

Interreg V-A Latvia – Lithuania Programme 2014-2020
LLI-187 ““International Cultural Route "Balts' Road”/
“Balts' Road”

“Balts' Road” - two-day promotional tour

1st DAY AGENDA



09.09.2020





Websites where you can find public transport to Jelgava/Riga :


- <https://ecolines.net>
- <https://www.busradar.com/>
- <https://www.autoosta.lv/time-table/?lang=en>

Language (guides): EN/RU

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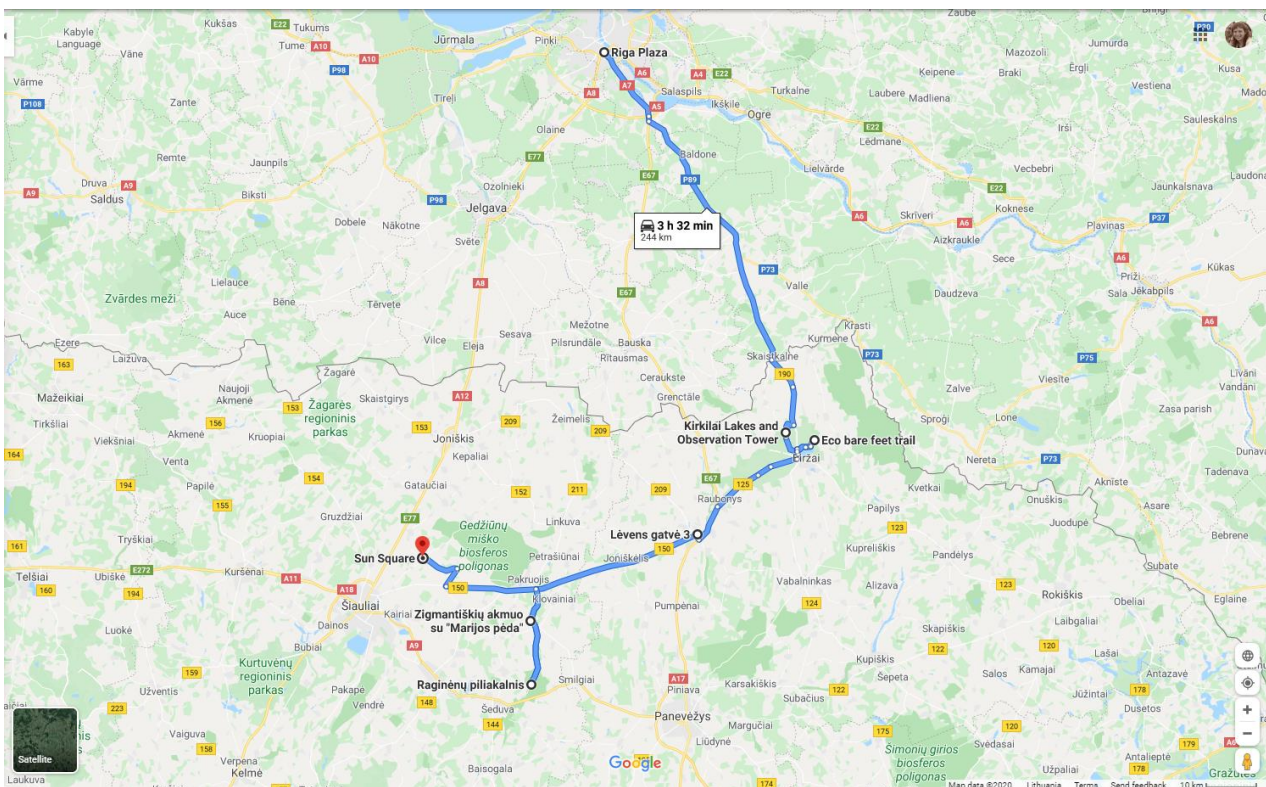
9:00	<p>Departure from Riga on Ziepniekkalna iela 13, next to PAPA Burger Coordinates: 56.911953, 24.123869 <u>A Joint bus is organized from here.</u></p> <p>A Joint bus could take participants from Jelgava on Lielā Street, next to <i>Duke Jacob's Square</i> near “<i>Students</i>” sculpture (Hercoga Jēkaba laukums). Time: 8.15 Coordinates: 56.6523587,23.7244918</p>	
10:30 - 11:00	<p>Kirkilai Observation Tower</p> <p>The legend tells that many years ago giants roamed the lands of Lithuania: hillforts were piled by their hands, the lakes were filled with their tears and they could rip trees from their roots by hand. However, the story of Kirkilai is different.</p> <p>During the trip you will hear the story of the terrain of karst ditch in Biržai land.</p>	
11:15- 11:45	<p>Eco Bare Foot Park</p> <p>Nowadays to feel the ancient spirit you have to go barefoot . 1300 metres of the feeling that Balts' were used to feel every day. The journey will begin on a stone path, but just around the corner your feet will feel sand. You will face an even more exotic terrain if you continue following the path: sawdust, stones of various shape and size and even wood planks.</p> <p>During the trip you will have an opportunity to feel “Nature SPA”.</p>	

<p>12:00-13:00</p>	<p>Lunch in a restaurant in Biržai “Alaus kelias” (eng. “Bear Path”) http://www.rinkuskiai.lt/alaus-kelias</p>
<p>13.30-14:00</p>	<p>Pasvalys stones with bowls</p> <p>The open-air museum with more than 50 sacred stones dated back to the 15th-16th cc. It is the area where the religion of Balts’ remained the longest. Once stones with narrow-shaped bowls were located home, Balts’ gods and goddess were worshiped there.</p> <p>During the trip you will have the opportunity to touch history.</p> 
<p>14:40-15:00</p>	<p>Zigmantiškių (Rozalimo) stone</p> <p>The stone with a foot is a unique place of Balts’ heritage, which is still respected. However, a part of the stone with the foot called “depression” was excavated more than a hundred years ago. This part solemnly moved to the foundations of the Rozalimas Church (Chapel) yet the sanctuary is still visited by those who pray for health and good luck.</p> <p>During the trip you will have the opportunity to ask for good luck.</p> 
<p>15:20-15:45</p>	<p>Raginėnų hillfort</p> <p>One of the most impressive hillforts in north-central Lithuania. The hillfort is surrounded by legends and stories. It is said that in this area chthonic deities lit a sacred fire and capricious goddesses ruled in surroundings.</p> <p>During the trip you will have the opportunity to find out which giant roamed the land.</p> 
<p>16:00-16:15</p>	<p>Verdulių spring</p> <p>The springs are one of the most sacred sites in Lithuania, often erupting near hillforts, old settlements, sacred mountains and stones. People still believe in the power of spring water. They are willing not only to admire but also to replenish their drinking water reserves.</p> <p>During the trip you will have the opportunity to experience the power and miracle of the spring water.</p> 

<p>17:00- 18:30</p>	<p>Naisiai. Balts' God Sculpture Park</p>	
	<p>Folk artists have created 38 oak sculptures that adorn the 1.4 km long path of the Museum of Balts' God Sculptures. Based on Lithuanian, Latvian and Prussian mythology, archaeological research, written in the 13th – 18th c. sources, folklore works, ethnographic descriptions of customs, the creators of the path tell about Balts' culture, myths, the values of the ancient religion: happiness, friendship, love, loyalty, beauty.</p> <p>During the trip you will have the opportunity to see the interpretation of Balts' "golden age" sacred sites</p>	
<p>18:45</p>	<p>Check-in "Baltas gandras" – Naisiai</p>	
<p>19:30</p>	<p>Dinner at "Baltas gandras" - Naisiai</p>	

The Route in a map:

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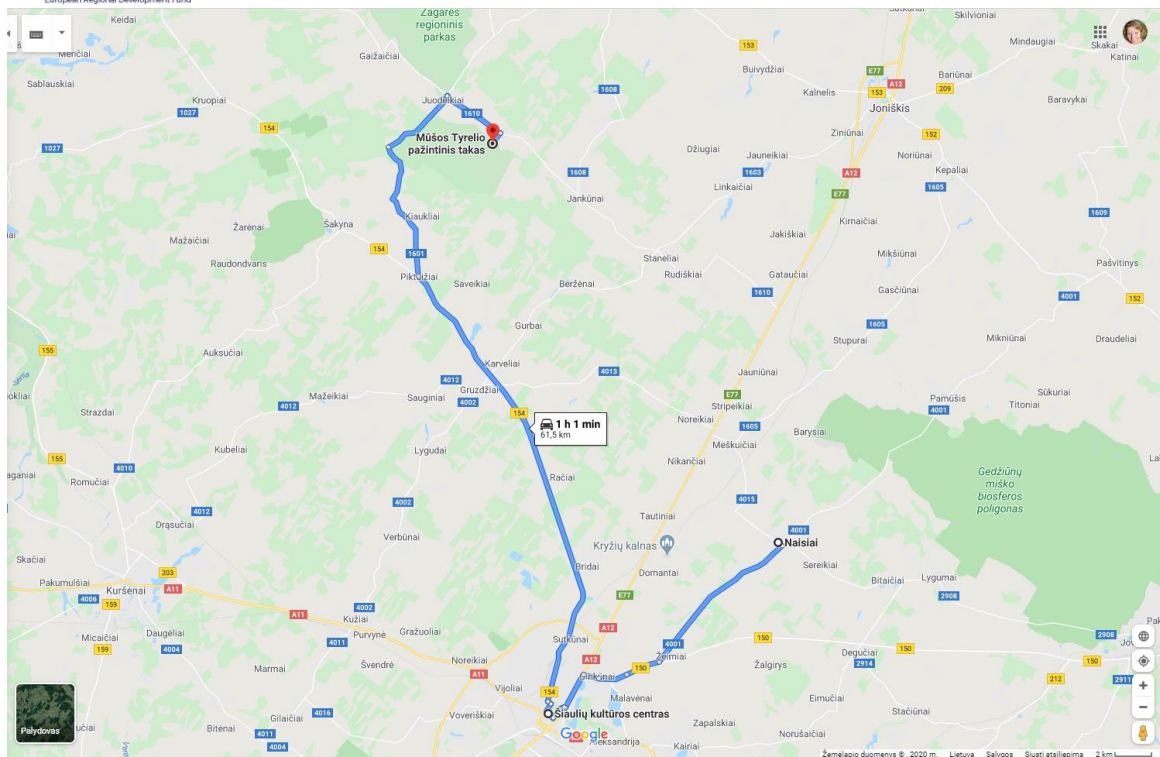
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8:00-8:45	Breakfast	
9:00-10:00	<p>Samogitian horses Stud Farm</p> <p>Samogitian horses are one of the oldest breeds in Lithuania and Europe. Known since the 6th – 8th centuries and especially famous in Lithuanian for battles with the Crusaders. These horses have a spirit of a fighter, they are unique in their history, genetics, endurance, universal ability to work, and extraordinary Samogitian character. These horses are reflections of our Lithuanian historical nature.</p> <p>During the trip you will have the opportunity to ride a Samogitian horse who is currently internationally protected and included in the World Farm Animal Diversity Database.</p>	
10:30-14:00	<p>Educational circle in the seminar “Balts’ Road”. The beginning...</p> <p>The majority who tries to understand Balts’ culture perceive it as a “non-decodable code”. Even the best researchers of the past agree with the fact that this historical period is difficult to describe because sources of information are almost non-existent. Seminar will give opportunity to decode unknown facts, listen to stories of Balts’ behaviour nowadays and meet modern Balts’ crafts.</p> <p>During the seminar you will have the opportunity to try different Balts’ crafts.</p>	
14:15-15:15	<p>Lunch in tearoom “Valerijono arbatinė” https://www.facebook.com/valerijonoarbatine/</p>	
16:00-17:30	<p>Cognitive Walkway of Mūšos Tyrelis</p> <p>How to feel closer to the pureness of nature in Lithuania? How to touch it, smell it, taste it? Have you imagined yourself walking above the swamp? A path of almost 8 km located in Žagarė Regional Park is unique because it is the longest boardwalk in Lithuania. While walking the path you will also come across Balts’ relicts.</p>	
17:30	Departures	

Route in maps:

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VR: <https://veer.tv/vr/c06dd093ba831353/home>

More information on the route “Balt’s road”: <http://baltukelias.lt/>