

Oviši Lighthouse



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Built in 1814

Height of the tower – 37 m

Height above the sea level – 38 m

Flashing light seen – 15 miles

Oviši Lighthouse is the oldest navigation building in Latvia preserved until today without visible changes. It is 33 m high cylindrical stone tower. Initial lighthouse was built in 1809, present in 1905. The construction of the lighthouse was completed in 1814 and has survived to our days without architectural modifications.

The lighthouse is 37 m high and there is an exposition of the history of lighthouses.

White light that can be seen from 7.5 miles away flashes every 7.5 seconds. Oviši Lighthouse is in Ventspils district, Tārgale parish.

Diameter of stone tower is 11.5 m and inside of it is the second tower (diameter – 3.5 m). Height of the tower (without lantern) is 29.6 m and the height of the lantern is 6 m (without wind sock, but with the base).

The lighthouse also had a light apparatus with beam thrower lenses, operated by a clock mechanism, but this mechanism was taken to Russia in 1915. The German occupation authorities installed a new lighting system with an acetylene torch, which was used until 1961.

In addition to the exhibits – navigation items that were used at different times in different lighthouses, including in Oviši – new interactive exhibits created using the latest technologies are now available, so the history of navigation can be learned not only visually, but also through hearing and touch.

From the lighthouse, in good weather, you can see the neighbor lighthouse Miķelbāka, the highest lighthouse in the Baltics (59 m), while in the sea you can see Latvia's newest – Irbes – lighthouse, which was built only in 1986.

Visit to the lighthouse

1,00 EUR

Visit to the lighthouse for a pupil, student, pensioner, person with a disability (on presentation of a certificate)

0,50 EUR

A visit to the lighthouse for a child up to school age

Free of charge

A place for a tent in the territory of the lighthouse

EUR 5.00 per day

Overnight in a tent for one person

1,00 EUR

Car parking in the lighthouse area (up to 2 hours free of charge)

EUR 3.00 per day



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10:00 - 16:00 (01.04.- 31.10.)

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10:00 - 14:00 (01.11.- 31.03.)

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