

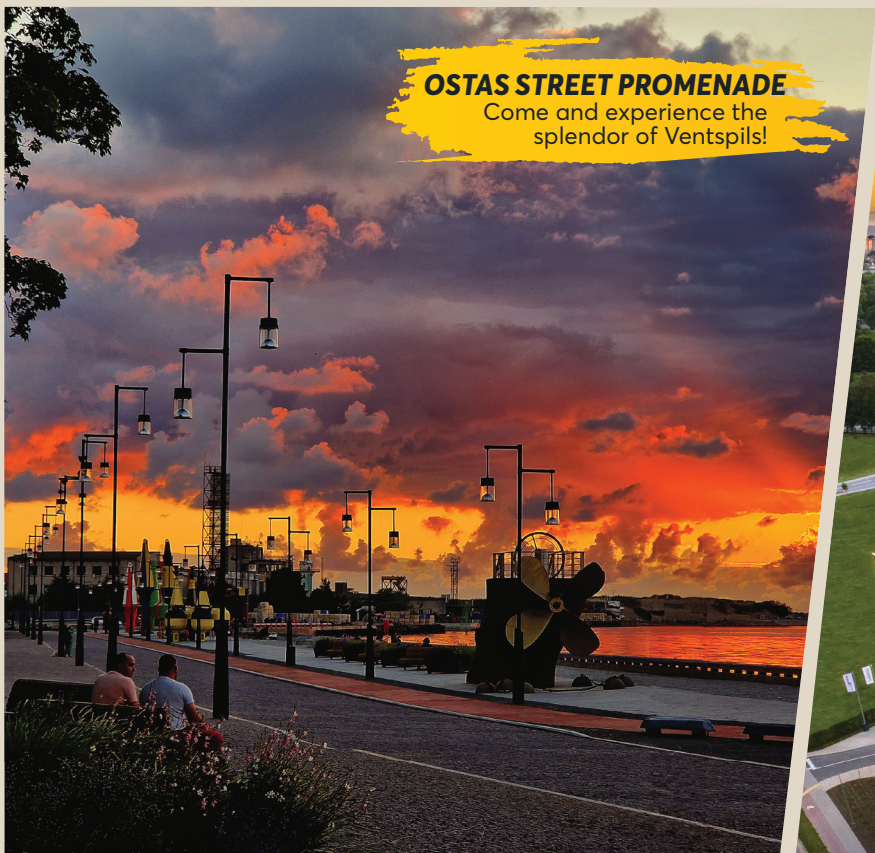


2024 *Travel* GUIDE



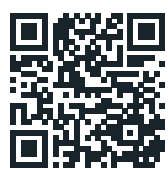
OSTAS STREET PROMENADE

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EVENTS 2024

MAY

- 11.05. OPENING OF THE VENTSPILS SUMMER TOURISM AND CYCLING SEASON
- 12.05. ORGAN MUSIC ON SUNDAY. RENĀTE STIVRIŅA & ARTIS GĀGA **CH**
- 15.05. GRAND CONCERT "THEATRE HOUSE "JŪRAS VĀRTI" - 15" **TH**
- 18.05. PĀRVENTA FESTIVAL
INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY AND NIGHT OF EUROPEAN MUSEUMS
- 19.05. OLYMPIC CHAMPION D. KŪLA'S INTERNATIONAL JAVELIN THROWING COMPETITION "VENTSPILS JAVELIN 2024" (VENTSPILS ŠĶĒPI 2024)
- 24.05. FRIDAY EVENING WALK
- 25.05. FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL "LATVIAN CHILDREN LEAD THE DANCE" (LATVJU BĒRNI DANCI VEDA)
RACE AROUND LAKE BŪŠNIEKU

JUNE

- 2.06. CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL
- 9.06. VENTSPILS HALF MARATHON
- 21.06. HERB DAY AND SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATIONS (BEACH) AND **SOAM**
- 21.06. SUMMER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL
- 22.06. MARKET **OTM**
- 23.06. SUMMER SOLSTICE EVE PLAY AND MIDSUMMER NIGHT BALL (REŅĶA GARDEN)

JULY

- 5.07. CONCERT: 'O SOLE MIO' BY THE STRING QUARTET 'AKILONE' (FRANCE) **CH**
- 6.07. SEA FESTIVAL (OSTAS STREET PROMENADE)
SEA CUP IN BEACH VOLLEYBALL
GUNTIS SKRASTIŅŠ SONG AND CHANT FESTIVAL (REŅĶA GARDEN)
- 7.07. SEA FESTIVAL **SOAM**
- 12.07. AURĒLIJA ŠIMKUS AND JEAN - BAPTISTE DULSÉ | PLAYING DAVIDS KĻAVIŅŠ'S CREATED PIANO MODEL 4701 **CH**
- 12.07. MOTORCYCLE RIDER GATHERING
- 13.07. "KURLAND BIKE MEET"
- 19.07. INTERNATIONAL STREET CULTURE AND SPORTS FESTIVAL "GHETTO GAMES"
- 21.07. INTERNATIONAL STREET CULTURE AND SPORTS FESTIVAL "GHETTO GAMES"
- 27.07. 5TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT OF CONCERT HALL "LATVIJA" - IVETA APKALNA, LIEPĀJA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND "LATVIJAS RADIO" CHOIR **CH**

AUGUST

- 2.08. VENTSPILS CITY FESTIVAL 700+34
- 4.08. CRAFT DAYS **SOAM**
- 5.08. INTERNATIONAL PIANO MASTER-CLASSES "VENTSPILS PIANO 2024". PIANISTS FROM CHINA, FRANCE AND LATVIA WILL PARTICIPATE
- 11.08. INTERNATIONAL PIANO MASTER-CLASSES "VENTSPILS PIANO 2024". PIANISTS FROM CHINA, FRANCE AND LATVIA WILL PARTICIPATE
- 10.08. ALL-LATVIAN NORDIC WALKING FESTIVAL
- 17.08. TRAIL RUN "STIRNU BUKS"
LATVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN BEACH VOLLEYBALL
- 28.08. CONTEMPORARY RHYTHM AND JAZZ MUSIC FESTIVAL "VENTSPILS GROOVE 2024" **CH**
- 30.08. CONTEMPORARY RHYTHM AND JAZZ MUSIC FESTIVAL "VENTSPILS GROOVE 2024" **CH**
- 31.08. NIGHT OF THE ANCIENT FIRE ON THE STALDZENE STEEP COASTLINE

- CH** Concert Hall "Latvija"
- TH** Theatre House "Jūras vārti"
- OTM** Old Town Market
- LOC** Livonian Order Castle
- SOAM** Seaside Open Air Museum

Experience the charm of tens of thousands of different flowers!
Ventspils awakens to the colorful bloom of spring - floral patterns, flower sculptures and pyramids blossom and ten sparkling fountains enliven the city.



NEW!

Visit and explore the museum! Scan the QR code and uncover the museum's secrets!



The new Seaside Open Air Museum building is open!

The exhibition at the **Seaside Open Air Museum** reflects the everyday life of the inhabitants of the Kurzeme coast, Latvian and Livonian peasants and fishermen. There is also a nature exhibition showcasing the most characteristic forest animals and birds of Northern Kurzeme. The new exhibition on the traditional way of life in Northern Kurzeme includes **more than 24,000 objects**. Visitors will be able to walk through a farmstead, learn about fishing traditions, explore the beginnings of kolkhozes (collective farms) and experience the border area. In addition to the exhibition, the new building houses restoration workshops and an education room.

The **Seaside Open Air Museum** territory features historical buildings created according to the folk building traditions of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as well as the upcoming apiary exhibition with a more than **300-year-old bee tree - hive**.

The **Boat House** houses the largest collection of restored fishing boats and cutters in the Baltics. Visitors can climb aboard a special cruiser and feel like a real captain!

The most notable exhibit of the narrow-gauge railway exhibition is the **locomotive "Mazbānītis"**, which is more than 100 years old. It guides visitors from the Museum Station to the Hill Station from May to October, whistling and blowing clouds of steam.

The museum and Seaside Park display the **largest collection of anchors** in the Baltic States with more than **140 exhibits** dating from the 17th century to the present day.

- muzejs.ventspils.lv
- Riņķa iela 2, Ventspils
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The exhibition "A Ventspils Woman's Wardrobe in the 1950s - 1980s" (Ventspilnieces drēbju skapis 20. gs. 50.-80. gadi) is on display until October 2024.

The **Livonian Order Castle** enchants with its medieval atmosphere and allows visitors to walk through seven centuries of the city's and the castle's history.

- muzejs.ventspils.lv
- Jāņa iela 17, Ventspils
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SEE VENTSPILS FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE!



From May to October, you can explore the diversity of Ventspils on a 45-minute cruise on the boat "**Hercogs Jēkabs**".

- portofventspils.lv
- At the intersection of Tīrgus Street and Ostas Street, Ventspils
- +371 26353344

Feel Ventspils!



10 FOUNTAINS

28 COW SCULPTURES



In the **House of Crafts** located in the oldest school building in Kurzeme, visitors will find craft workshops, the Ancient Classroom, and especially attractive educational programs.

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- Skolas iela 3, Ventspils
- + 371 63620174

From 15 May to 15 September, visitors can climb the restored beach tower and enjoy views over the Blue Flag Beach.



BLUE FLAG BEACH



SOUTH PIER



SEASIDE PARK



FIRE CORRECTION TOWER OF THE 46TH COASTAL DEFENSE BATTERY

Ventspils is accessible to everyone



Lake Būšnieki Nature Trail

Long-distance walkers seeking to immerse themselves in the forest and lakeside ambiance will delight in strolling along the **Lake Būšnieki Nature Trail**. Additionally, there is a viewing platform that extends into the lake via a footbridge, providing panoramic views of the lake and opportunities for birdwatching. Visitors can also rent boats at the **Boat Base** to explore the lake further.

📍 Staldzenes iela 64, Ventspils

Travel by bicycle!

Ventspils cycling paths total almost 70km and link the most popular tourist attractions in the city.



Leisure with children!

On Sundays at 11.00 in the **Children's Town** and at 15.00 in the **Children's Park "Fantāzija"** there are free events for children.



Children's Town

📍 Lielais prospekts / J. Poruka iela, Ventspils



Children's Park "Fantāzija"

📍 Talsu iela / Celnieku iela, Ventspils



Jungle trails in the Seaside Park and Pārventa Forest Park have been renovated.

40 playgrounds for children and 13 outdoor gyms!

Active leisure!



Adventure Park - active leisure complex with a wide range of fun features:

- The largest all-season toboggan track in the Baltics (track length - 800 m, downhill ride - 580 m, 360-degree bends, speed up to 40 km/h)
- Amusement zone (more than 20 different amusement facilities)
- Rope track "Cat Trail"
- Picnic areas
- Paintball and laser tag area
- BMX track
- Wake park
- Great view from the top of the hill

📍 piedzivojumaparks.lv
📍 Saules iela 141, Ventspils
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At the **Beach Waterpark** next to the Ventspils Blue Flag Beach, visitors can enjoy water fun while spending time in the fresh air. The Waterpark has three different heated pools, saunas, jacuzzis and two towers with five slides. The smallest visitors can enjoy special amusement features in the small pool.

📍 pludmalesakvaparks.lv
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RENĶA GARDEN



PĀRVENTA CENTRE



OLD TOWN



OSTAS STREET PROMENADE

EVENTS 2024

SEPTEMBER

- 6.09. AUTUMN PLANT MARKET **OTM**
7.09.
- 13.09. JAM WITH VENTSPILS BIG BAND (ANNA VIBE GORKUŠA, GATIS GORKUŠA, ELANA HUNTER) **CH**
- 25.09. LATVIAN PUPPET THEATRE PERFORMANCE "WAFFLE HEARTS. MISSION - DAD" (VAFEĻU SIRDIS. MISIJA - TĒTIS) **TH**
- 27.09. SCIENTISTS' NIGHT
- 28.09. ANDREJS OSOKINS SOLO CONCERT | PLAYING DAVIDS KĻAVIŅŠ'S CREATED PIANO MODEL 470i **CH**

OCTOBER

- 5.10. LAMBERT. ALTERNATIVE JAZZ **CH**
- 9.10. WRITING PRIZE "SILVER INK WELL" (SUDRABA TINTŅĪCA) AWARD AND CONCERT "RETURN TO VENTSPILS" (ATGRIEŠANĀS VENTSPILĪ) **CH**
- 26.10. ULDIS MARHILEVIČS & VENTSPILS BIG BAND. ANNIVERSARY CONCERT **CH**
- 31.10. WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL "PORTA 2024". TRIO "LES ITINERANTES" (FRANCE) AND "JMO" (SENEGAL, SWITZERLAND, ISRAEL) **CH**

NOVEMBER

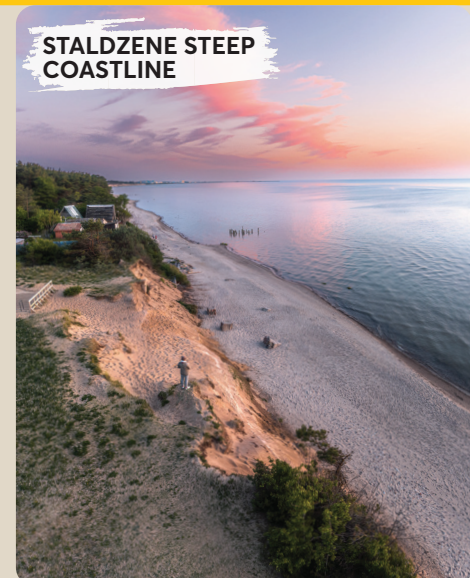
- 9.11. MĀRTIŅI DAY MARKET **OTM**
- 11.11. EVENTS DEDICATED TO LĀCPLĒSIS DAY
- 18.11. EVENTS OF THE PROCLAMATION DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA
RUN AND CYCLING RIDE "RUN OR CYCLE THE OUTLINE OF LATVIA IN VENTSPILS" (IZSKRIEN VAI IZBRAUC AR VELOSIPĒDU LATVIJAS KONTŪRU VENTSPILĪ)
- 24.11. CONCERT OF THE EARLY MUSIC ENSEMBLE "VOX LUMINIS" (BELGIUM) **CH**
- 30.11. LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE (BIG SQUARE)

DECEMBER

- 1.12. ORGAN MUSIC ON SUNDAY. MARKKU LEPISTO & MIKKO HELENIUS FROM FINLAND **CH**
- 7.12. ST. NICHOLAS DAY **LOC**
- 15.12. PŪCE AND VIVALDI CHRISTMAS **CH**
- 20.12. CHRISTMAS MARKET **OTM**
- 21.12. LOG EVE AND CHRISTMAS MARKET **SOAM**
- 25.12. MAZBĀNĪTIS CHRISTMAS
- 31.12. NEW YEAR'S RUN
NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION (BIG SQUARE)

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Follow cultural events in Ventspils: koncertzalelatvija.lv
kulturascentrs.ventspils.lv
jurasvarti.lv



STALDZENE STEEP COASTLINE



The only organ in the Baltics with two playing tables.

Culture life

With a diverse offer and rich content, everyone is welcome at the **Concert Hall "Latvija", Theatre House "Jūras vārti"** and **Culture Centre**.

The **Concert Hall "Latvija"** celebrates its 5th anniversary this year, offering the audience special musical events. With a variety of music genres and performers, you can fully enjoy the Concert Hall's excellent acoustics and instruments, which have already won international acclaim.

Everyone is offered the opportunity to take a guided tour of the building and discover both the rooms that are open to the public on a daily basis and the backstage.

Theatre House "Jūras vārti" celebrates its 15th anniversary after reconstruction!

- koncertzalelatvija.lv
- Lielais laukums 1, Ventspils
- +371 25773303

"Oh Lord, how many fantastic moments of joy, emotion, warm, waiting and giving love from the audience have been experienced over the years on the stage of "Jūras vārti"! But it's not the building itself that makes it feel good, but the people who give it breath, heartbeat, and circulation. That is the greatest value."

/Producer Aigars Dinsbergs/

/Organist Aigars Reinis/

"The Concert Hall "Latvija" is a new beginning for new growth, cultural development, and new horizons. It's a place for young people to flourish and experience amazing moments of creativity. It is always a pleasure to come back here and be even a small part of an important Latvian cultural process."

Go behind the scenes!



The longest string of this unique musical instrument, the vertical concert piano, is 3.90 m.

Experience science with your own eyes!



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- Interactive exhibits, creative workshops, and amazing science shows for the whole family
- Themed events for big and small
- Conference room rental
- Birthday activities
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- Excursions for pupils
- Viewing platform - free!

- vizium.lv
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A journey into the world of space!



Latvia's largest digital planetarium offers a virtual journey into space and an opportunity to explore the mysteries of nature on a 360-degree screen. The **Observatory** is equipped with a high-resolution telescope. During the day, it facilitates observations of the Sun, while in the evening, visitors can observe the Moon, planets such as Jupiter and Saturn, and individual stars.

- jaunradesnams.lv
- Maiznieku iela 11, Ventspils
- +371 63622805

Enjoy winter activities!



At the **Water Amusement Park**, you can experience fun moments in the artificial wave pool, children's pool, slides, "Mountain River" slide, SPA baths and sauna, and in the SPA area - Turkish bath, aromatic saunas, salt room, cold water pool and massage showers.

- udensparks.lv
- Lauku iela 5, Ventspils
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In suitable weather conditions, the **ski hill "Lemberga hūte"** offers a beginner's slope, an expert's slope and a sledding hill. The **length of the beginner's slope** of the ski hill is about **120 metres**, while the **large downhill slope is 230 metres long**. All equipment is available at the rental point in the service building.

During winter, visitors are invited to enjoy the **largest all-season toboggan track in the Baltics in Ventspils!**

- lembergahute.lv
- Saules iela 141, Ventspils
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If you want to experience Christmas fairytale, come to Ventspils, because here it's possible!

Get into the Christmas spirit in the city starting **from November 30th**, when the main tree and the Big Square will be adorned with decorative musical instruments, Christmas decorations will light up parks, squares, and streets.

During festive season Newspaper Alley (Laikrakstu aleja) will transform into a magical Umbrella Alley. A musical Christmas train will take you through the illuminated and glittering streets of the city, and you might just meet Santa and his elves!



9 decorated Christmas trees

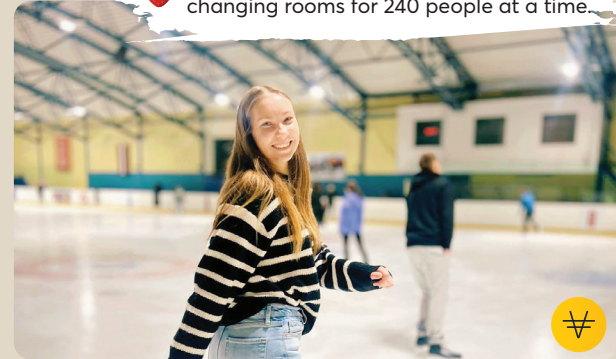


Christmas train rides



118 thousand lamps

The total area of the ice arena is 1,970 m², the arena has stands with 942 seats and changing rooms for 240 people at a time.



The public skating rink of the **Ice Hall** is available to anyone interested at certain times. Visitors can skate with their own skates or rent them. Public skating with hockey or disco lights is also available. Equipment for figure skating, hockey and curling is available for rent.

- ocventspils.lv
- Sporta iela 7/9, Ventspils
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FERRY TRAFFIC

Ventspils - Nynäshamn (SWEDEN)

- Ventspils Ferry Terminal, Dārzu iela 6, Ventspils
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PUBLIC TRANSPORT "VENTSPILS REISS"

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