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MAJOR EVENTS IN VENTSPILS

FEBRUARY

3/02 LARD DAY, OLD TOWN MARKET

10/02 SAXOPHONE MUSIC FESTIVAL IN VENTSPILS, CONCERT HALL "LATVIJA"

10/02 MEDIEVAL READINGS, LIVONIAN ORDER CASTLE

17/02 CONCERT BY I.APKALNA AND STATE ACADEMIC CHOIR "LATVIJA", CONDUCTOR MĀRIS SIRMAIS, CONCERT HALL "LATVIJA"

17/02 VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT AT THE LIVONIAN ORDER CASTLE

MARCH

12/03 CONCERT OF "LATVIAN BLUES BAND" AND SINGER ADEAMA WOLKOWIAK, THEATRE HOUSE "JŪRAS VĀRTI"

13/03 VENTSPILS ORGAN DAYS, CONCERT HALL "LATVIJA"

17/03 MESLENITSA, SEASIDE OPEN AIR MUSEUM

29/03 30/03 EASTER MARKET, OLD TOWN MARKET

31/03 31/03 EASTER, SEASIDE OPEN AIR MUSEUM

APRIL

7/04 LATVIAN NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, STATE ACADEMIC CHOIR "LATVIJA", TARMO PELTOKOSKI AND MAHLER'S SYMPHONY NO.2, CONCERT HALL "LATVIJA"

MAY

4/05 CELEBRATION EVENTS OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

10/05 11/05 SPRING PLANT MARKET, OLD TOWN MARKET

11/05 OPENING OF VENTSPILS SUMMER TOURISM AND CYCLING SEASON

15/05 GRAND CONCERT "THEATRE HOUSE" "JŪRAS VĀRTI" - 15"

18/05 PĀRVENTA FESTIVAL

18/05 INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY AND NIGHT OF EUROPEAN MUSEUMS

24/05 FRIDAY EVENING WALK

25/05 FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL "LATVIAN CHILDREN LEAD THE DANCE"

25/05 RACE AROUND LAKE BŪŠNIEKU

JŪNIJS

1/06 OLYMPIC CHAMPION D. KŪLA'S INTERNATIONAL JAVELIN THROWING COMPETITION "VENTSPILS JAVELIN 2024"

2/06 CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

21/06 SUMMER SOLSTICE, SEASIDE OPEN AIR MUSEUM AND BEACH

21/06 22/06 SUMMER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL MARKET

23/06 SUMMER SOLSTICE EVE PLAY AND MIDSUMMER NIGHT BALL



JULY

6/07 SEA FESTIVAL

6/07 SEA CUP IN BEACH VOLLEYBALL

6/07 GUNTIS SKRASTIŅŠ SONG AND CHANT FESTIVAL, REŅĶA GARDEN

7/07 SEA FESTIVAL, SEASIDE OPEN AIR MUSEUM

12/07 13/07 MOTORCYCLE RIDER GATHERING KURLAND BIKE MEET

19/07 INTERNATIONAL STREET CULTURE AND SPORTS FESTIVAL 21/07 "GHETTOGAMES"

27/07 5TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS OF THE CONCERT HALL "LATVIJA"

AUGUST

1/08 OPENING ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY FESTIVAL "GAMES ON ĒRGĻU STREET", H. DORBE MEMORIAL MUSEUM

2/08 VENTSPILS CITY FESTIVAL 700+34 (FESTIVE PROCESSION, FLOWER 4/08 CARPETS, CREATIVE WORKSHOPS, FLEA MARKET, CONCERTS, FIREWORKS, ETC.)

4/08 CRAFTS DAY AT THE SEASIDE OPEN AIR MUSEUM

10/08 ALL-LATVIAN NORDIC WALKING FESTIVAL

12/08 CONTEMPORARY RHYTHM AND JAZZ MUSIC FESTIVAL 17/08 "VENTSPILS GROOVE 2024"

17/08 TRAIL RUN "STIRNU BUKS"

17/08 LATVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN BEACH VOLLEYBALL

31/08 NIGHT OF THE ANCIENT FIRE ON THE STEEP BANK OF STALDZENE

SEPTEMBER

6/09 AUTUMN PLANT MARKET

15/09 VENTSPILS MARATHON

27/09 RESEARCHERS' NIGHT

28/09 AUTUMN GOODS MARKET

OCTOBER

5/10 LAMBERT. ALTERNATIVE JAZZ, CONCERT HALL "LATVIJA"

9/10 PRESENTATION OF THE "SILVER INKPOT" WRITING AWARD

26/10 ULDIS MARHILĒVIČS ANNIVERSARY CONCERT WITH VENTSPILS BIG BAND, CONCERT HALL "LATVIJA"

NOVEMBER

3/11 WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL "PORTA 2024". CONCERT BY THE TRIO "LESS ITINERANTES", CONCERT HALL "LATVIJA"

9/11 MĀRTIŅI DAY MARKET

11/11 EVENTS DEDICATED TO LAČPLESIS DAY

18/11 EVENTS OF THE PROCLAMATION DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

18/11 RUN AND CYCLING RIDE "RUN OR CYCLE THE OUTLINE OF LATVIA IN VENTSPILS"

DECEMBER

7/12 ST NICHOLAS DAY, LIVONIAN ORDER CASTLE

15/12 PŪCE AND VIVALDI CHRISTMAS, CONCERT HALL "LATVIJA"

20/12 CHRISTMAS MARKET

21/12 LOG EVE AND CHRISTAMS MARKET

25/12 MAZBĀNĪTIS CHRISTMAS

31/12 NEW YEAR'S RUN

31/12 NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION





FACTS ABOUT VENTSPILS

The City was founded **in 1290** Area - **58** km² (including 38% forests, parks and water bodies) Population ~ **38 thousand** Distance to Riga ~ **190 km** Length of cycling paths ~ **70 km** Length of the sea coast ~ **12 km** Lake - **Būšnieku Lake** River - **Venta** City centre - **Big Square** Non-monetary means of payment - **Venti** (100 ¥= 1€)

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Ventspils - a hospitable City on the shores of the Baltic Sea, with a clean, child-friendly urban environment and innovative production facilities.

The most anticipated news of the year is the **opening of the Ventspils Seaside Open Air Museum**. The Museum presents the everyday life of the inhabitants of the Kurzeme coast and the life of Latvian, Livonian farmers and fishermen.

Everyone will be fascinated by the Science Centre VIZIUM with more than 80 interactive and educational exhibits allowing you to get to know science in seven galleries dedicated to technology and natural sciences. VIZIUM exhibits not only allow you to experience the power of an earthquake, escape from a virtual maze and ride a roller coaster, but also the thrill of knowledge!

In the heart of the City, in the Big Square, there is the Ventspils Concert Hall "Latvija", boasting two world-class musical instruments - a pipe concert organ and a vertical concert grand piano. Opposite the Concert Hall, the spectacular fountain "Fregate "Valzivs"" (Frigate "Whale") provides refreshment.

Ventspils offers a wide range of active leisure opportunities! **All-season toboggan track**, with a total run length of 580 m, located in the Adventure Park and the territory of the **ski hill "Lemberga hūte"**. During the ride you can reach speeds of 40km/h. **The Adventure Park**, which is located close to the ski hill, offers attractions that provide fun for both children and adults. There are 39 playgrounds throughout the city, including 2 Children's Towns. Enjoy the summer feeling with family and friends all year round in the **Water Amusement Park and SPA complex**.

The streets of Ventspils are filled with colourful flowers, decorating the City's flower beds, flower pyramids and even sculptures. The largest of them - the Flower Cow, next to **Latvia's only drawbridge across the Venta River**, joyfully greets the people of Ventspils and visitors to the City.

Clean environment, good water quality, safety on the shore and on the water, high level of amenities - this characterizes **Ventspils Blue Flag Beach**.

Ventspils is called a country within a country, because the people of Ventspils are proud of their Ventini language, flag and even their money - the Venti.

Discover and experience this and much more in Ventspils!

CHOOSE TO RELAX IN **VENTSPILS!**











SCIENCE CENTRE VIZIUM

The newly opened Science Centre "Vizium" is **perfect for leisure** activities for the whole family and an adventurous destination for school excursions where you can gain new knowledge and unforgettable emotions together all year round! VIZIUM's mission is to educate children and young people about STEM* through technology, workshops and science shows.

At the Science Centre, every visitor is transported to the city of the future, where with more than 80 interactive and educational exhibits including workshops and science shows, you can explore science in an engaging way. VIZIUM's exhibition consists of 7 galleries dedicated to technology and science:

- Smart Technologies
- Geography and World
- Human and Self-Perception
- Physics and Mathematics
- Healthy Lifestyle
- Little explorers
- Simulator area





*STEM: science, technology, engineering, mathematics STEM is an educational approach to learning that combines science, technology, engineering and maths At "Vizium"young and old alike can step into the shoes of a football player, shooter, snowboarder, feel the power of a earthquake, escape from a virtual maze, try on virtual costumes, ride roller coasters and more! "Vizium" also offers **technical workshops and science shows** to add value to your visit to the Science Centre.









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SCIENCE CENTRE OFFER:

- Exhibition Hall (workshops and science shows are at an extra cost)
- Guided tours
- Creative workshops
- Science shows
- Student excursions (also available under the "Latvijas skolas soma" programme)
- Birthday party celebrations
- Corporate events
- Conference Room (capacity up to 120 people)

Next to the Conference Room there is a spacious and modern café, which also offers the possibility to enjoy a meal on the outdoor terrace in summer. The viewing platform (free), which is one of the highest points in the City, offers a new view of the City and the port.

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Rūpniecības iela 2, Ventspils 😋 Mon. - Sat. 10.00 - 19.00 VIZUM

Sun. 10.00 - 17.00 🛞 1 November - 31 March Closed on Mondays



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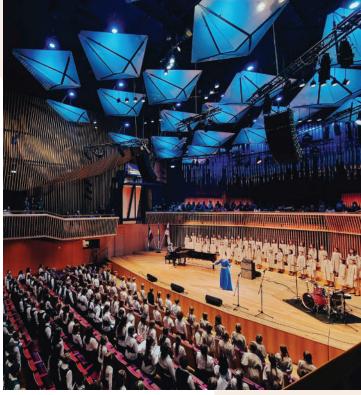


IT'S WORTH KNOWING THAT...

The lobby floor of the Science Centre, 365m2, is a map of the world made up of more than 600 000 Murano glass mosaic pieces. Ventspils is at the centre of the map, and a capsule with a message for future generations is buried just below it.



CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT



CONCERT HALL "LATVIJA"

Concert Hall "Latvija" is a special music, art and education space, next to the town's popular Big Square, home to the sailor-shaped and internationally award-winning **fountain "Fregate "Valzivs"** (Frigate "Whale"). This is traditional place for locals and city guests to celebrate New Year, gather for festivities and enjoy leisurely walks.

In 2024, Concert Hall "Latvija" celebrates its 5th anniversary. The building's distinctive architectural design provides a cultural and educational space for quality events and music learning. It is highly appreciated by industry professionals, Latvian and foreign musicians, visitors and the younger generation of musicians.

- Large Hall (up to 600 seats)
- Small Hall (up to 120 seats) used as an outdoor stage in summer
- Sound recording studio
- Children's Music School
- Ventspils Secondary Music School
- Music library
- Café "Otto"

• Unique musical instruments - manual acoustic concert organ and vertical concert piano 470i (4.7m high)

We invite you to **apply for a tour** and see the concert hall **with a guide** to get to know not only the concert venue from the audience's point of view, but also the interesting behind-the-scenes. In an hour long tour you will have the opportunity to get acquainted with the Concert Hall's premises, which are used on a daily basis by music school students, staff and artists. Find out more about events and concerts on the Concert Hall's website.



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WORKING HOURS The box office is also open

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THEATRE HOUSE "JŪRAS VĀRTI"

In 2024, the Theatre House "Jūras vārti" celebrates its 15th anniversary! Throughout its history, the Theatre House has offered high quality professional performing arts to the residents and visitors of Ventspils. Also this year, the repertoire includes the most current plays, operas, ballets, concerts of various genres and events for children of Latvian professional theatres. Visual art exhibitions are organized regularly.

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WORKING HOURS The box office is also open one hour before each event Mon. closed Tue. - Fri. 12.00 - 16.00 Sat. 10.00 - 14.00 Sun. closed







CULTURAL CENTRE

The Cultural Centre is a modern multifunctional institution where visitors can enjoy theatre performances, concerts, balls and other themed events. Its main task is to take care of the City's cultural life, providing the operation of almost 50 amateur arts groups, a diverse, creative and wide range of events.

During the summer season, the team of the Culture Centre organises most of the outdoor events in the City, with Friday evening walks being a favourite among locals, and the Sea and City Festivals attracting a much larger number of guests. In cooperation with partners, it organises an annual motorbike rally, a schlager festival and other projects. Free educational and entertainment programmes for children are regularly held at the Ventspils Children's Town and Children's Park "Fantāzija".



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LIVING HISTORY LIVONIAN ORDER CASTLE

The Livonian Order Castle, which has been the home of the Ventspils Museum since September 2001, is the oldest surviving building in Ventspils, dating back to the 13th, and it can be considered one of the oldest medieval fortresses in Latvia which has preserved its original magnitude almost unchanged. The Castle Chapel is the oldest sacred space in Kurzeme. The history of Ventspils is closely linked to the Castle and can be explored by visiting the Museum's rich exhibition, which occupies a total of 14 rooms.







The Livonian Order Castle regularly hosts educational activities for children and young people, as well as exhibitions related to contemporary art and history, and especially medieval and baroque music concerts.

Educational programmes at the Livonian Order Castle

(by prior arrangement):

- Let's explore the Museum together with the Black Piglet
- Medieval times in the Castle
- · The oldest inhabitants of the territory of Latvia
- CV of Ventspils Museum Musical Instruments
- The many types of skirts

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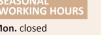
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SEASIDE OPEN AIR MUSEUM

The Green Island of the Ventspils Museum is a Seaside Open Air Museum. Alongside fishing boats and 19th-century residential buildings there is also a narrow-gauge railway exhibition, the most attractive exhibit is the narrow-gauge railway train "Mazbānītis", which once connected the coastal fishing villages, but nowadays it goes all the way to the Adventure Park.

The Museum's greatest pride - Boat House, which houses a wide range of fishing equipment - 21 fishing boats and objects related to fishing, allowing to learn about the development of fishing in Northern Kurzeme. One of the boats was filmed in the Latvian feature film "Zvejnieka dels" (Son of a Fisherman) (1957).

The landscaped surroundings, with lush flower gardens in front of the historic buildings and the lively whistle of the steam locomotive, are particularly family-friendly.

Educational programmes at the Seaside Open Air Museum (by prior arrangement):

- Traditional festivals, according to the seasons
- Lost and found in the Museum



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ASONAL

NEW EXHIBITION BUILDING!



In spring 2024, the Seaside Open Air Museum will open the doors of its new building to visitors. Visitors will be able to enjoy the Museum's renovated exhibitions in a modern environment, which present the Kurzeme coastal everyday life and the lives of Latvian and Livonian farmers and fishermen. Currently the Seaside Open Air Museum's collection consists of more than 24 000 objects.

The Museum was founded in 1954 in Ventspils as the Open Air Museum of Sea Fisheries. Andrejs Šulcs, the Museum's creator and first director, transported the first boats, fishermen's dwellings and outbuildings, as well as a narrow-gauge railway train to the future museum. The Museum opened to the public in 1962.





HOUSE OF CRAFTS

The House of Crafts was furnished in 2007 in the reconstructed 18th-century building that was the oldest school in the Duchy of Courland, to which the exhibition "Ancient class" (19th century) is dedicated to. The House of Crafts features **a weavers and a potter's workshop** where one can try out his or her craft skills by prior arrangement. The House of Crafts has its own legend about a golden sacred object, which was indeed found during the archaeological monitoring of the building. The House of Crafts has a **gift shop**, **museum - educational classes** are held there and various workshops related to contemporary crafts are actively offered.

Educational programmes in the House of Crafts

(by prior arrangement):

- My first visit to a museum
- Ancient School
- The legend of the golden brooch
- Paper smoothie
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WORKING HOURS
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HERBERTS DORBE MUSEUM

The Museum was opened on 19 May 1989 as a memorial to Herberts Dorbe (1894-1983), a Ventspils writer who was a keen researcher of the history of his region. The name of the house -"Senču putekļi" (Ancestral Dust) - comes from the collection of ethnographic objects collected by the writer, which he donated to the Ventspils Museum in 1970. The museum hosts **meetings with** writers, engaging literary education programmes.

Educational programmes at the H.Dorbe Museum

(by prior arrangement):

- Trees a writer's green garden
- An event that can appeal to us all

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FIRE CORRECTION TOWER

Fire Correction Tower of the Ventspils 46th Coastal Defence Battery - **one of the few remaining coastal defence structures in Latvia and the Baltics**. Visitors can see inside the Tower and learn about its history, as well as enjoy a wonderful view of the surrounding forests and the Baltic Sea from its viewing platform. The history of the Tower is linked to the so-called Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, under which Nazi Germany and the USSR signed a mutual non-aggression treaty in 1939 and began building Soviet military bases in Latvia, including in Ventspils.

Saulrieta iela, Ventspils



VENTSPILS MARKET



OLD TOWN

The Old Town of Ventspils has preserved its ancient street network and the spatial structure of its squares. The Market Square has several **17th-century buildings**, but the residential building at the intersection of Tirgus and Skolas streets is one of the oldest in Latvia. In the Town Hall Square, in the former Town Hall there is the International House of Writers and Translators. Right next to it there is the modern, renovated Ventspils Main Library and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Nikolay. The Town Hall Square, Market Square and Ostas Street Promenade are popular places for strolling.

International House of Writers and Translators

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WORKING HOURS Mon. - Fri. 10.00 - 17.00 Sat. - Sun. closed



Ventspils Old Town Market has been in its historic location since the 17th century and features several historic buildings. The Market Square took on its current appearance in 2009, after reconstruction. The Market Square features sculptor Glebs Pantelejevs's exhibition of **weights, volumes and measures**, as well as **the bell tower clock** which plays the melody of the song "By the Amber Sea" every hour, and at 12:33 and 00:33 plays the chant of the song "Forward, Kurzeme" by Uldis Marhilēvičs.

Near the Market Square there are the Ventspils **brewery pub "Cour**lander" and winery "Windau Wines". Ventspils Market is open every day, but trading is particularly active on Fridays and Saturdays.

Visitors are welcomed by attractive and imaginative traders. Here you can buy fresh and tasty local **home-made products** and **crafts**.



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FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN CHILDREN'S TOWN

Climb, crawl, slide, swing and jump - all in modern and **colourful play attractions** the City's youngest visitors can enjoy for free in the Children's Town and Children's Park "Fantāzija". On Sundays fun activities with songs, dances and games with various fairytale characters for young children are constantly offered **for free** at the Children's Town at 11:00 and Children's Park "Fantāzija" at 15:00.



Lielā prospekta un J. Poruka street intersection, Ventspils

WORKING HOURS
 1 April - 30 September 7.00 - 22.00
 1 October - 31 March 7.00 - 20.00

FREE ENTRY TO THE PARKS!



CHILDREN'S PARK "FANTĀZIJA"

Talsu un Celtnieku street intersection, Ventspils

WORKING HOURS
 1 April - 30 September 8.00 - 22.00
 1 October - 31 March 8.00 - 20.00

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS

When you visit Ventspils with your children, you will appreciate the **39** attractive playgrounds for children, with benches for parents to relax on.











SEASIDE PARK

Seaside Park beckons for walks through **Anchor trail** along the gorgeous greenery and duck pond with water lilies. It features the **largest collection of anchors in the Baltic States**, where 35 anchors of different types are exhibited out of the 152 anchors belonging to the Ventspils Seaside Open Air Museum. The largest anchor weighs 23 tonnes and stands 6 metres high.

Younger visitors will appreciate **new children's play equipment**, while the active ones will love the **Jungle trail** challenge and **outdoor fitness equipment**. Picnic areas are set up for leisurely relaxation by the nature, and the historic train "Mazbānītis" runs through the Park.

O At the intersection of Loču and Parka streets, Ventspils

REŅĶA GARDEN

Not far from the City centre is the Reņķa Garden, with a sparkling **fountain** and ducks in the pond next to it. Exciting environmental objects for children: **fairy tale characters, pet sculptures, play equipment "Grasshopper", "Ladybug"** and swings.

The park is also popular with outdoor enthusiasts who use the comfortable paths **for jogging** and **for Nordic walking** and exercise **on the outdoor fitness equipment**. In summer, the Renka Garden is the scene of concerts, guest performances, outdoor balls and other open air events.

Ocated between Sporta and Kuldigas streets, Ventspils

CYCLING PARK

The construction of a new cycling park is planned this year in Ventspils Reņķa Garden. It will feature **two pump tracks of different sizes, a gravel adventure cycling track and several recreation areas**. A pump track is a popular active recreation infrastructure facility in Latvia and worldwide for cyclists, scooters, rollerbladers and skateboarders of all levels and ages.

Reņķa Garden, Ventspils



ACTIVE LEISURE

ADVENTURE PARK

The Adventure Park is an active recreation and sports facility popular with both residents and visitors to Ventspils. Great fun and entertainment awaits everyone, with attractions for the very young, the adventurous schoolchildren and the most bravest visitors.

Summer offer:

- Tube sliding
- Rope courses in trees
- Bumper cars and bumper boats
- Jump boat
- Inflatable attraction and playhouse
- Catapult, trampoline complex, bungee jumping trampolines
- Wakepark, lasertag and paintball



TOBOGGAN TRACK

In 2023, an **all-season toboggan track** was opened in the territory of the Adventure Park and Ski Hill "Lemberga hūte".

- The total length of the track is 800 m
- 580 m downhill with 360° switchbacks
- Maximum speed 40 km per hour





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June - August

May Mon. - Fri. 15.00 - 20.00 Sat. - Sun. 12.00 - 20.00

Mon. - Sun. 11.00 - 22.00 September - October Fri. 15.00 - 19.00 Sat. - Sun. 12.00 - 19.00





SKI HILL "LEMBERGA HŪTE"

In winter, weather permitting, a man-made ski hill is put into operation. It features **a ski slope** and **snow park with ski jumps**, slides and rails. Learn your first skills on the training track and have fun on the sled hill.

Winter offer:

- Lighted ski slopes
- Snowpark with ski jumps, slides and rails
- Sled hill with a ski lift
- Training track with a ski lift
- Cross-country ski track
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WATER AMUSEMENT PARK

Water fun, peaceful relaxation and great entertainment await everyone who wants to have a good time at the Water Amusement and SPA Complex. Water attractions for active holiday lovers - pools with massage jets, slides, mountain river and children's pool with fun characters, while relaxation lovers can enjoy a variety of saunas, salt room, SPA baths and pleasant relaxation in the water treatments.

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WORKING HOURS September - May Mon. - Tue. closed Wed. - Sun. 12.00 - 21.00 June - August.







BEACH WATERPARK

In the summer days, fun, active recreation and water fun is offered at the Beach Waterpark with swimming pools, towers with various slides, as well as saunas and hot tubs, and a pool with attractions, especially suitable for babies.

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WORKING HOURS June - August Mon. - Sun.12.00 - 21.00







SEE VENTSPILS **NARROW-GAUGE STEAM** LOCOMOTIVE "MAZBANĪTIS"

The Ventspils narrow-gauge railway consists of two lines: Circle line -1.4 km (for a short drive within the park) and Hill line - 3.0 km, winding through the dunes and wooded area from Seaside Park to the station "Kalns". The terminus of the hill line is a locomotive turntable. The exhibition of the Seaside Open Air Museum Narrow -Gauge Railway includes not only the attractive steam locomotive, more than 100 years old, but also replicas of railway buildings appropriate to the time - stations, depots and a 3 m high flyover.



More about "Mazbānītis" - in the Seaside Open Air Museum

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EXCURSION BOAT "HERCOGS JĒKABS"

From May to October, you can explore the diversity of Ventspils on a 45-minute boat trip, exploring the Venta River estuary, Ostas Street promenade, Livonian Order Castle, Old Town, the only drawbridge in Latvia and the Freeport's industrial area; "Hercogs Jekabs" takes you all the way to the sea gates.

Pier of the excursion boat "Hercogs Jekabs"

At the intersection of Tirgus and Ostas streets +371 26353344



EXCURSION TRAIN "VENTSPILS TRAIN"

Within a 40 - minute drive, you can see Ventspils' most famous landmarks - the Big Square with the Concert Hall "Latvija", the most popular tourist and entertainment attractions, historic buildings, and the City's magnificent parks and squares.

An **audioguide** is available on the train, which provides visitors with interesting stories about ancient Ventspils, as well as information about the sights along the train route in Latvian, Russian, English, Lithuanian and German.

Tickets are available at the ticket office of the boat "Hercogs Jekabs" on the promenade of Ostas Street.

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SPORTS AND HEALTH

OLYMPIC CENTRE "VENTSPILS"

One of the largest **sports complexes** in Latvia is the Olympic Centre "Ventspils", which provides quality leisure opportunities and infrastructure suitable for professional athletes.





SPORTS COMPLEXES

The Central Sports Complex features a **basketball** and **ice rink**, an athletics arena, a stadium, football pitches, an athletics hall, tennis courts and a street gymnastics stadium. **The Sports House** "**Centrs**" has a modern shooting range where beginners can try shooting, as well as an outdoor mountaineering wall. **The Pārventa Sports Complex** has created the right conditions for the development of indoor football, with a football stadium next to the indoor arena and a climbing wall indoors.

The wide range of sporting opportunities is complemented by 9 beach volleyball courts - **5 at the Ventspils Beach Volleyball Stadium** and 4 publicly accessible courts on both the right and left banks of the Venta River.

EXTREME SPORTS

Ventspils has created a wide and modern infrastructure for extreme sports enthusiasts. **At the skatepark** everyone can learn tricks in roller skating, freestyle cycling and skateboarding, and organise competitions. The Adventure Park features a **BMX track** and a **wakepark** where no one will be bored, including your fellow traveller.

Skatepark

Sporta iela 5, Ventspils

Krustkalna iela 5

BMX track



FREE SKATEPARK



HEALTHY LIFESTYLE AND MEDICINE

To maintain a healthy lifestyle, the sports complexes of the Olympic Centre "Ventspils" offer modern athletics and aerobics halls, swimming pools, two tennis courts, and more than 30 sports clubs. Open-door days are organised every year to introduce these and other sporting opportunities in Ventspils. Free outdoor fitness equipment is available in many places around the City, to ensure the well-being and health of residents and visitors.



SPORTS COMPLEX OF THE WATER AMUSEMENT PARK

Lauku iela 5, Ventspils
 +371 26360777

WORKING HOURS Athletics room, large swimming pool Mon. - Fri. 8.00 - 21.00

Sat., Sun. 9.00 - 21.00

ATHLETICS HALL OF THE "PĀRVENTA" SPORTS COMPLEX

Tārgales iela 5b, Ventspils
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WORKING HOURS Mon. - Fri. 9.00 - 21.00 Sat., Sun. 9.00 - 15.00

ATHLETICS HALL OF THE BASKETBALL HALL

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WORKING HOURS Mon. - Fri. 9.00 - 21.00 Sat., Sun. 10.00 - 16.00





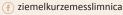


In 2022 the Kurzeme Rehabilitation Centre opened next to Ventspils North Kurzeme Regional Hospital, offering:

- Water and physical procedures
- Therapeutic massage
- Salt room
- Heat therapy
- A therapeutic gymnastics pool with a raised floor, unique in Latvia
- Spacious physiotherapy room with specialised rehabilitation equipment

To receive services at the Kurzeme Rehabilitation Centre, an appointment is required.

- iemelkurzemesslimnica.lv
- Pētera iela 33, Ventspils
- ZIEMEĻKURZEMES REĢIONĀLĀ SLIMNĪCA



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NATURE TOURISM BLUE FLAG BEACH

Ventspils Blue Flag beach attracts holidaymakers with its natural attractiveness - sun baths in the dunes and the white, fine sandy beach, and the infrastructure created for the convenience of guests - wooden footbridges leading to the sea, children's play facilities, rest benches as well as a surfing area. The long distance hiking route "Jūrtaka" leads along the Ventspils coast.

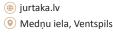
Compliance with international quality standards is demonstrated by the Blue Flag, which will be raised for the 25th time this year.

For the convenience of holidaymakers, the sea can be reached by **wooden footbridges**. At the highest point of the Blue Flag Beach's 5th boardwalk is a popular environmental attraction - **Latvian contour sign** with an access path to the platform. The ninth footbridge from Seaside Park leads to the **nudist beach**, while the 10th footbridge **is suitable for walking with dogs**.



SOUTH PIER PROMENADE

The South Pier Promenade is the place for romantic walks, beautiful sunsets, the surf and the arrival of ships in the port. The 19 m high **Viewing Tower** offers a magnificent view of the City and the sea gate. On the way to the South Pier Lighthouse, you can see fishing vessels **"Azova"** and **"Grots"** from the 1980s, admire the anchor chain chair and wave hello to **Sailor Cow**.













NATURE TRAIL OF LAKE BŪŠNIEKU

Next to the Lake's boat base, there is the Lake Būšnieku **nature trail** with a footbridge and **viewing platform** within the area of **"Natura 2000"**, which offers an 8 km route around Lake Būšnieku, with a 187 metre long footbridge, a pedestrian and cycling path and a bird-watching platform at the end of the footbridge. Active lifestyle enthusiasts will also enjoy the **health trail** with 10 exercise benches.

There is a swimming and picnic area, and bicycle parking at Lake Būšnieku, boats can be rented at the **boat** base, and there is a **boat launching point for the convenience of anglers**.

Lake Būšnieku **bathing spot** is located on the southern shore of the Lake, at the access from Talsu Street.

Boat base on Lake Būšnieku

Staldzenes iela 64, Ventspils
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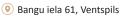
WORKING HOURS
 1 May - 31 July
 5.00 - 22.00 (every day)
 1 August - 30 September
 5.00 - 21.00

STEEP COASTLINE OF STALDZENE

To enjoy the special beauty of nature - a pristine beach surrounded by a steep coastline and pine forests - both residents and visitors head to Staldzene - an ancient fishing village, walking and bathing spot, located only 10 kilometres from Ventspils.

Staldzene Steep Coastline attracts with its **untouched nature**. It can also be viewed from **the new viewing platform** or take the gentle and **illuminated wooden footbridge** all the way to the sea.







CYCLING PATHS

In Ventspils, the total number of pedestrian and cycling paths has almost reached **70 km**, which is the second longest stretch of cycling paths in Latvia.

Comfortable **bike racks** in interesting shapes have been established in popular rest areas, and in three places in Ventspils - on the promenade of Ostas Street, at the Pārventa Library and in the Ventspils Adventure Park - there are **bicycle pumps** available. Newly opened 2.3 km long cycling path sections enable every cyclist or pedestrian to go from Ventspils to Staldzene.

The City of Ventspils will continue to work on the development of cycling paths in the City, with the aim of achieving the longest stretch of pedestrian and cycling paths in Latvia in the next few years.





WALKS AND RECREATION FLOWER SCULPTURES

Flower sculptures have become Ventspils' calling card: thousands of different flowers bloom in the beds already in spring. Flower sculptures bring playful accents to the City -"Duck Family" in the Children's Town, "Underwater World" at the Beach Waterpark, "Bunny Family" at the Adventure Park, "Ladybug Family on a Daisy" in Pārventa, "Bobsled Team" in the New Town Square, "Basketball" at the Olympic Centre "Ventspils", as well as an impressively sized "Flower Cow" in the meadow of Sarkanmuiža. The "Flower Clock" tells the correct time in the City center.





COW PARADE

One of the symbols of Ventspils has become the **diverse cows** created in 2002 and 2012 during the art and patronage project **"Cow Parade"**, whose images have been perfected by Latvian and foreign artists. In 2021, the number of large exhibits was supplemented by a new **"Ghetto Games cow"**, which was created in cooperation with the organizers of the extreme and street sports festival "Ghetto Games". Overall **28 cows** located at various attractions in the City invite and help you to get to know Ventspils.





OSTAS STREET PROMENADE PROPELLER "CILVĒCISKAIS SPĒKS" (HUMAN POWER)

- The ship's propeller found at 22m depth
- Propeller material bronze
- Weight 2595 kg
- Diameter 3.4 m

The new extension of the Ostas Street Promenade offers a magnificent view of Venta, the sea gates, the old port workshops, the impressive collection of buoys, the exhibited pilot ship "Rota" and a new environmental attraction "Cilvēciskais spēks" (Human Power).









ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTS "LATS"

In January 2023, alongside Livonian Order Castle the environmental object "Lats" - a tribute to our national currency - was unveiled. Ventspils has a historical connection with the lats. In 1926, silver lats coins minted in London were unloaded at the Port of Ventspils.

Jāņa iela 19, Ventspils



FOUNTAINS

Ten different, sparkling fountains refresh Ventspils' landscape - the newest one **"Umbrella"** in Laikrakstu Avenue, **"Shipwatcher"** in the Ostas Street Promenade, **"Sun Boats"** in the New Town Square, **"Millstone"** in the Mill Square, **"Dune Pine"** in front of the Pārventa Library, **"Drops"** at Ventspils University College, the Vidumupīte Fountain, the fountain in the pond of the Renka Garden, the colourful fountain in the Adventure Park and the most interesting fountain **"The Whale"** which adorns the Big Square.













CREATIVE **INDUSTRY**

VENTSPILS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND SCIENCE

Ventspils University College (VUC) is a public higher education **institution** which implements study programmes at all levels, including lifelong learning, as well as engages in scientific activities. VUC has three faculties - Translation Studies, IT and Economics and Management - and 16 study programmes. In addition to academic life, VUC is active in research in the fields of economics and business, linguistics, natural sciences and engineering. "Ventspils International Radio Astronomy Centre" (VIRAC) is a department of the VUAS, which implements worldwide scientific research and participates in space missions using its unique infrastructure - the radio telescope complex in Irbene. Visitors are welcome to explore the site on a pre-booked guided tour of the radio telescopes, the historical exhibition and space exploration in Latvia.

Excursions are offered from 1 May to 31 October.

Ventspils International Radio Astronomy Centre

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- Ventspils novads, Ances pagasts, Irbene
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Ventspils University College

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- Inženieru iela 101, Ventspils
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- VentspilsAugstskola **(f**)
- ventspils_augstskola



VENTSPILS AUGSTSKOLA

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PLANETARIUM AND OBSERVATORY

Creativity House offers to watch exciting planetarium star shows and 360-degree films about nature, the Universe and the planets and in the Observatory you can watch the Sun during the day in clear weather and the Moon in the evening through a high-quality telescope. On weekdays, it is particularly lively, as the Creativity House offers a wide range of interest education programmes, bringing together children and young people of all ages.

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- (f) VJN Planetārijs
- planetarijsobservatorija





LIBRARY

GĀLIŅCIEMS COMMUNITY CENTRE

In August 2023, the new Gāliņciems Library/ Gāliņciems Community Centre was opened, which offers a wide range of services and cultural events, with special emphasis on ancient crafts, skills and the preservation of the Ventin' language. The Library also offers a range of services for the blind and visually impaired. At the same time, the Centre also serves as a tourist attraction.

- biblioteka.ventspils.lv
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- f VentspilsBiblioteka galinciemabiblioteka

WORKING HOURS Mon. - Tue. 10.00 -18.00

Wed. 11.00 -19.00 Thu. - Fri. 10.00 -18.00 Sat. 10.00 - 16.00 Sun. closed

Last Thursday of every month - closed





MAIN LIBRARY WITH A CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The Main Library, which also houses the Children's Library, was founded in 1920. The Library offers a diverse collection of fiction, non-fiction and periodicals, audiovisual materials, a wide range of board games, local history materials, free internet, subscription databases, as well as a wide range of exhibitions, information and cultural events.

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- Akmeņu iela 2, Ventspils
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- biblioteka@ventspils.lv
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- ventspils biblioteka

WORKING HOURS Mon. - Fri. 10.00 - 18.00

Sat. 9.00 - 15.00 Sun. closed Closed on the last Thursday of each month



PĀRVENTA LIBRARY

The architecturally attractive Parventa Library has become a popular place for recreation and entertainment for residents and visitors of Ventspils. The Library attracts visitors with high-quality exhibitions, concerts and thoughtful thematic events.

- biblioteka.ventspils.lv
- Tārgales iela 4, Ventspils
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MUSIC LIBRARY

The Music Library is located on the 2nd floor of the Concert Hall "Latvija", the first public library of its kind in Latvia, and offers a wide range of services for music professionals and lovers. You can try out various musical instruments: accordion, kokle, guitar, flute, synthesiser, practice piano.

Groups are offered a variety of free creative activities that both entertain and allow to gain new knowledge and skills.

Library visitors will appreciate the quiet room and the music listening capsules egg - shaped chairs for relaxing and comfortable music enjoyment.

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- Lielais laukums 1, Ventspils
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- muz.bibl@ventspils.lv
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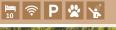


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