

# Lithuania

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Water Routes



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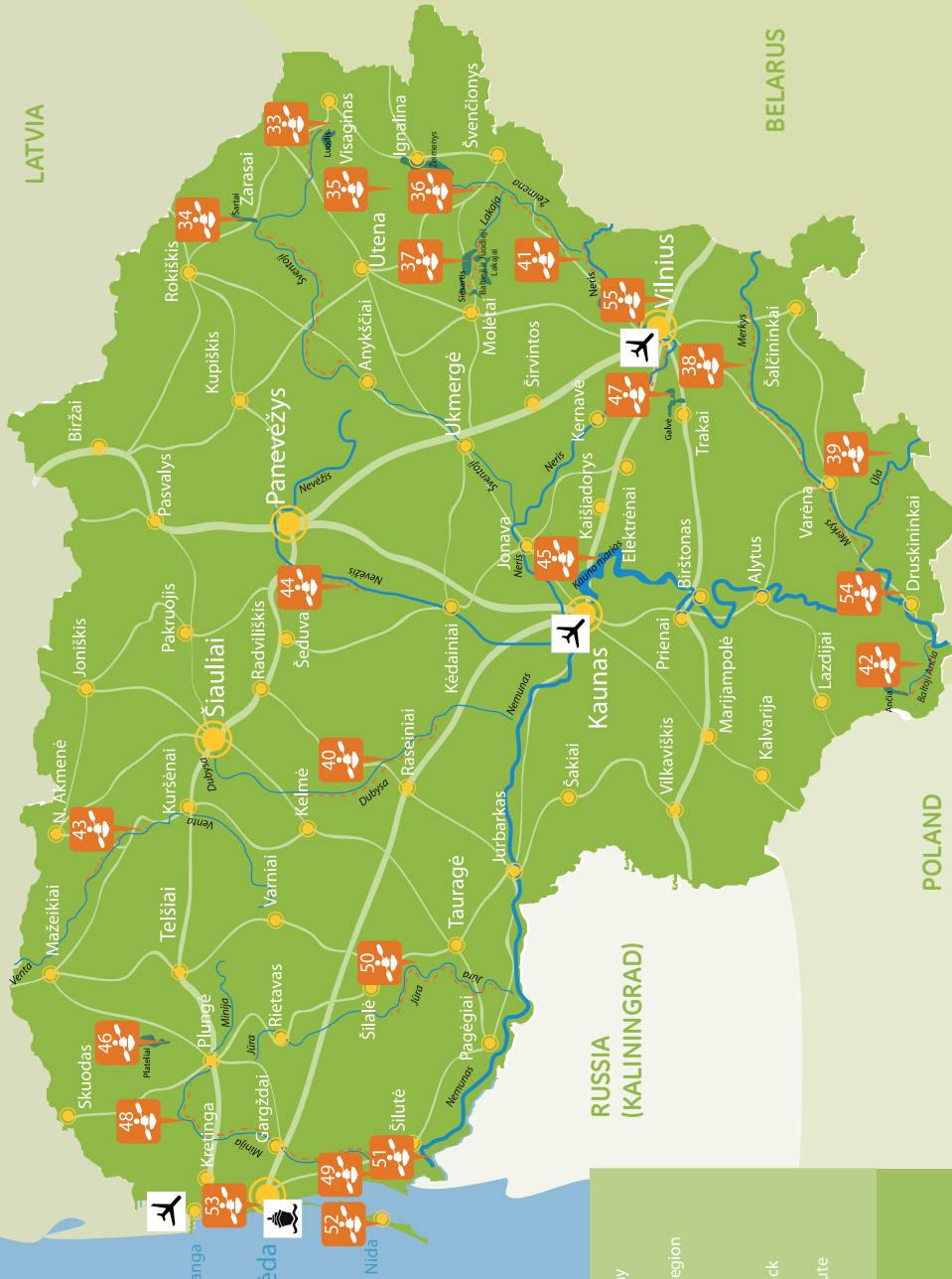
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## Baltic Sea

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## You are in Lithuania!

You are in Lithuania. **Experience the green** surroundings: meadows and hills are everywhere. Hear how the land is praised by the singing of birds. Five national parks are waiting for you to explore. Travel through refreshing forests, see cultural monuments: castles, ancient burial mounds, churches, crosses and more.

Lithuania's rivers and lakes are calling out to be explored; numerous resorts and spa centres are ready to share the healing secrets of their mineral springs. **Hear the sougning of the sea**, feel the grains of sand between your fingers as they run through your hands. Get a traditional amber necklace and take a piece of Lithuania back home with you.

Did you know that the name Lithuania is a thousand years old? **Discover Lithuanian history and art**. Theatres, exhibitions, concerts, festivals – all are here for your entertainment. In Lithuania you can listen to world-class classical music, watch numerous plays and operas in the country's 30 theatres and enjoy high quality contemporary art.

Need a good place for a conference, seminar or meeting? Then look no further. Experienced Lithuanian travel agencies will help you find conference halls and make sure everything runs smoothly. Hotels, holiday camps, farmsteads, guest and recreation houses are all ready for your stay.

Taste Lithuania. **Take a bite of brown bread** and enjoy the taste of golden rye. Spread some honey, put a slice of white cheese on top and enjoy... but don't forget to thank those little workers buzzing in the meadows. If you are thirsty, have a sip of Lithuanian kvass. Smile. **You are in Lithuania.**





Tourist campsite



Pier



Holiday resort



Place for respite



Heritage Object of Arts



Hotel survey site (watching place)



Museum



Holiday camp



Filling-station



Parking lot



Wood, natural monument



Bridge, viaduct



Watermill



Mound



Catholic Church



Source, natural monument



Stone, natural monument



Object of architectural cultural heritage



Narrow Gauge Railway



Windmill



UNESCO object



Castle



Park in residential area



Lighthouse



# Water entertainment



## 33. Šventoji

### Luodis–Antalieptė

ROUTE LENGTH.....40 km

TRIP DURATION..... 2 days

COMPLEXITY..... easy

The section of the Šventoji river most popular with tourists belongs to the Gražutė regional park.

Start from Luodžio lake on the western and eastern shores of which you will find a perfect campsite. Stay overnight under shelter of the trees, and then start off first thing in the morning. First, you will canoe along the “laky” section. Enjoy the view of Luodžio lake islands and dive into the Luodykštis along the Šventoji overflow. Further along, the Šventoji broadens out and meanders through the Tumšikės forests up to Asavas lake, where you will find a campsite for the night.





Then, canoe through Ūpartas lake towards Antalieptė lagoon; stop at Tiltiškės at a stony **watermill** on your way. Here, you will find an Active Energy museum. High **exposures**, mysterious **islands** and **bays** will greet you in the Antalieptė lagoon.

Paddling along the Northwestern shore of the lake, you will enter the channel that was dug after the construction of the Antalieptė hydroelectric power station. Here, visit cozy Antalieptė town. Walk along **Šavaša cognitive path, which has been** installed by the Šašva stream - you will see the remains of ancient Lithuanian sacred places.

In Gražutė Regional Park, you can pitch tents and make fires only at campsites. Public campsites are free.

### 34. Šventoji

#### Dusetos-Kavarskas

ROUTE LENGTH..... **90 km**  
 TRIP DURATION..... **4 days**  
 COMPLEXITY..... **easy**

Start your trip from Sartai lake, where there are a lot of campsites on its shores.

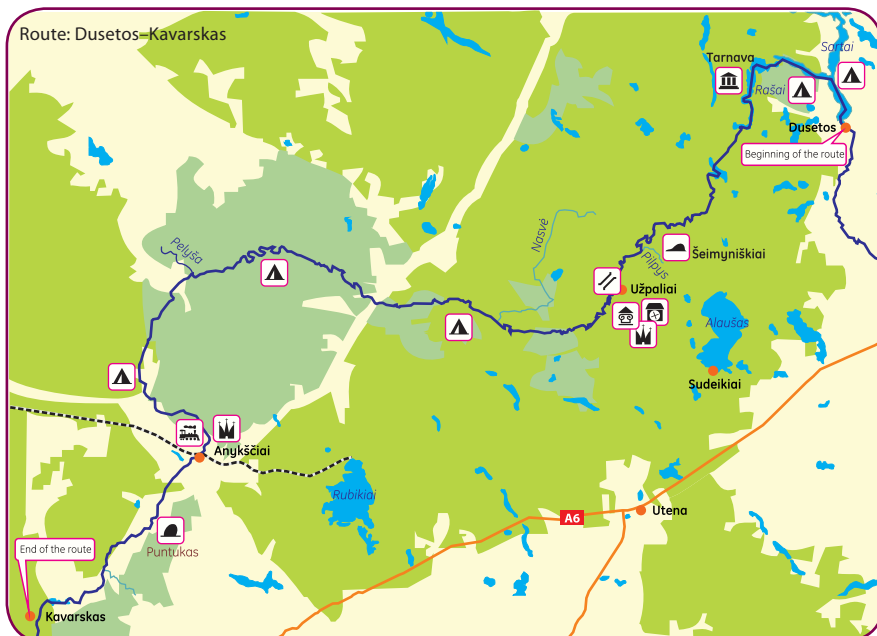


After having left your campsite, you will get into the overflow – here you will have to work hard with canoes to break through the lush vegetation. You will feel like you are in the Amazon jungle! You will breathe easier at Rašų Lake. From a distance, you will see the hill of the **Tarnavas Manor**. A beautiful **park** belonging to the manor stretches close to the lake.

Stop at the confluence with the Pilpio River and come ashore on the left side - having walked a little, you will set eyes on **Šeimyniškių mound**. Here there was **Užpaliai castle, which was burnt down at the end of the fourteenth century by the Sword**, and all the people inside were killed.

In Užpaliai, at the mill dam, you will have to come ashore and carry your kayak, then walk around the town, take in the view of the former the Royal **Užpaliai Manor** complex of the nineteenth century. When walking past the town **church**, notice the **bell tower** - it is one of the oldest in Lithuania.

Stop at the confluence with the River Peļyša. You will find the remains of armored and lobe-finned bony fish on its cliffs. These **primitive fish** lived 400 million years ago!



Some kilometres further, the river will broaden out – you will get to the dam of the **Anykščių water-power plant**. Look round Anykščiai: there is **the granary** of one of the most famous Lithuanian poets, **Antanas Baranauskas**, **St. Matthew's Church** and **Aukštaitijos narrow gauge railway**, which was built at the end of the nineteenth century.

Having crossed the dam, a 20 km long section to Kavarskas is waiting for you. Come ashore at the **Puntukas** – the second

largest stone in Lithuania. It has the bas-relief of **Stepas Darius** and **Stasys Girėnas** carved into it – these were famous Lithuanian pilots who flew across the Atlantic Ocean during the interwar period.

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## 35. Aukštaitijos land of lakes

ROUTE LENGTH.....28 km

TRIP DURATION.....2 days

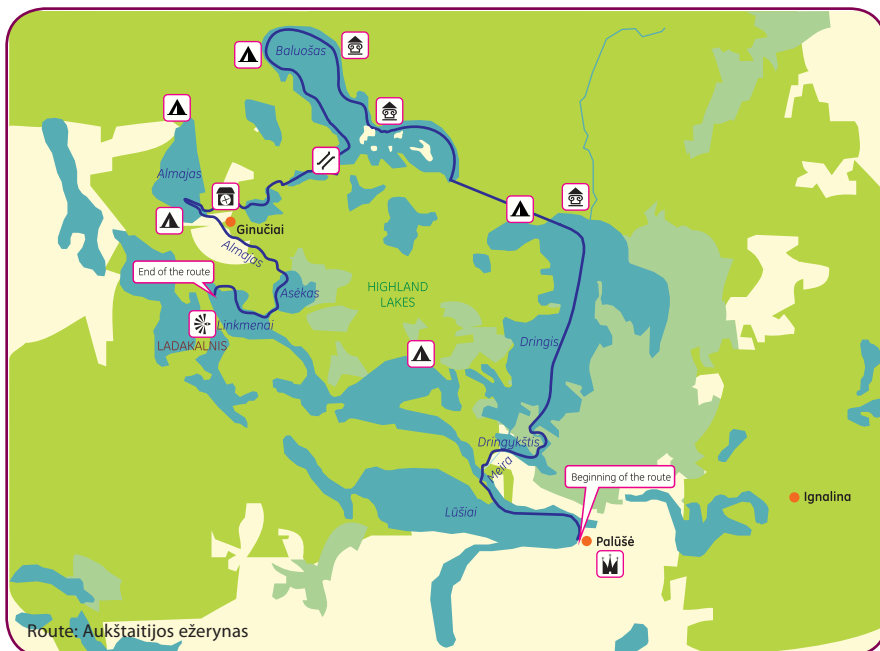
COMPLEXITY .....easy

In the Aukštaitijos national park, there are about 100 lakes interconnected by streams and channels. You can canoe along them not only in kayaks but also by canoes, boats and rafts.

The most popular route is "Didysis ratas" ("The greatest circle") which is 28 km in length. Start from Lūšiai Lake at Palūšė town. Take a look at the wooden church built in the middle of the eighteenth century standing on the hill. It is said that the only tool for the construction of this church was an axe.

You will enter Dringykstis Lake when paddling from Lusiai Lake along a narrow Meira stream, and from here - the great





lake Dringis. At the end of this lake, you will have to carry your boats or kayaks for 1.5 miles to Baluošas Lake. You have to arrange transportation with the boat or canoe rental company in advance.

Come ashore on Ilgasalės island. There you will see a **small lake**. At the village of

Ginučiai, you will have to carry your canoes or boats across the road for 20 m. Do not miss the opportunity to visit **Ginučiai mill**, where nineteenth century equipment is kept. The mill has a museum and a snack-bar where you can enjoy your lunch.

Stay at Almaja Lake for a night - there



are several good campsites on its shores. The next day you will reach Linkmenų lake canoeing along Almajas River and Asėkas Lake. **Ladakalnīs** overlooks the lake along its west shore. Walk up to the top to admire the views - six lakes surrounded by forests may be seen from the top on a clear day.

Campsites by the lakes are paid - but they are clean and there is outdoor furniture, a summerhouse, fireplaces and outdoor toilets.

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## 36. Žeimena

### Žeimenio Lake–Neris

ROUTE LENGTH.....80 km

TRIP DURATION.....4 days

COMPLEXITY.....easy

Žeimena is one of the cleanest rivers in Lithuania. It is popular not only for the simple route, but also because of its beautiful pine-covered shores and the ease of finding a place to camp.

Žeimena flows out from Žeimenis Lake, so it is convenient to start your trip there. Having arrived, stay overnight at any of the three campsites set up by the lake.

As soon as the Žeimena breaks loose from the embrace of Žeimenis, you will see Kaltanėnai settlement on its shores. There is a nice neo-gothic church of the beginning of the twentieth century, an impressive Kaltanėnai oak and the barn of Kaltanėnai manor.

Come ashore on the left side as soon as the flow has taken you past Švenčionėliai town for 4 kilometres. At the same time, examine Paduobės, Švenčionėlių, Sudotos and Dotenėnų barrows, and Paduobės mound.



Further along the picturesque curves of the Žeimena are waiting for you. After a few larger rivers – the Sairai, Merai and Dubingai – have flown into the river, the Žeimena stretches, but small shoals and fords do not allow it to slumber. Having reached Pabradė town, take in the view of Pabradė Inn which was built in the eighteenth century.





Beyond Pabradė, the river delights with its curves again – it quiets down just before flowing into the River Neris. The route ends here, but you can continue your trip along the Neris up to the confluence with the Nemunas, and maybe even to the Curonian Lagoon.

### 37. Žeimena ir Lakaja Siesarties Lake–Žeimena

ROUTE LENGTH.....55 km  
TRIP DURATION..... 2 days  
COMPLEXITY ..... easy

The route starts at Lake Siesartis near Molėtai. After having crossed Lake Siesartis, the lakes of Baltieji Lakajai and Juodieji Lakajai, you will reach the quiet Lakaja River. Stop to have a view of **Kertuojos mound** with **an ancient village** in the middle of the southwestern part of Baltieji Lakajai.

Having canoed for about 15 kilometres from Juodieji Lakajai, you will see three interesting pines: **Baltagalio pine**, **Pine with Leg** and **Algirdiškės pine**.



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A quiet river winding through Dzūkija makes up for the lack of extreme feelings by expressive curves, tall forests and the charming villages of Dzūkai. You can travel by kayaks, rubber boats and rafts.

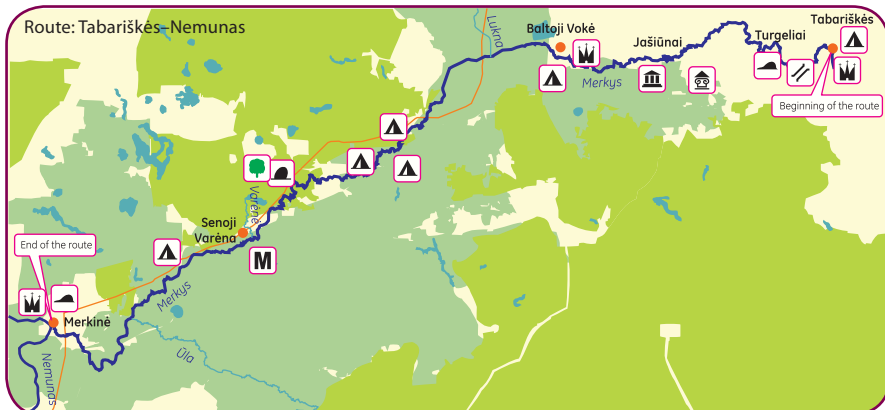
There is a 200 km long section suitable for canoeing. Start from Tabariškės village: there is a good place for the night near the bridge on the left bank. The village has a modest wooden **church** where you will find valuable artistically **carved altars** inside.

## 38. Merkys

### Tabariškės–Nemunas

ROUTE LENGTH ..... **200 km**  
 TRIP DURATION ..... **6–8 days**  
 COMPLEXITY ..... **easy**

Behind the village, the Merkys flows through wet meadows. Sometimes, low bridges and shallows halt your progress and your swimming means have to be tested. At Turgeliai, walk up **Turgeliai mound** standing on the left bank.





In Jašiūnai village, take in the view of the derelict **noble mansion** of the nineteenth century and **the park** descending close to the Merkys. Later, mysterious forests change into meadows – you will get into the disorientating **Rūdninkų forest** in an instant. The river becomes stony – you may need to get out of the kayak and push it. At Baltosios Vokės settlement, there is a far more complicated section since the river is notably twisty and there may be some blown down trees. The Merkys regains its strength after the Lukna flows into it, and now carries you ahead at full speed. There are many holiday resorts on the banks. Do not unde-

restimate the peaceful Merkys – use all your skills and overcome this section whilst still remaining dry. At the confluence of the Merkys and Varėnė, you will reach Senoji Varėna. Visit the Museum of worldwide famous composer and artist M. K. Čiurlionis.

As soon as the Ūla joins the flow of Merkys, you will get into the largest Lithuanian river – the Nemunas. You will see Merkine at its confluence, which is one of the oldest settlements in Lithuania. Take in the view of St. Virgin Mary's Assumption Church, walk up the **mound of Merkinė**. The confluence of the Merkys and Nemunas will greet your eyes from there.



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## 39. Ūla

### Dubičiai-Merkys

ROUTE LENGTH .....65 km  
TRIP DURATION.....2-3 days  
COMPLEXITY .....complicated

The Ūla River is winding and fast flowing, so it is advisable to have some canoeing experience. Wild strands of the river are bewitching: cliffs, outcrops, canyons, dunes, the mysterious Dzūkija forest. The water is cold, clear and full of fish.

There is a landscape reserve on both sides of the Ūla; therefore canoeing is limited in this river. It is allowed to canoe only from 1 May to 1 October, and not more than 100 kayaks a day. The fee for canoeing and camping needs to be paid at the Marcinkonys Visitor Centre of Dzūkijos National Park or in Merkinė.

One or two day trips are especially popular: Dubičiai-Krokšlys (12 km) Krokšlys-Rudna (7 km) Zervynos-Trakiskio (duration - 6 hrs.) Mančiagirė-Puvočiai (duration - 6 hrs.) Trakiskio-Puvočiai (Duration - 3 hrs.) Zervynos-Puvočiai (Duration - 8 hrs.).

If you have decided to canoe along the entire route, start from Dubičių village,





near the bridge. After a few kilometres, stop at Krokšlys village and visit two **oaks** planted by the local population on the date of the deaths of S. Darius and S. Girėnas. Later, a **bittern** was built there.

Behind Krokšlys, the Ūla flows constrained by high, sandy, forested shores for 7 km. You may need to thrust your way through obstructed places or branches brought down by the current. After having reached Ūla lake hidden in the forests, you will find a place to camp on the west bank.

Dzūkijos National Park begins a few kilometres away. To travel further you must, you must have a permit. It is permissible to stay overnight in the park in specially designated places only.

You will have to row along a narrow channel for 5 km to Zervynos village. There you may be confronted by trees which have blown down. Come ashore in **Zervynos** at

the bridge – this is one of the most beautiful villages in Dzūkija.

Behind the bridge of Mančiagirė village, take your time - stop to visit strange source, known as the **Ūla eye** having canoed for about a kilometre onward. Black “boiling” sand is bubbling at the bottom of it.

Up to the confluence with the Merkys, you will be accompanied by refreshing pine forest and scenic views with sharp cliffs and exposures. You will find a campsite for the night on the left, before the confluence.





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## 40. Dubysa

### Maironiai–Ariogala

ROUTE LENGTH ..... **65 km**  
TRIP DURATION ..... **2–3 days**  
COMPLEXITY ..... **intermediate**

When paddling along the Dubysa through Samogitia, you will be accompanied by pic-



turesque slopes, magnificent mounds, and meadows redolent of honey. Waterholes occur in the river, water abates in some places during the drought, so you also have to drag your kayaks. The section belongs to Dubysa regional park.

Start from Maironijų village, where the road Kelmė-Tytuvėnai crosses the Dubysa. Having rowed for 8 kilometres, stop at **Bulavėnų mound** overlooking the shore.

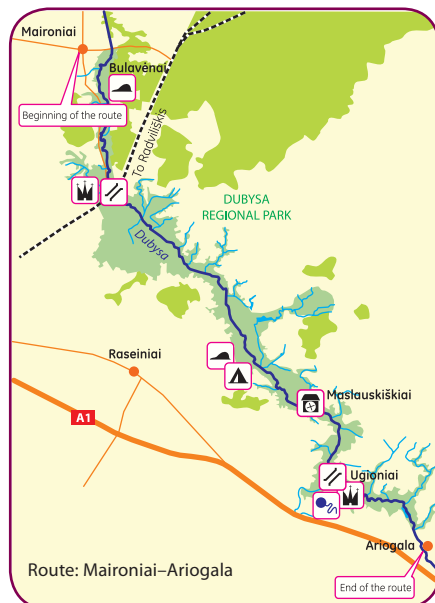
Canoeing further, notice the **railway bridge** - the highest (42.5 m) and longest (599 m) in Lithuania - hanging over the river.

At Padubysis mound, you will notice a great campsite for a stay overnight - with outdoor furniture and basketball and volleyball grounds.

After 10 kilometres, stop at the three-story stone **Maslauskis watermill** built in the nineteenth century. Having travelled for a further eight kilometers, take a rest at the pedestrian bridge at Ugionių village. Here you will see a stone church in the style of folk-classism. There is a source called

the "Tears of Marja" in a wooden chapel next to it, which is famous for its healing powers.

And here is the last section to Ariogala. The most convenient place to stop is before the bridge on the left bank.





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 Tel. +370 699 31 967  
[www.dubysos-baidares.lt](http://www.dubysos-baidares.lt)  
 Tel. +370 656 12 321  
[www.padubysibaidares.lt](http://www.padubysibaidares.lt)  
 Tel. +370 682 19 137  
[www.robis.lt](http://www.robis.lt)  
 Tel. +370 615 31 661

### Accommodation

Rėžalių rural tourism homestead and holiday resort  
[www.5sezonas.lt](http://www.5sezonas.lt)  
 Rėžalių k., Kelmės r.  
 Tel. +370 611 16 797  
 E-mail: [info@5sezonas.lt](mailto:info@5sezonas.lt)

Rural tourism homestead "Klumpės malūnas"  
[www.klumpe.lt](http://www.klumpe.lt)  
 Klumpės viensėdis, Seredžiaus sen., Jurbarko r.  
 Tel. +370 686 78 717  
 E-mail: [info@klumpe.lt](mailto:info@klumpe.lt)

Rural tourism homestead and campsite "Pakalnė"  
[www.pakalne.lt](http://www.pakalne.lt)  
 Kušeliškės k., Raseinių r.  
 Tel. +370 687 74 147  
 E-mail: [info@pakalne.lt](mailto:info@pakalne.lt)

Rural tourism homestead "Zalensų sodyba"  
[www.zalensai.lt](http://www.zalensai.lt)  
 Padubysio k., Kauno r.  
 Tel. +370 686 33 209  
 E-mail: [info@zalensai.lt](mailto:info@zalensai.lt)

## 41. Neris

### Buivydžiai–Vilnius–Kernavė

ROUTE LENGTH..... 140 km  
 TRIP DURATION..... 5 days  
 COMPLEXITY..... intermediate

Changing scenery, wild strands seducing you with exposures and mounds, a flowing, but restrained flow - this is the Neris River. Having started your journey from Buivy-

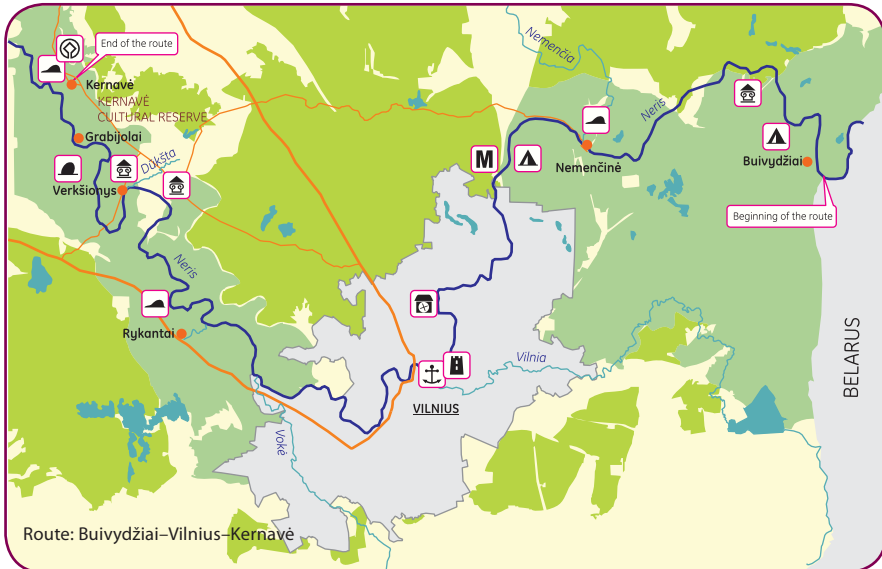
džiai towards Vilnius, you will not regret taking this journey – the strands are picturesque, wooded, pleasing the eye with high cliffs.

There, where the Neris River flows into Nemenčia, **Nemenčinė mound** looms on its bank - a great opportunity to train your legs and look around the surrounding area.

The Neris will solemnly bring you to the capital **Vilnius**. After having escaped from the hustle and bustle of Vilnius, you will find yourself in the company of water, lapping canoes, high green slopes and with villages occasionally bursting into view.

After the Vokė has flown into the river, the bed of the Neris becomes narrower, and the stream becomes stronger. At the village of Šilėnai, **Saidė shoal**, the largest in the Neris meets you, where there are six riffles. Have fun while streaking past them! It is worth visiting the old street in **Šilėnai** village, with its tiny wooden **chapel** and miraculous therapeutic **sources**. A couple of kilometres from Šilėnai, you will see the **mound of Naujoji Rėva**.





Further along, you will be met by **Rykantų** village. The builders of the sixteenth century **church** were able to combine Renaissance and Gothic styles. Here you will find the most beautiful loops of the Neris Rykantų district. At the confluence with the Bražuolė, there are some convenient places to stop for a rest or to come ashore and have a look around the surroundings. Then the beautiful **loops of Elniakampis** begin.

Then the Neris is straight and calm for a few kilometres. There are several barrows

on its banks: Karmazinaĩ, Buivydziai, Bradelėškės. After the Dūkšta has flown in, the Neris “refreshes itself” and then surprises you with shoals and stones. At Veršioškė village, walk up the right slope and enjoy the view of the Neris. At Grabijolų village, it is stopped by the Salinė shoal with the **rocks of Three Brothers and the Rooster**. A little further and the wonderful **Pajauta Valley** with the **Kernavė mounds** protected on the **UNESCO** world heritage list looks down on you.



### Rental of kayaks, canoes and catamarans

[www.activetourism.lt](http://www.activetourism.lt)  
Tel. +370 618 82 995  
[www.aktyviospramogos.lt](http://www.aktyviospramogos.lt)  
Tel. +370 603 00 755  
[www.atostogauk.lt](http://www.atostogauk.lt)  
Tel. +370 600 46 911  
[www.baidares.lt](http://www.baidares.lt)  
Tel. +370 655 43 985  
[www.baidares-vilnius.lt](http://www.baidares-vilnius.lt)  
Tel. +370 633 42 244  
[www.aktyvuslaisvalaikis.lt](http://www.aktyvuslaisvalaikis.lt)  
Tel. +370 612 70 030

### Accommodation

Rural tourism homestead "Neries vila"  
[www.neriesvila.lt](http://www.neriesvila.lt)  
Nemenčinė, Vilniaus r.  
Tel. +370 628 87 192  
E-mail: [info@neriesvila.lt](mailto:info@neriesvila.lt)

Rural tourism homestead "Baran-Rapa"  
[www.baranrapa.lt](http://www.baranrapa.lt)  
Rėvos k., Vilniaus r.  
Tel.: +370 617 49 151, +370 613 90 740  
E-mail: [info@baranrapa.lt](mailto:info@baranrapa.lt)

Rural tourism homestead "Tarp pušų"  
[www.tarppusu.lt](http://www.tarppusu.lt)  
Pylimų k., Sudervės sen., Vilniaus r.  
Tel. + 370 698 05 965  
E-mail: [tarppusu@gmail.com](mailto:tarppusu@gmail.com)

### 42. Baltoji Ančia and Veisiejų lake place

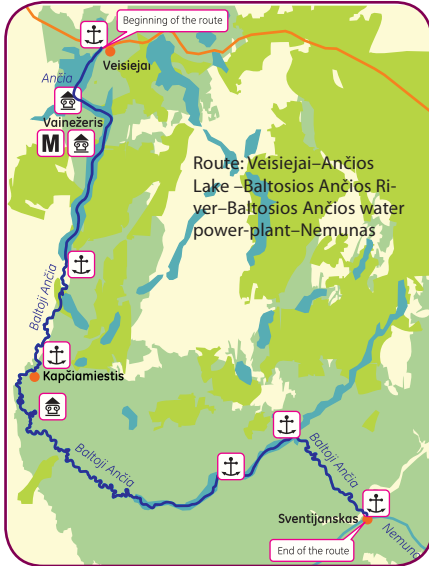
Veisiejai–Ančios Lake–Baltosios Ančios River–Baltosios Ančios water power-plant–Nemunas

ROUTE LENGTH ..... **42 km**  
TRIP DURATION..... **2–3 days**  
COMPLEXITY..... **complicated**

From Veisiejai, pull yourself along the long Baltoji Ančia Lake. Approximately 2.5 kilometres from Veisiejai, there are defense walls of Vainežeris which are called **Okopka** at the place where the lake narrows. It is believed that they were installed in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries as a military camp used during the war against the Swedens.

If you go toward the village, you will reach the **park of Vainežeris manor** - there is a Museum of Trees. Walk along the shady alleys of century-old trees. Baltoji Ančia River flows out from the lake in the southern corner. So the calm journey has ended - the river is rapid and wavy, there are shoals and blown down trees. Although the distance seems to look small, experienced canoeists may take considerable time to overcome it.





Having reached Kapčiamiestis settlement on the right bank, take in the view of the Stone Age village called **Pinčiaragis** enlaced by the loops of Baltoji Ančia.

When you see the broadening, you should know that the dam of Baltoji Ančia water powerhouse is approaching. If there is not much water, set yourself for the last phase.

At the border of Belarus, in Sventijansko village, Baltoji Ančia flows into the Nemunas. Have a personal document to hand as this is a border zone.

#### Rental of kayaks and canoes

[www.baidare.com](http://www.baidare.com)

Tel. +370 698 82 700

[www.baidaresdzukija.lt](http://www.baidaresdzukija.lt)

Tel. +370 615 88 546

[www.baidaresnuoma.lt](http://www.baidaresnuoma.lt)

Tel. +370 699 03 304

[www.baidaresdzukioje.lt](http://www.baidaresdzukioje.lt)

Tel. +370 600 96 282





### Accommodation

Campsite "Saulėtekis"

Rental of kayaks

[www.sauletekiobaidares.lt](http://www.sauletekiobaidares.lt)

Kailinių k., Veisiejų sen., Lazdijų r.

Tel.: +370 686 08 663, +370 688 86 831

E-mail: [sauletekiobaidares@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sauletekiobaidares@yahoo.co.uk)

Rural tourism homestead "Tėviškė"

[www.poilsiskaime.lt](http://www.poilsiskaime.lt)

Kailinių k., Veisiejų sen., Lazdijų r.

Tel.: +370 686 04 158, +370 616 80 026

E-mail: [info@poilsiskaime.lt](mailto:info@poilsiskaime.lt)

Rural tourism homestead "Samanis"

[www.samanis.lt](http://www.samanis.lt)

Paterių k., Veisiejų sen., Lazdijų r.

Tel. +370 686 90 017

E-mail: [samanis@samanis.lt](mailto:samanis@samanis.lt)

D. Janulevičienės homestead

[www.trikojis.pirtis.lt](http://www.trikojis.pirtis.lt)

Taikūnų k., Veisiejų sen., Lazdijų r.

Tel. +370 686 70 706

When paddling along the narrow and winding river Venta, you will have to navigate between the rocks, to overcome shoals, to jump over collapsed dams, and thrust your way through the overgrowth. This section will delight the eye of anyone who wants to get to know the colourful region of Samogitia.

When there is a lot of water, you can swim from road bridge of Užventis-Šaukėnai. It is not worth canoeing higher than Kuršėnai. The most popular routes include: Ramučių-Venta settlement (72 km, 3-4 days), Kuršėnai - Venta settlement (47 km, 2-3 days), Kuršėnai-Papilė (36 km, 1-2 days). In summer, people usually canoe from Kuršėnai to Venta settlement (47 km, 2-3 days).

At the village of Rudikiai, you will find the Papartynė watermill built in 1867. Now it is a hydroelectric power station. On the opposite side of the river – there is an artificial **exposure** of the geological Jurassic period. It is still possible to find 150 million year old fossils here.

Soon you will see the wooded **Jurkalis** on the left. There is a pier for kayaks nearby. Climb Jurkalis to enjoy views of the **Venta Valley** and the town of Papilė.

## 43. Venta

### Bridge of road Užventis-Šaukėnai-Latvia border

ROUTE LENGTH.....**127 km**

TRIP DURATION.....**5-7 days**

COMPLEXITY.....**intermediate**





In Papilė, visit the museum and the grave of S.M. Daukantas - the first author of Lithuanian history, and look at the fifteen-years-old lime. In Papilė, you will see another exposure of the Jurassic period. This geological object has received the greatest attention from Lithuanian scientists, so it is worth exploring. 300 fossils of various creatures are found here. Can you imagine that this used to be a sea 120-150 million years ago?





A jolly winding section is waiting for you from Papilė to Venta. You will find a small **Museum of Aviation** in Viekšniai town established in a building where the Lithuanian aviation pioneer Alexander Griskevičius used to live, and located on the bend of the Venta. In the centre of Viekšniai, there is one of the oldest **pharmacy-museums** in Samogitia.

#### **Rental of kayaks, canoes, rafts and catamarans**

[www.nuomabaidariu.lt](http://www.nuomabaidariu.lt)  
Tel. +370 611 83 924  
[www.ventos-baidare.lt](http://www.ventos-baidare.lt)  
Tel. +370 613 44 788  
[www.baidares.org](http://www.baidares.org)  
Tel. +370 620 40 620

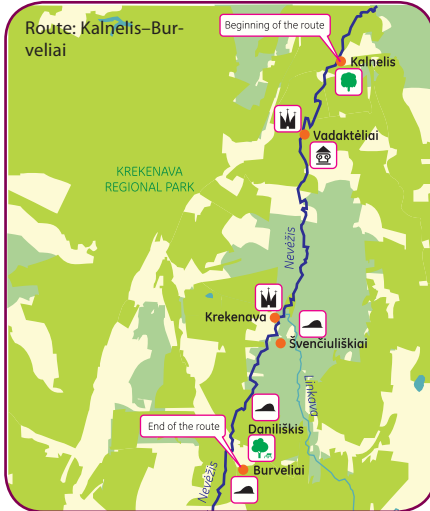
#### **Accommodation**

Rural tourism homestead "Svajoklių slėnis"  
[www.kaimo-sodyba.lt](http://www.kaimo-sodyba.lt)  
Nepriklausomybės g. 96, Papilė, Akmenės r.  
Tel. +370 698 45 548  
E-mail: [info@kaimo-sodyba.lt](mailto:info@kaimo-sodyba.lt)

Rural tourism homestead and café "Viliošiai"  
[www.viliošiai.lt](http://www.viliošiai.lt)  
Viliošių k., Akmenės r.  
Tel.: +370 425 50 992, +370 683 17 339  
E-mail: [info@viliosiai.eu](mailto:info@viliosiai.eu)

Virvytės camp  
[www.virvytesstovykla.lt](http://www.virvytesstovykla.lt)  
Viekšniai, Mažeikių r.  
Tel. +370 686 44 819  
E-mail: [virvyte.stovykla@gmail.com](mailto:virvyte.stovykla@gmail.com)

Balsių camp  
Rental of kayaks  
[www.balsiai.lt](http://www.balsiai.lt)  
Balsių k., Mažeikių r.  
Tel. +370 686 44 819  
E-mail: [balsiustovykla@gmail.com](mailto:balsiustovykla@gmail.com)



#### 44. Nevėžis

##### Kalnelis–Burveliai

ROUTE LENGTH ..... 30 km  
 TRIP DURATION ..... 1–2 days  
 COMPLEXITY ..... easy

This 190 km long river is considered to be the most peaceful in Lithuania. Its slopes ridged by streams and channels, lush meadows, pastures overgrown with trees will lull you by their peace. This 30 km section of the Nevėžis belongs to Krekenava Regional Park.

You will see an information stand in Kalnelis village, which displays what is waiting for you on this trip. Explore a multi-trunk **pine of Kalnelis**.

Within a bend, you will notice a one hundred year old **Murmuliai mansion** surrounded by an old garden. In the next bend of the river, you will see an exposure unclosed in front of you. This bend is one of the prettiest routes, so it is worth mooring and climbing up a cliff.

Shortly, you will see a hanging “**Monkey**” **bridge** bursting into view. Walk around 0.7 km to reach the village of Vadaktėliai. There is a wooden **chapel**, where the **bell** and works by God maker V. Svirskis famous in this region are stored.

A bit further, there is the **Leonardavo Manor** on the right bank. Only one building remains, but the park is retained, where the sculptor A. Pajuodis is creating **a sculpture park** “Moon rock”. You will have to walk about 1km to reach to the manor.

When you see graceful towers of the church, you should know that you reached Krekenava. Drop in to look at the valuable **paintings** in the church.





Beyond the bridge, you will see the old Švenčiuliškių village. If you travel 1.2 km, you will come to an educational-cognitive Girinio trail.

In Daniliškės village, it is worth coming ashore and exploring **Daniliškės Manor** with its **park**. Have a walk along the **350 lime alley**.

#### Accommodation, rental of kayaks

Rural tourism homestead "Pas Rapolą"

Rental of kayaks and boats

[www.pasrapola.lt](http://www.pasrapola.lt)

Čiūrų k., Krekenavos sen., Panevėžio r.

Tel.: +370 641 51 326, +370 685 44 349

E-mail: [info@pasrapola.lt](mailto:info@pasrapola.lt)

Rural tourism homestead "Smiltynės sodyba"

[www.smiltynessodyba.lt](http://www.smiltynessodyba.lt)

Smiltynės vs., Naujamiesčio sen., Panevėžio r.

Tel.: +370 455 53 455, +370 615 78 855

E-mail: [info@smiltynessodyba.lt](mailto:info@smiltynessodyba.lt)



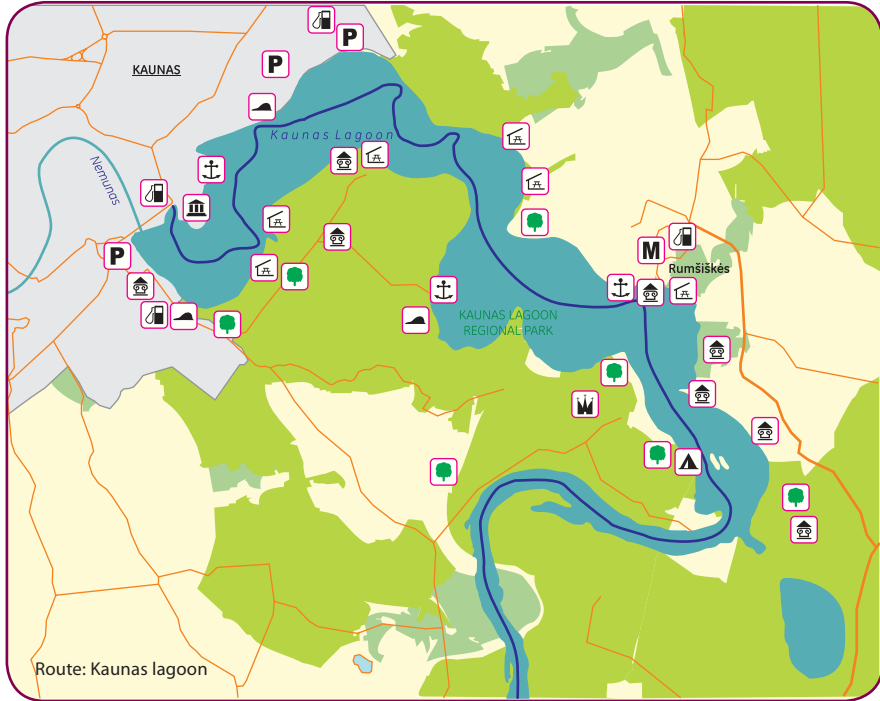
## 45. Kaunas lagoon

The largest artificial pool of water in Lithuania attracts visitors due to its vast area and landscape, which includes the **Pažaislis monastery**. This architectural work of the seventeenth and eighteenth-century is considered to be one of the best examples of mature baroque architecture in Northern and Eastern Europe.

Kaunas Žalgiris **Yacht club** is located in near the monastery, where yacht sailing amateurs from all over Lithuania rest at the port.

One of the most exciting attractions offered by the Yacht club is a cruise around the Kaunas Lagoon on a catamaran.





During an hour-long trip, you will look around the Regional Park of Kaunas Lagoon, and also admire the Pažaislis monastery. There are also routes to the Bay of Love (trip duration - 1 hour) and to **Rumšiškės** (trip duration - 2 hours). You can go up to





**Birštonas**, Regional Park of Nemunas Loops (trip duration - 6 hours) by catamaran.

There is also possible to rent a cutter, a boat, or water bike. The Yacht club also provides accommodation and catering services.

#### Rental of kayaks

Kauno "Žalgirio" yacht club

Motel "Baltosios Burės" \*\*

Restaurant "Jachtklubas"

[www.jachtklubas.lt](http://www.jachtklubas.lt)

M. Gimbutienės g. 35, Kaunas

Tel.: +370 373 70 467, +370 698 71 786

E-mail: [info@jachtklubas.lt](mailto:info@jachtklubas.lt)

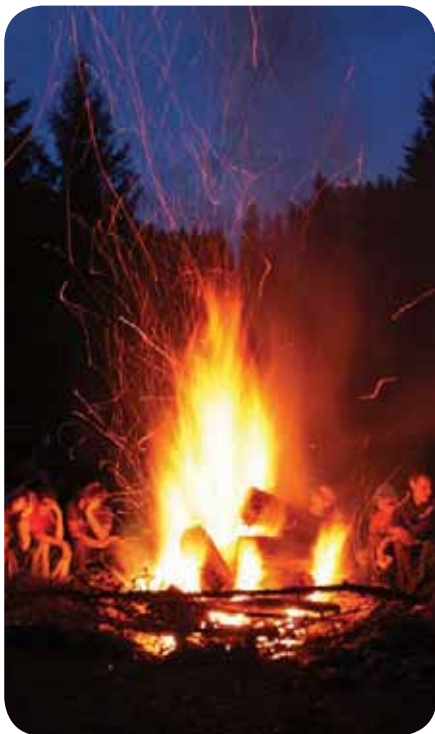
## 46. Platelių Lake

Plateliai Lake in Žemaitijos National Park is the largest and deepest lake in Samogitia. It is adorned with seven picturesque islands. In the XV century, there was a castle which belonged to Lithuanian Dukes on the **Castle Island**.

Fishermen love the lake: there are 14 species of fish, one of them – **Lake Whitefish** is leftover from the **glacial period** and recorded in the Red Book. A permit must be purchased for fishing.

It is fun to row a boat or canoe between the islands and to explore the shores. Plateliai town, dating from the sixth century, is adorned with **St. Peter and Paul Church** of hewn wooden logs built in 1744, and the nineteenth century **belfry**. Plateliai also has the building of a nineteenth century manor. Three trees declared to be natural monuments grow in the park surrounding the buildings: the thickest ash in Lithuania, known as the **Witch ash**, and **elm** and **lime**.

There is a viewpoint on the shore which is the best place to overlook the lake and see Pilies, Veršlių islands, Pliksalė, Šventorkalnis



peninsula. To the left of the viewpoint is the 4.1 km-long **natural trail of Šeirė**.

Visit Pakastuvos telmological reserve, where can watch the rare birds which live here from the bird observation tower.

#### Rental of kayaks, boats, water bicycles, boats

Platelių jachtklubas  
[www.plateliujachtklubas.lt](http://www.plateliujachtklubas.lt)  
 Ežero g. 40, Plateliai, Plungės r.  
 Tel. +370 682 42 062

#### Accommodation

You are allowed to camp in the National Žemaitijos Park only in marked and established camp. There are the following campsites in this park: "Šeirė", "Beržynėlis", "Plokštinė" (tel. +370 444 70 153);

"Ažuolų sala", "Šiaurinė" (tel. +370 655 32 100);

"Paežerė" Paplatelės vil. (tel. +370 652 83 991, [www.ginduliudvaras.lt](http://www.ginduliudvaras.lt));

Campsite in Virkšų vil., Plungės district (tel. +370 662 92 014, [www.freecamp.lt](http://www.freecamp.lt)).

Rural tourism homestead "Pas tėvukus"  
[www.pastevukus.lt](http://www.pastevukus.lt)  
 Beržoro k., Platelių sen., Plungės r.  
 Tel.: +370 448 49 152, +370 698 03 485  
 E-mail: [info@pastevukus.lt](mailto:info@pastevukus.lt)

Hotel "Linelis" \*\*  
[www.linelis.lt](http://www.linelis.lt)  
 Paplatelės k., Plungės r.  
 Tel. +370 655 77 666  
 E-mail: [info@linelis.lt](mailto:info@linelis.lt)

## 47. Galvės Lake

Trakai historic national park maintains a valuable historic heritage. Here is a land of lakes where water tourism and other entertainment are well developed.







Galvė is one of the biggest, most picturesque and deepest lakes in Lithuania. It fascinates due to its mysterious coves, peninsulas and islets. The greatest adornment of the lake is the **Island Castle**.

Rowing contests and regattas take place on Galvė lake. Here you can travel by yacht, water bicycle, boat or kayak. Most of the year there are boats showing white and canoes lapping in the lake. The steamer





“Skaistis” and sailing-boat “Baltis” travel around the lake.

Trakai is surrounded by water on three sides. It is a multinational and multicultural town famous for its heritage of old architecture and its **Karaite community** which has existed here since the fifteenth century. On

the opposite shore, there is the charming **Užuotrakis manor** overlooking Lake Galvė.

One of sights of these places is the underwater **sculpture exposition** situated **at the bottom** of the lake at a depth of 9 m. It is located in the valley, near the “Kempingas” centre.



#### Rental of kayaks and ships, diving

Diving

“X PRO”

[www.xpro.lt](http://www.xpro.lt)

S. Žukausko g. 39, Vilnius

Tel.: +370 527 89 266, +370 682 49 982

E-mail: [mindaugas@xpro.lt](mailto:mindaugas@xpro.lt)

Sailing

Yacht “Albaviktorija”

Up to 15 people

[www.jachtatrakai.lt](http://www.jachtatrakai.lt)

Tel. +370 612 17 371

Yacht “Astar II”

Up to 10 people

[www.jachta.ten.lt](http://www.jachta.ten.lt)

Tel. +370 682 44 771

“Baltų amatai”

Wherries, water taxi and other.

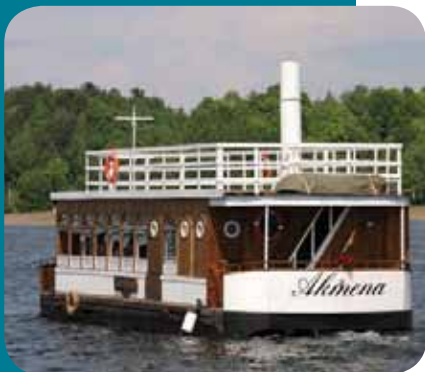
[www.baltis.lt](http://www.baltis.lt)

Tel. +370 600 89 055

Ship “Skaistis”

[www.barta.lt](http://www.barta.lt)

Tel. +370 699 27 797



### Accommodation

Hotel and restaurant  
"Apvalaus stalo klubas" \*\*\*\*  
www.asklubas.lt  
Karaimų g. 53A, Trakai  
Tel.: +370 528 55 595, +370 699 13 769  
E-mail: info@asklubas.lt

Leisure centre "Salos"  
www.salos.lt  
Kranto g. 5B, Trakai  
Tel.: +370 528 53 990, +370 671 34 848

Guest-house "Academia remigum" \*\*\*\*  
www.academia.lt  
Karaimų g. 93A, Trakai  
Tel.: +370 528 22 070, +370 698 13 777  
E-mail: info@academia.lt

"Kempingas slėnyje" \*\*\*\*  
www.camptrakai.lt  
Slėnio g.1, Trakai  
Tel. +370 528 53 880  
E-mail: slenyje@gmail.com

## 48. Minija

### Žarėnai–Minija (Mingė)

ROUTE LENGTH .....204 km  
TRIP DURATION..... 7–8 days  
COMPLEXITY .....intermediate

Minija will fascinate both the tourist searching for water challenges and those interested in natural and cultural monuments. The river is rapid; there are lots of shoals, stones, riffles and other obstacles. At Dyburiai village, there is the natural reserve of Minija, where it is forbidden not only to rest, but also to come ashore.

The best time to take the trip is in April and May. You may start from Stalgėnai, Mardosai or Aleksandravas. The river abates in some places. Therefore, it is suggested to start canoeing from Kartena.

The best place to get on kayaks is near Plungė–Žarėnai bridge. Explore the church in Žarėnai. You will reach the remains of a wa-





**termill** in 7 km. This is Medingėnai - an old and beautiful village. There is a **museum** of the writer **Šatrija Ragana**.

Stop at Vainaičiai village and explore the oldest residential houses of Lithuanians – the **“house”** with a fireplace in open air. There are lots of shoals in the biggest loops of Lekemė; the shores are high, picturesque. A spectacular section!

Nearby the bridge of Plungė-Kuliai road, you will see a thick and old **sacred oak**. It is said that it had to be cut down after the baptism of žemaičiai but the woodcutters succeeded in cutting down the top only. Look left in one kilometre – there is **Viešтовėnų mound**.

After Viešтовė stream has flown into the river, you will see the cross of **Pakutuvėnai chapel** protruding out. On the left, there is the embankment of the disarranged **Pakutuvėnai mound** which is a good place to stay and look round the surrounding area.

The most interesting section of Minija is Dyburiai loop. Strong currents jumping over shoals, stones and riffles blusters there. On the left there is a cliff and an **observation**



**place**. You may end your trip at Kartena town or concentrate for the section leading to the lower reaches of Minija.

As soon as you have reached Šernai village, drop in the **Forest museum** on the bank. In Priekulė, visit the museum of **Ieva Simonaitytė, the park of Priekulė manor**.

The end of your trip is Minijos (Mingės) village with the only street – Minija river.

#### Rental of kayaks, canoes, rafts and catamarans

[www.baidare.com](http://www.baidare.com)  
Tel. +370 698 82 700  
[www.baidares.biz](http://www.baidares.biz)  
Tel. +370 687 12 779  
[www.turistauk.lt](http://www.turistauk.lt)  
Tel. +370 699 75 546  
[www.minijosbaidares.lt](http://www.minijosbaidares.lt)  
Tel. +370 640 24 477

#### Accommodation

Rural tourism homestead “Prie šaltinio”  
Rental of kayaks  
[www.priesaltinio.lt](http://www.priesaltinio.lt)  
Lapių k., Klaipėdos r.  
Tel. +370 610 32 237  
E-mail: [priesaltinio@gmail.com](mailto:priesaltinio@gmail.com)

Rural tourism homestead “Mingės kaimas”  
Rental of ships  
[www.mingeskaimas.lt](http://www.mingeskaimas.lt)  
Minijos k., Kintų sen., Šilutės r.  
Tel.: +370 686 66 600, +370 441 69 526  
E-mail: [minge@erdves.lt](mailto:minge@erdves.lt)

Rural tourism homestead of Jonas Bulavinas  
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#### 49. Kintai and Ventė

Going by boat along the waters, get blown along by the wind, fish and watch a colourful array of birds. Here you will encounter elements which cannot be controlled by man yet. If you arrive during the summer flood, you will see a real potency of water when canoeing through submerged meadows.

More than 170 species of birds breed in the delta. Every year there is a **rally of birdwatchers** which takes place since the year 2000 – an international contest where the teams fight to see which will hear and recognize more species of birds.

A **bird ringing station** is situated on Ventė's cape – there is one of the most advantageous places in Europe to watch migrating



birds. Every year from 60 to 80 thousand birds are ringed here.

Before the channel of King Vilhelm was dug, which connected the Nemunas with Klaipėda, lots of ships crashed at Ventės cape, thus the **lighthouse** was built here in the middle of the XIX century. Enjoy a wonderful view of the Curonian Lagoon having climbed up the observation tower. If the weather is good, you will see **Nida** and its **dunes** situated southwestward at a distance of 12-13 km, and Preila 8.5 km away westward.

9 km from Ventė there is Kintai settlement surrounded by pinewood, which is famous for trim and original **weathercocks** – there are no others anywhere in Europe.

Canoeing along the Nemunas delta is arranged in Kintai. You will find a place popular with fishermen – trout and ice-fishing amateurs come here.



## Entertainment

### "Kintai"

[www.kintai.lt](http://www.kintai.lt)

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Hotel "Pelikanas"

Guest-house "Žvejų užėja" \*\*\*

Café Cognitive-recreational trips and tours around the Nemunas delta

Cognitive-recreational trips and tours around the Nemunas delta

Trout fishing

Recreational fishing in ponds, rivers, the Curonian Lagoon

Ice-fishing

Hunting

Bird watching

Ship pier

Ship rental

## Recreation and Leisure

### Centre "Ventainė"

[www.ventaine.lt](http://www.ventaine.lt)

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Hotel "Ventainė" \*\*\*

Rural tourism homestead "Ventainė"

Holiday resort "Ventainė" \*\*

Bath complex

Restaurant

Pleasure ship

Sailing centre

## 50. Jūra

### Bridge of highway Vilnius–Klaipėda–Sereitlaukis

ROUTE LENGTH ..... **146 km**

TRIP DURATION ..... **5 days**

COMPLEXITY ..... **intermediate**

If you are not afraid of shoals, effervescent water and sudden winds, try the Kūros river. It twists through the most beautiful places in Samogitia for 158 km.

Start your trip from the bridge of Vilnius-

Klaipėda highway. After the Aitra has flown into the Jūra, you will see a wooden bridge 400 km away. Stop there and go to explore the unique **Drungėliškės chapel** surrounded by woods.

Soon you will reach Kvėdarna town where it is worth seeing the ancient mill, beautiful **church**, and the **larches** of Kvėdarna.

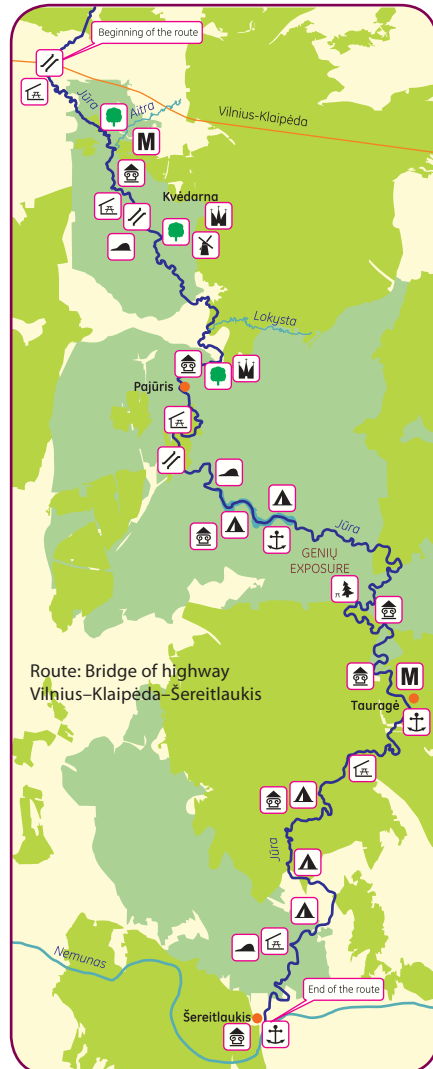
As soon as you see Lokysta flowing into the river, be careful because difficult shoals are waiting for you. On the left bank, you will see the town of Pajūris. Here explore the **St. Trinity Church** and **Pajūris manor**. A huge poplar, impressive oak grows in manor park.

Then you will get into rich waters, at the end of which you will enter into an exciting section after having carried your kayak. You will see the picturesque **Genių exposure**, but do not stare too long because the Jūra is restless and naughty here.

Look at the 5 km long spectacular exposures of **Reksčiai loop** and the picturesque banks.

At Tauragė town, the Jūra is dammed. Half a kilometre from the dam, go ashore and you will see a sculpture **ensemble** on a summer stage created by folk artists.

You can end your trip at a campsite situated in the Šereitlaukis settlement, when only one kilometre to Nemunas is left. Here have a walk around the **Manor place of Šereitlaukis, complete** with a park.





### Rental of kayaks, canoes, rafts and catamarans

[www.baidare.com](http://www.baidare.com)

Tel. +370 698 82 700

[www.turistauk.lt](http://www.turistauk.lt)

Tel. +370 699 75 546

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Rural tourism homestead "Jūrvingė"

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E-mail: [info@jurvinge.lt](mailto:info@jurvinge.lt)

## 51. Minijos (Mingės) village–Uostadvaris

Miss romance? Visit Minija (or Mingė) village called the Venice of Lithuania and Uostadvaris.

Start the trip in Minija village, which is peculiar because of the only "street" – the **Minija river**. The residents from homesteads located on both sides of the river visit their neighbours living on the other side of "street" by boat.

Fishermen, yachtsmen and tourists are interested in Minija. A new **yacht pier** has been built here. Ships, cutters and yachts sail along the river. Fishing and tourist jaunts are arranged from here.

First, from Minija village canoe along Minija river, then along the Amata to the settlement of river transport workers Uostadvaris, which is situated on Rusnė island. If you canoe independently, be aware that sometimes it is complicated to enter the port because it is sanded. This is a departmental port belonging to The National Inland Waterways Authority; therefore permission to moor here must be obtained.

The most famous site in Uostadvaris is a former **lighthouse** built at the end of XIX century, and which is now an observation tower. Go upstairs and review the splice of rivers, channels and ponds. Also, explore **polder museum** – a water lifting station from the beginning of the XX century, which pumped surplus meadow water and directed it toward the Nemunas delta.

From Uostadvaris, go to Krokų Meadow lake. Lots of ornithological enthusiasts come to watch birds in this area every year.



Return to Minija or Amata from the lake and direct yourself towards the Curonian Lagoon, visit **Nida, Preila, Pervalka, Juodkrantė and Klaipėda.**

Please note that restrictions on swimming using self-propelled means of navigation in the The Nemunas Delta Regional Park are applied. Find out more about the The Nemunas Delta Regional Park on website [www.nemunodelta.lt](http://www.nemunodelta.lt)

#### Accommodation, rental of ships and kayaks

Rural tourism homestead "Mingės kaimas"

Rental of ships

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Rural tourism homestead "Skirvytėlė"

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Rental of ships and boats

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## SIGHTSEEING TRIPS BY BOAT

### 52. Curonian Lagoon

The Lagoon has especially good conditions for sailing. There are two yacht-clubs: in Smiltynė and Nida. There, you can not only keep your yacht, but also rent it, book a tour to the Curonian Lagoon or along some other route.

The coast of the Curonian Lagoon is rich in tourist attractions. Having sailed from Nida, you will admire the sandy and rugged coast of the **Curonian Spit** on the way to Smiltynė. From a distance, you will be met by **Vecekrugas, Karvaičiai, Sheep hills, Vinkio Dune and Naglis cape**. There is a tiny **Amber cove** behind **Juodkrantė**. You will be impressed by the **Dead Dunes**.

Another coast is also interesting. You will go past **Kintai** village of fishermen with an eighteenth century stone **church** and original **weathercocks**. You will see **Ventė cape** from the lagoon with the **lighthouse** on its edge. At the mouth of the Nemunas River, you will enter the kingdom of birds - **the Nemunas delta**. Visit the village of fishermen - **Minija** (Minge). You will reach Rusnė settlement easily – it is the only Lithuanian town on the island.





### Tours around the Curonian Lagoon

"Marių laivai"

[www.mariulaivai.lt](http://www.mariulaivai.lt)

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Water taxi Klaipėda–Nida–Klaipėda

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[www.monte.ten.lt](http://www.monte.ten.lt)

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Ship "Freiheit-Laisvė"

[www.nehrung-touristik.de](http://www.nehrung-touristik.de)

Tel. +370 469 51 210

Cruise ship "Mecklenburg"

[www.jukunda.lt](http://www.jukunda.lt)

Tel. +370 698 46 161

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### Accommodation

Nida holiday resort \*\*\*

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Villa "Baldininkas"

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Hotel "Eglių slėnis" \*\*\*

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Guest-house and café "Vila Vita" \*\*\*\*

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### 53. Cruise round the Baltic Sea

During a visit to Klaipėda, sail by cruise ship to the Baltic Sea. On Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays (1:30, 3:30, 6 and 8 pm), tourists are taken from Klaipėda cruise ship terminal by the ship "Venus". It invites you to a 1.5 hour cruise under the route Cruise ship terminal - Sea gate – the Baltic Sea - **Dolphinarium of Sea Museum** - Cruise ship terminal. During the voyage, you will find out about water area of Klaipėda port, the Baltic Sea and the Curonian lagoon.

"Venus" is a new comfortable three-deck (three floors) sea ship that can take from 20 to 200 passengers aboard.

See the endless expanse of the Baltic, hear the melody of frenzied waves, feel the taste of tanning wind, see off screaming gulls and terns with your eyes!



**Information and bookings**

Ship "Venus"  
[www.dryzuotas.lt](http://www.dryzuotas.lt)  
 Tel. +370 655 59 496

**54. Trip along the The Nemunas****Druskininkai–Liškiava**

ROUTE LENGTH ..... **8 km**

Tourists go kayaking, canoeing, rafting on the The Nemunas. The most interesting section - from the Belarus border to Kaunas Lagoon.

You may take a journey by steamship along the route Druskininkai-Liškiava-Druskininkai. Trips are taken from May 1 to October 15, from Tuesdays to Sundays. Leaving Druskininkai at 14.30. The trip takes 4 hours.

**Information and bookings**

Travel agency "Druskininkų gelmė"  
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 E-mail: [gelme.laivas@gmail.com](mailto:gelme.laivas@gmail.com)

In **Liškiava**, you will see one of the most beautiful buildings of the late baroque in Lithuania: **the Monastery** and **the Church of Holy Trinity**. You will be impressed by the romance of perfect shapes and white arches.

**55. Trip along the Neris**

The Neris is the second river in Lithuania according to its length. It begins in Belarus and flows into the Nemunas. You can go kayaking, canoeing, or by catamarans or rafts in the river.

The ship "Riga" also carries tourists to Vilnius from King Mindaugas bridge toward Valakampiai, up to Baltojo (Šilo) bridge, where it turns around and comes back. Duration of voyage - 45-60 minutes. The voyage is every day, every hour from 10 am to 9 pm.

Enjoy fascinating Vilnius from the river!

**Information and bookings**

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### **Varėna Tourism and Business Information Centre**

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### **Tourism Information Centre of Vilnius district**

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**Directorate of Aukštaitija National Park and Regional Park of Labanoras**

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