



Hidden in Noble Silence

Vacations in Enter Gauja Manors



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This is your opportunity to savour the jewels that noblemen have safeguarded in the cusp of the forest for time eternal. Venture forth, rapt in contemplation, essaying your brush back and forth over the canvas, listening to the paint plotting its way into the canvas, and sipping tea in the manor garden, where you will hear the tick tock of the venerable lord's clock.

We invite you to discover Latvia, travelling through time and enjoying the tranquility of the historic residences of the aristocracy fanned by centuries of impressive history. The authentic hospitality of the nobility awaits you, along with the opportunity to step into the world of Latvia's nobility and to encounter its broad heritage, as well as to embark on a stately journey amid impressive settings nestling among painterly landscapes.

During your journey, you will be welcomed at the most important manor houses, castles and palaces in the Gauja region, offering fine dining and accommodation options, and an eclectic offering of additional services, ranging from tours recreating the epochs of the nobility through to scenic horse carriage excursions through the Latvian countryside.



TURAIDA MUSEUM RESERVE

A TREASURE TROVE OF TESTIMONIES TO HISTORY

The story of the historical centre of Turaida stretches back one thousand years, and its testimonies interweave the museum reserve's diverse exhibitions. An ancient bone flute softly plays the story of Gauja's Livonians. The majestic Gauja river valley renders Turaida's stone castle even more imposing. For centuries, it has been the residence of the lords of the land. For many, a visit to the memorial site of Turaida's Rose has become something of a pilgrimage, dedicated to the power of love, nobility and trust. Amidst the tranquillity of Turaida's fields, the blows ring out from the manor house blacksmith's hammer in the smithy, inviting you to discover the busy daily activity of the manor house.



VIEWING TOWER AND MEDIEVAL CASTLE

Throughout the year, the diverse beauty of the Gauja and its surroundings are visible from Turaida Castle's main tower, allowing visitors to appreciate the primordial nature of surroundings, which are virtually as untouched as they were when viewed by the rulers of the castle back in the Middle Ages.

HISTORY MUSEUM

Exhibitions outdoors and indoors take you through the passage of the centuries. Livonian ruler Kaupo, the mighty Archbishops of Riga, the courageous virgin Maija – Turaida's Rose and the stories of the destinies of more than 40 generations – nothing is left untold. The newest exhibition "On the Way to Establishment of the State of Latvia. Peasant Liable to Corvee. Independent Farmer. Citizen" in Turaida Manor's house of Peasants Liable to Corvee reflects the events in the territory of Latvia in the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century.

SCULPTURE GARDEN

In their own language, boulder sculptures dedicated to Latvian folksong sing out the secret to the vitality of the people. Latvian wisdom, radiating joie de vivre, energy and melodic thoughts in the mind of any visitor to the Dainu Hill.

OTHER SERVICES

 Wooden Church

 Ensemble of Manor Buildings

 Guide Services

 Nature Trails

 Blacksmith's Forge

 Archaeological Excavation Site

FROM THE HISTORY

Turaida's historical centre has developed over the course of more than 1,000 years. The events that have taken place here are closely linked to the course of Latvian and European history.

Around the 11th century, the Livonian people began living on the shores of the Gauja in Turaida. The rhythm of their daily life was closely attuned to nature. Turaida's name originated from the Livonian language, which belongs to the family of Finno-Ugric languages and can poetically be translated as "God's Garden".

At the start of the 13th century, the wooden castle of Livonian ruler Kaupo was located on the Turaida castle mound. After it burned down in 1214, Bishop Alberts of Riga ordered a stone castle to be built. Turaida became the residence of the ruler of the land – the Archbishop of Riga. After the Livonian War at the end of the 16th century, the Archbishop's territories came into the ownership of the Vidzeme brotherhood of knights. Turaida became a private property and centre of the manor.

After a fire in 1776, the stone castle was not rebuilt, but a residential house was built for the owners of the manor next to the main castle tower. The economic centre of the manor was located not far from the castle – near the ponds and road. Turaida Manor experienced an economic boom at the end of the 19th and at the start of the 20th centuries.

Nowadays, the testimonies of long centuries are kept, studied and made available to the public by the Turaida Museum Reserve. Every day at the Turaida Museum Reserve is like an interesting adventure, which allows one to peer at the pages of the past. Here, visitors are welcomed by a sculpture garden – the Dainu Hill, signs left by Gauja's Livonians, Turaida's stone castle and the picturesque view of the Gauja river from the castle's main tower, a wooden church which is exquisite in its simplicity and the moving story of the virgin Maija – Turaida's Rose, as well as the atmosphere of the manor's commercial centre with its inimitable environment and exhibitions.



* The price of a visit per adult is 3,50 EUR in winter, 6 EUR in summer.

* Exhibitions "On the Way to Establishment of the State of Latvia. Peasant Liable to Corvee. Independent Farmer. Citizen" visit cost 3.00 EUR per adult.

ANNUAL EVENTS

- February: Meteian Day
- April: Easter holiday
- June: Summer Solstice Festival
- November: Martin's Day.
- December: Christmas events

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SIGULDA CASTLE

AN EPICENTER OF HISTORICAL EVENTS

At the heart of history for centuries, enclosed by picturesque stone walls, this castle was both a residence and fortress for the nobility. Nowadays, every summer the castle echoes with the sound of classical music during Sigulda's world famous Opera festival. The proximity of the Gauja and the wild river valley form a unique backdrop for enjoyment of the works of art wrought by man and nature. The soft sounds of music from the castle garden and the reverberations from the creative quarter enliven the harmonious atmosphere of the castle. Merging with the elegant neo-gothic architecture, a visit to the castle acquires a fine and noble aftertaste.



A GRAND DUKE'S NEO-GOTHIC STYLE CASTLE

Nowadays, the idyllic residence of the Kropotkin family, which was built for leisure and joie de vivre enclosed by the verdant landscapes of the Gauja, has magnetic appeal, recreating the refined atmosphere of days gone by, reminiscent of those once enjoyed here by artists and aristocrats.

LIVONIAN ORDER SIGULDA CASTLE

Walks within the castle walls give rise to imaginary scenes from medieval life, while the primeval nature of the surroundings can be admired from the restored towers. The remaining ruins will give you an impression of the former majesty of this castle in Livonia and prompt you to dream as in the age of romanticism when ruins were considered to be art.

CREATIVE QUARTER

The old manor buildings are now occupied by talented individuals with a creative spark, whose work you can not only observe, but also try your hand at to create a special souvenir to remind you of your visit to Sigulda Castle.

OTHER SERVICES

 Stunning Views of the Gauja River Valley

 Excursions Around the Livonian Order Sigulda Castle

 Guide Services

 Craftsmen's Workshops and Related Activities

 Concerts, Cultural Events

FROM THE HISTORY

Sigulda Castle is the oldest stone castle in the district and its life began in the 13th century when the Livonian Order built a fortress here. At the start of the 18th century during the Northern War, it was destroyed, never to be rebuilt. However, part of the fort has survived right through to the present day, and the castle tower has been reconstructed, from where one can now inspect surrounding nature and the castle courtyard, imagining everyday life during the Middle Ages.

The new Sigulda Castle, which was built at the end of the 19th century in the neo-gothic style, was the residence of the family of Duke Kropotkin. During this period, Sigulda developed as a summer leisure and tourism centre, largely due to the newly built railway line.

After the First World War when the castle was destroyed, it became a centre of creative leisure and innovation for writers and journalists and was renamed the Writers' Castle. It was not long before the castle was renovated and became a sanatorium. In 1937, considerable upgrading took place in the building under the leadership of architect Augusts Birkhāns. Sigulda Castle became the most luxurious and modern leisure castle in the Baltics with a unique national romanticism-style interior.

Sigulda Municipality is currently located in Sigulda Castle Quarter, and the surrounding manor buildings serve as a creative center, where craftsmen and artists can fulfil their ideas by creating modern artworks in an ancient environment.



* Livonian Order Medieval Castle visitation price for adults is EUR 2.00

ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR

- January: Celebration of winter flavours
- Easter: Swing Festival
- May: Sigulda Town Festival
- June: "Ligo in Sigulda"
- July: International Sigulda Opera Music Festival, Musical breakfast on Sunday mornings
- December: Winter concert hall in Sigulda Castle Complex
- Open-air concerts

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CĒSIS CASTLE

THE CENTRE OF LIFE IN AN ANCIENT TOWN

In Cēsis Castle and museum you can hear the story about the town and the people who have created the history of Vidzeme, Latvia and even Europe. The glory of centuries old buildings creates a unique harmony of eras from eight centuries. Art and history lovers can enjoy rousing exhibitions here, and the New Castle's Lademaher Tower offers an amazing view across the old town of Cēsis. You can feel the beauty of Romanticism, which is a delicate mixture of nature and aristocracy, in the New Castle and its parks.



MUSEUM IN THE CĒSIS NEW CASTLE

The fine and elegant indoor premises introduce visitors to an atmosphere of days gone by, giving them a chance to visit the circular nobles' library and the unique coffee room. In turn, the museum's permanent exhibition "Cēsis – Symbol of Latvian History" provides them with the opportunity to find out about the special importance of Cēsis in the context of Latvia's history.

CĒSIS MEDIEVAL CASTLE

A walk through the tower of a medieval castle with a candle lantern is a unique and unforgettable adventure. Multimedial "Cēsis Castle story" revives the castle's history, whereas by visiting castle garden and craftsman workshops you can experience the daily activities of the castle's people.

CASTLE PARK

The hills and ravines of Cēsis Castle Park, and historic-cultural monuments together in one place were the best preconditions for creating a successful landscape park more than 170 years ago. Brooklets and springs were used in a masterly manner to form this unforgettable landscape, bridges, pavilions and sculptures were also added to give this place a feel of Romanticism.

CĒSIS EXHIBITION HALL

Nowadays, the former manor coach house is a home to art. The building's restored wooden elements are amazing in themselves, creating an atmosphere for the harmonious and memorable enjoyment of art, music and theatre.

OTHER SERVICES

Ancient Jewellery Smithy

Events and Concerts

Lademaher Viewing Tower

Workshops of Ancient Trades

FROM THE HISTORY

As early as the 11th century, the ancient Vend tribe built a wooden castle on Riekstu Hill, which in later centuries became the centre around which the town of Cēsis developed. In the 13th century German Order Cēsis Castle was built next to the wooden castle, and by the 14th century, Cēsis had already been given city rights. Over the course of time, the Order Castle was considerably rebuilt, only evolving into its final architectonic form at the start of the 16th century.

As a result of the development of firearms, the Order Castle gradually lost its military importance and ceased to be used for defence purposes. By the start of the 18th century after the Great Northern War, all that was left of the castle was the ruins. It wasn't restored and instead the town's population used the castle's thick walls to quarry stone.

At the end of the 18th century, a residential house was built for the lords of the manor within the grounds of the Order Castle. Today, this house is Cēsis New Castle. Right up to World War I, it was home to the family of Count von Sievers, which installed, what at that time in Europe was a unique phenomenon, i.e. an ornate room solely intended for the enjoyment of coffee. They also established an eclectic library that can be visited even today. Among the other sites installed during the von Sievers era were a cold water health spa, Alex's Park where people could go for a walk and the historic brewery building.

In 1918, the first unit of the Latvian National Army – the Cēsis Regiment – was founded in the Cēsis New Castle, which has attained legendary importance in the context of Latvia's battles for independence.

Since 1949, the Cēsis Castle complex has been managed by the Cēsis Museum of History and Art.



* The combined visitation price for Cēsis Medieval Castle and museum for adults is EUR 8.00

ANNUAL EVENTS:

- May: Latvian folksong night
- July: Historical Hansa market
- July: Medieval professions day
- October: Legend night

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VIENKOČU PARK

THE MANOR CARPENTER'S MASTERPIECES

This park full of unique miniature manor houses and captivating wooden sculptures is living evidence of the famed skills of the manor house's carpenters. In the woodwork museum's ancient workshop, you can inspect the instruments and work tables that craftsmen of old used to create ornate furniture, painting frames and fine decors. Continuing your excursion among the leafy shadows of Vienkoči Park, you will be charmed by the wooden sculptures around you and miniature copies of several manor houses no longer in existence, but recreated here right down to the tiniest detail. A quiet, educational adventure to be memorably combined with a relaxing family picnic and the unhurried enjoyment of nature.



WOODEN CRAFTS MUSEUM AND DISHWARE WORKSHOP

In this unique museum, you will sense the atmosphere of this medieval workshop, in which it is evident that expert craftsmen created fine products from wood, giving each item they made its own special inimitable character. Currently in the Woodcraft Museum you can see how the master woodworker makes wooden bowls and covers them with aromatic propolis.

MINIATURE COPIES OF HISTORIC MANORS

As you make your way along the paths in the park, you will find yourself peering down at historical manor houses from above – finely made model buildings, which have been created to scale, and will leave feeling like a giant walking about in the land of the Lilliputians.

WOODEN SCULPTURE PARK

A walk where you can enjoy the richness of the nature and see woodcraft artwork and historical imprint

OTHER SERVICES

- Handmade Wooden Dishes
- Handicrafts Masterclasses and Natural Jewelry Workshop
- Guide Services
- Children's Playground

- Special Programme for Newlyweds
- Torch-Lit Walks During Hours Of Darkness
- Local Souvenirs
- In Winter - Snowshoeing

FROM THE HISTORY

Vienkoči Park and the Woodworking Museum are the brainchild of Rihards Vidzickis, and the original idea for the creation arose in 1999, when he graduated from the woodworking department Riga Crafts Secondary School. The same year, the equipment from an old woodworking workshop was transported to Līgatne. From 2003 to 2005, Rihards Vidzickis developed the concept for the establishment of Vienkoči Park and the Woodworking Museum.

Vienkoči Park first opened to the public in 2007, at which time the museum was still based in temporary premises, where there was not enough room to showcase all the exhibits. Over the course of time, Vienkoči Park has become a place for the performance of experiments in solid timber woodworking, because this is the Rihards Vidzickis' main object of scholarly interest.

Vienkoči Park is a custodian of historical testimonies in the form of the old workshop environment and the antique instruments, which show the development of woodworking over the course of one thousand years, which is brought to life by the guide's captivating storytelling. In turn, the miniature manor house designs exhibited along the walking path are precise models of buildings, which allow one to sense the former glory of these manor houses that no longer exist.

Woodcraft museum was designed in 2011 and in 2014 it was opened for the first visitors. The museum is still developing and expanding.



€ * Visitation price for adults: from EUR 4.00

ANNUAL EVENTS

- The first Saturday of October: event of feelings and light "Fire night"

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VALMIERMUIŽA

AN OASIS OF HOSPITALITY AT THE CROSSROADS OF HISTORY

The hospitality of Valmiermuiža Manor invites travellers to stop for a hearty meal and a glass of delicious beer, brewed in the adjoining brewery. There, nature's produce is transformed into a proper beer, while in the renovated barn, which is home to the Valmiermuiža Beer Kitchen, where, after a long journey, you can sit back and take a breather in the easy chairs and experience our famed hospitality towards our guests. You can take the best impressions from Valmiermuiža with you, because the Latvian flavours store offers you the very best examples of produce made by local home producers and craftsmen. Valmiermuiža is a reminder that not only beer, but also the natural nobility of Latvian flavours must be enjoyed slowly.



EXCURSION IN THE BREWERY AND BEER TASTING

To be present during the brewing of real beer and to listen to the serene transformation of grain into refreshing sparkling gold is a true privilege – it is an insight into the soul of beer itself, which is crowned by the unhurried enjoyment of beer.



VALMIERMUIŽA BEER KITCHEN

In the old barn building, which has been restored to its former glory, one can enjoy meals celebrating Latvia's characteristic flavours prepared with a contemporary touch, which go particularly well together with Valmiermuiža's home brewed beer. Their nuanced and exquisite flavours are a treat for visitors and an eloquent advertisement for the achievement of local culinary art.



EXCURSIONS AND HORSE RIDING IN THE VALMIERMUIŽA STABLES

After a leisurely meal in the style of the nobility and delicious sips of beer, a ride along the manor paths and hunting park accompanied by the rhythmic steps of a horse, allows each of to imagine painting your own historical epoch.

OTHER SERVICES



Local Goods Market



Customised Celebrations



Traditional Evenings



Concert Evenings With Live Music



Manor-Style Children's Playground



Beer Equipment Rent



Free Wifi



Free Car Park

FROM THE HISTORY

In the mid-18th century, the Russian crown presented Valmiera Manor to Prince Peter August Friedrich of the province of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Beck in Germany. Here he established a Baroque-style hunting lodge with a lavish park and deer garden as a summer residence, in order to find joy through idyllic leisure and to show it off to his noble guests.

Once upon a time, Valmiermuiža was located at the side of a postal road that carried esteemed members of the aristocracy from Western Europe to Petersburg, which explains why a number of European monarchs have visited here – Polish Zigmund, Swedish King Charles XII, Prussian Queen Louise, Russian Empress Catherine the Great, as well as other aristocratic guests.

Valmiermuiža has experienced a lot of misfortunes in the past and has been seriously damaged; however, the castle's unique Neo-Baroque tower, park gates and manor's household buildings, which show the level of management and times of the past, have lasted until today. On 21st century the manor experienced a Renaissance – a new brewery was built, where a popular beer was brewed, a barn was restored, where a beer kitchen and Latvian flavour market was created, also the surroundings of the castle were landscaped in order to receive guests from all of the world in an elegant manner.

Photo on the left: Peter August Friedrich, prince of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Beck.



* The excursion with beer tasting is available for 1 person and for groups up to 55 guests.

* Prices: www.valmiermuiža.lv

ANNUAL EVENTS

- March, June, September and December: annual celebration and fair "Gardu muti"
- June: International Ethnofestival "Sviests" ("Butter")
- July Fridays: live music evenings in Valmiermuiža

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UNGURMUIŽA MANOR

A UNIQUE WOODEN BAROQUE MANOR HOUSE

Away from the hustle and bustle of the world at large, concealed under crown of leafy oak trees is a unique wooden Baroque manor. It is an especially idyllic place for nature and art lovers. Walks along forest trails will provide invigorate guests amidst tranquil scenery. Afterwards, you can enjoy a cup of tea in the archaic atmosphere of the tea house in the manor garden. Or if you prefer, you can enjoy leisurely meals fit for nobility in the manor's age-old recipe restaurant.



ACCOMMODATION IN A RURAL MANOR HOUSE

Visitors to the manor with time on their hands can extend their stay, residing overnight in the guest rooms in the manor house or in the "old school" apartments – in the very places, where once upon a time, the lords of the manor and their guests recovered their strength in anticipation of a new day.

HISTORIC WALL PAINTINGS FROM 18TH CENTURY

The expressive paintings inside the castle – Russian grenadiers with the features of Peter the Great – are a vivid depiction of a dynamic historical epoch when Baron Campenhausen was saved by two Russian soldiers at the Battle of Poltava.

ANCIENT RECIPE RESTAURANT

A slowly and properly prepared meal exclusively made from local and the freshest seasonal products, using revered age-old recipes will provide those who succumb to the manor's and cultural values with an exquisite and flavourful experience.

OTHER SERVICES

 Premises for Events, Seminars and Wedding Ceremonies

 Art Exhibitions and Workshops

 Concerts in the Manor And its Ancient Park

 Walking Trails and Picnic Spots

 Children's Playground

FROM THE HISTORY

Photo: Helene Juliane von Campenhausen

Ungurmuiža Manor flourished in 1736 when its builder and owner Balthasar von Campenhausen married Helene Juliane. The new mistress of the manor was hardworking and smart, besides she had a book-keeper talent. Everything in the manor is weighed, measured and written down - food, clothing, linen stock, sheep wool, honeybee colony and manor's family.

Ungurmuiža Manor used to be a gourmand paradise. There were fruit trees grown and used, as well as spices – laurel, lemon and orange trees, which flourished in stone pots. The manor could take pride in its home-made strawberry, raspberry, caraway, orange and wild orange liqueurs, whereas in distillery vodka was made and together with rye sent to Jūrmala in exchange for Baltic herring for salting. Also, almost thirty manor people received two quarts of beer every day!

Crawfish catching and hunting of forest animals was very important in Ungurmuiža. It was done according to a strict schedule by the manor's men. They also had to find time for fishing in the manor's pond where they could catch carp and perch.

The mistress of the manor not only knew how to count everything, but also knew how to plan. She accurately created a menu for daily life and for celebrations. Foods like bull legs, rice in wine, English-style veal, baked apples, almond cake, pudding and milk cream were put on the table in Ungurmuiža Manor. The delicious traditions are still being kept, allowing Ungurmuiža Manor to attract people who enjoy good food!



 * Price per night: from EUR 35 to EUR 80

ANNUAL EVENTS

- June: Little Opera Music Festival in Ungurmuiža Manor
- August: Chamber Music Concert "Schubertiade"
- August: Open-air Cinema and Park Restaurant "Star Night"

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KRIMULDA MANOR

A RESIDENCE OFFERING BEAUTIFUL VIEWS

Krimulda's classicism-style manor delights visitors with the wonderful scenery of the primordial Gauja river valley and the local winery from whose barrels flows the sweet nectar of life. The charming detachment of the manor allows you to enjoy the attractions of "Vidzeme's Switzerland" in a tranquil environment, which once preoccupied the carefree lives of noble. Landscaped paths guide leisurely travellers on a healthy walk alongside sandstone cliffs and picturesque scenery.



HEALTH TREATMENTS

The rehabilitation centre at Krimulda Manor is the ideal place to regain one's strength and vitality in those periods of life when you require long-term rest in an atmosphere of peace and quiet, in the presence of sincere and skilful specialists.

ACCOMMODATION

You can spend warm summer nights in the unique wooden houses, falling asleep to the sound of chirping grasshoppers and the babbling of a fountain, and basking in the morning sun on a historical sunbathing porch. Visitors can also enjoy warmer accommodation in the main manor house.

WINERY. TASTINGS

The hospitable manor winemaker will introduce you to the world of homemade wine, knowledgeably explaining how ripe berries are transformed into eclectically flavoured beverages, in so doing revealing a treasure trove of secrets from the manor's history.

OTHER SERVICES

 Panoramic Views of the Ancient River Valley

 Premises for Events And Seminars

 Sauna

 Café

 Wifi

 Walking Trails

 Picnic Spots

 Accessible With Cable Car

FROM THE HISTORY

The impressive manor ensemble was built mainly in the 19th and early 20th century. The manor was built in the classicism style and it is an outstanding example of such architecture in Latvia.

In 1817, Krimulda Manor was acquired by Prince Johann Liven, a representative of a notable Baltic-German family. The Liven family managed property in Krimulda until 1921, creating parks and walking spots at Krimulda Manor and making the surrounding area increasingly attractive and recognisable.

In days gone by, the beauty and peace of Krimulda's landscapes also attracted high ranking officials – in the mid-19th century, this was the vacation spot for the Governor-General of Vidzeme, Aleksandrs Suvorovs, while Russian Tsar Alexander II also visited Krimulda Manor and the newly created park, which greatly enthused him.

Krimulda Manor was transformed into a sanatorium in 1922, which in the following decades enabled thousands of severely ill children and adults to recover their health. Nowadays, Krimulda Manor invites visitors to cast their eyes upon the testimonies of times gone by, which are preserved in its authentic interior. To see with their own eyes, the primordial nature of the Gauja river valley, enjoy the tranquillity of a walk through the park and to enjoy an unhurried visit to the new manor, where one succumb to vacation dreams or recover one's health.



- * Price per night: from EUR 11 to EUR 68
- * Second floor view balcony visit - 2 EUR
- * Historical guided tours for groups - 40 EUR

ANNUAL EVENTS:

- While waiting for the 200th anniversary of the manor and the 100th anniversary of the sanatorium in 2022, anniversary related events are celebrated in the manor every year

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MĀLPILS MANOR

REFINED MOMENTS OF CAREFREE LEISURE

The refined atmosphere of Mālpils Manor is ideally suited to luxurious and carefree leisure. Waking up between satin sheets after a truly restful night's sleep, the morning will delight you with a view of the calmly flowing waters of a fountain, while the delicious meals prepared by the chef in the manor restaurant will offer gourmands a truly mouth-watering culinary experience. The Manor grounds are best enjoyed by embarking on a ride on an antique bicycle or during a saunter through the clouds in a hot air balloon. An outstanding residence whether you are seeking peace for idyllic rest, or luxurious apartments in which to host a beautiful celebration.



ACCOMMODATION IN DESIGN ROOMS

Truly aristocratic sensations are evoked by the luxurious atmosphere in the hotel design rooms, which is reminiscent of a wonderful dream. The enjoyment of your night's rest between finely sewn sheets will fill you with the joy wrought by the enchanting tranquility of your surroundings.

GOURMET'S RESTAURANT

The manor restaurant offers you culinary delights served in the form of creatively prepared dishes for life's gourmands. It will also be a rich feast for your eyes, seeing the work of art created by the interplay of the colour and texture of the meal before you.

ART COLLECTIONS

Everything on the display in the manor premises is a work of art – the exclusive star parquet in the festive hall, the medieval hearths, the classicism sofa and Biedermeier chairs, the paintings by Latvian old masters and the historic harpsichord infuse the manor premises with the moving beauty of art.

OTHER SERVICES

 Cooking Masterclasses

 Hot Air Balloon Flights

 Antique Bicycles

 Space for Events

 Excursions

 Massages

 Nature Trails

 A Tea House

FROM THE HISTORY

It is thought that the original Mālpils order castle was built during the second half of the 14th century and that it was located a kilometre away from the current Mālpils manor buildings. During the Polish-Swedish war in the 17th century, the castle was blown up.

Subsequently, when in the 18th century when Empress Elizabeth of Russia gifted Mālpils Manor to Colonel Melgunov's wife, it was moved to its current location, where Mālpils Manor house. During this period, the baroque-style manor park was established. Other development included the creation of a pond and the construction of the centre of the manor.

In 1905, the manor was completely burned down at the height of the revolutionary upheaval. Its renovation began two years later when manor owner Alexander von Grote recruited the eminent Baltic-German architect Wilhelm Bockslaff to lead the reconstruction of the manor house, which was completed in 1911.

During the 20th century, the manor served various purposes including as home to a school, a hydro-drainage technical college, sovkhos administration and agricultural museum.

The manor was only restored to its original glory quite recently – in 2008, when it was transformed into a design hotel, in which as many historical architectural and interior elements characteristic of the classicism-era were retained as possible, creating the hotel rooms and premises in a tasteful and refined style, ideally suited for hosting various events and celebrations.



* Price per night: from 65 EUR to 200 EUR

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KĀRĻAMUIŽA MANOR

AT THE NATURAL EPICENTER OF THE MANOR

Far away from the worldly hustle and bustles, surrounded by tranquil forests, travellers are welcomed by romantic Kārļamuiža. The untouched nature of the River Amata, landscaped park created by the lords of the manor and century-old apple orchard offer a refreshing hiding place amidst this beauty. In turn, the invigorating quality of nature can be felt on the peaceful walking trails, which wind their way alongside the river to the landscaped cliff and back again. After enjoying a walk in the cusp of nature, you can relax in the hotel apartments, which have been installed in accordance with the manor's former residents' impressions of homeliness. This is the embodiment of peaceful rest amidst the natural tranquillity of nature and gardens, which are enclosed by the majesty of the Amata's cliffs.



ROOMS OF HISTORICAL PERSONALITIES

Each room in Kārļamuiža's hotel retains its own life story. In the leisure premises, you will receive a warm and informative welcome from the manor's landlords Karl and James, as well as in the form of the sense of beauty instilled by their spouses Angela and Sophie in the design of the rooms.

RESTAURANT

Amidst the homeliness of Kārļamuiža, you can enjoy a leisurely and choice meal. The landlords' hospitality and culinary skills will serve you up the most delicious of meals, prepared in the warm glow of the manor's kitchen, and exactly that which you desire to round off a relaxing day.

WALKING TRAILS

Walking trails wind their way along the sharp bends of the River Amata, allowing travellers and nature lovers to learn about the history of nature on the steep banks of the river, and pleasant invigoration inhaling the fresh air of the surrounding landscape.

OTHER SERVICES

Traditional Bathhouse

Landscaped Nature Park

Historic Orchard

Bicycle and Nordic Walking Equipment Hire

Children's Playground

Free Wifi

Free Private Car Park

Picnic Spots in the Park

FROM THE HISTORY

The history of Kārļamuiža dates back to the 18th century when it was a manor belonging to Baron Wolf. At the end of the 18th century when it was bought by Major Karl von Sievers, the manor house acquired element of baroque architecture and became a house in which the aristocracy could enjoy the peace or delights of leisure time.

English businessman James Pearson, who bought the manor house at the end of the 18th century, transformed Kārļamuiža into an architectural pearl unusual for the vicinity, with a view to ensuring that it complemented the beauty of the surrounding landscape.

In the 19th century, a large landscaped park was established, also including the neighbouring forests right up to the River Amata. This garden became a popular destination for travellers of the period and was known as the garden of joy. At the end of the 19th century, an elite school for gardeners was established at Kārļi, which was the first horticultural school in the Baltics.

The 20th century was quite ruinous for Kārļamuiža – during the 1905 revolution, the manor house was burned down, which was subsequently renovated, only for the manor to experience the same fate during the battles for Latvia's freedom.

In the building that have survived until the present day – the Kārļamuiža mansion – the homely and welcoming Karlamuiza Country Hotel has been established. The mansion itself was built during the 1840s, but outwardly this building is little changed, retaining its original elegance and style, allowing its guests to enjoy the feelings experienced by its relaxed lords of the manor.



€ * Price per night: from EUR 40 to EUR 138

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DIKĻI MANOR

AN IDYLL FOR CONNOISSEURS OF HISTORY

Dikļi Palace is a great place for history lovers to take a walk in a tranquil atmosphere, enjoy art and wonderful meals in the homely comfort of an aristocratic manor. In turn, art lovers will be delighted by the palace's valuable collection of paintings and fireplaces. In the widely praised palace restaurant, you can treat yourself to a fine Vidzeme culinary adventure. In turn, the energy of Dikļu Palace's Nature SPA will revitalize bodies and spirits tired by the pace of everyday life.



ACCOMMODATION IN DESIGN ROOMS

The refined four-star superior hotel rooms will be a dream, not only falling asleep, but also during waking hours, inducing you to enjoy the leisure of the nobility as created by ornate furniture from centuries gone by, stoves radiating welcoming warmth.

GOURMET RESTAURANT

A refined menu will introduce visitors to the gourmands' restaurant to new horizons of flavour – game provided by the landlord and fish caught by the chef, prepared in contemporary style, preserving the excellence of the food in accordance with the most exacting standards of the nobility. The chef's somewhat surprising, but highly nuanced and delicious flavour combinations will take you on an endless journey of flavours from the world of cuisine.

ECO SPA

The cures and baths in the Nature SPA will relax weary flesh and invigorate the tired spirit, allowing one's body to once again glow with the joy of life. The grasses used in the treatments are picked in local meadows and gardens and induce exquisite feelings, allowing you to enjoy the healing touch of nature to the full.

OTHER SERVICES

 Collection of Historical Fireplaces and Stoves

 Collection of Paintings

 Excursions Around the Palace

 Horse Carriage and Sleigh Rides

 Boat Trips Across the Palace Pond

 Bicycle Hire

 Free Private Car Park

FROM THE HISTORY

Dikļi is a place that has long occupied an important place in Latvian culture. It was here in the summer of 1864, in the park of Dikļu Pastor's Manor that Reverend Juris Neikens, who was also a notable writer and teacher, organised the first joint-singing festival, laying the foundations for a unique Latvian tradition of song festivals. This was also the venue for the first theatrical performance in Latvian. Holding art and culture in honour and esteem, Dikļu Palace regularly hosts various cultural events, theatrical plays and concerts.

Over the course of time, Dikļu Palace has become even more imposing and colourful – from the 15th century when it was feudal land in the diocese of the Bishop of Riga and was known as Pāle Manor through to the present day when Dikļu neo-baroque palace's hotel and fine restaurant are the ultimate destination for many organisers of celebrations and weddings.

In the Landscape Park, which stretches across the grounds of Dikļu Palace, one will find at least 20 exotic species of trees such as the balsam fir and white walnut. It is said that the Baron once laid down an oak floor at the bottom of the park pond so that one would not find oneself tramping through slime during a swim.

In Dikļu Church, which dates back to at least the start of the 17th century, one will find a unique altar and pulpit, which are decorated with woodcuttings in the mannerism style. These works of art, created in the then renowned Riga sculpture workshop, are still on view today.



€ * Price per night: from EUR 70 to EUR 210

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BĪRIŅI MANOR

A PLACE WHERE HISTORY HELPS TO RELAX

Bīriņi Castle has always inspired its landlords and guests with love stories worthy of Shakespeare. This neo-gothic style and semi-circular building enclosed by ancient parks and forests is on a hill, which reveals a view of the beautiful Bīriņi Lake. At the castle, one can relax in an aristocratic atmosphere – in ornate interiors, spacious reception halls and elegantly designed hotel guest rooms. In the Castle restaurant, one can enjoy meals fit for the nobility prepared with the finest natural ingredients, giving your leisurely break a hearty and elegant touch. A refined place for healthy relaxation.



ACCOMMODATION IN DESIGN ROOMS

Hotel rooms in Bīriņi Castle and the Gardener's House in the Castle garden have been arranged according to a special design, with aristocratic charm, allowing guests to enjoy the feelings, which were formerly only available to folk from the loftiest social circles. In the luxury suites you can enjoy castle's high ceilings and windows with a wonderful view of the park and the lake.

RESTAURANT

The vaulted hall of the Castle is always home to a celebration of flavour, offering refined dishes prepared with taste, which will not disappoint even the most spoiled of gourmands. On leisurely mornings in particular, you can enjoy an unhurried breakfast in your room or an invigorating cup of coffee on the lake side of the Castle's garden terrace.

CASTLE PARKS AND ARBOURS

The castle's parks have been lovingly developed by a number of owners of the Castle – each doing so for the love of his life, paying builders a king's ransom to ensure that they built Love Isle, Engēlkalns and Priežkalns Park with joy in their hearts. Castle park, pergolas, venerable trees and the magic of the landscape invites you to take relaxing walks or experience meditation by painting.

OTHER SERVICES

-  Special Spa Offers and Sauna
-  Premises for Events
-  Lake Gazebo for Marriage Ceremonies
-  Excursions Around the Castle and Park

-  Restored Water Tower Visit
-  Stable, Sleigh Rides
-  Park Library
-  Bathing-Places

FROM THE HISTORY

The grounds around Bīriņi Castle were inhabited as early as the 13th century when Livonian clans resided here. The Castle acquired its name in the 16th century due to the courage of Johan Biring, who led a company of Latvian, Polish and German troops against Ivan the Terrible, expelling him from Vidzeme's largest towns. For this heroism, Biring was rewarded with the gift of Kolcen Castle, popularly known as Biring Castle, out of gratitude for his heroic acts.

At the end of the 18th century, the Castle was ruled by Count Mellin, who was a passionate devotee of culture – he established a sizable collection of maps of Latvia and Estonia and fought for the repeal of serfdom. The castle park crypt, which was built in accordance with Mellin's wishes, is a unique example of architecture – it was built under a natural hill.

The Castle acquired its current appearance in 1860, when, in accordance with the plans of the then owner of the Castle August von Pistolkorss, it was built in a neo-gothic style as a semi-circular architectural building. At the end of the 19th century, his son Alexander von Pistolkorss undertook to implement the audacious vision, establishing a seaside resort – Saulkrasti (Neubad), and building a road from Bīriņi Castle to the new oasis.

Bīriņi Castle has also experienced its version of Romeo and Juliet – Alexander's son Erik fell in love with a Castle maidservant, which his mother objected to. Cunningly, she managed to break up the lovers, which was a sad turn of events that led to the suicide of both the maidservant and Erik.

Nowadays, the Castle has been fully restored to its former glory and is one of the most notable Castles in Latvia.



€ * Price per night: from EUR 75 to EUR 250
* Visitation price for adults: from EUR 2.50

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ART RESORT

In Liepa Manor every sip of the pure forest air is full of culture and art. The authentic buildings welcome you to feel and experience historical stories that are centuries old. The interior yard of the manor is surrounded and adumbrated by great oaks, and park trails invite you to take relaxing walks. When going on a walk, you can discover artworks placed in the park, ancient manor ponds and views filled with the silence of the nature. In the restored manager's building the guests can fall into comfortable beds and aristocratic relaxation. There is always an easel in the manor, which invites you to take a brush and express the feelings and peace you have experienced here.



ACCOMMODATION

In the former manor manager's building we have created comfortable and elegant rooms filled with sense of nature, where the guests of the manor can relax. Through the windows you can see the beautiful surroundings.

MANOR PARK AND PERGOLAS

There are ancient linden trees, oaks, maples, ash trees, Siberian spruces, jasmines, lilacs and apple trees in the park providing the guests with a rich harvest. While resting in a pergola you can listen to the sounds of the surrounding nature even more closely.

TOURISM ATTRACTIONS

In the Liepa Manor there are more than thirty tourism attraction places and artworks. The guests can go to the Creativity house, Stone garden, Malt and beer brewery, and walk through the Liepu Alley, disappear and be found in a labyrinth, look into the thoughtful water eye of the Mirror pond and visit an art object called "Dzetti Spiral", as well as discover many more special places.

OTHER SERVICES

 Art Masterclasses

 Bicycle Rental

 Swimming Area

 Fishing

 Rides in a Horse Cart

 Guide Services

 Grill Kitchen Rental

 Rooms for Conferences and other Events

FROM THE HISTORY

The Liepa Manor was founded in 1672 and got its name from Liepa village. Already at the beginning of the manor's existence it served as one of Latvian schools, which was founded by the legendary pastor and Bible translator Ernst Glick.

When the Northern War started the manor was pledged in 1700. Later it had various owners until Pirse Boye became the manor's owner in 1783. The members of his family managed the manor for many more years. Freedom-loving group of intellectuals were often guests there. The group consisted of Riga Theater actors, future home tutors and officers.

From 1882 until the First World War the manor was owned by the von Reutern family, whereas during the First World War manor served as a school for the refugees' children. In 1919 the school building was seriously damaged and the school was moved to the manor manager's house, and was open until 1970.

The Liepa Manor Restoration Association is currently restoring the manor. A lot has been done: the guests can relax in peaceful rooms and the neat manor park. New manor improvements allow to enrich the guests' experience.



 * Price per night: EUR 55.00 to EUR 110.00

ANNUAL EVENTS

- In August: Anniversary of the Liepa Manor
- In Autumn: Liepa Manor's Apple Ball

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