

Tour 5 “Lithuanias soul”

This is a tour to destinations, no one has probably visited before.

This tour will give you a surprising, impressing and unforgettable view into Lithuanias youngest history. All places to visit are in the unique Zemaitija National Park.

Start at 10.00 o`clock by bus for example from Hotel Amberton Klaipeda.

Our first stop will be at **“Orvydas Garden”** – why and what is it ?

This place emerged as a site of resistance against the soviet occupiers, a labyrinth of winding paths, with tombstones, boulders, Marie pictures, crucifixes and carved tree trunks. Several times the soviets tried to evacuate this Lithuanian place of worship and opposition, without any success.



Next stop will be the lovely village of Plateliai in the middle of the **“Zemaiciu National Park”**, great landscapes, beautiful scenery and mysterious lakes are combined to one of the most beautiful sceneries of Lithuania.

In Plateliais Yachtklubas we will have our lunchtime with typical food from the Zemaitija



After Lunch we visit a place which brings us back to the times of cold war. In the middle of the forest close to the lake Plateliai is now a museum, which is unique in the world: **“The Military Exhibition.”**

Thousands of soviet soldiers were building rapidly this underground military base. In 1962 the construction was completed. Before all villages around were evacuated. Four R12 nuclear missiles, 23 m high with a 3 meters warhead were installed in the silos. The rockets were aimed to different western countries, Great Britain Germany, Scandinavia. It is the only military base of this kind, one can visit worldwide.



Our last visit is “The Lourdes of Ablinga” – an amazing and impressing collections of wooden monuments. Each represents the history of a family in the small village of Ablinga. In 1942 the “Forest Brothers”, Lithuanian partisans, were fighting against the German occupation. In Ablinga happens a tragedy which is told by each of these monuments.



Depending on the weather conditions we will stop on the way back at a rural restaurant for some snacks and drinks.

At about 20.00 o'clock we will be back in Klaipeda

Schedule:

10.00 o'clock departure Klaipeda

11.30 – 12.30 o'clock visit Orvydas Garden

13.00 – 14.00 o'clock lunchbreak "Yachtklubas" Plateliei

14.00 – 14.45 o'clock excursion Platelia

15.00 – 16.00 o'clock visit Military exhibition, Plokstine

17.00 – 18.30 dinner in Karcema (on the way ca. 15 km from Plunge)

19.00 – 19.30 o'clock visit "Ourdes of Ablinga

20.00 back in Klaipeda

Costs, example group, 20 persons, 60,00 Euro per person

This includes:

- Bustransfer
- Lunch and barbeque (without drinks)
- Tickets and guides