



# Explore Ventspils with your Class!

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This autumn, we invite students from all over Latvia to go on an adventure to Ventspils! Science Centre VIZIUM offers educational and attractive excursions, and the Planetarium and Observatory of the Ventspils Creativity House offers the opportunity to learn about the Universe. Feel the breath of history in Ventspils museums and explore them! For lovers of active recreation, there are the Adventure Park's all-season "Toboggan Track", "Cat Trail" and exciting entertainment in the Water Amusement Park. Enjoy the cultural life of the Concert Hall "Latvija" and the Theatre House "Jūras vārti". And you can experience a sense of community at the Gāliņciems Community Centre.



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SCIENCE CENTRE VIZIUM offers students a wide range of technology and creative workshops, as well as surprising and educational science shows. At Science Centre VIZIUM, young and old alike can play football, snowboard, experience the power of an earthquake, escape a virtual maze, ride a roller coaster and more! When you go on a field trip to VIZIUM, your class gets a 10% discount on the Exhibition Hall, and the teacher gets free admission! Find out how to book and prices **HERE**.



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LIVONIAN ORDER CASTLE which operates as the Ventspils Museum, invites you to get acquainted with the oldest building in Ventspils and learn new knowledge in the Museum's educational programmes:

- The **Art Lesson at the Museum** series invites *pre-school, elementary and primary school pupils* to learn about printmaking techniques. What is linocut, screen printing, lithography, etching and ink drawing? Discover the black and white treasures of the Ventspils Art Museum.
- The **Nature&History** series invites *pre-school and primary school children* to the Museum's pedagogical lesson "When two lizards meet". Here you will learn about the viviparous lizard ( *Zootoca vivipara*) and the sand lizard (*Lacerta agilis*). You will look for differences in the appearance and lifestyle of the two lizards. You will imitate lizards in a creative activity.
- In the series "Bay Leaf and Deer Antler Salt", the Livonian Order Castle invites *primary and secondary school pupils and adult groups to take a journey* through the history of cookery books. What is the heritage of Pastor Christoph Harder in the 18th century? Stumbling blocks in reading ancient print and the names of spices. Are you ready to create your own delicious recipe and contribute to the new cookbook of the Ventspils Museum? Take part in the competition "Ventņrecipte 2023/2024".

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HOUSE OF CRAFTS is located in the restored oldest school building of the Duchy of Courland, built in the 18th century. The restored building offers visitors a classroom decorated in 19th-century style. By prior arrangement, it is possible to take part in a lesson in the 19th century tradition.

- The Museum's education programme "I am a Friend of the Museum" is offered to *pre-school and primary school pupils* in the **House of Crafts**. Through games and puzzles, children get to know the Museum's environment – the Ancient School Classroom, the craft workshops and the Exhibition Hall, the Museum's staff and the specifics of the Museum. In order to become a Friend of the Museum, each participant will have to learn the rules of what can and cannot be done in the Museum by solving the tasks in groups. If the tasks are solved correctly, at the end of the class, everyone will receive a "Friend of the Museum" pin. The programme is part of the Latvian School Bag project.

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SEASIDE OPEN AIR MUSEUM presents the everyday life of the inhabitants of the Kurzeme coast, reflecting the life of Latvian, Livonian farmers and fishermen. See buildings typical of farmsteads, including windmills from Užava Parish, smokehouses and net huts with exhibits typical of everyday life.



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Until the end of October, the Seaside Open Air Museum offers the opportunity to take a ride on the narrow-gauge locomotive**MAZBĀNĪTIS**, which once connected the coastal villages of Kurzeme. Mazbānītis offers two railway lines: Circle Line – 1.4 km and Hill Line – 3.0 km.