

Līgatne

Secret Soviet bunker in Līgatne

very secret site of Soviet times code-named
"Boarding House"

Nine meters under the ground there is a well-equipped bunker with a total area of more than 2000 square meters, whose secrecy grading was removed only in 2003. This was one of the most strategically important places in Soviet Latvia in case of a nuclear war. This is a powerful autonomous self-sustaining structure with all necessary and high-end (for that time) equipment. All authentic underground furnishings have been retained! Excursions for groups by previous appo



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Location: "Rehabilitation Center "Līgatne"", "Skaļupes", Līgatne territor

Sigulda



In 1207 these lands were taken by Livonian Order, soon they were shared between confronting Brothers of the Sword and Bishop Albert of Riga. Two brick castles were constructed in strategic locations on the *Gauja* River shore to protect the property from each other and from attacks by local Baltic tribes. The settlements around the castles eventually developed into three villages: *Sigulda*, *Turaída* and *Krimulda*.

Sigulda now is the administrative centre of Gauja National Park, *Turaída* administratively is a part of *Sigulda* town but is separated from it by *Gauja* river, and *Krimulda* with its castle ruins and Prince Lieven's Classic style manor complex is just about 800m SW of *Turaída*

For the city's visitors

Turaída Castle

Gauja National Park,

Sigulda Castle

Bobsleigh Track in Sigulda

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Sigulda Opera Musik Festival

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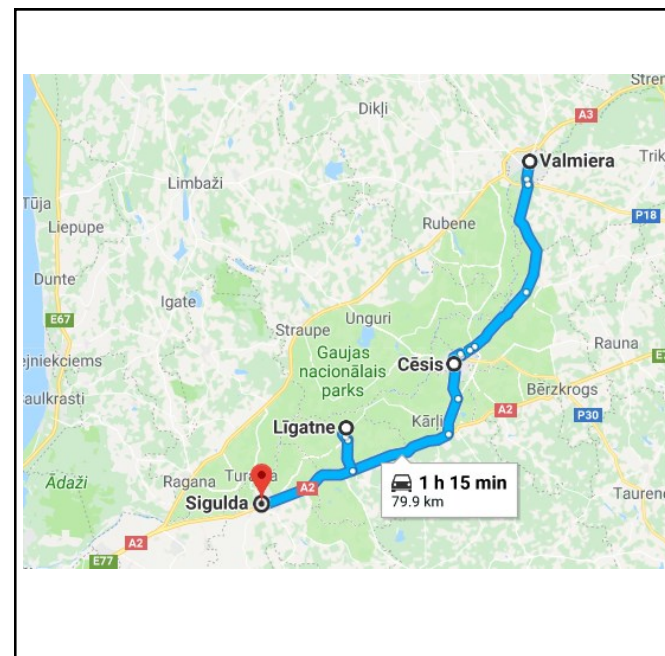
Eating in Sigulda:

<http://www.tourism.sigulda.lv/kafejnicas-un-krodzini/>

Gauja's road

Valmiera— Līgatne - Cēsis-
Sigulda

80km



Valmiera



The city of Valmiera was first documented in historical sources in 1323, but its surroundings have been inhabited as far back as the third and second millennia BC. In 1224, the land around the Gauja was captured by the Livonian Brothers of the Sword, and then by the Livonian Order. This location near the Gauja trade route contributed to the growth of the settlement. Valmiera is a former member of the Hanseatic League. The city was destroyed by wars and fires, and Valmiera was rebuilt from scratch a total of eleven times during its existence as a city. The eighteenth century was a tough period for Valmiera; it contained only sixty wooden buildings in 1784. The city centre's historical buildings were built during the course of the subsequent century and-a-half, and these were destroyed during World War II. Afterwards, the priority for Valmiera's governing authority was to remove the debris and rebuild the city. Thanks to this, a fresh wave of development started, and this still continues. A large number of enterprises provide jobs for the local population, and the only university in the Vidzeme region trains future professionals, providing them with the working knowledge necessary to continue the course of Valmiera's development.

For the city's visitors

[Valmiera St Simon's Church](#)

[Valmiera Museum](#)

[The Park of Senses on the steep banks of the River Gauja](#)

[Valmiermuižas alus](#) brewery near

[Jānis Daliņš Stadium](#) is

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<http://www.latvia.travel/en/city/valmiera-8>

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Cēsis



Cēsis was founded in 1206 and it is the third oldest town in Latvia. According to the evidence, Cēsis was inhabited from the fourth century. It experienced a rapid growth in times of the Livonian Order, when the town became the capital of Livonia and the main centre of development of Vidzeme. In 1323, Cēsis obtained town rights. Since the 14th century, Cēsis is a member of the Hanseatic League. Since the end of the 19th century Cēsis is known as a centre of art culture and recreation, and now Cēsis is an important cultural and artistic centre on the regional and the national level. The cultural environment of Cēsis is influenced by cultural and historical heritage, made up by Cēsis Medieval castle, the Old town of Cēsis with the remaining street network, masonry, ancient manors and wooden villas built on the banks of river Gauja.

For the city's visitors

[Cēsis Castle Complex-](#)

[Cēsis Old Town-](#)

[Vidzeme Concerthall "Cēsis -](#)

[Ērgļu \(Eagle\) Cliffs-](#)

[Zvārtes Rock-](#)

[Araisi Archaeological Park](#)

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Līgatne Nature Trails of Gauja NP were established in 1975 in order to acquaint visitors with nature, wild mammal species living in Latvia, nature diversity and environmental protection.

On the banks of the Gauja River, in the area rich in wooded glens more than 5 km long trails are laid where you can observe wild animals and birds characteristic for the fauna of Latvia. You need 2-3h on average for a visit.

The animals met in Līgatne Nature Trails have been brought from various places of Latvia. They were either injured or tamed cubs that could not survive without human care and find food without assistance. We remind you that feeding of animals is prohibited!

In Līgatne Nature Trails You can watch roe deers, wild boars, bears, foxes, elks, lynx, owls, eagle-owls and aurochs. While visiting the area of Līgatne Natural trails wear comfortable clothes and footwear appropriate for hiking.



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