



2025 TOURISM NEWSPAPER



NEW!

CYCLING PARK

The most modern Pump Track cycling park in the Baltics!



BLUE FLAG BEACH

Natural sun baths allow you to open the sunbathing season earlier than elsewhere!



The city for
families
and
relaxation



CONCERT HALL LATVIJA

High-quality music in
acoustics to match!



SCIENCE CENTRE VIZIUM

A gem of urban architecture!
View of the city from a 30 m
high viewing platform!



TOBOGGAN TRACK

Ride speeds up to 40 km/h!



EVENTS 2025

MAY

- 2 Concert of the adult folk-dance ensemble Strautuguns JV
- 4 Events dedicated to the Day of the Restoration of Independence of the Republic of Latvia
- 8-11 Klubi Eesti Karavan camper reunion
- 9 Crazy Dauka (Dullais Dauka) – a play from the Latvian National Theatre JV
- 10 Spring Fair VT
Opening of the summer tourism and cycling season in Ventspils
Argentine tango show Tango Furioso JV
- 11 Concert by Kirill Varjas and Tatjana Čigorska Dancing in Dreams and Reality (Dejas sapņos un īstenībā) KZ
- 16 Concert of the best songs of the band KINO, A Star Named Sun (Zvaigzne vārdā Saule) JV
- 17 Pārventa Festival
International Night of Museums LOP PBM AM
- 23 Friday evening walk
- 23-24 Festival Percussion Sound Ventspils KZ
- 24 Run around Lake Būšnieki
- 25 By the Beautiful Blue Danube, a ballet by Straus with European ballet soloists JV
- 31 Olympic champion Dainis Kūla's International Javelin Throw Competition Ventspils Javelin 2025
Concert by Jean-Guihen Queyras, chamber orchestra Sinfonietta Riga, and conductor Normunds Snē KZ

JUNE

- 1 Children's Festival
- 7 Hoisting the Blue Flag
- 8 Ventspils Half Marathon
- 16 Musical performance The Tailor Days at Silmači (Skroderdienas Silmačos) JV
- 20 Opening of Aleksejs Naumovs's solo exhibition Polychrome (Polihroms) LOP
- 21 Summer Solstice PBM
- 21-23 Midsummer Fair VT
- 23 Celebration of Summer Solstice Eve and Midsummer Night ball in the garden Renķa dārzs

JULY

- 4 Summer evening concerts. Piano KĻAVIŅŠ M470i KZ
- 4-5 Sea Festival Fair. Ice Cream Festival VT
- 5 Sea Festival
Guntis Skrastiņš's Song and Chant Festival in the Renķa garden
Latvian Sea Cup in Beach Volleyball 2025
- 6 Little Sea Festival PBM
- 11 Summer season concerts. Melancholy of the Balts by Artis Sīmanis, Gunta Gelgote, Kristīne Adamaite KZ
- 11-13 Motorcycle rider gathering Kurland Bike Meet Latvian Championship in Beach Volleyball
- 13 Competition Dancing with Dogs (Dejas ar suņiem) PBM
- 18 Summer evening concerts. Romantic serenades. Ilze Grēvele-Skaraine, Rihards Millers, Erika Millere KZ
- 18-20 International Street Culture and Sports Festival Ghetto Games
- 26 Hostess Day PBM
- 27 Solo concert by Elīna Garanča KZ
- 31 The 30th-anniversary concert of the pop studio Jūras akmentiņi JV

AUGUST

- 1-2 City Festival Fair, Street Food Festival VT
- 1-3 Ventspils City Festival 700+35
- 2 VIZIUM Terrace Celebration
- 3 Crafts Day PBM
The closing concert of Ventspils City Festival KZ
- 9 Latvian Nordic Walking Festival
Concert of the band Prāta vētra (Brainstorm) in Renķa garden
- 15-17 Ukrainian Culture Days
- 23 Flax Day PBM
- 23-24 Belarusian Culture Days
- 25-30 Contemporary Rhythm Music Festival Ventspils Groove 2025
- 30 Night of the Ancient Fire on the beach

- VT Old Town Market
- JV Theatre House Jūras vārti
- LOP Livonian Order Castle
- AM House of Crafts
- KZ Concert Hall Latvija
- PBM Seaside Open Air Museum

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kulturascentrs.ventspils.lv
www.jurasvarti.lv

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CURRENT EVENTS

NEW!



The newly opened cycling park – a modern active recreation facility, which improves the city's sports infrastructure. The cycling park consists of an asphalt track with two levels of difficulty:

- The northern part of the track is more suitable for beginners and children.
- The larger southern part of the track offers ramps and areas for tricks and jumping at different difficulty levels.
- In addition, there is an adventure track where you can safely develop your cycling skills.

The tracks include the best elements from Latvia, Europe, and the world, providing ideal conditions for competitions. Entry to the cycling park is free.

Renķa garden, intersections of Sporta iela and Kuldīgas iela, Ventspils

VENTSPILS INSPIRES!



Renķa garden

Find out where the giant Lutausis lost his belongings!

ENJOY THE CHARM OF TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DIFFERENT BLOSSOMS IN THE LATVIAN CAPITAL OF FLOWERS!



Big Square

Spring's most glorious flower oasis!



Fountains

Melodies of 10 sparkling fountains will be heard already from 1 May!



Old Town

Carillon Clock Tower in Market Square – the musical symbol of the city.



Flower Cow

Every year, around 7,000 plants are planted on the Flower Cow's sculpture, and there are 24 cow sculptures for capturing your moments.



Seaside Park

Anchor Trail with 35 types of anchors – one of the largest anchor collections in the Baltics!

EXPLORE HISTORY



MORE THAN 100 YEARS OLD LOCOMOTIVE MAZBĀNĪTIS WILL TAKE YOU ON A 1.4 KM OR 3 KM ADVENTURE.



In the Seaside Open Air Museum, you can learn about the traditional way of life in Northern Kurzeme in the 19th and 20th centuries. The new building houses an exhibition on the history and everyday life of the coastal people. The Northern Kurzeme nature exhibition on the first floor of the building richly represents the local fauna, while the open-air area features authentic farmsteads, smokehouses, windmills, and a historic boat.

- The Museum celebrates Latvian annual festivals, where you can learn about Latvian traditions.
- Educational activities for different age groups take place throughout the year.

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A WALK AROUND THE MUSEUM IS COMPLETED BY A MOBILE APP THAT CAN BE DOWNLOADED DURING YOUR VISIT.



The city's oldest stone building, Livonian Order Castle (1295), houses a contemporary history museum where visitors can see exhibitions and explore medieval history by attending medieval reading and chanting sessions.

The Castle displays unique fragments of wall paintings from the 15th–17th centuries.

WRITTEN SOURCES MENTION THAT IN THE 15TH CENTURY, SEVEN KNIGHTS LIVED IN THE CASTLE.

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In the House of Crafts, established in the oldest (18th century) school building in Kurzeme, there are workshops for weavers and potters. It houses a 19th-century classroom, craft exhibitions, and an international ceramics symposium and it hosts social cooperation projects.

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Fire Correction Tower of the 46th Coastal Defence Battery – one of the few remaining defence structures in the Baltics where you can explore its history and enjoy views of the surrounding forests and the Baltic Sea.

Saulrieta iela, Ventspils
Working hours
1 April – 15 October

IN 1926, SILVER COINS OF LATS MINTED IN LONDON WERE UNLOADED AT THE VENTSPILS PORT. THE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CURRENCY IS PRESERVED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECT LATS ON THE CASTLE MOUND NEXT TO THE LIVONIAN ORDER CASTLE.

NEW!



New indoor **children's leisure centre Dreamland (Sapņu Zeme Ventspils)** has been opened. The 730 m² area can accommodate up to 80 visitors at a time, by allowing them to enjoy a variety of activities including a double-deck obstacle course, tube sliding facilities, slides, ball pool, trampolines, Spider wall, carousel, and climbing area. For children and parents, there is also a sweets shop Candy POP, private party rooms, a baby corner, and a mothers' room.

The new entertainment venue has become a great way for children to stay active, whatever the weather.

📍 Jūras iela 9, Ventspils
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ONE OF THE BIGGEST ENTERTAINMENT CENTRES IN KURZEME IS OPEN!

VENTSPILS INSPIRES!



Ostas Street Promenade

Environmental object found at the bottom of the sea and exhibited – **Propeller "Human Power"**, along with an impressive **collection of buoys and sea marks!**

The **new swimming area** opposite the Deer Garden includes innovative access to water for people with reduced mobility – a special ramp allows easy access to the water using a wheelchair, which can be obtained at the Deer Garden by prior arrangement by calling ☎ +371 26126126.

Lake Būšnieki nature trail offers an opportunity to enjoy walks in the forest and views of the lake from the footbridge. **At the boat base**, boats, catamarans, and SUP boards can be rented for the exploration of the lake. Picnic areas, changing cabins, and exercise information are available around the lake.

📍 Staldzenes iela 64, Ventspils

AROUND 35 BIRD SPECIES NEST IN THE SOUTH-WESTERN PART OF LAKE BŪŠNIEKI!



Blue Flag Beach

Enjoy romantic sunsets on the Baltic Sea coast where every moment offers a new, unique view.



Southern Pier

Sailor Cow – the first large-sized cow sculpture in the city!



Pārventa

Pārventa Library is a popular place for recreation, entertainment, and culture!



Staldzene steep coastline

Seeing unique nature from an **illuminated viewing platform or wooden footbridge**.

ACTIVE RECREATION WITH CHILDREN



Every Sunday at 11:00 in the **Children's Town** and at 15:00 in the **Children's Park Fantāzija**, there are free events for children.

38 PLAYGROUNDS FOR CHILDREN AND 13 OUTDOOR GYMS!



Children's Town

📍 Lielais prospekts/ J. Poruka iela, Ventspils

Children's Park Fantāzija

📍 Talsu iela/ Celtnieku iela, Ventspils

VENTSPILS IS ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE!



Adventure Park – active recreation complex with a wide range of fun features:

- The **largest all-season toboggan track in the Baltics** track length – 800 m, downhill ride – 580 m long with 360° bends speeding up to 40 km/h).
- Amusement zone (more than 20 facilities).
- Ropes course Cat's Path.
- Picnic areas.
- Paintball and laser tag area.
- BMX track and a wake park.
- A great view from the top of the mountain.



NEW!



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New play equipment and 15 wooden sculptures complement the Jungle Trail depicting the inhabitants of the jungle. The trail is 240 m long, and children can test their agility and endurance.

NEW ANIMALS IN THE JUNGLE TRAIL OF THE SEASIDE PARK!

In the summer of 2024, next to the Adventure Park, a **free disc golf park** was established. It is the third most difficult course in Latvia, offering an easier configuration for beginners. Disc golf combines a walk in nature with an exciting game, providing adventure and positive emotions with friends and family.

🌐 www.piedzivojumuparks.lv

📍 Saules iela 141, Ventspils

☎ +371 28611333

At the Beach Waterpark you can enjoy water fun while spending time outdoors next to the Ventspils Blue Flag Beach. Three heated pools, saunas, hot tubs, and two towers with five slides offer an exciting relaxation experience. For the youngest visitors, there are specially adapted facilities in the small pool.

🕒 **Working hours**
June – August

🌐 www.pludmalesakvaparks.lv

📍 Medņu iela 19, Ventspils

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EVENTS 2025

SEPTEMBER

- 1 The 1st Day of School
- 6 Autumn Fair **VT**
- 13 Kurzeme Craftsmen Gathering **AM** **LOP**
- 14 Day of Baltic Unity 2025 **KZ**
- 19 Blacksmith Day **PBM**
Ventspils Jazz Club **KZ**
Conclusion of J. F. Tīdemanis's Plein Air Painting 2025, opening of an exhibition **LOP**
- 20 Concert Smiling by Jānis Stibelis **JV**
- 21 Musical Thumbelina (Īkstīte) for children by Jānis Lūsēns and Normunds Bejskis **JV**
- 27 Opening of the autumn season of the Concert Hall Latvija with the Latvian National Symphony Orchestra, the State Choir Latvija and soloists **KZ**
Latvian Michaelmas Day **PBM**
- 28 Mushroom exhibition **PBM**
Concert Near and Far (Tuvumā Tālumā) by A-Europa **JV**

OCTOBER

- 4 Anniversary Evening of Andris Keišs **KZ**
- 7–31 Campaign and workshop Weave a Latvian Ribbon! (Noaud Latvijas lenti!) **AM**
- 9 Concert by pianist Georgijs Osokins **KZ**
- 11 Pumpkin Festival **VT**
- 12 Anniversary concert Guntars Račs Turns 60 (Guntaram Račam – 60) **JV**
- 16 Closing of the International Symposium on Small Form Ceramics Navigation 2025 and opening of the exhibition **LOP**
- 18 Giuditta (Džūdita), a play by Operetta Theatre **JV**
- 19 AG TRIO, a concert by Kaspars Zemītis, Aivars Hermanis, and Mārcis Auziņš **KZ**
- 22 The 20th-anniversary concert Momentum of the Navy Orchestra of the Latvian National Armed Forces **KZ**
- 23 Comedy Roleplays (Lomu spēles) **JV**
- 25 The 25th-anniversary concert of Latvian Blues Band **JV**

NOVEMBER

- 1 Concert by pianist Reinis Zariņš **KZ**
- 1–15 Campaign and workshop Weave a Latvian Ribbon! (Noaud Latvijas lenti!) **AM**
- 7 Ventspils Jazz Club **KZ**
- 8 Concert by Miks Galvanovskis **JV**
Latvian Martin's Fair **VT**
Saint Martin's Day **PBM**
- 9 Anniversary concert by Zigfrīds Muktupāvels **KZ**
- 11 Lāčplēsis Day events. Laying of flowers. Torchlight procession
- 12 All of It (Visas viņas), a play by Daile Theatre **JV**
- 18 Events dedicated to the Proclamation Day of the Republic of Latvia
Running or cycling the outline of Latvia in Ventspils
- 20 Everything is Awry... (Viss ačgārnī), a play by Mikhail Chekhov Riga Russian Theatre **JV**
- 22 Concert by Marija Dance Studio **JV**
- 23 50th-anniversary concert of the Ventspils Culture Centre women's choir Vēnda with Mirage Jazz Orchestra **JV**
- 29 Lighting of the city's main Christmas tree in the Big Square
Musical evening A Song about a Game (Dziesma par spēli) by Mārtiņš Brauns with soloists and Liepāja Symphony Orchestra **JV**

DECEMBER

- 2 Father Silence (Tēvs klusums), a play by Liepāja Theatre **JV**
- 4 Opening of a solo exhibition of textile artist Dace Grīnberga **LOP**
- 6 Concert by Avi Avital and Ksenija Sidorova **KZ**
Saint Nicholas Day **LOP**
- 7 Charity concert from Heaven High I Come to You (No debesīm es atnesu) **KZ**
- 13 30th-anniversary concert of the Dance Studio Prieks **JV**
- 14 Concert series Organ Music on Sunday (Ērģelmūzika svētdienā) **KZ**
- 20 Winter Solstice, pulling a log to the **VT**
Christmas concert with Aija Andrejeva, Jānis Aīspurs, Ventspils Big Band, Ventspils Chamber Orchestra **KZ**
Honouring craftsmen and artisans Glory of Handicraft (Roku darba godība) **AM**
- 20–21 Christmas Fair **VT**
- 25 Christmas on Mazbānītis **PBM**
- 26 Christmas concert. Marina Rebeka, Oskars Petrauskis, Liene Andreta Kalnciema **KZ**
- 27 Concert of the band Labvēlīgais tips **JV**
- 29 New Year's Eve concert **JV**
- 31 New Year's run
New Year's Eve celebration in the Big Square

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CULTURAL LIFE

A colourful palette of events in the seaside city is offered by the **Concert Hall *Latvija*, Theatre House *Jūras vārti*, and Culture Centre.**



The **Concert Hall *Latvija*** hosts inspiring world-class concerts. There are new and surprising projects and events and an opportunity to enjoy music from world-class artists.

Go behind the scenes!

Everyone can take a guided tour of the Concert Hall to get to know the soul of the building and the spaces that are usually hidden from visitors.

- www.koncertzalelatvija.lv
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A SPACE FOR MUSIC IN THE HEART OF VENTSPILS – A PLACE FOR MEETING AND ENJOYING MUSIC OF OUTSTANDING QUALITY!



THE WORLD'S LARGEST VERTICAL CONCERT PIANO KĻAVINŠ M470I

The vertical piano is 4.7 meters high, and the pianist plays it on a platform more than 7 meters above the ground level.

YOUTH PROGRAM OF SIA "KURZEMES FILHARMONIJA"! YOUNG PEOPLE (UP TO 30 YEARS OLD) CAN HAVE WELL-PRICED TICKETS AN HOUR BEFORE THE EVENT AT THE BOX OFFICE OF THE CONCERT HALL!



THE FIRST PIPE ORGAN BUILT IN LATVIA IN 80 YEARS
The organ has 3,060 pipes, 4 manuals and a pedal, 28 independent registers, 23 octave extensions, 18 borrowed and 14 duplicated registers, giving the instrument a varied sound.



As usual, the **Theatre House *Jūras vārti*** hosts Latvian professional theatres and various artists, while the exhibition halls offer the opportunity to explore the world of visual art.

- www.jurasvarti.lv
- Karlīnes iela 40, Ventspils
- +371 63624271

VENTSPILS WELCOMES YOU IN WINTER TOO!



The **water area of the Water Amusement Park** offers guests an artificial wave pool, a heated pool, and a children's pool with playful figures, exciting slides, and spa baths. The **SPA area** offers three different saunas, a salt room, a cold-water pool, a massage bath, showers, and an artificial ice generator, creating the ideal environment for relaxation and energy restoration.

- www.udensparks.lv
- Lauku iela 5, Ventspils
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Skiing Hill Lemberga hūte offers a beginners' slope (120 m downhill), an expert slope, a sled track (230 m), and equipment rental provided the weather conditions are suitable.

The **largest all-season toboggan track in the Baltics**, available all year round, adds to winter entertainment!

- www.piedzivojumuparks.lv
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In 2024, **VIZIUM exhibition** was **expanded** with a **new exhibit** – a sand table offering more than 10 activities. There is also a **new interactive floor game** that can be used to learn in almost 100 different ways.

The **Science Centre** offering includes:

- 80 interactive exhibits, creative workshops, and amazing science shows for the whole family!
- Themed events for big and small.
- Conference room rental.
- Birthday activities.
- Cooperative events.
- Excursions for pupils.
- A free viewing platform!

- www.vizium.lv
- Rūpniecības iela 2, Ventspils
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The **Ice Hall** offers public ice skating with disco lights or ice-hockey. Skating, ice-hockey, and curling equipment are available at the rental point of the Hall.

- www.ocventspils.lv
- Sporta iela 7/9, Ventspils
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Latvia's only digital planetarium offers **360° virtual space travel on a screen**. The dome is 8 metres in diameter and seats 40 visitors. The planetarium's repertoire is regularly updated and **accessible to people with reduced mobility**.

- www.jaunradesnams.lv
- Maiznieku iela 11, Ventspils
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THE OBSERVATORY OFFERS A HIGH-RESOLUTION TELESCOPE FOR VIEWING THE SUN, MOON, AND PLANETS.

ALREADY FROM NOVEMBER!

If you want to immerse yourself in a Christmas fairy tale, come to Ventspils, where everyone will find a festive atmosphere, sparkling decorations, and exciting events!



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