

## Your Action Plan

- Be curious
- Ask
- Discover
- Make memories



## IMMERSE YOURSELF INTO SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES!

- Traveling
- Sport
- Volunteering
- Languages
- Sharing is caring
- Take care of yourself





## Explore Lithuania by foot, by bus, by train, by car





Free days

Note: look at the <u>Academic Calendar</u>

and National Holidays

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#### https://studyin.lt/live-like-a-local/

## Live Like a Local

Practical Guide for International Students in Lithuania





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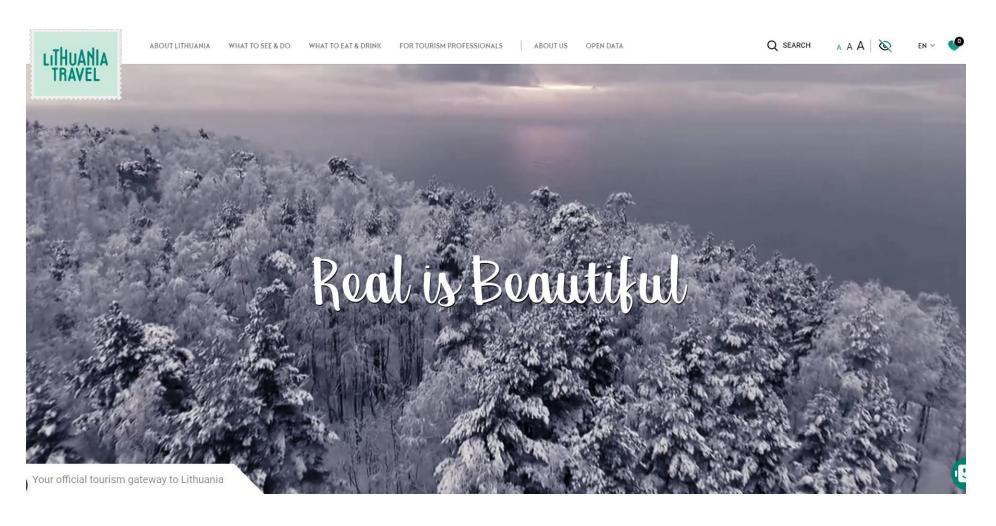


#### https://kaunastika.lt/map/wallographers-notes





#### https://www.lithuania.travel/en/





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ABOUT LITHUANIA

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#### What to see & do

Places >	Art & culture >	Nature >	Leisure >
Urban tourism	Museums	Undiscovered places	Active recreation
Top sites	Architecture	Nature's Wonders	Family tourism
UNESCO heritage	Contemporary art	Lithuanian seaside	Water activities
Unknown towns	Theatres	Educational hiking trails	Traditional holidays
Ethnographic regions		Landscape observation	Where to stay
European Destinations of Excellence		Observation towers	
Religious tourism		Ecotourism	
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		Places for nature outings	
		Water recreation	
		Nature reserves	
Health tourism >	Tourist routes >	Souvenirs from Lithuania >	Tourism information centers
Medical & wellness SPA resorts	Romantic Panemunė	Lithuanian design and boutiques	
All resorts & resort areas	Amber Road at the Lithuanian	Unique Lithuanian products	
Natural remedies	seaside		
Health tourism guide	Routes across sacral Lithuania		
	Cycling routes		



## https://www.lithuania.travel/en/

## What to Eat & Drink

Modern cuisine >	Lithuanian cuisine >	Lithuanian products >
Restaurants	National cuisine	Honey
Street food	Culinary traditions and experiences	Šakotis
Vegetarian and vegan	Traditional holiday table	Black bread
Superfood	Regional cuisine	Apple cheese
	Manor cuisine	Skilandis
	Ethnic minority cuisine	Cottage cheese
	Beverage traditions	

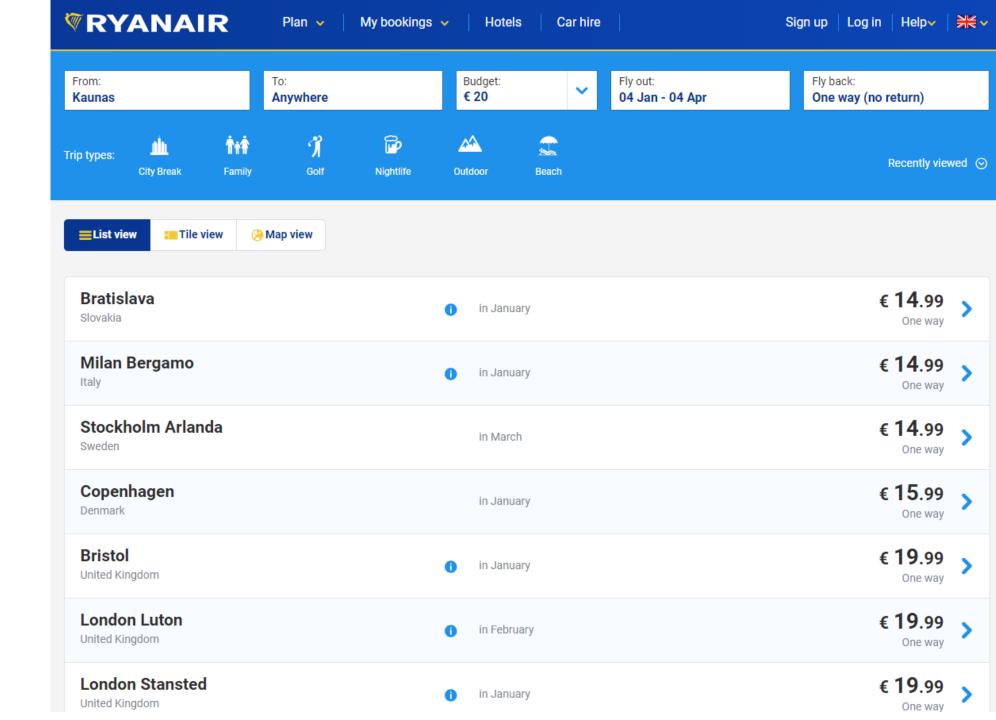
Many cheap tickets from Kaunas or Vilnius just for weekend

Use airport express
<a href="https://www.ollex.lt/en">https://www.ollex.lt/en</a> if
your flights are at night
from Vilnius



Check Ryanair, Wizzair

Check from Kaunas or Vilnius



By bus:

To Gdansk, Poland To Warsaw, Poland To Wroclaw, Poland To Riga, Latvia To Tallinn, Estonia

By train:
To Riga, Latvia
To Warsaw, Poland
To Krakow, Poland

https://ltglink.lt/
https://www.autobusubilietai.lt/
https://luxexpress.eu/en/
https://www.eurolines.lt/
https://ecolines.net/lt/en











# SPORT





#### Find the same/similar/completely new activity in Kaunas



All VMU students, regardless of their study programme, can participate in sports activities, the classes are **free of charge** for VMU students, and you can even register and participate in several classes.

You are welcome to join the leisure sports activities offered by the VMU Sports Centre and get actively involved in the activities, to get to know, learn or improve your sports skills and to spend quality and productive time.

VDU Sport Center: <a href="https://sportas.vdu.lt/en/home/">https://sportas.vdu.lt/en/home/</a>



# Find the same/similar/completely new activity in Kaunas





BoulderHouse: Facebook, Instagram



#### Share and be involved in local community



Check Red Cross, Karitas and just ask if you need any help with finding information

## VOLUNTEERING PLACES

By Laura Lapinskė

- 1. "KORYS" (CENTRE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES)
- https://nckorys.lt/ (Kristina Čiuderienė +37061208311) Open to volunteers from Indonesia.
- 2. "ARKA" (CENTRE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES)

It is important to keep regularity. Every volunteer is expected to come at least one time per week, for 3-4 hours (but not less than 1 time per 2 weeks). First, there would be a meeting in person with Aistė Ramaškevičė (kaunas.arka.savanoris@gmail.com).

3. "CARITAS" (WORK WITH CHILDREN, FAMILIES, PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR BIRTHPLACE AND HOME, AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES)

We invite you to volunteer to participate in the activities of Caritas institutions and programs of the Kaunas Archdiocese for children, families, people who have lost their birthplace and home, and people with disabilities.

If you are interested in volunteering in Caritas, please, fill the form: <a href="https://forms.gle/evorTvcJ5dTVf3w26">https://forms.gle/evorTvcJ5dTVf3w26</a>

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4. "MALTIEČIAI" (WORK WITH LONELY ELDERS, PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES)
What do Malteser volunteers do?

- They visit lonely elders and disabled, communicate, spend their time together and help at home.
- Deliver warm meals and other food products to elders.
- Provide assistance at children daycare centers: help children to do their homework and organize children occupation activities.
- Provide assistance at senior daycare centers.
- Help organize various events and programs.
- Carries out other tasks depending on group activities and competences of the volunteer.

  We accept people from different religious backgrounds who respect Catholic values and are committed to contributing to the reduction of poverty and exclusion in the country.

https://maltieciai.lt/en/become-malteser-volunteer/

5. "REDCROSS"

savanoriai.kaunas@redcross.lt Roberta, volunteer coordinator

#### By Laura Lapinskė

## VOLUNTEERING PLACES

6. ANIMAL SHELTER "NOJUS"(VOLUNTEER WORK WITH SHELTERED ANIMALS)

https://kggn.lt/savanoryste/

7. "AKVILA" DAY CENTRE (PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES)

https://www.akvila.lt/activities/?lang=en

8. "PATRIA" (WORK WITH YOUTH)

https://patria.lt/en/
savanoriai@patria.lt, jst@patria.lt, +37063058865

9. "LESE" (KAUNAS ANIMAL SHELTER)

https://lese.lt/en/apie-mus/#kauno-prieglauda

10. "MAISTO BANKAS" (FOOD BANK)

https://www.maistobankas.lt/savanorio-es-anketa/

# LANGUAGE EXCHANGE

Share your language and learn local language!

- At Vytautas Magnus University
- In Kaunas or Vilnius







Become a language buddy or learn local language: SPEAK KAUNAS

Join Let's Talk Kaunas



# LANGUAGE EXCHANGE

# Wanna create speaking club? Text to ganna.tron@vdu.lt











# The International Mother Language Day

February 21 is commemorated as the International Mother Language Day.

If you'd like to teach other students a few phrases in your native language, to teach a song, a dance, play a language game, teach a tongue twister, read a poem, etc., etc., you're more than welcome to participate in the event!

When: February 21, preliminary time of the event 11:00-13:00

Where: one of the VMU buildings (Putvinskio g. 23 or Donelaičio 52)





# DON@ PROJECT

Recollection Days: in the end of the semester



• Sharing is caring events: before the beginning of the semester





Prioritize your well-being, especially your mental health!

VMU Psychology Clinic offers different forms of psychological help for VMU students free of charge:

- Individual psychological counseling (in English or Russian)
- Relaxation sessions: individual or group sessions\* (in English)
- Training courses and seminars for personal growth\* (in English or Russian)
- If separate group of international students formed!

LINK: <a href="https://psichologijosklinika.vdu.lt/english/">https://psichologijosklinika.vdu.lt/english/</a>

VMU Psychology Clinic is providing psychological consultations. Consultations are provided remotely (online) or face-to-face.

Location: Faculty of Social Sciences Jonavos str. 66, Office no: 326-327

Registration: by Email: psichologijos.klinika@vdu.lt.

Phone: (8 37) 327 825

LINK: <a href="https://psichologijosklinika.vdu.lt/english/">https://psichologijosklinika.vdu.lt/english/</a>



# Healthcare

https://www.vdu.lt/en/internationalcooperation/for-students/practicalinformation-for-incoming-students/



Emergency Phone Number – 112

#### Important before Arrival



- Arrival and Registration at VMU
- · Residence Permit/Visa Guide
- · Health Insurance
- Cost of Living
- · Mentor's Programme
- · Learning Lithuanian

#### Important after Arrival



- Useful VMU Contacts
- VMU Important Documents
- VMU Student ID and Internal Platforms
- · Libraries and Reading Rooms
- Information for Students with Disability
- Public Transport
- How to Open Bank Account
- VMU Students Certificates
- · Settlement with the University

#### VMU Students' Activities



- · Student Organisations and Clubs
- · Mentors' Programme
- Arts
- Sports
- Volunteering
- Career

#### Living in Lithuania



- Useful Links
- Safety Tips
- Health Care and Assistance
- Psychological Services at VMU
- Dietary Restrictions
- Postal Services



#### **Emergency Phone Number – 112**

Quiet hours in Lithuania extend from 10:00 p. m. to 7:00 a. m.

- It is forbidden to use drugs (marijuana, opium, heroin, hashish, other hallucinogen, synthetic drugs) and other psycho-tropical materials (various solvents, volatile stuff, lenitive and sleeping pills, etc. without the doctor prescription)
- It is forbidden to drink alcohol or to be seen drunk in public places in Lithuania
- It is forbidden to smoke in the bars and in some public places (pay attention to prohibiting signs)

Legal age for buying, holding and consuming alcoholic beverages is 20.

- Hours of Sale: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday
- Hours of Sale on Sunday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



New international students today, January, 2024

New international students in June, 2024