



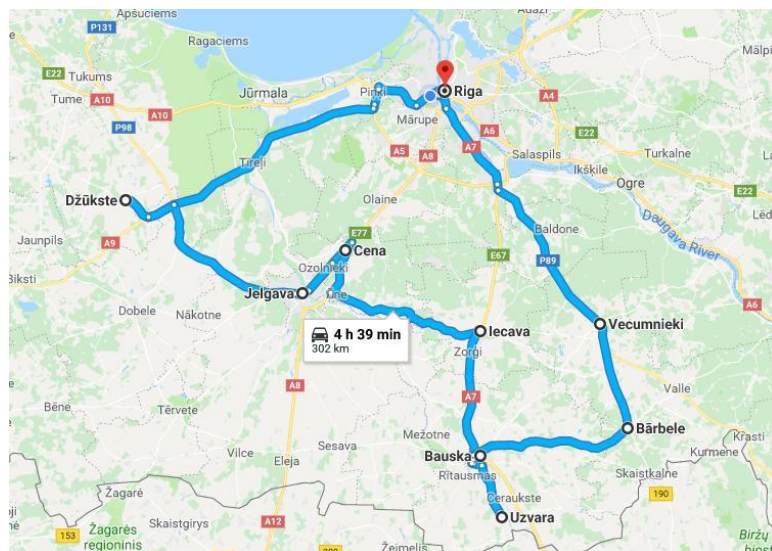
# Lauku Ceļotājs

Baltic Country Holidays



## Zemgale: heritage story of daily bread and milk

The Zemgale region is a fertile flatland. There are many modern farms, including some that will allow you to learn about life in the countryside and the heritage of agricultural history. You will start your trip and then take the "Milky Way" route to a dairy farm. Next you will visit Jelgava, the former capital of the Duchy of Courland from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The history of the town can be discovered via an interactive exhibition in the steeple of the St Trinity Church in Jelgava, from which you can also get a good view of the city from a 9<sup>th</sup>-floor platform. Next you will visit a farm where you will learn about Latvia traditions and bake bread together with the lady of the house. From there, the route will lead to a grain farm, where you will find a collection of dairy processing equipment and a playground for children. You can spend the night in a field of grain or a design hotel that has a traditional farm and a collection of restored old automobiles. Along the way, you will stop in Bauska to see its City Hall and its collection of ancient measuring equipment. Grain traditions will really be appreciated at a farm that uses its own grain and roughly ground flour to produce a wide range of traditional foods. Finally, you will visit a collection of tools, farm equipment and household items that are all typical of Latvia's countryside.



**Duration: 2 days**

**Length: ~ 310 km**

**Rīga-Džūkste-Cena-Jelgava-Iecava-Bauska-Bārbele-Vecumnieki-Rīga**

**First day**

**Rīga-Džūkste-Jelgava-Cena-Iecava-Bauska-Uzvara (~ 195 km)**

The Geidas farm specialises in dairy farming and offers an educational tour, "Milky Way." Try your hand at churning some butter and learn all about dairy products.



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Along the way you will stop at the capital city of the Duchy of Courland, including the Jelgava Castle and the St Trinity Church with its steeple.

The Caunītes farm offers a Latvian atmosphere. Bake bread with the owners, learn about Latvian traditions, and celebrate various holidays there.

The Bērziņi (Labirinti) farm grows grain and rapeseed. You can visit a collection of old tools and dairy processing equipment and work with the items that are exhibited. There is a playground for children.

### Dining along the way:

- Zemnieka Cienasts café
- Hercogs restaurant in Jelgava
- Bērzkalni café in Bausa
- Miķelis restaurant and leisure complex
- Rožmala restaurant

### Accommodations near Bauska

- Miķelis leisure complex
- Rožmalas Hotel

### Second day

Breakfast

#### Bauska-Bārbele-Vecumnieki-Rīga (115 km)

The Miķelis leisure complex is in a lovely place and offers peace and quiet. Learn about the history of the region by visiting the farm and the retro automobile museum. The restaurant offers very elegant dishes.

Bauska features the Bauska Castle on the shores of the Mūsa and Mēmele rivers, which has a south-eastern tower with a viewing platform. Visit the new Bauska City Hall with its collection of antique measuring equipment. You will be able to measure yourself with ancient measuring units, including feet and pounds. You will receive a certificate once you have done so.

The Vaidelotes farm popularises the Latvian lifestyle and traditional rituals, also offering country goodies such as porridge, doughnuts, pierogi and pastries made of locally grown grain and roughly milled flour. You can purchase teas, spices and country goodies.

The Ausekļu dzirnavas open-air museum offers a range of tools, farm equipment and household items that are characteristic of the Latvian countryside. Help to bake bacon pierogi and loaves of bread in a real country oven. The owner of the museum offers educational tours.

### Dining opportunities along the way:

- Vaidelotes
- Pie Lielās Karotes saloon

Please contact all of these venues in advance to arrange for a visit!



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