

Oviši – Miķeļtornis

Between Oviši Lighthouse and Miķeļbāka Lighthouse




The Baltic Coastal Hiking Route leads through the Oviši Nature reserve where the typical coastal scenery is formed by wide sandy beaches and dunes. Here, the materials naturally found on the beach, the pebbles and sand, create big natural mosaics. In Lūžņa village, military objects from different periods are of interest to visitors, yet near the estuary of the Lūžupe River the seasonal closure must be observed in order to protect the nesting birds: it is prohibited to go there from 01.04. to 15.07. You must go around this place by following the indications marked in the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route. The destination of the itinerary, the Miķeļbāka Lighthouse, can be seen from afar.




PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 18 km

 6–8 h

 Oviši Lighthouse

 Centre of Miķeļtornis Village next to the Lutheran church

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 Easy



Mainly wide, sandy beaches with some pebbles mixed in.



There are brooks that you can wade across during low water.



The former Soviet military base in Lūžņa Village.

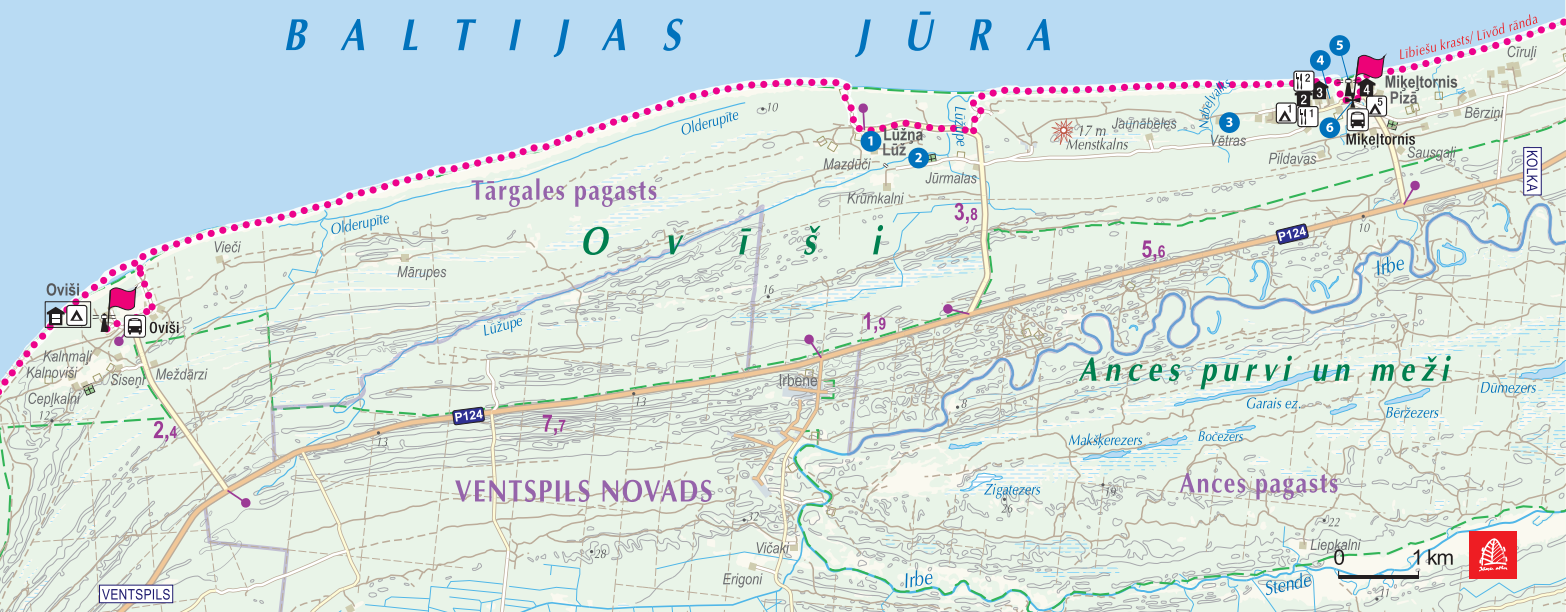


A seasonal closure is in force at the estuary of Lūžņa (the Lūžupe River) opposite Lūžņa village. Entering the territory is prohibited from 01.04. to 15.07. Here, the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route turns towards Lūžņa Village. You have to go through it and at the place

where the gravel road turns South (to road P124), turn left and return to the beach through the former military base (follow the marks in the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route) in the direction of Miķeļtornis village. No shops are available between Ventspils (Pārventa District) and Mazirbe.



For 4,5 km, Lūžņa village and Miķeļtornis village are connected by small forest trails that can be used in case of strong wind.



WORTH SEEING!

- 1 Lūžņa village.** Lūžņa is a village that is several kilometers long and is located on both sides of the Lūžņa River. In 1937, there were 36 houses and 2 piers. During the Soviet occupation, a military base belonging to the Soviet army was located near Lūžņa; the remains of its buildings can still be seen today. GPS: 57.59357, 21.87273
- 2 Lūžņu Cemetery.** Here lies the last person to speak the Western dialect of the Livonian language Lizete Švanberga (1902 – 1987). GPS: 57.59084, 21.88759
- 3 Nabeļkalns Hill.** Also known as border hill. It is a state protected archaeological monument located between two municipalities. The Vecnābeles River, also called the Lūžupe River or the Nabeļupe River, flows along the hill. The hill is located ~ 0,3 km in the SW direction from the Vētru (Storm) House. GPS: 57.59643, 21.94717
- 4 Mīķeltnoris (Tower of Mīķelis).** This place got its current name (before it was Pize, Pizā in the Livonian language, meaning “osier twig” in Latvian) from the lighthouse built during the times of Russian Empire, which was named *Mihailovskij majak* after the nephew of the old Emperor Alexander II. GPS: 57.59906, 21.97488

- 5 Mīķelbāka (The Lighthouse of Mīķelis).** Mīķeltnoris or Mīķelbāka is the tallest lighthouse in the Baltics, it is 59 m high. The lighthouse can only be viewed from afar. GPS: 57.59975, 21.97445
- 6 The Mīķeltnoris Lutheran Church.** The Mīķeltnoris (Pize) Church was built in 1883 of red bricks replacing the old Lutheran log building. The interior decoration contains ancient ornaments. From 1963 to 1989, the parish was inactive and the building was used as a pioneer camp club. The church can only be viewed before and after services which take place during major religious holidays. GPS: 57.59892, 21.97543

SERVICES



Accommodations

- 1. Campsite “Mīķelbāka”,** T: +371 27884438; GPS: 57.59724, 21.96463
- 2. Holiday home “Prinči”,** T: +371 29333854; GPS: 57.59840, 21.96635
- 3. Guest house - Camping “Pizā,”** T: +371 23308622; GPS: 57.59972, 21.96863
- 4. Holiday home “Tālrīti”,** T: +371 29272226; GPS: 57.59935, 21.97681
- 5. Tent campsite “Lību ligzda”,** T: +371 26131413; GPS: 57.59894, 21.97820



Catering

- 1. Cafe “Mīķelbāka”,** T: +371 27884438; GPS: 57.59734, 21.96565
- 2. Cafe “Pizā”,** T: +371 23308622; GPS: 57.59972, 21.96863



Shops

No shops available in this section.



Public transport

Not available.

TOURIST INFORMATION



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