



# Saunags village – Kolka

## The heart of Europe: Cape Kolka



The Baltic Coastal Hiking Route winds through small country and forest roads from Saunags village to Vaide village where it returns to the seacoast again. Wide sandy beaches stretch up to Cape Kolka turning into low sparse foredunes; wooded seaside dunes continue behind them. For around 2 km, there are washed away dunes followed by the Dumbrkalni Hills. Cape Kolka, the point where the Great Sea meets the Little Sea, is one of the most popular bird-watching sites on the Baltic seacoast.



### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 13 km

⌚ 5-7 h

🚩 The center of Saunags Village

🚩 Cape Kolka, opposite the Kolkasrags Information and Visitors center **P**

📍 Saunags – Vaide – Cape Kolka

📷 Easy

🌳 Gravel roads, sandy beach.

🚧 You can wade across the Vecročupe River during low water.

⚠️ The itinerary goes through Slītere National Park.

📍 The distance between Saunags village and Vaide village can be covered via the beach. You can go from Vaide village to Kolka via a forest trail (marked on the trees with yellow paint or with cycle route markings No 558). Experienced walkers can combine this section with the one of the previous day and start in Sīkrags village.





## WORTH SEEING!

- 1** **The Horn collection in Vaide village.** More than 550 horns and exposition about nature protection. T: +371 29395624; GPS: 57.72684, 22.45993
- 2** **The Pine Nature Trail.** The trail (1.2 km) leads through the dune forest to the seaside. When the pine trees are in blossom, the terraneous branches of the pines form fascinating flowering carpets over the ground. You can see the "Mother of Pines" which could possibly be one of the oldest coastal pines deeply covered in sand. According to biologists, it could be around 200-300 years old. GPS: 57.75708, 22.59076
- 3** **The Bird observation tower.** 20 m high. GPS: 57.75683, 22.59124
- 4** **The Old Kolka Lighthouse.** The only remains of the lighthouse are its ruins, reaffirming the mightiness of the sea, wind and currents at Cape Kolka. GPS: 57.75891, 22.60471
- 5** **The Kolka Lighthouse.** The only lighthouse in Latvia built on an island that was artificially created 6 km from the shore. GPS: 57.80238, 22.63398
- 6** **A Monument to the ones taken by the sea.** Erected to commemorate lives and vessels lost at sea, as well as the Land of the Livonia's. GPS: 57.75829, 22.60278
- 7** **Cape Kolka.** The Northernmost point of the Kurzeme (Courland) peninsula. Its ancient name Domesnes was first mentioned on the Mervalla Rune Stone in Sweden around 1040. The shelf of Cape Kolka stretches into the sea for 6 km and it is bathed by the sea at a depth of 0,5-3 km. The waves of the Baltic Sea and the Gulf of Riga meet on its shelf. During storms waves can reach a height of 7 m. GPS: 57.75847, 22.60447
- 8** **The Livonian center "Kūolka".** The Livonian Community Centre at Kolka. Provides an insight into the Livonian culture of North Kurzeme, traditional trades, the sound of the language and the cultural heritage of the coastal community. Culture events,

seminars, courses, exhibitions, tourist information. T: +371 29198596; GPS: 57.74306, 22.58509

- 9** **The Kolka Sea Star Virgin Roman Catholic Church.** T: +371 29644609, 29793759; GPS: 57.73838, 22.58311

## SERVICES



### Accommodations

- 1. Holiday home "Zemeņlauki",** T: +371 26376974; GPS: 57.72026, 22.43500
- 2. Holiday home "Vecvalki",** T: +371 28478789; GPS: 57.71913, 22.43122
- 3. Holiday home "Nītaiga",** T: +371 25915787; GPS: 57.72046, 22.43623
- 4. Campsite "Purviedi",** T: +371 29395624, 63200179; GPS: 57.72686, 22.45994
- 5. Campsite "Saules mājas",** T: +371 28368830, 26322972; GPS: 57.75852, 22.60015
- 6. Holiday home "Ūši",** T: +371 29475692, 63276507; GPS: 57.74822, 22.59502
- 7. Holiday home "Mežalauki",** T: +371 26536887; GPS: 57.74794, 22.58908
- 8. Holiday home "Vārpas",** T: +371 26404053; GPS: 57.74769, 22.58892
- 9. Holiday home "Kolka",** T: +371 26404053; GPS: 57.74764, 22.58802
- 10. Recreation center "Krogī",** T: +371 29195587, 29450413; GPS: 57.74629, 22.59153
- 11. Apartment "Dzintarkrasti",** T: +371 20347286; GPS: 57.74307, 22.59132
- 12. Guest house "Vītoli",** T: +371 29135764; GPS: 57.74003, 22.58265
- 13. Campsite "Piejūras namiņš",** T: +371 20212109, 28268665; GPS: 57.73832, 22.58868
- 14. Hotel "Zītari",** T: +371 29808111, 20019608; GPS: 57.73810, 22.58163
- 15. Tent area "Pūpoli",** T: +371 28311813, 27650997; GPS: 57.72784, 22.58058



### Catering

- 1. Cafe "Divjūriņas",** T: +371 28658791; GPS: 57.75635, 22.60022
- 2. Livonian dishes "Ūši",** T: +371 29475692; GPS: 57.74836, 22.59503



Livonian dish, sklandraušī. Only by prior appointment.

- 3. Cafe "Zītari",** T: +371 20019608, 29808111; GPS: 57.73810, 22.58163



### Shops

In Kolka, GPS: 57.74371, 22.58672; GPS: 57.73784, 22.58172



### Public transport

Bus transport connects Saunags and Kolka (~ 2-4 times per day).



### Rest areas

Next to Vaide ponds, GPS: 57.73051, 22.48136

At the Pine Nature Trail, GPS: 57.75683, 22.59124

Next to the Kolkasrags Information and Visitors center, GPS: 57.75650, 22.60046

Parking lot, GPS: 57.75083, 22.59550

## TOURIST INFORMATION



**Kolkasrags Information and Visitors center,** Kolkasrags, Kolka, www.kolkasrags.lv, T: +371 29149105; GPS: 57.75650, 22.59991



**Dundaga TIC,** Pils iela 14, Dundaga, www.visit.dundaga.lv, T: +371 29444395, 63232293; GPS: 57.51044, 22.35528



**Livonian Community Centre,** "Pastnieki", Kolka, T: +371 29402093; GPS: 57.74208, 22.58485