

Līgatne, Sigulda, Turaida

Day tour on 08.07.2018.



9:00 start of day

Excursion in **Secret soviet bunker**. In the territory of the rehabilitation centre Līgatne, 9 m underground, there is a well-equipped facility with a total area of 2,000 sq.m, whose secrecy grading was removed only in 2003.

The bunker was built during the Cold War when the Soviet Union maintained constant high alert for a Western attack, more specifically a nuclear assault from the United States. It is hard to imagine, though, how the elite of Soviet Latvia would have been rushed to the bunker in a few minutes, given that the distance from Riga to Līgatne is 75 kilometers. This makes one suspect that the bunker might have been used also in case a nuclear war launched by the Soviet Union. The bunker was supplied with everything necessary to survive several months after a nuclear fallout.

13:00 **Lunch** in Secret soviet bunker - LKP CK first secretariat lunch (chocolate truffle, soup, schnitzel with bone and additives, desert, hot drink)

Walking tour in **Sigulda** is one of the most picturesque towns in Latvia with splendid views of the primeval valley of the River Gauja. The river banks feature Devonian sandstone outcrops with beautiful cliffs and caves that have long earned Sigulda the name Switzerland of Vidzeme.

On the way to Turaida view of **Gutman's Cave**. Gutman's Cave is the widest and highest cave in the Baltic countries, located on the Gauja River in the National Park of Sigulda, Latvia. It started forming

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more than 10 000 years ago when meltwater eroded the sandstone rock after the Ice Age. It is the oldest tourist attraction in Latvia.

Excursion in **Turaida Museum Reserve**. It has a large territory full of artistic and historical pearls. The name *Turaida* means 'God's garden' in Livonian. This exciting excursion will take you on a journey through 1000 years of Latvian history. The highlight of the excursion will be the breathtaking view of the primeval valley of the River Gauja from the castle tower. Built in the 13th century, the big round tower, or Bergfried, is the main part of the castle, hence the name Main Tower.

Turaida is the part of Sigulda on the right bank of the River Gauja. The gothic-style Turaida Castle is its most renowned part. The 43.63 ha large territory of the Turaida Museum Reserve includes the Turaida Castle made of bricks, the memorial site for the Rose of Turaida, the church atop the church hill, the Folk Song Hill with the Folk Song Garden and the auxiliary buildings of the manor.

19:00 **Dinner** in restaurant "Kungu Rija" with Latvian cuisine

21:00 Return to Riga

Price **67,00 EUR** per **1 person**. Price count for group of 40 persons.

Included:

- ✓ Guided tours;
- ✓ Entrance in museums;
- ✓ Transport;
- ✓ Exclusive lunch in Secret soviet bunker;
- ✓ Dinner in restaurant.

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