



Discover Ludza!

The value of the historical centre of Ludza are its streets around the castle hill and wooden architecture with peculiar architectonic details. One- and two-storey wooden houses with fine carved shutters, original gates and oak doors, red brick buildings and ruins of the Livonian castle as a the centre of the landscape this is architecture of the historical centre of Ludza, one of the 5 town construction monuments in Latvia. We offer our guests to see the old town cultural values, to know about its history and people, using the walking route "Discover Ludza". Follow signs the town symbol 50 keys in the pavements and you will feel charm of the town and presence of history; you will hear the legend about the drowned princess Lūcija and the story about the big fire of 1938. You will enjoy the panorama of the old town and lakes from the castle hill. It is worth visiting the town park close to the old town.



ACCOMMODATION

*BN - numbers of beds

Hotel „Ludza”**** (Number of beds | 25+5)
1. Maija Str.1, Ludza; tel.+37129104055, +37165726112,
hotelludza@inbox.lv, www.hotelludza.lv
Café, restaurant, SPA, fitness,
conference hall, additional services.

Hotel „Lucia” (74 bads Restaurant/cafe, konference hall, Wi-Fi, parking, hair and nail salon, sauna, hot tub)
Kr.Barona 20, Ludza; T., +37126253535,
hotellucia@inbox.lv, www.lucia.lv

Motels „Golden Fox”

Zelčova, Cirma com. +371 29542263,
goldenfox@inbox.lv
2 rooms, 6 places, TV, shower, breakfast.

Holiday's rooms (NB-8)

Talavijas str. 28, Ludza,
Tel. +371 29467925

Country house „Aizupmājas” (BN-8)

Aizupmājas, Nukši com.; tel. +37126525785
Health cure, smoke sauna, boats, tent places, terrace.

Guest house „Vīksnas” **** (BN-6)

Martiši, Isnauda com.; tel.+37129466588,
viksnas2@inbox.lv
Catering, kitchen, sauna, children playgrounds.

Week-end house „Ezerzemes” „Ezerzemes-2” *** (BN-10+6)

Raipole, Nirzas com.; tel.+37129488376,
ezerzemes@inbox.lv, www.ezerzemes.lv
Guest house with a week-end house (sauna and kitchen),
smoke sauna, children playgrounds, sport playgrounds,
boats, water bike, bicycles, skis.

Recreation complex „Meldri” (BN-52)

Nirza, Nirza com.; tel.+37129485444
15 rooms, a week-end house, tent places,
2 saunas, a party room, boats, playgrounds, beach.

Recreation complex „Zirga smaidis” (BN-96)

Raipole, Nirza com.;tel. +37129474802, +37129492552,
info@zircasmajids.com, www.zircasmajids.lv
8 wooden log-houses, sauna, beach, sport grounds,
boats, bicycles, water bikes.

Recreation complex „Dzerkalī” (BN-88)

Dzerkalī, Cirma com.; tel. +37126324735,
dzerkali@inbox.lv, www.dzerkali.lv
Bar, sauna complex, rent of boats, water bikes,
a water motorcycle. Paintball, tennis-court,
Up to 1,000 tent places, place for trailers. Hall for parties.

Weekend flat „Gaišezers” (BN-8)

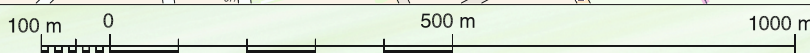
Vecslabada, Istra com.;tel. +37126541947
Kitchen, WC, shower.



LEGEND

- 1 Ruins of the Livonian Order's castle
- 2 Karnickis' Chapel and bell tower
- 3 Statue of the Queen of Māra's Land
- 4 Ludza Roman Catholic Church
- 5 7th-12th century's Latgalian burial place Odukalns burial ground
- 6 Ludza Old-Believers' Church
- 7 Synagogue
- 8 Ludza History Museum

- 9 Monument in memory of partisans killed during the WWII
- 10 Stela with Ludza inhabitants' names, who were killed during the WWII
- 11 Monument in memory of killed defenders of the motherland "Sorrowful Mother"
- 12 Stela with names of the Soviet Army's military units
- 13 Stone devoted to the 800th anniversary of Ludza Town
- 14 Stone in memory of the Jews, who were killed in 1941
- 15 Memorial stone devoted to Kr.Barons' 150th birthday
- 16 First library. First print shop
- 17 Former Market square



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| TIC Tourism information centre | Fire-brigade | Post-office | Swimming place |
| LAC Ludza Craftsman Centre | Medical services | WC | Active leisure |
| M Municipality | Concert hall, cinema | Bus station | Tourist route by raft |
| Church | Library | Garage, car repair | Biking route |
| Museum | Bank | Parking | Pedestrian route |
| Castle ruins | Accommodation | Taxi | "Discover Ludza" |
| Monument, memory stone | Cafes | | |
| Park | | | |



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Start from Ludzas' TIC, Baznīcas str. 42, +371 65707203, 29467925, tic@ludza.lv
We offer walking tour on old city, excursion and workshops in Craftsmen centre,
excursion in History museum, dinner of Latgalian food, raft tour on Ludza lake.

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Old market square. The narrow streets of the historical centre lie at the bottom of the Castle Hill.

The narrow streets with 19th century's wooden and brick one-storey and two-storey houses with fenced yards have been an integral part of landscape of the bottom of the castle hill, as a sample of the town construction architecture, protected by the state. During the centuries this land has been inhabited by Germans, Polish, Russians, Belarussians as well as Hebrews and Ukrainians. The interaction of their traditions and culture left its imprint on the architecture of the town. The town wooden architecture was heavily damaged by the Fire of 1866 and 1938. The fire of 1938 destroyed 7 streets and a beautiful church on the Baznīckalns Hill.

Ludza received the status of the town in 1777. It is the oldest town in Latvia surrounded by five lakes.



Virgin Maria's Assumption Cathedral

On the crossroads of Ludza central streets there is the Virgin Mary's Assumption Cathedral, which was built in the classic style in 1843 according to A.Zaharov's project. At the moment the church is under renovation. Peculiar charm gives the song of the 1667 kg heavy church bell.



Ludza Synagogue. The wooden house at 1. Maija Street 30, covered with red bricks, was built in 1800. It is one of the oldest Jewish prayer houses in the Baltic States. It is one of 7 synagogues that has survived during the war, but after World War II it was demolished and now it is being reconstructed. It is planned to create an exposition about the Jews' tragic destiny inside. In the 19-20th centuries the community was known as the "Jerusalem of Latvia" because 59% of the town's population were Jews. The memorial, erected on the shore of Ludza Small lake in the place, where ghetto had been once situated, an old Jews' cemetery on Soikāna street tell us about the Jews' tragic destiny who were killed in 1941.



Lutheran Church. Ludza Lutheran Church's parish is one of the oldest, but at the moment it only consists of a few members. The church was built in 1864, later the organ was installed, the bell tower was made, but during the Soviet times the building was destroyed, it served as a warehouse and a sport school, now the parish is renovating it. At the beginning of the 20th century the Lutheran Church's parish built a beautiful church by the town park. After the War it served as a cinema, but later the building was demolished.



First printing house and library. Town's development was the most efficient in the 19th century, when streets were paved and important municipal buildings were built. In those days 5 gymnasiums, a college, a vocational school, the Latvian society building and a hospital were built. At the beginning of the 20th century Ludza was an economically and socially active town with 238 enterprises and 356 shops. In Kr. Barona Street there was the first hotel, famous film director Frank Herc's father Vulf photo workshop, the first building of the municipality, the police and the fire station. In 1883 at Kr. Barona Street 41 the first bookshop, founded by H. Sujers, and later, in 1884, the first public library and printing house were opened.



Odulkalns burial mound. Odulkalns burial mound the ancient Latgalians' burial mound of the 9th- 13th centuries is situated on the long hill by the Castle Hill. It has always been an object of interest and study for distinguished scientists. The artefacts found during the excavations, are part of collections of the Latvian History Museum, the St. Petersburg Hermitage, the National Helsinki Museum and many other museums of Europe. Archaeological finds prove that in the 9th-13th century on the shores of Ludza lakes there was an ancient Latgalian town rich and active.

Ludza Catholic Church. In order to strengthen Catholicism, in 1687 the Polish built the first catholic church in the forepart of the Livonian castle. In 1738 in place of the burnt church the wooden church in baroque style was built. On June 11, 1938 it was damaged by the Big Ludza Fire and only in 1995 the renovated white church was opened. Many inhabitants of the town took part in renovation of the church.



T'adeušs' Chapel and the Bell Tower. The Statue of the Mary Land Queen made by Leons Tomašickis in 1934 is situated by the Polish lords Karnicki family's chapel. The chapel built in 1738 and after the Big Fire it served as a parish church for some time. The Bell Tower is situated by the chapel and it is the only building that survived in the fire of 1938 and it is protected by the state.



Ludza Castle ruins. Ancient Baltic tribes built a wooden castle on the castle hill between Big and Small Ludza lakes. In the place of the castle in 1399, German crusaders built an imposing fortress for protection of the eastern frontier of the Livonian Order 3-storey grey stone and brick building with 6 towers, 3 gates and 2 castle-fronts. Since 1765, only the ruins have remained on the castle hill. While visiting the castle ruins, visitors are kindly asked to observe security rules and not to climb the walls. Don't put in danger your and other people's lives and health.



Ludza History museum. The museum is one of the richest and oldest museums in Latgale region. It was arranged in General Jakovs Kulņevs' (a hero of the war of 1812) family house. The exposition reflects history of the area from the ancient times to nowadays. The nature exposition gets visitors acquainted with birds collection and biotops of the area. Exhibitions tell us about life of outstanding people and show their works. The museum offers various pedagogical programmes. The open air department gives an idea of the previous century's architecture and life in the country-side of Latgale: a farmer's house, a chimney-less log, a kiln house, a windmill, a potter's house-workshop.



Ludza craftsmen centre. Excursion, demonstrations of old crafts, craftsmen's workshops, the Skills school, a salon, souvenirs, national costume making, linen products. folk events, culinary heritage Latgalian food, Great Latgalian Market in June a week before the summer solstice.

