

## TOURISM ROUTE

# 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.

### 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, Dobeles mun.  
🌐 visitdobeles.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, Zaļenieki 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



The main objects of the route are complemented by thematically unifying adventure places - places of culture, nature and knowledge, which allow you to personalize the routes by creating customized travel programs before or during the trip.

### 1 Vecauce Castle

Tourism and culture center. Around the castle 13-hectare landscape park is located with several ponds, plantings of exotic trees and shrubs, walking paths and monuments.

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



### 2 Mežmuiža Castle

Situated in a very nice place - on a bank of the lake enclosed by 12 ha large park. It was built in Neogothic style at the end of the 19th century.

📍 Ezerpils, Augstkalne parish, Dobeles mun.  
🌐 mezmuiza.lv  
📞 +371 26473531



### 3 Anna Brigadere Museum "Sprīdīši"

The last eleven summers of the writer passed here and many works were written, including most of her memoir trilogy "God. Nature. Work".

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



### 4 Eleja Manor Park

Historical paths have been restored in the park, a bridge has been built across the ditch to the peninsula and two new interactive objects created, as well as exposition of Eleja hall has been opened.

📍 Eleja Manor Park, Jelgava mun.  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv  
📞 +371 26128853



### 5 Zaļenieki (Green) Manor

Duke's hunting residence is a unique architectural example of the Duchy of Courland. The Park of the manor is a delight with its calm, quiet and shady atmosphere.

📍 "Pils", Zaļenieki, Zaļenieki parish, Jelgava mun.  
🌐 visit.jelgava.lv  
📞 +371 22043531



### 6 Berķene Manor

One of the oldest small manors in Zemgale, you can take a look at the authentic diary of the manager of the manor and learn everything about life in the manor.

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



### 7 Iecava Manor Park

One of the most important values of the city is the Iecava manor park. The total area of the park is 16.6 ha, it is characterized by a large variety of leaf-type trees, several species of exotic trees can also be seen, some of them are over 130 years old.

📍 Iecava, Bauska mun.  
🌐 visit.bauska.lv



### 8 Bārbele sulphur spring

Sulphur spring is known as one of the first resort places in Latvia. Visitors are welcome to explore this unique area - here is a rest area, an information stand, where everyone can get to know the history of the resort in more detail.

📍 Bārbele parish, Bauska mun.  
🌐 visit.bauska.lv



### 9 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



### 10 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 26344757



### 11 Meadow Museum in Kaldabruņa

The space and its surroundings have been revitalized 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.

📍 Kaldabruņa school, Rubene parish, Jēkabpils mun.  
🌐 udenszimes.lv  
📞 +371 29548967; +371 26991295



### 12 Kristokrūga skatu tornis

From the 27-metre-high viewing tower, a charming landscape opens up to the Teiči Nature Reserve.

📍 Kristokrūgs, Atašiene parish, Jēkabpils mun.  
🌐 visit.jekabpils.lv



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