

# KRĀSLAVA REGION





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The coat of arms of Krāslava region depicts on the left side nine golden and black lines, on the right side a red field, with a golden bishop's sceptre.

As the history of Krāslava is deeply connected with the name of Plāters and Count Broel - Plāter family, the coat of arms with five golden bars on black background have been borrowed, symbolizing five rays that pass through the darkness and brings light and hope. Besides, in the coat of arms of the town there is a boat with five oars, representing five nationalities living here.

The golden colour in the emblem symbolizes the Christian faith and prosperity.

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The sceptre is considered one of the most ancient symbols of power. It is represented as well as an attribute of the Great Shepherd, who will never leave in the misfortune. A great part of Krāslava history has been connected with bishops, priests and pastors. Krāslava Catholic Church was built as the headquarters of the archbishop from the Mogilev's archdiocese, thus the sceptre has been placed into the coat of arms. Coat of arms of Krāslava region has been approved in 2012, its authors is an artists Silva Linarte and Andris Pudāns.



The coat of arms of Krāslava town was granted on 1925. On the coat of arms on the blue field floating silver boat with a sail and five oars are depicting and symbolizing multinational environment of Krāslava. Every oar means one of the five main nationalities inhabiting Krāslava: Latvians, Russians, Jews, Poles and Belarussians.

Municipality



#### Welcome to Krāslava Region!

Have you ever heard the most beautiful songs of birds and sounds of calm summer evenings? Have you ever seen the most picturesque landscapes in the world? Come and explore our region you will have memories to last a lifetime.

Region of Krāslava is situated in the South-Eastern part of Latvia, where the European Union meets with Belarus. This is the place you want to come back! It is difficult to resist the charm of region lakes, which form fabulous natural landscape. Daugava, Latvia's determining river, flows through it. Krāslava regional cultural environment is unique. It brings together several folk traditions, creating a common unique cultural image, which includes four different confessions, holiday celebrating traditions, national cuisine, dances, songs. Krāslava residents invite you to enjoy holidays on one of the lake sides, to try fisherman luck, to relax in sauna, to lapse into daydreams, to admire sunsets and sunrises, to take a stroll while the early dew is still on the ground, to discover the nuances of the meal of the Latgalian culinary heritage, to acquire new emotions, while rafting on Daugava river from the Belarus border, to fall into the world of talent, provided by ceramicists, weavers and artists.

Nature, scenery, fishing, riding, walks and many other interesting activities. This is just a taste of what we have to offer visitors of our region.

We love our beautiful region and we will be glad if you enjoy your visit!

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# 1. Enjoy the sun and wind play on 146 lakes of Krāslava region!

146 lake diversity of Krāslava region invites you to experience the joy of water, to relax in lake waters in the summer heat. Explore the water world and discover a new lake kingdom for yourself.

#### 2. Enjoy the natural flow of the river

#### Daugava!

There is a unique opportunity to observe the river Daugava, free, safe and proud, in its natural flow!

#### 3. Taste Latgalian culinary heritage!

Popular belief says that only a sated man is a good man. There are remained old cooking and drink preparing traditions with which to impress gourmets. Visit us, enjoy food and your stay, and you will have something to remember!

# 4. Explore the multinational environment of the Region!

There are not many such places in Latvia, where the various nations live together and practise their cultural traditions. This is an unusual environment with its unique "breath".

#### 5. Discover the border!

Belarus is just near at hand. So close, but not accessible. Krāslava region is the only border point in Latvia, where the water (river) boundary is protected.

# 6. Enjoy the 18th century love story in the 21st century!

Family of Counts Platers played an important role in the development of Krāslava region. They lived here, worked, celebrated holidays, they rejoiced and grieved here. They also loved ... The destiny had resolved the love of Krāslava Count descendant to be very sad ... This sad event is revived in stories and negotiations nowadays, as well, when walking in the courtyard of the park and in the park itself.

#### 7. Enjoy angler's paradise!

There is something to do for both professional and amateur anglers! The river Daugava invites you for the cat fishing. Various different lakes, every with its own fish stock, attracts anglers, moreover because there is a chance to catch a big pike, perch and tench here. An eel may seem an exotic catch, nevertheless eels do live here!

# 8. Gain your peace of mind in one of the churches of four confessions!

Abrupt and sublime churches rise between the tops of the forests, on the lake sides and on the hills, their towers rise above everyday rush and worry. Beautiful pilgrimage, which intertwines with the historical events in Krāslava region, is guaranteed.

#### 9. Enjoy Krāslava town festival!

Traditional Krāslava town festival is organized every year in the mid-July. Both town dwellers and visitors enjoy events and concerts, in which perform not only Krāslava dwellers, but also the guest artists.

#### 10. Explore ancient trade!

Excellent ceramicists, weavers and artists will introduce ancient trade skills to you, they will let you make a traditional whistle or weave a strap by yourself.



# Tourism information for travelers and guests of the Region



#### Working hours:

During the summer season (15th May – 15th September) Weekdays: 9:30 to 18:00 Saturday - Sunday: 10:30 to 19:00

Outside the summer season (16th September– 14th May) Weekdays: 8:45 to 17:15 Saturday - Sunday: 10:00 to 15:00

Get acquainted with the best places and tourist attractions of Krāslava region and Latgale with the help of tour operator LATVIA OUTDOOR



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LATVIA OUTDOOR organizes family-friendly hiking, adventure and adventure trips away from the well-known tourist destinations in Latvia. The focus here is the active experience in and with nature. With our offers, individual travelers, families and groups are equally at their expectations. The offers are aimed at gentle tourism. In the organization and implementation of the program we work with the local partners in order to convey the unadulterated characteristics of rural Latvia. Our actions are eco-friendly, sustainable and socially responsible.

#### Welcome to Krāslava Region Tourism Information and International Culinary Heritage Centre!



Address: Pils Street 2, Krāslava (Castle complex of counts Plāters) Phone: +371 656 22201, +371 29376090, +371 26395176 tic@kraslava.lv GPS: 55.9006554, 27.1611143 www.visitkraslava.com www.kulinaraismantojums.lv

#### **Centre offers:**

- Free tourism information about Kräslava, Latgale and other Latvian regions.
- Degustations of Latgale culinary heritage dishes, lunch and dinner (by prior booking).
- Guide services and individual route development.
- Souvenirs with Krāslava and Latgale symbols (magnets, view cards, mugs, key rings, pens), Krāslava and other Latgale craftsmen and home producers' products (herbal teas, linseed oil and craft products).
- Premises for seminars (30-35 people).
- Free Wi-Fi.
- Public Internet Access Point.



# Witnesses of Krāslava local history during two centuries



Krāslava was mentioned for the first time in the historical records in the 16th century, when there was built a fortified depot of Livonian order at the trade route of Daugava. Though the beginning of the development of the town is more connected with the name of Count Plāters. Plāters family gained Krāslava in their property in 1729, after that, they have even extended the area of their property in the outskirts of the town. The territory of the parish has developed and changed along with the events in history of Latvia and in the world. There are many culture monuments witnessing the faith of the parish. In Krāslava Local History Museum one can get acquainted with the destinies of Plāters family and the development of the town. Krāslava wooden constructions of the 19th century have remained almost untouched untill nowadays, this makes the town look really initially beautiful.



#### 1 Castle complex of Counts Plāters

Phone: +371 656 23586 Pils Street 6, Krāslava kraslavas\_muzejs@inbox.lv www.kraslavaspils.lv GPS: 55.901772, 27.161808 18th century architectual monument of national importance. Built from 1750 to 1791. At the beginning of 19th century it was rebuilt in accordance with the canons of Classicism.



It is the only castle in Latgale with such decor (architect A. Parako). Kräslava palace is the only palace in Latgale with such a decor. The manager's house, stables and servants' house were built next to the palace. Each of them today performs its own function: the servants' house is occupied by Kräslava museum of History and Art, the stables by the trades chamber, and the manager's house by Kräslava Tourist Information Center and the International Culinary Heritage Centre. The creation of a very first park of Kräslava began in the middle of 18th century near the Pläters' library building. This Baroque style garden, similar to Riga Tzasr's garden, was referred to as a public garden available to all free citizens. At that time, it was an important and very progressive implementation. Part of the old Baroque park called "linden - tree garden" is still preserved as well as of the grottos with an "underground passage" and the lion statue guarding the palace, is well – preserved and accessible to residents and tourists.

Listen to what a guide says – it's interesting! Be sure and ask questions about events of Krāslava you do not know about!



#### 2 The Central town square

Phone: +371 656 22201 18. Novembra Square, Krāslava tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.898029, 27.169189

Exists since the 18th century. The complex of Krāslava Town Hall square had a shape of a rectangular stretched in the east and the west directions. The square had one and two-storey wooden and stone buildings with outbuildings. Those were merchants and craftsmen dwellings, stables and trade buildings. The main building was the Town Hall in the eastern part of the square. It was a two-storey stone building with a custom-house on the first floor, the room for measuring and weighting and later on - commercial premises as well. Along the Market square there was the main highway, a post road from Riga to Moscow. In the corner of the Market square there was a chemist's shop that was built in the thirties in the 18th century, during Jans Ludvigs Plāters time in 1729-1737. The chemist's shop was in the corner of the town square, it was typical for towns of western Europe that had Magdeburg rights. Its latest owner was Arveds Bonins, who closed the chemist's shop on November 14th, 1939 when his family moved to Germany, but it was soon opened again on April 16th, 1940 and it successfully runs today. The House of the Latvian society was situated in the central town square, too.



## Witnesses of Krāslava local history during two centuries

#### 3 Karnicky monument

Phone: +371 656 22201 Augusta Street (next to House Nr. 28), Krāslava tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.901203, 27.143955

A picturesque place that has a connection with a romantic legend about a big and devoted love between Count Plāter's daughter Emīlija and a Polish officer Jozefs Karnickis. A fascinating event which had a tragic end happened in 1838 in Krāslava. At one of the dancing parties Count Plāter's daughter Emīlija got acquainted with the owner of Eversmuiža, a military officer Jozefs Karnickis. The young people fell in love with each other. Count Plāters was against that love, he had planned to marry Emīlija off to a wealthier man and a notable representative of their family circle. Emīlija and Jozefs decided to kill themselves on one day: Jozefs had to shoot himself on one of Krāslava's hills, but Emīlija had to jump out of the window of the third floor of Krāslava castle. After seeing the sign Jozefs shot himself, but Emīlija was saved by a servant at the last moment. Jozefs was buried on the place of his death. A monument was erected. The inscription on the tombstone





#### 4 Krāslava museum of History and Art

Phone: +371 65623586 Pils Street 8, Krāslava kraslavas\_muzejs@inbox.lv www.kraslavaspils.lv GPS: 55.895046, 27.164726

The museum is situated in one of the Krāslava castle buildings that were built in the 18th century. There are about 23000 collected items that show the peculiarity and uniqueness of Krāslava region from the ancient times to nowadays – some archaeological objects, a big ethnographic collection, documents, photos and valuable books of 18th -19th centuries. A unique exposition "Five Oars" has been opened recently, it has a shape of a 17 meter long improvised boat. The exhibition "Platers Notary Office" covers the period of Krāslava history from end of the 19th century until the 20th century. The museum also offers tours of the Krāslava palace park, museum educational programs for students, and fun activities for newlyweds.

#### Working hours:

During the summer season: (1st May – 30th September) Wed., Thu., Fri.: 10.00 – 17.00, Mon.- Tues. – a day off Sat.: 10.00 – 16.00, Sun.: 10.00 - 14.00

Outside the summer season: (1st October – 30th April) Tues.,Wed., Thu., Fri.: 10.00- 17.00, Mon.- day off Sat.: 10.00- 16.00, Sun.- day off

Entrance fee: 0,70 EUR – adults, 0,30 EUR – pupils and students, 0,30 EUR – entrance fee per one exhibition. Pre-school children and people with special needs have entrance for free. said: "Don't judge and you won't be judged as well". Next day a spring sprung out from the mountain.

After some years his remains were reburied in Eversmuiža, but the monument remained in Krāslava. The beautiful story of the big and faithful love is told from generation to generation. That place is named Karnicky Hill or the Hill of Love.

#### 5 Augusta stone

Phone:+371 656 22201 Augusta Street 12, Kräslava tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.8989149, 27.1451314 In the stone is carved the coat of arms of the Counts Broel-Pläters and the date 1729 is marked. At this year Counts Pläters bought that estate and at the same time Kräslava got the status of a village. Stone was called in honour of the Polish king August II, who was visiting Kräslava in year 1729. It served as the village border mark.



#### 6 The monument "Māte Latgale raud"

("Mother Latgale weeps") Phone: +371 656 22201 Rigas Street (next to House No. 52,) Krāslava tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.8946804, 27.1661638 Dedicated to the memory of all victims of Krāslava and Dagda municipality during the terror of occupational regime. The sculptors are Indulis and Ivo Folkmaņi from Daugavpils. The monument is erected thanks to the initiative of Krāslava department of politically repressed and with the support of the Latvian fund.





In written sources the name of Krāslava appeared in the 16th century, nevertheless conscious Latgalian castle mounds, settlements and ancient burial sites in the nearest city's neighbourhood testify that this area on the side of Daugava trade routes had been inhabited for centuries before. In the 14th century a fortified storehouse of Livonian Holy Order was established in Krāslava, but in 1558 it became Holy Order's feoffment. In the 16th and 17th century owners of Krāslava had often changed, but since 1729 when the estate was bought by the Counts Jans Ludvigs Plāters, it remained in his family's property until the First World War. Plāters sought to turn Krāslava into Latgalian administrative, spiritual and economic center.





In 1808 Latgalian administrative authorities were transmitted from Daugavpils to Krāslava (even though only until 1822). However, after the fire in 1826 hamlet's former lustre began to disappear. Krāslava revived again in 1865 when Daugavpils—Vitebsk railway station was set up nearby.

However, in 1893 hamlet was heavily damaged in the fire again. Before the First World War Kräslava was the second largest hamlet in Latvia (10,500 residents). The rights of the city were granted to Kräslava in 1923.





## Visit new tourist attractions



# 1 Exclusive porcelain doll collection

Phone: +371 656 22201, +371 29376090 Pils Street 2, Krāslava

On the 3rd floor of Krāslava Region Tourism Information Center (Pils iela 2) is the opportunity to see an exclusive exhibition of porcelain dolls "When the childhood dream comes true". The exclusive collection includes dolls from many world-famous artists (Franklin Mint, Franklin Heirloom, Maryse Nicole, Ashton Dark, Alberon,



#### 3 Kraslava swimming pool

Phone: +371 62904553 Raiņa Street 25, Kraslava

Kráslavas peldbaseins tika atklāts The large 25-meter swimming pool has 4 lanes. Depth: 1.30 - 2.10 m. The small swimming pool is 4 x 6 m long and 0.96 m deep. Jacuzzi is available. The wellness area includes a sauna (dry, without brush, temperature 70 – 90 degrees), a steam bath (temperature 45–47 degrees) and an ice room. Internal regulations and prices can be found on the page www.kraslava.lv



Leonardo, Vanity Fair, Golden Keepsakes). The collection has almost 700 dolls and 13 handmade doll carriages.

Visitors of Exclusive porcelain doll collection have a great opportunity to dress stylish costumes and take pictures with various attributes.

Working hours: daily from 11.00-17.00

**Entrance fee:** EUR 2, for children under 7 years old – free of charge







#### 2 The Museum of Happiness

Phone: +371 29394901 Sporta Street 2, Indra, Indra rural minicipality

The Museum of Happiness is being created in Indra as a gift to Latvia anniversary. Its interactive exposition will invite everyone to feel, think and look in the future, not in the past. The museum's task is not to give an answer to the question "What is happiness?", but stimulate people to be positive, creative, inspirational and to show the diversity of happiness. The opening of the museum is planned to be 04.08.2018.



**Opening hours:** Mondays - closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 11.00 - 22.00 (SPA zone is open from 17.00 to 22.00) Thursday: 06.30 - 22.00 (SPA zone is open from 17.00 to 22.00) Saturday: 10.00 - 22.00 (SPA zone is open from 12.00 to 22.00) Sunday: 10.00 - 20.00 (SPA area is open from 12.00 to 20.00)





# Get the piece for mind and soul in one of the four different confessions



Sacral culture of Krāslava Region can be compared with the pattern Latgalian coverlet, made of the threads of different colors. The towers of the churches reflect in the surface of the lakes, the walls of the churches keep the legends and mystical stories, making the landscape mighty and noble. The bells of the catholic churches heard miles away invite people to join in common prayer. Four different confessions with different approach to traditions and celebrations. They all are united by faith.

#### Churches in Krāslava town



#### 1 Krāslava Roman Catholic Church of St. Ludvigs

Phone: +371 656 23939, +371 656 22201 Baznīcas Street 2 a, Krāslava tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.895241, 27.164383

The church is one of the most characteristic samples of Baroque style in Latgale. The first church was built in 1580-1590 by Mikelis de Brunavs, and it was wooden. The current stone church was constructed from 1755 to 1767, built according to the sketches of the Italian architect Antonio Parako. One should pay attention to the martyr St. Donat's relics that attract numerous pilgrims making Krāslava town the second most significant pilgrimage place in Latgale after Aglona Catholic basilica. Under the auspices of the church, there has been the first higher education institution in Latvia - Krāslava theological seminary. The restoration of impressive painting - altar fresco titled "St. Ludwig Leaves for Crusade" took 12 years, the author of the work was Filippo Castaldi, painting is dated to 18th century 60-ties. Working hours: from May to September the church is opened 6:30 - 18:30, on other time please book excursion in advancel

#### 2 Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 26783660 Brīvības Street 28, Krāslava www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.896961, 27.167645

Built in 1789 as a catholic chapel of St. Vincent hospital. In 1856 a piece of land was bought from Count Pläters in order to begin construction of a new church. The old St. Yuri church was torn down and a cross was put in the place of the demolished altar. Construction of the new church was finished in 08.09.1859 and it was

#### 3 Krāslava Lutheran Church

Phone: +371 26173083 Grāfu Plāteru Street 2, Krāslava www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.900913, 27.162666

The Lutheran Church, partly surrounded by old trees, is situated in Kräslava, in the corner of Counts Pläters park. The first foundation stone had been placed in 1935 but the church had been consecrated in 1938. The church had worked until 1944. In the 1950s, the church tower had been pulled down. In 1984 the museum exhibition hall was established here, it was

#### 4 Old-Believers Church

Phone: +371 29399617 Rīgas Street 135, Krāslava www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.893494, 27.166271

Russian Old-Believers have been living on the territory of Latgale for more than three hundred years. According to the information received, one of the Old-Believers' church was on the Daugava's bank in Rātuža Street. A local merchant gave up his outbuildings to rebuild and make an Old-Believers church approximately in 1859. It was sanctified to the honour under the shelter of God-Mother. The Church caught fire on December 7th, 2002,

#### 5 Priedaine Roman Catholic St. Brigita and Katrina Church

Phone: +371 29498216 Dārza Street 30, Priedaine, Krāslava www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.8923279, 27.1576528

This is the newest church in the county. In 2007 it was consecrated in the honour of European guardians St. Brigita and St. Katrina. Mother's of God grotto and the statue are placed in the



consecrated in honor of Our Lady's patronage. It was meant originally for both Orthodox and Old-believers. In 1867 it was consecrated as an Orthodox church. For visiting church please book in advance!



located here until 1996, when the congregation regained the church. Services in Krāslava Lutheran Church are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. For visiting church please book in advance!



it damaged the building and some valuable icons. The construction of a new Old- Believers church was begun on the place of the burnt down old chapel. The sanctification of the building was on October 26th, 2008. For visiting church please book in advance!

garden of Priedaine Church. For visiting church please book in advance!





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Churches in Krāslava region Catholic Churches



#### 6 Auleja Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 29378955, +371 26629078 Auleja, Auleja rural municipality www.visitkraslava.com GPS:56.0568916, 27.2816897

One of the oldest wooden churches in Latgale. It was built in 1530. The old church had been destroyed during the war. The current stone church was built in baroque style in 1709. Old wooden statues are placed in the niches of the church in the facade at the entrance. The organ music concerts can be ordered on request. For visiting church please book in advance!



#### 7 Balbinova Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 26263061 Indra, Indra rural municipality www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.8847782, 27.5471312

In former times Balbinova (Indra) had been in Piedruja congregation. In 1801 Nitoslavsku family asked Tsar Alexander I the permission to build their wooden chapel on the family cemetery. In 1803 chapel was built. In 1940 the new church building was almost completed, it was consecrated by Bishop Jazeps Rancans. Improvement works continued also after the consecration. For visiting church please book in advance!

#### Indrica Catholic Church

Phone: +371 26263061 Indrica, Kalnieši rural municipality www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.848503, 27.331581 Unique wooden architectural monument (1655–1658). It is the oldest wooden church in Latgale. Indrica catholic church was built even before reformation. In 1695 Iandlord Jānis Andrejs Plāters accepted Christianity and in 1698 the church was rebuilt and handed over to Catolics. In the choir room there is an old-fashioned organ



Izvalta Catholic Church Phone: +371 28856787 Izvalta, Izvalta rural municipality www.visitkraslava.com GPS:55.9544931, 27.0208733 The first wooden church in Izvalta was built in 1625. In the 18th century it was rebuilt and the bishop of Livonia Antons Ostrovskis sanctified it in honour to St. Michael archangel. In 1896 the present church of Izvalta was built. For visiting church please book in advance!



#### 10 Borovka Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 28856787 Borovka, Ūdrīšu rural municipality www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.9150367, 26.9866202 Borovka church was built in 1811 by Vaclovs and Kasimir Pläters. Borovka was Krāslava congregation branch. For visiting church please book in advance!

with peculiar woodcarvings. There are four altars with woodcarvings and ancient paintings. For visiting church please book in advance!



#### 11 Skaista Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 26805779 Skaista, Skaista rural municipality www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.9610693, 27.3768041 The first Skaista Catholic Church was built in the 1778–1788. The church had burned down during the First World War. In 1920-1921 the current wooden church was built. For visiting church please book in advance!



#### 12 Kombuļi Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 29378955 Kombuli, Kombuli rural municipality www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.9802843, 27.1749566 When in 1767 a new stone church was built in Kraslava, the old had been demolished and transferred to Kombuli. This church in Kombuli existed for about 60 years. In 1818 the old wooden church was demolished and a stone chapel was built. For visiting church please book in advance!

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#### 13 Piedruja Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 29498354, +371 656 29632 Piedruja, Piedruja rural municipality www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.7995039, 27.4517164

The first church in Piedruja was a wooden building which was built in 1632. It had been built by the Lithuanian State Chancellor Prince Leons Sapieha. This church had burned down, but in 1759 the current stone church was built. There is an illusive altar in Piedruja Catholic church. For visiting church please book in advance!



#### 14 Pustiņa Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 26373755, +371 29132731 Robežnieki, Robežnieku rural municipality www.visitkraslava.com; GPS: 55.9744040, 27.6149246

The first Pustina church was built in 1737, it was a wooden building. In 1817 the new church construction had begun. It was built of red bricks, the foundations were from hewed stones. In 1899 church construction was completed, it was consecrated in the honour of the Virgin Mary's Ascension. For visiting church please book in advance!

Respect religions of other believers!

As a rule, the entrance in the church is free, so leave donations there!

#### 15 Varnaviči Roman Catholic Church

Phone: +371 656 29934, +371 29498216 Kaplava, Kaplava rural municipality www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.8305949, 27.2955275 The first wooden church was in 1822 as Elernes branch.

In 1922 canon J. Borodzics built the current stone church in Varnavici, which is located 3 km from the former church site. For visiting church please book in advance!

#### **Lutheran Church**

#### 16 Vecborne Lutheran Church

Phone: +371 29474134 Vecborne, Kaplava rural municipality www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.8617911, 27.0094491

There are two Vecborne churches in Latvia. One is located in the Latvian Ethnographic Open Air Museum, second - in Krāslava region, Kaplavas rural municipality. The wooden church of Old Bornes, which is now situated in the Latvian Ethnographic Open Air Museum, presumably, was built in 1537. In 1936 at the suggestion of Monument Board and Ethnographic Open Air Museum



Vecbornes church was dismantled and transferred to Riga. New church design and construction is being held on the initiative of Monument Board in Borne. The current church of Borne was built and consecrated in 1939. For visiting church please book in advance!

#### **Orthodox Churches**

#### 17 Piedruja Orthodox Church

Phone: + 371 26783660 Piedruja, Piedruja rural municipality www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.7998334, 27.4495907 Among the few Krāslava region Orthodox

churches, only Piedrujas Orthodox Church can be proud of its six domes. This is one of the most beautiful and the most architecturally interesting churches in our region. It was built in 1885, when the old little wooden church could no longer serve all the Orthodox believer.

For visiting church please book in advance!



#### 18 Kaplava Orthodox Church

Phone: +371 25944084, +371 22044425 Veckaplava, Kaplava rural municipality www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55 8667060.26 9940822

Kaplava congregation was founded and the church was built on the bank of Daugava in 1794. In 1889 it was decided to build a new stone church, which was completed. Church was consecrated in honor of Mother of God Guardian.

For visiting church please book in advance!





# Get to know the ancient crafts

Latgale is rich with craftsmen who are making efforts to preserve the traditions of the crafts and to pass the wisdom of our ancestors to the young generations. There are skilled ceramists in Krāslava region, weavers, who can make unbelievably beautiful blankets.

Krāslava can be proud of its artists, who see and display the town and everyday life more colorful and exciting than other people. The guests have a chance to meet artists and share their imagination.



#### 1 Workshops of ceramists Valdis un Olga Paulini

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An examination and participation in the process of pottery manufacturing. You may try to make the article by your own hands, as well as kindle the potter's kiln. Baths, places for tents. A vast offer of ceramic articles, souvenirs, earthenware for the garden. Individual, family, schoolchildren and big group activities. In year 2014 ceramists received honorary sign Latvian Heritage.

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#### 2 The workshop of the potter Ilmārs Vecelis

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Ilmārs Vecelis is one of the "Pudnīku skūla" (Potters' School) founders and participants. An interesting technology of clay processing. Watching and participation in the process of manufacturing of pottery. Purchase of souvenirs. Book your visit in advance!

#### 3 Weaving workshop "Indra"

Phone: +371 26430121 Indra, Indra rural municipality olga.indra@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.877403, 27.533455

Weavers, working according to an ancient Latgalian tradition "skalu deku" technique, keep it for future generations. Articles made by workshop weavers, as well as by our grandmothers, can be seen in the exhibition hall "Indra dowry chest". Work of art of Indra music and art school students are also presented. It is possible to taste the jam from the berries which were cultivated in Indra gardens.

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4 **Izvalta weavers** Phone: +371 26351426 Izvalta, Izvalta rural municipality tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.9565941, 27.0250110 Weavers save the ancient traditions of weaving, teach how to weave blankets."Skalu deķi" blankets are produced only in Latgale. Some years ago, specialists admitted the blankets of Krāslava Region traditional for Latvia. The weaver receives small groups of excursionists (up to 15 people), demonstrates the process of weaving. Book your visit in advance!



5 Artist Andrejs Gorgocs Phone: +371 29471277 Miesnieku Street 19, Krāslava gorislava@inbox.lv, www.gorgots-art.lv GPS: 55.8977249, 27.1599957

The artist considers he is an adherent of the Neoacademic school in painting. In his paintings he talks about love, death, about unachievable harmony, muddles up in the labyrinth of symbols, in the whimsical game of associations, as he desires more active dialogue with the audience. By prior booking the interested groups are offered the master class by the artist studio. Class lasts 4-5 hours. The artist will provide necessary materials for painting (colors, canvas, paint brushes). Participants of the master class will have possibility to take their paintings. Book your visit in advancel





#### 6 Aleksandrs Maijers

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Alexander and Inga Maijers make musical instruments: fifes, whistles, jaw harps and bells of different materials. You can see the traditional, exotic and homemade musical instruments. Book your visit in advance!

#### 7 Room of crafts in the Historic Centre of Krāslava

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Craftsmen of the Krāslava region have united in one society to preserve the cultural heritage of the ancient crafts of the region and thus promote it. Craftsmen invite to learn the ancient crafts, and acquaint with the peculiarities of specific crafts. You can try your hand in pottery, weaving, and smiting. Book your visit in advance!



#### 8 Artist Daiga Lapsa

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Painter, potter, textile artist. Please, book your visit in advance. Artists products can be purchased in Krāslava Tourism Information Centre and by prior booking.

#### 9 Artist Jevgēnijs Pohoduns

Phone: +371 25633636 Silovi, Kalniesi rural municipality bojarova@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.8882605, 27.3494989 The artist offers the guests to become familiar with the world of art, to learn painting in a be-

autiful place on the shore of lake Silova. A huge collection of paintings, an interesting lib-

#### 10 Artist Maija Šuļga

Phone: +371 26925821 Studentu Street 5, Krāslava maijashulga@inbox.lv www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.8970225, 27.1656347 Professional knitter. She makes craft articles in various handicraft techniques. She works also on order. Book your visit in advance!



#### 12 Woodcrafsman Juris Kokins

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Kokins family workshop offers an opportunity for all visitors to view and purchase wood products



in specially equipped room. There is the possibility to purchase various decorative items made of wood: dishes, souvenirs, accessories, wooden toys. Master demonstrates working process to groups in his workshop. The works can be purchased at the Krāslava tourist information center and also on request. Book your visit in advance!.

#### **13** Children's Clothing sewing studio "Annas Skapītis" Phone: +371 22488539

Prone: +3/12/488539 Kombuļi, Kombuļu rural municipality annasskapitis@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/AnnasSkapitis Dressmaker Vineta Plinta offers original and ex-

clusive clothing for children's special occasion and everyday use made from high quality materials (for kids from 0-5 years). Available to buy ready made clothing or on special request – originaly and exclusively made. All clothing is 100 % high quality handmade with special care. Some products can be bought in Kräslava Tourism Information Centre Souvenirs shop.



#### 11 Entrepreneurs "Brāļi Vanagi"

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By order he makes souvenirs and gifts with a laser (engraved glass, metal, playwood, plastic). Takes individual orders for wood products.







# Farms interesting for visiting

#### 14 Textile artist/designer Svetlana Pitrāne

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Textile artist, designer using crochet technique makes a variety of children's clothes, decorations, toys, elements of interior design, wall decorations with the words and letters. Offers decoration service for various events. Working upon pre-order. Some products can be bought in Kräslava Tourism Information Centre souvenirs shop.



#### 15 Textile artist Vija Pizāne

Phone: +371 26046819, fenikx@inbox.lv www.etsy.com/shop/linenquality www.meistardarbs.lv/veikals/16788818 Textile artist offers various types of linen products. Table cloths, cosmetic bags, wallets, napkins, bags, etc. Purchasing of goods need to be organised in advance. Some products can be bought in Krāslava Tourism Information Centre souvenirs shoo.





Phone: +371 26445239 Robeżnieku rural municipality latvilna@inbox.lv, www.latvilna.lv GPS: 55.978577, 27.675591 The farm raises sheep. Blankets and pillows are made out of wool. Book your visit in advance!



To make your trip in Krāslava region more saturated, visit farms interesting for viewing. It will be a pleasant adventure for adults and children as well. Upon visiting these farms, you cannot only see and hear something new and exciting, but also taste delicious dishes.

#### 🚺 Farm "Guntiņi"

Phone: +371 29168868 Robežnieki, Robežnieki rural municipality zsguntini@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.9758768, 27.6042540 There are approximately 300 rabbits of 12 different breeds here. In order to popularize Robežnieki rural municipality and to restore traditions of previous years, in 2011, the farm launched a new industry – horse breeding (trotter breeding).



Phone: +371 29968900, +371 656 29967 Lielie Muļķi, Ūdrīši rural municipality piligrimpb@gmail.com www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.909363, 27.001305 Owners of the farm "Ciruli" Inta and Piotrs

Babini invite you to explore the life of bees in the village "Lielie Muļķi", which is situated in the nature park "Daugavas loki". There is an opportunity to see the collection of stones and animal horns, also listen to legends and stories about the unusual village. It's possible to observe and purchase oil paintings. Guests can visit the sacred spring, located in the farm area. In

#### 3 Peasant farm "Kurmīši"

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Acquaintance with the secrets of growing of herbs and cooking the green tea. Tasting of medical tea. The possibility to purchase ecological green tea, switches of birch twigs with herbs, collection of herbs for the bath. The farm offers biological bee wax cells, candles from wax, as well as making candles by your own master class. In year 2015 farm Kurmiši received honorary sign Latvian Heritage.

**Special offer:** "Mix your tea" – according to your birthday date or some other very special date – by the specific numbers it



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winter you can go skiing, sledging, snowboarding. During winter evenings you can be offered to taste mint tea with honey and find out what bees and beekeepers do in winter (groups up to 15 people). Degustation and purchase of the production Book your visit in advance!



is possible to mix up your own, special tea! Book your visit in advance!





#### 4 Zoo "Akati"

Phone: +371 26157690 Akati, Robežnieki rural municipality robeznieki2@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.9794074, 27.5917155

Excursion in a mini zoo. You can see peacocks,

pheasants, turkeys, African black ostriches, Australian emu, as well as piglets, cows, rabbits, sheep, goats, and other domestic animals. Places for tents on a silent shore of a lake surrounded by forest. Price – on agreement. Book your visit in advance!

#### 5 Healthy recreation centre "Bramaņi"

Phone: +371 27080606 Semjoški, Indra rural municipality indrayoga@inbox.lv www.indrayoga.eu, www.hathayoga.lv GPS: 55 55'01" N; 27 34'15" E. In the centre, classes of individual and group



yoga, breathing techniques and meditation under the guidance of Alexander Lahtionovs take place. He is a certified yoga teacher of the Republic of Latvia and international significance. Healing spa treatments, sauna, seminars and retreats. Regular yoga classes. The region natural resource discovery tours. Reconstruction of rituals of different nations of the world. The opportunity to stay overnight in the house, tents, hay barn; vegetarian dishes. Additional offers archery, hot tub, learning basic skills of juggling, body painting with henna. Book your visit in advance!

#### 6 Holiday house "Mežābeles"

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It is located in ecologically clean, natural protec-



ted area Dridzis Lake Nature Park. Place is located 17 km away from the city surrounded by forest, meadows, clear lake - rich in fish. Guests are offered accommodation and holiday home with a romantic view of the sunset in the lake from the balcony of the room, as well as outdoor tents beside the lake. After walking, fishing, swimming or other activities hostess offers to the guests the herbal tea and honey degustation. Offer for applying for the "Flower and tree therapy" lectures (from 5 to 15 people). "Black" and "White" bathhouse on Dridzis lake. Sauna specialist available. Various natural scrubs cocktails and honey masks for the whole body. Apiary tours are available.

#### 7 Museum of Piedruja municipality

Phone: +371 26192554, +371 26197161 Piedruja, Piedruja rural municipality GPS: 55.7973168, 27.4482870

Museum has been opened in April 2013. The



#### 8 Recreation and sport centre "Between Heaven and Earth"

Phone: +371 26172091, +371 29168156 5 km from Krāslava, Ūdrīši rural municipality po.domin@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com Hosts offer military sports game AIRSOFT. It is a team sport or military simulation game. There is the possibility to play funny team game FOOT GOLF. During the game players have to kick a soccer ball into a cup in as few shots as possible. For playing this game you don't need specific skills and you don't have to be in good shape, each player chooses his game speed. This game will help to find new feelings, just relax from school, work. Game suitable for both juniors and older people. After an active rest playing airsoft you can be offered camping, fireplace, beach volleyball field, black (smoke) sauna and swimming in the pond. Book your visit in advance!



## 9 Fish farm

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It is the first sturgeon hatchery in Latgale where fish are intensively grown. During the fish farming process female herd are formed, the end product of the process is caviar. On the farm are grown sterlet and sterlet albino. It is offered a guided tour (~ 40 minutes) on the fish farm with a qualified specialist -fish breeder. During this tour the participants will get to know about the uniqueness and value of fish species grown on the farm, and get acquainted with the cultivation system. Book ypur visi tin advance!



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Do you want to get away from everyday noise, rush and stress? Go to Krāslava! There are almost 150 lakes, it's the only place in Latvia, where the Daugava has retained its natural flow. Here, meadows wave so beautifully and freshly mown hay smells so lovely. Nowhere the sun so nicely blazes in drops of the water, but on lakes of Krāslava region. Come and listen to, how grasshoppers chirr in the warm summer evenings. The melody created by them competes with birds songs in the morning. Listen to nature!

#### 1 Nature park "Daugavas loki"

Phone: +371 65471321 (Naujene Local History Museum) Ūdrīši, Kaplava rural municipalities in Krāslava region, Saliena, Skrudaliena, Vecsaliena, Tabore, Naujene rural municipalities in Daugavpils region tic@kraslava.lv, info@visitdaugavpils.lv naujenesmuzejs@inbox.lv www.visitkraslava.com www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.889946, 26.727676

Nature park "Daugavas loki" is located in Daugava river valley between Krāslava and Naujene in Augsdaugavas protected landscape area. The territory of park is 129.9 km<sup>2</sup>. The most characteristic nature feature of "Daugavas loki" is 10 big Daugavas river bends (meanders) between Krāslava and Naujene. Each of this river bend's length reaches up to 4–6 km, but the distance between the bends on the straightaway is only 2–3 km. In 2011, it was included in the Latvian national list of the UNESCO World Heritage.



#### 2 Adamova nature path

#### Phone: +371 656 22201 The beginning of Augusta Street, Krāslava tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.892502, 27.134514

The length of the path is 1,8 km and it begins from the observation place of the Krāslava castle mound. Everyone has a chance to get acquainted with the variety of nature, to enjoy picturesque views, to pass mysterious labyrinths and to observe the unique work of nature. These places are favorable for existence of the richest examples of flora and fauna.

# 3 Piedruja path in Daugava valley, Stone of Daugava

Phone: +371 26357228 Piedruja, Piedruja rural municipality www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.7995039, 27.4517164 It is located in Piedruja, in the upper course valley of the river Daugava, in the territory of Augšdaugava protected landscape area. which is rich with rare and protected species of plants and animals, as well as with cultural landscape and historical monuments. Walking along Piedruja path, Stone of Daugava can be seen. On this stone the name of Daugava river is engraved in seven languages - Estonian, Finnish, Russian, Polish, German, Livonian, and Latvian. Located near river Daugava. It's necessary to have a passport! Book your visit in advance!



#### 4 Lake Drīdzis

Skaista rural municipality tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.9579087, 27.2731090

Drīdzis is the deepest lake in the Baltic States. The lake has characteristic elongated shape, many bays, nine islands; the biggest of them is the island Bemātu sala (13,9 ha). Maximum depth reaches 65,1 m. Drīdzis is in the territory of a protected nature park, included in Natura 2000 territory.



#### 5 Observation tower of Priedaine

Priedaine, Krāslava tic@kraslava.lv, www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.892807, 27.147560 One of the highest observation towers in Latvia (32 m), from which a beautiful sight to the river Daugava can be viewed.

# 6 Nature educational path in Tabore

Phone: +371 656 29533 Robežnieki, Robežnieki rural municipality www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.9708006, 27.614540 It is located in Robežnieki, on the shore

It is located in Kobeznieki, on the shore of the lake Lielais Gusena, in picturesque neighbourhood with naturally preserved stages of survey, there are also two facilitated resting areas. The total length of the path is 1,3 km. There are 15 stops with information stands and attractive tasks along the path. The path made with a purpose for everybody to learn about nature objects, get aesthetic satisfaction and have a good rest. It's necessary to have passports! Book your visit in advance!

#### 7 "Odu taka" in horse ranch "Klajumi"

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"Odu taka" (The path of mosquitoes) acquaints with forest and bog landscapes, where one can see different plants: wild callas, cow-wheats, as well as meet wild bees. There is an opportunity to visit bog "concert hall", spruce forest, to see ground dug-up by wild boar, peculiar trees (birches, fir and pine) grown together. It's necessary to have passports! Book your visit in advance!



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## **Krāslava Region**







## Route in Krāslava

Meeting with the guide in Krāslava (Pils Street 2, Counts Plāters Complex).

Excursion around Krāslava:

**Krāslava Palace of Counts Plāters** 1 (external examination) -a walk in the park, Krāslava museum of History and Art, Latgale Culinary Heritage Centre, exclusive porcelain doll collection with 700 porcelain dolls.

Monument to Karnickis 3 – very picturesque place with a panoramic view to Daugava.

Adamovas castle mound 2, the place where everyone can enjoy a scenic outlook of Kraslava and the river Daugava bends.

**Priedaine observation tower** (32 m) **5** – one of the highest wooden observation towers in Latvia, which offers a wonderful view of the river Daugava.

Visiting **Krāslava Roman Catholic Church** 1, excursion. The church is the most impressive Latgalian Baroque architectural model. The building of theological seminary (external examination). The first higher education institution in Latvia existed in Krāslava – Krāslava Theological Seminary.

**The Central town square 2** – exists since the 18th century. The complex of Kraslava Town Hall square had a shape of a rectangular stretched in the east and the west directions. The square had one and two-storeyed wooden and stone buildings with outbuildings. Those were merchant and craftsmen dwellings, stables and trade buildings.

Visiting **ceramist Valdis Pauliņš** 1. An opportunity to participate in the process of making ceramics, as well as try your hand in pot making.









#### Maršruts "Krāslavas novads gardēžiem"

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Attention! Kräslava region is located in a border area, so in the border counties - Piedruja, Indra and Kaplava, you should have a passport and a permit. Detailed information on page 37.

#### Day 1

Tartaks – Krāslava – Piedruja

#### Farm "Cīruļi"

Lielie Muļķi, Udriši rural municipality, phone: +371 29968900 The farm is located in the nature park "Daugavas loki". Legends and stories about bees and unusual village "Lielie Muļķi". It's possible to observe and purchase oil paintings.

#### Farm "Kurmīši"

*Rakuti, Udriši rural minicipality, phone:* +*371* 26538824 Introduction to the medical plant cultivation and herbal tea making secrets.

Herbal tea degustation.

#### **Excursion around Krāslava:**

Adamovas castle mound, Monument to Karņickis, Priedaine observation tower, Krāslava Palace of Counts Plāters, Krāslava Roman Catholic Church, The Central town square, ceramists Valdis and Olga Pauliņi (for details see the "Route in Krāslava").

Lunch in Latgalian taste in Latgale Culinary Heritage Center.

#### Farm "Zariņi"

Marki, Piedruja rural municipality, phone: +371 29111637 Introduction to secrets of the flax and hemp cultivation. Degustation of honey, homemade bread, linseed and hemp oils. Special offer: Home-made bread with bran, flax seed, hemp and sunflower seeds.

#### Hotel "Piedruja"

Piedruja, Piedruja rural municipality, phone: + 371 26357228 It is situated in the Belarusian frontier area. On the other bank of the river Daugava life in Belarus can be observed. Special offer: Stuffed pike.

Dinner at the hotel "Piedruja". Tasting of culinary heritage meals, accompanied by the performance in Latgalian and multinational style.

#### Day 2

Piedruja – Indra – Robežnieki – Skaista – Kaplava – Auleja

#### Weavers' workshop a "Indra"

Indra, Indra rural municipality, phone: + 371 29394901 Degustation of berries` jam grown in the blossoming Indra orchards, and pancakes.

#### Zoo "Akati"

Akati, Robežnieki rural municipality, phone: +371 26157690 An opportunity to see peacocks, pheasants, turkeys, black African ostriches, Australian emus, as well as other animals.

#### Holiday house "Mežābeles"

Čenčupi, Skaista rural municipality, phone: +371 29492045 Degustation of herbal teas, honey. Special offer: Smoked fish and fish soup

#### Horse ranch "Klajumi"

Kaplava, Kaplava rural municipality, phone: +371 29472638 Dishes of the culinary heritage of Latgale from natural, home grown products served in black pottery. Special offer: Klajumi guļbešņīki with green cream.

#### **Musician Aleksandrs Maijers**

*Udriši, Udriši rural municipality, phone:* +371 29676782 The collection of more than 100 different musical instruments.

#### Woodcraftsman Juris Kokins

*Skolas Street 24, Kombuļi rural municipality, phone:* +371 29906466 Wooden products in specially equipped room.

#### Dinner in the recreation center "Lejasmalas"

Šķipi, Auleja rural municipality, phone: +371 29139680 Latgalian national cuisine. Special offer: Auleja klecky.

Attention! Guide services must be ordered at least a week before excursion, by contacting Kraslava region TIC, phone: +371 656 22201, +371 26395176

# Take part in water tours on the river Daugava and Krāslava Region lakes!



Kräslava Region is rich with beautiful blue lakes. There are 146 small and big lakes in the municipality. Everyone can enjoy water trips here – one can take a boat, canoe, catamaran or raft, have a faster trip on motorboats, do wake boarding. The best way to get acquainted with the nature park "Daugavas loki" is to take boat or raft tour. For those who like extreme sport can be offered diving in Dridzis lake.



#### Hotel "Piedruja"

Phone: +371 26357228 Piedruja, Piedruja rural municipality viesnicapiedruja@inbox.lv www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.802826, 27.452087

1–3-day excursion down Daugava on inflatable rafts (5 rafts) with a guide. The organizers will provide catering. You will enjoy all the nice things, rest at the fire, barbecue, cooking the fish soup, and enjoying on the fire boiled tea. Transportation of rafts is also available. It is necessary to have a passport! Book your visit in advance!



#### Society "Active rest in

Latgale" ("Aktīvā atpūta Latgalē") Phone: +371 25359589, +371 29244291 Indras Street 33, Krāslava atputalatgale@inbox.lv www.atputalatgale.com https://www.facebook.com/Laivunoma-Latgale GPS: 55.8993709, 27.1930447

Discover and enjoy your holiday in the ecological Krāslava region with unforgettable views of nature, friendly people, excellent fishing and delicious local cuisine. Society "Active rest in Latgale" is able to organize your private or group holiday in Latgale. Rental of inflatable boats (10 boats), canoe boats (24 boats), inflatable rafts (2 rafts) and other equipment (paddles, pumps, life jackets), delivery to your starting point and from your end point, it's possible to arrange a guide for your tour on request, parking place for vehicles. It is necessary to have a passport! Book your visit in advance!

#### Camping "Sīveri"

Phone: +371 29278599 Kazinci, Skaista rural municipality inga.indriksone@inbox.lv GPS N 56001'20" E 27024'08" (N 57,022222 E 27,402222 Suitable coast for surfers and divers.



#### Complex of the rest "Dridži"

Phone: +371 29441221 Pamales, Skaista rural municipality info@dridzi.lv, www.dridzi.lv GPS: 55.9773306, 27.3660998 A 50-seater raft "Napoleons I" develops the speed up to 1,5 knots. A trip on the raft on the deepest lake in the Baltic States. It's possible to organize celebration surprises: folk musicians or a potter, on request. Book your visit in advance!

#### Cottage "Skerškāni"

Phone: +371 29195745, +371 656 22922 Skerškāni, Ūdrīši rural municipality skerskans@inbox.lv, www.skerskani.lv GPS: 55.876274, 27.102413

**Dock for boats and rafts.** Water excursions on Daugava by rafts and boats. Additionally – tent places on the bank of Daugava, a bathhouse, switches of bir ch twigs with herbs, tea, lodging for the night. It is necessary to have a passport! Book your visit in advance!



Aktīvā atpūta Latgalē



# Take part in water tours on the river Daugava and Krāslava Region lakes!



#### Sergejs Šuļga, IANTD diving instructor #7705

Phone: +371 22338032 Studentu Street 5, Krāslava artprofs@inbox.lv www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.8970225, 27.1656347

Diving for beginners and professionals with the assistance of instructor in Drīdža lake near Sauleskalns and other lakes of Latgale. Organization of underwater hunting in the lakes where it is allowed. Diving in the Baltic Sea. Courses of diving according to PADI, NDL, IANTD systems. Book your visit in advance!



#### "Daugava adventure" in the nature park "Daugavas loki"

Phone: +371 28386387 Oliņi, Kaplava rural municipality oskarsleo@inbox.lv GPS: 55.8734395, 27.1093779

For nature lovers company offers: two boats for fishing (equipped with motors MERCURY 5), echo sounder, life jackets. Available accommodation – tents and residential trailer for three people. The owner presents the bed of the river Daugava, guides a walk along the river Daugava (two people), trains how to handle a boat engine. Book your visit in advance!



#### Farm "Skaidas"

Phone: +371 26131147 Rīgas Street 58, Krāslava daugavaskrasti@gmail.com GPS: 55.8940984, 27. 1664203 1–4 day routes along the river Daugava. Discover the breathtaking landscapes along the bends of the river Daugava and the natural park "Daugavas loki". It is necessary to have a passport! Book your visit in advance!

Choose safe boats/rafts and use life jackets! Do not forget about your safety and safety of your passengers, especially look after children! Save the environment and respect the locals! Do not throw waste into the water!





Cycling is a great eco-friendly way for fun, fitness and also to enjoy the fresh air. The advantage of cycling is that you can ignore the highway traffic jam reports. It's possible to cycle and stop wherever you wish.

#### Cycling route N 35 in the nature park "Daugavas loki"

#### Distance ~ 128 km

#### Krāslava-Tartaks-Naujene-Daugavpils-Elerne-Jaunborne-Veckaplava-Krāslava

The cycling route includes both architectural pearls of two cities: churches of different confessions, Daugavpils fortress, Castle complex of Counts Pläters and the natural landscapes of the upper Daugava - one of the most beautiful places of Latvia. The route runs along both the left and right banks of the river Daugava through the territory of the nature park "Daugava loki". Nature Park "Daugava loki" is situated in Augsdaugavas protected landscape area in Kraslavas and Daugavpils regions. It is one of the most beautiful corners of nature with a unique Daugava river valley landscape, valuable natural complexes, biodiversity of plant and animal species, cultural-historic monuments. The most characteristic natural feature of Daugavas loki is its 8 large bends (meanders) between Kraslava and Naujene. Guided by the mark of bicycle tourism one can also walk this route. You will have a perfect hike, during which it will be possible to enjoy the unusual, beautiful and amazing natural scenery, to observe plants, trees, insects and animals which house in this nature park without any hurry!





#### Cycling route "Saulkrastu trail"

Distance: ~ 8 km

Krāslava — Priedaine (on the left bank of Daugava, Klusā Street) — Dārza Street the forest road along Daugava cliffs (after about 2 km — place of recreation "Ulmana pludmale" near the river Daugava) — the forest road to Saulkrasti (~ 2 km) — turning to Krāslava — asphalt road Krāslava-Kaplava-Krāslava (P 69) — Priedaine

While driving along this route, cyclists will be able to enjoy the beautiful landscapes of the nature park "Daugavas loki", observe the river Daugava and Krāslava from the cliff, enhail fresh pine air and feel peace and quiet. Not far from the recreation place "Ulmaņa pludmale", there were built industrial buildings that make traveling by bicycle a bit difficult (~ 500 m). But otherwise — it is a very nice, quiet and beautiful route.

#### Cycling route "Get acquainted with Krāslava"

Distance: ~ 15 km

Augusta Street – Rīgas Street – Prospekta Street – Klusā Street – Parka Street – Klusā Street – Prospekta Street – Rīgas Street – Aglonas Street – Pils Street – Jalovecka Street – Dūmu Street – Jalovecka Street – Pils Street – Grāfu Plāteru Street – Rīgas Street – Vienības Street – Baznīcas Street – Brīvības Street – Rīgas Street

Sightseeings included in the cycling route: Adamova observation area (the beginning of Augusta Street), Karnicka hill and monument (Augusta Street, behind the house N. 28), Augusta stone (Augusta Street 12), observation tower of Priedaine, castle and park of counts Plāteri (Pils Steet 6), Krāslava Tourism Information Center and Culinary Heritage Center (Pils Street 2), Krāslava History and art museum (Pils Street 8), the workshop of ceramicist Valdis Paulinš (Dūmu Street 8), Krāslava Roman Catholic Church (Baznīcas Street 2a), Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Church (Brīvības Street 28), the Central town square.

#### Bike rental is offered by:

#### Pāvels Podjava,

+371 26172091, +371 29168156, Rēzeknes Street 8, Krāslava (20 bicycles and repairs).

#### Guest house "Aveņkrasti",

+371 27718833, Rīgas Street 37, Krāslava (2 bicycles)

#### Guest house "Zive",

+371 29185835, Pārceltuves Street 14, Krāslava (3 bicycles)

**Recreation complex "Dridži"**, +371 29441221, Skaista rural municipality (10 bicycles)

Holiday house "Oāze", +371 26111983, Skaista rural municipality (5 bicycles)

Holiday house "Vokors pi azara", +371 29422679, Izvalta rural municipality (7 bicycles)



# Enjoy horseback riding and the romantic of village in nature park "Daugavas loki"



Good place for those who like nature. In 2013, the farm was awarded by a label "Latviskais mantojums" /"Latvian Heritage". The perfect place to spend time with friends and family. In horse ranch there are 12 horses: Berta, Raita, Zemene, Pandora, Skanda, Legatne, Selda, Vērdiņš, Flora, Blāzma, Alfa, Dundurs. The horses are clever, predictable and good for riders who haven't an experience in horse riding.

#### Horse ranch "Klajumi" offers:

- 2–7 days Horseback riding routes in the nature park "Daugavas loki" and in Latvian - Belarusian borderland. Hikes include: horses, guide, accommodation, sauna, catering.
- Horse- Drawn Carriage ride.
- Participation in weddings. Wedding cart and escort. Wedding gates with different attractions for newlyweds and guests can be provided. Information about farm and horses.
- Reittherapy and relaxation exercises on the horseback.
- The rental of horse trailer (for two horses)
- · Bathhause attendant services.
- · Participation in celebrations and festivals.
- Bathhouse and accommodation in the apartments of "Klajumi" (nine places).
- Accommodation in the apartments of "Klajumu Kemeru" and blackstyle (smoke) sauna (seven places).
- Accommodation in the apartments of "Klajumu Ganiņu" (eight places). Also for people with special needs.
- Fireplace and place for tents " Klajumu Krastos" in the bank of the river Daugava.
- "Odu taka" (The path of mosquitoes) -forest and bog landscapes.
- Dishes of Latgale Culinary Heritage from natural products grown
  on the farm

#### Horse ranch "Klajumi"

Phone: +371 29472638 Kaplava, Kaplava rural municipality ilze.stabulniece@inbox.lv www.klajumi.lv GPS: 55.857395, 27.041130







Horse ranch "Klajumi" offers rides with a spectacular carriage pulled by two magnificent horses. A horse drawn carriage ride is one of the most romantic moments two people in love can share, therefore it is a good choice to make your wedding special. A horse ride just creates magical feeling for different events- birthdays, anniversaries. It's possible to go to any location in Latvia or Lithuania.

Winter offers! Horse ranch "Klajumi" offers horse-drawn sleigh ride. Winter picnic and sausages cooking on grill in the nature park "Daugavas loki". Sledging on Banga hill. A healthy bathhouse, green tea "Kurmīši" with honey.



Wedding is an important event, therefore choose something special for your wedding:



#### Surprise in a wedding day!

Phone: +371 25996510, Eduards Danovskis Pils Street 8, Krāslava

kraslavas\_muzejs@inbox.lv Castle complex of Count Plāteri offers you wedding celebration surprises and witty attractions, entertaining trip in a horse cart, a hand full of romance for everyone who will visit Karnicka hill. The castle with the ancient ghosts of its owners, namely the count and countess Plāteri awaits you. In the castle the Count Plāter will await you, if you invite him beforehan!

#### Horse ranch "Klajumi"

Phone: +371 29472638, Ilze Stabulniece Kaplava, Krāslava rural municipality ilze.stabulniece@inbox.lv, www.klajumi.lv Horse ranch "Klajumi" offers wedding cart and escort. Wedding gates with different attractions for newlyweds and guests can be provided. Horse ranch "Klajumi" offers rides with a spectacular carriage pulled by two magnificent horses.

# Start your family life through the pottery!

Phone: +371 29128695, ceramics Valdis un Olga Pauliņi Dūmu Street 8, Krāslava valdispaulins@inbox.lv

Make your first family pottery in your wedding day, it will be a great, memorable souvenir in your house, with all of the signatures and good wishes of your wedding guests. The teacher in this exciting activity is a ceramicist Valdis Paulins, which also offers to make a clay love heart for wedding guest collection.

#### Woodcrafsman Juris Kokins

#### Phone: + 371 29906466 Skolas Street 24, Kombuļi rural municipality www.woodcraft.lv, juris.kokins@inbox.lv Wooden wedding invitations, wedding ceremonial medals. etc.



# Taste the food of Krāslava Region



Nobody will leave hungry because the mistresses here can cook the meals that are enjoyed by all kinds of people. One of the pearls of Krāslava Municipality is the skill of cooks. It can be a meal according to all the culinary heritage traditions of Latgale – klockas from Auleja, gulbesniki, potato pancakes, salted lard or potatoes, prepared according to traditions of our ancestors. To make the meal even better our ancestors left the recipe of Latgalian strong drink "Šmakovka" to surprise the guests.

#### Latgale culinary heritage meals are provided by:



#### International Culinary Heritage Centre

Phone: +371 656 22201, +371 26395176 Pils Street 2, Krāslava kulinaraismantojums@inbox.lv www.kulinaraismantojums.lv GPS: 55.9006554, 27.1611143 Here you can buy products which are produced in Krāslava district – honey, tea, linseed

ced in Krasiava district — noney, tea, linseed and hemp oil, homemade bread and cheese. Different souvenirs. Upon pre-order International Culinary Heritage Centre is offering degustations, lunch or dinner of Latgale Culinary Heritage dishes.



#### Cafe "Daugava"

Phone: +371 656 22634 Rīgas Street 28, Krāslava kraslavad@inbox.lv, www.kraslavad.lv GPS: 55.8974676, 27.1619588 Cafe "Daugava" opens its doors to large and small groups. You can see the works of Krāslava artists while having your meal. On pre-order cafe is offering degustation of Latgale culinary heritage dishes. Banquet hall. Book your visit in advance!

**Special offer:** Meet in a ceramic pot and *Bulbeshniky*.

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# Taste the food of Krāslava Region



#### Hotel "Piedruja"

Phone: + 371 26357228 Piedruja, Piedruja rural municipality viesnicapiedruja@inbox.lv www.visitkraslava.com GPS 55.802826, 27.452087

The hotel "Piedruja" is situated on the picturesque banks of our beautiful river Daugava. Guests are offered to taste national dishes of Latgale heritage that has absorbed tastes of five nations (Latvians, Lithuanians, Poles, Belarussians, Jews). It is necessary to have a passport! Book your visit in advance! **Special offer:** Stuffed pike.



#### Horse ranch "Klajumi"

Phone: +371 29472638 Kaplava rural municipality, Kaplava ilze.stabulniece@inbox.lv, www.klajumi.lv GPS:55.857395, 27.041130 Dishes of the culinary heritage of Latgale from natural, home grown products served in black pottery. Game food. Mousse. Book your visit in advance! Special offer: Klajumi aubešniki. with

green cream.



#### Farm "Kurmīši"

Phone: +371 26538824, +371 29106312 Rakuti, Ūdrīši rural municipality kurmisi@inbox.lv, www.kurmisi.lv GPS: 55.896107, 27.077522

Acquaintance with the secrets of growing of herbs and cooking the green tea grown in Krāslava Region in the nature park "Daugavas loki". Tasting of medical tea. A possibility to purchase ecological green tea, switches of birch twigs with herbs, collection of herbs for the bath. Book your visit in advance!

**Special offer:**"Make your own tea blend". Conforming to your birthday date or the date of other important event blend special tea according to numbers.



#### Recreation centre "Lejasmalas"

Phone: +371 29139680 Škipi, Auleja rural municipality lejasmalas@inbox.lv, www.lejasmalas.viss.lv www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 56.022194, 27.218971 Latgalian national cuisine. There you can get not only tours for relaxation and recreation, but also get acquainted with Latgalian traditions. An opportunity to have a great meal on the islands Anna or Artūrs, it will be delivered to you on boat by the owners. Book your visit in advance!

Special offer: Auleja klecky.



Farm "Zariŋi" Phone: +371 29111637 Marki, Piedruja rural municipality sergejs.zakrevskis@inbox.lv vijakoncevica@inbox.lv GP5:55.8150635, 27.4647521 Introduction to secrets of the flax and hemp cultivation. Degustation of honey, homemade bread, linseed and hemp oils, fish soup.

Special offer: Home-made bread with bran, flax seed, hemp and sunflower seeds.



Cottage "Mežābeles" Phone: +371 29492045 Čenčupi, Skaista rural municipality dr.krumpane@inbox.lv www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.9693372, 27.2798139 It is located in a clean, natural protected area of the Nature Park of Dridzis Lake. Herbal tea tasting, bee products - honey, bee bread, propolis, pollen, tasting. Book your visit in advance! Sensial deme "Greende fich and fich

Special offer: "Smoked fish and fish soup".

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Farm "Brieži" Phone: +371 20236977 Brieži, Ūdrīši rural municipality inga.brazevica@inbox.lv Offers degustation of honey and bee bread.

Special offer: "Bee bread in honey".



Farm "Bagātības" Phone: +371 26125475 Bārtuļi, Indra rural municipality olga.birke@inbox.lv GPS:55.87545, 27.4819470 Degustation of homemade cheeses and meat products. "Moldavian-style" lunch is offered. Book your visit in advance! Special offer: "Fresh homemade cheese".



#### Domestic producers "Skudru gaļa"

Phone: +371 25959622 Lāčplēša Street 10, Krāslava skudradina@inbox.lv GPS:55.8956208, 27.1683599 Offers smoked foods prepared according to ancient recipes: homemade sausage, kupati, smoked meat and chicken.

#### Degustation of products grown in Krāslava's Region offer also:

#### Farm "Cīruli"

Phone: +371 29968900 Lielie Muļķi, Ūdrīši rural municipality piligrimpb@gmail.com www.visitkraslava.com GPS: 55.909363, 27.001305 Farm is located in the nature park "Daugavas loki". Degustation and purchase of the bees' production. Book your visit in advance!

#### Ltd. "Krāslavas avots"

Phone: +371 29192451 Vītolu Street 4, Krāslava GPS: 55.9059459, 27.1680181 Produces "live" beer using traditional technologies. "Krāslava original pale" and dark beer are being produced. Book your visit in advance!

#### Fish smoke house – owner Ainārs Dzalbs

Phone: +371 28371719 Kombuli rural municipality 1a005@inbox.lv Offers smoked fish, smoked European eel, salted or marinated catfish, carp, sturgeon, strap, and other fish. Could be delivered straight away from the smoke house. Book your visit in advance!

#### Places to have a meal in Krāslava:

Cafe "Daugava" Phone: +371 656 22634 Rīgas Street 28, Krāslava kraslavad@inbox.lv, www.kraslavad.lv GPS: 55.8974676, 27.1619588 Have a meal in decorated cafe with a view to Krāslava castle and park. Working hours: Mon.-Friday: 9:00–16:00 Saturdays, Sundays: closed. Application order will be executed at any time. Off-site catering is being offered.

#### Cafe "Mārīte"

Phone: +371 656 24039 Tirgus Street 2, Krāslava kraslavad@inbox.lv, www.kraslavad.lv GPS: 55.8957909, 27.1656943 Krāslava residents esteem this place as one, where you can have a tasty lunch quickly. For celebration tables prior booking is required.

Working hours: 9.00-18.00

#### Thematic village "Skaista"

Phone: +371 26439370 Skaista, Skaista rural municipality GPS:55.9638808, 27.3679836 Degustation of local products and cheese. The show of beautiful Isabella, creative workshops. Book your visit in advance!

#### Weaving workshop "Indra"

Phone: +371 29394901 Indra, Indra rural municipaliy GPS:55.877403, 27.533455 Degustation of jam of berries grown in the blossoming Indra orchards, and pancakes. Book your visit in advance!

#### Ltd. "Krāslava D"

Phone: +371 656 22904 Raiņa Street 13, Krāslava kraslavad@inbox.lv, www.kraslavad.lv GPS: 55.8989218, 27.1726615 The degustation of Krāslava home-made bread and pastry-works. Book your visit in advance!

#### Cafe "Viktorija"

Phone: +371 29357269 Miera Street 10, Skaista GPS: 55.9662861, 27.3743804 Feats – countryside goods. Book your visit in advance!

#### Cafe "Tokyo Town"

Phone: +371 20209065 Rīgas Street 50, Krāslava Cafe "Tokyo Town" offers different kind of sushi, traditional Japanese soups and drinks. There is also a wide range of snacks, salads and desserts.

Working hours: Tue., Wed., Thu., Sun.: 12.00-21.00; Fri., Sat.: 12.00-00.00 Mon.: closed

#### Cafe "Todes"

Phone: +371 26131147, +371 29166609 Rīgas Street 58, Krāslava, daugavaskrasti@gmail.com GPS: 55.8940984, 27. 1664203 Cafe with restored interior, it is cool and comfortable here in summer. If you prefer to have meal outdoors there is special place for it. Meals can be delivered to your house. **Working hours**: 12.00–21.00

# Accommodation



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swimming pool.

"Avenkrasti"

Guest house, 200 m from the river Daugava Phone: +371 27718833; Rīgas Street 37, Krāslava

ludmila.kairane@gmail.com, www.avenkrasti.lv



On the territory of Krāslava Region there are small and large quest houses. The most of them are located near the water. Guests of the Region can enjoy different offers (country bathhouses, saunas, places for picnic, possibilities of active rest) and have a good time.

#### Accommodation of the town Krāslava





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Celtnieku Street 4, Krāslava; perpetuum2a@inbox.lv Accommodation for families and tourist groups. Rooms for celebrations (max. 40 people). Arbor with fireplace, sauna, outdoor swimming pool.



The house is located in the historic center of the town. Sauna with

valentina90puqaeva@qmail.com

Excellent atmosphere, cozy rooms, fresh pine air, forest walks, hot home-made bread and tasty food will give you the opportunity to truly enjoy gastronomic eco-tourism!



4 "Priedaine" 100 m from the river Daugava Phone: +371 26430798 Klusā Street 2, Krāslava priedainesvn@inbox.lv Comfortable rooms in the guest house. Summer house for 3 people.

### Accommodation







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Phone: +371 29221527

Artilērijas Street 18, Krāslava

There is a good atmosphere in the house and it's suitable for families with children. The garden, that is located near the house, is equipped with playground.



🤨 "Saules māja"

Holiday house 150 m from the river Jāņupīte Phone: +371 26869346 Sauleskalna Street 22, Krāslava valdispaulins@inbox.lv It is located a15-minute walk from the town center. Cozy accommodation near Chocolate hill.





#### 7 "Vilnis"

Holiday house, 100 m from the river Jānupīte Phone: +371 26355115, +371 22038020 Raina Street 10, Krāslava krasl.vilnis@inbox.lv Table tennis, sauna, pool, karaoke, car parking.



#### 🔋 "Zive"

100 m from the river Daugava Phone: +371 29185835; Parceltuves Street 14, Kraslava vm zive@inbox.lv

Comfortable rooms in the guest house in the center of the town Krāslava, Table tennis,

#### Accommodation of Krāslava region / Recreation complexes



🤨 "Dridži" On the lakeside of lake Dridzis. 18 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 29441221 Skaista rural municipality info@dridzi.lv www.dridzi.lv, www.dridzi.viss.lv

Resting on the lakeside of lake Drīdzis in comfortable log houses (WC, sauna, kitchen, shower). Guest house for the organization of parties and conferences (up to 70 people), catering services. Inflatable attraction for children, raft (for 50 people), catamarans.





Recreation center on the bank of Lejas lake. The company, which offers Latgalian culinary heritage. It is a popular place for wedding celebrations, seminars and other celebrations. Special offer - the opportunity to enjoy the culinary heritage of Latgale in the accompaniment of saxophone or violin music sounds.



11 "Vaclavi" Booking.com 500 m from Daugava, 13 km from Krāslava

Phone: +371 29118861 Kaplava rural municipality

vaclavi@inbox.lv, www.vaclavi.lv

Accommodations in a unique "park" made of stones. Trout, carp and other fish angling in 7 ponds. Sauna, outhouse, fireplace. Great place for weddings and other celebrations to 120 people.

#### **Guest houses:**





#### "Arkādija" Booking.com

Near the river Daugava, 4,5 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 27006998

Gandeli, Kaplava rural municipality; arkadija.kraslava@inbox.lv

Country bathhouse with a basin water source. Arbor on the bank of Daugava. Playground for children, outhouse with a fireplace. The boat for fishing. A small family museum created. It is necessary to have a passport!



#### 13 "Ezerkalns"

1,5 km from Krāslava, 5.5 km from lake Bolta Phone: +371 20429997; Krāslava municipality ezerkalnamaja@qmail.com

Offers bed and breakfast for 22 people in two storey house (possible extra beds). For booking in advance, are offered rooms for celebrations, conferences, seminars, banquets and catering up to 50 people. Very comfortable place for individual and family recreation, as well as accomodation for large groups of tourists. The guest house is located near the road Kraslava-Dagda-Rezekne. In a distance of 5,5 km from the guest house "Ezerkalns" by the beautiful lake Bolta tent and picnic places, fishing, boats renting, sauna, accomadion with outdoor WC are offered.

#### **Country house:**



Phone: +371 29146034, Ūdrīši rural municipality upes.dizvietas@aol.com, www.latvia-outdoor.eu GPS: N 55` 53.845, E 27`04.126

The holiday complex is located in the middle of the Nature Park "Daugavas Loki", and offers a wide range of accommodation options: 3 quest houses, "hayloft", camping and caravan sites. You can relax during fishing, hiking or individual excursions in the beautiful surroundings. The accommodation of dogs is possible.

#### Hotel





200 m from Daugava, 25 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 26357228

Piedruja rural municipality, viesnicapiedruja@inbox.lv Presentation of dishes of Latgalian culinary heritage in the accompaniment of the show (performance in Latgalian and multinational style). Excursions around Piedruja village and its surroundings. Runs with two rafts, each for 8 people. It is necessary to have a passport!

#### Motel



#### 16 "Piekalne"

At lake Silova, 12 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 25633636 Silovi, Kalniešu rural municipality; bojarova@inbox.lv



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Extensive picture gallery, collection of weapons, library of Jevgenijs Pohoduns. Excursion around the farm.



#### **Holiday houses:**



17 "Aimasas" Booking.com 18 km from Kraslava Soleimi, Kombuļi rural municipality Phone: +371 28671289, +371 28355347 aimasas@inbox.lv

The house was built in 1934. The total house area is 140 square meters. Family recreation. There is a volleyball court. Arbour.





#### 18 "Baltkalnes"

20 km from Kraslava Phone: +371 28669982, +371 29419522 Ļaksi, Skaista rural municipality stremjanovs@inbox.lv http://sperosk.lv/LVL/Baltkalnes Great place for families and friends that

like nature and silence. The surrounding creates an incredible feeling, give peace and relaxation that allows everyone to escape away from the everyday rush. House is without electricity. Black "smoke" sauna.





**19 "Dīva dorzi"** At lake Ārdava, 18 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 29112684 Lielie Unguri, Kombuļi rural municipality divadorzi@inbox.lv

A great place to relax with family or friends in a well-maintained guest house on the shore of Ārdava Lake. Motor boats, jet ski and rowing boat renting, a fish smokehouse. Fishing on lakes of Ārdava and Sīvera. Carp fishing in ponds.





#### 20 "Ezerkalns"

At lake Gars, 27 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 26493856, +371 29410893 Robežnieki rural municipality http://ezerkalns.ucoz.lv

Suitable place for recreation with children. Close by mini zoo "Akati", where are peacocks, pheasants, turkeys, ostriches, and other animals. Farm "Guntini"dealing with growing of rabbits and offering the excursion to the farm. Its possible to book a horse riding in a distance of 10 km from the farm.





#### **21 "Gliemji"** Booking.com 200 m from the river Skaista,

200 m nom ne nye skasta, 1 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 28232729 Baltiņi, Krāslava rural municipality zs.gliemji@inbox.lv

Rest in a quiet, well-kept place. Rooms for up 50 people. Country bathhouse, oak pool. Fireplace site, landscaped beach. The hosts offer a variety of seedlings of decorative plants and vegetables.





#### 22 "Marušiņas"

2 km from the river Daugava, 7 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 29160585 Vilmaņi, Ūdrīši rural municipality arszak88@apmail.com

A great place for accommodation in the Daugava River. Here you will not find the modern comfort conditions, but will be able to experience a holiday with ancient and really Latgalian aura – near the house you will find grandmother's oven, but the house is stored in an authentic environment and interior elements. Open from May 15th to September 15th.



## Accommodation





Horse ranch, 1,5 km from Daugava, 12 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 29472638 Kaplava, Kaplava rural municipality ilze.stabulniece@inbox.lv, www.klajumi.lv Hiking and riding horses. Reittherapy and



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aymnastics on the horseback. Accommodations in a cozy log cabin. Sauna. A meal in black pottery. Planking "Odu taka" to have a walk. In 2013, the farm was awarded a label "Latviskais mantoiums" ("Latvian Heritage"). It is necessary to have a passport!

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"Klajumu Kemeri" - apartments for 7 people (1 km away from "Klajumi"). Offers kitchen, shower, WC, "smoked" bathhouse. "Klajumu Ganini" (for 8 people) - house is suitable for people with disabilities. "Klajumu Krasti" - place for picnic and tents, fishing.





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#### 24 "Pie Sīvera"

25 km form Kraslava Phone: +371 29465429 Auleia rural municipality, idzalbite@inbox.lv

Ideal for relaxation in a quiet and beautiful place - especially for families with children.



#### 25 "Qāze" Booking.com

At lake Skaista, 11 km from Krāslava 5 Phone: +371 26111983; Krāslava rural municipality alexeysor@qmail.com

The house is situated in a quiet, picturesque place. There is a large sauna on the first floor of the cottage, on the second floor -2living rooms with a balcony. A good recreation place for small groups who wish to have rest close to nature.



#### "Lībieši"



20 km from Kraslava entfernt Phone: +371 28198012, +371 26292664 Luni, Skaista rural municipality

liene.fussa50@gmail.com; facebook.com/atputa.latgale

It is offered a new recreation yard "Lībieši" where everyone can enjoy the silence of the country and the songs of birds. Fishing in lakes, black (smoke) sauna, boat tours on the most beautiful lakes of Latgale: Sīvers, Dridzis (the deepest lake in the Baltic States), Mārgaudzis. There is the possibility to purchase rural products - eggs, milk, vegetables. Children have great opportunity to see rabbits and chickens. The house is equipped with dishes, refrigerator, microwave, bedclothes, toilet and shower.



#### "Mežāheles"

At lake Drīdzis, 17 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 29492045 Čenčupi, Skaista rural municipality



dr.krumpane@inbox.lv, www.visitkraslava.com The guest house is situated in ecologically clear place, in the area

of lake Drīdzis nature park. There are forests, meadows and a clear lake rich with fish alongside with the guest house.



"Pīlādži" At lake Bolta, 9 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 29409746 Mialāni, Krāslava rural municipalitv vklescin@gmail.com, www.viesumaja.com

Great fishing places, picnic area, facilitated beach, outhouse, playaround for children.

## Accommodation





**29 "Skaistkalni"** At lake Drīdzis, 12 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 26364243 Skaista rural municipality dridzis67@inbox.lv

Perfect place for the rest for families with children. Good place for divers and organizing sport events. Place for celebrations. Licensed fishing with nets, preparing smoked fish. Sauna. Tent sites.





#### <u> "</u>Stirnmeži"

At lake Jablonka, 18 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 27745143, +371 29996775 Varnaviči, Kaplava rural municipality stirnmezi@inbox.lv

Rest in the forest lake bend, rural environment. An opportunity to see wild animals - wild boars, pheasants. Fresh mutton barbecue by prior booking. Paintball. Organization of fishing and hunting.





**31** "Sidari" At lake Cérpa, 27 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 29108032 Auleja rural municipality sidari@inbox.lv, www.sidari.lv An ideal rest in a quiet and beautiful place, especially for families with children. Children playground. It is possible to buy organic agricultural products, to collect medicinal plants. There are tent sites on



One store wooden house **"Ūdzeņa"** (Odziņa) for 5 people. There are 2 beddrooms, a living room with open-fire, kitchen and WC. Guests are offered grill, pontoon, fireplace, arbor.



Studio type summer house **"Venēcija**" located on the Cērpa lake island for romantic holiday with candle lights (as holiday house is without electricity). Guests are offered to use boat, pontoon with lounge chairs, arbor, grill, bio toilet, lanterns with candles.





#### 32 "Skerškāni"

Near the river Daugava, 5 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 29195745 Ūdrīši rural municipality skerskans@inbox.lv, www.skerskani.lv

Rest in the middle of the forest on the bank of Daugava. The house granted the status of natural sanatorium, all the buildings are built of natural materials in an ecologically clean environment. Rural healing sauna. Picnic and tent sites. **Dock** for boats and rafts.





**33** "Vokors pi azara" At lake Sargava, 14 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 29422679 Sprūģi, Izvalta rural municipality japins.juris@inbox.lv

Accommodation, tent sites, relaxing in black (smoke) sauna with different types of brushes. Hydrotherapy in a waterpool with natural microflora. At a blacksmith's workshop you can try your hand in forging metal. Bicycle renting. Boat renting and repair. Emergency car and bike repair.



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**34 "Laimavoti"** Holiday house & SPA, at lake Cārmaņa, 25 km form Krāslava Phone: +371 26554417, Kalviši, Auleja rural municipality

guntars@laimavoti.lv, www.laimavoti.lv High comfort conditions in peacful and relaxing place with you family can be found in Latgale nature harmony. Accomodation "Ezera māja" and "SPA māja". SPA treatments, body diagnosis after Folli methods, detox treatments, massages. Otdoor hot tub, a floating sauna, accomadation also in tent on hay. Tour guide services.Transport services: two cars and helicopter.





**35 "Tūjas"** 3 km from Krāslava **Booking.com** Phone: +371 25454190 Augstkalne, Ūdrīši rural municipality everita 19@inbox.lv

It is nice place where guests can have a rest after daily rush and enjoy warm and friendly atmposphere (up to 25 people). Guests can use the recreation place (with dishes), black (smoke) sauna, pound with the boat. On request: pork skewers..





**36 "Zariņi"** 25 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 29111637 Marki, Piedruja rural municipality sergejs.zakrevskis@inbox.lv, vijakoncevica@inbox.lv Tour on the farm. Viewing of flowering flax

and hemp fields in their vegetative period. Healthy staying overnight on hay mattresses. Tasting of honey, homemade bread, linseed and hemp oils, fish soup.



#### Hostel of youth:



#### Robežnieki basic school

30 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 26498818 Robežnieki, Robežnieki rural municipality robeznieki2@inbox.lv

Cozy accommodation in Robežnieki basic school, near lakes of Lielā Gusena un Ormija. The opportunity to order a meal, organize sports camps and nature hikes. Guests are welcome only during the summer months.



#### Booking.com

Accommodation

#### **37** "**Pie Anniņas"** 1 km from lake Zirga Phone: +371 27034199

Cimoskas, Krāslava rural municipality anicka40@mail.ru

The owners offer accommodation, tent sites, place for picnic, not far from holiday house there is the beach and sports ground.



#### Camping



#### 39 "Sīveri"

At lake Sīvers, 25 km from Krāslava Phone: +371 29278599 Kazinči, Skaistasrural municipality inga.indriksone@inbox.lv GPS N 56001'20" E 27024'08"

A good place on the shore of lake Sivers. 140 tent places, two bungalows with 6 beds and two double rooms with four beds. Shower, toilet, shared kitchen, washing machine. Electrical outlets. Bathhouse. Suitable coast for surfers and divers. WiFi. **ADAC** 



## Enjoy Krāslava views!

#### Wooden photo frames

It is possible to see two elements of design in Krāslava, on streets Ostas and Vidzemes. There are wooden photo frames, decorated as old carved frames with the idea to show the beauty of the picturesque valley of the River Daugava and make Krāslava more atractive for its inhabitants and guests. The idea of creating of photo frames belongs to photoclub "Zibsnis". Express yourself as an artist and photographer, take picture of fascinating miracles on the bank of the River Daugava!







#### Krāslava chair

At the place where everyone can enjoy a scenic outlook of Krāslava and the river Daugava bends, can be seen 2,5 m tall chair. Why exactly chair? The answer is connected with the name of the town Krāslava. The name comes from Latgalian word "krāsls" – a chair, because bends of the Daugava near Krāslava resembe a chair. This version is fortified by the stories from the past when the Daugava was a navigated commercial artery. Many rafts ran aground near Krāslava and formed "krāsls" – a chair. The idea of creating of the chair frames belongs society "Kruoslovys amatnīku broliste".

# **Useful information**



Krāslava region is located in a border area, so in the border counties - Piedruja, Indra and Kaplava, you should have a passport and a permit.

If are planning to stay in the border area, you should:

1. Get acquainted with the rules that must be followed: http://rs.gov.lv/index.php?id=803&top=0;

2. Before the trip, you must have special permit. You can get it electronically in the Latvian state portal www.latvija.lv.

#### Permits can be formalized:

At Piedruja border crossing point Phone: +371 656 81458; Piedruja, Piedrujas rural municipality GPS: 55.7970543; 27.4364641

At Kaplava border crossing point Phone: +371 654 03770; Dvorošči, Kaplavas rural municiplaity GPS: 55.8559929; 27.1634457

Permits can also be formalized at the State Border Guard Office in Riga: General Department, Rūdolfa Street 5, Riga; Phone: +371 67075617, +371 67075739, fax, +371 67075600 kanceleja@rs.gov.lv, robezsardze@rs.gov.lv

#### Krāslava municipality

Krāslava municipality council Rīgas Street 51, Krāslava, +371 656 24383, dome@kraslava.lv, www.kraslava.lv

#### Krāslava rural municipalities:

Auleja rural municipality, Auleja, +371 656 28165 Indra rural municipality, Indra, +371 656 21398 Izvalta rural municipality, Izvalta, +371 656 26550 Kalnieši rural municipality, Kalnieši, +371 656 22464 Kaplava rural municipality, Kaplava, +371 656 29943 Kombuļi rural municipality, Kombuļi, +371 656 29053 Krāslava rural municipality, Ezerkalns, +371 656 21226 Skaista rural municipality, Skaista, +371 656 23819 Piedruja rural municipality, Piedruja, +371 656 22358 Robežnieki rural municipality, Robežnieki, +371 656 29524 Ūdrīši rural municipality, Augstkalne, +371 656 24933

#### Communication

Krāslava bus station, Rīgas Street 55, Krāslava, +371 656 22423

#### **Internet access points:**

Free WiFi: 18 Novembra Square, Krāslava

Krāslava Central Library Dīķu Street 5, Krāslava, +371 656 24096

Krāslava Tourism Information Centre Pils iela 2, Krāslava, +371 656 22201

**Krāslava Municipality Council** Rīgas Street 51, Krāslava, +371 656 24383

Internet connection is available in the municipal libraries

#### Where to call in urgent cases: 112; 113

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