



Ventspils City festival 700+34



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Ventspils City Festival 700+34 programme – blooming, colourful and sonorous

Ventspils will celebrate its 700+34th birthday on the first weekend of August. Three days of concerts, exhibitions, art performances, sports activities, delicious and blooming surprises.

Saturday, 3 August will end with fireworks on the Ostas Street Promenade, which is particularly magnificent in the reflection of the River Venta waters. The Festival’s concerts will feature musicians from as far afield as South America, music superpower Great Britain and neighbouring Lithuania, as well as the most popular Latvian and local Ventspils artists. The world will be watching the Olympic Games with bated breath, and the streets, squares and parks of Ventspils will be packed with people to enjoy some of the wide range of events on offer.

VENTSPILS CITY FESTIVAL 700+34 PROGRAMME: HERE

Thursday, 1 August – warm-up

	Festive warm-up concert ROCK BALLADS. SUNSET STRIP	
	The concert will be performed by the VENTSPILS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA , the mixed choir VENTSPILS , soloists AIJA VĪTOLIŅA , ATIS IEVIŅŠ , ERVĪNS RAMIŅŠ and ATIS ZVIEDRIS . Conductor AIGARS MERI .	Theatre House “Jūras vārti”
19.00	The programme includes legendary songs by Guns n’ Roses, Bon Jovi, Cinderella, Poison, Aerosmith, Motley Crue, Def Leppard, Mr. Big, Skid Row, ballads by Joan Jett and other rock stars of the 70s and 80s. Ticket price: €10 – €15 (ticket pre-sale at “Biļešu paradīze” box offices andonline)	

Friday, 2 August – opening

	22nd INTERNATIONAL FLOWER CARPET FESTIVAL “Colourful Flower Games”	
	Making flower carpets. The rules of the Festival require each team to create one floral carpet in the shape of a circle with a diameter of 2.8 metresBig Square	
	within 23 hours	
07.30 – 17.00	City Festival Fair	Old Town Market Square
10.30	Meeting with the writer KRISTĪNE ULBERGA	H.Dorbe Memorial Museum
11.00	Liepāja Puppet Theatre performance in PII SPRĪDĪTIS	
	Ticket price 4 EUR, available at Pārventa Library	Pārventa Library
12.00 – 17.00	Creative workshop for children	
	Dreamcatcher workshop using natural and other materials	Gāliņciems Library
19.00 – 21.30	OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL and awarding ceremony of the City Council Grand Prize and awards	Amphitheater of the
	Awarding ceremony and concert. Ceremony hosted by actor NORMUNDS LAIZĀNS . Music by singer AIJA VĪTOLIŅA and TANGO SIN QUINTO	Concert Hall “Latvija”

FRIDAY EVENING AND NIGHT PROGRAMME

	Beach Waterpark Whirlpool Night	
21.00 – 01.00	Night relaxation in the Waterpark’s pools, jacuzzis, saunas and on slides. Entrance fee € 8	Beach Waterpark
21.00	Sunset on the beach with DJ MAKREE	VIETA, KUR būt.
21.00 – 01.00	FESTIVE SPICES	
	A creative party in the unique courtyard of the Old Town. DJ SLĪMESTS SLAISTS will take care of the musical mood of the evening	
22.00	Joint programme will be presented by Ventspils rapper MARCH and VENTSPILS JAZZ NONET	Annas Street courtyard
23.00	Special guest – British DJ CHRIS ARNOLD with his project THE BEATLES DUB CLUB , which will take visitors on an exciting musical journey through his collection of cover versions, remixes and compositions, including the great The Beatles	
24.00	Audiovisual performance by the duo MONDAY IN SPACE	
21.30 – 02.00	OLD TOWN SCHLAGER BALL	Old Town Market Square
	The Tavern “Kāraliskā zoss” offers Old Town Schlager Ball with the band DAKOTA . Evening market, food, drinks and dancing	

Saturday, 3 August – Festival events

	22nd INTERNATIONAL FLOWER CARPET FESTIVAL “Colourful Flower Games”	
	Participants from all over the Baltics, whose artworks will grace the Big Square throughout the weekend. Everyone can vote for their favourite until 14.00	
	WELCOMING THE SUN IN MOVEMENT AND SOUND	
07.00 – 08.30	Meditative musical programme LĪGA & BAHS with gong, wind chimes, singing bowls, kokle and countless percussion instruments. Exercise for body and mind, greeting the rising sun and the city, morning invigorating <i>Masala chai</i> tea	
09.00 – 17.00	BALTIC DESIGN MARKET	
	With the participation of nearly 50 of Latvia’s best fashion, jewellery and accessory designers, as well as guests from Lithuania and Estonia	
12.00 – 17.00	Presentation of the latest cars by Moller Auto Ventspils	
12.00 – 17.00	CONCERT BY STUDENTS OF THE VENTSPILS MUSIC HIGH SCHOOL	
12.00	Young musicians from Ventspils Music High School SABĪNE MUSTERMANE and her band. Sabine is a young singer and musician who released her debut album “Magnētiņi” at the end of last year	
13.00 and 14.00	The Big Square will be filled with the sounds of percussion instruments. Young percussionists will perform both solo and ensemble programmes	
15.00	Ventspils Music High School’s Wind Orchestra will perform a sonorous, colourful and varied programme	
16.00	The musical programme will be closed by EMĪLIJA JERMOLA (Emīlija Jermola trio). Emīlija is a young and promising musician who has just graduated from the Music High School in June and is actively creating her own music	

OLD TOWN

07.30 – 17.00	City Festival Fair	Old Town Market Square
12.00 – 17.00	FESTIVE SPICES	
	Creative activity in the Old Town courtyard. Vinyl record sales, the unique vegetarian cuisine and cocktails of the “Vārnu ielas republika”, specialcoffee from Closer Coffee Roasters, a street circus, musical programmes and a spiced treat for big and small	
12.00	Percussionist NILS ĪLE and ethnopercussion group ZEMEDUNN	
12.30	“Roses in the Wind” by the travelling circus BEZTEMATA , featuring large-scale flowers and juggling wind	
13.00 and 14.30	DANTE PECOLLI will surprise with magic tricks	Annas Street courtyard
13.30	ZEMEDUNN drumming with visitors	
14.10	Meet the Big Reptile and the Strange Eyes in BEZTEMATA performance “Creation of Life”	
15.00	The talented musician EMILIJA , known from the television show X Factor, with an acoustic programme	
15.40	Twins by twins and a monocycle in the Circus BEZTEMATA performance “Dual Nature”	
16.00	Songwriter and musician JURIS SIMANOVIČS , with the band BEZ GRĒKA IENEMTIE	
12.00 – 15.00	BOOK FESTIVAL	
	Informative and entertaining event “READ. THINK. DO. CELEBRATE!”. It will be hosted by EMĪLS and IEVA KĪĢEĻI , the main characters of the TV programme “Mēs ar brāli kolosāli”. Find out more about European countries in the photo exhibition “Travels around Europe”. Let’s create our own celebration story “Latvia – EU”. Creative workshops, games and other activities will await children	Town Hall Square
12.30	Culture journalist LIEGA PIEŠIŅA will talk to writer LAURA VINOGRADOVA and blogger, traveller, book author ZANE ENIŅA .	
13.45	Let’s explore the flavours of Europe with culinary blogger PIPARS	
14.15	Launch of the book “Ventspilnieka ābece”	
14.30	Awarding the authors of the books of Ventspils state city and region and a musical greeting from the pop studio JŪRAS AKMENTIŅI	
	COME. SEE. DISCOVER!	
13.00 – 19.00	The Castle’s exposition is open. Exhibitions to see: MĀRIS ČAČKA “Reception” – painting and graphic art; “Ventspils Woman’s Wardrobe in the 1950s-1980s”; Medieval wooden games and tools of torture, thematic workshops in the Castle’s courtyard. Ticket price: € 2; € 5	Livonian Order Castle

📅 Fri, 02.08.2024

📅 Sun, 04.08.2024

🏠 Vecpilsētas tirgus laukums, Amatu māja, Livonijas ordeņa pils, Rātslaukums, Jaunpilsētas laukums, Dzirnavu laukums, VIZIUM, Ventspils lidosta, Pārventas bibliotēka, Piejūras brīvdabas muzejs, Piedzīvojumu parks,Ventspils Svētā Krusta Romas katoļu baznīca

🕒 Square-Lielais laukums 1

