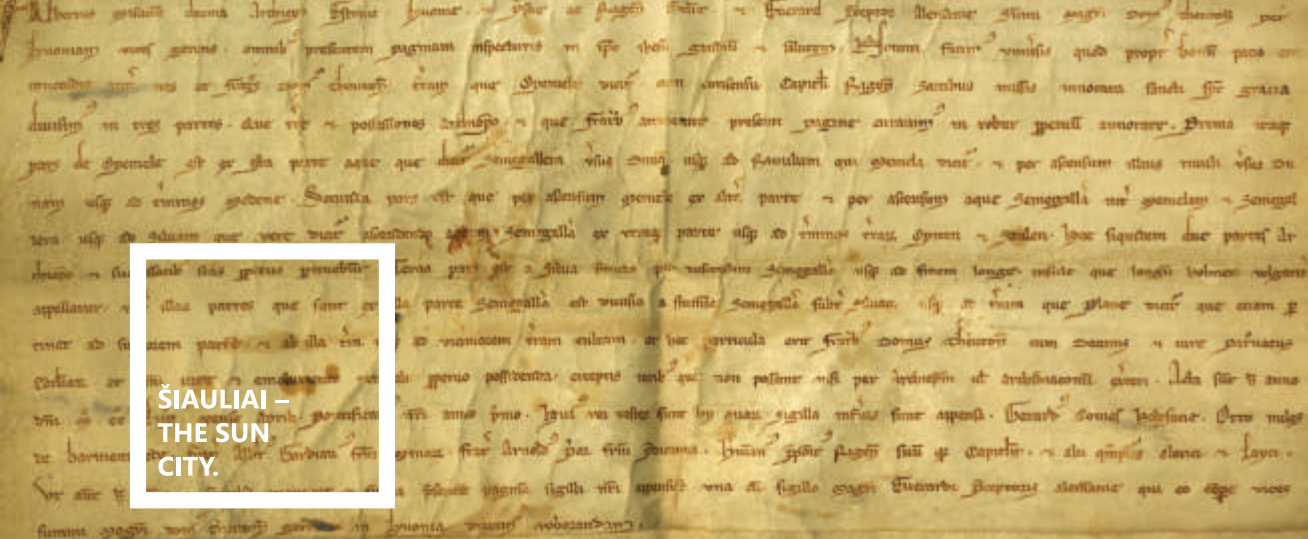
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ŠIAULIAI – THE SUN CITY.



Chroniclers could not conceal the Battle of Saulė of 1236 and the important Lithuanian victory against the Knights of the Sword near Šiauliai (Soule) – it was recorded in the Livonian Chronicle, this way mentioning the name of Šiauliai in written sources for the first time. This date became the year of foundation of Šiauliai city; and the Sun (Saulė), the symbol of our city.

Šiauliai

The city of Northern Lithuania, the fourth largest city by population in the country. There are about 100 000 residents in Šiauliai. The main celebration of the city is “Šiauliai Days” – the birthday of Šiauliai, which is celebrated in September. The total area of the city is 81,13 sq. km.



ŠIAULIAI



DID YOU KNOW? Šiauliai was first mentioned in the description of The Battle of Saulė, which took place on September 22, 1236.



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“Šiauliai is my city” ... With pride these words are pronounced not only by us who live in this city but also by thousands of people scattered all over the world. Numerous threads relate those born in the Sun city, those who happened to come here following their love of life or those who called in for a short while. Now, visiting our Sun city, you become part of it. So, let us all celebrate our city together, enjoy commonality, be proud because we are a part of this open, dashing and safe city. Experience the great magic of 3S in Šiauliai!



WE ARE PROUD OF!

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



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THE SUN

Šiauliai – the Sun city. We became famous for the Battle of Saulė, the name of *Saulė* (the Sun) is given to the most beautiful squares of the city, we build monuments, create and dedicate our legends to it. The symbols of the SUN scattered throughout the city have become an integral part of our city, and we want to warm every guest with both the rays of the Sun and our hospitality and as well as beautiful accents of the Sun city.



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SWEETS and Other Flavours

Those who long for sweets rush to Šiauliai: we have preserved the oldest Lithuanian sweets factory, which is named after the national Lithuanian flower *rūta* (rue). The factory has already operated for over 100 years (since 1913), and its chocolate or sweets are the best gifts from Šiauliai.

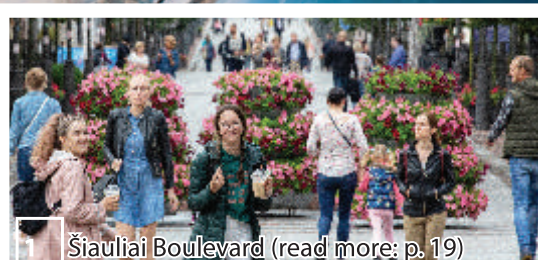
We are famous not only for chocolate and sweets: taste the most diverse flavours created by masters of Šiauliai! Bread, *gira* (fermented bread drink), tea ...

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SPECIAL MUSEUMS

The museums of cats, railway, bicycles, photography, chocolate, radio, angel ... These are the museums of our city! We have over 20 of them in Šiauliai and we are claiming to become a real museum city. Šiauliai *Aušra* Museum alone, founded in 1923 and named after the first Lithuanian newspaper "Aušra", has as many as 8 specialized branch museums and is one of the largest museums in Lithuania. You can visit the Bicycle Museum and the Cats Museum only in Šiauliai, they are the only such museums in Lithuania and attract by their special atmosphere and stories. Šiauliai residents know how to protect what is valuable, learn from the past while creating the future. The city and its museums tell interesting stories, hear them!

ŠIAULIAI - TOP 10

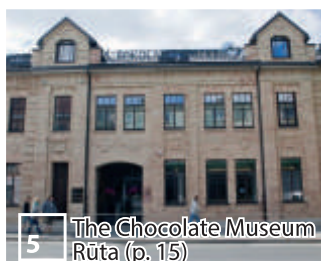


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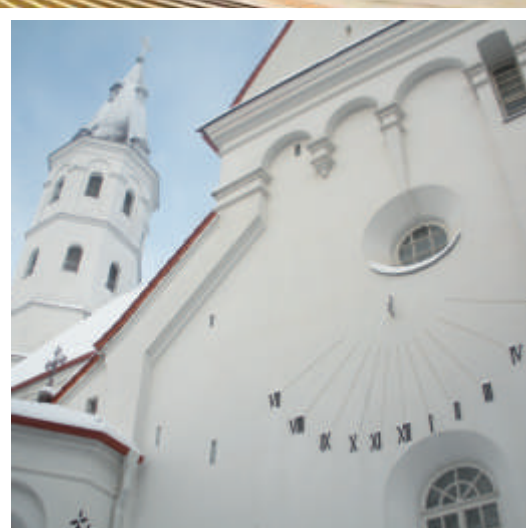
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ŠIAULIAI: THE MAGIC OF 3S

THE SUN

You will find monuments, squares or other wonderful places named after *Saulė* (the Sun) in Šiauliai, which will tell the history of the city! The Sun in Šiauliai captures time, shines in gold in the sculpture *The Archer*, bathes in fountains and water bodies, is reflected in the sunny smiles of Šiauliai residents.



THE SUNDIAL

One of the most interesting Sun objects in Šiauliai is the Sundial, which safely settled on the wall of the southern facade of St Apostles Peter and Paul's Cathedral, which is considered to be a Renaissance masterpiece, boasting about the highest tower in Lithuania (as many as 70 meters high!). It is a metal rod, casting a shadow, which shows time between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Black forged metal Roman numerals and openwork gnomon [gnōmōn from Greek is the arrow of a sundial] support beautifully stand out in the background of the white wall.



SUNDIAL SQUARE

(architects V. Jūrėla, A. Višniūnas, A. Černiauskas, sculptor S. Kuzma, 1986)

The main idea of the square is to give a sense to three most important symbols of Šiauliai city: The Sun, remembering the Battle of Saulė, which took place in Šiauliai land in 1236, the archer, related to the origin of the name of the city, and tirelessly running time. The architectural ensemble consists of an amphitheatre-shaped square and an 18-meter-high obelisk, crowned with a gilded sculpture of a running archer. On a sunny day, the obelisk with the archer's figure turn into a gnomon [gnōmōn from Greek is the arrow of the sundial]. The Sun's shadow, moving along the dial face with metal numbers infused into the square (12, 3 and 6), show the local time of the geographical latitude. The numbers mark the year of establishment of Šiauliai city – 1236. The *Archer* with a raised bow and the already shot arrow shines having caught even the smallest ray of the Sun. Sundial Square was reconstructed in 2018.



THE CLOCK THE COCK

(designer V. Purnas, 1975)

For many people and city guests the clock *The Cock*, located in the very centre of the city, at the crossing of Tilžės and Vilniaus streets, became the venue of pleasant meetings. *The Cock* both sings and welcomes passers-by, saying "Welcome to Šiauliai!" in as many as 14 languages! The greeting sounds in English, German, French, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Romani and other languages at midday and 6 p.m. Interestingly, the clock "speaks" native languages: both Šiauliai residents' and city guests' language is recorded.



GOT INTERESTED?

THE ARCHER was restored using 1900 gold foil sheets with a thickness of just a few microns.



STAINED GLASS "THE BATTLE OF SAULĖ"

(artist K. Morkūnas, 1986)

The first-floor lobby walls of the Concert Hall *Saulė* are decorated with the largest stained glass in Lithuania. The stained glass is 3,8 meters high, 52,1 meters long, its total area is 200 square meters. It is an impressive and majestic piece of art, giving a sense to the Battle of Saulė and disclosing fighters' heroism.



THE MONUMENT TO THE BATTLE OF SAULĖ IN SALDUVĖ PARK

(folk artist V. Lukošaitis)



SCULPTURE AUŠRA

(sculptor D. Matulaitė, 2003)



PLEIN AIR OF PUBLIC SPACES "THE ABDUCTION OF THE SUN"

(Burning Armour, T. Vincaitis (Plūgas))



ŠIAULIAI: THE MAGIC OF 3S

SWEETS and Other Flavours

A tourist route in search of sweets, flavour, delicious sensations and gifts. What do we start with? Maybe with hot chocolate? Or maybe a cup of herbal tea? An unforgettable time travel through the history of chocolate, still undiscovered flavours, eco-friendly desserts, *gira* (fermented bread drink), cocktail tastings, "sweet" stories attract lovers of sweet sensations and various flavours from all over the world to Šiauliai. In the special excursion "Sweet Šiauliai", organised by Šiauliai Tourism Information Centre, you will understand that not only sweets can be sweet. If you want chocolate, you will be able to make and enjoy it by choosing the workshop "Let's Taste the History of Chocolate" in sweets factory *Rūta*. *Gira* (fermented bread drink) "Gubernija" wins awards at international exhibitions. You will surely not resist the deliciousness of tea and desserts in Valerijonas, the oldest pharmacy in the city. You will be able to taste other flavours in the city's cafés and workshops.

Sweet Stories, Chocolate Making, Gifts in *Rūta*

Sweets factory *Rūta*, which has attracted passers-by by the sweet smell of chocolate, caramel, roasted nuts and boiled berries for more than a century, several years ago, opened the door of its old building to visitors, inviting them to visit the Chocolate Museum of *Rūta*, the shop and the café. Visiting the chocolate workshop, visitors become chocolate masters for a short time: the participants of the educational program make chocolate dainties, taste them right there and have great hand-made gifts. For those who want to learn more about chocolate and its combinations, thematic chocolate and sweets tastings are organized. You will definitely choose sweet gifts in a cosy shop: the company produces about 300 types of confectioneries!



An Exclusive Menu in the Teahouse *Valerijonas*

In one of the oldest pharmacies in Lithuania, which has operated in the same place since 1870, a teahouse located on three floors will surprise you with its offered tea flavours, healthy delicacies, vegetarian food and ... workshops about production of tea leaves, oil, cosmetics. Here you can get acquainted with the old pharmacy: there is the Pharmacy Museum in the basement.

In the healthy food teahouse, you will treat yourself to exclusive porridges, puddings, cocktails, teas as well as taste delicious coffee from acorns or old-fashioned dainties from almonds – marzipans.



Gira “Gubernija” – to Quench your Thirst

Gira is appreciated and loved by Lithuanians, and Šiauliai residents are proud that the most delicious *gira* is produced in the factory *Gubernija*. The beverage has no colorant additives and preservatives; *gira* is not very sweet and therefore very good to quench thirst. *Gira* “Gubernija” was awarded a national quality *gira* certificate.

The brewery *Gubernija*, producing *gira*, which has operated since 1665, since old times has been an integral part of *Gubernija* Manor, which used to supply food to the royal table. The pride of the brewery is impressive vaulted cellars keeping secrecy and history of 350 years! It is the oldest operating business enterprise in the Baltic States!

ŠIAULIAI FLAVOURS



Lithuanian Bread – the Flavour of Flavours: Bake it Yourself

A rare guest of our city goes home without Lithuanian bread. In Šiauliai, you can bake natural, naturally matured homemade bread yourself at Žaliūkiai Miller's Homestead (*Aušra* museum branch). You will be kindly welcomed by a festive hostess, with whom you will knead the bread dough, learn how to use the bakery stove and then taste the bread baked in the bakery stove (read more – 45 p.).



EXCURSION - TASTING

"SWEET ŠIAULIAI"

What is sweet? Is it just sugar and everything related to it? Maybe cinema or love can also be sweet? Or maybe life itself? Thus, not only what you eat is sweet. During this excursion, walking along the city streets, we will get to know the versatile sweetness. At the end of the excursion, we will taste healthy dainties of the pharmacy Valerijonas. The excursion can be booked at Tourism Information Centre, e-mail: ekskursijos@visitsiauliai.lt phone: +370 41 523 110.



SPECIAL MUSEUMS

The stay in Šiauliai is unimaginable without visiting a museum: choose by hobbies and interests. There are over 20 museums in Šiauliai! This is already a serious application for the title of the capital of museums of Lithuania. Close your eyes and imagine riding a wooden bicycle, you are in a real camera lens, you become a “wizard” of chocolate, you are driving an impressive locomotive ... Enrich the baggage of your knowledge and trips, experience the joy of discovery, choosing a museum tourist route! Many museums organize interesting workshops for both children and adults; they must be booked in advance. Take interest and try out!

ŠIAULIAI AUŠRA MUSEUM

One of the largest museums in Lithuania – *Aušra* Museum, founded on March 11, 1923, preserves the honourable history of the city and all Šiauliai region. The museum cherishes old traditions of museology, *Aušra* funds are among the richest in the country, the museum has eight specialized branch museums: Chaimas Frenkelis' Villa, the Bicycle Museum, the Photography Museum, the Radio and Television Museum, the Venclauskiai House, Žaliūkiai Miller's Homestead, Educational Centre of Šiauliai *Aušra* Museum, poet Jovaras' House.





CHAIMAS FRENKELIS' VILLA

Chaimas Frenkelis' Villa is one of the most popular cultural tourist destinations in northern Lithuania and one of the most precious diamonds of Šiauliai crown. The villa attracts by its preserved wood trim of the interior, ornate moldings, fragments of paintings, stylized expositions reflecting Lithuanian province manor and interwar period in Šiauliai. The villa built by a famous Jewish family Dora and Chaimas Frenkeliai in 1908 is the only Secession style building in the Baltic States, fascinating by its beauty and perfection.

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

The villa cherishes Jewish culture, it houses the exposition "Jewish Heritage in Šiauliai: Merchants the Frenkeliai", offers the workshop "Secrets of Kosher Food". The newly built tanner's workshop familiarises its visitors with the traditional tanner's craft, which thanks to the industrialist Chaimas Frenkelis flourished in Šiauliai in the early 20th century.

The ground floor of the museum is equipped for visitors with physical disabilities.





THE CHOCOLATE MUSEUM

Rūta is one of the oldest sweets factories in Lithuania, operating since 1913. The old building of the factory houses the Chocolate Museum of *Rūta*, which is one of the most visited places. The exposition of the museum presents both an interesting history of the factory and opens up secrets and peculiarities of chocolate consumption, lasting four millennia. The museum offers interactive sessions: one can take a picture here and send the picture or a designed sweet wrapper to friends by e-mail, play various games. Visitors of the workshop "The Sweet Lab" become chocolate masters for a short while. The museum organises themed chocolate and sweets tasting events.

The museum is neighboured by the historical sweet shop of *Rūta*, located in the premises that housed the old sweet shop of the factory during the interwar period too. After a fun excursion, visitors are hospitably welcomed at the café of *Rūta*.





THE BICYCLE MUSEUM

The only museum dedicated to the history of bicycles in Lithuania was founded in 1980. One of the oldest exhibits of the museum is the children's tricycle with red velvet-sheathed wooden saddle, forged from iron in 1905. Another attractive exhibit is the wooden prototype of the bicycle – “celerifere” or “the running machine”, which in 1792 was ridden by count Mede de Sivrac in Paris, pushing his feet against the ground. Old bicycles, modern sports bicycles, velomobiles, the bicycle that has travelled around the globe – you will find all of it in the Bicycle Museum, and “The Bicycle in the World of Technologies” is one of the most visited expositions of Šiauliai *Aušra* Museum. The iconic iron “Bicycle” (sculptor M. Gaubas, 2000) standing next to the museum invites visitors to take a picture.



THE PHOTOGRAPHY MUSEUM

Founded in 1973, the Photography Museum is among the first specialized museums of art and technology of photography in Eastern and Central Europe. The museum is located in the authentic building representing modern architecture of the interwar period of the 20th century, right in the centre of Šiauliai. It is the only museum of such type in Lithuania, a particularly important photography storage and representation centre.

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

In the workshops you can try out “The Light Laboratory” – an authentic photographic technology; you can work and learn a lot by becoming “a photographer's assistant” and learn how “to take pictures” without a camera.



VANDA KAVALIAUSKIENĖ'S CATS MUSEUM

The visitors of the museum founded by Vanda Kavaliauskienė in 1990, named after her, are gladly met by cats and the naughty cat Perlas, also called the director of the museum. Three halls of the museum are full of cats, cats, cats... They have come not only from the most different corners of Lithuania but also from many countries of the world – the United Kingdom, Australia, the USA, France, Russia, Taiwan, Switzerland, Portugal, and other. The museum organizes workshops, exhibitions, competitions, birthday parties, and afternoons for cat lovers.

The museum is neighboured by a wildlife garden that is a home to the python, king rat snake, Amur rat snake, corn snake, Taiwanese beauty rat snake, lizards, crocodiles, and even a cute little monkey.



ŽALIŪKIAI MILLER'S HOMESTEAD

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

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



THE CENTS ROOM

The Cents Room, which is equipped in the library of Šiauliai University, does not have the status of a museum yet. The Cents Room appeared as a monument to Lithuanian currency, when it was decided to introduce the Euro in Lithuania. People from all over Lithuania came to stick cents, while those who did not have this possibility, sent cents by post. This way, coins donated by people laid flat on the ceiling and walls of one room in the library of Šiauliai University. There is also a symbolic throne, over which a huge one-Litas coin and a map of Lithuania are hung. Another exhibit of the Cents Room is the Cross of Vytis, made from ten Litas silver coins. Officially, the Cents Room was opened on February 16th, 2015. The Cents Room was made from 157 130 coins.



GOT INTERESTED? "The Museum Night" organized in Šiauliai in May each year attracts over 25 thousand people.

Other museums

- THE ANGEL'S MUSEUM
- THE EDUCATIONAL CENTRE OF *AUŠRA* MUSEUM
- THE RAILWAY MUSEUM
- DEFENCE AND WARFARE TRAINING CENTRE
- THE MUSEUM OF JULIUS JANONIS' GYMNASIUM
- THE CINEMA MUSEUM
- POET JOVARAS' (JONAS KRIKŠČIŪNAS') HOUSE
- THE POLICE MUSEUM
- THE RADIO AND TELEVISION MUSEUM
- THE PATHOLOGICAL ANATOMY DIVISION OF ŠIAULIAI REPUBLICAN HOSPITAL
- THE SPORTS MUSEUM
- STASYS GLIAUDYS' NATURE MUSEUM
- THE MUSEUM OF COURTS HISTORY OF ŠIAULIAI REGIONAL COURT
- THE TELEPHONY MUSEUM
- THE WATERWORKS MUSEUM
- THE VENCLAUSKIAI HOUSE



TOURIST ROUTE ALONG THE SUNNY BOULEVARD OF ŠIAULIAI

Map: p. 24–25

In 1975, we were brave: the third in Europe (after Rotterdam in 1972 and Erfurt in 1973) and the first in Lithuania who turned the central part of Vilniaus Street (1,28 km from Žemaitės Street to Draugystės Avenue), which belonged to vehicles, into a boulevard. Šiauliai Vilniaus Street, like Tilžės Street, built in the 18th century, is a historical road leading from the east to the west; while Tilžės Street, from the south to the north. We decorated the pedestrian boulevard with original sculptures of small architecture, volumetric adverts, again pleasantly cheering and surprising everyone and turning the boulevard into a cosy and the most important Šiauliai residents' place of leisure, recreation, entertainment and trade: this is where celebrations bustle, cosy cafes are located, here we rush to work and rest. Artists decorate the city every year with artistic graffiti, some of which are also in the pedestrian boulevard, so look round). Travel and feel the uniqueness of Šiauliai city!

Let's start the trip along the boulevard, from the fountain *Bridges of the Millennium* at the crossing of Vilniaus and Žemaitės streets and finish the acquaintance with the pedestrian street at the fountain *Three Birds*, located at the crossing of Vilniaus Street and Draugystės Avenue.

Numbers speak: You will find over 50 interesting objects on the pedestrian boulevard!



- **1. Fountain *Bridges of the Millennium***
(architects Rūta, Giedrė ir Rimantas Stuopeliai, 2008)
The fountain was built when Lithuania was celebrating one thousand years' anniversary of the first mention of its name.
The crossing of Vilniaus and Žemaitės streets
- **2. The monument to Pope John Paul II.**
(sculptor M. Junčys, 2013, read more: p. 22)
Vilniaus St. 247B

● **3. St Ignatius of Loyola Church**

(read more: p. 27)

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● **4. Šiauliai Art Gallery** (read more: p. 41)

(architect A. Petrikauskas, 1992)

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● **5. Sculptural composition *Angels' Rain***

(artist R. Uogintienė, 2014)

The artistic composition *Angels' Rain* consists of angel-like human figures, reminding of unusual shapes of water-drops, hanging on the wall of Šiauliai Art Gallery. Raindrops are dripping from them only when it rains.

● **6. Sculpture *The Samogitian***

(sculptor K. Bimba, 2013)

The stone Samogitian is seated on the bench near the Art Gallery. People sit next to him, take pictures. It is a monument to a strong and tenacious Samogitian. In old maps, the western part of Lithuania is called Samogitia.

● **7. The Shoe Tree**

Not only artists, but also teenagers who are skateboarding, roller skating, riding BMX bicycles, have hung their shoes on the tree in the neighbourhood of Šiauliai Art Gallery. It has become a traditional ritual to throw a worn out and worn down pair of shoes into the tree after a season in autumn.

● **8. A pair of bronze shoes *My Shoes***

(sculptor M. Gaubas, 2014)

It is said that if you "step into" these shoes on the pavement near the Art Gallery and make a dream, it will surely come true.

● **9. Sculpture *Three Gnomes***

(sculptor B. Kasperavičienė, 1977)

Children's photo near these beauties is simply necessary. Every resident of Šiauliai by all means has the photo with gnomes near Kaštonų Avenue in his album.

● **10. Decorative sculpture *Motherhood*, fountain**

(sculptor A. Toleikis, 1979)

The decorative sculpture *Motherhood* and the fountain attract parents and children. An almost



naked woman with a young child on her knees is an intimate scene, which in life is usually concealed from outsiders. The sculpture is placed in a quite busy place of the city and passers-by as if become witnesses and participants of this intimate scene. There is a safe playground for the little ones next to the sculpture.

The crossing of the Pedestrian Boulevard and Kaštonų Avenue.

10A. Sculpture *The Chameleon* (G. Linkevičius)

● **11. Historical Trees. *Didždvaris* Oak.**

This is the oldest oak of Šiauliai city. It is believed that it was planted by counts Zubovai. The oak is about 200 years old.

Near *Didždvaris* gymnasium, Vilniaus St. 188.

● **12. *Didždvaris* Gymnasium**

One of the oldest educational institutions of the city. Šiauliai girls' gymnasium, established in 1898. Vilniaus St. 188.



WE ARE PROUD We are the third in Europe and the first in Lithuania who replaced the busy street of vehicles with a pedestrian boulevard.

● **13. Sculpture *The Girl With a Pipe***

(sculptor A. Toleikis, 1985)

The sculpture symbolizing youth, like stiffened music radiates goodness and gives a sense to the history of Šiauliai girls' gymnasium, which goes back to more than a hundred years.

Near *Didždvaris* Gymnasium, Vilniaus St. 188.

● **14. The Radio and Television Museum**

Vilniaus St. 174.

● **15. The Commemorative Stone dedicated to doctor Urijus Rozovskis, who was killed during the Holocaust**

(author G. Demnig, 2016).

The commemorative plaques are installed where

the perpetuated persons lived and worked. U. Rozovskis' commemorative plaque is near the building No.168 in Vilnius Street. In 1943, the doctor left for Auschwitz concentration camp accompanying 725 Šiauliai Ghetto children to death.

● **16. Sculptures *Chimeras***

(sculptor K. Kasperavičius)
Decorate bank stairs
Vilniaus St. 225

● **17. *The Snake***

(author tinsmith P. Šaripovas, designer V. Purnas, 1980)
The snake, twining round the cup – the symbol of pharmacy.
The volumetric advert near the building No. 174 in Vilniaus Street.

● **18. *Books – a Source of Knowledge***

(designer V. Purnas, 1978)
The volumetric advert near the building No. 213 in Vilniaus Street.

● **19. Sculpture *The Bell of Love***

(sculptor D. Augulis, 2015)
The bell is hanging at the top of the sculpture with the dedication "For the sake of those I love".
The crossing of Vilniaus and Varpo streets

● **20. The commemorative plaque and bust to Potencija Pinkauskaitė – the actress of Šiauliai Drama Theatre (1931–1935)**

(sculptor A. Toileikis, architect A. Plaipa)
Vilniaus St. 213.

● **21. Artistic accent *The Prompter***

(sculptor D. Augulis, 2009)
Artistic accent *The Prompter* is a poster showcase of Šiauliai State Drama Theater. Casting a glance down, one can see the mysterious theatre prompter.
The crossing of Vilniaus and Varpo streets.

● **22. Šiauliai Tourism Information Centre**

Here you will get useful tips, learn what you are interested in, get answers to all questions and buy souvenirs.
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● **23. *The Shoe***

(author metalworker A. Vaidila, designer V. Purnas, 1978)
The volumetric advert near the building No. 213 in Vilniaus Street.

● **24. *Two Swallows***

(author artist, metalworker H. Orakauskas, designer V. Purnas, 1980)
The volumetric advert near the building No. 193 in Vilniaus Street.

● **25. The commemorative plaque to the world litvak Victor David Brenner**

(author V. Janulis, 2016)
The commemorative plaque on the current Šiauliai Bank building (Tilžės St. 149) is dedicated to the medalist and coin maker litvak from Šiauliai Victor David Brenner (1871-1924). He is the author one USA cent with the portrait of Abraham Lincoln.

● **26. Fountain *Pelicans***

(sculptor B. Kasperavičienė, 1978)
The legend says that once two pelicans in love lagged behind their flock, lost their way and instead of flying south turned north. Flying above the city of northern Lithuania Šiauliai, they landed in the puddle to quench thirst. Here the evil sorceress turned them into stones. Pelicans have stood in Šiauliai for several decades and will still stand for a long time, delighting passers-by.
The crossing of Vilniaus and Tilžės streets.

- **27. The Fried Pig**
(author artist, metalworker H. Orakauskas, designer V. Purnas, 1980)
The volumetric advert at the crossing of Vilniaus and Tilžės streets.
- **28. The Photography Museum** (read more: p. 16)
- **29. The Crayfish**
(authors: of the metal part – artist, metalworker H. Orakauskas, colour enamel – L. Brazaitė, designer V. Purnas, 1980)
The crayfish hugging a cigarette pack warns about the harm of smoking.
The volumetric advert at the crossing of Vilniaus and Tilžės streets.
- **30. The clock of the city *The Cock***
(read more: p. 8)
The crossing of Vilniaus and Tilžės streets.
- **31. The Coat of Arms of the City**
(author V. Purnas. Metal parts of the coat of arms made by A. Milašauskas, 1975)
The wall of building No. 183 in Vilnius Street.
- **32. Bas-relief *Šiauliai***
(sculptors A. Toleikis, D. Lukoševičius)
Corner of Vilniaus and Vasario 16-osios streets, Vasario 16-osios St. 46
- **33. Pharmacy *Valerijonas***
It is one of the oldest pharmacies retaining long-lasting traditions in northern Lithuania. The history of the pharmacy goes back to 1870, when the pharmacist Nurokas received a permission to establish the third pharmacy in Šiauliai. (read more: p.11)
Vilniaus St. 173
- **34. *Cats***
(author metalworker K. Einigis and others, designer V. Purnas, 1978, 1983, 2008)
The cats on the roof of the pharmacy *Valerijonas* cheer us up and make us raise our eyes to the sky. Have they licked valerian, decide for yourself.
- **35. The monument to Povilas Višinskis**
(sculptor S. Žirgulis, 1991)
The monument to Lithuanian national movement activist, publicist, enlightener, developer of Lithuanian literature of late 19th and early 20th century.
The crossing of Vilniaus and Višinskio streets.
- **36. Sculptural composition “Algirdas Julius Greimas”**
(sculptor G. Lukošaitis, 2017)
Višinskio St. 38
- **37. Fountain *Rūdė***
(sculptor K. Kasperavičius, 1986)
The crossing of Vilniaus and Rūdės streets.
- **38. Decorative Gates**
(artist E. Juchnevičius, 1986)
The crossing of Vilniaus and Rūdės streets.
- **39. The Art Gallery of Šiauliai University**
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Vilniaus St. 141
- **40. Sculpture *The Hag***
(artist R. Uogintienė, 2017)
To commemorate Algirdas Julius Greimas, whose biography is closely related to Šiauliai. A. J. Greimas is a French semiotician of Lithuanian origin, linguist, mythologist, essayist; his favourite character of research into Lithuanian mythology was a hag.
Vilniaus St. 141
- **41. The Bicycle Museum** (read more: p. 16)
Vilniaus St. 139
- **42. Fountain *Three Birds***
(sculptor K. Kasperavičius, 1981)
One of the most spectacular fountains in Šiauliai *Three Birds* stands at the end of the boulevard (Vilniaus Street). The group of three stylized birds is dynamic, their raised wings create an expressive silhouette. Looking at the birds from different points, plastic lines are as if changing, create the impression of move, as if the birds were turning and flapping their wings.
The crossing of Vilniaus Street and Draugystės Avenue.

ARTISTS DECORATE THE CITY WITH GRAFFITI



WE ARE PROUD OF! Graffiti can decorate the city if this is done by professionals. Admire.

The tourist route “The Abduction of the Sun” preserves numerous colourful traces in the city. The international graffiti plein-air “The Abduction of the Sun” held in Šiauliai is organised by Šiauliai Art Gallery. Every time the community and guests of the city are given an original and colourful gift from professional artists, decorating the city.



THE MAP OF ŠIAULIAI CITY CENTRE



**Šiauliai City
Municipality**



**Šiauliai Tourism
Information Centre**



Museums



**Monuments,
small architecture, etc.**



Sacred places



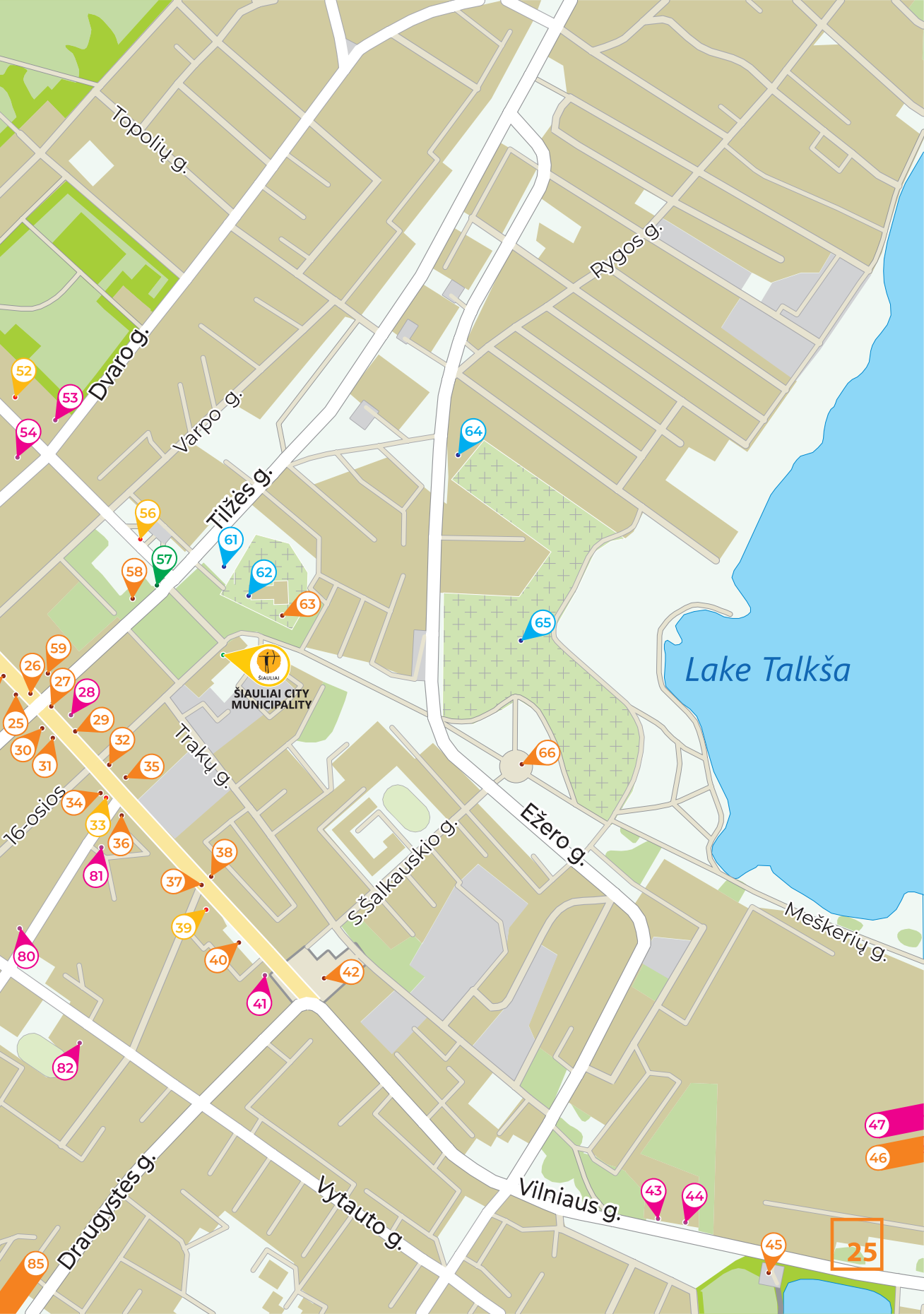
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SWEETS and Other Flavours

- **75 *Rūta*: the café, shop, chocolate museum**
Tilžės St. 133
+370 41 523 212, +370 610 41 050
sokoladomuziejus.lt
- **33 Teahouse *Valerijonas***
Vilniaus St. 173
+370 41 520 738
valerijonas.lt
- **68 Žaliūkiai Miller's Homestead**
Architektų St. 73
+370 41 211 198
ausrosmuziejus.lt

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Administration of the museum
Vilniaus St. 74
+370 41 526 933.
ausrosmuziejus.lt
- **44 Chaimas Frenkelis' Villa**
Vilniaus St. 74
+370 41 524 389
ausrosmuziejus.lt

- **75 The Chocolate Museum of *Rūta***
Tilžės St. 133
+370 610 41 050
sokoladomuziejus.lt
- **41 The Bicycle Museum**
Vilniaus St. 139
+370 41 524 395
ausrosmuziejus.lt
- **28 The Photography Museum**
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+370 8 41 524 396
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- **47 Vanda Kavaliauskienė's Cats Museum**
Žuvininkų St. 18
+370 683 69 844
gamtininkucentras.lt
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ausrosmuziejus.lt
- **79 The Cents' Room**
Vytauto St. 84
+370 41 595 706
biblioteka.su.lt
- **53 The Angel's Museum**
Aušros Ave. 48
+370 694 74 249
angelomuziejus.lt
- **49 The Educational Centre of *Aušra* Museum**
Aušros Ave. 47, Šiauliai
+370 41 524 394
ausrosmuziejus.lt
- **72 The Railway Museum**
Dubijos St. 26.
+370 41 203 684
visitsiauliai.lt
- **81 The Defence and Warfare Training Centre**
P. Višinskio St. 38
+370 41 595 784
su.lt
- **76 The Museum of Julius Janonis' Gymnasium**
Tilžės St. 137
+370 41 523 372
jjanonis.su.lt



- **54 The Cinema Museum**
Aušros Ave. 15.
+370 618 29932
- **74 Poet Jovaras' (Jonas Krikščiūnas') House**
Vytauto St. 116
+370 41 433 680
ausrosmuziejus.lt
- **54 The Police Museum**
Aušros Ave. 19
+370 41 397 522
siauliu.policija.lt
- **14 The Radio and Television Museum**
Vilniaus St. 174
+370 41 524 399
ausrosmuziejus.lt
- **48 The Pathological Anatomy Division of Šiauliai Republican Hospital**
Vincu Kudirkos St. 99
+370 41 524 271
- **70 The Sports Museum**
Jono Jablonskio St. 16
+370 41 437 328
- **80 Stasys Gładys' Nature Museum**
P. Višinskio St. 25.
+370 41 595 714
su.lt
- **55 The Museum of Courts History of Šiauliai Regional Court**
Dvaro St. 83
Tel. +370 698 23 320
- **78 The Waterworks Museum**
Vytauto St. 103
+370 41 592 257
siauliuvandenys.lt
- **82 The Venclauskiai House**
Vytauto St. 89, LT-77155 Šiauliai
ausrosmuziejus.lt

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Tourist route “Sacred Šiauliai” should probably start from ... the Hill of Crosses. Yes, it is 13 kilometers away from Šiauliai, but one question always remains relevant: Is Šiauliai a city near the Hill of Crosses or is the Hill of Crosses near Šiauliai? The link between the city and the Hill of Crosses is inevitable, whatever the answer, and the Hill of Crosses is one of the most outstanding sacred objects in Lithuania. If you start your journey from the Hill of Crosses, you will continue it in Šiauliai, and its churches and places of worship will reveal that people of different faiths and beliefs in the Sun City respect each other, get along and cherish sacred objects.

ST APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

The monument of Renaissance architecture St Peter and Paul's Cathedral is the most striking landmark of the city. The apex of the tower (its height is 70 m) can be seen from a distance, approaching Šiauliai from any side. The magnificent building, abundant in original architectural details, is as if fitted for defence. The gates of the churchyard, located opposite the main facade, emphasize the defensive nature of the church and are the only such in Lithuania. The image of a well-established building is created according to the local architecture traditions, following the example of Western European countries.

On May 8, 1997, by the decision of Pope John Paul II Šiauliai diocese was founded. The church became St Apostles Peter and Paul's Cathedral.



ŠIAULIAI DIOCESAN CURIA

Šiauliai Diocesan Curia and the Pastoral Centre settled near Šiauliai St Apostles Peter and Paul's Cathedral. According to the hierarchy of the building, this is one of the most significant buildings for the city and the whole region.

ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA CHURCH

In 1930, the Jesuit mission was established in Šiauliai.

In spring of 1948, the church was closed. It was turned into a warehouse, later, into a gym. In 1986, the premises of the church housed a small hall of the Drama Theatre. In 1990, the church was returned to believers.

On September 7, 1993, during the visit to Lithuania, Pope John Paul II found peace and a shelter of rest here. A monument to the Pope was built in the churchyard.



THE MONUMENT TO POPE JOHN PAUL II

(sculptor M. Junčys, 2013)

In the churchyard of St Ignatius of Loyola Church, the monument to Pope John Paul II was built. This piece of art was presented to the church by Žukliai family from Šiauliai. The sculpture of Pope John Paul II blessing believers is made from granite and bronze. The sculpture was built in the courtyard of the church, where on September 7, 1993, during the visit to Lithuania, Pope John Paul II prayed and rested.

ST PETER AND PAUL'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

In 1867, the Orthodox Church arose in the town square. There were not many orthodox believers, only 1,8 per cent of all city's population. Since 1937, when a new church was built in the Orthodox cemetery, the Orthodox Centre has operated here. Currently, church service is held only on Sundays.

THE ROAD OF JOHN PAUL II

St John Paul II is the first pope visiting Lithuania. To remember the Pope's visit to Lithuania, the most important Lithuanian shrines were joined to the pilgrimage road named after John Paul II. There are 19 objects on the road; its length is 1050 km. This road also includes Šiauliai: Šiauliai St Apostles Peter and Paul's Cathedral, which is the heart of Šiauliai diocese, established by Pope John Paul II in 1997, and St Ignatius of Loyola (Jesuit) Church, where during his visit to Lithuania, on September 7, 1993, John Paul II stopped to rest. There is a monument to the Pope in the churchyard.



THE OLD (TALKŠOS) CEMETERY

The cemetery is located near Lake Talkša and occupies the area of 4,46 hectares. The cemetery consists of three parts: Catholic, Orthodox and Free Thinkers' cemetery. It is believed that mass burying in the cemetery started in 1831, when cholera raved in the city. The table of one of the oldest tombstones tells that the year of death is 1801.

One of the oldest groups of graves is family vaults. We can only guess that first vaults could have been equipped at the junction of 18th and 19th centuries.

The first recorded burial in the Orthodox part of the cemetery is the one of the Tsarist troops (19 soldiers and 3 officers) who were suppressing the uprising of 1863 and were killed.

Many prominent figures are buried in the old cemetery.

ST JACOB'S ROAD

Šiauliai City Municipality is one of the members of the Association of St Jacob's Road Municipalities and prepared a route around Šiauliai city with the aim to discover St Jacob's roads in Šiauliai, visit the planned road stops and shrines. Detailed information about this route is available at Šiauliai Tourism Information Centre.

Other sacred objects

St George's Church

The Church of Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate

The Hill of Rebels

Šiauliai Christian Gospel Church



**MODERNIST
INTERWAR
ARCHITECTURE
OF ŠIAULIAI
CITY**

Specialized route, prepared by historian V. Ulinskytė-Balzienė and architect Š. Sabaliauskas,

can be overcome travelling by foot or bike.

Interwar architecture of Šiauliai city is a significant architectural, cultural and historical heritage. The architecture of that period is characterized by expressive volumes and shapes, the harmony of symmetry and asymmetry, dynamic compositions of volumes and lines. In the interwar period, the city was modernizing; it is the time of the most intense construction and development. Many new buildings were designed by famous architects who worked here: Vladas Bitė, Karolis Reisonas, Vytautas Landsbergis-Žemkalnis and Erik Mendelson (Germany). The architecture of interwar modernism is a part of the city's identity, added value, a visiting card. Visit exclusive and the most interesting objects. If you do not have enough time to walk the entire route, pay attention to the buildings in the very centre of the city, at the crossing of Tilžės and Vilniaus streets – you will get an impression of the modern architecture of the interwar city.

1. The hospital of Šiauliai city

V. Kudirkos St. 99

Architect Vytautas Landsbergis-Žemkalnis, 1939–1940, 1944.

2. Artist G. Bagdonavičius' residential house

Aušros Ave. 84

Architect Karolis Reisonas, the second half of the 1920s.

3. Primary school, "Aušra" museum

Aušros Ave. 47, engineer V. Bitė, 1932.

4. Šiauliai region municipality

Vilniaus St. 263, engineer V. Bitė, 1933–1935.

5. The monument of Independence at the Hill of Rebels

Vilniaus St. Architect Karolis Reisonas, 1933.

6. The new market place of Šiauliai city

Vilniaus St. 263, engineer V. Bitė, 1933–1935.

7. Residential houses in Maironio and Vaisių streets

Maironio and Vaisių streets, 1930s.

8. The house of the Lithuanian Nationalist Union

Aušros Ave. 21, engineer V. Bitė, 1934.

9. The building of Šiauliai Regional Court

Aušros Ave. 19, engineer K. Kriščiukaitis, 1936.

10. The residential house of engineer V. Bitė

Aušros Ave. 15a, engineer V. Bitė, around 1934–1930.

11. The building of Šiauliai Regional Patient Funds

Aušros Ave. 15, engineer V. Bitė, 1937.

12. The building of the Post Office

Aušros Ave. 42, architect K. Dušauskas-Duž, 1938–1940.

13. Mordelis' block of flats for rent

Aušros Ave. 13, mentioned engineer A. Rozemblumas, 1938.

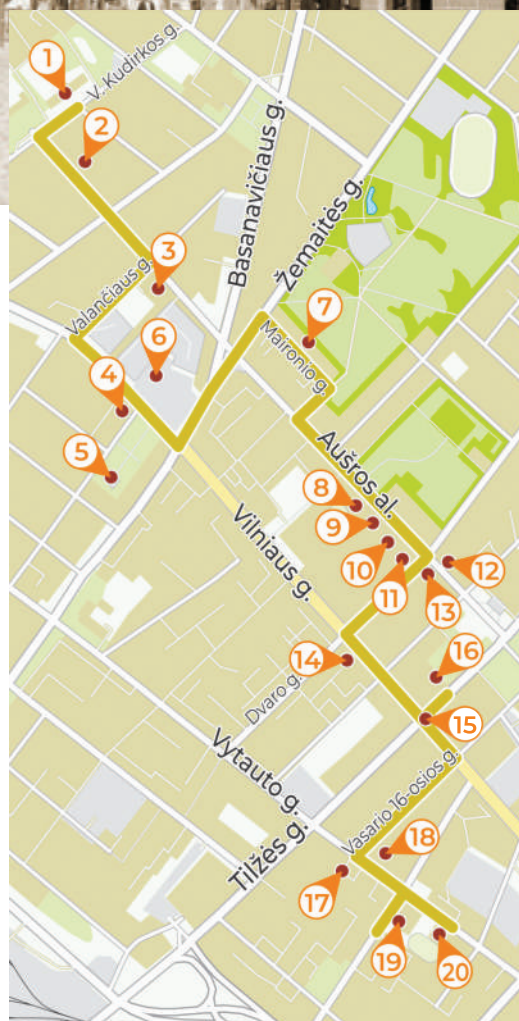
14. Industrialist B. Poška's block of flats for rent

Vilniaus St. 215, around 1936–1940.



15. Buildings at the crossing of Vilniaus and Tilžės streets

Press Foundation Bookshop, Tilžės St. 151, around 1930, the Feinbergai House, Vilniaus St. 140, 1935-1937, Central Jewish Bank, Tilžės St. 149, 1930s. This is probably the best surviving fragment of Šiauliai old town section of the end of the 19th century and the first half of the 20th century. After World War I, the buildings at the crossing of Vilniaus and Tilžės streets were almost or completely destroyed. The present buildings were built here in the 1930s. The buildings at the crossing show the main principles of city building: two to three floors, rounded corners, horizontal rhythm of window splitting, highlighted lines of windowsills and lintels, highlighted entrances to the buildings, large ground-floor showcases. Structures contain monolithic reinforced concrete columns. During the reconstruction of the Photography Museum, it was found that the existing ground-floor columns could withstand the load of five-storey buildings.





16. Šiauliai State Drama Theatre

Tilžės St. 155, mentioned architects
K. Reisonas and S. Kudokas, 1938.

17. Water supply tower

Vytauto St. 103, Professor P.
Morkūnas, engineer A. Janulionis, 1939-1948.

18. Trade Institute

Vytauto St. 84, architects S.
Stulginskis, E. Manomaitis, 1941.

19. Simonas Volpertas' private clinic

P. Višinskio St. 24, architect
E. Mendelsonas, 1930

**20. Advocate Kazimieras
Venclauskis' house**

Vytauto St. 89, architect K. Reisonas, 1925.





OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST

Resurrection Square

The central square of the city is divided into 4 parts by Aušros Avenue and Tilžės Street. This is the place around which Šiauliai city started growing. For centuries, the square was used for markets, fairs, live trading. The square obtained the classical compositions plan in the second half of the 18th century, when in 1774, Antantas Tyzenhauzas, who was appointed the administrator of Šiauliai crown estate (economy), started the reconstruction of the city centre. Resurrection Square shining with novelty simply attracts the eye. Fountains lighting up with various lights in the evening, oaks floodlit from beneath, and the path marked with LED strips across the square to the flagpole. Come and evaluate the renovated main square of the city.

Press Trees

On May 9, 1929, in the central square of the city, four Press Trees were planted to mark the 25th anniversary of the abolition of the press ban. These four oaks have survived to this day and adorn the access to Resurrection Square. Now marble boards with the names of famous Šiauliai residents who planted these trees and the date are dug into the ground at each oak.

Sculpture *Grandfather with Grandchildren*

(sculptor B. Kasperavičienė, 1976)

In Resurrection Square, near Tilžės Street, a cosy sculptural group *Grandfather with Grandchildren* “rests”. This sculptural group is included into the list of cultural monuments of Lithuania as a local art monument.

Sculpture *The Reading Man*

(sculptor H. Orakauskas, 1983)

This is an attractive metallic old man standing on a pre-war-like round stone paving. *The Reading Man* gives a sense to cultural traditions, links between the past and present. It reminds that the old Šiauliai was a large press centre with several printing houses and that formerly, not far from the place where the sculpture stands, there used to be a widely known bookshop, which belonged to A. Jakavičius.

Šiauliai Manor House (Didždvaris)

In the city centre, one can see the surviving fragments of the homestead of former Šiauliai crown estate (economy), which was later given to



duke Platonas Zubovas and called the Zubovai (*Didždvaris*) Manor. It is known that before the new construction, there used to be the old manor of Šiauliai, where the officials of Šiauliai crown estate administration resided.

Old Didždvaris is the complex of manor buildings: **the manor house** (Aušros Ave. 50); a small **residential house** (Aušros Ave. 50a); **servants' residential house** (Aušros Ave. 48); **stables** (Dvaro St. 83), **currently housing Šiauliai Regional Court**; **manor building** (Dvaro St. 85).



OTHER OBJECTS

The monument to Chaimas Frenkelis
(sculptor R. Kvintas, 2014)

The monument *The First Day*
(sculptor Dž. Jurkūnas 2015)

The Strongman Nosys
(sculptor G. Lukošaitis, 2014)

The Signatories' Alley



? **DID YOU KNOW?** There are 87 cultural heritage objects in Šiauliai, 10 of them are protected by the state, 23 are of national significance.



**THE SUN CITY
AT CLOSE
RANGE
IN THE
EXCURSIONS**

One of the most popular educational excursions for those who want to see Šiauliai city at close range is “Šiauliai – the Sun City”. The excursion “The Boulevard – the Heart of Šiauliai” is an opportunity to get acquainted with the small architecture and hear old and new stories of the city. Your stay in Šiauliai will obtain unexpected shades in the excursions “Šiauliai - What Is Most Important”, “Jewish Heritage: the Flavour of the Early 20th Century in Šiauliai or How the City Has Become Great”, in which the city will reveal the values retained by the fate, the contribution of creative and active people to the history and present of our city.

Every time Šiauliai Tourism Information Centre delights and surprises, offering new excursions along both traditional and unusual routes. Try out by all means.

EXCURSIONS

Catch moments in Šiauliai “near the ditch”, in the southern sleeping area or forest ...

Šiauliai Tourism Information Centre together with the guides prepared vivacious city walks for townspeople and guests with a guide, whose stories cannot be found in any tourist guides. These are exclusive routes and stories of Šiauliai

city, an opportunity to hear Šiauliai speech, look at the places that you might have passed even without glancing.



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“Catch the Moment!”

The excursion full of unforgettable moments about the historical instants of Šiauliai city and its people who were and are creating the city. You will see the dancing girls, costumes tailored for them and the guide, deeply discovered pearls of history, interesting facts. Insensibly you are moving in time to old times but thinking about the future. The chosen steampunk style suits so perfectly: a journey through time, flavoured with acorn coffee and sweets.



“Šiauliai: along the Yards, Ditches and Fences”

The excursion begins ... with tasting! After all, you need to refresh before going on such an unusual trip.

At the agreed time, you will meet the guide in the



café, and when the story begins, you will taste ... vereshchak and get to know this dish. While eating the delicious meal, the guide will tell you a lot, and then, leaving the sheeny café, we will go along yards, jump over ditches, even try to roll over the fence. Forgotten yards, unrecognizable nooks of the city, where you will not even think to pop in. The guide's stories allow you to look at those places with new eyes.

The finale of the excursion is impressive: we go down to the cellars of Count Zubovai Manor, look for (non-)existing vaults and again go along the city centre but following exclusive paths to Šiauliai Cathedral where we say goodbye to the guide.

Excursion-Hike

"On this Side and on the Other Side"

We take Nordic walking poles and walk through the city towards Lake Talkša, which is nearly in the city centre. Salduvė Park stretches on the other side of the lake, and a little further, you can find Salduvė Mound, braided with legends. You have a great opportunity to have a fun hike and look at Šiauliai from the other shore of the lake. Nature tells its stories that calm and improve the mood, having escaped the bustling city life. Insensibly you yourself turn into part of nature, plunge into the silence of trees and water, but the guide is already inviting you to come back.



"The Old Cemetery of Šiauliai:

All Are Equal Here"

This excursion is surrounded by mysticism. Not because excursionists are walking in the cemetery but because of the number of people interested. According to the guides, every time there are too many people who want to join the excursion. The old cemetery of Šiauliai harboured thousands of honest and not very honest people, from a gentleman to an unknown man, from a city's honorary citizen to a virgin braided with legends. The crosses of some graves are leaning, the names on other monuments have worn away...

The exclusivity of cemeteries is family burial vaults, specific, tombstone monuments of a certain period. If the excursion takes place at All Souls Day, a candle can be lit. For sure, you will not experience any nightmares after this excursion, only a calm belief remains – all of us are equal.



"Southern Chronicles Live"

(according to Šiauliai Chronicles and R. Kmita's novel *Pietinia Kronikas*)

For a few hours, this excursion by bus will return you to the old Šiauliai, right after the transition to the post-Soviet life. The southern culture begins namely here, in the Southern sleeping area of Šiauliai. Does not matter whether we want or not. Who knows whether this is bad or good? The only thing we know is that we, Šiauliai residents, are really different from others... A colourful and exciting trip will leave unforgettable impressions.



**SURROUNDED
BY NATURE,
WITH A FAMILY**

We definitely do not lack the beauty of nature with Lake Talkša and Prūdelis nearly in the very middle of the city and a large Lake Rėkyva (the tenth largest in the country) near the city, occupying the area of over a thousand hectares, which has lain here for more than ten thousand years. The lake is alive both in winter and summer, the sails are constantly waving here: when it is warm, the yachts spread their sails, giving the lake greatness and tranquillity, and in winter, enthusiastic ice-sledgers, having harnessed wind into colourful sails, try out the firm ice of the lake, running at great speed. On the way to Rėkyva, you can stop at Bačiūnai kartodrome and try out the pleasures of speed on the karting track.

The Iron Fox, well-liked by tourists, and the energy maze, located on the shore of Lake Talkša, are neighboured by a Water Sports and Entertainment Park *FoxSpot*. There is also a Petanque playground equipped according to international standards on the shore of the lake. Here Talkša ecological path begins. The path leads to the Cats Museum, the Equestrian Centre, Salduvė (Žuvininkai) Mound, from which you can admire the landscape of the city. Cyclists, fishermen and Nordic walking enthusiasts like the shores of Lake Talkša. Entertainment near Lake Talkša, recreation in Salduvė Park, and reviving bicycle paths do not allow you to stay sleepy, invite you to live actively.

The shore of Lake Talkša and Lake Rėkyva are just made for family vacation: beautiful nature, walking paths, playgrounds, birds swimming in the lakes, festivals bringing together families for relaxation and entertainment.





Sculpture *The Iron Fox*, designed by V. Puronas, has stood near Lake Talkša since 2009. It is recorded in Lithuania's Book of Records that it is the largest animal sculpture: its weight is nearly 7 tons, length is about 15 meters and height is 6,6 meters. The steel heart of *the Iron Fox* (1,20 meters high and 0,90 meters wide) contains a capsule with words engraved on the copper plate for future generations. This is the work of art designed by the designer of Šiauliai Vilius Puronas to commemorate the millennium of the first mention of the name of Lithuania. The designer joked that Vilnius had a legend about an iron wolf and Šiauliai would be able to boast the iron fox – the symbol of cunning and wisdom.

Talkša Ecological Path, the length of which is about 5 km, consists of 19 stops. All the stops are equipped with stands with the most important information about vegetation, wildlife, diverse landscape and the history of this locality.

Šiauliai Equestrian Centre of Young Naturalists operates on the eastern shore of Lake Talkša, near Salduvė Mound, in the place with excellent landscape. The Equestrian Centre offers active leisure and tourism services.

Žuvininkai Mound (Salduvė Hill) with the historical settlement located in Žuvininkai village are included in the Register of Cultural Heritage of Lithuania. In the context of the history of Lithuania the significance of this object is exceptional, because the castle that stood here was the main

defence centre of the northern lands of Lithuania. A wonderful panorama of the city opens up from the mound.

Salduvė Park is the oasis of wellness and tranquil rest of the city's residents, here people come to get acquainted with biodiversity and admire the landscape. Salduvė Park, together with Talša Park make up the largest Šiauliai green massif occupying the area of about 100 ha. The park got its name from Salduvė Hill (Žuvininkai Mound), the steep slopes of which are 10-14 meters high.



DID YOU KNOW? The 6,6-meter high *Iron Fox* is the largest animal sculpture in Lithuania.

The Botanical Garden of Šiauliai University

(Pataičių St. 4) is really worth visiting if you like plants and beauty. The garden occupies the area of 6,5 hectares and delights its visitors not only with plant collections – it is a place of celebrations, workshops related to the knowledge of the wildlife, plants: "I Am Creating a Joyful Garden Myself!", "The Journey of a Pip", "Recognize Parts of the Plant", etc. On August 15th, Šiauliai residents celebrate the Assumption in the Botanical Garden.

Children's Play and Leisure Park Beržynėlis,

located in the southern area of Šiauliai, is an active leisure place for children, their parents and everyone who likes to stay in a beautifully and cosily tidied environment. There are children's playgrounds, a skateboarding track, swings, climbing frames and other attractions in the park. Both children and parents can rent bicycles, tricycles and scooters in the park and enjoy an ice cream.



ACTIVE RECREATION, SPORT

The shore of Lake Talkša is simply created for active recreation; here you will always find what to do: jogging and cycling trails, Wakeboarding Park *FoxSpot*, the Equestrian Centre operating in the Centre of Young Naturalists.

Those interested in active leisure in Šiauliai will certainly be amazed by a wide range of entertainment: horse riding, shooting, skating, cycling, paintball, airsoft, bowling, karting, laser games, petanque, adventure park, swimming pools, sports clubs, dance studios, etc. Take a bike ride around the city, to the Hill of Crosses, Lake Kairiai, Bubiai Mound, Kurtuvėnai and other spectacular landscapes. Bicycles can be rented at Šiauliai Tourism Information Centre, the Bicycle Museum and the Photography Museum.



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The modern Šiauliai Arena is equipped both for exercising and watching sports events. The multifunctional arena accommodating 5 thousand spectators is adapted for sports and cultural events. There are several swimming pools in the



city. Šiauliai swimming centre “Delfinas” invites individual persons (delfin.lt), while sports club “Impuls” offers both swimming pool and training equipment as well as other sports services (impuls.lt). KANE’s Arena operating in Šiauliai also offers a variety of activities.

Those dreaming about adrenaline and fantastic impressions can contact the members of Šiauliai Parachute Club (suoliai.lt).



Wakeboarding Park FoxSpot

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

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

Šiauliai Arena

Šiauliai Arena (J. Jablonskio St. 16, siauliarena.lt) is one of the most beautiful and largest multifunctional buildings in Northern Lithuania. Its four floors out of five are covered with glowing holographic glass, attracting the eye from far away. The multifunctional complex of Šiauliai Arena is a leisure centre for the whole family. It organizes sports, cultural, art, entertainment and business events, business seminars, congresses, exhibitions and fairs.



KANE's Arena

KANE's Arena (Išradėjų St. 14, kanesarena.lt) is an exclusive object in Lithuania, bringing together active people to play sports, socialize, arousing interest in joint activities, and encouraging occupation of people of all ages and families. The Arena welcomes lovers of 10 sports branches. Gathered under one roof, in a total area of 4500 m², professionals and amateurs play volleyball, basketball, football, squash, paddle, tennis, beach volleyball and beach tennis, badminton, table tennis.





You will always find interesting and pleasant activities in Šiauliai. Performances, exhibitions, concerts, book presentations and other events are awaiting you. Visit cultural institutions of our city and enjoy the moments of art. Learn about events at visitsiauliai.lt.

Šiauliai State Drama Theater

Šiauliai State Drama Theater has the status of a state repertoire theater. There is a Great Hall and a Small Hall in the theater. The repertoire includes performances for adults and children. The theater tours in various cities of the country, participates in festivals.

Tilžės St. 155
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vsdt.lt

Šiauliai Cultural Centre

Šiauliai Cultural Centre provides a wide range of cultural services to the residents and guests of Šiauliai, creates possibilities for the public to participate in cultural events and for every person to engage in self-expression. The Centre is one of the main organizers of the city's celebrations.

Aušros Ave. 31
+370 41 524 163
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siauliukc.lt

Concert Hall Saulė

The activity of the concert institution is to organize the creation and public performance of professional performing arts (concerts and literature, art programs). Both national and foreign performers present their programmes in the concert hall.

Tilžės St. 140
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Chamber Hall Polifonija

Šiauliai Chamber Hall *Polifonija* is a space for concerts, festivals, commemorations, congresses, conferences, seminars, presentations and other events.

Aušros Ave. 15
+370 41 523 812, +370 41 521 160
info@polifonija.lt
sale.polifonija.lt

Šiauliai Art Gallery

The Gallery is one of the most important centres of fine arts in Northern Lithuania, housing exhibitions of the artists of the city, country and foreign countries. Arranging interdisciplinary art projects, the gallery purposefully disseminates contemporary art ideas, presenting the most interesting trends in fine arts, music, dance and fashion during its festivals.

Vilniaus St. 245

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Šiauliai City Cultural Centre *Laiptų Galerija*

The main field of the activity of *Laiptų Galerija* is the dissemination of professional art, focusing on professional fine arts: *Laiptų Galerija* is faithful to the tradition of fine arts, focuses on middle-generation artists and pays special attention to the presentation of works of diaspora artists.

Žemaitės St. 83

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laiptai.com

Šiauliai County Povilas Višinskis Public Library

Šiauliai County Povilas Višinskis Public Library is one of the most modern and largest libraries in Šiauliai and all Northern Lithuania, which has accumulated rich funds. It houses exhibitions, various events, its spaces are also fitted for individual work.

Aušros Ave. 62

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The Comic Strips Centre

The Comic Strips Centre, founded in 2015, in Saulė branch of Šiauliai City Municipality Public Library, invites visitors to learn to create comic strips and provides the possibility to use modern tools and software.

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Šiauliai University Art Gallery

Šiauliai University Art Gallery is open for art of various trends and aims for a great variety of exhibitions. It exhibits the works of painting, graphics, sculpture, photography, textile, jewelry, design and other art branches, paying much attention to the works of young artists.

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Trakai Street Gallery

The gallery organizes exhibitions, works of professional Lithuanian artists and creators can be purchased in the private gallery.

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trakugalerija.lt

Gallery Akis

The gallery organizes exhibitions, works of professional Lithuanian artists and creators can be purchased in the private gallery.

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**WE
CELEBRATE
ŠIAULIAI**

Šiauliai is a city of beautiful celebrations and international events. You can always find out about the city's events on the website

visitsiauliai.lt

We invite you to come to Šiauliai when the city is hosting international events attracting thousands of people from all over the world. These are "Saulės žiedas", "Ant rubežiaus", "Virus", "Enter", Chaimas Frenkelis' Villa Summer Festival.

"I - a little resident of Šiauliai" - a celebration honouring the little residents of Šiauliai takes place on June 1, the International Children's Day.

At the last weekend of the summer, we invite those who like nightlife to join us in the never-ending festival "Šiauliai Nights", full of various ideas, performances and attractions. In the beginning of autumn, we loudly celebrate the city's birthday and invite guests to "Šiaulių Dienos" (Šiauliai Days). On September 22nd, we mark the Balts' Unity Day. Every year we commemorate the European Cultural Heritage Day, the Night of Museums, which is particularly popular, the Culture Week, rich in events, the International Tourism Day and many other beautiful festivals. The wonderful time of festivals in the Sun City never ends!





**EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMS –
FOR INQUISITIVE
TOWNSPEOPLE
AND GUESTS
OF THE CITY**

You can try out over 150 educational programs in Šiauliai. Šiauliai city museums and other institutions distinguish themselves by the abundance of educational programs both for children and adults. Topics of the workshops are also very diverse, ranging from old-fashioned bread baking to activities in the modern laboratory, so you will surely choose the activity you like.

Detailed information on educational programs can be found on the website of Šiauliai Tourism Information Centre *visitsiauliai.lt*. In the publication, we present currently the most popular workshops. Workshops must be booked in advance.

The Chocolate Museum of *Rūta*. The Chocolate Workshop.

At the Chocolate Museum, you will turn into a chocolate master for a short while! You will learn how chocolates are produced, try your hand at producing chocolate goodies and taste them right here. Registration: sokoladomuziejus@ruta.lt or +370 41 523 212, +370 610 41 050.

Chaimas Frenkelis' Villa. "Chaimas Frenkelis' Leather Workshop"

Welcome to Ch. Frenkelis' leather workshop to make a practical thing – a keyring. Decorate it with the branded Ch. Frenkelis' leather factory stamp or with your own ornaments and drawings. You can also choose to make bracelets that are not only jewellery but also amulets with magical protective powers. Twining round the wrist, they can not only protect a person from the evil eye but also give him strength and energy. During the workshop, we will make bracelets from coloured leather strips, try to hammer a rivet, make a hole with a special punch, and fasten snap fasteners. Registration by phone: +370 41 524 389.



The Photography Museum. "The Photogram – the Drama of the Shadow View".

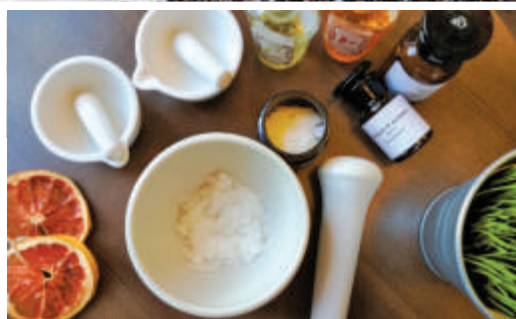
If you were invited to take pictures without a camera, what would you think? We invite you to make sure it is very real, unpredictable and interesting!

During the workshop, in a dark laboratory illuminated by red light, we will produce photograms. The photogram is one of the oldest and simplest forms of photography. It is a shadow image of an object on a sensitive photo paper obtained without the camera. Creative work will start from the moment when you start putting your compositions on the light-sensitive paper from an abundance of things in the laboratory. You can bring your own things and make your photogram even more personal. When you are absolutely sure about the composition, your work will be illuminated by directional light and then developed by special chemical means. This is how the view will appear without the camera! You will be able to show it to others and tell all about it. Registration:

foto@ausrosmuziejus.lt, +370 41 52 43 93.

Pharmacy Valerijonas. Tasting of Oils and Production of Natural Composition Cream

This workshop invites you to take interest in wellness issues, get familiar with the most valuable properties of popular unrefined cold pressed oils and make a unique natural composition cream on your own, assisted by a specialist.



In the first part of the workshop, you will get acquainted with 8 kinds of oils (olives, almonds, pumpkins, sesame, argan, coconut, evening primrose, rosehip), taste each of them and learn about their health and beauty benefits.

In the second part of the workshop, you will observe how pharmacists produce natural composition cream and learn to make it yourself. Only natural substances are used in the production of creams, the main component is organic cold pressed oil.

Registration: +370 41 520 738.

"Bread Baking" at Žaliūkiai Miller's Homestead

It is said that the taste of bread is the taste of life. If you want to know what it is like, come to us to Žaliūkiai Miller's Homestead, where you will be kindly welcomed by a festive-minded hostess: today she is going to bake fragrant, naturally matured, homemade bread! Seated by the stove that breathes heat, you will hear a story about a long way of bread from sowing to a table covered with a white tablecloth, get to know Lithuanian bread baking traditions, customs and rituals in peasants' mode of life, learn to use the bakery stove, knead dough, bake and taste bread. Registration by phone: +370 41 211 198.

WHAT TO CHOOSE FOR GIFTS?

Bring the flavour of Šiauliai for your family and friends: chocolate, sweets, *gira* will be particularly suitable.

Souvenirs with the symbols of Šiauliai city and Lithuania can be found in Šiauliai Tourism Information Centre.

Call in and we will advise and help you to choose!



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Information telephone number: **118**

International telephone code of Lithuania: **+370**

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Tilžės St. 109

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Šiauliai International Airport

Lakūnų St. 4

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Šiauliai Republican Hospital

V. Kudirkos St. 99

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Šiauliai Region Chief Police Commissariat

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siauliai.lt

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