

GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

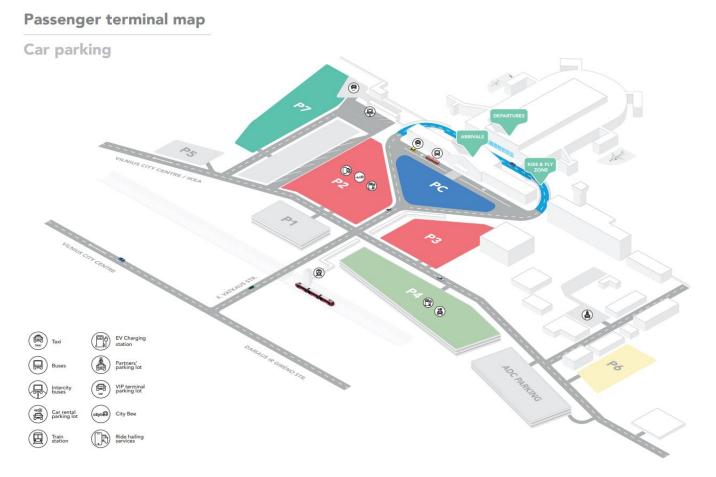
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TRAVEL INFORMATION

Lithuania has a good transportation system, which allows traveling around the country by trains or buses. Our cities are moving forward with the future to build a nature-friendly environment and have various alternative ways to reach specific destinations for a very low amount of money. Below you will find all the mobility possibilities in Kaunas, pricing, and other relevant information to make your journey more convenient.

Reaching Kaunas city from Vilnius airport



Vilnius airport is just a bit more than 6 kilometers away from Vilnius city centre or Vilnius Old Town. You can reach the city using both public transport or taxi as well as world-wide popular Uber or Bolt. You can find the public transport schedules at the exit of the airport (you will see blue screens with train and bus schedules). Here are different ways to go from Vilnius airport to city centre:

- 1. Getting from Vilnius airport to city centre BY BUS
- 2. Getting from Vilnius airport to city centre BY TRAIN
- 3. Getting from Vilnius airport to city centre BY TAXI, UBER or BOLT
- 4. Getting from Vilnius airport to city centre BY CITYBEE

After reaching the Vilnius station, there are three options to reach Kaunas city, either by bus or train. Bus and train stations are near each other, so you can choose whichever is more convenient for you. **Please use <u>this website</u> for more detailed information on the traveling ways.**

Reaching Kaunas centre from Kaunas Airport

Option 1 – Take a public bus No. 29G (destination: Geležinkelio stotis) to reach Kaunas city centre. You can find the bus routes, timetables <u>here.</u>

We advise you to download and use <u>the mobile app "ziogas"</u> for purchasing tickets for the public transport in Kaunas.

Option 2 – To reach Kaunas city centre you can use <u>Bolt app</u> service (taxi), regular taxi or <u>CityBee</u> car sharing service, which are all available at the Kaunas Airport.

Option 3 – Here you can find information about the car rental service in Kaunas Airport: https://www.kaunas-airport.lt/en/before-the-flight/car-rental.

Reaching VMU Academy campus from Kaunas Airport

Option 1 – Take a public bus No. 29G (destination: Geležinkelio stotis) to reach Kaunas city centre. To reach VMU Academy campus, after getting off from 29G bus stop (destination: Geležinkelio stotis) at the bus terminal stop, you need to take a bus No. 18 from the bus stop on the other side of the street. Please note bus No. 18 always has VMU Academy campus as its final destination.

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Other means of transport in Kaunas

Bicycle – Cycling conditions have been improving in Kaunas for a few years now. You can either bring your bike or rent one to explore Kaunas. Pricing is 0.50 Eur / 30 min and after using it you can leave it on any <u>CityBee</u> bike rack in Kaunas. It is very convenient if you want to see our beautiful city and enjoy your visit to Kaunas.

Scooters – Currently, the most popular way in Lithuania to reach any destination at low cost. It is very convenient because, after the ride, you can leave it almost anywhere in the city centre. To start a ride, you only need to download the <u>Bolt</u> app, which will be very useful to take a taxi or take a ride with a scooter. Pricing of service variates between 0.50- 1.00 Eur / h.

Taxi – Taxi prices are different, depending on the time and place at which the taxi is ordered. The average price for one kilometre by taxi is 0.70 Eur. We recommend using <u>Bolt app</u> if possible, so that you would be able to see a precise price of upcoming trip.

Accommodation

Hotel "Kaunas" (the average cost for room per night: ~70 eur)
Moxy Kaunas Center (the average cost for room per night: ~60 eur)
Best Baltic (the average cost for room per night: ~50 eur)

More accommodation options can be found on <u>Airbnb</u> or <u>Booking</u>. It is recommended to choose the accommodation in the city centre (near Laisvės alėja).

ABOUT VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY



What distinguishes Vytautas Magnus University (VMU) is our visionary approach towards organising studies, scientific research, and academic community life. Scholars from Lithuania and abroad who participated in the reestablishment of VMU in 1989 have also defined our principles, which we have been following ever since: a commitment to foster a liberal and democratic learning environment, emphasising the importance of aesthetics, honesty, tolerance, and independent thought. We promote these ideals while nurturing creativity, academic progress, and cultural identity within our community.

VMU is a comprehensive university devoted to excellence in teaching, learning, research, arts, and innovation, and fostering critical thinking, imaginative response as well as the desire and capacity for lifelong learning of our students who will have an impact on the world, locally and globally.

Learn more

WiFi at VMU - "VDU guest", password: vdu-2023

ABOUT KAUNAS CITY

Introduction

Located in the confluence of Nemunas and Neris rivers, Kaunas is one of the most significant cities of Lithuania. It could be described as a city that never accepted its role as the second city in the country. It is not only a city of old traditions, but also a large centre of business and industry. With almost three hundred thousand inhabitants it can also lay claim to be a city of young people with over 35,000 students (the largest number in Lithuania) studying at one of the seven universities here. For more information, please visit Kaunas municipality website.

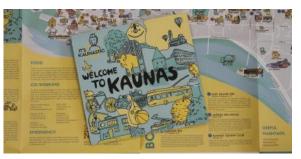


Download the city map



What's unique about Kaunas is that contemporary business centres full of state-of-the-art technology are complemented with an inspiring layer of interwar modernism (it's protected by the European Heritage label and is on its way to UNESCO) spread all over the city. Compact and conveniently

Welcome to Kaunas (City Guide)





designed (the trip to or from the airport takes less than 30 minutes), Kaunas can be explored in a couple of hours between the meetings or on the way to dinner from your hotel of choice.

Safety

Kaunas is a hospitable city much liked by tourists. Please, however, keep to the same safety rules as you do at home and leave no valuable possessions without supervision. If you have an emergency and need to call the police, the ambulance or firefighters, please call the emergency phone number 112.



Kaunas City Police Headquarters

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24/7 Pharmacies

BENU pharmacy

Savanorių pr. 66 / Žemaičių g. 31, Kaunas, Tel. +370 37 205 796

Information about COVID-19 restrictions in Lithuania can be found here.

Cultural events in Kaunas

Kaunas has become European Capital of Culture 2022. Starting from opening ceremony on January 22nd, various festivals, exhibitions, stage events, and concerts are scheduled to take place all around Kaunas and Kaunas District all year round.

More information about project history, news, and event programme <u>here</u>.



USEFUL INFORMATION

- Time zone: UTC +2
- Currency: Euro
- Official language: Lithuanian
- Country code for phone: +370
- Climate: European continental influenced climate with warm, dry summers and fairly severe winters.
- Electricity: 220V, C, F sockets
- General emergency number: 112

VISAS: Lithuania is EU member country and Schengen Area member. Citizens of EU countries and 30 other states, including Australia, Canada, UK, USA, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia etc., can stay in the Schengen Area for a period of 90 days without a special visa. More information: <u>https://keliauk.urm.lt/en/entry-to-lithuania/visas/list-of-countries-whose-citizens-do-not-require-visas-to-enter-the-republic-of-lithuania</u>.

WI-FI: Lithuania is a country with some of the fastest internet in the world! There are many Free Web areas around the city, so upon arrival to our country, you do not need to sit with your computer in hotels and conference halls.

Free Wi-Fi spots in Kaunas:

Kaunas Airport - "Invest Lithuania FREE WiFi KUN", Laisvės alėja (Liberty Avenue) - "Cgates free", Vilnius Street - "Cgates free", Rotušės aikštė (Town Hall Square) - "Cgates free" Kaunas bus station - "Stoties Wi-Fi" Kaunas train station - "Lietuvos geležinkeliai"

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