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# ŠIAULIAI REGION TOURISM GUIDE

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## SEVEN WONDERS OF THE LAND OF ŠIAULIAI

**THE HILL OF CROSSES** – more than 200,000 crosses stand as a testament to faith and hope. The Hill of Crosses attracts thousands of visitors from around the world every year. In the words of Pope John Paul II: “You must show this hill to all of Europe, to the whole world.”

**SUNDIAL SQUARE** with the highest sundial in Lithuania and a gilded sculpture “Šaulys” (“Archer”) that has become the city’s symbol.

**THE ENSEMBLE OF TYTUVĖNAI CHURCH AND MONASTERY** – one of the most interesting and largest examples of Lithuanian sacral architecture, adorned with frescoes, dating back to the 17th-18th centuries.

**THE BUTTERFLY EXPOSITION** – you will find the largest collection of diurnal butterflies in Lithuania in the Akmenė Regional Museum.

**CHERRIES OF ŽAGARĖ** – a four-day cherry festival and the election of the most beautiful scarecrow in one of the most unique Lithuanian towns in Joniškis land.

**WINDMILLS OF PAKRUOJIS** – the wind accelerating in wide plains is turning the vanes of as many as 18 windmills.

**THE TULIP FLOWERING FESTIVAL** – held every spring in the Burbiškis manor, Radviliškis land; as many as half a thousand tulip species burst into flower.



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The centre of the city, which was twice destroyed during the wars of the 20th century and rebuilt again, has distinct architectural heritage of the interwar period modernism, which has survived to this day. Šiauliai is a city-phoenix, every time rising from ashes.

Discover Šiauliai and experience the magic of 3 “S”: sweets, special museums, and the sun.

The symbols of the sun, scattered all over the city (sundials, stained glass, etc.), have become an integral part of the city. The oldest sweet factory of Lithuania, “Rūta”, operating for over 100 years, special museums of chocolate, photography, telephony, and the only such Vanda Kavaliauskienė’s Cats Museum with over 4000 exhibits.

Rise with the sun and come to discover Šiauliai!



## 1. ŠIAULIAI BOULEVARD

In 1975, we were brave – the third in Europe and the first in Lithuania who turned the central part of Vilniaus Street into a boulevard. 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.



## 2. ST APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

The Renaissance architecture monument Šiauliai Cathedral (until 1997, a church) is the city’s most striking landmark. It seems to show the visitor where the city centre is. The Cathedral dominates not only because of its impressive height (the top of the tower reaches 70 m) but also because of its convenient, perfectly selected construction site. There is one of the oldest sundials in Lithuania on the southern facade of the Cathedral. The Cathedral tower can only be accessed by registering for a guided tour. Climb up the stairs to see the historical layers, touch the old bells, hear the carillons and admire the views opening up from a height of 60 metres.

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## 3. SUNDIAL SQUARE

The main idea of the square is to give meaning to three most important symbols of the city of Šiauliai: the Sun, recalling the Battle of the Sun, which took place in the land of Šiauliai in 1236; the archer, associated with the origin of the city’s name; and the relentlessly passing time. The shadow of the Sun, moving along the clock face, with the metal digits (12, 3 and 6) cast into the square shows the local time of the geographical latitude. It is the highest sundial in the whole country. The digits mark the year of foundation of the city of Šiauliai – 1236.

**Intersection of Ežero St. and S. Šalkauskio St.**

**55.930723, 23.325164**





#### 4. CHAIMAS FRENKELIS' VILLA-MUSEUM



The villa with its park and the ornate fountain is an exceptional space in Šiauliai. It is a unique building, one of the few of early 20th-century modern architecture in Lithuania, whose facade combines various stylistic elements. The villa's exposition presents the history, culture, and religion of the Frenkeliai family, their business, and the Jews of the region. Townspeople, guests, and tourists frequent a modern-style park, which hosts a rose garden with 1700 roses, established in 2018 to commemorate the centenary of Lithuania's statehood restoration. Thousands of rose blossoms will enchant you, inviting to not only smell, take pictures, but also taste them.

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[ausrosmuziejus.lt](http://ausrosmuziejus.lt)

#### 5. "RŪTA" CHOCOLATE MUSEUM



"Rūta" is one of the oldest sweet factories in Lithuania, operating since 1913. The old building of the factory houses the Chocolate Museum of "Rūta". 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 and organises themed chocolate and sweets tasting events.

The museum is neighboured by the sweet shop of "Rūta" and a café.

**Tilžės St. 133**  
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[ruta.lt](http://ruta.lt)

#### 6. VANDA KAVALIAUSKIENĖ'S CATS MUSEUM



##### DID YOU KNOW?

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.

The visitors of the museum 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 museum is also getting richer with paintings by famous artists and works of photographers, in which the essential hero is a cat. Educational activities, exhibitions, competitions, birthday parties, afternoons for cat lovers are held here. There is a "Wildlife Garden" near the museum's premises, which is home to a variety of exotic animals: birds, lizards, rodents, amphibians, etc.

**Žuvinkų St. 18**  
**55.926876, 23.336905**  
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[gamtininkucentras.lt](http://gamtininkucentras.lt)

#### 7. THE BICYCLE MUSEUM

The only museum dedicated to the history of bicycles in Lithuania was founded in 1980 at the Šiauliai bicycle and engine factory "Vairas". 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.

**Vilniaus St. 139, Šiauliai**  
**55.928397, 23.319802**  
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[ausrosmuziejus.lt](http://ausrosmuziejus.lt)



#### 8. SCULPTURE "THE IRON FOX"

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 Purnas to commemorate the millennium of the first mention of the name of Lithuania.

**The coast of Lake Talkša**  
**55.931092, 23.328995**

##### DID YOU KNOW?

The 6,6-meter high Iron Fox is the largest animal sculpture in Lithuania.



#### 9. THE MONUMENT TO THE LITHUANIAN CURRENCY – "THE CENTS ROOM"

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, the coins donated by people were placed on the ceiling and walls in one of the auditoriums of the former Šiauliai University library. There is also a symbolic throne, over which a huge one-Litas coin and a map of Lithuania are hung. The Cents Room was made from 157 130 coins.

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##### DID YOU KNOW?

"The Cents Room" in Šiauliai is like a monument to the Lithuanian currency (Litas). The room was equipped using 157 130 coins.



## 10. THE PHOTOGRAPHY MUSEUM



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. In the exposition, visitors can see the most valuable exhibits from the museum's collection, which includes over 150 000 historical and artistic photographs and negatives, photography production tools, photographic prints, documents, and other photography-related items. The reconstructed museum has a modern gallery, educational space, photo laboratory, reading room and information centre, shop of souvenirs and publications, there is a panoramic viewpoint with the "camera obscura" on the outdoor roof terrace.

**Vilniaus St. 140**  
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**fotomuziejus.lt**

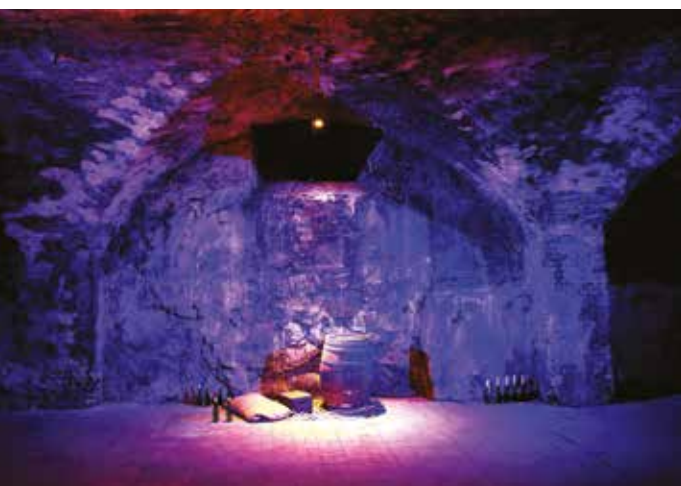
## 11. THE BALTIC CULTURE EDUCATION CENTRE "BALTS' ROAD"



This is the first interactive centre in Lithuania and Latvia, promoting Baltic culture. Using modern technologies and replicas of exhibits, it presents the history, culture and lifestyle of Baltic people. Various games and attractions take visitors to the magical ancestral world, filled with unknown objects, important symbols and interesting facts. Everyone will enjoy the opportunity to "try on" a Baltic profession or capture a moment in a colourful photoshoot. Those who want to get to know Baltic culture even better are invited to participate in educational sessions.

**Vilniaus St. 213**  
**55.932438, 23.312888**  
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**baltukelias.lt**

## 12. "GUBERNIJA HUB"



"Gubernija HUB" (Historical Unique Brewery) invites you to take a closer look at the production of beverages, take part in guided tours of the brewery premises, visit the cellars dating back to the times of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, and taste the unique brewed beer and kvass produced here. Gubernija HUB is a place where it is fun to meet. It is an attraction that seeks to bring together not only the city's inhabitants, but also visitors from Lithuania and abroad.

**Dvaro St. 179, Šiauliai**  
**55.949933, 23.319449**  
**+370 612 27 355**  
**gubernija.lt**

## OTHER OBJECTS

- The Botanical Garden
- The Railway Museum
- The Radio and Television Museum
- Žaliūkiai Miller's Homestead-Museum
- The Venclauskiai House-Museum
- The Telephony Museum

- Resurrection Square and Fountain
- Herbal Tea House "Valerijonas"
- Art object "Mirror of the Sun"
- Tactile map of solar objects
- The clock "The Cock"
- The Monument to Pope John Paul II
- The fountain "Pelicans"



Herbal Tea House "Valerijonas"



Tactile map of solar objects



The Railway Museum



The Radio and Television Museum



Art object "Mirror of the Sun"



The Venclauskiai House-Museum



Žaliūkiai Miller's Homestead-Museum



The clock "The Cock"



The Botanical Garden



### ART IN THE CITY

Wall murals, artistic objects and accents, volumetric advertising, sculptures and fountains beautify the city of the Sun and create its special atmosphere.

The 'living' and colourful walls in Šiauliai attract the attention of passers-by. One of the latest and most striking graffiti is the image of scientist and discoverer Nicolaus Copernicus which, like many other artworks, can be found in the central part of the city. Do not be surprised when, hiding from the rain, you will stand about under the old balconies of the boulevard and accidentally raise your eyes – here you will also see the artists' works telling different stories. The latest artistic artwork Mirror of the Sun is a work symbolizing not only the celestial body, but also the city of the Sun, which, when touched, lights up and sounds. The clock "Cock" not only shows time, but also greets passers-by in different languages. "My Shoes", looking for their owners, "The Bell of Love", radiating with hope and other artistic accents also add a playful touch for the city.

Volumetric advertisements are an exceptional legacy found only in Šiauliai. The snake twining around a glass or the crayfish that has hogged a packet of cigarettes aimed to warn about the harm of harmful habits to a person, the swallows lovingly cuddling up to each other invited passers-by to come to the bridal salon and giant books encouraged them to buy and read not just anything, but relevant publications.

**Art loves Šiauliai, and people from Šiauliai love art... Come, admire, take photos and rate!**



"The Pigeon of the Residential Area"

Wall mural under the balcony, dedicated to the graphic artist E. Juchnevičius



"Erasmus+" Wall: See an Opportunity"



"My Shoes"



„Enjoy life“



"The Reading Man"



"The Shoe"



"The Crayfish"



The Bear – a symbol of Šiauliai Rugby Club „Vairas“





Every step is a new discovery in Akmenė land both speaking about its natural history and the legends of the district itself. The land of Akmenė reconciles the seemingly incompatible things: the verdurous shores of the Venta River and the landscape of harsh quarries, cosy towns and factory chimneys smoking all 24 hours, dinosaurs and butterflies, and mounds and swamps.

## TOP OBJECTS

### 13. AKMENĖ REGIONAL MUSEUM



The Akmenė Regional Museum can make you feel like in a kind of jungle where you can admire a swarm of exotic butterflies. Butterflies of different species are very homey – all you have to do is stretch out the delicious fruit, and they come flying to eat straightaway. The museum is also home to other butterflies – the country's largest collection of diurnal butterflies, collected by Boris Izenbek, one of the most prominent butterfly collectors in Lithuania, is kept and displayed here. Some of them, unfortunately, cannot be found in nature any longer, while a dozen types of exhibits in the collection are on the verge of extinction and are now strictly preserved. As a contrast to the homely butterflies, you can also see the fossils – fossilized remains of the harsh Jurassic period.

**K. Kasakausko St. 17, Akmenė**  
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**+370 425 55 075**  
**akmenesmuziejus.lt**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The Venta River flowing through Venta Regional Park is the third longest river in Lithuania.



### 14. KAMANOS STATE STRICT NATURE RESERVE

Kamanos swamp stands out for its unique terrain, an abundance of boggy patches and lakelets. As the swamp vegetation has overgrown mineral ridges, only their highest parts remained protruding, forming small islets of Avinas, Liepiai, Trainauskienė, while in other places as many as 12 boggy spots with more than 120 lakelets were formed. The adornment of the swamp is lakelets Nimfėjai and Salos with very picturesque shores and a 6-hectare Lake Kamanos. The swamp is surrounded by forests on all sides.

**Puškų St. 2, Akmenė II village, Akmenė dist.**  
**56.250160, 22.731595**  
**+370 425 59 285**  
**kamanos.lt**



### 15. VENTA REGIONAL PARK

The territory of Venta Regional Park is an exceptional place due to its geological structure and beautiful landscape. This is where one can see the surviving rocks of the Jurassic Period, dating back millions of years, and touch the fossils – the remains of animals that were alive at the time of the dinosaurs. The park has 1 strict nature reserve, 8 nature reserves, and 16 exclusive natural heritage sites, 2 of which have been labelled as natural monuments. Venta city has a modern visitor centre with a special exhibition hall with exhibits dating back to the time of the dinosaurs. The exhibit hall recreates the sounds of nature, so you can feel as if you have been transported back millions of years by a time machine. Walk through the exhibit and you'll see fossils ranging from spectacular ammonites to the shells of squid ancestors.

**Ventos St. 30A, Venta, Akmenė dist.**  
**56.1895494, 22.6812951**  
**+370 425 55 220**  
**ventosparkas.lt**



### 16. LAZDYNŲ PELĖDA'S MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Lazdynų Pelėda (An Owl of Hazelnut) is a unique phenomenon in the history of Lithuanian literature: two sisters Ivanauskaitės signed their prose works and published them under one joint pseudonym. Lazdynų Pelėda's Memorial Museum has been opened in the building of the Paragiai Manor residential house – the writers' childhood home. Photographs, books and documents explaining an interesting path of life and creative work of Sofia Ivanauskaitė-Pšibiliauskienė (1867-1926) and Marija Ivanauskaitė-Lastauskienė (1872-1957) are exhibited in the residential part of the house and the attic. The museum also exhibits photocopies of pictures of writers' father – Nikodemus Ivanauskas (1839-1932), who was a painter and a professional artist.

**Paragai village, Akmenė dist.**  
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**FB: paragiudvaras**





### 17. AKMENĖ NATURE AND CULTURE PARK



Nature and Culture Park was established in the pine forest of Akmenė town in 2002. The park area consists of the pine wood, the Dabikinė River valley, a former sand quarry, and the shore of the pond. The park is full of wood and stone sculptures and has a unique stone bandstand. Various cultural events are regularly held here, and one of the most significant events for the whole Akmenė district is the Akmenė Violin Festival, which has been organised since 1972. Akmenė Nature and Culture Park is a great place for recreation and leisure.

**Kadagių St., Akmenė**  
**56.243530, 22.724650**

### 18. SIMONAS DAUKANTAS' MEMORIAL MUSEUM



In 1986, the museum to commemorate Simonas Daukantas, a historian who was the first to write the history of Lithuania in the Lithuanian language, was founded in the house where he once lived. Currently, the museum has about 300 exhibits. Among them – the chair from apple tree branches made by the enlightener himself, fossils of the Papilė outcrop dating back to the Jurassic period, and finds of the burial ground. Here, visitors can get familiar with various documentary material, memories of famous people, telling about this prominent Samogitian.

**Basanavičiaus St. 6, Papilė, Akmenė dist.**  
**56.151782, 22.791213**  
**+370 425 32 926**  
**akmenesmuziejus.lt**

### 19. JURAKALNIS OBSERVATION TOWER



Jurakalnis geological outcrop and spur are neighbored by a 15-meter observation tower. Having climbed the top of the tower, tourists can enjoy a wonderful view to the expressive valley of the Venta River, Papilė town and places to visit: Jurakalnis geological outcrop and spur, Papilė mounds I and II, St Joseph's Church.

**Daubiškiai, Akmenė dist.**  
**56.144680, 22.783100**



### 20. NAUJOJI AKMENĖ CULTURE HOUSE

The new Akmenė Culture House built in 1958 is one of the most striking monuments witnessing the town's history. This is one of the most expressive architectural examples of the Stalinist era in Lithuania, which had to demonstrate the advantage of the new Soviet regime over the West or the 'bourgeois Lithuania'. The artistic and architectural expression of such buildings embodies the early task of the Soviet-era ideologists to cherish "cultural leisure of working people". The building houses an exhibition hall abundant in unique works of the country's most famous artists.

**Nepriklausomybės Ave. 25,**  
**Naujoji Akmenė**  
**56.324097, 22.885330**  
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**akmeneskc.lt**



### 21. ŠALTISKIAI CLAY QUARRY

The quarries, otherwise known as Lithuanian Martian canyons, surprise visitors with a landscape uncharacteristic of Lithuania. A walk in the Šaltiskiai clay quarry will make one feel like on another planet, because due to clay layers the quarry has acquired a reddish colour. In Early Triassic times, 250 million years ago, a desert climate hovered here, and giant dinosaurs walked along the current quarry. It was namely in the Šaltiskės clay quarry that two teeth and the remains of two jaws of reptiles of the Triassic geological period – phytosaurs' fossils – were found. VISITS WITHOUT GUIDES ARE PROHIBITED.

**Pragalvio St. 1, Draginiai, Akmenė dist.**  
**56.169535, 22.850588**  
**akmene.lt**



### 22. MENČIAI LIMESTONE QUARRY

Menčiai Limestone Quarry attracts tourists to walk in the 'undiscovered land' – the bottom of the future lake. When the quarry is no longer used, it will be flooded with water. Walking in Menčiai Limestone Quarry, one can perfectly see excavated quarry limestone outcrops and even forget that this is the land of plains, where it is difficult to find a higher hill. VISITS WITHOUT GUIDES ARE PROHIBITED.

**Menčiai, Akmenė dist.**  
**56.27543, 22.921885**  
**akmene.lt**



### OTHER OBJECTS:

- Dabikinė Manor
- Papilė Monkey Bridge
- Energetic Heart Labyrinth
- Akmenė Historical Wall
- Sculptures "The Table of Wise Men"
- Luokava Mound
- Papilė I and II Mounds
- Augustaičiai Water Mill
- Papartynė geological outcrop
- Purviai geological outcrop





Located in the northern part of Lithuania, Joniškis District borders Latvia in a territory that once formed part of the historic Baltic region of Semigallia. The Semigallian roots connecting the people of Joniškis with Latvia serve as a unique foundation and a defining element of the region's identity. By honoring the heritage of the Semigallian tribe, Joniškis is often regarded as the capital of modern Lithuanian Semigallia. The district also presents itself as a vibrant cultural and economic hub, proudly referring to itself as the heart of Northern Lithuania—an identity visually reinforced by the district's heart-shaped outline on the map.

## TOP OBJECTS

### 23. JONIŠKIS CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY INTO HEAVEN



The church history dates back to 1536, when on the initiative of Vilnius bishop Jonas the territory inhabited as early as in the 7th century was baptized. In 1901, the church acquired the current appearance and the stepped cross-shaped plan. The interior of the church is particularly ornate and majestic. Its accent is symmetrically positioned 7 neo-Baroque brick altars. The niches of the walls are adorned with neo-Baroque sculptures of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Sorrows, St Casimir, St Joseph, Christ the Lord of the World and other saints, made by professional sculptors. The paintings on the ceiling of the church depict biblical narratives.

**Bažnyčios St. 2, Joniškis**  
56.241486, 23.616193

### 24. THE COMPLEX OF SYNAGOGUES IN JONIŠKIS

The complex of synagogues consists of two synagogues: The White Synagogue and The Red Synagogue. The unique interior of The Red Synagogue, such as ceiling decorations, wall paintings, Torah ark or holy ark (hebr. aron kodesh), where once the Torah scrolls were kept, was recreated and restored. The synagogue displays an exposition "Jewish History and Culture of Joniškis Region", which represents the history of the Jewish community of Joniškis till the start of World War II. The exposition of The White Synagogue creatively conveys the historical development of Joniškis and the most important moments in the history of the city using modern means of exhibition.

**Rotušės St.2, Joniškis**  
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### 25. JONIŠKIS BASKETBALL MUSEUM

There is a saying "basketball is like a second religion in Lithuania"; however, for a prolonged period of time there was no place for fans, athletes and anyone interested in this sport to see the most famous achievements, attributes, and historical photos of the country's basketball players. Therefore, in 2009, the only basketball museum in Lithuania was opened in Joniškis. The museum has a special room to celebrate the victory of the Lithuanian basketball team in 1937 at the II European Basketball Championship in Riga (Latvia). Back then, Joniškis was the first city where the returning Lithuanian basketball team was greeted by the local government and fans with flowers and brass band marches.

**Livonijos St. 3, Joniškis**  
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**FB: Joniškio krepšinio muziejus**



### 26. COGNITIVE WALKWAY OF MŪŠOS TYRELIS

Cognitive Walkway of Mūšos Tyrelis was opened in 2015 and it is the longest known walkway in the swamps that was included in the Lithuanian Book of Records. The total length of the walkway is 5775,87 metres. The walkway is located in the exclusive natural area – Mūša Tyrelis Telmological Reserve. This natural complex in Northern Lithuania consists of several types of swamps, peatlands, and wetlands. Rivers the Mūša and the Juodupis, natural Miknaičiai lake and several other small lakes are floating in the swamp. The cognitive walkway of Mūša Tyrelis can also be visited independently, without the escorts of the staff of Žagarė Regional Park.

**Joniškis dist.**  
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## 27. RIDGE AND 2ND MOUND (ŽVELGAITIS HILL) OF ŽAGARĖ



Žagarė Ridge is a long, narrow formation of sand and gravel, formed by glaciers. While travelling this 3,6-kilometre long cognitive walkway you can admire the picturesque nature, observe the birds, animals or insects, and camp out. There are gazebos, observation towers, information stands, fireplaces, a basketball court, beach volleyball court, car parks, outdoor toilets, changing rooms, and many more. The second mound of Žagarė, called by local people Žvelgaitis Hill, is one of the stops in Žagarė Ridge cognitive walkway. According to local people, the legendary castle of Lithuanian duke Žvelgaitis was standing on the mound in the 13th century.

**P. Cvirkos St., Žagarė,  
Joniškis dist.  
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## 28. ŽAGARĖ MANOR FARMSTEAD AND PARK



The Žagarė manor farmstead is one of the largest surviving manor farmsteads in Lithuania. In the late 18th century, Russian queen Catherine II gave Žagarė manor to her favourite Platon Zubov. In 1858, the manor was bought by the duke Dmitry Naryshkin. The Naryshkin family rebuilt and enlarged the manor, turning it into a lavish English-style residence. Several groups of buildings unfold in the plain relief: the residential house, surrounded by the park; the stud farm complex not far away from it; further away northward, farm buildings, the mill, and manor workers' houses. As many as 21 buildings survived to this day. The complex of stables manege and the wheel building workshop is a very striking accent of the manor farmstead.

**Malūno St. 1, Žagarė,  
Joniškis dist.  
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## 29. JAKIŠKIAI MANOR

Jakiškiai manor is mentioned in historical sources as early as in the late 16th century. To this day, the 17-room manor with classicist features, built in 1898, has survived. The construction of the manor was initiated by the owner of the manor German Koškolis. The large manor farm buildings burned down during the war, only the icehouse building, the basement, and the building with a steam mill survived till our days. The manor is not restored and is still authentic. The private Jakiškiai manor fascinates artists: cultural and art events are arranged, movies are filmed here, and arriving guests are greeted by a permanent exhibition of paintings, giving the manor a bohemian touch. The manor hosts events in as many as 6 halls.

**Dvaro St. 4, Jakiškiai, Joniškis dist.  
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jakiskiudvaras.lt**

### DID YOU KNOW?

In the vicinities of Joniškis, people worshiped Thunder, fire, snakes, and other ancient Baltic deities as long as until 1536, when the Bishop of Vilnius Jonas baptized locals and founded the Joniškis parish.



## 30. JONIŠKIS MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND CULTURE

Opened in 1989, the Joniškis Museum of History and Culture showcases ethnographic, archaeological, and sacral exhibits that reflect the region's historical, ethnic, and artistic heritage. The museum's collections include everyday artifacts and military relics from historic Semigallia, reconstructed Semigallian costumes, and the armour and weaponry of the Livonian Order. Currently, the museum features the following permanent exhibitions: Business, Crafts, and Trade of Joniškis Residents from the 5th Century to the First Half of the 20th Century; The History of Joniškis Deanery and the Values of Sacral Heritage – Part 1; The History of Joniškis Deanery and the Values of Sacral Heritage – Part 2: The Heritage of Cross Makers and God Makers (Lith. dievdirbiai); Archaeological Exhibitions; Ethnographic Exhibitions.

**Vilniaus St. 6, Joniškis  
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joniskiomuziejus.lt**



## OTHER OBJECTS

- Sofija Kymantaitė-Čiurlionienė's native house-exposition
- Table Tennis Museum
- Old Town of Žagarė
- Raktuvė Hillfort (Žagarė I Hillfort) and the Chapel of the Savior
- Church of Saints Peter and Paul in Old Žagarė with the crypt of the Blessed Barbora of Žagarė
- Water activities in Žagarė
- Church of St. John the Baptist in Juodeikiai and

- Father Stanislovas' House
- Chapel of St. John the Baptist and Kalnelis mound
- Chapel of St. Ignatius of Loyola (Maironiai) in Jakiškiai
- Great Daunorava Manor
- Church of Saints Philip and James in Rudiškiai
- Sculpture park "The Light of Vanishing Villages"
- Skaistgirys barefoot Trail and observation Tower
- Matas Slančiauskas Homestead-Museum





Kelmė district, located near the historic Via Hanza road, attracts visitors with the diversity of its land: the beautiful bends of the Dubysa, Venta, and other rivers, pure lakes, and numerous heritage sites. You will be able to experience the peace provided by nature in Kelmė district: there are as many as 7 nature reserves in the district (Šilkainiai geomorphological reserve, Šatrija landscape reserve, and other) and 4 regional parks (Tytuvėnai, Kurtuvėnai, Dubysa, Varniai), which are abundant in untouched nature, unique natural monuments...

Kelmė district also has something to offer for culture lovers: events of enchanting classical music, sacred and folk-art events, exclusive churches, and peculiar museums.

## TOP OBJECTS

### 31. KELMĖ MANOR



Kelmė Manor Ensemble is a state-protected cultural heritage object, valued as a rarely preserved baroque-style Lithuanian provincial manor homestead. To this day, nine buildings of this homestead of the manor period survived. Kelmė manor is the place where the uprising of 1863 against Tsarist Russia first started in Lithuania.

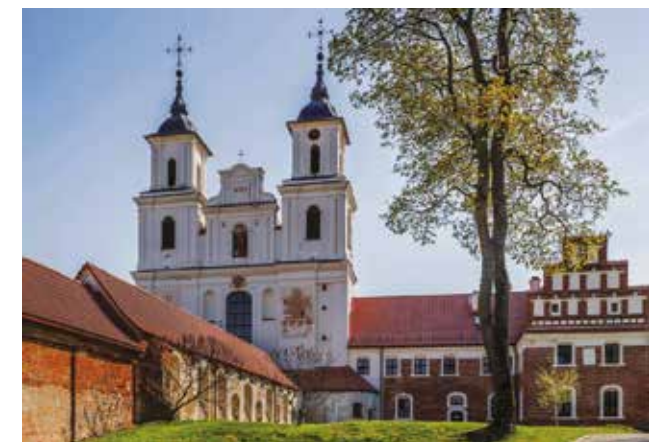
**Dvaro St. 15, Kelmė**  
**55.6383075, 22.9362963**



### 32. THE ENSEMBLE OF THE CHURCH AND THE MONASTERY IN TYTUVĖNAI

Due to an artistic appearance and a combination of architectural styles, a unique ensemble is an original art monument not only in Lithuania but also in the context of north eastern European art. According to many art critics, Tytuvėnai Ensemble is an inexhaustible treasure trove of historical, cultural, architectural, and art monuments.

**Maironio St. 2A, Tytuvėnai, Kelmė district**  
**55.5968023, 23.1987862**



### 33. UŽVENTIS WATERMILL

The building of Užventis watermill and distillery is one of the remaining buildings in the territory of the former Užventis manor farmstead. The restored old turbine produces electricity, the renovated mill halls are waiting for banquet guests.

**P. Višinskio St. 28, Užventis, Kelmė dist.**  
**55.786211, 22.6563303**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Kražiai – a town of records: the heaviest book, the soap giant, the 3rd largest stone in the vicinities...



### 34. KRAŽIAI COLLEGE

One of the historical monuments here is the surviving building of the former Jesuit College (the early 17th century). It is a part of a huge complex of Jesuit buildings, which once existed in Kražiai. In 1616, Jesuits founded Kražiai College – the most important centre of education and religious life in Samogitia. The area of about 4 hectares was occupied by as many as 22 buildings for all kinds of purposes.

**Kolegijos St. 5, Kražiai, Kelmė dist.**  
**55.6009889, 22.6800859**





### 35. ST BENEDICT'S MONASTERY IN PALENDRIAI



Palendriai St Benedict's Monastery is located in the village of Palendriai, Kelmė district. Benedictines of Palendriai moved to the new monastery in the autumn of 2001. All who wish can go to the church of the monastery and pray together with monks.

**Palendriai village, Kelmė dist.**  
**55.7297619, 22.9331962**



### 36. THE MUSEUM OF STICKS



Mečislovas Ežerskis, who lives in Kelmė, has carved over 3700 sticks. In 2009, the sticks made by Mečislovas Ežerskis were certified and recognized as a product of national heritage. There is no other such stickmaker in Lithuania. According to the stickmaker, every stick is unique, and you will neither make nor find another such stick. The longest stick made by Mečislovas is two meters long; the shortest, fifteen centimetres.

**Kooperacijos St. 33, Kelmė**  
**55.6313145, 22.9287047**

### 37. PAKĖVIS MANOR



It is known that the writer and ethnographer Liudvikas Adomas Jucevičius (1813-1846) was born in this manor. During the Soviet years, the manor buildings were used for the purposes of the collective farm, the manor housed a school. The territory of the manor covers an area of about 40 ha.

**Dvaro St. 54, Pakėvis,**  
**Kelmė dist.**  
**55.682043, 22.8218614**

### 38. Kelmė - AN OPEN GALLERY

To prove to everyone that art possesses the most compelling power - often the only one - that can transform a little-known town into a well-known and frequently visited destination. That is the main goal of the project "The Town of Kelmė - One Big Gallery," according to the idea's author, Andrius Seselskas. 550 works of art in one gallery. That's a lot, right? The artworks are displayed in the most unexpected places - for example, on a building wall, on an easel in the town center, hanging from a bridge, or even installed on a dam. The Kelmė open-air gallery is open 24/7, all year round. It features works by the most famous artists from Lithuania and around the world, all in one place.

[miestasgalerija.lt](http://miestasgalerija.lt)



### 39. THE SCISSORS MUSEUM

The museum's exhibition includes around 1,800 different types of scissors, shears, clippers, and similar tools, along with various objects and souvenirs featuring scissors. Among them are scissors that were made in Lithuania. You'll see even more scissors and learn about them when you visit the museum.

**Raudiškės St. 15, Griniai village.,**  
**Kelmė dist.**  
**55.5499788, 22.7888934**  
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### OTHER OBJECTS

- Burbaičiai mound
- Kubiliai mound
- Pustlaukis pit

- Pavandenė sacred hill
- Svilė crossroad of crosses





Pakruojis region is a land of communities, each of which has left its own distinctive face in Pakruojis lifeline. Lithuanians, Jews, Latvians, Germans, and Russian Old Believers have lived here for centuries ... We invite you to follow in their footsteps when traveling around the north of Lithuania. Lift a glass of delicious frothy Pakruojis beer, put a piece of Pakruojis gold – dolomite – in your pocket and come back again!

## TOP OBJECTS

### 40. PAKRUOJIS MANOR

Pakruojis manor farmstead is included in the Lithuanian Book of Records as the largest surviving complex of manor buildings in Lithuania (47 structures). Pakruojis manor hosts concerts, exhibitions, conferences, and offers various entertainments. Workshops organized here theatrically and attractively introduce to traditional crafts: candles are poured at the manor

beekeeper's, manor household chores are performed, sheep are cut and wool is felt; one can become familiar with the blacksmith's craft, visit the miller, the manor housewife, and the baron himself.

**Karčiamos St. 9, Pakruojis village,  
Pakruojis dist.**

**55.985077, 23.878640  
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### 41. PAKRUOJIS SYNAGOGUE

Pakruojis Synagogue, built in 1801. In 2017, Pakruojis Synagogue was restored and opened to the world. It is the only wooden synagogue of such splendor and size in Eastern Europe. The sky-blue wallpaper on the walls has been wonderfully restored, the ceiling is decorated with colorful animals, and there is also the mystical animal Leviathan mentioned in the Bible – a serpent swallowing its own tail. Look up at the ceiling and see a train heading towards the sky! In 2023, a new observation deck with modern architecture was built next to the Pakruojis Synagogue with a view of the Kruoja River, the city park and hanging bridges.

**Kranto St. 8, Pakruojis  
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### 42. PAKRUOJIS OLD FIRE STATION

The old fire station of Pakruojis is located in the central part of the town. Pakruojis burned down many times, so in 1928, with the help of the Jewish community, a fire station shed was built. Firefighters' "sleeves" were dried in a wooden tower, and inventory was stored in other rooms of the building. Before the Second World War, a hand-cranked siren was installed. The hall was lit with carbide lamps, and later electricity, which was supplied by the Pakruojis Manor, and from 1934 by the Maizelis Mill. In 2020, after the renovation of the facility, a culture and arts space and the Stasys Usinskas interactive memorial room were located in its spaces, as well as an exhibition dedicated to firefighting.

**Laisvės square 10, Pakruojis  
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### 43. LINKUVA ST MARY SCAPULA CHURCH AND OLD REGULA CARMELITE MONASTERY

The shrine of Linkuva can be boldly called an architectural diamond of northern Lithuania. Such diamonds shine in Italy and France, but rather come to Linkuva. Of powerful stature, a bit stubby, having survived several fires, the church acquired its current appearance more than 270 years ago. It is unique that during so many years, the builders of the church did not forget the shapes and lines of Renaissance architecture, which so beautifully unfold on the facades of the shrine. The old ensemble of the Carmelite monastery, consisting of three buildings, leans on the church. A cosy enclosed courtyard, old frescoes in the corridors of the monastery and an echo of the monks who once lived here. We look forward to your arrival!

**Laisvės St. 25, Linkuva, Pakruojis dist.  
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#### 44. PAKRUOJIS REGION MUSEUM "ŽIEMGALA".....



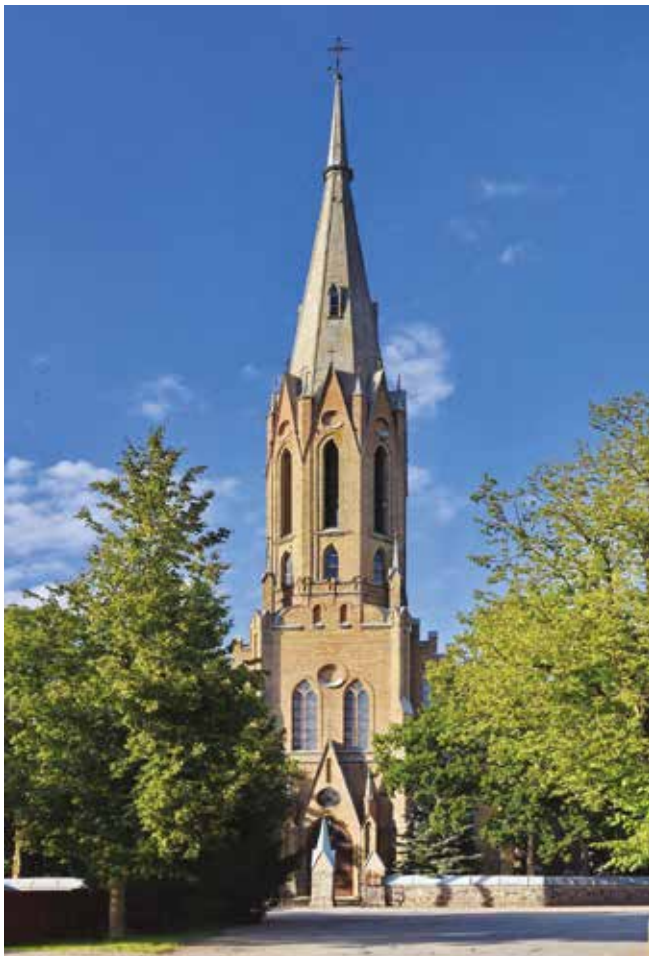
The town of Žeimelis is wonderful and old. During the times of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, it was the last stop before leaving the country and entering the Livonian lands. In Žeimelis, travelers and merchants could spend the night and spend money in several dozen inns and taverns in the town. The Pakruojis Region museum "Žiemgala" has over 6,000 exhibits, and the museum's Archeology Department is particularly strong. The museum devotes a lot of space to highlighting the activities of national communities – Jews, Latvians, Russian Old Believers. Next to the museum, in the town square, there is a monument dedicated to the world-famous scientist, the first Lithuanian physical chemist, and discoverer Teodor Grotuss (1785-1822).

**Vienybės square 14, Žeimelis, Pakruojis dist.**

**56.272630, 23.998877**

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#### 45. CHURCH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY IN LYGUMAI.....



Around 1436, a chapel was built. In 1526, the owner of the Lygumai Manor built a wooden Holy Trinity Church. Around the 17th and 18th centuries, the pastor, Fr. Kristupas Volfas, built a new wooden church that has survived for more than 100 years. In 1906-1914, a new brick single-tower, Gothic-style church was built under the care of the pastor, Fr. Jurgis Rupka and with the funds of the parishioners. The stories of local residents mention that during the construction of the church in 1908-1914, all the townspeople collected eggshells from domestic birds for construction. The shells are a source of calcium and chalk, intended to be mixed into the then connecting mixture. In 2016 was measured and it turned out that the actual height of the church is 73 meters and 84 centimeters.

**Sodo St. 6, Lygumai, Pakruojis dist.**

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#### 46. ROZALIMAS FOREST PARK AND ZIGMANTIŠKIAI STONE WITH MARY'S FOOT.....

Rozalimas forest nature education and recreational park established near Rozalimas town with its recreational hiking trail is intended for acquaintance with Rozalimas pine forest, a vast range of stands, the land's mythological history, and other interesting objects. The educational trail is about 4,5 km long. It stretches through the forest, the mass of which extends north of Rozalimas along the road 149 Smilgiai-Pakruojis. The route is equipped with the necessary infrastructure: 18 information stands, rest areas, and arrows. Zigmantiškės stone is situated about 2 km northwest of Rozalimas. The legend tells of the apparition of St Virgin Mary who left this "foot" to shepherds.

**Rozalimas, Pakruojis dist.**

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

In 1921, the residents of Žeimelis voted to which state – Lithuania or Latvia – they should belong.



#### 47. STAČIŪNAI WINDMILL.....

The mill was built in 1890. In Soviet times, it was turned into a warehouse and did not serve its original purpose. In 2004, the mill was restored. It is one of a few surviving windmills whose ground floor is constructed using stone masonry and has decorative elements, while the others are wooden. It is the only windmill in Pakruojis district with an inner cap rotation mechanism. Currently, the exposition of the milling equipment, the photos of Stačiūnai community life, various folk household items are displayed, travelling expositions are organized, and educational programmes are offered.

**Malūno St. 4, Stačiūnai, Pakruojis dist.**

**55.939432, 23.629885**

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#### OTHER OBJECTS.....

- Martynas Gaubas sculpture „Commemoration of Pakruojis Date 1531“
- Rozalimas oak
- Manor of Akmeneliai
- Disc golf park

- Church of st. Aloysius in Lauksodis
- The dolomite outcrop in Raudonpamūšis
- The hillfort of Pelenišķiai (Kalnuočiai)
- Gediminas Alisauskas Stone Museum
- Old Rusliai Homestead



**ŠIAULIAI**

1. Šiauliai Boulevard
2. St Apostles Peter and Paul's Cathedral
3. Sundial Square
4. Chaimas Frenkelis' Villa
5. "Rūta" Chocolate Museum
6. Vanda Kavaliauskienė's Cats Museum
7. The Bicycle Museum
8. Sculpture "The Iron Fox"
9. The Monument To The Lithuanian Currency – "The Cents Room"
10. The Photography Museum
11. The Baltic Culture Education Centre "Balts' Road"
12. "Gubernija HUB"

**AKMENĖ DISTRICT**

13. Akmenė Regional Museum
14. Kamanos State Strict Nature Reserve
15. Venta Regional Park
16. Lazdynų Pelėda's Memorial Museum
17. Akmenė Nature and Culture Park
18. Simonas Daukantas' Memorial Museum
19. Jurakalnis Observation Tower
20. Naujoji Akmenė Culture House
21. Šaltiškiai clay quarry
22. Menčiai limestone quarry

**JONIŠKIS DISTRICT**

23. Joniškis Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven
24. The Complex of Synagogues in Joniškis
25. Joniškis Basketball Museum
26. Cognitive Walkway of Mūšos Tyrelis
27. Ridge and the 2nd Mound (Žvelgaitis Hill) of Žagarė
28. Žagarė Manor Farmstead and Park
29. Jakiškiai Manor
30. Joniškis Museum of History and Culture

**KELMĖ DISTRICT**

31. Kelmė Manor
32. The Ensemble of the Church and the Monastery in Tytuvėnai
33. Užventis Watermill
34. Kražiai College
35. St Benedict's Monastery in Palendriai
36. The Museum of Sticks
37. Pakėvis Manor
38. Kelmė – an open Gallery
39. The Scissors Museum

**PAKRUOJIS DISTRICT**

40. Pakruojis Manor
41. Pakruojis Synagogue
42. Pakruojis Fire Brigade Society Building
43. Linkuva St Mary Scapula Church and Old Regula Carmelite Monastery
44. Pakruojis Region Museum "Žiemgala"
45. Church of the most holy Trinity in Lygumai
46. Rozalimas Forest Park and Zigmantiškiai Stone with Mary's Foot
47. Stačiūnai Windmill

**RADVILIŠKIS DISTRICT**

48. Sculpture "Reading Child"
49. The symbol of Radviliškis – a steam locomotive
50. Burbiškis Manor
51. Kleboniškiai Rural Household Museum
52. Baisogala
53. Šeduva Museum of Historical machinery
54. Museum of Šeduva Jewish History "The Lost Shtetl"
55. Šiaulė Observation Tower

**ŠIAULIAI DISTRICT**

56. The Hill of Crosses
57. Franciscan Monastery of the Lithuanian Province of St Kasimir at the Hill of Crosses
58. Kurtuvėnai
59. Naisiai
60. Mini Zoological Garden – Alpacas' Farm in Dargaičiai
61. Centre of Ethnic Culture and Traditional Crafts of Šiauliai District Municipality
62. Agailiai Chapel
63. Kurtuvėnai Church of St Jacob the Apostle
64. Kuršėnai pedestrian bridge over the Venta river







The city of Radviliškis flourished after the construction of the railway, and the rich plains of the Radviliškis region allowed farms to expand. Today, everyone can be offered original flavors, healthy snacks or the most delicious desserts – everything is grown and made here. Active cultural centers invite to participate in events: admire the tulip flowers, watch the planes in the sky or dance the Klumpakojis. For those who cannot do without nature – enjoy the peace of the swamps and flocks of cranes, the district's mounds covered with legends and tales, of which there are as many as 8, the waters of Lake Arimaičiai with their unique shape.

Old and new flavors, flower fields and inventive people – all this awaits travelers and discoverers here: in the unique and hospitable Radviliškis district.

## TOP OBJECTS

### 48. SCULPTURE “READING CHILD”



Do you believe in miracles? Or maybe you have a wish? In the courtyard of the Public Library, there is a sculpture called “Reading Child” – the smallest sculpture not only in the city of Radviliškis, but also in the country, symbolizing a carefree childhood. It is believed that the sculpture is magical – if you rub its head, your wish will come true. The author of the sculpture is the Radviliškis artist, sculptor, and graphic artist Martynas Gaubas.

**Dariaus ir Girėno St. 9, Radviliškis**  
**55.808815, 23.538095**

### 49. THE SYMBOL OF RADVILIŠKIS – A STEAM LOCOMOTIVE

For more than 20 years, those arriving in Radviliškis by train have been “met” by a trophy steam locomotive, manufactured in Berlin in 1944. The relic steam locomotive of the Radviliškis locomotive depot, belonging to the so-called T series, is the only one left in our country. Today, it is an eloquent symbol of the city considered the capital of railway workers. It was after the construction of the railway one and a half hundred years ago that the city began to expand more rapidly.

The steam locomotive is listed in the Register of Cultural Properties as having historical, technical and technological value.

**Laisvės Ave. 15A, Radviliškis**  
**55.806275, 23.536753**



### 50. BURBIŠKIS MANOR

More than 500 varieties of tulips, the “Tulip Blooming Festival” that has been attracting crowds of beauty and flower lovers for a quarter of a century, and manorial entertainment – this is not all that Burbiškis Manor can boast of. Burbiškis manor has been known since the 16th century. In 1819, the manor was acquired by the Baženskiai family who built a peculiar manor of Romanticism, Historicism and Neo-Gothic styles, reminding of a fortress. The new owners have also created an impressive, scenic 28-hectare park distinguishing itself by exceptional small architecture, ponds, tree-lined alleys, viewpoints, and islands. The park is adorned with the sculptures of Vytautas the Great and Adam Mickiewicz, for the first time created in Lithuania by Kazimieras Ulinskis. The museum established in Burbiškis manor aims to restore as accurate picture of the past as possible, conveying the old culture of manors. The spaces of the manor farmstead house the exhibitions of the manor history, carriages, old technical equipment, house plants, and tulips.

**Burbiškis village, Radviliškis dist.**  
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## 51. KLEBONIŠKIAI RURAL HOUSEHOLD MUSEUM



Can you imagine what does an ancient child's cradle smell like? Would you easily enter an old barn through a door that is much smaller than today's? You can experience these and many more experiences by visiting the Kleboniškiai Rural Household Museum that has been established in the valley of the Daugyvenė River, in a former village site and occupies the area of 18 ha. Its exposition contains buildings characteristic of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century, relocated from vicinities. These are cottages, granaries, baths, threshing floors, and barns. The surviving homesteads are neighboured by the restored ones. To revive the old countryside, 11 buildings have been moved from other locations. There is a total of 28 buildings in the village, 18 of which belong to the museum. The village has a windmill built in 1884. The old trees of the former village site and the thatched roofs of the buildings add authenticity to the museum; while its inhabitants, reality. The village hosts exhibitions, educational programs, evening parties, attracts by its threshing floor theatre performances, folk music and crafts, and Mardi Gras celebrations.

**Kleboniškiai village, Radviliškis dist.**  
**55.770351, 23.856069**  
**+370 611 12 053**  
**daugyvenesmuziejus.lt**

### DID YOU KNOW?

The village of Kleboniškės is Rumšiškės of northern Lithuania.



## 52. BAISOGALA



Baisogala is a quiet town in Radviliškis district municipality, here you can find the Baisogala Holy Trinity Church (since 1882), the monument to the Tenth Anniversary of Lithuania's Independence and the surviving ensemble of buildings of the Baisogala Manor (19th–early 20th centuries). The manor houses the Institute of Animal Husbandry of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences. The family café "Pas Zita" is known throughout Lithuania for its mouth-watering desserts.

**Baisogala, Radviliškis dist.**  
**55.635374, 23.732769**

## 53. ŠEDUVA MUSEUM OF HISTORICAL MACHINERY

When everyone was amazed by the images and history of the series "Chernobyl", no one knew or thought that a few cars on the screen – rolled out of Šeduva! The exposition of the Šeduva Historical Vehicle Museum is truly like a time machine – it takes you to grandparents' garages, where old "Lada" cars stood and shone. Foreign luxury, once seen only in films, – also rolled out to Šeduva. One garage can accommodate BMWs, Ferraris, and heavy MAZs. The mobile exposition of historical vehicles can move from its place at any time; its uniqueness lies not in the frozen exhibits, but in its life. More than 100 units of historical vehicles are exhibited in Šeduva.

**The museum is open on Saturdays.**  
**Panevėžio St. 36, Šeduva, Radviliškis dist.**  
**55.757040, 23.766273**  
**+370 687 32 733; +370 611 12 035**  
**retromobile.lt**



## 54. MUSEUM OF ŠEDUVA JEWISH HISTORY "THE LOST SHETEL"

In 2025, the world-class museum "The Lost Shtetl" will open its doors in Šeduva. "Štetl" means town in Yiddish. And it is called "lost" because there are no longer any Jewish communities in shtetls. They were destroyed in Lithuania and throughout Eastern Europe during the Holocaust during World War II.

"The Lost Shtetl" introduces visitors to the history, culture, religion, daily life, and relations with neighbors of the Jews of Lithuanian towns – something that lost continuity throughout Eastern Europe after the war. In telling the story of ordinary townspeople, the museum draws on the stories of the Jews of Šeduva.

**Žvejų St. 14, Šeduva, Radviliškis dist.**  
**55.747455, 23.770041**  
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**lostshtetl.lt**



## 55. ŠIAULĖ OBSERVATION TOWER

In the western part of the district, known as Šiaulė land, between Šiaulėnai and Šaukotas hills, there stands 21 meters high Observation Tower from the top of which a wonderful landscape can be admired. The tower is neighboured by a pedestrian walkway leading to the legendary Kudinai mount or Šiaulė mount.

**Kalnai village, Radviliškis dist.**  
**55.645492, 23.419565**



## OTHER OBJECTS

- Sculpture of the Victory Goddess Nike
- The Bell Tower of Radviliškis St Virgin Mary's Nativity Church
- Deportation Train Wagon in Radviliškis
- The Memorial to Movement of the Struggle for Lithuania's Freedom in Minaičiai
- Šeduva Mill
- Šiaulėnai Regional Museum





Šiauliai district is known for the famous Hill of Crosses all over the world. The formation of the mound and its surroundings lasted for more than a century. The hill of prayers is important for its cultural, historical, sacral, social, archaeological, and national value. This is not the only destination that can impress travellers in Šiauliai district. Entertainments, workshops, culinary heritage, rich landscapes, hiking and cycling trails, and active leisure for families have attracted even the pickiest ones to our country for many years now. We invite you to discover mounds, manors, mini zoos, settlements, and, of course, the pearl of Šiauliai land – Kurtuvėnai.

## TOP OBJECTS

### 56. THE HILL OF CROSSES



#### DID YOU KNOW?

One of the legends of the Hill of Crosses tells that the beginning of the Hill of Crosses was associated with St Mary's apparition to children in 1872.

Approximately 12 km north of Šiauliai, in the open expanses of fields, stands the famous Hill of Crosses – a small hill densely covered with crosses. Its history dates back to the Middle Ages when a wooden castle called Kula, mentioned in chronicles, stood here before being destroyed in 1348 by the Livonian army.

The Soviet authorities attempted to destroy the Hill of Crosses multiple times, especially in the spring of 1961, but it became a symbol of unbreakable faith and resistance. The Hill of Crosses gained even greater international fame after Pope John Paul II's historic visit on September 7, 1993: "You must show this hill to all of Europe, to the whole world."

**Domantai village, Šiauliai dist.**  
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**siauliurajonas.lt**

### 57. MONASTERY OF THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR OF THE LITHUANIAN FRANCISCAN PROVINCE OF ST. CASIMIR AT THE HILL OF CROSSES

In the autumn of 1993, shortly after his visit to Lithuania, Pope John Paul II visited the Franciscan monastery at Mount La Verna in Italy. He stated that there are two special mountains in Europe – La Verna and the Hill of Crosses – and a spiritual bridge should be built between them. The Pope encouraged the Franciscans to build a monastery near the Hill of Crosses, and they promptly responded. The building, located just 300 meters from the Hill of Crosses, was constructed with the help of the Franciscans from the Province of Tuscany, and the official consecration took place on July 8, 2000.

**Jurgaičiai village, Šiauliai dist.**  
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### 58. KURTUVĖNAI

Noble estates in Kurtuvėnai likely existed as early as the 14th century. In 1495, the first known landowner of Kurtuvėnai, Mikalojus Jaugelavičius, inherited the estate as a family patrimony and was of local origin. Other notable estate owners included the Kęsgaila, Nagurskis, and Plater-Zyberk families.

Today, the Kurtuvėnai manor entertainment complex offers a wide range of services: guided tours, educational programs, cycling trails, and more. Visitors can enjoy delicious local cuisine and traditional events. The site features a preserved manor park, stables, ponds, a reconstructed wooden baroque-style granary and carriage house. A visitor center was established in 2019, featuring the exhibition "Diversity of the Landscape", which explores changes in nature, cultural and natural values of the regional park, and human activity. Visitors can learn what secrets giants hide. The exhibition is filled with games, puzzles, riddles, educational videos, and folklore narrated by a white-bearded grandfather.

**Parko St., 2, Kurtuvėnai, Šiauliai dist.**  
**55.82679111289498, 23.049072711639383**  
**+370 618 29 964**  
**FB: Kurtuvėnų regioninis parkas**  
**zemaitijosstd.lrv.lt**



### 59. NAISIAI

Naisiai is home to the only Baltic Gods Museum in Lithuania, featuring over 50 oak sculptures of Baltic deities. Other unique museums include the Birdhouse Museum, the Baltic Herbs Museum, and the Šiauliai Region Literature Museum, now in its 37th year. Visitors can explore numerous pagan and cultural landmarks: the Sun Square, Alka Hill, Fire Square, Moon Eye, the Lake of Happiness with Rabbit Island, and the impressive Baltic Arena. Naisiai also features the "Naisių vasara" theater, Ramūnas Karbauskis' Žemaitukai horse stable, a swing park, and various educational experiences.

**Gėlės St. 9, Naisiai, Šiauliai dist.**  
**56.022129, 23.51400**  
**+370 611 33 333**  
**naisiai.lt**





## .....60. A MINI ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN – THE ALPACAS' FARM IN DARGAIČIAI.....



The alpacas' farm and the mini zoological garden are located in the village of Dargaičiai, in Šiauliai district. It is one of the largest gardens in northern Lithuania and the Baltic States, which accepts individual visitors and excursion groups. Farmers tell stories where alpacas came from and how they appeared in Lithuania, what the animals are special about, present alpacas' wool, and its products that can also be bought here.

The most enjoyable part of the visit is getting to know alpacas and other animals. Currently, the farm is a home to 21 different animal species: alpacas, llamas, a camel, chinchillas, REX rabbits, donkeys, Queensland sheep, Dutch pygmy goats, the Falabella miniature horse (the smallest breed in the world), African ostriches, Jacob sheep, Coburg fox sheep, Highland cow, Arabian horse, and black nose sheep.

**Dargaičiai village, Gruzdžiai eldership, Šiauliai dist.**

**56.132807, 23.254368**

**+370 686 43 584;**

**[alpakuuginimas.lt](http://alpakuuginimas.lt); [minizoo.lt](http://minizoo.lt)**

.....61. ŠIAULIAI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY CENTER FOR ETHNIC CULTURE .....  
AND TRADITIONAL CRAFTS

Located in the manor house and the servants' quarters of Kuršėnai Estate, the Šiauliai District Municipality's Center for Ethnic Culture and Traditional Crafts offers a wide variety of experiences that can attract even the most selective visitors.

Tours, tastings, and educational activities provide joy and knowledge, reveal authentic traditions, foster creativity and self-expression, offer relaxation, and deliver a therapeutic effect.

**Ventos St., 7A, Kuršėnai, Šiauliai dist.**

**55.999677, 22.932667**

**+370 41 58 34 22; +370 698 08 217**

**[kursenuamatucentras.lt](http://kursenuamatucentras.lt)**

## .....62. AGAILIAI CHAPEL .....



Deep in the forest of Agailiai, the first wooden chapel was built during the serfdom era. People believed in the miraculous power of this place and placed crosses here for many years.

In 1939, a concrete church was built but was set on fire during World War II. Although it was rebuilt, it burned down again in 1974 due to a lightning strike. The chapel was restored once more in 1990 and listed as a cultural heritage site by Kuršėnai rural eldership. In 2004–2005, the church was renovated with funds from the Kuršėnai Forest Enterprise, and in 2006, a pedestrian path was built leading to a spring believed to be miraculous.

**Agailiai forest, Gedinčiai forest dist., Šiauliai dist.**

**56.119991, 22.954859**

## .....63. KURTUVĖNAI CHURCH OF ST JACOB THE APOSTLE.....

The twin towers of the Church of St. James the Apostle in Kurtuvėnai have graced the sky since 1792, when the ten-year construction of the sanctuary was completed. The tall, white towers of the late Baroque-style church rise 50 meters and are visible from afar.

Above the main entrance is the coat of arms of the church's founder, Count Jokūbas Nagurskis.

The interior of the church reflects classical restraint, but also features elements of late Baroque and Neo-Gothic styles. The ensemble of five altars and the pulpit was completed in 1820, as noted by a commemorative plaque attached to one of the pillars.

**Parko St. 2, Kurtuvėnai, Šiauliai dist.**

**55.828047, 23.048167**

**+370 618 29 964**

**FB: [Kurtuvėnų regioninis parkas](https://www.facebook.com/kurtuvenuregioninisparkas)  
[zemaitijosstd.lrv.lt](http://zemaitijosstd.lrv.lt)**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Twelve crypts are walled in the basements of Kurtuvėnai Church of St. Jacob the Apostle. It is believed that the nobles who ruled Kurtuvėnai manor and other representatives of the nobility were buried in this basement.

## .....64. KURŠĖNAI PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE VENTA RIVER .....

Kuršėnai is now home to one of the most beautiful and longest pedestrian bridges in Lithuania – opened in 2020 and stretching 262 meters. It connects the town center with the Kuršėnai Manor Park.

This modern bridge attracts visitors not only with stunning views of the Venta River but also with interactive and smart design elements. Its weathering steel finish gives it a unique and durable look.

The bridge leads to the restored Gruževskiai Manor, a cultural center, and the town park where major events take place. The riverbank features walking paths, a children's playground, outdoor gym equipment, a pier, and a recreation area – a perfect spot for both peaceful rest and active leisure!

**Kuršėnai, Šiauliai dist.**

**55.99328, 22.92704**



## ..... OTHER OBJECTS .....

- Algirdas Laucevičius Elk Park
- Kairiai FOX Wake Park
- Bubiai Manor
- Paežeriai Manor Estate

- Bubiai Hillfort
- Count Zubov Manor
- Kairiai Juice Museum





Šiauliai region will undoubtedly surprise even the most exquisite taste with exclusiveness of the culinary heritage. Traditional treats and recipes, beer straight from a barrel and secrets of specialties passed from generation to generation are major ingredients of the cuisine of the Land of the Sun.

### ŠIAULIAI FLAVOURS



In the café of the oldest Lithuanian sweets factory "Rūta", you will find out what is hidden in the chocolate bubble, which is favourite of those who have a sweet tooth and Instagrammers, while at the Chocolate Museum tastings, an Aztec drink with a very distinctive taste or a gastronomic harmony created by secrets of chocolate and a variety of rum flavours await you.

The Tea House of the historic "Valerijonas" pharmacy combines tradition and exoticism. Only here you will find the legendary boiled potato dumplings with chickpea filling, and if you haven't had enough surprises yet, try the cold beetroot soup with cashew milk. Time travel through authentic 17th century cellars, tasting as many as 7 types of beer and the most delicious fermented rye bread drink in Lithuania. Where? When? At "Gubernija" – the oldest brewery in Lithuania.

Located in the heart of Šiauliai Boulevard, "Deserty dirbtuvės" ("Dessert Workshop") pampers lovers of sweet treats with French-style confectionery masterpieces that you can decorate yourself. The traditions and subtleties of Jewish cuisine, which are probably most shrouded in myths and legends, are examined in an exclusive educational session at Ch. Frenkelis' Villa.

[visitsiauliai.lt](http://visitsiauliai.lt)

### SAMOGITIAN - ZEMGALE FLAVOURS



The Akmenė region is a place where Semites "intermingle" with the Semigallians. The guides tell special stories - something to be proud of! And the stories and the beautiful landscape are best complemented by traditional cuisine. In ŽEMAIČI - onion soup, potato casserole, stewed cabbage with currants and homemade gira. WINTER - shmakal, rye flour dumplings and dried fruit compote. Try it yourself and invite your guests to get to know the #AK region.

Only advance bookings (at least 2 days in advance) for groups of 4 or more.

**Respublikos st. 11A, Naujoji Akmenė**  
**+370 685 78635**

### ŽAGARĖ DUMPLINGS

Educational sessions-tastings of the pride of the culinary heritage of the Semigallian land: dumplings (rye dumplings with fried lardon and sauerkraut), cheese (5 types), zaptė (jam), ham and bacon, fruit sweets, homemade barley beer, homemade wine (cherry, apple, black currant), teas from the herbs collected at the foot of Žvelgaitis mound, sap (fresh in spring and fermented in other seasons). The price is negotiable; duration, up to 2 hours.

**Žagarės St. 51, Žiuriai village, Joniškis dist.**

**56.341722, 23.207889**

**+370 698 04 385 (reservation required)**

[ziemgalospaveldas.lt](http://ziemgalospaveldas.lt)



### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM "THE MONK'S LUNCH"

Monasteries traditionally practice moderation. During fasting periods, monks would abstain from butter, milk, eggs, and even fish. The monastic community would eat together in the refectory, and keeping food in their individual cells was strictly forbidden. Typically, lunch in monasteries consisted of three courses, while dinner had two. The first course was usually soup, and the second—porridge or fish. It is no coincidence that the educational program "The Monk's Lunch" offers fish soup and porridge. The accounting records of the Bernardine Monastery in Tytuvėnai mention that the monks hired a fisherman who supplied the monastery kitchen with fish caught from nearby ponds.

**Maironio St. 2A, Tytuvėnai, Kelmė dist.**

**55.5968023, 23.1987862**

[infotytuvėnai.lt](http://infotytuvėnai.lt)



### ŠAKOČIAI (TREE CAKES) "TRADICIJA" BAKING EDUCATION

During the education, guests have the opportunity to contribute to the process of baking a šakotis. Later, they go to taste "Tradicija" pastries and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea. Also, they go home not empty-handed! A „šakotis“ gift is included. This is a great opportunity to spend time with family, friends or get to know colleagues better.

Šakotis baking education. Up to 30 people. Educations are conducted in Lithuanian and English.

**Liepų St. 3, Pakruojis village., Pakruojis dist.**

**55.99795347912843, 23.858760038142634**

**+370 650 44 637**





## CENTRAL LITHUANIA CULINARY ROUTE "TIMELESS FLAVORS"



Delicious berries, newly discovered beets, elderberry delicacies and holiday-like gingerbread – rediscover old flavors, travel along the Central Lithuanian culinary route "Timeless Flavors". There are as many as five culinary stops and hospitable hosts, inviting you to taste, discover and cook together.

[countryside.lt/en/route](http://countryside.lt/en/route)

## THE ONLY ONE SUCH IN LITHUANIA – KURTUVĖNAI HAM MATURED FOR 5 DAYS



During the ethnographic research conducted at Kurtuvėnai Regional Park, recipes of traditional dishes of this region were collected, the most interesting of which was matured ham. It is made by the hostess of the tavern "Kryžkelė", to whom the following unique recipe is entrusted.

This exclusive dish is very full, especially suitable after a hike or excursion. The ham is served with a hot potatoe, *kastinys* (sour cream and butter blend), and cabbage. This dish has been prepared in Kurtuvėnai for the major holidays since long ago. The dish is served with a presentation and stories.

**P. Višinskio St. 18, Kurtuvėnai, Šiauliai dist.**

**55.828698, 23.049828**

**+370 674 01 316**

## KURŠĖNAI SWEET ROLL CAKE



During the tasting, you will get acquainted with the history of Kuršėnai as well as its sweet roll cake – the biggest brand that has promoted Kuršėnai the longest. It is the business card of the town, because if anything can be compared with this product, it is Kuršėnai pots, and just by their longevity.

While you enjoy the roll cake, the lady of the manor and the clerk will tell you about the nooks where the history of sweet and fragrant confectionery begins in Kuršėnai. Tasting of the roll cake is accompanied by witty remarks about the eating habits of the people of Kuršėnai and the eating agenda of the landlord of Kuršėnai manor J. Gruževskis.

**Ventos St., 7A, Kuršėnai, Šiauliai dist.**

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For active and quiet recreation, choose lakes, recreation areas, and unique museums in Šiauliai region.

## ŠIAULIAI – WITH LOVE FOR THE FAMILY

Šiauliai is the city of the Sun, where laughter sounds and the joy of discovery is experienced, making it a truly suitable place for a trip with the whole family. Here you will find museums of Chocolate, Cats, Bicycles, Photography, Telephony, and other, which are peculiar and unique in Lithuania. There is a "street zoo" on Šiauliai Boulevard, and the search of its "inhabitants" is always an adventure and cognition. New children's playgrounds in the city centre and on the shore of Lake Talkša echo with the clamour of curious visitors. "The Balts' Road" Centre, which is very popular among tourists and townspeople, will invite you to remember how our ancestors lived and to immerse oneself in a whirlpool of modern games and attractions. Bathing in one of the city fountains, taking a photo near the legendary "Iron Fox" or a melting chocolate bubble in "Rūta" cafe will long remain in your memories of your trip to Šiauliai.

[visitsiauliai.lt](http://visitsiauliai.lt)



## AKMENĖ DISTRICT SPORTS AND FITNESS CENTRE

Naujoji Akmenė has a modern Sports and Wellness Centre, designed to meet the needs of not only athletes, but also recreational people. The complex has a 25-metre, 2-lane swimming pool, whirlpools, saunas and other health and sports services. For younger visitors, there is a children's pool and a slides course. The wellness centre has three different saunas.

**Žemaitijos St. 2, Naujoji Akmenė**

**56,3201810, 22,8721823**

**+370 615 53035**

[akmenesc.lt](http://akmenesc.lt)





### .....THE HAG OF THE SWAMP MŪŠOS TYRELIS.....



Exclusive, mystical swamp sites, hag gates, rituals and magic, various workshops, while those who want to escape from the daily hustle and bustle are invited to sleep in a swamp cottage – nature views through the window, hares running with partridges, the squawk of cranes and songs of other birds will delight your hearts and bring you back to your inner home.

**Bičiušiai 1, Joniškis dist.**  
**56.200505, 23.321848**  
**+370 682 30 047 (reservation required)**  
**FB: Mūšos tyrelio pelkės laumė**

### .....TYTUVĖNAI REGIONAL PARK VISITOR CENTER.....



At the Tytuvėnai Regional Park Visitor Center, you can learn in detail about the park's most interesting sites and protected assets, obtain information about available services, and explore the indoor exhibition titled "From the Crane's Flight."

There, you can watch a film about cranes, see a crane's nest and a beaver's lodge, hear various bird calls, and view a wide array of items retrieved by diving enthusiasts from the bottoms of Lake Giliaus and Lake Bridvaišis.

**Miško St. 3, Tytuvėnai, Kelmė dist.**  
**55.6008955, 23.199097**  
**+370 427 59 031**  
**zemaitijosstd.lrv.lt**

### ....."MARGAS PONIS".....



"Margas Ponis" – is a wonderful environment with many animals and excellent, interesting, beautifully adapted infrastructure of a modern village. Services provided: children's birthday parties, photo shoots, horseback riding in nature, riding training, organization of holidays with horses, camps.

**Kruojos St. 51 a, Dvariškiai village, Pakruojis dist.**  
**56.020563976712275, 23.621365128271837**  
**+370 616 30 397**  
**FB: margasponis**

### .....RADVILIŠKIS SWIMMING POOL.....



In the swimming pool, much attention is paid to children, their health promotion and physical development. The new, modern swimming pool is open to all who care about their health, who want to learn to swim and spend their leisure actively and meaningfully. The swimming pool is also accessible to people who have physical disabilities.

**V. Kudirkos St. 2, Radviliškis**  
**55.810093, 23.546681**  
**+370 422 66 051**  
**radviliskiobaseinas.lt**

### .....RABBIT ISLAND.....



Naisiai has plenty of entertainments for the whole family. In warm weather, we invite you to visit Rabbit Island in Naisiai. Upon arrival, you will find a man-made artificial round island inhabited by a wide range of rabbit breeds: the Flemish Giant rabbits, German Rhinelanders with "butterfly markings", Californian rabbits, and the New Zealand Red rabbits. You will be able to go around the circle-shaped settlement and get to know everyone who lives in it. Children will be able to swing in the swing park neighbouring Rabbit Island.

**Naisiai, Šiauliai dist.**  
**56.020050, 23.498213**  
**+370 611 33 333**  
**naisiai.lt**

### .....THE ZOO OF BREEDING BIRDS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS..... RAIBA PLUNKSNA (A SPECKLED FEATHER)

The inhabitants of the farmstead range from miniature mice to 20 breeds of hens. The farmstead offers public educational activities, excursions and exhibitions, its visitors can get acquainted with domestic birds and animals. The farmstead is equipped with recreation areas with benches, children's playground, swings, and a sandbox. There is a collection of horns collected on the farm, a gallery of cross stitch pictures, accessories from feathers, and souvenirs.

**Atžalyno St. 36, Bertužiai village, Šiauliai dist.**  
**55.915876, 23.393650**  
**+370 620 88 561**







Nature of Šiauliai region invites to plunge into the sublime of parks and forests, to admire unique values of nature.

#### .....ŠIAULIAI – SURROUNDED BY WATER .....



Lake Talkša with a shoreline adapted for lovers of active leisure and family recreation lies practically in the very middle of the city. There is a leisure entertainment park, Talkša ecological trail, cycling and hiking trails, outdoor exercise equipment, playgrounds, and a beach here. The nearby Salduvė (Žuvininkai) hillfort offers an entire landscape of the city.

The city is neighboured by the tenth largest lake in Lithuania – Rėkyva, which is a joy and refuge for all kinds of holidaymakers as well as for fishermen, because there are always fish to catch here. The sandy beach is particularly popular in the summer, and the wooden bridge with an observation deck is a perfect place for a sunset photo session or simply to support your fishing rod.

The lake is popular with kiteboarding and windsurfing enthusiasts from Šiauliai region. There are two yacht clubs on the shore, and their captains will introduce you to the secrets of dark waters of Lake Rėkyva.

[visitsiauliai.lt](http://visitsiauliai.lt)

#### ..... JURAKALNIS GEOLOGICAL EDUCATIONAL TRAIL .....



We invite you walk along Jurakalnis geological educational trail. The trail equipped according to modern requirements, beginning at Simonas Daukantas' museum, curves to Jurakalnis ravine outcrop and spur, encompassing Papilė I mound, a viewing platform, and a tower.

**Papilė, Akmenė dist.**

**The beginning of the trail: 56.15147, 22.78789**

**The end of the trail: 56.14468, 22.7831**

#### .....VILNIUS UNIVERSITY ŠIAULIAI ACADEMY BOTANICAL GARDEN.....

The beautiful garden with blooming plants of 4600 species and breeds can melt the heart. Although we do not have mountains, this botanical garden has the largest and most abundant collection of mountain plants from all over the world in the Baltic States – the pride of the city!

A visitor can familiarise both with separate plants and see their communities that are close to natural. The Botanical Garden organises sightseeing and educational seminars, educational sessions, festivities, and concerts.

**Paitaičių St. 4, Šiauliai**

**55.932808, 23.283203**

**+370 659 93 748**

[sa.vu.lt/bs](http://sa.vu.lt/bs)



#### ..... SKAISTGIRYS RECREATION AREA AND OBSERVATION TOWER .....

The recreation area on a hillock, located in the very centre of Skaistgirys town, is equipped with a free-of-charge barefoot trail, sculptures of various birds, children's playgrounds, and an observation tower, which overlooks the Semigallian plains and neighbouring dolomite quarries.

**Draugystės St., Skaistgirys, Joniškis dist.**

**56.303688, 23.381963**

[visitjoniskis.lt](http://visitjoniskis.lt)



#### ..... KRIAUČIUS STONE .....

Kriaučius stone (Tailor's Stone) lies in a flat ploughed field, near the road Kražiai-Jauniškė, almost on the top of a streamlined 157-meter-high hillock. This boulder is the third largest in Lithuania. The length of the boulder is 7,84 metres; its width, 7,65 metres; and height, over 4 metres; the maximum horizontal circumference is 23,2 metres. This boulder (more precisely, its small upper part protruding above the ground) has long been known to the locals. However, only in 1974, the reclamators working here pushed the ground with a bulldozer for the first time and exposed the rear of the boulder more widely. In 1989, using pulley blocks with arm-thick ropes and two anchors dug in the ground, borrowed from the Mažeikiai Oil Refinery, the boulder was pulled out to the surface and dragged to the nearest hillock in Vileikiai village.

**Vileikiai village, Kelmė dist.**

**55.5455235, 22.7588868**





### .....HANGING BRIDGES, CITY PARK AND SAKURA GARDEN IN PAKRUOJIS .....



In 1974, a 14 hectare city park was established in the Kruoja Valley – a place for events and recreation. In 1987, after the republican plein air of woodcarvers was organized, the park was decorated with wooden sculptures. Visit the beautiful Kruoja River valley, walk along the suspension bridges connecting its banks. These Pakruojis bridges are considered to be among the most beautiful and interesting suspension bridges in Lithuania. We invite you to come to Pakruojis Park in May and admire the flowering of Japanese Sakura.

Pakruojis

**55.980802, 23.849302**

**+370 673 27 052**

### .....THE GREAT TYRULIS BOG .....



The Great Tyrulis bog will interest those who want truly natural nature, peace, and perhaps unexpected challenges. The Tyruliai bog is the largest exploited bog complex in the country, once the largest low-lying bog in the country. Currently, more than 30 species of birds listed in the Lithuanian Red Book are found in different parts of the former peat bog, 24 of which breed. A cognitive trail has been installed for tourists and nature lovers to better understand the wildlife, but the old roads are also suitable for walking and observing nature.

**Tyruliai, Radviliškis dist.**

**55.771491, 23.315593**

### .....GIRNIKAI SACRED HILL .....



Girnikai mythological hill is one of the most valuable and most visited exceptional values of Kurtuvėnai Regional Park with the most popular observation platform in the regional park. It is the highest hill in the territory of Šiauliai district (183,4 m), overlooking the panorama of Kurtuvėnai regional park, Samogitian highlands, the city of Šiauliai, and the towns of Kuršėnai and Kurtuvėnai. Stories tell that Girnikai sacred hill is the tomb of the giants' mother Kurtuvė; church lost in the hill and the stone on the top of the hill, on which the holy fire used to burn, are mentioned. The mountain united three Baltic tribes: Samogitians, Curonians, and Semigallians.

**Girnikai, Šiauliai dist.**

**55.863742, 23.034096**

**[zemaitijosstd.lrv.lt](http://zemaitijosstd.lrv.lt)**



Leave your daily routine behind and change the surrounding milieu – the Land of the Sun has much to offer: “change” your car into a bike or a horse, your computer into a canoe paddle, and your mobile phone into a fishing rod.

### .....“UNIQA” ARENA .....

The arena brings together 10 sports and sports enthusiasts under one roof. Professionals and amateurs of volleyball, basketball, indoor football, squash, paddle tennis, beach volleyball, beach rugby and beach tennis, badminton, table tennis play sports on the area of 4500 m2. The arena also houses an 800 m2 trampoline park and the Bravo bar.

**Išradėjų St. 14, Šiauliai**

**55.911920, 23.305695**

**+370 636 91 111**

**[uniqaarena.lt](http://uniqaarena.lt)**



### .....CLEAR YOUR HEAD WITH QUAD BIKES .....

Quad biking is a great pastime in all weathers and in all seasons, when you want to get away from the everyday and experience something special. So don't miss the chance to clear your head and plan your adventure with MK QUAD POWER now! The fun will take you on a variety of routes depending on the route you choose.

**Daubiškiai, Akmenė dist.**

**56.1394213288008, 22.794952472342644**

**+370 604 43 195**





## LEISURE AMUSEMENT PARK "MARIONETTE"



Discover the adventure-filled "Marionette" amusement park – probably the most favourite place for water entertainment and leisure in Šiauliai!

It is often the venue for various events, big concerts, impressive dance and music evenings.

In the summer, you can enjoy wakeboards, paddleboards, pedal boats, a catamaran, delicious food, unforgettable emotions and other entertainment. In the winter, you can experience indelible impressions – saunas floating on Lake Talkša!

**Žvyro St. 34A, Šiauliai**  
**55.930013, 23.329414**  
**+370 607 65363**  
[marionette.lt](http://marionette.lt)

## WATER ENTERTAINMENT IN ŽAGARĖ



During the warm season, the panoramas of Žagarė esker can be also admired by swimming in Žvelgaitis pond. Stand up paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, boats, water bikes can be rented here, and those who like hot steam will be able to whisk themselves in the floating sauna.

**P. Cvirkos St., Žvelgaičiai village, Joniškis dist.**  
**56.351269, 23.224624**  
**+370 671 93 930**  
**FB: Vandens Pramogos Žagarės Ežere**

## WATER TOURISM IN THE DUBYSIA AND KRAŽANTĖ RIVERS



The Dubysa is one of the most beautiful rivers in Lithuania and the most popular water tourism routes. The picturesque steep-slope old valley of the Dubysa, the mounds resting on the banks, natural alpine meadows, gurgling of the tributaries streaming on the slopes, the campsites suitable for an overnight stay, and the rural tourism homesteads create an atmosphere suitable for recreation. There are campsites with gazebos, fireplaces, and etc. at the beginning and at the end of the route.

**Start of the route: Maironiai village, Kelmė dist.**  
**55.591109, 23.074233**  
**Finish of the route: Padubysis village, Raseiniai dist.**  
**55.400974, 23.245054**

## BICYCLE RENTAL IN PAKRUOJIS

We invite you to explore the Pakruojis region travel by bike! Pakruojis Business Information Center, provides bicycle rental service.

**V. Didžiojo St. 94, Pakruojis**  
**55.980258034718226, 23.855717411224635**  
**+370 673 27 052**  
[pakruojovic.lt](http://pakruojovic.lt)



## PAEŽERIAI REST AREA AND LAIČIAI II POND BEACH

Paežeriai recreation area is located next to Rozalimas forest park. This place attracts tourists in the summer, with a newly equipped beach, benches and picnic areas. There is a spacious parking lot next to the beach. This is a great choice for those who love to relax in nature

**Paežeriai, Pakruojis dist.**  
**55.92258901252141, 23.87138003803022**  
**+370 673 27 052**



## ŠIAULĖ LAND

On the western edge of the district, in the so-called Šiaulė land, between Šiaulėnai and Šaukotas hills, a 21 m high observation tower has been installed. From its top, the landscape of Tytuvėnai Regional Park opens up, and you can see not only the roofs of Radviliškis, but also the roofs of Šiauliai city. A pedestrian path has been installed near the tower, leading to the Kudiniai hillfort (Šiaulės hill), which is shrouded in legends.

**Kalnai village, Radviliškis dist.**  
**55.645497, 23.419216**



## ŠILELIS CAMPSITE

Šilelis Campsite is a cozy nature oasis located by a scenic pine forest and the winding Venta River. It's the perfect escape from daily hustle – enjoy peace or engage in active outdoor fun.

The campsite features specially equipped fire pits, barbecue grills, a cozy glassed-in riverside pavilion, and a wide range of activities: airsoft, kayaking, football and volleyball fields, disc golf, table tennis, and table football.

After an active day, relax in a Jacuzzi hot tub under the open sky. Šilelis Campsite is ideal for family vacations, gatherings with friends, and unforgettable adventures in nature!

**Šileliai 1A, Šileliai village, Šiauliai dist.**  
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Šiauliai region invites those eager to learn to attend activities ranging from workshops in authentic spaces to open-air trainings and to try out a wide variety of experiences from handicrafts to culinary experiments.

#### CREATIVE EXPERIENCES IN ŠIAULIAI



Knowledge is no burden to carry – we invite you to try out various workshops in Šiauliai!

Fosterers of leather-making traditions at Chaimas Frenkelis' villa will teach to make a leather bracelet. By twining round a person's wrist, these bracelets not only can protect a person against the evil eye but also give him/her strength and energy.

Learn to take pictures without a camera at the Photography Museum – don't you believe it? In "Valerijonas" pharmacy, the specialist will help you to make a unique cream with natural ingredients – the elixir of youth. You will become chocolate masters in the workshops of the "Rūta" Chocolate Museum..

And that is yet not all – museums, cafes, salons offer to try over 100 educational programs.

[visitsiauliai.lt](http://visitsiauliai.lt)

#### SEARCHING FOR DINOSAURS



The education consists of two parts: theoretical and practical. In the theoretical part, you will briefly get acquainted with the nature and geology of the Venta region, as well as with its history. During the practical part we go to the Papartyne geological outcrop (15 km from Venta) where we learn about the most popular fossils and search for them (digging in the outcrop and identifying them). The fossils found – from the time when dinosaurs lived – can be taken with you, and are the best souvenir from the Akmenė region.

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#### ŽAGARĖ PUPPET HOUSE

In the workshops taking place in The Puppet House, you will create your own puppet, a mythical creature souvenir, hear interesting stories about Raktuvė mound, Žvelgaitis hill, ancient gods, witches, their talismans and signs. Scarecrows have their own home in Žagarė – "Scarecrow factory" in the homestead of folk artist Aušra Petrauskienė on the bank of the river Švėtė.

**Vilniaus St. 6, Žagarė, Joniškis dist.**

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#### SAMOGITIAN EVENING PARTY

Samogitians have long been famous for their customs, songs, music, and language. Probably Samogitia distinguishes itself from other regions most by its hospitality and merry-making. Therefore, evening parties were particularly popular in Samogitia.

During the educational session, everyone is invited to participate in a real Samogitian evening party, when various stories, legends, fun events are told, games are played, circle dances, dances take place, songs are sung, folk instruments are played, Samogitian *kastinys* (sour cream and butter blend) with potatoes and Samogitian *gira* (fermented bread drink) are tasted.

The educational program is ordered in advance.

**Kolegijos St. 5, Kražiai, Kelmė dist.**

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#### EDUCATION "INSPIRE UŠINSKAS"!

Cognitive - motivational education "Inspire Užinskas"! Akmenėliai Manor invites you to popularize Stasys Užinskas among the younger generation as an example and educate them in the spirit of pride as a countryman. High-quality and professional presentation of information is our priority!

**Petrašiūnų St. 6, Akmenėliai village, Pakruojis dist.**

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### .....ELDERBERRY DELICACIES WORKSHOP.....



The hostess of the homestead will reveal the secret of how to turn the white fragrant elderflower into an extremely tasty and healthier delicacy from nature. The elderberries growing on the homestead annually reward you with small aromatic flowers. Then not only healthy tea is prepared from them, but also natural syrup, which is turned into delicious gummies, drinks, and even ice cream and other delicacies.

The workshop is intended for everyone – big and small (from 4 years old). The number of participants – from 10 people. The duration of the education-tasting is 1.5-2 hours.

**Panekelpiai village 1, Radviliškis dist.**

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### .....BAKING OLD-FASHIONED GINGERBREAD.....



“For good deeds—a gingerbread, for bad ones—a whip!” people used to say. Gingerbread was the ultimate reward, which is why it was crafted and decorated with such care. During the workshop, you’ll learn about culinary heritage and spices. You’ll gain hands-on experience in shaping and decorating gingerbread. You’ll be amazed at how creative you are and at the delicious, beautifully adorned gingerbread you can make!

Duration: 1-2 hours. Workshops are organized year-round, with the option for educations in your premises  
Participants: Groups of 20 or more, with a minimum age of 4 years.

Lunch or dinner can also be arranged upon request.

**Kėdainių st. 32, Skėmiai village, Radviliškis dist.**

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### .....ESCAPE ROOM.....



An Escape Room is located in the granary of Kurtuvėnai Manor – perfect for nature and history lovers. Success relies on teamwork, logic, and keen observation.

The mission? Save the manor’s plants from extinction! Participants will not only have fun but also learn fascinating facts about local flora and the values of the regional park.

After the game, visitors are invited to explore the outdoor sensory area, where you can connect with nature through immersive sensory experiences. It’s a great way to spend quality time and discover the cultural site of Kurtuvėnai Manor.

Perfect for families and friend groups alike!

**Parko St. 2, Kurtuvėnai, Šiauliai dist.**

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The kaleidoscope of events in Šiauliai is colourful. The “Runway Run” in April, which has no analogues in the Baltic states, is a “fight” between a man and a fighter plane. The brightest lights shine during the event “Šiaulių naktys” (“Šiauliai Nights”). The city’s birthday “Šiaulių dienos” (“Šiauliai Days”) in September invites townspeople and guests to open-air concerts. The International Folklore Festival “Saulės žiedas” (“The Flower of the Sun”), taking place every two years, fills the city spaces with folk music and dances. The Chaimas Frenkelis’ Villa Summer Festival has already found its listener who enjoys both the voices of Sakartvel men and opera arias, surrounded by rose blossoms. “The Big Band Festival” shakes the city with the sound of trumpets in the summer.

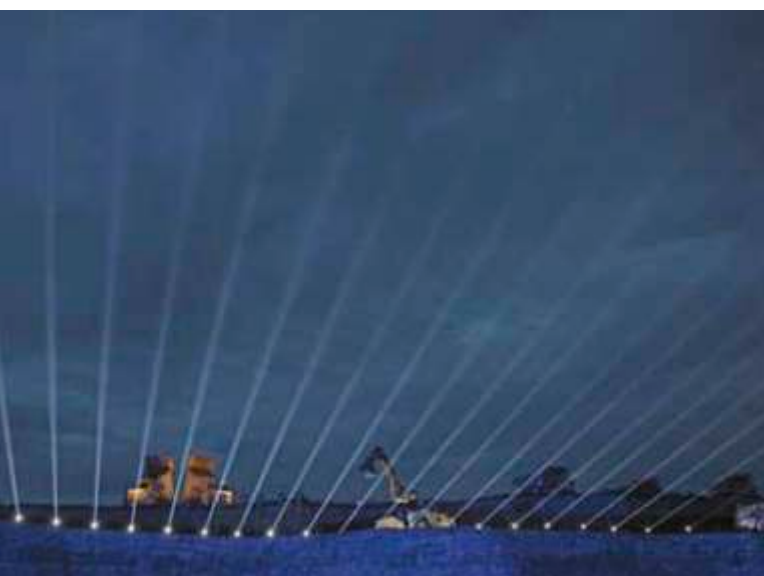






One can get to know Šiauliai region by participating in various regional events, festivals, and traditional celebrations. Music lovers do not miss musical events. Music, good conversation, and theatre meet at Kražiai Festival. Classical music fans gather in Tytuvėnai Summer Festival. Those who want to discover theatre in different spaces come to Kurtuvėnai Threshing Floor Theatre Festival.

Believers do not miss the indulgence feasts at the Hill of Crosses, and families enjoy themselves at the Family Festival in Naisiai.



Those who wish to see how old traditions intertwine with modern trends are invited to visit Akmenė Violin Festival ("Akmenės smuikelis"), which has been organized since 1972.

Numerous events are also organised in the manors of Šiauliai region. When tulips bloom in spring, everyone is attracted by Burbiškis manor, while the flower festival taking place at Pakruojis manor in the summer surprises with the creators' ingenuity and colours.

Žagarė Cherry Festival is one of the northernmost festivals in Lithuania. Not only concerts and entertainments but also the election of the most beautiful scarecrow are organised during the festival. Hundreds of scarecrows created by Žagarė residents adorn courtyards and streets.



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