

Borders and Encounters

Educational bike tour through the historical Memelland and Lithuania Minor 2025

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









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Preliminary remarks


















The programme is still a draft and will be continuously updated.

















The plan is to end each day with a reflection session in which what has been seen, the topics discussed and everything else will be reviewed and evaluated.












26.07.2025, Saturday		
Klaipėda		
Date	Programme	Place / Itinerary
from 16:30 h	🔑 Welcome & Check-In	@ ???
17:00–18:00 h	👋 Welcome Get to know each other & discuss the itinerary	=
18:00–19:00 h	👤 Kickoff workshop: “What is Little Lithuania? What is the Memelland?” – Markus Nowak, Vincent Regente	
19:00–20:00 h	🍽️ Dinner	@ A Casa Mia [Turgaus g. 10, Klaipėda, 91247 Klaipėdos m. sav.]
21:00–22:00 h	🗣️ Evening cultural and social studies in Klaipėda	@ „####“? [###]
📍: 📍 KUBU guest house [Vilties g. 2, Klaipėda, 92231 Klaipėdos]?		














27.07.2025, Sunday Klaipėda – Nemirseta – Plikiai – Klaipėda (ca. 55 km)		
Date	Programme	Place / Itinerary
08:00–09:00 h	 Breakfast	@ ???
09:30~11:00 h	  City Tour Klaipėda – N. N.	Start @ ###
	 History and present of Memel/Klaipėda – N. N. (1)	
11:00–11:30 h	  Pick up & test bikes	@ ???
11:30–13:00 h	 Klaipėda – Šaipiai (ca. 18 km)	
	 Spa culture in the Memel region – N. N. (2)	
13:00–13:45 h	 Lunch	@ ??? [Šaipiai]
13:45–17:00 h	 Šaipiai > Nemirseta – Plikiai – Klaipėda (ca. 37 km)	
	 The Prussian-German border regime in Memelland / East Prussia – N. N. (3)	
	 The Russian border regime to Memelland / East Prussia – N. N. (4)	
17:00–18:00 h	 Tour Simon-Dach-Haus	@ Simon-Dach-Haus
19:00 h	 Dinner	@ ???
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28.07.2025, Monday Klaipėda – Rusnė (ca. 71 km)		
Date	Programme	Place / Itinerary
08:00–09:00 h	 Breakfast	@ ???
09:15–09:30 h	 load luggage	@ in front of the accommodation
09:30–12:30 h	 Klaipėda > Šilutė (~ 45 km)	
	 History and present of Heydekrug/Šilutė – N. N. (5)	
	 “The German population in Lithuania after 1945” – N. N. (6)	
12:30–13:30 h	 Lunch	@ ??? [Kintai]
13:30–15:00 h	 Klaipėda > Šilutė (~ 19 km)	
15:00–15:30 h	 Evangelical Lutheran Church Šilutė Or: Detour to Macikai	rev. Remigijus Semeklis Lietuvinkų g. 21, Šilutė, 99134 Šilutės r. sav.
16:00–18:00 h	 Appointment with german minority association “Heide” - Frau Gerlinda Stungurienė	@ Valstiečių 4, LT-99170 Šilutė
18:00–19:00 h	 Šilutė > Rusnė (~ 7 km)	
	 History of Ruß/Rusnė – N. N. (7)	
??:?? h	 Dinner	@ ???
 Rusnės Perlo apartamentai [K.Donelaičio g. 1, Rusnė]		

29.07.2025, Tuesday Rusnė – Pagėgiai – Panemunė – Bardinai (ca. 70 km)		
Date	Programme	Place / Itinerary
08:00–09:00 h	 Breakfast	@ ???
09:30–11:30 h	 Rusnė > Plaškiai/Plaschken (~ 35 km)	
	 “Ragnitz Castle and the Teutonic Order and Lithuania in the Middle Ages” – N. N. (8)	
	 “Catholicism and Protestantism in the Memel region” – N. N. (9)	
11:30 h	 Evangelical Church Plaškiai/Plaschken	@ Gėgės g. 17, 99305 Plaškiai
12:00–13:00 h	 Plaškiai/Plaschken > Pagėgiai (~ 15 km)	
13:00–14:00 h	 Lunch	@ ??? [Pagėgiai]
14:00–15:00 h	 Pagėgiai > Panemunė (~ 5 km)	
	 “The East Prussian Wolf Children” – N. N. (10)	@ memorial for the "Wolfskinder" (Mikytai)
	 “Lithuania-Russia border since 1991” – N. N. (11)	
16:00–16:30 h	 Panemunė > Bardinai (~ 5 km)	
	 “Martynas Jankus / Martin Jankus” – N. N. (12)	
16:30–17:30 h	 Martynas Jankus Museum	
18:30 h	 Dinner	@ Senasis Rambyna
	 Lithuanian Cultural Evening  Open evening programme?	
 Senasis Rambynas [Miško g.1, Lumpėnų k., Pagėgių sav Lumpėnų, 99267 k]		

30.07.2025, Wednesday Bardinai – Vilkyškiai – Smalininkai – Jurbarkas (ca. 64 km)		
Date	Programme	Place / Itinerary
08:00–09:00 h	 Breakfast	@ ???
09:30–11:00 h	 Bardinai > Vilkyškiai (ca. 20 km)	
	 “History of Lithuania and the Memel region in the Middle Ages” – N. N. (13)	
	 “History of the Memel region in the early modern period” – N. N. (14)	
11:00–12:00 h	 Stay in Vilkyškiai	@ Vilkyškiai Evangelical Lutheran Church
	 “Oskar Brüsewitz” / “Johanes Bobrowski” – N. N. (15)	
12:00–13:00 h	 Vilkyškiai > Wischwill/Viešvilė (ca. 10 km)	
13:00–13:45 h	 ¿Lunch picnic?	@ ??? [Wischwill/Viešvilė]
14:00–16:30 h	 Wischwill/Viešvilė >  Kassigkehmen/Kazikėnai > Smalininkai > Jurbarkas (~ 34 km)	
	 “Jewish Life in Lithuania” – N. N. (16)	@ Synagogues' square memorial [Kauno g. 64, Jurbarkas, 74187 Jurbarko r. sav.]
	 “Shoa in Lithuania” (possibly using the example of Jurbarkas) – N. N. (17)	
16:30–18:00 h	 Meeting & Seminar with the Mayor of Jurbarkas: Skirmantas Mockevičius	@ Town Hall Jurbarkas - tbc
19:00–20:00 h	 Dinner (self-made)	
	 Open evening programme	=
 Duarte house [Nemuno g. 42, 71404 Šiaudinė]		

31.07.2025, Thursday Jurbarkas – Tauragė – Vainutas (ca. 77 km)		
Date	Programme	Place / Itinerary
08:00–09:00 h	 Breakfast	
09:30–12:30 h	 Jurbarkas > Tauragė (ca. 43 km)	
	 “Smuggling of goods, people and knowledge in the Memel region” – N. N. (18)	
	 “Lithuania in the interwar period” – N. N. (19)	
12:30–13:30 h	 Lunch	@ ??? [Tauragė]
13:30–18:00 h	 Tauragė > Vainutas (ca. 34 km)	
	 “The Lithuanian population/culture in East Prussia from the 18th century to 1914/18” – N. N. (20)	
	 “The Memel / rivers as borders and contact zones” – N. N. (21)	
	 “Memelland 1919-1939” – N. N. (22)”	
??:?? h	 Dinner	@ ???
 Kaimo turizmo sodyba "Ažuola" [Tauragės g.38, Vainuto mstl, 99431 Šilutės r. sav.]		

01.08.2025, Friday		
Vainutas – Ramučiai – Svencelė (ca. 58 km)		
Date	Programme	Place / Itinerary
08:00–09:00 h	 Breakfast	
09:30–12:30 h	 Vainutas > Ramučiai (ca. 30 km)	
	 “Economic history of the Memel region” – N. N. (23)”	
	 “Vydūnas (Wilhelm Storost / Vilius Storosta)” – N. N. (24)”	
	 “Life in the border region / in border regions” – N. N. (25)”	
??:?? h	 Lunch	@ ??? [Ramučiai]
13:30–17:00 h	 Ramučiai > Svencelė (ca. 28 km)	
	 “Mažoji Lietuva / Lithuania Minor after 1989” – N. N. (26)”	
	 “Culture of remembrance and politics of history in democratic Lithuania using the example of the Memel region” – N. N. (27)	
	 “German culture of remembrance and history policy on/for the Memel region” – N. N. (28)	
	 “Russian culture of remembrance and politics of history in East Prussia” – N. N. (29)	
??:?? h	 Dinner	@ ???
 Svencelė [Svencelės g. 53G, Svencelė]		

02.08.2025, Saturday Svencelė – į Juodkrantė?/į Dvilai? – Klaipėda (į ca. 60 km?)		
Date	Programme	Place / Itinerary
08:00–09:00 h	 Breakfast	@ ???
09:30–10:30 h	 Svencelė > Juodkrantė	@ ???
10:30–12:00 h	 Excursion through Juodkrantė – Dominykas Chlebinskas	@ Juodkrantė
~ 12:00 h	 Lunch	@ Villa Flora [Kalno g. 7a, Juodkrantė, 93102 Neringos sav.]
~13:00–18:30 h	 Juodkrantė > Klaipėda (~ 23 km)	
	į  History of the Curonian Spit: From Antiquity to the Second World War – N. N.?	@ Smiltynė
	į  beach ?	
	 “Heimwehtourism? – The German population from Memel/Nemunas-region after 1945 (in Germany)” – N. N. (30)	
	 Bike drop off	@ ???
??:?? h	 Dinner	@ ???
20:30 h	 final evening	@ ???
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03.08.2025, Sunday Klaipėda		
Date	Programme	Place / Itinerary
09:00–10:00 h	☕ Breakfast	@ ???
10:00–11:30 h	👋 Evaluation & Farewell	

Our Lithuanian-German dictionary:

	Lithuanian 🇱🇹	German 🇩🇪	English 🇬🇧
1	mašina (Automobilis)	Auto	car
2	Laba diena!	Guten Tag!	Good day!
3	Iki pasimatymo!	Auf Wiedersehen!	Goodbye!
4	Ačiū!	Danke!	Thank you!
5	Padėkite!	Hilfe!	Help!
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