

## Invitation to participate in the Ventspils 2025 photo contest



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The Tourism Information Centre (TIC) of the Marketing and Tourism Department of the Ventspils City Council Administration invites all photography enthusiasts to take part in the Ventspils City photo contest. This year, photo submissions in digital format can be sent in until the 15th. september. From all the entries, 40 of the best will be selected to be displayed in a special photo exhibition, and the winners will receive cash prizes from the Ventspils State City Municipality.

Each author may submit up to 30 photographs depicting Ventspils – its everyday life, events, cityscapes and tourist attractions, as well as its people and social life.

The photo evaluation will take place in two rounds, determining the winners in four categories. In the first round, the evaluation will be carried out by the Marketing and Tourism Department of the Ventspils City Council Administration in cooperation with the chair of the competition committee, reviewing all submitted works and selecting the 300 best photographs. In the second round, the competition committee will select the 40 best works and nominate the winners in each of the categories:

- Advertising photograph: A portrayal of Ventspils with tourist attractions and/or events, suitable for marketing and promotional materials.
- Artistic photograph: An abstract depiction of the city in both color and black-and-white tones.
- Drone photograph: A bird's-eye view representation of Ventspils.

Every resident of Ventspils and city guest will be able to vote on the portal www.ventspils.lv, choosing their favorite from the 40 finalists. The photograph receiving the most votes will be awarded the Audience Choice Prize.

The laureates selected by the jury will receive a diploma and cash prizes from the Ventspils City Council Administration at the opening of the photo exhibition. Awards will be given to the three best Advertising photographs, as well as to the first-place winners in the categories of Artistic Color Photograph, Artistic Black-and-White Photograph, and Drone Photograph. A cash prize will also be awarded to the Audience Choice winner – the favorite selected through the online voting by Ventspils residents.

Applications and photographs can be submitted until this year's

September 15th at 12.00by sending them via email to tourism@ventspils.lv or in person at the TIC, Akmeņu Street 5. The competition regulations can be viewed online HERE, as well as in person at the TIC on weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The application form for individuals is available HERE, and for legal entities HERE.

Show Ventspils from your point of view!