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Nature has given this resort many gifts. For centuries, Druskininkai has been valued for its natural healing resources.

The resort is well-known and appreciated for its many years of curortology experience, improved and effective mineral water, mud and climate therapies, high-quality spa and wellness procedures and attractive tourism infrastructure.

SPA therapy and rehabilitation treatment, complex procedures, SPA procedures and unique climate of Druskininkai will help you improve your health, regain your strength, and refresh your soul.

Natural resources, amusement, entertainment and cultural events are offered in Druskininkai all year round. The resort is famous for numerous accommodation and entertainment facilities. We thought about all the seasons and have something to offer in Druskininkai in both the winter and summer.

We kindly invite you to come to Druskininkai, an attractive, unique, modern and contemporary resort, a pearl of nature that features unique elements of the small architecture, beautiful parks and flower gardens. We hope that after your very first visit you will be eager to come back again.













# 1 HISTORY OF THE RESORT







Although Druskininkai was first mentioned in the written sources only in 1636, humans used to live here in as early as the Stone Age.

On 20 June 1794, Grand Duke of Lithuania and King of Poland Stanislaw August Poniatowski decreed Druskininkai as a healing area. Until then, Druskininkai had been an ordinary Lithuanian village. After Ignatius Fonberg, the professor of Vilnius University, performed and published research of chemical composition of mineral water in 1837, Nicholas I, Emperor of Russia, approved the establishment project of Druskininkai

resort. Middle of the 19th century – beginning of 20th century is considered to be the period of prosperity of the resort. Not only Druskininkai became a place of treating by using salty springs, mud, and kumis but a place for entertainment, as well. Concerts, theatre and dance performances took place here. In 1924-1939, the doctor E. Levicka's Sun, Air and Exercising park operated in Druskininkai.

Nowadays, Druskininkai is an international all-year round mineral water, mud and climate therapy resort.



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THE NAME OF DRUSKININKAI ORIGINATES FROM LITHUANIAN WORD “DRUSKA” (THE SALT) AND “DRUSKININKAS” (THE SALT MAN).

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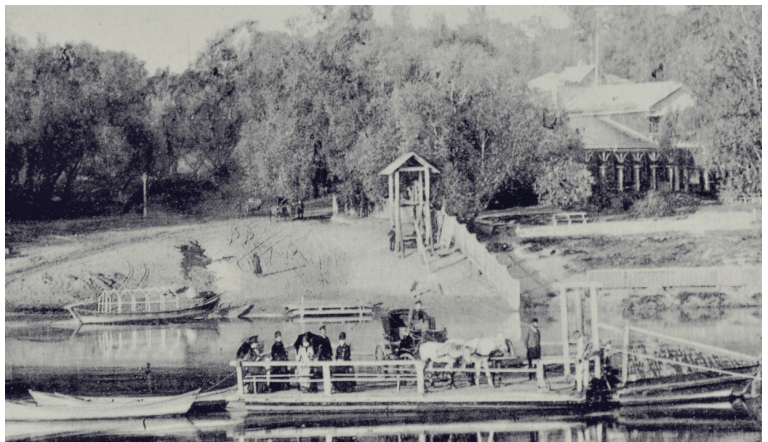
THE FIRST HEALTH RESORT OF DRUSKININKAI, A MASONRY BUILDING ACCOMMODATING UP TO 150 GUESTS (AT PRESENT HOTEL “EUROPA ROYALE DRUSKININKAI”) WAS OPENED IN 1894.

IN 1908 THE FIRST SHUTTLE BUS STARTED TRAVELLING IN LITHUANIA AND TOOK PASSENGERS FROM PARIEČĖ RAILWAY STATION TO DRUSKININKAI HOTELS.

IN 1931, 300-METERS DEEP WELLS WERE DRILLED, AND A COUPLE OF YEARS LATER, 330-METERS DEEP WELLS WERE DRILLED. AT SUCH A DEPTH, THE WATER HAS A VERY STRONG MINERALIZATION.

IN 1907 A LABORATORY WAS OPENED IN DRUSKININKAI TO PRODUCE PINE ESSENTIAL OIL, AROMATIC BALSAM AND AYER OIL, WHICH WERE SUCCESSFULLY USED IN VARIOUS TREATMENT PROCEDURES.

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## HEALING RESOURCES







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MINERAL WATER IS WATER FROM UNDERGROUND RESERVOIRS THAT CONTAINS MORE OF VARIOUS MINERAL COMPOUNDS AND HAS SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS (TEMPERATURE, ACIDITY, AND RADIOACTIVITY).

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Calcium and sodium chloride waters of different mineralization are found in the resort. They have a higher amount of magnesium and bromine according to their chemical composition, if compared with well-known European mineral waters that are used for treatment.

The waters of mineral springs are highly effective in treating stomach, intestine, muscles, joints, spine, peripheral nerve system, cardiac and blood vessels, gynaecological, skin and endocrine system conditions.

Many people have heard about the miraculous Druskininkai mud.

Peat mud procedures feature thermal, mechanical and chemical effects. Moor mud is used for the treatment of connective tissue and skeleton muscles,

digestive organs, articular, nervous, and urogenital and respiratory system diseases.

Mild climate and ionised air is another curative factor of the resort. The air of Druskininkai is clean and highly ionised, as the town is surrounded by pine forests.

The guests of Druskininkai may choose from traditional resort resources and methods, as well as from popular SPA services. Wide range of massages and wellness procedures, such as hot lava stone, nephrite jade stone, amber, buckwheat, salt, grape juice, milk, honey, chocolate, seaweed, and aromatic oil therapy are offered at the resort. Medical and Wellness SPA centres have treatment programs of various lengths and intensity.





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AT PRESENT, THERE ARE AROUND  
FIFTY SPRINGS THAT SUPPLY MINERAL  
WATER DIRECTLY TO BATHS, POOLS AND  
BUVETTES.

MINERAL WATERS OF DRUSKININKAI  
HAVE THE HIGHEST RANGE OF  
MINERALIZATION IN EUROPE.

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An aerial photograph of a water park slide. The slide is a vibrant blue, winding path that curves through a rocky, tan-colored landscape. Several people are seen floating down the slide on yellow inflatable tubes with blue and white patterns. The water is clear and bright blue, with white foam visible where the tubes are moving. The surrounding area includes large, textured rock formations and some green foliage, including palm fronds, at the top of the frame.

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ENTERTAINMENT AND LEISURE







Not only Druskininkai offer a quiet recreation, but an active entertainment, as well. Water parks invite you to enjoy the pleasures of water and different types of saunas. Snow Arena year-round winter entertainment complex features two enclosed downhill skiing trails and an outdoor trail, ski-school, go-kart track and snow bikes. UNO adventure park is a place for one to become a Tarzan. 9 treks with over 130 different contests await you in the centre of the town, on the bank of the Nemunas River. A unique flight over the Nemunas River, a trek that is over 400 meters long, is installed above the largest river of Lithuania.

Our resort is the only place in Lithuania to try out the cable car, the eco-friendly form of transportation, which provides an opportunity to see the town from the bird's-eye-view while on the way to the other bank of the Nemunas River.

Scottish golf course was designed for the masters to demonstrate their excellence as well as for beginners to learn how to play. Professional golf coaches provide their services at the driving range, and Druskininkai children golf school can be found there as well. Tennis, beach tennis, squash, bowling, billiards and other sports

lovers will find a convenient infrastructure and modern equipment in Druskininkai. Up-to-date extreme sports facilities, such as parkour and gymnastics spaces, BMX bike, skateboarding, roller skates and Scooter Park are offered in Youth Activity Centre.

Bike trails along the pine forests start in the centre of town and lead to ethnographic village of Švendubrė, located close to the legendary Raigardas Valley, Antanas Česnulis sculpture and Leisure Park and other places of interest. The sections of Sun Trail are suitable for regular and Nordic Walking.

Nemunas river cruises allow tourist to admire picturesque banks of the Nemunas River and Love Island, and come to Liškiava Architectural Ensemble. Druskonis Lake is a perfect place for boating, riding a catamaran.

There are a number of parks and nice public areas that are loved by locals and town guests: Karolis Dineika Health Park with old wellness traditions and Vijūnėlė Park with the sea of narcissus flowers that bloom every spring. The park of the health resorts entertains the guests with the dancing musical fountain of Druskininkai.



















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MUSEUMS, GALLERIES







Druskininkai city museum houses a permanent exposition of the history of the resort, valuable iconography and archival material, hosts events, shows, chamber music concerts, meetings and conferences. The museum is situated in the centre of the town, in a representative building of the beginning of the 20th century, a villa LINKSMA (Jolly), which is also an object of architectural heritage.

The gallery space of the Druskininkai City Museum is adapted for the dissemination of professional art and various activities: exhibitions of professional artists, presentations, lectures, and educational activities. A modern, creativity-promoting educational space has been set up especially for educational activities.

M. K. Čiurlionis House-Museum was founded in the house of the artist's and composer's M. K. Čiurlionis (1875–1911) parents, where he used to live and work. Authentic family belongings are displayed in two wooden houses, whereas the other building is a study of M. K. Čiurlionis biography and works.

The museum Girios Aidai was established in 1971, in order to promote nature conservation and forestry. Expositions of animals and birds are presented at the museum. Witches, dwarfs and other fairy tale characters are hiding in hallow oak tree, and chirping birds and sighing forest can be heard.

The gallery of classical art named after Lithuanian artist Vytautas Kazimieras Jonynas (1907-1997) presents the works of the creator: drawings, graphics, paintings and stained-glass projects, documentary about church interiors that have been created by the artist, and video footage.

Druskininkai Resistance and Exile Museum features expositions of armed resistance, exile, unarmed resistance, and memorial room of Antanas Dambrauskas, former political prisoner and famous translator of antique literature. There are around 2000 exhibits at the museum: photos, documents, and crafts created during the exile and other relics from the exile and period of resistance.

Grūto parkas a unique outdoor exhibition of dismantled soviet monuments, brought from various Lithuanian cities and towns has been launched. This is a heritage of the Lithuanian monuments of a few decades. Idols and symbols imposed by the soviet regime on the Lithuanian nation reveal historic truth on the soviet occupation period in Lithuania.

A. Česnulis Gallery is a part of sculpture and leisure park that was named after this artist and presents his works. Wood carvings and compositions arranged around the park are only a small part of master's creations. The works of Antanas Česnulis are unique, different and alive: various sculptures and compositions, roofed pillars and wayside shrines.











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EVENTS







Druskininkai kindly invites the locals and guests of the resort to take part in all kinds of cultural event all year round. Every spring, Narcissus flower festival takes place in Druskininkai, and every summer starts with the largest town fiesta - Druskininkai resort festival. Musical weekends of the resort present the concerts of various genres of music all summer long. The lovers of classical music enjoy the international art festival "Druskininkai Summer with M. K. Čiurlionis". The lovers of ethnic culture are awaited at Shrove Tuesday, St. John's (Midsummer), and Dainava Region folk festivals. Cultural heritage and gourmand dishes lure the visitors to come to Cheese festival and Tourism days. "The festive mood of Druskininkai

is created by the cycle of Christmas events that start with spectacular Christmas tree lighting ceremony and opening of Nativity scene and Christmas tree park.

Resort is attractive for the lovers and participants of sports and wellness events and pet lovers. Druskininkai town is made famous by LTeam winter Olympic Winter Festival, International Race Walk Competition, Lithuanian Rally Championship, various triathlon, basketball, volleyball, tennis, golf and football tournaments. K. Dineika Health Park invites the visitors for exercising and meditations all summer long, and pet lovers get together for international dog shows.











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GOURMAND PARADISE







We offer wide selection of foods for gourmands, from traditional cuisine to the Near East, Uzbek and French, and, of course, traditional Lithuanian cuisine in Druskininkai. After tasting a Palestine falafel or potato pie with pork leg, you can enjoy Mediterranean menu in Vijūnėlė Park. They offer seafood and grill dishes, and home-made Italian ice cream.

The guests of the resort are welcome to participate in educational programs that take place in nearby villages: demonstration baking of Lithuanian tree

cake, honey tasting and folk venues. Cheese making program introduces production process of Lithuanian curd cheese, as well as various fermented, matured cheeses, and cheese with mold. Buns are baked in traditional oven, on the dried cabbage leaf, according to the old Dzūkian recipe.

Plov (rice pilaf) cooking championship is organized in the resort every year, and street markets offer delicious Lithuanian bread, organic cheeses and meat products.











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SURROUNDINGS







Švendubrė is an old street-type village, an architectural monument, which was formed during Volok Reform (village was mentioned in the documents of the 16th century, in as early as 1620). The Devil's rock on the outskirts of the village is an architectural monument. Wooden sculptures "Bell ringer",

"The Legend of Raigardas", and "Shepherdess" picture the legends about appearance of the rock. Raigardas Valley is a scenic preserve, which was formed about 5,000 years ago when the bend of the Nemunas River shifted rightwise. It is being told that years ago a large city was present there and later on it was swallowed by the earth.

Ratnyčia used to be the large centre of the parish with pubs and the church in the middle of the 19th century. The legend tells that the name of the village originates from the inscription "RATNYČIA" on the gate of the wheelwright's house. J. Čečiota, the public figure, poet, a comrade-in-arms of A. Mickevičius and editor of his works was laid to rest in the churchyard of the Church of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, located near Ratnyčia.

Leipalingis is a small town that has been known for over 500 years. Leipalingis is made beautiful by the

Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven and Černiauskai Mound. Historic heart of the town, Leipalingis Manor was a residential manor of Lithuanian nobles, and a witness of their ups and downs, which was brought to a new life once again. A. Volungevičius Museum of Regional Studies was established in the premises of the manor. The exposition consists of geology, archaeology, and ethnography exhibits. The prints published in Tilsit during the years of press ban, and passports of German participants of the First and the Second World War and citizens of independent Lithuania are preserved there.

Liškiava is the village of the 15th century, situated on the left bank of the Nemunas River. The remains of masonry castle that was started but not finished after the Battle of Grunwald can be found on the top of Liškiava Mound. You can visit Liškiava architectural ensemble, which consists of former Dominican Monastery and the Church of Holy Trinity with exposition of liturgical heritage arranged in the cellars. The pipe organ of 1899 that was built in honour of the visit of Seinai bishop A. Baranauskas can be found in the church. An organ was played by K. Čiurlionis (1851-1914), a father of famous artist M. K. Čiurlionis.







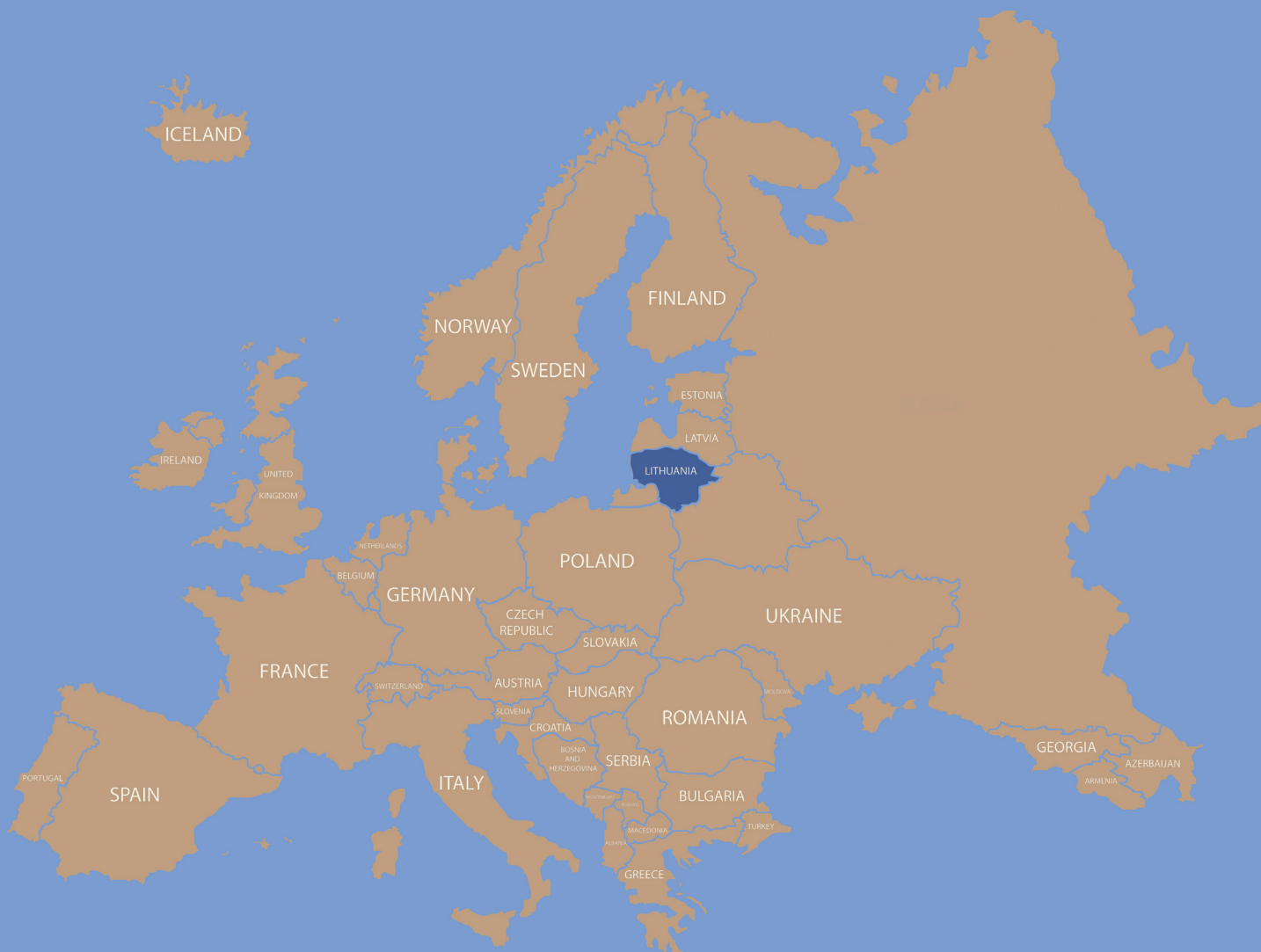












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Nacionalinė valiuta: euras (€)

Atstumai: Druskininkai – Vilnius: 120 km  
Druskininkai – Ryga: 330 km  
Druskininkai – Varšuva: 280 km

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