



Ventspils City Festival 700+35



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From July 31 to August 3, Ventspils invites everyone to a vibrant City Festival, celebrating with more than 70 events across various locations. Expect lively concerts, the grand festive parade, a glowing street art plein air, the Book Festival, drag racing, a foam party for kids, a special culinary experience at the Street Food Show, and the Ice Cream Festival. The celebration will culminate in a spectacular riverside concert and dazzling fireworks display. These and many other events will transform Ventspils into the summer celebration capital. Peace unites, the city inspires!

FESTIVAL PROGRAM:

Thursday, July 31 – OPENING NOTES

18:00 | Pop Studio JŪRAS AKMENTIŅI – 30th Anniversary Concert

Featuring current and former students of the pop studio – Edvards Grieze, Roberts Pētersons, Katrīna Bindere–Čodere, Everts Riekstiņš, Kaspars Antess, Laura Lauze, and the band The Stones.

Guest artists – Jānis Aišpurs and Ingars Viļums.

Ticket price: €7 (available in advance at Biļešu paradīze)

Friday, August 1 – OPENING DAY

08:00–15:00 | Fair Market

/Old Town Market Square/

11:00 | Puppet show “Lotte Goes on an Expedition”

/Pārventa Library/

Ticket price: €4

11:00 | Meeting with poet Iveta Dārzniece

/H. Dorbe Museum/

14:00 | Opening of Inga Insberga’s exhibition “Roses in a Glass Jar”

/Livonian Order Castle/

16:00 | Opening of the exhibition “Between the Seas”

/Pārventa Library/

Artists – Sarmīte Caune, Aija Bāliņa, and Dace Saulīte

19:00–21:30 | Festival Opening and Ventspils City Council Grand Prize and Awards Ceremony

/“Latvija” Concert Hall Amphitheater/

Music by Everita Pjata-Gertnere and “Atklāti mūzikā,” hosted by Andris Bulis

Evening and Night Program:

20:00–24:00 | Street Food Show

/Old Town Market Square/

21:00–1:00 | Open Night at the Beach Aqua Park

(Ticket price: €8)

20:00 | Aivars Konutis “OneManBand”

/Beach Café “Vieta, kur būt.”/

21:30–24:00 | Concert Evening with Dancing

/“Latvija” Concert Hall Amphitheater/

22:00 | Duet Bel Tempo

Before and after performance by DJ Vento

22:00–6:00 | DJ J-ONE

/Bar “REVEZ”/

23:00–6:00 | Festival Preparty

/Nightclub “SILRAK”/

00:00 | Music by Russell & Sabīne Berezina

Saturday, August 2 – FESTIVAL DAY

11:00 | FESTIVE PARADE (Lielais prospekts – from Katoļu Street to Brīvības Street)

Ventspils municipality and private city companies, services, and institutions will participate with lively employee presentations and equipment displays.

OLD TOWN

08:00–16:00 | Fair Market

/Old Town Market Square/

12.00–17.00 | Street Food Show – dažādu valstu ēdieni un dzērieni, šefpavāru tāsti, meistarklases, konkursi un balvas

12:00–15:00 | Book Festival

/Town Hall Square/

An educational, informative, entertaining, and creative event titled “Artificial Intelligence and Its Creative Expressions.” Featuring a book market, current topics, and discussions. The event will be hosted and musically enriched by actor, singer, and performance artist Māris Skrodis.

The “Escape Room” in collaboration with the Ventspils Digital Center. In the creative workshops, you can write poetry, create artwork, make masks, compete in chess games against AI, work with a virtual Lego builder, design your own robot friend or a symbol of freedom—a bird, paint vinyl records, and participate in many other exciting activities.

13:30 | Greeting of Book Authors

12:30–17:30 | FESTIVAL SPICES

/Skolas Street 1, courtyard/

A creative courtyard festival with an international luminescent street art plein air, music, and humor.

The 735-minute-long luminescent street art plein air “Peace” will feature both internationally recognized and local artists. Participating artists include:

Elementton aka Aleksejs Odnorukovs, *Ramz Mose* aka Emīls Rimkus, Dmitrijs Borodins aka Dmitry ARCH, and guests from Lithuania – Tadas Vincaitis and Rodion Petrov (*Rodion Petroff*).

Ventspils will be represented by five artists – Inga Insberga, Zanda Pudule-Indāne (*@zandagraphic*), Maruta Pļavniece (*Marfa*), and Ventspils Art School teachers Santa Dalbe and Paula Pundiņa.

The program will be enriched with activities by the Youth Council, as well as musical and humorous performances. It promises a flavorful experience for both young and old alike.

12:45 / 13:40 / 15:30 | Parodist Ernests Cimanskis

13:00 | Kapteinis Reinis

14:30 | Band YŪT

16:30 | Duet Flagship Romance (USA)

13:00–19:00 | Medieval chants I and medieval daily life

/Livonian Order Castle/

Medieval life and daily routines, combat technique demonstrations, and a weapons stand — presented by the historical reenactment club RODENPOYS.

14:00 | VOX IBERIKA – medieval music from the Iberian Peninsula performed by SCHOLA CANTORUM VOX IUBILANTIS

(Entry with museum ticket)

13:00–18:00 | Potter’s Days

/Crafts House/

Pottery wheel throwing competition and Folk class

(Entry with museum ticket)

LIELAIS LAUKUMS

10:00–16:00 | Radio SWH mobile studio

11.00–18.00 | Baltijas dizaina tirgus

12:00–16:00 | SportAnalytik test for children

12:00–16:40 | Concert “To Be in Music...” / Concert Hall “Latvija” Amphitheatre /

12:00 | Latvian Naval Force Orchestra

13:00 | Students, alumni, and teachers of Ventspils Music Secondary School – ensembles “Full House” and “Redīsi”; young musicians – Gatis Poriņš, Emīlija Jasmīna Švarca, Sofija Puzirevska,

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🏠 Concert Hall "Latvija"; Science Centre "VIZIUM"; Old Town Market Square; Ostas Street Promenade; Adventure Park; Town Hall Square; Dzirnau Square; Seaside Open-Air Museum; Ventspils Airport; New Town Square; Livonian Order Castle; H. Dorbe Museum; Crafts House

📍 Lielais laukums, Ventspils, Latvija

