#### 2-day route "Krāslava region western bend" **Route: Krāslava – Izvalta – Auleja** Length of the route: ~ 35 km

Day 2

church was built in 1625. In the 18th century it was

reconstructed and the Livonian bishop Antons Ostrovskis had

consecrated it in honour of St. Michael, archangel. In 1896 the

Visiting weavers in Izvalta. The weavers demonstrate

one of the oldest wooden churches in Latgale. It was built in

1530. In 1626 Jesuits had built a new wooden church. The

weaving process. They weave scale affairs, rag races, etc.

current church was built in 1709. This is a stone building.

Lunch in recreation complex "Lejasmalas", dishes of Latgale Culinary

Visiting ceramist Ilmārs Vecelis. Observing the ceramic

product creation process and participation in it. Purchasing

Holiday house "Vilnis" (10 places), Raina Street 10, Kräslava,

Guest house "Arkādija" near Daugava (21 places), Kaplava

Holiday house "Skerškāni" near Daugava (15 places), Ūdrīši

rural municipality (3 km from Krāslava), ph.: +371 29195745.

Holiday house "Marušinas", near the river Daugava, (8 places),

rural municipality (4,5 km from Krāslava), ph.: +371 27006998.

phone: +371 26355115. Sauna, pool, table tennis.

Sauna, 10 canoes, sprina pool, banauet hall,

Sauna, tent sites, dock for boats and rafts.

Ūdrīši rural municipality (7 km from Krāslava),

ph.: +371 29160585. Tent sites, place for picnic.

Holiday house "Upes dižvietas", near the river Daugava

(24 places), Ūdrīši rural municipality (6 km from Krāslava),

ph.: +371 29146034. Tent sites, bicycle rental, boats rental,

Excursion to Auleja Catholic Church. Auleja once have been

present Izvalta Church was built.

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trailer connection.

Day 2

booking required

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(prior booking required), paintball.

souvenirs.

#### Day 1

Meeting with the guide in Kraslava (Pils Street 2, Counts Breakfast. The road to Izvalta. Platers Complex) Excursion in Izvalta Catholic Church. Izvalta first wooden

- · Walk along Adamova nature trail, which is situated on the territory of the natural park "Daugavas loki" (1,8 km).
- Farm "Kurmiši". Introduction to the medical plant cultivation and herbal tea making secrets. Herbal tea deaustation.
- Excursion around Kraslava (for details see the "Route in Krāslava").
- · Visiting Aleksandrs Maijers, who demonstrates the collection of about 100 different instruments and plays on them
- Visiting Recreation and sport centre "Between Heaven and Earth". Sports game AIRSOFT, foot golf, black (smoke) sauna.

## Dinner/picnic in one of the closest accommodations.

#### The nearest accommodations:

- Cottage "Avenkrasti" near Daugava (5 places), Rīgas Street 37, Krāslava, ph.: +371 656 21 807, +371 27163450. Bicycles, quide
- Holidav house "Saules māja" (7 places), Sauleskalna Street 22. Krāslava, ph.: +371 26868346.
- Cottage "Relax" (5 places), Sauleskalna Street 8, Kräslava, ph. +371 27078500. Bath. ecoloaical products. Slavic dolls.
- Holiday house "Gliemji" (6 places), Krāslava rural municipality (2 km from Krāslava), ph.: +371 28232729. Sauna, swimming pool.
- Holiday house "Daugavas krasti" near Daugavas (6 places), Rīgas Street 103, Krāslava, ph.: +371 26131147. Bath, canoe boats.
- Guest house "Zive" near Daugava (22 places), Pārceltuves Street 14, Krāslava, ph.: + 371 29185835. Table tennis.
- Guest house "Priedaine" near Daugava (20 places), Klusā Street 2, Krāslava, ph.: +371 26430798. Billiards, wooden raft for 15 people.

# 2 - day route "Krāslava region southern bend"

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## **Route: Krāslava – Kaplava** Length of the route: ~ 20 km

# Day 1

Meeting with the guide in Krāslava (Pils Street 2, Counts Plāters Complex). Breakfast

- Excursion around Krāslava (for details see the "Route in Krāslava"). Excursion in Kaplava Orthodox Church (prior • Excursion to the horse ranch "Klajumi", horse riding (13 horses) in the nature park "Daugavas loki" or on the arena in a circle (by . Excursion to Kaplava border control point (prior choice).
- Dinner/picnic in the horse ranch "Klajumi" or in the Recreation complex Holiday house "Stirnmeži", fresh mutton barbecue "Vaclavi"

# The nearest accommodations:

- Horse ranch "Klajumi" (9 places), Klajumu "Kemeri" (7 places), Klajumu "Ganiņi" (8 places), Klajumu "Krasti" tent sites. Kaplava rural municipality, ph.: +371 29472638. Sauna, smoke sauna, horse riding. Latgalian cuisine.
- Recreation complex "Vaclavi" (100 places). Kaplava rural municipality, ph.: +371 29118861. Sauna with the pond, banquet hall, fishina in ponds.

# 2-day route "Krāslava region for gourmets"

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Route: Krāslava – Indrica – Piedruja – Indra – Robežnieki – Krāslava – Auleja Length of the route:  $\sim$  150 km

# Day 1

Meeting with the guide in Kraslava (Pils Street 2, Counts Platers Complex)

• Farm "Kurmīši". Introduction to the medical plant cultivation and herbal tea making secrets. Herbal tea degustation. **Excursion around Krāslava** (for details see the "Route in Krāslava").

- Indrica Catholic Church a unique monument of wooden architecture (1655–1658). This is the oldest wooden church in Latgale.
- Piedruia is situated in the Belarusian frontier area. On the other bank of the river Daugava life in Belarus can be observed. Logging in the motel "Piedruja".

Attention!!! Passports and passes should be brought with you.

## **Excursion around Piedruia:**

- Piedruja border checkpoint the only border point in Latvia, where Latvian water (river) border protected.
- Piedruja Orthodox Church (view from the outside).
- Visiting Piedruja Roman Catholic Church.
- Memorial Stone "Daugava signs" the word "Daugava" is written on it in seven languages. Author Vilnis Titāns.

Dinner at the hotel "Piedruja". Tasting of culinary heritage meals, accompanied by the performance in Latgalian and multinational style.

# Day 2

Breakfast. The road to farm "Zarini".

• Excursion in the farm "Zarini". Introduction to secrets of the flax and hemp cultivation. Degustation of honey, homemade bread, linseed and hemp oils.

• Excursion in the weavers' workshop "Indra". Weaving process can be observed in the weavers' workshop. It will be possible to order products. Degustation of berries` jam grown in the blossoming Indra orchards, and pancakes. Booking ahead.

• Walking the Tabore educational path on the lakeside of Lielais Gusena lake (1.3 km).

• Excursion in the zoo "Akati" - an opportunity to see peacocks, pheasants, turkeys, black African ostriches, Australian emus, as well as other animals.

 Excursion in the farm "Guntini". There are approximately 300 rabbits of 12 different breeds here.

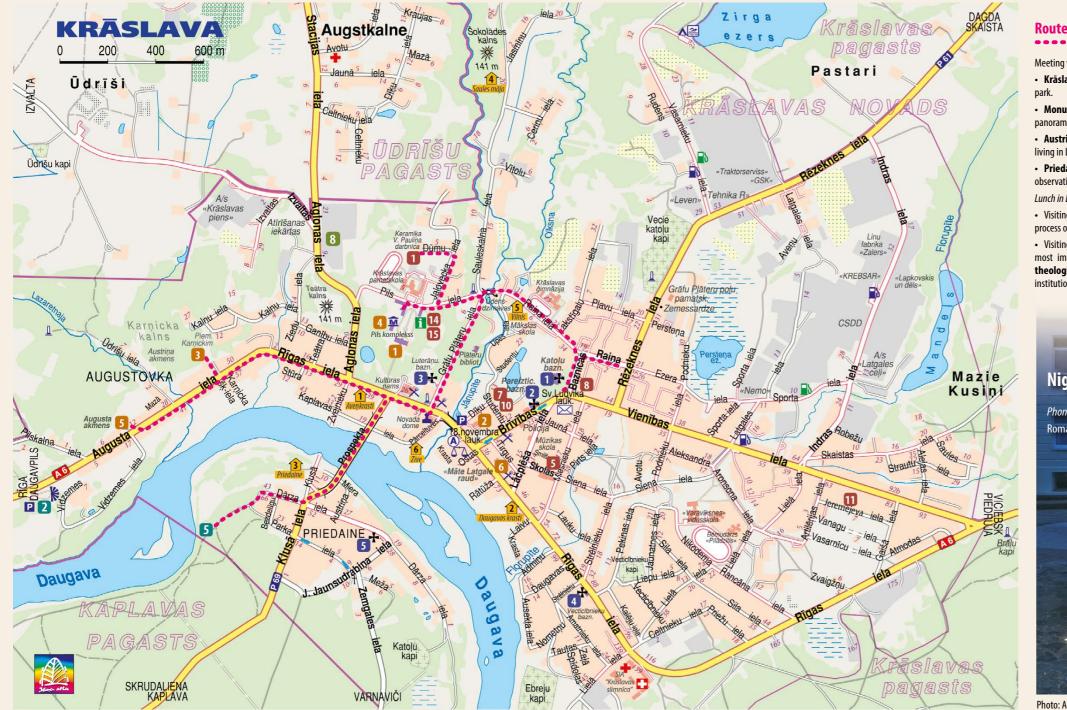
Lunch in the recreation center "Lejasmalas". Presentation of Latgalian culinary heritage.

• Visiting ceramist Ilmars Vecelis. Observing of the creation process of the ceramic products and participation in it. Purchasing souvenirs.

# The nearest accommodations:

- Holiday house "Zariņi" (12 places), Piedruja rural municipality, phone: +371 29111637. Sauna. Healthy staying overnight on hay mattresses.
- Motel "Piedruja" near Daugava (52 places), Piedruja rural municipality, phone: +371 65629682, +371 26357228 Five inflatable rafts
- Recreation center "Lejasmalas" at Lejas lake (150 places), Auleja rural municipality, phone: +371 29139680. Sauna, 2 banquet halls, cottages on the shores of the islands in the lake.
- Holiday house "Dīva dorzi" at Ardava lake (18 places), Kombuli rural municipality, phone: +371 29112684. Sauna, fishina in the lake and pond.
- Holiday house "Sidari", at lake Cerps (8 places), Auleja rural municipality, phone: +371 29108032. Sauna.
- Holiday house "Laimavoti" at the lake Carmins (8 places), Auleja rural municipality, phone: +371 26554417.





Route in Krāslava ......

Meeting with the guide in Krāslava (Pils Street 2, Counts Plāters Complex). • Krāslava Palace of Counts Plāters (external examination) - a walk in the

• Monument to Karnickis and Love Spring - very picturesque place with a panoramic view to Daugava.

• Austriņa stone – Latvian writer Antons Austriņš created his works while living in Latgale near this great stone.

• Priedaine observation tower (32 m) - one of the highest wooden observation towers in Latvia, which offers a wonderful view of the river Daugava.

Lunch in Latgalian taste in the cafe "Daugava" or Latgale Culinary Heritage Center.

• Visiting ceramist Valdis Pauliņš. An opportunity to participate in the process of making ceramics, as well as try your hand in pot making.

• Visiting Krāslava Roman Catholic Church, excursion. The church is the most impressive Latgalian Baroque architectural model. The building of theological seminary (external examination). The first higher education institution in Latvia existed in Krāslava — Krāslava Theological Seminary.

Night excursion in Krāslava Phone: +371 656 22201, +371 26487763 Romantic walk and mystery stories about the history and love.



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