

Discover Summer – The Museum

Inspires!



The Ventspils Museum offers a special summer program from June 1st to August 31st. – a variety of cultural and educational activities for families with children, individual travelers, and, of course, the people of Ventspils themselves. History, music, crafts, and art – the Ventspils Museum inspires!

At the Livonian Order Castle, special events will take place every week during the summer: guided exhibition tours, performances of historical musical instruments in short concerts, and authentic flavors from ancient recipes. Visiting the castle allows you to travel through time and immerse yourself in different eras!

01.06.-31.08. /Livonian Order Castle / Jāṇa Street 17

• Ars longa /Ars longa, vita brevis – Art is long, life is short / 11:00–11:30 / Wednesdays

A walk through current art exhibitions together with a museum specialist.

• Vita brevis /11:00-11:30/ Thursdays

A walk through current collection exhibitions together with a museum historian.

• Musica hortus / Garden concert 12:00-13:00 / Thursdays

The Music Box Player under the Chestnut Trees – listen and try operating the music box in the castle courtyard.

• Musica brevis /Short concert 13:00-13:10 / Saturdays and Sundays

A mini concert featuring historical player pianos (1927) or a polyphone (19th century).

• Aqua vitae /Water of life /12:00-15:00 / 27.06; 25.07; 22.08; 26.09.

Come and enjoy a strength tonic prepared according to medieval recipes and receive an ancient recipe to take home!

*Entry with museum tickets

The Craft House opens its doors to creative and entertaining summer activities. Create your own unique souvenir and watch open-air cinema under the starry sky!

01.06.-31.08. /Craft House / Skolas Street 3

 \bullet Creative Workshop "Greetings from Ventspils" /11:00 – 14:00/ Saturdays

Create your own souvenir at the Craft House!

• Open-air cinema evenings in the Craft House courtyard / 21:00 – 23:00

19.06. "Limousine in the Colors of Midsummer Night"

24.07. "Inspector Grauds" and a meeting with the actors

28.08. "Captain Enriko's Clock" *Entry with museum tickets

At the Seaside Open-Air Museum, an exciting ride on the Mazbānītis and engaging walks through the museum's exhibits await you. Take part in morning activities, explore ancient skills, and enjoy special themed days!

01.07.-31.08. /Seaside Open-Air Museum / Rinka Street 2

• Tour and ride on the Mazbānītis / 13:15–14:00 / Tuesdays

A story about the Mazbānītis or a walk through the museum's exhibits followed by a train ride.

• Mazbānītis Morning Activity / 10:00–11:00 / Sundays

Watch and participate – prepare the historic locomotive for the day's work and enjoy the first ride on the Circular Line.

• Ancient skills:

07.06. Wool Day
26.07. Hostesses' Day
23.08. Flax Day
19.09. Blacksmiths' Day
*Entry with museum tickets

At the H. Dorbe Museum, we invite you to step back into the 1970s when, instead of modern digital projectors, families used slide projectors during cozy evenings to watch mountain hikes, boat trips, and of course, their favorite garden flowers projected onto a bright wall or hanging sheet. During the slide evenings titled "What's in the Garden?" we will view images of Ventspils' home gardens from the 1970s and 1980s.

 $\underline{01.06.\text{-}31.08.}$ /H. Dorbe Museum / Ērgļu Street 1

• Slide Evenings "What's in the Garden?" / 17:00–18:00 / 12.06; 10.07; 14.08; 10.09.

Slides from Ventspils' home gardens in the 1970s–80s – stories of gardens from the past!

*Free admission