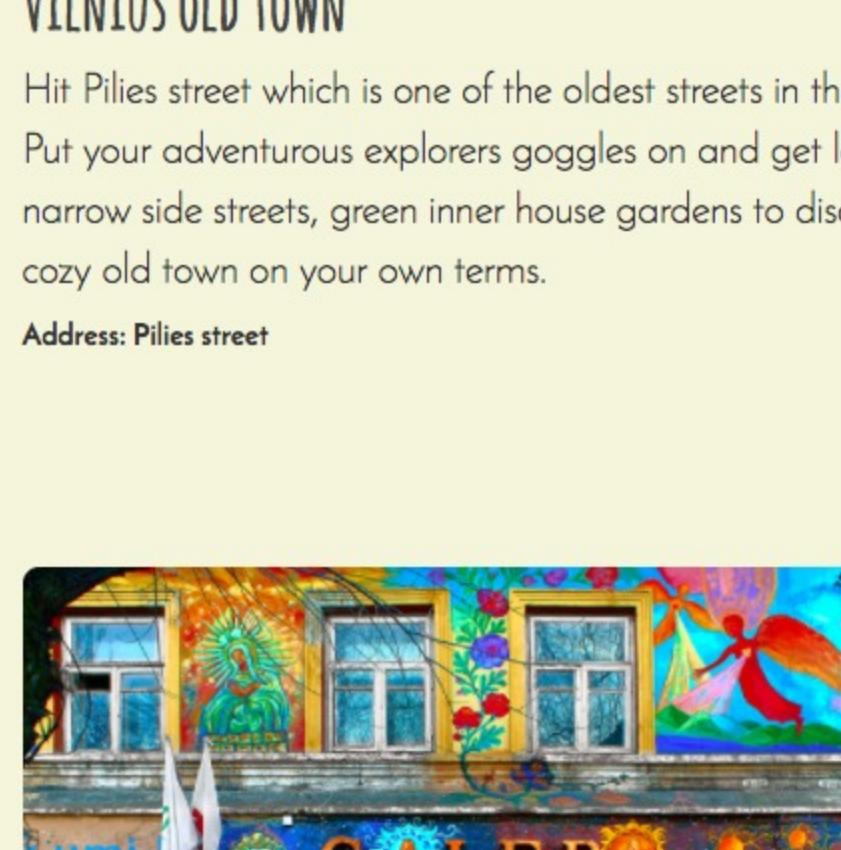


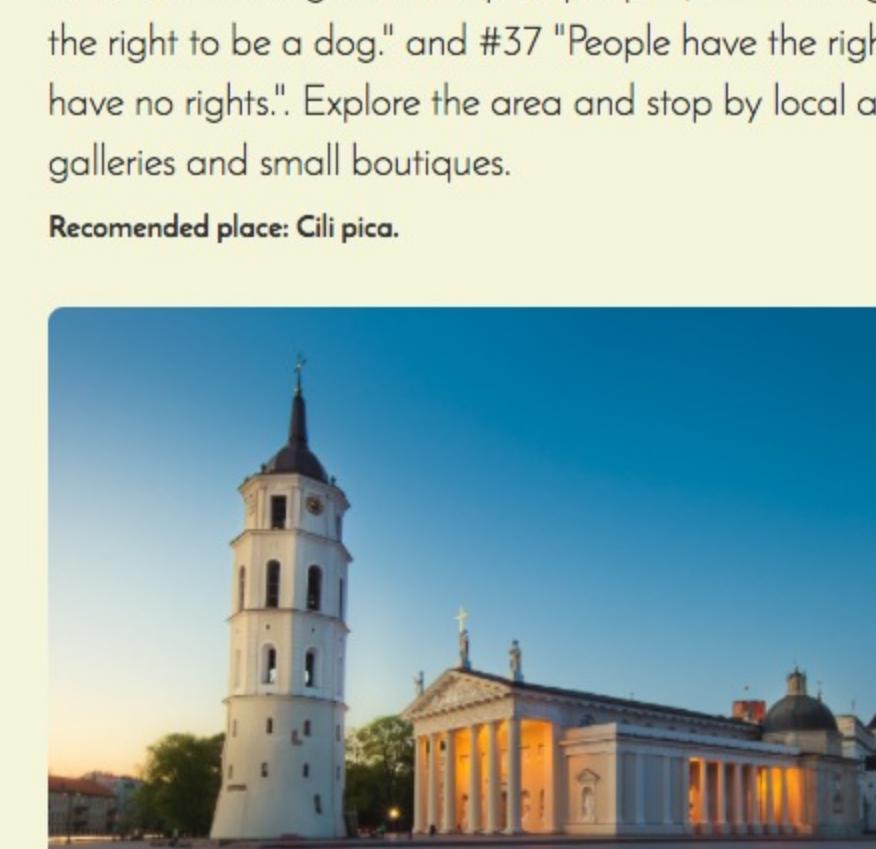
WHAT TO SEE IN VILNIUS



GEDIMINO CASTLE

It's a Castle, really... it might look like the only defence tower that's left after destruction, but it's actually a Castle. Ask any local person... Go on top of the mountain and from there you can see some amazing views. By the side of the castle you will find the hill of three crosses. I wouldn't advise going there - seeing from a distance should be enough.

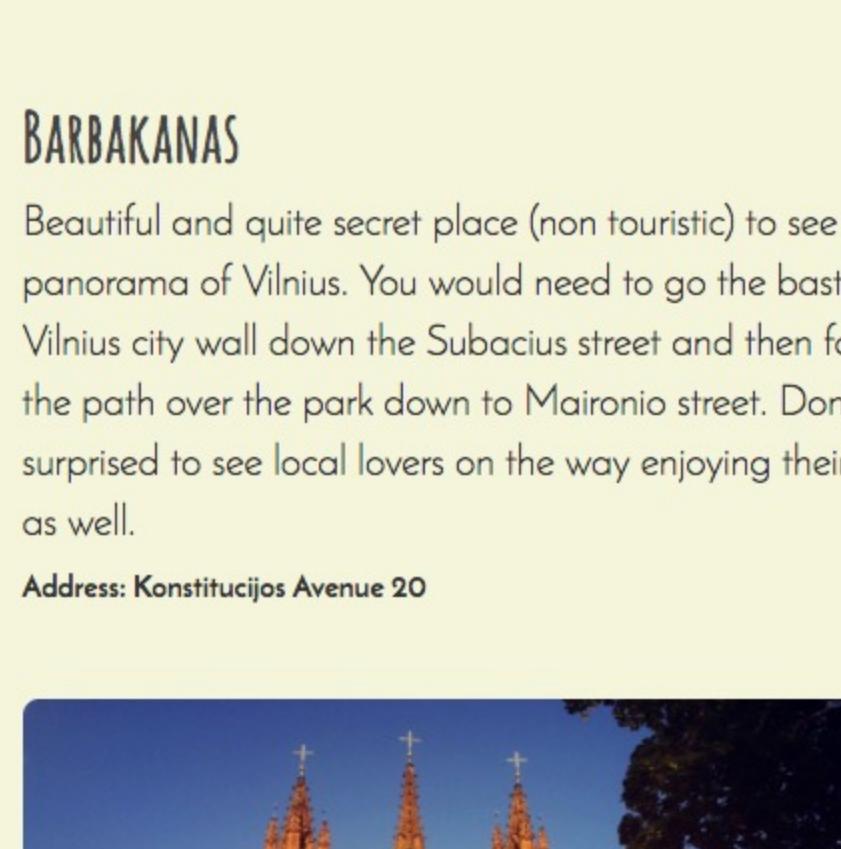
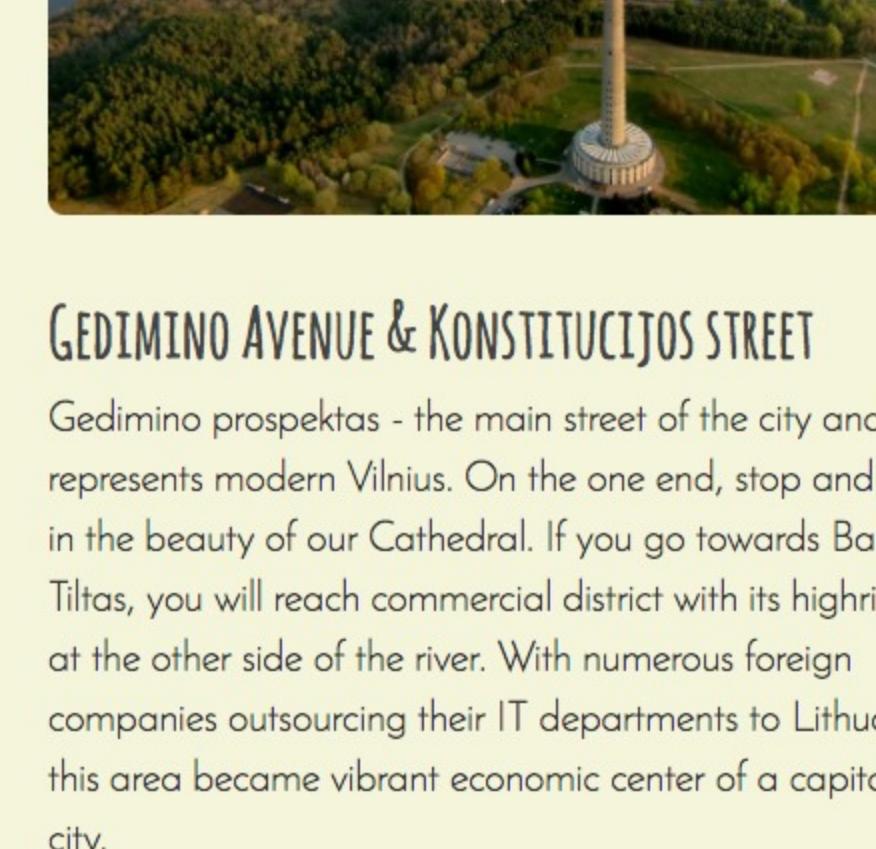
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REPUBLIC OF UŽUPIS

Area of Vilnius for arty bohemian people. Stop by the main sculpture on the main square to read Constitution of Uzupis which is a funny read in itself - rule #1 - "People have the right to live by the River Vilnele, while the River Vilnelė has the right to flow past people.", #12 "A dog has the right to be a dog" and #37 "People have the right to have no rights.". Explore the area and stop by local artist galleries and small boutiques.

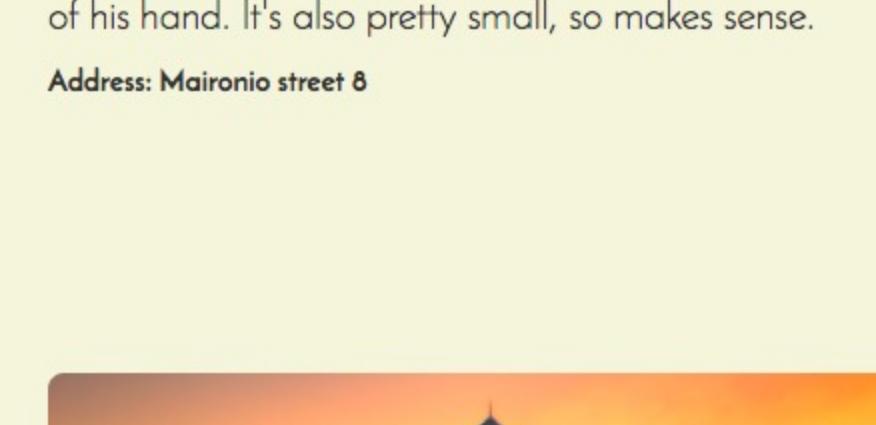
Recommended place: Cili pica.



GATES OF DAWN

Gedimino prospektas - the main street of the city and it represents modern Vilnius. On the one end, stop and brief in the beauty of our Cathedral. If you go towards Baltasis Tiltas, you will reach commercial district with its highrises at the other side of the river. With numerous foreign companies outsourcing their IT departments to Lithuania, this area became vibrant economic center of a capital city.

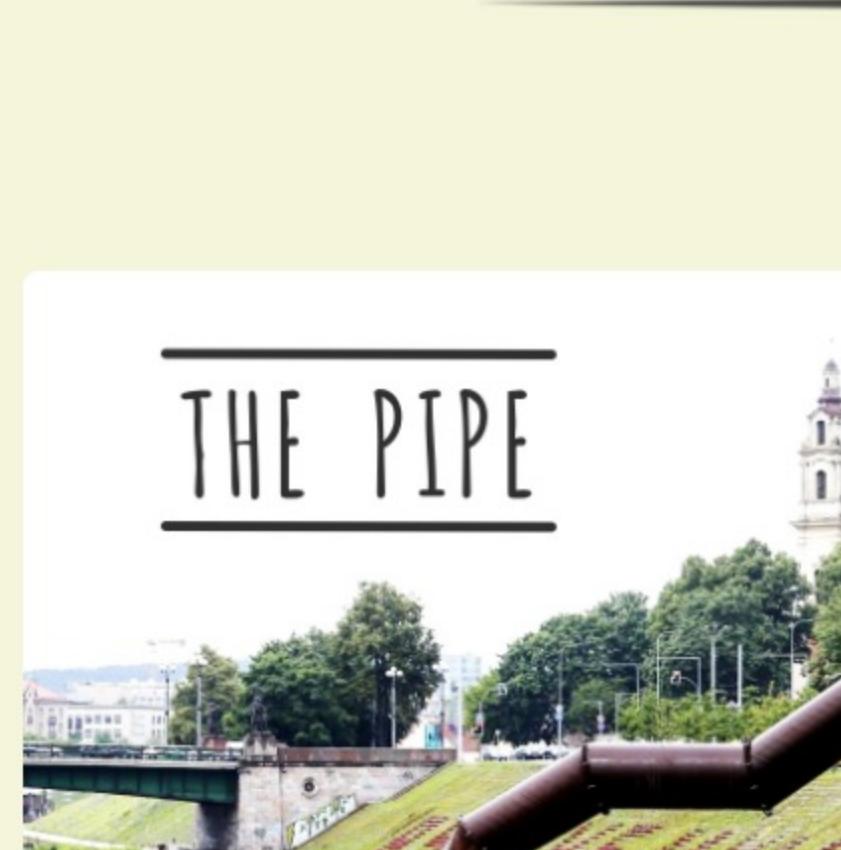
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GEDIMINO AVENUE & KONSTITUCIJOS STREET

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ST. ANNES CHURCH

Said to be one of the nicest in Lithuania. Rumor has it that Napoleon wanted to take it back home on the palm of his hand. It's also pretty small, so makes sense.

Address: Maironio street 8



BARBAKANAS

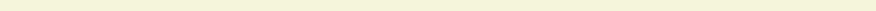
Beautiful and quite secret place (non touristic) to see night panorama of Vilnius. You would need to go the bastion of Vilnius city wall down the Subacius street and then follow the path over the park down to Maironio street. Don't get surprised to see local lovers on the way enjoying their time as well.

Address: Konstitucijos Avenue 20

BELMONTAS

Said to be one of the nicest in Lithuania. Rumor has it that Napoleon wanted to take it back home on the palm of his hand. It's also pretty small, so makes sense.

Address: Belmonto street 17



THE PIPE

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I don't even know where to start with this one... Let's first address all the elephants in the room - yes, it's an art piece that Vilnius bought for a hefty sum of money. No, it's not an actual pipe. Yes, it has been standing there for quite a while now and it seems it will stay for a bit longer. It's one of the most controversial objects in Vilnius city center and brings a lot of negative reflections from locals. If you like to learn some new Lithuanian words just ask any passer by what do they think about the Pipe?

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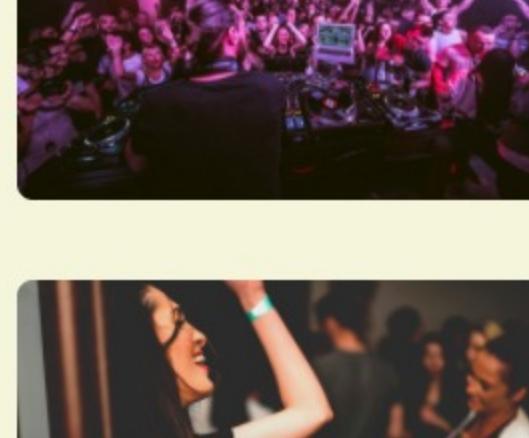


CLUBS & BARS IN VILNIUS

OPIUM

Iconic house/techno club in Vilnius. Definitely a place to go if your legs are in a mood for some shuffling. Some nights there is an entry fee.

Address: Islandijos street 4



MATÉRIALISTE

Tastefully designed posh club with a dress code. Dress to impress in order to get in. Playing upbeat pop / EDM / hip hop style music. Entrance is free or charge.

Address: Vilniaus street 25



ANNA MESA. BUTAS

The main competitor to Materialiste, currently one of the best and definitely the most trending club in Vilnius. It's super hard to get in if you don't have friends who could open the doors. As often in life in these situations, stick to the same rule - dress to impress. Entry fee:

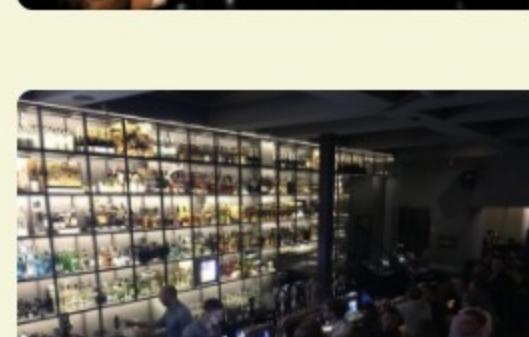
Address: Vilniaus street 33



BARDAKAS

Great bar/club with an attitude of just chill and enjoy. Plays funky old school hip hop and good pop from a crate type of music. It's easy to get in so don't stress about the dress code - casual will do the trick. Entrance is Free.

Address: Vilniaus street 22



DISTILERIJA

Boutique cocktail place for that fine old fashioned that you been craving the whole day. Not too much space for crazy dancing, but then again who cares - you got your old fashioned. Entrance is free.

Address: Vilniaus street 28



SKY BAR AT RADISSON BLU

And there are those other times when you want to kick your feet up, grab a cocktail and enjoy a view on the rooftop. Well Vilnius can't offer you a rooftop, but Sky Bar is great alternative to watch a night Vilnius panorama from above. Entrance is free.

Address: Konstitucijos avenue 20



SALENTO

Let's be honest here, in some of the clubs and bars you will get an alien look from the locals. If you want to avoid that go to Salento which is known to be a go-to place for foreigners, exchange students and those who really enjoy 7 days a week party, since it's always open. There might be a small entry fee.

Address: Didžioji street 28



MOJITO NIGHTS

5 am in the morning and you still not feeling like going back to hotel but everything is closed? been there? Mojito Nights comes to the rescue. You can continue your fiesta until you fall flat. There is an entrance fee.

Address: Arkliu street 5



PABLO LATINO

A go to place for 30+ year olds. It's also super nice in the summer time when the inner yard is open.

Address: Trakų street 3



BRDVEJUS

Feeling like singing tonight? Every Sunday at Brodvejus you can shine with a mic in your hand in their karaoke nights. Entrance is free.

Address: Vokiečių street 4



PERONAS

Trashy trendy bar located very appropriately in the central train station area. On the way you might also find the underbelly of Vilnius - hookers on the hunt standing by the side roads. I guess that's an experience in its own right. Entrance is free.

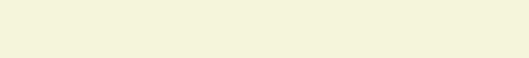
Address: Geležinkelio street 6



KABLYS

If you are sort of a chap that thinks Berlin clubs are the coolest thing that has ever been created on this planet then you might enjoy this rather odd place called in English "hook". It has literally a giant hook by the entrance.

Address: Kauno street 5





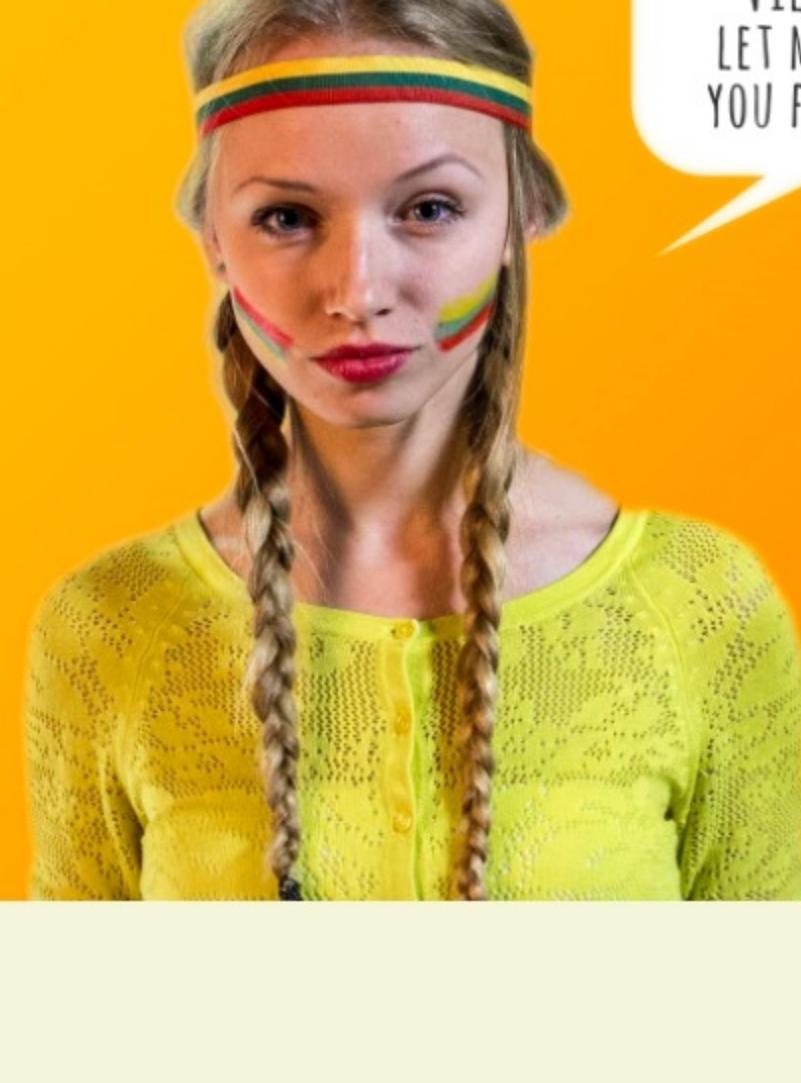
WHERE TO STAY IN VILNIUS

Here is the map pinpointing areas that are recommended for your stay in Vilnius and the ones that you should avoid.



In general, yellow areas are ok for staying. Bright yellow areas mark Vilnius city center, old town and commercial district. This is where I would recommend you to find a hotel since it has the best vibes of Vilnius and you will be staying in the hot spots so no need for taxi or public transport. Budget travelers can expand hotel or hostel search scope by including remote but cozy areas like Zverynas or Naujamiestis, but refer to this map to check if it is not too far away. Other than that use the usual suspects - booking.com or hostelworld.com to find the best hotel deals

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YOU FEW TIPS



FUN FACTS

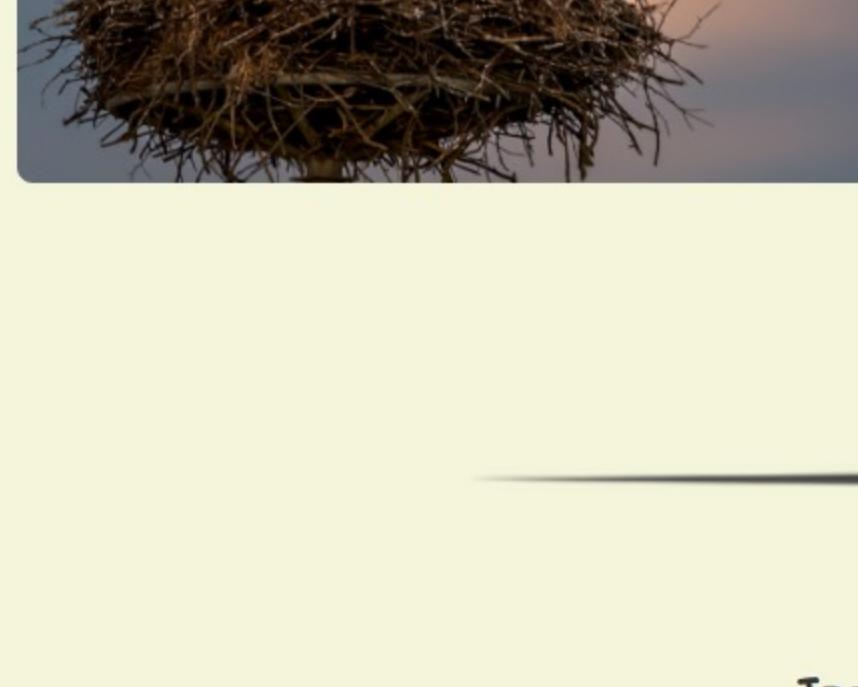


BALTIJOS KELIAS (ENG. BALTIC WAY)

It was a peaceful political demonstration that occurred on 23 August 1989. Approximately two million people joined their hands to form a human chain spanning 675.5 kilometres (419.7 mi) across the three Baltic states - Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. The protest was designed to draw global attention by demonstrating a desire for independence from Soviet Union and illustrated solidarity among the three nations.

SECOND RELIGION

Basketball is usually called in Lithuania a second religion and it is by far the most popular sport in the country. Popularity of sport grew during Soviet Union oppression as it was seen as a mean to fight for independence. Since then Lithuania became basketball powerhouse in the world with legendary NBA players like Arvydas Sabonis, Šarūnas Marčiulionis and current NBA superstars like Jonas Valančiūnas, Donatas Motiejūnas, Domantas Sabonis among many others.



GANDRAS (ENG. WHITE STORK)

Kept as a national bird and as a symbol. Whooping 8% of all white storks in the world breed in Lithuania making it the most dense country for this species. This giant bird has somewhat warm and pleasant association to any Lithuanian. You can often see white storks in the countryside walking in the fields or on the rooftops of old houses. And of course, storks bring babies - that's a common knowledge, we all grow up knowing that, so watch out or a baby might fall into your lap.



TIPS & TRICKS

TRANSPORTATION IN VILNIUS

Most of the places suggested in this guide is within walking distance. However, in case you want to go further away from the city center I would strongly advice to use Uber app. Uber drivers are more likely to speak well in English and you can be worry-free about the rates that you are being charged. Travelers hygiene rule number 1 - if you travel with a taxi, always ask before hand for the price estimation. 1km usually cost around 1-2 eur. Keep 10 - 15 Eur benchmark in mind as you should be able to reach even the furthest places on this list for the amount. Worth noting that night rates are usually much higher so don't be surprised if you pay more coming out of the bar. Travelers hygiene rule number 2 - never take taxi straight from the airport, railway or bus station as you are sure that you will over pay.

TRANSPORTATION FROM VILNIUS AIRPORT

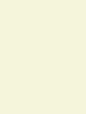
There are three options that you could take - taxi (Uber), bus, train. Bus would be the cheapest option. My recommendation is to take Uber for the most convenience.

CHEAP FLIGHT TICKETS TO LITHUANIA

You can get very cheap tickets to Kaunas since Ryanair has a service center there for their planes. It is not uncommon to find a ticket from Copenhagen to Kaunas for 20 Eur. Kaunas is the second largest city in Lithuania and it is 100km away from Vilnius. Once you are in Kaunas airport you can take a taxi (Uber) to train station and get a comfy train ride to Vilnius.

DO NOT CALL LITHUANIANS RUSSIANS

Lithuanians get very offensive if you call them Russians or think that Lithuanians speak Russian as a mother tongue. We tend to label that person in our minds as a blithering idiot and end conversation at the earliest convenience.



FEW LITHUANIAN WORDS

- **Ačiū** - Thank you. If you want to make correct pronunciation imagine that you are sneezing with a long aaaciū (nose cleaning is not required afterwards)
- **J sveikatą** - Cheers
- **Labas** - Hey
- **Mano vardas (Your name here)** - My name is (Your name here)
- **Kiek kainuoja?** - How much?
- **Taip** - Yes
- **Ne** - No
- **Man patinka Lietuva** - I like Lithuania
- **Tu man patinki** - I like you