TOURISM ROUTE

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, Pilskalns, 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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The main objects of the route are complemented by the offer of exploration in smaller manors and their parks, as well as the offer of gastronomic tourism, tastings and breweries, allowing you to supplement what you see in Zemgale with diverse tastes, personalizing the route by creating customized travel programs before or during the trip.

1 Winery „Tērvete wines"
Offers homemade Latvian fruit and berry wines – raspberry, apple and quince wines are available to taste and visit the winery.
Krāces, Zelmeņi, Tērvete parish, Dobele mun.
tervetesvini.lv
+371 29454225

2 Tērvete bread
Jānis Kurpnieks together with his spouse, combining traditions - perfecting the recipes created by his ancestors and the latest trends, creates his own story about bread.
Straumes, Tērvete parish, Dobele mun.
visitdobele.lv
+371 29967553

3 Farmstead "Rūķīšu tēja"
Largest grower of medicinal herbs and producer of herbal tea. During the tour, the visitors can learn more about how the medicinal herbs are grown, gathered, and dried to produce tea.
Rūķīši, Krimūnas parish, Dobele mun.
rukisuteja.lv
+371 29263846

4 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; dobelescerini.lv
+371 28001199

5 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
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6 "House of Mint"
Here you will find out about more than 30 different types of mint, taste different mint teas, and learn about different mint products - mint syrup, powder, face tonic and others.
"Terēni", Vilce parish, Jelgava mun.
visit.jelgava.lv
+371 26394062

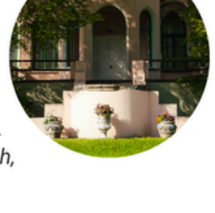
7 Valdeka Palace
Built in the 17th century outside Jelgava. Today is a study and work place for students of Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies. Available only from outside.
Rīgas street 22, Jelgava
visit.jelgava.lv

8 Manor House Villa Medem
Medem family city residence Villa Medem was built in 1818 based on a project of Adam Berlic and it was considered his greatest masterpiece in the whole dukedom.
Uzvaras street 55, Jelgava
visit.jelgava.lv
+371 25970219

9 Brewery "VIEDI"
Offers an attractive and knowledgeable guide to get to know the brewing process from malt to the finished product, to taste the products produced in the company.
Cukura street 21, Jelgava
viedalus.lv
+371 20247777

10 Gastronomic offer of Bauska winemakers
Various options for home wineries and other farms gastronomic offers in the Bauska County.
Bauska mun.
visit.bauska.lv

11 Odziena Manor Castle
Odziena complex includes not only the manor building itself, but also the guesthouse and a number of other buildings, where it has been offered catering and accommodation. Near the castle, there is a large exhibition of Soviet-era cars and technique collection.
"Zemgaļi", Odziena, Vietalva parish, Aizkraukle mun.
odzienasmuiza.lv
+371 20533333



12 Home winery "Dzidris"
"Dzidris" is a homemade wine, made at the "Ozoliņi" farm. Apple, rhubarb, and blackcurrant wine and cider is made out of fruits, vegetables and berries grown at their own farm and other nearby farms.
"Ozoliņi", Aiviekste parish, Aizkraukle mun.
dzidris.lv
+371 29186953

13 Brewery "BURSH"
"Bursh" is a beer made from water, barley malt, hops and yeast, cooked on a wood stove, fermented in oak barrels and matured for 30 days.
Burši, Aiviekste parish, Aizkraukle mun.
burshalus.lv
+371 29228662

14 Marinzeja Manor
The manor is the "summer palace" of Count Borch, an Italian German, built in 1845-1847. Its ancient name was Mariensee. Next to the manor is a park of mixed English and French style and Marinzeja lake.
Marinzejas muiža, Atašienes pag., Jēkabpils nov.
visit.jekabpils.lv