Kaunas Travel Guide

Discover Kaunas: Lithuania's Cultural Heart

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Things to do in Kaunas

Landmarks & Monuments

Kaunas boasts an impressive collection of **medieval fortifications**, **modernist architectural gems**, and **historic monuments** that tell the story of Lithuania's resilient past. From the iconic Kaunas Castle to the striking Church of the Resurrection, these landmarks showcase centuries of cultural evolution.



Must See

Kaunas Castle

1-2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Dating back to the **14th century**, Kaunas Castle is one of the oldest brick castles in the country. Though partially in ruins, the restored tower offers magnificent views over the confluence of the *Nemunas and Neris rivers*. The castle grounds host cultural events and festivals throughout the year, and the small museum inside provides insights into medieval Lithuanian history.



Must See

Church of the Resurrection (Christ's Resurrection Basilica)

1 hour No Booking Needed

Map

This **striking modernist masterpiece** (Construction began in 1934, but the church was fully completed in 2004.) is one of Kaunas' most recognizable landmarks and part of the **UNESCO World Heritage Site** of Kaunasian modernism. The church offers breathtaking panoramic views from its terrace (elevator or stairs available). The ground floor features stunning architecture with curved windows and beautiful details. Admission to the ground floor is free, while climbing the tower requires a ticket.



Must See

Town Hall Square (Rotušės aikštė)

30 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

The heart of Kaunas Old Town, this charming square is dominated by the elegant **Town Hall**, affectionately called the "*White Swan*" due to its graceful white tower. The square is surrounded by colorful merchant houses, outdoor cafés, and restaurants. It serves as the venue for markets, festivals, and cultural events throughout the year, particularly beautiful during Christmas markets in winter.



Top Pick

Perkūnas House (Thunder House)

45 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

One of Kaunas' **oldest and most mysterious buildings**, this 15th-century Gothic structure features an impressive brick facade. Originally built as a *Hanseatic League merchant residence*, it was later believed to be a pagan temple dedicated to Perkūnas (the god of thunder). Today it houses a small museum of ceramics. The building's architectural details and historical significance make it a must-see for history enthusiasts.

Tips for Landmarks & Monuments

- **Best Photography:** Visit Town Hall Square during golden hour for stunning photos
- **Climb the Tower:** The Resurrection Church offers the best panoramic views of Kaunas - worth the climb!
- **Free Entry:** Many churches offer free ground floor access; only tower access requires tickets
- **Seasonal Events:** Check the festival calendar - many landmarks host special events during summer

Museums & Galleries

Kaunas is a **cultural treasure trove** with over 40 museums ranging from world-class art galleries to quirky specialized collections. As Lithuania's temporary capital from 1920-1940, the city accumulated impressive national collections that rival even Vilnius.



Must See

M.K. Čiurlionis National Art Museum

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

The **largest and most prestigious art museum** in Lithuania, established in 1921. This UNESCO-listed modernist building houses over 355,000 items including the largest collection of works by Lithuania's most famous artist *Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis* - a symbolist painter and composer. The museum features 600 years of Lithuanian art history, folk art, and international collections. A Music Hall allows visitors to listen to Čiurlionis' compositions. Check the museum's site for free-entry days.



Must See

Devils' Museum (Žmuidzinavičius Museum)

1.5 hours No Booking Needed

Map

One of the world's **most unique museums**, housing over 3,000 devil sculptures, carvings, and artifacts from around the globe. The collection was started by artist *Antanas Žmuidzinavičius* and includes devil representations from folk art, religious contexts, and modern interpretations. The museum also features the artist's beautifully preserved studio with **stunning curved windows** showcasing Kaunas modernist architecture. A truly one-of-a-kind experience that's both educational and entertaining.



Must See

Ninth Fort Museum

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

A **profoundly moving historical site** that serves as both a museum and memorial. This former military fortress became a Soviet prison and later a Nazi execution site where 50,000 people, primarily Jews, were murdered during WWII. The museum tells the intertwined stories of WWI, Soviet occupation, and the Holocaust through thoughtfully curated exhibits. The massive brutalist memorial monument outside is a powerful reminder of the atrocities. Located on the outskirts of Kaunas, this is an essential visit for understanding Lithuania's tragic 20th-century history.



Top Pick

Sugihara House (Chiune Sugihara Memorial Museum)

1-1.5 hours No Booking Needed

Map

An inspiring museum dedicated to **Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara**, who served as consul in Kaunas from 1939-1940. Despite orders from Tokyo, Sugihara issued thousands of transit visas to Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazis, saving approximately 6,000 lives. The museum, located in his former consulate, tells this remarkable story of courage and humanity. Visitors from around the world, including Japan, come to honor this "Japanese Schindler."



Notable

Kaunas Picture Gallery

1-1.5 hours No Booking Needed

Map

A vibrant contemporary art space featuring modern Lithuanian and international art, including the **George Maciunas (Fluxus) room** with works by Maciunas, Jonas Mekas, and other Fluxus movement artists. The gallery hosts rotating exhibitions, educational programs, and community events. The ground floor includes a hipster café perfect for post-gallery discussions about conceptual art.



Notable

Lithuanian Aviation Museum

1.5 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Home to a fascinating collection of actual aircraft including a copy of the legendary "*Lituanica*" plane, plus memorabilia documenting Lithuanian aviation history through photographs and artifacts. The museum features planes, helicopters, and a particularly interesting plane wreck display. Perfect for aviation enthusiasts and families. The exhibition includes well-preserved uniforms, weaponry, and a 1919 Dodge car in wonderful condition.



Notable

Historical Presidential Palace

1 hour No Booking Needed

Map

This elegant building served as the official residence of Lithuanian presidents from 1919-1940 when Kaunas was the temporary capital. Today it's a museum preserving local heritage through engaging exhibits about interwar lifestyle. The surrounding garden features monuments to all three interwar presidents. The **beautiful neo-baroque architecture** and sculpture garden make it one of Kaunas' most photogenic locations.



Optional

Museum of Medicine and Pharmacy

1 hour No Booking Needed

Map

An enormous two-floor museum tracing the **medical and pharmaceutical history of Lithuania** through authentic artifacts including two complete historic apothecary shops. The collection provides fascinating insights into the evolution of healthcare practices in the Baltic region. Particularly interesting for those curious about the history of medicine and traditional pharmacy practices.

Tips for Museums & Galleries

- **Free-entry days:** Some state-owned museums have free days; check each museum's site
- **Combined tickets:** Ask the Čiurlionis Museum and the Picture Gallery about combined tickets
- **Book in Advance:** Some specialty museums require reservations
- **Audio Guides:** Many museums offer audio guides - highly recommended for the Ninth Fort
- **Allow Extra Time:** The Ninth Fort and M.K. Čiurlionis Museum deserve at least 2-3 hours each

Religious Sites

Kaunas' religious architecture spans from **medieval Gothic masterpieces** to magnificent **Baroque monasteries**. These sacred spaces showcase Lithuania's deep Catholic heritage and architectural evolution through centuries.



Must See

Pažaislis Monastery

2-3 hours (including grounds) No Booking Needed

Map

One of the most spectacular **Baroque architectural complexes** in Eastern Europe, situated on the shores of the Kaunas Lagoon. Founded in the 17th century, this former Camaldolese monastery features breathtaking frescoes, marble decorations, and stunning dome paintings. The complex includes the church, monastery buildings, and beautiful gardens. During summer, it hosts the prestigious Pažaislis Music Festival with classical concerts. The scenic location and walking trails around the lagoon make this a perfect half-day excursion.



Top Pick

Kaunas Cathedral Basilica (St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral)

30-45 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

The main Roman Catholic cathedral in Kaunas and the **largest Gothic church in Lithuania**. This impressive 15th-century structure features beautiful vaulted ceilings, ornate altars, and stunning interior decorations. The cathedral has witnessed centuries of Lithuanian history and serves as an important spiritual center. The architecture combines Gothic and later additions, creating a harmonious blend of styles. Free entry; visitors should dress modestly.



Notable

St. Michael the Archangel Church

30 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

This striking **neo-Byzantine church** was built in 1895 for the Russian Imperial Army garrison. Its distinctive green domes and white facade make it one of Kaunas' most recognizable landmarks. During Soviet times it was converted into an art gallery, and today it occasionally hosts cultural events alongside religious services. The architecture represents a fascinating blend of Russian Orthodox and Lithuanian influences.



Notable

Church of St. George the Martyr

30 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

Located across from Kaunas Castle, this 15th-century church is one of the **finest examples of Gothic architecture** in Lithuania. Built by Franciscan monks, it features a distinctive red brick facade, arched windows, and intricate medieval detailing. Though damaged multiple times throughout history, careful restorations have preserved its original character. The church also houses a beautiful Bernardine Monastery complex.

Tips for Religious Sites

- **Modest Dress:** Shoulders and knees should be covered when visiting churches
- **Mass Times:** Avoid visiting during religious services unless you wish to participate
- **Pažaislis Visit:** Combine monastery visit with a walk on the nature trail and lunch at Monte Pacis restaurant
- **Photography:** Flash photography usually not permitted inside churches
- **Music Festival:** Check dates for Pažaislis Music Festival (May-September) for unique concert experiences

Neighborhoods & Districts

Kaunas' diverse neighborhoods tell the story of Lithuania's evolution from medieval trading hub to modern European city. The **pedestrian-friendly layout** makes exploring on foot both easy and rewarding.



Must See

Laisvės Alėja (Liberty Avenue)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

The longest pedestrian boulevard in Eastern Europe (1.7 km), serving as Kaunas' **vibrant main artery**. This tree-lined avenue connects the Old Town with the New Town, featuring Art Deco and modernist architecture, sidewalk cafés, restaurants, shops, and street performers. Perfect for leisurely strolls, people-watching, and soaking in local life. During winter, thousands of lights transform it into a magical Christmas wonderland. The avenue showcases the best of interwar Kaunas architecture.



Must See

Kaunas Old Town (Senamiestis)

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

The **historic heart of Kaunas**, beautifully restored to its medieval glory. This compact area features cobblestone streets, colorful merchant houses, Gothic churches, and charming courtyards. Key sites include Town Hall Square, Vilniaus Street (the main artery), Kaunas Castle, and numerous historic buildings. The Old Town comes alive during summer with outdoor cafés, street musicians, and cultural events. Easily walkable, with everything within close proximity.



Top Pick

Žaliakalnis (Green Hill)

2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

An elegant residential neighborhood famous for its **interwar modernist architecture** and steep streets. Home to the historic funicular railway (one of the oldest in Europe, dating to 1931), the Church of the Resurrection, and beautiful Art Deco buildings. The area offers excellent views over the city and showcases Kaunas' status as a UNESCO modernist architecture site. Great for architecture photography and experiencing local residential life.



Top Pick

Vilniaus Street

30-45 minutes No Booking Needed

Map

The main cobblestone street cutting through the Old Town, lined with **colorful historic buildings**, cafés, shops, and restaurants. This atmospheric pedestrian street connects the castle area with Town Hall Square. During nice weather, outdoor tables fill the sidewalks creating a lively European atmosphere. The street features several historic landmarks including churches and merchant houses, making it perfect for a historic walking tour.



Top Pick

New Town (Naujamiestis)

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

The area developed during the interwar period (1920-1940) when Kaunas served as Lithuania's capital. This neighborhood showcases exceptional **functionalist and Art Deco architecture**, now recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Major attractions include the M.K. Čiurlionis Museum, Vytautas the Great War Museum, and numerous modernist buildings. The area represents a unique period of Lithuanian optimism and architectural innovation.

Tips for Neighborhoods & Districts

- **Walking Tour:** Join a free walking tour to learn the history and hidden stories of Kaunas
- **Best Route:** Start at Kaunas Castle, walk through Old Town to Laisvės Alėja, end at New Town museums
- **Street Art:** Download the street art map from the visitor center to find the best murals
- **Evening Stroll:** Laisvės Alėja is magical after 4 PM when lights come on
- **Funicular Ride:** Take the historic Žaliakalnis funicular for unique city views

Parks & Gardens

Despite being Lithuania's second-largest city, Kaunas offers abundant **green spaces and natural beauty**, from riverside promenades to forest parks and lagoon shores.



Top Pick

Oak Grove (Ąžuolynas)

1-2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

A magnificent **oak forest park** located almost in the city center, covering 84 hectares. This ancient grove features towering oak trees, winding paths, a Pagan sacrifice monument, and peaceful clearings perfect for picnics. The park hosts various events including festivals and concerts. It's a favorite spot for joggers, families, and nature lovers seeking tranquility without leaving the city. The forest has a mystical quality that connects visitors to Lithuania's pagan heritage.



Top Pick

Kaunas Lagoon (Kauno Marios)

Half day to full day No Booking Needed

Map

The **largest artificial lake in Lithuania**, created in 1959. The lagoon offers numerous recreational activities including swimming, boating, kayaking, fishing, and lakeside walks. Beautiful beaches dot the shoreline, perfect for summer relaxation. The Kaunas Marios Regional Park surrounds the lagoon with scenic nature trails. Visit Pažaislis Monastery on the shore and enjoy lunch at the lakeside Monte Pacis restaurant for a perfect day trip.



Notable

S. Darius and S. Girėnas Park

1-2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

The largest park in Kaunas, named after two famous Lithuanian-American pilots. Features **Soviet-era sculptures and monuments**, wide pathways, sports facilities, and plenty of green space. The park includes a stadium and various recreational areas. Adjacent to the Kaunas Zoo, making it perfect for a family day out. The combination of nature, history, and leisure facilities makes this a popular local gathering spot.



Notable

Pažaislis Nature Trail

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Map

A scenic **2-hour walking trail** meandering through hills and slopes around the Kaunas Lagoon. The trail offers stunning panoramic views of the lagoon, surrounding villages, and the baroque Pažaislis Monastery ensemble. The landscape is equally beautiful in all seasons - summer greenery, autumn colors, or winter wonderland. Perfect for nature photography and peaceful contemplation. Reward yourself with dinner at Monte Pacis restaurant after the walk.



Notable

VMU Botanical Garden

1-2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

Housed in the historic Aukštoji Freda manor, this garden features Lithuania's **largest orangery** with tropical plants year-round. During winter, special light festivals transform the garden into a magical wonderland with illuminated figures and soundscapes. The garden offers a perfect escape, especially during cold months when you can enjoy warmth and greenery. Educational programs and seasonal exhibitions make each visit unique.



Notable

Nemunas and Neris River Confluence

1 hour No Booking Needed

Map

The romantic spot where two of Lithuania's major rivers merge, creating a **picturesque natural landmark**. The area around the confluence offers riverside walks, green spaces, and beautiful views. This location is historically significant as it determined Kaunas' strategic importance. Perfect for sunset walks and nature photography. During summer, you can join river cruises or the annual rivers festival.

Tips for Parks & Gardens

- **Summer Activities:** The lagoon is perfect for swimming and water sports June-August
- **Winter Magic:** Visit VMU Botanical Garden during winter light festivals for a unique experience
- **Picnic Spots:** Oak Grove and Darius-Girėnas Park have perfect picnic areas
- **Bike Rentals:** Many parks connect via bike paths - rent a bike to explore more efficiently
- **Sunrise/Sunset:** The river confluence and lagoon offer spectacular golden hour photography

Tours & Activities

Experience Kaunas beyond museums with **unique activities** ranging from historic funicular rides to river cruises and cultural experiences that bring the city's character to life.



Must See

Kaunas Free Walking Tour

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Discover Kaunas' hidden stories and must-see sights with knowledgeable local guides on **tip-based walking tours**. Tours typically cover Old Town highlights, interwar history, Soviet legacy, and contemporary culture. Guides share fascinating anecdotes about Kaunas as the temporary capital, the Jewish heritage, and the city's transformation. Tours usually last 2-3 hours and depart from Town Hall Square. Book online or just show up at the meeting point.



Top Pick

Žaliakalnis Funicular Railway

15-30 minutes No Booking Needed

One of the **oldest funicular railways in Europe**, operating since 1931. This charming transport connects the lower and upper parts of Žaliakalnis district, climbing at a steep 18-degree angle. The vintage carriages retain their original character while providing spectacular views during the ascent. At the top, you're near the Church of the Resurrection with panoramic city views. The Žaliakalnis funicular is listed as temporarily closed; check its status before planning a ride.



Top Pick

Kaunas Street Art Tour

2-3 hours No Booking Needed

Kaunas boasts an impressive **outdoor gallery of murals and street art**, especially in the Žaliakalnis district. Self-guided tours with maps available from the visitor center showcase works by international and Lithuanian artists. The murals tell stories of local history, culture, and contemporary issues. Highlights include massive building-side paintings, thought-provoking installations, and hidden artistic gems. Perfect for Instagram-worthy photos and understanding Kaunas' creative renaissance.



Top Pick Book Ahead

Modernist Architecture Tour

2-3 hours Book Ahead

Explore Kaunas' **UNESCO-listed interwar modernist architecture** with specialized guided tours. Learn about the 1920s-1930s building boom when Kaunas served as Lithuania's capital and became a showcase of progressive European architecture. Tours cover functionalist, Art Deco, and streamline moderne buildings including residential houses, public buildings, and the unique 'Kaunas modernism' style. Essential for architecture enthusiasts wanting to understand this globally significant architectural heritage.



Notable

Nemunas River Cruise

1-2 hours Book Ahead

Experience Kaunas from the water with **scenic river cruises** along the Nemunas River. Tours offer unique perspectives of the city's landmarks, historic riverbanks, and surrounding nature. Sunset cruises are particularly romantic and popular. Some cruises include commentary about the city's history and the river's importance to Kaunas' development. Operating seasonally from May to September, these cruises provide a relaxing way to see the city from a different angle.



Notable

Lithuanian Cuisine Tasting Tour

3-4 hours Book Ahead

Discover authentic Lithuanian flavors with **guided food tours** visiting local markets, traditional restaurants, and specialty food shops. Taste cepelinai (potato dumplings), šaltibarščiai (cold beet soup), Lithuanian cheese, dark rye bread, and locally-produced beer. Tours often include visits to Halės Market and traditional eateries where locals eat. Learn about Lithuanian culinary traditions, seasonal ingredients, and the Soviet influence on local cuisine. Some tours include cooking classes.



Notable

Bike Tour of Kaunas

3-4 hours Book Ahead

Cover more ground with **guided bicycle tours** exploring Kaunas' neighborhoods, parks, and riverbanks. Tours typically visit Old Town, New Town, the lagoon area, and green spaces while sharing historical insights. Bike rentals include helmets and the pace is leisurely, suitable for all fitness levels. Some tours combine cycling with stops at cafés or breweries. An efficient and fun way to see distant attractions like Pažaislis Monastery.

Tips for Tours & Activities

- **Free Walking Tours:** While free, tipping your guide €5-10 is customary and appreciated
- **Book River Cruises Early:** Limited departures, especially for sunset cruises - reserve ahead
- **Funicular Operating Hours:** Check schedule before visiting, operates daily but has limited evening hours
- **Architecture Apps:** Download the Kaunas architecture app for self-guided modernist tours
- **Combo Tickets:** Some tour companies offer combination packages at discounted rates

Day Trips & Excursions

Kaunas' central location makes it an ideal base for exploring **nearby attractions** including historic towns, nature reserves, and unique cultural sites throughout Lithuania.



Must See

Rumšiškės Open-Air Museum

3-4 hours No Booking Needed

Map

One of the largest **open-air ethnographic museums in Europe**, located just 20km from Kaunas. This 175-hectare site preserves authentic 18th-19th century Lithuanian village life with over 140 historic buildings relocated from across the country. Explore traditional farmhouses, windmills, churches, and craft workshops. Costumed guides demonstrate traditional crafts, and seasonal festivals bring history to life with folk music, dancing, and traditional foods. A fascinating immersion into rural Lithuanian heritage. Easily accessible by bus or car.



Must See

Trakai Island Castle

4-5 hours (including travel) No Booking Needed

Map

Lithuania's most photographed landmark, this stunning **Gothic island castle** sits on Lake Galvė, accessible via wooden footbridges. Built in the 14th century by Grand Duke Vytautas, the red brick fortress now houses a museum of Lithuanian history. The town of Trakai is also home to the unique Karaite community with distinctive wooden houses and traditional kibinai pastries. Located 100km from Kaunas (1.5 hours by car or bus), this makes an excellent day trip combining history, architecture, and lakeside scenery.



Must See

Vilnius (Capital City)

Full day No Booking Needed

Map

Lithuania's capital is just **100km from Kaunas**, making it perfect for a day trip. Vilnius boasts one of Europe's largest surviving medieval Old Towns (UNESCO site), the bohemian Užupis district, stunning Baroque architecture, and vibrant café culture. Key attractions include Vilnius Cathedral, Gediminas Castle Tower, St. Anne's Church, and the Gates of Dawn. Direct buses run every 30 minutes (1.5 hours), or take the train. Many visitors base themselves in Kaunas and day-trip to Vilnius for a more affordable and authentic experience.



Top Pick

Hill of Crosses (Kryžių Kalnas)

Full day trip No Booking Needed

Map

One of Lithuania's most iconic and spiritual sites, this **pilgrimage destination** features tens of thousands of crosses of all sizes covering a small hill. The site symbolizes Lithuanian resilience - despite Soviet attempts to destroy it, people continuously replaced the crosses. Located 150km north of Kaunas near Šiauliai (2 hours by car), the Hill of Crosses is both visually striking and deeply moving. The endless forest of crosses creates an unforgettable spiritual atmosphere. Combine with a visit to Šiauliai city.



Notable

Kernavė Archaeological Site

Half day No Booking Needed

Map

A **UNESCO World Heritage Site** featuring five impressive ancient hill forts and one of Lithuania's most important archaeological areas. Once the medieval capital of Lithuania, Kernavė offers stunning hilltop views and fascinating excavations revealing 10,000 years of human settlement. The site museum displays archaeological finds and explains the area's significance. During summer, the site hosts a spectacular medieval festival. Located 120km from Kaunas (can combine with Trakai in one day).



Notable

Birštonas Spa Town

Half to full day No Booking Needed

Map

A charming **resort town** famous for mineral springs and spa treatments, located 45km south of Kaunas in a picturesque Nemunas River loop. The town offers spa hotels, sanatoriums, forest walks, river beaches, and the quirky Museum of Rare Stones. Perfect for a relaxing day trip or overnight spa retreat. The scenic riverside promenade and pine forests provide peaceful escapes. Birštonas also hosts hot air balloon festivals and is a popular cycling destination.



Notable

Zapyškis Church

1-2 hours No Booking Needed

Map

One of Lithuania's most unique churches, this **Gothic red brick structure** stands dramatically alone in the middle of Kaunas Lagoon floodplains. Built in 1577, the church creates stunning photographic compositions, especially during spring floods when it appears to float on water. Located 15km from Kaunas, it's a quick excursion offering spectacular photo opportunities. The surrounding countryside and lagoon views add to the mystical atmosphere. Best visited in early morning or sunset light.

Tips for Day Trips & Excursions

- **Bus Connections:** Excellent bus network connects Kaunas to most destinations - book via autobusubilietai.lt
- **Rental Car:** Consider renting a car for flexibility visiting multiple sites in one day
- **Guided Tours:** Day trip tours from Kaunas to Trakai, Vilnius, and other sites available from tour operators
- **Start Early:** Begin day trips early to maximize time at destinations
- **Combine Destinations:** Trakai and Kernavė can be visited in one full day with a car

Food & Dining

Real, highly-rated Restaurants in Kaunas, sourced from Google Places (rating above 4★).



NEIGHBOURHOOD★★★★★ 4.9 (243)

1-2 hours

Map

NEIGHBOURHOOD is a highly-rated restaurant in Kaunas, rated 4.9★ from 243 reviews. Located at E. Ožeškienės g. 3-1, Kaunas, 44253 Kauno m. sav, Lithuania.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM



DIA★★★★★ 4.8 (1,649)

1-2 hours

Map

DIA is a highly-rated restaurant in Kaunas, rated 4.8★ from 1649 reviews. Located at Maironio g. 9, 44298 Kaunas, Lithuania.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 9:00 PM



Chačapuri Bistro @ Laisvės al. 44★★★★★ 4.8 (731)

1-2 hours

Map

Chačapuri Bistro @ Laisvės al. 44 is a highly-rated restaurant in Kaunas, rated 4.8★ from 731 reviews. Located at Laisvės al. 44, Kaunas, 44246 Kauno m. sav, Lithuania.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM



Devi Indian Restaurant★★★★★ 4.8 (532)

1-2 hours

Map

Devi Indian Restaurant is a highly-rated restaurant in Kaunas, rated 4.8★ from 532 reviews. Located at Vilniaus gatvė 13, 44280 Kaunas, Lithuania.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM



Moksha★★★★★ 4.8 (716)

1-2 hours

Map

Moksha is a highly-rated restaurant in Kaunas, rated 4.8★ from 716 reviews. Located at Vasario 16-osios g. 6-1, 44250 Kaunas, Lithuania.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: Closed
- Wednesday: Closed
- Thursday: 12:00 – 9:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 – 9:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 9:00 PM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 8:00 PM



Mamma Kitchen Stories★★★★★ 4.7 (1,271)

1-2 hours

Map

Mamma Kitchen Stories is a highly-rated restaurant in Kaunas, rated 4.7★ from 1271 reviews. Located at V. Putvinskio g. 53, 44248 Kaunas, Lithuania.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:00 AM – 9:30 PM
- Tuesday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM



Nüman★★★★★ 4.7 (591)

1-2 hours

Map

Nüman is a highly-rated restaurant in Kaunas, rated 4.7★ from 591 reviews. Located at Nemuno g. 43, 44288 Kaunas, Lithuania.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 5:00 – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 3:00 – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Liberty Avenue★★★★★ 4.7 (247)

1-2 hours

Map

Liberty Avenue is a highly-rated restaurant in Kaunas, rated 4.7★ from 247 reviews. Located at Laisvės al. 97, 44291 Kaunas, Lithuania.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 11:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM



Momo grill Kaunas★★★★★ 4.7 (1,317)

1-2 hours

Map

Momo grill Kaunas is a highly-rated restaurant in Kaunas, rated 4.7★ from 1317 reviews. Located at Karaliaus Mindaugo pr. 18a, 44295 Kaunas, Lithuania.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed



Two Senses★★★★★ 4.6 (123)

1-2 hours

Map

Two Senses is a highly-rated restaurant in Kaunas, rated 4.6★ from 123 reviews. Located at K. Donelaičio g. 27, 44240 Kaunas, Lithuania.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 6:30 – 10:30 AM, 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 6:30 – 10:30 AM, 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 6:30 – 10:30 AM, 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 6:30 – 10:30 AM, 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 6:30 – 10:30 AM, 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Saturday: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- Sunday: 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM



Uoksas★★★★★ 4.6 (910)

1-2 hours

Map

Uoksas is a highly-rated restaurant in Kaunas, rated 4.6★ from 910 reviews. Located at Maironio g. 28, 44249 Kaunas, Lithuania.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 6:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 6:00 – 11:00 PM
- Saturday: 3:00 – 11:00 PM
- Sunday: Closed



BRUNCH BAR®★★★★★ 4.6 (677)

1-2 hours

Map

BRUNCH BAR® is a highly-rated restaurant in Kaunas, rated 4.6★ from 677 reviews. Located at Muitinės g. 11-3, 44280 Kaunas, Lithuania.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Wednesday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Thursday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Saturday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Sunday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM



ARTI Restoranas★★★★★ 4.6 (274)

1-2 hours

Map

ARTI Restoranas is a highly-rated restaurant in Kaunas, rated 4.6★ from 274 reviews. Located at Vilniaus gatvė 24, 44287 Kaunas, Lithuania.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM



Pelėdinė★★★★★ 4.6 (1,770)

1-2 hours

Map

Pelėdinė is a highly-rated restaurant in Kaunas, rated 4.6★ from 1770 reviews. Located at Šv. Gertrūdos g. 22, 44260 Kaunas, Lithuania.

Opening Hours

- Monday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Tuesday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:30 AM – 10:00 PM
- Friday: 11:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 12:00 – 10:00 PM



Mangal★★★★★ 4.6 (1,484)

1-2 hours

Map

Mangal is a highly-rated restaurant in Kaunas, rated 4.6★ from 1484 reviews. Located at Laisvės al. 25, 44311 Kaunas, Lithuania.

Opening Hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Thursday: 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Friday: 11:00 AM – 12:00 AM
- Saturday: 11:30 AM – 12:00 AM
- Sunday: 11:30 AM – 11:00 PM

Practical Information

Best Time to Visit Kaunas

Peak Season (May-September): The most popular time with warm weather, long daylight hours, and numerous festivals. Average temperatures range from 15-23°C (59-73°F). All attractions open, outdoor cafés buzzing, and river cruises operating. Book accommodations in advance, especially during major events.

Shoulder Season (April, October): Ideal for budget travelers seeking fewer crowds. Weather can be unpredictable (5-15°C / 41-59°F) but the city remains charming. Museums and indoor attractions fully operational. Beautiful autumn colors in October make parks particularly photogenic.

Winter Season (November-March): Cold temperatures (-5 to 5°C / 23-41°F) but magical Christmas markets, festive lights on Laisvės Alėja, and winter light festivals at botanical gardens. Lowest accommodation prices. Perfect for museum hopping and cozy café culture. Snow can add romantic atmosphere.

Monthly Breakdown:

- **June-August:** Warmest weather, peak tourist season, Pažaislis Music Festival, outdoor events
- **May & September:** Pleasant temperatures, fewer tourists, good value
- **December:** Christmas markets, festive atmosphere, winter wonderland
- **January-February:** Coldest but cheapest, indoor attractions, authentic local experience
- **April:** Spring awakening, Easter celebrations, nature comes alive

Recommended Duration: 2-3 days for main attractions, 4-5 days including day trips to Trakai, Vilnius, or Rumšiškės.

Getting to Kaunas

By Air:

Kaunas International Airport (KUN) is located 14km from the city center. Ryanair hub with connections to major European cities. *Getting to city:* Bus #29 runs to city center (30 min, €1), taxis cost €10-15, Bolt/Uber available. Airport facilities include ATMs, currency exchange, and car rentals.

Vilnius Airport (VNO) is Lithuania's main airport, 100km away (1.5 hours). More international connections. Direct buses to Kaunas run frequently (€6-9, book at autobusubilietai.lt).

By Train:

Kaunas Railway Station connects to Vilnius (1.5 hours, €5-7), with less frequent services to other Lithuanian cities. International trains run to/from Poland. Check schedules at litrail.lt.

By Bus:

Excellent bus connections throughout Lithuania and to neighboring countries. Main bus station located centrally. Buses to Vilnius every 30 minutes (1.5 hours, €5-8). Book at autobusubilietai.lt or lux.express.eu.

By Car:

Kaunas is on the Via Baltica highway (E67) connecting Tallinn to Warsaw. Well-maintained roads. Parking in city center costs €0.50-1.50/hour. Free parking in residential areas outside center.

Getting Around Kaunas

Public Transportation:

Efficient **trolleybuses and buses** cover the entire city. Single ticket: €1 (from driver), €0.65 (electronic card). Day pass: €3. Purchase **Kaunastic Card** at kiosks for multi-day unlimited travel. Validate tickets when boarding. Service: 5 AM-11 PM daily. Route maps available at www.kautra.lt.

Funicular:

Historic **Žaliakalnis Funicular** connects upper and lower parts of the city (€1, operates 7 AM-8 PM).

Taxis & Ride-Sharing:

Bolt is the most popular ride-sharing app, cheaper than traditional taxis. Uber also available. Typical ride across city: €3-6. Official taxis charge starting fare €1.50 + €0.65/km.

Bike Rental:

City bike-sharing system available with stations throughout center. CityBee and other operators offer app-based bike rentals (€0.05-0.15/min). Dedicated bike lanes on major streets. Perfect for exploring riverbanks and parks.

Walking:

Old Town and city center are compact and **highly walkable**. Laisvės Alėja pedestrian boulevard makes strolling pleasant. Most major attractions within 2-3km of each other.

Car Rental:

Available at airport and city locations. Recommended for day trips. Daily rates from €20-40. International license accepted. Drive on right side. Speed limits: 50 km/h (city), 90 km/h (rural), 130 km/h (highway).

✈ Airport Transfer

Kaunas Airport (KUN) to city center:

- **Bus Route 29:** Direct service to Kaunas bus station in about 35 minutes, tickets around €1.50
- **Taxi:** Roughly 15 minutes to the city center, typically €15-20
- **Private Transfer:** Pre-booked door-to-door car service in about 15-20 minutes, around €25-30

Shopping in Kaunas

What to Buy:

- **Linen Products:** Lithuania is famous for high-quality linen textiles - tablecloths, clothing, home goods. Visit Lithuanian Linen store on Laisvės Alėja
- **Amber Jewelry:** Baltic amber in unique Lithuanian designs. Many shops in Old Town offer authentic pieces with certificates
- **Wooden Crafts:** Hand-carved wooden items, traditional kitchen utensils, decorative sculptures
- **Lithuanian Honey:** Pure, organic honey varieties from local beekeepers
- **Krupnikas:** Traditional Lithuanian honey liqueur, perfect souvenir
- **Black Rye Bread:** Dense, dark bread (vacuum-sealed for travel)
- **Lithuanian Cheese:** Try džiugas (aged hard cheese) or fermented cheese varieties
- **Handmade Pottery:** Ceramic pieces in traditional and contemporary designs
- **Soviet-era Memorabilia:** Vintage items at flea markets (verify legality for export)
- **Art & Crafts:** Local artist works, folk art, textiles from craft markets

Shopping Areas:

Laisvės Alėja: Main shopping boulevard with local boutiques, international brands, linen shops, amber stores, and cafés. Great for leisurely shopping and people-watching.

Old Town: Vilniaus Street and surrounding area feature souvenir shops, art galleries, craft stores, and amber jewelry boutiques. More touristy but authentic quality available.

Akropolis: Largest shopping mall in Kaunas (Karaliaus Mindaugo pr. 49) with 200+ stores, restaurants, cinema, bowling. One-stop shopping for international brands and necessities.

MEGA Shopping Center: Another large mall with fashion, electronics, supermarket, and entertainment options.

Kaunas Central Market (Kauno Halės Turgus): Fantastic covered market offering fresh produce, meats, dairy, honey, local foods, and cheap meals. Open daily. Perfect for food souvenirs and authentic local experience.

Flea Market (Panemunės Turgavietė): Saturday morning flea market with Soviet memorabilia, antiques, vintage items, and curiosities. Bargaining expected.

Shopping Tips:

- **Bargaining:** Not customary in regular shops but acceptable at flea markets
- **VAT Refund:** Non-EU visitors can claim 21% VAT refund on purchases over €55. Ask for Tax-Free form
- **Opening Hours:** Shops generally open 10 AM-8 PM (malls until 10 PM). Sunday hours may be shorter
- **Payment:** Cards widely accepted. Some market vendors prefer cash
- **Authenticity:** Buy amber from reputable shops with certificates to avoid plastic imitations

Craft Markets & Fairs:

Seasonal craft markets appear on Town Hall Square and at various festivals throughout the year, offering handmade goods directly from artisans. Check event calendar for dates.

Annual Events & Festivals

Major Annual Events:

Pažaislis Music Festival (May-September): Lithuania's most prestigious classical music festival held in the stunning Baroque Pažaislis Monastery. International orchestras, renowned soloists, and chamber ensembles perform in the monastery's acoustically perfect spaces. Weekend concerts throughout summer.

Kaunas Jazz Festival (April): One of Europe's longest-running jazz festivals since 1991. International and Lithuanian jazz musicians perform across multiple venues in the city center. Four days of concerts, jam sessions, and workshops.

Operetta Festival (May-June): Celebration of operetta and musical theater at Kaunas State Musical Theatre. Performances by Lithuanian and international companies.

Kaunas City Birthday (May 20): City-wide celebrations with concerts, street performances, markets, historical reenactments, and fireworks. Free events throughout the Old Town and Laisvės Alėja.

Midsummer Night (June 23-24 / Joninės): Traditional Lithuanian pagan celebration with bonfires, folk songs, flower wreaths, and rituals. Events at Rumšiškės Open-Air Museum and various locations around Kaunas.

Street Music Day (May): Musicians perform on streets throughout the city creating a festive atmosphere. Completely free, spontaneous performances everywhere.

Kaunas Hanseatic Days (June, biennial): Medieval festival celebrating Kaunas' Hanseatic League heritage. Period costumes, medieval market, crafts demonstrations, performances, and historical reenactments in Old Town.

Castle Jazz Festival (June-July): Jazz concerts held in the atmospheric courtyard of Kaunas Castle. Intimate performances under the stars.

Rivers Festival (July): Celebration of Nemunas and Neris rivers with concerts, water activities, boat races, and entertainment along the riverbanks.

Kaunas Film Days (Scanovian Summer) (August): Nordic film festival showcasing Scandinavian cinema. Outdoor screenings and indoor premieres.

Kaunas International Film Festival (October-November): Major film event featuring international competition, retrospectives, and special programs.

Christmas Market (December): Festive market on Town Hall Square with handcrafted gifts, traditional foods, hot drinks, entertainment, and magical decorations. Laisvės Alėja illuminated with thousands of lights.

Užgavėnės (Shrove Tuesday, February): Traditional carnival before Lent with pancakes, costumes, masks, and the burning of a winter effigy. Folk celebrations at Rumšiškės Museum.

National Lithuanian Holidays:

- **January 1:** New Year's Day
- **February 16:** Day of Restoration of the State of Lithuania (1918) - National holiday with ceremonies
- **March 11:** Day of Restoration of Independence (1990) - National celebrations
- **Easter Monday:** Moveable holiday
- **May 1:** International Labor Day
- **June 24:** St. John's Day (Rasos/Joninės) - Traditional celebrations
- **July 6:** Statehood Day (King Mindaugas coronation 1253)
- **August 15:** Assumption Day
- **November 1:** All Saints' Day - Cemeteries filled with candles, solemn atmosphere
- **December 25-26:** Christmas - Most businesses closed, family-focused

Note: Many shops and attractions close on national holidays. Plan accordingly.

Cultural Highlights:

Throughout 2022-2023, Kaunas served as **European Capital of Culture**, leaving a legacy of enhanced cultural programming, restored venues, and increased international attention. The cultural scene remains vibrant with ongoing festivals, exhibitions, and performances.

Sample Itineraries for Kaunas

Day 1: Historic Kaunas Essentials

Morning (9:00-12:30):

- Start at **Kaunas Castle** (9:00-10:00) - Explore the ruins and learn medieval history
- Walk to **Town Hall Square** (10:15-10:45) - Photo stop at the "White Swan," grab coffee at outdoor café
- Stroll **Vilniaus Street** (10:45-11:15) - Browse shops and admire colorful architecture
- Visit **Perkūnas House** (11:15-12:00) - Gothic architecture and ceramics museum
- See **Kaunas Cathedral Basilica** (12:00-12:30) - Lithuania's largest Gothic church

Lunch (12:30-14:00): Traditional Lithuanian meal at Bernelių Užeiga or Senieji Rūsiai in Old Town

Afternoon (14:00-18:00):

- Walk **Laisvės Alėja** (14:00-15:00) - Window shopping and people watching
- Visit **M.K. Čiurlionis National Art Museum** (15:00-17:30) - Lithuania's premier art collection
- Ride **Žaliakalnis Funicular** (17:30-18:00) - Historic railway to hilltop

Evening (18:00-21:00):

- Visit **Church of the Resurrection** (18:00-19:00) - Climb tower for sunset panoramic views
- Dinner at Momo Grill or 19th-century-themed restaurant
- Evening stroll through illuminated Laisvės Alėja

Day 2: Museums & Modernism

Morning (9:00-13:00):

- **Devils' Museum** (9:00-10:30) - Unique collection in beautiful modernist house
- Coffee break at Vero Café or hipster café in New Town
- **Historical Presidential Palace** (11:00-12:00) - Interwar period elegance
- **Vytautas the Great War Museum** or **Lithuanian Aviation Museum** (12:00-13:30)

Lunch (13:30-14:30): Modern Lithuanian cuisine at Uoksas or Monte Pacis (if going to Pažaislis)

Afternoon (14:30-18:30):

- Travel to **Pažaislis Monastery** (30 min by bus/taxi)
- Explore monastery complex (15:00-17:00) - Baroque masterpiece, walk grounds
- Walk **Pažaislis Nature Trail** (17:00-18:30) - Lagoon views

Evening (19:00-21:00):

- Return to city center for dinner at Džiaugsmas or sophisticated restaurant
- Drinks at rooftop bar or craft beer pub

Day 3: Culture & Contemporary

Morning (10:00-13:00):

- **Sugihara House** (10:00-11:30) - Moving WWII history
- **Žaliakalnis Street Art Tour** (11:30-13:00) - Self-guided with map, Instagram-worthy murals

Lunch (13:00-14:00): Trendy café in Žaliakalnis neighborhood

Afternoon (14:00-18:00):

- **Kaunas Central Market** (14:00-15:00) - Local food products, atmosphere
- **Oak Grove Park** (15:00-16:30) - Peaceful forest walk in city center
- **Kaunas Picture Gallery** (16:30-18:00) - Contemporary art and Fluxus collection

Evening (18:00-21:00):

- Farewell dinner at farm-to-table restaurant Nüman
- Evening drinks at speakeasy-style bar or wine bar

Day 4: Day Trip to Rumšiškės & Trakai

Morning (8:00-13:00):

- Depart early for **Rumšiškės Open-Air Museum** (20 min drive)
- Explore ethnographic village (9:00-12:30) - Traditional buildings, crafts
- Light snack at museum café

Afternoon (13:00-19:00):

- Drive to **Trakai** (1 hour from Rumšiškės)
- Lunch in Trakai - Try traditional Karaite kibinai pastries (14:00-15:00)
- Visit **Trakai Island Castle** (15:00-17:00) - Museum and grounds
- Walk around the lake (17:00-18:00)
- Return to Kaunas (18:00-19:00)

Evening (19:00): Relaxed dinner in Kaunas

Day 5: Sobering History & Nature

Morning (9:00-13:00):

- **Ninth Fort Museum** (9:00-12:00) - Holocaust memorial and museum, deeply moving
- Reflection time at monument
- **VMU Botanical Garden** (12:00-13:00) - Peaceful greenery after heavy history

Lunch (13:00-14:00): Light lunch at café near Darius-Girėnas Park

Afternoon (14:00-18:00):

- **Ninth Fort Museum** (14:30-16:00) - 20th-century history
- Free time: **Kaunas Lagoon** walk or **S. Darius & S. Girėnas Park**
- Shopping for souvenirs on Laisvės Alėja

Evening (18:00-21:00):

- Farewell dinner at Monai or special occasion restaurant
- Sunset walk along Nemunas River

Itinerary Tips:

- Adjust timing based on your interests - art lovers need more museum time
- Many museums closed Mondays - plan accordingly
- Book any guided tours in advance
- Consider public transport vs. taxi for efficiency
- Leave flexibility for spontaneous discoveries
- Check festival calendar and adjust itinerary to catch events

Best Photography & Instagram Locations

Iconic Viewpoints:

Church of the Resurrection Terrace: The *ultimate panoramic view* of Kaunas from the observation deck. Visit during golden hour (1-2 hours before sunset) for warm light over the city. €3 elevator ticket worth every cent. **Best time:** Late afternoon/early evening.

Town Hall Square (Rotušės aikštė): The "White Swan" Town Hall is most photogenic from the square center. **Morning light** illuminates the white facade beautifully. During Christmas, the decorated square with lights creates magical shots. **Best time:** 9-11 AM or evening with lights.

Kaunas Castle: Photograph the medieval ruins from multiple angles - from the courtyard, from across the park, and from the riverbank. The castle against sunset sky is particularly dramatic. Include the nearby river confluence. **Best time:** Golden hour (evening).

Laisvės Alėja at Night: The pedestrian boulevard transforms into a sea of lights after dark, especially during winter holidays. Capture the perspective down the entire length or focus on architectural details. Light trails from occasional service vehicles add movement. **Best time:** Blue hour to nighttime.

Žaliakalnis Funicular: Ride the vintage funicular and photograph both from inside (looking down the steep track) and from outside (the cars ascending). The Art Deco stations are architectural gems. **Best time:** Midday for interior shots, late afternoon for exterior light.

Architectural Photography:

Žaliakalnis Modernist Buildings: The UNESCO-listed interwar architecture district offers countless photo opportunities. Look for curved corners, porthole windows, horizontal lines, and pastel colors. The Devils' Museum building showcases stunning curved windows. **Best time:** Morning or late afternoon for directional light on facades.

Perkūnas House: The Gothic brick facade with its distinctive stepped gables makes a striking architectural study. Photograph from the street or include surrounding context. **Best time:** Afternoon when front facade is well-lit.

St. Michael the Archangel Church: The neo-Byzantine green domes and white walls are incredibly photogenic against blue skies. Position yourself on the adjacent park for unobstructed views. **Best time:** Midday on clear days.

Nature & Scenery:

Pažaislis Monastery with Lagoon: The Baroque monastery reflected in the Kaunas Lagoon creates stunning compositions. Walk the nature trail for elevated viewpoints. The monastery gardens and architecture offer multiple perspectives. **Best time:** Early morning for mist, sunset for golden light.

Nemunas & Neris Rivers Confluence: Photograph where the two rivers meet near Kaunas Castle. Best views from the elevated riverbank paths or from Santakos Park. Include castle in frame. **Best time:** Sunset.

Zapyškis Church in Floodplains: This isolated Gothic church in open fields creates surreal, minimalist compositions. Visit during spring floods when water surrounds the church. Morning mist adds ethereal quality. **Best time:** Early morning spring or evening golden hour.

Oak Grove (Ąžuolynas): Ancient oak trees create cathedral-like forest atmospheres. Capture sun rays filtering through canopy, or autumn colors on forest floor. The pagan sacrifice stone adds mystical element. **Best time:** Early morning for light rays, autumn for colors.

Street Art & Urban:

Žaliakalnis Murals: Massive building-side murals throughout the neighborhood. Key spots include murals by Aryz, Sainer, and other international artists. Get the street art map from visitor center. **Best time:** Depends on mural orientation - visit morning and afternoon.

Courtyard Photography: Old Town courtyards offer intimate architectural details - cobblestones, vintage signs, climbing vines, colored walls. Ask permission before entering private courtyards. **Best time:** Midday for even light in narrow

spaces.

Seasonal Specialties:

Christmas Markets (December): Town Hall Square transforms into a winter wonderland. Capture decorated stalls, twinkling lights, and crowds in festive atmosphere. Long exposure for light trails and soft crowd blur.

Laisvės Alėja Christmas Lights: Thousands of hanging lights create magical tunnels. Use wide-angle lens for full effect or zoom for light bokeh details.

Spring Blossoms (April-May): Parks burst with flowering trees. Oak Grove and botanical gardens offer beautiful blossom photography.

Autumn Colors (October): Parks and tree-lined streets glow with fall foliage. The nature trail around Pažaislis offers spectacular autumn scenery.

Photography Tips:

- **Golden Hour Magic:** Time your visits 1 hour after sunrise or before sunset for warm, flattering light
- **Blue Hour:** 20-30 minutes after sunset when sky turns deep blue - perfect for cityscapes with lights
- **Weather Apps:** Use weather apps to find good light days; even rain creates moody atmospheres
- **Tripod Spots:** Town Hall Square, riverside paths, and park viewpoints allow tripod use
- **Drone Regulations:** Drones restricted in city center; check regulations before flying
- **Respect Privacy:** Ask permission before photographing people closely or inside shops
- **Church Photography:** No flash inside churches; be discreet during services
- **Unique Angles:** Don't just shoot straight on - look for reflections, through doorways, or elevated positions

Instagram Hashtags:

#Kaunas #VisitKaunas #KaunasLithuania #ExploreKaunas #LithuaniaTravel #BalticStates #KaunasModernism #KaunasCastle #Pazaislis #DevílsMuseum

Electricity & Adapters

Voltage: 230V

Frequency: 50 Hz

Plug Types: Type C (European 2-pin) and Type F (Schuko with grounding)

Do You Need an Adapter?

- **European travelers:** No adapter needed - standard EU plugs work throughout Lithuania
- **UK travelers:** YES - need adapter from UK 3-pin to EU 2-pin
- **US/Canadian travelers:** YES - need adapter from US 2-pin to EU 2-pin. Most modern electronics (phones, laptops) have dual voltage (110-240V) so only adapter needed, not converter
- **Australian travelers:** YES - need adapter from Australian plugs to EU 2-pin

Buying Adapters:

Universal travel adapters available at Kaunas Airport shops, electronics stores (Topo Centras, Elektro Pasaulis), and larger supermarkets. Prices: €5-15 depending on quality. Better to purchase before traveling for convenience and better prices.

Voltage Converters:

Most modern electronic devices (smartphones, laptops, tablets, camera chargers) automatically handle 110-240V and only need a plug adapter. Check device label. Hair dryers, curling irons, and older electronics may require a voltage converter (heavy and expensive) or consider buying a dual-voltage device.

Charging Facilities:

All hotels, hostels, and Airbnb accommodations provide EU-standard outlets. Cafés typically allow charging - just ask politely. Some public spaces have USB charging stations. Libraries and shopping centers offer charging opportunities.

USB Charging:

USB charging becoming universal. Bring USB cables and plug adapters with USB ports for convenience. Many accommodations now have USB outlets built into walls.

Pro Tip: Bring a power strip from home with multiple outlets if traveling with several devices - saves needing multiple adapters.

Lithuanian Cuisine & Dining in Kaunas

Must-Try Dishes:

Cepelinai (Didžkukuliai): The *ultimate Lithuanian dish* - large potato dumplings shaped like zeppelins, stuffed with ground meat or curd cheese, topped with sour cream and bacon bits. Heavy and filling comfort food. Try at Bernelių Užeiga or Senieji Rūsiai.

Šaltibarščiai (Cold Beet Soup): Bright pink cold soup made from beets, cucumbers, dill, kefir, and served with hot boiled potatoes. Refreshing summer dish that looks as distinctive as it tastes. Popular May-September.

Bulviniai Blynai (Potato Pancakes): Crispy grated potato pancakes served with sour cream or meat sauce. Simple but delicious traditional fare.

Kibinai: Traditional Karaite pastries - half-moon shaped pies filled with mutton or chicken, onions, and spices. Must-try in nearby Trakai, but also available at some Kaunas bakeries.

Šakotis (Tree Cake): Distinctive spiky cake that's a centerpiece of Lithuanian celebrations. Made by dripping batter onto rotating spit over fire. Sweet, eggy flavor. Available at bakeries.

Kepta Duona (Fried Bread): Dark rye bread sticks fried and rubbed with garlic, served with cheese sauce. Perfect beer snack in Lithuanian pubs.

Kugelis (Potato Pudding): Baked potato casserole with eggs, bacon, and onions. Crispy outside, soft inside. Traditional homestyle dish.

Skilandis: Traditional Lithuanian sausage made in pig stomach, cold-smoked. Served sliced as appetizer.

Smoked Fish: Lithuania's lakes and rivers provide excellent smoked fish, especially at markets. Try smoked eel or salmon.

Lithuanian Cheese (Sūris): Try džiūgas (aged hard cheese similar to parmesan) or fresh curd cheese used in desserts.

Lithuanian Beverages:

Lithuanian Beer: Excellent local craft beers including Švyturys, Utenos, and microbreweries. Try locally brewed IPAs, stouts, and traditional lagers. Visit craft beer pubs like Būsi Trečias or Avilys brewery-restaurant.

Krupnikas: Traditional honey liqueur spiced with herbs and spices. Served warm in winter or cold in summer. Makes excellent souvenir.

Midus (Mead): Ancient honey wine, Lithuania's oldest alcoholic beverage. Available in sweet and dry varieties.

Gira (Kvass): Slightly fermented non-alcoholic beverage made from rye bread. Refreshing summer drink sold from street kiosks.

Lithuanian Vodka: Try locally produced varieties, often flavored with herbs or fruits.

Where to Eat:

Traditional Lithuanian Cuisine:

- **Bernelių Užeiga:** Authentic traditional Lithuanian food in cozy folk-style setting. Famous for cepelinai and potato pancakes. Old Town location. Budget-friendly. €8-15/meal.
- **Senieji Rūsiai (Old Cellars):** Medieval cellar restaurant in Old Town serving traditional dishes with modern presentation. Try the tasting menu. €15-25/meal.
- **Miesto Sodas:** Beautiful garden restaurant serving refined Lithuanian cuisine using seasonal local ingredients. Reservations recommended. €20-35/meal.

Modern Lithuanian / Farm-to-Table:

- **Uoksas:** Contemporary Lithuanian cuisine with creative twists. Focus on local, seasonal ingredients. Stylish atmosphere. €25-40/meal.
- **Nüman:** Hip farm-to-table restaurant emphasizing local producers. Creative menu changes seasonally. €20-35/meal.
- **Džiaugsmas:** Modern Lithuanian with international influences. Sophisticated dining experience. €25-40/meal.

International Cuisine:

- **Momo Grill:** Asian fusion, sushi, and grilled dishes. Popular with locals and tourists. €15-30/meal.
- **Monte Pacis:** Italian-Mediterranean cuisine in stunning Pažaislis Monastery setting. Perfect for special occasions or after monastery visit. €25-45/meal.
- **Monai:** Upscale restaurant with European fusion cuisine. Beautiful presentation, excellent wine list. €30-50/meal.

Casual & Budget-Friendly:

- **Kaunas Central Market (Halės Turgus):** Cheap, authentic local meals at market cafeterias. Try Lithuanian home cooking for €4-8. Cash only at some vendors.
- **Spurginė:** Lithuanian doughnut shops serving fresh sweet and savory doughnuts. Perfect quick breakfast. €1-3.
- **Čili Pica:** Lithuanian pizza chain with generous portions and good value. Familiar option for families. €8-15/meal.
- **Grill London:** Popular burger chain. Quality burgers at reasonable prices. €8-12/meal.

Cafés & Bakeries:

- **Vero Café:** Multiple locations, excellent coffee, pastries, and light meals. Popular local chain. €5-12.
- **Kavos Architektai:** Specialty coffee roasters with hipster vibe. Best espresso in Kaunas.
- **Žemaičių Smuklė:** Traditional Lithuanian café serving homestyle food and baked goods.
- **La Crepe:** French-style crêperie with sweet and savory options. Laisvės Alėja location.

Dining Tips:

- **Reservations:** Recommended for upscale restaurants, especially Friday-Saturday evenings
- **Lunch Specials:** Many restaurants offer €5-8 lunch deals (pietų meniu) on weekdays 12-3 PM
- **Tipping:** 10% is standard for good service, not mandatory. Round up or leave small tip at casual places
- **Meal Times:** Lithuanians eat lunch 12-2 PM, dinner 6-8 PM. Some restaurants close between lunch and dinner
- **Vegetarian Options:** Growing but still limited. Check menu beforehand or ask "Ar turite vegetariškų patiekalų?" (Do you have vegetarian dishes?)
- **English Menus:** Common in tourist areas and upscale restaurants. Less common at traditional local spots - use translation app
- **Payment:** Cards widely accepted. Some market vendors and small cafés prefer cash
- **Food Portions:** Lithuanian portions are generous. Consider sharing or ordering appetizers only for light meals
- **Allergies:** Inform staff about allergies - "Aš turiu alergiją..." (I have allergy to...)

Local Food Experiences:

Kaunas Central Market: Don't miss exploring the covered market. Sample local cheeses, honey, smoked meats, fresh produce, and baked goods. Upstairs cafeteria serves authentic cheap meals. Great for breakfast or lunch. Cash recommended.

Food Tours: Several companies offer guided food tours combining history, culture, and tastings of traditional dishes. Usually 3-4 hours including 6-8 stops.

Craft Beer Tastings: Visit microbreweries like Avilys or craft beer pubs for tasting flights of Lithuanian beers.

Cooking Classes: Some tour operators offer Lithuanian cooking classes where you learn to make cepelinai or other traditional dishes.

Dietary Restrictions:

Vegetarian: Limited traditional options (potato dishes, soups, salads) but modern restaurants offer good vegetarian menus. Look for "vegetariška" on menus.

Vegan: Growing vegan scene with dedicated restaurants and options at modern cafés. Traditional Lithuanian cuisine is very meat-heavy.

Gluten-Free: Challenging as bread and potato-based dishes dominate. Upscale restaurants can accommodate - inform staff in advance.

Halal/Kosher: Very limited options. Check with local Muslim/Jewish communities or stick to vegetarian/fish dishes.

Food Shopping:

Supermarkets: Maxima, Iki, Rimi, Lidl offer groceries at reasonable prices. Open daily, long hours. Self-catering a budget-friendly option.

Money & Currency

Currency: Euro (EUR / €)

Exchange Rate: Check current rates at xe.com. As of 2025, approximately: €1 = $1.08 USD, €1 = £0.85 GBP

Getting Cash:

ATMs (Bankomats): Widely available throughout Kaunas at banks, shopping centers, and main streets. Most accept international cards (Visa, Mastercard, Maestro). Withdraw from bank ATMs to avoid fees - look for SEB, Swedbank, Luminor. ATMs offer better exchange rates than currency exchange offices. Typical withdrawal fee: €2-5 from your home bank.

Currency Exchange: Available at airport, banks, and exchange offices (keitykla). Banks generally offer better rates than airport exchanges. Avoid exchanging at hotels - worst rates. Shop around and compare rates. Exchange offices on Laisvės Alėja convenient but check rates carefully.

Banks: Open Monday-Friday 9 AM-5 PM, closed weekends. Major banks: SEB, Swedbank, Luminor, Šiaulių Bankas.

Using Cards:

Credit/Debit Cards: Widely accepted at hotels, restaurants, shops, museums, and supermarkets. Contactless payment common and convenient. Some small businesses, market vendors, and budget eateries prefer cash. Always carry €20-50 cash for markets, tips, and small purchases.

Card Tips: Inform your bank of travel dates to avoid card blocks. Check foreign transaction fees - some cards charge 2-3% on international purchases. Consider a travel-friendly card with no foreign fees.

Costs & Budget:

Budget Traveler (€30-50/day):

- Hostel bed: €12-18
- Supermarket meals & cheap eats: €10-15
- Public transport: €3-5

- Free/cheap attractions: €5-10

Mid-Range (€70-120/day):

- 3-star hotel or private Airbnb: €35-60
- Restaurant meals: €25-35
- Transport mix (public + taxi): €8-12
- Museum admissions & activities: €15-20

Luxury (€150+/day):

- 4-star hotel: €80-150
- Fine dining: €50-80
- Taxis & private transport: €20+
- Guided tours & premium experiences: €30-50

Typical Prices:

- Coffee: €2-3.50
- Beer (pint): €3-5
- Lunch special: €5-8
- Dinner main course: €10-18
- Museum admission: €3-6
- Taxi across city: €5-8
- A single ticket bought from the driver costs €1.50; an electronic single ticket costs €0.70.

Money Tips:

- Lithuania is **cash-friendly but card-preferred** - carry small amounts of cash
- ATM withdrawal in €50-100 amounts to minimize fees
- Always choose to be charged in EUR when paying by card (not your home currency) to avoid dynamic currency conversion fees
- Keep coins for public toilets (€0.20-0.50) and market purchases
- Tipping is appreciated but not obligatory - round up or add 10%
- Negotiate at flea markets but not in regular shops
- Free water in restaurants upon request

Safety:

Kaunas is very safe regarding money. Petty theft is rare. Use common sense: don't flash cash, use ATMs during daylight in populated areas, keep wallet secure in crowded places. Card skimming is rare but use ATMs at banks when possible.

Safety & Practical Advice

General Safety:

Kaunas is a **very safe city** with low crime rates. Violent crime against tourists is extremely rare. Lithuania overall ranks as one of Europe's safer destinations.

Common Sense Precautions:

- Watch belongings in crowded areas (markets, bus stations)
- Don't leave valuables visible in parked cars
- Be aware of surroundings when using phone/camera in isolated areas
- Avoid poorly lit areas alone late at night
- Keep copies of important documents separate from originals

Scams: Rare in Kaunas. Occasional taxi overcharging - use Bolt app instead. Verify prices before ordering in touristy restaurants.

Emergency Numbers:

- **112:** Universal emergency number (police, ambulance, fire) - English spoken
- **110:** Police direct line
- **103:** Ambulance
- **101:** Fire department

Police: Professional and generally helpful. Main police station: Studentų St. 10. Tourist police patrol Old Town during summer.

Medical Care: EU citizens should bring European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). Non-EU visitors should have travel insurance. Lithuanian healthcare is good quality. Private clinics offer English-speaking doctors.

- Kaunas Clinics (main hospital): Eivenių g. 2
- Emergency Room: 24/7 at Kaunas Clinics
- Private clinics: Baltic-American Clinic (English-speaking)
- Pharmacies (vaistinė): Widely available, some 24-hour

LGBTQ+ Safety:

Lithuania is socially conservative, and LGBTQ+ acceptance is growing but not widespread. Kaunas is generally safe for LGBTQ+ visitors. Public displays of affection may attract unwanted attention. The LGBTQ+ scene is small and relatively underground compared to Western Europe. Use caution and discretion.

Women Travelers:

Kaunas is safe for solo female travelers. Women can walk alone day and night in most areas without concern. Street harassment is rare. Standard precautions apply: avoid empty streets late at night, trust instincts, don't accept drinks from strangers.

Drinking Water:

Tap water is **safe to drink** throughout Lithuania and of good quality. No need to buy bottled water unless preferred. Restaurants provide free tap water upon request.

Internet & WiFi:

Free WiFi widely available at hotels, hostels, cafés, restaurants, shopping centers, and many public spaces. Kaunas has free public WiFi in Old Town and Laisvės Alėja (network: "Kaunas Free WiFi"). Connection speed generally good. Consider purchasing local SIM card for data if staying longer.

Mobile Phones:

EU Roaming: EU citizens can use their home plan without extra charges (roam like home). **Non-EU visitors:** Purchase Lithuanian SIM card (Telia, Tele2, Bite) at airport, supermarkets, or provider shops. Tourist SIM packages with data available from €5-15. Prepaid options don't require registration. Excellent 4G/5G coverage in Kaunas.

Language:

Official language: **Lithuanian**. English widely spoken by younger people, in hotels, restaurants, and tourist attractions. Older generations may speak Russian. German sometimes understood. Learn basic phrases - locals appreciate the effort:

- Labas (LAH-bahs) - Hello
- Ačiū (ah-CHOO) - Thank you
- Prašom (PRAH-shom) - Please/You're welcome
- Atsiprašau (aht-sih-prah-SHOW) - Excuse me/Sorry
- Kiek kainuoja? (KYEK kai-NOO-oh-ya) - How much?
- Ar kalbate angliškai? (ahr kahl-BAH-teh ahn-glish-KAI) - Do you speak English?
- Viso gero (VEE-so GEH-ro) - Goodbye

Accessibility:

Kaunas has **improving but limited accessibility** for wheelchair users and mobility-impaired visitors. Old Town cobblestones challenging. Modern buildings and museums generally accessible with ramps and elevators. Public buses have mixed accessibility - newer vehicles are wheelchair-accessible. Funicular not accessible. Some hotels offer accessible rooms - book in advance. Sidewalks can be narrow with uneven surfaces.

Local Customs & Etiquette:

- Lithuanians are reserved but friendly once engaged
- Punctuality is valued
- Remove shoes when entering someone's home
- Bring small gift if invited to home (wine, chocolates, flowers)
- Direct eye contact shows honesty and respect
- Avoid loud behavior in public spaces
- Dress modestly in churches
- Don't compare Lithuania to Russia - it's offensive

Public Toilets:

Public toilets at major attractions, markets, shopping centers, and parks. Usually €0.20-0.50 fee. Cafés and restaurants require purchase for toilet use. Keep coins handy. Standards generally clean and acceptable.

Smoking:

Smoking banned in all indoor public spaces including restaurants, bars, cafés, and public transport. Designated outdoor smoking areas at venues. Many Lithuanians smoke - expect cigarette smoke in outdoor seating areas.

Weather Preparation:

- **Summer:** Light clothes, sunscreen, sunglasses, light rain jacket
- **Winter:** Warm coat, hat, gloves, scarf, waterproof boots - temperatures can drop below -15°C
- **Spring/Fall:** Layers, waterproof jacket, comfortable walking shoes
- **Year-round:** Comfortable walking shoes essential for cobblestones

Where to Stay in Kaunas

Best Areas:

Old Town (Senamiestis): Most atmospheric location with medieval charm, cobblestone streets, and proximity to main attractions. Walking distance to everything. More expensive but worth it for first-time visitors. Limited parking. Can be lively on summer weekends.

New Town / Laisvės Alėja Area: Central location along the main pedestrian boulevard. Excellent restaurants, cafés, and shops. Easy access to both Old Town and modern attractions. Good public transport connections. Best balance of convenience and value.

Žaliakalnis: Residential area with modernist architecture, funicular access, and local character. Quieter than center but still walkable to attractions. Better value accommodations. Great for longer stays and experiencing local life.

Near Kaunas Lagoon / Pažaislis: Peaceful lakeside settings with nature access. Further from city center (30 min by bus) but perfect for relaxing spa retreats. Limited restaurants nearby - best with rental car.

Accommodation Types & Recommendations:

Luxury Hotels (€80-150/night):

- **Moxy Kaunas Center:** Modern, stylish hotel on Laisvės Alėja with excellent location, rooftop bar, contemporary design
- **Best Western Santakos Hotel:** Comfortable business hotel near Old Town with good facilities and river views

- **Monte Pacis:** Unique boutique hotel in converted Pažaislis Monastery building, stunning lakeside location, excellent restaurant

Mid-Range Hotels (€40-80/night):

- **Kaunas Hotel:** Soviet-era hotel renovated with modern comfort, central location near Laisvės Alėja
- **Metropolis Hotel:** Well-located near Old Town, clean rooms, good breakfast, parking available
- **Park Inn by Radisson:** Reliable chain hotel with consistent quality, convenient location
- **Pažaislis Park Hotel:** Near monastery and lagoon, peaceful setting, spa facilities

Budget Hotels & Guesthouses (€25-45/night):

- **Apple Economy Hotel:** Clean, simple rooms in central location, great value
- **Mikotel:** Basic but comfortable budget hotel, good location, free parking
- **Guest houses in Žaliakalnis:** Local B&Bs offering authentic experience at lower prices

Hostels (€12-25/bed):

- **Hostel Jamaika:** Popular backpacker hostel with social atmosphere, central Old Town location
- **Apple Economy Hostel:** Clean, modern hostel with private and dorm rooms
- **Kaunas Hostel:** Budget-friendly option with kitchen facilities, common areas

Airbnb & Apartments (€30-80/night):

Excellent selection of apartments throughout Kaunas, particularly good value for groups or longer stays. Look for modernist apartments in Žaliakalnis for unique experience. Fully-equipped kitchens help save on dining costs. Book early for best selection.

Booking Tips:

- Book 2-3 months ahead for summer (May-September) and Christmas period
- Last-minute deals available in winter and shoulder seasons
- Apartments offer better value for stays 3+ nights
- Check if breakfast included - can save €5-10 per day
- Verify parking availability if driving - not all central hotels have parking
- Read reviews for noise levels in Old Town locations (summer weekends can be loud)
- Consider staying in Kaunas and day-tripping to Vilnius for better value than staying in capital

Booking Platforms:

- Booking.com - widest selection, good cancellation policies
- Airbnb - apartments and unique stays
- Hostelworld - hostel bookings
- Hotel direct websites - sometimes offer better rates

Staying Connected

Mobile Networks:

Major Providers: Telia, Tele2, Bite - all offer excellent coverage throughout Kaunas and Lithuania. 4G/LTE widely available, 5G expanding in urban areas.

Tourist SIM Cards: Available at airport arrivals, provider shops, and supermarkets (Maxima, Rimi). No registration required for prepaid. Tourist packages from €5-15 include data + calls. Recommended for stays over 3-4 days.

EU Roaming: EU citizens use home plans without extra charges (roam-like-at-home). Verify with your provider before departure.

Top-Up: Credit added at provider shops, kiosks, supermarkets, or online. Easy process even with limited Lithuanian.

WiFi Access:

- Free public WiFi in Old Town and Laisvės Alėja (network: "Kaunas Free WiFi")
- All hotels, hostels, and most Airbnbs include free WiFi
- Cafés, restaurants, bars offer free WiFi (ask for password: "Koks WiFi slaptažodis?")
- Shopping centers provide free WiFi
- Libraries offer free internet access
- Generally good speeds throughout city center

Internet Cafés:

Rare as WiFi is ubiquitous. Libraries offer free computer access with internet. Most accommodations have business centers or computers for guest use.

Making Calls:

Country Code: +370
Kaunas Area Code: 37 (drop initial 0 when calling from abroad)
To call Lithuania from abroad: +370 [area code without 0] [number]
Within Lithuania: Dial full number including area code with 0

Apps: WhatsApp, Viber, Skype, Facebook Messenger widely used for free calls/messages over WiFi/data

Visa & Entry Requirements

Schengen Area: Lithuania is part of the Schengen Area. Entry requirements follow Schengen rules.

Visa-Free Entry (up to 90 days in 180 days):

- EU/EEA citizens - no visa required, ID card sufficient
- USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, UK, Japan, South Korea, and 50+ other countries
- Check current list at: travel-europe.europa.eu

Visa Required:

Citizens of countries not on visa-free list must apply for Schengen visa at Lithuanian embassy/consulate before travel. Application process takes 2-4 weeks.

Entry Requirements:

- Passport valid for at least 3 months beyond intended departure from Schengen area
- Passport issued within past 10 years
- Proof of sufficient funds (approximately €40 per day)
- Return ticket or proof of onward travel
- Travel insurance (minimum €30,000 coverage for medical emergencies - required for visa applicants, recommended for all)

Border Crossings:

If arriving from non-Schengen country, you'll clear immigration at first Schengen entry point (may be airport in another country before reaching Lithuania). If arriving from another Schengen country, no border checks - free movement.

COVID-19 Requirements: Check current entry requirements at koronastop.lrv.lt/en/ as rules may change. As of 2025, most restrictions lifted but verify before travel.

Customs:

Standard EU customs regulations apply. Duty-free allowances for non-EU visitors: 200 cigarettes, 1L spirits, €300 worth of goods. No limits for EU travelers on personal-use items.