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Zemgale is a region in southern Latvia, located south of Rīga - and stretching to the Lithuanian border. Large part of the region is occupied by fertile farmland, which is why Zemgale is often considered the breadbasket of Latvia. There is a dense - network of rivers in the region, which flow into Latvia's largest rivers of Lielupe and Daugava to reach the Baltic Sea.

Zemgale is made up of several regions and two cities – Jelgava and Jekabpils. The region is proud to have multiple cultural and historical monuments, some of the most impressive palaces and manors in Latvia, various nature parks, and a number of international festivals are held in different places in Zemgale. One of the most beautiful and important tourist attractions in Latvia, Rundāle Palace is also located in Zemgale.

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# South Latvia Tourist map

## Zemgale

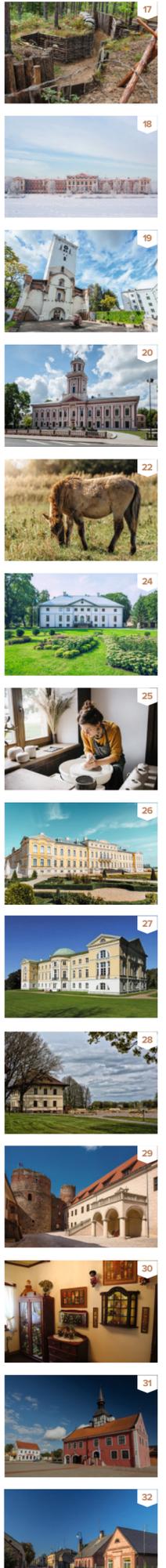


## Tourist attractions

- Vecauce Manor.** Eclecticism, park with exotic plants, lake, lodging. | Auce, +371 29195959, vecauce.lv •A2
- LVM Pokaini Forest.** A holy site with stone piles, a mysterious place with powerful concentration of energy, trails, a campsite. | Naudītes pagasts, +371 63729177, +371 262392564, www.mammadaba.lv •A2
- Horticultural Museum and Lilac Garden.** One of the largest lilac collections in Europe, seasonal berry and fruit products, tastings, garden concerts. | Dobele, +371 26408655, +37129196201, www.darzkopibasinstituts.lv •A2
- Livonian Order's castle ruins in Dobele.** Stone castle from the 14th century, outdoor events, view of the city from the castle mound, romantic promenade along the Bērze River, excursions accompanied by the Lady of the Castle. | Dobele, +371 63721309, +371 29436379, www.dobelesmuzejs.lv •A2
- Dobele Local History Museum.** Permanent historical exposition, exhibits, interactive games, ladies of the castle, creative workshops, city tours. | Dobele, +371 63721309, +371 29436379, www.dobelesmuzejs.lv •A2
- Dobele Lutheran Church.** Built in 1495, unique monuments of art, altarpiece, architectural monument of national importance. | Dobele, +371 26430548, dobele.lv •A2
- Historical centre of Dobele – Market Square.** Restored to its original form, a venue for vending and business and public events, cafes, fountains. | Dobele, +371 63723074, +371 28675118, www.dobele.lv •A2
- Dobele Crafts Centre.** Workshops for traditional crafts, learning ancient and contemporary crafts, thematic exhibitions, get-togethers, fairs. | Dobele, +371 22049477, www.kulturadobele.lv •A2
- LVM nature park in Tervete.** Nature trails, footbridge, wooden sculptures, fairy tale characters. | Tērvetes pagasts, +371 63726212, +371 28309394, www.mammadaba.lv •B2
- Tērvete Tarzan Park.** Adventure park with 110 obstacles and 8 obstacle courses for both children and adults. | Tērvetes pagasts, +371 25757744, www.tarzans.lv •B2
- Tērvete butterflies.** The Tropical Butterfly House is home to butterflies from the tropical forests of Asia, South America, and Africa, as well as gorgeous tropical plants and flowers. | Tērvetes pagasts, +371 26622444, www.tervetestaurini.lv •B2
- XII century wooden castle in Tērvete.** Ancient history of Zemgale, collection of jewellery, garments, weapons. | Tērvetes pagasts, +371 26950975, www.lielkenins.lv •B2
- Anna Brigadere's museum Sprīdīsi.** The place where the author worked and lived, exhibition, guesthouse, sauna, cafe. | Tērvetes pagasts, +371 26532691, www.spridisi.lv •B2
- Tērvete wines.** Tasting of berry and fruit wines on the beautiful bank of the Tērvete River, with cordial conversations on the topic of winemaking. | Tērvetes pagasts, +371 29454225, www.tervetesvini.lv •B2
- Karlis Ulmanis' memorial museum Pīksas.** Contribution of K. Ulmanis, the former President of Latvia, to the history of Latvia; agricultural tools, everyday life, farmstead from the 1930s. | Bērzes pagasts, +371 26670812, www.piksas.lv •B2
- Mazzariņi Ostrich Farm.** Opportunity to observe African ostriches, emus, rheas, alpacas, and rabbits, purchase souvenirs made from ostrich leather and feathers. | Glūdas pagasts, +371 29134788, www.visitjalgava.lv •B2



- Christmas Battles Museum Mangali.** Latvian Riflemen, Christmas Battles during World War I, outdoor exhibitions, 7.2 km exploration trail, fortifications of the German Army. | Valmundes pagasts, +371 28349259, +371 67228147, www.karamuzejs.lv •B1
- Jelgava Palace and family vault of the Dukes of Courland.** Baroque, architect Francesco Bartolomeo Rastrelli, Duchy of Courland and Semigallia, family vault of the dukes and sarcophagi. | Jelgava, +371 63005617, www.jelgavaspils.lv •B2
- Holy Trinity Church Tower in Jelgava.** Interactive history exhibitions, observation platform, exhibition hall, restaurant, tourist information centre. | Jelgava, +371 63005445, +371 63005447, www.tornis.jelgava.lv •B2
- Jelgava History and Art Museum of Gederts Eliass.** Academia Petrina, architect Severin Jensen, first higher education institution in Latvia, history exhibitions, G.Eliass' paintings. | Jelgava, +371 63023383, jvmm.lv •B2
- Viesu Liči.** Open-air attractions for children, disc golf, concert stage, cafe, accommodation, sauna, boat rides along the Lielupe River on the Frīda ferry. | Jaunsvirlikaus pagasts, +371 63058443, +371 29204514, www.liči.lv •B2
- Lielupe floodplain meadows.** Nature reserve, Pīlis Island, wild horses, protected bird and plant species, environmental guide. Twenty-metre-high viewing tower made of wood. | Jelgava, +371 20264343 •B2
- Grantiņi Recreation Complex.** Active recreation in nature, children's playground, picnic areas, restaurant, hotel, and holiday houses. | Svētes pagasts, +371 28602267 •B2
- Vilce Manor.** Historical exposition, restored historic murals, nature park, disc golf course. | Vilces pagasts, +371 26351169 •B2
- Laima Ceramics.** Open ceramics workshop where Latvian earthenware, porcelainware, and stoneware is made. Offering tours and various master classes. | Svītenes pagasts, +371 28338711, www.laimaceramics.com •B2
- Rundāle Palace Museum.** Architectural monument of baroque and rococo architecture designed by Francesco Bartolomeo Rastrelli, palace interiors, French formal garden. | Rundāles pagasts, +371 63962197, +371 26499151, www.rundale.net •C2
- Mezotne Palace.** Classicism architecture, architects G. Quarenghi, J. Berlitz, restored interiors, landscape garden, hotel. | Mežotnes pagasts, +371 63960711, +371 26595108, www.mezotnespils.lv •C2
- Mazmežotne Manor.** Swiss chalet architectural style - otherwise known as summer house style - manor, nature trail, sugar beet exposition, hotel, restaurant, concert hall, seminar facilities, spa. | Rundāles pagasts, +371 25772269, www.mazmezotne.lv •C2
- Bauska Castle Museum.** Ruins of the Livonian Order's castle, residence of Dukes of Courland, observation tower, exhibitions, educational programmes. | Bauska, +371 63923793, +371 63922280, www.bauskaspils.lv •C2
- Bauska Museum.** Exhibition about the history of Bauska in the 20th century, Tamara Čudnovska's collection of dolls and toys, art exhibitions, shows, applied arts studio Bauska. | Bauska, +371 63960508, +371 63960511, www.bauskasmuzejs.lv •C2
- Bauska Town Hall.** The oldest restored town hall in Latvia, the largest town hall in the 17th century Duchy of Courland, exhibition Weigh and Measure in Bauska, tourist information centre. | Bauska, +371 63923797, +371 27746484, www.ratsnams.bauska.lv •C2
- Bauska Old Town.** Developed in the 16th-19th century, the original street planning and Town Hall Square have been preserved to this day, urban development landmark of national importance.



- Bauska.** +371 63960509, +371 63960508, bauskasvecpilseta.lv •C2
- Bauska Motor Museum.** Cars of the 1930s, agricultural machinery of the 1920s and 1930s, large-scale specialised machinery, exhibition. | Codes pagasts, Daugavpils, +371 67025887, www.motormuzejs.lv •C2
- Bauska Brewery.** Opportunity for groups of visitors to learn about the process of beer brewing, beer tasting. | Lsītes pagasts, +371 63960013, +371 25770575, www.bauskasalus.lv •C2
- Rabbit Town.** More than 65 species of rabbits living in the special Rabbit Town. | Codes pagasts, +371 29548071, www.trusupilsatina.lv •C2
- Vilis Pludons Museum.** Exhibition about the author's life and oeuvre, Zakisa pirtina (Hares' Sauna), sculptures of hares, collection of carts, nature trail, picnic area. | Ceraukstes pagasts, +371 29194975, www.bauskasmuzejs.lv •C2
- Ribbe Mill.** Dutch-type windmill (1867), lodging, restaurant, playground. | Ceraukstes pagasts, +371 26564580, www.rozmalas.lv •C3
- Recreational complex Mikelis.** 19th century Zemgale farmstead, the largest collection of agricultural machinery in the Baltics, cafe, Bauska special cuisine, sauna, playground. | Gaillīšu pagasts, +371 26493940, +371 26443496, www.mikelis.lv •C3
- Mazā muiza Manor.** Exposition of historical costumes (second half of the 18th century – 19th century), thematic excursions and events, opportunity to try on costumes. | Brunavas pagasts, +371 26534002, +371 29108396 •C3
- Brukna Manor complex.** 19th century manor, barn, cattle shed, centre of spiritual life, Christian camps, plein air events, festival of Renaissance music, lodging. | Dāviņu pagasts, +371 29633291, +371 26411090, bruknaskopienu.lv •C2
- Open-air museum Ausekli Mill.** Sowing and Harvest Festivals showcasing traditional farmwork and crafts, visitors have opportunity to take part. | Bārbeles pagasts, +371 29197412, +371 26396878, ausekludzirnavas.lv •C2
- Skaistkalne and sinkholes.** Catholic Church – the second largest centre for the Catholic faith in Latvia, Novadnieki Museum, sinkholes. | Skaistkalnes pagasts, +371 26346250, www.vecumnieki.lv •C2
- Jūras.** Juris Audzījonis' woodworking homestead – sculpture of Christ, windmill, church, pergola. | Jaudzījonis pagasts, +371 63976528, jaudzijonis@inbox.lv •C2
- Recreational park Labirinti.** Agility and erudition games for adults and children, various activities, labyrinths, trampolines, cycling karts, collection of ancient tools, campsite. | Iecavas novads, +371 26320336, +371 26425247, www.labirinti.lv •C2
- Iecava and manor landscape park.** Lutheran church, cannons, museum Arhivs, Dievdaržins (God's Garden), Iecava landscape gardens. | Iecavas novads, +371 26639727, +371 29419247, www.iecava.lv •C2
- Mini zoo Dobuli.** Various wild animals, domestic animals, collection of birds from different countries that continues to grow larger with every passing year. | Iecavas novads, +371 29177846, www.minizoo.lv •C2
- Kekava Local History Museum.** Exhibitions about the history of the region. | Ķekavas pagasts, +371 28679514, www.parkulturu.lv •C1
- Museum of the River Daugava.** Exhibition about the history of River Daugava, farmstead, park of 9.1 ha in area, Daugava, ride in a riverboat. | Salaspils lauku teritorija, +371 67266367, +371 67216398, daugavasmuzejs.lv •C1



- Riekstulmas Recreation Complex.** Attractions in the summer. In the winter – skiing, winter sports equipment rental, ski slopes, sledding hill. | Baldones pagasts, +371 28777888, www.riekstulmas.lv •C1
- Astrophysical observatory in Baldone.** The 12th largest telescope in the world, close-up views of the planets of the Solar System, stars, unusual physics and chemical experiments, guided tours. | Baldones pagasts, Krāslavas novads, +371 29266797, +371 28763738, www.baldonesobservatorija.lv •C1
- Mencendarbe Manor.** Centennial linden alley, Baldone Museum. | Mercendarbe, Baldones novads, +371 29545201 •C1
- Skriveri Arboretum Park.** The first such major park in the Baltics, about 250 diverse, unique, and very rare tree and shrub species from temperate latitudes around the Northern Hemisphere. | Skriveru novads, +371 25661983, www.skriveri.lv •D2
- Wood sculptor P. Graudulis' Museum.** Artwork by wood sculptor Pēteris Graudulis from the beginning of his career to the present day. | Jelgavas iela 14, Jaunjelgava, +371 22160677 •D2
- Andrejs Upits Museum.** The writer's summer house with a garden he planted and his favourite trees. Permanent exhibition, exhibition in the Carriage Together with Mr. Brīvins. | Skriveru novads, +371 29496725, www.upisamuzejs.lv •D2
- Skriveru saldumi.** History of creation of traditional milk candy Gotina, candy wrapping, creation of marzipan and butterscotch shapes, opportunity to taste and buy various confectionery. | Skriveri, +371 20366668, www.skriverusaldumi.lv •D2
- Skriveri Food Factory.** The oldest Gotina confectionery factory in Northern Europe. Educational tours, candy wrapping, product tasting, and purchasing possibilities. | Daugavas iela 2, Skriveri, +371 28685600, skriverugotina.lv •D2
- Plaviņas Hydroelectric Power Station.** Explore and learn about the operation of the hydroelectric power station, the Plaviņas HPS plant, and the historical exposition. | Enerģētiku iela 2, Aizkraukle, +371 65110309, www.latvenergo.lv •D2
- Aizkraukle History and Art Museum Kalna Ziedi.** Hill fort, permanent exhibition, exhibitions, games, Celtic crosses, beehives. | Aizkraukle, +371 65123351, +371 28305405 •D2
- Janavas Organic Farm.** Herbal tea tasting, organic cosmetics testing. Nature trail featuring plants used in medicine and beauty preparations. | Kokneses pagasts, Kokneses novads, +371 25994160, www.janavas.lv •E2
- Koknese Castle Ruins.** Middle Ages, Swedish cannons, casting coins, historical exhibition. | Kokneses pagasts, +371 65161296, +371 29275412, www.visitkoknese.lv •E2
- Koknese Park and Nature Trail.** Display and memorial for Pērse Waterfall, ruins of the New Castle, wooden and stone sculptures, cannons from the times of Swedish rule, circular crosses. Trails 6 km in length. | Koknese, +371 29275412, www.visitkoknese.lv •E2
- Liktendārzs.** A garden created by the people of Latvia in honour of the Centenary. Island, garden, viewing terrace, souvenirs. | Kokneses pagasts, +371 25495544, www.liktendarzs.lv •E2
- Vigante Nature Park.** Staburags, sculpture Daina, Dieva auss monument dedicated to Staburags, daylilies, presidential oak trees, rides on board the Vigante boat. | Staburaga pagasts, +371 29391109 •E2



- Mezmalas laivas.** TViking boat Lacplēsis with room for 24 boaters, boat trips down Daugava River, boat rental. | Klintaines pagasts, +371 26649575, www.mezmalasvikings.lv •E2
- Plaviņas Daugava River Promenade.** Paved and lighted footpath almost 2 km in length for an active or romantic walk along the bank of the Daugava River. | Plaviņas, www.plavinunovads.lv •E2
- Odziena Manor.** Lodging in centuries-old atmosphere, workshop rooms, banquet halls, tours of manor ensemble. | Vietalvas pagasts, +371 20533333, www.odzienasmuiza.lv •E1
- Brewery BURSH.** One of the smallest breweries in Latvia, beer tasting, tours. | Alviekstes pagasts, +371 29252115, www.burshalus.lv •E2
- Jekabpils History Museum and Krustpils Castle.** Exhibition about Krustpils Castle, observation platform in the castle's gate tower, exhibitions. | Jekabpils, +371 65221042, +371 26597463, ekabpilsmuzejs.lv •E2
- Jekabpils History Museum's open-air exhibition Selonian Homestead.** Homestead of a typical Selonian farmer of the 19th century, rural crafts. | Jekabpils, +371 65232501 •E2
- Vecpilsētas Square in Jekabpils.** The centre of the city, city's clock tower and purse, well and scales, lynx – the symbol of the city, fountain. | Jekabpils, +371 65233822, +371 20451706, laukums.jekabpils.lv •E2
- Orthodox Church of Holy Spirit, monastery of monks in Jekabpils.** Two churches in one monastery, an icon of Lady Mary the Wonderworker of Jakobstadt in the main church building. | Jekabpils, +371 65231486, +371 29554391, www.klosteris.lv •E2
- Art gallery MANS'S.** Contemporary Latvian paintings, exhibitions, souvenirs. | Jekabpils, +371 29470597, +371 65231953, www.manss.lv •E2
- Zaļbirzes Pottery Workshop.** Opportunity to observe and try your hand at pottery, view the works created for exhibitions, purchase mugs, bowls, plates, and other souvenirs. | "Zaļbirzes", Atašienes pagasts, Krustpils novads, +371 26559420, www.krustpils.lv •E2
- Laukezers Nature Park.** NATURA 2000 territory, recreation spots, fully-equipped sporting trail, viewing platform. | Kūku pagasts, +371 28311364, www.krustpils.lv •E2
- Viesīte museum Selija.** Industrial heritage of national importance, exhibitions Riding Choo Choo Train around Selija, Selija Home, Viesīte Centre of Crafts. | Viesīte, +371 29116334, www.muzejs.selija.lv •E3
- Sauka Nature Park.** Ormaņkalns Hill, Sauka Lake, hiking trails, licensed fishing, fully-equipped recreation areas, boat and catamaran rental, accommodation. | Saukas pagasts, +371 29428226, www.saukasdabasparks.lv •E3
- Janis Jaunsudrabin's museum Riekstīni.** The White Book, Musmajas (Our Home), exhibition. | Neretas pagasts, +371 65176467, www.neretasnovads.lv •E3
- Garsene Manor and nature trails.** Exhibition, tourist trails, more than 40 unique natural landmarks, architectural, cultural and historic monuments. | Gārsenes pagasts, +371 29490656, +371 262367150, www.akniste.lv •E3
- Poet Rainis' Museum in Tadenava.** Rainis' birthplace, traditional tools and other items in the memorial museum. | Dunavas pagasts, +371 29250484, www.aspazijarinis.lv/tadenava •F3
- Selonian crafts centre RUME.** Craft workshops, demonstrations of crafts – ceramics, textiles, wood carvings, creative workshops. | Zasas pagasts, +371 26557249, +371 26239304, www.rume.lv •E3





- Tourist attraction
- Zemgale Small Circle
- Greenways
- Road with separated traffic zones
- Regional roads
- Gravel road
- National park, nature reserve
- Tourist information centre
- Zemgale Selonia Circle
- Main road
- Asphalted road
- Other roads
- State border

### Car routes



**Zemgale Small Circle**

Going along this route, you will have the opportunity to see ancient Semigallian castle mounds and a 12th century Semigallian wooden castle, as well as other beautiful castles and manors that preserve our diverse cultural history. Families with children and youths will be entertained by amusement parks and playgrounds, various backyard farms with exotic animals. Try and taste the local produce and see what the craftsmen have to offer!



**Zemgale Selonia Circle**

Time passes slowly in the quiet towns of Selonia, surrounded by scenic hills and plains. Here you can learn about the lineage and life of the legendary personalities of Latvia – Rainis, J. Jaunsudrabiņš, A. Grīns, P. Stradiņš. You will learn of the cultural heritage of Selonia, try different crafts, taste the local goods, and enjoy active recreation in nature.



### Bike routes



**401 Rich Zemgale** 30km

The route is rich in sightseeing spots that allow you to get to know Zemgale and its people. From Bauska to Skaistkalne, the road winds along the Mēmele. The route is more suitable for a two-day trip.

**403 Daugava Valley Cycling Route** 40km

An excellent route for exploring the Daugava Valley Nature Park, Skrīveri, Aizkraukle, and Koknese. All cities are connected by a railway line. From Skrīveri to Aizkraukle you can enjoy the landscape of the Daugava valley.

### Europe's most outstanding tourist destinations



**Nature Park in Tērvete**

One of the most popular and family-friendly tourist destinations in Latvia.

**The cradle of Latvian Eco SPA in Southern Zemgale**

Relaxing sauna rituals in true Latvian fashion in the Vecumnieki region.

### An Exciting Journey Around Castle and Manor Parks



Opportunity to get out into nature and explore Latvian cultural and historical heritage – castles, manors and their parks – in all four seasons. Along the route you will find parks and gardens landscaped in English, Romanticism, Baroque, and Renaissance styles.

Today, the parks are home to venerable trees, unique tree species and landscapes, and habitats where rare and unusual plants and animals grow and reside. The parks invite each and every visitor to break away from the daily rush, to open their eyes, and to truly see and listen.

### "Rock the Lielupe" Boating Routes



Opportunity to choose one of five boating routes along the Lielupe River from Bauska to its estuary. Along the route you will find 18 stops with pontoon footbridges and information stands on the banks of the Lielupe.

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