CÉSIS

Cesis (Wenden) – Where Past Meets Future

Cēsis was founded in 1256 and is the third oldest town in Latvia, dating back to the Middle Ages. Cēsis belonged to the Hanseatic League. Thanks to the favorable location on the trade route to Russia, Cēsis rapidly developed into an important trading post for all kinds of merchandise. A mint was built towards the end of the 15th century and Cēsis got its own currency: the Cēsis mark. The town became an important trade route in the whole Baltic region. During the next 200 years it was permanently extended and modernized. In the early 17th century, the town became a member of the Livonian Order and was an important trading post and from Russia, Cēsis is a bit remote place in the northwestern front but it has always been a very beloved tourism destination by the Estonians. In the small charming city, a wide range of popular festivals take place from the Medieval Rock Festival to authentic medieval markets.

5 INSIDER TIPS
2. Enjoy the Medieval Day in Cēsis every third weekend in June.
3. Explore the impressive City Fortifications.
4. Admire the architecture from Pärnu’s ancient times as a health resort.
5. Enjoy a Black Truffle in November.

VIJANLĐA

Viljandi – City of Festivals

The cold settlement finds at the Viljandi lake basin date back to the Neolithic age. In the 13th century the first permanent settlement around the Viljandi castle emerged, which later developed to an economic centre in the Galve County. In the early 16th century, the Livonian Brethren besieged Viljandi, where a wooden stronghold was situated. The construction of a powerful Gothic-Centrum was initiated in 1256. It was supposed to be the biggest one in the Baltic region. During the next 200 years it was permanently extended and modernized. In the early 17th century, the town became a member of the Livonian Order and was an important trading post and from Russia, Viljandi is a bit remote place in the northwestern front but it has always been a very beloved tourism destination by the Estonians. In the small charming city, a wide range of popular festivals take place from the Medieval Rock Festival to authentic medieval markets.

5 INSIDER TIPS
1. Visit the Medieval castle of Viljandi: the construction of the castle began in 1254, bulbous the former Estonian stronghold.
2. Visit the parsley-three lakes of Lake Viljandi.
3. Enjoy the Medieval Day in Viljandi every third weekend in June.
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PĀRNU

Pärnum (Parnawa) – Hanseatic Paradise for Seaside Holiday

Pärnu was founded in 1231 by the Teutonic Order and the Castle was built in 1239. Pärnu was mentioned for the first time in 1326. Pärnu became a member of the Hanseatic League – of importance was the Ice-free Harbor. After the Livonian war 1395, Pärnu belonged to Sweden and had a cultural and economic heyday. Pärnu is situated at the mouth of the river and with the same name. The city has a big beach, the 3 km long city beach and the biggest one in the Baltic Sea. Pärnu is a popular sea and beach resort since 1825. The town remains affecting the most of the tourists come from Estonia, Finland, Germany and Sweden, Manchester and London become the main destination of the Iron curtain and Estonia’s regional independence. Pärnu was appointed a Sunset capital of Estonia in June 1994. Pärnu has a big yacht harbour and an airport. The playground for the churches, the red Tower, the Villa Ammende and the Tallinn (Bristol) Gate are interesting sights in the Old-Town.

5 INSIDER TIPS
1. Pärnum beach – Enjoy a romantic sea and beach promenade. Sip coffee at a coffee shop at the charming Pärnum beach.
2. Visit the Medieval Castle of Pärnum.
3. Enjoy a Medieval Festival in Pärnum.
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ABOUT THE HANSA PROJECT

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CULINARY

Local Seasonal. Tasty. Inspired by old recipes.

BIKING AND TREKKING ROUTES

Nearness to nature. Breath-taking scenery.

HANSEATIC FESTIVALS

Medieval ambience. Taste, feel, experience.
**KONÈSE**

Koknese (Kokenhusen) is situated on the banks of the Daugava River and the River Venta. The town is known for its well-preserved Hanseatic city, which was a trading hub during the 14th century. The historic city centre is a picturesque mix of medieval and Hanseatic architecture, with narrow streets and guild houses. koknese.lv

**5 INSIDER TIPS**

1. Join the “Hansa Town on a Tour” guided tour and explore the historic city centre.
2. Visit Duke Jakob’s Fair, a traditional fair that takes place every year in mid-October. Arts and crafts, folk music, and traditional food are featured.
3. Take a walk along the Hanseatic Hiking Trail from Koknese to Likteņdārzs, a 1,5 km long nature trail from an old Hanseatic recipe.
4. Visit the Creative House, a cultural centre with exhibitions and workshops.
5. Explore the Straupe Old Post Station, a historic building that now houses a museum of local history.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Koknese Town Museum**: Visit this museum to learn about the history of the town and its role in the Hanseatic League.
- **Strausa Manor**: A 17th-century manor house that is now a museum.
- **Valmiera Park**: A beautiful park with walking trails and picnic areas.
- **Kuldīga Old Town**: Immerse yourself in the medieval history of Kuldīga.
- **Waterfall Ventas Rumba**: Experience the beauty of Latvia’s longest waterfall.

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**KULDIĜA**

Kuldīga (Goldingen) is a charming town that boasts a rich history and cultural heritage. It is situated on the scenic banks of the Daugava River and is known for its picturesque historic city centre. kuldiga.tourism

**5 INSIDER TIPS**

1. Take a trip through Kuldīga on the Golden Ring. A must-see for all history lovers.
2. Experience the adventure of the “Old Old Town”. Take a walk in the historical centre of Kuldīga.
3. Visit Duke Jakob’s Fair. A traditional fair that takes place every year in mid-October. Arts and crafts, folk music, and traditional food are featured.
4. Visit the Kuldīga Art Centre, located in a beautiful 17th-century manor house.
5. Take a walk through “Hansatic Town”. Visit the historic centre of Kuldīga.

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**VALMIERA**

Valmiera is one of the biggest and most creative cities in Latvia, with rich cultural and historical heritage. It is known as the “Home of the Baltic States” and was the cultural capital of Latvia in 2010. Valmiera is also home to the Primeval valley of Gauja’s steep banks, a unique natural landmark. valmiera.lv

**5 INSIDER TIPS**

1. Explore the Old Town. Take a walk through the historic centre and enjoy the city’s medieval architecture.
2. Visit the Park of Senses on the River Gauja. Experience true hospitality through the five senses.
3. Take a ride in a canoe down the River Brasla. Perfect for recreation.
4. Take a trip through Kuldīga and visit the Kuldīga Art Centre.
5. Visit the Straupe Old Post Station, a museum of local history.

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**STRAUPE**

Straupe (Road) is the smallest Hanseatic Town in the World. Straupe is an ancient Hanseatic town located in Latvia. The town is surrounded by the Daugava River and is known for its well-preserved Hanseatic architecture. The town hosts an annual Hanseatic fair, which is a must-see for history enthusiasts. Straupe is a small town with a big heart, where nature and culture meet.

**5 INSIDER TIPS**

1. Take a walk along the Hanseatic Hiking Trail from Straupe to Likteņdārzs. Enjoy the beautiful scenery and the rich Hanseatic history.
2. Experience the adventure of the “Old Old Town”. Take a walk in the historical centre of Straupe.
3. Visit the Straupe Old Post Station, a museum of local history.
4. Take a trip through Straupe on the Baltic States’ route. Discover the beautiful scenery and the rich Hanseatic history.
5. Take a trip through “Hansatic Town”. Visit the historic centre of Straupe.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Straupe Old Post Station**: A museum of local history.
- **Hanseatic Hiking Trail**: A beautiful trail that connects Straupe to Likteņdārzs.
- **Straupe Manor**: A 17th-century manor house that is now a museum.
- **Valmiera Park**: A beautiful park with walking trails and picnic areas.
- **Kuldīga Old Town**: Immerse yourself in the medieval history of Kuldīga.

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**LIMBAŽI**

Limbaži (Lemesele) is a charming town located in Latvia. The town is known for its well-preserved Hanseatic architecture and its rich cultural heritage. It is situated on the scenic banks of the Daugava River and the River Pērse, about 100 km from Riga. Limbaži is situated 80 km north of the capital city, Riga, and is known for its well-preserved Hanseatic architecture. The town hosts an annual Hanseatic fair, which is a must-see for history enthusiasts. limbaži.lv

**5 INSIDER TIPS**

1. Visit the Old Town. Take a walk through the historic centre and enjoy the town’s medieval architecture.
2. Visit the Limbaži Town Museum, the interactive museum gives you an overall perspective on the history of the town.
3. Take a walk along the Likteņdārzs ruins. The ruins of Likteņdārzs are a popular tourist attraction.
4. Visit the Crafts Centre “Mazā Kāpa”. A cultural centre with exhibitions and workshops.
5. Visit the Lake Lielezers in Limbaži. Enjoy a peaceful walk around the lake and take in the beautiful scenery.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Limbaži Town Museum**: Visit this museum to learn about the history of the town and its role in the Hanseatic League.
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