



Gīpka – Kaltene

The rocky beach of Kurzeme



A sandy beach that is not too wide and has beautiful dunes and coastal pine forests stretches from Gīpka to Roja, but before reaching Roja it is overgrown with reeds. Conversely, the section between Roja and the Kaltene Church is one of the most extraordinary parts of the seashore of Latvia, where the coast is notched by small capes and coves with a very narrow beach. All over the coast, there are piles of boulders of different sizes with the green foliage of black alders hanging over them. In some places, the large gnarled root systems of the trees washed ashore rise before your eyes. In some places, an unpaved road goes right along the coast and a lot of former fishermen homesteads are aligned next to it.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 20 km

⌚ 7–9 h

🚩 Gīpka

🚩 The Kaltene Lutheran Church



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Easy up to Roja.



Up to Roja, there are mainly sandy beaches with reedy and grassy coasts appearing shortly before reaching the town. Further on there is a forest trail and asphalt in Roja. After passing Roja, a gravel road and a beach with pebbles, sand and gravel of different sizes, as well as the grassy part of the seacoast. In Kaltene: a gravel road.



Hard between Roja and Kaltene.



In some places, the beach becomes narrower (when the winds create an inflow of water), but it can be bypassed via the nearby road. You can wade across the brooks during low water.



You have to be careful when walking across the rocky beach as the stones can be damp, slippery (overgrown with seaweeds) and can move.



In case of strong NE and E winds, the coast may be awash with waves in some places. Then it is necessary to take forest trails or coastal roads. Suitable (closed) footwear is necessary, walking poles are advisable for support.





Rest areas

On Roja beach,
GPS: 57.51015, 22.80094

TOURIST INFORMATION



Roja TIC, Selgas iela 14e, Roja,
www.roja.lv,
T: +371 28630590;
GPS: 57.50393, 22.80762

WORTH SEEING!

- 1** The Craftsmen's market. You can buy local products, seasonal berries, fruits and vegetables. GPS: 57.50560, 22.80355
- 2** Fish shop in Roja. T: +371 22432497; GPS 57.50463, 22.80643
- 3** The Roja Marine Fisheries Museum. T: +371 29432899; GPS: 57.50142, 22.81486
- 4** The Giant Sea Boulder of Roja. GPS: 57.50058, 22.82087
- 5** An exhibition showing the cultural history heritage of the Kaltene fishing village. T: +371 29432899; GPS: 57.46388, 22.88122
- 6** The Memorial house of the flamenco guitarist Andrés el Letón. T: +371 26623781; GPS: 57.45958, 22.88431
- 7** The Birdwatching tower in Kaltene. GPS: 57.44563, 22.90578
- 8** Tasting of treats from the "Cīrulīši" homestead. T: +371 28308124; GPS: 57.45939, 22.88031
- 9** The Fish salad factory "Kaltenes zivis", T: +371 20201250; GPS: 57.45133, 22.88606

SERVICES



Accommodations

- 1.** Recreation and sports complex "Dzintarkrasts", T: +371 28600600, 28606060; GPS: 57.54112, 22.70901
- 2.** Guest houses "Green Valley", T: +371 27056622; GPS: 57.53587, 22.69449
- 3.** For accommodations in Roja visit www.roja.lv
- 4.** Guest house "Vecmuižas", T: +371 29244537, 29343119; GPS: 57.48387, 22.85292
- 5.** Hotel "Rēderi", T: +371 63220558, 29238929; GPS: 57.47349, 22.86660
- 6.** Guest house "Vanataurs", T: +371 26441722; GPS: 57.47403, 22.86879
- 7.** Guest house "Vīnkalni", T: +371 26596275; GPS: 57.46500, 22.87968
- 8.** Guest house "Akmens stāsti", T: +371 20347286; GPS: 57.46074, 22.87720
- 9.** Guest house "Zivtiņi", T: +371 29231907; GPS: 57.45026, 22.89868



Catering

- 1.** Restaurant "Dzintarkrasti", T: +371 29105411; GPS: 57.54111, 22.70918
- 2.** Cafe "Beach bus", T: +371 28808159; GPS: 57.51092, 22.80043
- 3.** Cafe "Caurlaide", T: +371 22041007; GPS: 57.50874, 22.80044
- 4.** Restaurant "Otra puse", T: +371 63232226, 29477602; GPS: 57.50805, 22.79861
- 5.** Restaurant "Mare", T: +371 28328599, 29169490; GPS: 57.50614, 22.80208
- 6.** Cafe "Ķipītis", T: +371 63291658, 26373806; GPS: 57.50521, 22.80273
- 7.** Cafe "Čiekurs", T: +371 28317997; GPS: 57.50494, 22.80291
- 8.** Cafe "Rēderi", T: +371 63220558, 29238929; GPS: 57.47335, 22.86676
- 9.** Restaurant "Akmens stāsti", T: +371 20347286; GPS: 57.46074, 22.87720



Shops

In Gipka, GPS: 57.56990, 22.65008, in Roja (several shops), in Kaltene, GPS: 57.45228, 22.89146



Public transport

Bus transport connects Ģipka and Kaltene (~ 4 times per day).