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Cover: Fall's bounty in Lithuania often consists of mushrooms and berries from the forest, such as these offered for sale on the street.
Photo: © Milllda | Dreamstime.com

Back cover: Beautiful amber creations were only one of fine crafts to be found at the 101st Lithuanian Days in Frackville, Pa. Photo: Teresė Vekteris

from the editor

Off-Season Sojourns

In autumn, one can hike the trails of Lithuania's Curonian Spit (Kursių Nerija or Neringa) through the villages of Pervalka and Preila into Nida and meet barely a soul. Photo: Teresė Vekteris

September has always been my favorite time to travel.

There's little need to compete with droves of summertime travelers, families in tow, trying, with varying degrees of success, to fit all of the fun they can into the summer months. Prices are generally lower in early autumn while weather remains mild. It's more relaxed overall.

The vacations of my youth were the requisite week or two at the beach in the sticky summer heat, battling sunburn, greenheads, gritty sandwiches and a maze of prostrate bodies. Once I could shed the tyranny of the school schedule, I found I could revel in a solitary shoreline, the endless vista of a deserted highway, a snow-dusted peak in the golden afternoon light.

Although my first two trips to Lithuania were summer sojourns, I returned alone last year, finally again off-season. For two glorious weeks of still-warm days and crisp nights in late September, I was on my own travelling the Lithuanian countryside and coast, and exploring a less-touristed Vilnius. In addition to myriad pure and uncluttered views, my other senses were sated with the song of the birches in the breeze, the scent of a pine forest surrounding a dirt road, the salty sting of my own tears as I crested a windswept dune.

Nature seems to speak more clearly when there are fewer people around to hear.

What is your favorite season to travel? Write to us and tell us about a favorite travel memory, in season or off!

Wishing you many beautiful Septembers ahead,

Teresė Vekteris, Editor

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Please verify all events, as places and times are subject to change.

ONGOING

Through December 10
Atlanta LAC Charity Drive
Donations benefit five children's homes in Lithuania.
Info: virga_vilnia@yahoo.com, lietuviaiatlantoje.org

Through December 31
No Home To Go To: Baltic Displaced Persons Exhibition
Healy Hall of the Science, Business and Industry Library, 188 Madison Avenue at 34th Street, New York, N.Y.

Most Fridays, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
Friday Fish Fry at the Rockford Lithuanian Club
716 Indiana Avenue, Rockford, Ill.
Info: lithuanianclub.org, 815-962-9256

Every Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
All-You-Can-Eat Lithuanian Brunch Buffet
Lithuanian Club and Gintaras Dining Room, 877 E. 185 St., Cleveland, Ohio
Info: lithclub@gmail.com; 216-531-8318

First Sundays, 12-4 p.m.
Lithuanian Brunch
The Avenue Restaurant, 71-22 Myrtle Ave., Glendale, N.Y.
Reservations recommended.
Info: 347-725-3853

DECEMBER 2016

December 10, 1-3 p.m.
Amber Roots Heritage Club Kučios
Lithuanian Music Hall, 2715 E. Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
Use the Tilton Street entrance.
Bring a meatless dish to share.
Everyone welcome.
Info: milliemarks@aol.com

December 10, 2-8 p.m.
Atlanta LAC Mass and Traditional Christmas Eve Dinner
St. Ann's Catholic Church, 4905 Roswell Rd., Marietta, Ga.
Mass 2 p.m.; dinner 4 p.m.
Info: facebook.com/AtlantosLietuviai

December 10, 3-9 p.m.
Kučios bei Kalėdinė eglutė/ Christmas Eve & Kids Program
Latvian Hall, Portland, Ore.
3 p.m. Mass; 5 p.m. children's program and Santa; 6:30 p.m. potluck dinner begins.
$15 per adult / $25 per family.
Info: 503-974-6407, info@portlandlithuanians.com

December 17, 2 – 5:30 p.m.
Vaiva Vebraitė and Vyturys Lithuanian Schools' "Kalėdos Pušnyjė"
Fairfield Library, 1080 Old Post Road, Fairfield, Conn.
$20; tickets available until Dec.10.
Info and tickets: Agne D'Orso, 203-808-0451

December 17, 6 p.m.
Colorado Lithuanians Christmas Eve/Kučios
Latvian Hall, 10705 W. Virginia Ave., Lakewood, Colo.
Members: Adults, $15; children 13-18, $10; under 13, free
Non-members: Adults, $20; children 13-18, $15; under 13 free
Info: coloradolithuanian.wixsite.com

December 18, 11:30 a.m.
Vincas Krevė Lithuanian Sunday School Christmas Show
St. Andrew's Parish Hall, 19th and Wallace Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

December 18, 12:30-5 p.m.
Traditional Lithuanian Christmas Eve Celebration - Los Angeles
St. Casimir Parish Hall, 2718 St. George St., Los Angeles, Calif.
Donation: $45, under 10 free
Info and reservations:: 310-995-7352, dschuksta@yahoo.com
Mail checks (payable to the Daughters of Lithuania) to: Daiva Schuksta, 4218 Perlita Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90039-1313
or pay online at DaughtersofLithuaniaLA.org

December 18, 1 p.m.
Ateitis Traditional Kučios
Lithuanian Youth Center, 5620 S. Claremont Ave., Chicago, Ill.
$20 adults; $15 seniors; $10 students; 8 and under free. RSVP by December 11.
Info: odaugirdas@hotmail.com, 630-325-3277

December 18, 2:30 p.m.
San Diego Lithuanian Christmas Eve Kučios
Mission San Luis Rey Parish, 4070 Mission Ave., Oceanside, Calif
Traditional food; performance by Rolandas Dabrukas; meet Santa and get a gift in exchange for a song, dance, poem, etc.
$25 per adult; $5 per child.
Info/reservations: ausra@vabalas.com

December 28, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
Atlanta Hawks vs. N.Y. Knicks and M. Kuzminskas
Philips Arena, 1 Philips Drive NW, Atlanta, Ga.
Come and cheer on Lithuanian player Mindaugas Kuzminskas.
Info/tickets: lietuviaiatlantoje.org

December 30
Colorado Lithuanians New Year's Eve Party
Winter Park, Colo.
Live music with Colorado Romas
Info: coloradolithuanian.wixsite.com

December 30, 8 p.m.-2 a.m.
Philadelphia Lithuanian Community New Year's Eve Party
Lithuanian Music Hall, 2715 East Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
$100 per person, includes happy hour, dinner, dancing and surprises. Black tie optional.
Advance reservations required.
Info: ilonairvaldas@hotmail.com, dvgedvilai@gmail.com, artur79@verizon.net or alemaciunas@gmail.com

JANUARY 2017

January 13-15
Winter Šventė/Celebration and Fund Raiser
Camp Neringa, Brattleboro, Vt.
Info: Neringa.org

FEBRUARY 2017

February 11
Poker Tournament to Benefit Versmė Lithuanian School of Kansas City
Info: kclith.org

February 24-March 4
Lithuanian Snow Ski Trip
Aspen Mountain Resort, Aspen, Colo.
Sponsored by Lithuanian Athletic Union of North America and Lithuanian American Doctors Union.
Skiers, non-skiers and families welcome. Race schedule TBA.
Travel and accommodations: linda@ski.com, 800-525-2052 x3329 or 970-925-9500 x3329.
Identify yourself as part of the Lithuanian Ski Group.
General info: edmickus1@aol.com or vsaulis@sbcglobal.net

February 26, 4 p.m.
Annual Aspen Lithuanian Independence Day Celebration
809 South Aspen Street, Aspen, Colo.
Special guest Rolandas Krisčiūnas, Lithuanian Ambassador to the U.S.
Info: dmb@aspenconsul.com

MARCH 2017

March 6
17th Annual Florida Lithuanian Open Golf Tournament
Info: LTConsulFlorida.com, 727-895-4811

March 17-20
Vyresnių Skaučių + Gintarių Lithuanian Scouts Jamboree
Agatha A. Durland Scout Reservation, 1 Clear Lake Road, Putnam Valley, N.Y.
Registration: via Facebook: Vyr. Sk. + Gintariu Suvaziamas 2017 or Skautai.net
Info: djmattis@gmail.com or vaiva.rimeika@gmail.com

March 24-26
Women's Weekend
Camp Neringa, Brattleboro, Vt.
Discussion, exercise, art, cooking, spiritual and personal rebirth.
Info: kerry@watershedcoachingllc.com or kriscon@frontiernet.net

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April 1
Benefit Concert for Neringa
600 Liberty Hwy., Putnam, Conn.
Info: neringa.org

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