

## Bulduri – Riga City Center

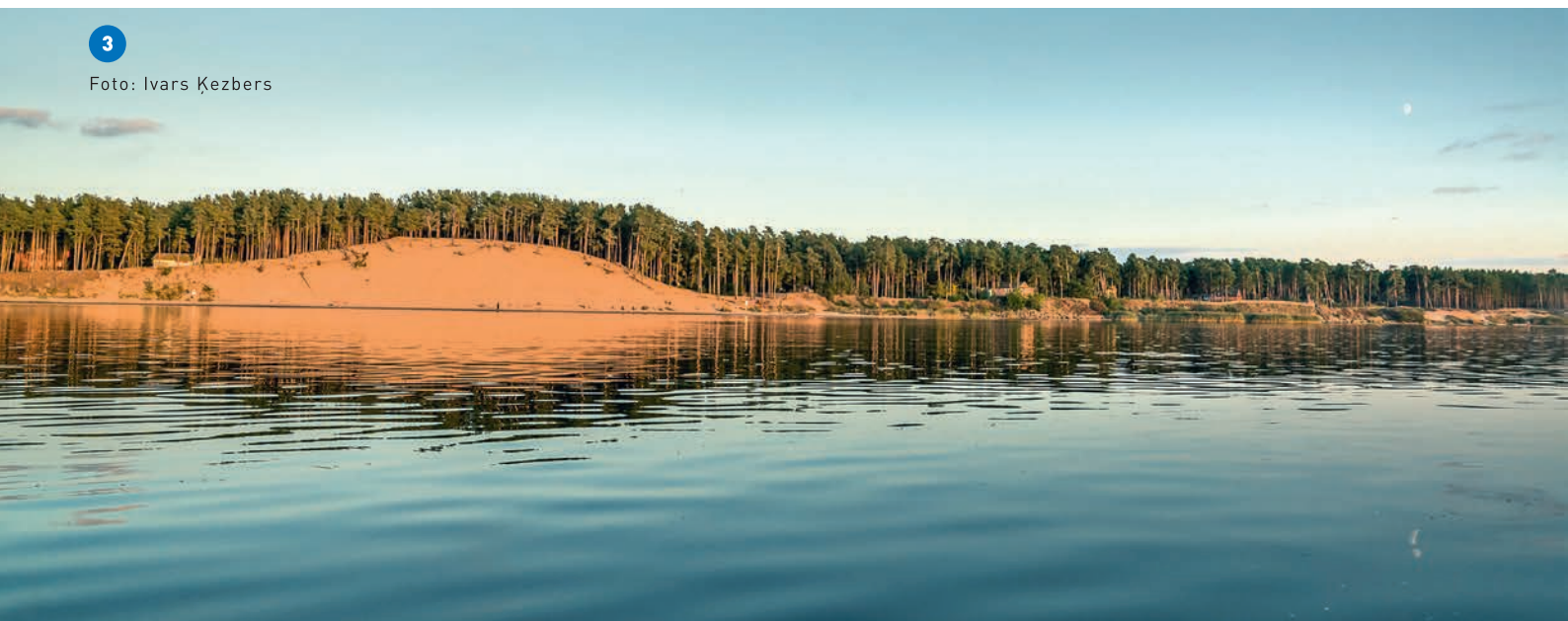
### Through the forests to Riga








The itinerary is an alternative way to get from Jūrmala to Riga by going through the forest. After passing the bridge across the Lielupe River, the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route snakes through Priedaine with its wooden buildings, goes along the right bank of the Lielupe River, then turns towards the Southern part of Bolderāja Dune and crosses Kleisti forest past Lāčupe Cemetery. Next, it goes along the historic roads of Pārdaugava on the West bank of the Daugava River, namely, Buļļu and Daugavgrīvas iela, through Dzegužkalns Hill, passing the Zunda Canal and Āgenskalns bay until reaching the Daugava River, which the route crosses via the Stone bridge and then stops at Town Hall Square.

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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- 23 km
-  8–10 h
-  Bulduri railway station
-  Riga Town Hall Square next to the Riga tourism information center.
-  Bulduri – Priedaine – Liepezers – Lāčupe – Ilģuciems – Riga Old Town
-  Medium



Mostly asphalt, (sandy) forest trails, cobblestones, in some places, gravel roads.



Vārnukroga road is winding and has no pedestrian sidewalk (be careful!). The intersection of Kleistu and Buļļu iela (a controlled pedestrian crossing is planned).

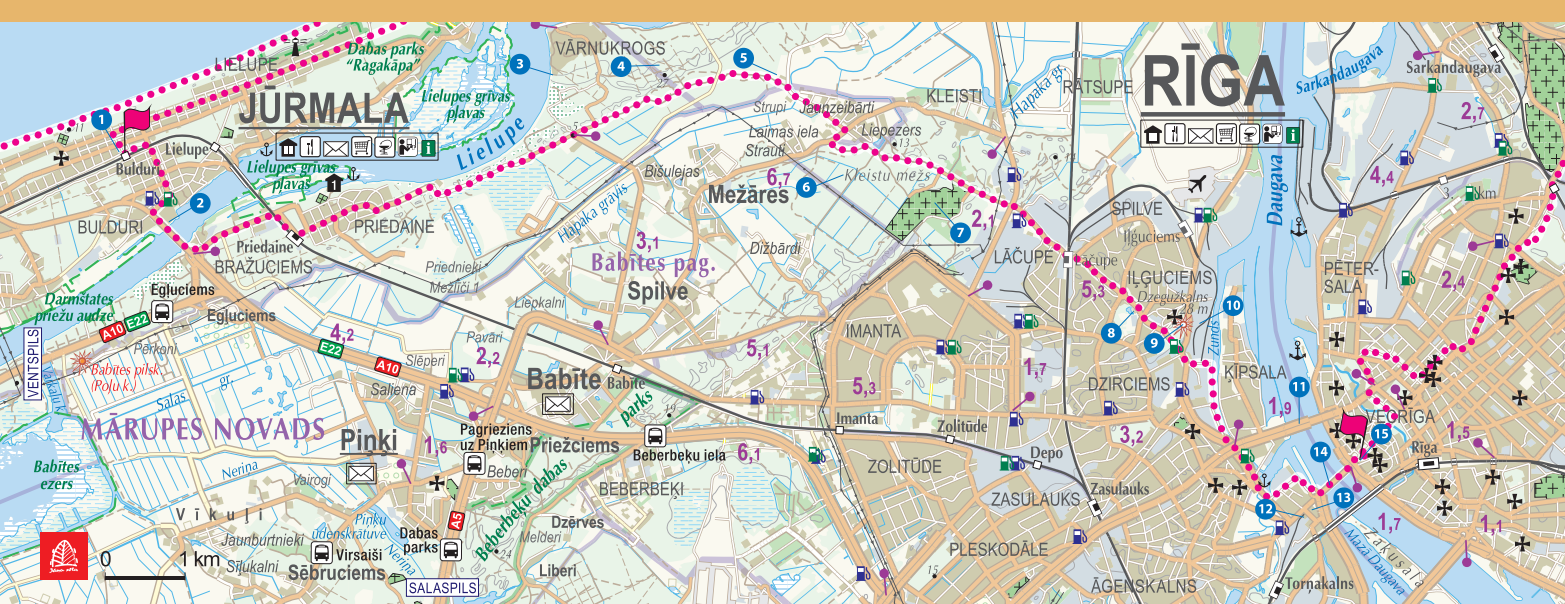


In the forests, there can be sandy or muddy (in case of wet weather) roads. When using streets/roads, road traffic regulations must be observed.

No services are available from Priedaine to Lāčupe. When on a road for pedestrians and cyclists, you have to stay in the lane meant for pedestrians. Be careful when crossing the bicycle lane.



Riga public transport runs from Liepezers, Kleisti and Lāčupe Cemetery (timetables: [www.rigassatiksme.lv](http://www.rigassatiksme.lv)) You can cover the distance from Bulduri and Priedaine to Riga by train ([www.pv.lv](http://www.pv.lv)). Next to the Līvu akvaparks water park, there is a bicycle rental from which you can reach Riga by using the bicycle lane (~ 16 km).



## WORTH SEEING!

- 1** **Bulduri.** A 19<sup>th</sup> century Lutheran church is located nearby beach. When coming from the beach, the road leads you through a prestigious residential area with historical and modern buildings. You can visit the exhibition halls in the Jūrmala Artists' House. GPS: 56.98156, 23.85076
- 2** **The Līvu akvaparks water park.** One of the biggest water parks in Northern Europe. T: +371 67147240; GPS: 56.97387, 23.86020
- 3** **The White Dune.** A 15-17 m high dune outcrop formed in the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century on the right bank of the Lielupe River near the Bulupe River. GPS: 56.99033, 23.93989
- 4** **The Bolderāja Dune.** The biggest dune ridge in Pārdaugava (the West bank of the Daugava River). GPS: 56.99138, 23.96206
- 5** **8. A Memorial site to the Daugavpils Infantry Regiment** in honor of the soldiers that fell in the Latvian War of Independence in 1919. GPS: 56.98904, 23.98634
- 6** **The Kleisti forest.** GPS: 56.97940, 23.99917
- 7** **The Lāčupe Cemetery** or Lācars Cemetery was opened at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. GPS: 56.97616, 24.02042
- 8** **The Nordeķi Manor.** One of the most exceptional baroque style wooden buildings in Riga that was first documented in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. GPS: 56.96364, 24.06036
- 9** **Dzegužkalns.** The highest hill in Riga situated 28 m above sea level. GPS: 56.960914, 24.068169
- 10** **The territory of the historic Zunda Village** is located between Daugavgrīvas iela and the Zunda Canal. The biggest and the most ancient settlement of the area since

the 17<sup>th</sup> century.  
GPS: 56.96197, 24.07268

- 11** **Vanšu (Cable-stayed) Bridge.** It is 560 m long with a 312 m steel span and one load bearing pylon made out of reinforced concrete. Opened in 1981. GPS: 56.94808, 24.07976
- 12** **The Railway Museum.** Here you can find out how the train movement is controlled and how different devices work, as well as take a look at different locomotives and railcars. GPS: 56.94089, 24.09456
- 13** **The Latvian National Library (LNL).** The building was opened to visitors in 2014 and the people have renamed it the Castle of Light, referring to the poem written by the Latvian poet Auseklis (1850-1879) that stands for a repository of wisdom. The idea underlying the exterior of the building stems from the play The Golden Horse written by Rainis (1865-1929) where the author depicts a glass mountain with a sleeping princess and only the pure-minded Antiņš can ride up the hill and wake the princess. GPS: 56.94112, 24.09649
- 14** **The Stone Bridge.** A 503.12 m long granite and metal bridge connecting Pārdaugava on the West bank of the Daugava River and Riga Old Town on the East bank. GPS: 56.94321, 24.09832
- 15** **Town Hall Square.** In Medieval times, it was the central square of the town and the economic and administrative center of the town until the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The square was destroyed during World War II. In 2003, Town Hall Square was fully rebuilt, as well as the House of the Blackheads and the statue of Roland. Next to it, there is a Soviet-style building erected in 1970 that housed the Museum of the Occupation of Latvia; during its renovation the museum's exhibits can be found on Raiņa Boulevard 7. GPS: 56.94751, 24.10651



## SERVICES

### Accommodations

- 1. Recreation complex "Follow the sun in Jūrmala",** T: +371 29549910; GPS: 56.97760, 23.89482

Riga City offers many possibilities for accommodation.

### Catering

In Riga, there are very many catering possibilities.

### Shops

Available throughout the whole length of the itinerary.

### Public transport

Train: Bulduri – Riga [www.pv.lv](http://www.pv.lv)  
 Babīte station-city center-Preču 2 (bus No. 13); Lāčupe Cemetery-city center-Abrenes iela (bus No. 39)  
 Public transport in Riga:  
[www.rigassatiksmelv](http://www.rigassatiksmelv)

## TOURIST INFORMATION

- i** **Riga TIC, Town Hall Square,** Rātslaukums 6, Rīga, [www.LiveRiga.com](http://www.LiveRiga.com), T: +371 6703 7900; GPS: 56.947260, 24.107069

