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While autumn turns into winter in Gauja National park region

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Discover the magic of Gauja National Park, a place where adventure awaits no matter the season. This beautiful park is home to family-owned tourism spots and breathtaking sandstone formations, making its hiking trails a must-visit for nature lovers. Imagine the mist gently floating above the trees and river, creating a serene atmosphere. As you wander through the quaint streets of delightful towns, you'll find yourself eagerly awaiting the arrival of the first snowflakes.



Taste the season: local food, warm flavours & culinary stories

Valmiermuiža Beer Kitchen – A Taste of Latvian Traditions

Discover the flavours of Latvia at Valmiermuiža Beer Kitchen, where local ingredients, seasonal dishes and craft beer come together in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Inspired by Latvian culinary traditions, the kitchen celebrates authentic flavours with a contemporary twist. Pair your meal with locally brewed Valmiermuiža beer and enjoy a delicious journey into the region's food culture.

For an even richer experience, combine your visit with a guided tour of Valmiermuiža Brewery and discover the stories and craftsmanship behind its beers.

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Nestled along the scenic banks of the Gauja River, **Rāmkalni** is a delightful stop where nature, local flavours and culinary traditions come together. Whether you're exploring Gauja National Park or simply looking for a delicious break, Rāmkalni invites you to slow down and savour the moment.

Enjoy a comforting meal at the cosy bistro, taste pizzas baked in a wood-fired oven, or treat yourself to freshly made pastries and aromatic coffee. A special highlight is the **organic bakery**, where bread is baked daily using natural ingredients and traditional recipes, including Latvian rye bread prepared in a wood-fired oven.

Before leaving, explore the delicatessen shop filled with local treasures – from Rāmkalni's signature candied fruits, sweets and other homemade delights to carefully selected products from Latvian producers. It's the perfect place to discover authentic Latvian flavours and take a little taste of Gauja National Park home with you.

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Konrāda Kafē – Authentic Flavours in the Heart of Cēsis

Tucked away in the charming Old Town of Cēsis, **Konrāda Kafē** is a welcoming place where Latvian culinary traditions meet contemporary flavours. With a focus on fresh, seasonal ingredients sourced from local producers, its thoughtfully crafted menu celebrates the simplicity and richness of Latvian cuisine with a creative twist. Whether you stop by for a leisurely breakfast, a comforting lunch or a cosy dinner, Konrāda Kafē invites you to slow down, savour authentic local flavours and enjoy the warm atmosphere of historic Cēsis.

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Discover the Living Soul of Līgatne – Nature, Art & Clay

Some places reveal their stories only when you slow down and listen. Join the passionate local guides of **Cēsis Inside** on a journey through Līgatne, where ancient forests, industrial heritage and local craftsmanship come together. Along a peaceful 4 km nature walk, discover the hidden treasures of Gauja National Park and hear fascinating stories about the landscape, history and people who have shaped this place. The journey continues at the creative countryside retreat **Mākoņi un māls**, where you'll discover the art of traditional black clay pottery and the stories behind this remarkable home. And what better way to end an autumn adventure than gathering around a crackling fire, enjoying a bowl of warming soup, freshly baked focaccia and homemade seasonal cake? A beautiful reminder that the most memorable journeys are often the ones filled with simple pleasures, genuine encounters and stories worth sharing.

Contact the local guide Sigita Klētniece **+371 29109965** | ***cesisinside@gmail.com***



Interact with local culture through events

5/12/2026 **Christmas concert** in Krimulda mor at 3PM

19/12/2026 **Folk dance evening and Winter solstice celebration** in Valmiermuiža More information *HERE*
Market of local producers, lively music, ancient seasonal rituals and heartwarming festivities together with the folklore group Dandari.
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20/12/2026 **Late brunch in Christmas mood** in Mālpils manor from 12PM - 3PM
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31/12/2026 **New Year's Eve event** in SPA Hotel Ezeri
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31/12/2026 **New Year's Eve** event in Mālpils manor
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Contact Enter Gauja office with questions about prices, reservations: info@entergauja.com



There is a certain kind of magic in Gauja National Park when autumn quietly surrenders to winter. For someone who calls this place home, a slow Saturday morning begins with the world outside wrapped in mist and the gentle crackling of fire in the stove. A cup of hot coffee warms her hands as she watches the bare branches swaying beyond the window. There is no rush today. She pulls on her woollen socks, wraps a scarf around her neck and heads into the forest, where fallen leaves whisper beneath her boots and the Gauja River flows silently between ancient sandstone cliffs. By afternoon, the cold has found its way to her fingertips, and nothing feels more inviting than the aroma of freshly baked bread, a hearty meal and a little conversation around the table. As darkness settles early over the valley, smoke rises from the sauna chimney. Soon, the warmth of the stones, the scent of birch branches and the gentle rhythm of the sauna ritual make the outside world feel wonderfully far away. And when she finally steps out beneath the quiet evening sky, she realises that this in-between season was never something to wait through. It was something to savour, one beautiful, unhurried moment at a time.

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Gauja National Park is Latvia's largest and oldest national park, where ancient river valleys, sandstone cliffs, forests and picturesque towns create a landscape full of discoveries. It is a place where nature, adventure, gastronomy and cultural experiences come together at a slower and more meaningful pace. Whether exploring scenic trails, enjoying local flavours or finding peaceful moments in nature, every season reveals a different side of Gauja.

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