




SUN ROUTE
catch the sun



I HAVE ACCUMULATED
ENOUGH SUN
TO LAST A LIFETIME

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**Routes around Šiauliai, Joniškis
and Jelgava regions**

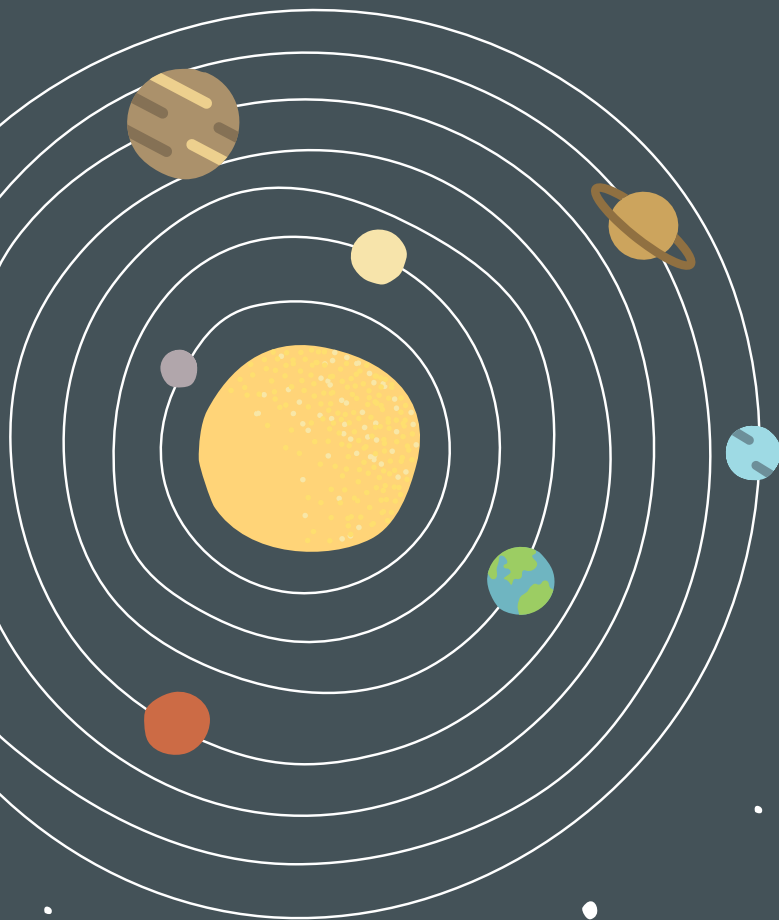
CATCH THE SUN AND SHARE IT
ON SOCIAL NETWORKS WITH A HASHTAG

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The sun is the closest star to Earth. Even at a distance of 150 million kilometers (93 million miles), its gravitational pull holds the planet in orbit. It radiates light and heat, or solar energy, which makes it possible for life to exist on Earth.

Solar energy has existed as long as the sun—about 5 billion years. While people have not been around

that long, they have been using solar energy in a variety of ways for thousands of years.

Plants need sunlight to grow. Animals, including humans, need plants for food and the oxygen they produce. Without heat from the sun, Earth would freeze. There would be no winds, ocean currents, or clouds to transport water.



We present you this book with carefully selected routes for adults, families with children and children's groups. All the tours are composed the way that you can start a tour from any of the sight's and you will go round to the same place – this makes your travel planning very easy and we hope you will enjoy it mostly!

Sun is very important in Lithuanian and Latvian mythology, traditions and many places you will visit on our tours, are related to sun or sun symbols. We offer you an entertaining journey!

SUN ROUTE

SPRING



EASTER

The Christian festival of Easter is celebrated in Latvia as Lieldienas and Šv. Velykos in Lithuania. Did you know that many heathen elements of celebrating Easter have become a tradition. Before the arrival of Christianity, Easter was a spring equinox event, celebrating the victory of light over darkness.

Swinging and egg-related beliefs, like egg painting, egg beating is obligatory tradition for Easter holiday. Eating an egg, people watched how the eggshell separated - if it came off well, it meant the flax will grow well; if it shed badly, then it meant a bad flax harvest.

Eggs also involved in a lot of other beliefs:

- Who steals an Easter egg - will remain naked like an egg!
- Who eats an Easter egg without a salt - will lie all summer!
- If a girl during Easter gives to a guy 2 eggs, it would imply - I don't like you; if 3 - better than nothing; if 4 - I don't like you, but since you're rich, I will be with you; if 5 - I have been waiting for you for a long time, come, take me!



Other Easter beliefs:

- Before the sunrise, go to the barn to pick up crumbs, so that the money stays.
- On Easter, lie down on dew, to be healthy all year round.
- Easter requires a lot of swinging - so you would not oversleep throughout the whole year!



KIDS ONE DAY

Spring is a perfect time for kids to explore the traditions of the Baltic region, with colorful and playful activities that will leave lasting memories. Visiting a chocolate museum “Rūta” is a sweet treat for the senses, where kids can learn about the history of chocolate and taste some delicious treats. Meeting adorable goat babies at the farm and tasting their cheese is a unique experience, while exploring the Wheel of Time from mirrors brings a touch of magic to the day. With the warm sun and fresh air of spring, this tour is sure to be a fun and educational adventure for kids of all ages.

Places to visit:

1. ŠIAULIAI BOULEVARD
Vilniaus St., Šiauliai

**2. BALTIC CULTURE
EDUCATION CENTRE
“BALTS’ ROAD”**
Vilniaus St. 213, Šiauliai

**3. CHOCOLATE
MUSEUM “RŪTA”**
Tilžes St. 133, Šiauliai

4. JONIŠKIS WALKING TOUR
Miesto Sq., Joniškis

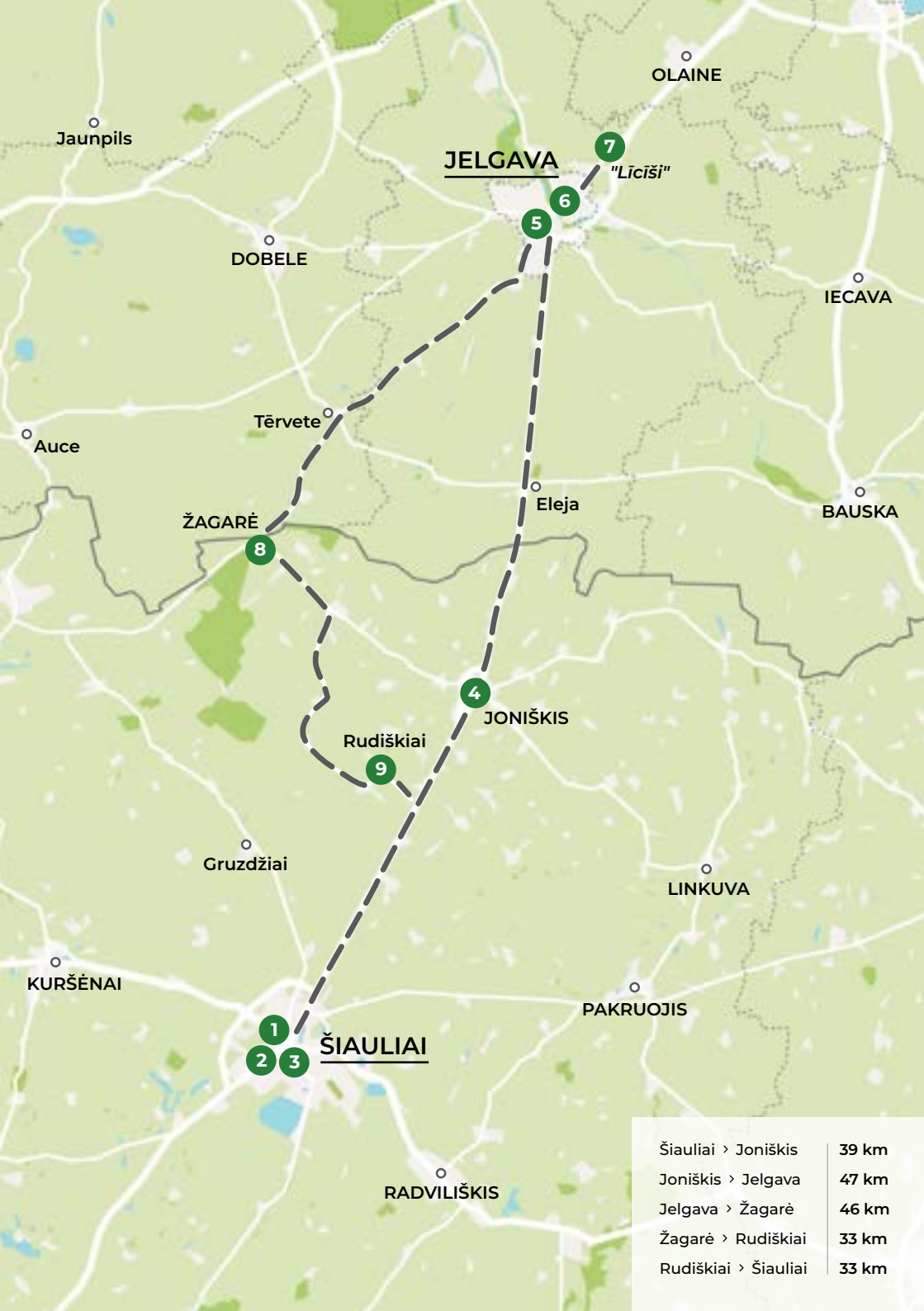
**5. VECPILSĒTA (OLD TOWN)
STREET QUARTER, TIME
WHEEL 100 AND METAL ELK**
Dobeles St. 68 and Lielā St. 29,
Jelgava

**6. JELGAVA HOLY TRINITY
CHURCH TOWER AND
EXHIBITION**
Akadēmijas St. 1, Jelgava

7. GOAT FARM - LĪCĪŠI
“Līcīši”, Cenu pag.,
Jelgavas dist.,

**8. ŽAGARĒ “HOUSE
OF POTS”**
P. Cvirkos St. 31, Žagarē

**9. MINIGOLF CLUB
“THUNDER VALLEY”**
Senoji St. 32, Rudiškiai,
Joniškis dist.



Šiauliai › Joniškis	39 km
Joniškis › Jelgava	47 km
Jelgava › Žagarė	46 km
Žagarė › Rudiškiai	33 km
Rudiškiai › Šiauliai	33 km



FAMILIES ONE DAY

Spring is a season of awakening and colors, making it the amazing time for families with kids to embark on a fun-filled tour. Creating delicious caramel candies in a special workshop is a sweet and memorable experience, while visiting the elk farm provides a unique opportunity to learn about nature. Participating in an Easter egg making workshop and exploring nature adds a touch of nostalgia while basking in the warm sun and blossoming surroundings of spring. This tour is sure to delight both kids and parents alike, creating cherished memories for years to come.

Places to visit:

1. JELGAVA HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER AND EXHIBITION

Akadēmijas St. 1, Jelgava

2. CANDY WORKSHOP

Rūpniecības St. 1A, Jelgava

3. NĀKOTNE PARK' S (FUTURE PARK) RETRO MOTORCYCLE COLLECTION

Glūdas pag., Jelgava dist.

4. TOUR AT ŽAGARĒ MANOR AND PARK

Malūno St. 1, Žagarē

5. ŽALIŪKIAI VILLAGE MILLER'S FARMSTEAD-MUSEUM, EASTER EGG MAKING WORKSHOP

Arhitektu St. 73, Šiauliai

6. CHOCOLATE MUSEUM "RŪTA"

Tilžės St. 133, Šiauliai

7. SUNDIAL SQUARE, ENERGY MAZE AND THE "IRON FOX" SCULPTURE

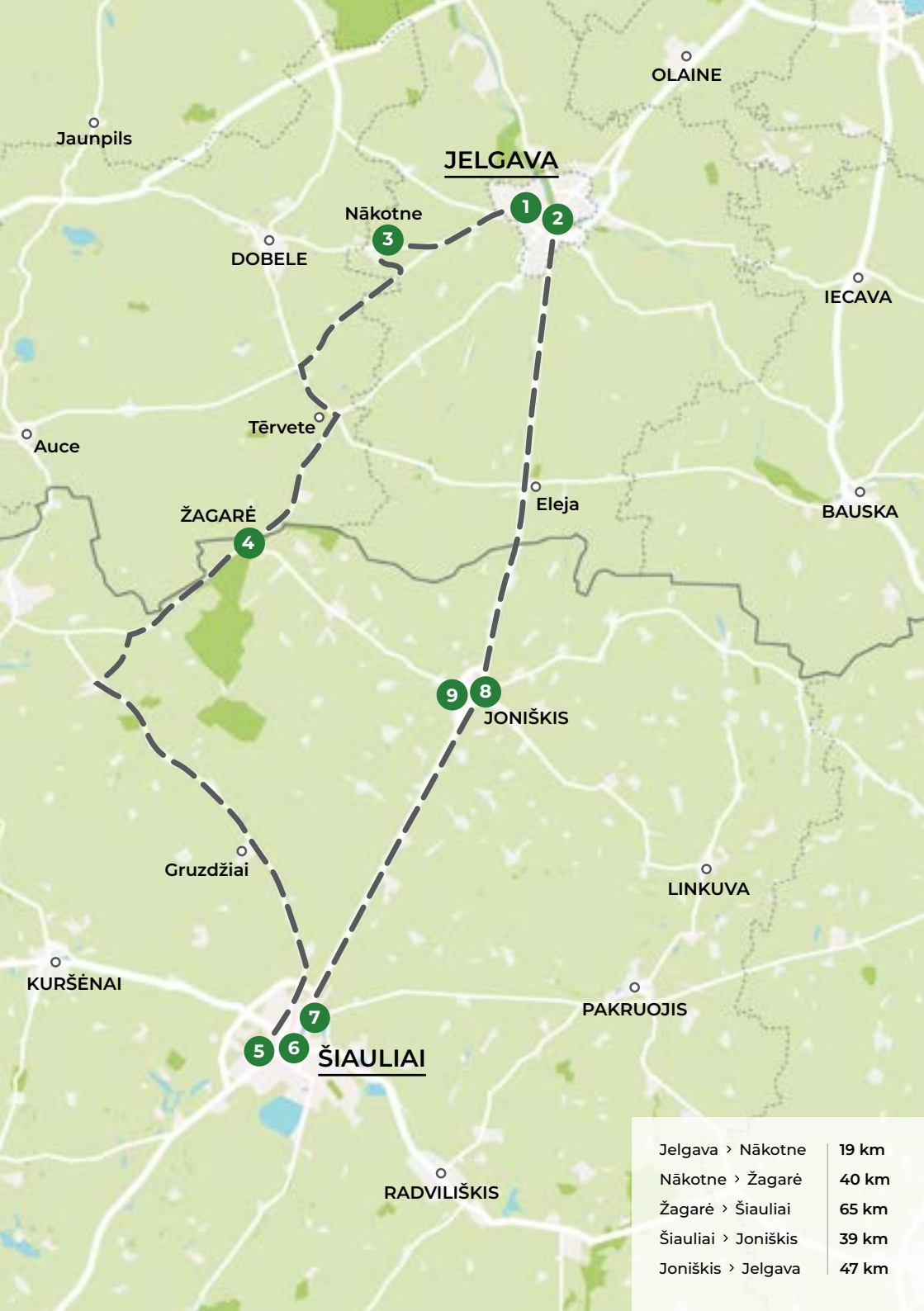
Ežero St. and S. Šalkauskio St. crossing, southern coast of the lake Talkša, Šiauliai

8. JONIŠKIS BASKETBALL MUSEUM

Livonijos St. 3, Joniškis

9. AUDRUVIS ELK FARM

Sodų St. 1, Ziniūnai, Joniškis dist.



JELGAVA

Nākotne

DOBELE

Tērvete

ŽAGARĒ

Eleja

JONIŠKIS

Gruzdžiai

LINKUVA

KURŠĒNAI

PAKRUOJIS

ŠIAULIAI

RADVILIŠKIS

Jelgava › Nākotne	19 km
Nākotne › Žagarē	40 km
Žagarē › Šiauliai	65 km
Šiauliai › Joniškis	39 km
Joniškis › Jelgava	47 km

Honey pie

Ingredients:

2.5 glasses of wheat flour
3 eggs
1 glass curdled milk
1 glass sugar
3 tablespoons of
runny honey
teaspoon of soda
spices (cinnamon, cloves,
nutmeg, pepper, cardamom)

1. Create the dough, which is thicker than pancake dough, using all of the products. Fill it into a cake form and bake in the stove at 160°C for 50–60 min.

2. It can be checked by stabbing it with a wooden probe – if the dough doesn't stick to it, the honey pie is ready.



Romute Vlada Gramaliauskiene, Maldenių Village, Joniškis District



LITHUANIAN DAY OF INDEPENDENCE

March 11 marks the break of Soviet Union. The day of restoration of Independence of Lithuania is a Lithuanian national holiday celebrated in commemoration of the Act of the Re-Establishment of the State of Lithuania that the Constituent Assembly signed in 1990. It is one of the three principal national holidays in Lithuania, along with the Day of the Re-Establishment of the Statehood of Lithuania on 16 February and the Statehood Day on 6 July.



ADULTS ONE DAY

A day trip to Joniškis, Šiauliai and Jelgava in spring is a perfect way to spend time with friends or a loved one. Surroundings are alive with color and energy, with blossoming flowers and the warm sun filling the air with a carefree vibe. A special highlight is blossoming apple tree garden in Nākotne park, making this day a romantic and unforgettable experience.

Places to visit:

1. JONIŠKIS BASKETBALL MUSEUM

Livonijos St. 3, Joniškis

2. JONIŠKIS WALKING TOUR

Miesto Sq., Joniškis

3. JELGAVA PALACE AND TOMBS OF THE DUKES OF COURLAND - RUNDALE PALACE MUSEUM EXHIBITION IN JELGAVA PALACE

Lielā St. 2, Jelgava

4. NĀKOTNE PARK (FUTURE PARK) - APPLE TREES BLOSSOM

Glūdas pag., Jelgava region

5. TOUR AT ŽAGARĒ MANOR AND PARK

Malūno St. 1, Žagarē

6. "SAULĒS MIDUS" TASTING

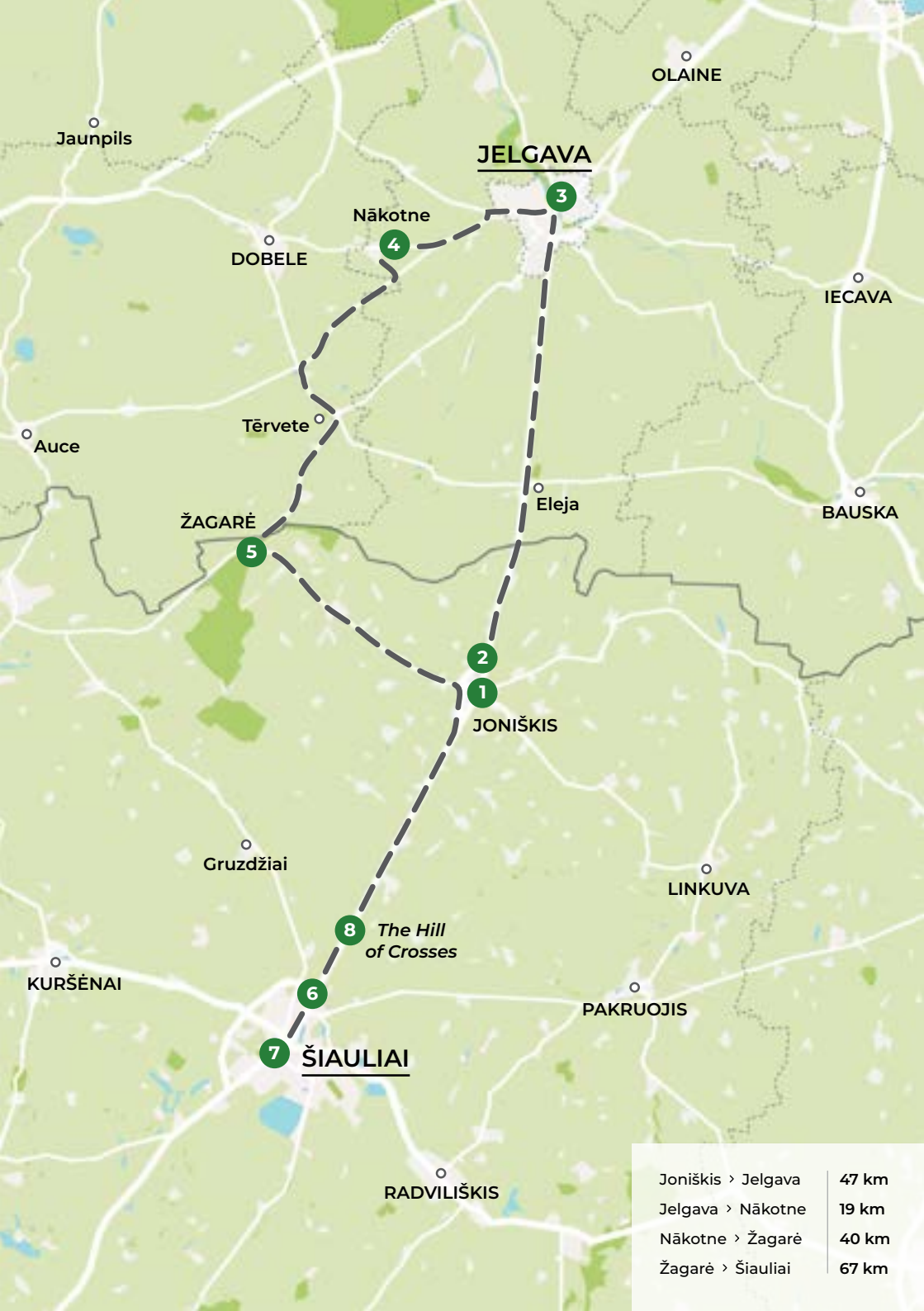
Švedēs St. 53, Ginkūnai

7. BOTANICAL GARDEN

Paitaičių St. 4, Šiauliai

8. THE HILL OF CROSSES

Jurgaičiai, Meškuičiai elderate, Šiauliai dist.



JELGAVA



OLAINE

Jaunpils

DOBELE

IECAVA

Tērvete

Eleja

BAUSKA

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The Hill of Crosses

RADVILIŠKIS

ŠIAULIAI

Joniškis › Jelgava	47 km
Jelgava › Nākotne	19 km
Nākotne › Žagarė	40 km
Žagarė › Šiauliai	67 km



TWO DAYS

Experience inspiring spring getaway with our two-day tour, exploring the industrialization history and economic dawn of Latvia and Lithuania while admiring one of the oldest Latvian produced fireman cars at the Firefighting Museum or getting inspired by the unique businessman Chaimas Frenkelis in Šiauliai, whose family invented the waterproof shoe sole, and indulge in delicious local food such as oven-baked pork with caramelized sauerkraut and Charlottes kiss dessert made of egg curd cream refreshed with a fruit-berry sauce, all while enjoying the beautiful spring ambience and awakening of nature. Join us on this cultural journey and create unforgettable memories.

Places to visit:

1. TOUR AT ŽAGARĒ MANOR AND PARK

Malūno St. 1, Žagarē

2. VECPILSĒTA (OLD TOWN) STREET QUARTER, TIME

WHEEL 100 AND METAL ELK
Dobeles St. 68 and Lielā St. 29, Jelgava

3. FIREFIGHTING MUSEUM

Dobeles St. 16, Jelgava

4. JELGAVA HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER

Akadēmijas St. 1, Jelgava

5. ELEJA MANOR PARK AND TEA HOUSE

Elejas pag., Jelgava Coun.

6. JONIŠKIS WALKING TOUR

Miesto Sq., Joniškis

7. JONIŠKIS BASKETBALL MUSEUM

Livonijas St. 3, Joniškis

8. SUNDIAL SQUARE, ENERGY MAZE AND THE "IRON FOX" SCULPTURE

Ežero St. and S. Šalkauskio St. crossing, southern coast of the lake Talkša, Šiauliai

9. CHAIMAS FRENKELIS' VILLA-MUSEUM

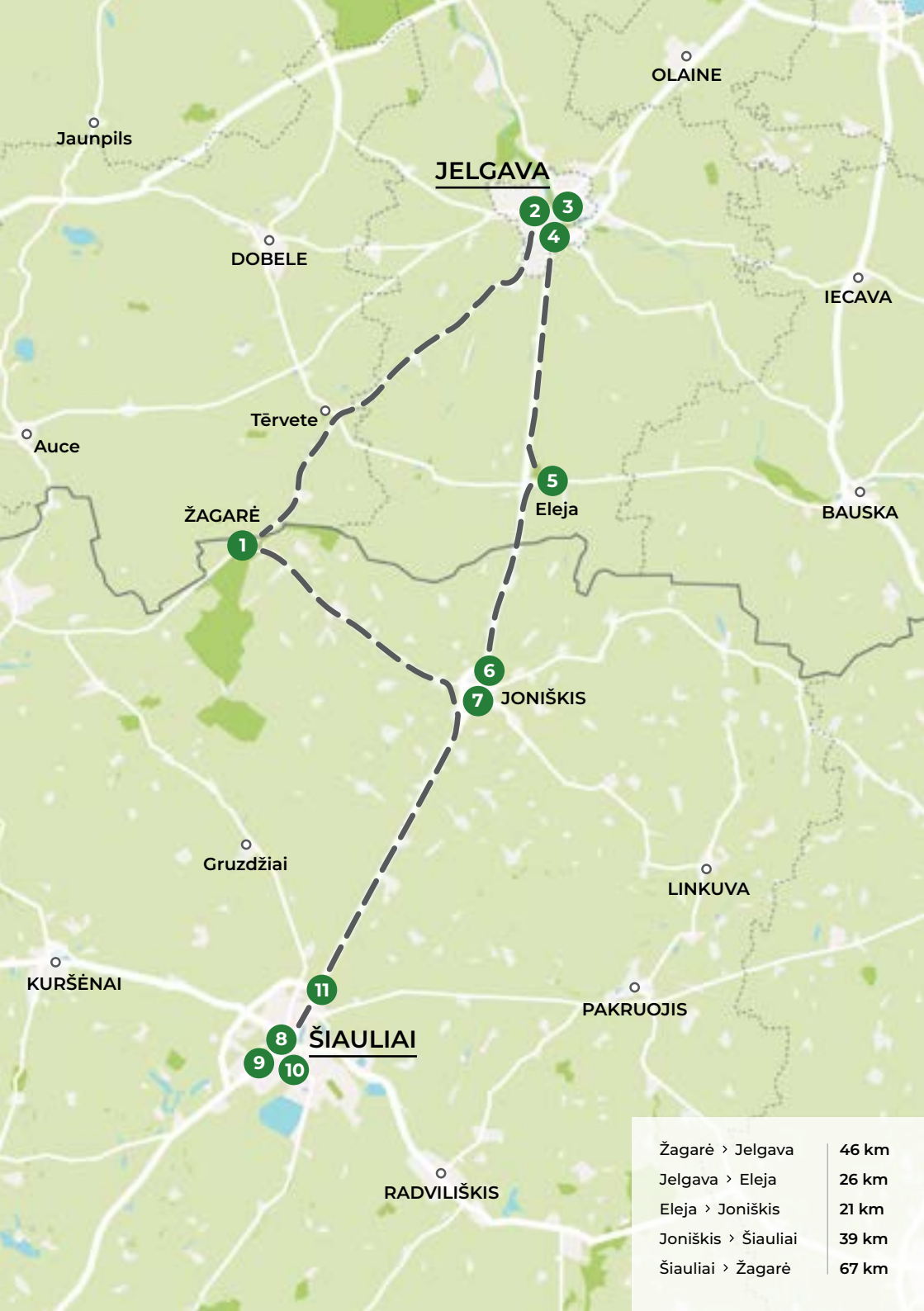
Vilniaus St. 74, Šiauliai

10. THE BICYCLE MUSEUM

Vilniaus St. 139, Šiauliai

11. "SAULĒS MIDUS" TASTING

Švedēs St. 53, Ginkūnai



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ŠIAULIAI

RADVILIŠKIS

Žagarē › Jelgava	46 km
Jelgava › Eleja	26 km
Eleja › Joniškis	21 km
Joniškis › Šiauliai	39 km
Šiauliai › Žagarē	67 km



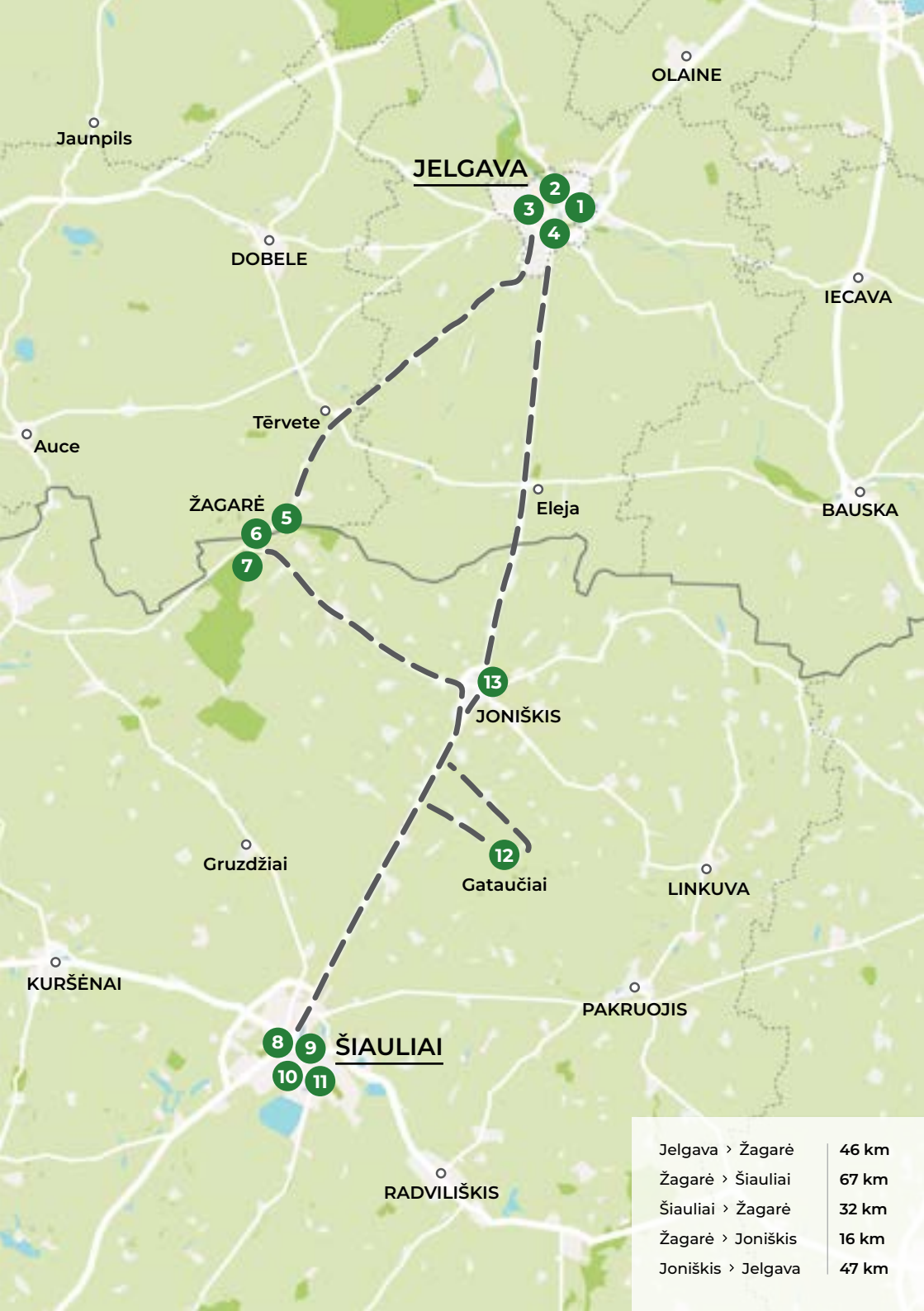
THREE DAYS

Spring is the season of rebirth, and what better way to welcome it than with our three-day spring tour? Admire the stunning sundial as the sun rises and explore the enchanting nature trails through the meadows. Take in the breathtaking views from the bird observation tower and meet the wild horses in their natural habitat. Taste the traditional food and indulge in sweet chocolate, while participating in our caramel workshop, making candies that reflect the sunshine of the season.

As you breathe in the fresh air and feel the warmth of the sun, experience the magic of spring's awakening, and immerse yourself in the region's history and tastes. Let the beautiful metaphors of nature surround and inspire you on this unforgettable journey. Join us on this unique adventure and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Places to visit:

- 1. PASTA ISLAND**
Pasta sala, Jelgava
- 2. LIELUPE FLOODLAND MEADOWS BIRD AND HORSES WATCHING TOUR**
Pils sala, Jelgava
- 3. VECPIĻSETA (OLD TOWN) STREET QUARTER, DOBELES GATE**
Dobeles St. 68, Jelgava
- 4. CANDY WORKSHOP**
Rūpniecības St. 1A, Jelgava
- 5. ŽAGARĒ WALKING TOUR**
Žagarē town square
- 6. "HOUSE OF DOLLS", DOLL MAKING WORKSHOP**
Vilniaus St. 6, Žagarē
- 7. TOUR AT ŽAGARĒ MANOR AND PARK**
Malūno St. 1, Žagarē
- 8. VENCLAUSKIAI HOUSE-MUSEUM**
Vytauto St. 89, Šiauliai
- 9. CHOCOLATE MUSEUM "RŪTA"**
Tilžes St. 133, Šiauliai
- 10. VANDA KAVALIAUSKIENĒ'S CATS MUSEUM**
Žuvininkų St. 18, Šiauliai
- 11. PHARMACY "VALERIJONAS"**
Vilniaus St. 173, Šiauliai
- 12. SUNNY NIGHTS CAMPING**
Rygos St. 12A, Gataučiai, Joniškis dist.
- 13. JONIŠKIS WALKING TOUR**
Miesto Sq., Joniškis



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RADVILIŠKIS

Jelgava › Žagare	46 km
Žagare › Šiauliai	67 km
Šiauliai › Žagare	32 km
Žagare › Joniškis	16 km
Joniškis › Jelgava	47 km





Easter buberts

Ingredients:

4 teaspoons white sugar

4 eggs

4 teaspoons plain flour

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

500ml milk

For Berry sauce

500g raspberries,

strawberries or

blackberries

2 teaspoons sugar

1. Separate the eggs. Beat the egg whites until soft peaks form. Mix the yolks with sugar and vanilla extract.

2. Mix the flour with 100ml milk. Heat the rest of the milk in a medium saucepan on low heat. Once the milk reaches

boiling point, add the flour mixture and mix well with the milk. Be careful, as the milk may boil over or burn quite

fast. While constantly stirring, add egg yolk mixture. Then fold in whipped egg whites. Heat for further 1-2 minutes. Remove from the heat.

3. To prepare the berry sauce, blend the berries in a blender with 1-2 tablespoons of sugar.

4. To serve, place 4-5 heaped tablespoons of buberts in dessert bowls and pour over the sauce.

SUN ROUTE

SUMMER





JĀŅI (JONINĒS)

Jāņi is an annual festival celebrating the summer solstice. On Jāņi, people travel from the city into the countryside to gather and eat, drink, sing and celebrate the solstice by observing the ancient folk traditions related to renewal and fertility.

During Jāņi, foliage of rowan, oak, linden, and birch trees is collected and hung to decorate homes, barns, and granaries, as well as tied to gates, doors and cars. Thorns, thistles, and nettles are hung to repel evil spirits and witches. Circular wreaths made of flowers, grasses and oak leaves are woven and worn on the head. Different types of plants are used to make wreaths for males and females. Women and girls wear wreaths made from flowers, grasses, and herbs. It is believed that wreaths braided with twenty-seven flowers and herbs prevents disasters and diseases and repels enemies. Men and boys wear wreaths made of oak leaves, symbolizing the physical strength of the oak tree. Together with Jāņi cheese and fires, wreaths are also symbols of the sun. During Jāņi, fires are lit and burned from sunset till next morning. This practice reflects the belief that light from the fires will transmit to the next solar year.

Singing Līgo songs or Jāņi songs is associated with the promotion of fertility, acquisition of good fortune and prevention of calamity. Singing Ligo songs on Jāņi night begins after dinner and continues throughout the night until the rising of the sun, either while jumping over Fire of Jāņi, or while going from houses to houses. On Jāņi Day people drink beer and eat cheese, believing that it will promote the growth of barley and production of cow milk in the next summer. Singing visitors from neighboring houses are treated with cheese and beer. It was believed that whoever found a fern flower would gain wealth and happiness and learn the secrets of the past and future. Whoever acquires the fern flower will be happy because it can make anything they want to come true. The flower is hindered by evil spirits and only a brave person can get it.

On Jāņi Night, jump eight times on a broom handle, which is hoisted from a ground. During this time do not talk and do not laugh. Once you have done so, then hop on the broom shaft astride to the nearest fern patch, but only on your own, then you will see the blossoming of a fern flower.



KIDS ONE DAY

Kids, get ready for a one-day adventure that celebrates the magnificence of summer! Experience the thrill of riding a Pirate ship and learn about the fascinating Baltic traditions through interactive museums. See how chocolate is made and taste its sweet flavor, spend some time in a scarecrow making workshop that will spark your creativity and imagination.

As the hot summer sun casts its warm and gentle rays, bask in the joy of the long sunshine hours, and embrace the energy and enthusiasm of the season. Join us on this exciting journey that promises to captivate your senses and create sunny memories. Let the sun shine on your face and the magic of summer will guide you on this unforgettable tour.

Places to visit:

1. ŠIAULIAI BOULEVARD

Vilniaus St., Šiauliai

2. BALTIC CULTURE EDUCATION CENTRE "BALTS' ROAD"

Vilniaus St. 213, Šiauliai

3. CHOCOLATE MUSEUM "RŪTA"

Tilžės St. 133, Šiauliai

4. STUPURAI COMMUNITY VISIT

Stupurai village, Joniškis dist.

5. JONIŠKIS WALKING TOUR

Miesto Sq., Joniškis

6. PIRATE SHIP MOANA - TOUR FROM PASTA ISLAND

Pasta sala, Jelgava

7. JELGAVA HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER

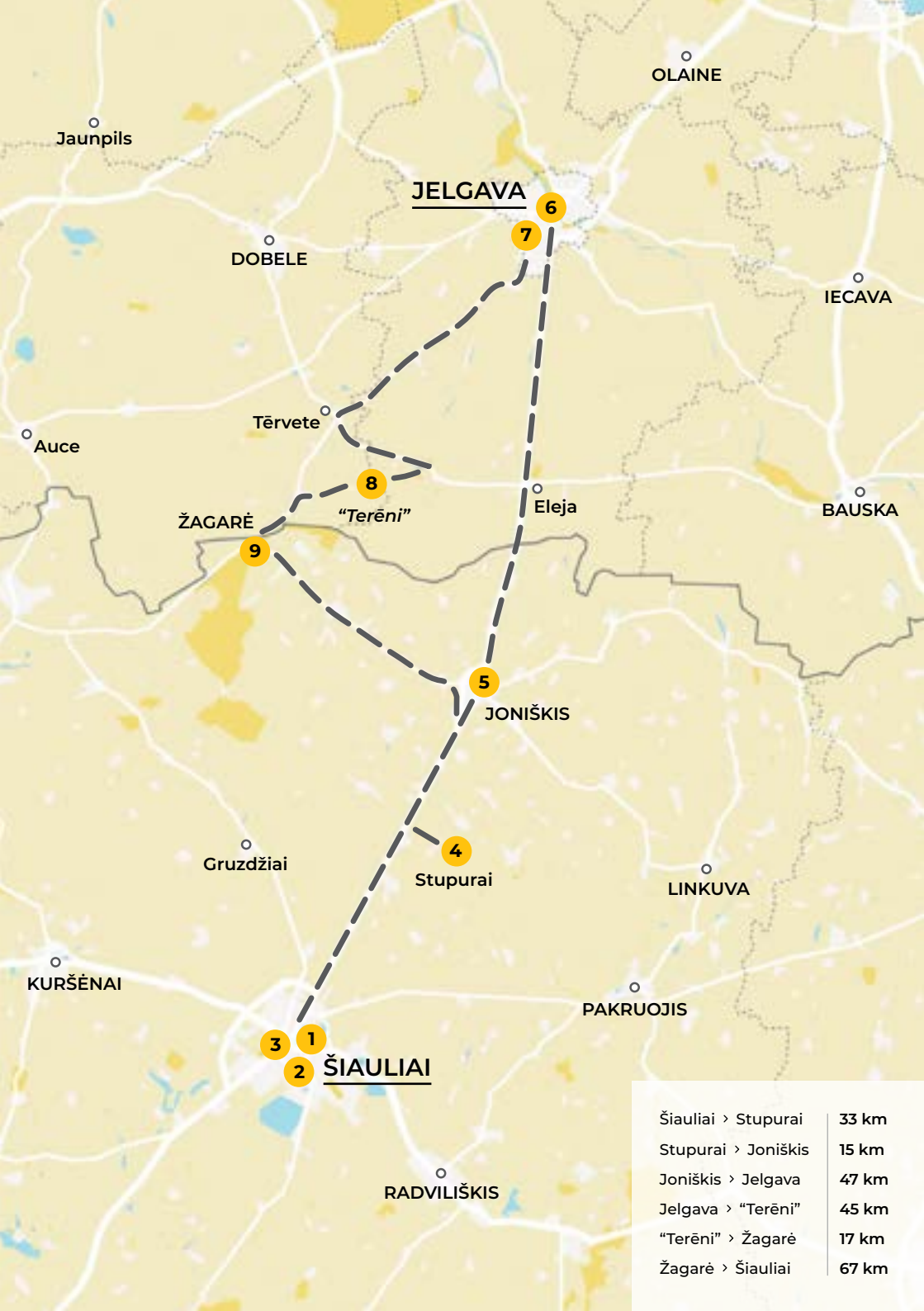
Akadēmijas St. 1, Jelgava

8. LOLITAS DUGE`S "HOUSE OF MINT" AND PANCAKES TASTING

"Terēni", Vilces pag., Jelgava Coun.

9. FACTORY OF SCARECROWS, SCARECROWS MAKING WORKSHOP

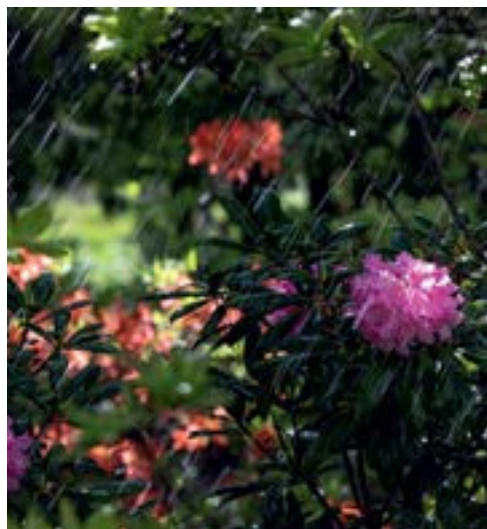
Švētēs St. 20, Žagarē



JELGAVA

ŠIAULIAI

Šiauliai > Stupurai	33 km
Stupurai > Joniškis	15 km
Joniškis > Jelgava	47 km
Jelgava > "Terēni"	45 km
"Terēni" > Žagarē	17 km
Žagarē > Šiauliai	67 km



FAMILIES ONE DAY

Escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life and embark on a magical journey with your loved ones on our one-day tour. Bask in the warm summer sun and let the stress melt away as you explore the natural beauty of the Baltic nature. From panoramic boat rides on the river Lielupe to meeting wild horses and elks and watching romantic sunsets at Rekyva lake, this tour is designed for nature lovers of all ages to indulge in the rich heathen history and soak in the long days of light, while enjoying the reading time by sundial, admiring beautiful flowers in botanical gardens, and experiencing the untamed wild nature. Don't miss out on this unforgettable opportunity to create cherished memories with your family this summer.

Places to visit:

1. JONIŠKIS WALKING TOUR

Miesto Sq., Joniškis

2. AUDRUVIS ELK FARM

Sodų St. 1, Ziniūnai,
Joniškis dist.

3. LIELUPE FLOODLAND MEADOWS BIRD AND HORSES WATCHING TOUR

Pils sala, Jelgava

4. JELGAVA HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER

Akadēmijas St. 1, Jelgava

5. PASTA ISLAND

Pasta sala, Jelgava

6. COGNITIVE WALKWAY OF MŪŠA TYRELIS

Gaižaičių sen., Joniškis dist.

7. BOTANICAL GARDEN

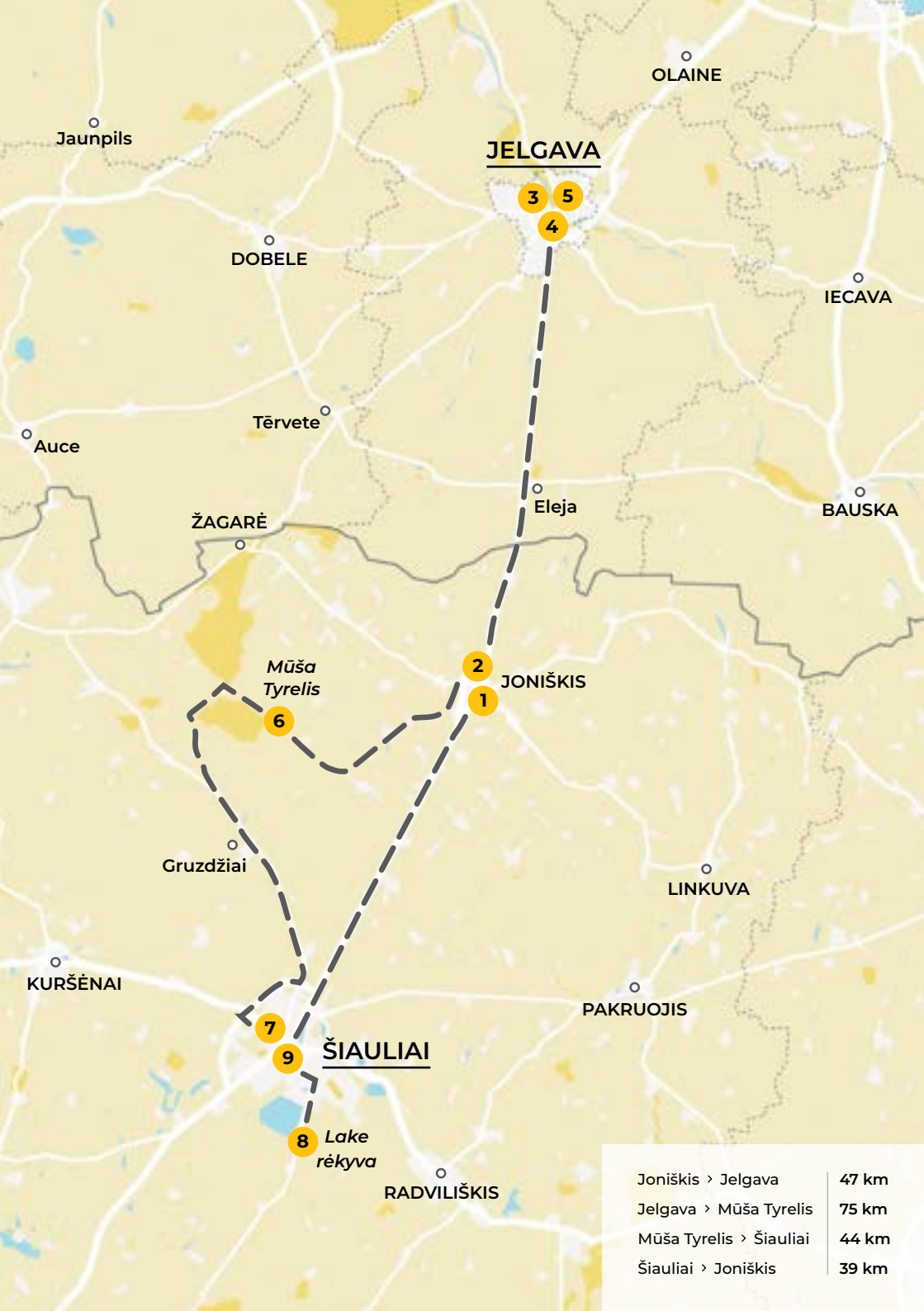
Paitaičių St. 4, Šiauliai

8. LAKE RĒKYVA

Poilsio St. 5, Šiauliai

9. BALTIC CULTURE EDUCATION CENTRE "BALTS' ROAD"

Vilniaus St. 213, Šiauliai



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Mūša Tyrelis

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Gruzdžiai

LINKUVA

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PAKRUOJIS

7 9
ŠIAULIAI

8 Lake rēkyva

RADVILIŠKIS

Joniškis > Jelgava	47 km
Jelgava > Mūša Tyrelis	75 km
Mūša Tyrelis > Šiauliai	44 km
Šiauliai > Joniškis	39 km

Lithuanian foods are influenced by the neighbours and location on the Baltic sea. Mushrooms' and berries' picking, growing vegetables, and preserving by pickling are still present and used. Dairy is a big part of Lithuanian food, with sour cream being a condiment in many dishes. Cottage cheese, is another component of many meals and appears in desserts or main courses.

One thing is typical for an early summer – the sour sorrel soup – a real awakening nature food.

This simple soup is a light and delicious for a warm summer day.

Sorrel soup

Ingredients:

4 potatoes
2 eggs
1 carrot
70 grams of cold
smoked bacon
1 onion
2 handfuls sorrel
1 garlic slice
2 bay leaves
1 pinch of ground
black pepper
Salt according to taste
2 liters of water
A bit of sour cream

1. Boil the eggs. Cut the potatoes into cubes, put them in a pot, cover with water and heat to boil. Add salt, pepper, and bay leaves to the soup.
2. Cut the carrot into slices or grate it, chop the onion and garlic. Cut the bacon into small cubes.
3. Add the bacon to the pan and fry until nicely browned. Then we add the chopped vegetables and fry for a few minutes.

4. Pour the contents of the pan into the pot. Boil for about 15 minutes until the potatoes are soft. Cut the sorrel into small pieces.
5. Peel the eggs and cut them. Add the sorrel and eggs to the pot. Heat it up.
6. Pour into bowls. Add some sour cream on top.





STATEHOOD DAY

OR CORONATION DAY

Statehood Day or Coronation Day is an annual public holiday in Lithuania celebrated on July 6 to commemorate the coronation in 1253 of Mindaugas as the only King of Lithuania. The exact day of the event is disputable and was chosen according to the hypothesis of Edvardas Gudavičius, formulated in 1989. The day has officially been celebrated since 1991.

Special tradition:

At 9 PM Lithuania time every year, Lithuanians all over the world are encouraged to sing the national anthem in the name of unity. The tradition has been around since 2009, when the anthem was sung to commemorate the millennium of the first mentioning of Lithuania.



ADULTS ONE DAY

As the summer sun casts its warm and gentle glow, come and join us on a magical one-day tour where nature is in full bloom and the daylight hours are long. Embark on a journey that allows you to experience the best of both worlds, with a perfect balance of culture and nature.

Walk along the charming wooden trails of the meadow and marvel at the panoramic skyline views from the cathedral towers. Explore the sacred Hill of Crosses, a site of immense historical and spiritual significance. Satisfy your sweet tooth with a delicious chocolate tasting at a local chocolate factory.

Bask in the splendor of the season's abundant beauty, where vibrant colors and fragrant scents fill the air. Enjoy an intense and captivating cultural and nature program in one day, leaving you with memories that will last.

Places to visit:

1. JONIŠKIS MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND CULTURE

Vilniaus St. 6, Joniškis

2. JONIŠKIS WALKING TOUR

Miesto Sq., Joniškis

3. PASTA ISLAND

Pasta sala, Jelgava

4. JELGAVA HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER

Akadēmijas St. 1, Jelgava

5. WOODEN BOARDWALKS AT THE FLOOD-LAND MEADOWS OF THE RIVER SVĒTE

Sniega St., Miezītes Rd., Būriņu Rd., Jelgava

6. TOUR AT ŽAGARĒ MANOR AND PARK

Malūno St. 1, Žagarē

7. CHOCOLATE MUSEUM "RŪTA"

Tilžės St. 133, Šiauliai

8. ST. PETER AND PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

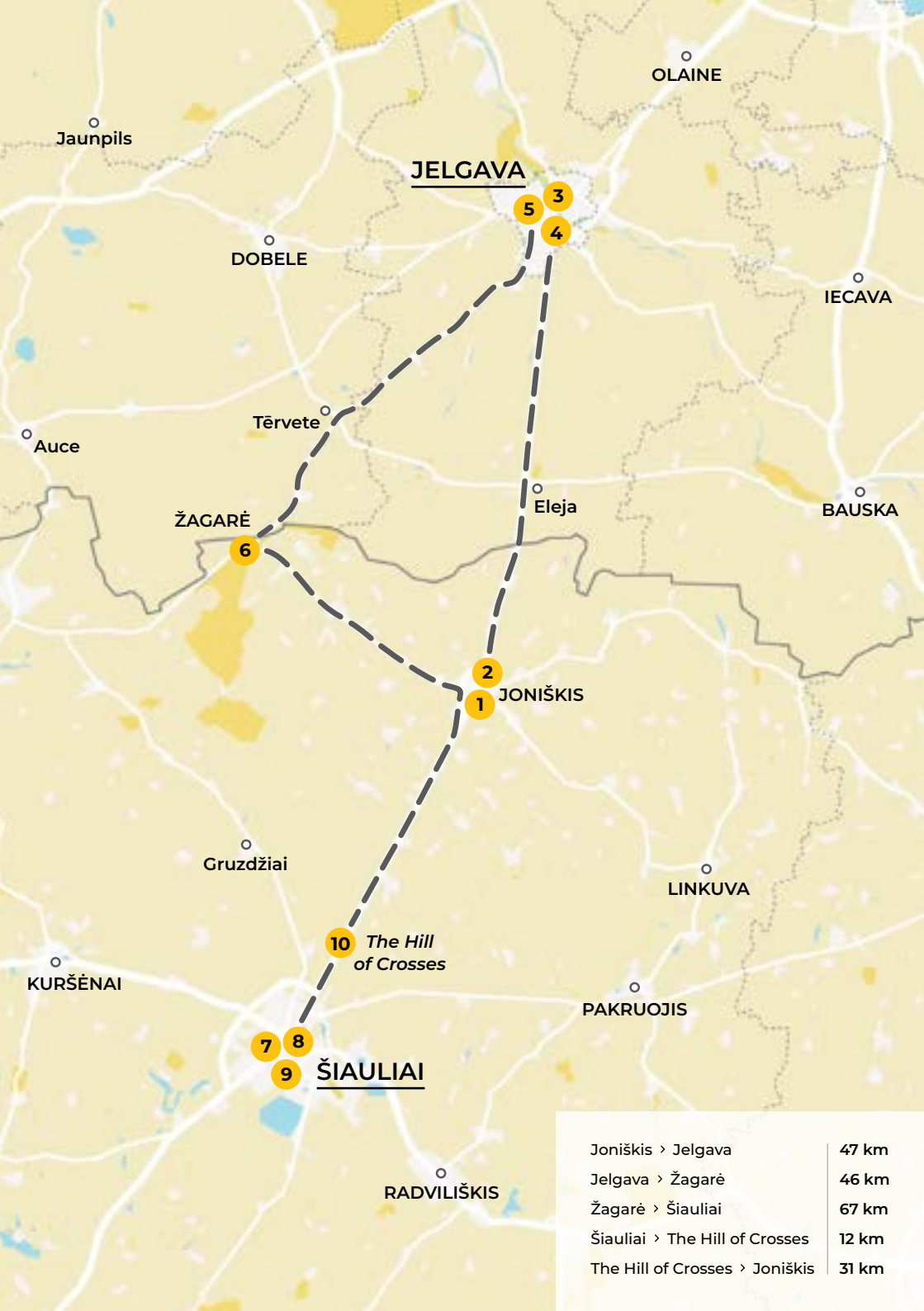
Aušros takas 3, Šiauliai

9. STAINED GLASS "THE BATTLE OF THE SUN"

Tilžės St. 140, Šiauliai

10. THE HILL OF CROSSES

Jurgaičiai, Meškuičiai elderate, Šiauliai dist.



JELGAVA

ŠIAULIAI

Joniškis › Jelgava	47 km
Jelgava › Žagarē	46 km
Žagarē › Šiauliai	67 km
Šiauliai › The Hill of Crosses	12 km
The Hill of Crosses › Joniškis	31 km



TWO DAYS

Get ready to bask in the warmth of the summer sun and indulge in the tantalizing tastes and smells of the season with our two-day tour. Experience the long daylight hours and hot weather as you journey through the breathtakingly beautiful mansions, villas, and palaces. Savor the mouth-watering pancakes shaped like the sun with mint sauce, enjoy the sweet aroma of the vineyard as you taste the grapes, and walk through the stunning rose gardens in the villa of Chaimas Frenkelis. Immerse yourself in history by visiting the site of the legendary Sun Battle, all while soaking up the summer ambiance and creating unforgettable memories. Join us on this journey of discovery, where you'll not only experience the beauty of nature but also feel and taste the essence of summer.

Places to visit:

1. LIELUPE FLOODLAND MEADOWS BIRD AND HORSES WATCHING TOUR

Pils sala, Jelgava

2. JELGAVA PALACE AND TOMBS OF THE DUKES OF COURLAND - RUNDALE PALACE MUSEUM EXHIBITION IN JELGAVA PALACE

Lielā St. 2, Jelgava

3. THE LAUNDRY HOUSE VEŠŪZIS

Alejas St. 7, Lielplatone, Jelgava Coun.

4. LOLITAS DUGE`S "HOUSE OF MINT"

"Terēni", Vilces pag., Jelgava Coun.

5. ŽAGARĒ WALKING TOUR

Žagarēs town Sq., Žagarē

6. COGNITIVE WALKWAY OF MŪŠA TYRELIS

Gaižaičiņ sen., Joniškis dist.

7. SUNDIAL SQUARE, ENERGY MAZE AND THE "IRON FOX" SCULPTURE

Ežero St. and S. Šalkauskio St. crossing, southern coast of the lake Talkša, Šiauliai

8. CHAIMAS FRENKELIS' VILLA-MUSEUM

Vilniaus St. 74, Šiauliai

9. VENCLAUSKIAI HOUSE-MUSEUM

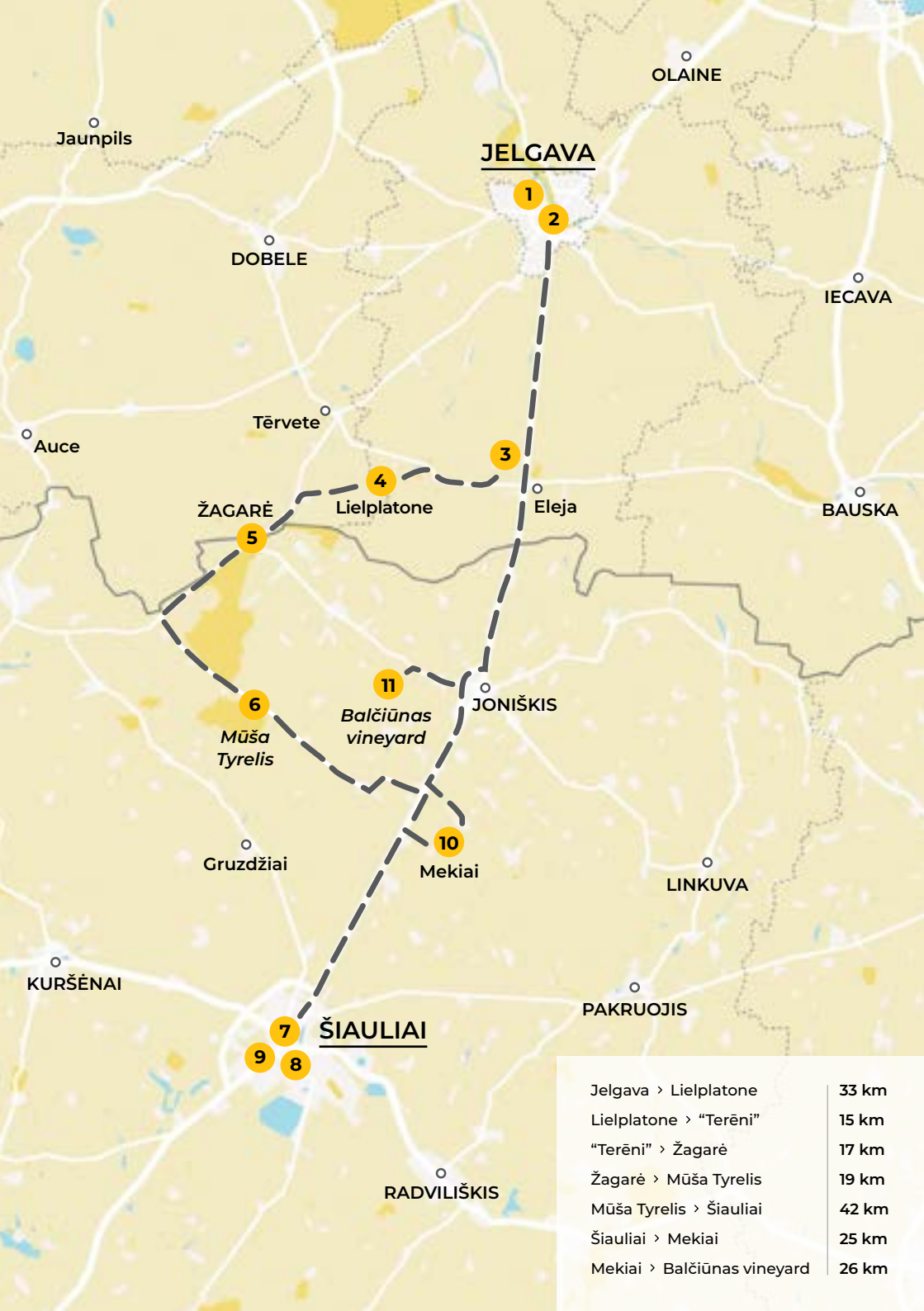
Vytauto St. 89, Šiauliai

10. SUN BATTLE PLACE

Mekiai 84251, Lietuva

11. BALČIŪNAS VINEYARD

Butniūnų vil., Joniškis dist.



JELGAVA



Jelgava > Lielplatone	33 km
Lielplatone > "Terēni"	15 km
"Terēni" > Žagarē	17 km
Žagarē > Mūša Tyrelis	19 km
Mūša Tyrelis > Šiauliai	42 km
Šiauliai > Mekiai	25 km
Mekiai > Balčiūnas vineyard	26 km

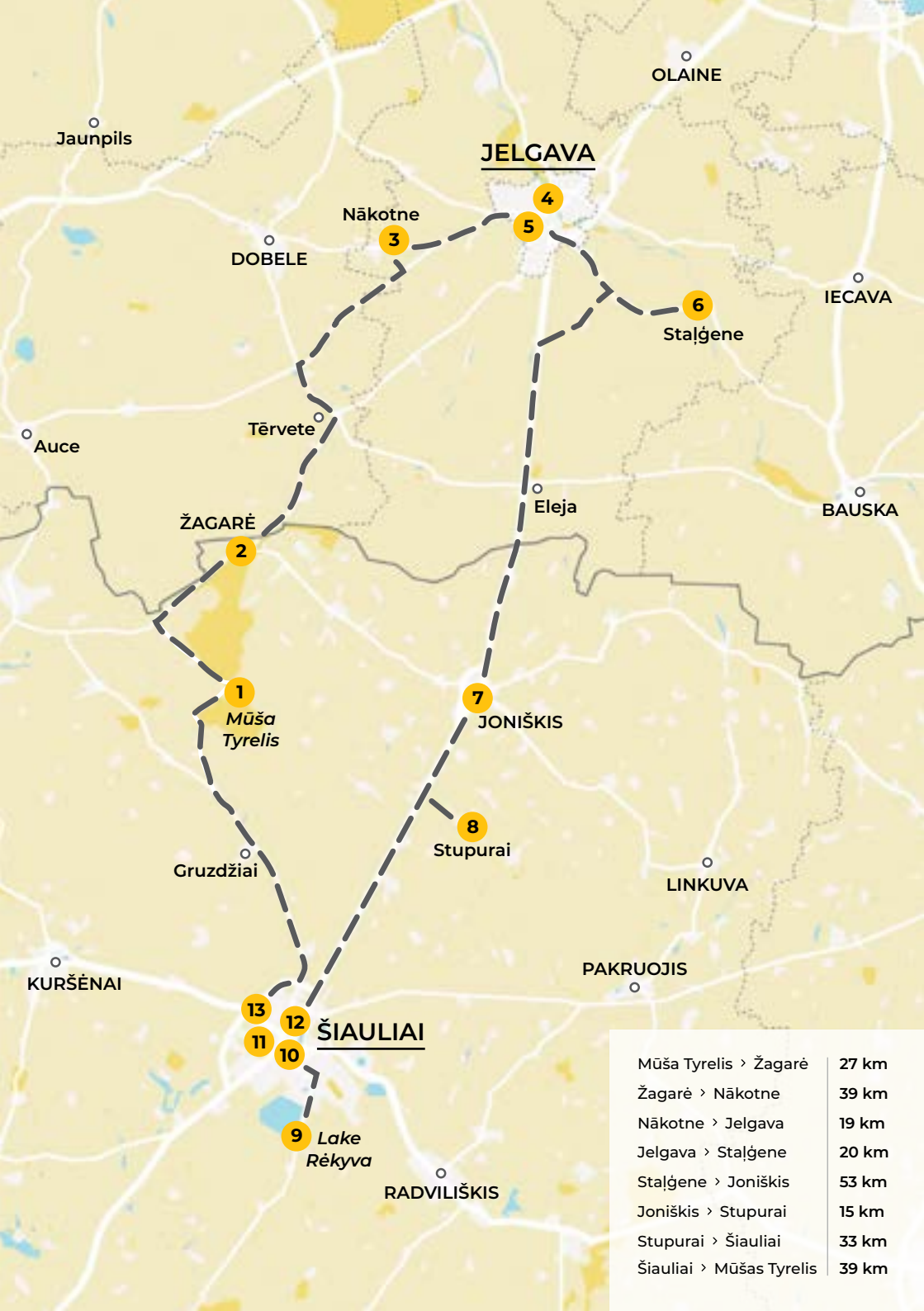


THREE DAYS

Step into a world of enchantment on our three-day tour, where the summer sun shines bright, and the day lasts twice as long as the night. Experience a plethora of activities designed for families and adults alike, including breathtaking boat rides, romantic sunsets over the lake, and the stunning Sand Sculpture Festival in Jelgava. Unwind in the soothing sauna and open-air bath and admire the awe-inspiring frescoes in Joniškis. Immerse yourself in nature by bird watching and witnessing the majestic wild horses, check time on the sundial and revive your memories about ancient pagan traditions of Balt nations. Let your senses come alive as you explore the beauty of summer and create memories that will last a lifetime. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be swept away on an adventure of a lifetime.

Places to visit:

- 1. COGNITIVE WALKWAY OF MŪŠA TYRELIS**
Gaižaičių sen. Joniškis dist.
- 2. ŽAGARĒ WALKING TOUR**
Žagarē town square, Žagarē
- 3. NĀKOTNE PARK (FUTURE PARK)**
Glūdas pag., Jelgava
- 4. LIELUPE FLOODLAND MEADOWS BIRD AND HORSES WATCHING TOUR**
Pils sala, Jelgava
- 5. VECPIĻSETA (OLD TOWN) STREET QUATER AND DOBELE GATE**
Dobeles St. 68, Jelgava
- 6. STALGENE MANOR**
Skolas St. 4, Stalģene, Jaunsvirlaukas pag., Jelgavas nov.
- 7. JONIŠKIS WALKING TOUR**
Miesto Sq., Joniškis
- 8. STUPURAI COMMUNITY VISIT**
Stupurai village, Joniškis dist.
- 9. LAKE RĒKYVA (visit for SUNSET)**
Pilsio St. 5, Šiauliai
- 10. CHAIMAS FRENKELIS' VILLA-MUSEUM**
Vilniaus St. 74, Šiauliai
- 11. CHOCOLATE MUSEUM "RŪTA"**
Tilģēs St. 133, Šiauliai
- 12. BALTIC CULTURE EDUCATION CENTRE "BALTS' ROAD"**
Vilniaus St. 213, Šiauliai
- 13. BOTANICAL GARDEN**
Paitaičių St. 4, Šiauliai



JELGAVA

Nākotne

DOBELE

OLAINE

IECAVA

Stalģene

BAUSKA

Eleja

JONIŠKIS

Stupurai

LINKUVA

PAKRUOJIS

ŠIAULIAI

RADVILIŠKIS

ŽAGARĒ

Mūša Tyrelis

Gruzdžiai

Lake Rēkyva

Jaunpils

Auce

KURŠĒNAI

Mūša Tyrelis > Žagare	27 km
Žagare > Nākotne	39 km
Nākotne > Jelgava	19 km
Jelgava > Stalģene	20 km
Stalģene > Joniškis	53 km
Joniškis > Stupurai	15 km
Stupurai > Šiauliai	33 km
Šiauliai > Mūšas Tyrelis	39 km

Jāņu Cheese Recipe

Ingredients:

Full Fat Milk – 1 litre

Soft Paneer / Ricotta
Cheese – 400 grams

Vinegar as needed

Butter – 75 grams

Egg – 1 piece

Salt – to taste

Caraway Seeds
– 1 teaspoon

1. Bring milk to boil. Add crumbled paneer or ricotta and heat it. The milk will start curdling.

2. Add vinegar if the whey doesn't separate. Once the whey is clear, remove from flame and stir it for a minute or two.

3. Drain the whey in a colander and collect the cheese. Take the cheese in bowl and add butter and egg. Whisk all the ingredients to combine.

4. Cook this on medium flame. At first the cheese

will crumble but after a while it will come together as a soft dough. At this stage, remove the cheese from flame.

5. Line a plastic container with a cotton or muslin cloth. Transfer the cheese into it. Wrap it with the cloth. Place a heavy object on top to set the cheese. Set it aside for an hour or two. Remove the weight on top. Cover the container and refrigerate the cheese for 24 hours. Remove the cloth and slice it up. Enjoy!





ASSUMPTION DAY

Although Assumption is often referred to as a harvest festival or a day when summer and autumn meet, ethnologists claim that these are only poetic embellishments. Climatologists say that in the past, during this holiday, people used to decide what autumn was going to be like.

Assumption was listed as autumn holiday due to the cycle of the sun and its movement, but also due to natural phenomena. For example, a large part of the vegetation has already ripened its fruit, and the animals have already given birth to young, and the migration of birds is starting to become active at this time.

Changes occur not only in nature, but also in human life - the harvest begins. The herb festival symbolizes both the change of work and the next stage in nature, which is probably why people started to say that it is already the autumn period.

If the weather is warm enough during the Herb season, it is likely that autumn will not be in a hurry to arrive, and we will have more beautiful and warm weather. However, if this period is a rainy part of summer, autumn may be cooler, and we can guess that it will not be very warm anymore.

SUN ROUTE

AUTUMN



THE TIME OF SPIRITS

The Time of Spirits – Veļu laiks is celebrated in October when the leaves have fallen, the field work is done, the weather is often foggy and there is time for reflection. This is the most mystic time of the year in Latvia. It doesn't have any specific date, it is a very personal and private doing, can take place anytime during mid to late autumn. Because of the obvious parallel with the “dying” of the natural world, autumn is associated with death all around the world, and therefore also with remembrance for the dead. Latvians traditionally separate while talking: physical body, soul and the spirit. They believed that upon death, the physical body returns to the earth, the soul returns to God to live in an otherworld often called “The Other Side of the Sun”, and the spirit continues to live for a while in a parallel universe. Spirits are not considered scary or evil. Rather, they are viewed as our memories of the dead, the left-over waves of energy of the deceased, or as go-betweens between the body and soul or between the living and the dead. When invited, though, as is usually done in the autumn, the spirit of a dead person is said to be able to come back to This

Side to visit, thus forming a close and intimate bond between the generations. Latvians invite the spirits of well-known personalities authors, artists, community leaders, teachers for dinner. They pass a small object like a smooth stone or a candle from person to person around the table. As each person takes the object, s/he invites the spirits of those people whom s/he personally would like to invite. This is done without pressure – the person may do it silently or out-loud, and s/he may even elaborate and tell a story about a deceased neighbor or relative. Once all of spirits have been invited, Latvians set out food for them to eat and proceed to eat dinner themselves, sing, visit, play games, in other words, spend a sincere evening with each other and with the spirits. First thing next morning Latvians go back and eat up all of the food that the spirits have left uneaten and shoo the spirits back to the Otherworld.

They welcomed them to visit, but they understand that spirits do not live here on This Side of the Sun anymore and that they must return to the Other Side.





KIDS ONE DAY

Join us on an exciting journey through the vibrant autumn colors, as we explore the rich history and traditions both in Latvia and Lithuania. November is the month of patriots in Latvia, start your adventure by visiting the Christmas Battle Museum, where kids and school groups can learn about the country's fight for freedom and independence. Discover the ancient rituals, worship gods, and traditions of the Balt tribes that date back centuries and experience the history of this fascinating region come to life. The tour will provide a perfect blend of education and entertainment, as children and young adults can indulge in the museums and immerse themselves in the stories of the past. So join us on this adventure, where the colors of autumn, the history of the Balt nations, and the excitement of learning all come together.

Places to visit:

1. JONIŠKIS WALKING TOUR

Miesto Sq., Joniškis

2. THE CHRISTMAS BATTLE MUSEUM

“Mangaļi”, Valgundes pag., Jelgava Coun.

3. JELGAVA HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER

Akadēmijas St. 1, Jelgava

4. ŽAGARĒ “HOUSE OF POTS”

P. Cvirkos St. 31, Žagarē

5. POVILAS OPEN FIRE KITCHEN

Jaunimo St. 6, Kalnelis, Joniškis dist.

6. ŠIAULIAI BOULEVARD

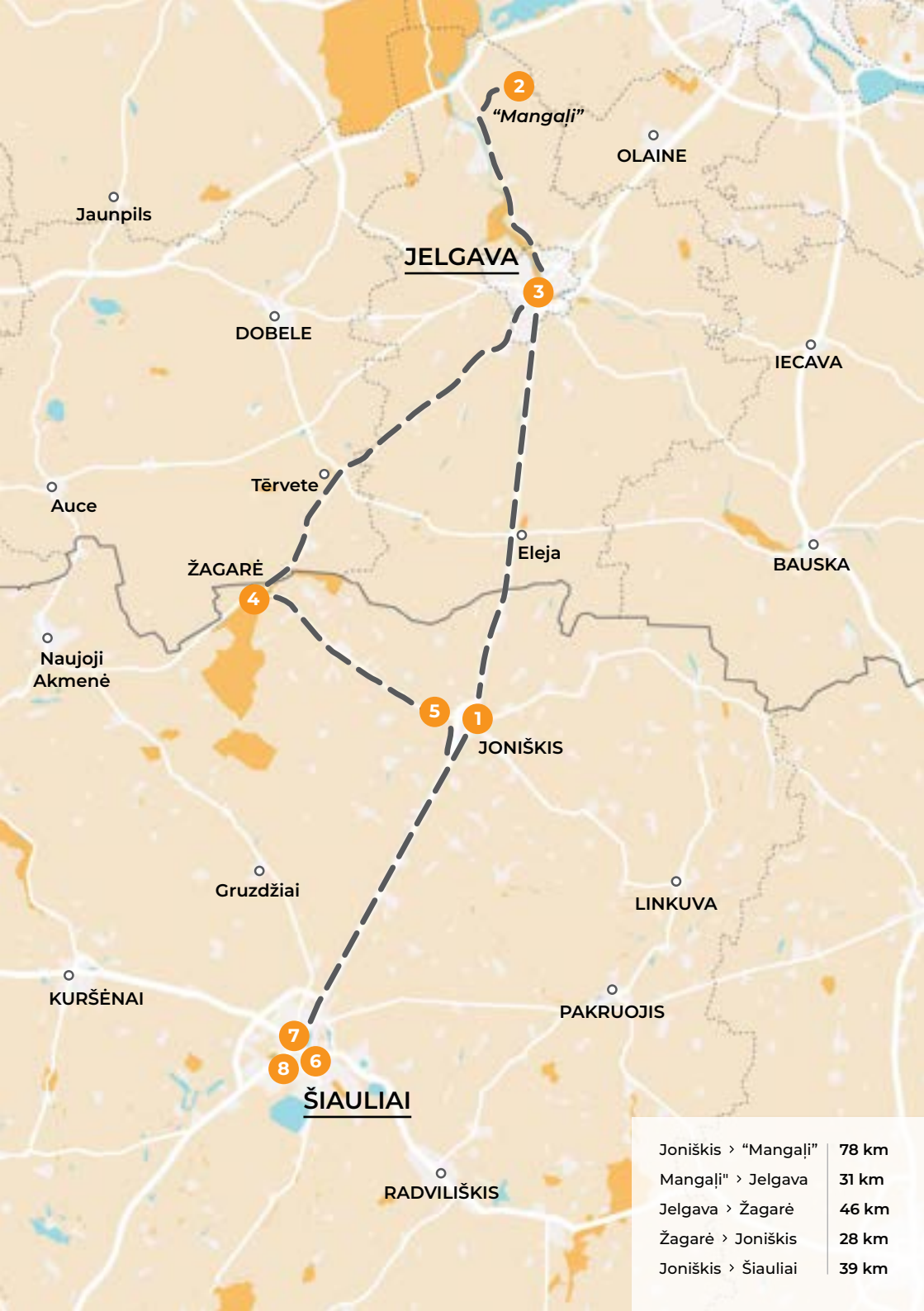
Vilniaus St., Šiauliai

7. BALTIC CULTURE EDUCATION CENTRE “BALTS' ROAD”

Vilniaus St. 213, Šiauliai

8. CHOCOLATE MUSEUM “RŪTA”

Tilžēs St. 133, Šiauliai



Joniškis › "Mangalji"	78 km
Mangalji › Jelgava	31 km
Jelgava › Žagarē	46 km
Žagarē › Joniškis	28 km
Joniškis › Šiauliai	39 km

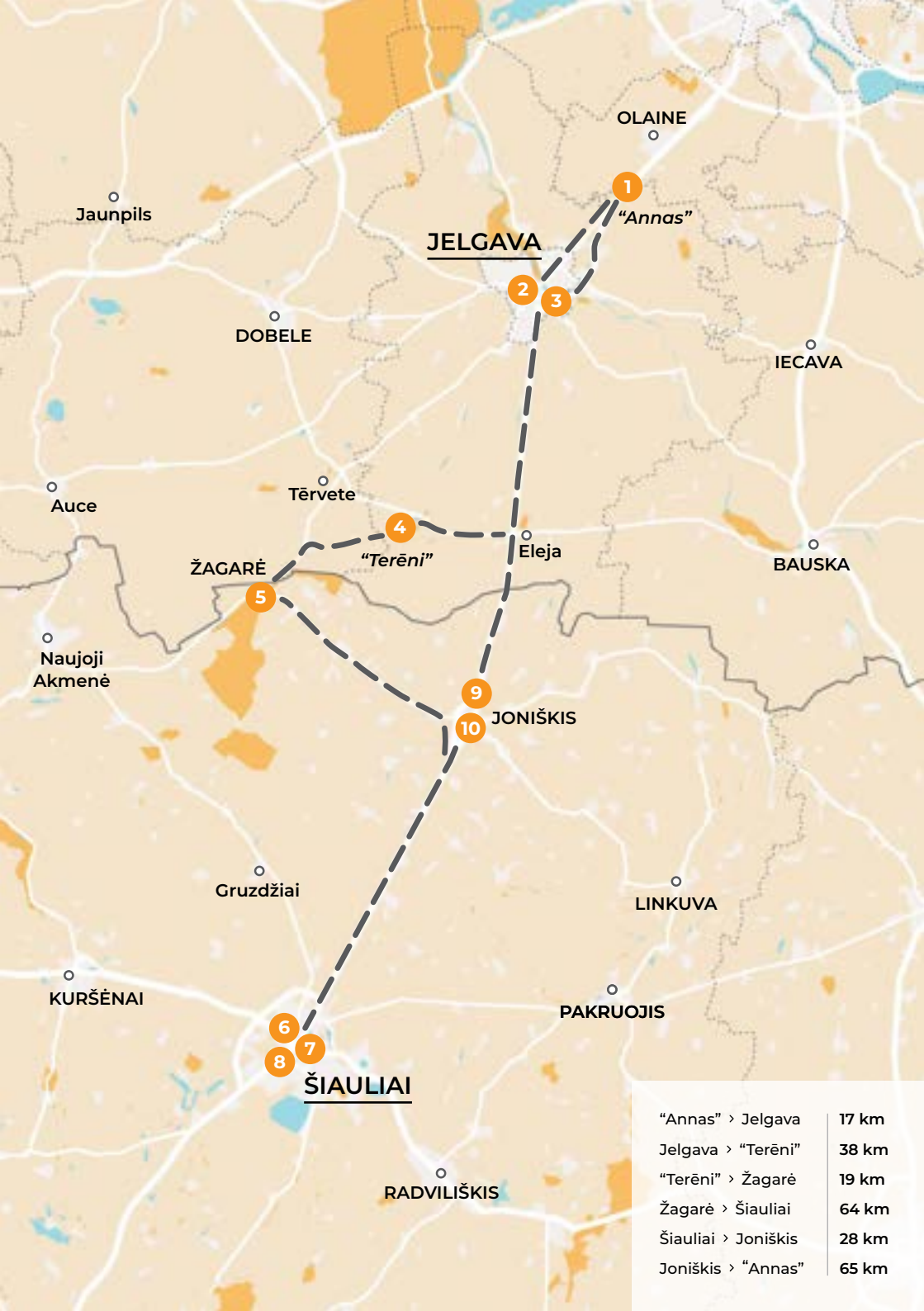


FAMILIES ONE DAY

Embark on a colorful autumn journey with your family and experience a tour of discovery, where learning and fun come together in perfect harmony. Explore the fascinating Railway, Photography, Radio, and TV museums, and indulge in the exciting exhibits and workshops that await you. Discover the captivating history of basketball and learn about the sport's roots in the Baltic nations, before enjoying the interactive displays that bring it all to life. In the autumn season, the sun shines bright, and colors burst forth, providing a stunning backdrop for our journey. Visit the garlic farm and savor the unique autumn taste of garlic products, before taking a photo stop at the Circle of Life with its mesmerizing mirrors. This tour offers both education and entertainment, as you and your teenagers can indulge in the museums and immerse yourselves in the stories of the past.

Places to visit:

- 1. GARLIC WORLD**
"Annas", Uzvaras Līdums,
Olaines Coun.
- 2. VECPILSĒTA (OLD TOWN)
STREET QUARTER, TIME
WHEEL 100 AND METAL ELK**
Dobeles St. 68, Jelgava
- 3. JELGAVA EXHIBITION
OF LATVIAN RAILWAY
HISTORY MUSEUM**
Stacijas St. 3, Jelgava
- 4. LOLITAS DUGĒS
"HOUSE OF MINT"**
"Terēni", Vilces pag.,
Jelgava Coun.
- 5. FACTORY OF SCARECROWS,
SCARECROWS MAKING
WORKSHOP**
Švētēs St. 20, Žagarē
- 6. PHOTOGRAPHY MUSEUM**
Vilniaus St. 140, Šiauliai
- 7. RADIO AND TELEVISION
MUSEUM**
Vilniaus St. 174, Šiauliai
- 8. VENCLAUSKIAI
HOUSE-MUSEUM**
Vytauto St. 89, Šiauliai
- 9. JONIŠKIS BASKETBALL
MUSEUM**
Livonijas St. 3, Joniškis
- 10. AUDRUVIS ELK FARM**
Sodų St. 1, Ziniūnai,
Joniškis dist.



OLAINE

Jaunpils

JELGAVA

1
"Annas"

DOBELE

IECAVA

Auce

Tērvete

4

Eleja

BAUSKA

ŽAGARĒ

"Terēni"

5

Naujoji Akmenē

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JONIŠKIS

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Gruzdžiai

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PAKRUOJIS

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ŠIAULIAI

RADVILIŠKIS

"Annas" > Jelgava	17 km
Jelgava > "Terēni"	38 km
"Terēni" > Žagare	19 km
Žagare > Šiauliai	64 km
Šiauliai > Joniškis	28 km
Joniškis > "Annas"	65 km



Colour the illustration!





Complete the crossword!



What word is hidden under the orange squares?



ZIEMGALIAI

The Ziemgali (Latin: Zemgali; Latin: Semigalli) were a Baltic tribe south of the Gulf of Riga in almost the entire Lielupe-Mūša basin, in the present-day Ziemgala region, which bordered the Lithuanian regions of Šiauliai and Uplytė in the south. It was characterized by the longest resistance to the Swordsmen and German orders (1219-1290).

in 2021 during the census in Lithuania, 56 persons classified themselves as the Žiemgali ethnic group.

During the Viking Age, the Ziemgali fought with the Swedish Vikings for control of the lower part of the Daugava waterway. Saxon Grammaticus writes in his *Gesta Danorum* that Viking Starkad defeated the Cursians, all the Estonian tribes and the people of Ziemgala.

Before the emergence of the Order of Swordsmen, the Winterfells did not form a coherent political unit, they had several princes who often disagreed with each other. The

chronicles mention the rulers of Žiemgala, Viestardas and Nameisis, who in the 13th century fought against the German Crusaders. Žiemgala was the last Baltic region to join the Order. After 1290 part of the Žiemgali (up to 100,000 people) did not surrender to the Germans and moved to northern Lithuania.

The Žiemgali were famous as good farmers, and they had their own port at the mouth of the Lielupe River.

Ziemgali differed from the other whites in a peculiar manner of burial. Their cemeteries are located on hills near streams. The dead were buried in rows, leaving a gap of up to half a meter between them. The graves are flat, the pits are relatively shallow (up to a meter), with rounded ends. The dead were wrapped in shrouds or furs. From the 8th century coffins appeared. The Ziemgali followed the tradition of not burning the dead. 5th - 7th centuries men were buried with their heads to the south or southwest, and women to the north or northeast.

Švilpikai – baked whistlers - is a real autumn dish!

Svilpikai potato dumplings are a traditional dish of Lithuanian cuisine, which is akin to Italian gnocchi. In addition to gnocchi, lazy dumplings and German dumplings are immediately recalled, because the principle of their preparation is very similar.

Ingredients:

For dumplings:

800 g of potatoes
2 cloves of garlic
1 chicken egg
2 tbsp. 1 wheat flour
(with a hill)
25 g butter
salt, pepper
fresh greens to serve

For the sauce:

200 g sour cream
35 g of dill
salt

1. Boiled potatoes are mashed, flour is added, sometimes eggs, herbs and roasted vegetables.
2. Potato masses are molded or molded with a spoon (depending on the consistency of the dough) small dumplings and boiled them in salted water.
3. Švilpikai before cooking is fried in hot oil

or bake in the oven. When roasting, these dumplings whistle, hence another name - potato whistles.

4. The sauces for this dish are prepared by a variety of: with meat sauce, mushroom, or just mix sour cream with dill, salt and onion. Quick and tasty!

Why autumn is so good for preparation – try to add some wild mushrooms into the sauce – it will be unforgettable.



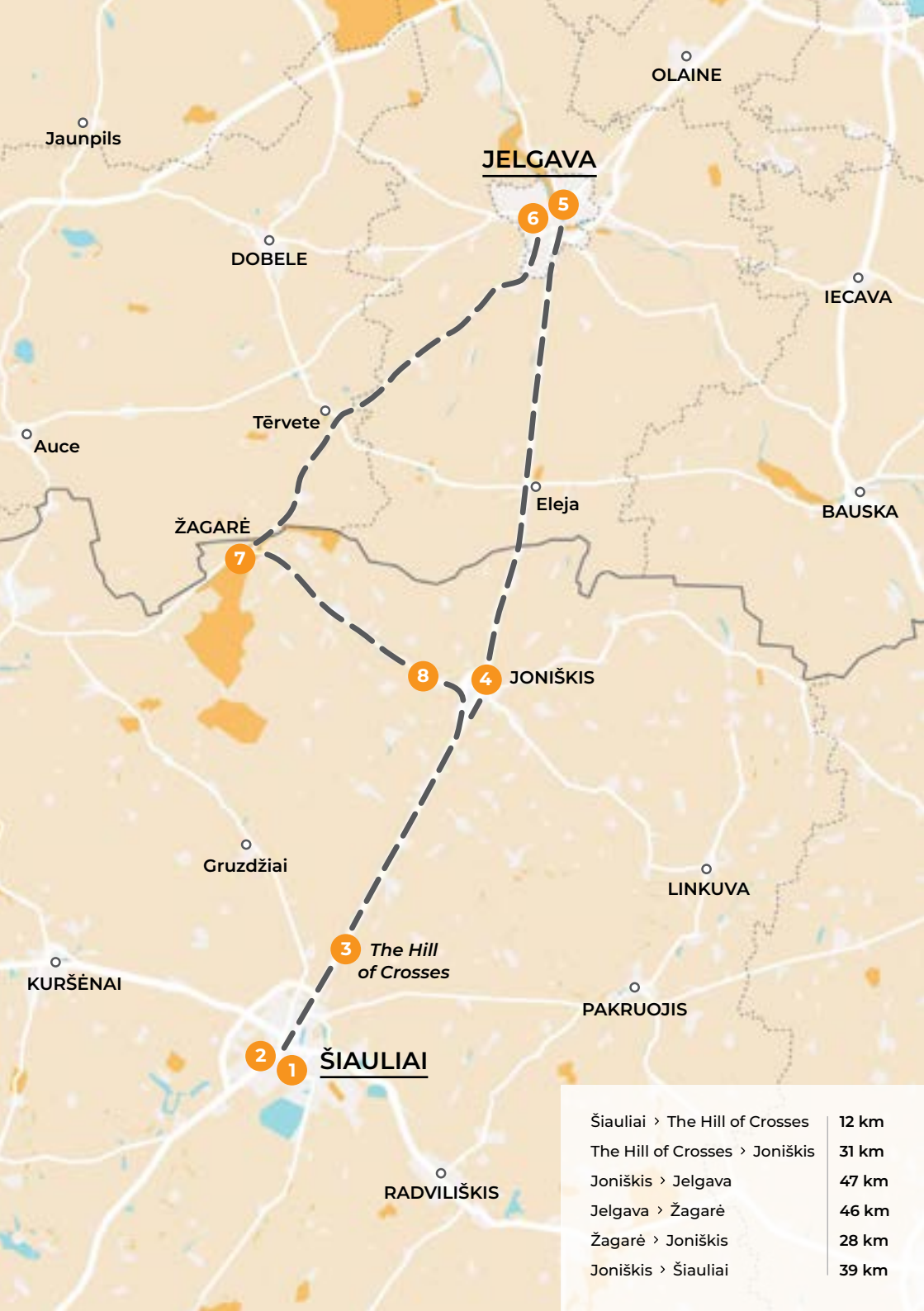


ADULTS ONE DAY

Experience the stunning beauty of autumn in the Baltics on our one-day tour, where vibrant colors, bountiful harvests, and the honoring of ancestors come together in perfect harmony. Take in the breathtaking views from the cathedral towers, as you witness the changing hues of the trees that surround you. Explore the unique and fascinating House of Pots in Žagarė, before journeying to the sacred Hill of Crosses, where the spirits of our ancestors are honored and revered. Enjoy two panoramic decks for unforgettable views of the season's magnificence, as you immerse yourself in the colors and beauty of autumn in the Baltic. Join us on this journey of discovery, where nature, culture, and history come together in perfect harmony, and memories that will last a lifetime are created.

Places to visit:

- 1. ŠIAULIAI BOULEVARD**
Vilniaus St., Šiauliai
- 2. ST. PETER AND PAUL'S CATHEDRAL**
Aušros takas 3, Šiauliai
- 3. THE HILL OF CROSSES**
Jurgaičiai, Meškuičiai elderate, Šiauliai dist.
- 4. JONIŠKIS WALKING TOUR**
Miesto Sq., Joniškis
- 5. JELGAVA BOAT TOUR**
Pasta sala, Jelgava
- 6. JELGAVA HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER**
Akadēmijas St. 1, Jelgava
- 7. ŽAGARĒ "HOUSE OF POTS"**
P. Cvirkos St. 31, Žagarė
- 8. POVILAS OPEN FIRE KITCHEN**
Jaunimo St. 6, Kalnelis, Joniškis dist.



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ŠIAULIAI

3 *The Hill of Crosses*

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4

JONIŠKIS

7

ŽAGARĒ

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JELGAVA

Šiauliai › The Hill of Crosses	12 km
The Hill of Crosses › Joniškis	31 km
Joniškis › Jelgava	47 km
Jelgava › Žagarē	46 km
Žagarē › Joniškis	28 km
Joniškis › Šiauliai	39 km



TWO DAYS

Experience the beauty and richness of autumn on our two-day tour designed for adult companies. Revel in the vibrant colours of the season as you journey through picturesque countryside and witness the bountiful harvest. Sample the unique and delicious flavour of freshly picked shitake mushrooms at a local farm and learn about the ancient traditions of pharmacy at "Valerijonas" pharmacy, visit Jelgava palace and tombs of the Kurland Dukes once reigning over this area. Enjoy breathtaking panoramic views from church towers and explore the exquisite craftsmanship of local artisans. Let the sun and the tastes of autumn invigorate your senses and make unforgettable memories.

Places to visit:

1. STUPURAI COMMUNITY VISIT
Stupurai village, Joniškis dist.

2. SHIITAKE MUSHROOM FARM "Trubenieki"
"Trubenieki", Lielplatones pag., Jelgava Coun.

3. JELGAVA HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER
Akadēmijas St. 1, Jelgava

4. VECPILSĒTA (OLD TOWN) STREET QUARTER, TIME WHEEL 100 AND METAL ELK
Dobeles St. 68, Jelgava

5. JELGAVA PALACE AND TOMBS OF THE DUKES OF COURLAND - RUNDALE PALACE MUSEUM EXHIBITION IN JELGAVA PALACE
Lielā St. 2, Jelgava

6. ŽAGARĒ WALKING TOUR
Žagarē town Sq., Žagarē

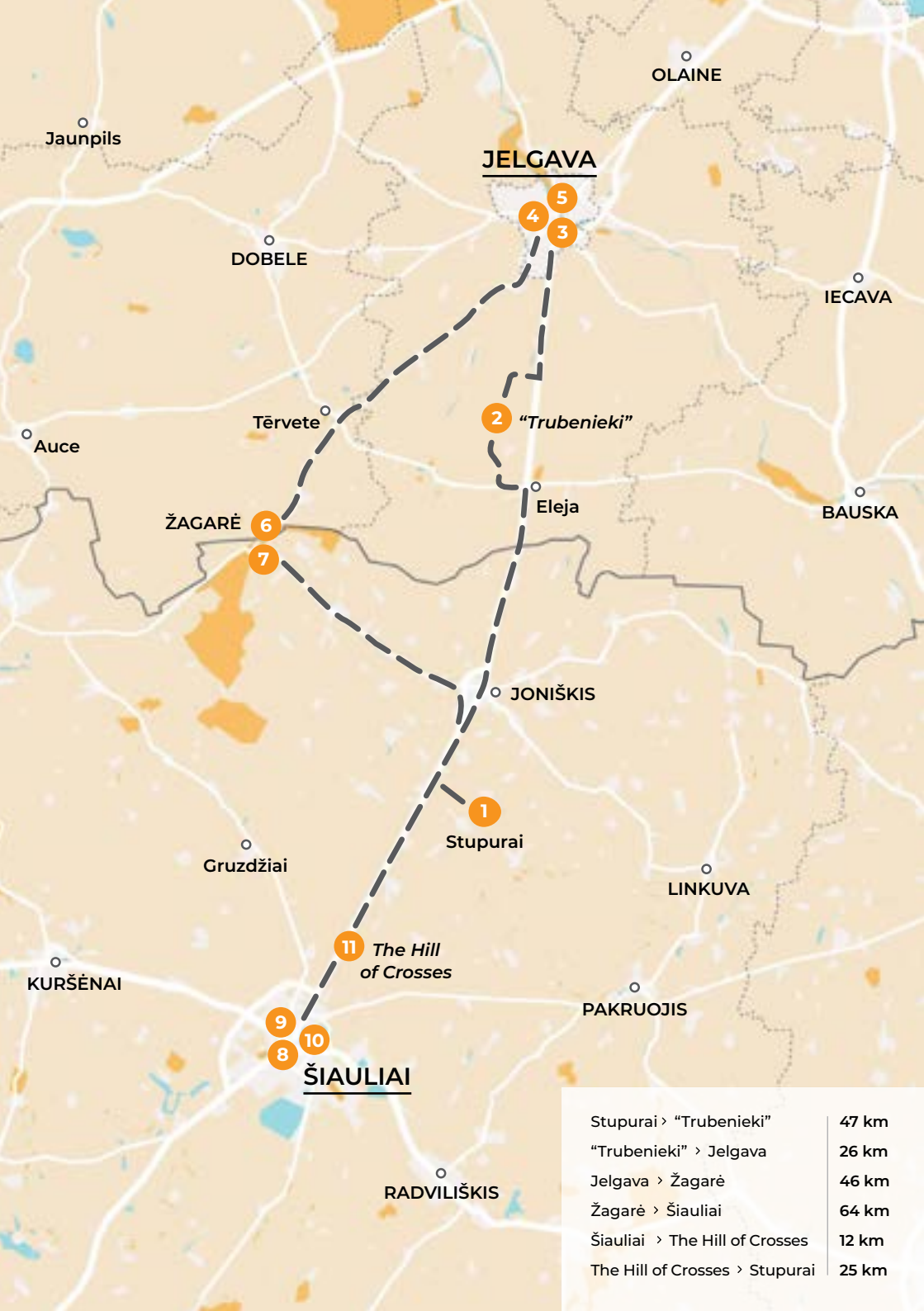
7. "HOUSE OF DOLLS", DOLL MAKING WORKSHOP
Vilniaus St. 6, Žagarē

8. PHARMACY "VALERIJONAS"
Vilniaus St. 173, Šiauliai

9. CHOCOLATE MUSEUM "RŪTA"
Tilžēs St. 133, Šiauliai

10. ST. PETER AND PAUL'S CATHEDRAL
Aušros takas 3, Šiauliai

11. THE HILL OF CROSSES,
Jurgaičiai, Meškuičiai elderate, Šiauliai dist.



JELGAVA

ŠIAULIAI

Stupurai > "Trubenieki"	47 km
"Trubenieki" > Jelgava	26 km
Jelgava > Žagarē	46 km
Žagarē > Šiauliai	64 km
Šiauliai > The Hill of Crosses	12 km
The Hill of Crosses > Stupurai	25 km



THREE DAYS

Get ready to embrace the beauty of autumn on our three-day tour designed for families. As the season transitions and the leaves turn into a kaleidoscope of colours, it's the perfect time to indulge in the rich tastes, smells, and colours of the season. We invite you to take your time, to breathe in the crisp air and to enjoy the slow pace of the season.

During this tour, we'll take you on a journey through the changing seasons, where we'll spend time outside, admiring the fall foliage, and later indoors, exploring museums, local crafts or farms that offer traditional food tasting. At Mālkalni Cheese Farm, you'll get to sample their round cheese, which is traditionally made to symbolize the sun in ancient tradition of Baltic tribes. In the shorter days of autumn, this cheese reminds us of the sunny days we've left behind.

Take a moment for yourself and try the energy maze, where you can clear your mind and rejuvenate your soul. We'll also introduce you to traditional crafts and showcase unique modern jewelry made by local artist. For panoramic views of the autumn colours in all their glory, we'll climb church towers, where you can soak up the picturesque views and appreciate the beauty of the season from above.

1. CRAFTSMEN ON THE ROAD JEWELRY WORKSHOP

Raktuvēš St. 26, Žagare

2. TOUR AT ŽAGARĒ MANOR AND PARK

Malūno St. 1, Žagare

3. LOLITAS DUGE`S "HOUSE OF MINT" AND PANCAKES TASTING

"Terēni", Vilces pag., Jelgava Coun.

4. MĀLKALNI FAMILY FARM "BLŪDŽI"

"Blūdži", Sesavas pag., Jelgava Coun.

5. PUPUCHI FACTORY

levu St. 12, Dzirnietki,
Jaunsvirlaukas pag., Jelgava Coun.

6. LIELUPE FLOODLAND MEADOWS BIRD AND HORSES WATCHING TOUR

Pils sala, Jelgava

7. JELGAVA HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER

Akadēmijas St. 1, Jelgava

8. BALČIŪNAS VINEYARD

Butniņņu vil., Joniškis dist.

9. SOFIJA KYMANTAITĒ - ČIURLIONIENĒ HOUSE & WRITER'S J. SKABLAUSKAITE SQUARE VISIT

Bažnyčios St. 3, Joniškis

10. STUPURAI COMMUNITY VISIT

Stupurai vil., Joniškis dist.

11. VENCLAUSKIAI HOUSE-MUSEUM

Vytauto St. 89, Šiauliai

12. CHOCOLATE MUSEUM "RŪTA"

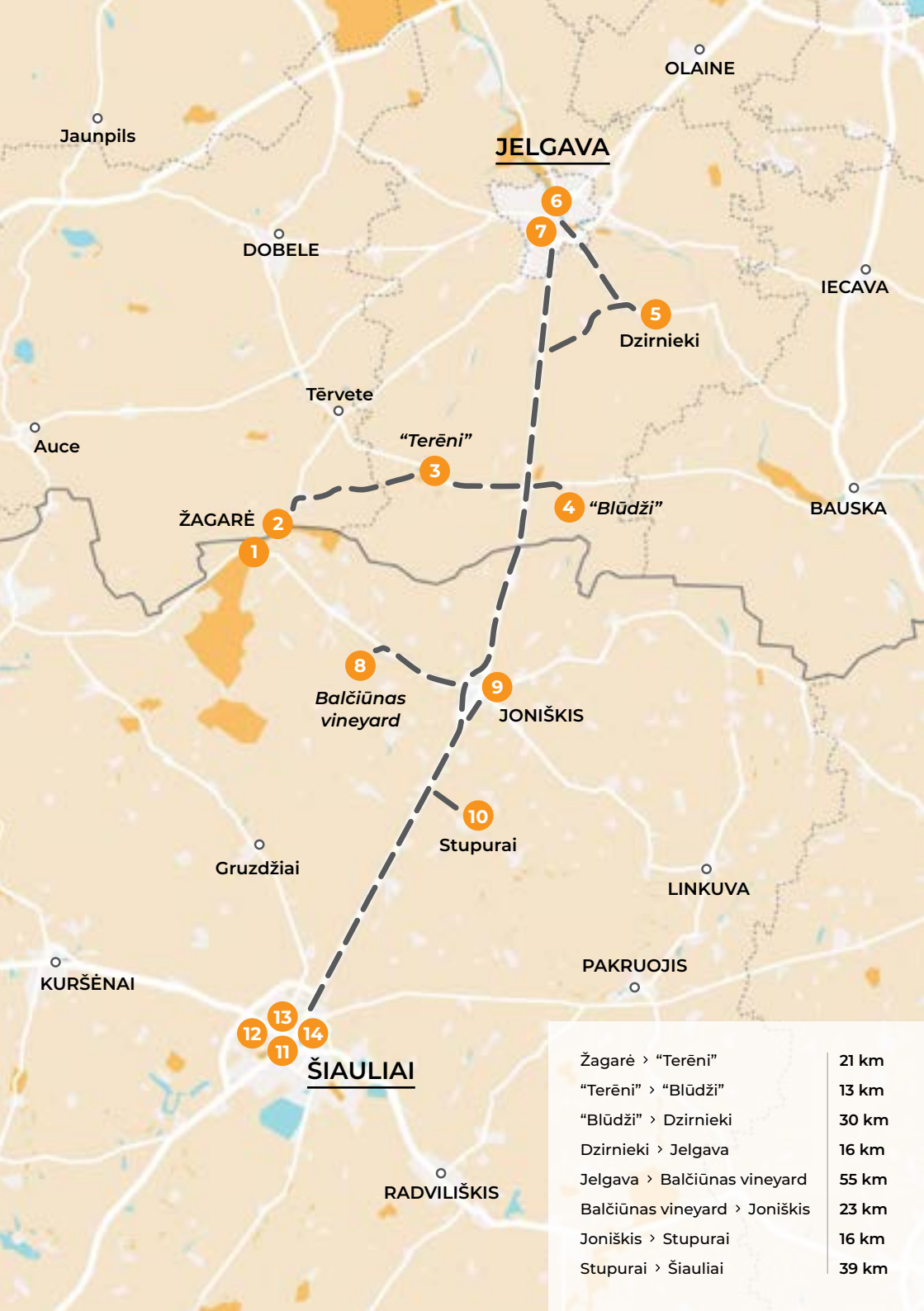
Tilžes St. 133, Šiauliai

13. ST. PETER AND PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Aušros takas 3, Šiauliai

14. SUNDIAL SQUARE, ENERGY MAZE AND THE "IRON FOX" SCULPTURE

Ežero St. and S. Šalkauskio
St. crossing, southern coast
of the lake Talkša, Šiauliai



JELGAVA

ŠIAULIAI

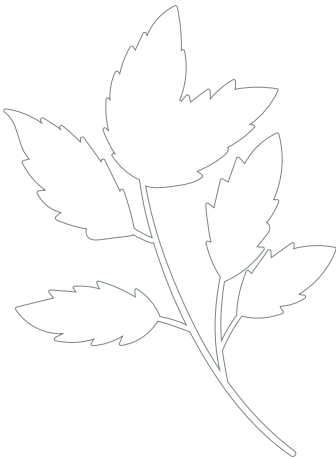
Žagare > "Terēni"	21 km
"Terēni" > "Blūdži"	13 km
"Blūdži" > Dzirnieki	30 km
Dzirnieki > Jelgava	16 km
Jelgava > Balčiūnas vineyard	55 km
Balčiūnas vineyard > Joniškis	23 km
Joniškis > Stupurai	16 km
Stupurai > Šiauliai	39 km

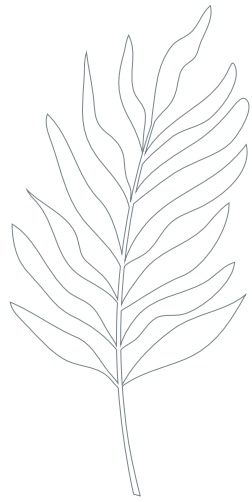


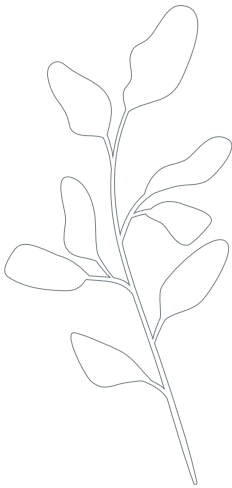
Collect leaves and flowers!















Coarse wheat flour pasties with herring for the dough

Ingredients:

For the dough:

milk
pork fat
wholemeal wheat flour
wheat flour bread
yeast salt
sugar

For the filling:

lightly salted herring
fillet smoked bacon
onion
egg for smearing

1. Mix the yeast with 1 teaspoon of sugar and 1 tablespoon of flour and pour in a little warm water to create a runny mass. Leave the prepared mix to rise for 15–20 minutes.

2. Dissolve the salt and sugar in warm milk, sifting the flour through a strainer. Add a sufficient amount so that it forms a runny dough, add the yeast which has risen, mix it well and put it in a warm place to rise. Then add the frothed up pork fat, sift and add the remaining flour, add the

grains, which were left over after sifting and knead this well. Leave the dough to rise.

3. Form the pasties, which are then filled with the mix of herring, onion and smoked bacon, which has all been chopped into little cubes. Place the pasties on a pan, let them rise in a warm place, smear egg on them and bake them at a moderate temperature.

4. When the pasties are ready, they are gradually cooled, covered with a tea towel, in a warm place.

SEPTEMBER 22 – BALT'S UNITY DAY

SEPTEMBER 23 – EQUINOX

All the Baltic calendar holidays and time counting systems are connected in one way or another with the position of the luminaries in the sky at various times of the year or day. The equinox is the moment when the Sun is at the intersection of the celestial equator and the ecliptic (the path of the Sun through the Zodiac). The ancient Balts believed that this is a special time of natural transformation.



SUN ROUTE

WINTER



ZIEMASSVĒTKI

OR ŠV. KALĒDOS

Ziemassvētki or Šv. Kalēdos is an annual festival which observes the winter solstice and birth of Jesus Christ. Latvians around the world celebrate it from 24 to 25 December. 24 December is Ziemassvētku vakars or Kūčios in Lithuanian (Christmas Eve, lit. Christmas Evening), while 25 December is Pirmie Ziemassvētki (First Christmas), 26 December Otrie Ziemassvētki (Second Christmas). One of the most popular traditions is to decorate Christmas tree, this tradition was known in Livonia even before the 16th century. Another ancient Latvian tradition is to make Puzuris, art mobile decoration. On Christmas gifts are given, which are usually placed under the Christmas tree. If you want to greet anyone by saying “Merry Christmas” in Latvian, say “Priecīgus Ziemassvetkus” and in Lithuanian “Laimingų Šventų Kalėdų”.

Traditions:

The traditional Latvian feast during Christmas contains brown or grey peas cooked with bacon/pork sauce, bacon rolls, cabbage with sauce, pies, and gingerbread to share.

While Lithuanians are more focused on Christmas Eve – Kūčios – when we prepare not less than 12 dishes that can not contain any meat or meat products, including dairy.





KIDS ONE DAY

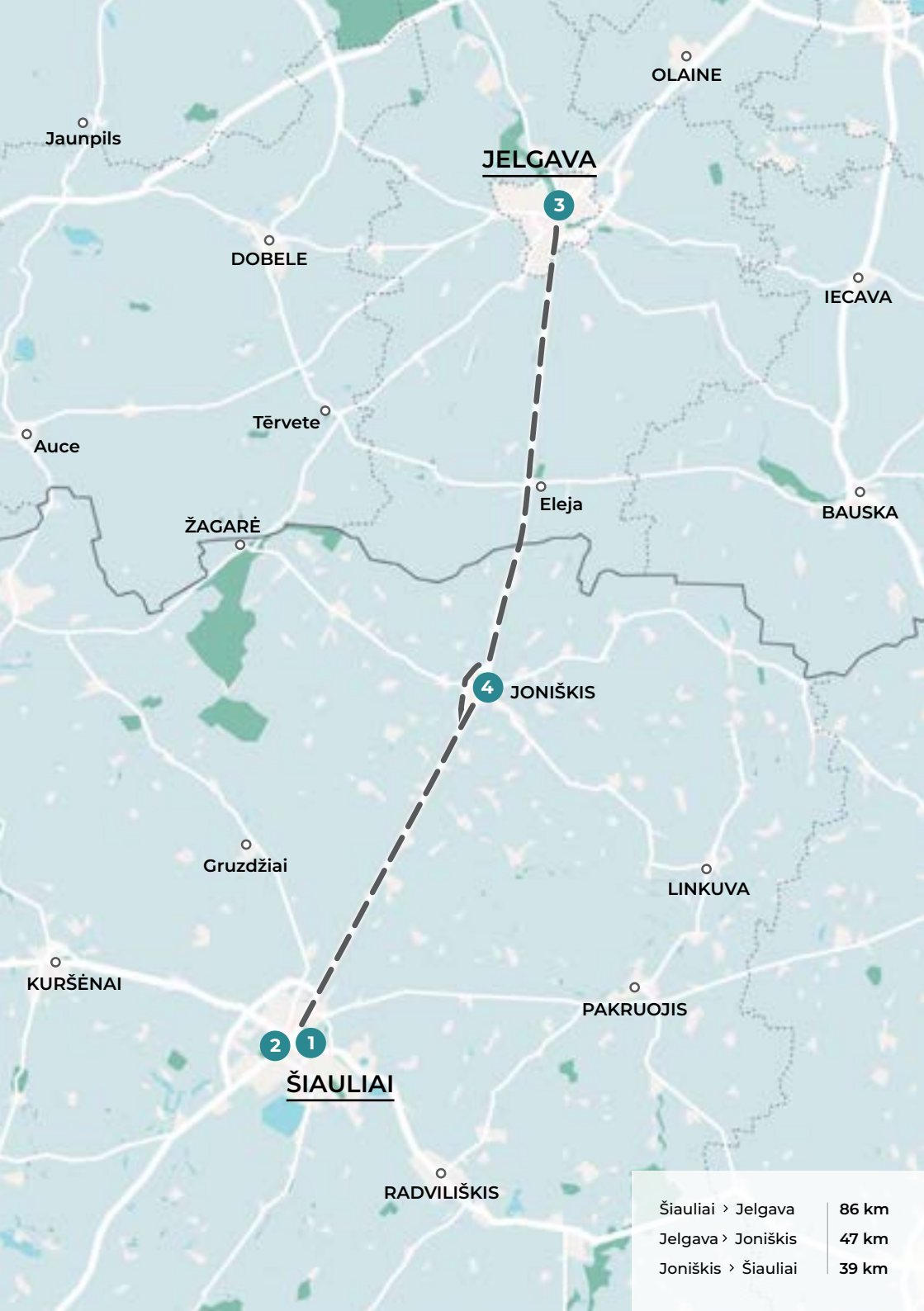
Looking for a winter adventure for your kids or school group? Our one-day tour offers an exciting and educational experience that will be remembered for years to come. Explore the cool and white winter sun as you watch a sundial and navigate the energy maze.

Indulge in the warm comfort of hot chocolate at the chocolate museum, where you can uncover the secrets of this delicious treat.

The highlight of the day is a gingerbread-making workshop where you can experience the smells and tastes of the winter holidays. With freshly fallen snowflakes to accompany you, enjoy a day of winter magic and fun-filled learning!

Places to visit:

- 1. SUNDIAL SQUARE, ENERGY MAZE AND THE "IRON FOX" SCULPTURE**
Ežero St. and S. Šalkauskio St. crossing, southern coast of the lake Talkša, Šiauliai
- 2. CHOCOLATE MUSEUM "RŪTA"**
Tilžės St. 133, Šiauliai
- 3. GINGERBREAD MAKING WORKSHOP AT JELGAVA PALACE**
Lielā St. 2, Jelgava
- 4. JONIŠKIS BASKETBALL MUSEUM**
Livonijos St. 3, Joniškis



JELGAVA

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JONIŠKIS

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ŠIAULIAI

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DOBELE

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ŽAGARĒ

Eleja

BAUSKA

Gruzdžiai

LINKUVA

KURŠĒNAI

PAKRUOJIS

RADVILIŠKIS

Šiauliai > Jelgava	86 km
Jelgava > Joniškis	47 km
Joniškis > Šiauliai	39 km



FAMILIES ONE DAY

Experience a winter wonderland adventure designed for families with kids and friends. Explore the magic of the winter sun as it illuminates the sparkling ice sculptures or try to catch falling snowflakes.

Tune into the spirit of the holiday season with our gingerbread-making and Christmas decoration workshops. In the decoration workshop, discover the importance of the sun in ancient times while creating your own festive ornaments. Step back in time and experience history firsthand in the Christmas Battle Museum and learn about the battles that took place a century ago. Join us for a day filled with enchantment, wonder, and learning.

Places to visit:

1. JONIŠKIS MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND CULTURE
Vilniaus St. 6, Joniškis

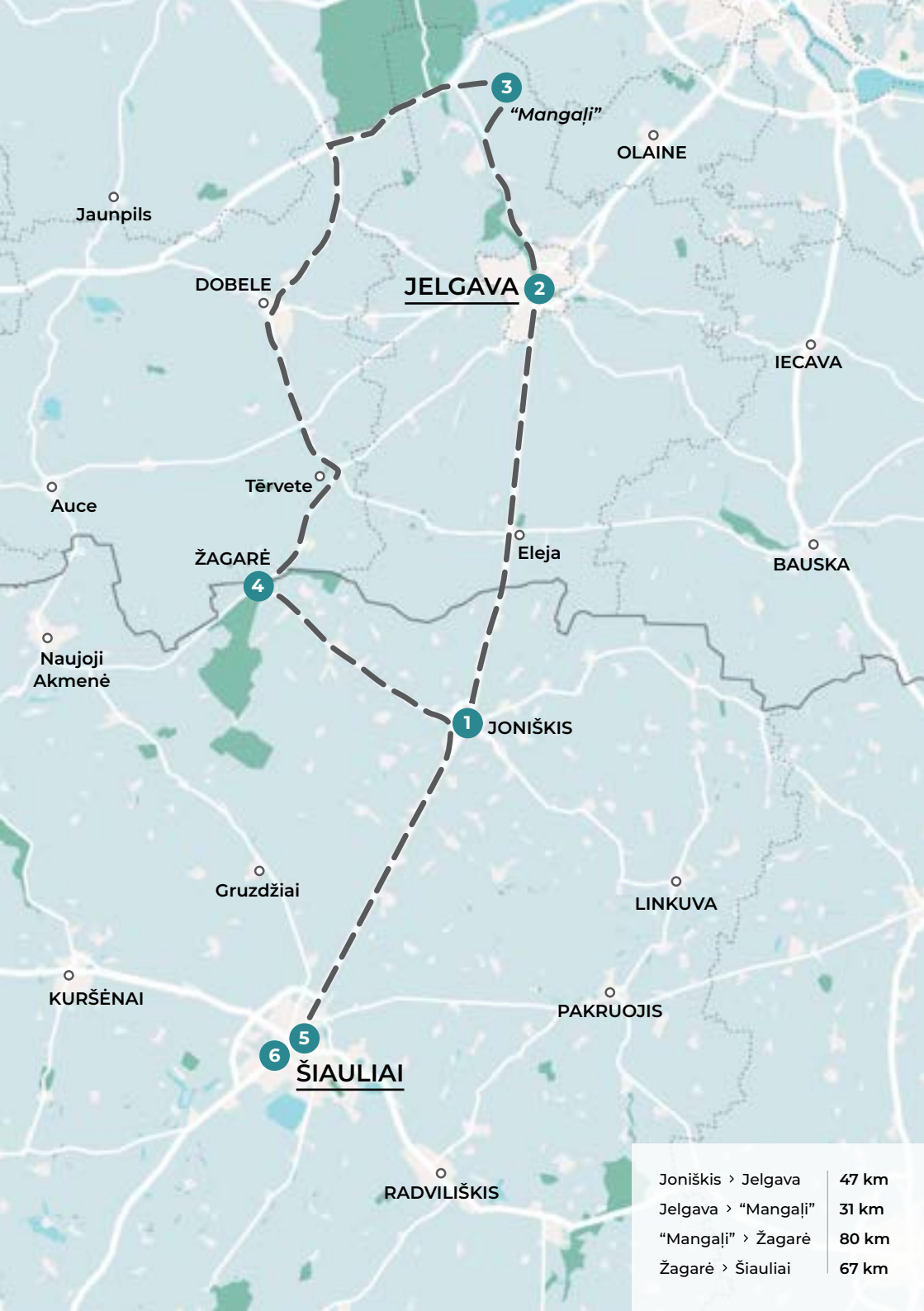
2. GINGERBREAD MAKING WORKSHOP AT JELGAVA PALACE
Lielā St. 2, Jelgava

3. THE CHRISTMAS BATTLE MUSEUM
"Mangaļi", Valgundes pag., Jelgava Coun.

4. "HOUSE OF DOLLS", DOLL MAKING WORKSHOP
Vilniaus St. 6, Žagarė

5. TELEPHONY MUSEUM
Vilniaus St. 146, Šiauliai

6. ŽALIŪKIAI VILLAGE MILLER'S FARMSTEAD-MUSEUM (CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION WORKSHOP)
Arhitektu St. 73, Šiauliai



JELGAVA

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"Mangali"

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ŽAGARĒ

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JONIŠKIS

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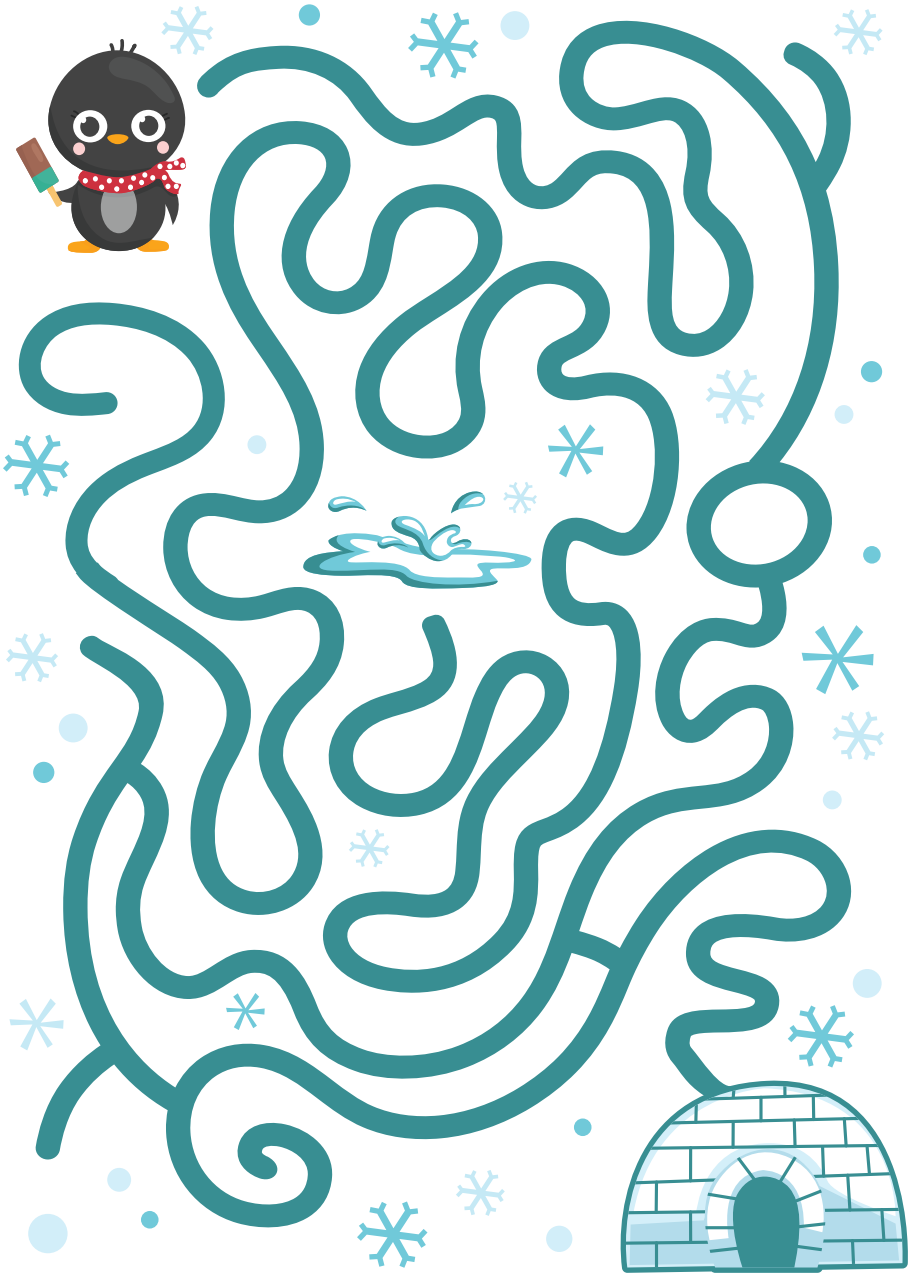
ŠIAULIAI

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Joniškis > Jelgava	47 km
Jelgava > "Mangali"	31 km
"Mangali" > Žagarė	80 km
Žagarė > Šiauliai	67 km

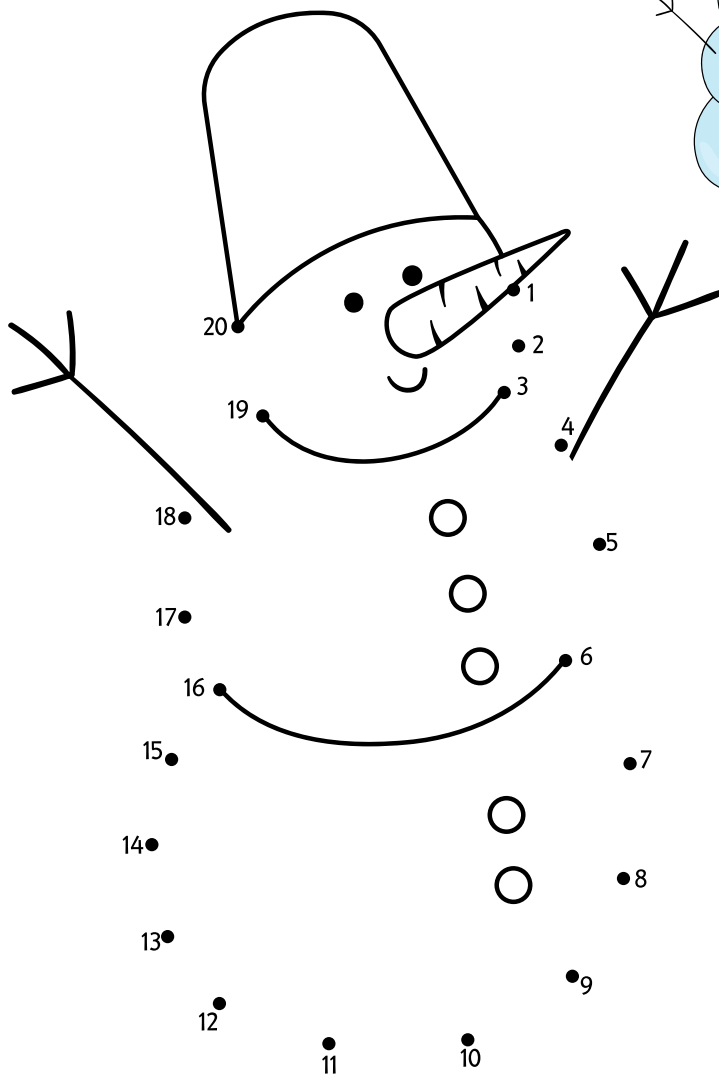


Help the penguin get home!





Connect the dots and make a drawing!





ADULTS ONE DAY

Escape the winter blues and join us for a magical one day tour that will leave you with unforgettable memories. The days may be short, but we have packed in a whirlwind of experiences that will leave you feeling energized and amazed. We've created an intense program that includes visits to the Hill of Crosses, Jelgava Palace, the crypt of the Kurland dukes, a world-class photography museum, an old pharmacy, and a brief winter walk in Joniškis. Soak up the winter sun as you discover the cultural, historical, and natural beauty of the region.

Places to visit:

1. PHOTOGRAPHY MUSEUM

Vilniaus St. 140, Šiauliai

2. PHARMACY "VALERIJONAS" (TEA HOUSE, FOOD TASTING)

Vilniaus St. 173, Šiauliai

3. THE HILL OF CROSSES

Jurgaičiai, Meškuičiai elderate, Šiauliai dist.

4. JONIŠKIS WALKING TOUR

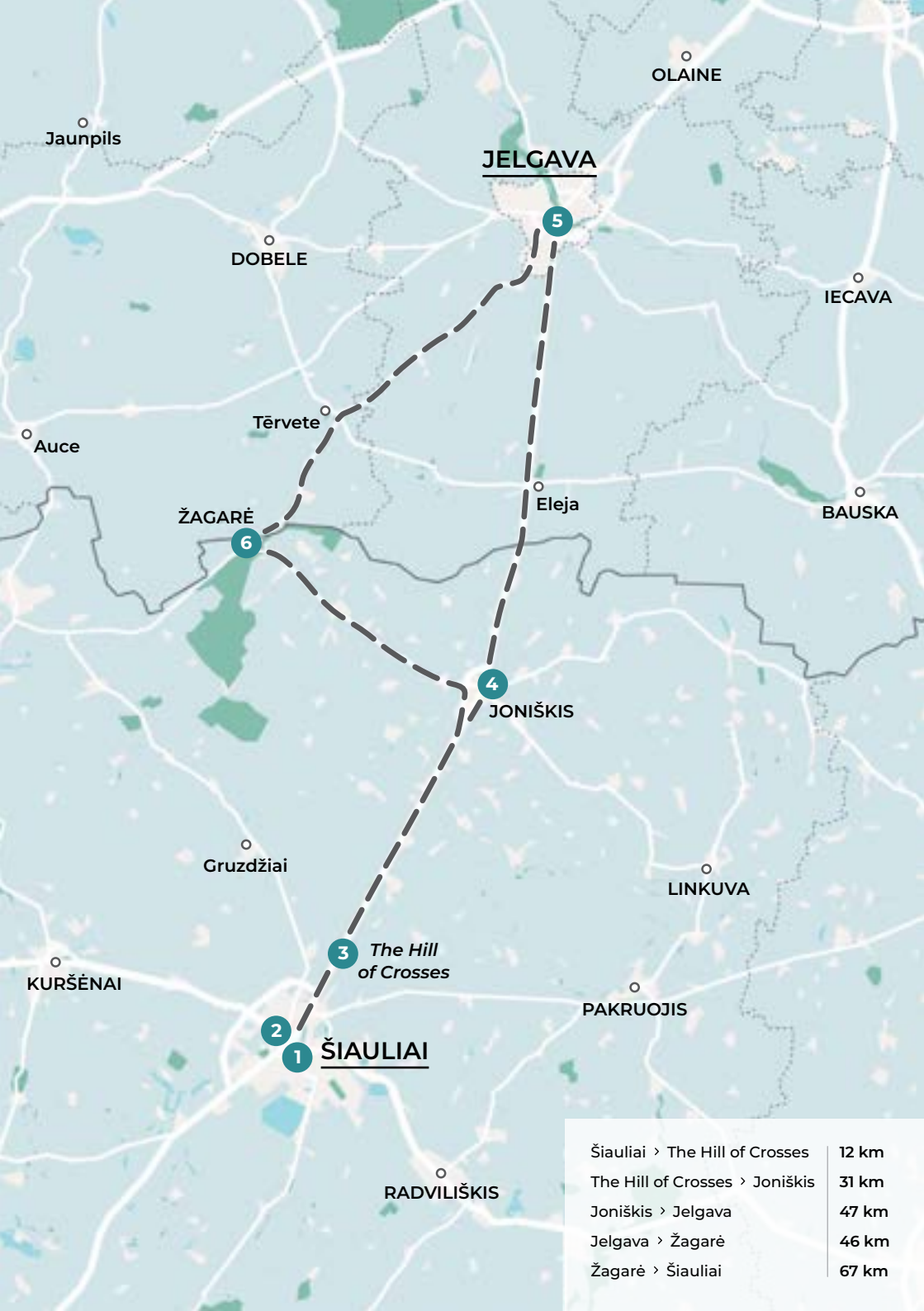
Miesto Sq., Joniškis

5. JELGAVA PALACE AND TOMBS OF THE DUKES OF COURLAND - RUNDALE PALACE MUSEUM EXHIBITION IN JELGAVA PALACE

Lielā St. 2, Jelgava

6. TOUR AT ŽAGARĒ MANOR AND PARK

Malūno St. 1, Žagarē



JELGAVA

3 *The Hill of Crosses*

ŠIAULIAI

Šiauliai > The Hill of Crosses	12 km
The Hill of Crosses > Joniškis	31 km
Joniškis > Jelgava	47 km
Jelgava > Žagarė	46 km
Žagarė > Šiauliai	67 km



TWO DAYS

Escape into the past on a winter journey designed for history lovers. Our two-day tour will take you to some of the most important historic places in the region. You'll gain insight into the past with a visit to the open-air Christmas Battle Museum, where you can immerse yourself in the stories of battles that shaped the course of history. Indulge in the festive spirit with a traditional Christmas tree cake-making workshop, where you can learn to make and taste this beloved holiday treat. Discover the taste of homemade cheese, whose round shape evokes the image of the winter sun, which appears so rarely during the short winter days.

Take in the breathtaking winter scenery from above by climbing the church tower, where snow-covered trees create a magical winter wonderland. Follow us on this enchanting journey into history, filled with delicious tastes and stunning sights.

Places to visit:

1. MĀLKALNI FAMILY FARM "BLŪDŽI"

"Blūdži", Sesavas pag., Jelgava Coun.

2. THE CHRISTMAS BATTLE MUSEUM

"Mangaļi", Valgundes pag., Jelgava Coun.

3. JELGAVA HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER

Akadēmijas St. 1, Jelgava

4. JELGAVA HISTORY AND ART MUSEUM OF ĢEDERTS ELIASŠ

Akadēmijas St. 10, Jelgava

5. JONIŠKIS WALKING TOUR

Miesto Sq., Joniškis

6. CHRISTMAS TREE CAKE MAKING IN STUPURAI COMMUNITY

Stupurai village, Joniškis dist.

7. SUNDIAL SQUARE, ENERGY MAZE AND THE "IRON FOX" SCULPTURE

Ežero St. and S. Šalkauskio St. crossing, southern coast of the lake Talkša, Šiauliai

8. CHAIMAS FRENKELIS' VILLA-MUSEUM

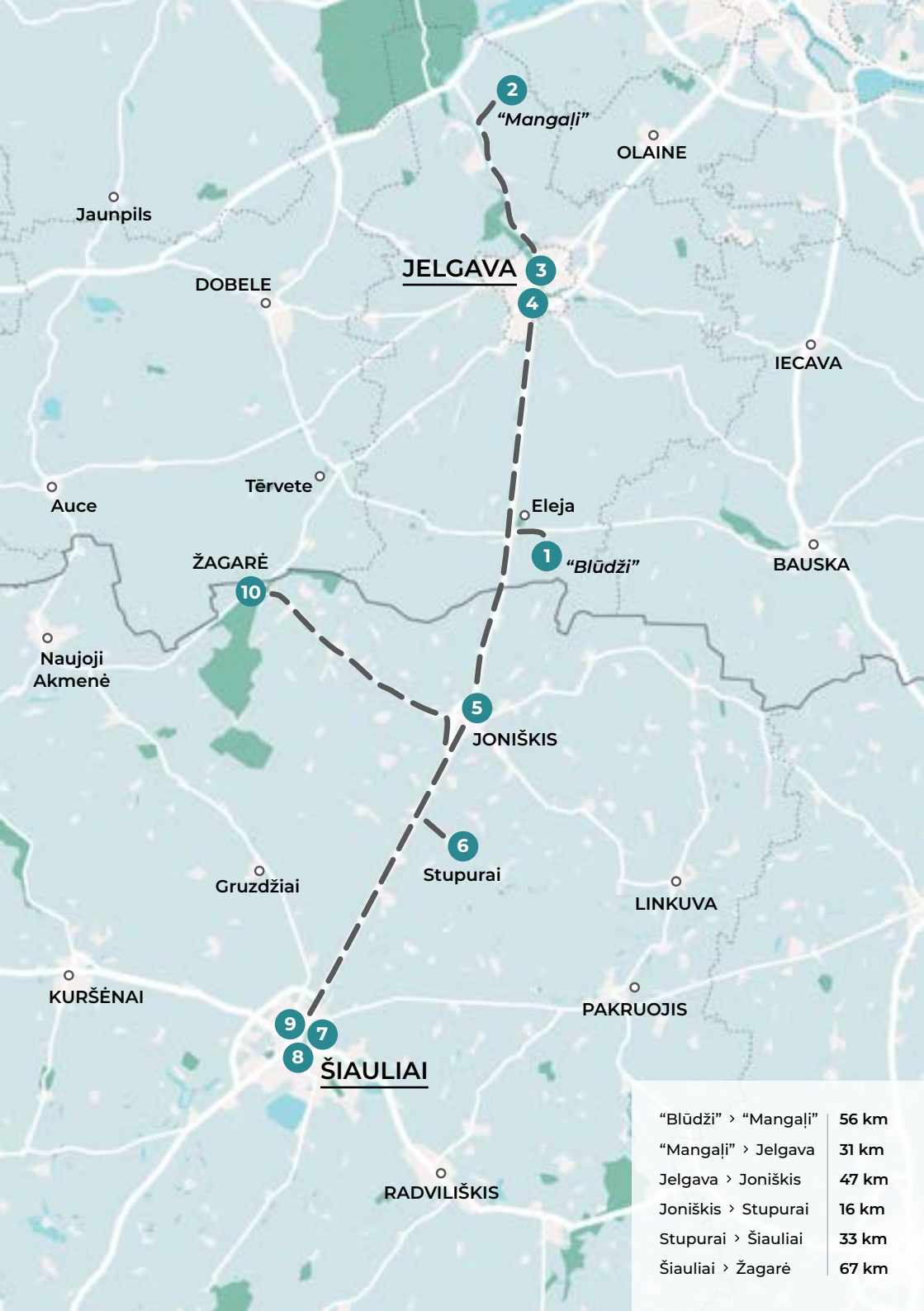
Vilniaus St. 74, Šiauliai

9. PHARMACY "VALERIJONAS" (TEA HOUSE, FOOD TASTING)

Vilniaus St. 173, Šiauliai

10. ŽAGARĒ WALKING TOUR

Žagarē town Sq., Žagarē



"Blūdži" > "Mangalji"	56 km
"Mangalji" > Jelgava	31 km
Jelgava > Joniškis	47 km
Joniškis > Stupurai	16 km
Stupurai > Šiauliai	33 km
Šiauliai > Žagare	67 km

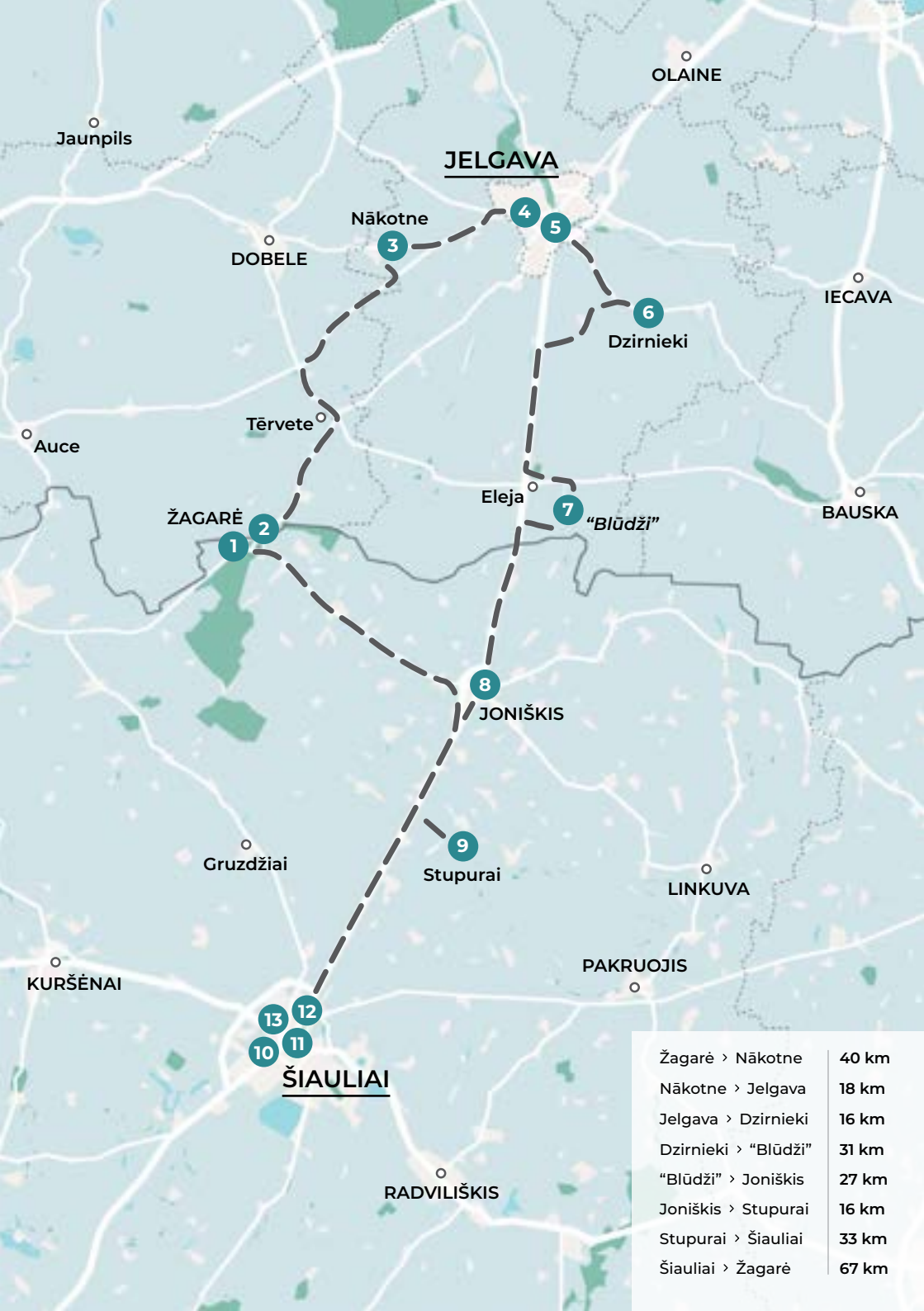


THREE DAYS

Embark on a magical three-day winter journey designed for families. Experience the joy and wonder of the season as snowflakes and ice sculptures sparkle in the crisp winter air. Warm up with a comforting cup of herbal tea, learn some secrets in old pharmacy and indulge in a traditional cheese tasting. Learn the art of making a delicious Christmas tree cake and create your own candles to light up the winter evenings. Take a refreshing stroll through the winter landscape, or enjoy the warmth of a hot sauna and traditional bath ritual. Explore the museums and learn about winter traditions of Balt tribes and important moments in the history. Take your time to savor every moment of this enchanting winter tour, embracing the traditions of the season and creating cherished memories with your loved ones.

Places to visit:

- 1. ŽAGARĒ WALKING TOUR**
Žagarē town Sq., Žagarē
- 2. TOUR AT ŽAGARĒ MANSION AND PARK**
Malūno St. 1, Žagarē
- 3. NĀKOTNE PARK (FUTURE PARK)**
Glūdas pag., Jegava Coun.
- 4. JELGAVA HISTORY AND ART MUSEUM OF ĢEDERTS ELIASS**
Akadēmijas St. 10, Jelgava
- 5. JELGAVA HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER**
Akadēmijas St. 1, Jelgava
- 6. PUPUCHI FACTORY**
Ievu iela 12, Dzirnietki,
Jaunsvirlaukas pag.,
Jelgava Coun.
- 7. MĀLKALNI FAMILY FARM "BLŪDŽI"**
"Blūdži", Sesavas pag.,
Jelgava Coun.
- 8. JONIŠKIS WALKING TOUR**
Miesto Sq., Joniškis
- 9. CHRISTMAS TREE CAKE (ŠAKOTIS) MAKING IN STUPURAI COMMUNITY**
Stupurai village, Joniškis dist.
- 10. RAILWAY MUSEUM**
Dubijos St. 26, Šiauliai
- 11. PHARMACY "VALERIJONAS" (TEA HOUSE, FOOD TASTING)**
Vilniaus St. 173, Šiauliai
- 12. ST. PETER AND PAUL'S CATHEDRAL**
Aušros takas 3, Šiauliai
- 13. BALTIC CULTURE EDUCATION CENTRE "BALTS' ROAD"**
Vilniaus St. 213, Šiauliai



JELGAVA



ŠIAULIAI

Žagarē > Nākotne	40 km
Nākotne > Jelgava	18 km
Jelgava > Dzirnieki	16 km
Dzirnieki > "Blūdži"	31 km
"Blūdži" > Joniškis	27 km
Joniškis > Stupurai	16 km
Stupurai > Šiauliai	33 km
Šiauliai > Žagarē	67 km





Christmas gingerbread

Ingredients:

1/3 cup molasses (doesn't matter whether light or dark)

1/3 cup brown sugar (ditto)

1/3 cup honey

1/2 cup butter

3 tablespoons lard

5 cups flour

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 teaspoon ginger

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

1/2 teaspoon clove

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon cardamom

1/2 teaspoon coriander

2 eggs

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1. Put the molasses, brown sugar, butter and lard in a pot and heat, stirring constantly under medium-low heat until the butter, lard and sugar are completely melted. DO NOT BOIL. The process can be sped up by first softening the butter and lard in the microwave. Do not allow the mixture to scorch, or the cookies will not hold together.

2. Take the mixture off the heat and add 2-1/2 cups of flour, along with all of the spices. Mix thoroughly and set aside to cool to lukewarm, stirring occasionally. Lightly beat the eggs

and incorporate them into the dough. Let it cool completely.

3. Sieve together the remaining flour with the baking soda and baking powder. Add the flour gradually to the dough, stirring thoroughly after each addition.

4. When the dough becomes too thick to stir, knead with your hands - first in the bowl, then on a well-floured work surface. Initially the dough will stick like glue, but eventually you will get a smooth, shiny and quite heavy dough. Add more flour if needed, but only a bit at a time.

Places to visit!

Latvia, Jelgava

CANDY WORKSHOP

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Address: Rūpniecības St. 1A, Jelgava, Latvia



PUPUCHI FACTORY

GPS: 56.5649340; 23.8752463
Address: Ievu St. 12, Dzirnīki, Jaunsvirlaukas pag., Jelgava Coun., Latvia



THE CHRISTMAS BATTLE MUSEUM

GPS: 56.8232005; 23.7034132
Address: "Mangalī", Valgundes pag., Jelgava Coun., Latvia



FIREFIGHTING EXIBITION

GPS: 56.6543239; 23.7188869
Address: Dobeles St. 16, Jelgava, Latvia



GARLIC WORLD

GPS: 56.7429225; 23.8885523
Address: Priežu St., Dalbe, Cenu pag., Latvia



JELGAVA HISTORY AND ART MUSEUM OF ĢEDERTS ELIASS

GPS: 56.650090; 23.729027
Address: Akadēmijas St. 10, Jelgava, Latvia



JELGAVA HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER

GPS: 56.652306; 23.729371

Address: Akadēmijas St. 1, Jelgava, Latvia

Phone: +371 63005445, +371 63005447



JELGAVA PALACE AND TOMBS OF THE DUKES OF COURLAND - RUNDALE PALACE MUSEUM EXHIBITION IN JELGAVA PALACE

GPS: 56.655707; 23.733927

Address: Lielā St. 2, Jelgava, Latvia



LIELUPE FLOODLAND MEADOWS BIRD AND HORSES WATCHING TOUR

GPS: 56.660314; 23.729346

Address: Pils sala, Jelgava, Latvia



GOAT FARM - LĪCĪŠI

GPS: 56.711751; 23.818602

Address: "Līcīši" Cenu pag., Jelgavas Coun., Latvia



THE LAUNDRY HOUSE VEŠŪZIS

GPS: 56.451617; 23.659721

Address: Alejas St. 7, Lielplatone, Jelgava Coun., Latvia



LOLITAS DUGE`S "HOUSE OF MINT"

GPS: 56.424479; 23.507313

Address: "Terēni", Vilces pag., Jelgava Coun., Latvia



MĀLKALNI FAMILY FARM "Blūdži"

GPS: 56.396443; 23.733375

Address: "Blūdži", Sesavas pag., Jelgava Coun., Latvia



NĀKOTNE PARK (FUTURE PARK)

GPS: 56.607590, 23.457982

Address: Glūdas pag., Jēgava Coun., Latvia

Phone: +371 29450037, +371 25113949



PASTA ISLAND

GPS: 56.65132; 23.73515

Address: Pasta sala, Jēgava, Latvia



PIRATE SHIP MOANA - TOUR FROM PASTA ISLAND

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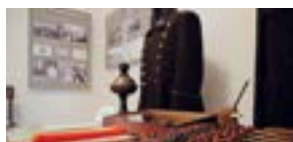
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JELGAVA EXHIBITION OF LATVIAN RAILWAY HISTORY MUSEUM

GPS: 56.6410334; 23.7299145

Address: Stacijas St. 3, Jēgava, Latvia



SHIITAKE MUSHROOM FARM "Trubenieki"

GPS: 56.4664074; 23.6120894

Address: "Trubenieki", Lielplatones pag., Jēgava Coun., Latvia



VECPILSĒTA (OLD TOWN) STREET QUARTER, TIME WHEEL 100 AND METAL ELK

GPS: 56.651855; 23.709585 / 56.651150; 23.710861

Address: Dobeles St. 68, Jēgava, Latvia

Metal Elk:

GPS: 56.649845, 23.712981

Address: Lielā St. 29, Jēgava, Latvia



WOODEN BOARDWALKS AT THE FLOOD-LAND MEADOWS OF THE RIVER SVĒTE

GPS: 56.644825; 23.688349

Address: Sniega St., Miezītes Rd., Būriņu Rd., Jelgava, Latvia



STALGENE MANOR

GPS: 56.5718193; 23.961425

Address: Skolas St. 4, Staļģene, Jaunsvirlaukas pag., Jelgava Coun., Latvia



ELEJA MANOR PARK AND TEA HOUSE

GPS: 56.4253852; 23.6998833

Address: Elejas pag, Jelgava Coun., Latvia



Lithuania, Joniškis

AUDRUVIS ELK FARM

GPS: 56.228917; 23.586493

Address: Sodų St. 1, Ziniūnai, Joniškis dist., Lithuania



JONIŠKIS BASKETBALL MUSEUM

GPS: 56.2424701; 23.6137709

Address: Livonijos St. 3, Joniškis, Lithuania



BALČIŪNAS VINEYARD

GPS: 56.2633335; 23.4311697

Address: Butniūnų vil., Joniškis dist., Lithuania



COGNITIVE WALKWAY OF MŪŠA TYRELIS

GPS: 56.219775, 23.262652

Address: Gaižaičių sen., Joniškis dist., Lithuania



CRAFTSMEN ON THE ROAD

GPS: 56.359191; 23.246055

Address: Raktuvės St. 26, Žagarė, Lithuania



SUNNY NIGHTS CAMPING

GPS: 56.148392; 23.624840

Address: Rygos St. 12A, Gataučiai, Joniškis dist., Lithuania



“HOUSE OF DOLLS”, DOLL MAKING WORKSHOP

GPS: 56.360595; 23.255237

Address: Vilniaus St. 6, Žagarė, Lithuania



JONIŠKIS MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND CULTURE

GPS: 56.239176, 23.614544

Address: Vilniaus St. 6, Joniškis, Lithuania



JONIŠKIS WALKING TOUR

GPS: 56.240626; 23.617095

Address: Miesto Sq., Joniškis, Lithuania



FACTORY OF SCARECROWS, SCARECROWS MAKING WORKSHOP

GPS: 56.36437; 23.259909

Address: Švėtės St. 20, Žagarė, Lithuania



J. SKABLAUSKAITES SQUARE

GPS: 56.246787; 23.619217

Address: J. Skablauskaitės Sq., Joniškis, Lithuania



SOFIJA KYMANTAITĖ ČIURLIONIENĖ HOUSE VISIT

GPS: 56.241806; 23.618139

Address: Bažnyčios St. 3, Joniškis, Lithuania



STUPURAI COMMUNITY VISIT

GPS: 56.124484; 23.577841

Address: Alyvų St. 2, Stupurai village, Joniškis dist., Lithuania



POVILAS OPEN FIRE KITCHEN

GPS: 56.241584; 23.542548

Address: Jaunimo St. 6, Kalnelis, Joniškis dist., Lithuania

Phone: +370 68644670



SUN BATTLE PLACE

GPS: 56.107282; 23.561604

Address: Mekiai 84251, Lithuania



WOODLAND FAE OF MŪŠA TYRELIS

GPS: 56.200505; 23.321848

Address: Bičiušiai 1, Rudiškių sen., Joniškis dist., Lithuania



ŽAGARĖ "HOUSE OF POTS"

GPS: 56.361539; 23.250048

Address: P. Cvirkos St. 31, Žagarė, Lithuania



ŽAGARĖ MANOR AND PARK

GPS: 56.361539; 23.250048

Address: Malūno St. 1, Žagarė, Lithuania



ŽAGARĖ WALKING TOUR

GPS: 56.359089; 23.254596

Address: Žagarė town Sq., Žagarė, Lithuania



MINIGOLF CLUB "THUNDER VALLEY"

GPS: 56.154700; 23.434208

Address: Senoji St. 32, Rudiškiai, Joniškio r., Lithuania



Lithuania, Šiauliai

BALTIC CULTURE EDUCATION CENTRE "BALTS' ROAD"

GPS: 55.932015; 23.313457

Address: Vilniaus St. 213, Šiauliai, Lithuania



THE BICYCLE MUSEUM

GPS: 55.928461; 23.319900

Address: Vilniaus St. 139, Šiauliai, Lithuania



BOTANICAL GARDEN

GPS: 55.933056; 23.283028

Address: Paitaičių St. 4, Šiauliai, Lithuania



ST. PETER AND PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

GPS: 55.932715; 23.319182

Address: Aušros takas 3, Šiauliai, Lithuania



VANDA KAVALIAUSKIENĖ'S CATS MUSEUM

GPS: 55.926998; 23.337219

Address: Žuvininkų St. 18, Šiauliai, Lithuania



THE CENTS ROOM

GPS: 55.928794; 23.313744

Address: Vytauto St. 84, Šiauliai, Lithuania



CHAIMAS FRENKELIS' VILLA-MUSEUM

GPS: 55.925381; 23.327990

Address: Vilniaus St. 74, Šiauliai, Lithuania



"SAULES MIDUS" TASTING TOUR

GPS: 55.9638783; 23.3606082

Address: Švedės St. 53, Ginkūnai, Lithuania



THE HILL OF CROSES

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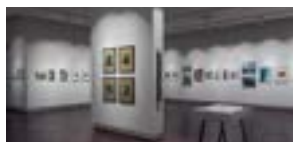
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Šiauliai dist., Lithuania



PHOTOGRAPHY MUSEUM

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Address: Vilniaus St. 140, Šiauliai, Lithuania



RADIO AND TELEVISION MUSEUM

GPS: 55.933960; 23.310851

Address: Vilniaus St. 174, Šiauliai, Lithuania



RAILWAY MUSEUM

GPS: 55.92671; 23.302996

Address: Dubijos St. 26, Šiauliai, Lithuania



LAKE RĖKYVA

GPS: 55.857464; 23.328286

Address: Poilsio St. 5, Šiauliai, Lithuania



CHOCOLATE MUSEUM "RŪTA"

GPS: 55.929699; 23.311611

Address: Tilžės St. 133, Šiauliai, Lithuania



STAINED GLASS OF "THE BATTLE OF THE SUN"

GPS: 55.930037; 23.313137

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TELEPHONY MUSEUM

GPS: 55.934517; 23.315022

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PHARMACY "VALERIJONAS"

GPS: 55.930349; 23.316517

Address: Vilniaus St. 173, Šiauliai, Lithuania



VENCLAUSKIAI HOUSE-MUSEUM

GPS: 55.927464; 23.315929

Address: Vytauto St. 89, Lithuania




ŽALIŪKIAI VILLAGE MILLER'S FARMSTEAD-MUSEUM


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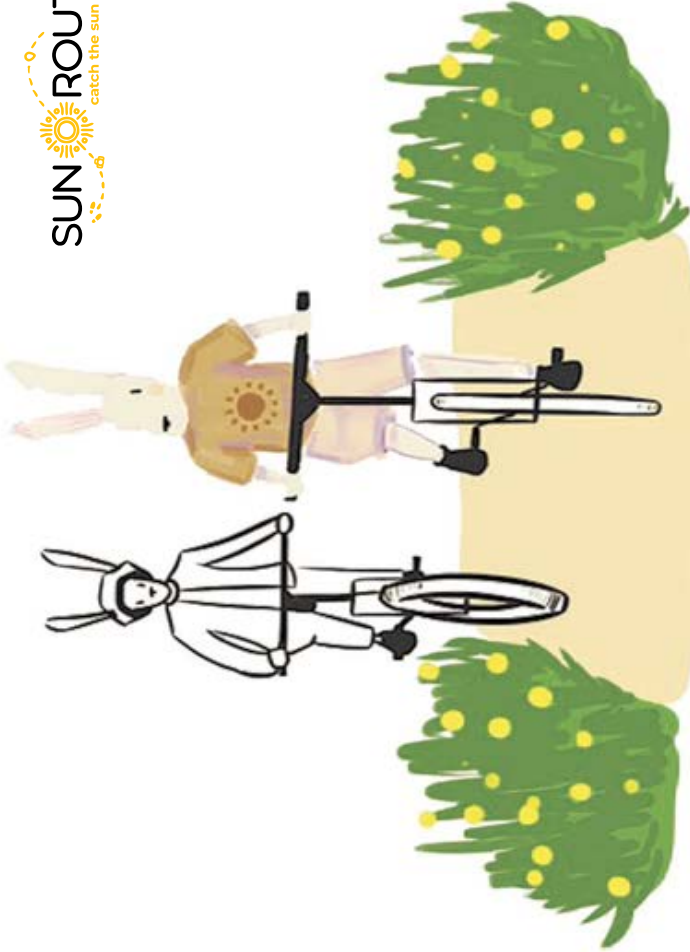
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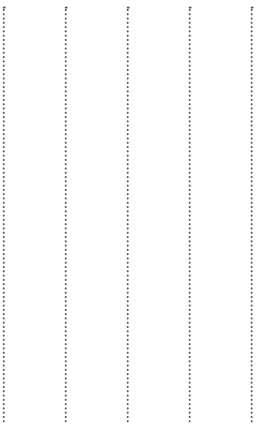
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catch the sun





I HAVE ACCUMULATED
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TO LAST A LIFETIME

Janis Rainis





About the project “SUN ROUTE”

The Latvian and Lithuanian cross-border cooperation programme project “Development of the joint cross - border heritage tourism product “SUN ROUTE” (No. LLI-464)”. “Sun route” is newly developed route that winds through all seasons and connects the cities of Šiauliai, Joniškis and Jelgava and its surroundings using common Sun theme. “Sun route” sub-routes are suitable for groups of students, families with children and individual travelers both in spring and summer, as well as in autumn and winter. It includes nature trails and parks, cultural and historical buildings, museums, expositions, environmental objects, farms and tourism service providers. The objective of the project is to increase the number of tourists and overnight stays in the program area between the cities of Jelgava and Joniškis, as well as the Šiauliai region.

PROJECT PARTNERS:

Jelgava local government institution "Central Administration"

Joniškis Tourism and Business Information Centre

Šiauliai Tourism Information Centre

THE TOTAL BUDGET OF THE PROJECT:

The total budget of the project is 840 290 EUR

Of this, 714 247 EUR (85%) is European Regional Fund funding



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The Spring's Joys by Kristijonas Donelaitis

Now the sun rose again to rouse the world
And laughed to topple down chill winter's labors.
And cold's creations, with the ice, diminished
As foam of snow changed everywhere to nothing.
Soon the bland weather stroked and woke the fields,
Called up herbs of all species from the dead.
Thickets and every heath bestirred themselves;
Hill, meadow, dale threw down their sheepskin jackets.
All that had perished in foul autumn, tearful,
In the lake clung to life the winter through,
Or in some burrow slept beneath a bush,
Crept forth in crowd and throng to welcome summer.

And rats with skunks walked out of their cold crannies
As crows, ravens and magpies, with the owls,
Mice and their offspring and the moles, praised warmth.
Beetles, mosquitos, flies, a bounce of fleas
Formed their batallions everywhere to plague us
And sting both peasant and his genteel Sir.
And the queen bee remembered to awaken
Her hive and send it forth to gainful labor.
Through chink and opening they swarmed in clouds
To play their tuneful pipes in the mild air.
Spiders, in corners motionless, wove yarn
Or soundless, climbed the scaffolds of their snares.
And wolves and bears hopped to the forest-edge,
Joyful that someone might be there to rend.

Translated by Clark Mills