Pasvalys

Pasvalys (🔊pronunciation ⓘ) is a city in Panevėžys County, Lithuania, located near the bank of the Svalia River.

History

In 1557, the Treaty of Pasvalys was signed in the town, which provoked Ivan IV of Russia to start the Livonian War. Pasvalys has mineral spring waters – in 1923 physician K. Armonas created a small sanatorium. At this time about 200 people spent time in sanatorium yearly.

Soviet occupation and mass deportations in 1941 were devastating – most of the most active teachers and civil servants, intellectuals were deported to remote regions in Russia and Central Asia.

In August 1941, 1349 Jews from the village and the surroundings were executed by an Einsatzgruppen of Germans and local collaborators as mentioned in the Jäger Report.[1]

After 1944 Soviet mass deportations started again – the main target were farmers and their families. Hundreds of families were deported. The program of forced collectivisation has started.[2]

Since 1947 partisans of Pasvalys district fought against Soviet occupants. Pasvalys' partisans belonged to Algimantas military district (*apygarda*), later - to Vytis military district of the Lithuanian partisans. Most of the partisans operated in *Žalioji rinktinė* (*The Green Squad*), which was based in *Žalioji giria* (*The Green Forest*).[3]

Education

Pasvalys Gimnasium of Petras Vileisis.

Lėvens primary school

Pasvalys		
City		

Coat of arms

Location of Pasvalys
Coordinates: 56°3′34″N 24°24′13″E

Country	🇱🇹 Lithuania
Ethnographic region	Aukštaitija
County	Panevėžys County
Municipality	Pasvalys district municipality
Capital of	Pasvalys district municipality Pasvalys city eldership Pasvalys rural eldership
First mentioned	1497
Granted city rights	1946
Population (2023)	

Pasvalio Svalios gymnasium

• **Total**	6,411
Time zone	UTC+2 (EET)
• **Summer (DST)**	UTC+3 (EEST)
Website	www.pasvalys.lt (http://www.pasvalys.lt)

Industry

Pasvalys is famous for its farmhouse beer and is a part of Beer Route in Lithuania.

Cheese factory owned by company Pieno Žvaigždės is located in the city.

Sports

Pasvalys has its basketball club - BC Pieno žvaigždės.

It also has two football clubs- SK Sanžile (defunct) and FK Pasvalys who play in the 4th tier of Lithuanian football.

Museums

Pasvalys Mill Museum

Museum of the Pasvalys region

Gallery

Treaty of Pasvalys, signed between Polish-Lithuanian King Žygimantas Augustas and the Livonian Order

Pinewood and stadium

Pasvalys stadium

Pasvalys Church, with fractures due to earth instability visible

Pasvalys in winter

The Green Spring in Pasvalys

Twin towns and Sister cities

Pasvalys is twinned with:

- Żory in Poland

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