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Locator #: **JDH803** (UA); **SV9ZQ3** (Luft&Baltic); **ITIN#:** 7344210492414 **TIK #:** 0167134894352

FLIGHT INFO: **JAC>VNO** **TOT ~25¼h**

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UA5903 <sub>sky</sub>	MO MAY7	JAC	>	DEN	7:10a	8:47a	(1 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> h)	22D	8 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> h
Luft 447	MO MAY7	DEN	>	FRA	5:25p	11:00a(TU- <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> )	(9 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> h)	---	4h
Luft 896	TU MAY8	FRA	>	VNO	2:55p	5:55p (TU- <sup>5</sup> / <sub>8</sub> )	(2h)	---	N/A
TOT HRs: 25 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> h									

**LITH:**

**Vilnius:** LITH became first country in 1<sup>st</sup> Soviet Republic country > leave USSR, 1990.

**Airport > Vilnius TRN/BUS STA:**

**TRN:** TRN: (16/day // hrly, 8 min, \$2/€0.70)

"Vilnius-Airport" > Vilnius RR STA: TIKs: BUY: in TRN or TRN STA.

Next > AP passenger term: railway stop, footway to TRN STOP, passenger stairs/elevator .

**BUS:** TIK: on bus, €1 ?? Local Know

Vilnius AP > Vilnius Central Bus STA (& TRN STA city:

**TRANS-around:**

SEE "2 Vilnius TRANS AROUND.pdf"

**TRANS-OUT:** Vilnius > Kanaus:

**TRN:** (1h, hrly, )

**BUS:** (1 ¼ , evry 2 h)

**TIC;** RIV's name, BIKE RENT: (Rental SEE "2 Vilnius travel guide - Wikitravel.pdf"

Only "real" bike path leads along RIV Neris N > Verkiai Nature PK & "GRN lakes

**ACCM:** **HostelGate:** Wiki/HW/HB; 8.9; 4D\$14 -- 2 places: **MGR:** Dean **Gate of Dawn**

Aušros Vartų 17-1 & Šv. Mikalojaus ST 3, ☎ +370 638 32818 ([hostelgate@gmail.com](mailto:hostelgate@gmail.com)),

**DIRECS:** SEE "2 Hostelgate HOS, VIL GMp.pdf " FROM BUS STA / TRN STA GOTO main street: "Geležinkelio gatve" (keep TRN TRKS on your R) THEN, walk about 3 blocks > "Aušros Vartų gatve", THEN, turn L down street ... Passing >> Gates of Dawn, THEN, straight ahead 1 or 2 min ># 17 on L.

**FOOD:**

FAM 4 wild berries, mushrooms, & cheese **Virtinukai** - curd patties (~10 LTL);

\* **Bulviniai blynai** (grated potato pancakes) w/ different sauces (~8-11 LTL);

\* **Šaltnosiukai** - dumplings filled w/ lingonberries;

\* **Šaltibarščiai** ( summer soup based on beets & soured milk),

\* **Juka** (blood soup) or Cabbage soup flavored w/ carrots, ham, onions (around 4-6 LTL).

\* \* **Ruginė duona** (dark rye bread) very advisable > try w/ soups.

\* **Cepelinai** (or *didžkukuliai*) *su spirgučiais* - potato balls w/ meat (~11 LTL/3,2 EUR);

**Pogo HOS**, Wiki/HW/HB: **9.7**; 6xD\$16; B. Radvilaitė ST 3-1 (*In front of CATH Sq*), ☎ +370

684 67060 ([pogohostel@gmail.com](mailto:pogohostel@gmail.com)). Check-in: 2:00PM

FAC: maps, wifi, lock, a/c, **KIT**, LOC,

REV: GUD: chill, cln, staff,

BAD: sm show, **1 toilet/floor, bad KIT, bad wifi, scurity**

**Jimmy Jumps Hse /HOS**: HW/HB; **9.1**, 6xDM\$11

FAC: BRKF, wifi, City Tour, maps, LOCK, **KIT sm**, LUG STOR

REV: GUD: staff, LOC, bed curtains,

? **Downtown Forest HOS & Camping**, Wiki/HW/HB; **9.3**; \$8; Paupio ST 31a (*Paupys: OT*), ☎ +370 5 264-3113 ([info@downtownforest.lt](mailto:info@downtownforest.lt)), checkin: 15:00.

FAC: wifi, maps, LOCK, **KIT**, LUG STOR

REV: GUD: staff, gud KIT, LOC (area? ; 20 min > bus/trn), **freshly baked croissants**

BAD: 2 bldg (?), wifi, 20m > OT, smell; (ST name *Paupio* = "along RIV"), in OT

**City Wall HOS**: HW; HOS Jamaika: HW; 8.5; \$10

**HOS Jaimaika**: HW, HB; 8.5/9.0; \$10;

### WIKI:

**Filaretai HOS**, wiki, HB; 7.8; \$5.5 Filaretų ST 17 (*Užupis District. From TRN STA take BUS 34 > Filaretai*), ☎ Mobile +370 521 54627, [\[186\]](#). Chilled. Prices 4 1 person in single RM

70LTL, other prices season-dependant, up > 10% discount 4 HI members.

**Domus Maria**, Aušros vartų ST.12 (*OT town*), ☎ +370 5 264-4880 (>ll free: Skype - domus.maria, [domusmaria@vilnensis.lt](mailto:domusmaria@vilnensis.lt), fax: +370 5 264-4878), [\[184\]](#). Unique & popular guesthouse w/in MONS. Dorm bed: 75LTL; single RM: 197LTL; double: 228LTL; tripple 335LTL.

**NO too far HOS Vilnius** (*Former HOS*), 2 places across same ST: Sodų ST 8 & Sodų ST 17, ☎

+370 5 215-0270, mobile +370 699 09903 ([info@hostelsvilnius.lt](mailto:info@hostelsvilnius.lt)), [\[188\]](#). checkin: 14:00;.

Superb LOC near BUS STA, several m > OT town boundary which marked by Pylimo ST. Less than 1 BUS stop ride >< TRN/BUS STAs, 5-10 min ride by trolley > CNTR. 31-70LTL.

**OT town HOS**, Aušros Vartų ST 20-10 (*½ block from gates of OT town, 5 min walk from TRN/BUS STAs.*), ☎ +370 656 56571 ([info@lha.lt](mailto:info@lha.lt), fax: +370 5 268-5967), [\[191\]](#). Helpful staff & good common space & KIT w/ computers & wi-fi. Dorm bed: 35 LTL.

**SITES: SITES:**

**(21½h /8h = )**

**3¾D**

**TIC:** OT 1) in Town Hall, 2) *btwn HOT Novotel & MUS Of Radziwiłł PAL (Vilnius St 22)*

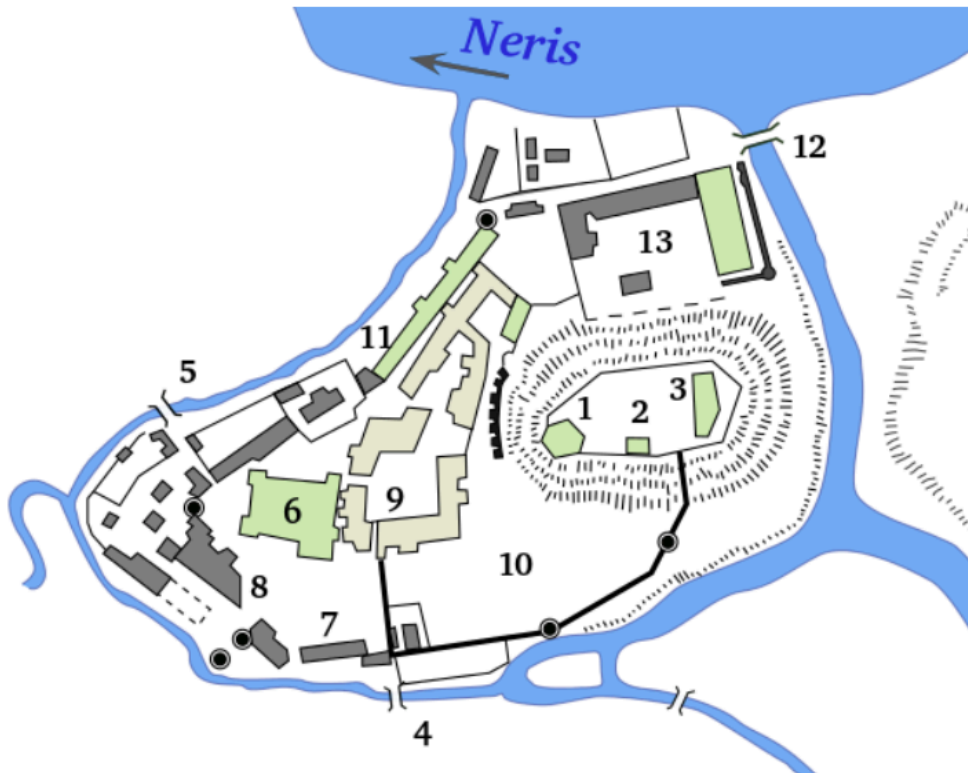
**OT town:**

**Vilnius Free Walking Tour:**

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daily: 10:30 am. Alternative tour (?) Thur & Sat: 01:30 pm.  
Meeting Point: In front of statue:

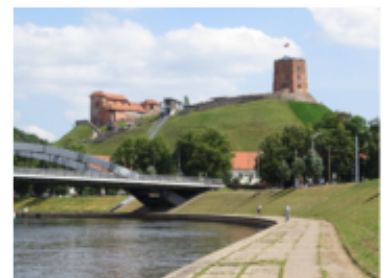




Vilnius Castle in 1740:

*Upper Castle:* 1. Western tower; 2. Southern tower (foundations remain); 3. Castle Keep (ruins remain)

*Lower Castle:* 4. Gates and bridge to the city (Pilies Street); 5. Road and bridge to Tiltas Street; 6. Vilnius Cathedral; 7. Palace of Supreme Tribunal; 8. Palace of bishops; 9. Royal Palace; 10. Palace garden; 11. The New Arsenal, currently a museum; 12. Northeastern tower and gates of the Old Arsenal; 13. Yard of Old Arsenal





**1) Vilnius Castles Complex:** SEE "Vilnius Castle Complex - Wiki.pdf" **5<sup>3/4</sup>**  
 (Vilniaus pilių rezervatas), **HQ:** Šiltadaržio ST 2, (OT town), ☎ +370 5 212-2662  
 ([valda@vilniauspilys.lt](mailto:valda@vilniauspilys.lt), fax: +370 5 212-2499),

**1) Vilnius heart**, 1997, > preserve HIST, spiritual & CUL CNTR; 57.5 ha; Upper & Lower Castles, CATH w/

- a) surrounding lowland called *Šventaragio slėnis* (Holy Horn Valley),
- b) W part of *Kalnų parkas* (Hill PK): along Vilnia RIV, now, several hills & gullies -- B4 erosion -- steep solid & fortified Vilnia RIV bank ; 1st Vilnius **LOC**.

**UPPER Castle Complex:** **1<sup>1/2</sup>**  
**1a) Gediminas Castle (Upper Castle)**, Arsenalo ST 5 **1**

**DIRECS:** Climb up from CATH SQ or funicular from other side of hill, facing RIV), ☎ +370 5 261-7453 ([pilis@lnm.lt](mailto:pilis@lnm.lt)), Warm season 10:00-19:00.  
 9th–14th Cs, lrg **hill-top fort**, Dukes of LITH.  
 13th C end, 4 strategy transferred from Trakai > Vilnius & castle substantially reconstructed.  
 1st **castles**: wooden, N, after 15th C beginning: everything rebuilt in brick & stone; preserved ruins of Gothic Ducal PAL & surrounding fortifications extant;  
**Best Views**: largest & only survived TOWER's top.

**1b) Gediminas Castle TOW :** **1/2**

**Upper Castle** fortification part Red-brick TOW:, hse ARCH findings et al.  
 1919, **National flag** 1st raised, @ country's regained independence from Russia.  
 Since, IMP HIST LITH & Vilnius symbol. Adult: ~€2;

**LOWER Castle Complex:** **2**  
**1c) Vilnius CATH** (*Vilniaus arkikatedra bazilika*): **3/4**

Katedra Sq 2 (Very CNTR), ☎ +370 5 261-1127 ([parapija@katedra.lt](mailto:parapija@katedra.lt)), 7:30-6:30p daily, **BUT**  
**Not** during Mass,

frequent fires, wars and soft soil req' many rebuilds/restores

1251, Cath CATH: ORIG wooden CATH on pagan temple site.  
 1387, Gothic style CATH built.  
 1783-1801, Now, Classical style CATH; previous Cs, chapels forms mix into coherent whole a return to the ancient architectural principles: harmony, simplicity, rigor, logical clarity and monumentality.  
**Baroque Saint Casimir chapel:** **1/2**  
 most beautiful (orig: 1623–1636) remains untouched.  
**27 crypts:** @ different depth & size under CATH flr.

Often overflowed during spring floods, often destroyed by treasure-seeking soldiers during wars / upheavals, oldest LITH's fresco (end of 16th C): Christ's crucifixion  
1968-1989: crypts reserved w/permanent exposition: [guide-only](#) crypt visits

**1c1) CATH SQ & Bell TOW: & CATH SQ: free**

$\frac{3}{4}$

**LOC:** Katedra Sq 1 (Very CNTR). May-Sept: M-F 10:00–19:00  
**57m high belfry:** €5, 16th C, Gothic TOW base: Lower Castle defensive wall. TOW **base:** round, but Baroque belfry: octagonal; 16th & 18th C, 10 Dutch & German master casters brass bells; NOW, sound every  $\frac{1}{4}$  h & holidays /disaster; THEN, 19th C, clock w/no minute hand ?;



**"Stebuklas" TILE:** (LITH 4 "miracle"): Next > Bell TOW on pavement a magical tile: "If you make a wish, spin 3 times on tile, wish comes true." Also, S end of Vilnius-Tallinn walk, 1989 protest of Soviet Union

**LOC:** in SQ, btwn Bell TOW & CATH.

**1d) Royal PAL of LITH Grand Dukes (Lower Castle) (Valdovų rūmai):**

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Katedra Sq 4 (Very CNTR, next > CATH), ☎ +370 5 212-7476, ? guided tour pre-booking +370 5 262-0007 ([info@valdovurumai.lt](mailto:info@valdovurumai.lt)), Tu-F 11:00> lunch time 12:00-12:45 >18:00,; 1 hr B4 MUS closing.

**1d1) Royal Residence's** Early Baroque style reconstruct: 2 tours : -----

1st) HIST & ARCH development  
2nd) ceremonial halls & special Treasury Hall.  
**TIKs:** Seniors ~€2.50

**1e) Crooked Castle , Hill PK (\* hill w/ 3 Crosses MON)**

1 $\frac{1}{4}$

aka "Crooked" or "Curved": = irregular plan.

**3 Crosses Hill (Trys kryžiai):**

**LOC:** Behind **Gediminas Castle**, on **Hill Park's** edge  
**7 Franciscan monks MON:** pagans tortured here B4 Christianity conversion; symbolizes Christianity's LITH IMP.  
Teutonic Knights burned down, 1390; never rebuilt;

ORIGy, **Bleak Hill** (Plikasis kalnas), 1916; Soviets blew up: 30 May 1950, N, it recreated: 14 Jun 1989.

ORIG damaged MON intentionally remains.

SE nearby hills = ORIG irregular "Y" shape citadel w/ perimeter defense FORT w/RIV Vilnia below> W: additional natural obstacle. Dwellers lived fur r E.

**Deep ravines** **LOC** btwn hills: formerly unpaved ST causing massive erosion.

4-16 Sept 1390, Prussian-Livonian army & French & English mercenaries besieged castle, breached w/ **Welsh Cat technique** & burned;

2 LITH monarchs conflict: Grand Duke *Vytautas* allied w/ Teutonic Knights against his cousin *Jagiello*, King of Poland.

**Vilnius TV tower**: Soviet tank incident.

**LOC**: > W of City Park (>W of OT) **Vingio parkas**

**DIRECS**: Early morning , THEN, walk E >> park back > OT

**SEE "TV TOW Soviet tank attack 1/13/91.pdf"**

**ST. Anne's CHR** (Šv. Onos bažnyčia): $\frac{3}{4}$ 

\* Maironio ST 8, LT-01124 Vilnius (  
**LOC:** OT town near Užupis), ☎ +370 698 17731,

OOM beautiful Vilnius / LITH CHRs. Very sm, but EX gothic  
 ARCH; picturesque brick TOWs & rose windows.

**Legend:** when conquering Napoleon came > Vilnius & saw he  
 said "I would like > take it on my palm & bring > France."

**Spires:** 1501, Gothic style; INT: high ceilings, carved pews.

**Grand bell TOW:** on right ; w/ St.  
 Bernadine & St. Francis CHR = Bernadine Priory.



\* **CHR of ST. Francis of Assis & ST. Bernard** (**NOTE: just 1 CHR**):

 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

(Šv. Pranciškaus Asyžiečio bažnyčia), Maironio ST 10 (OT town near  
 Užupis,

**LOC:** just behind ST. Anne's CHR), ☎ +370 616 01159

([info@bernardinai.lt](mailto:info@bernardinai.lt), M-Th 09:00-17:00, F 09:00-12:00.

1564, w/ ST. Ann's CHR, OOM IMP EST Gothic ARCH ensembles.

**Amber MUS-Gallery PIK**

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Šv. Mykolo g. 8, Vilnius 01124, +370 5 262 3092; Opens: 10:00a

Amber = Baltic Gold: once most IMP Baltic maritime trade routes product..

**LOC:** home basement, 15th C; some 50 million years OT pieces, traditional different hued  
 pieces: red, green, black, white & some w/ fossilized prehistoric period insects.

**St Johns CHR & Bell TOW:** $\frac{3}{4}$ 

Vilnius U builds, picturesque, **full name:** CHR of St. John Baptist & St. John Evangelist.  
 40 yr construction, completed, 1426 as Gothic design. 1571, transferred > Jesuits & VU.

**Bell TOW:** 68 m high, OO highest OT builds.

**Literatų gatvė** (*ST Of Writers*), $\frac{3}{4}$ 

**LOC:** (E from Pilies ST near hse No 32), 24/7

sm artworks, dedications mounted on walls > LIT workers: writers, translators, everyone  
 linked w/ LITH or world literature.

Outdoor-proof Artworks techniques: ceramics, sculpture, glass, wallpainting

**Orthodox CATH of Theotokos:** $\frac{3}{4}$ 

OOM ancient Vilnius CHRs: before LITH christianity when last EURO pagan state.  
 1748, abandoned after big fire; bldg w/ various other used. Baroque style redo, 1785.  
 THEN, Russian destroyed again during the [Kościuszko Uprising](#). **Today**, (ironically?)  
 Russian Orthodox Church, renovated again, 1998: mostly ethnic [Russian](#) and  
[Belarusian](#) residents .



\* **District, Republic of Užupis** **SEE” Užupis - Wiki.pdf”**

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**LOC: OT town** part: largely unrestored area occupied by artists, dreamers, squatters, & drunks. 1998, residents unofficially declared independent republic, w/ president, m, flag, & constitution.

Užupis' Constitution's Silver plaque's: on Paupio g road: numerous languages.

**NOTE: from here a downward , THEN, upward loop**

**Gate of Dawn:**

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**LOC:** S of OT



**TRANS: BUS:**

Part of original medieval Vilnius defense walls: ORIG nine different entry points each marked w/ Virgin picture 4 good luck symbol & city protection. Wall attacked by Russia, 1799 mostly destroyed except ... Gate of Dawn.

**Halle MKT:**

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indoor produce, bakery, & meat MKT in a former transportation bldg, few small restaurants.

**Catholic CHR of All Saints:**

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Jews: 7% of Lithuania's pop. However, mostly lived in towns & cities , not villages. Some towns & cities w/significant Jewish pops, BUT, no villages

1620 > 1630, Carmelites, **LOC:** at st's end > Jewish ghetto's main gate; During WWII, tunnel >> sewers btwn CHR & ghetto; **CHR priest provided bread 4 ghetto >> tunnel**; hid Jews smuggled out of ghetto through tunnel. **NOTE: some Christian LITHs** helped smuggle Litvaks (Jews w/ roots in present-day LITH) food into ghetto.



**St Nicholas Russian Orthodox CHR:**

1/2

**LOC:** Due W of Užupis





## BIG & LITTLE GHETTO: **Make maps of two ghetto areas**

Medieval > Holocaust's -- CNTR of Vilnius  
Jewish life's heart.

ALSO; **Small Nazi Ghetto** : **See Maps. pdf**

**LOC**: W/in STs: 1) W of Didžioji ST >

Dominikonų & Vokiečių STs

around 12,000 intellectual & unskilled Jews  
segregated here ' Small Jewish Ghetto';  
Nazis closed, 1941.



THEN, **Big Ghetto**: 9/1041 > 9/1943,

**LOC**: **See Maps. pdf** Lydos, Rūdninkų, Mėsinių, Ašmenos, Žemaitijos, Dysnos, Šiaulių, & Ligoninės STs;

29,000 imprisoned, THEN, killed at Paneriai, 12 km outside Vilnius.

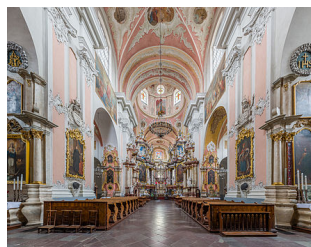
**9/23/1943** Declared: Day of Jewish Genocide in LITH.

NOTE: not just Nazis who sought > destroy all traces Jewish life in Vilnius.; Soviet's bulldozed **Great Synagogue** on Žydų ST (in Little Ghetto's heart); Capacity: 3-5,000 protected by 18 Torah scrolls. Also, Gaon house of worship, Strašūnas library.

**Soviet's replaced w/ kindergarten.**

## Vilnius CHR of Holy Spirit:

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**LOC**: SW of OT

**OOM valued**:

- 15th C , OOM picturesque Vilnius CHRs; over time many changes: Catholic CHR, MONS, 1807 tsarist prison, LITH patriots prison: 1831 & 1863 uprisings; finally Orthodox parish CHR. NOW, Polish
- INT: Playful rococo ornamentation, ornately carved wooden pews & flower arrangements, gilt furnishings & brightly colors; different hued frescoes, marble inlays & impressive 16 altars;
- 1) portal cartouches w/ coats of arms & fresco settings in 2) MONS-like corridor leading > CHR, 3) 16 altars pulpit: lavishly decorated w/ round & relief sculptures / ornamentation. 4) Baroque frescoes.

- LITH became first country in 1st Soviet Republic country > leave USSR, 1990.
- Many Soviet period relics: bunkers , MUS;
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## **Dungeons/Catacombs**: (? beautiful underground halls)

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**Entry**: under altar > large vaults w/ many rooms / crypts; 100s of Vilnius residents, some naturally mummified,

ARCH: 1930, Vilnius University students (professors?) 1st ARCH work, but great ARCH damage; sorting bones, skulls on shelves, removed grave goods, **since**, remains moved many times in> haphazard / disorganized

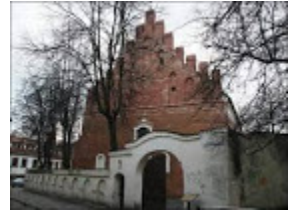
2011, Vilnius U anthropologists began a study: estimated 600 remains includ: mid-18<sup>th</sup> > early 19<sup>th</sup> C women & children; tomography study: several overweight w/ bunions, concluding -- wealthier people.

Urban legends: remains: 1) 1812 Russia invading French soldiers, 2) Inquisition or plague victims or romantic: part of a larger underground tunnel network allowing legendary lovers Barbara Radziwiłł & Sigismund II Augustus > secretly meet.

**Vilnius Dungeons (catacombs) &.** -- medieval dungeon's mystery purpose/extent beneath Vilnius? --- over 4,000 naturally mummified skeletons.

**St Nicholas Catholic Orthodox CHR:**  
**(Not Russian CHR!!!)**

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>



**Neris RIV Walking Path: BIKE**

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Neris RIV which separates OT town from new town, several beautiful view points; statues.

**OUTSIDE OT:**  
**(NE of OT)**

**4 ½**

**\* ST. Peter & ST. Paul's CHR (Šv. apaštalų Petro ir Povilo bažnyčia): 2**

Antakalnio ST 1/1 **LOC:** (NE of OT) *In front of UK embassy & near Danish Embassy*, ☎ +370

5 234-0229 ([ppbaznycia@gmail.com](mailto:ppbaznycia@gmail.com)).

**Shockingly beautiful** CHR: LITH Baroque masterpiece: TRAD cross plan basilica w/ lantern dome (allows extra light into white interior). EXT not special, BUT INT extremely beautiful w/ all overcrowded baroque sculptural works.

**(W of OT)**

**1) JEWISH story: SEE “ Vilnius Ghettos- Big / SM.pdf”**

**1½**

**Karaite kenessa** in Žvėrynas Borough, Vilnius. ©Augustinas Žemaitis.

**LOC:** NW of OT on N riv in S facing 'bite'

INT Karaite heritage (Jewish sect: sm MUS next > tiny synagogue)

Cemetery



**2) MUS of Genocide Victims/KGB MUS (Genocido aukų muziejus):**

**1**

**LOC:** Aukų ST 2A (CNTR), ☎ +370 5 249-8156 ([muziejus@genocid.lt](mailto:muziejus@genocid.lt)), W-Sa

10:00-18:00, Su 10:00-17:00. FEE: €2; Photo: ~€2.

In OT Vilnius Gestapo & KGB headquarters, acts as a permanent memorial dead during Soviet occupation after Second World War.

Story of LITH Stalin suffered w/ torture chambers & execution grounds models.

Also, Jewish ghettos / Holocaust exhibits.





**DTvii: Trakai** picturesque, but **almost total reconstruction**, **Interesting** 1D

**LOC:** W 28 km ; Kauno marių regioninis parkas, L. Lekavičiaus g. 2, Rumšiškės 56337, LITH, + 370 346 47233

**TRANS-IN:** **Confusing, but looks like BUS and TRN options** **Local Know**

**BUS:** (4/d,  $\frac{2}{3}$  h,

**TRANS-IN:**

**TRN:** (evry  $\frac{1}{2}$  h,  $\frac{2}{3}$  h, )

**BUS:**

**SITE:**

13th C: picture-postcard medieval Unesco island castle on Lake Galvé; beautifully restored red-brick EXT; 1400, w/footbridge >< shore, moat separates outer courtyard & main tower, central court, galleries, halls and rooms and the Trakai History Museum.

Ethnic Karaim minority.

1923 pop census :

**lake resort, HIST IMP; LOC: near Vilnius**



# Vilnius > Kaunas

## KAUNAS:

### TRANS-IN:

Vilnius > Kanaus:

**TRN:** (1h, hrly, )

**BUS:** (1 ¼ , evry 2 h)

### ACCM: ASK in Vilnius?

1) **Monks Bunk:** 9.4, \$14 Laisvės al. 48; tel: +370 620 99695 [mailto:[kaunashostel@gmail.com](mailto:kaunashostel@gmail.com)].

**LOC FAC:** maps, wifi, lock,w/d, bike, tour, lug stor

**REV: GUD:** Ds-big, GUD KIT, LOC, beds,

**BAD:**

FAC: 24h rect, sm KIT

**HOS 10** ?, 4,6,8,10D E10 NEW

Neries krantine str. 16; tel/fax.: +370 37 302 218 fax.: +370 37 302 219 [mailto:[info@hostel10.lt](mailto:info@hostel10.lt)]

**FAC:** KIT: lrg;

**REV: GUD:**

**BAD:**

**Nakvyne Kaune:** Russian spkr - Russians

**FAC:** KIT,

**REV: GUD:** view, LOC

**BAD:**

### TRAN-OUT:

Vilnius > Kanaus:

**TRN:** (1h, hrly, )

**BUS:** (1 ¼ , evry 2 h)

**FOOD:** refreshments: Crazy Hse in OT town.

## DAY TRIPS:

### Rumsiskes Open-Air MUS

1D

\* **DT1: YES Rumsiskes open-air MUS** (Lietuvos Liaudies Buities Muziejus:

**LOC:** Near Kaunas & W of Vilnius,

**TRANS:** BUS: freq; OR, brief taxi & TRN (3/d, 1hr.), well connected Vilnius-Kaunas highway ;.

LITH TRAD 200 yr OT 19th-C bldgs from all over LITH countryside & folk customs including national costumes, traditional toys, historic bldgs, & religious artifacts; approx 80 bldgs: farms, reconstructed villages w/ CHRs, traditional rooms w/ period furniture, cooking implements & tools.



#### Russian/LITH HIST:

- Polish-speaking **Medininkai borderland area**, Romanesque 14th-C castle w/ sm, modern TOW MUS,
- 1991 Soviet-led Medininkai massacre, Several **Soviet OM ON assaults on LITH border posts** occurred in 1991, after LITH, Soviet republic, declared Independence from USSR, 1990, ..... LITH began building border post B\$4 internationally recognition -- independence symbol. Soviet's said 'illegal', sent Special Purpose Police Unit troops against posts,
- THEN, 2 of incidents: unarmed custom officers & policemen harassed, beaten or killed, cars stolen or bombed, posts burned down or wrecked.
- 8 dead LITH citizens, 60 officers attacked / injured, 23 border posts burned / destroyed.<sup>[6]</sup>
- Rumšiškės "town", NOT VILL (now, OT Rumšiškės inundated by [Kaunas reservoir](#)).

#### Rumšiškės MUS:

**Soviet created**, so MUS's **deliberate bias** >> **only 19th-C villages life** --not towns life or manors.

Also, entire Lu ran-majority LITH Minor region -- omitted (because annexed > Russia, so, Lithuanians expected > forget about ).

After independence, MUS sought > correct omissions: town constructed & operational. **Manor** constructed (but not yet operational). In future, town gets synagogue & sm LITH Minor area: gets Lu ran CHR.

**free tour from local guide** (often student); 3 hour tour: popular, but less known. **tip** (10 litas/ peep).

**SITES:****Central Kaunas downtown area:**

12 /8h =

1½D

Compact, walkable, great PUB areas sculptuary variety ENDS @: former

**Kaunas Defensive Wall: SEE "Kaunas OT DEF wall.pdf"**

3 stages of construction of masonry & wooden fencing walls, masonry TOWs on walls of wall, as well as underground trenches w/ ditches; 1666, mentioned under construction, 1668 Orders whereby customs & tax funds were allocated > city's border.

**Gate TOWs:** were built on city's main roads, 1607

**stone wall:** 1610-1624.

**Construction** B4 17th C, early 1625 ref >; request of Kaunas city dwellers 4 dignity of duke Kristupas Radvilai. Townspeople complained of local robbers, gathered in large numbers, constantly attacked Kaunas requested walls.

Kaunas' **Laisvės alėja ST:** most famous pedestrianized walking ST

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~2 km > CHR of ST. Michael Archangel: 2 Linden trees rows, seating & flower beds run entire length; many shops, banks, supermarkets, RESTs, MUSs, TIK, ACCM & central post office. Late morning & afternoon various stalls sell foods, souvenirs.

**Kaunas Castle:-**

EST 2h

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**CAUTION: looks like 3 different castle section all same name Local Know**

**LOC:** Papilio ST 17;

middle of 14th C, oldest Kaunas bldg; today, art gallery in

**Round TOW** :open > PUB,

**HIST:** 3 castles:

- 1) 4 & 8th C, wood & clay defenses surrounded villages; Teutonic Knights confronted
- 2) 13th C, German built , THEN, 1362 crusaders sieged, attacked & destroyed;
- 3) Shortly afterwards., LITHs built temp fortifications
- 4) 1368, 2nd Castle built of 1st foundations, by 1410 lost MIL strategic value & thereafter: prison, Vytautas stayed there occasionally, admin offices; 16th C : well maintained; Then damaged in 17th & 18th C wars;

**Kaunas city DEF Wall Remnants: SEE "Kaunas city defensive wall ~. pdf"**

Kaunas City wall remnants: near garden of Musical theatre. SEE "Kaunas E GMp.pdf"

LOC: NE , but close > OT



## Kaunas OT Town:

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**town CNTR:** tree lined ped ave: shops & cafes, several beautiful OT bldgs & STATs

BUT (?) buildings w/graffiti, dire restoration

**Vilnius ST:** OT's main ST: **E > NWW**; **W** extension of **Laisvės alėja**

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OT town: gud walk >> tree'd AVE & @ end -- **under subway** .> MUSs, CATH, castle, CHRs

## City Hall SQ:

OT town's main SQ: City Hall w/ RESTs, coffee- hse, MUSs, HOTs

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## Kaunas City Hall: **LOC:** Rotuses sq. 15

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Mid 14<sup>th</sup> C, merchants dominate, GUD EX Renais ARCH, aka *White Swan*.

1836, reconstructed 4 Russian czars res.

1973, **Wedding Hall** (marriage registration office) open: ground /1st flr

**Kaunas Ceramics MUS:** **LOC:** In cellars:

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OT town & Kaunas surroundings

**ARCH finds:** craftsmen-made crockery, tile stove ornaments, impressive lrg roof tiles ; earlier townsmen lifestyle. Open: Tu-Su 11 AM- 5 PM.

## \* Wax Melting Furnace:

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**LOC:** Near **City Hall's TOW** entry

2002, unique 15<sup>th</sup> C **wax melting stove** discovery; Recently renovated

**Kaunas wax melting process:** IMP Middle Ages wax trade CNTR, **wax stones** (16 kg/35 lb weight) melted in 9 stoves & later stamped w/ Coat of Arms of Kaunas 4 W Euro export.

## Kaunas CATH Basilica: **LOC:** Vilniaus str. 1;

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largest LITH Gothic (w/ Renais & Baroque elements inside) CHR: 84 m long & 34 m wide, 1st noted in written sources, 1413. Poet Maironis tomb: S CATH wall, 1930s.

## Medieval Med & Phar HIST MUS:

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**LOC:** Rotuses sq. 28.

Huge collection of skulls, herbs, medicine articles, misc older stuff. >>>

Open 10 AM -7 PM daily. Mon. closed. Tickets: 3 LTL 4 adults

## ST. Francis Xavier CHR: **LOC:** Rotuses sq. 9.

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2nd 1/2 17<sup>th</sup> C > 1720, Late baroque Jesuit CHR, Jesuits' res , Kaunas **region central school**.

1819, Famous LITH & Polish poet Adomas Mickevičius

(Adam Mickiewicz) taught > 1823. (*national poet of Poland, LITH & Belarus.; works inspiration 4 uprisings against 3 imperial powers that had partitioned Polish-LITH Commonwealth out of existence.*)

1843, transferred > Orthodox Alexander Nevsky's CATH, 1923, returned > Jesuits, 1closed during Soviet occupation: closed , N, 1990 reopened.



Lithuanian Medical and Pharmaceutical History Museum

**Thunder Hse / Perkunas HSE:** → **LOC:** Aleksoto str. 6;

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Ruined hse; 19th C rebuilt: as school & theatre, E end

**19th C**, renamed "Hse of Perkūnas" cuz: romantic historians interpreted idol found in walls as Baltic pagan god of thunder & sky Perkūnas. **today**, again Jesuits own

sm MUS 4: LITH / Polish poet Adomas Mickevicius (Adam Mickewicz).



**Napoleon's Hse (CHR):**

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**LOC:** Muitines str. 8;

16th C brick bldg, famous cuz June, 1812, Emp Napoleon resided & later named so;

Restored E annex: beautiful **staircase**: rare LITH ARCH style, Fachverk, believed 2B Germans heritage of early formative period.

Now, aka Napoleon's hse, former Lu ran CHR Renais consistory & o r bldgs near Nemunas RIV, hse Vilnius UNI Kaunas Faculty of Humanities.

**Evangelic Lutheran CHR:** 1682 - 1683

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**LOC:** Karaliaus Mindaugo av. 3;

on R bank of Nemunas RIV in OT town's aka "German's quarter": sm, in Baroque & Romanticism styles.

**Vytautas CHR of Holy Spirit**

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15th C, OOM picturesque Vilnius CHRs.

Over years it has seen a lot of changes & used > be a Catholic CHR & a MONS B4 becoming an Orthodox parish CHR.

interior of CHR something of a spectacle & you will see ornately carved wooden pews as well as flower arrangements, gilt furnishings, & brightly colored decorations.

There also different hued frescoes & marble inlays as well an impressive 16 altars.

**Vytautas' Bridge:**

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**LOC:** Connects OT town & Aleksotas district.

1812; ORIG bridge on wooden poles, used by Napoleon's Army fleeing Russia.

**19th C start**: , L bank: Aleksotas district part of **Poland**, R bank of Nemunas RIV part of **Russian NorthW region w/ different calendars**.

**Jokingly**, bridge aka "longest bridge in world" CUZ 1) Slavic (Julian) calendar used in province of Kaunas, but 2) Aleksotas region used Catholic (Gregorian) calendar & 1 calendar 13 days behind o r --- , it took 13 days > cross bridge.

**Santakos PK:**

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**LOC:** W of OT @ Confluence -- 2 RIVs

Nearby-- nice; 2 largest LITH rivers join: Nemunas & Neris



**OUTSIDE OT:****1D****SE of Monk's Bunk HOS****4 1/2****ST. Michael Archangel CHR Catacombs:****3/4**

**LOC: 400' from Monk's Bunk HOS;** enter CHR of **ST. Michael Archangel** ( beautiful domed bldg @ E end of Laisves Aleja) -- **catacombs** entry (*katakombos*) **on your R.**

**Ask @ sacristy** (R of main altar) 4 entry (free).

Descend spiral staircase into total darkness, THEN, >> underground assault course ; N, ascend similar spiral staircase on CHR entry's opposite side. **Make donation!**

**MUS of Deportation & Resistance:****1**

**LOC: ( 1/2 mi SE of Monk's Bunk HOS),** Vytauto av. 46. -- W part of Ramybes PK// Free: + 370 37 323-179. Open Tu-Fr 10AM-4PM.

**1 of 5 Kaunas City MUS sections:** sacred victims memory of **Forest Brothers** fought Soviet regime 4 Freedom of LITH.

Lithuania's struggles w/ foreign oppression, btwn 1940 & 1990; partisan Forest Brothers: spirit of resistance, fought Soviet occupation. Led by Jonas Žemaitis-Vytautas (1909–54), 100,000 into Lithuania's forests : 1 3rd killed, rest captured & deported.; fighting continued > 1954, when last partisan shot.

**Hse of Sugihara:****3/4**

**LOC: 1/4 mi due E of Deportation & Resistance MUS** Vaižgantas ST 30 --quiet RES area of Žaliakalnis

Memorial exhibit: 1940, B4 World War II, **JA consulate's vice-concul Chiune Sugihara** (**hero**) resided & gave JA transit visas > LITH, Poland & other country's Jews; saved 6,000 Jews.

**Pazaislis MONS:****2**

**LOC:** 5 mi EES of OT on Nat'l PK lake;

Most beautiful Italian baroque LITH bldg, along w/ Kaunas CHR, lrgst LITH MON complex, 1662; restored, 1990s; used as a psychiatric hospital & an art gallery.

**WAY FAR N of OT:****9th Fort MUS:****2 1/2**

**LOC: 4 mi N of OT,** Žemaičių av. 73 -- W outskirts of Kaunas **Doesn't seem INT**

**Displays**

- 1) Soviet terror & LITH deportations > Soviet Siberia camps ,
- 2) **Kaunas' Stronghold** & 9th Fort LITH Jewish Massacre, 1941–1944,
- 3) **Prison-break:** 64 prisoner break from 9th Fort

**Dungeon & defense wall** (about 1 km long), 1st & 2nd WW guns & ammo of 9th Fort,

**9th Fort Memorial:** 105 feet H (32 mtr): > fascism victims, erected 1984. **Open:** April-Oct Mo, We-Su 10 AM-6PM; Price: (€1,5) adults, 3 LTL

**NE of OT:****Communications HIST MUS MOVED: MayB 2 far**

**LOC: 2 mi NE of OT; VIIth Fort (way NE of OT** Open: We-Su 10 AM-6 PM. €2 adults

Housed in 2 16<sup>th</sup> C **brick granaries** 4 exported grain N, 19<sup>th</sup> C, converted horse postal STA. Unique & still working exhibits, evolution HIST post & older communications; visitors can test some telegraph devices operation

**OT bronze melting furnace.** courtyard's remnants



**DTKau: Kedainiai OT Town:****LOC:** NNE of Kaunas, (TRN:1h, )**TRANS-IN:****TRANS-OUT:** [Algona](#), [LAT](#)

OO oldest LITH towns w/ pretty baroque architecture.

Founded 1372, fishing VILL; centuries-old brick buildings. It was once ruled by the mighty Radvila family and the glory may still be felt.

CITY CNTR's wondrous sights: Baroque period townhouses, Protestant & Orthodox CHRs, synagogues, also several wkly MKT sq w/ local produce.

**? DTKau: Siauliai : Hill of Crosses (OOM unique Baltics places ) NO- too far**

**LOC:** 12 km N of city of [Šiauliai](#), in N [LITH](#). Atop a small promontory 1000s of different cross types includ: small crucifixes & large crosses of metal or wood.

**TRANS-IN:**Maybe only 1 TRN/BUS/day from Kaunas passing >> [Kedainiai](#) > [Siauliai](#)**TRANS-OUT:**

1993, [Pope John Paul II](#) visit, declaring it place 4 hope, peace, love & sacrifice.

2000 [Franciscan hermitage](#) :opened nearby.

INT decor: links > [La Verna](#); MT where ST. [Francis](#) received [stigmata](#) NO jurisdiction control, so anyone free > place Cross.!

Site pays tribute > LITH devotion; pilgrimage spot; also, memorial > those dead due > uprisings & other civil strife.



Crosses first appeared: 14th C, multiplying after a bloody anti-czarist uprising to become a potent symbol of suffering and hope. Soviets destroyed several times; simple place to visit but stirs tremendous feeling.

**NO Marcinkonys TWN > Dzukija national PK: doesn't seem that INT**

2 hr strolling, wonderfully remote corner

[Dzūkija National](#) PK & [Čepkeliai Marsh](#). admin CNTR; 1637, camp of foresters. [Holocaust's](#), [Marcinkonys Ghetto](#) 4 [LITH Jews](#).: some Jews escaped & survived.

**TRANS:** TRN: (2 hr, BUT CHK SCHEDs)**NO DT Aukštojas hill, 293m: highest in flat LITH.****LOC:** 30 km E of Vilnius.

Opposite ambience &gt; Trakai's tourists;

**Medininkai castle:** mildly interesting