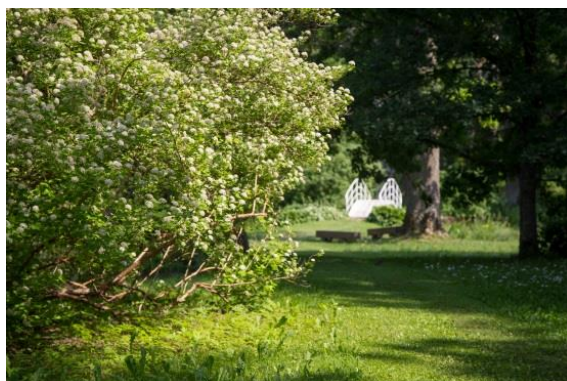


## Welcome to exciting journey in castle and manor parks!



**Participation is free of charge. Number of participants is limited. We would wait for your interesting coverage of the route and the sites you visit in the internet portal, magazines, printed media and/or other resources you represent to inspire other potential travellers to travel in “Exciting journey in palace and manor parks in four seasons”.**

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## Three day promotional tour




### 1<sup>st</sup> DAY AGENDA

25.10.2019.

**Language (guides):** RU

**Group leader:** Ina Jurge

06:00 (bus arrives)	<b>Departure from Vilnius 06:10</b> <b>FORUM PALACE, Konstitucijos pr. 26, Vilnius 08106</b> (GPS 54.6976363,25.2664831)	Joint bus will wait for you.
07:40 (bus arrives)	<b>Departure from Kaunas 07:50</b> <b>MEGA, Islandijos pl. 32, Kaunas 47483</b> (GPS 54.9379661,23.8980195)	Joint bus will pick you up.
10:10 (bus arrives)	<b>Departure from Šiauliai 10:20</b> <b>SAULĒS MIESTAS, Tilžes g. 109, Šiauliai 77159</b> (GPS 55.9280871,23.3074428)	Joint bus will pick you up.
13:30	<b>Lunch in pub “Rūdofls”</b> Since 1997, buildings of the Koknese manor complex are used by pub ‘Rūdofls’, which is popular among Koknese inhabitants and guests. The place, where the writer Rudofls Blaumanis lived and worked from 1885 to 1887, has provided inspiration for the Latvian atmosphere and dishes, as well as the name of the pub. In 2016, pub ‘Rūdofls’ moved from the manor’s former laundry house to the newly renovated barn building, where spacious premises with Latvian style decorations invite the guests to their time enjoying a meal.	
14:35	<b>Koknese Tourism Information centre</b> <a href="http://visitkoknese.lv/en/content/tourism-information-centre">http://visitkoknese.lv/en/content/tourism-information-centre</a>	
14:50	<b>Koknese manor park and ruins</b> <a href="http://www.visitkoknese.lv/en/tourism/koknese-park">http://www.visitkoknese.lv/en/tourism/koknese-park</a> Koknese is a place full of historical events - the park preserves the secrets of several centuries, preserving both the Koknese New Manor ensemble from the turn of the 19th and the 20th century and the medieval castle ruins from the 13th century. The medieval castle of Koknese in the park area was abandoned after it was blown up in 1701. The ruins of the castle have been preserved to this day. Created in 1900 as a green adornment of the New Manor Ensemble, the park encourages modern travelers to pause and enjoy the most beautiful natural paintings, water proximity and antiquity. There is an unforgettable beautiful springtime nature, sunshine landscapes in summer, bright colors in the trees in autumn and frosty, snowy views in winter. The park is located at the confluence of two rivers, the Daugava and the Perse. This is the only place in Latvia where you can see the image of the Perse waterfall, the original of which is in the depths of the river. Most trees are over 130 years old.	 



<p>16:10</p>	<p><b>The garden of Destiny</b>  <a href="http://liktendarzs.lv/us">http://liktendarzs.lv/us</a>  <i>On an island in Daugava, Koknese, The Garden of Destiny grows. It is a symbol of nation's continuous growth and development.</i></p>	
<p>16:45</p>	<p><b>Creative house "Baltaine" in Koknese</b>          The Creative House "Baltaine" invites to celebrate traditional annual celebrations: Meteņi, Easter, Ūšiņi, Jāņi, Miķeļi, Christmas, and to organize honour festivities: christening and ritual dressing of newlyweds (mičošana). The workshops of the Creative House offer a variety of ancient Selonian crafts: spinning, twisting, crocheting, knitting and embroidery. Here you can learn Latvian dances, play games and sing, while the hostesses will treat to pies and herbal teas.</p>	
<p>17:20</p>	<p><b>Departure</b></p>	
<p>19:00</p>	<p><b>Check in Hotel Riija Bauska</b></p>	
<p>19:30- 20:30</p>	<p><b>Dinner in restaurant "Mūza"</b></p>	
<p>Free time in Bauska city</p> <p><i>We recommend to take a walk around the <b>Bauska castle and park</b>:</i></p> <p>The castle surrounded by a picturesque scenery is located in the territory of Bauska town, on the land strip between the rivers Mūsa and Mēmele, not far from the place where the rivers meet to form the river Lielupe. The Bauska castle complex consists of two parts. The oldest of them – Livonia Order Castle – was built in the middle of the 15<sup>th</sup> century, but only ruins have remained up to nowadays. While the newest – residence for the Duke of Kurzeme (Courland) – was built at the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> century.</p> <p><a href="http://bauskaspils.lv/en/castle-and-museum">http://bauskaspils.lv/en/castle-and-museum</a></p>		

## 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY AGENDA

26.10.2019.

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8:30	<b>Breakfast</b>	
9:45	<b>Departure</b>	
10:00	<p><b>Rundāle Palace</b> <a href="http://rundale.net/en/">http://rundale.net/en/</a></p> <p>Rundale Palace with Garden is the most outstanding Baroque and Rococo architectural and art monument in Latvia, and one of the few historical Baroque gardens in Europe, which has preserved its original design without major changes until the beginning of renovation work in 1975. Currently, all typical Baroque garden elements have been restored in the Rundale Palace Park: ornamented parterres, bouquets with hedges, the Green Theater, pergolas or pavilions. The park of the castle surprises every visitor with its majestic luxury, clarity of lines, aristocratic order and great love of work. An unforgettable adventure is to be in the park during rose blooms from late May to mid-July – a glorious memory for everyone. The Rose Garden of the Rundale Palace is made up of one hectare on each side of the ornamental parterre, completing the areas designed by architect Bartolomeo Francesco Rastrelli (1700-1771). 18<sup>th</sup> century they were not planted, because the garden of the Dukes of Courland was decorated only by roses grown in pots. There are currently 52 circles in the Rundale Palace Rose Garden to showcase varieties created by 72 breeders from 17 countries. These plantations are regularly updated and new names are coming to the attention of rose lovers.</p>	 
12:00	<b>Departure</b>	
12:40	<p><b>Jelgava St. Trinity Church Tower</b></p> <p><a href="https://visit.jelgava.lv/en/sightseeing/muzeji-un-ekspozicijas/item/81-jelgavas-sv-trisvienibas-baznicas-tornis">https://visit.jelgava.lv/en/sightseeing/muzeji-un-ekspozicijas/item/81-jelgavas-sv-trisvienibas-baznicas-tornis</a></p> <p>In the restored Jelgava Holy Trinity Church tower, it is possible to view interactive and enthralling exhibitions, enjoy a panoramic view of Jelgava and receive tourist information. In three of the tower's floors, historical exhibitions have been set up with interactive elements, which serve as an excellent example of the correlation between past and present.</p>	
13:40	<p><b>Lunch in restaurant "Tornis"</b></p> <p><a href="https://visit.jelgava.lv/en/holy-trinity-tower/restaurant-tornis">https://visit.jelgava.lv/en/holy-trinity-tower/restaurant-tornis</a></p> <p>Restaurant "Tornis" is a place for a delicious meal in a wonderful atmosphere above the roofs of Jelgava. Amazing scenery of the town stretches out on the other side of the restaurant windows.</p>	
14:50	<b>Check in Hotel Jelgava</b>	
14:50-16:30	<p><b>Free time in Jelgava city</b></p> <p><i>We recommend to take a walk around the Jelgava Palace:</i></p> <p>When traveling to Jelgava, one cannot indifferently pass the beautiful "pearl" of Zemgale - the Jelgava Castle, designed by the famous architect Bartolomeo Francesco Rastrelli (1700-1771), majestically on the bank of the Lielupe River. Jelgava Castle Park was established in 1817 in place of the former castle ramparts. The park has romantic canals, bridges, several palace buildings and Governor's Island, which makes it one of the most beautiful parks in Jelgava.</p> <p><i>or Uzvaras park and Villa Medem:</i></p> <p>Going to Uzvaras (Victory) Park, where historical events mingle in a</p>	

	<p>varied collage, you need to look at the time of its formation. In 1818, in the place where Uzvaras Park is now located, an outbuilding of medieval noblemen Medes was built in the style of an villa called Villa Medem, designed by architect Johann George Adam Berlitz (1753-1837). The park is also notable for the fact that in 1895 the Jelgava Latvian Society and its director Janis Čakste organized the 4th Latvian Song and Music Festival, the only event outside Riga. The park is a venue for various events and is rich in art objects dedicated to outstanding artists during the Metal Art Symposium (2011).</p>	
16:30	<b>Departure to Eleja manor park</b>	
17:00	<p><b>Eleja manor park</b>  <a href="https://visit.jelgava.lv/en/sightseeing/castles-and-manors/item/149-elejas-muizas-parks-un-tejas-namins">https://visit.jelgava.lv/en/sightseeing/castles-and-manors/item/149-elejas-muizas-parks-un-tejas-namins</a>                  Eleja Manor Park is considered to be one of the pearls of Latvian manor ensemble - walking trails will take you on a wonderful and peaceful journey with legends, 15 great trees and unusual dendrology, as well as romantic sculpture "For Love" and interactive environment object "Conversation". Careful spectators and listeners will gleam among the trees at the edge of the baroness's skirt or silently hear her laughter.</p>	
18:05	<b>Dinner in café "Piramīda"</b>	
19:00	<b>Departure</b>	
19:20	<p><b>Vircava manor park and Legends night: introduction with Duke's menu and enjoying tea with sugar biscuits; macramé and decor creation</b>  <a href="https://visit.jelgava.lv/en/sightseeing/castles-and-manors/item/85-vircavas-muiza">https://visit.jelgava.lv/en/sightseeing/castles-and-manors/item/85-vircavas-muiza</a>                  The manor house complex was built during 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> century as a symmetrical ensemble of Baroque style. It was the favoured country residence for the last Duke of Courland – Peter von Biron. Although, the manor was devastated in 1919, there are buildings in the manor complex that we can see today. The chevalier's house is currently a school, the barn-manège is People's House today and there are other outbuildings: the stone kitchen building, the manor manager's house and the granary. There is a picturesque park that was formed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century with a beautiful water parterre in the middle. The site is famous for the oak tree planted in 1937 by the President, Kārlis Ulmanis.</p>	
20:30	<b>Departure</b>	
20:45	<p><b>Lielplatone manor park and Legends night: presentation "Ancient Battles", demonstrations of ancient laundry washing</b>  <a href="https://visit.jelgava.lv/en/sightseeing/castles-and-manors/item/146-lielplatones-muiza">https://visit.jelgava.lv/en/sightseeing/castles-and-manors/item/146-lielplatones-muiza</a>                  More than 300 years old oak can tell the story of this scenic park. The mouth of the river, where the Sidrabe and Platone rivers meet, becoming Platone, serves as a home for wild ducks, water hens and a pair of white swans that have been floating along the ancient linden avenue for decades. Lots of stories and sayings live here in Lielplatone. Here is the possibility to observe a unique and historical laundry ritual in the renovated manor house. Also the old alleys and rare specimens of tree species are brought from the south as a gift to the landlord.</p>	 
23:00	<b>Fire show "FEVER II" by FOTIA in Lielplatone manor park</b>	
	<b>Departure to hotel</b>	

## 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY AGENDA

27.10.2019.

Language (guides): RU

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8:00-8:55	<b>Breakfast</b>	
8:55	<b>Departure</b>	
9:30	<p><b>Vilce manor and park</b>  <a href="https://visit.jelgava.lv/en/sightseeing/castles-and-manors/item/84-vilces-muiza">https://visit.jelgava.lv/en/sightseeing/castles-and-manors/item/84-vilces-muiza</a></p> <p>Former hunting residence of Baron Hahn was built in the second half of the 18th century and rebuilt in the 19th century. The entrance door of Vilce Manor is decorated with the Medem-Kaizlinger alliance's coat of arms, which has been preserved well and is a valuable example of the 18th century decorative sculpture in Latvia. Since 1921 Vilce Manor houses Vilce Primary School. The exhibition of the school history is open to visitors. At Vilce Manor you can find out about the Baron times, including hunting stories and legends and hear stories about revolutionary movement in 1905, led by the estate gardener Riekstiņš.</p>	
11:00	<b>Departure</b>	
11:20	<p><b>Abgunste manor and park</b>  <a href="http://www.abgunste.lv/home/">http://www.abgunste.lv/home/</a></p> <p>Visiting Abgunste Manor is also full of special feelings and pleasant surprises for those who have visited it several times. After it was burned in 1780, it experienced a second revival in 1908, when a stone building was constructed in the form it is viewed today. The third revival of the manor began in 2016, when it came under the control of the Avotiņi family and acquired a unique residency of creative inspiration, crafts and art. Abgunste Park, or garden, was once made of fruit trees that have not survived to this day. Using an old willow along the former Duke's River (now Aila's Stream), a trail of artistic walks and senses has been created. The old-fashioned willows and oaks surrounding the manor house are the guardians of the site, which for hundreds of years have been able to protect the value of the place.</p>	
13:00	<b>Lunch in Abgunste manor</b>	
14:00	<b>Departures to Siauliai – Kaunas - Vilnius.</b> The joint bus will drive you back.	