

## **HERITAGE GARDEN TOURS**

We have composed seven routes visiting the historical gardens in Latvia and Lithuania. You will see a variety of gardens - from decorative plantings in manor houses worth visiting when apple-trees or roses are in blossoms, to orchards offering to taste and buy apples. You will also find out captivating stories from the history of the gardens. The routes represent shorter or longer journeys of several days by car. Some parts are suitable for bicycling. The routes take you to historical gardens and sites of gardening interest. Overnight options en route are suggested.

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# **1. ZEMGALE: GARDENS AND TREE NURSERIES**



rose garden with over 2200 varieties of roses. At Blankenfelde manor you will see a collection of bells and will enjoy natural juices, syrups and pickles produced in-house. Visiting Mint House you will taste mint tea biscuits, honey with peppermint and peppermint syrups. Next stop is at the vegetable and herb farm "Droši vesels" producing herbal ointments In Lithuania vou will visit Žagarė, known for its cherry orchard-park an the special species of cherry — the 'Žagaryyšne', on the National List of Plant Varieties. Stop by Žagarė Manor Park, containing more than 10 species of trees and shrubs. Back in Latvia you can have a picnic at Vilki arboretum showing about 1000 different plants - both typical of the landscape of Latvia and guite unique. At Zalenieki tree nursery, you can walk in the garden with over 2000 trees and shrubs. Further you will enjoy the beauty of peony in the collection garden by Andris Berking This tour takes you to beautiful gardens in Latvia and Lithuania. Poems Amatnieki homestead offers tours of their tulip garden. Klūgu landscape are dedicated to trees in the garden surrounding the memorial house of garden is famous for begonias. Institute of horticulture in Dobele owns a Edvarts Virza, a Latvian poet and writer who wrote a legendary novel collection of over 200 types and forms of lilac plants. "The beautiful and about the lives of Latvian farmers. Strübergu decorative garden offers a practical idea garden" is proud of its collection of conifers, and the hosts garden excursion and consultations in gardening. At Brukna manor you offer tastings of herbal spice powders, dried berries and fruit. "Rūkīšu will see a vegetable garden that is arranged as a Renaissance park, a rose tea" is one of the largest farms for medicinal plants in Latvia (purple

Latvia's true jewel of Baroque and Rococo architecture featuring also a



garden and a vineyard. The beautiful 18th century Mazmežotne castle coneflowers, marigolds, chamomile, etc). And finally, visit Liepas tree s renovated by a grain farmer's family. The Rundāle castle is known as 👘 nursery specialised in cultivation of fruit-trees, berry bushes and roses.



Duration: 3 day

Driving distance: 271km, 15 km bicycle route

Rute: Jelgava – lecava – Brukna – Bauska – Mežotne – Rundāle –

Blankenfelde — Tērvete — Žagare (LT) — Kroņauce — Dobele — Jelgava



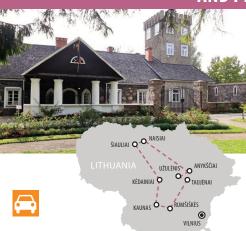
rts and ends in Daugavpils, the 2nd largest city in Latvia. lija tree nursery offers a tour of their apple orchard, apple storage carefully maintained wooden cabins exemplifies traditional Latgalian a d production facilities. Enjoy a glass of apple juice and stories of chitecture. Kurmiši farm grows medicinal plants that are very common

ne tour makes a loop through historical regions of Sēlija and Latgale. It

the distinguished Latvian author and social activist. Grape selection and cultivation was the great passion of Pauls Sukatnieks, and his memorial garden is worth visiting during the harvesting time. At Kaldabruņa you will visit an art gallery housed in a hay-shed together with a hay museum. The romantic landscape park at Asares estate dates back to the 18th century and exposes carefully picked tree and shrub varieties. and ambience. Nereta Evangelical Lutheran church is one of the olde stone buildings in Sēlija region dating back to 1584. Sauka Nature Park offers nice landscape views from a viewing tower. Rudzīši wineyard Rute: Daugavpils – Ilükste – Dviete – Kaldabruņa – Asare – Nereta – grows about 80 grape varieties. Pick your own blackcurrant berries at /ärnava – Jēkabpils – Līvāni – Arendole – Višķi – Naujene – Krāslava Bāniši berry farm. A beautiful landscape garden is open for visitors at Gundegas house. 200 year old oaks adorn the Vārkavas Park. At Naujene

museum of regional studies you will see an exposition showing th house of a wealthy Latvian farmer from the turn of 19th-20th centuries Vasargelišku viewing tower is 24m high and offers great views over the meandering Daugava River. Ethnographical Slutišķu village with nakers. On the way, a visit to Berkenele memorial house of Rainis, 🔰 Latvia — oregano, St John's wort, wormwood, lemon balm, catsfoot, ei

### 3. CENTRAL LITHUANIA: TRADITIONAL LITHUANIAN GARDENS AND PLANTS



Duration: 3 day Driving distance: 515km Rute: Kaunas – Babtai – Kėdainiai – Pakalniškiai – Šiauliai – Naisiai – Anykščiai – Traupis – Taujėnai – Užulėnis – Rumšiškės – Kaunas

Duration: 3 days

Driving distance: 460 km

Liepāja — Grobiņa — Durbe — Priekule — Kalnenai — Beržoras — Plunge

tour starts and ends in Klaipėda, the most popular seaside resort

nographic garden with flower arrangements characteristic of this

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entury manor parks in Lithuania. Palanga Manor housing the Amber

Museum and Birute Park is one of the best-preserved manor com-

plexes in Lithuania. The largest Japanese garden in Europe (16 ha) is

home to collection of traditional aromatic plants and vegetables.

Rucava arboretum displays a collection of magnolias. In Nīca village, decorative gardens maintaining the local gardening tradition are

pen for visitors. Historical cultivars are carefully selected to renew the

own in Lithuania. Klaipėda University Botanical Garden has a coas

kšna—Šilutė— Klaipėda

# 100-year-old orchard and see the culinary herb garden. Burbiškis Manc

and its beautiful landscape and sculpture park is a home to the annual tulip festival. Authentic homesteads representing Aukštaitija region can be seen at Kleboniškiai Rural Household Museum. Šiauliai University Botanical Garden demonstrates heritage rural plant gardens arranged according to the traditions of pre-war, inter-war and post-war periods There are about 30 different species and varieties of plants growing o the grounds of the Baltic Plant Museum. The Liudvika and Stanislovas Didžiulis Homestead Museum garden features traditional Lithuanian apple tree cultivars, flowers and herbs. The A. Baranauskas and A. uolis-Žukauskas Memorial Museum presents culture, literature,

# I. KURZEME AND KLAIPEDA: MANOR GARDENS AND PARKS



orchard and romantic landscape park at the 18th century Tāšu (Te estate in Grobiņa region, Latvia.The Izidorius Navidanskas Park has 120 species of trees and shrubs. Visit an outdoor plant exhibition ladvyga Balvočiūtė Farm – growing medicinal herbs and spices, sell organic sprouts, single herb teas and herbal mixtures. Also Beržora Homestead in Žemaitija National Park grows a variety of medicin and culinary herbs, garden plants and aromatic herbs. Plunge Man called the "Versailles of Samogitia", is one of the most famous ensembles of its kind in Lithuania. Steponas Darius Birthplace Muse features a unique orchard of impressive size and scope. The Švėks Manor Complex features a sculpture park, scenic views, trails, gat and a Chinese-Japanese maidenhair tree (ginkgo biloba) which sta 18 metres high and 70 centimetres in diameter. Šilutė Manor has tv parks - an English landscape park with walking paths and the fo







### **Rute:** Rīga - Jūrmala — Kandava — Lauciene — Talsi — Dundaga -Pope — Ugāle — Renda — Kuldīga — Maras — Kazdanga — Sieksāte Liepāja — Nīca — Rucava — Mažučiai — Palanga — Kretinga Klaipeda – Šilutė – Rusne

he route leads through beautiful flower gardens of Kurzeme and Minor region. naitija. The largest in Latvia collection of Dwarf Bearded Iris is nd in Kandava. Mierkalni is the largest daylily garden in Easter rope, with more than 1000 varieties. The owner also produces ruit and berry wines. In the Talsi Hillocks Nature Park there is the Kurzemnieki apple growing and processing apples (dried apples, apple chips, juices). It also grows Roman snails. The Upmali environmental and health farm produces teas, herbs, plant oils, special balms, cosmetics, plant-based soaps, etc., under the brand name AnnA Bermans, Latvia's oldest magnolia, 50 years old, is four Sauleskalni arboretum. Over 100 varieties of peony are grow

# 6. RĪGA – KAUNAS: GARDENS-THE BEAUTIFUL AND THE PRACTICA





Manor has not been renovated and shows authentic elements like

VILCE JONIŠKIS 👌 NAISIA **O** ŠIAULIAI O BAISOGAL Duration: 3 days

Driving distance: 420 km Rute: Rīga – Dobele – Ziedkalne – Vilce – Blankenfelde - Joniškis — Naisiai — Šiauliai — Pakalniškiai — Baisogala — Pasandravys – Kėdainiai – Babtai – Kaunas

The route leads from Riga, the capital of Latvia through beautiful In Kaunas you will see the Oldest Apple Tree in Lithuania – almost countryside areas to Kaunas, the second largest city of Lithuania. 360 years old, 8 metres tall, with a girth of 285 centimetres at a Klūgu landscape garden and park is famous for begonias. Institute height of 1.3 metres. The Vytautas Magnus University Kaunas of horticulture in Dobele owns a collection of over 200 types and Botanical Garden exposes the Lithuanian Heritage flower garden "Beautiful&Practical" garden is proud plants according to the plants accord of its collection of conifers, and the hosts offer tastings of herbal Kaunas that was the capital of the country from 1920 until 19 spice powders, dried berries and fruit, "Rūkīšu tea" is one of the largest farms for medicinal plants in Latvia (purple coneflowers marigolds, chamomile, etc). Enjoy the beauty of peony in the ollection garden by Andris Berkins. Viestardi tulip garden als rows and processes buckthorn. Next stop is at the vegetable a herb farm "Healthy" producing herbal ointments. Visiting puse you will taste mint tea, biscuits, honey with pep eppermint syrups. At Blankenfelde manor you will see a co f bells and will enjoy natural juices, syrups and pickles produ in-house. In Joniškis, you can visit the White and Red Jonišk Synagogues, the Joniškis Church of the Assumption of the Vire Mary, and the Joniškis Museum of History and Culture. Jakiški



ne. Dvietes Manor is proud of its 19th centurv landscape r

# 7. RĪGA – LATGALE – KAUNAS: VARIETY OF THE GARDEN WORL



Kaldabruņa — Dviete — Daugavpils — Subate — Rokiškis nykščiai – Traupis – Taujėnai – Ukmerge – Jonava – Kaunas ems are dedicated to trees in the garden sourrounding the pool with aguatic plants. The interior of the Tauienai Manor ho nemorial house of Edvarts Virza, a Latvian poet and writer who 👘 was decorated extensively with the Radziwiłł family's portrait rote a legendary novel about the lives of Latvian farmers. The sculptures, hunting trophies, and antique weapons. Take a walk iful 18th century Mazmežotne castle is renovated by a grain around the Ukmerge Old Town and enjoy the view from the old er's family. The Rundāle castle is known as Latvia's true iewel 👘 tower. Survilai Homestead offers a barefoot trail walking on r Baroque and Rococo architecture featuring also a rose garden cones, swamp, peat, clay, gravel, polished glass, pine-tree need vith over 2200 varieties of roses. At Brukna manor you will see straw. The Vytautas Magnus University Kaunas Botanical Gar vegetable garden that is arranged as a Renaissance park, a exposes the Lithuanian Heritage flower garden plants accordi se garden and a vineyard. Pick your own blackcurrant berries 👘 to their botanical classification. At Tadas Ivanauskas Homestead t Bāniši berry farm. A beautiful landscape garden is open for Obelynė Park you will see a collection of 300 species and for sitors at Gundegas house. 200 year old oaks adorn the Vārkavas  $\,$  of plants, including some of the oldest trees on the planet – Riekstini is an authentic single-family Selonian farm with ginkgo biloba and the dawn redwood. In Kaunas you will see the specific spirit and ambience. At Kaldabruna you will visit an art Oldest Apple Tree in Lithuania – almost 360 years old, 8 metres ery housed in a hay-shed together with a hay museum. Grape tall, with a girth of 285cm at a height of 1.3m. The tour ends in election and cultivation was the great passion of Pauls Sukatnieks, Kaunas, Lithuania's 2nd largest city that was the capital of the

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easonal fruit and vegetables. Home produced "Happy Foods" can be 💿 Open-Air Museum of Lithuania, one of the largest (194 ha) and most pught from Garsi Tyla homestead, and you can have a walk in their 🚽 abundant (91,420 exhibits) open-air ethnographic museums in Europe



liedoni peony garden. The owners of Maras Manor offer stories of istorical German manors in the area. Milk Estate Berghof houses a milk museum. Exotics flower and tree cultivars are found in Māra Lindes dendrological gardens. Turaidas farm produces herbal teas and sacks thereof as souvenirs or gifts, using lemon balm, raspbe ry, tansy, alchemilla, Plantago major and linden. In Nīca village, 7 decorative gardens maintaining the local gardening tradition are open for visitors. Rucava arboretum displays a collection of magnolias. The largest Japanese garden in Europe (16 ha) is a home to collection of traditional aromatic plants and vegetables. Palanga Manor housing the Amber Museum and Birute Park is one of the best-preserved manor complexes in Lithuania. Kretinga Manor Park is one of the oldest surviving 16th-18th century manor parks in Lithuania. Klaipėda University Botanical Garden has a coastal ethnographic garden with flower arrangements characteristic of this area. Klaipeda, the most popular seaside resort town in ithuania. The Sea Museum and Dolphinarium are among the mos mous attractions there. Šilutė Manor has two parks — an English landscape park with walking paths and the forest park known as arnamiškis, or "Crows' Forest". Pakalnė is a unique traditional sherman's homestead with garden plants typical of the Lithuania





ovens, shutters, stairs, doors. There are about 30 different species and varieties of plants growing on the grounds of the Baltic Plant Museum. Šiauliai University Botanical Garden demonstrates heritage rural plant gardens arranged according to the traditions of pre-war, inter-war and post-war periods. Burbiškis Manor and its eautiful landscape and sculpture park is a home to the annual to lip festival. Authentic homesteads representing Aukštaitija regior can be seen at Kleboniškiai Rural Household Museum. Baisogala Manor is called royal, since it once belonged to a Lithuanian Grand Duke, its 12-hectare park is one of the most beautiful in Lithuania here are two beautiful heritage gardens surrounding the museur of Mačiulis-Maironis, a famous Lithuanian poet. Home produced Happy Foods" can be bought from Garsi Tyla homestead, and you can have a walk in their 100-year-old orchard and see the culinary herb garden. The Lithuanian Institute of Horticulture carries out both scientific and experimental/production activities. You can also buy seedlings, and seasonal fruit and vegetables. At Tadas nauskas Homestead at Obelyne Park you will see a collection f 300 species and forms of plants, including some of the oldest trees on the planet – the ginkgo biloba and the dawn redwood.

and a stone bridge. Daugavpils, the 2nd largest city of Latvia a famous for the renovated 19th century Daugavpils Fortress ousing museums. Sēlija tree nursery offers a tour of their apple orchard, apple storage and production facilities. Enjoy a glass o apple juice and stories of vinemakers. Berkenele is the memoria ouse of Rainis, the distinguished Latvian author and social activ ist.The Rokiškis Regional Museum and Manor is one of the mo important cultural centres of the Aukštaitija region. The Liudvika and Stanislovas Didžiulis Homestead Museum garden feature raditional Lithuanian apple tree cultivars, flowers and herbs. The A. Baranauskas and A. Vienuolis-Žukauskas Memorial Museu presents culture, literature, history, agrarian culture, and technic istory in the Anykščiai region. Traditional Lithuanian flower of en can also be seen at the Brone Buivvdaite Memorial Museu n Anykščiai you can enjoy the Treetop Walkway and Labyrin ark, and take a train ride on Aukštaitija's narrow-gauge railw