

Sārņate – Užava

The most beautiful scenery of the Latvian seacoast





Near Sārņate, you can still see the bluffs of the Baltic Sea, which slowly become lower towards the North and is replaced by a washed away dam of foredunes. Between Venzavas village and the Užava Lighthouse, you can see coastal sceneries that are quite unusual for Latvia and that remind one of sandy and rocky deserts with sparse vegetation: it used to be a firing ground for the Soviet army. In this place and in the territories of former firing grounds located beyond the Užava Lighthouse, there are now grey foredunes. Getting closer to the estuary of the Užava River, the beach becomes wider and the dunes – lower. The most beautiful scenery of the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route can be seen from the top of the romantic Užava Lighthouse.




PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 15 km


 5–7 h


 Sārņate beach located 0,6 km away from road P 111 connecting Liepāja and Ventspils.


 Užava beach next to where the Užava River flows into the sea, opposite **P**

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 Easy


 Sandy, pebbly beaches (with pebbles of different sizes).

 When you get to the Užava Lighthouse, you have to take a trail through the concrete breakwaters. You can wade across the Užava River during low water. There is a bridge located 0,3 km away from the mouth.

 The bluffs are formed (collapse) as the sea washes away the shore and the rain water washes away their

slopes. You can come across landslides, landfalls, rockfalls, so it is forbidden to walk on the top of the bluffs. For this purpose, use the stairs. Landfalls mostly occur during storms (or after storms) and after heavy showers, but may also occur at other times.

 The closest shop is located in Užava.

 Vigorous walkers can combine this section with the one from the previous day Jūrkalne – Sārņate and start in Jūrkalne.

WORTH SEEING!

- 1** The Užava beer brewery. You can get to know the history of the Užava beer brewery and the beer brewing process in a 50 min tour with tasting. In the beer brewery shop, you can buy beer and different types of snacks. T: +371 29219145; GPS: 57.19783, 21.44137
- 2** The Užava Lighthouse. This 21 m high cylindrical stone lighthouse was built in 1879. Its lamp flashes twice within a period of 10 seconds. In 1930, the dune at the bottom of the lighthouse was reinforced with juniper wicker baskets filled with pebbles and big boulders were placed next to them. In the 1970s, the shore was fortified with concrete blocks. T: +371 28341836; GPS: 57.20907, 21.41465
- 3** The Užava Lutheran Church. The only Lutheran church in Latvia without a belfry. The church has a four-slope roof, yet two bells are situated beneath the wooden roof near the main entrance. Two interesting weathercocks have remained from 1784; they have the letters PHC written on them meaning that the church was built at command of Duke Peter von Biron. GPS: 57.23230, 21.46119
- 4** The Užava Baptist Church. The Užava Baptist congregation is the oldest Baptist congregation in Latvia. It was established in 1861 when the first christening took place in the Užava River. The church was built in 1888. T: +371 26677141; GPS: 57.23003, 21.47143

SERVICES

- Accommodations**
- 1.** Holiday home "Sārnatorija", T: +371 29541777; GPS: 57.11503, 21.43454

- 2.** Guest house "Auseklītis", T: +371 29249019; GPS: 57.22707, 21.45581
- 3.** Country house "Tarzeri", T: +371 29786852; GPS: 57.22941, 21.44939
- 4.** Holiday home "Krikši", T: +371 26002049; GPS: 57.23305, 21.44098
- 5.** Holiday home "Upmalnieki", T: +371 26045928; GPS: 57.23352, 21.44051
- 6.** Holiday home "Ganības", T: +371 29474730; GPS: 57.23831, 21.43466
- 7.** Tent campsite "Saliņas", T: +371 29462898; GPS: 57.23993, 21.42784
- 8.** Guest house "Brieži", T: +371 29759460; GPS: 57.22771, 21.45226



Catering
Catering is not available.



Shops
In Užava, GPS: 57.22926, 21.45514



Public transport
Bus transport connects Sārnate and Užava (~ 4 times per day).



Rest areas
Next to the Užava Lighthouse, GPS: 57.20948, 21.41598
The mouth of the Užava River, GPS: 57.24702, 21.41474

TOURIST INFORMATION



Ventspils TIC, Dārzu iela 6, Ventspils, www.visitventspils.com, T: +371 63622263, 29232226; GPS: 57.39838, 21.56953

