## SOCIAL PROGRAMME

**Vytautas Magnus University**

**STAFF TEACHING WEEK’24**

- **April 22nd – 26th | 2024**

### MONDAY 22nd

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<td>16:30 – 17:00</td>
<td>Registration</td>
<td>VMU Great Hall (S. Daukanto g. 28, 1st floor lobby)</td>
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<td>17:00 – 19:00</td>
<td>Opening of the Week (Introduction to Lithuanian language, folk music and dances, food fair)</td>
<td>VMU Great Hall (S. Daukanto g. 28, 1st floor lobby)</td>
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### TUESDAY 23rd

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<td>17:00 – 19:00</td>
<td>A Walk Around Kaunas City with a Guide</td>
<td>VMU Multifunctional Centre (V. Putvinsko g. 23, 1st floor lobby)</td>
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**WEDNESDAY 24\textsuperscript{th}**

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<td>08:30 – 18:00</td>
<td>A Guided Excursion to Vilnius</td>
<td>VMU Multifunctional Centre</td>
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<td>(the Capital of Lithuania)</td>
<td>(V. Putvinskio g. 23, 1\textsuperscript{st} floor lobby)</td>
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**FRIDAY 26\textsuperscript{th}**

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<td>14:00 – 16:00</td>
<td>Closing Event &lt;br&gt;Performance by VMU Music Academy students, &lt;br&gt;“Fruit for thoughts” lecture, closing speeches, drinks and snacks, certificates of attendance</td>
<td>TBA</td>
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*Teaching activities will take place throughout the week. Exact time will be agreed between incoming lecturer and VMU academic units.*
PLACES TO VISIT IN KAUNAS

**VMU BOTANICAL GARDEN** *(Address: Ž. E. Žilibero g. 6)*
VMU Botanical Garden is celebrating its centennial in 2023. Show your Staff Week tag at the entrance and visit it free of charge!
Take bus route No. 35 from Vytauto Avenue
Disembark at the bus stop: **Vinčų g.**

**PAŽAISLIS MONASTERY** *(Address: T. Masųlio g. 31)*
Pažaislis Monastery is one of the best examples of Baroque architecture in Lithuania.
Take trolleybus route No. 12 from Donelaičio g.
Disembark at the bus stop: **Elektros tinklai**

**LITHUANIAN ZOO** *(Address: Radvilėnų pl. 21)*
The Lithuanian Zoo in Kaunas opens to the public on after more than two years of renovation. In the Lithuanian zoo you can get to know the diversity of the world’s fauna, endangered species and flora and fauna in Lithuania.
Take bus route No. 37 from Donelaičio g.
Disembark at the bus stop: **Zoologijos sodas**

**YARD GALLERY** *(Address: E. Ožeškienės g. 25)*
Yard Gallery is famous for its transferred photos of Jewish families that used to live here on building walls.
5 minutes walk from the Student’s Square

**OAK GROVE (ĄŽUOLYNAS)** *(Address: Sporto g.)*
Located in the Žaliakalnis district the park is a popular promenade and sports place for Kaunas residents. In 2006, the Kaunas Oak Grove Park was listed in the Register of Immoveable Cultural Values of the Republic of Lithuania.
Take bus route No. 37 from Donelaičio g.
Disembark at the bus stop: **Sporto g.**

**SANTAKA PARK** *(Address: Pilies g. 17)*
Santaka Park which is next to Kaunas Castle is called the heart of Kaunas. Here you can see the confluence of the rivers Nemunas and Neris.
Take trolleybus route No. 2 from Kęstučio g.
Disembark at the bus stop: **Kauno pilis**
BEST SOUVENIRS FROM LITHUANIA TO BRING HOME

AMBER JEWELRY
Amber is known as “Lithuanian gold,” and many know it for its beauty in pieces of jewellery and art. It is the most popular souvenir from Lithuania.

APPLE CHEESE
Apple cheese (Lithuanian: Obuolių sūris) is a traditional Lithuanian dessert, made out of boiled or cooked apples sweetened with sugar. Originally it was made with honey, which was later replaced by sugar.

LITHUANIAN HONEY
It is a product made from Lithuanian plants like trees, meadows and uphill grasses nectar; rich in dissolved flavorings (essential oils), active minerals, plant-based acids and vitamins.

LITHUANIAN MEAD
One of the world’s oldest alcoholic drinks, Lithuania has made mead its own over the centuries. The savory materials were given up by honey, carnation blossoms, poplar buds, oak acorns, juniper berries, and many other valuable herbs.

ŠAKOTIS
This many-branched dessert made from many eggs can keep for a long time without losing its shape or flavour. It is more than a dessert - a special souvenir, thousands of which travel from Lithuania to foreign countries every year. By the way, no wedding in Lithuania can be held without this dessert.

LINEN PRODUCTS
Lithuanian Linen is a well-distinguished European Linen known for its quality and luxurious beauty. It is one of the best Lithuanian souvenirs you can buy. Whether you’re purchasing linen napkins or sheets for the home or wardrobe staples such as linen blouses, you’ll fall in love with the ease and elegance of this fabric.

Note! Only a digital version of the programme is available.