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Limbaži

Hanseatic heritage with a silver lining

Limbaži has been named one of the most fascinating tourism destinations by the European Destinations of Excellence

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History

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Museum of Living Silver

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This museum is so much more than just beautiful pieces on display. It is also possible to try to make your own piece of silver art or jewelry. The museum also tells the story about the use of silver in medicine. Why not take the chance taste silver water, get acquainted with the workshop and learn the basics of soldering silver.
Architecture

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This is where the **town museum** is found – in the museum there is an exhibition about the author of the Latvian National Anthem. So is the **Evangelical Lutheran Church**, built in the 17th century. This whole area is a lovely neighbourhood of 18th century wooden **residential buildings**, etc.
Medieval Limbaži

Visitors with interest in history will take delight in visiting the Limbaži medieval castle ruins and panorama tower. This is the only place in Latvia where fragments of the unique portcullis have survived. Only one room in the entire castle remains intact, located in the castle basement. A wooden construction marks the location of where the archbishop’s apartment used to be. Once a year Limbaži celebrates its anniversary during the first week of August. Part of the celebration is to relive the town's medieval heritage.
Limbaži is a place where people love traditional national dancing. People of all ages participate in folk dance groups, enjoy the joy of dancing and quite often give performances.

Culture Traditions

The same with music. Limbaži is the home to an international accordion and theatre festival, bringing together enthusiasts from all over Europe. Every other year the festival invites you to visit performances and shows in different places around town. The town also hosts a festival centred around the national string instrument called the ‘kokle’, along with other similar instruments from around the Baltic sea.
The Wool Story of Limbaži

Wool has been very important for a long time in Limbaži and has played a great part in the industrial development of the area. The wool has been used to produce cloth, boots, hats and many other things for centuries.

In the excursion at the local textile fabric “Limbažu Tīne” one can experience all steps from raw materials to complete products. Yarn and cloth can be purchased at the factory shop.

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Active Holiday

And those who wish to enjoy the beauty of nature, can enjoy a hike on the **Lielezers nature trail** just outside of the town centre.

**Lake Lielezers** is 4 km long, and a wonderful Blue Flag awarded beach lies on the shores of the lake. The most experienced fishermen know where to find the best fishing spots and are experts in the art of landing catches both in summer and winter. Consult the locals for advise.

Lielezers is also the place for **water sports**. At the wakeboard centre you can rent all the necessary equipment to try out this adrenaline filled sport.

In the winter the lake and it’s surrounding turns into a **cross-country skiing area**. When the lake freezes it is also a great place for ice skating.

Sprint Day in Kayak and Canoe “Silver Paddles” are international races on Lake Lielezers hosted by the Olympic centre “Limbaži”.

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Where to stay?

For Biking Lovers

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A recent addition to our bike trails is the Green railway (abandoned railway line). It gives access to enjoy both nature and industrial heritage. Around 750 km trails all-together in Northern Latvia and Southern Estonia. The trail that runs along old railway lines is suitable for travellers at all ages.

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If your eyes start to feel a bit dazzled from all that silver, the guests of the town are welcome to the bakery “Lielezers” to discover how true natural bread is baked. The process is as captivating as it is educational. The “Lielezers” bakery has become one of Latvia’s leading rye bread producers. We are most proud of our bread, baked with old, traditional, methods and recipes.

Another thing we are very proud of is the local cheese. “Limbažu siers” is a dedicated cheese producer. Premium quality is ensured by high-quality milk delivered from local farmers, as well as the modern Swiss technology used in the production of cheese. The masters are found just next to the medieval castle mound and has for ages cultivated the skills to prepare the most wonderful cheese. Visitors can buy there own sample in the shop next door.
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The town is peaceful and quiet – and you can book some apartments in town or guest houses, camp sites and cottages near town. If you look for a full service hotel with restaurant – you can find several castles and manor houses within 15–20 minutes’ drive away.
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How to get to Limbaži
If you come from abroad, take a flight to Riga (RIX, Latvia) airport or travel by ferry to Riga port. From Riga, continue your trip by bus straight to Limbaži. Or why not rent a car at the airport? The drive takes just over one hour.

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