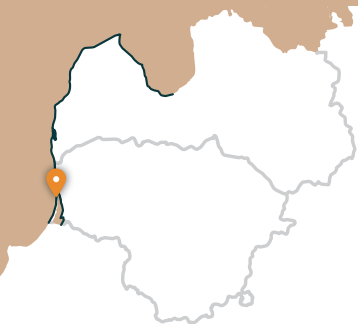


Juodkrantė – Klaipėda

Klaipėda – Lithuania's gate to the sea



Having left the Juodkrantė beachside walkway, the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route crosses the Curonian Spit in a southeast–northwest direction leading along single-track forest trails that wind through the steep, pine-covered dunes until it eventually comes back out onto the coast of the Baltic Sea. For the next 9 km, the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route follows the coastline along sandy beaches. The steep foredunes on the eastern side protects the inland from the moving sand. After Alksnynė village (not seen from the beach), the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route turns eastward, crossing a hillock covered in *Pinus mugo* pines and a World War II German army base, eventually approaching the coast of the Curonian Lagoon. Then the trail winds across the ridges of pine-covered dunes, providing regular views of Klaipėda Port. The route between the New and Old Ferry Port first follows a single-track path, and later a beachside walkway. Having crossed the Curonian Lagoon from the Old Ferry Port, the Baltic Coastal Hiking Route arrives in the center of Klaipėda where it follows Danė Street to the Birža Bridge. The section until Smiltynė leads through the Curonian Spit National Park.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

..... 23 km

🕒 5–8 h

🚩 Juodkrantė port

🚩 Klaipėda, Birža Bridge

📍🚢 Juodkrantė – Alksnynė –
Smiltynė – Klaipėda

🚗 Medium



Single-track forest trails and other trails, sandy beaches, paved beachside walkways.



Be careful when crossing the main road on the Curonian Spit (No. 167).



Accommodation needs to be booked in advance in the summer season. Check the ferry timetable in advance: www.keltas.lt
The New Ferry is used by vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians, while the Old Ferry



is available only to pedestrians and cyclists. Services available in Juodkrantė, Smiltynė and Klaipėda.

You can walk to the pier (an additional 2 km out and back) from the Sea Museum (1.5 km from the Old Ferry). If it is windy, you can take the old road from Juodkrantė to Alksnynė. It is a forest trail to the east of the protective foredunes.

WORTH SEEING!

- 1 Dendrological Trail (Blokšberg Promenade).** Formed in the 19th century, this promenade was the favorite spot for long walks in the historic resort town of Juodkrantė. The pathway has retained its name of Dendrological Trail due to the variety of non-local plants.
GPS: 55.54725, 21.11867
- 2 Sound Catcher.** Forget your daily troubles and spend a minute or two listening to the sounds of the forest with the help of a sound catcher placed in the old forest of Juodkrantė. GPS: 55.55486, 21.12006
- 3 Blokšberg (Witch's) Hill.** This is a place of legends and mysticism. Long ago, the entire Curonian Spit could be seen from atop of this hill. The Lighthouse of Juodkrantė stands here now. GPS: 55.55645, 21.11589
- 4 Amber Bay.** Amber was excavated here in the 19th century. GPS: 55.55236, 21.12670
- 5 Alksnynė Defense Complex.** This Defense Complex was built by the Germans to defend the City of Klaipėda against the Soviet artillery and air raids during the Second World War.
GPS: 55.65707, 21.12422
- 6 Kiaulės Nugara Island and Independence.** Kiaulės Nugara is the only island in the Curonian Lagoon. In 2014, the Independence LNG carrier was moored to the island. GPS: 55.66217, 21.13723
- 7 Sea Museum.** The museum is located in Kopgalis Fortress and has a large exhibition on the Baltic and other sea creatures. GPS: 55.71660, 21.09975
- 8 Former Klaipėda Castle.** The history of the City of Klaipėda began here in 1252. Historical exhibitions can be visited in the dungeons of the castle. GPS: 55.70555, 21.12946
- 9 Klaipėda Old Town.** Timber framed houses and the defensive fortifications dating back to the 17th-18th century are the highlights of the Old Town of Klaipėda. GPS: 55.70869, 21.13324
- 10 Birža Bridge and the Meridian ship.** This wooden sailing ship has already become a symbol of the City of Klaipėda. GPS: 55.71007, 21.13347
More places of interest in Klaipėda:
www.klaipedatravel.lt

SERVICES

Accommodations

- 1. Smiltynė Yacht Club Hotel,**
T: +370 66355550; GPS: 55.69729, 21.11933
 - 2. Hotel "Palva",** T: +370 61275134;
GPS: 55.70108, 21.11693
- More accommodation choices in Klaipėda:
www.klaipedatravel.lt

Catering

- 1. Restaurant "Nerija",** T: +370 67021952;
GPS: 55.70412, 21.11422
- 2. Restaurant "Meat lovers",**
T: +370 65221998; GPS: 55.70655, 21.12313

More places to eat in Klaipėda:
www.klaipedatravel.lt



Shops

- Grocery store in Juodkrantė,**
GPS: 55.53609, 21.11688
- "Smilga" in Juodkrantė,**
GPS: 55.54339, 21.12069
- "IKI" in Klaipėda Old Town,**
GPS: 55.70857, 21.13477
- "Maxima",** GPS: 55.71445, 21.12888



Pharmacies

- "Euro vaistinė",** GPS: 55.71445, 21.12888



ATMs

- "Luminor, "Šiaulių bankas",**
GPS: 55.71195, 21.13333
- "SEB",** GPS: 55.71358, 21.13015



Public transport

You can reach any place in the City of *Klaipėda* from the bus stop at *H. Manto* Street. The intercity bus station can be found at *Butky Juzės St. 9* (GPS: 55.71942, 21.13820). From here, you can take buses to *Palanga*, *Šilutė* and other towns. *Klaipėda* City public transport routes and timetables: www.klaipedatransport.lt
Intercity bus timetable: www.autobusubilietai.lt



Rest areas

- 1. "Prie švyturio" in Juodkrantė,** GPS: 55.56084, 21.11339
- 2. "Prie Šulinio" in Smiltynė,** GPS: 55.68832, 21.11132

TOURIST INFORMATION



Smiltynė Visitor Center of the Curonian Spit National Park,
Smiltynės st. 11, Smiltynė, www.nerija.lrv.lt,
T: +370 68472641; GPS: 55.70777, 21.11068



Klaipėda Tourist Information Centre,
Turgaus st. 7, Klaipėda,
www.klaipedatravel.lt, T: +370 46412186;
GPS: 55.70825, 21.13358

