

ROUTE OF MUSEUMS



Map



1.

Ruins of Ikšķile Church on the St. Meinhard's Island

Ikšķile is a place where more than 800 years ago historical events of both national and European importance took place. The ruins of the oldest sacred stone building, located on the St. Meinhard's Island on the river Daugava, are the witnesses of these events. In 1184, Meinhard, who was an Augustinian canon at the Segeberg Abbey in Holstein, started to build a church on the island. The church served as the chair of the Livonian bishop till 1201, when Riga was founded. The building was thoroughly reconstructed during 1879–1881, but was destroyed in 1916. Nowadays, a 10 m high metal cross (artist: E. Samovičs), and a stone altar (sculptor: J. Karlovs) are placed on the island. For conservation purposes the ruins were covered with a metal roof in 2002. Visitors can get to the ruins via passenger ferry or a boat. Each August the St. Meinhard's day is celebrated on the island, and the Holy Mass is held. If previously arranged, it is possible to held baptism or wedding on the island. An architectural and historical monument of national importance.

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2.

Cultural Heritage Centre of Ikšķile Municipality *Tīnūžu Muiža (Tīnūži Manor)*

The Cultural Heritage Centre of Ikšķile Municipality *Tīnūžu Muiža* is located in a granary built during the early 1930's, the main exposition of the museum is dedicated to the Latvian riflemen battles near the river Mazā Jugla in 1917. The Cultural Heritage Centre was opened to public at the end of 2012 in order to preserve the cultural heritage of Latvia, to improve the society's interest in it, and to illustrate the history and culture of Latvia by providing a wide range of events for various types of people: from traditional cultural events to conducting simulation battles.



During the WWI, the Latvian Rifleman battles against the German Army took place near Tīnūži which have left a significant impact on the history of Russia and Europe. Tīnūži Manor is located only few kilometres away from the positions of the Latvian Riflemen during these battles. Unpublished photos, weapons, uniforms, and various objects found on the battlefield by the river Mazā Jugla. In addition to the main exposition, each year there are thematic exhibitions held at the cultural heritage centre.

Admission: adults LVL 0,70, children LVL 0,30

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3.

History and Art Museum of Ogre

The History and Art Museum of Ogre offers two permanent expositions, temporary thematic expositions and art exhibitions. The exposition *Leģendārā Ogre (Legendary Ogre)* is dedicated to the most significant events in the town's history. Museum is a place where historical facts get mixed together with legends, interpretations, and memories of people. It is possible that somebody did not know that Ogre is the old placement of Riga, that the Russian Empress Catherine I was born on the banks of the river Ogre. The Catherine's desire for eels, with which the river Ogre was once full of, is one of the interpretations about the origins of town name (*угорь* is the Russian for *eel*, which sounds similarly to the word *Ogre*). There are many legends related to the Ogre textile production plant, the free thinking and rebellious spirit of the town which has accompanied the unforgettable concerts of Imants Kalniņš and the band *Pērkons (The Thunder)*, and the extraordinary conclusion of the folk festival *Baltika-88*. The silver giant of the Ogre Blue Hills has its own legend: he has found its home here because he knew the meaning of the place name *Ogre* in English, which has caused lots of misunderstandings.



The exposition *Ogre – Water and Air Resort* is dedicated to one of the greatest periods in the town's history – the time when Ogre became a favourite and popular resort destination in Latvia. The exposition tells about the most picturesque places, hotels, B&B hotels, beauty and health care services, restaurants, cafes, as well as summer houses and their famous inhabitants. Art and thematic exhibitions take place in the exhibition hall of the museum on a regular basis.

Admission: adults – LVL 0.60, children and seniors – LVL 0.30; On Wednesdays – admission is free

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4.**The Museum of Girl Guides and Boy Scouts of Latvia**

The museum is located in the premises of Ogre Primary School. The only this type of museum in the Baltic states. The development of the museum is related to the re-establishment of the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts Organisation in Latvia. The museum was founded in 1991 to acquaint people with the famous girl guides and boy scouts movement. The literature and educational materials of girl guides and boy scouts, various uniforms worn over the years, badges, awards, camp signs and flags, historical documents from all over the world can be seen in the museum.

Admission by donation

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**5.****Nature Park *Ogres Zilie kalni (Ogre Blue Hills)***

The Blue Hills are a chain of hillocks – a part of The Great Eskers. The major part of the territory is covered with coniferous forests on glaciofluvial eskers. Six protected plant species characteristic of esker forests can be found here: the Prairie crocus, the Sand-Esparsette, the Blue lungwort, the Northern dragonhead, the Dwarf birch, and the Small pasque flower. The area of the park is 312 ha. The hill fort – Blue Hill – is located on the highest point of the park, from which an incredibly beautiful scenery can be seen. In winters, there are cross-country skiing tracks with interesting relief at the park, but in summers, various paths are available to Nordic walkers, cyclists, and others interested in outdoor activities. Dubkalni Lake, the average depth of which is 2.5 m with the deepest point of 7 m, is also located in the park. It is allowed to swim in the lake.

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**6.****Dendrological Park *Lazdukalni***

The park is also known as the park of Špakovskis. It is located in Pārogre, total area of the park is 5.9 ha. There are 412 tree species, decorative shrubs, and 7,000 plantations which grow in the park. One hundred steps and paths lead up to the hill. From the observation tower a beautiful view of the river Daugava arises from above the treetops.

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**7.****Public Observatory in Suntaži**

The observatory is open both during the daytime, and at night if it is not cloudy, foggy and there is no precipitation. In the event of partly overcast sky visitors can observe the sun and the moon if they are visible. Besides, visitors can also enjoy the collection of meteorites, have a look at the equipment used at the observatory, and even purchase telescopes. The staff of the observatory offers to show interesting and exciting physics experiments together with Aivis Meijers. Prior to visiting Suntaži please contact the observatory to make sure that the sky there is clear and the staff is on the spot.



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8.

Suntaži Manor and Museum

The manor house was built during 1780–1782. In the middle of the 19th century it was modernised, adding to it neo-Gothic style. The manor had been destroyed and rebuilt for several times. After being destroyed in 1905, the manor was rebuilt by its last owner, Baron von Hanenfeld (buried in Suntaži Cemetery). Since 1920, the manor is a home for a school. An exhibition on the history of Suntaži Rural Territory and the school is open to the visitors of the museum. Visitors can also climb up the palace tower and enjoy the scenery. Suntaži Palace and the manor complex are architectural monuments of local importance.

Book a visit in advance.

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**9.**

Ančiņi Devil's Stone

The stone is 5.1 m long, 4.3 m wide, 2.3 m high, its size is 40 cubic metres, and the circumference is 16 m. Ančiņi Devil's Stone is an ancient sacred stone, which in the past served as a sacrificial place. On its surface a longish 3 m long, 0.5 m wide, and approximately 0.1 m deep dimple has been created. An archaeological monument of national importance.

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**10.**

The Local History Museum of Madliena *Bet tā bija!* (But so it was!)

The museum is located at the centre of former Plātere Rural Territory, in the premises of Plātere Primary School built in 1868. The first Latvian press tycoon and a millionaire Antons Benjāmiņš, and a composer Kārlis Kažociņš have worked here. The founders of the museum are Jūlijs Beļunieks and Ojārs Upenieks. The name of the museum *Bet tā bija!* symbolises the life of the district residents during different social systems. The museum also offers tent campsites and a garden-house.

Admission by donation.

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**11.**

Catering - „Bitīte”

Vaivari, Madliena Rural Territory, Ogre Municipality

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Number of seats- 50



The cinema station is the Ķeipene railway station which is the only remaining stretch from the old railway line Riga–Ērgļi. An exposition dedicated to the excellent director Sergejs Eizenšteins, technology from early periods in cinema history, a real marine navigation tower dedicated to J. Podnieks, and an environmental installation – the enormous table dedicated to the brightest minds in cinematography – are open to the visitors of the station. Next to the 6 m high table two chairs are situated one of which has a stylised porthole on its backrest. The constructed stairs allow to use the table also as an observation deck. The idea about the cinema station was born when the staff and associates of the Film Forum *Arsenāls* visited Ķeipene, the place where pigeon post was once used as a mean of communication. There are no cemeteries, churches or pubs in Ķeipene, but it has a great old railway station where you can meditate together with the greatest minds in cinematography, call Marilyn Monroe, Federico Fellini or Luchino Visconti, learn about the history of cinema and S. Eizenšteins, or just simply enjoy the surreal feeling of being lost in time.

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