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Lithuania. Making time for you.

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Introduction

Looking for the perfect destination to develop your business and yourself?

A place that gives you the space and the time to grow at your own pace? A truly unique mix of cosmopolitan dynamism and natural beauty? An environment to thrive in?

Lithuania is the answer.



Some background

Lithuania:

- Has around 3 million inhabitants.
- Is home to a rapidly growing and diverse expat community.
- Is located at the geographical heart of Europe.
- Has been a member of the EU and NATO since 2004.
- Has been in the eurozone since 2015.
- Is a leader in eGovernment solutions.
- Has one of the world's fastest internet speeds.

Vilnius, Lithuania's capital:

- Has a population of over 565,000.
- Has been rated alongside Barcelona and Copenhagen as one of the best places to live.
- Is among the top 5 most affordable EU capitals to live in for expatriates.
- Is only a short 2-3 hour flight away from most major European capitals.
- Is renowned as the Athens of the North for its rich artistic traditions.
- Inhabitants of Vilnius are the most satisfied people in Europe



Eager to find out more?
www.lietuva.lt/en

3 reasons to choose Lithuania for work

- Less red tape: have your business up and running in 3 short days.
- An easy commute that won't rob you of precious working time.
- Unparalleled public internet access: work wherever you want, whenever you want.

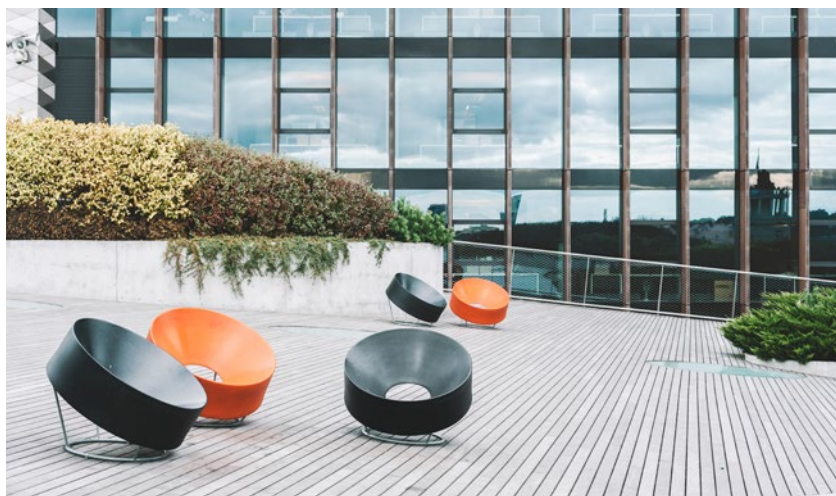
What Lithuania offers you

- Western European business practices and attitudes.
- Committed and continuous support for your business from local and national government.
- A free-thinking, tolerant society that blends the best of West and East.
- All you need for work and leisure within easy reach.
- The quality of life you deserve at a cost you can easily afford.
- More time for you to spend on the things that matter most.



“Vilnius is the perfect spot for a creative outfit like ours. Our team is a mix of talent from different countries, and Vilnius has a long-standing tradition of being a melting pot of east and west, north and south, tolerant of any and every faith, culture and language.”

Sergei Klimov, founder & managing director at Charlie Oscar.



Your typical working day in Vilnius

To the office

For the city lover:

From your stylish city centre apartment your office is only a short walk. So why not pick up a coffee on the way from one of the old town's many pretty coffee houses?

For the nature lover:

You have chosen to live a little further out, but the commute from your tree-lined apartment takes only 30 minutes at most. And should the mood take you, why not grab your bike and cycle in?

In the office

And when you get to the office, you are able to enjoy your modern stylish surroundings. And with most central offices offering panoramic views of the Old Town, you are never far from inspiration.

There is also your team to consider. Professional, creative, determined and friendly. A great bunch of people to hang with during lunch.

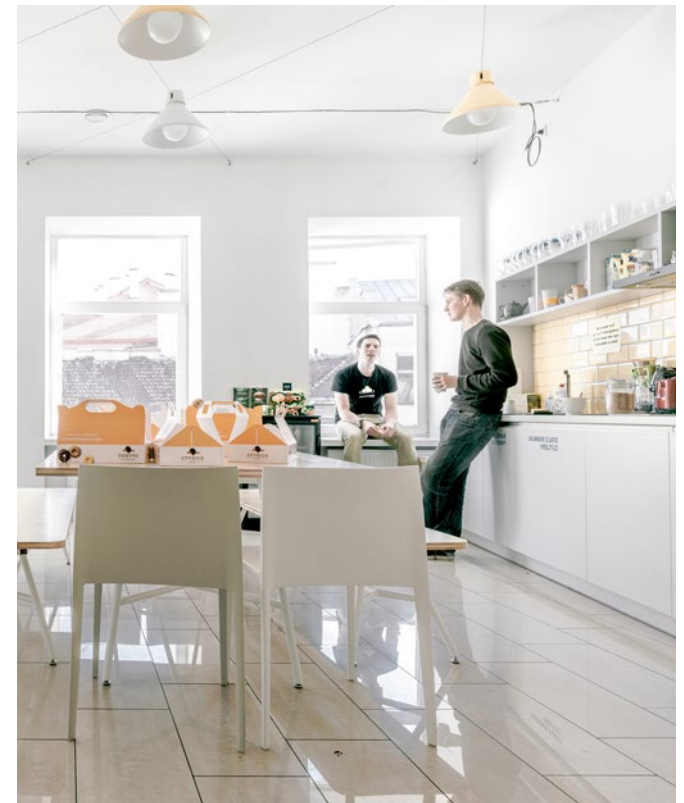
During lunch

And a great lunch need never cost the earth; Vilnius has a diverse range of top notch restaurants providing fantastic set day menus from as little as **4,5 €**, all within walking distance of the office.



WIX office in Vilnius old town.
Take a look:

www.inblum.com



Your (well earned) free time

Whether you've got an hour to kill or are planning a weekend away, you'll never be short of something great to do in and out of Vilnius.



Your options for this weekend:

- A trip to Lithuania's seaside for volleyball and cocktails on the beach.
- Sailing with friends in Trakai, only 30 minutes by car from Vilnius.
- Mud baths and saunas in the tranquil spa town of Druskininkai.
- Mountain biking around the green lake on the outskirts of Vilnius.

And for your hour off:

- Get lost wandering through the cosy cobbled streets of the old town.
- A doubles match on the clay courts in Bernardinu gardens, a newly renovated park right in the city centre.
- Ice-skating and something sweet in the Akropolis shopping complex.



Homework



What should you do to move to Lithuania?

1 Work

Moving your company

Lithuania is a great place to build your business. Ranked **11th globally for the ease of doing business**, you'll find a close and supportive business environment that is geared to help you exceed your targets.

Setting up a company in Lithuania could not be simpler. The whole process takes **just 3 days** and can be completed **using an e-signature**, saving you time and effort. Once you're up and running, Lithuania's

e-government solutions, ranked 10th in the EU, mean you'll spend less time on red tape and more on growing your business. And with a legal framework that is fully EU compliant, you're guaranteed peace of mind.

A project manager from Invest Lithuania will be there to assist you throughout the process of setting up your company and will continue to support you as your business grows and develops.

In 4 simple steps, you'll be a registered legal entity in Lithuania:

Open a bank account with the required minimum capital
1 day

Get your company documents notarized
1 day

Register your company at the Register of Legal Entities
3 days

Open a bank account for day-to-day transactions
1 day

Finding a job

Companies in Lithuania are always on the lookout for top talent, and are keen to recruit internationally.

If you're a young specialist, the best thing to do is to start looking for a job using the EURES system, the European Commission's Job Mobility Portal.

Alternatively, search for a position through one of Lithuania's job-hunting websites or Work in Lithuania website.

For more details visit:
www.workinlithuania.lt

2 Home

Finding a home is easy in Lithuania. Whether renting or buying, you'll find a huge variety of properties to choose from at a price that more than suits your pocket.



Location, location, location

First things first, you have to choose where is best for you. If you're the urban type, a classy **Vilnius** city centre apartment will fit the bill, or if you're looking for something more adventurous, there is a growing number of spacious lofts appearing in even the most in demand areas. And, of course, if you are more of the nature type or looking to start a family, you can find larger apartments or houses in one of the city's many green and spacious suburbs, which are all just a short drive from the city centre.

And Lithuania is more than just Vilnius.

There is the second largest city **Kaunas**. An exciting growing city with a welcoming vibe. Its art deco buildings provide the perfect backdrop for creativity and inspiration.

And on top of that we have **Klaipėda**, Lithuania's port city. Perfect for those who prefer the stimulating bite of sea air. You will also find yourself within easy reach of the jewel in Lithuania's crown, the gorgeous and rightly famous seaside resort of Nida, nestled within the Curonian Spit.

For fans of watersports, the area around Nida offers ample opportunities for boating, windsurfing, fishing and waterskiing.

And with commute times that are the envy of most European cities, no matter where you settle, you'll find that time is always on your side.

Klaipėda

Kaunas

Vilnius

Rent

Whether you choose city centre or suburb, you'll find that Lithuania is the **destination for value for money.** Meaning that you will always be able to afford the lifestyle you deserve.

Here's a quick comparison to show you exactly what we mean:



Vilnius*
534 €

Moscow*
713 €

London*
1900 €

Vilnius**
847 €

Moscow**
1447 €

London**
3508 €



*Apartment (1 bedroom)
in the City Centre

**Apartment (3 bedrooms)
in the City Centre



Buy

When it comes to buying property the facts more than speak for themselves: city centre property in the centre of Vilnius is 5 times cheaper than London, and 2 times cheaper than Moscow.

Here's a quick comparison to give you more details:



Vilnius*
2721 €

Moscow*
4179 €

London*
12432 €

Vilnius**
1671 €

Moscow**
1963 €

London**
6836 €

*Price of a square meter in the City Centre

**Price of a square meter outside of the City Centre

3 Education

Your child's education will be in safe hands in Lithuania's multi-lingual, international education system. From kindergarten all the way to university, your child will have access to high-quality facilities and contemporary European educational models.



Kindergarten

For children up to 5, Lithuania offers a wide range of options in terms of both languages and methods. **Kindergartens are available with supervision in English, Lithuanian, Russian, German, Polish and French.** And in terms of approach, options range from standard kindergarten models to alternative methodologies.

One of Vilnius' pluses is the easy access to pristine lakes and forests from the city center. And your child can enjoy the benefits of this healthy environment as more and more nature-based, ecological kindergartens are opening up around the city.

Popular Kindergartens for international families include:

- Vilnius Montessori pre-school – instruction in English.
- Saulės Gojus – instruction in English, German.
- Vilnius International School (VIS) – instruction in English.
- American International School in Vilnius (AISV) – instruction in English.
- Ecole Française de Vilnius (EFV) – instruction in French.

School

Lithuania's multi-lingual schooling systems puts you in control of your child's future. State schooling is provided from either 6 or 7 years old, and includes schools which use Russian and Polish as the language of instruction. Vilnius also offers a range of international school options for studying in either English or French.

Schools:

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The Big Move

Moving to Lithuania
is as easy as can be.
It just takes a little
preparation.



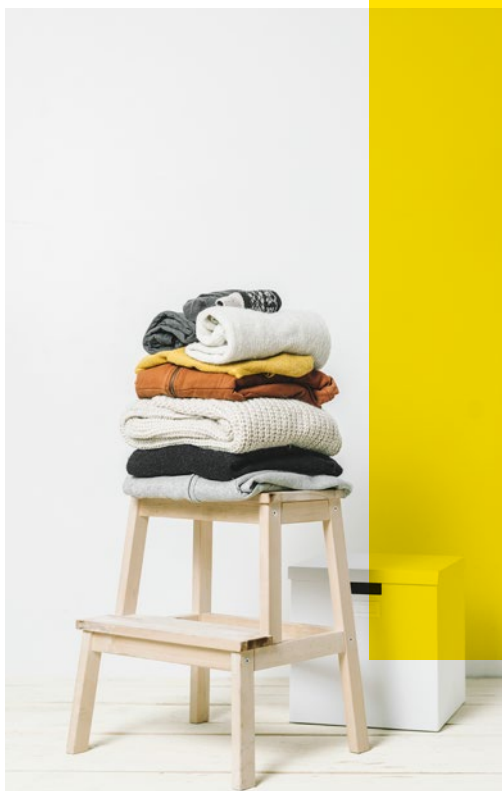
Moving your stuff



Centrally located and boasting a well-developed transport infrastructure, you needn't worry about how to ship your stuff to Lithuania. By air, by sea, by rail or by road, whatever your preference we've got it covered.

But remember to check Lithuania's customs regulations before you pack.

Find out more:
www.lrmuitine.lt



Getting to Lithuania



By Plane

It takes only **3 hours from most European capitals** to reach Lithuania by plane. You can choose to fly to one of our 3 international airports: Vilnius, Kaunas or Palanga.

By car

Our modern and well maintained road network provides ease of convenience and access for those looking to explore our beautiful country.

Some important things to remember while driving in Lithuania:

- Driver's licence, insurance, personal I.D and car ownership documents should be carried at all times.
- Lithuanians drive on the right.
- All passengers must fasten their seat-belts while driving.

- Children up to 135 cm in height must use childseats.

- The speed limit for most roads in Lithuania is 90 kmph, while for motorways it is 130 during summer, and 110 during winter.

- Headlights must be on at all times.

Find out more:
www.visitlithuania.net

By train

With its well-developed and modern network of trains, rail represents a convenient, comfortable and cheap transport alternative, especially for those travelling from Belarus or Russia. And with the current Rail Baltica project underway, fast links to Western Europe are on the horizon.

Bringing your pet

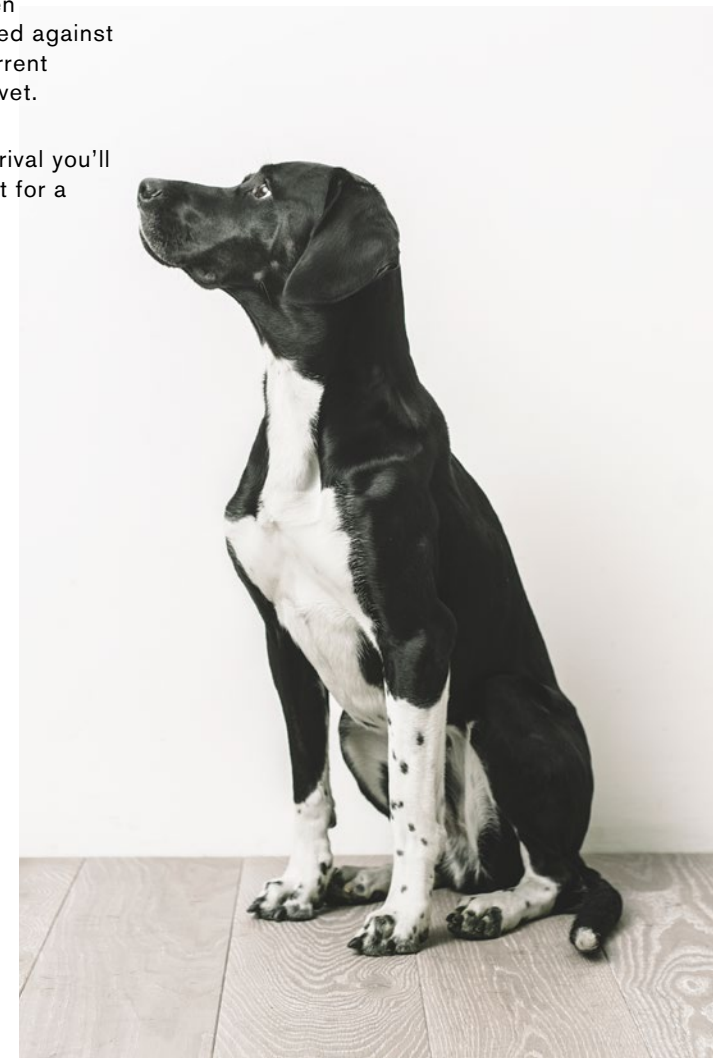


We are a very pet friendly country, so the more the merrier!

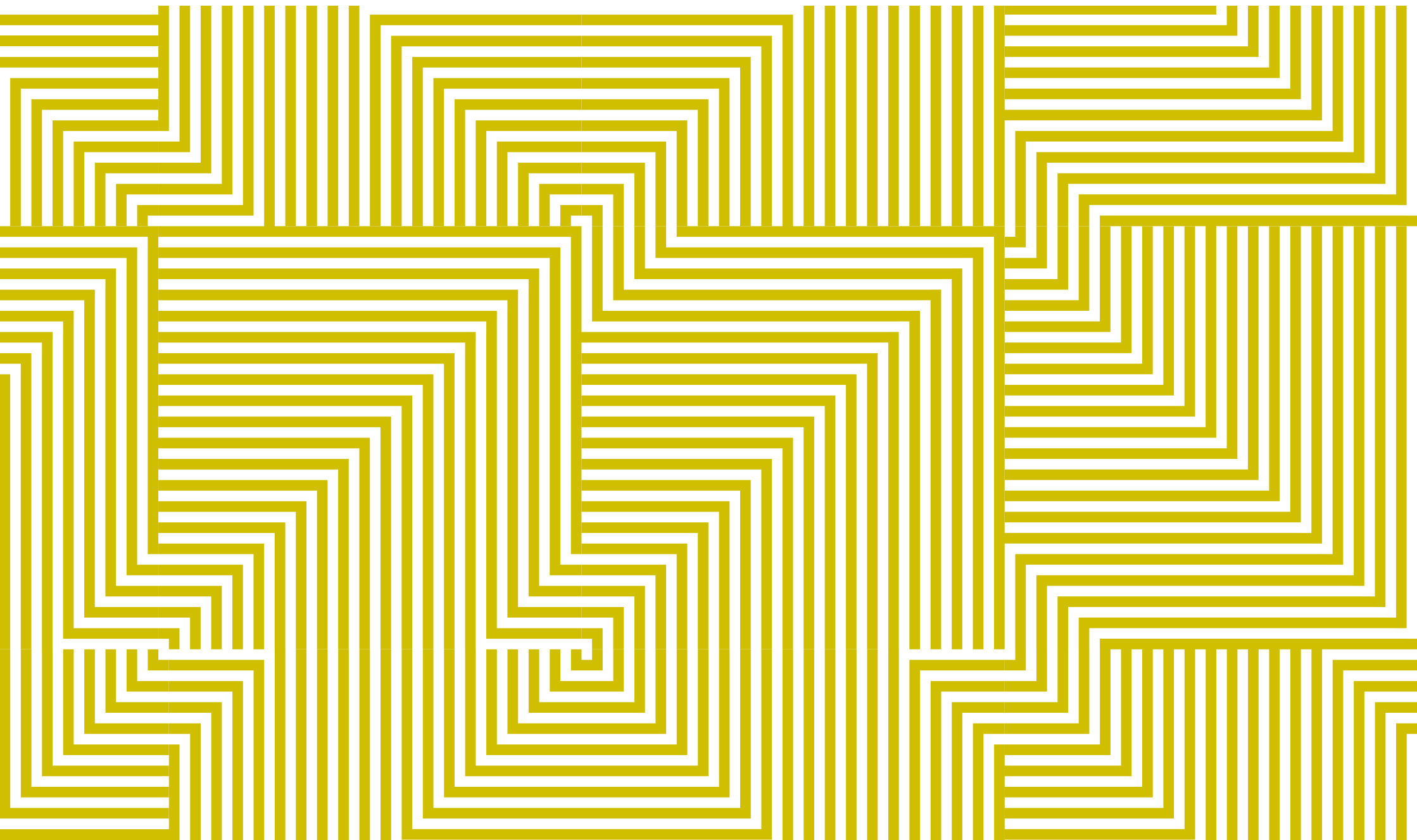
Just make sure you follow the rules:

- Your pets need to have been microchipped and vaccinated against rabies, and must have a current certificate of health from a vet.
- If you travel by plane, on arrival you'll be asked to submit your pet for a special examination.

Find out more:
www.pettravel.com



First Steps



Welcome to Lithuania! What's next?



You have your job, your flat, your stuff, and even your pet. So now it's time to get your life started. Here is some advice to help you on your way.



Smart Banking

Opening a bank account

With a number of leading international commercial banks to choose from, opening a bank account in Lithuania is as stress free as it gets.

For more info on what's on offer check here:

www.lb.lt/banks

Paying your bills

Choose whatever solution is easiest for you; you can pay in the post office, at the supermarket, in most kiosks, or online. And with nearly 80% of Lithuanians choosing to use ebanking to pay most of their bills, convenience is literally at your fingertips.

Smart Commuting



With the best roads in CEE, getting to where you need or want to be is a breeze. You just need to focus on you and how you like to travel.



Getting from A to B. The art of commuting, Lithuanian style.

By car

Wherever you live in the city, your commute will never be more than 1 hour, and more likely 30 minutes or less. And if your office doesn't supply parking, you needn't worry as parking won't cost you the earth. From 0,10 € to 0,30 € for 10 minutes depending on the zone, and with passes available from 30 € to 116 € per month, parking is a lot cheaper here than in other European capitals.

Paying for parking is super convenient too: simply download the **Parking in Lithuania app** and pay directly from your phone.

By Public Transport

For the environmentally conscious, public transport is a great way to cut down on your carbon footprint. And in Lithuania, buses and trolleybuses are a convenient and inexpensive way to get around.

Vilnius even offers you the simplicity of the **“Vilniečio kortelė”, an electronic top up system** that can be used via a card or via your smart phone. A single ticket costs 1 €, while a monthly ticket for buses and trolleybuses costs 29 €.

In Kaunas it's even cheaper. A single ticket costs 0,70 € and a monthly ticket for buses and trolleybuses costs 26,65 €.

By bicycle

Bicycles are becoming a more and more regular sight on the roads and pavements of Lithuanian cities, and with developing bicycle infrastructure and the availability of **rental bikes in Vilnius through the popular Cyclocity initiative**, this trend is truly set to continue. So why not take your bike to work and enjoy your commute at a pace which is right for you.

Cyclocity Vilnius offers a really cost effective way of managing your commute, with bike rental for a season (from March to November) costing only 19,90 €.

By foot

With cities that are cosy in size, and centres that are pedestrian friendly, Lithuania offers plenty of opportunities for you to get from A to B by foot. What better way to take in the many sites and uncover the beauty hiding around every corner?



Smart Health



A healthy lifestyle is about more than regular exercise. Once you have organised your healthcare insurance documentation you will be able to register with your local public health centre.

Alternatively for that personal touch, and for consultations offered in a number of foreign languages, why not register with one of Lithuania's many top drawer private health Clinics, such as Baltic-American clinic, Northway, Medical Diagnostic and Treatment Center, Kardiolita and more.

Smart Living. Creating more time for you.



Now that you have organised everything, you'll be able to plan your valuable me time.

You can:

- Discover more about your beautiful new home.
- Take up that hobby you've always dreamed of.
- Spend more time with family and friends.



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It's your time, enjoy it

In Lithuania, free time comes in all shapes and sizes.

From high-end shopping to haute cuisine, through to happening gigs and invigorating outdoor pursuits, there really is something for everyone.

2 hours – go to the cinema

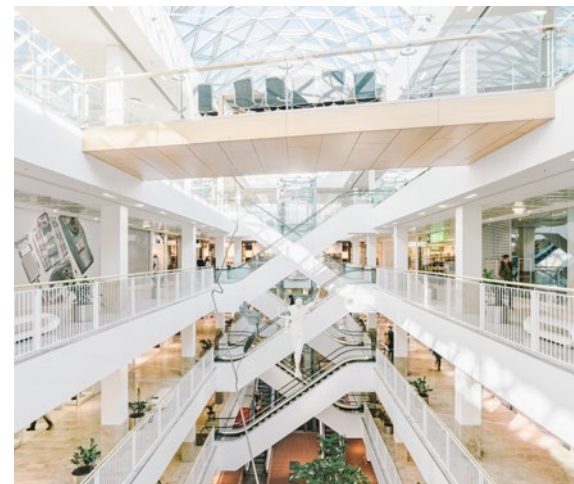
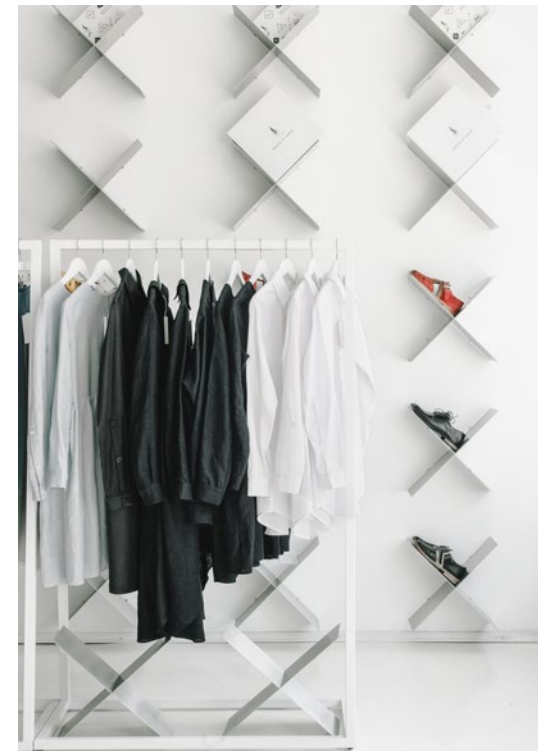
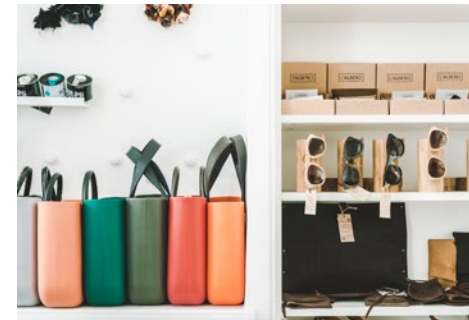
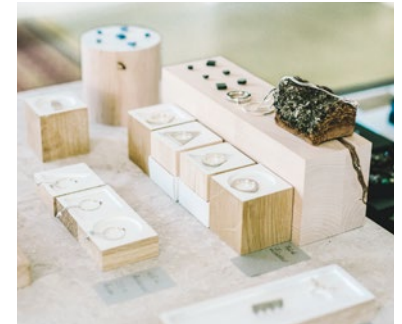


Shopping

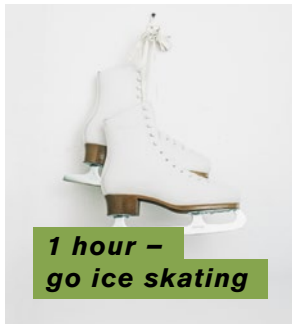


With a constant supply of new boutiques, pop-up shops and spacious malls, you'll be able to keep up with all the latest trends.

- Discover the exciting work of local designers at one of the cities many 'fashion nights'.
- Enjoy a family day out at one of the many centrally located shopping complexes. While the kids go ice-skating or watch a film, you can check out the latest styles from the world's hippest designer brands.
- Treat yourself to something special in one of the old town's exclusive boutiques.
- And in any of the central shopping centres, once you've shopped yourself out, why not take a stroll to the plush food courts and try out one of the many cuisines on offer.



1 hour – go ice skating



**Got a free evening?
Have a cosy dinner with friends**



30 mins – have a cup of coffee



**Have a day off?
Visit Trakai**



Food

Cuisine from around the world

Lithuania's major cities have restaurants to cater for every imaginable taste. If you're a spice lover, there is Indian, Japanese or Mexican. For a taste of romance you can try one of the many authentic Italian and French bistros. Or have a shot at something new; Portuguese, Korean, Uzbek, Lebanese, they are all here.

Fine dining

From traditional dishes with a modern twist to elegant haute cuisine, fine dining is all the rage in Lithuania's urban centres. And as both food and drinks prices are significantly lower than in most major European cities, there's no excuse for not pushing the boat out.

You are what you eat

Lithuania is a heaven for health lovers, with its fresh air, green cities and unspoilt nature. And healthy eating options are everywhere, with numerous restaurants and cafes catering for raw, vegetarian and vegan diets.

Bistro 1 dublis



Ertlis house



Vegafe



Stebuklai

Nightlife



You can unwind and let loose in style in the varied, classy nightspots of Lithuania's biggest cities.

There are plenty of characterful establishments to choose from. In Vilnius, you could try a "Beer library," a French cider boutique or a traditional British pub. And as the craft ale scene takes off, new stylish bars serving inventive regional brews are popping up all the time.

If it's elegance you're after, the many sleek cocktail bars cater for even the most exclusive tastes. And when the mood takes you, why not dance the night away in a stylish city-centre nightclub?



King & Mouse



Beer Library

Cultural life



With its unofficial title of “The Athens of the North”, Vilnius in particular can boast a great variety of cultural treats.

Galleries

For the best works by Lithuanian artists throughout history, you should check out the newly refurbished National Gallery, which is a work of art in itself. For those with more contemporary tastes, the Contemporary Art Centre in the middle of the city hosts the best of Lithuanian and International contemporary art.

Kaunas, meanwhile, is home to the truly remarkable M. K. Čiurlionis National Gallery of Art, dedicated to the country's greatest artist.

Cinema

Lithuania truly is a nation of cinephiles, and the country's largest cities are home to staggering number of film festivals throughout the year, the largest of which is “Kino Pavasaris” (cinema spring) which runs in March each year.

No matter what your taste is, you'll find it catered for; for the art lovers, there are small boutique film-houses, and for those that prefer more commercial fare, there are plenty of larger multiplexes.

Theatre

Lithuania is renowned internationally for its theatre. The country has produced a number of award winning directors whose works have been performed throughout the world. And there are plenty of theatres to choose from; most provide predominantly Lithuanian language productions, but there is the famous long-established Russian theatre.

For more contemporary global productions, Vilnius hosts a number of exciting theatre festivals throughout the year.

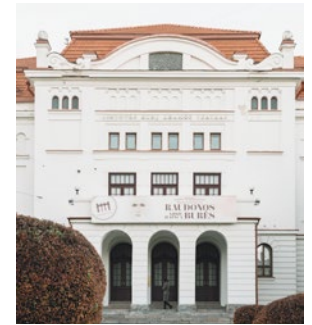
Music

Music is a big part of who Lithuanians are, and you'll be able to find local music bands and gigs to meet your tastes. There are always international acts to be found playing one of the country's many large scale venues. And for jazz lovers Lithuania is a bit of a paradise- all of its major cities host jazz festivals and the local jazz musicians are rightly famous.

And during the summer, there is no shortage of music festivals to choose from.



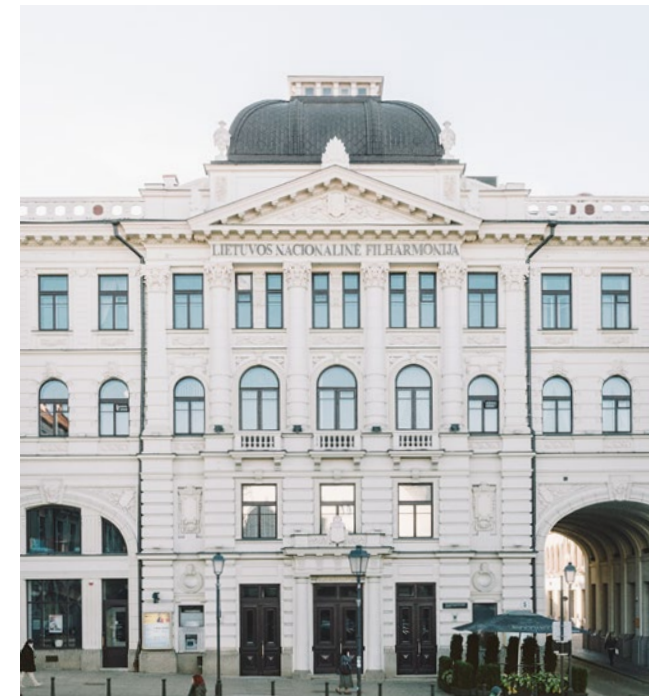
National Art Gallery



Russian Drama Theatre of Vilnius



"Pasaka" Movie Theatre



Lithuanian National Philharmonic



Museum of Applied Art



Lithuanian National Drama Theatre

Enjoying the outdoors



Why not take advantage of the natural beauty around you?

Lithuania is a nature lover's dream and all year round there are plenty of opportunities for getting out and about.

The cities' parks are open all year and offer a quick escape to nature.

During the summer months, if you are feeling adventurous you could try windsurfing or yachting on the Baltic Coast, or for the more leisurely-minded, there is swimming or lounging by one of the nation's many lakes.

Have a weekend off? Just three hours drive by car and you can enjoy the pristine beaches of the Curonian Spit, voted by Lonely Planet as one of the 10 best beaches in Europe.

In winter, meanwhile, there is always the snow for skiing or snowboarding. And with a ski-centre located in the capital, you don't need to travel far. There's also ice-fishing, or you could simply take a nature walk and enjoy the crisp, fresh view. Just don't forget to wrap up warm.

Curonian Spit



Hot air balloons near Vilnius



Varnikai regional park



Liepkaļnis ski-centre



Canoes in River Vilnelė



Lighthouse in Nida



Svencelė Kiteboarding and Wakeboarding Centre



High wire adventure park in Vilnius

Need a new hobby? Why not experiment



Lithuanians are crazy about their hobbies, and there are **plenty of classes and workshops for children and grown-ups available** where you can try your hand at anything from martial arts to yoga, and boat building to book binding.

And if you would like to master one of the oldest languages in the world, there are lots of courses on offer that allow you to polish up your Lithuanian skills.

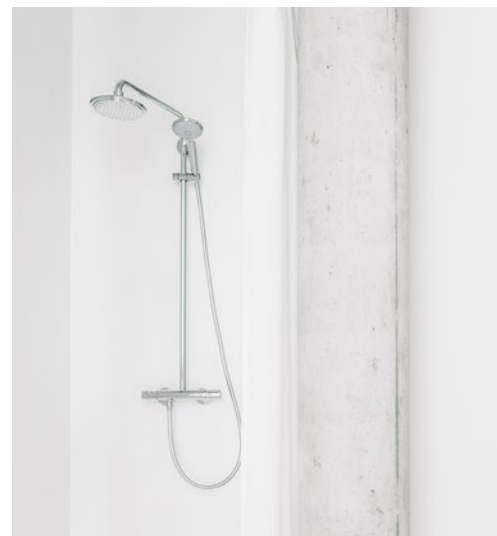


Health and beauty services



Need to de-stress, detoxify or simply just indulge yourself? The Spa towns of Birštonas and Druskininkai have for decades been offering a vast array of quality health and beauty treatments to people from all around the globe. Situated in picturesque environs, and famed for their natural springs, these towns offer a very affordable taste of luxury.

And if you would like to visit a Spa that is a little closer to home, all of Lithuania's major cities have luxurious Spa centres.



Spa Vilnius



Travelling and sightseeing



From medieval cobbled streets and ancient castles through to winding rivers and stunning coastline, exploring Lithuania is always captivating.

Any tour has to start with Trakai, the nation's ancient capital situated just 30 km from Vilnius. Surrounded by a tranquil lake, the recently restored castle houses an intriguing collection of medieval and renaissance artefacts. After visiting the castle, a boat tour of the picturesque lake is a lovely way to complete your day out.

The Hill of Crosses in Lithuania's North is a spectacular sight and offers an insight into the country's recent history and religious traditions. Alternatively, the stunning drive along the Nemunas River features picturesque castles and historic towns before reaching the newly renovated bird reserve at "Ventės Ragas".

For a detailed list of top sights and travel ideas, have a look at the Lonely Planet's top things to do.

www.lonelyplanet.com/lithuania

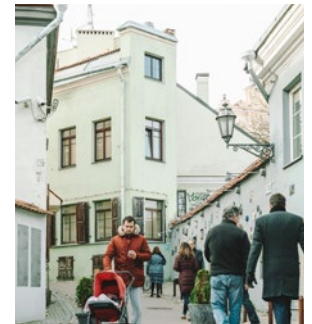


Nida

The Vilnius old town is a UNESCO world heritage site, and home to a plethora of intriguing churches, palaces and monuments. The newly renovated Duke's Palace is a fascinating gateway into the past, and also a delightful venue for outdoor opera and theatre.



Duke's palace in Vilnius



Literatų street in Vilnius



Lithuanian Ethnocosmology Museum in Molėtai



Užutrakis palace



Treetop walking path in Anykščiai



Treetop walking path in Anykščiai



Lithuania. The best home for your business growth.

When you are looking to relocate your operations, getting the right advice is key.

We are here to help you manage that move – giving you the knowledge and support you need to make the best decision for you and your business. We'll be with you

every step of the way to get you up and running with the minimum of fuss.

And as a semi-state institution, aimed at attracting export-oriented businesses that create highly-skilled jobs in Lithuania, our services are free.

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