



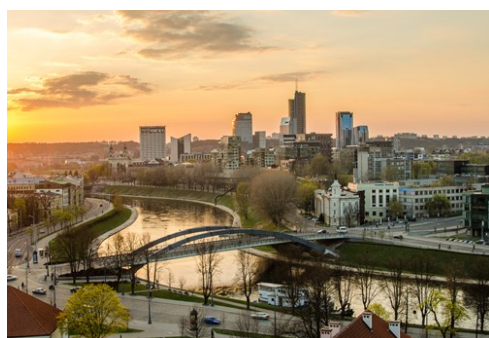
Vilnius

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Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, is one of the most frequently visited cities of Eastern Europe. It draws attention, not only because of its unique architectural character, but also because of its cultural events and attractions. During the first ten years of Lithuanian independence, the city became a tourist attraction centre. It is, therefore, not surprising that the number of tourists consistently increased during these ten years and that the tourist infrastructure and services developed at the same time.



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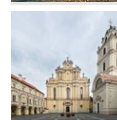
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THE CITY



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Vilnius is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and it is not hard to see why with all the wonderful historic sights found here. The city's extraordinary appearance of historic continuity is all the more amazing when you consider its turbulent history. Vilnius is now back where it rightly belongs, at the heart of Europe, and this most quintessentially European of cities has quickly gained a reputation as being a charming, delightful and, it has to be said, magical place.

It is no wonder that Vilnius has become such a popular tourist destination in recent years for the simple reason that few people can resist its magical charms. The city is large enough to explore, but small enough not to get permanently lost in, Vilnius is an architectural dream come true, a city soaked in atmosphere, and alive with history.

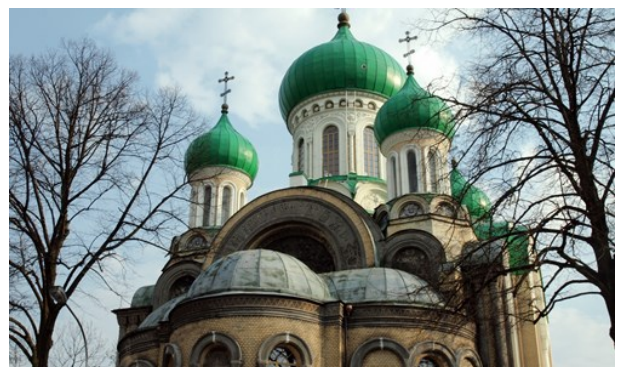
Despite its reputation as a Baroque city, Vilnius is rich in other architectural forms. There are some stunning examples of classicism, eclecticism, brick gothic and art nouveau in the city centre, especially along the showcase Gedimino Avenue. The city abounds with quirky architectural flourishes, from mysterious masks to mischievous gargoyles. Quite simply, you just cannot take your eyes off the place.

Most of the buildings in Vilnius date from the periods immediately after the great fires of 1610, 1737, 1748 and 1749, when the city's wooden buildings were done away with. Amazingly, however, the Old Town's street structure is virtually unchanged since medieval times.

The best way to see Vilnius is on foot (just follow the cobblestone road). The city is also a dream for cyclists with clearly-marked cycle lanes covering virtually the entire city centre, and bringing all the city's sights within easy reach.

There is, of course, much more to Vilnius than the Old Town. The city centre is filled with beautiful parks, and majestic buildings standing proudly atop steep, hilly streets. It is also a delight to walk along the banks of the river Neris as it serenely snakes its way through the city centre. The riverside path offers spectacular views of the Old Town on one side, and the imposing skyscrapers of the New District on the other.

DO & SEE



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No trip to Vilnius is complete without a visit to the self-declared Republic of Užupis, just across the sparkling river Vilnia, and behind the spectacular red Gothic façade of St. Anne's Church. Just be sure not to miss the prominently displayed constitution (it is in Lithuanian, French

and English) which states, among other things, that: "Every dog has the right to be a dog."

Other places of special interest include Vilnius University, the Hill of Three Crosses, the Gates of Dawn, the Presidential Palace, the Town Hall, Ponar Memorial, Kalvarijų market, not to mention countless other museums, galleries, churches and statues. Just one thing is certain when it comes to Vilnius: one visit is never enough.

Cathedral - Basilica



The Cathedral Basilica is Lithuania's most important sanctuary and a witness of the nation's baptism in 1387. This is also one of the greatest architectural examples of classicism in Vilnius. In the Cathedral's catacombs you can find a museum of its history. Visitors can book an excursion (in the Cathedral's parsonage) and be professionally guided.

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Phone: +370 5 261 07 31

Internet: www.katedra.lt

Gediminas' Tower of the Upper castle



The tower, a long standing symbol of Vilnius, is located on the 48 metre-high hill. It is named after the City's founder, Gediminas, the

Grand Duke of Lithuania. This is the only remaining part of the Upper Castle, which stood here from the 10th until late 14th century. There is an observation deck on the top of the tower, a great place to appreciate a magnificent

panorama. Gediminas' Tower can be reached by foot or a funicular.

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Address: Arsenalo str. 5, Vilnius

Phone: +370 5 261 7453

Internet: www.lnm.lt

Vilnius University Ensemble



The impressive Vilnius University ensemble was established in 1579 and represents different architectural styles: Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, and Classicism. The ensemble consists of thirteen enclosed courtyards, St. John's Church and the highest viewing point of the Old town. The 68-metre high campanile offers a breathtaking view of the Old Town.

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Phone: +370 5 219 3029

Internet: www.muziejus.vu.lt

Pilies Street

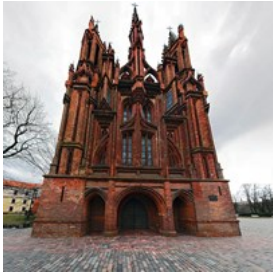


Pilies Street is the oldest and most vibrant street in the Old Town of Vilnius. It has preserved its old and unique look and you can see traces of old architecture everywhere: small yards, arches, arcades, original steps and basements. Nowadays it is also a place where you can find numerous cafés, restaurants and souvenir shops.

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Address: Pilies str., Vilnius

Ensemble of St Anne's and Bernardines Churches



The St. Anne's and Bernardines Churches are a fine Lithuanian Gothic ensemble located right next to each other. St. Anne's Church,

constructed with 33 different kinds of clay bricks, is the most outstanding and enchanting Gothic building in Lithuania. It dates back to the late 15th century and remains largely unchanged.

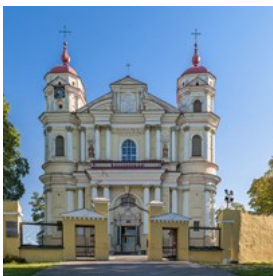
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Address: Maironio str. 8 - 1, 10, Vilnius

Phone: 370 68 240 216

Internet: www.bernardinuansamblys.lt

St Peter and St Paul's Church



This church is a masterpiece from the 17th century and one of the most significant Baroque monuments in Lithuania. It is famous for

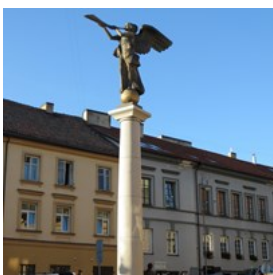
its exceptional interior where one can see about 2,000 stucco figures.

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Address: Antakalnio str. 1, Vilnius

Phone: +370 5 234 0229

Republic of Užupis



The Užupis district is sometimes compared to Montmartre in Paris or Christiania in Copenhagen. It is a self-declared republic of

artists. The district has its own president, constitution (displayed on the wall in Paupio Street), anthem, military, day of celebration

(April Fool's Day) and a guardian (the bronze angel). Užupis stands for creativity and uniqueness.

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Address: Užupis district, Vilnius

Hill of Three Crosses



Once you reach the top of this hill, a terrific view of the city opens up before your eyes. Three white crosses standing on the top symbolise

Lithuanians' mourning and hope. The first crosses were erected in the 17th century in memory of the martyrs, but were removed during Stalin's rule and then rebuilt in 1989. A journey to the top of this hill makes for a lovely hike through a peaceful and green area of the city.

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Address: T. Kosciuškos str., Vilnius

Literatų Street



This lovely street is like an open-air gallery. Its walls are decorated with small objects made of metal, wood and glass as tributes to writers who

have influenced Lithuanian literature.

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Address: Literatų str., Vilnius

Gediminas Avenue



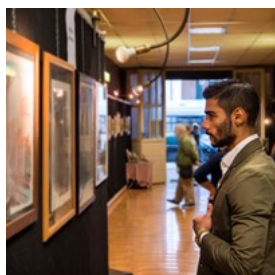
Gediminas Avenue is the main street of Vilnius, where most of the governmental and cultural institutions of Lithuania are

concentrated. Nowadays it is also a very popular shopping and dining street. It is partially a pedestrian street in the evenings when traffic is prohibited.

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Address: Gedimino ave., Vilnius

Museum of Genocide Victims (KGB)



This museum is set up in the former KGB headquarters where Soviet crimes were planned and committed over the course of fifty

years. Here you can go see modern expositions acquainting its visitors with the loss of independence, repressions of Soviet authorities and information about the genocide victims.

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Address: Aukų str. 2A, Vilnius

Opening hours: Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays

Phone: +370 5 249 8156

Internet: www.genocid.lt

Amber Museum and Gallery



The Amber Museum and Gallery offers informative displays of the "Baltic gold" as well as temporary exhibitions of amber jewellery. The

museum hosts a unique collection of samples and the history of amber, from its formation to its

possible applications, all presented in an interesting and modern manner.

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Address: Šv. Mykolo str. 8, Vilnius

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 10.00-19.00

Phone: +370 5 262 3092

Internet: www.ambergallery.lt

Email: info@ambergallery.lt

National Art Gallery



The National Art Gallery is a modern multi-functional centre of art and culture. Visitors become acquainted with a permanent exposition,

presenting Lithuanian modern and contemporary painting, sculpture, graphics, photography, objects, installations, and video art. Here you can also take part in cultural events, lectures and educational programs.

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Address: Konstitucijos ave. 22, Vilnius

Opening hours: Tuesday-Wednesday: 11.00-19.00, Thursday: 12.00-20.00, Friday-Saturday: 11.00-19.00, Sunday: 11.00-17.00

Phone: +370 52 12 29 97

Internet: www.ndg.lt

Park of Europe



One of the most impressive contemporary art museums where art and nature merge is situated 19 kilometres from the centre of

Vilnius. The Park of Europe was founded in 1991 and seeks to give meaning to the geographical centre of Europe in the language of art. About 100 sculptures created by different world artists

are displayed there.

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Address: Joneikiškių village, Vilnius region

Phone: +370 52 37 70 77

Internet: www.europosparkas.lt

Frank Zappa Statue



This monument is dedicated to an eminent American composer, guitarist and singer Frank Zappa. His music and iconoclastic

character earned him a spot on the Soviet's list of banned artists, which impelled locals to build a statue for him right after the independence.

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Address: Kalinausko str. 1, Vilnius

DINING



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Over the centuries, Lithuanians have created a unique array of dishes, influenced by the culture of various nationalities. A distinctive trait of Lithuanian cuisine is the preponderance of potato dishes. The most impressive of these are the cepelinai ("zeppelins"), large boiled potato dumplings made from grated raw potato with fillings of minced meat or cottage cheese. Other traditional potato dishes are various types of kugelis (potato loaf) and potato salad, potato

pancakes made from grated raw potato or boiled potato (sometimes with meat filling), and small potato dumplings with mushroom or berry filling. Perhaps the most exotic Lithuanian dish is vėdarai or potato sausages – pork intestines stuffed with grated raw potato, baked in a wood stove or electric oven.

Soup is very popular in Lithuania. One of the most interesting Lithuanian soups is šaltibarščiai (cold beetroot soup), which is made from beets/beetroot, kefir (a fermented milk product), greens and boiled eggs. This dish is most popular when served on a hot summer day.

The city is peppered with restaurants that can cater to all tastes and budgets. Vilnius has a staggering array of outstanding places to dine, offering the best in French, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Polish, Mexican, Indian, Russian, German and Kosher food, as well as many cutting-edge international restaurants. And of course, no visit to Vilnius could be complete without experiencing one of the city's many welcoming Lithuanian restaurants.

Šnekutis



With an extensive menu of Lithuanian food and drink at rock-bottom prices, Šnekutis is hard to beat. It's an essential stop for travellers on a tight

budget, with an abundant offering of local specialities, which turns increasingly into a buzzing bar as the night progresses.

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Address: Šv. Mikalojaus g. 15, Vilnius

Phone: +370 656 99459

Internet: <http://jususnekutis.lt/en/welcome-to-snekutis>

More Info: Further locations at Polocko g.7A & Sv. Stepono

g. 8

Belmontas



The restaurant is established under the open sky and calls together up to 600 guests. Here, apart from eating or drinking, enjoying the fresh air or nature you will hear something that no other restaurant is in possession of: the sound of brawling waterfalls.

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Address: Belmonto str. 17, Vilnius

Phone: +370 68 61 46 56

Internet: www.belmontas.lt

More Info: Lithuanian Cuisine

Forto Dvaras



"Forto Dvaras" was the first restaurant in Lithuania to offer certified meals from the Gastronomic Heritage Foundation. These are

meals made in the traditional way, using products of local origin. You can hear Lithuanian music playing in a cosy atmosphere of an old estate, decorated with elements of the old graphics and pictures from authentic books.

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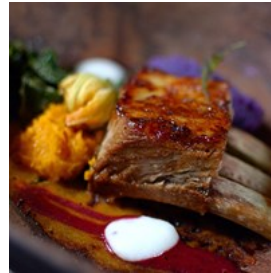
Address: Pilies str. 16, Vilnius

Phone: +370 65 61 36 88

Email: pilies@fortodvaras.lt

More Info: Lithuanian Cuisine

Lokys



"Lokys" opened in 1972 and is one of the oldest restaurants in Vilnius, located in an old merchant's house where restaurant cellars,

decorated with hunting trophies, remind us of the 15th century. In addition to the attentive service, game roasts (boar meat, roe deer, venison meat roasts, quail and even beaver meat stew) made according to traditional recipes help create a unique atmosphere.

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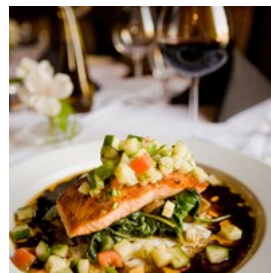
Address: Stiklių str. 8, Vilnius

Phone: +370 52 62 90 46

Internet: www.lokys.lt

More Info: Lithuanian Cuisine

Marché de Provence Gourmet



Marché de Provence is a really great-looking restaurant that serves dishes from France and the Mediterranean region in general. This

restaurant has a long list of wines too; the staff are well-trained, and the use of fresh herbs in every dish really makes the place stand out.

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Address: Pilies str. 27, Vilnius

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 12.00-00.00

Phone: +370 68 67 77 07

Internet: www.marchedeprovence.lt

Email: marche.restoranas@gmail.com

More Info: French Cuisine

La Provence



This could be the most mouth-watering choice in the Old Town. La Provence is leagues ahead of competition. Savoury fish choices

include red mullet, monkfish and fresh, hot and smoked halibut. But if you really want to throw caution to the wind, take on the lamb knuckles or roebuck fillet with cherry sauce. La Provence also houses the most uncompromising wine list in town.

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Address: Vokiečių str. 22, Vilnius

Phone: +370 52 62 02 57

Internet: www.laprovence.lt

Email: administratorius@zemaiciai.lt

More Info: French Cuisine

Bunte Gans



Bunte Gans churns out excellent German and world cuisine in the Old Town. The imaginative, good value food on offer includes schnitzels,

bratwurst, bangers and mash, lamb, boar, beef steaks, fresh fish and the house special: dish of goose with fried potatoes and a host of other vegetables. There's live music during the weekends and an extensive range of drinks including Riesling, Grauer Burgunder and the recommended German beer Zoller-Hof from Schwabia.

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Address: Aušros vartų str. 11, Vilnius

Phone: +370 52 12 83 12

Internet: www.buntegans.lt

More Info: German Cuisine.

Čagino



The restaurant first opened in Vilnius in 2001. Its name is associated with the famous Russian academic, talented architect Nikolay Chagin.

At Čagino, you will enjoy an authentic atmosphere of 19th century Russian nobility and dishes of Russian cuisine based on old national recipes.

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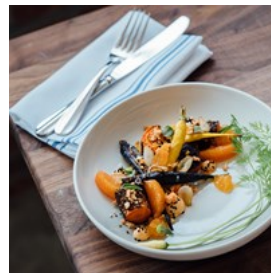
Phone: +370 52 61 55 55

Internet: www.cagino.lt

Email: cagindainius@mail.lt

More Info: Russian Cuisine

Imperial



Restaurant Imperial is set in the heart of Vilnius Old Town at the five star Ramada Hotel & Suites Vilnius, owned by the biggest network of

American hotels. This gourmet restaurant offers the ultimate fine dining experience, from its sophisticated décor to mouth-watering food. The menu is impressive and includes legendary foie gras pate and other dishes like duck liver and fresh seafood like oysters, lobster and scallops.

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Address: Savičiaus str. 2, Vilnius

Phone: +370 52 38 83 88

Internet: <http://imperialrestaurant.lt/lt/titulinis.html>

Email: info@imperialrestaurant.lt

More Info: International Cuisine

Ida Basar



Ida Basar is the first and the only

Restaurant/Museum in the Baltic States which, besides presenting forgotten culinary

heritage, invites you to enjoy more than 6000 exhibits. Ida Basar introduced the menu of the Great Duchy of Lithuania grandees of the 17th and 18th centuries and international cuisine.

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Address: Savičiaus str. 3, Vilnius

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 9.00-17.00

Phone: +370 5 262 8582

Internet: www.idabasar.lt

Email: office@idabasar.lt

More Info: International Cuisine

Neringa



Neringa has maintained its style and spirit through many years, attracting both established visitors and modern youth. The

restaurant surprises with its new ideas, high quality food, good service and original classical surroundings. Here you can find a wide assortment of European and Lithuanian dishes that will please every visitor. Besides new dishes (renewed every season), the restaurant is proud of its old dishes that have been popular for more than 30 years.

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Address: Gedimino ave. 23, Vilnius

Opening hours: Monday-Wednesday: 07.00-23.00,

Thursday-Friday: 07.00-00.00, Saturday: 08.00-00.00,

Sunday: 08.00-22.00

Phone: +370 52 61 40 58

Internet: www.restoranasneringa.lt

Email: info@restoranasneringa.lt

More Info: International Cuisine

Medininkai



Many have stated that Medininkai is one of the best restaurants in Vilnius after dining here. The restaurant is located right in the heart of

Vilnius' Old Town. It has the privilege of having a 16th century courtyard that offers its guests the opportunity to have lunch or dinner outside in the pleasant atmosphere of old Vilnius during summer. Today it follows the tradition of offering exceptional international cuisine, as well as a number of Lithuanian masterpieces, first-class service, refined elegance and impeccable hospitality.

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Address: Aušros vartų str. 8, Vilnius

Phone: +370 60 08 64 91

Internet: www.medininkai.lt

Email: medininkai@medininkai.lt

More Info: International Cuisine

Žuvinė



At this restaurant you can enjoy freshly caught seasonal fish from the Baltic Sea, Curonian Lagoon and Lithuanian lakes and rivers. The

restaurant's chef updates the menu twice a year. Everyone can enjoy lovely gourmet dishes while listening to the sound of live music.

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Address: Didžioji str. 31, Vilnius

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 11:00-00:00

Phone: +370 68 21 91 72

Internet: www.zuvine.lt

Email: vilnius@zuvine.lt

More Info: International Cuisine

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Nightlife in Vilnius caters to every budget and taste. You can enjoy a beer at one of the many pubs here or hit one of the clubs. Make sure you dress well as face control is very much enforced.

In Vino



This is the place that started the wine-boom in Vilnius and it is still avant-garde. The tapas menu is extensive, and even by Spanish

standards the real deal. This place is a long-time favourite for many, from artists and actors to hard-boiled business people and even an odd merry politician.

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Address: Aušros Vartų str. 7, Vilnius

Phone: +370 521 21 210

Internet: www.invino.lt

Email: innida@invino.lt

More Info: Wine bar

Notre Vie



This little wine bar, situated right in the heart of the Old Town, is a real gem. All the wines served here are carefully selected and brought

directly from vineyards by the owners themselves. This is an exceptional wine bar standing for high quality, uniqueness and exclusivity, not to mention its cosy interior and live jazz evenings.

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Address: Stiklių str. 10, Vilnius

Phone: +370 614 24 521

Email: info@notrevie.lt

More Info: Wine bar

Loftas



The art factory Loftas is a place well-known to local bohemians. This venue is based inside a fabulous old factory in Vilnius Newtown and offers

creative opportunities, outlets and events including parties, fashion shows, educational seminars, film screenings and much more. Loftas is popular for big music shows with world-famous bands and DJs.

Photo: Michael Discenza/Unsplash.com

Address: Švitrigailos str. 29, Vilnius

Phone: +370 621 99 580

Internet: www.menufabrikas.lt

Email: info@menufabrikas.lt

More Info: Live music bar

Artistai



Artistai is a lively place with a youthful vibe that has been on the Vilnius' party scene for a long time. This place is especially loved by

students and draws in crowds with a mixture of popular hits and timeless pop classics. This place has a courtyard too where frequent live music concerts take place.

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 Address: Šv. Kazimiero str. 3, Vilnius
 Phone: +370 521 21 268
 Internet: www.artistai.lt
 Email: info@artistai.lt
 More Info: Live music bar

The Portobello



The Portobello is not only a place with live music (which is played almost daily) but also tasty and affordable food. This place has a soulful interior and is claimed to be one of the hottest spots in town.

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 Address: Aušros vartų g. 7, Vilnius
 Phone: +370 5 212 1646
 Internet: <https://www.facebook.com/ThePortobelloPub/>
 Email: portobello@invino.lt
 More Info: Live music bar

Gringo Pub



With its friendly staff and a carefully selected beer menu, this bar stands out. The free wireless internet and table football only make it better. Live soccer matches are broadcast on the screen and draught beers including Guinness and Stella Artois are served to go with it.

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 Address: Vilniaus str. 31, Vilnius
 Opening hours: Open daily from 11 am
 Phone: +370 654 90 541
 Internet: [facebook.com/gringopub](https://www.facebook.com/gringopub)
 Email: gringopub@gmail.com
 More Info: Bar

Piano Man Bar



time at the Piano Man.

Mixed and chirpy crowd, great drink selection, friendly bartenders and good music make this bar a real charming one. It is hard not to have a good

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 Phone: +370 630 09949
 Internet: www.facebook.com/PianoManBar
 Email: pianomanpub@gmail.com
 More Info: Bar

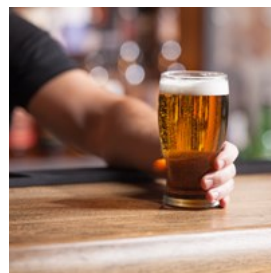
Cozy



Cozy is a café, restaurant and a DJ-bar. The charming old premises date back to 1536 and offer a warm interior with delicious food and friendly staff. This is a great place to sit back and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere.

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 Phone: +370 526 11 137
 Internet: www.facebook.com/cozy.vilnius
 Email: info@cozy.lt
 More Info: Bar

The Old Green House



The Old Green House is established only a few steps away from the Cathedral Square in a 19th century house, which is one of the few wooden houses remaining in Vilnius. Here you can have a refreshing glass of beer, with 14 types of Lithuanian and imported beer on tap to

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choose from, or taste The Old Green House light, special, strong or brand beer brewed according to a special recipe.

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Address: L. Stuokos-Gucevičiaus str. 5, Vilnius

Phone: +370 616 99559

Internet: www.oldgreenhouse.lt

Email: info@oldgreenhouse.lt

More Info: International Cuisine

SHOPPING



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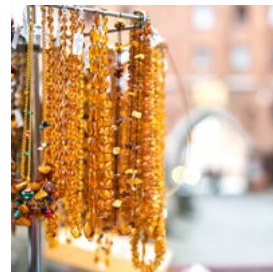
The main shopping areas in Vilnius can be divided neatly into the two areas of the Old Town (pedestrian streets where you can find antiques, amber, linen, books old and new, some nice pieces of art, handcrafts) and parts of the city's classiest retail street, Gedimino (designer clothes, fashion shops, more charming crafts). In the Old Town, the very heart of the city, you can find excellent shops, prestigious boutiques and street markets specialising in local art, crafts and souvenirs. The most well-known areas for shopping in the Old Town are Pilies and Didžioji streets.

The city's markets are also well worth a visit for an authentic, blast-from-the-past experience. Large shopping and leisure centres have been popping up increasingly around city fringes. There you will find clothing, footwear, food and other numerous shops. These are usually open

from early morning until late at night.

Wares guaranteed to please anyone are local linen and amber. According to a local legend, amber originates from the tears of the sea goddess Jūratė and the stones from her castle, which was destroyed by Perkūnas, the pagan god of thunder, when he discovered her passionate love affair with the mortal fisherman Kastytis. Ask most people and they will tell you amber is a dark honey colour. However, visit anywhere selling the stuff and you will soon see it come in such diverse colours as blue, black, white and yellow. White amber is called royal amber and is widely available in Lithuania. Meanwhile the other good linen is woven from the fibres of flax plant, a completely natural resource, perhaps the most ecologically sound fabric of all. This fabric that really breathes, is available for just about any part of the body or home.

AV17 Gallery



The (AV17) gallery, established in 2011, is one of few Lithuanian galleries that exclusively exhibit contemporary objects, sculpture, installations and conceptual jewellery art. The gallery collaborates with well-known conceptual sculptors in Lithuania and abroad, while also showcasing works by young and promising artists.

The (AV17) gallery is one of the few spaces in Lithuania that consistently exhibit works by sculptural object creators, offer contemporary sculpture or object art and sketches. One-of-a-kind, high-quality art pieces are created with modern materials and reflect innovative artistic decisions and ideas.

Photo: Tatyana Vyc/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Totorių str. 5, Vilnius
 Phone: +370 617 52272
 Internet: www.av17gallery.com
 Email: info@av17gallery.com

Senasis Kuparas



Senasis Kuparas presents a unique collection of original icons, excellent reproductions of famous painters' works, silver, furniture, an enormous variety of souvenirs and much more.

Photo: Ditty_about_summer/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Dominikonų str. 14, Vilnius
 Phone: +370 52 621 024
 Email: kuparas@takas.lt

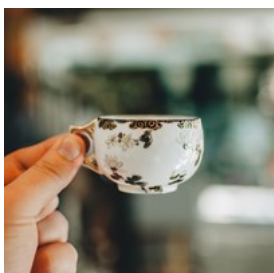
Vilnius Antiques Centre



This is a place worth a visit if you want to shop around for decadent antiques. Here you can find opulent silverware, inlaid walnut furniture, pottery, elaborate hand-blown glass and gilt-framed religious paintings as well as a wide selection of other curiosities.

Photo: Joanna Kosinska/Unsplash.com
 Address: Dominikonų str. 16, Vilnius
 Phone: +370 52 626476
 Internet: www.antiques.lt

e.k.art



This is one of the oldest art and antiques centres in Vilnius, which opened in the heart of Vilnius in 1990. From the 1990s onward, it offers clients

beautiful collections of artwork bringing together paintings, drawings, furniture, art objects, religious artefacts from the 16th to 20th centuries.

Photo: Caleb Lucas/Unsplash.com
 Address: Didžioji str. 27, Vilnius
 Phone: +370 605 22222
 Internet: <https://artgalleryek.com>

Amber Museum and Gallery



The Amber Museum and Gallery offers informative displays on the "Baltic Gold" as well as temporary exhibitions of amber jewellery. The museum hosts a unique collection of inclusions and narrates the entire history of amber, from its formation to its possible applications. Exhibits are presented in an interesting and modern manner.

Photo: hjochen/Shutterstock.com
 Address: Šv. Mykolo str. 8, Vilnius
 Phone: +370 5 262 3092
 Internet: www.ambergallery.lt

Beata Amber



The primary activity of Beata Amber is the production and trading of amber jewellery and semi-products for amber jewellery, trading raw amber as well. Beata production is valued among the biggest world markets - such as Asia, the Far East, Middle East, Europe, and the USA. As much a wholesaler as a retailer, amber can be picked up here at a variety of stages of its production. Here guests could purchase intricate jewellery works, souvenirs and various nick-knacks. You can even have your own custom

jewellery made to-order.

Photo: moork/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stiklių str. 9; Antakalnio str. 60, Vilnius

Phone: +370 52 344685

Internet: www.beataamber.lt

Email: info@beataamber.lt

Gintraka



This is a family company from 1992. If you are in need of a gift that represents the country and reminds you of your stay in Vilnius, you will definitely find something here. There is even offer of more Lithuanian souvenirs such as wooden flatware, wooden toys, ceramics, plates, cups and T-shirts with Lithuanian motives, national dolls and candles.

Photo: James Petts/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Aušros Vartų str. 13, Vilnius

Phone: +370 687 81817

Internet: www.ambershop.lt

Email: info@ambershop.lt

More Info: Other locations Aušros Vartų str. 4; Pilies str. 23; Pilies str. 32.

Linen-Amber Studio



This is one of the most stylish and prestigious Lithuanian amber, linen and gift stores, conveniently situated in the heart of the Old Town.

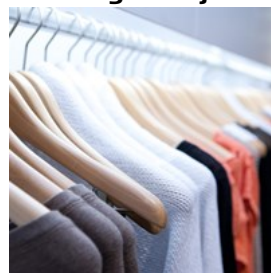
Photo: Brocken Inaglory/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Didžioji str. 5, Vilnius

Internet: www.lgstudija.lt

Email: info@lgstudija.lt

Alex Pogrebnojus & Vida Simanavičiūtė (A&V)



A&V was created by the duo of Aleksandras Pogrebnojus and Vida Simonavičiūtė. A&V stands out in the context of European fashion. This non-commercial brand represents intellectual fashion and attracts customers who value unique clothes and accessories. When creating their collections, designers primarily focus on functionality, quality, aesthetics and comfort of their clothes and accessories. Aleksandras Pogrebnojus and Vida Simanavičiūtė create exquisite avant-garde collections for both men and women.

Photo: FiledIMAGE/Shutterstock.com

Address: Aušros Vartų str. 17, Vilnius

Phone: +370 687 52802

Internet: www.aandv.lt

Email: aleksandras.pogrebnojus@aandv.lt

More Info: Online shop

Boutique Privilege



Boutique Privilege is a small shop which specialises in elite and fashionable items such as handmade jewellery, accessories and clothing. All handmade things here are unique and original. To ensure that all things are authentic, Boutique Privilege gives a certificate. Men can also shop for accessories like bracelets, original watches and accessories made of leather.

Photo: Viktorija Minkova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Šv. Mykolo str. 12, Vilnius

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 12.00-18.00, Saturday: 13.00-16.00

Phone: +370 686 04486 / +370 675 07311

Internet: www.privilege.lt

Email: anna@privilege.lt

Boutique Lino Kopos



The name means linen dunes, which sounds like a laundry nightmare, but is actually a fair reflection of the range and beauty of creations made

exclusively from this versatile natural fibre. The design studio is the shop of the Lithuanian fashion designer Giedrius Šarkauskas, who creates designer garments for everyone. Giedrius label is absolutely unique to Lithuania. His collections include cold season outerwear.

Photo: Oleg Golovnev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Krokuvos str. 6, Vilnius

Phone: +370 52 751200

Internet: www.linendunes.com

Email: care@giedrius.com

Julija Fashion House



Lithuanian designer Julija's haute couture offers a range of off-the-peg clothing for women of all shapes and sizes available at

reasonable prices. Applying a soft touch with stunning effect, Julija is the sort of designer who would like to get to know the customers before dressing them. Julia's works cherish the mature woman, respecting every curve of her body, blending simplicity and grace for an effective look.

Photo: MJTH/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stiklių str. 7, Vilnius

Phone: +370 52 310609 / +370 619 64020

Internet: www.juliajanus.com

Email: info@juliajanus.com

Ramunė Piekautaitė Boutique



Ramunė Piekautaitė has been appreciated for the distinct character of her clothing, described as romantic, sensual, reserved, but luxurious,

aristocratically elegant and confident. For many years Piekautaitė has faithfully maintained the style and philosophy of her fashion home, but each collection still surprises with its new design solutions, which never miss the global fashion trends.

Photo: ChiccoDodiFC/Shutterstock.com

Address: Didžioji str. 20, Vilnius

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 11.00-19.00, Saturday:

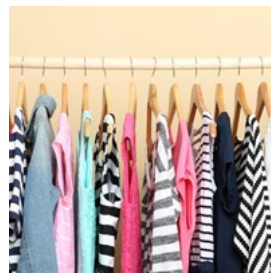
11.00-18.00, Sunday: 11.00-16.00

Phone: +370 5 279 1874

Internet: www.ramunepiekautaite.com

Email: vilnius@ramunepiekautaite.com

Serge Gandzumian Fashion House



Serge Gandzumian is a talented fashion designer. He is adaptable enough to design for both men and women, mostly in a minimalist yet

sophisticated style.

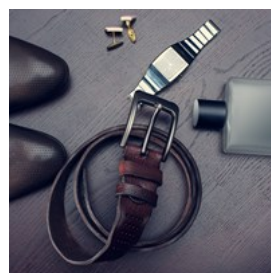
Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Subačiaus str. 15/2, Vilnius

Phone: +370 52 127055

Internet: www.sgfashion.com

Zoraza



Zoraza Design House is a creative workshop with art, fashion and interior design. Most of the works are inspired by the past centuries, famous artists

and different styles and cultures.

Photo: Matryoha/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stiklių str. 6, Vilnius

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 11.00-19.00

Phone: +370 52 120084

Internet: www.zoraza.com

Email: zoraza@zoraza.com

Akropolis



A huge place full of shops and the flocks that visit them. In case shopping isn't your thing, you can try ice-skating, bowling, or seeing a film. There's

also a good range of restaurants, a supermarket and free car park. Not very central, find it about 3km north of the city centre.

Photo: estherpoon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ozo str. 25, Vilnius

Phone: +370 52 492879

Internet: www.akropolis.lt

Europa



This place is located in the heart of the business district just north of the river. Spread over three floors, you can find mostly clothes shops, a

couple of restaurants and a handful of little pods for drinking coffee in.

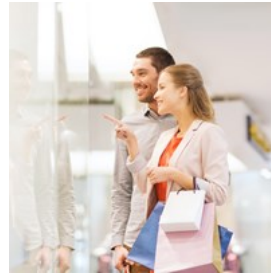
Photo: fiphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Konstitucijos ave. 7A, Vilnius

Internet: www.europa.lt

Email: info@hanner.lt

Ozas



The large Ozas shopping centre offers gargantuan shopping and restaurant options. Here you can find a veritable cavalcade of shops selling

everything from designer clothes to food. A cinema and entertainment for children can also be found here.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

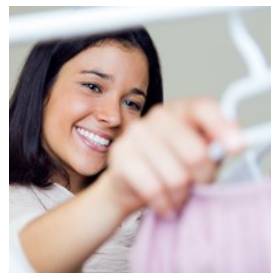
Address: Ozo str. 18, Vilnius

Phone: +370 52 100150

Internet: www.ozas.lt

Email: facebook@ozas.lt

Panorama



At Panorama you can find loads of retail outlets, entertainment centres and restaurants close to the centre in Žvėrynas.

This shopping centre

contains many high street names, with a wide assortment of outfits and accessories under one roof.

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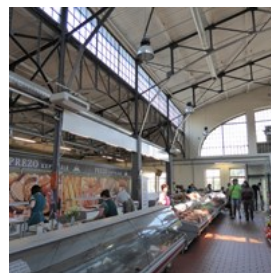
Address: Saltoniškių str. 9, Vilnius

Phone: +370 52 195811

Internet: www.panorama.lt

Email: facebook@panorama.lt

Halės Market



The beautifully restored brick building dating from the 1900s is more than worth a look inside. A trip through the doors rewards visitors with a

fragrant blast of several tonnes of smoked meat, which can be bought in here along with a few

other specialities including fresh fruit and vegetables plus a nice range of locally-produced honey.

Photo: Mikel Santamaria/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Pylimo str. 58/1, Vilnius

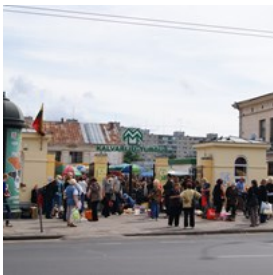
Opening hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 07.00-18.00, Sunday: 07.00-15.00

Phone: +370 52 625536

Internet: www.halesturgaviete.lt

Email: tugva@takas.lt

Kalvarijų Market



Kalvarijų Market features everything from old ladies selling garlic bulbs and carrier bags to the occasional bargain goat (cash only). This is one of

the best places in town for meat, locally-produced honey and cameras manufactured in the USSR, Minsk bicycles and cheap cigarettes from the Roma girls near the main entrance.

Photo: Guillaume Speurt/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Kalvarijų str. 61, Vilnius

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 8.00-17.00

Phone: +370 696 35718

Internet: www.kalvariju-turgus.lt

Email: info@kalvariju-turgus.lt

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Passport / Visa



Lithuania can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea,

Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com

Vilnius International Airport



Vilnius International Airport is located on a plateau to the south of Vilnius. It is located only 5 kilometres away and the journey takes

approximately 15 minutes. You can get to and from the airport easily by train, bus, minibus or taxi. Car rental companies are represented at the airport.

A special scheduled train runs from the airport to Vilnius Railway Station. A covered pedestrian walkway (located just outside the airport terminal) connects the airport terminal with the railway stop. It runs roughly once an hour and the journey takes about 7 minutes.

www.litrail.lt

City buses 1 and 2 also provide a service to and from the airport.

www.vilniustransport.lt

A minibus is another mean of transport that connects the airport and the city centre.

The city can be reached by taxis and there is no fixed price, but the journey should cost a few euros at most.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Vilnius International Airport, Vilnius

Phone: +370 5 230 6666

Internet: www.vno.lt

Public Transport



Vilnius trolleybuses and buses start running at about 5 am and finish at midnight. single-ride tickets may be purchased directly from the driver.

If you're staying in the city longer, it might make sense to buy a reusable transport card, which can be used both for single and monthly public transport tickets.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Internet: www.vilniustransport.lt

Taxi



If you have mobile internet, the easiest and cheapest way to get a ride is to use the local competitor of Uber: the eTaksi app (available on the App Store). Payments can be made by card via the app, or to the driver directly.

There are multiple taxi companies on call as well.

Taksi Vilnius

www.taksivilnius.lt

Post



You can easily find a post office or post box in Vilnius. Look for the yellow signs. Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Gedimino pr. 7, Vilnius

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7.30 am-7 pm. Sat 9 am-4 pm.

Closed on Sundays.

Phone: +37 8 700 55 400

Internet: www.post.lt

Pharmacy



There are numerous pharmacies scattered throughout the city. Eurovaistine can be found in several locations throughout the city.

Eurovaistine:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Mindaugas g. 11/T.Ševčenkos g. 2, Vilnius

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 8 am-11 pm

Internet: www.eurovaistine.lt

Telephone



Country code: +370 Area
code: 5

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



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Photo: Stirling Tscha

Population

543,060 (2015)

Currency

Euro (EUR) €1 = 100 cents

Opening hours

Business hours are from Mondays to Fridays between 8 am-5 pm. Shops are normally open from 10 am-6/7 pm on weekdays and until 3 or 4 pm on Saturdays.

Newspapers

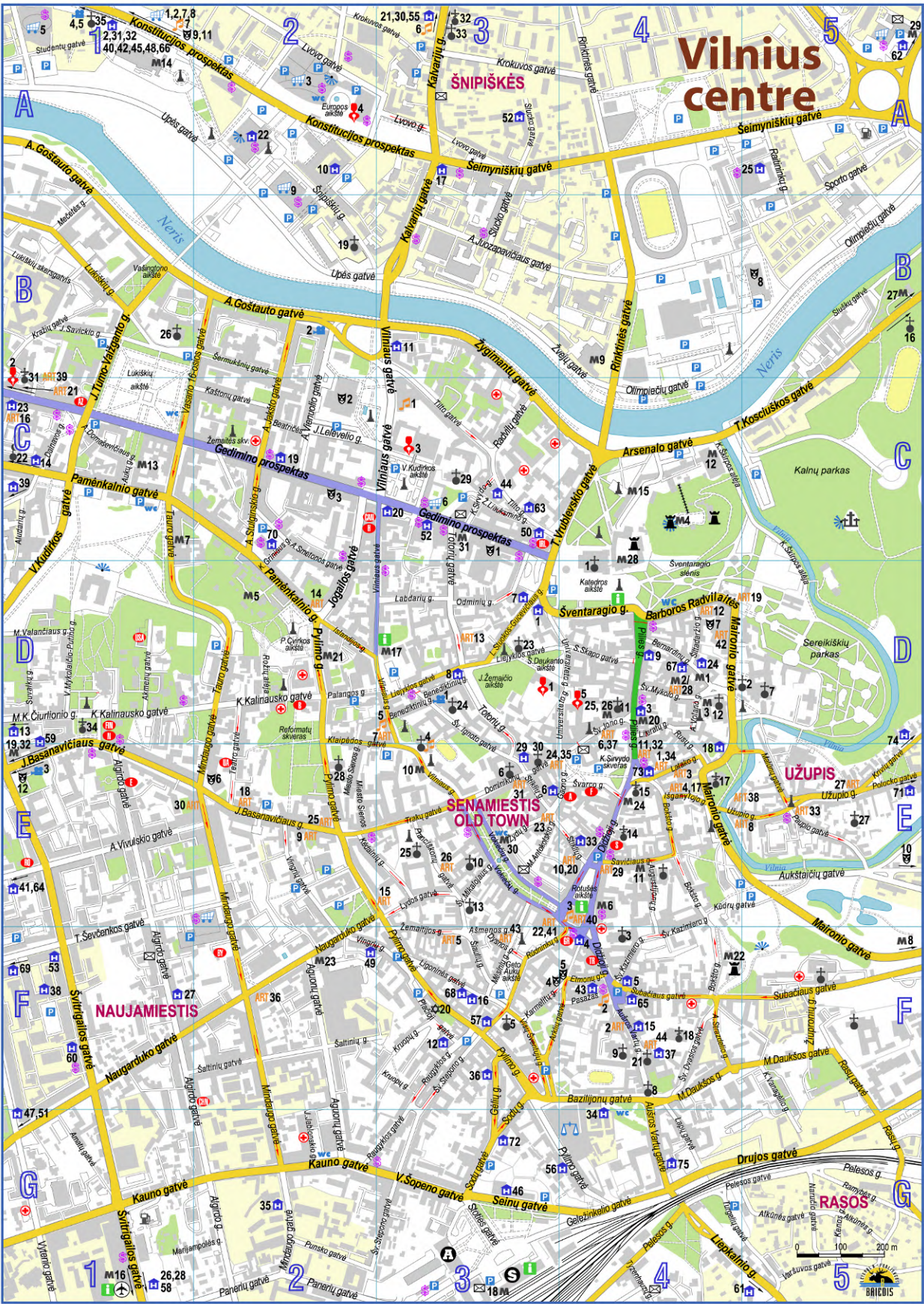
Lietuvos rytas
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Vilniaus diena
The Baltic News

Emergency numbers

Emergency: 112

Tourist information

Vilnius Tourist Information Centre
Didžioji g. 31, Vilnius
Open daily 9am-1pm & 2-6pm
+370 5 262 6470



Vilnius centre

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