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Kandava

Old Town of Kandava

Kandava is among the most beautiful small towns in Kurzeme, where ancient architecture can be seen. In some places in the old part of the town, cobblestone street have been preserved and special lanterns have been installed. The hilly terrain and natural landscapes create a romantic atmosphere. Kandava was first mentioned in writings in 1230. The path of the Crusaders passed through Kandava. The construction of fortified stone castles began to secure movement across the lands. 13th century The Livonian Order built a Vogt castle in Kandava. A town of German craftsmen and merchants with a market, workshops and a church formed around the castle. Workshops and shops enveloped the old Market Square. Back then, the arterial roads crossed there, which later became the streets that today are named after Sabile and Talsi. In 1625, Kandava was granted the rights of a town. Kandava started flourishing and turned into a commercial hub of the surrounding area. Trees were floated down the Abava River as far as the port of Ventspils, and small plants and workshops developed. The Abava River was navigable during the time of Duke Jacob. Its waters flowed around what is now the hillfort. In the early 18th century, the plague claimed the lives of most of the town's residents and Kandava lost its former status as a hub. Kandava was legally granted town rights only in 1917. The town layout is split into two parts: on the right bank of the Abava River is the old town with a concentric street network, while the new part of the town has formed on the left bank. 20th century. Kandava stood out among the small towns of Kurzeme with the highest proportion of stone masonry buildings. Characteristic of the old town are enclosed inner courtyards, including two-storey outbuildings with galleries. At the end of the 19th century there were 9 hotels and inns in Kandava. There are several 18th–19th century hotel and entrance buildings with a passageway. There is still a hotel on Sabiles Street.

Many buildings in Kandava were built in the neo-Gothic style, including the Community House, now the Culture Centre. The northern part of Lielā Street, called Vējspārns (the Wing of Wind), is notable for its scenic quality. Many of the buildings there are built on several levels on the hillside, as is Talsu Street with its age-old cobbled streets and stone-walled fences.

The steep end of Lielā Street – Vējspārns – with old cobblestone, a favourite place for painters. The word “Kandava” means a damp, rutted place.

The population of Kandava is 3635. The area: 9.5 km². It has its coat of arms since 1925.

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1 The Old Town Promenade. Sculpture “Acorn”

📍 Ūdens street 1, Kandava



The promenade (2011) is a favourite recreational area for locals and guests alike during festivities and everyday life. It is adorned by larger and smaller acorns. In the centre, a young artist with an acorn hat on his head poses in front of the “Acorn” sculpture, inviting everyone to take a picture and touch the hat to make a wish come true. If you believe it, it will come true. Sculpture by: Valtis Barkāns. The promenade is criss-crossed by a stream that is adorned with rocky banks and 7 bridges that are seemingly inviting newlyweds. Children are awaited at playgrounds.

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2 Kandava Local History Museum, Crafts Centre. Outdoor sculpture “Under the lucky star”

📍 Talsu street 11, Kandava



The Kandava Museum of Local History was founded in 1995, the building was constructed in 1887 as a deaconess hospital. Since the 1950s, over a period of more than 40 years, this was the location of a branch of the State Bank of the USSR, which has left behind a unique and everlasting exhibit for the museum – the bank's money safe. We invite you to get inside it and discover the “100 Treasures of the Museum”. The exhibition “To the Kandava Market on Horseback” in the large hall tells about Kandava in early 20th century. The exhibition presents Kandava, its inns, hotels, taverns and the market. A model of the Kandava old town (mid-19th century–early 20th century), supplemented with a digital exposition of the old town's history and a game “In the Old Market Square”. The exhibition “Language – God-given. Place Names – Invented” in the museum's basement interactively introduces the place names of Kandava town and the Abava River. The museum houses the association “Kandavas partnerība” and the **Craft Centre**. Special offers: acorn coffee tasting (by prior appointment) and the board game “The Power of the Acorn”, as well as making a souvenir coin.

Additional services: WiFi or wireless internet. A seating area in the museum garden.

Outdoor sculpture “Under the lucky star” (2013) was created during an art plein-air.

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3 Kandava Old Town Poetry Walls:

Guntars Račs' poetry wall

📍 Lielā street 12, Kandava;

Maija Laukmane's poetry wall

📍 Baznīcas street 1, Kandava;

Knuts Skujenieks' poetry wall

📍 Lielā street 23, Kandava;



Uldis Auseklis' poetry wall

📍 Lielā street 27, Kandava;

Laimonis Vāczemnieks' poetry wall

📍 Lielā street 30/32, Kandava;



Ojārs Vācietis' poetry wall

📍 Talsu street 6, Kandava;

Kārlis Skalbe's poetry wall

📍 Lielā street 35, Kandava;

Leons Briedis' poetry wall

📍 Dārza street 6, Kandava

In 2018 and 2019, the façades of eight buildings in Kandava old town were covered with artworks featuring poems about Latvia by popular modern-day Latvian poets. It was a tribute by locals to the 100th anniversary of Latvia. The idea was conceived by Antra Gaisa, the artist – Indra Krecere, the architects – Visvaldis Asaris and Baiba Beķere, the designer – Baiba Rulle. The works were created within the project “Poetry brings beauty to Kandava Old Town” from private funds.

4 Knights' hillfort with castle ruins. Gunpowder Tower. Sculpture “Acorn Knight”.

📍 Lielā street 10, Kandava



The ruins of the Livonian Order castle suggests that Kandava was one of the fortified castles of the Order on the war route to Prussia, when

the Crusader war route led from Riga through Kurzeme. In 1253, Kandava was taken over by the Livonian Order and a Vogt castle was built there. A town of German craftsmen and merchants with a market, workshops and a church formed around it. Kandava vogtei (transl. land pertaining to a feudal lord – Vogt) covers the municipalities of Kandava, Sabile, Talsi, Tukums and the forest areas between Kurzeme and Zemgale. The castle was located on a promontory, and the site was chosen so that the Abava river valley could be seen from afar. It seems almost unbelievable that the Abava River was still navigable in the time of Duke Jacob, and its waters washed around the castle mound. The hillfort was surrounded by a defensive rampart. The Vogt's abode was a 34,2 x 31,5 m rectangular building with 1,8 m thick walls on a 2 m wide foundation. The Vogts oversaw the collection of dues, adjudicated court cases, and performed other administrative tasks. Kandava had a special tax – honey – because the surrounding area was popular with bee-keepers. The castle was inhabited until 1750, but afterwards gradually turned into ruins.

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Gunpowder tower

📍 Pils street 4, Kandava

Next to the hillfort is the Gunpowder Tower, a square building over 2 floors and nearly 2 m thick walls. The structure is said to have been built in mid-17th century as a gunpowder factory and warehouse belonging to Duke Jacob. Around 1790, a prison was constructed within the walls of the building. There are various stories about underground passages and cellars, which were still in use in the early 20th century. Wine bottles dating back several hundred years have been found in the cellars. At the end of 2018, the shutters and doors were renovated. Neither screws nor nails were used to fasten the shutter leaves, but instead they were fastened with oak pins. The door fittings and lock are authentic. The work was carried out by Jurģis Ābele from Kandava. The roof will also be renovated in 2019. The gunpowder tower is an architectural monument of national importance.

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Sculpture “Acorn Knight”

📍 Pils street 4, Kandava



The author of the sculpture “Acorn Knight” (Zīlūks Bruņinieks, 2011) was the resident of Kandava – artist Zigmunds Piņķis (1950–2012). The knight keeps watch over the Gunpowder Tower and the ruins, hoping that one day the castle will rise again.

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5 Kandava Wine House. Kandava's Retro Car "Zile"

📍 Ūdens street 2-2, Kandava

The Kandava Wine House was established in late 2022. The Kandava Wine House invites groups to enjoy the delicacies and beverages created in and around the city in the Group tasting adventure "Kandava Taste Journey". Here you can buy wines from the Kandava Wine House and "Kaimiņmuiža". Organises events, concerts, story-telling evenings and film screenings.

Kandava's Retro Car "Zile"

This unique vehicle is designed to provide both locals and visitors with the opportunity to enjoy Kandava's charm and history in a comfortable and educational way. Kandava's Retro Car "Zile" is more than just a means of transport – it's a journey through time, combining the old with modern technology. This retro-style car is a cherished idea from the "Kandava Wine House", realized in collaboration with local entrepreneurs. It was built right in Kandava and operates with an environmentally friendly electric motor. During the ride, passengers can view Kandava's historical and important sites while listening to commentary about each location in several languages – Latvian, Russian, and English.

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6 Kandava Evangelical Lutheran Church and cemetery Kārlis Mīlenbahs park with sundial. Kandava Art and Music School.

📍 Baznīcas street 5, Kandava

In 1567, the construction of the first wooden church was started. According to historians, it was located on the left bank of the Abava River. After having reviewed the results of the general visitation of the churches by the court pastor and first superintendent Stefan Bülow, Duke Gotthard Kettler (1517–1587) convened a meeting of the nobility (Landtag) in Riga on 28 February 1567. A decision was made to immediately renovate the old churches and build new ones. The first known pastor was Francis Burkhardt around 1576. In 1736, a new church with 500 seats was built, and it is still in use today. Every Sunday, services are held. The spire of the church tower was built in 1889. The organ was built in 1864 by the master Kārlis Hermanis of Liepāja, who was organist of the Kandava church from 1830 to 1835. Around the church is an old cemetery with a chapel (18th-early 19th cent.). An alley leads from Sabiles Street to the church. The other access with a gate from the Market Square is on either side of the Mēra Hill (Plague Hill). To the South of the church is the grave of the parents of the linguist K. Mīlenbahs with a white marble cross; K. Mīlenbahs' sisters – Lība Kvēlberga and Grieta Krūzmane – are also interred in the cemetery.

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Kārlis Mīlenbahs park with sundial

📍 Skolas street 9, Kandava

2018 The park in Kandava was created in honour of the Latvian prominent linguist and local resident Kārlis Mīlenbahs (1853–1916). He was born in the Kandava area and started schooling here. The park is situated between Kandava K. Mīlenbahs Secondary School and Kandava Lutheran Church. There is a sundial in the park with a double face. The clock displays local time and daylight saving time (GMT+3). It was found during the process of creating the park that it is the only place in the city where it is geographically possible to place a sundial to show accurate time. The clock is shaped like a book. It symbolises the beginning and continuation, knowledge and experience, connecting past, present and future. The idea, design and astronomical calculations of the sundial were created by Mārtiņš Gills.

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Kandava Art and Music School

📍 Sabiles street 12, Kandava

After an overhaul on 14 November 2017, the school was transformed from a grey Soviet-era box into a true palace of light. The building has undergone an incredible transformation, both visually and technically. A visit is recommended.

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7 Pēteris Briedis Family Park

📍 Raiņa street 18, Kandava

A private park in Kandava, located on the right bank of the ancient Abava river valley at the highest point of the city. The park has a gazebo and a small viewing platform. The park was created by the family of the repressed Pēteris Briedis to honour each member of their family by planting an appropriate tree. There are 26 various tree species, corresponding to each family member's birthday. The commemorative park was created to honour the ten politically repressed members of the family who did not return from Siberia and whose final resting place is unknown. All the brothers were recipients of the Order of the Three Stars and other awards.

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8 Kandava Kartodrome

📍 Jelgavas street 16, Kandava



The karting track was built in 1972, but in 2008 the track was completely revamped, reconfigured and built to international standards. Track length: 1012 m. The reconstruction project was designed by

Hermans Tilke, who has designed several Formula 1 circuits. A modern track, built to high standards, suitable for karting professionals, aspiring athletes and everyone who is interested in the sport.

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9 Kandava Catholic Church. Vējspārns.

📍 Liepu street 2, Kandava



The church opened its doors in 2003, but the Catholic congregation in Kandava has been present since 1938. The first dean of the Kandava parish was Jānis Mendriks. The initiator of the founding of the church was dean Andrejs Mediņš. The Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Kandava is special and unique, as it is the only church in Latvia and – perhaps in Europe – that was built by retired congregation members without any remuneration. The works commenced in 1998 with the support of the German St. Boniface Society, with the purchase of a residential building. The building is an architectural monument dating back to the 18th century, so its external appearance could not be altered. The bell tower was built next to the church. It overlooks the city and the Abava river valley. The interior of the church includes a 19th century altar with two rotating paintings – the Resurrection of Christ and a copy of the icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe from Mexico. The church is adorned with stained-glass windows and a balcony supported by wooden columns.

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Vējspārns

Vējspārns – the steep slope of Lielā Street, right next to the Catholic Church. The Lielā Street is about 1 km long and among the most interesting in Latvia. The northern part of the street retains its cobblestone pavement and is built on a sloping hillside, so the buildings have an extra storey at their foundations. The shape of Lielā Street resembles a horseshoe or a horse collar leaning against the hillside. The slopes towards Abava, especially in the northern part of the street, are steep and unsuitable for horse transport. It is no coincidence that the name "Kandava" was popularly associated with horse whipping. In the northern section of the street, cobblestones, houses with yards and outbuildings, enclosed courtyards and slopes reinforced by boulder masonry walls take you back to the olden days. Up until late 1930s, nearly all traffic moved along the Lielā Street, as there were no other roads. The most convenient road along the foothills of the old river bank – the present-day Abava and Kūrorta streets, as well as the further stretch of the

highway to Sabile were built only in the second half of the 1930s. These works were funded by the publisher A.Benjamiņš. Vējspārns is an area loved by painters. The gallery in Kandava, too, is named after "Vējspārns".

10 Curonian Castle Mound

📍 Pūzurgaravas street 2, Kandava



Over the years, the castle mound has acquired various names. Because of its shape, it is called God's bed and the Devil's bed. The site of the present Curonian castle mound was the site of a Curonian castle, one of the centres of the land of Vanema. The castle was first mentioned in a 1230 treaty in which the Curonians promised to become baptised suggesting that the castle was inhabited until the 13th century. The mound is 8–10 m tall, with artificially steepened sides on all sides and a 40 x 26 m top surface. Several pieces of evidence about this period of history are on display at the Kandava Municipality Museum. There is a parking lot near the castle mound. Climb the stairs to the castle mound and see the Abava River valley and part of the town, known locally as Jaunkandava (New Kandava). Latvian legends have it that the castle had cellars. When the enemy came, the castle was lowered into the cellars, then raised again. But when the fiercest enemy arrived, the castle sank and never rose again.

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11 Kandava Bridge. Sculptures: "Acorn Boater" and "Maelstrom".

📍 Lielā street/Jelgavas street



In Kandava, you can cross the Abava River by crossing the oldest boulder bridge in Latvia. It has even been referred to as the oldest boulder bridge in Northern Europe. Kandava as a settlement was mentioned in writings already in the 13th century, but there was no permanent bridge over the Abava until 1873. The bridge is 66 m long, and it has 4 stone arches. There was a ferry taking people across Abava, whereas pedestrians could make use of footbridges.

After the horse of Baron Firkss, the owner of Zemīte Manor, broke his leg as the footbridge caved in, the Baron received a horse as a gift from the people of Kandava. To show his gratitude, he proposed and funded the building of the bridge. The bridge was built on land. The boulders were brought by

everyone who went to the market. After its construction, a new course of the river was dug for the Abava and the old one filled in.

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Sculpture "Acorn Boater"

📍 Lielā street 2, Kandava

The sculpture was created in 2010 by the Kandava artist Zigmunds Piņķis (1950–2012). The coat of arms of Kandava bears an oak branch with three leaves and three golden acorns, which is why acorns are honoured in Kandava.

Sculpture "Maelstrom"

📍 Jelgavas street 1f Kandava

The sculpture was opened in 2012, the author is the sculptor Ojārs Feldbergs. The sculpture depicts a fish emerging from the water, sculpted in granite. A log bench showing branches being pulled into a maelstrom. Located next to the Kandava Bridge and the Abava River. For Latvians, fish is associated with wealth, prosperity and good luck. Be careful, wishes made near a fish can come true! In ancient times, the ground was covered with ice. Once it started to melt, it turned into a giant lake. It grew ever larger until it broke its banks and began to flow out to sea. A valley and a river were created. People settled on the shores, animals roamed around and fish swam in the river. One of the fish was very large. It had not managed to swim out to sea. During the spring floods, people threw money into the deep where the fish lived and cried out: "Abava, Abava, Abava!" Then the fish took the people across the river on its back. One day, people built a bridge and dug a new river bed, filling in the old one where the fish used to live. It turned to stone and forever remained at the bottom of the filled in deep. No one has seen the big fish since. But people continued to call it Abava, and still do today. Legend has it that before it turned to stone, it said that when it was found and brought out and honoured, the fish would grant three wishes in gratitude to anyone who silently asks, if they ask one wish at a time.

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12 Community Society Centre (Kandava Culture Centre). Gallery "Vējspārns".

📍 Lielā street 28, Kandava

In 1909, the Community Society Centre was built in Kandava. In 1901, the Kandava Community Society was established. The aim of the Society was "to promote the development of fine arts, education and prosperity in the lives of the people of Kandava and vicinity". Today, the building hosts the Kandava Culture Centre. The interior of the large and small hall of the Culture Centre is made of Karelian (Curly) birch. The second floor of the building houses the Vējspārns Gallery, which regularly hosts exhibitions by various artists.

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13 Mock-up of Knights' Castle. Sculpture "Wild Boar".

📍 Lielā street 10a, Kandava

The model of the Livonian Order castle was made in 2010. The original layout of the castle cannot be found in historical materials. The Kandava artist Zigmunds Piņķis (1950–2012) built the model by measuring the ruins himself and using approximate information about the Livonian Order castle. In 2010, the artist was recognised as an Honorary Citizen of Kandava. You must not climb on the mock-up in order to preserve the object.

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Sculpture "Wild Boar"

📍 Lielā street 11, Kandava

The stone sculpture was installed in 2013, when Kandava municipality (1999–2021) got its coat of arms. The author – Aivars Kerliņš. The wild boar symbolises power, courage, perseverance and untouched nature. Up to now, such heraldic image has not yet been used in the coat of arms of another town or region of Latvia.

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14 Kandava pottery kiln

📍 Dzeņu street 2, Kandava

The Kandava pottery kiln is run by the artist Linda Priedniece. She acquired her skills with the Latgalian potter Evalds Vasilevskis. Linda makes the black, smoked type of ceramic items. Her works are made by hand, without the use of glazes. The works are then fired in a wood-burning kiln. Visitors can learn about the peculiarities of pottery, the craft and participate by appointment. Works are available for purchase.

For several years now, the artist has been organizing the Kandava art plein-air event "The Creative Moment of Art" and various other events and creative workshops.

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15 Olaf's honey in Kandava

📍 Abavas street 2, Kandava

Sale of bee products, farm tours, tastings by Olafs Baltgalvis. The products can be purchased by contacting the producer and at the Kandava Tourism Information Centre (2 Ūdens Street). Visits must be arranged in advance.

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16 Open-air Stage "Ozolāji"

📍 Kūrorta street 14, Kandava

The open-air stage is situated on the natural slopes of the Riebiķi Hill which resemble an amphitheatre. The stage was renovated in 2015 and has 1800 seats. Friendship Park (Draudzības parks) with a stage was created in 1958. The stage is surrounded by a grove of ancient oak trees. In summer, it hosts wonderful concerts, theatre performances and open-air dances.

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17 Pūzurgrava Ravine. Disc golf track

📍 Pūzurgravas street, Kandava

The Pūzurgrava ravine is situated in the Kandava town. It is a deep ravine for our latitude. A stream runs parallel to Pūzurgravas Street, facing the sunrise, towards the Abava River. Oak trees grow on its steep slopes, and around 20 rare, protected plant species grow along its calcareous springs. On a daily basis, quiet nature lovers can be visited by roe deer, foxes, hares and other animals. Birds such as blue tits, wood owls, black woodpeckers, greenfinches, nightingales, warblers and kingfishers also nest and are occasionally seen here.

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Disc golf track

Disc golf can be played at any time of the year. The main task of the game is to get the disc in the basket. The player throws his disc forwards, overcoming obstacles, bushes, trees, hills on the path of the disc. This makes the game much more interesting and exciting. Disc golf is free.

18 Mosaic "Seven days". Graffiti art: "Dedication to Kandava"

Kandava regularly hosts art plein-air events. Artists' creative expressions help adorn the city. Several unusual murals have been created during the plein-air workshops.

Mosaic "Seven days"

📍 Lielā street 25, Kandava

In 2015, a large-scale mosaic piece on the façade of a house (20 m²). Artist: Jeļena Kažoka. 50 participants of the Kandava Art Plein-air, locals of Kandava and others took part in the creation of the work. The mosaic "Seven Days" depicts the seven days that pass us by each week and what these days look like through the eyes of local residents and visitors to Kandava. In the image you can see a woman symbolising love like a river, flowing, rippling, never stopping. You can see a man as strong as an oak tree, holding the family together, being the support. It also contains various symbols of Kandava, its special and very ordinary things – hills, cinquefoils, acorn coffee...

The seven days are also the days in which, according to the stories, God created the world, and it was in seven days that the participants of the Plein-Air Workshop completed this great work of art.

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Graffiti art: "Dedication to Kandava"

📍 Kūrorta street 1/1, Kandava

The graffiti was created in 2013 during the annual Kandava Art Plein Air. It is a tribute to Kandava and its guests. The large-scale graffiti work artistically fuses symbols of Kandava. Approximate height of the artwork is about 5 metres, width about 15 metres. Artists: Renārs Caune, Ēriks Caune and plein-air participants.

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19 Commemorative Stone to Victims of Stalinism in Kandava. Commemorative Site to Victims of Holocaust. Commemorative Stone in Kandava Station.

Commemorative Stone to Victims of Stalinism in Kandava.

📍 Sabiles street 10a, Kandava

The monument is dedicated to the local residents of Kandava deported to Siberia in 1941 and 1949. The stone was found in the area of Rūmene and placed on the hill where the locals of Kandava were imprisoned before their deportation. It was unveiled and consecrated on 16 June 1990. The stone dedicated to the memory of victims of Stalinism bears an inscription of lines by the poet Rainis: "Mēs neaizmirsīsim neviena paša, ko savas varas laikā nokāvēt." ("We shall not forget a single soul that you slaughtered during your reign"). 631 people were deported from Kandava to Siberia between 1941 and 1949. A special exposition is dedicated in the Kandava Municipal Museum to the politically repressed locals.

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Commemorative Site to Victims of Holocaust

📍 Elku forest, Rūmene, local community of Kandava

Commemorative Site to Victims of Holocaust in Along with the Nazi occupation, restriction of Jews was started in Kandava in July 1941. Mass killings took place in August, when all Jews were gathered in the Kandava synagogue, from where they were taken to the Elki forest and shot. A total of 68 Jews. In 2007, the Latvian Council of Jewish Congregations and Communities, with financial support of the European Union and the State of Latvia, set up a new monument at the place of killings, bearing an inscription "Šajā mežā 1941.gada jūlijā nacisti un viņu abalstītāji noslepkavoja Kandavas ebrejus" (In this forest, in July 1941, Nazis and their supporters killed the Jews of Kandava).

🌐 <http://memorialplaces.lu.lv/karte/>

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Commemorative Stone in Kandava Station.

📍 Kandava Station, Kandava municipality

A memorial to the inhabitants of the area deported to Siberia in the night of 1941.

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20 Old Town Market Square. Fire station. The Plague Hill.

📍 Tirgus square 7, Kandava

Old Town Market Square

The Market Square, the heart of Kandava, has not changed its location since the Middle Ages. The town was built up around it, and traffic routes ended in the square.

The fire station

was built in 1872. The year is carved in stone in front of the entrance. Following the widespread fires in 1872, the Fire-fighters' Society was established in Kandava. A building was constructed for its needs. Still today, it is home to the State Fire and Rescue Service.

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The Plague Hill or Old Cemetery (Senkapi)

📍 Baznīcas street 4

Behind the fire station. In 1506 there was a small Catholic church and a cemetery next to it. The name Plague Hill (Mēra kalniņš) is associated with the plague epidemic in Kandava in 1710. This could be a legend, as the Duke had decreed that those who had died of the plague were not to be interred in residential settlements. Another version is that the name scared off grave robbers, as no one wanted to catch the plague.

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21 Kandava Old Primary School building and viewpoint. Skate Park

📍 Zīļu street 2, Kandava



The old primary school building is located at the northern part of the Riebiķi Hill, called School Hill (Skolas kalns). It was built according to the project of architect Frīdrihs Skujīņš from 1929 to 1936. The school is named after the linguist K. Mīlenbahs, as he started his schooling in Kandava. The school was located in this building until 1978, when the new secondary school at 10 Skolas Street was completed. As an architectural monument, the school building is included in the European Heritage Label List 100 of protected sites. The building currently houses the Adult Continuing Education Centre, a youth centre "Nagla" and a work wear production company. The School Hill offers a beautiful view of the Abava Valley.

An oak bench made by Jurgis Ābele is set up on the School Hill. The back of the bench is shaped like the outline of the map of Latvia. The best time to sit on the new bench and get the best views is at sunrise.

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Skate Park

📍 Zīļu street 2, Kandava

The skate park (2014) was renovated in 2021 and new equipment installed. The skate park ramps are intended for roller blading, skateboarding and BMX riding.

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22 The Kandava Technical College of Agriculture sports centre and Teteriņa Lake. Rope Track

📍 Daigones street 14, Kandava

The construction of the sports complex started in 1956 and was renovated in 2019. The first competition at the stadium took place in 1959. It has been under the management of the Technical College since 1960. The stadium has an outdoor swimming pool with a diving tower, a football pitch, several basketball courts and tennis courts. There is also a driving range nearby. For several years, the Latvian national ice hockey and bobsled teams trained at the stadium. Every year, various sports games are held here. The stadium is open to everyone on a daily basis. The centre is located next to Teteriņa Lake.

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Kandava Rope Track

📍 Teteriņu street 2, Kandava

In 2021, two rope obstacle courses were set up. The tracks are set up at 1.40 m and 0.80 m above the ground. The courses features different sections with different levels of difficulty. The track is designed to avoid going in a circle, but offering a choice of which direction to take and the difficulty of the sections. The track is free of charge.

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23 "Meža maize"

📍 "Dārznieki", local community of Cēre

By ordering a tasting at the owner of "Meža maize", you will have the opportunity to learn the secrets of baking bread through the ages in Kurzeme and to taste even 3 different types of food: real Latvian 4 types of bread with various additives such as butter, butter with herbs, honey, cheese; grub porridge stewed in the bread oven and at the end – a dessert made of wholemeal bread or a cake of some other kind. The hostess also offers master classes for small companies of up to 8 people in baking both white bread and rye bread, as well as experiments with creating rye flour snacks such as caraway seeds, rye flour salty sticks or some rye flour cookies.

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24 Motocross track "Motoparks Kandava"

📍 „Juči”, local community of Kandava

The track was unveiled in 2010. The track was designed by Gabi Villada, a professional Spanish motocross track designer. The track is suitable for racing professionals and enthusiasts alike. Competitions take place here.

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25 Rūmene Manor and Park

📍 Rūmene, local community of Kandava



The Rūmene Manor is situated on an elevation, and steps lead from its façade to the park situated below – it is one of the most emblematic Renaissance Revival style buildings in Latvia. After the Second World War, the manor housed the Rūmene four-class primary school, then the state-owned farm administration. The manor offers a restaurant, accommodation, a sauna by the pond, a golf course and other leisure opportunities and event facilities. Rūmene, its lands and its manor have a very long history of more than 600 years. On the initiative of the current owners of the manor, the history of Rūmene and the list of the manor's owners since its very beginnings in 1437 have been researched. From 1453 it was a part of Lamiņi and was the property of the von Butlars. During the period from 1653 until 1658 it belonged to Dietrich von Altenbockum, the last Governor of Tobago. The master house of Rūmene Manor was built in 1876 in Neo-Gothic style. The estate has a 7.8 hectare park surrounding the manor, which has been listed as a specially protected natural site since 1957.

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26 Sheep Farm "Ralle"

📍 „Sili”, local community of Kandava

The only Charollais sheep farm in Latvia. The owner Ivars Frīdemanis breeds Charollais sheep at the farm. The farm sells organically grown lamb meat and unwashed sheep's wool, as well as offers sheep farming advice and farm visits by appointment. He started trialling sheep breeding in 2014 aiming to provide the necessary conditions for this breed of sheep according to a certain methodology. Charollais sheep have a smaller fat layer.

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27 Farm "Kriķī"

📍 „Uidas”, local community of Kandava

Offers to learn about cattle breeding for beef, eco-farming. Visits must be arranged in advance.

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28 Shooting range "Strautiņi"

📍 "Strautiņi", local community of Kandava

Shooting at stationary, moving, flying targets. Hunter examination venue. Offering hunting. Venue for competitions of various scales.

29 "Kaimiņmuiža", winery

📍 „Kaimiņi”, local community of Kandava

"Kaimiņmuiža" is a family-run winery established in 2017, where care and love can be felt in every bottle of wine. Invites visitors on a tour of the vineyard, wine tastings and the opportunity to enjoy picnic areas in the vineyard and forest. Must book in advance

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30 Garden of Irises and Gladiolus of Laimonis Zakis

📍 „Intes”, local community of Kandava



Iris and gladiolus breeder's garden of more than 40 years of experience. A very large collection of bearded irises. The owner is intensively involved in breeding irises and gladioli. Open days are organised. Farm tours are available by prior arrangement. You can also buy bulbs.

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31 Boat Hire in Kandava

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Boat rental, transport of boats and boat passengers.

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32 Catering by Inga

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33 Rental of sauna barrels and hot tubs and boat rental

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Cēre

35 Cēres Manor (school)

📍 Skolas street 1, Cēre



The Cēre Manor (knights' manor) was formed in 1352 from the old Riga Heinrich's feudal estate. Owners: 1492–1658 von Altenbock family; then von Funck, von Rapp, von Schilling, Heikings and von Hahn families. The last owners of the manor from 1883 to 1920 were the von Knige family. In the early 20th century, the manor estate included 1022 ha of land, two half-manor houses (Baltklāvu and Liliju halls), an inn and 19 farmhouses. The manor estate included a tavern, dairy farm, cheese plant, windmill and tar kiln. Today, the masters' quarters of Cēre Manor houses a primary school. The school houses a small museum. There is a small park and a stage nearby.

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36 Farmstead "Kangari"

📍 „Kangari”, local community of Cēre



Snail farm tour, healthy snacks, tastings, farmhouse lunch, crocus tour, accommodation and sauna.

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37 Mulberry Plantations

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In 1930, 43 white and black mulberry trees were planted, which now reach a height of 4–8 metres.

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Matkule

38 Farm "Lejaskroķi"

📍 Kroķi, local community of Matkule



Lejaskroķi is where the feeling of childhood comes from. Rabbits are bred at the farm. Guests can pet and feed rabbits and baby goats. Picnic area.

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39 Horse-drawn carriage rides

📍 Upesliči, community of Matkule

5-seater horse-drawn carriage rides. Offers delivery of the carriage to the customer's desired location.

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40 Couronian Castle Mound of Buse (Matkule)

📍 Local community of Matkule



A five-tiered castle mound, considered to be one of the political and economic strongholds of the ancient Curonian land of Vanema (ca. 11th-13th centuries). It has been awarded two European Heritage Flags for its natural splendour. The castle mound is included on the list of the 50 most popular natural heritage sites of national importance. The first tourist camp in Latvia was established in 1911 at the Busu household. There are 3 cult stones in the area. A legend tells of a shepherd and a beautiful young woman. A shepherd was grazing cows near the castle mound. Every day a beautiful woman would emerge from it and treat him to delicious food, telling him that when he was 15 years old, the sunken palace would rise above the earth and he would become king. The only condition as that he wasn't allowed to tell anyone about it. The family of the shepherd thought it unusual that the shepherd never ate anything at home. They scolded the boy, and he told them about the beautiful visitor. The following day, the beauty cried explaining to the shepherd that instead of 100 years, now, she must live underground for another thousand years.

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41 Sculpture of a Girl

📍 Smēde, Pūces, community of Vāne



The sculpture was created in 1951. Various versions have been circulating among locals about the origins of the sculpture. It could be a boundary marker between Kurzeme and Zemgale, commissioned by the Highway and Land Road Administration during the Soviet times. The author of the sculpture is Lea Davidova–Medene. The owners of the "Smēde" household, on whose land the sculpture is situated, allow visitors to see the sculpture.

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42 Memorial Museum of General Ludvigs Bolšteins. Pūce Watermill

📍 Pūces dzirnavas, local community of Matkule

A Memorial Museum to General Ludvigs Bolšteins (1888–1940), who was a very distinguished personality, an outstanding officer of the Latvian state army. Next to the museum, on the Imula River, there is a water mill that was already in operation at the end of the 19th century. The film "Likteņdzirnas" was shot at the mill. The visit must be arranged in advance. 21st June is the General's Remembrance Day event.

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43 Memorial Site in Matkule

📍 „Atmiņas”, Matkule

The stone bears the names of farms that were left without their owners.

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Zante

44 Kurzeme Fortress Museum in Zante

📍 Skolas street 8a, Zante

The museum opened its doors in 1996. The museum's exposition tells of the rich and fascinating story of the war in the Kurzeme Fortress and the fates of Latvian soldiers. A unique museum dedicated to the military history, mostly relating to the war in Kurzeme. More than 8,000 exhibit pieces, including an

aircraft, an armoured personnel carrier and a tank are on display. Groups must book in advance. Guided tours are offered. There is a recreation area and a military obstacle course. Open from 1 May until 15 November.

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45 Memorial Site in Zante

📍 Skolas street 8, Zante

1996.g. The memorial stone was unveiled in Zante as a memorial to the people of Zante who were deported to Siberia in 1941 and 1949. The author and implementer of the memorial is Ilgvars Brucis from Zante.

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46 Smiltiņkalns Hill / Kīkerkalns Hill

📍 Local community of Zante



Smiltiņkalns or Kīkerkalns is the highest elevation of Austrumkursā upland – 155.3 metres above the sea level. Its relative altitude is 50 metres. A nice place to relax and have a picnic is set up.

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47 Viksnas-1, plant nursery

📍 „Viksnas”, local community of Zante

The farm grows and sells a variety of fruit trees and berry plants. Apples can be bought all year round, plums only in season. You can also pick your own fruit upon making arrangements with the owners. A tour of the farm can be arranged.

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48 Linde Forest Boulder

📍 Local community of Zante

With a volume of 706.29 cubic feet, it is the 44th largest boulder in Latvia. Around the year 1920, one edge of the stone was chipped off and taken away to build a monument.

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49 Ravine formation "Buck's Back"

📍 Local community of Zante

Near the Amula River is a ravine formed like a promontory with steep slopes resembling the back of a goat.

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50 Kazukalnu Ponds

📍 Kazukalnu diķi, local community of Zante

Three ponds in an area of 15 ha. Possibility to fish for bream, tench, pike, perch. Camping and fireplaces.

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51 Zante Manor Palace and Park

📍 Skolas street 14, Zante



Zante Manor, built as a knight's manor with a half-manor Mežmuiža, and Maz-Zante or Jaun-Zante. Zante Manor Palace was built in the first half of the 19th century in the Classicism style. The old name of Zante is Sante. The name Zante is thought to derive from Hermann von Santen. The manor house is mentioned in writings already around 1500. The servants' quarters, the barn (19th century) and the dairy building still stand today. Since 1925 the manor house has been the home of a school – nowadays Zante Primary School. The manor is surrounded by a park with plantations of non-native trees and a monument to Augusts Knige and his wife Helēne Koskula.

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52 Zante Windmill

📍 Local community of Zante

Built in 19th cent., operated up until 1957. In 1979, the grinding equipment was handed over for installation in the Āraiši windmill. Called the Blue Princess Mill (Zilās princeses dzirnavas) because, according to the story, the long plaits of the miller's daughter were caught in the mill and she was ground up.

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53 Venteri Castle Mound. Maitiķi Spring

Venteri Castle Mound. The Amula river and spring flow around the 17 m high castle mound; in the springtime, the overflowed streams make the mound inaccessible. The mound was first described in 1868 by A. Bīlenšteins. The ancient name of the castle mound is unknown; nowadays it is called by the name of nearby farmstead. No cultural layer has been found on the hill, suggesting that the mound may have been occupied temporarily or in times of peril. Now the Venteri Castle Mound is overgrown with trees and is difficult to access. People say that the hill used to be higher, but it is gradually sinking into the swamp. Legends have it that a castle was sunk into the hill and anyone who tried to dig the mound lost sight.

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Maitiķi Spring

A large spring on the banks of the Amula River. The unusual colour of the water creates a unique landscape.

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Zemīte

54 Farm "Indāni"

📍 „Indāni”, local community of Kandava



Tour of the farm – ancient tool collection, farm animals typical to a Latvian farm, horseback riding. Rural style sauna, challenges for young couples – farmhouse style; families and tour groups are especially welcome, accommodation from May to October, camping and bonfire places, forest lodge. "Green Certificate", culture mark "Latvian heritage". This has been used as a filming location for various shows and programmes.

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55 Horses of Iveta

📍 Valdeķi, local community of Kandava



Horse tours, horseback riding for children, adults and seniors, a photo session on horseback for wedding guests. Dairy farming.

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56 Valdeķi Manor Estate

📍 Valdeķi, local community of Kandava

The name "Valdeķi" means a corner of the forest. The Valdeķi Manor house was built in 1882. Property of the Benjamiņš family since 1931. In the late 1930s, Antons and Emilija Benjamiņš quickly established Valdeķi

Manor as a model farm – “The pearl of the Latvian countryside”. The beautiful landscape consisted of a park, a cascade of ponds with bridges and pavilions. The building is distinguished by the Baroque-style access staircase built in 1930s. Book in advance.

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57 Zemīte Manor Estate and Park

📍 Zemītes pils, Zemīte



Zemīte Manor Palace was built and the park around it created ca.1850, but the Renaissance Revival style tower was added later. The master quarters burnt down in 1905. It was restored in 1930. Now the palace houses a primary school. It is said that at midnight, you can meet the Blue Lady. At the manor park, you can spot the Guard's face on the trunk of a lime tree, and also visit the Lovers' Bench.

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58 Zemīte Evangelical Lutheran Church

📍 Zemītes baznīca, local community of Zemīte



It was first mentioned in writing in 1567. A legend has it that a girl was buried at the entrance to atone for her sins. The church has had an organ since 1848. Under the altar is a bricked-up vault. The altar was decorated with carvings until 1933, when it was replaced by an altarpiece. The church shut its doors in 1963. In 1967, parts of the Latvian film “When Rain and Wind Strike the Window” (“Kad lietus un vēji sitas logā”) were shot there. Director Aloizs Brenčs, leading roles: E. Pāvuls, H. Liepiņš, L. Ozoliņa. In 1993, the church reopened.

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59 “Tēviņkalna” winery

📍 “Tēviņi”, local community of Zemīte



The farm produces and sells alcoholic beverages made of produce from its own garden and wild fruits and berries. The special products include “Raspberry sparkling wine” and “Latvados”. The winemaker will tell you how the wine is made at the winery. Enjoy wine in the winery or on the garden terrace, take a stroll through the gardens, light an outdoor pan to cook a meal you've brought along, and enjoy it with the wine. There is an offer for wedding guests. The wines produced on the farm have won various awards. Advance booking is recommended.

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60 The Grenči Manor Estate

📍 Grenču muiža, local community of Zemīte

The Grenči manor estate was once the largest overlord property (domain) in the Tukums Overlord's region of the Tukums congregation. In 1693, The Duke's domain board was situated in the Grenči Manor Estate. The manor can be viewed from the outside.

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61 Shop, organic farming LV-BIO-02

📍 „Kannenieki”, local community of Zemīte

Offers tomatoes and other vegetables, as well as strawberries, summer and autumn raspberries. Berry picking and eating on offer. Biological farm-shop. Farm tours are available. Book in advance.

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Vāne

62 Home Producer Aivars Žiedas

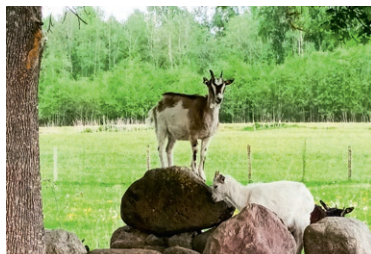
📍 „Kalnēni”, local community of Vāne

Produces high-quality smoked chicken and pork. Sausages are made according to ancient methods. Meat is cured according to an Italian recipe. Home-made preserves. All is home-grown. Designated picnic area. Tasting available; must be booked in advance.

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63 Country House “Birznieki”

📍 „Daniņi”, local community of Vāne



The farm breeds goats (about 250 goats), produces goat cheese and meat, and sells goat meat. Farm tours and tastings of various cheeses and meats available. Certified as an organic farm and environmental health farm.

Available: from April to October. The visit must be arranged in advance.

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64 Creative House “Smilgāji”

📍 „Smilgāji”, local community of Vāne



The creative house is the place to learn about rural life and enjoy pastoral charm. Master classes – in bread-baking or other seasonal delicacies. A chance to visit a furniture workshop and a workshop of various linen products.

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65 Vāne Evangelical Lutheran Church and Memorial Site

📍 Vānes baznīca, Vāne

The Vāne Evangelical Lutheran Church is an architectural and artistic monument of national importance. In 1983, intricate wall paintings dating back to the 17th-18th century were uncovered. They are unique in Latvian art history, as they are well preserved and are visible over quite a large area. The first wooden church was built in 1573 by the chronicler Solomon Henning. The stone church was built between 1654 and 1663 by his son Gotthard Henning. The building was renovated in 1789. You can visit the church dungeon. The story goes that a golden carriage was buried under the Vāne Church. A memorial plaque to the fallen national partisans and to the peasants, senior citizens and children who suffered in the repressions is erected at the Church.

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66 Vāne Manor and Park

📍 Prātnieki” Vāne



Together with Aizupe, the manor complex was one of the largest estates in the area at the times of the barons. In the 16th century, Solomon Henning (1528 - 1589) – the Livonian chronicler, secretary and confidant of Duke of Courland Gotthard Kettler – spent his final days in Vāne Manor. The Vāne Manor palace was built around 1870 and a park was created. It burnt down in 1905. It was subsequently renovated between 1936 and 1940. Since 1936, the building houses a school. Today, it is the Vāne Primary School.

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67 “Spāre” Antiquities Repository and Leisure Park

📍 „Vārpiņas”, Vāne

In 2015, a small museum “Repository of Antiquities” was opened in the municipality of Vāne. The collection started with antiques, books and household items from the “Zeltiņi” home donated by Airīta and Ilmārs Hānbergs. Sandra Kosogova, the head of the municipal library, is the initiator of the museum. Book in advance.

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Recreation Park “Spāre”

📍 Draudzības street 4, Vāne

A recreation park with 3 terraces was set up in 2010. It sits on the banks of the Sārcene stream and covers an area of almost one hectare. There is a children's playground, a fire pit and several seating areas. In 2018, the Centenary Oak Tree was planted in the park and a memorial stone was created to symbolise Vāne Municipality being a part of Latvia.

68 Land of Happy Collies

📍 „Straumēni”, Vāne, local community of Vāne



Animals-actors from the internet series “Adventures of farm collies” live at the Land of Happy Collies (“Laimīgo kolliju zeme”). A place where happy collies live alongside other domestic animals – goats, sheep, horses and various domestic fowl. In work, relaxation and sport. All together! The animals are domesticated and trained. They can perform

various tricks. In the summer time, various local and international collie entertainment events, competitions, and Olympiads take place.

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69 Aizupe Manor, Park and Alleys

📍 Aizupes muiža, local community of Vāne

The Manor Palace is an architectural monument of national importance. The building was one of the most notable examples of classicism style in Latvia, which has fully maintained the building scope and layout of premises. The park (14 hectares) has tujas of all species found in Europe, which were planted in the 19th century. A monument to trees that fell in storms is set up. Back in the day, it used to be a knights' manor. The master house of Aizupe Manor was built in early 19th century. The manor owned a cheese shop, a water mill, a distillery and a brick kiln. The manor house was included on the lists of model manor houses. In 1939, the Cirava Forest School was moved to Aizupe. From 1945 until 1985, a Technical Forest College was situated in Aizupe. In the 1990s, the manor complex buildings were handed over to the local government. Now the manor is a private property and can be viewed from the outside.

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70 Garden “Jāņadārzs”

📍 „Sarmas”, local community of Vāne

“Jāņadārzs” specialises in cultivating flowering roses and plants, offering home-grown, quality flowering roses and rose plants suitable for Latvian conditions. From May to September, you can buy flowering roses and plants. The visit must be arranged in advance.

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71 Visiting Alpacas

📍 Z/s Ķirpji, local community of Vāne

A guided alpaca tour offering a story about alpacas, photographing and filming the animals. These handsome animals possess an aristocratic gentleness, curious nature and mild character. Open: 1 June–30 August. Visits must be booked in advance.

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72 Baron Cemetery

📍 Baronu kapi, local community of Vāne

The Baron Cemetery is located near Aizupe Manor on an artificially created hill in the middle of a field. The Baron Cemetery is one of the most original burials in Kurzeme. The cemetery is surrounded by an early 19th-century stone wall. The Governor of Courland, Paul Hahn, is also buried in the Baron Cemetery.

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73 Fishing in Ziedkalni Pond

📍 „Ziedkalnudiķi”, local community of Vāne

4 hectares of ponds offering fishing, camping, bird-watching and boat trips. The catch can include carp, tench, crucian carp.

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74 Sauna in Vāne “Pie circeņšiem”

📍 “Vānes pirts”, Vāne

Public and private sauna, herbal teas, individual sauna master's service, sauna rituals, various herbal baths (for feet, hands), heat-treatment, an energetic lashing and strengthening with plants, physical cleansing with home-made scrub, physical and energetic alignment with sound and vibration, plant and honey masks, sauna. Book in advance.

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Abavas ieleja

75 Shrubby cinquefoil bog, sulphur springs. Devil's Eye Spring

📍 Local community of Kandava

In 1999, the nature reserve of the shrubby cinquefoil bog was established near the Kandava border on the left bank of the Abava River; it has been under state protection since 1924 and is the only place in Latvia where the post-glacial plant shrubby cinquefoil (*Pentaphragma fruticosum*) grows wild over such a large area. Here, you will be able to find specially protected species of plants, birds, invertebrates and amphibians. All bog waters contain a high level of minerals. There is a sulphur spring on the way to the trail. After about 1 km, there is a forest trail on the left. The water of the Devil's Eye Spring contains hydrogen sulphide. The Devil's Eye Spring or the Sauna Spring flows out of it, but further in the bog, there is the Smirnieki Spring. Beavers have chosen them to build their dams. The shrubby cinquefoil bog and the sulphur spring can be explored along a 4 km-long trail, part of which has wooden footbridges. The path is intended for walking only.

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76 Trail of Old “Ozolāji”

📍 Mācītājmuiža, local community of Kandava



Behind the parsonage, the approx. 900 m long trail begins leading along the steep ancient Abava river precipice to the biologically valuable meadows on its current

banks. The trail leads through a very special place – the Old “Ozolāji” (oak tree stand), where the locals of Kandava used to gather already nearly 100 years ago for open-air theatre performances and mark the start or end of the school year. Within the project, a staircase and two platforms were set up to protect the steep slope from which the springs like to break out. The project was implemented with an aim to protect the local natural values and to enjoy the picturesque banks of the Abava River and the Abava Ancient River Valley Nature Park.

☎ 57.014561 22.751509

77 Devil's Boulder, Devil's Cave

📍 Local community of Kandava



The boulder is a witness to the movements of the stone age glaciers. Since the early 20th century, it has been a popular tourist attraction. It overlooks the Abava River valley. The cave is located about 40 m east of the Devil's Boulder. There, on the left bank of the stream, is a sandstone outcrop with two caves. The largest is Devil's Cave (length 8.5 m, height 2.4 m, width up to 1 m). The entrance is narrow. The ravine features outcrops of grey sandstone and dolomite rock. In wet weather, the slopes of the ravine are steep and slippery. A Latvian folk tale says that the Devil promised God to block the Abava River at night. Upon hearing the rooster's crowing, the Devil went back underground and dropped the boulder. Meanwhile, Abava continued its flow.

☎ 57.018444 22.687302

78 Kalnmuīža Manor and Watermill

📍 Kalnmuīža, local community of Kandava



Kalnmuīža Manor, hotel (capacity of 59 persons), restaurant with a varied and sophisticated offer, an elegant venue for seminars and conferences, the perfect place for weddings and other large events. Wedding ceremonies in the manor's apple orchard overlooking the Abava valley. Concerts, open-air cinema screenings, art plein-air workshops. Tours of the manor estate available. Kalnmuīža has been in existence

at least since late 15th century. The manor buildings date back to the 19th century. After the Second World War, the manor was owned collectively, then by the local government. Privately owned since 2006.

The Kalnmuīža Watermill is a unique object of technical history with tourism potential. In 1939, The Latvian film “Aizsprosts” (“Dam”) was shot at the Kalnamuīža Watermill. Downstream of the dam, on the left bank of the Amula River, there is a dolomite and clay outcrop at a height of 25 m. The alley of the manor house includes several heritage ash trees.

A local legend has it that about 1 km south-east of the manor are the Money Mountains (Naudas kalni), where a boy once found money. South-east of the hills, a boy led the enemy troops into a swamp on a deer trail, and then escaped.

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79 Mound “Zviedru cepure” (the Swedish Hat)

📍 Local community of Matkule

Legend has it that this mound used to be a place of worship. It dates back to the Swedish War in the 17th century, when a Swedish commander and his wife were killed. A linden and an oak tree were planted in their memory, and the hill itself was covered with soldiers' hats. 200 soldiers and their horses are also buried here.

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A cycle route crosses the site –

EuroVelo 10 pa (P130) and a local level cycle route 555

(Kandava – Aizdzīre – Kalnmuīža – Pedvāle – Sabile – Kandava)

95th stage of the Forest Trail:

Sabile – Kandava

(distance: 21 km; level of difficulty: easy)

🌐 www.meztaka.lv

96th stage of the Forest Trail:

Kandava – Jaunmokas

(distance: 24 km; level of difficulty: easy)

Trails:

Horse Trail from the Swedish Cap to the Sabile Wine Hill

(distance: 3.18 km; level of difficulty: easy)

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The Love Trail from the Swedish Hat – circular

(distance: 1.57 km; level of difficulty: easy, includes steps)

☎ 57.024361, 22.593052

Old “Ozolāji” trail from Mācītājmuīža (Vicarage) to Old “Ozolāji”

(distance: 1.2 km; level of difficulty: easy, includes steps)

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Shrubby cinquefoil bog trail – circular

(distance: 4.36 km; level of difficulty: easy)

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Imula Trail from Vītiņi to Romance

(distance: 4.3 km; level of difficulty: difficult)

☎ 57.013905, 22.623089

Imula Trail from Buses to Kauķa Hill

(distance: 2.66 km; level of difficulty: average)

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Symbols

	Accommodation		Whirlpool tub, hot-tub
	Cafe, restaurant		Swing
	Food delivery		Children's playground
	Event and banquet venue		Sports hall, gym
	Offers for wedding events		Playground, stadium
	Fireplace room		Bicycle rental
	Seminar, conference room		Fishing
	Event venue		Boat rental
	Terrace		SUP rent
	Canopy		Rodel track
	Canopy with fireplace		Horseback riding
	Spring water		Swimming
	Winter garden		Inside pool
	Kitchen		Quadricycles
	Tent ground		Shooting
	Tent and picnic place		Hunting
	Caravan site		Golf playground
	Connections for electricity		Billiard hall
	Outdoor fireplace		Board games
	Fireplace		Trampoline
	Pond		Recreation equipment rental
	River		Sightseeing farms/manors
	Nature trail		WiFi
	Traditional Latvian sauna, Sauna		WC
	Bath house		Parking lot

24 Tent places and power accessibility for caravans in motocross track „Motoparks Kandava”



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25 Hotel, summer restaurant „Rūmenes muiža”



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36 Farmstead „Kangari”



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40 Tent places at Buses castle mound



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50 Tent places by Kazukalns ponds



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54 Farmstead „Indāni”



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73 Tent places by Ziedkalnu ponds



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78 Hotel, restaurant „Kalnmuīžas pils”



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79 Recreation center „Zviedru cepure” with toboggans in summer



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80 Kandava wine house



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81 „Nāriņa” family restaurant



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82 Cafe „Ēdnica kā mājās”



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83 Guest house, cafe „Pils”



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84 Hotel, cafe „Kandava”



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85 Cafe „Pie Kristapa”



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86 Kandava Sports Hall, hotel, cafe



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87 Holiday house, villa „Jaunkrastmali”



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88 Pils street apartments



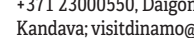
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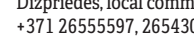
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90 Guest house „visitDinamo”



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91 Guest house „Dižpriedes”



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94 Guest house „Teikas”



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95 Guest house „Kārkli”



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96 Guest house „Ružas”



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97 Guest house „Villa Taka”



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98 Holiday house „Jaunbirzes”



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99 Holiday house „Atmatas”



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100 Holiday house „Zelta saule”



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101 Tent places by „Vītiņi”



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102 Recreation center „Saules villa”



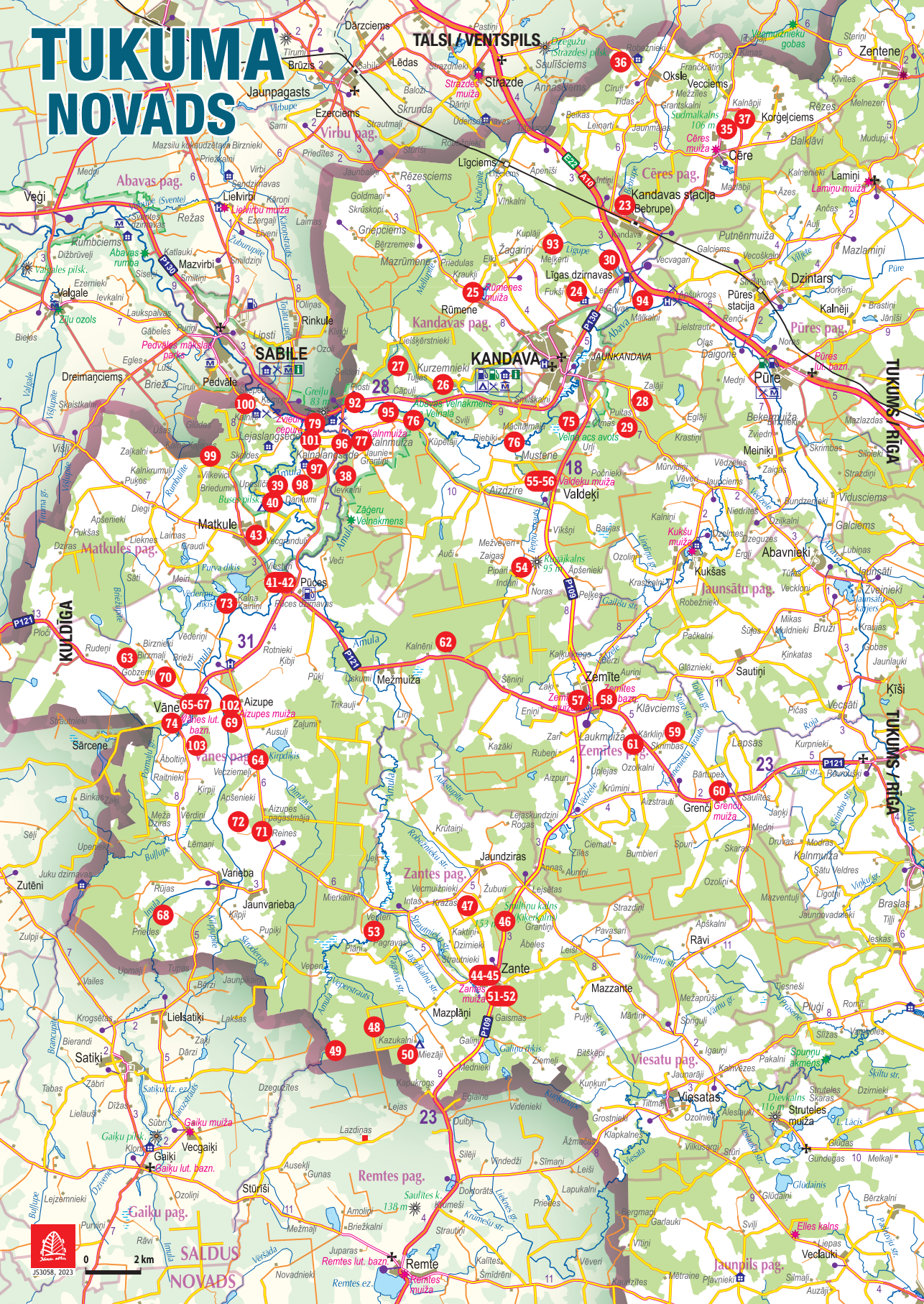
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103 Guest house „Vānes māja”



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