

The Old Town of **Vilnius** is included in the list of UNESCO World Heritage due to its uniqueness and is called the "Masterpiece of Baroque". There are many unexpected things waiting to be discovered - come and it may surprise you



1. **Vilnius Cathedral Basilica of Saints Stanislaus and Vladislaus** * Cathedral Sq. 1, Vilnius * Tel. +370 5 261 0731 * www.katedra.lt * This is the most famous shrine in Lithuania, built in 1250 on the site of a former pagan temple in commemoration of the baptism of King Mindaugas. The architect Laurynas Stuoka Gucevičius gave the church classical features in the XVIII century.

2. **The Chapel in the Gate of Dawn** * Aušros Vartų St. 12, Vilnius * Tel. +370 5 212 3513 * www.kernave.org * The cornerstone of the stone wall surrounding the town was laid here in 1492-1506. The Chapel of Mother of God appeared in tower above the gate in 1514. The icon of The Blessed Virgin Mary there is said to have miraculous powers

3. **Ensemble of St. Anne and St. Francis from Assisi (Bernardine) churches** * Maironio St. 8-1, 10, Vilnius * Tel. +370 682 40216 * <http://vilius.lt> * According to legend, Napoleon Bonaparte wanted to take St Anne's Church, which is built in the late Gothic style, back to Paris with him on his palm. St. Francis from Assisi church was built nearby at the end of the fifteenth Century, and was part of the defense system of the city.

4. **Vilnius Castle Complex** * Arsenalo St. 5, Vilnius * Tel. +370 5 261 7453 * www.lnm.lt * The complex consists of the Upper and Lower Castles. A panoramic view of Vilnius, with the white Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania beneath and the red roofs of the Old Town opens up from Gediminas Tower.

5. **Architectural ensemble of Vilnius University** * Universiteto St. 3, Vilnius * Tel. +370 5 268 7003 * www.vu.lt * Vilnius University, covering the entire block between St. John, S. Skapo and University streets is one of the oldest and most famous Central and Eastern universities. The University was founded in 1579. The ensemble is famous for its twelve enclosed yards. The Church of St. John and the tallest bell tower in the city.

6. **Television Tower** * Sausio 13 St. 10, Vilnius * Tel. +370 5 252 5333 * www.lrt.lt * This is one of the tallest (326.5 m) buildings in Eastern Europe. The first floor contains a photo exhibition dedicated to 14 people killed during the tragic events of January 1991. The crosses and monuments at the entrance symbolize the country's struggle for independence. There is a restaurant and a rotating observation deck (at a height of 165 m) on the upper ring of the building.

7. **Lithuanian National Museum** * Arsenalo St. 1, Vilnius * Tel. +370 5 262 7774 * www.lnm.lt * It is the largest and oldest repository of Historic Cultural Heritage in Lithuania. The Museum stores archaeological, historic and ethnic culture collections of Lithuania.

8. **The National Gallery of Art** * Konstitucijos Ave 22, Vilnius * Tel. +370 5 219 5960 * www.ngd.lt * This is the centre of modern art and an active communication space where the viewers learn about Lithuanian painting, sculpture, graphic arts, photography, installations and video art of the twentieth century.

9. **Lithuanian National Opera and Ballet Theatre** * A. Vienuolio St. 1, Vilnius * Tel. +370 5 262 0727 * www.operait * Performances have been staged here since 1974, world-famous opera stars sing and famous ballet soloists dance in the hall, which holds nearly a thousand spectators. The repertoire covers a lot of classical ballets - not every theatre in Europe can boast about that.

10. **European Park** * Joneikiškių vil., Vilnius dist. * Tel. +370 5 237 7077 * www.europosparkas.lt * More than 100 works of art are exhibited within the 55 ha area of an open-air museum, whose authors are 34 artists from around the world.

Walk up the five Kernavė mounds where the people lived even in the Stone Age. The first capital of Lithuania was located on the hills in the thirteenth century, which are included on the UNESCO World Heritage List.



In Kaunas, walk along Laisvės Avenue, wander among spruce houses of the previous century and travel up to the picturesque hill by the old cable railway of Žaliakalnis, which is one of the oldest operating funiculars in Europe.



11. **Kernavė Mounds** * Kerniaus St. 4A, Kernavė, Širvintos dist * Tel. +370 382 47385 * www.kernave.org * The five mounds area - is the place of the first capital of Lithuania and the largest defence complex of mounds in the Baltic States. It is included on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

12. **Castle of Trakai Island** * Kęstučio 4, Trakai * Tel. +370 53 528 940 * www.trakaimuziejus.lt * Lithuanian Grand Duke Kęstutis started to build the castle on the island in the fourteenth century, and it was completed by his son Vytautas in the fifteenth century. Enemies never conquered this castle. The castle became the residence of the Duke after the Battle of Grunwald (1410) when the Teutonic Knights were overwhelmed.

In Trakai, feast your eyes from the ship deck of the Castle of the fourteenth century reddening on the island, snack on the kibinai of Karaites and discover that the lands of Lithuania stretched to the Black Sea during the times of the castle lord - Grand Duke of Lithuania Vytautas.



13. **Užutrakis Mansion and Park** * Užtraktis St. 5, Trakai * Tel. +370 528 21 70 * www.senejatrakai.lt * Užutrakis mansion of historicism style was built under the project by the famous architect Joseph Huss from Warsaw in 1897-1902 and belonged to the Counts Tyskiewicz before the Second World War. The park near the mansion was designed by the architect E. F. Andre.

14. **Grūtas Park** * Grūtas, Druskininkai * Tel. +370 55 313 511 * www.grutoparkas.lt * Soviet idols - statues that once stood in the cities of the country now stand near Druskininkai, in the wetlands within an area of 20 ha. Here you will see Lenin, Joseph Stalin, and many other well-known faces from history. There is a café where you can taste Soviet dishes from Soviet wares.

15. **Druskininkai Aqua Park** * Vilniaus Ave 13, Druskininkai * Tel. +370 313 52338 * www.akvapark.lt * Meet the waves in the sea wave pool, try to cope with the river current, 20 baths equipped according to the traditions of different countries: 9 dry baths (saunas), 10 steam baths and Turkish hammam are waiting for you!

Pinewoods sooth, seven springs of mineral water spurt and 9 sanatoria are active in the mineral water resort of Druskininkai - do not miss the chance to enjoy fresh air, curative baths and medical peloid masks.



16. **Winter Entertainment Complex "Snow Arena"** * Mizarq vil., Druskininkai mun. * Tel. +370 315 63545 * www.snowarena.lt * Complex covers the territory of 8 hectares. Three skiing tracks for beginners and professionals are housed under one roof. The total length of tracks is of 1,100 metres.

17. **Pažaislis Church and Monastery** * T. Masilio St. 31, Kaunas * Tel. +370 37458868 * www.pazaislis.org * The church of St. Virgin Mary's visit to Elizabeth and Kamalduliu monastery ensemble are distinguished by splendor and luxury. A rumour about the beauty of monastery spread all over Europe, King Charles I of Spain. King Alexander I and Nicholas I came to see it.

18. **Town Hall Square** * Tel. +370 37323436 * www.visitkaunas.com * Kaunas town halls in existence in Lithuania. There is a Chamber of marriages, so you can see an impressive site here every weekend - brides spruced up in white dresses. The square is surrounded by famous buildings of the Old Town.

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19. **House of Perkūnas** * Aleksotas St. 6, Kaunas * Tel. +370 6020 30881 * www.perkunonamas.lt * Perkūnas was the eldest of the Lithuanian pagan Gods - the ruler of the sky and thunder. The stone house from the fifteenth century is one of the most perfect and original monuments of late Gothic style in Lithuania. As many as 16 different profiles of bricks were used for its original facade.

20. **The National Art Museum of M. K. Čiurlionis** * B. Putvinskis St. 55, Kaunas * Tel. +370 372 29475 * www.ciurlionis.lt * Almost as creative heritage of genial Lithuanian artist M. K. Čiurlionis (1875-1911) is stored in this museum. He was the first Lithuanian to take the plunge into abstract art and combined music and painting while looking for a unique Lithuanian style - his painting reflected music and he painted music.

21. **Kaunas State Musical Theatre** * Laisvės Ave 91, Kaunas * Tel. +370 200633 * www.muzikinisteatras.lt * The hall of Kaunas State Musical Theatre is associated with the names of legendary Lithuanian drama actors, opera soloists and ballet artists. Professional Lithuanian theatre art was born and existed here during the entire inter-war period of Lithuanian independence.

22. **Biržtonas Mound (Vytautas Hill)** * Biržtonas * Tel. +370 319 65 740 * www.visitbirzonas.lt * The 40m high mountain of Vytautas overlooking the Nemunas is one of the highest mounds in the country. At the end of the XIV century, there was a wooden castle, which was the defensive system of the Duchy of Trakai and one of the hunting estates of Grand Duke of Lithuania Vytautas.

23. **Rumšiškės Folk Museum** * J. Aicišto St. 2, Rumšiškės, Kaišiadorių dist * Tel. +370 346 47233 * www.llbm.lt * The museum situated on the bank of Kaunas Lagoon and opened in 1974 occupies an area of 175 ha. There are about 100 folk architecture monuments. The exhibition is divided into ethnographic areas where you see particular region-specific buildings, interior, household items, clothing.

24. **Raudonė Castle** * Raudonė, Jurbarkas dist * Tel. +370 51 345 262 * www.jurbarkas.lt * The castle was built in the sixteenth century. The red castle towers are fascinating in the evening, and there is a view overlooking the Nemunas river from the 33.5 metre high tower.

25. **Panemunė Castle** * Piliei 1st vil., Jurbarkas dist * Tel. +370 689 93 185 * www.tic.sesupe.lt * Panemunė Castle reflects the features of the Renaissance period and sometimes repeats the Gothic elements recessive into the past. There are five cascade ponds in the park.

26. **Palanga Amber Museum** * Vytauto St. 17, Palanga * Tel. +370 46051319 * www.pgm.lt * The mansion is situated in the Birutė forest, near the Baltic Sea and was considered to be sacred. The counts Tyskiewicz established their residence here in 1897 and stored a valuable collection of amber. It can be seen at the operating Amber Palace Museum.

27. **Thomas Mann Memorial Museum** * Skruzdėnė St. 17, Nida Neringa * Tel. +370 46952260 * www.mann.lt * Under the feather of Thomas Mann, the Nobel Prize winner, one of the most famous litterateurs of the twentieth century, the works "Joseph and his brothers", the essay "My summer house", articles "What we must insist on", "Language to young people", "Velzungu blood" were created in Nida.

Rest and seek relaxation in the seaside resort of Palanga, where not only sandy beaches and rustling pinewoods, but also lots of pubs, cafes, restaurants, discotheques, bars and night clubs are waiting for you.



28. **Parnidžio Dune** * Neringa, Klaipėda County * www.visitneringa.com * This is the highest dune of Nida. There is a sun clock at the top of it, part of which was destroyed by hurricane Anatolius in 1999. You can go to the dune along a 1,800 metre long path viewing a wide range of plants, lichens, fungi, insects and birds.

29. **Samogitian Museum "Alka"** * Muziejaus St. 31, Telšiai * Tel. +370 444 70 282 * www.samch.mii.lt * Ethnographic, archaeological collections, popular applications and works of fine art, history collections, cultural heritage of estates are accumulated in the museum of regional studies.

In Neringa, feast your eyes on the fantastic moving world of dunes, breath in the pinewood, meet the sunrise from Curonian Lagoon and see the sun off into the sea. This tongue of land of unique beauty is included on the UNESCO World Heritage List.



30. **Pakruojis Manor** * Pakruojis vil., Pakruojis dist * Tel. +370 682 41 155 * www.pakruoja-dvaras.lt * Just two miles from Pakruojis, this mansion built in 1817-1840 was recorded in the record book of Lithuania as the largest protected manor homestead. Near the manor there is a large English style park.

31. **Riding Service Centre of Kurtuvėnai Regional Park** * Parko St 2, Kurtuvėnai, Šiauliai dist * Tel. +370 640 33444 * www.kurtuva.lt * The centre operates in the former stables of Kurtuvėnai manor. Currently, more than 30 horses are kept and trained here. When riding, you will complete the route within 1-5 hours and you will see the most beautiful places in Kurtuvėnai Regional Park.

In Šiauliai, you will be met by "A Sun Boy", the time will be shown by the Sun clock, "Sun Disk" fountain will refresh you on a hot summer day, and the monument and stained glass created in memory of the Sun Battle in 1236 will delight the eye.



In the oldest Lithuanian city of Klaipėda, listen how the history speaks having gotten lost in the narrow streets, visit "Taravos Anikė" grieving in the Theatre Square and gorge yourself at the annual Sea Festival.



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