

### Gauja National Park: family vacation in Latvia

90,000 hectares in area, 800 plant species, 500 cultural monuments and many, many family attractions. The Gauja National Park in the heart of Latvia impresses - with an amazing natural scenery and fun, action and adventure for the whole family.



The oldest national park in Latvia is located about 50 kilometers northeast of Latvia's capital Riga and is a real paradise. Parents and children can expect an exciting mix of unique natural experiences, a wide range of leisure activities, magnificent castles and palaces, and small towns steeped in history.

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### PLACES TO VISIT IN GAUJA NATIONAL PARK



River Gauja invites you for a unique and fast water adventure, which guarantees a variety of breathtaking natural sights and interesting objects to explore!

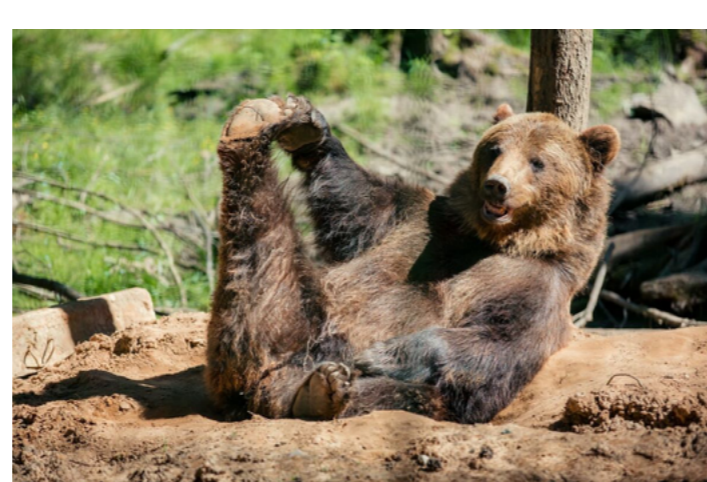
From castles hiding myths and legends, to secret soviet underground bunkers, amazing adventure parks and breathtaking views, there are so many things for a family to explore.

From the large replica of the wooden lake castle, we now go to much smaller models. In [Vienkoči Park](#) it's all about wood crafts - unique wooden sculptures and miniature models of historic estates. There's also a woodcarving museum with an antique workshop where you can watch masters practicing ancient crafts.



Families can get to know more about the [Cēsis Medieval Castle](#) by taking part in interactive tasks and playing historical games. You will have the chance to see the unique 16th century room with the magnificent star dome at the top of the Eastern Tower. From there you can see a great view of the surroundings of the castle and the city.

[Zilaiskalns cultural history and visitors center](#) is located in the premises of an ancient water tower and a modern annex. With the help of virtual reality you can explore the historic narrow gauge railway locomotive. After visiting the water tower, it is possible to climb a rail bike and enjoy the ancient narrow-gauge railway line.



[Ligatne nature trails](#) will reveal many wildlife species typical to Latvia. Here one can see the wild animals of Latvia – stags, roe deer, wild boar, bears, foxes, lynx, and two species of birds.

Playing footballgolf, you can turn an outdoor walk into an exciting adventure! [Sigulda Footballgolf Park](#) is a recreation place created by the family, the first 18-hole football park in the Baltics, located in the picturesque Gauja National Park.



Nowadays the theme of labyrinths has become especially popular. We offer you the largest labyrinth in Latvia called ["MINOTAUR – LABYRINTH"](#), which is located in Sigulda. The passage of Labyrinth will help to test your logical abilities, terrain orientation, moral restraint and cope with phobias of enclosed space, if any.

[Adventure Park "Supervāvere"](#) has more than 60 attractions with various rope courses, passages and obstacles placed high and low in the trees. Feel the strength of the mighty old trees around you as you conquer obstacle after obstacle.



The ancient aura of the [Cēsis New Castle](#) premises and objects, as well as its mighty tower and Family Room will guide you through a real historical adventure.

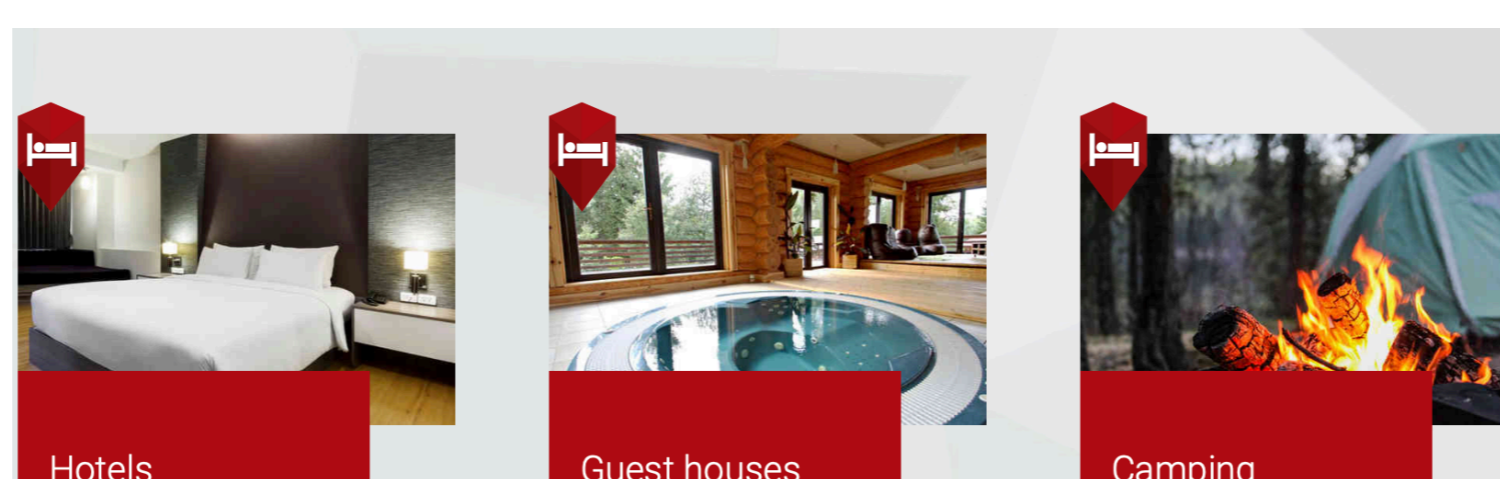
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Whether medieval castles and magnificent palaces, action-packed adventure parks, hiking trails and sports and leisure activities - with its mix of nature and culture, tradition and modernity, the national park, which covers more than 90,000 hectares, is made for a vacation with children.

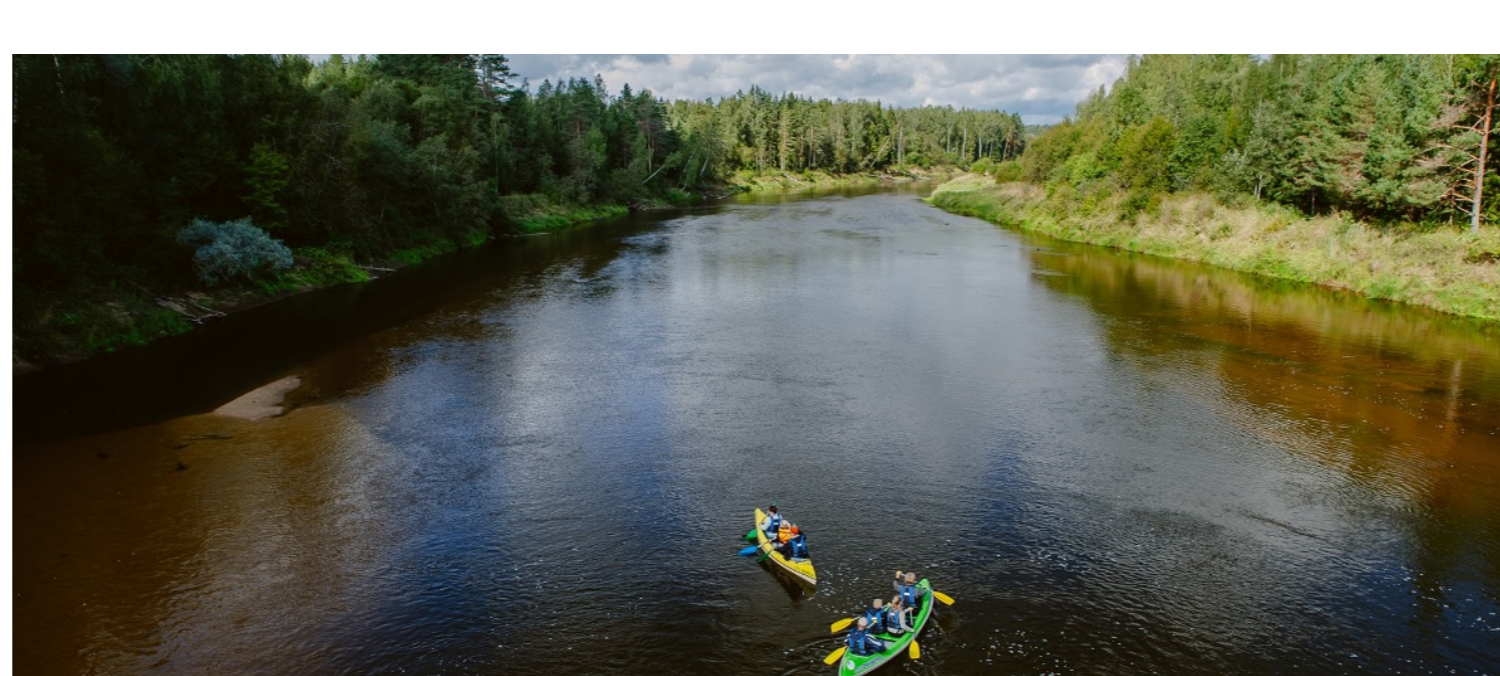
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### WHERE TO STAY...



Where do you end the day? There are plenty of places to stay in the Gauja National Park - and an impressive range of them at that. Whether it's a small, cozy [wooden cottage](#), a family-friendly [guesthouse](#) or a family room in a stately [castle hotel](#) - the choice is yours.

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### GETTING HERE

Gauja National Park is easy to reach from the capital of Latvia - Rīga. There are trains, buses available every hour. You can buy tickets online ([www.1188.lv](http://www.1188.lv) or [www.mobilly.lv](http://www.mobilly.lv)) or at the station.

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