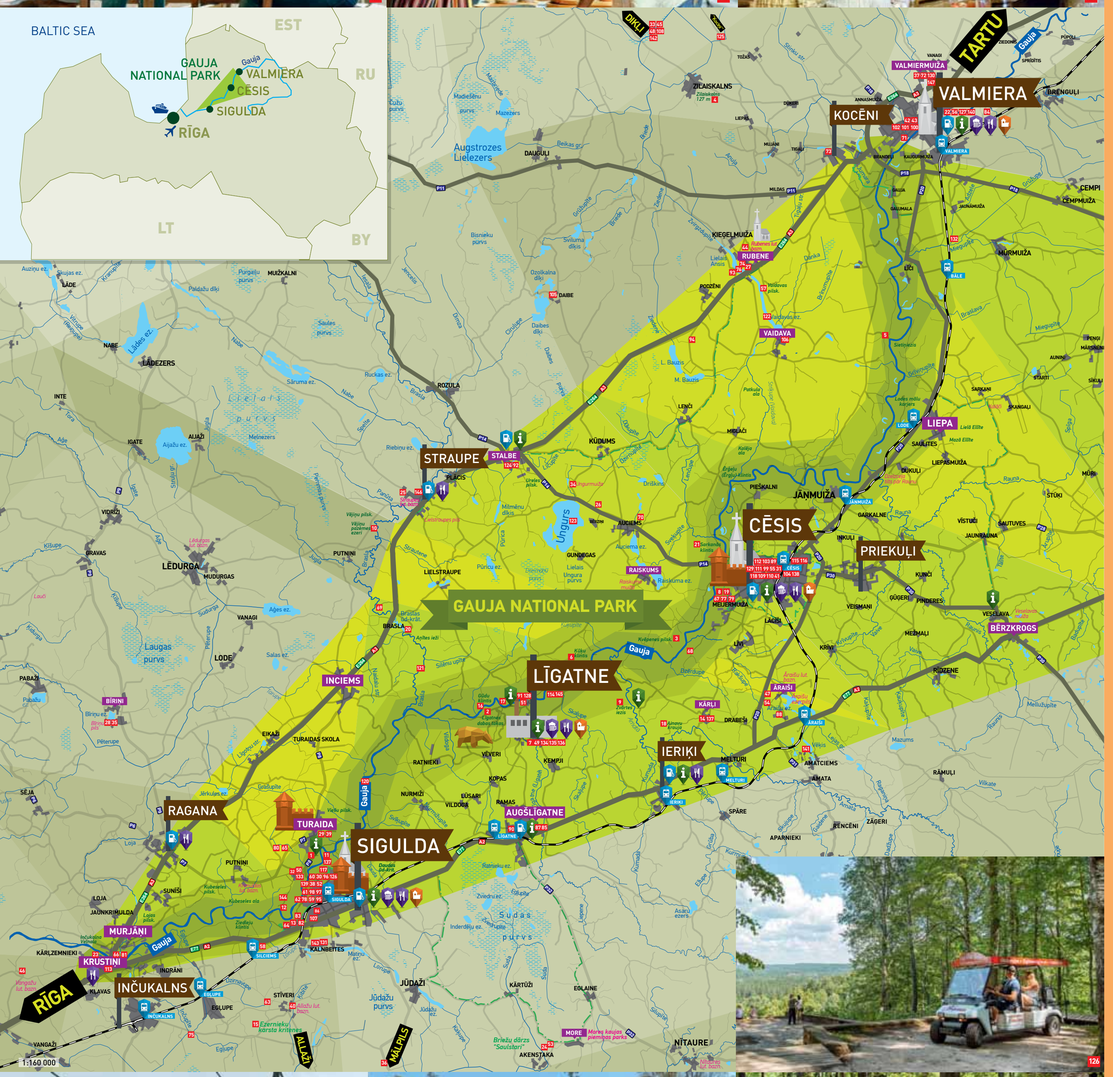

ARRIVING AND TRAVELLING

Train
The railway line Rīga – Valka/Valga goes through the Gauja NP ensuring a convenient and regular opportunity to travel between Rīga, Sigulda, Cēsis and Valmiera throughout the whole day. There are special bicycle racks on the trains for transporting bicycles.

Bus
All of the territory of the Gauja NP can be easily reached by buses which run from Rīga to Sigulda, Cēsis and Valmiera approximately once an hour. Travelling by bus between populated places within the Gauja NP has to be planned in accordance with the bus schedules.

Bicycle
The starting point of a picturesque bicycle ride can be the train station. There are countless bicycle routes within the Gauja NP which will allow you to explore the rich nature, history and culture of the region. We suggest you avoid the busy highways A2 and A3 and take backroads and forest roads instead.

Boat
Whenever Gauja is ice free, many tourists take the opportunity to go boating in it in inflatable boats, canoes or on rafts. Amata and Brasla are also suitable for boating.

Suggested routes in the Gauja River:

Duration	..... River section	..... Route distance	Duration	..... River section	..... Route distance
1 day	Cēsis – Līgatne	18 km	2 days	Cēsis – Sigulda	38 km
1 day	Līgatne – Sigulda	21 km	2 days	Valmiera – Cēsis	44 km
1 day	Sigulda – Murjāņi	17 km	3 days	Valmiera – Sigulda	82 km
			4 days	Valmiera – Murjāņi	101 km

Car
The Gauja NP is located between highways A2 and A3 and has a dense network of roads and parking lots. The majority of the tourism objects are easily accessible by car.

Distances between the cities [km]

	Sigulda	Līgatne	Cēsis
Rīga	54	71	90
Valmiera	62	60	32

HOW TO BEST EXPLORE THE GAUJA NP

1st leg Rīga – Valmiera by train. Alternatives: by bus or by car.
2nd leg Valmiera – Cēsis by bicycle. Alternatives: a two day hike with an overnight stay. In winter: a two day skiing hike.
3rd leg Cēsis – Līgatne [18 km] by boat on the Gauja River. Alternatives: a bicycle ride or a hike.
4th leg Līgatne – Sigulda on horseback along the Gauja River. Alternatives: a bicycle ride or a hike.
5th leg in Sigulda – historical hike "Military expedition to the Livonian order Sigulda castle". Alternatives: an excursion on an electromobile.
6th leg Sigulda – "Rāmkalni" [17 km] by boat on the Gauja River. Alternatives – a bicycle ride or a hike.

126 | Sigulda tour in Electromobiles
Excursions in electromobiles with a guide will let you see the most beautiful places of Sigulda in an attractive and environment-friendly way.
Sigulda
Ph. 26022919
www.impresso.lv

127 | Gauja tram
The only tram on the Gauja in Latvia offers rides and excursions on the water. The tram has offers for both newly-weds and students, as well as an opportunity to organize birthday parties. The Gauja tram is open to visitors in summertime only.
Valmiera
Ph. 28485894
www.ezi.lv
GPS: 57.539, 25.4286

128 | Līgatne crossing
The crossing, which is operated by the power of the stream, is a monument of technology history in Latvia and it is also the only Gauja crossing. The crossing was built after World War II during which the bridge across the Gauja was demolished.
Ph. 28328800, 26351501
www.gnp.lv
GPS: 57.2549, 25.0444

129 | Boat "Kārļis" in Cēsis
Whenever there is good weather and the pond of the Castle Park is not frozen over, the boat "Kārļis" provides a ride to every interested person. During an excursion, captains of the boat will tell historical events and stories about the castle and city of Cēsis in many languages.
Pond of Cēsis Castle Park
Ph. 20042775
www.ezi.lv
GPS: 57.3142, 25.2688

PLANNING THE EXCURSION

Sigulda TIC Ausekļa iela 6, Sigulda	Ph. 67971335	www.tourism.sigulda.lv	GPS: 57.1531, 24.8537
Līgatne TIC Spriņģu iela 2, Līgatne	Ph. 64153169, 29189707	www.visitligatne.lv	GPS: 57.2335, 25.0396
Augšlīgatne TIC Nītaures iela 5, Augšlīgatne	Ph. 64153169, 29189707	www.visitligatne.lv	GPS: 57.1840 25.0355
Ieriķi TIC Ieriķi, Drabeši Parish, Amata County	Ph. 28396804, 28681083	www.amata.lv	GPS: 57.2085, 25.1703
Cēsis TIC Pils laukums 9, Cēsis	Ph. 64121815	www.tourism.cesis.lv	GPS: 57.3132, 25.2714
Pārgauja TIC "Ērerīņi", Stalbe Parish, Pārgauja County	Ph. 26620422	www.pargaujasnovads.lv	GPS: 57.3757, 25.0391
Valmiera TIC Rīgas iela 10, Valmiera	Ph. 64207177	www.visit.valmiera.lv	GPS: 57.5385, 25.4210
Gauja NP TIC next to Grīnhamza (Grīnhamza Cave) – Turaidas iela 2a, Sigulda	Ph. 26657661	www.gnp.lv	GPS: 57.1762, 24.8468
Gauja NP TIC at Līgatne nature trails	Ph. 26657661	www.gnp.lv	GPS: 57.2484, 25.0154
Gauja NP TIC next to Zvārtes ieeja (Zvārte Rock)	Ph. 26657661	www.gnp.lv	GPS: 57.2459, 25.1476

LOCAL GOODS FOR GOURMETS

130 | Valmiermuža beer brewery
The brewery offers both excursions and beer tastings, sells live beer, bath-house accessories and souvenirs. There is also a little pub where you can enjoy beer foods and organize celebrations. Visitors are welcome to ride a horse or a pony and see the park of Valmiermuža, or to get acquainted with the surroundings of Valmiermuža on horseback.
Dzirnavu iela 2
Valmiermuža
Ph. 20264269
www.valmiermuza.lv
GPS: 57.5559, 25.4311

131 | Zilver house wines
The winery offers you to purchase Zilver house wines which have been made after old recipes and from berries and fruit grown and harvested on the spoph. Group tastings have to be previously arranged.
"Pīlādži", Sigulda County
Ph. 26320208
www.zilver.lv
GPS: 57.1322, 24.8530

132 | Household farm "Vīnkalni"
"Vīnkalni" is a biological farm and an open-air pizzeria at the same time. Here you can enjoy Italian food in nature, cook pizza on an open fire, purchase grape vines, go on a hike along the Mieguje track with a guide as well as enjoy a special programme for the newly-weds.
"Vīnkalni", Kauguri Parish, Beverīna County
Ph. 29411187
GPS: 57.4769, 25.4452

133 | Krimulda manor wines
At the winery you will be introduced to the economic activity at the Krimulda manor and the manor's historical centre as well as offered various wines for tasting and purchasing.
Mednieku iela 3, Sigulda, Ph. 29111619
www.krimuldaspils.lv
GPS: 57.1677, 24.8298

134 | Līgatne winery
Enjoy wine made from berries and fruit harvested in Līgatne and cheese made in Līgatne while sitting in the cellar cave of Lustūža cliff. Please arrange group visits prior.
Ph. 26521467
www.spoonfactory.lv
GPS: 57.2330, 25.0421

RESTAURANTS

"Dīķu pils" Dīķi, Kocēni County	Ph. 64207480	www.diklupils.lv	GPS: 57.5978, 25.1025
"Aparjods" Ventas iela 1a, Sigulda	Ph. 67972230	www.aparjods.lv	GPS: 57.1414, 24.8446
"Gadalaiki" "Ezeri", Sigulda County	Ph. 67973009	www.hotelezeri.lv	GPS: 57.1319, 24.8542
"Kropļtikts" Pils iela 6, Sigulda	Ph. 67972263	www.hotelsigulda.lv	GPS: 57.1555, 24.8524
"Timšāns" "Kalnišķi", Sigulda County	Ph. 67105271	www.hotelsanta.lv	GPS: 57.1307, 24.8456
"Kungu Rija" 1st km of the Turaida–Ragana road, Krimulda County	Ph. 67971473	www.kungurija.lv	GPS: 57.1842, 24.8315
"Elīzrate" E. Veidenbauma iela 2, Priekuļi	Ph. 29131069	www.hoteltigra.com	GPS: 57.3123, 25.3596
"Ungurmuža" Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County	Ph. 29426705	www.ungurmuza.lv	GPS: 57.3625, 25.0887
"Ķelmēni" Frekšenāja Mālpils iela 6b, Sigulda	Ph. 67974848	www.hotelsegevold.lv	GPS: 57.1436, 24.8571
"Mālpils muižas restorāns" Pils iela 6, Mālpils, Mālpils County	Ph. 27843843	www.malpilsmuiza.lv	GPS: 57.0064, 24.9494
"Birinu pils restorāns" Birini, Limbaži County	Ph. 64024033	www.birinupils.lv	GPS: 57.2438, 24.6595
"KANNAS" "Annas muža", Amata County	Ph. 64180700	www.annashotel.com	GPS: 57.0343, 25.3633
"Rāmkalni" "Vītiņkalni", Inčukalns County	Ph. 29100280	www.ramkalni.lv	GPS: 57.1248, 24.6585
"Kārļis" Pils iela 8, Sigulda	Ph. 29150104	www.cathouse.lv	GPS: 57.1563, 24.8517
"Agnese" Tērbatas iela 16a, Valmiera	Ph. 64207307	www.wolmar.lv	GPS: 57.5435, 25.4307
"Alexis" Vienības laukums 1, Cēsis	Ph. 64120122	www.hotelkolonna.lv	GPS: 57.3140, 25.2746
"Rātes Vārti" Lāčplēša iela 1, Valmiera	Ph. 64281942	www.ratesvarti.lv	GPS: 57.5396, 25.4253
"Parks" Rīgas iela 19, Valmiera	Ph. 26117444	www.restoransparks.lv	GPS: 57.5384, 25.4174
"Fazenda Bazars" Vidzemes šoseja 14, Sigulda	Ph. 66900669	www.fazenda.lv	GPS: 57.1454, 24.8590
"Jonathan Spa Estate" Amatciems, Amata County	Ph. 26660020	www.jonathanspahotel.com	GPS: 57.2254, 25.3034
"Bohēma" Raunas iela 12, Cēsis	Ph. 29216831		GPS: 57.3132, 25.2768
"Izsaukšanā Jānis" Valmieras iela 1, Cēsis	Ph. 26423997		GPS: 57.3151, 25.2758
"Teātra Vīna Studija" Lāčplēša iela 6, Valmiera	Ph. 29401499	www.teatravinastudija.lv	GPS: 57.5394, 25.4254

PUBS

"Kakītis" Senču iela 1, Sigulda	Ph. 67976886	www.kakislkalns.lv	GPS: 57.1431, 24.8291
"Valmiermuižas virtuve" Dzirnavu iela 2, Valmiermuža	Ph. 29135438	www.valmiermuza.lv	GPS: 57.5559,25.4311
"Bucefals" "Celmalas", Sigulda County	Ph. 29747000	www.bucefals.lv	GPS: 57.1538, 24.8999
"Mazais Ansis" "Ansīši", Rubene, Kocēni County	Ph. 64230352	www.mazais-ansis.lv	GPS: 57.4649, 25.2559
"Glendeloka" A. Kronvalda iela 2b, Cēsis	Ph. 64161016	www.glendeloka.lv	GPS: 57.3220, 25.2984
"Vilhelmines dzirnavas" Spriņģu iela 1, Līgatne	Ph. 27551311	http://vilhelmine.lv	GPS: 57.2337, 25.0402
"Pie Jančuka" Spriņģu iela 4, Līgatne	Ph. 29149596		GPS: 57.2325, 25.0429
Pubi "Sorbas" Kilometre 37 of motor road Rīgas-Sigulda	Ph. 28445544	www.sorbas.lv	GPS: 57.1139, 24.6260
"Jūmalas restorāns" "Pie brāļa" "Valteri", Vangaži	Ph. 29414000	www.krogsziebrala.lv	GPS: 57.0898, 24.5575

CAFÉS, BISTROS

"Kaku Māja" Pils iela 8, Sigulda	Ph. 29150104	www.cathouse.lv	GPS: 57.1563, 24.8517
"Ritters" Pils iela 4b, Sigulda	Ph. 67709625	www.hotelpils.lv	GPS: 57.1544, 24.8532
"Kaupo Cafe" "Jaunbeites", Sigulda County	Ph. 29607356	www.hotelkaupo.lv	GPS: 57.1410, 24.8410
"Reina Cafe" "Kalnzaķi", Krimulda County	Ph. 29272255	www.reinatrase.lv	GPS: 57.1796, 24.8175
"Cafe Popular" Vienības laukums 1, Cēsis	Ph. 64120122	www.hotelkolonna.lv	GPS: 57.3140, 25.2746
"Bērzi" Pīlācis, Pārgauja County	Ph. 64132229	www.atputa-berzi.lv	GPS: 57.3625, 24.9769
"Hesburger" Vidzemes šoseja 4, Sigulda	Ph. 26427752	www.hesburger.lv	GPS: 57.1417, 24.8436
"Hesburger" Rīgas iela 4, Valmiera (k/k "Valleta")	Ph. 26420417	www.hesburger.lv	GPS: 57.5386, 25.4234
"Hesburger" Rīgas iela 63, Valmiera	Ph. 20240274	www.hesburger.lv	GPS: 57.5336, 25.4000
"Milly" Mednieku iela 3, Sigulda	Ph. 67972232	www.krimuldaspils.lv	GPS: 57.1672, 24.8288
"Eklāts" Pils iela 1, Sigulda	Ph. 29168113		GPS: 57.1537, 24.8528
"KafeRīga" Rīgas iela 27, Cēsis	Ph. 26334789		GPS: 57.3113, 25.2706
"CafeZLocals" Rīgas iela 24a, Cēsis	Ph. 28377783		GPS: 57.3114, 25.2705
"Pie Raunīņa vārtiem" Rīgas iela 3, Cēsis	Ph. 64127172		GPS: 57.3127, 25.2744
"SOLO" J.Poruka iela 21a, Cēsis	Ph. 26670033		GPS: 57.3144, 25.2932
Rehabilitation centre "Ligatne" "Skujupe", Ligatne County	Ph. 64161915	www.rehcentrsligatne.lv	GPS: 57.2560, 25.0709
"Trīs kūkas" "Ramatas", Augšlīgatne	Ph. 29829121		GPS: 57.2338, 25.0380
"Šķesteri" Straupe, Pārgauja County	Ph. 29409182		GPS: 57.3535, 24.9553
"Bastions" Bastiona iela 24, Valmiera	Ph. 64225502		GPS: 57.5398, 25.4230
"Jauna Saule" Rīgas iela 10, Valmiera	Ph. 28688553	www.jaunasaule.lv	GPS: 57.5385, 25.4210
"Province" Niniera iela 6, Cēsis	Ph. 26407008	www.province.lv	GPS: 57.3160, 25.2747
"Vendene" Raunas iela 17, Cēsis	Ph. 64161361	www.glendeloka.lv	GPS: 57.3128, 25.2749
"Namma" Vidus iela 1, Sigulda (shopping centre "Elko")	Ph. 22022386	www.namma.lv	GPS: 57.1531, 24.8479
"Namma" Vidzemes šoseja 16, Sigulda (shopping centre "Raibais suns")	Ph. 25456333	www.namma.lv	GPS: 57.1447, 24.8594
"Mr. Biskvits" Ausekļa iela 9, Sigulda	Ph. 67976611	www.mrbiskvits.lv	GPS: 57.1537, 24.8528
"Mr. Biskvits" Peldu iela 1, Sigulda	Ph. 67976611	www.mrbiskvits.lv	GPS: 57.1588, 24.8385
"GUSTAVbekereja" Ventas iela 1, Sigulda	Ph. 67974452	www.gustavbekereja.lv	GPS: 57.1421, 24.8447
"GUSTAVbekereja" Strēlnieku iela 2, Sigulda	Ph. 67304223	www.gustavbekereja.lv	GPS: 57.1430, 24.8443
"Vinetas un Alīas kārumlāde" Rīgas iela 12, Cēsis	Ph. 28375579		GPS: 57.3120, 25.2729
"Sprūdis" "Sprūdīši", Kocēni County	Ph. 64207523		GPS: 57.5246, 25.3757
"Galve" "Alsiņas mēra", Ķeķeni	Ph. 64229091		GPS: 57.5210, 25.3397
"Dzirnakmeņi" "Ierīķu dzirnavas", Ierīķi, Amata County	Ph. 64170089	www.ierikudzirnavas.lv	GPS: 57.2088, 25.1701
"Mētura" "Sarkanāboli", Drabeši Parish, Amata County	Ph. 64107183		GPS: 57.2261, 25.2492
"Norass" "Sauļītes", Straupe, Pārgauja County	Ph. 20398995		GPS: 57.3514, 24.9512
"Bazaar" Rīgas iela 25, Cēsis	Ph. 29966890		GPS: 57.3114, 25.2710
"Restorāns Osvalds Pupa" Piebalgas iela 18, Cēsis	Ph. 20393935	www.osvaldspupa.com	GPS: 57.3080, 25.2780
"Cafe 7 Bar" Rīgas iela 7, Cēsis	Ph. 20208749		GPS: 57.3119, 25.2740
"Autors" Rīgas iela 4, Valmiera	Ph. 29114849		GPS: 57.5387, 25.4237
Grill restaurant "La Gara" Rīgas iela 37, Valmiera	Ph. 25533000		GPS: 57.5372, 25.4126

PIZZERIAS

"La Pizza Veloce" Raina iela 2, Sigulda	Ph. 27787711	www.atrapica.lv	GPS: 57.1543, 24.8547
"La Pizza Veloce" Rīgas iela 45, Valmiera	Ph. 20009119	www.atrapica.lv	GPS: 57.5362, 25.4072
"Cilli Pica" Strēlnieku iela 1, Sigulda (shopping centre "Sokolāde")	Ph. 67973955	www.e-pica.lv	GPS: 57.1430, 24.8443
"Liepziedi un Rozmarīns" Brunīņieku iela 4, Valmiera	Ph. 29491187	www.vinkalniesi.lv	GPS: 57.5394, 25.4286
"Cilli Pica" G. Apiņa iela 10a, Valmiera (shopping centre "Parks")	Ph. 64228558	www.e-pica.lv	GPS: 57.5426, 25.4171
"Zaļumnieku piestāte" Pils iela 8, Sigulda	Ph. 29150105	www.cathouse.lv	GPS: 57.1572, 24.8508
StudioPizza Rīgas iela 20, Cēsis	Ph. 20606000	www.studiopizza.lv	GPS: 57.3117, 25.2720

HOTELS

Hotel "Dīķu pils" Dīķi, Kocēni County	Ph. 64207480	www.diklupils.lv	GPS: 57.5978, 25.1025
Hotel "Aparjods" Ventas iela 1a, Sigulda	Ph. 67972230	www.aparjods.lv	GPS: 57.1414, 24.8446
SPA Hotel "Ezeri" "Ezeri", Sigulda County	Ph. 26165298	www.karlamuiza.lv	GPS: 57.2406, 25.2121
SPA Hotel "Ezeri" "Ezeri", Sigulda County	Ph. 67973009	www.hotelezeri.lv	GPS: 57.1319, 24.8542
SPA Hotel "Jonathan SPA Estate" Amatciems, Amata County	Ph. 28681083	www.jonathanspahotel.com	GPS: 57.2254, 25.3034
Hotel "Sigulda" Pils iela 6, Sigulda	Ph. 67972263	www.hotelsigulda.lv	GPS: 57.1555, 24.8524
Hotel "Santa" "Kalnišķi", Sigulda County	Ph. 67105271	www.hotelsanta.lv	GPS: 57.1307, 24.8456
Hotel "Birinu pils" Birini, Limbaži County	Ph. 64024033	www.birinupils.lv	GPS: 57.2438, 24.6595
Hotel "Mālpils muža" Pils iela 6, Mālpils, Mālpils County	Ph. 26666400	www.malpilsmuiza.lv	GPS: 57.0064, 24.9494
Hotel "Melturi" "Melturi", Amata County	Ph. 29267224	www.melturi.viss.lv	GPS: 57.2188, 25.2314
Hotel "Good Stay Segevold" Mālpils iela 6b, Sigulda	Ph. 67974848	www.hotelsegevold.lv	GPS: 57.1436, 24.8571
Hotel "Naktsmājas" Vaidavas iela 15, Valmiera	Ph. 64201200	www.naktsmajas.lv	GPS: 57.5274, 25.3902
Hotel "Wolmar" Tērbatas iela 16a, Valmiera	Ph. 64207305	www.wolmar.lv	GPS: 57.5435, 25.4307
"Kolonna Hotel Cēsis" Vienības laukums 1, Cēsis	Ph. 64120122	www.hotelkolonna.com	GPS: 57.3140, 25.2746
Hotel "Kakīšlāsi" Senču iela 1, Sigulda	Ph. 67976886	www.kakislkalns.lv	GPS: 57.1431, 24.8291
Hotel "Tigra" E. Veidenbauma iela 2, Priekuļi	Ph. 29131069	www.hoteltigra.com	GPS: 57.3123, 25.3596
Hotel "Pils" Pils iela 4b, Sigulda	Ph. 67709625	www.hotelpils.lv	GPS: 57.1544, 24.8532
Hotel "Katrīna" Mazā Katrīnas iela 8, Cēsis	Ph. 20008870	www.hotelkatrina.com	GPS: 57.3116, 25.2680
Hotel "Aputa" Ciruļļu iela 49, Cēsis	Ph. 64127811	www.hotelatputa.lv	GPS: 57.3037, 25.2418
Hotel "Kaķis" Pils iela 8, Sigulda	Ph. 29150104	www.cathouse.lv	GPS: 57.1563, 24.8517
Hotel "Annas Hotel" "Annasmuža", Zaube Parish, Amata County	Ph. 64180700	www.annashotel.com	GPS: 57.0343, 25.3633
"Stadioni hotel" J. Daliņa iela 2, Valmiera	Ph. 64224184	www.voc.lv	GPS: 57.5408, 25.4393
Hotel "Vidzeme" Aušekļa iela 31, Valmiera	Ph. 64229606	www.viesnicavidzeme.lv	GPS: 57.5289, 25.3950
Hotel "Gustavs" Lielā Katrīnas iela 28, Cēsis	Ph. 26017771		GPS: 57.3120, 25.2665

GUEST HOUSES

Guest house "Livonija" Pulkveža Brieža iela 55, Sigulda	Ph. 67973066	www.livonija.viss.lv	GPS: 57.1495, 24.8594
Guest house "Brūveri" "Brūveri", Sigulda County	Ph. 26092153	www.hotelbruveri.lv	GPS: 57.1554, 24.8198
Guest house "Reinis" "Kalnzaķi", Krimulda County	Ph. 29172255	www.reinatrase.lv	GPS: 57.1796, 24.8175
Guest house "Mauriņi" "Mauriņi", Allaži Parish, Sigulda County	Ph. 29208640	www.maurini.viss.lv	GPS: 57.0569, 24.8323
Hotel "Kaupo" "Jaunbeites", Sigulda County	Ph. 29607356	www.hotelkaupo.lv	GPS: 57.1410, 24.8410
Guest house "Parks" Atbrīvotāju iela 1, Sigulda	Ph. 29407215	www.parks-inn.lv	GPS: 57.1555, 24.8587
Guest house "Laukumaja" "Lantus", Bērzaine Parish, Kocēni County	Ph. 26519319	www.laukumaja.lv	GPS: 57.6317, 25.2430
Guest house "Raksi" "Raksi", Drabeši Parish, Amata County	Ph. 29263798	www.hotelraksi.lv	GPS: 57.2756, 25.1979
Guest house "Nītaures dzirnavas" "Dzirnavas", Nītaure, Amata County	Ph. 26665040	www.nitauresdzirnavas.lv	GPS: 57.0730, 25.1858
Guest house "Kalnini" "Jaunkalnini", Drabeši Parish, Amata County	Ph. 26022248	www.kalnini.lv	GPS: 57.2367, 25.2601
Guest house "Bērzi" "Bērzi", Pīlācis, Pārgauja County	Ph. 26117306	www.atputa-berzi.lv	GPS: 57.3625, 24.9769
Guest house "villa Alberta" Līvkalna iela 10a, Sigulda	Ph. 27770203	www.villaalberta.lv	GPS: 57.1660, 24.8626
Guest house "Līvkalns" Pēteralas iela b/n, Līvkalni 3, Sigulda	Ph. 22825739		GPS: 57.1699, 24.8734
Guest house "Denderi" "Denderi", Vaidava Parish, Kocēni County	Ph. 29242644		GPS: 57.4416, 25.2682
Guest house "Mazais Ansis" "Ansīši", Rubene, Kocēni County	Ph. 64230352	www.mazais-ansis.lv	GPS: 57.4649, 25.2559
Guest house "Mētri" "Mētri", Kocēni Parish, Kocēni County	Ph. 26323724		GPS: 57.4341, 25.2700
Guest house "Luca" Lūcas iela 2, Valmiera	Ph. 29456899	www.atputasbazes.lv/luca	GPS: 57.5398, 25.4312
Guest house "Province" Niniera iela 6, Cēsis	Ph. 29463284	www.province.lv	GPS: 57.3160, 25.2747
Guest house "Augstrozes" "Ezerniekļi", Raiskums, Pārgauja County	Ph. 26699996	www.augstrozes.com	GPS: 57.3082, 25.1662
Guest house "Lacumāja" Gaujas iela 22, Līgatne	Ph. 29133713	www.lacumaja.lv	GPS: 57.2453, 25.0459
Guest house "Rozkalns" "Rozkalni", Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County	Ph. 29118831	www.rozkalns.net	GPS: 57.3045, 25.1394
Puķketāla "Ezergrībeši" "Grībeši", Kocēni County	Ph. 29485859	www.ezergribesi.lv	GPS: 57.4370, 25.2753
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Guest house "Eglaines" "Eglaines", Kārļi, Amata County	Ph. 29172332	www.hoteleglaines.lv	GPS: 57.2381, 25.1921
Guest house "Ungurmuža" "Ungurmuža", Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County	Ph. 22007332	www.ungurmuza.lv	GPS: 57.3625, 25.0887
Guest house "Burtakas" "Burtakas", Straupe Parish, Pārgauja County	Ph. 29451234	www.burtakas.lv	GPS: 57.3479, 24.9339
Guest house "Ungurmalas" "Ezermalas", Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County	Ph. 26433390	www.ungurmalas.lv	GPS: 57.3503, 25.1007
Guest house "Unce" Cēsu iela 20, Valmiera	Ph. 29426161	www.macibucentrs.lv	GPS: 57.5317, 25.4225
Guest house "Laimes ligzda" "Lejas Astītes", Amata County	Ph. 29424941	www.laimesligzda.lv	GPS: 57.2569, 25.2540
Guest house "Celmi" "Celmi", Vaive Parish, Cēsis County	Ph. 26541266	http://celmi.celotajs.lv	GPS: 57.2085, 25.4231
Guest house "Kārumnieki" Kalnabeites, Sigulda Parish, Sigulda County	Ph. 22335597	www.karumnieki.com	GPS: 57.1276, 24.8535
Guest house "Inčukalna stropi" Ciruļļu iela 4b, Inčukalns	Ph. 29467037	www.viesnamiem.lv/incukalna-stropi	GPS: 57.0990, 24.6883
Motel "Sorbas" Kilometre 37 of motor road Rīgas-Sigulda	Ph. 28445544	www.sorbas.lv	GPS: 57.1139, 24.6260
Guest house "Aivari" Inčukalnu County	Ph. 26336313	www.viesnamiem.lv/aivari	GPS: 57.1245, 24.6434

APARTMENT HOTELS

Apartment hotel "Prieka Pietura" Stacijas iela 1, Sigulda	Ph. 29267957	www.priekapietura.lv	GPS: 57.1508, 24.8449
Apartment hotel "Rewija" Raina iela 2c, Valmiera	Ph. 26567628	www.rewja.lv	GPS: 57.5411, 24.4249
Apartment hotel "Apiņi" Rīgas iela 20-19, Valmiera	Ph. 29487711		GPS: 57.5382, 25.4174
Apartment hotel "Rožu romantika" L. Paegles iela 2d-49, Cēsis	Ph. 29364219	www.rozuromantika.lv	GPS: 57.1618, 24.8255
"Vecpilsētas apartamenti" Rīgas iela 37a, Cēsis	Ph. 26335599		GPS: 57.3118, 25.2725

NATURE WATCH TOURS

135 | Līgatne rock and cave trail
From May to October the tour gives you an opportunity to get to know Līgatne sandstone rocks and caves, as well as investigate places which until now have been concealed. A long and a short trail available. The number of people in a group 10-15.
Ligatne TIC
Ph. 64153169; 29189707
www.visitligatne.lv
GPS: 57.2335, 25.0396

136 | Fish spawn trail
A walk along the fish spawn trail will give you an opportunity to watch how salmon and trout spawn. This usually takes place in October and November when the water temperature in rapid and pebbly rivers reaches 2-6°C.
Ligatne TIC
Ph. 64153169; 29189707
www.visitligatne.lv
GPS: 57.2335, 25.0396

137 | Adventure ride on horseback
The Gauja National Park offers its visitors to take several hours' long rides in hilly pine woods or practice on the training grounds with instructors.
"AdventureRide"
Ph. 29269559
www.adventureride.eu

138 | "Baltic Wildlife", bird and animal observation tours
Animal watching at Gauja National Park is a great opportunity to get to know a nature full of life and its inhabitants. Explore the numerous bird species and their voices. When going on observation tours you might possibly see moose, deer, wild boar, wolf, fox and beaver behaviour in the wild. Go out into nature and explore its simplicity, savagery and beauty!
Ph. 28808440
www.balticwildlife.eu

HOLIDAY HOUSES

Holiday house "Mednieku namiņš" Mednieku iela, Sigulda	Ph. 26553922	www.celotajs.lv/mednieku namins	GPS: 57.1618, 24.8255
Holiday house "Pilskalni" "Pilskalni", Kocēni Parish, Kocēni County	Ph. 29299268	www.pilskalni.lv	GPS: 57.4615, 25.2684
Holiday house "Ezerklabi" "Jaun-Klabi", Amata Parish, Amata County	Ph. 29266445	www.ezerklabi.lv	GPS: 57.1784, 25.2449
Holiday house "Jaunbrenguļi" "Jaunbrenguļi", Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County	Ph. 26330479	www.jaunbrenguli.lv	GPS: 57.3183, 25.1964
Holiday house "Vējiņi" "Vejņu", Straupe Parish, Pārgauja County	Ph. 29289796	www.pazemesezeri.lv	GPS: 57.3449, 24.9185
Holiday house "Mežā rozes" "Mežā rozes", Amata Parish, Amata County	Ph. 29143244	www.mezarozes.lv	GPS: 57.1899, 25.2069
Holiday house "Upeslejas" "Upeslejas", Straupe, Pārgauja County	Ph. 29441970	www.celotajs.lv/upeslejas	GPS: 57.3635, 24.9589
Holiday house "Ezerseta" "Gaižēni", Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County	Ph. 29262455	www.ezerseta.lv	GPS: 57.3247, 25.1382
Holiday house "Kužas" "Kužas", Vaidava Parish, Kocēni County	Ph. 29472671	www.atputagimenei.lv	GPS: 57.6344, 25.1932
Leisure complex "Avoti" "Avoti", Valmiera Parish, Burtnieki County	Ph. 29499342	www.avoti.com	GPS: 57.5581, 25.4408
Holiday house "Estere" Gaujas iela 50, Cēsis	Ph. 29255649		GPS: 57.3077, 25.2523
Holiday house "Ezerkalni" "Ezerkalni 1", Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County	Ph. 29349365	www.ezerkalni.mozello.lv	GPS: 57.3082, 25.1662

HOSTELS

Hostel "KABA" Pūķu iela 2, Sigulda	Ph. 26613131	www.hostelkaba.lv	GPS: 57.1403, 24.8177
Hostel / Hotel "Krimuldas pils" Mednieku iela 3, Sigulda	Ph. 29111619	www.krimuldaspils.lv	GPS: 57.1677, 24.8298
Sports centre "Kocēni" Alejas iela 4, Kocēni, Kocēni County	Ph. 64220647		GPS: 57.5221, 25.3350
Hostel "Buts" Bērzaines iela 15, Cēsis	Ph. 27898049		GPS: 57.3119, 25.2594

CAMPSITES

Campsite "Apaļkalns" "Apaļkalns", Raiskums, Pārgauja County	Ph. 29448188	www.apalkalns.lv	GPS: 57.3174, 25.1479
Campsite "Siguldas pludmale" Peldu iela 2, Sigulda	Ph. 29244948	www.makars.lv	GPS: 57.1575, 24.8367
Camping Camping Gaujas iela 36, Līgatne	Ph. 29244948	www.makars.lv	GPS: 57.2545, 25.0457
Ozolkalns campsite "Ozolkalns", Drabeši Parish, Amata County	Ph. 26400200	www.ozolkalns.lv	GPS: 57.2999, 25.2172
Campsite "Zuši" "Zuši", Krustiņi, Inčukalns County	Ph. 28327110	www.zusi.lv	GPS: 57.1296, 24.6293
Campsite "Jaunaraji" "Jaunaraji", Brenguļi Parish, Beverīna County	Ph. 29121702	www.jaunaraji.lv	GPS: 57.5470, 25.4899
Campsite "Paeģļi" "Paeģļi", Limbaži Parish, Limbaži County	Ph. 29819364	www.pazemesezeri.lv	GPS: 57.4272, 24.8051
Campsite "Unguri" "Unguri", Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County	Ph. 29120992	www.kempingi.lv/unguri	GPS: 57.3530, 25.0874
Campsite "Brīedīši" "Brīedīši", Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County	Ph. 26466916	www.briedisi-ak.lv	GPS: 57.2946, 25.1253
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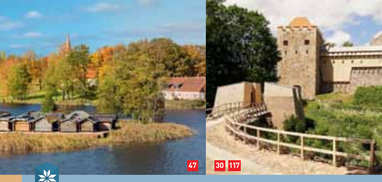


ENTER GAUJA

GAUJA NATIONAL PARK

The biggest national park in Latvia was established more than 40 years ago. Gauja National Park protects the values of the Gauja River old valley and its surrounding territory, as well as a huge diversity of plants, birds, and insects.

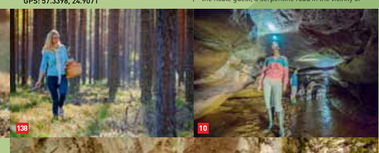
The origin of the ancient Gauja River valley go back more than 350 million years, but its current ravine-ridden terrain was moulded by the glacier meltwater at the end of the Ice Age. The Gauja, which is the longest river in Latvia (452 km), winds through the national park. The river once served as a trading route, and the Livonians built their settlements on its banks. Strong stone castles, which were enclosed by steep slopes and deep valleys, were built in the 13th century. The cities and the social and cultural life grew around these castles.

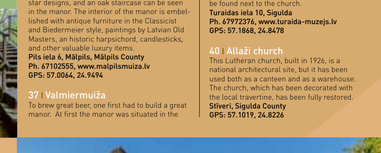
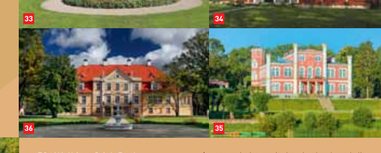
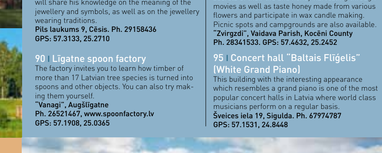
Today, the park is a place where legends of the past live alongside modern and cosy guest houses, restaurants and leisure spots. Here you can enjoy the aura of antiquity in old castles, receive a burst of energy at one of the ancient sacred places or experience the healing properties of the springs. You can also touch trees planted by kings, hear your voice echoing off sandstone rocks, or let the nature trails carry you off into rich forests. All of this should be enjoyed slowly, letting the taste, smell and colours introduce you to the rhythm of the local life. This is best done by hiking, riding a bicycle or a horse, or even taking a boat down the gentle stream of the Gauja River.

Nature enthusiasts can observe one of these rare species at the Gauja NP:
Tree lungwort *Lobaria pulmonaria*
Luminescent moss *Schistostega pennata*
Northern bat *Eptesicus nilssoni*
Common kinglisher *Alcedo atthis*
Perennial honesty *Lunaria redivia*

PLACODERMS – THE WITNESSES OF THE PAST

During the Devonian period (400 million years ago) a warm and shallow sea spread across the current territory of the Gauja NP and inhabited by various fish and other marine creatures were forming. The sea was home to the placoderms and a multitude of fossils have preserved until today. There are still places in the park today where intact placoderm bodies can be found in the Devonian period strata.



ADVENTURES IN NATURE

1 | Gutmanala (Gutmanis Cave)
The walls of the biggest cave and also the oldest tourism object in the Baltics have witnessed many events and bear inscriptions from the 17th century. People say that the cave has formed from the tears of Livonian chieftain Rindaugs' wife who was buried in the shores of the Gauja as punishment for her adultery. The purling of the spring still reminds of her sadness. Some people say that the spring water has healing properties. A man called 'gut mann' by the local people used the water for healing, thus the cave was named after him. This is also the place of origin of the beautiful story about Turaidas Roze (Rose of Turaida) who used to secretly meet up with her beloved Viktors by the cave.
Sigulda County. Ph. 26657661
GPS: 57.1761, 24.8426

2 | Ligatne nature trails
The nature trails will take you within a few meters of various forest animals and birds which live in enclosures in their natural habitat. These animals have been brought here from all over Latvia and most of them were either injured or domesticated baby animals which would not have been able to survive or find food without people's care.
Ligatne. Ph. 64153313, 28328800, www.gnp.lv
GPS: 57.2484, 25.0154

3 | Kvēpenes dižozols (Kvēpenes Noble Oak)
The biggest tree in the Gauja NP and the tree with one of the densest foliages in Latvia. It is often compared to the magnificent tree depicted on the 5 lats banknote, and with good reason. This tree has a circumference of 6 meters and a height of 20 meters. It grows on the right bank of the Gauja River.
Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County
GPS: 57.2769, 25.1813

4 | Zīlaiskalns (Blue Mountain)
The highest mountaintop in north-western Vidzeme (127 m AMSL) is also an ancient sacred place, a medieval burial ground and a protected area. The ancient Upurakmens (Sacrificial Stone) with an artificially formed bowl-shaped hollow can be found on Zīlaiskalns. People tell a certain story of the special properties of Zīlaiskalns: when the spring with healing properties for eye illnesses on top of Zīlaiskalns dried out, people started using the sand for healing instead. But when Charles XII of Sweden wanted to use the mountain for military purposes, not only the local people but also the nature itself showed opposition to this idea – an incessant downpour began, denying the soldiers access to the mountain. Zīlaiskalns is thought to have been a meeting place for witches, therefore people come here to foretell the future and sacrifice. Zīlaiskalns is also associated with some famous people, for example, the legendary healer Zīlaiskalna Marta (Marta of the Blue Mountain) or Marta Rancāne, as well as the Livonian hero Imanta who, according to a legend, was buried in the Zīlaiskalns Upurakmens (Sacrificial Mound).
Kocēni County. GPS: 57.5485, 24.6915

5 | Sietiņiezis (Strainer Rock)
The largest white sandstone outcrop in Latvia has many artistic niches, cavities and caves. A maintained nature trail winds along the rock.
It is believed that the rock has gotten its name from the bee caves which look like little holes in its surface, thus, resembling a strainer. However, its largest protrusion Velna papēdis (The Devil's Heel) carries the name of the devil himself who has kicked off from it while running across Gauja towards Liepa, the cave of Lielā Elitē (Big Hell). Others have even more to tell of the devil, about how he built a bridge near Sietiņiezis while trying to escape from the cave of Lielā Elitē and about how he collected rocks in his hat as if they were potatoes.
Kocēni County. GPS: 57.4305, 25.3829

6 | Kūku klintis (Kuku Cliffs)
The biggest sandstone outcrop of the Devonian period in Latvia, 500 m in length and 45 m in height. There are rapids at the beginning of the cliffs with the relative decline of 0.5 m/km. Right beyond the rapids, opposite the highest point of the cliffs is the deepest whirlpool of the Gauja (about 7 m).
The cliffs also have their own story: they got their name from the nearby houses "Kūki", but "kūku porridge" or "kūkis" was a traditional Latvian winter solstice meal.
Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County
GPS: 57.2741, 25.1066

7 | Ligatne cellar caves and cliffs
Many of these artificial caves (more than 300) were built already in the 18th century. People used to store food in them, but during the Tsar times the Ligatne Paper Mill used them to store paper. The secret of these caves is the temperature which remains the same both in the summer and in the winter. Some of the caves are still in use today, but as certain nature protection and safety rules must be observed, they can only be visited together with a guide.
Ligatne. Ph. 64153619, 29189707
www.visitligatne.lv. GPS: 57.2335, 25.0396

8 | Svētavots (Sacred Spring)
The Sacred Spring does not freeze even in winters and according to stories it also has healing properties. A strolling park, in which you can arrange an excursion with a guide, has been built around the spring. Wise people say that a person who bathes in the water of the sacred spring, brings water to the rest of the household members, takes it back again, and manages all of that before sunrise on Māra's day, will be free of all illnesses. Furthermore, the spring is said to have a violet aura thanks to which it has been awarded six stars.
Cēsis County. Ph. 26385633, www.svetavots.lv
GPS: 57.3045, 25.2338

9 | Zvārtes iezis (Zvārte Rock)
The sandstone rock and the slope with an observation deck is one of the most beautiful places in Latvia. Starting at the rock and winding along the Amata River are several walking paths. Long ago on the nights of New Year's Eve, Pentacost and Midsummer Day witches and devils used to throw big rackets around the rock. The Zvārtes iezis visitor centre offers you to go on a walk in the Witch Meadow where secrets of wise women, ancient spells and herbs used in them will be revealed to you.
Amata County. GPS: 57.2474, 25.1423

10 | Vējini underground lakes
A unique cave system with an underground stream and two underground lakes. These are the only known underground lakes in the Baltics. The area of the big lake is 30 m², the length 14 m, and the depth 2 m. The area of the small lake is 15 m², the length 6 m, and the depth approx. 5 m. Above the large underground cavities is only a 6 m sandstone and Quaternary period sediment layer, therefore the lakes can be visited in the accompaniment of a guide only.
"Vējini", Straupe Parish, Pārgauja County
Ph. 29354189, www.pazemesezeri.lv
GPS: 57.3398, 24.9071

11 | Gleznotāju (Paradīzes) kalns (Painters' (Paradise) mountain)
A very scenic place with a view to the ancient Gauja River valley. It has inspired such great artists as J. Feders, J. Rozentāls and V. Purvītis, and that is also where the modern gets its name from. A great view to the Turaida castle opens from the mountain.
Sigulda County. GPS: 57.1748, 24.8658

12 | Cave of Velnala and cliffs
This monumental cliff wall of the ancient Gauja River valley is a protected geological object. Velna ala (Devil's Cave), which is an ancient cult place and has formed in the cliff 8 m above the water level, is also protected. People who know this place well will tell you that once, while sleeping in the cave, the devil completely blackened its walls with his breath. The next evening he escaped through the top of the cave and ran straight into the Gauja whirlpool where he still sits today and drags in the occasional careless visitor.
Sigulda County. GPS: 57.1496, 24.8118

13 | Keizarkrēsls and Keizarskats (The King's Chair and the King's view)
The high Beite steep opens up a view to the landscape of the ancient Gauja River valley which started forming more than 300 million years ago. The current shape of the river valley was formed by melting glaciers 12-13 thousand years ago.
The place names originated when the Russian tsar Alexander II visited Sigulda. While waiting for the noble guest, a serpentine road in the vicinity of Sigulda and Krimulda, a temporary wooden bridge across the Gauja and an observation deck on the edge of the ancient Gauja River valley were built. The sovereign was delighted by the marvellous landscape and the place was named Keizarskats (The King's view). Keizarkrēsls (The King's chair) can be found nearby.
Sigulda. GPS: 57.1427, 24.8241

14 | Amata trail
Amata trail offers bright sandstone and dolomite outcrops and a diverse world of plants. The total length of the trail is 19 km, and 3 parts lead just to the right bank of the Amata River: Melturi – Kārļi fishery – Zvārte rock – Velasciņš Bridge. It suits hikers, Nordic walkers, and bird watchers. There are 43 geocaches located in the trail (Geocaching.com – Amata trail). The trail is not suitable for bicycles.
Amata County. GPS: 57.2495, 25.1476
Hotel "Kārļamuiža". GPS: 57.2406, 25.2121

15 | Ģerenieki karst sinkholes
This unique geological object is the result of karst processes when chemical weathering of the rocks led to formation of ravines, funnel-shaped sinkholes and two lakes, one of which tends to disappear under the ground from time to time.
Allaži Parish, Sigulda County
GPS: 57.0850, 24.8111

16 | Gūdu iezis (Gūdu rock)
The 250 m long and 18 m high sandstone cliff is often admired because of its resemblance to a stem of a huge ship. There is a story about the rock: in the nearby Gūdu houses once lived a very miserly man who had promised his soul to the devil. The devil had dragged the man along with his bag of money into the deep whirlpool opposite the Gūdu cliffs. When passing this whirlpool, the raftsmen always offered up silver coins to safely pass this complicated curve. In case one of them drowned, the others had to lower a piece of bread with a burning candle in it in the Gauja. Where the candle died out, there the drowned man was to be found.
Pārgauja County. GPS: 57.2474, 25.0047

17 | Katrinas iezis (Katrina Rock)
This beautiful sandstone rock is found in a swift river bend near Ligatne nature trails. The rock lends its name from a girl named Katrina which had decided to kill herself because of an unhappy love by jumping in the Gauja.
Pārgauja County. GPS: 57.2530, 25.0154

18 | Ainavu krauja (Landscape Slope)
One of the highest rock outcrops in Latvia offers a marvellous view to the ancient Amata River valley. It is the tallest rock outcrop in Latvia – 46 m. The length of the cliff exceeds 500 metres. It reveals a great view to the old valley of the Amata River in all seasons.
Amata County
GPS: 57.2382, 25.1979

19 | Ciruļši nature trails
Modern, marked walking and cycling trails of various length along the banks of the Gauja will teach you about the geological processes and changes which have occurred here since the Ice Age.
These trails will introduce you to many interesting objects, such as Sņoguļu klints (Mirror Cliffs) or Vīka aizu (Wolf's Gorge). It is a 350 million years old cliff which is washed by the waters of the Gauja at its base.
Cēsis County. GPS: 57.3049, 25.2215

20 | Rocks of the lower reaches of Brasla
At the lower reaches of the Pārgauja and Krimulda municipality borderline river Brasla there is a 2 km long section with 12 sandstone outcrops which are all protected geological objects. This route is not marked.
Pārgauja County. GPS: 57.2887, 24.9381
(recommended parking place)

21 | Sārkanās klintis (Red Cliffs)
The approximately 10 m high sandstone cliffs, which uncover themselves in a 200 m long distance along the Gauja River, are also called Raiskuma ieņa (Raiskuma Rock). Multiple springs flow from the rock, including the very popular Rūcamavots where many people draw water from. The water has a slightly unusual taste (the taste of iron is present).
Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County
GPS: 57.3200, 25.2205

22 | Park of Senses on the Gauja River Steep Banks
Along the steep banks of the river Gauja, near the stadium of Jāņu Dalīņš, all nature lovers can take a walk on a path which is 2.7 km long and consists of various nature elements. The Path of Sensations awakens all five senses: hearing, vision, touch, smell, and taste. During the walk you can enjoy one of the most picturesque views along the banks of the river Gauja. Here you will also see the fast Kazu Rapids that were initially made to control the powerful stream of the river Gauja. The Park of Sensations is also a great bird watching site.
Valmiera, J.Daliņa iela 2
Ph. 64224186, www.sajustupparks.lv
GPS: 57.5409, 25.4405

23 | Inčukalna Velnala (Inčukalns Devil's Cave)
is a geological object and ancient cult place. The Cave started forming after the ice age about five thousand years ago. Well-known explorer, Johann Christoph Brotze, was the first person who described the cave more than 2 centuries ago. A story tells that in old times, the Devil used to live in the cave, while under the cave, there was a cellar where the Devil had chained his lost souls. Underground water voices can still be heard in the cave.
Inčukalns County. GPS: 57.1266, 24.6438

24 | Safari park "More"
The wildlife park with a territory of 170 ha has about 300 elks, fallow deer and white elks living in it. It will be a great place for those who want to rest from the city bustle in the pleasant and clean environment. This is also the first private deer garden in Latvia.
Saulstari", More Parish, Sigulda County
Ph. 29444642, www.safariparks.lv
GPS: 57.0791, 25.0572

25 | Exotic bird and animal farm
In the farm you can see African ostriches, fallow deer, miniature sheep, peacocks and pheasants. In summertime you can also buy ostrich eggs or try an ostrich egg omelette.

CASTLES AND CHURCHES RICH IN LEGENDS

29 | Turaida museum reserve
The most frequently visited museum in Latvia where you can explore archaeology, architecture, history and art history expositions that tell of stories dating back as far as the 11th century. This place holds many stories about the medieval castle and the church, about the Livonians of the Gauja, about the old manor centre and the Dainu kalns (Folk Song Hill).
Turaidas iela 10, Sigulda
Ph. 67972376, www.turaida-muzejs.lv
GPS: 57.1868, 24.8478

30 | Sigulda castle complex
The Livonian Order Sigulda castle was built in 1207 as a fortified press but was later rebuilt into a convent type building. Nowadays, people who long for a medieval atmosphere can climb the northern and the main gate towers, as well as roam the castle itself. The neo-gothic Sigulda new castle was built in 1878 as the dwelling house for the manor owners Kropotkins and now it houses the Sigulda Municipality Council.
Pils iela 16/18, Sigulda
Ph. 67971335, www.tourism.sigulda.lv
GPS: 57.1656, 24.8506

31 | Cēsis castle complex
From 13th to 16th century the Cēsis medieval castle was the residence of the Livonian Order master. Its western tower offers a great view to the Cēsis panorama, but those who climb down to the basement of the southern tower will see a real medieval prison. Medieval games in the castle garden as well as walks with a guide will help you enjoy the atmosphere of the olden times. The Cēsis new castle delights the visitors with a luxurious 18th–19th century interior exposition as well as interactively introduces to events which have affected the course of the European history.
Pils laukums 9, Cēsis. Ph. 64121815
www.cesiscastle.lv. GPS: 57.3132, 25.2714

32 | Krimulda manor. Krimulda medieval castle
The Livonian Order castle in Krimuldas was built around 1822 in classicism style. The manor complex consists of the landlord's house, the coach-house, the Swiss house, and other buildings. Currently the manor houses a rehabilitation institution which also offers accommodation.
Medniekiu iela 3, Sigulda
Ph. 29111619, www.krimuldapils.lv
GPS: 57.1677, 24.8298

33 | Dikļi castle
The castle was built in 1896 during the time of baron Pauls fon Volfs and was an impressive neo-baroque building. The wood decoration elements and the collection of ancient ovens and fireplaces have been preserved during the restoration. Currently the castle is home to a 4-star hotel, a restaurant and a spa complex.
Dikļi, Kocēni County. Ph. 64207480
www.dikluplis.lv. GPS: 57.5978, 25.1025

34 | Ungurmuža
Baron fon Kampenhausen's family house, built in 1732 and surrounded by giant oaks, is the only wooden baroque castle in Latvia which surprises with an abundance of ancient paintings. Today the visitors are welcome in the manor to look at the interior paintings and enjoy the special atmosphere while drinking tea in the tea house.
Raiskums Parish, Pārgauja County
Ph. 22007332, www.ungurmuza.lv
GPS: 57.3625, 25.0887

35 | The Birini Castle and Park
The Birini Castle, built in 1860, rises on a hillock near the lake. Its architectural construction can be attributed to the Neo-Gothic style, whilst the interiors owe much to the Neo-Renaissance style. The Castle is surrounded by a picturesque park, lakes and manor houses with a hotel, a restaurant, luxurious rooms for weddings and workshops. The saunas, swimming areas, Wood Park walking paths and horse riding tracks are good for one's health.
Birinu Pils, Limbaži County
Ph. 64024033, 29416661, www.birinupils.lv
GPS: 57.2441, 24.6591

36 | Mālpils Manor
Mālpils Manor has been reconstructed, maintaining its historic, architectural appearance of the Classicism style. Old, restored fireplaces and tile stoves, dark oak panel ceilings, the renovated banquet hall parquet floor patterned with star designs, and an oak staircase can be seen in the manor. The interior of the manor is embellished with antique furniture in the Classicist and Biedermeier style, paintings by Latvian Old Masters, an historic harpsichord, candlesticks, and other valuable luxury items.
Pils iela 6, Mālpils, Mālpils County
Ph. 67102555, www.malpilsmuiza.lv
GPS: 57.0064, 24.9494

37 | Valmiermuiža
To brew great beer, one first had to build a great manor. At first the manor was situated in the vicinity of Valmiera Castle but around 1624 it was relocated to the place where it can still be found today. Sources suggest that already during Swedish times there was a pub near the castle. Due to Valmiermuža's proximity to the road leading from Riga to Pskov and from St. Petersburg, the manor was visited by a number of European monarchs, including Sigismund, King of Poland, Carl XII, King of Sweden, Louise, Queen of Prussia, and Catherine the Great, Empress of Russia, as well as other aristocratic guests.
Dzirnavu iela 2, Valmiermuža, Burtnieki County. Ph. 20264249, www.valmiermuiza.lv
GPS: 57.5559, 25.4311

38 | Sigulda Evangelical Lutheran church
First mentioned in writing in the 15th century as St. Bērtulis' church, this building takes pride in the altar piece "Christ in the Garden of Ghetsemane" created by Roberts Tilbergs in 1930, the cast iron bell installed in 2001 and the button mosaics created by Valdis Atāls.
Baznīcas iela 2, Sigulda
GPS: 57.1624, 24.8523

39 | Turaida church
This church, built in 1750, is one of the oldest wooden churches in Latvia and it is located on the Church Hill (which is also an ancient burial ground) inside the territory of the Turaida museum reserve. The Turaidas Roze (Rose of Turaida) memorial site can be found next to the church.
Turaidas iela 10, Sigulda
Ph. 67972376, www.turaida-muzejs.lv
GPS: 57.1868, 24.8478

40 | Allaži church
This Lutheran church, built in 1926, is a national architectural site, but it has been used both as a canteen and as a warehouse. The church, which has been decorated with the local travertine, has been fully restored.
Sēveri, Sigulda County
GPS: 57.1019, 24.8226

41 | Cēsis St. John's church
The church, consecrated in 1284, is one of the oldest and largest cult buildings in Latvia. Inside the church you can find an altar piece made by J. Kēlers and one of the biggest gravestone collections in Latvia, as well as enjoy excellent organ music and watch the Cēsis panorama from the church tower.
Lielā Skolas iela 8, Cēsis. Ph. 57122, 25.2718

42 | Valmiera St. Simanis' church
The church, built in 1283, has almost completely preserved its medieval appearance. In the church you can find gravestones of prominent 15th–16th century citizens, an organ (1884), pulpit and organ loft paintings (1730), as well as enjoy Valmiera's panorama from the church tower observation deck.
* In 2015, the church tower's reconstruction work is planned.
Brunņiekiu iela 2, Valmiera
GPS: 57.5384, 25.4263

43 | St. Radoņežas Sergijs' Orthodox church
The church was designed in 19th century by Jānis Frīdrihs Baumanis who was the first academically trained architect in Latvia. The church was built from green bricks and the stone corners and ledges were made from locally manufactured red bricks.
Rigas iela 22, Valmiera. GPS: 57.5385, 25.4164

44 | Rubene Evangelical Lutheran church
The altar of this church has preserved from the 13th century but the building itself has been reconstructed several times. The Rubene congregation was established in 1208 by the chronicler Lettu Heinrihs (Latvian Indrikis), who for a long time was also the priest and led the first congregation which consisted of leti (inhabitants of Latgale) members only. Please notify us of your visit over the phone.
Rubene, Kocēni County. Ph. 64230432, 22307210. GPS: 57.4481, 25.2660

45 | Dikļi Evangelical Lutheran church
In historical writing the church in Dikļi is mentioned already in the first half of the 17th century but the current building was built around 1848. In the church, whose pastor for the second half of the 19th century was writer and teacher J. Neikens, you can see some of the most unique artworks in Vidzeme – the pulpit (1699) and the altar (1698) have both been decorated with mannerism style wood carvings.
Dikļi, Kocēni County. Ph. 29124453
GPS: 57.5966, 25.0743

46 | Vangaži Evangelical Lutheran Church
In the 17th century, there was a small log church building without a tower in Vangaži. A brick church was built in 1789 next to the Riga-Saint Petersburg road, while during the World War I, it was destroyed. Following a design by P. Kundziņš, the church was reconstructed in 1935 and destroyed again after the war. In 1992, along with the Latvian National Awakening, the church of Vangaži was also reborn, and the church building was reconstructed.
Vangaži, Inčukalns County
GPS: 57.1186, 24.5774

47 | Āraiši archaeological museum park
The park will give you an insight into the everyday life of the ancient inhabitants of Latgale. Here you will see their 9th-10th century fortified dwelling place and its reconstruction – the Lake castle, 14th–17th century medieval castle ruins (national archaeological site), as well as Meitu sala (Daughter Island) with reconstructed Stone and Bronze Age houses.
Āraiši, Amata County. Ph. 64107080
www.history-museum.lv. GPS: 57.2499, 25.2800

48 | Dikļi – the cradle of the Song Festival
In 1864 one of the most beautiful Latvian traditions – the Song Festival – was born in Dikļi. Writer, pastor and teacher J. Neikens organised the Festival on Neikenkalnini, at the foot of which now stands a beautiful open-air stage. The Dikļi Song Festival exposition compiles information about all of the Latvian culture and education events in the 19th century as well as of the origins of choir starting from the first regional Song Festival.
Exposition "Grāvelsiņi", Dikļi, Kocēni County
Ph. 26449685, www.kocenunovads.lv
GPS: 57.5973, 25.0943

49 | Ligatne Paper Mill and the historical buildings of the Paper Mill village
Paper mill was established in 1815, operating for almost 200 years. The village of the Paper Mill is an authentic 19th century industrial and wood building ensemble which will introduce you to the lifestyle of Ligatne people in different centuries.
Spriņģu iela 2, Ligatne. Ph. 64153169, 29189707
www.visitligatne.lv. GPS: 57.2371, 25.0419

50 | Serpentine road
The only serpentine road in the Baltics is a popular place for romantic walks. It was built in 1862 along with the first wooden bridge across the Gauja in honour of the Russian tsar Alexander II's visit in Sigulda.
Sigulda. GPS: 57.1699, 24.8305

51 | Secret Soviet bunker in Ligatne
Built in the 80s, the bunker, which is located 9 m under the rehabilitation centre "Ligatne" and takes up more than 2000 m², is a unique place where the nuclear war shelter and authentic exhibits of the age have been preserved. You can embrace the atmosphere of that age by enjoying a 80s style meal and participating in a reality game as a detective. Individual excursions on holidays at 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00. Please arrange group visits prior.
"Skalupes", Ligatne Parish, Ligatne County
Ph. 64161915, www.bunkurs.lv
GPS: 57.2540, 25.0709

52 | Walking-Stick Park
Opened in 2007, the park is an homage to Sigulda's most popular souvenir – the Walking stick. Walking sticks were mentioned already in the 19th century travel guides where it is said that "a walking stick, which can be purchased from a certain boy, will be very useful when walking around Sigulda." Although there is no practical need for it anymore, the Sigulda walking stick is still popular as a souvenir.
Sigulda. GPS: 57.1617, 24.8494

53 | More battles memorial sites
The More battles memorial stone, unveiled in 1992 and created by sculptor R. Ģērtāns, the restored trench fragments and the bunker, the memorial wall with the names of the legionnaires killed in the battles and the More battles museum opened in 2002 remind of the ruthless Second World War battles of 1944.
"Kalna Kļavas", More Parish, Sigulda County
Ph. 29446115, www.moresmuzejs.lv
GPS: 57.0796, 25.0617

54 | Araiši windmills
Construction year — 1852. Four floors of the mill provide work and storage for small grains into flour. When booking a group visit in advance, it is possible to enjoy the dinner of a miller. Bread Day is organised each year at the end of July.
Āraiši, Amata County. Ph. 29238208
www.amata.lv. GPS: 57.2527, 25.2682

55 | Sculpture "Gadsimtiem ejot" (As centuries pass by)
The bronze night guard created by M. Jansons is passing through the centuries with a cane in one and a lantern in the other hand, symbolizing the victory over darkness, and is also called "Laika vecis" (The time man) or "Gaismas nesējs" (The light bringer). The lantern attracts the largest amount of attention and has become the official symbol of Cēsis. It is said that by rubbing it, one can see his or her future and the light will guide the good thoughts and deeds.
Torņa iela, Cēsis. GPS: 57.3124, 25.2717

56 | Valmiera museum and the Livonian Order castle ruins
The remains of the Order castle ruins and the city fortifications, which were ruined during the Great Northern War, preserve memories of the Valmiera city centre from the 13th century until nowadays. The Valmiera museum, which is a recognized national archaeological site, is housed in eight buildings within the castle ruin territory. The museum offers a journey in the history of Valmiera, as well as separate exhibitions in the exhibition halls, and wedding programmes.
Bruņinieku iela 3, Valmiera
Ph. 64223620, www.mpszs.valmiera.lv
GPS: 57.5395, 25.4289

57 | Vaidava castle hill
Wise people say that in the olden times there were people who had wanted to build Cēsis on the Vaidava castle hill, but the devil who lived there had threatened to demolish the city if they did not pay him to leave. The builders had not given money to the devil so overnight he demolished everything they had built during the day. The city could not been built here, so the people decided to build Cēsis elsewhere.
Vaidava Parish, Kocēni County
www.kocenunovads.lv. GPS: 57.4580, 25.2690

85 | A walk in snow shoes at Vienkoči Park
Those who like spending their time doing interesting things will enjoy a walk through the Vienkoči Park in snow shoes.
"Vienkoči", Ligatne Parish, Ligatne County
Ph. 29329065, www.vienkoci.lv
GPS: 57.1933, 25.0455

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86 | Amber workshop
In the amber workshop a third-generation expert will introduce you to amber processing and will let you try it yourself.
Vēju iela 1, Sigulda. Ph. 26185257
GPS: 57.1497, 24.8505

87 | Vienkoči Park
This is the place where "green ideas" are born and where you can see objects made from natural materials: dugout boats, sculptures, a sandbag house, as well as models of historical houses.
"Vienkoči", Ligatne Parish, Ligatne County
Ph. 29329065, www.vienkoci.lv
GPS: 57.1933, 25.0455

88 | Drabeši House of Crafts
The Amata House of Crafts is a local crafts centre where you can learn the old crafts, visit the library of crafts and on weekends visit fairs and workshops.
Drabeši manor, Amata County
Ph. 29199870, www.amata.lv
GPS: 57.2428, 25.2790

89 | Antique jewellery forge
At the forge you can watch the jewellery-maker in action and see the instruments and antique jewellery from Latgale. Furthermore, the craftsman will share his knowledge on the meaning of the jewellery and symbols, as well as on the jewellery wearing traditions.
Pils laukums 9, Cēsis. Ph. 29158436
GPS: 57.3133, 25.2710

90 | Ligatne spoon factory
The factory invites you to learn how timber of more than 17 Latvian tree species turns into spoons and other objects. You can also try making them yourself.
"Vanagi", Augšligatne
Ph. 26521467, www.spoonfactory.lv
GPS: 57.1908, 25.0365

91 | National Fishing Trade Museum
In this museum the exhibits still smell of seaweeds and the fishnets are still wet. Here you will learn how our ancestors fished and how it is done today. You can also test your own fishing skills.
Gaujas iela 28, Ligatne. Ph. 29232837
GPS: 57.2548, 25.0447

92 | Creative workshop "Ezerīni"
"Ezerīni" invites you to see smartstone and metal items, visit a shop, and buy original gifts for yourself and your loved ones. After a previous arrangement, it is possible to watch demonstrations of a master and experience a gunshot of a real cannon.
Stalbe Parish, Pārgauja County. Ph. 26371928
www.ezerini.lv. GPS: 57.3757, 25.0391

93 | "Medus kāre" (Honey crave)
Here you can listen to stories about bees, watch them in hives in the bee garden, discover the secrets of their life and honey harvesting through movies as well as taste honey made from various flowers and participate in wax candle making. Picnic spots and campgrounds are also available.
"Zvirgzdi", Vaidava Parish, Kocēni County
Ph. 26341533. GPS: 57.4632, 25.2452

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"Zvirgzdi", Vaidava Parish, Kocēni County
Ph. 26341533. GPS: 57.4632, 25.2452

95 | Concert hall "Baltais Flīģelis" (White Grand Piano)
This building with the interesting appearance which resembles a grand piano is one of the most popular concert halls in Latvia where world class musicians perform on a regular basis.
Ševeres iela 19, Sigulda. Ph. 67974787
GPS: 57.1531, 24.8448

96 | Sand house – sand dream cellars
In this gallery you can see a unique collection of sand from all continents of the world, as well as artist's original work – colourful, spatial, hard-ened sand paintings made from Sigulda's sand using a special technique.
Pils iela 16, Sigulda. Ph. 29991642
www.vanels.sl. GPS: 57.1658, 24.8515

97 | Culture and art space "Siguldas Tornis" (Sigulda Tower)
The tower was once used to store water for cooling of steam locomotives, but now it houses a modern gallery where you can see various exhibitions, visit fairs and participate in other activities.
Ausekļa iela 6, Sigulda. Ph. 29218240
GPS: 57.1536, 24.8560

98 | Laima clock
The Laima clock was created especially for Sigulda and the city received it as a prize in the chocolate factory "Laima" competition along with the title "The City of Love".
It symbolizes the same values as the Laima clock in Riga and is a love-filled meeting place.
Ausekļa iela 6, Sigulda
GPS: 57.1536, 24.8539

99 | Cēsis Exhibition Hall
The former castle stables – the 19th century coach-house – features a new exhibition of contemporary art every month; however, on weekends you can come here to watch concerts or movies.
Pils laukums 3, Cēsis. Ph. 64123557
www.cesiscastle.lv. GPS: 57.3136, 25.2722

100 | Valmiera Drama theatre
The only professional theatre in Vidzeme invites you on an excursion behind the scenes.
Lāčplēša iela 4, Valmiera. Ph. 64207335
www.vdt.lv. GPS: 57.5394, 25.4254

101 | Art Gallery "Laipa"
Art Gallery Laipa offers exhibitions of visual art, an opportunity to buy pieces of art, rent exhibitions, visit fashion shows, lectures, musical evenings, and lessons of "Mālēšanas skola" or "Daubing school".
Rigas iela 25c, Valmiera. Ph. 26167449
www.galerijalaipa.lv. GPS: 57.5378, 25.4153

102 | Art salon "Zaiņa"
The salon offers both crafts and jewellery as well as souvenirs.
Rigas iela 31, Valmiera. Ph. 64225746
GPS: 57.5378, 25.4141

103 | Vidzeme Concert Hall Cēsis "Zīlīnīņa"
The largest professional concert hall in Vidzeme. The concert hall is a place where concerts, exhibitions, legitimate theatre performances, and cinema of well-known professional European artists take place. The concert hall is the highest building in the Vidzeme region and it is which a panorama of the old town of Cēsis can be enjoyed.
Raunas iela 12, Cēsis, www.cesukoncertzale.lv
Ph. 25623345 GPS: 57.3132, 25.27683

104 | Science centre "Zīlīnīņa"
Interactive expositions and educating games, which will help you gain an understanding about the human body, nature sciences and technologies, await the visitors of the science centre.
Poruka iela 8, Cēsis. Ph. 25400228
www.zinoo.lv
GPS: 57.3146, 25.2885

105 | SIA "Ziemeļvidzemes atkritumu apsaimniekošanas organizācija" (North Vidzeme Waste Management Organisation)
The excursion will educate you on modern waste management and introduce you to EKO areas, the Dabe landfill and the paper package recycling company. You are also invited to participate in educating games.
Landfill at Daibe, Pārgauja County. Ph. 64281250
www.zaao.lv. GPS: 57.4530, 25.1130

106 | *Vaidava Ceramics*
Vaidava Ceramics is an excursion which will introduce you to the everyday work routine in the factory which produces crockery for everyday use and special occasions. Ceramic products are also available for purchase.
Ezera iela 2, Vaidava. Kocēni County.
Ph. 64284101, www.rebeka.lv
GPS: 57.4309, 25.2878

107 | 3D CINEMA "LORA"
Cinema "LORA" will ensure you have a pleasant moviegoing experience – there are big and comfortable leather chairs, the number of viewers is limited, and there is an opportunity to order tasty snacks and drinks during the movie.
Strēlenieku iela 2, Sigulda. Ph. 67973972
www.kinolora.lv. GPS: 57.1430, 24.8443

108 | Vīks' fairytale park
The park invites you to take a walk on its fairytale trails and meet characters from the writer Vīks' fairytales rendered in wood. The park is the home to Ness and Nesiņa, Rūņu Dūkītis and other characters. You can also arrange an excursion with the writer himself as well as use the picnic spot and children's playground.
Dikļi, Kocēni County. Ph. 64231933, 26447061
GPS: 57.5971, 25.0991

109 | Global Centre of Latvian Art
It is a gallery where various