

TRAVEL GUIDE

Zemgale  
welcomes 

Bountiful exploration  
and travel around Zemgale region

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# ZEMGALE WELCOMES!

Did you know that there are real dormice in Latvia? Or that it is actually possible to fly on a broomstick? That even among the familiar dishes you can find unrecognised, long-forgotten flavours of your childhood or particularly subtle and modern flavours? That there are thousands of different varieties of roses? Or that you can enjoy both winter and summer activities in Latvia? And even sleeping can become an Adventure with a capital letter? It may turn out that all of it is right here - very close to you... in Zemgale!

Zemgale offers an opportunity for everyone to discover something new. Whether it's a long-awaited escape from the noise of the city to relax your body and mind in the silence of nature, a real gastronomic experience, a romantic moment or loud and joyful adventures with friends and family - you can find it all right next door in Aizkraukle, Bauska, Dobele, Jēkabpils, Jelgava county and Jelgava City.

Where to start exploring? Getting outdoors, being active, tasting delights, celebrating and learning about history, or maybe just staying overnight in a beautiful place? That's up to you! The main thing is to take the first step and explore new worlds and horizons! Perhaps Zemgale will surprise and spoil you in unexpected ways.

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# GET INTO NATURE!

## Following the footsteps of the Lucky Bear... towards Zemgale

Do you know where you can find dormice and what the swallow holes are? Have you ever imagined that dunes can be located far from the sea, and that you can grow up to 2230 varieties of roses in one garden? Anytime is a good time to find it out and see it all for yourself! It will be a treat for both body and mind, combined with discovering new worlds

right next door - in Zemgale! There is a wide range of short and long paths, beautiful landscapes and interesting natural attractions to explore - from designed nature trails to parks and gardens, where you can find inspiration and ideas for cultivating your own little plot.

## SWALLOW HOLE AND "THE EAR OF GOD" IN AIZKRAUKLE

### 1 KOKNESE NATURE TRAIL

Along the banks of the rivers Pērse and Daugava, the 5,65 km-long trail winds all the way to The Garden of Destiny, inviting you to see the most beautiful nature scenes and feel the heritage of antiquity. Suitable for both families with children and cyclists.

- 📍 Koknese park, Koknese, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 visitkoknese.lv, visitaizkraukle.lv
- 📞 +371 29275412



### 2 THE GARDEN OF DESTINY

A symbol of the nation's constant renewal and growth, created in nature. The Friends Alley, the Amphitheatre, the avenue of destiny and the observation deck are some of the sights to be visited.

- 📍 Koknese, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 liktendarzs.lv
- 📞 +371 25495544



### 3 DAUGAVA VALLEY

A nature park created to protect a part of the Daugava valley that was left unchanged by the construction of the Plaviņas HPS.

The ruins of Aizkraukle Castle and a castle mound with ancient church, the Raven's Stone, the Lejasžagari cemetery and the Aizkraukle Lutheran Church are located here.

- 📍 Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv



### 4 VĪGANTE PARK AND MEMORIAL SITE OF CLIFF STABURAGS

The monument "The Ear of God" is located in Staburags – a place surrounded by stories, legends and raftsmen's tales, next to which you can see a daylily garden, the Staburags meeting house and P. Barisons' gazebo.

- 📍 Staburags parish, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv
- 📞 +371 29391109

### 5 SKANSTUPĪTE WATERFALL

One of the rare, un-flooded waterfalls of the Daugava tributaries. There is an observation deck with benches next to it where you can listen to the melodies of the water.

- 📍 Draudzības parks, Plaviņas, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv

### 6 KORKUĻI DRY BED

Here you can see a swallow hole in action - these are places where water disappears in or near the riverbed.

- 📍 Sērene parish, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv

### 7 BIOLOGICAL FARM "RAGĀRES"

You can see, touch, taste and smell 100 different medicinal plants and learn more about their use in everyday life.

- 📍 "Ragāres", Skrīveri parish, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 ragares.lv, visitaizkraukle.lv
- 📞 +371 29229588



## ROSES AND VIRTUAL SEMIGALLIANS IN BAUSKA COUNTY

### 8 ZVIRGZDE WHITE DUNE

It is considered as one of the highest inland dunes in Latvia, formed as early as 11 700 to 14 000 BC. A viewing platform has been built at the top of the dune, offering a picturesque view of the treetops.

- 📍 Vecumnieki parish, Bauska mun.
- 🌐 visit.bauska.lv



### 9 RUNDĀLE FRENCH GARDEN

Outside the palace that was built as a summer residence, you can explore the most remarkable Baroque Garden in the Baltics. It is home to more than 2,400 varieties of roses (flowering from May to mid-July), tulips and other flowers. The garden has won the European Garden Award.

- 📍 Pilsrundāle, Bauska mun.
- 🌐 rundale.net
- 📞 +371 26499151

### 10 MEŽOTNE HILLFORT AND WINE HILL

Walking along the trails and using the audio guide and "SAN" app, you can meet the virtual Semigallians Madis and Zīle, but in the exposition of the cultural space "Mežotne Church" you can learn about the castle mound and the ancient Semigallians.

- 📍 Mežotne Church, Rundāle parish, Bauska mun.
- 🌐 mezotnespilskalns.bauska.lv
- 📞 +371 28022044

## SEARCH FOR 5 PETAL LILAC IN GARDENS OF DOBELE

### 11 INSTITUTE OF HORTICULTURE

One of the largest lilac collections in Europe. There is something for everyone - the tasting of seasonal berry and fruit products, as well as garden events.

- 📍 Graudu street 1, Dobele
- 🌐 darzkopibasinstituts.lv
- 📞 +371 26408655



### 12 THE COLLECTION GARDEN "TAKE MY BREATH AWAY"

A long-cherished dream of the Lāči family, you can visit the garden, and get advice to create your own garden.

- 📍 Meža prospect 21, Dobele
- 🌐 @liktelpaizrauties
- 📞 +371 29507142



### 13 HOME GARDEN "FLOWER FUN IN PENKULE"

The two-hectare landscape of the farm was deliberately designed by the owner Aiga Kuģe, you can discover a wide variety of garden and meadow flowers, but also reedgrass, trees and shrubs.

- 📍 "Lielkuģi", Penkule parish, Dobele mun.
- 🌐 visitdobele.lv
- 📞 +371 26758487

### 14 BENĶU FAMILY GARDEN

A garden of flowers and roots grow alongside from early spring to late autumn, providing great inspiration for those who want to refine their garden or yard in a way that is not only beautiful, but also practical.

- 📍 Liepu street 5, Dobele
- 🌐 visitdobele.lv
- 📞 +371 26541868

### 15 KRIEVKALNI

A path leads to a forested rampart - a unique landform. Its highest point rises 149 m above sea level, offering a panoramic view of the vast expanses of Zemgale.

- 📍 Zebrene parish, Dobele mun.
- 🌐 visitdobele.lv
- 📞 +371 22007464

### 16 TĒRVETE NATURE PARK

It is worth to have a walk for young and old alike, discovering a fairytale world that only gets more magnificent every year.

- 📍 "Tērvetes sils", Tērvete parish, Dobele mun.
- 🌐 mammadaba.lv
- 📞 +371 28309394



## ALONG THE BARON PATHS IN JĒKABPILS

### 17 ZASA MANOR PARK

The park was created during the time of baron von Zasa in the 18th century and is now one of the most magnificent and beautiful places to walk in Selonia. The paths of the Manor Park convey the legends such as the Stone of Tears, the Islet of Love, the Sugar Mound and other objects.

📍 Zasa park, Zasa, Jēkabpils mun.  
🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv

### 18 GĀRSENE MANOR PARK

The educational trails of different lengths - Cultural and Historical, Green, Baron, Twilight Hour and Staburags invite you to discover more than 40 unique natural objects and give you a glimpse into the everyday life of the mysterious forest dwarves. Nearby you will find the heritage of the Baron von Budberg - the Gārsene Manor complex, which is also open to the public.

📍 "Labieši", Gārsene parish, Jēkabpils mun.  
🌐 garsenespils.lv  
☎ +371 26367150

### 19 NATURE RESERVE "LAUKEZERS"

This place is perfect for those who like to enjoy activities in nature - walking, jogging or using the cycle paths. There are swimming facilities and paddle board rental.

📍 Laukezers, Kūkas parish, Jēkabpils mun.  
🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv  
☎ +371 26862244 (SUP rental)



### 20 TABORKALNS

The highest hill at the northern end of the Selonia hillock range (157.8 m), which also has a 28 m high observation tower overlooking a wide area.

📍 Taborkalns, Sēlpils parish, Jēkabpils mun.  
🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv

### 21 FARM "BOĻĀNI"

Accompanied by the singing hostess Maija, you will be able to get acquainted with ancient tales, the truths and traditions of rural life, walk along well-kept paths, and enjoy various teas.

📍 "Boļāni", Sēlpils parish, Jēkabpils mun.  
🌐 bolani.mozello.lv  
☎ +371 26496601

## WILD HORSES IN JELGAVA

### 22 VILCE NATURE PARK

If you want to feel like you belong to a family of baron, this is the place to go. You can follow the trails up to the castle mound, one of the most scenically beautiful spots

among the flat farmland of Zemgale. It is also the right place for active recreation and nature exploration.

📍 Vilce manor, Vilce parish, Jelgava mun.  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv

### 23 LIELUPE FLOODLAND MEADOWS

The floodlands between the Lielupe and Driksa Rivers support an important diversity of plants and birds. More than 80 wild horses graze here, all of which can be seen from the almost 20-metre-high observation tower.

📍 Jelgava  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv



# From lilac blossoms to exotic trees

## GARDENS AND PARKS

The splendour is right next door - these gardens and parks are unique not only in Latvia, but also in Europe! Enjoy the landscape of gardens and let their

creators share tips and advice on how you can make the most of your - perhaps very small - plot of land.

### AIZKRAUKLE COUNTY

#### 24 SKRĪVERI DENDROLOGICAL PARK

The park is a unique European natural history monument, the park was created in 1891 by the dendrologist M.Siverss. Divided into 19 floristic and geographical areas, the park offers to explore the woody plants of the northern hemisphere and 33 world's rare species.

📍 Skrīveri dendrological park,  
Skrīveri parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 [visitaizkraukle.lv](http://visitaizkraukle.lv)

📞 +371 25661983



#### 25 KOKNESE PARK

It was built in 1900 at the mouth of the Pērse River in Daugava. Here you can enjoy trees of various species and rare wild flowers, wooden and stone sculptures, Celtic crosses and cast-iron cannons from Swedish times, as well as the ruins of the medieval castle, a reproduction of the Pērse waterfalls and fountain 'Fau'n's head'.

📍 Koknese, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 [visitkoknese.lv](http://visitkoknese.lv)

📞 +371 29275412

#### 26 ĒRBERĢE PARK

The history of the legendary Ērberģe manor dates back to the middle of the 15th century. Guided by the Blue Lady, you can explore the park and learn all the stories about the manor's former owners and other secrets.

📍 Skolas street 1, Ērberģe,  
Mazzalve parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 [visitaizkraukle.lv](http://visitaizkraukle.lv)

📞 +371 26156535

### BAUSKA COUNTY

#### 27 JUMPRAVA MANOR PARK AND DOLOMITE ROCK OUTCROPS

The park surprises with dolomite rock outcrops, ravines, springs, streams and even a small waterfall. It was created in the late 18th century and the artificial castle ruins on the rocky shore of the Lielupe River are still standing.

📍 Jumprava, Mežotne parish, Bauska mun.

🌐 @JSK.Jumprava

📞 +371 25415570



#### 28 STRŪBERĢI FAMILY LANDSCAPE GARDEN

You can find a wide range of conifers, wintergreens, perennials, bulbous flowerbeds, various decorative plants, also grapes, root and fruit garden.

📍 "Beibeži 17", Vecumnieki parish,  
Bauska mun.

🌐 [visit.bauska.lv](http://visit.bauska.lv)

📞 +371 29446329

#### 29 IECAVA MANOR PARK

Covering an area of 16.6 ha, the park was created in the style of a naturalistic English landscape park between 1795 and 1800. You can find a variety of broad-leaved trees, including exotic species, some of them are over 130 years old. The park also has an open-air trail with 15 paintings.

📍 Iecava, Bauska mun.

🌐 [visit.bauska.lv](http://visit.bauska.lv)

### DOBELE COUNTY

#### 30 SCHOOL PARK AND MEETING GARDEN IN KRIMŪNAS

The park next to the Krimūnas Primary School has unique distinctive trees, environmental elements and a bandstand. It is designed as a place for relaxation, walks and picnics.

📍 Parka street, Krimūnas, Krimūnas parish,  
Dobele mun.

🌐 [visitdobelev.lv](http://visitdobelev.lv)

📞 +371 25488435

#### 31 ĀLAVE MANOR PARK

While the manor itself is undergoing renovation, the park already offers interactive trails and a variety of trees, including 22 non-native species, a fireplace and excursions.

📍 Ālave manor, Penkule parish, Dobele mun.

🌐 [alaves-muiza.lv](http://alaves-muiza.lv)

📞 +371 29343749

### JĒKABPILS COUNTY

#### 32 STRŪVE PARK IN JĒKABPILS

The UNESCO World Heritage List includes 34 Strūve Geodetic Arc points in 10 countries, including Latvia, and one of them is located in Jēkabpils - in Strūve Park.

📍 Vilhelm Strūve street, Jēkabpils

🌐 [visit.jekabpils.lv](http://visit.jekabpils.lv)



### 33 KENN PARK IN JĒKABPILS

The park in the heart of the city dates back to the 19th century when the liquor factory "Joh. Kenn" was located to the Kenn Manor and produced up to 50 000 bottles of liqueur every year. The park is designed according to three principles - ecological, economic, aesthetic.

- 📍 Dambja street 12, Jēkabpils
- 🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv



### 34 MARINZEJA MANOR PARK

The Anglo-French mixed-style park with many rare tree species and the waterfront of Lake Marinceja is an excellent place for walking and enjoying nature. The park has a sound therapy trail and the lakeside offers well-equipped recreation and swimming areas.

- 📍 Marinceja manor, Atašiene parish, Jēkabpils mun.
- 🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv



### 35 RUBENE NATURE PARK

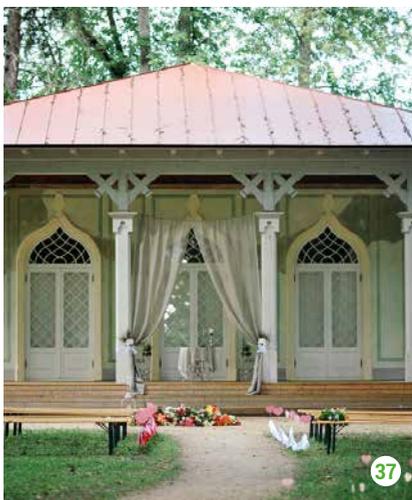
There are ornamental plants and rock gardens, a water lily-shaped fountain, a pond with an island, a monument created by K.Baumanis to the poet Rainis, as well as rare tree species. There are well-equipped recreation areas - a Dwarf Village and a playground with swings.

- 📍 Rubene parish, Jēkabpils mun.
- 🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv

### 36 ASARE MANOR PARK

Arriving here is like travelling in time! The park unites the buildings of the manor - the church, the ruins of the manor house (castle), the gardener's and the manager's houses - as well as a romantic dendrological landscape park.

- 📍 Parka street 3, Asare, Asare parish, Jēkabpils mun.
- 🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv



## JELGAVA COUNTY

### 37 ELEJA MANOR PARK AND TEA HOUSE

This park is a magnificent example not only in Latvia, but also in Europe. Historical paths have been restored, a bridge across

the pond to the peninsula and interactive objects have been created - the sculpture "Love" by the sculptor Gļebs Panteļejevs and the environmental object "Conversation", which allows people to talk to each other from their own waterfront.

- 📍 Eleja park, Eleja parish, Jelgava mun.
- 🌐 visit.jelgava.lv
- ☎ +371 26128853

### 38 LIELPLATONE MANOR AND PARK

The manor complex preserved a laundry house, gardener's cottage, stables, barn and a chapel. The legendary manor house is surrounded by an authentic 9 ha big park from Baron time.

- 📍 Alejas street 7, Lielplatone, Jelgava mun.
- 🌐 visit.jelgava.lv
- ☎ +371 26611468

### 39 VIRCAVA MANOR PARK

The 15 ha large Baroque-style garden has a distinctive parterre and a 300-year-old linden tree avenue.

- 📍 Vircava parish, Jelgava mun.
- 🌐 visit.jelgava.lv
- ☎ +371 27854597, +371 29916889

### 40 STAĻĢĒNE MANOR PARK

The park has an annual Latvian tradition circle symbolising eight annual celebrations of the Latvians, where you can silently pray to the ancestors for strength and endurance. From the park you have a nice walkway to Lielupe.

- 📍 Skolas street 4, Staļģene, Jaunsvirlaukas parish, Jelgava mun.
- 🌐 visit.jelgava.lv
- ☎ +371 26383129

### 41 OZOLNIEKI FOREST PARK

Ozolnieki forest is a great place for active recreation and peaceful walks. There are two ski trails, as well as several walking and Nordic walking trails.

- 📍 Ozolnieki forest park, Ozolnieki, Jelgava mun.
- 🌐 visit.jelgava.lv



# From marshes to dwarfs

## NATURE TRAILS AND WALKING SITES

Those who want to enjoy nature calmly and with a predictable level of difficulty, specially marked nature trails will be most suitable. There are many sites created recently in Zemgale thinking about different tastes - for

those who want to learn more along the way or experience an adventure in a fantasy world, and those who come to enjoy the sounds and peace of nature.

### AIZKRAUKLE COUNTY

#### 42 AKLAIS BOG TRAIL

The bog is home to several protected bird and plant species, and there is a 3 km long walking trail leading alongside Lake Ģirupe. There is a viewing platform and a recreation area by the lake. Difficulty level - medium.

📍 Aklais bog trail, Daudzese parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 [visitaizkraukle.lv](http://visitaizkraukle.lv)

#### 43 MOSS, LAKE AND LUCKY BEAR'S TRAIL

The trails start opposite the Skrīveri Dendrological Park. The Lake Trail (400 m) connects Kalnamuiža Lake with Vidusstīga; the Lucky Bear's trail encircles Kalnamuiža Lake, while on the Moss trail you can meet the characters from writer A. Upītis novel "The Boys of Moss Village" (both 800 m).

📍 Kalnamuiža lake, Skrīveri parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 [visitaizkraukle.lv](http://visitaizkraukle.lv)

📞 +371 25661983

#### 44 AŠĶERE RIVER GULLY WITH THE SPĪDALA TRAIL

The 400 m long trail winds along both banks of the Ašķere River, connecting the Rīga-Daugavpils highway with Aizkraukle Castle Hill, offering a picturesque view of Selonia. The river gully is home to a rare species of animal - European edible dormouse.

📍 Skrīveri parish, Aizkraukle mun.

📞 +371 25661983



#### 45 NATURE TRAIL IN ORGANIC FARM "JANAVAS"

Around one km long nature farm trail in the Daugava Valley takes you into the world of wild herbal and medicinal plants, offering you the chance to relax your mind and body, learn ancient truths about plants, and be surprised by the Bāba spring.

📍 "Janavas", Koknese parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 [visitkoknese.lv](http://visitkoknese.lv)

📞 +371 25994160

### BAUSKA COUNTY

#### 46 NATURE TRAIL "BAUSKA"

The trail starts in the old town of Bauska, on Brīvības avenue, and winds along the picturesque banks of the Mēmele River and Bauska Castle to Ķīrbaksala, where the Lielupe River begins at the confluence of the Mūsa and Mēmele Rivers. On the return you can pass by the longest dolomite outcrops in Latvia on the Mūsa side of the river.

📍 Bauska

🌐 [visit.bauska.lv](http://visit.bauska.lv)

#### 47 "DIEVDĀRZIŅŠ" NATURE TRAIL IN IECAVA

God's garden or "Dievdārziņš" is an ancient site on the banks of the Iecava River, with a picturesque view of the river and the Iecava Lutheran Church. A walk along the wooden walkway leads to spectacular dolomite outcrops. A free audio guide is available.

📍 Pārupes street 3-4, Iecava, Bauska mun.

🌐 [visit.bauska.lv](http://visit.bauska.lv)

#### 48 SKAISTKALNE KARST SINKHOLES

This is the largest sinkhole territory in Latvia - they are found in several places in Skaistkalne, but especially in the forest area along the Mēmele River. There is also an interactive exhibition about sinkholes in the Skaistkalnes Magazine barn.

📍 Skaistkalne, Bauska mun.

🌐 [visit.bauska.lv](http://visit.bauska.lv)

📞 +371 26346250



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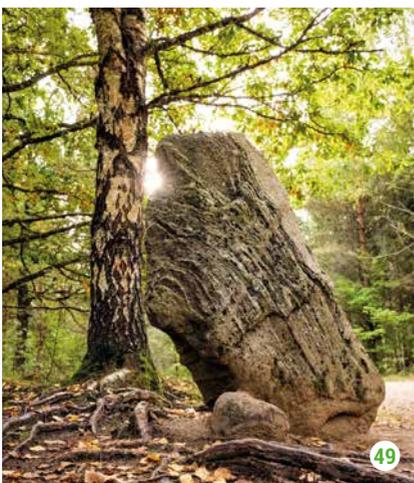
### 49 POKAIŅI FOREST TRAIL

The Pokaiņi Forest with its steep hills and deep valley forms a picturesque landscape, but what makes it unusual are the mysterious stone rivers, stacks, mounds and peculiar twisted stones. The trails are 15 km long.

📍 "Senpokaiņi", Naudīte parish, Dobele mun.

🌐 visitdobele.lv

☎ +371 22007464



### 50 VIPĒDE LAKE TRAIL

Lake Vipēde is located in a forest area and has an island. The lake is popular with carp fishermen, but there are also roach, rudd and pike. The shores of the lake are marshy, so there are walkways around the lake. Boat hire, camping and tent spots are available.

📍 Vipēdis, Zebrene parish, Dobele mun.

🌐 vipedis.lv

☎ +371 26346725

### 51 SVĒTE LAKE WALKING TRAIL

Separated from Lake Zebrus by Elk Hill and Svēte marsh, the lake now exists separately, although in ancient times the two were con-

nected. The lake is open for fishing. Yellow and white water lilies bloom in summer and a trail leads along the shore of the picturesque lake up to the Zebrus Elk Hill.

📍 Zebrene parish, Dobele mun.

🌐 visitdobele.lv

☎ +371 22007464

## JĒKABPILS COUNTY

### 52 ROGĀĻI RAVINE AND ROGĀĻI STONE

In Rogāļi ravine everyone can enjoy the scenic walking trail, see the Rogāļi stone, drink clear water of the Love Spring and meet the mythical characters from the tale of the gully's origin.

📍 Nature park "Rogāļu grava", Kūkas parish, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv

### 53 LOVE TRAIL IN VIESĪTE

A walkway in a swamp with recreation areas and a children's playground. It starts at Viesīte Pharmacy and leads to the bandstand on Love Island. The trail is one-way and it is approximately 600 m long.

📍 Brīvības street 2, Viesīte, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv



### 54 JĒKABPILS FOREST PARK

Located on the shores of the Radži reservoir, it serves as a great place for daily physical activity and healthy lifestyle. Around the res-

ervoir there is a beautiful 6.4 km long trail, suitable for walking, jogging and cycling.

📍 Mežaparka street 15, Jēkabpils

🌐 jekabpilssc.lv

### 55 DAUGAVA EMBANKMENT PROMENADE IN JĒKABPILS

Walking along the pedestrian promenade, you can enjoy the flow of Daugava River and see the silhouettes of the city buildings, while informative stands allow you to learn how the ferry operated and what kind of devastating floods the river brought to the city.

📍 Jēkabpils, both banks of Daugava

🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv



### 56 SAUKA NATURE PARK

Lake Sauka is the central landmark of the park - the largest lake in Selonia. There are several well-maintained and publicly accessible swimming areas on its shores. There is a 26 km marked cycling route around the lake, which will amaze you with its beautiful views.

📍 Sauka nature park, Elkšpi parish, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv

## JELGAVA

### 57 WOODEN BOARDWALKS AT THE FLOODLAND MEADOWS OF SVĒTE RIVER

Wooden walkways have been built in the area between Sniega Street and Vītoli, Būriņi and Miežiņe roads, revealing the beauty of the floodland meadows of the River Svēte. The length of the walkways is around 1.6 km, it is accessible for strollers and people with reduced mobility.

📍 Sniega street, Miežiņe road, Būriņi road, Jelgava (access from different points)

🌐 visit.jelgava.lv



### 58 MĪTAVA WALKING BRIDGE

The bridge crosses Driksa River and is named after the town's historical name. It is curved in three dimensions in the shape of the letter S and hangs in 28 cables. Its complex technical design makes it unique in the Baltics.

📍 Pasta island, Jelgava

🌐 visit.jelgava.lv



# Visit the furry, horned and other animals

## MINI ZOO

Not only to encounter and see animals in person, but also to feed and cuddle all kinds of animals - furry, horned,

familiar and unseen creatures are waiting for you at various farms and specially created mini zoos!

### AIZKRAUKLE COUNTY

#### 59 MINI ZOO "KARLĪNAS"

You can meet pure-bred rabbits and various exotic birds - lavender turkeys, golden cockerels, silkie, African geese, Indian runner ducks. As well as marmots, sheep, goats, llamas, etc. Pony rides are available.

📍 Siljāņi, Vietalva parish, Aizkraukle mun.

📱 @Mini Zoo "Karlīnas"

📞 +371 26108488

(outside tourist season prior reservation)

#### 60 STABLES "SARMĪTES STAĻĻI"

Horse riding, carriage rides, sleigh rides in snowy winters. Pony rides for children.

📍 "Lielkažoki-1", Skrīveri parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv

📞 +371 29748079

#### 61 STABLES "DZINTARA ZIRGI"

Horseback riding and horse-drawn carriage rides: sleigh rides in winter, carriage rides in summer, both on the farm and at events.

📍 Dzintari, Aiviekste parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv

📞 +371 26323070



### BAUSKA COUNTY

#### 62 MINIZOO "DOBUĻI"

You can see around 200 exotic animals and a diverse collection of birds, including wild animals such as rhinos, monkeys, raccoons, kangaroos and skunks. You can enjoy picnics, as well as feed the animals with special animal feed.

📍 "Dobuļi", Iecava parish, Bauska mun.

🌐 minizoo.lv

📞 +371 29177846

#### 63 HOMESTEAD POULTRY FARM "CAUNĪTES"

You can explore all kinds of poultry and small animals, including Latvian national poultry breeds.

📍 "Caunītes", Iecava parish, Bauska mun.

📱 @Caunites

📞 +371 26004542



#### 64 RABBIT TOWN

An open-air tourist attraction with more than 35 breeds of rabbits that live in a miniature town with residential houses. You can also see other animals - highlander cattle, goats, poultry and other pets.

📍 Code parish, Bauska mun.

🌐 trusupilsetina.lv

📞 +371 29548071

### DOBELE COUNTY

#### 65 FARM "BRIEŽI"

The largest collection of orchids in Latvia, as well as exotic animals - iguanas, geckos, red-eared turtles, horned frogs, hissing cockroaches and Shetland ponies - are available here. There are camping spots and fishing in the ponds is allowed.

📍 "Brieži", Naudīte parish, Dobeles mun.

🌐 visitdobele.lv

📞 +371 26411428



#### 66 ANNELE ZOO

Mini Zoo is located in the territory of the Forest Nature Park in Tērvete - Annele meadow, where the writer Anna Brigadere spent her childhood. Visitors can meet pet rabbits, goats, farm birds and Nutria.

📍 "Tērvetes sils", Tērvete parish, Dobeles mun.

🌐 annelezoo.lv

📞 +371 26738535



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### 67 RABBITS IN LIELAUCE

You can see the most important and well-known objects in the Auce area, created in miniature and inhabited by families of rabbits. There is also an opportunity to feed them with the food provided by the owners.

📍 "Krašņi", Lielauce, Lielauce parish, Dobeles mun.

📱 @Aucesnovadsminiatura

☎️ +371 26206582



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### 68 TROPICAL BUTTERFLY HOUSE "TĒRVĒTES TAURIŅI"

Feel like you are in the tropics and see the splendour of the wings of butterflies from Asia, South America and Africa and learn all about their structure, features and feeding habits.

📍 "Tērvetes sils", Tērvete parish, Dobeles mun

🌐 tervetestaurini.lv

☎️ +371 29353571

## JĒKABPILS COUNTY

### 69 MINI ZOO "ZAĻUMNIEKU SĒTA"

You will be welcomed by dwarf goats, the world's biggest and heaviest birds - a family of ostriches - will surprise everyone, and children will especially love guinea pigs, rabbits and other animals.

📍 "Zaļumnieku sēta", Rīte parish, Jēkabpils mun.

📱 @ZalumniekuSeta

☎️ +371 29354378 Weekdays with prior appointment, weekends without appointment. For viewing open from April to November.

### 70 FARM "SAULES ALPAKAS"

Alpaca farm and family-run café, where you can see and pet the animals, enjoy delicious coffee and dine in a peaceful country atmosphere.

📍 "Saules", Kūkas parish, Jēkabpils mun.

📱 @saulesalpakas

☎️ +371 26164441



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### 71 NYX & IRIS HORSE STABLES

Horse riding, event spaces and overnight accommodation. A tour of the farm with different horse breeds, as well as a visit to the historic "Bērzzemnieki" house.

📍 "Bērzzemnieki", Zasa, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 nyxandiris.lv

☎️ +371 25239748



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### 72 FARM "MĪLDZĪVŅIEKU BIEDRĪBA"

Horseback riding, therapeutic riding, photo shoots with horses or just petting the animals. In winter, you can go horse-drawn sleigh rides. Here you can experience a stable life, clean, saddle and prepare your horse for riding.

📍 Līči, Krustpils parish, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv

☎️ +371 26553868



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## JELGAVA CITY AND JELGAVA COUNTY

### 73 MINI ZOO "LAUKU SĒTA"

This is a place for peaceful walks around the farm, looking at the animals - donkeys, ponies, miniature horses, llamas, alpacas, sheep, dwarf goats, birds, cats (Maine Coon), herding dogs (Border Collies, Sheltie) and fish in the pond.

📍 "Jaunaudzēs", Brankas, Cēnas parish, Jelgavas mun.

🌐 zoolaukuseta.lv

☎️ +371 27171712 Visiting season from 13 May to October. Closed weekdays, Sat-Sun 10:00-18:00, other times by appointment.

#### 74 OSTRICH FARM "MAZZARIŅI"

One of the largest ostrich farms in Latvia. You can see and get comprehensive information about the largest birds on the planet - African, Australian and South American ostriches. You can buy souvenirs and various products made from ostrich feathers, eggshells, etc.

📍 Nākotne, Glūda parish, Jelgava mun.

🌐 [visit.jelgava.lv](http://visit.jelgava.lv)

☎️ +371 29473685, +371 27178050



#### 75 GOATS FARM "LĪCĪŠI"

You can see more than 200 goats, different breeds of chickens and horses, cuddle the animals, listen to stories about farming, goat milk processing, and taste goat milk, kefir and cheeses. You can also have a picnic.

📍 "Līcīši", Cenas parish, Jelgava mun.

🌐 [licisi.lv](http://licisi.lv)

☎️ +371 29322860

#### 76 STABLE "MĪTAVAS ZIRGI"

The stable offers children's camps, rides and classes, and is the first place in Latvia to offer something unique - yoga on horseback, or balance exercises on horseback with yoga elements. Here you can enjoy peace, nature and the healing presence of horses.

📍 "Daunāti", Vircava parish, Jelgava mun.

🌐 [mitavaszirgi.com](http://mitavaszirgi.com)

☎️ +371 28611961

#### 77 RECREATION AREA "TĪREĻU STALLIS"

Families can take an educational tour, spend time with the horses and visit the stable's foals. You can rent a shelter, picnic area or event space. Various activities are available, including cooking your own food.

📍 Tīreļa street 42, Tīreļi, Valgunde parish, Jelgava mun.

🌐 [visit.jelgava.lv](http://visit.jelgava.lv)

☎️ +371 26544243



#### 78 FARM "MAZMUŠĶU ZIRGI"

You can pet and feed the horses, as well as see a special pine tree, a dance floor where parties were held in the 1920s and 1930s, French Napoleonic War-era relics, a soldiers' burial site, a rope bridge over the Misa and the site of the Cena Manor's place.

📍 "Mazmušķi", Cenas parish, Jelgava mun.

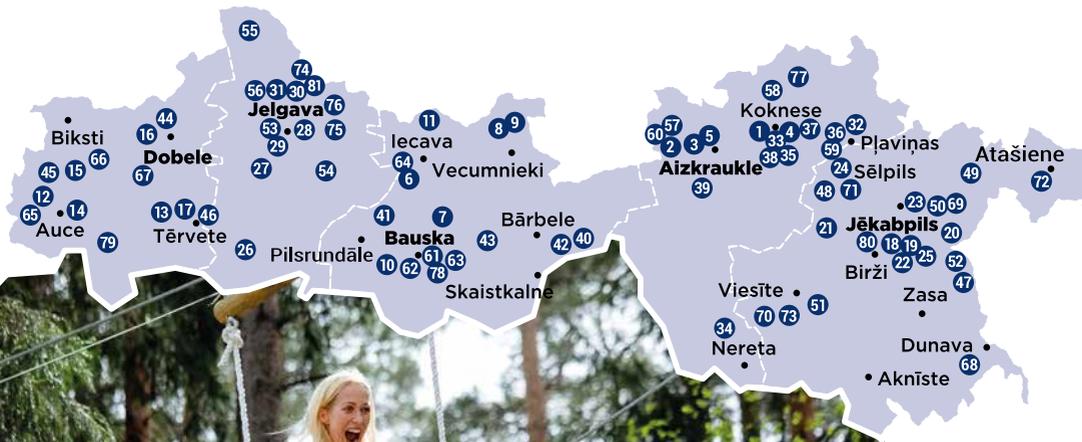
🌐 [visit.jelgava.lv](http://visit.jelgava.lv)

☎️ +371 29140535



Castle island horses

Zemgale  
welcomes 



# BE ACTIVE!

## Viking spirit, big catfish and extreme adventures in Zemgale

What can make Latvia's short summers and long winters interesting? Maybe a ride on the White Goat, a flight with a broom or a labyrinth on wooden legs? Or maybe a spot of hide-and-seek and orienteering in a landfill, a ride on a stand-up paddle board or go-kart, a scramble net park or a horseback ride? If you're looking for something

interesting outside everyday city life, make a stop in Zemgale - in the scenic nature of the region you will find interesting boat and cycling routes, various activities for the whole family, as well as special offers for the more adrenaline-filled. All you have to do is to choose the one that suits you best!

## VIKING BOATS AND WITCH AIRFIELD IN AIZKRAUKLE

### 1 VIKING BOATS "LĀČPLĒSIS" AND "NAMEISIS"

An opportunity to enjoy a trip along the Daugava and Pērse Rivers, getting to know the stories of the places around and sailing on real Semigallian boats surrounded by legends.

📍 "Lāčplēsis": "Annas klints",  
Klintaine parish, Aizkraukle mun.

📍 "Nameisis": Kokneses castle ruins,  
Koknese, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 mezmalasvikings.mozello.lv

☎️ +371 26161131



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### 2 WATER TOURISM CENTER "BALTA KAZA"

You can go on excursions by boat, use the ferry across the Daugava from Skrīveri to Jaunjelgava, as well as rent other water equipment. Concerts are held here in the summer, you can participate in the Swimming Festival and the Run of Strong Men and Women.

📍 "Klidziņa", Skrīveri parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 kugisbaltakaza.lv

☎️ +371 29442587

### 3 "RAGANU LIDLAKUS" IN DAUGAVA VALLEY NATURAL PARK

You can come here in bigger groups as everyone will be trained to fly with a



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broomstick and get to know the benefits of the witches' barometer. You can see fossils of fish, algae and shells on a tour of the old lime kiln and relieve your thirst in the spring "Kuprainīša avots".

📍 "Ceplī", Aizkraukle parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv

☎️ +371 23073158

### 4 HOLIDAY PIER "PĒRSEJAS"

Rent of stand-up paddle boards and rowing boats, orienteering and active recreation routes on the river or land with friends, family or work team. A picnic area with a possibility to try a soup made on fire in a beautiful landscape on the banks of the river Pērse.

📍 "Pērsejas", Koknese, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 misijakoknese.lv

☎️ +371 29119882

### 5 MULTIFUNCTIONAL BICYCLE PARK IN AIZKRAUKLE

More than 9000 m<sup>2</sup> of space to ride around the track, perform stunts and have fun. The bicycle park has a pump track, a skate park, benches for rest and walking trails.

📍 "Vecmaurēni-1", Aizkraukle,  
Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv



## FROM LABYRINTHS TO QUAD BIKES IN BAUSKA

### 6 AMUSEMENT PARK "LABIRINTI"

This will be a unique discovery for families with children and school groups, as they can enjoy more than 20 activities and compete in various sports, leisure and board games over an area of 3.5 hectares. The game with "wooden legs" and the ride with "air chair" are particular highlights.

📍 "Bērziņi", Zorģi, Iecava parish, Bauska mun.

🌐 labirinti.lv

📞 +371 26320336, +371 26425247

(operates during season only)



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### 7 GEOCACHING

Orienteering enthusiasts have the opportunity to discover the most mysterious and scenic places in the region while searching for more than 50 geocaches, including the special White Swan, which is worth exploring.

🌐 common map – geocaching.com



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### 8 GREEN ROAD TRIPS

Guided tours on quad bikes with the possibility to visit the owner of the beehives. The routes are designed to explore the largest inland dune in Latvia, discover mysterious forest lakes, have fun and catch an adrenaline rush.

📍 Bauskas street 17, Vecumnieki, Bauska mun.

🌐 greenroadtrips.lv

📞 +371 29393199, +371 28815330

### 9 ORIENTEERING IN VECUMNIEKI

You will find four different orienteering tracks.

📍 Vecumnieki, Bauska mun.

🌐 visit.bauska.lv

### 10 ELECTRIC CAR TOUR IN RUNDĀLE

A 20-minute electric car ride through Rundāle Palace Park in the summer season. An audio guide in 11 languages is available.

📍 Rundāle castle, Pilsrundāle, Bauska mun.

🌐 elektromobilis.wordpress.com

📞 +371 29169034



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### 11 DISC GOLF PARK "MEŽAVOTI"

Disc golf is suitable for both experienced players and beginners. The track is 1684 m long and has 18 baskets.

📍 "Priēžavotiņi", Iecava parish, Bauska mun.

📱 @mezavotidiscgolf

📞 +371 26445994

## FISHING RODS IN THE WATER IN DOBELE

### 12 BOAT STATION AT THE LVM LAKE LIELLAUCE

You can rent boats, pedal boats, standing paddle boards, and stay overnight in floating and eco-friendly camping cabins for a romantic getaway or a rest after a long working week.

📍 LVM Lielaucē lake, Lielaucē parish, Dobele mun.

🌐 visitdobele.lv

📞 +371 22007464

### 13 HORSE RIDING IN TĒRVETE

Riding horses trained by Augēnija Rulle will be unique also for those who have already tried riding, as you can even exercise on horseback.

📍 "Īkšķīši", Tērvete parish, Dobele mun.

🌐 izjades-tervete.lv

📞 +371 26824856

### 14 DISC GOLF PARK "APINĪŠI"

This game is suitable for people of all ages and physical abilities, allowing you to enjoy the atmosphere at your own pace.

📍 "Apinīši", Vītiņi parish, Dobele mun.

🌐 visitdobele.lv

📞 +371 26163362



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### 15 LEISURE COMPLEX "VIPĒDIS"

Everyone will find the best fishing spot in the complex. You can also rent a boat or stand-up paddle board to enjoy romantic moments at sunrise or sunset.

📍 Vipēdis, Zebrene parish, Dobele mun.

🌐 vipedis.lv

📞 +371 26346725, +371 22025441



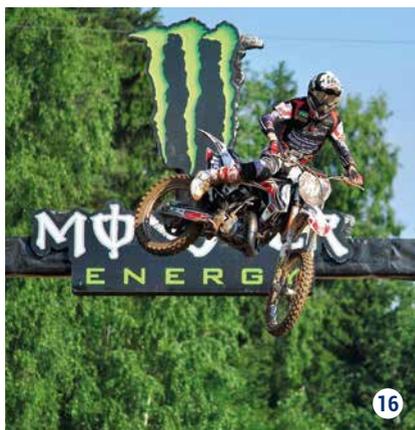
### 16 ACTIVE LEISURE AND SPORTS COMPLEX "CEĻA ĒZEĻI"

You can try out various activities – motor sports, archery, cross-country skiing in winter, and a disc golf park.

📍 "Ceļa Ēzeļi", Auri parish, Dobele mun.

📱 @dobelesnovads

📞 +371 29293719



### 17 CYCLING ADVENTURE TRACK IN TĒRVETE

A three-km-long cycling track with 40+ different wooden elements for both young and experienced cyclists. It's a chance to get moving and compete against each other.

📍 Tērvete parish, Dobele mun.

🌐 visitdobele.lv

### FOREST DOMINOES, DAUGAVA RAPIDS AND PAINTBALL IN JĒKABPILS

### 18 JĒKABPILS FOREST PARK

You can find not only sports fields and fitness equipment for strength training, but also try out roller-skiing, all-season tubing track, disc golf, various paths and even a large-format Forest Dominoes game. The main beach of the Radži reservoir is close by, where you can rent boats, kayaks, pedal boats and stand-up paddle boards.

📍 Mežaparka street 15, Jēkabpils

🌐 jekabpilssc.lv

### 19 PAINTBALL PARK "X3M"

The largest paintball park in the region, offering activities for the more adventurous - paintball and laser tag games, equipment rental, also offer organization of the games outside the premises.

📍 Zīriņu street 5, Jēkabpils

🌐 x3m.lv

📞 +371 29231394



### 20 LEISURE PLACE, BOAT RENTAL "DAUGMALES"

Offers a one or two-day trip along the Daugava rapids from Līvāni to Jēkabpils.

You can use sauna or relax in a log cabin, and those who decide to try their luck at fishing might pull out a whiskered Daugava catfish. You can stay in cosy wooden houses.

📍 "Daugmales", Trepe, Vīpe parish, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 daugmales.lv

📞 +371 26413188

### 21 SPORTS CENTRE IN JĒKABPILS WITH ICE HALL

The multi-purpose sports hall can be used for basketball and volleyball training, as well as for various competitions with the capacity to host up to 1100 fans. The hall also has a category "B" ice rink suitable for ice hockey, curling and ice skating.

📍 Brīvības street 289 B, Jēkabpils

🌐 jekabpilssc.lv

📱 +371 25917332

### 22 QUAD BIKES "K RENT"

Offers quad bike rental for active recreation in Jēkabpils and a chance to explore the city from a different perspective.

📍 "Kļavas", Ābeļu parish, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv

📞 +371 22485883



### 23 PUMP TRACK IN JĒKABPILS

A specially designed asphalt track consisting of different sized hills, switchbacks and small jumps. Suitable for riders of all ages and levels.

📍 Filozofu street 15, Jēkabpils

🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv





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**24 OPEN AIR LEISURE COMPLEX "ZVEJNIEKLĪCIS"**

There is a bandstand, a children's playground, sports fields, walkways along the banks of the Daugava River, parking and a boat dock.

- 📍 Zvejnieklīcis, Sēlpils parish, Jēkabpils mun.
- 🌐 [visit.jekabpils.lv](http://visit.jekabpils.lv)

**25 KARTING HALL IN JĒKABPILS**

Go-karting on an indoor track. Track length 225 m. Event space rental is available.

- 📍 Ausekļa street 3, Jēkabpils
- 🌐 [visit.jekabpils.lv](http://visit.jekabpils.lv)
- ☎️ +371 20579691, +371 22356249



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**LASER TAG, HORSES AND ELECTRIC SCOOTERS IN JELGAVA AND JELGAVA COUNTY**

**26 VILCE NATURE PARK**

The park covers the area of 144 hectares, where you can not only enjoy one of the most scenically beautiful places in Zemgale, where the Vilce and Rukūze Rivers meet through ravines, diversifying the landscape of flat farmland in the region, but also compete in disc golf tournaments.

- 📍 Vilce manor, Vilce parish, Jelgava mun.
  - 🌐 [visit.jelgava.lv](http://visit.jelgava.lv)
  - ☎️ +371 26351169, +371 28346682
- (pre-booking requested for guided tours and disc golf equipment rental)



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**27 RECREATION COMPLEX "GRANTIŅI"**

Football, volleyball and badminton enthusiasts can play their favourite games here, as well as you can go fishing, boating and water biking, and stay for overnight camping in cabins or relaxing on VIP peninsulas.

- 📍 "Grantiņi 1", Svēte parish, Jelgava mun.
  - 🌐 [grantiniccamp.lv](http://grantiniccamp.lv)
  - ☎️ +371 28602267
- (open during the active tourist season)



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**28 LASER PAINTBALL PARK "LASERDOG"**

Indoor laser tag is located in the building of former soviet vehicle production "Lauktechnika" that is 1200 m2 big. Laser tag is an exciting game for anyone who loves to be active with family, friends or colleagues.

- 📍 Aviācijas street 8D, Jelgava
- 🌐 [laserdog.lv](http://laserdog.lv)
- ☎️ +371 20000089



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**29 STABLE "MĪTAVAS ZIRGI"**

A new stable located in the forest near Jelgava and offers children's camps, rides and

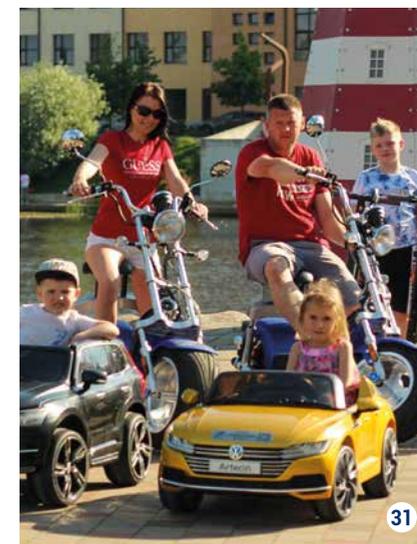
classes. Here you can enjoy peace, nature and the healing presence of horses.

- 📍 "Daunāti", Vircava parish, Jelgava mun.
- 🌐 [mitavaszirgi.com](http://mitavaszirgi.com)
- ☎️ +371 28611961

**30 HORSE BREEDING FARM "PRINCIS"**

Horse riding, riding lessons, pony rides. An indoor arena has been built to enjoy horse riding in winter.

- 📍 Gaiļi stable, Cenu parish, Jelgava mun.
- 🌐 [visitjelgava.lv](http://visitjelgava.lv)
- ☎️ +371 26563936, +371 20206039



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**31 RENTAL OF ELECTRIC MOPEDS AND ELECTRIC SCOOTERS "MIGO CITY"**

An electric scooter rental and electric boat trips are available at the rowing club "KC" on Pasta Island. This is an opportunity to explore Jelgava in an unusual way, getting to know the city's most beautiful places in a quick way.

- 📍 Pasta sala 3a, Jelgava
  - 🌐 [migocity.lv](http://migocity.lv)
  - ☎️ +371 26623961
- (open during the active tourist season)

# Through rapids and in calm waters

## WATER TOURISM AND BOATING ROUTES

Boating is always a great way for families with children, friends and colleagues to spend the summer together, enjoying the magic, power and beauty of nature. Zemgale has a particular focus on it therefore it offers a wide variety of waterways to suit all tastes and levels of difficulty.

There are rental points for boats and other water vehicles, so no matter if you are a beginner or an experienced water expert, you can rent everything you need for a cruise or a relaxing time on the water. Just choose the route that suits you and set off on a new adventure!

### GET TO KNOW THE VALUES OF DAUGAVA! /AIZKRAUKLE COUNTY/

#### 32 EXPLORE THE DAUGAVA RIVER

Explore the Daugava River, see Oliņkalns, Krustalīcis and Krauklis cliffs, Staburags Memorial Site, Vīgante Park and more on a one-day boating trip. The route is about 19 km long, but it can be extended as far as Aizkraukle.

📍 Starting point: "Annas klints",  
Klintaine parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 [visit aizkraukle.lv](http://visit aizkraukle.lv)

#### 33 ROUTE "The Garden of Destiny - Koknese medieval castle ruins - Pērse waterfall site - Koknese medieval castle ruins - The Garden of Destiny" in the Daugava un Pērse Rivers



You can take a pedal boat, stand-up paddle board or boat. The route offers enchanting landscapes that give a glimpse into the heritage of antiquity and watch how the past and the present join in The Garden of Destiny. Boats can be launched at the Gundega dock.

📍 Starting point: The Garden of Destiny,  
Koknese, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 [visit aizkraukle.lv](http://visit aizkraukle.lv)

#### 34 ROUTE "NERETA-ĒRBERĢE" ALONG THE DIENVIDSUSĒJA RIVER

(~38 km, downstream). The route includes areas where the river flows through meadows, pastures and forests; there are sections of rapids as well as the opportunity to enjoy peaceful boating. If the water level is low, trips are difficult.

📍 Starting point: Nereta, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 [visit aizkraukle.lv](http://visit aizkraukle.lv)

#### 35 "WATER JOYS IN KOKNESE!"

Rental of pedal boats, stand-up paddle boards, rowing boats offering the opportunity to spend time on the river, while enjoying the scenery of the medieval ruins of Koknese Castle, the garden The Garden of Destiny and other remarkable and beautiful places on the Daugava River.

📍 Koknese medieval castle ruins,  
Koknese Park, Koknese, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 [visit koknese.lv](http://visit koknese.lv)

📞 +371 26434520



#### 36 BOAT RENT "MEŽMALAS LAIVAS"

Offers recreational trips on the most beautiful rivers in Latvia with quality and safe equipment, as well as excellent service. The website offers a variety of boating routes on several Latvian rivers.

📍 "Mežmalas", Klintaine parish,  
Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 [mezmalaslaivas.mozello.lv](http://mezmalaslaivas.mozello.lv)

📞 +371 26161131

#### 37 BOAT "GULBIS" IN KOKNESE

You can take a cruise on the Daugava River, discovering the history of creation of Koknese and The Garden of Destiny, the stories of the Daugava and witnessing the presence and importance of river in today.

📍 The Garden of Destiny, Koknese,  
Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 [kugitisgulbis.lv](http://kugitisgulbis.lv)

📞 +371 29999436



#### 38 BOATS "VĪGANTE" UN "SĒLIS"

Both boats offer cruises on the Daugava in the Plavinas HPP reservoir. The excursions start at the ruins of Koknese Castle, passing by The Garden of Destiny and reaching the magnificent River Pērse. Routes from Vīgante Park to Koknese or Pļaviņas - Zvejnieklīcis.

📍 Koknese medieval castle ruins:  
Kokneses Park, Aizkraukle mun.

📍 Vīgante Park Pier: Staburags parish,  
Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 [daugavaskugi.lv](http://daugavaskugi.lv)

📞 +371 28490667

#### 39 PEDAL BOATS AND STAND-UP PADDLE BOARDS RENT "PIESTĀTNE"

Inflatable stand-up paddle boards, pedal boats, rowing boats are available for water fun as well as you can rent a portable barbecue.

📍 Nokalnu street 3, Aizkraukle,  
Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 [visit aizkraukle.lv](http://visit aizkraukle.lv)

📞 +371 24788576

## FLOATING ON THE RIVERS MĒMELE, MŪSA AND LIELUPE /BAUSKA COUNTY/

### 40 ROUTE "KURMENE-BAUSKA"

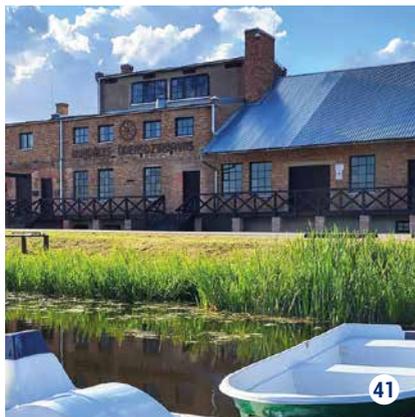
The two-day route from Kurmene to Bauska (48 km) will take you to several churches, manors and parks along the way ending at Bauska Castle. For shorter trips, you can go from Bauska to Mežotne Hillfort (11 km). For practical information please see the tourist map "Rock the Lielupe".

- visit.bauska.lv

### 41 EQUIPMENT RENTAL AT RUNDĀLE WATERMILL MUSEUM

You can rent stand-up paddle boards, rowing boats, water bikes and canoes, as well as visit the museum.

- Pilsrundāle, Bauska mun
- rundalesdzirnavas.lv
- +371 20557777, +371 22777775



### 42 RENTAL AND BOAT TRIPS

There are more than ten boat rentals in Bauska County that offer trips on the rivers - Mēmele, Mūsa, Lielupe, Iecava and others.

- visit.bauska.lv section "Active Recreation"



### 43 FISHING IN BAUSKA COUNTY

Find the best fishing spot and learn about the possibilities to rent the equipment you need.

- visit.bauska.lv

## CASTLE SIGHTS IN DOBELE /DOBELE COUNTY/

### 44 ACTIVE RECREATION SITE "DOBELES PILS SKATI"

Dobele offers a variety of activities on the water in the very centre of the town. The new active leisure centre is located opposite the Livonian Order's castle ruins. The boat, kayak, pedal boat and stand-up paddle board rentals are available right on the banks of the River Bērze.

- Brīvības street 2A, Dobele, Dobele mun.
- @Dobelespilsskati
- +371 29353571



### 45 BOAT STATION ON LIELAUCE LAKE

You can spend the night in floating huts in the middle of the lake, enjoy fishing and crayfishing. For more active leisure rent stand-up paddle boards or go on a romantic boat and water bike trip. In autumn you can pick large cranberries in the Viķi Marsh around the lake.

- Lielauce parish, Dobeles mun.
- visitdobele.lv
- +371 22007464

### 46 THE LVM TĒRVETE WATER RESERVOIR

The reservoir is 70 ha big and it has more than 20 landing stages. This offers both individual fishing and competitions. The rent of diverse water vehicles and overnight stays are possible.

- "Podziņas", Tērvete parish, Dobele mun.
- mammadaba.lv
- +371 26115333



## ON THE ISLANDS AND RAPIDS OF DAUGAVA RIVER /JĒKABPILS COUNTY/

### 47 ROUTE "LĪVĀNI-JĒKABPILS"

This will be the right one- or two-day adventure trip (~40 km). Here the initially calm flow of the Daugava River becomes increasingly swift and rapid. As you explore the small islands of the Daugava, sandy beaches are revealed. The route includes

the sights and equipment rental points along the way.

- visit.jekabpils.lv

### 48 KRUSTALĪČI CLIFF FROM THE RIVER DAUGAVA AND OTHER ROUTES

Several companies such as "Sēlijas laivas", "Kajakumafija", "Sprīdīši" offer this as well as other easier and more difficult routes. You can rent different water vehicles.

- Krustalīči cliff, Sēlpils parish, Jēkabpils mun.
- visit.jekabpils.lv
- @Kajakumafija
- +371 26779624
- spridisi.com
- +371 26344495
- selijaslaivas.lv
- +371 20034392



### 49 LAKE BAĻOTE

This is one of the most popular destinations not only for Latvian, but also Baltic States carp fishermen. In winter, the lake is a popular spot for ice fishing and fishing competitions are held regularly. There is a beach and two campsites - "Ezerkrasti" and "Brēdiķu krasts".

- Lake Baļote, Kūkas parish, Jēkabpils mun.
- @balotesezers
- @kempingsbalote
- +371 27170166
- @brediku.krasts
- +371 28367422

**50 NATURE PARK "LAUKEZERS"**

Recreation areas in the most picturesque places of the park at the Lakes Laukezers, Ildzenieks and Baltiņš. There is a cycle path to explore the territory of the Nature Park. Laukezers is one of the cleanest lakes in Latvia.

📍 Laukezers, Kūkas parish, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 [visit.jekabpils.lv](http://visit.jekabpils.lv)

📞 +371 26862244 (you can apply for organised trips and rent stand-up paddle boards in advance at "SUP Jēkabpils")

**51 LAKE VIESĪTE**

The lake has a well-equipped recreation area and beach, children's playground and a landing stage. Skilled fishermen can have a good catch.

📍 Lake Viesīte, Viesīte parish, Jēkabpils mun. The camping "Pērlīte" is situated on the shore, you can rent stand-up paddle boards, canoes, pedal boats.

📍 Pērlīte, Viesīte parish, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 [visit.jekabpils.lv](http://visit.jekabpils.lv), [perlite.lv](http://perlite.lv)

📞 +371 22000642

**52 STABLE "ŪSIŅŠ"**

You can learn horse riding from the basics up to competition level. Well-equipped outdoor area on the banks of the Daugava River with parking, terrace and fireplace. Rafting trips on the Daugava are also available.

📍 "Luģenieki", Ābeļu parish, Jēkabpils mun.

📱 @stallisusins

📞 +371 26334749, +371 27734835



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## ALONG LIELUPE RIVER UNTIL THE BALTIC SEA /JELGAVA COUNTY/

**53 ROUTE "JELGAVA-LIEPĀJA MOTORWAY BRIDGE (A9)"**

The route is suitable for nature observers, as you will encounter an interesting industrial heritage landscape near Kalnciems. Only resilient rowers will be able to complete the route in one day; not recommended for beginners in windy conditions. There are the recreation areas "Mierlauki" and "Vecdaudzene", as well as the company "Livonijas dzintars" along the way.

🌐 [partneribalielupe.lv](http://partneribalielupe.lv)

**54 VARIOUS TRIPS**

You can enjoy individual or group trips with boats, motor yachts, stand-up paddle boards, water bikes etc. on the Lielupe and Driksa Rivers, as well as other rivers in Zemgale.

🌐 [visit.jelgava.lv](http://visit.jelgava.lv)

**55 KALNCIEMS MANOR BOAT BASE**

A rafting trip is an opportunity to combine the positive emotions with discovery of the area, exploring the changing Lielupe River, as well as visiting the old manor wall and exhibition about it. Available from 1 May to 1 January.

📍 "Upmaļi", Valgunde parish, Jelgava mun.

🌐 [visitjelgava.lv](http://visitjelgava.lv)

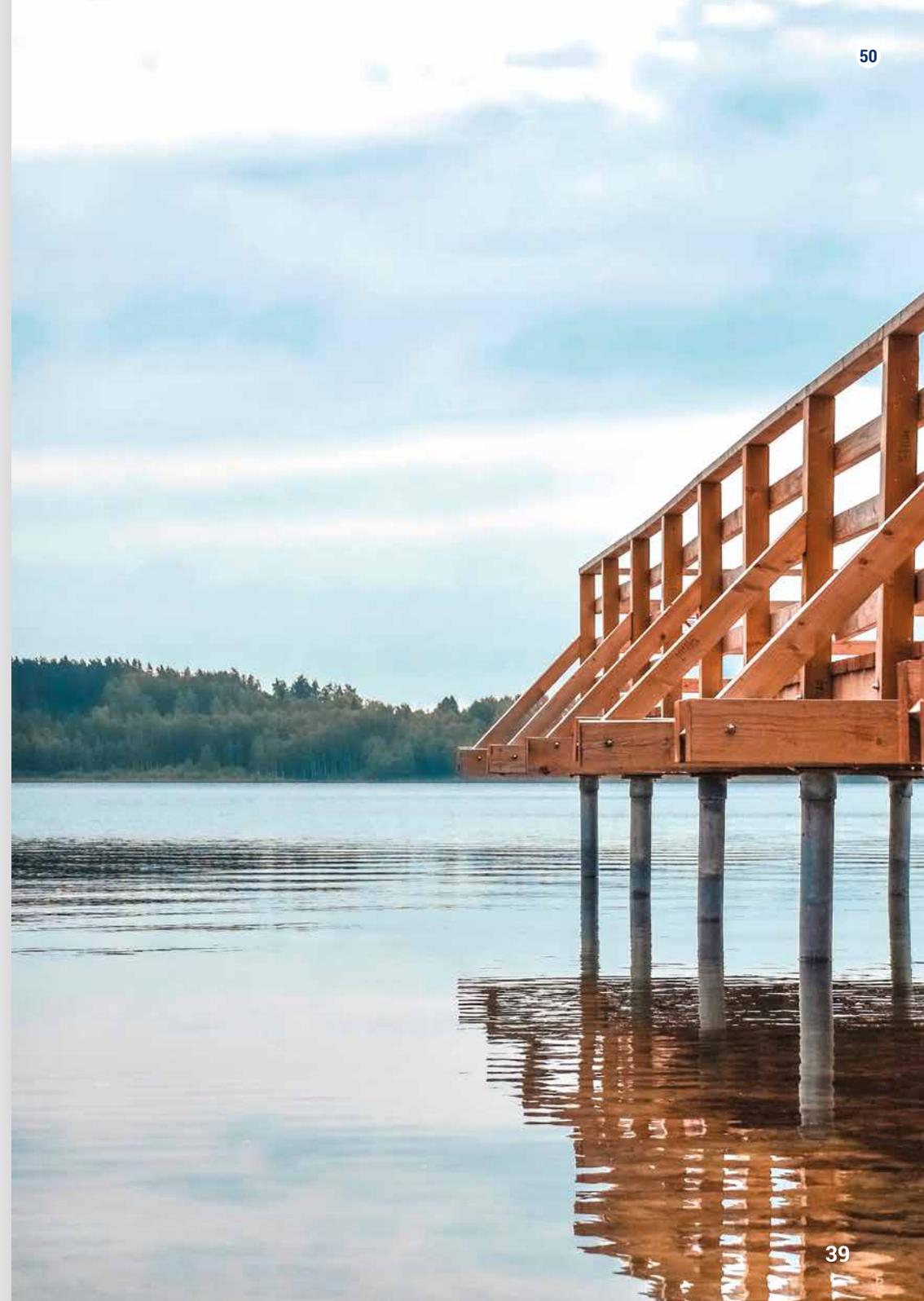
📞 +37129117388

**56 BEACH BY THE PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE AND ON THE PASTA ISLAND**

Both beaches have landing stage, changing rooms and benches. With the opening of the swimming season, lifeguards are working on the beaches to ensure the safety of visitors.

📍 Jelgava

🌐 [visitjelgava.lv](http://visitjelgava.lv)



# Cycling to Rainis, through Zemgale

## TOP CYCLING ROUTES

What better way to be active than cycling to forget the rush and appreciate the beauty of the surroundings! Well-designed cycling routes, including the sights to see

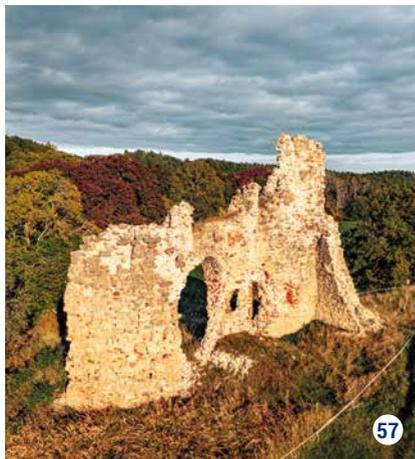
during the breaks, can be found in all counties of Zemgale. All you need to do is to keep pedalling and the roads will open up!

### DAUGAVA RIVER VALLEY BY BIKE! /AIZKRAUKLE COUNTY/

#### 57 EXPLORING THE DAUGAVA RIVER VALLEY (40 KM)

The route connects Skrīveri, Aizkraukle and Koknese, discovering various sites along the way.

🌐 [visitaizkraukle.lv](http://visitaizkraukle.lv)



#### 58 "KOKNESE—THE GARDEN OF DESTINY" (8 KM)

A great route to explore Koknese. On the way you can see the wooden sculptures that decorate Koknese Park, a reproduction of the Pērse Waterfall, the Devil's Cellar, the ruins of the New Castle and other cultural and historical objects.

📍 Starting point: Koknese Train Station Square

🌐 [visitkoknese.lv](http://visitkoknese.lv)

#### 59 "FROM LIEPKALNI" (13 KM, CIRCULAR ROUTE)

The route starts and ends on the bank of the Daugava River at the bakery "Liepkalni". It is signposted and follows small country roads and paths along the rocky banks of the Daugava, crossing the motorway at three points. Moderately difficult.

🌐 [visitaizkraukle.lv](http://visitaizkraukle.lv)

#### 60 CYCLE ROUTES "DAUGAVA WITH "BALTA KAZA""

The water tourism centre "Balta Kaza" has

created seven routes for exploring both banks of the Daugava from Aizkraukle to Ķegums. The length of the routes varies from 10 to 59 km.

🌐 [kugisbaltakaza.lv](http://kugisbaltakaza.lv)

### RICH ZEMGALE /BAUSKA COUNTY/

#### 61 "BAUSKA—BRUKNA—SKAISTKALNE—BRUNAVA—BAUSKA" (NO. 402, ~97,6 KM)

The route has many sights, it takes you along motorways and country roads as well as through forests, it is more suitable for two days. In Ērgļi, you will have to cross the Mēmele River using a footbridge.

📍 Starting point: Bauska Town Hall Square

🌐 [visit.bauska.lv](http://visit.bauska.lv)



#### 62 "CASTLES AROUND BAUSKA: MEŽOTNE—RUNDĀLE—BAUSKA" (NO. 401, 31,9 KM)

A circular cycling route, recommended to start from the Old Town of Bauska, and then head towards Rundāle or Mežotne. The route includes driving on the highway and country roads, as well as through the forest.

📍 Starting point: Bauska Town Hall Square

🌐 [visit.bauska.lv](http://visit.bauska.lv)

#### 63 "DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF BAUSKA" (40,4 KM)

A circular cycling route is full of sights

and allows you to discover the outskirts of Bauska. From Bauska to the museum "Lejenieki" the road leads through the forest, then crossing the Mēmele River. The route includes driving on the highway and country roads, as well as through the forest.

📍 Starting point: Bauska Town Hall Square

🌐 [visit.bauska.lv](http://visit.bauska.lv)

#### 64 "DISCOVER THE SURROUNDINGS OF IECAVA" (28,8 KM)

A one-day route to explore the surroundings of Iecava, including cultural heritage sites, active recreation areas and creative workshops. The route includes driving on the highway and country roads.

📍 Starting point: Iecava Manor Complex

🌐 [visit.bauska.lv](http://visit.bauska.lv)



### AROUND THE LAKE UNTIL THE LILACS /DOBELE COUNTY/

#### 65 VICINITY OF AUCE (NO. 405, 30 KM)

The initial part of the route is very scenic, but demanding, as it is a drive on a sand and gravel road of variable quality twisting through forests, fields and over hills.

Lielaucē and Auce with their sights will be a pleasant ending of the trip.

🌐 [visitdobele.lv](http://visitdobele.lv)

## 66 "AROUND LAKE ZEBRUS" (NO. 406)

A circular cycling route will surprise you with its hilly landscape and twists unusual for Zemgale, while also requiring physical endurance. If you want to extend the route, you can go until Pokaiņi Forest - the part through Krievkalni will be particularly scenic, but also energy-consuming.

visitdobele.lv



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## 67 VARIOUS ROUTES

"Dobele – town of sun and lilacs", "Memorial sites of Kārlis Ulmanis", "Tērvete-Žagare", as well as the cycling adventure track in Tērvete, which offers three different tracks with obstacles and ropes, suitable for everyone.

visitdobele.lv

## THE FIRST TRIP OF RAINIS /JĒKABPILS COUNTY/

## 68 "ALONG THE PATH OF RAINIS" (28 KM)

On this route you will be able to explore the paths of Rainis childhood and hear the wind in the treetops, as the route leads along forest and small roads through two rural villages - Tadenava and Kaldabruņa, which are rich in cultural and historical sites. A digital map of the route can be downloaded on the website.

The Rainis Museum "Tadenava", Dunava parish, Jēkabpils mun.

visit.jekabpils.lv



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## 69 HEALTH ROUTES OF LAUKEZERS (7,15 KM, CIRCULAR)

Suitable for running, Nordic walking, cycling and simple nature walks. It starts at a road junction and continues through a pine and spruce forest with steep slopes and gullies with a unique landscape.

Laukezers, Kūkas parish, Jēkabpils mun.

visit.jekabpils.lv

## 70 "AROUND LAKE SAUKA" (~ 25 KM)

The route goes around Lake Sauka, where the Selonian hills offer beautiful views of the lake and its surroundings. Outstanding scenic spots, recreational infrastructure (swimming areas, picnic areas, etc.).

Lone, Sauka parish, Jēkabpils mun.

visit.jekabpils.lv

## 71 CYCLING ROUTE SĒLPILS (22 KM)

The scenic route through the hills of Selonia created in one of the Daugava's bends and follows country roads, showing cyclists the steep banks of the Daugava, taking them to a castle mound and allowing them to enjoy the surrounding landscape.

Zvejnieklīcis, Sēlpils parish, Jēkabpils mun.

visit.jekabpils.lv

## 72 CYCLING ROUTE ATAŠIENE (20-24 KM)

The route is designed to explore the surroundings of Atašiene and is also accessible by the Riga-Zilupe railway connection. More

experienced cyclists can plan a connection to Jēkabpils (~39 km), bypassing the major motorway, or a further tour of Latgale.

Railway station "Atašiene",

Atašiene parish, Jēkabpils mun.

visit.jekabpils.lv

## 73 ON THE TRAIL OF THE LYNX IN JĒKABPILS COUNTY

The association "Selonia velo" has developed circular routes of various lengths to explore the region: "Aknīste-Gārsene" (No. 423), "Sala-Putnukalni-Da-borkalns-Kīpukalns- Gustiņkalns" (No. 424), "Around Viesīte Lake" (No. 425); "Varieši-Sūnas-Silabebri" (No. 426).

Jēkabpils mun.

visit.jekabpils.lv

## CYCLING FRIENDLY OZOLNIEKI /JELGAVA COUNTY/



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## 74 "DISCOVERING OZOLNIEKI" (NO. 420, 7 KM)

It is a good way to explore Ozolnieki. On this route you can see the town and the lake promenade and appreciate the friendly infrastructure, as most of the route is on pedestrian and cycle paths.

Railway station "Ozolnieki", Ozolnieki, Jelgava mun.

visit.jelgava.lv



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## 75 OZOLNIEKI-BRANKAS-GAROZA-TETELE- OZOLNIEKI (NO. 421, 34 KM)

The route leads from Ozolnieki, through Brankas and Garoza to Katrīnsils and Tetele, then back to Ozolnieki.

visit.jelgava.lv

## 76 "IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE FIRST LATVIAN PRESIDENT" (45 KM)

The route will follow the most important life and work places of Latvia's first president Jānis Čakste. The route takes you to Tetele Park and the hunting view tower, which offers an unforgettable view of the Lielupe River and the Zemgale plains. It can be combined with route "Jelgava-Lielupe Left Bank and Svēte floodplains".

Railway station "Čukurfabrika", Jelgava

visit.jelgava.lv



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# SENSATION SEEKING

Sometimes you need to spice up fun and relaxation in nature! That's why the region also offers a choice for those who prefer more extreme experiences. Don't sit at home - it's the right time to

try off-road motorbike or riding military jeep "Bobik", play paintball in the fresh air, enjoy splashes of water in wake park or feel like a real racing driver on the track!

## OFF-ROAD ADVENTURES IN AIZKRAUKLE COUNTY

### 77 "OFF-ROAD ADVENTURES AND COUNTRYSIDE HOLIDAYS"

A perfect place for those who want to try the charm of enduro motorbikes or "Bobik" on forest roads and off-road. You can also ride a horse. Overnight camping in a tent or camper is available.

📍 "Rosmes", Bebri parish, Aizkraukle mun.  
🌐 visitkoknese.lv  
☎ +371 26246830



## RALLY EXPERIENCE SENSATIONS ON THE TRACK IN BAUSKA COUNTY

### 78 "MŪSA RACELAND" TRACK

You can drive a specially converted "Volvo 740", with rally seats and a safety frame for the pilot and co-driver. There are also

buggies, automobiles, jeeps and ATVs for adults, a rally school, team-building activities and folk racing competitions.

📍 "Mūsas trase", Pamūša, Gailīšu parish, Bauska mun.  
🌐 musaraceland.lv  
☎ +37124888444



## PAINTBALL IN THE FRESH AIR IN DOBELE COUNTY

### 79 PAINTBALL PARK AND RECREATION AREA "ZĪLES"

Everyone wanting to enjoy active recreation, get adrenaline and positive emotions in a game of paintball is welcome here. You can compete in field cricket or volleyball, and then relax at the picnic area.

📍 "Zīles", Bēne parish, Dobele mun.  
☎ +371 24818749, +371 27185138  
🌐 visitdobelev.lv



## WAKEPARK WITH CABLEWAY IN JĒKABPILS

### 80 WAKE PARK IN JĒKABPILS

The wakepark cableway connects the beach of the Radži reservoir to one of its eight islands. There are two ramps in the reservoir and you can rent a variety of equipment, including Zorb ball.

📍 Mežaparka street 15, Jēkabpils  
🌐 veikparks.lv  
☎ +371 26820098



## ENJOY WATER SPLASHES WHILE WAKEBOARDING IN JELGAVA COUNTY

### 81 CABLE AND WATER PARK "MASTI"

The largest circular wakeboarding park in Latvia, where you can go water-skiing and learn under the guidance of a trainer. There are 16 ramps in the wakepark, a large inflatable water park, a grill bar restaurant, a bouldering wall and a viewing tower. Various events and concerts are also held here.

📍 Ozolnieki Lake, Ozolnieki, Jelgava mun.  
🌐 5masti.lv  
☎ +371 28366699



Who knows - maybe you will be the one to pull out the biggest whiskered catfish of the Daugava. And even if not - the sunsets and sunrises you can experience in a boat, the traces left by Vikings, modern entertainment, extreme rides or Tarzan tricks seven metres above the ground will allow you to get to know places you already know in a completely different way, maybe even discover a new side of yourself and definitely - relax from the everyday rush, restore and be inspired again for new adventures in Zemgale!

# ZEMGALE FOR GOURMETS

From an unforgettable date in an orangery reserved just for you, or enjoying a fresh catfish from the Daugava River to white tablecloths over the city rooftops or a fine evening

with the best chefs - you can find in Zemgale Region. Make your mouth water and discover your favourite taste!

## WHERE TO EAT...?

Brewery "Drunka"



AIZKRAUKLE COUNTY



Skriveri home ice cream



DOBELE COUNTY



Winery "Tērvete wines"



Cafe "Telpa"



Sightseeing farm "Boļāni"



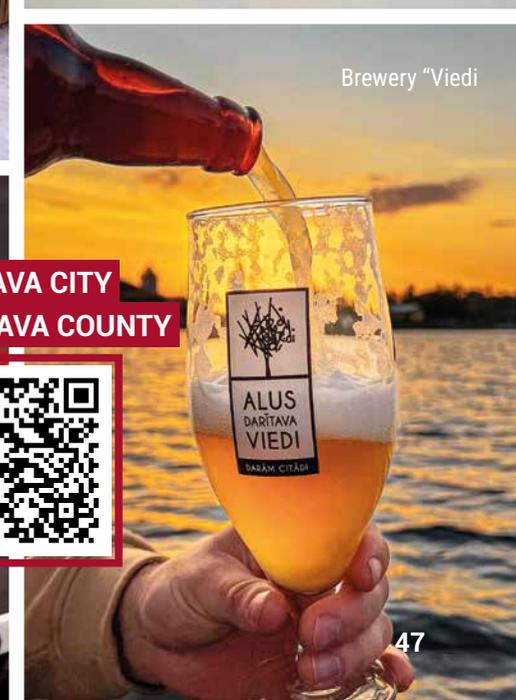
JĒKABPILS COUNTY



Cafe "Lūšu krogs"



Brewery "Viedi"



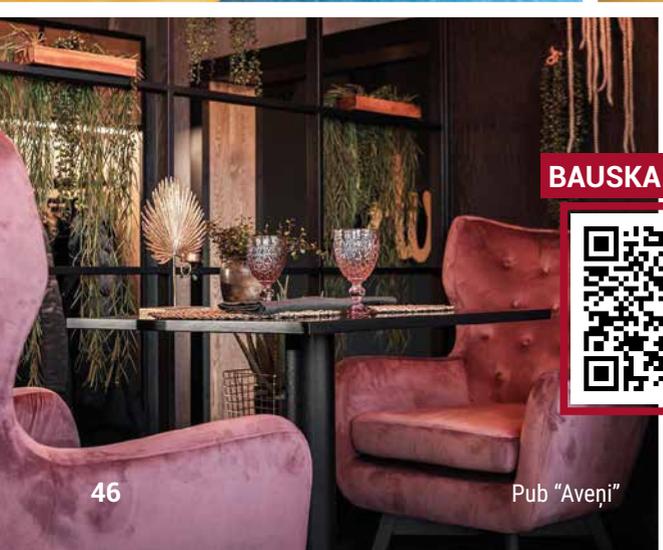
Cafe-patisserie "Gardumu avēnija"



BAUSKA COUNTY



Pub "Aveņi"



JELGAVA CITY AND JELGAVA COUNTY



Bar "Meka"



# DISCOVER THE FINEST FLAVOURS OF ZEMGALE!

## A DELICIOUS MOMENT IN THE ORANGERY /AIZKRAUKLE COUNTY/

### 1 "PANNA CAFE KOKNESE"

This will be the right place to find a moment of peace. There are beautiful rooms to enjoy special and delicious moments, as well as beautiful glass houses - orangeries. A varied food and drink menu that will also appeal to children and young people.

📍 Blaumaņa street 30A, Koknese, Aizkraukle mun.

📱 @Panna Cafe Koknese  
☎ +371 65820003

*"Panna Cafe Koknese has received an award from the Latvian Traders Association and Latvian Union of Local Governments competition "Best Trader of Latvia 2022".*



## ELEGANCE FOR EVERYDAY AND FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS /BAUSKA COUNTY/

### 2 PUB "AVEŅI"

This is the ideal place for everyday meals, as well as festive celebrations and moments with the whole family and children. Decorated with modern elegance and refined details, the restaurant offers a varied cuisine and delicious dishes to suit all tastes.

📍 Aveņmuiža, Bauska

📱 @krogsaveni  
☎ +371 63960150

*The pub has received several national and regional awards.*



## REFINED AND NATURAL /DOBELE COUNTY/

### 3 RESTAURANT "ZOLTNEŠ"

Simplicity is the key element complemented with the passionate approach of the Chef's Nauris Malāhovs, creates flavour combinations typical of Northern Europe and reveals new nuances in the flavours of local products. The restaurant also has its own brewery.

📍 "Zoltneš", Kroņauce, Dobele mun.

📱 zoltners.lv  
☎ +371 27331109



## EAT THUNDER AND CHIC WHISKER CATFISH /JĒKABPILS COUNTY/

### 4 CAFE "LAUKU ŠIKS"

Here you can literally feel the "Thunder over the Daugava" on your tongue or taste the Baron's appetizer plate, as the menu contains freshly prepared dishes named after

the symbols of Jēkabpils. There is also a special delicacy - "Chic whisker of Daugava riverbed" or fried catfish in panade.

📍 Palejas street 3, Jēkabpils

📱 avotinizs.lv

☎ +371 29992393

## A MEAL SURROUNDED BY PAINTINGS /JELGAVA/

### 5 "CENTRAL CAFE JELGAVA"

The quality and delicious food is the priority here, and the chef, who has many years of experience takes seasonal trends into account. There is a children's play area and the premises are accessible for people with reduced mobility. The cafe has a changing exhibition of paintings by local artists.

📍 Lielā street 6, Jelgava

📱 @Central Cafe Jelgava

☎ +371 20144454





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# EXPLORE HISTORY!

Zemgale lets you  
rediscover Latvia!

Explore Latvian history and the formation of state from a new perspective in Zemgale - by discovering the very real world of "White Book" from Jaunsudrabiņš, by learning about the former everyday life of national partisans,

or by immortalising themselves in the mirror selfies of the "Wheel of Time". Perhaps discovering special places, interesting historical details and personalities will suddenly allow you to find new sources of inspiration for your everyday work.

## FROM SYMBOLS TO EVERYDAY LIFE IN AIZKRAUKLE COUNTY

### 1 THE GARDEN OF DESTINY

A symbolic place where the past, present and future of people and country come together - where great architecture and the splendour of nature are intertwined. Visitors are greeted by a magnificent landscape and a variety of sites. It has become a tradition to welcome the sunset of 18th November in the amphitheatre.

📍 The Garden of Destiny, Koknese, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 liktendarzs.lv

📞 +371 25495544

### 2 EXHIBITION "LATVIAN ARMY IN PĻAVIŅAS IN THE 20TH CENTURY"

You can find out more about the Freedom fights and the Latvian Eastern Front Headquarters. The exhibition now on its premises also gives an insight into the life stories of the cavaliers of the Lāčplēšis Order.

📍 Odzianas street 2A, Pļaviņas, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv

📞 +371 28442692



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### 3 J. JAUNSDRABIŅŠ MUSEUM "RIEKSTIŅI"

The museum illuminates the life of a painter, poet and writer Jānis Jaunsudrabiņš as well as the life conditions of his time. The museum is situated in an old farm building and reflects the traditions and craft skills of the past in the Selonia region.

📍 "Riekstiņi", Nereta parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv

📞 +371 29133076



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### 4 ODZIENA MANOR CASTLE

This is one of the most significant neo-Gothic buildings in Latvia with enchanting surroundings. Near the castle, there is a large exhibition of more than 20 Soviet-era cars, motorcycles, cameras, radios, household appliances and even FORMULA "Estonia".

📍 "Zemgaļi", Odziena, Vietalva parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 odzienasmuiza.lv

📞 +371 20533333



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### 5 DISCOVERING LATVIAN WISDOM IN "CREATIVE HOUSE"

The NGO "Baltaine" organises courses and classes about Latvian traditional festivities, family celebrations, culinary heritage masterclasses and handicrafts. Here you can learn to dance, play and sing.

📍 Melioratoru street 1A, Koknese, Aizkraukle mun.

📍 @radosamaja

📞 +371 26575499

### 6 HISTORICAL IRŠI MANOR BARN MAGAZĪNA

The "Magazīna" of the Irši Manor barn was used both as a warehouse and as a woodworking workshop during the Soviet era. It has now been restored and is used for exhibitions, events and various cultural activities.

📍 "Magazīna", Irši parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 visitkoknese.lv

📞 +371 29615900

### 7 GOSTIŅI CULTURAL HISTORY PARK

The park has seven memorial sites dedicated to the historical names of Gostiņi - Evestmunde, Glazmanka, Trentelbergis, Zarnas village and Žīdi village, Dankeri, Gostiņi - in different periods of time. There is an information stand.

📍 Stiklinieku street 1, Pļaviņas, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv

### 8 GRICGALE (MEDŅU) PUB

Gricgale Manor Pub owned by literary critic Lūcija Ķuzāne, preserves evidence of Ķuzāni family and the history of the region and welcomes visitors. The host will tell you about the daily life of the pub in the distant times of the manor and today.

📍 Gricgale, Pilskalne parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv

📞 +371 28342969



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### 9 SCULPTOR VOLDEMĀRS JĀKOBSONS' MEMORIAL HOME-MUSEUM

Voldemārs Jākobsons was a sculptor, teacher, boxing champion and European traveller. When you enter the house, you can discover his works, household objects, furniture and even his shoe collection.

📍 Bebri parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 visitkoknese.lv

📞 +371 29903892

## EXPLORING CASTLES AND "BLIZZARD OF SOULS" AROUND BAUSKA

### 10 RUNDĀLE PALACE MUSEUM

The ensemble of Rundāle Palace is the most outstanding monument of Baroque and Rococo architecture and art in Latvia. The museum offers creative programmes and masterclasses for adults and children, and excursions. Various concerts and festivals are held here.

📍 Rundāle Palace, Pilsrundāle, Rundāle parish, Bauska mun.

🌐 [rundale.net](http://rundale.net)

📞 +371 63962197

### 11 BAUSKA CASTLE MUSEUM

A Livonian Order castle built in the late Middle Ages. In addition to the permanent exhibitions, you can also take part in ancient lifestyle workshops or attend a concert.

Before your visit, you can get to know the castle by taking a virtual tour on the website.

📍 Pilskalns, Bauska

🌐 [bauskaspils.lv](http://bauskaspils.lv)

📞 +371 63923793



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### 12 CULTURAL PREMISE "MEŽOTNE CHURCH"

For many, this will be a place of inspiration. The building has been restored from ruins and now offers an exhibition about the

ancient Mežotne hillfort, once the most important hillfort in Zemgale. Nearby you will find Mazmežotne Manor and the Brick kiln, which are now presented as tourist and cultural attractions.

📍 Mežotne hillfort, Rundāle parish, Bauska mun.

🌐 [visit.bauska.lv](http://visit.bauska.lv)

📞 +371 28022044

### 13 MUSIC AND ART CENTER "CEPLIS"

The well-known singer in Latvia Igo has now taken care of the old brick kiln, making it not only a place for tourism, but also a place for art and inspiration.

📍 "Kaļķu dedzinātava", Mežotne parish, Bauska mun.

🌐 [visit.bauska.lv](http://visit.bauska.lv)

📞 +371 29141042

### 14 RECREATION COMPLEX "MIKELIS"

For cinema lovers, it will be interesting to visit the Homestead, where the film "The Blizzard of Souls" was shot. The largest private collection of antique cars in the Baltics is also on display here.

📍 Gailīši parish, Bauska mun.

🌐 [mikelis.lv](http://mikelis.lv)

📞 +371 26443496



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### 15 MONUMENT FOR GENERAL KRIŠJĀNIS BERĶIS

K. Berķis was a Latvian army general, commander of the Latvian Riflemen, fought in World War I and in the Latvian freedom fights. He was arrested and deported in 1940 and died in 1942. A monument to honour him was erected near his family home.

📍 Īslīce parish, Bauska mun.

🌐 [visit.bauska.lv](http://visit.bauska.lv)

### 16 MEMORIAL "SYNAGOGUE GARDEN"

The total area of the memorial occupies exactly the same area where the Great Synagogue of Bauska once stood, the stone figures symbolize the Jews coming out of the synagogue after the service. The memorial was designed and created by the sculptor Ģirts Burvis. Audio guide is available.

📍 Rīgas street 35, Bauska

🌐 [visit.bauska.lv](http://visit.bauska.lv), audio guide: [izi.travel](http://izi.travel)

### 17 BAUSKA OLD TOWN

With the 1584 order of the Duke of Courland, Gotthard Kettler, construction began in the current old town. The renovated Townhall stands in the centre of the Town Hall square, at that time it was the largest and most luxurious town hall in the Duchy. In Rīgas Street you will see the buildings of the Loding's brewery, the "Rose alley" and you will find the "Ceramic Mosaic" on Strautnieku Street.

📍 Townhall square 1, Bauska, Bauska mun.

🌐 [visit.bauska.lv](http://visit.bauska.lv)

### 18 FARMSTEAD "MAČĒNI"

The owners' hobby turned into an ambitious creation of the collection – here you can find more than 4 000 different size and shape pens, medical instruments, antique kitchen or school tools, old musical instruments, machinery, and other things!

📍 "Mačēni", Skaistkalne parish, Bauska mun.

🌐 [visit.bauska.lv](http://visit.bauska.lv)

📞 +371 29122662

### 19 SKAISTKALNE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY IN HEAVEN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

It is an outstanding architectural monument of the early Baroque style and until the 18th century it was the biggest and the most astounding catholic church in Latvia. The church has been renovated and the towers which were destroyed during the Second World War now are restored.

📍 Slimnīcas street 2, Skaistkalne, Bauska mun.

🌐 [visit.bauska.lv](http://visit.bauska.lv)

📞 +371 26411090



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## THE BUNKER AND KĀRLIS ULMANIS IN DOBELE COUNTY

### 20 ĪLE NATIONAL PARTISANS' BUNKER

This place is not only a tribute to the national partisans, but also an interesting sight to visit. The largest bunker in the Baltic States was built in the forests of Īle in 1948 by the partisans of the united Latvian and Lithuanian group.

📍 Īle partisan bunker, Zebrene parish, Dobele mun.

🌐 [visitdobelev.lv](http://visitdobelev.lv)

📞 +371 22007464



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**21 KĀRLIS ULMANIS MEMORIAL MUSEUM "PIKŠAS"**

The farm where Kārlis Ulmanis, later President of Latvia, was born. The museum of the restored family home of K. Ulmanis is designed as a farmhouse of the 1930s, which also describes the development of Latvian agriculture in this period.

📍 "Pikšas", Bērze parish, Dobele mun.  
 🌐 piksas.lv  
 📞 +371 26670812



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**22 VECAUCE MANOR**

This Neo-Gothic manor is now a cultural and tourist centre. Here you can learn more about the history of the manor, its legends, people and events in the surrounding area. The exhibition room hosts various exhibitions.

📍 Akadēmijas street 11, Vecauce, Dobele mun.  
 🌐 vecauce.lv  
 📞 +371 29195959

**23 DOBELE COUNTY MUSEUM**

The museum's activities are based on researching and popularising the history of the town and the region, preserving historical evidence and identifying local people. It displays everyday objects, photographs, archaeological findings and other materials.

📍 Brīvības street 7, Dobele, Dobele mun.  
 🌐 dobelesmuzejs.lv  
 📞 +371 20223536, +371 29436379

**24 THE HISTORICAL CENTRE OF DOBELE**

The town's market square, built in 1495, has changed its function several times, but after reconstruction in 2011 it has regained its historic appearance - paved with local boulders and a fountain in the form of a giant well marked on the historic site.

📍 Dobele, Dobele mun.  
 🌐 visitdobele.lv

**25 FOLKLORIST ŽANIS ĀBELE AND LĪNA KUĢE MUSEUM "KADIĶI"**

In honour of Latvian story tellers Žanis Ābele and Līna Kuģe, folklore materials have been researched and collected, which have been turned into an exhibition in their family home. It is situated in an old Latvian barn built by Žanis Ābele.

📍 "Kadiķi", Vītiņi parish, Dobele mun.  
 🌐 nomadichomes.lv  
 📞 +371 26593118

**26 GOOD MEMORIES STORAGE "DZINTARI"**

Tālvāldis Ikarts has created a collection that he calls "a repository of good memories". Here you can see historic radios, record players, cameras, film projectors and military communications equipment. Each object has its own story to tell.

📍 "Dzintari", Penkule parish, Dobele mun.  
 📞 +371 26272373  
 🌐 visitdobele.lv

**27 COLLECTION OF ANTIQUITIES AND AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AT "LĪČI"**

The collection of Jānis Urbāns displays various types of household objects. Here you can get an insight into linen processing, carpentry, dairy production, bread baking. Pupils have the opportunity to work with ancient tools.

📍 "Līči", Biksti parish, Dobele mun.  
 📞 +371 26541284  
 🌐 visitdobele.lv

**ALL ABOUT SELONIAN'S AROUND JĒKABPILS**

**28 "SĒĻU SĒTA" OPEN AIR DIVISION OF JĒKABPILS HISTORY MUSEUM**

The exhibition consists of six 19th century rural buildings in the Selonia region, farmer's tools and household items.

📍 Filozofu street 6, Jēkabpils  
 🌐 jekabpilsmuzejs.lv  
 📞 +371 27029039



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**29 KRUSTPILS CASTLE**

This is one of the oldest castles in Latvia, which has had a rather turbulent fate, but is now home to the Jēkabpils History Museum. It has restored the interior details and created fascinating exhibitions about the history of Jēkabpils.

📍 Rīgas street 216b, Jēkabpils  
 🌐 jekabpilsmuzejs.lv  
 📞 +371 27008136



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**30 SELONIA'S CULTURAL SPACE**

Here you can learn all about Selonians and their craft skills through interactive materials like beekeeping, carpentry, belt weaving, bread baking and other skills, including an insight into the work of the Daugava ferrymen.

📍 "Ozollejas", Zasa, Zasa parish, Jēkabpils mun.

📱 @selijaskulturtpa

☎ +371 25465787

**31 VIESĪTE MUSEUM "SĒLIJA"**

The park is located in the former narrow-gauge railway depot territory and it is the only place in Latvia where you can learn about 600 millimetre railway history in its former operating place. The younger travellers will also enjoy playing with the toy trains.

📍 A. Brodeles street 7, Viesīte, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 muzejsseija.lv

☎ +371 28681126

**32 PAULS STRADIŅŠ SCHOOL**

The exhibitions present the famous Stradiņš family and the history of medicine in the Viesīte area.

📍 Peldu street 2, Viesīte, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 muzejsseija.lv

☎ +371 29116334

**33 GĀRSENE CASTLE**

The Neo-Gothic castle is also called the pearl of Selonian and was once enlarged because Baron von Budberg and his first wife, the English Baroness Gertrude Worth, found it too small. Now you can learn about the history of the baron family, the school and the parish.

📍 "Labieši", Gārsene parish, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 garsenespils.lv

☎ +371 26367150



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**34 OLD TOWN SQUARE**

In the early 20th century, it was established as a town square, but was also used as a market square. Today, visitors are greeted by the city symbol - the lynx, and various objects reminding of the former market square. The story of the town is told by characters who have emerged from photographs.

📍 Old Town Square, Jēkabpils

🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv



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**35 THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND MEN'S MONASTERY**

The silhouette of church's five cupolas has become an integral part of Jēkabpils skyline. It is the only men's monastery in Latvia, and St. Nicholas The Miracle-worker's church unique with its small size of only 17 by 19.5 meters is located in the monastery's courtyard.

📍 Brīvības street 200, Jēkabpils

🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv

☎ +371 20451706

**36 CRAFT HOUSE "RŪKĪŠI"**

In the various themed rooms - the weaving room, the local history room, the bread room, the family room, the antiques room and room of the times of K.Ulmanis - guests can try weaving and other activities, and then visit the Latvian Folk Signs Park.

📍 "Rūķīši", Leimaņi, Leimaņi parish, Jēkabpils mun.

📱 @AmatuMajaRukisi

☎ +371 25945299

**37 SELONIAN CRAFT CENTER "RŪME"**

The craft centre provides an insight into the skills and craftsmanship of potters, tailors, leatherworkers and woodworkers. You can have a look into the everyday of ceramics master's studio. The Selonian dialect is used here.

📍 "Rūme", Zasa, Zasa parish, Jēkabpils mun.

📱 @amatniecibas.centrs.rume

☎ +371 29240576



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**38 CRAFT CENTER "MĀZERS"**

Here you can get acquainted with the world of applied arts, craftsmen and their industry, as well as try a ceramics masterclass or get involved in a creative workshop. The craft centre also hosts art exhibitions.

📍 "Vālodzīte", Vīpe, Vīpe parish, Jēkabpils mun.

📱 @maazers

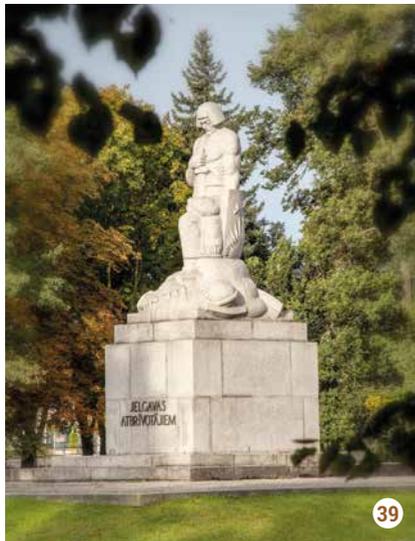
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## THE FIRST UNIVERSITY AND "THE WHEEL OF TIME 100" IN SELFIES IN JELGAVA

### 39 MONUMENT TO THE LIBERATORS OF JELGAVA "LAČPLĒSIS"

The monument in Station Square was created by sculptor Andrejs Jansons, who in the 1990s restored the monument "Lāčplēsis un Melnais bruņinieks" created by his father Kārlis Jansons in 1932 by support of public donations.

📍 Stacijas parks, Jelgava  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv



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### 40 JELGAVA HISTORY AND ART MUSEUM OF ĢEDERTS ELIASS

The museum building is also known as "Academia Petrina" - it was the first higher education institution in Latvia. The museum's collection of works by the old master Ģederts Eliass is its greatest asset, but it also offers interactive exhibitions and guided tours.

📍 Akadēmijas street 10, Jelgava  
🌐 jvmm.lv  
☎ +371 63023383, +371 63080150

### 41 ST. ANNA'S LUTHERAN CATHEDRAL

The oldest surviving building in the city, the first Lutheran church in Latvia. You can see the altar painting by Jānis Rozentāls the Christ and Samaritan, as well as the ancient organ with 37 registers and 2072 pipes. The cathedral can be visited during services on Wednesdays at 18.00 and Sundays at 10.00 or during the opening hours (entrance from the chancery).

📍 Lielā street 22a, Jelgava  
🌐 jelgavasannasbaznica.lv  
☎ +371 29123969



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### 42 ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECT "THE WHEEL OF TIME 100"

The object by sculptor Kārlis Īle not only reveals historical facts about Latvia and Jelgava, but also allows you to capture yourself in a selfie mirror and to be seen as one of the founders of the country. After dark, it is illuminated.

📍 Jāņa Asara street 9-1, Jelgava  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv

### 43 JELGAVA OLD TOWN STREET QUARTER

The oldest part of the city's area, dating from the 18th-19th centuries and was not destroyed during World War II. Now the streets have been restored, preserving the cobblestone pavement, and lanterns and benches have been installed, allowing you to enjoy the atmosphere of the ancient town.

📍 Vecpilsētas street, Jelgava  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv

### 44 JELGAVA HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER

One of the most visited tourist attractions in Jelgava. After the church was destroyed in 1944, it was never rebuilt, but the bell tower remained in place and after extensive reconstruction works was reborn in a new form.

📍 Akadēmijas street 1, Jelgava  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv  
☎ +371 63005447, +371 25619266



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### 45 JELGAVA PALACE

Former residence of Courland and Zemgale dukes, now - the house of Latvia University of Agriculture. The castle is home to a museum, but one of the most interesting sights is the tombs, where 24 members of the Ketler dynasty and six members of the Byron dynasty are buried.

📍 Lielā street 2, Jelgava  
🌐 jelgavaspils.lv  
☎ +371 63005617

### 46 Ģ. ELIASS FAMILY HOUSE "ZĪLĒNI"

The house tells the story of the painters' brothers Kristaps and Ģederts, shows reproductions of paintings by Ģederts Eliass, surprises with one of the largest ash trees in the Baltics, and allows to participate in various cultural and artistic activities.

📍 Poķi, Platone parish, Jelgava mun.  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv  
☎ +371 26547117

### 47 MEMORIAL MUSEUM OF EDVARTS VIRZA AND ELZA STĒRSTE "BILLĪTES"

This is the home of poet, writer, translator Edvarts Virza and poet and teacher Elza Stērste, who wrote various poems, from which the most popular poem "Straumēni" from 1933. Now their daughter Amarillis Liekna has set up a museum here.

📍 Salgale parish, Jelgava mun.  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv  
☎ +371 29299790

### 48 MUSEUM OF OZOLNIEKI COUNTY

It is an opportunity to get acquainted with the people and technical tools of the Ozolnieki County - land reclamation - and the specifics of their work. Another theme is the preservation of the memory of the heroes of the War of Independence, as well as the success of Ozolnieki athletes.

📍 Stadiona street 10, Ozolnieki, Jelgava mun.  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv  
☎ +371 29132901



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# TOP MUSEUMS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Museums allow you to explore and experience both the memories and the much older pages of our ancestors' history. In Zemgale, this can be done in a very broad spectrum - from toys and everyday objects to legendary battle sites and castles, as well as artifacts

from relatively recent times. Here you will find unique collections unlike any other place in Latvia. So all you have to do is choose a direction and set off on a family excursion into the near or distant past!

## BEES, HPS AND THE SOVIET TIMES /AIZKRAUKLE COUNTY/

### 49 AIZKRAUKLE HISTORY AND ART MUSEUM EXHIBITION "SOVIET YEARS"

From soda vending machines to the "Red Corner", the exhibition of everyday objects of the regular citizen's highlights of life in the 1950s-1980s and its ever-present ideology.

- 📍 Kalna street 20, Aizkraukle, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 aizkrauklesmuzejs.lv
- 📞 +371 65123351
- (open Wednesday to Sunday)

### 50 AIZKRAUKLE MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ART "KALNA ZIEDI"

The museum presents a range of exhibitions, annual festivals, Latvian traditional games, and organises family events. The permanent exhibition "Lifestories of Daugava's river banks" and a collection of farmers' tools.

- 📍 Muzeja street, Aizkraukle, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 aizkrauklesmuzejs.lv
- 📞 +371 65123351
- (open Wednesday to Sunday)



### 51 LATVIAN BEEKEEPING MUSEUM IN VECBEBRI

The museum is located in the former Bee-keeping Experimental Station, with a training apiary in the garden and bee products are available for tasting.

- 📍 "Dravas", Vecbebre, Bebri parish, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 visitkoknese.lv
- 📞 +371 26612354

### 52 THE "CRAFTSMAN'S FARM" MUSEUM OF PĒTERIS GRAUDULIS

Pēteris Graudulis was woodcarving for more than forty years. His works use trees from the Baltic region. His workshop, now a museum, is also handmade woodwork by the master himself. Open only during the tourist season.

- 📍 Jelgavas street 14, Jaunjelgava, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv
- 📞 +371 27597747



### 53 PĻAVIŅAS HPS EXHIBITION IN AIZKRAUKLE

The exhibition "Pļaviņas Hydroelectric Power Plant - the largest electricity generating plant in Latvia" uses digital technologies to explore the Pļaviņas Hydroelectric Power Plant, learn about its operation and how electricity is generated.

- 📍 Enerģētiķu street 2, Aizkraukle, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 latvenergo.lv

### 54 NERETA HISTORY MUSEUM

The museum collects local history materials about the area and people of Nereta. There are regular exhibitions of works by a person from the region or exhibits from private collections.

- 📍 Ziedu street 11, Nereta, Nereta parish, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv
- 📞 +371 29266802
- (open Tuesday to Saturday)

## THE CHARM OF TOYS, RETRO CARS AND MILLS /BAUSKA COUNTY/

### 55 BAUSKA MUSEUM EXHIBITION "TIME TO PLAY"

Alongside luxurious porcelain dolls, you will find brand new Barbies, various construction sets, plastic toy soldiers and other toys. The collection is recognised as valuable not only in Latvia, but also in Europe.

- 📍 Kalna street 6, Bauska, Bauska mun.
- 🌐 bauskasmuzejs.lv
- 📞 +371 63960506

### 56 BAUSKA CASTLE MUSEUM

You can learn more about the history of Bauska Castle through the centuries. Guided tours or creative programmes and workshops are available.

- 📍 Piiskalna, Bauska
- 🌐 bauskaspils.lv
- 📞 +371 63923793



### 57 BAUSKA MOTORMUSEUM

The Bauska branch of the Riga Motormuseum offers a wide collection of cars and trucks. An important addition to the exhibition is the legendary experimental exhibit of the Riga Bus Factory (RAF). On the second floor there is an entertainment area for families with children.

📍 Derpeles street 2, Bauska, Bauska mun.  
🌐 motormuzejs.lv  
📞 +371 67025887

### 58 RECREATION COMPLEX "MIĶELIS"

The museum's Farmstead and Ancient Vehicle Collection are on display here. The exhibition includes cars, trucks and fire engines, various agricultural machinery, motorcycles and engines - more than 100 pieces of machinery in total.

📍 Gailīši parish, Bauska mun.  
🌐 mikelis.lv  
📞 +371 26443496



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### 59 OPEN AIR MUSEUM "AUSEKĻU DZIRNAVAS"

A Latvian farmstead with a collection of ancient tools and other various objects on the bank of the Iecava River. There is also a recreation area, a children's playground and a swimming area. Two traditional events are organised every year in the museum: Sowing feast in the spring and Harvest feast in the autumn.

📍 "Ausekļu dzirnavas", Bārbele parish, Bauska mun.

🌐 ausekludzirnavas.lv  
📞 +371 26396878

## ESCAPE FROM THE CASTLE AND "SPRĪDĪŠI" /DOBELE COUNTY/

### 60 DOBELE CASTLE

Here you can try something special - escape from the castle or test your ingenuity in the game "The Duchess's Lost Locket". Afterwards, you can explore the museum's exhibitions and, in summer, the Medicinal Plant Garden - the only one of its kind in Latvia.

📍 Brīvības street 2c, Dobele, Dobele mun.  
🌐 dobelespils.lv  
📞 +371 22027275, +371 28011880



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### 61 ANNA BRIGADERE MUSEUM "SPRĪDĪŠI"

The museum building was built in 1840 and originally there was a water mill, then a school. In 1922, the writer was the owner of the building and named it "Sprīdīši", the place is also the setting for her memoir trilogy "God. Nature. Work".

📍 "Sprīdīši", Tērvete parish, Dobele mun.  
🌐 spridisi.lv  
📞 +371 26532691

### 62 12TH CENTURY TĒRVETE WOODEN CASTLE

In order to present the ancient history of Tērvete and Zemgale, based on the results of archaeological research, one of the most magnificent 12th-century castles in the region was partially built in Tērvete. The castle in Tērvete was the most impressive of the ancient castles in the territory of Latvia. It is also home to the largest exhibition of swords in Latvia.

📍 "Jērumi", Tērvete, Tērvete parish, Dobele mun.  
🌐 lielkenins.lv  
📞 +371 26950975



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### 63 UKRI HISTORY ROOM

This small room collects various household objects and tools donated by the residents, some of which are several centuries old. You can also find out all about the history of Ukri parish, family stories, recorded folklore, "Ukri gārša" and other materials.

📍 "Stariņi", Ukri, Dobele mun.  
📞 +371 27828440  
🌐 visitdobele.lv

## FROM 3D GLASSES TO VINTAGE MOTORCYCLES /JĒKABPILS COUNTY/

### 64 JĒKABPILS HISTORY MUSEUM IN KRUSTPILS CASTLE

The interactive museum exhibition offers both interesting facts about history and the

opportunity to get into the car of racing driver Reinis Nitišs and float above the ground in a air balloon. You can experience the atmosphere of the end of the 19th century using 3D glasses.

📍 Rigas street 216b, Jēkabpils  
🌐 jekabpilsmuzejs.lv  
📞 +371 27008136



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### 65 THE RAINIS MUSEUM "TADENAVA"

Surrounded by unspoiled Latvian nature, Rainis birthplace Tadenava is the cradle of the poet's philosophy of sun and love. Through games you can see, hear and feel what shaped Rainis childhood. Open to the public from 1 May to 31 October.

📍 Tadenava, Dunava parish, Jēkabpils mun.  
🌐 memorialiemuzeji.lv  
📞 +371 29250484

### 66 MEADOW MUSEUM IN KALDABRUŅA

The space and its surroundings have been revitalized by the association "Ūdenszīmes", and the exhibition is designed to show the course of human life in nature and folk traditions. Separate exhibitions are devoted to sand, protected species and plants of natural Latvian meadows.

📍 Kaldabruņas school, Rubene parish, Jēkabpils mun.  
🌐 udenszimes.lv  
📞 +371 29548967

### 67 COLLECTION OF RETRO MOTORCYCLES AND ANTIQUES

You can see costumes and weapons from different countries, as well as motorcycles used in different periods and for different purposes. The collection also includes internal combustion engines from the 1920s and 1930s that still run on kerosene.

📍 Liepu street 16, Atašiene, Atašiene parish, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv

☎ +371 26470730

📍 Dobeles street 16, Jelgava

🌐 visit.jelgava.lv

☎ +371 63037550, +371 29190710



### A SENSE OF LEGENDARY BATTLES /JELGAVA COUNTY AND JELGAVA/

#### 68 THE CHRISTMAS BATTLE MUSEUM

You can learn about the history of World War I in a different way than usual, as the museum preserves unique elements of the battlefield fortifications associated with the legendary Christmas Battles. A search game is also available.

📍 "Mangaji", Valgunde parish, Jelgava mun.

🌐 karamuzejs.lv

☎ +371 28349259, +371 67228147



#### 70 JELGAVA EXHIBITION OF LATVIAN RAILWAY HISTORY MUSEUM

Located in the railway workers' dwelling house built in 1904, it offers an opportunity to get to know the railway junction and to feel how the development of railways has influenced life of people.

📍 Stacijas street 3, Jelgava

🌐 railwaymuseum.lv

☎ +371 20034850



#### 71 MEMORIAL MUSEUM OF ĀDOLFS ALUNĀNS

Ādolfs Alunāns is one of the initiators of Latvian theatre, and his memorial house is where he lived for the last two years of his life (1910-1912). It houses his creative legacy and furniture, his library and household objects.

📍 Filozofu street 3, Jelgava

🌐 alunans.lv

☎ +371 63021180

#### 69 FIREFIGHTING EXHIBITION

The exhibition is located in one of the garages of the State Fire and Rescue Service and features exhibits from the work and everyday life of firefighters. It also includes a four-handed hand pump, a motor pump, axes, helmets, luminaires, radios, etc.



#### 72 HOUSE OF JĀNIS ČAKSTE

Built in the 1920s - 30s, the building once again belongs to the family of Latvian President Jānis Čakste and is occupied by the Čakste family. The restored servant's house houses a modern exhibition about the lives of Latvia's first president and his family.

📍 "Auči", Salgale parish, Jelgavas mun.

🌐 visit.jelgava.lv

☎ +371 26392154



#### 73 SOVIET CAR COLLECTION IN "ANRU MOTORS"

The private collection features restored Soviet-era cars - various ZAZ, VAZ, GAZ cars. The oldest car is GAZ 21 from 1961, the youngest - VAZ 2103 from 1980.

📍 Garozas street 15a, Jelgava

🌐 anrumotors.lv

☎ +371 29553492 (Advance booking only if you want to see the collection from inside. From the outside, the collection can be viewed through a glass wall.)





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# ENJOY WINTER IN ZEMGALE!



The winter is a particularly beautiful season in Latvia and there is plenty to discover in Zemgale region! During the winter months, you can see familiar landscapes in a completely different way, enjoy the magic of the whiteness of the snow, which makes everything a little mysterious, or get to know a place in a completely new way. You can ski alone, listening to the silence of the forest in winter, or you can go on this adventure with friends or family. Whether you choose the steepest slopes of Mežezers, the quietly snowy

splendour of Tērvete Nature Park, the snow-covered "Rose alley" in Bauska, the ice swimming in Radži Reservoir or ice-skating on Pasta Island in Jelgava, the main thing is to find the winter pastime that suits you, so that the dark weather and cold months of the year are inspiring and filled with joy! Remember that winter entertainment is weather-dependent and subject to change, so it's best to check the websites of the places before your visit.

## DOWNHILL SKIING IN AIZKRAUKLE COUNTY

### 1 RECREATION COMPLEX "MEŽEZERS"

Everyone will feel at home - beginners and lovers of gentle slopes, as well as experienced skiers and snowboarders. There is also a tubing slope and a separate slope for sledding.

📍 "Mežezers", Pļaviņas, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 mezezers.lv

📞 +371 26411213



### 2 SKI RESORT "CIGORIŅŠ"

You will find several ski slopes, a children's hill and a cross-country ski slope for the classic stride.

📍 "Cigoriņi", Aiviekste parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 @kalnsleposanasbaze.cigorins

📞 +371 29203537

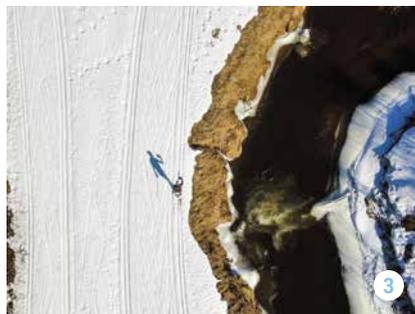
### 3 SPORTS AND ACTIVE RECREATION COMPLEX "MAILES"

You will find slopes for both skate skiing and classic skiing. Equipment rental and overnight stays are available.

📍 "Mailes", Vietalva parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 @mailes1998

📞 +371 28626845



### 4 SPORTS BASE "JAUJAS-JANKAS"

Cross-country skiers are welcome. On certain days of the week, the slopes are also illuminated and free for everyone to use.

📍 Sports base "Jaujas-Jankas", Aiviekste parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv

📞 +371 26171250

### 5 THE FARM "DZINTARU ZIRGI"

This is the right place for those who don't want to go skiing, because you can also enjoy the feeling of winter in a horse-drawn sleigh.

📍 "Dzintari", Aiviekste parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv

📞 +371 26323070



### 6 STABLES "SARMĪTES STAĻĻI"

You can go sledding or, if there is not enough snow, you can go by cart. Horse-back riding is available.

📍 Lielkažoki 1, Skrīveri parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv

📞 +371 29748079



### 7 MOBILE HOT TUB "PIE JUMS"

The outdoor hot tub will be like a spa in your backyard under the stars. Relaxing in the hot tub is a fantastic experience and a way to improve your health in both cold winter and warm summer.

📍 Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 vejkalni.lv

📞 +371 29177079

### 8 "SENTO HOT TUBS"

Comfort will come to you and the tension of the week will be relieved in one evening! There is no better way to relax after a long day than a soak in a warm hot tub.

📍 "Elksnīši", Daudzeva, Daudzese parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 sentokarstiekubli.id.lv

📞 +371 22478776

### 9 KOKNESE SPORTS CENTRE SKI SLOPE

Koknese Sports Centre offers a wide range of sport and health opportunities. The ski slope is next to it, and you can ski through the Koknese Park to the bandstand. After physical activity, you can relax in the sports centre's swimming pool and spa area.

📍 Parka street 27A, Koknese, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 koknesessportacentrs.lv

📞 +371 29360940

### 10 AIZKRAUKLE SPORTS CENTRE SKI SLOPE

If weather allows, the Sports Centre prepares ski slopes in the city stadium and along the Daugava River in both city and municipal areas.

📍 Lāčplēša street 21B, Aizkraukle, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 aizkrauklessportacentrs.lv

📞 +371 65133997

## THE SNOWY ROSE ALLEY AND ORIENTEERING AROUND BAUSKA

### 11 ORIENTEERING IN VECUMNIEKI

Orienteering is suitable for beginners and orienteering enthusiasts alike, so everyone can go for a walk, a rogaining or one of the selected orienteering distances, which vary in kilometres.

📍 Vecumnieki, Bauska mun.

🌐 visit.bauska.lv

📞 +371 22026494



## 12 ROSE ALLEY IN BAUSKA

This will be the right place for lovers of peaceful and beautiful relaxation, as well as for those who want a particularly beautiful picture for their social media profiles, as the roses bloom here every year also on December.

- 📍 Rīgas street, Bauska, Bauska mun.
- 🌐 visit.bauska.lv
- 📞 +371 27746484

## 13 HORSEBACK RIDING "DĀRĒTES ZIRGI"

You can go sledging or horse riding in the park. For those looking for a sharper sensation, there is also the opportunity to try skijoring horse.

- 📍 "Muižzemnieki-1", Iecava, Bauska mun.
- 📘 @darteszirgi
- 📞 +371 25998433

## 14 CROSS-COUNTRY SKI SLOPES

When it snows, cross-country skiing trails are set up in Likverteni pinewood near Vecumnieki Old Lake.

- 📍 Old Lake, Vecumnieki, Bauska mun.
- 📍 Likverteni pinewood, Likverteni, Vecsaule parish, Bauska mun.
- 🌐 visit.bauska.lv
- 📞 +371 27746484

## 15 "GREEN ROAD TRIPS" WINTER TOURS ON QUAD BIKES

You can go on an adrenaline-fuelled adventure, seeing the Vecumnieki area from a new perspective and enjoying fabulous landscapes. Excursions are also possible in winter.

- 📍 Bauskas str. 17, Vecumnieki, Bauska mun.
- 🌐 greenroadtrips.lv
- 📞 +371 29393199

## 16 BAUSKA SWIMMING POOL

You can enjoy the water even in winter! There is a large pool, a small pool, four saunas and even a jacuzzi.

- 📍 Salātu street 5A, Bauska, Bauska mun.
- 🌐 visit.bauska.lv
- 📞 +371 26177675

## WINTER FAIRYTALE MOOD IN DOBELE COUNTY

### 17 TĒRVETE NATURE PARK

This will be the right place for a winter fairytale atmosphere. You can enjoy walks in the fresh air of the pine forest, even at dusk, when the forest paths are illuminated.

- 📍 "Tērvetes sils", Tērvete parish, Dobeles mun.
- 🌐 mammadaba.lv
- 📞 +371 28309394

### 18 HORSE RIDING IN TĒRVETE

You can go horse riding or enjoy a carriage ride in Tērvete.

- 📍 "Īkšķīši", Tērvete, Dobeles mun.
- 🌐 izjades-tervete.lv
- 📞 +371 26824856, +371 29897410



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### 19 VIPĒDE LAKE TRAIL

The trail (~2 km) leads around the beautiful Vipēde Lake. You can spend the night at the recreation centre "Vipēdis", where the owner Liene Palkavniece will welcome you with a sauna and a hot tub. You can also try ice fishing or catching fish from the landing stage.

- 📍 "Vipēdis", Zebreņu parish, Dobeles mun.
- 🌐 vipedis.lv, visitdobele.lv
- 📞 +371 26346725, +371 22025441

### 20 ACTIVE LEISURE AND SPORTS COMPLEX "ČEĻA ĒZEĻI"

There are cross-country skiing slopes several kilometres long, and a special sledding hill for children. Equipment can be rented.

- 📍 "Čeļa Ēzeļi", Auri parish, Dobeles mun.
- 📘 @dobelesnovads
- 📞 +371 29293719

### 21 RECREATION CENTER "REĶI"

The guest house can accommodate groups of up to 30 people. There is a sauna with an anteroom and a large outdoor terrace.

- 📍 "Reķi", Dobeles parish, Dobeles mun.
- 🌐 visitdobele.lv
- 📞 +371 27843216, +371 29262680

### 22 GUEST HOUSE "DABAICĒNI"

The guest house is situated in a picturesque location, about 3 km from Dobeles. There is a sauna for rejuvenation of body and spirit with a small anteroom, as well as a jacuzzi.

- 📍 "Dabaicēni", Dobeles parish, Dobeles mun.
- 📘 @Dabaiceni
- 📞 +371 29322410

### 23 POKAIŅI FOREST TRAIL

Pokaiņi Forest has 15 km of walking trails for active recreation and enjoying nature in all seasons, with the opportunity to explore the various rock formations and enjoy the tranquillity of being close to nature.

- 📍 "Senpokaiņi", Naudīte parish, Dobeles mun.
- 🌐 visitdobele.lv

## "POLAR BEAR" PLUNGE AND AN ICE DRIVING AROUND JĒKABPILS

### 24 JĒKABPILS FOREST PARK

Alongside with cross-country skiing, snow tubing and tobogganing, you can also try a



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more unusual winter activity - a ride on the ice driving track (if the frost holds off for a long time) as well as polar bear plunges.

- 📍 Mežaparka street 15, Jēkabpils
- 🌐 jekabpilssc.lv



### 25 FARM "MĪLDZĪVNIĒKU BIEDRĪBA"

You can go on a fun horse-drawn sleigh ride with friends in Līči, Krustpils parish.

- 📍 Līči, Krustpils parish, Jēkabpils mun.
- 🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv
- ☎ +371 26553868



### 26 SPORTS ARENA ICE RINK

The ice rink of the Jēkabpils Sports Arena is 58 x 28 m, with seating for 300 spectators. Skating, curling and ice hockey practice is available on a daily basis, and local and regional ice hockey matches are held regularly.

- 📍 Brīvības street 289b, Jēkabpils
- 🌐 jekabpilssc.lv
- ☎ +371 25917332

### 27 ICE FISHING ON BAĻOTE LAKE

Lake Baļote is one of the most popular destinations for carp fishing enthusiasts from the Baltics. The lake is popular for ice fishermen in winter and regular fishing competitions are held on the lake.

- 📍 Kūkas parish, Jēkabpils mun.
- 🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv
- ☎ +371 20288065 (licensed fishing)

### 28 NATURE PARK "LAUKEZERS"

Laukezers is one of the cleanest lakes in Latvia, and the surrounding park has recreation and campfire areas for small, nature-friendly groups.

- 📍 Laukezers, Kūkas parish, Jēkabpils mun.
- 🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv

## GET THE BOG SHOES AND SKATES READY IN JELGAVA AND JELGAVA COUNTY

### 29 PUBLIC SKATING RINK ON PASTA ISLAND

The island is familiar to many and will not disappoint in the cold season, a public skating rink is available during the winter months.

- 📍 Pasta Island, Jelgava
- 🌐 visit.jelgava.lv

### 30 HIKING IN ĶEMERI BOG

Nature lovers can get to places unseen by the eyes of others and enjoy a real taste of adventure, even in winter. Experienced guides of "Purva bridēji" will lead you through the labyrinths of waterholes and places where it would be impossible to get without bog shoes.

- 📍 Big Ķemeri Bog, Slampe parish, Jelgava mun.
- 🌐 purvubrideji.lv
- ☎ +371 20120101



### 31 BULDERBERGA OR OZOLNIEKI HILL

A 2.5 km ski slope is available for winter outdoor enthusiasts, which is illuminated in the evening hours. The youngest ones can also enjoy the winter delights by sledging down the hill.

- 📍 Ozolnieki, Ozolnieki parish, Jelgava mun.
- 🌐 visit.jelgava.lv

### 32 OZO ICE HALL

Opened in spring 2008, the ice rink regularly organises "Mass Skating" and "Mass Stick Skating", where anyone can try skating and ice-hockey. Visitors can bring their own skates or rent them.

- 📍 Stadiona street 5b, Ozolnieki, Ozolnieki parish, Jelgava mun.
- 🌐 ozohalle.lv
- ☎ +371 63050615, +371 26604863

### 33 HOTEL AND SPORTS COMPLEX "ZEMGALE"

The sports complex offers a variety of active leisure activities - bowling, ice rink, public skating, curling.

- 📍 Rīgas street 11, Jelgava
- 🌐 skzemgale.lv
- ☎ +371 63007700, +371 63007220

### 34 TENNIS CLUB "JELGAVA"

Four tennis courts with professional "Australian Open" hard surface, compliant with

international standards, are available for reservation. Both children and adults can apply for training. Equipment can be rented here. Wheelchair tennis is also available.

- 📍 Lietuvas šoseja 68a, Jelgava
- 🌐 tkj.lv
- ☎ +371 26261919, +371 26912017

### 35 TREE HOUSE

Try something special in the "Nākotnes" Park - a treehouse with a sauna.

- 📍 Ūdeļu street 1, Glūda parish, Jelgava mun.
- 🌐 @Namiņš kokos
- ☎ +371 29377105

### HORSE RIDING /ALSO IN WINTER/

At each of these locations, you will be welcomed, trained and helped to choose the right horse or pony for you.



### 36 "PONIJI.LV"

- 📍 "Vīksnes", Cena parish, Jelgava mun.
- 🌐 poniji.lv
- ☎ +371 25523374

### 37 HORSE BREEDING FARM "PRINCIS"

- 📍 "Celmiņi", Cena parish, Jelgava mun.
- 🌐 @jskprincis
- ☎ +371 20206039, +371 26563936

### 38 "MAZMUŠĶU ZIRGI"

- 📍 "Mazmušķi", Cena parish, Jelgava mun.
- 🌐 visit.jelgava.lv
- ☎ +371 29140535

# SAUNA RITUALS IN ZEMGALE

After warming in sauna refresh in a cold pond, watch the stars in a hot tub or feel the presence of a sauna spirit - the baths will relax your body and ease your mind. In winter, it is a special treat that allows you to treat

yourself and regain your health and strength. From the black smoke sauna and energising rituals to the modern hot tub under the night sky, choose the pleasure of spoiling yourself!

## SAUNA, HOT TUB AND POND IN ONE PLACE /AIZKRAUKLE COUNTY/

### 39 HOLIDAY HOUSE "VILLA LAKSTĪGALAS"

It offers not only accommodation, but also a pleasant and relaxing sauna and hot tub. Aromatic oils and crystals are also available in the sauna. The outdoor terrace includes a bubbling hot tub and an outdoor shower.

📍 Lakstīgalu street 24, Skrīveri, Skrīveri parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 villalakstigalas.lv

📞 +371 28274897

### 40 GUEST HOUSE "VALTERI"

🌐 atputavalteros.lv

### 41 GUEST HOUSE "CAMATA"

🌐 @camataviesunams

### 42 BEBRI SAUNA "OZOLIŅI"

🌐 visitkoknese.lv

### 43 COMPLEX "KLIDZIŅA"

🌐 klidzina.lv

### 44 SAUNA "RADZES"

🌐 @GLRadzes

All available sauna places in Aizkraukle County:



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## ENERGETIC STEAM SAUNA AND SOUL HEALING /BAUSKA COUNTY/

### 45 FARMSTEAD "EVERTI"

19th century Latvian sauna ritual "Soul healing" - the basic procedures are warming, scrubbing, whipping and mask, but the ritual is adapted to each individual. Herbal tea, a snack and brooms are also included.

📍 "Everti", Bārbele parish, Bauska mun.

🌐 everti.lv

📞 +371 265 564 52



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### 46 "MŪSA SPA & HOTEL"

🌐 musaparadise.com

### 47 ENERGETIC STEAM SAUNA "LIELZEMENES"

🌐 lielzemenes.lv

### 48 HOLIDAY HOUSE "LODĒNU PIRTIŅA"

🌐 lodeni.com

### 49 HOLIDAY HOUSE "BRIEŽI"

🌐 visit.bauska.lv

### 50 HOLIDAY HOUSE "SLOKAS"

🌐 @guesthouseslokas

More about other saunas in Bauska County:



## HEALING STONES IN SILMAĻI SAUNA /DOBELE COUNTY/



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### 51 HOLIDAY HOUSE "SILMAĻI"

A wood-fired sauna is available here. It is heated with special stones, which have a positive effect on the skin, improve respiratory function and are healing. After the sauna, you can soak in a heated hot tub. The sauna is designed for small groups.

📍 "Silmaļi", Tērvete parish, Dobeles mun.

🌐 @silmalitevete

📞 +371 27744944

### 52 COTTAGE, SAUNA "AURU CĪRUĻI"

🌐 ciruli.lv

### 53 GUEST HOUSE "DABAICĒNI", SAUNA AND HOT TUB

🌐 @Dabaiceni

### 54 RECREATION CENTER "LIELAUCES KLIŅĒRIS"

🌐 zemestauki.lv

### 55 SAUNA "DEVIŅSPĒKS", SAUNA RITUALS

🌐 visitdobeles.lv

### 56 SAUNA "NOMADIC HOMES" AND HOT TUB, ACCOMODATION AVAILABLE

🌐 nomadichomes.lv

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## BLACK SAUNA THERAPY /JĒKABPILS COUNTY/

### 57 HOLIDAY HOUSE "SPILVES"

You can warm up and whip in the black sauna heated by the owner Andrejs. It is one of the rarest therapies in Latvia. Afterwards relax in the pond, sip herbal teas, soak in the hot tub or enjoy an ayurvedic massage.

📍 "Spilves", Varieši parish, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 spilves.lv

📞 +371 29175120



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### 58 HERBAL AND SAUNA ISLAND IN AKNĪSTE PARISH

🌐 zalupirtssala.com

### 59 WAKEBOARD SAUNA IN JĒKABPILS ON THE SHORE OF RADŽI RESERVOIR

🌐 veikparks.lv

### 60 HOLIDAY HOUSE "CELMIŅI" IN KŪKAS PARISH

🌐 celmini.lv

## PRESENCE OF A BATH SPIRIT /JELGAVA COUNTY/

### 61 "VECLĪČI SAUNA"

You will find a cosy place with a fireplace for your well-being. With prior reservation, you can enjoy the presence of

Lienīte - a sauna attendant, and the scent of sauna whisks. There is also an event room in the sauna complex.

📍 "Senlīči", Jaunsvirlauka parish, Jelgava mun.

🌐 senlici.lv

📞 +371 29486086, +371 20007065

### 62 SAUNA KLĪVES

🌐 klivespirts.lv

### 63 BERĶENE MANOR AND SPA

🌐 berkenesmuiza.lv

### 64 SAUNA AND HOT TUB RENT "PIČU PAČU"

📍 @picupacusia

### 65 RENT OF SAUNA BARRELS, MOBILE SAUNAS AND HOT TUBS

🌐 visit.jelgava.lv



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# WARM UP AND RELAX IN THE SPA

When you need to rest your body with a relaxing and warming spa treatment,

you don't have to go to the resorts abroad - Zemgale has plenty to offer!

## AIZKRAUKLE COUNTY

### 66 "VILAR SPA HOTEL"

A swimming pool with two cascades for adults and a warm pool for children, saunas with different humidity levels (50%, 80%), a Turkish bath, an aromatic bath and a light and salt bath is available in the hotel.

📍 Gaismas street 20B, Aizkraukle, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 vilarhotel.lv

📞 +371 25626060

### 67 GUEST HOUSE "DIVAS UPES"

Mini spa - steam sauna, sauna, jacuzzi, fireplace, beauty treatments and massages.

📍 "Rozes", Bilstiņi, Koknese parish, Aizkraukle mun.

🌐 divasupes.com

📞 +371 29578899



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## BAUSKA COUNTY

### 68 SPA AT MANOR MAZMEŽOTNE

You can enjoy the aroma and steam sauna, salt sauna, massage in the contrast baths, contrast foot bath, warm sofa and outdoor jacuzzi.

📍 Mazmežotne Manor, Rundāle parish, Bauska mun.

🌐 mazmezotne.lv/spa

📞 +371 25772269



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### 69 RECREATION COMPLEX "ROŽMALAS"

Sauna, jacuzzi, hot tub, massages, foot treatment... And that's not all! Head to "Rožmalas", relax with spa treatments, explore the history of the place, have a meal in the restaurant and then stay in one of the hotel's rooms.

📍 Nameju street 2, Ceraukste, Bauska mun.

🌐 rozmalas.lv

📞 +371 26564580

## DOBELE COUNTY

### 70 RELAXATION, SPIRITUAL PRACTICES, SPA AND LEISURE PLACE "AGNI"

This is a place for undisturbed relaxation, inspiration, sensation, enjoyment and meditation. We offer a variety of spa treatments, healing body massages, sauna rituals, romantic retreats for two or holidays for the whole family.

- 📍 "Kļavnieki", Jaunbērze parish, Dobele mun.
- 🌐 agni.mozellosite.com
- ☎️ +371 29243441

### 71 SAUNA "AT EVITA"

The sauna-keeper Evita Zoltnere invites you to a Latvian spa experience in her sauna, where a cosy atmosphere, the best sauna traditions with whisks from the surrounding area, homemade herbal teas and herbal scrubs await you.

- 📍 Ozolu street 3, Dobele, Dobele mun.
- 🌐 visitdobele.lv
- ☎️ +371 28622564



## JĒKABPILS COUNTY

### 72 RECREATION COMPLEX "KALNIŅĀ"

The spa offers a Turkish bath, sauna, jacuzzi, lymphatic massage roller, waxing room, relaxation rooms, as well as a hotel, cafe and gym.

- 📍 Skolas street 7, Aknīste, Jēkabpils mun.
- 🌐 realfitness.lv
- ☎️ +371 24925169

### 73 WATER RELAXATION CENTRE "CITRUS SPA"

Swimming pool with cascade, counter current, cold pool, jacuzzi, steam sauna, wet and dry sauna. Private relaxation area with sauna and swimming pool, room for celebrations and seminar facilities, five rooms for overnight stays.

- 📍 Kurzemes street 8, Jēkabpils
- 🌐 citrusspa.lv
- ☎️ +371 26825940



## JELGAVA COUNTY

### 74 BERĶENE MANOR SPA

Sauna and Turkish and steam baths, jacuzzi, contrast foot bath, as well as pool with counter-current, cascade, underwater foot and back massage. Open daily by prior reservation.

- 📍 Berķene Manor, Ziedkalne, Vilce parish, Jelgava mun.
- 🌐 berkenesmuiza.lv
- ☎️ +371 29252565, +371 29228580



# EVEN SLEEP IS AN ADVENTURE IN ZEMGALE!

Even when you just want to curl up under the blanket, you do not have to give up new experiences, because you can also have an adventure... while sleeping! If you don't know what it is like to fall asleep in a mirror world, to gaze at the stars and merge with

nature, or to sleep in the famous car "Gazik", it is the time to find out! In every county of Zemgale you will find interesting places to stay, where even sleeping can be an adventure. And who knows - maybe your day dreaming will change...

## MIRRORING IN THE SLEEP /AIZKRAUKLE COUNTY/

### 75 LUXURY HOTEL "SEVEN MIRRORS"

All year round, you can enjoy the scenery of the Daugava valley, sauna rituals and star gazing while soaking in a hot jacuzzi. And the mirrored glass walls that cover almost the entire house will make your stay unforgettable.

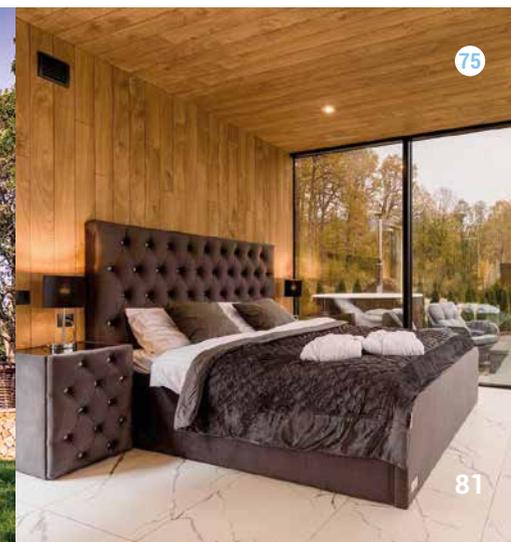
- 📍 "Seven Mirrors" Luxury Hotel, Uplejas, Skrīveri parish, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 7mirrors.lv
- ☎️ +371 26287804



### 76 PEACE AND AUTHENTICITY IN THE COTTAGE "PILKALNE MANOR"

The centre of the manor consists of the servants' house, outbuildings and a barn - the forge, where a unique grain drying oven has been preserved. The buildings include a beautiful, well-kept park with old trees.

- 📍 Pilkalne Manor, Pilskalne parish, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv
- ☎️ +371 29341352



### 77 OVERNIGHT IN THE DOME AT THE CAMPSITE "PIE DAUGAVAS"

This glamorous campsite offers exclusive accommodation in furnished bell tents. The tents are carpeted, have comfortable spring mattresses, white bed linen, soft pillows, electricity, kettle, fan and heated sheets.

- 📍 Ceriņi, Jaunjelgava, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 [kempingspiedaugavas.com](http://kempingspiedaugavas.com)
- 📞 +371 25678898 (During the tourist season)

### 78 LUXURY GLAMPING HOTELS "RAGNAR GLAMP"

All the houses are heated and equipped with a stove or a fireplace, so you can spend even the coldest evenings in comfort. Each house has a well-equipped kitchen and a furnished terrace where you and your loved ones can enjoy the nearby nature.

- 📍 Jaunbilstiņi, Koknese parish, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 [ragnarglamp.com](http://ragnarglamp.com)
- 📞 +371 29578899

### 79 CHIC AND ELEGANCE AT THE "ODZIENAS KROGUMĀJA"

This is a reconstructed old manor house with catering and event facilities on the ground floor and cosy guest rooms on the first floor. There are 9 rooms in total, both double and family.

- 📍 Zemgaļi, Odziena, Vietalva parish, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 [odzienasmuiza.lv](http://odzienasmuiza.lv)
- 📞 +371 20533333

### 80 THE SOUND OF THE WAVES OF THE DAUGAVA IN THE RECREATION COMPLEX "LAPSU CIEMS"

The area has four camping houses, a sauna house, a volleyball court, recreation and barbecue areas. Here, in the cottages, you

have the feeling of being part of nature, with comfort and peace to relax your mind.

- 📍 Piparkalni, Sece parish, Aizkraukle mun.
- 🌐 [lapsuciems.lv](http://lapsuciems.lv)
- 📞 +371 29326827, +371 29181195

### WOOD AND LINEN FOR INTERIOR /BAUSKA COUNTY/

### 81 THREE-STAR DESIGN HOTEL RECREATION COMPLEX "ROŽMALAS"

You can stay in double rooms and use the spa area. You can also book a room with a fireplace, enjoy meals in the restaurant and visit the Ribbe Windmill.

- 📍 Nameju street 2, Ceraukste, Bauska mun.
- 🌐 [rozmalas.lv](http://rozmalas.lv)
- 📞 +371 26564580

### 82 RECREATION COMPLEX HOTEL "MIKELIS"

The hotel's cosy rooms have terraces and pond views, and there are two-story family rooms, some of which are pet friendly.

- 📍 Gailīši parish, Bauska mun.
- 🌐 [mikelis.lv](http://mikelis.lv)
- 📞 +371 26443496

### 83 "MAZMEŽOTNE MANOR"

The history of the manor is related with the family of noblemen Līvens, who farmed in Mazmežotne until the 1930s. Today, the manor buildings have a four-star hotel in the Lord's and the Great Servant House.

- 📍 Rundāle parish, Bauska mun.
- 🌐 [mazmezotne.lv](http://mazmezotne.lv)
- 📞 +371 25772269

### 84 HOLIDAY HOUSE "LODĒNI"

This is a peaceful place where everyone can enjoy the relaxation of a sauna and the experience of an illuminated hot tub under the open sky. Every detail of the sauna has



been well thought out, creating a house with a special atmosphere - best suited for two.

📍 Ceraukste parish, Bauska mun.

🌐 lodeni.com

📞 +371 29936504

#### 85 GUEST HOUSE "BALTĀ MĀJA"

The rooms are decorated according to the 18th century. Servant's house interior, with wooden beds and other wooden furniture, woven blankets and other historical objects and elements.

📍 Pilsrundāle, Bauska mun.

🌐 visit.bauska.lv

📞 +371 29121374

#### 86 OPEN AIR MUSEUM "AUSEKĻU DZIRNAVAS"

Stay in an open-air museum's apartments and feel the authentic atmosphere: the fireplace will make the room feel cosy, while the view from the terrace will offer a magnificent landscape overlooking the mill and the nearby Iecava River.

📍 "Ausekļu dzirnavas", Bārbele parish, Bauska mun.

🌐 ausekludzirnavas.lv

📞 +371 26396878

### A CHERRY ON TOP /DOBELE COUNTY/

#### 87 GLAMPING TĒRVETE

Staying in the underground and wooden cabins will provide you with pleasant emotions and a cosy accommodation experience. The houses offer all the amenities for a relaxing holiday in summer and winter. Guests of glamping houses have free entrance to the Nature Park "Tērvete".

📍 "Podziņas", Tērvete parish, Dobele mun.

🌐 mammadaba.lv

📞 +371 26115333

#### 88 "GLAMPING TĒRVETE" TREE HOUSE AND HOUSE ON THE HILL, LAKE HOUSE

Holidays in three cosy and comfortably furnished cottages in a quiet and beautiful place among the pine trees in Tērvete near the Indrāni water reservoir.

📍 "Vidiņi", Tērvete pag., Dobele nov..

🌐 glampingtervete.lv

#### 89 SUITES IN PAHLEN MANOR

A healthy, relaxing stay in the restored part of the Pahlen Manor building. The manor's stove will give you the pleasure of a live fire, while the windows offer a wide view of the manor's former park with its hundred-year-old oak and linden trees.

📍 Sanatorija 2, Tērvete, Tērvete parish, Dobele mun.

🌐 palenaapartamenti.lv

📞 +371 29297084

#### 90 SUITES "ORES"

The apartments are set in a 280-year-old inn. Guests have a private entrance and everything they need for a peaceful stay. The Tērvete Nature Park is just one kilometre away. It is popular with couples and families with children.

📍 "Pagasta Ēka", Tērvete, Tērvete parish, Dobele mun.

🌐 visitdobele.lv

📞 +371 27006660

#### 91 GUEST HOUSE "SPRĪDĪŠI"

The Gardener's House of the writer Anna Brigadere's Museum "Sprīdīši" is open to guests as accommodation, and there are five camping cabins and a comfortable service house on the territory of the museum, surrounded by the landscape of beautiful Tērvete River.

📍 "Sprīdīši", Tērvete parish, Dobele mun.

🌐 spridisi.lv

📞 +371 26532691

#### 92 HOLIDAY HOUSE "SILMAĻI"

This spacious log cabin holiday home invites families for a relaxing holiday near the Tērvete Nature Park. Located close to the park's "Dwarf Forest" and Viewing Tower. Can accommodate 20 people.

📍 "Silmaļi", Tērvete parish, Dobele mun.

🌐 @silmalitervete

📞 +371 27744944

### COSY AND SMART /JĒKABPILS COUNTY/

#### 93 "RŪMĪ HOTEL"

This is the first contactless hotel in Jēkabpils and offers a cosy place to rest and a technologically modern and convenient access to the room of your choice. The hotel has smart door locks that allow guests to open the door to their room quickly and conveniently.

📍 Brīvības street 187, Jēkabpils

🌐 @hotelrumi

📞 +371 25610000



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#### 94 RECREATION COMPLEX "KALNIŅĀ"

The complex is conveniently located on a hillside and offers a wide range of hospitality services: a hotel, a cafe, a modern spa complex and a gym. There is also a large outdoor recreation area with a pond of almost a size of one hectare.

📍 Skolas street 7, Aknīste, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 realfitness.lv

📞 +371 26516323

### 95 HOLIDAY HOUSE "STIRNA"

Surrounded by forests and ponds, blue skies and endless adventures in harmony with nature. Here you can enjoy a steam sauna and hot tub to revitalise your body and relieve stress, laze in a hammock and immerse yourself in the wonderful scenery of nature.

📍 "Palejnieku Oši", Kūkas parish, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 @stirnumaja  
☎️ +371 27034459

### 96 HOLIDAY HOUSE "HERCOGI"

A cottage designed to allow you to enjoy peaceful moments for two or with a small group of friends. From its windows you can enjoy the view of the picturesque Daugava River, the peaceful flow of the river and the magic of the sunset while relaxing in the hot tub.

📍 "Hercogi", Ābeļu parish, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 @Hercogi  
☎️ +371 26714185

### 97 HOLIDAY HOUSE "CELMIŅI"

Guests can enjoy both active leisure and relaxation in nature, three types of sauna and a jacuzzi. A holiday cottage is available for overnight stays, as well as a small cottage. There is a fireplace and barbecue area in the courtyard, as well as an outdoor gazebo.

📍 "Plošlejas", Kūkas parish, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 celmini.lv  
☎️ +371 29124049

### 98 CAMPSITE "EZERKRASTI"

Situated on the shores of Lake Baļote, the campsite offers equipped cabins for overnight stays, a sauna, an outdoor hot tub, fishing and boat rental.

📍 "Ezerkrasti", Kūkas parish, Jēkabpils mun.

🌐 @kempingsbalote  
☎️ +371 27170166

## UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT IN THE CAR "GAZIK" /JELGAVA COUNTY/

### 99 OVERNIGHT STAY IN "GAZ-63"

Whether it's a date, a wedding anniversary or a birthday surprise, staying in the car "Gazik" will be a special event and will always be remembered! The Gaz-63, built in 1964, allows you to enjoy a special night in a picturesque apple orchard, all year round.

📍 "Industriālais parks", Nākotne, Glūda parish, Jelgava mun.

🌐 nakotnesparks.lv  
☎️ +371 25713949

### 100 MODULAR HOUSE "CERIŅI"

The holiday home is located in the picturesque apple orchard "Apple Trees and Bees", created in the middle of the last century. It has a peaceful, natural and romantic atmosphere. The property is named after the lilacs that have been planted around the house.

📍 "Nākotnes Parks", Glūda parish, Jelgavas mun.

🌐 nakotnesparks.lv  
☎️ +371 25713949



### 101 BERĶENE MANOR SPA

One of the oldest small manor houses in Zemgale. Four different rooms, a modern spa centre with saunas, jacuzzi and swimming pool or a "country spa" - a hot tub under the starry sky and a swim in the manor pond.

📍 Berķene Manor, Ziedkalne, Vilce parish, Jelgava mun.

🌐 berkenesmuiza.lv  
☎️ +371 29252565, +371 29228580

### 102 ABGUNSTE MANOR

It is an event hotel and creativity residence for all kinds of artistic, cultural and creative processes, contemporary design and celebration of life. Here you can experience the rebirth of the manor.

📍 Abgunste school, Zaļenieki parish, Jelgava mun.

🌐 abgunste.lv  
☎️ +371 29293131, +371 28373711

### 103 BLANKENFELDE MANOR HOTEL

The hotel is located on the second floor of the stable/carriage house in the restored part of the manor. The rooms are elegantly furnished, cosy and well equipped. You can stay overnight to enjoy the ancient atmosphere of the manor with modern comfort.

📍 Blankenfelde Manor, Vilce parish, Jelgava mun.

🌐 visitjlgava.lv  
☎️ +371 27810348

Maybe after skiing the slopes, riding in the forest, catching the feeling of a snowy fairy tale, enjoying the sauna rituals and then taking a polar bear plunge, it will turn out that winter is your favourite season! Zemgale invites you to try it out and get in the mood for good times and adventure.



## TOURISM ROUTES

Follow one of seven thematic tourism routes to discover and feel the core values of Zemgale - creativity, productivity, dedicated people, spaciousness, traditions and beautiful landscape. The routes serve as visiting cards of Zemgale, with a certain beginning and ending point. Where to start? That is up to you.

## TOURISM ROUTE

# CREATIVE AND PRODUCTIVE ZEMGALE



- 1 Holy Trinity Church Tower**  
 Reborn in a new form - an interactive and digital exhibition on three floors.  
 📍 Akadēmijas street 1, Jelgava  
 🌐 visit.jelgava.lv  
 ☎ +371 25619266; +371 63005447  
 📞 + 371 63005447



- 2 Jelgava Old Town House**  
 One of the oldest and most preserved wooden houses in Jelgava, dating from the late 18th century.  
 📍 Vecpilsētas street 14, Jelgava  
 🌐 visit.jelgava.lv  
 ☎ +371 63005407; +371 27309673



- 3 The place of adventure and inspiration "Nākotnes parks"**  
 A 50-hectare territory where the famous collective farm "Nākotne" was established.  
 📍 "Industriālais parks", Parka street Nākotne, Glūda parish, Jelgava mun.  
 🌐 nakotnesparks.lv  
 ☎ + 371 25713849



- 4 Bauska Motormuseum**  
 A large collection of cars and trucks. The exhibition presents a wide variety of rare vehicles that travelled on Latvian roads both in the 1930s and in the post-war period.  
 📍 Derpeles street 2, Bauska, Bauska mun.  
 🌐 motormuzejs.lv  
 ☎ +371 67025887



The counties and towns of Zemgale are full of creativity, activity and imagination. Visit places that have taken on a new lease of life today and explore Zemgale in 21st century Latvia! Each site can be a destination, but when linked together, they give you a real sense of Zemgale's productivity.

- 5 Farm "Kafeja Alīda"**  
 Visit the chicory coffee factory and have a coffee break. For small groups of up to 10 people, a workshop on making your own coffee brand.  
 📍 "Dzelmiķes", Elkšņi parish, Jēkabpils mun.  
 🌐 kafejaalida.lv  
 ☎ +371 26582074



- 6 Krustpils Castle**  
 One of the oldest castles in Latvia, it is home to the Jēkabpils History Museum, which offers an insight into the castle's history and exhibitions. From the viewing platform of the castle gate tower, you can see the panorama of Jēkabpils.  
 📍 Rīgas street 216B, Jēkabpils  
 🌐 jekabpilsmuzejs.lv  
 ☎ +371 27008136



- 7 Taborkalns**  
 The highest hill at the northern end of the Selonia hillock range. Absolute altitude 157.8 masl. You can find Strūve Geodetic Arc point "Daborkalns" and a 28 m high sightseeing tower in Taborkalns.  
 📍 Sēlpils parish, Jēkabpils mun.  
 🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv



- 8 Pļaviņas Hydroelectric Power Plant**  
 The largest electricity generating plant on Daugava, the only tunnel in Latvia connecting the two banks of the Daugava.  
 📍 Enerģētiku street 2, Aizkraukle  
 🌐 latvenergo.lv  
 ☎ +371 67724409



**TOURISM ROUTE**

**LATVIAN PERSONALITY ZEMGALE**

Behind every important event there are people who realised it. The same is true of places, shaped by people and events over time. The values of Latvia and its people are shaped by specific places, events and the people associated with them. Zemgale is the best place to see the symbols and values of the country - tangible and sensible.



**1 Christmas Battle Museum**

The open-air exhibition reconstructs a section of the fortification system in an authentic location: the battlements and part of the first line of German defence - the "German rampart", which is the only object of its kind in the Baltics.

📍 Mangāli, Valgunde parish, Jelgava mun.  
🌐 karamuzejs.lv  
☎ +371 28349259



**2 The Institute of Horticulture**

At the end of May, the most colourful decoration of Dobele is the lilac garden, and in early summer - the blossom in the apple orchard. In July, the cherry orchard is a delight, and autumn arrives with juicy and crisp apples.

📍 Graudu street 1, Dobele  
🌐 darzkopibasinstituts.lv  
☎ +371 26408655



**3 Dobele Castle**

The castle has been reborn in a new form, where the past and the future intermingle, in constant flux.

📍 Brīvības street 2c, Dobele, Dobele mun.  
🌐 dobelespils.lv  
☎ +371 22027275



**4 12th Century Tērvete Wooden Castle**

The reconstruction of the castle is an unprecedented project in Latvia, based on archaeological evidence, one of the most magnificent castles of the 12th century in the territory of Latvia has been built.

📍 "Lielķēniņi", Tērvete, Dobele mun.  
🌐 lielkenins.lv  
☎ +371 26950975



**5 Mežotne Hillfort**

One of the largest 9th-13th century ancient Semigallian fortifications. Right next to it the cultural space "Mežotne Church" with exhibitions about the historical events on the Mežotne hillfort is located.

📍 Rundāle parish, Bauska mun.  
🌐 visit.bauska.lv  
☎ +371 28022044



**6 Rundāle Palace**

The ensemble of Rundāle Palace is the most outstanding monument of Baroque and Rococo architecture in Latvia. The castle was built according to the design of the famous Russian court architect Francesco Bartolomeo Rastrelli.

📍 Pilsrundāle, Rundāle parish, Bauska mun.  
🌐 rundale.net  
☎ +371 26499151



**7 House of Jānis Čakste**

The family house of the first President of Latvia, Jānis Čakste. The exhibition of the restored servant's house in a modern, contemporary format tells about the fate of J. Čakste and his family in the context of Latvian history and the development of democracy.

📍 "Auči", Salgale parish, Jelgava mun.  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv  
☎ +371 26392154



**8 Jelgava History and Art Museum of Gederts Eliass**

The museum building is also known as "Academia Petrina" - it was the first higher education institution in Latvia, where the first presidents of Lithuania and Latvia were studying.

📍 Akadēmijas street 10, Jelgava  
🌐 jvmm.lv  
☎ +371 63023383



**TOURISM ROUTE**

**FROM ZEMGALE PLAIN TO THE FOREST LANDSCAPE**

Zemgale can be proud of its landscapes that attract visitors. The vast landscapes blend with forested areas, which highlight the character of Selonia as a historic land. It is formed by the synergy between settlements, towns and rural areas, and enhanced by the Daugava River as an important symbol of Latvia.



**1 Skrīveri Dendrological Park**

The 392-hectare park is home to around 300 introduced tree and shrub species. 30 of them are of considerable European rarity.

📍 Skrīveri dendrological park, Skrīveri parish, Aizkraukle mun.  
🌐 mammadaba.lv  
☎ +371 25661983



**2 Koknese medieval castle ruins**

One of the largest and most important medieval castles in Latvia. Impressive ruins have been preserved to this day.

📍 Kokneses park, Koknese, Aizkraukle mun.  
🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv  
☎ +371 29275412



**3 The Garden of Destiny**

It combines outstanding environmental architecture with the splendour of the nature of the Koknese peninsula and the flow of the Daugava.

📍 Sala, Koknese parish, Aizkraukle mun.  
🌐 liktendarzs.lv  
☎ +371 25495544



**4 Daugava Promenade in Jēkabpils**

Walking along the pedestrian promenade, you can enjoy the flow of Daugava River and see the silhouettes of the city buildings.

📍 Jēkabpils, both banks of Daugava  
🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv



**5 Viesīte**

A small town in the middle of Selonia, situated on a hill. The Viesīte Museum "Sēlija" is worth a visit, as well as tourists are welcome to walk along the Love Trail and go to the Viesīte Lake.

📍 Viesīte, Jēkabpils mun.  
🌐 muzejsselija.lv  
☎ +371 28681126



**6 Sauka Nature Park**

Ormaņkalns has a viewing tower, which allows you to see the magnificent panorama of Lake Sauka and the vast forests of Selonia.

📍 Sauka Nature Park, Elkšņi parish, Jēkabpils mun.  
🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv



**7 Nereta**

It is located on the border of Latvia, surrounded by the forests of Selonia, close to the Dienvidsūsēja River. A place to experience boat trips and relaxation in nature.

📍 Nereta, Nereta parish, Aizkraukle mun.  
🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv



**8 Aklais Bog**

There are typical landscapes of raised bogs, lakes and closed forest landscapes. A 2 kilometre walking trail is available.

📍 Aklais (Jūgu) bog, Daudzese parish, Aizkraukle mun.  
🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv



**9 Skaistkalne Karst Sinkholes**

Almost every local resident or those living nearby know stories about the land suddenly opening up, a horse or goat disappearing or a farmer's cultivated fields suddenly turning into small lakes.

📍 Skaistkalne parish, Bauska mun.  
🌐 visit.bauska.lv  
☎ +371 26346250



**ADVENTURE IN ZEMGALE**

Adventure is part of every journey - the chance to experience exciting events or to gain a new set of knowledge and skills through practical activities. Places created by dedicated people in Zemgale offer adventures of active recreation and peaceful being in nature parks and towns, manor parks, creative workshops.



Extended version of the route with 10 additional sites:



**1 Pasta Island**  
A well-equipped multifunctional place for recreation, culture and social activities, surrounded by two rivers.  
📍 Pasta Island, Jelgava  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv



**2 House of Latvian traditions and crafts**  
The visitors have the opportunity to watch various demonstrations of weavers' crafts.  
📍 Vecpilsētas street, 2, Jelgava  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv  
☎ +371 29116210



**3 Nature Park in Tērvete**  
It covers an area of more than 1200 ha, a third of which is taken up by Fairy-tale World.  
📍 "Tērvetes sils", Tērvete, Tērvete parish, Dobele mun.  
🌐 mammadaba.lv  
☎ + 371 28309394



**4 Horse riding in Tērvete**  
Enjoy the nature of Tērvete on horseback or in horse drawn cart. The owner Augēnija is happy to welcome youngsters and adults.  
📍 "Ikšķīši", Tērvete, Dobele mun.  
🌐 visitdobele.lv  
☎ +371 26824856



**5 Vilce Nature Park**  
One of the most scenically beautiful places in Zemgale, where the rivers Vilce and Rukūze meet. Vilce Manor house with its castle and park is also located in the area.  
📍 Vilce Nature Park, Vilce parish, Jelgava mun.  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv  
☎ +371 26351169, +371 28346682  
☎ +371 26216869 (Disc golf equipment rental)



**6 Open Air Museum "Ausekļu dzirnavas"**  
On the peaceful banks of the Lecava River, there is a Latvian farmstead with a collection of ancient tools and various exhibitions, water and windmills, leisure areas and children's playgrounds.  
📍 "Ausekļu dzirnavas", Bārbele parish, Bauska mun.  
🌐 ausekludzirnavas.lv  
☎ +371 26396878



**7 Selonian Craft Center "Rūme"**  
Built as a log cabin, it is a masterpiece of the carpenter's trade, where you can gain insights into the skills and craftsmanship of potters, tailors, leatherworkers and woodworkers.  
📍 "Rūme", Zasa, Zasa parish, Jēkabpils mun.  
🌐 @amatniecibas.centrs.rume  
☎ +371 29240576



**8 "Sēļu Sēta" Open Air division of Jēkabpils History Museum**  
The exhibition consists of six 19th century rural buildings in the Selonija region - residential house, grain barn, small barn, forge, windmill and bath house. In the craft house you can get acquainted with craft traditions in Selonija and take part in various practical activities.  
📍 Filozofu street 6, Jēkabpils  
🌐 jekabpilsmuzejs.lv  
☎ +371 27029039



**9 Water Tourism Center "Balta Kaza"**  
It offers a ferry service from Skrīverī to Jaunjelgava, trips on the boat "Balta Kaza" and the motorboat "Āzītis", as well as other water tourism activities.  
📍 Pārceļtuves street 1, Jaunjelgava, Aizkraukle mun.  
🌐 kugisbaltakaza.lv  
☎ +371 29442587



**10 Amusement Park "Labirinti"**  
More than 20 attractions on 3,5 hectares have been created for picnics, try it out! Try out various sporting activities and test your wits.  
📍 "Bērziņi", Zorģi, Lecava parish, Bauska mun.  
🌐 labirinti.lv  
☎ +371 26320336



**DETOUR FROM THE MAIN ROADS OF ZEMGALE**

Small things make big impressions and lasting memories. To get a better feel for the nuanced ambience of Zemgale, to see what has been carefully preserved and to become a Semigallian for a few days, you need to turn off the main road and go to the small towns and places of Zemgale that carry and reveal a special charm. It is a different kind of Zemgale visiting card, which nevertheless inscribes the greatness of Zemgale.



Extended version of the route with 12 additional sites:



**1 Auce**  
Small and charming, Auce is located on the Lithuanian border. It is one of the tidiest, most cultural and historical places in Latvia, and one of the most interesting, full of stories and active places at the same time.  
📍 Auce, Dobele mun.  
🌐 visitdobele.lv



**2 Abgunste Manor**  
Visit, stay, celebrate, be inspired, contribute or come with your creativity! Abgunste Manor is now as it used to be. Explore, take a photo, listen to stories - experience the manor's rebirth.  
📍 Abgunste, Zālenieki parish, Jelgava mun.  
🌐 abgunste.lv  
☎ +371 29393131



**3 Lielplatone Manor**  
Next to the manor house is a picturesque park full of legends. The restored "vešūzis" is an authentic 18th/19th-century laundry house where you can learn about the laundry traditions.  
📍 Alejas street 7, Lielplatone, Jelgava mun.  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv  
☎ +371 26611468



**4 Rundāles Watermill Museum**  
In the museum, you can see and learn about the work of a watermill, following the path of grain through wooden shafts to a milled bag of flour. The building also houses a small brewery.  
📍 Rundāle Watermill Museum, Pilsrundāle, Rundāle parish, Bauska mun.  
🌐 rundalesdzirnavas.lv  
☎ +371 20557777



**5 Svitene Manor**  
This is one of the most beautiful classical castles in Zemgale, whose interior partly preserved its splendid decorative elements.  
📍 Svitene, Bauska mun.  
🌐 visit.bauska.lv  
☎ +371 26672682



**6 The Rainis Museum "Tadenava"**  
The museum complex consists of the manor's residential house and barn built during the time of Rainis father Krišjānis Pliekšāns, the house of the newly established farm "Dāboliņi", as well as a bath house and a cellar.  
📍 Tadenava, Dunava parish, Jēkabpils mun.  
🌐 memorialiemuzeji.lv  
☎ +371 29250484



**7 Craft Centre "Māzers"**  
You can get acquainted with the world of applied arts, craftsmen and their industry, as well as try a ceramics masterclass or get involved in a creative workshop.  
📍 "Vālodzīte", Vīpe, Vīpe parish, Jēkabpils mun.  
🌐 @maazers  
☎ +371 29283717



**8 Jaunjelgava**  
The historic centre of the town is home to one of the most prominent architectural monuments, the Art Nouveau-style City Council House, as well as several churches.  
📍 Lāčplēša street 11, Jaunjelgava, Aizkraukle mun.  
🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv



## LARGE CIRCLE OF ZEMGALE PALACES AND MANORS

Castles, palaces and manors are one of the most magnificent landmarks of Zemgale and the whole of Latvia. They create threads of different stories that reveal the wealth, majesty and rich historical development of Zemgale. Often, Zemgale's castles, palaces and manor houses continue their life today - with new owners who, building on classical values, create modern legends.



### 1 Jelgava Palace Museum

The largest Baroque castle in the Baltic States, former residence of the Dukes of Courland and Zemgale, administrative centre of the Governorate of Courland.

📍 Lielā street 2, Jelgava  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv  
☎ +371 63005617



### 2 Dobele Castle

The castle has been reborn in a new form, where the past and the future intermingle, in constant flux.

📍 Brīvības street 2c, Dobele  
🌐 dobelespils.lv  
☎ +371 22027275



### 3 Vecauce Castle

Tourism and culture centre. Around the castle there is a 13 hectare landscape park, popular with locals and tourists, with several ponds, plantations of foreign trees and shrubs, walking paths and monuments.

📍 Akadēmijas street 11, Vecauce, Vecauce parish, Dobele mun.  
🌐 vecauce.lv  
☎ +371 29195959



### 4 Lielplatone Manor

Next to the manor house is a picturesque park full of legends. The restored "vešūzis" is an authentic 18th/19th-century laundry house where you can learn about the laundry traditions.

📍 Alejas street 7, Lielplatone, Jelgava mun.  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv  
☎ +371 26611468



### 5 Lielvircava Manor

Large exhibition of 19th century manor's furniture and household items is historically significant not only in Latvia, but also in the Baltic region.

📍 Lielvircava Manor, Platone parish, Jelgava mun.  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv  
☎ +371 22024127



### 6 Rundāle Palace

The ensemble of Rundāle Palace is the most outstanding monument of Baroque and Rococo architecture in Latvia. The palace was built according to the design of the famous Russian court architect Francesco Bartolomeo Rastrelli.

📍 Pilsrundāle, Rundāle parish, Bauska mun.  
🌐 rundale.net  
☎ +371 26499151



### 7 Bauska Castle

The castle consists of two parts - the Livonian Order castle, of which only ruins remain, and the residence of the Dukes of Courland. There are several thematic exhibitions and displays.

📍 Bauska Castle Museum, Pilskalna street, Bauska  
🌐 bauskaspils.lv  
☎ +371 63923793



### 8 Koknese medieval castle ruins

One of the largest and most important medieval castles in Latvia. Impressive ruins have been preserved to this day.

📍 Koknese park, Koknese, Aizkraukle mun.  
🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv  
☎ +371 29275412



### 9 Krustpils Castle

One of the oldest castles in Latvia, it is home to the Jēkabpils History Museum, which offers an insight into the castle's history and exhibitions. From the viewing platform of the castle gate tower, you can see the panorama of Jēkabpils.

📍 Rīgas street 216B, Jēkabpils  
🌐 jekabpilsmuzejs.lv  
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## "LEIŠMALĪTE" DISCOVERIES IN ZEMGALE

Stories from different times highlight and point the current events. The work "Leišmalīte" by Imants Ziedonis and Rimants Ziedonis is a message of its time about people from the Latvian - Lithuanian border, a place marker and a proposal for trip around the Latvian border. When travelling, borders can disappear, strangers can become good acquaintances, the unknown can be discovered. And such is the journey to Leišmalīte, which seems to be different, but shapes and presents Zemgale.



### 1 Aknīste Town

A beautiful small town on the banks of Dienvidsusēja River.

📍 Aknīste, Jēkabpils mun.  
🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv  
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### 2 Gārsene Castle

It was built in neo-Gothic architectural style between 1856 and 1860. The castle has nature trails with more than 40 unique natural objects.

📍 "Labiēši", Gārsene parish, Jēkabpils mun.  
🌐 garsenespils.lv  
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### 3 Jānis Jaunsudrabiņš Museum "Riekstiņi"

The main exhibition presents the writer's life and work - his books, paintings, photographs and personal belongings.

📍 "Riekstiņi", Nereta parish, Aizkraukle mun.  
🌐 visitaizkraukle.lv



### 4 Pīlkalne Manor

The centre of the manor consists of the servants' residential place, outbuildings and a barn - the forge, where a unique grain drying oven has been preserved. The buildings include a beautiful, well-kept park with veteran trees.

📍 Pīlkalne, Pīlkalne parish, Aizkraukle mun.  
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### 5 Ērberģe Manor

The Manor Park has walking trails - Baron's, Blue Lady's, Shepherd's, Youth's and others - with challenges and surprises for visitors.

📍 Ērberģe, Mazzalve parish, Aizkraukle mun.  
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### 6 Kurmene Church and Manor's Complex

You can walk around and see the restored manor barn, the park with a pond, and the Catholic church. The park has a clay pottery kiln and animal shelters housing ostriches, sheep, llamas, alpacas and other unique animals.

📍 Kurmene, Kurmene parish, Bauska mun.  
🌐 visit.bauska.lv  
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### 7 Brukna Manor

The original owners of Brukna Manor (until 1920) are considered to be members of the German-Baltic aristocratic family - Baron Korff. The manor ensemble was built in the mid-18th century, but its current appearance is a neoclassical rebuild from the 19th century.

📍 Brukna-1, Dāviņi parish, Bauska mun.  
🌐 brukna.lv  
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### 8 Recreation Complex "Mīkelis"

The farmstead consists of a residential house, drying barn, shed, two barns, a stable and a forge. You can see a collection of old vehicles - cars, trucks and fire engines, various agricultural machinery, motorcycles and engines, more than 100 pieces of machinery in total.

📍 "Mīkelis", Gailīši parish, Bauska mun.  
🌐 mikelis.lv  
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