



RĪGA-VIĻAKA

GREENWAYS

OF LATVIA

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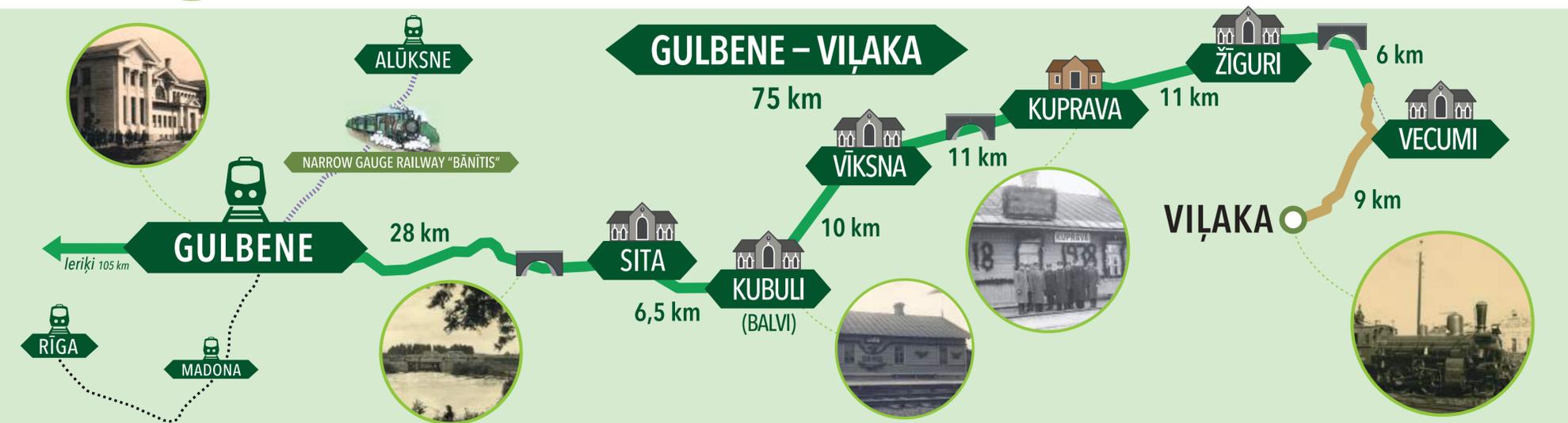


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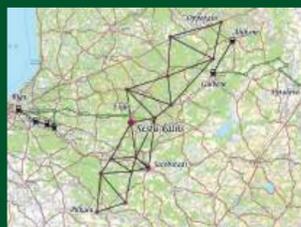


UNESCO World Heritage with Greenways

Greenways Rīga-Viļaka connect two UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Historic Centre of Riga
 Riga has the best collection of Art Nouveau buildings in Europe. The historic centre of Riga was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1997 as a living example of European history. The medieval and later urban planning structures, as well as the 19th-century wooden architecture, have been well preserved. And the Art Nouveau architecture in the historic centre of Riga is outstanding.

Struve Geodetic Arc
 In 2005, the Struve Geodetic Arc was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List as a shared heritage of Norway, Sweden, Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine and Moldova. It was the first precise measurement of the meridian in the 19th century by Friedrich Georg Wilhelm von Struve, an astronomer at the University of Tartu. It aided in determining the precise size and shape of the planet and was a significant step forward in the development of earth sciences and topographic mapping.



Struve Geodetic Arc in Latvia

RAIL BIKES



Pedal down the rails and try out a rail bike ride. Riding along the track on pedal-powered rail bikes is an exciting, family-friendly experience.



Rail bikes are available at Gulbene, Valka, Keipene stations and Žilaiskalns



Draisine rides in Gulbene and Mōisakūla (Estonia)

GULBENE



visitgulbene.lv

The Educational and Interactive Centre "Railway and Steam" is placed in Gulbene Railway Station, a historic building that bears witness to Latvia's cultural, historical and industrial development. On a guided tour, visitors can learn about the historical heritage through the guide's stories and historical exhibits, as well as the evolution and future trends of the industry through the centre's 30 interactive devices.



KEIPENE



keipene.eizensteins

Keipene is often called the capital of Latvian cinema history. Keipene Railway Station in Ogre Municipality is the only public exhibition in the world dedicated to the outstanding film director Sergei Eisenstein (Sergejs Eizenšteins). The old Keipene Railway Station is also the only place where a section of the tracks leading from the former train route Rīga-Ērgļi has been preserved. The environmental installation "Potemkin's Well" is open to visitors from 1 May to 1 November. It is a guided tour.



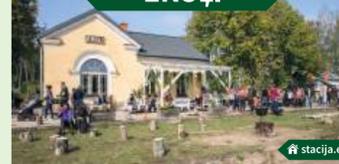
KANGARI



kangarustacija.lv

Kangari Station was opened on 26 November 1935 on the Rīga-Ērgļi railway line. The two-storey brick building of the station was built in November 1937 based on the project of the architect Voldemārs Ozoliņš. The ground floor housed a passenger waiting area, station staff workrooms and a buffet. Next to the control room, a luggage storage area was added. The station building is currently a cultural monument of local significance. Kangari Station is a well-preserved building in Ropāži Municipality that is slowly regaining its former glory and life.

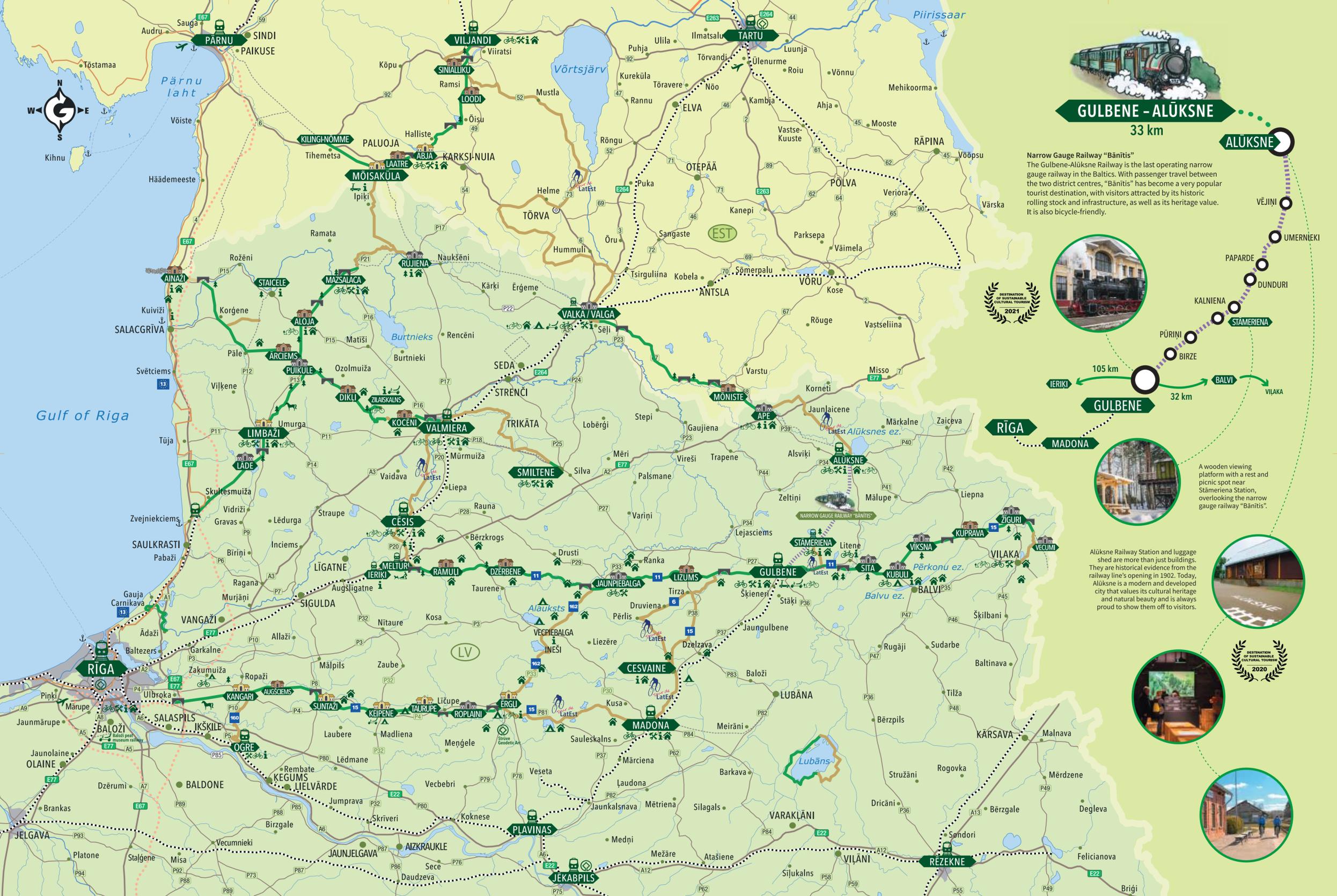
ĒRĢĻI



stacija.eu

Ērgļi Railway Station, under the name "Stacija", is being developed into a competitive, attractive destination for both local and international tourists. Travellers will be offered 1-2 day guided and personalised tours, exploring the Vidzeme Highland and surrounding areas, creating interesting routes in the form of hikes and adventures.





GULBENE - ALŪKSNE

33 km

Narrow Gauge Railway "Bānītis"
 The Gulbene-Alūksne Railway is the last operating narrow gauge railway in the Baltics. With passenger travel between the two district centres, "Bānītis" has become a very popular tourist destination, with visitors attracted by its historic rolling stock and infrastructure, as well as its heritage value. It is also bicycle-friendly.



A wooden viewing platform with a rest and picnic spot near Stāmeriena Station, overlooking the narrow gauge railway "Bānītis".



Alūksne Railway Station and luggage shed are more than just buildings. They are historical evidence from the railway line's opening in 1902. Today, Alūksne is a modern and developed city that values its cultural heritage and natural beauty and is always proud to show them off to visitors.



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7.17	16.27	Acme	
7.27	16.46	Saulesi	
7.32	16.51	Celule	
7.38	16.57	Kļuvā	
7.47	17.05	Bālni	
7.55	17.13	Kangari	
8.05	17.23	Remise	
8.13	17.32	Angļuems	
8.19	17.38	Kārde	
8.26	17.45	Sīdgemā	
8.40	18.00	Sunlači	
8.51	18.11	Kastīne	
9.03	18.21	Vatone	
9.09	18.27	Kņipene	
9.17	18.35	Pūtere	
9.28	18.46	Taurupe	
9.37	18.54	Līkape	
9.46	19.03	Baltava	
9.55	19.12	Topolpiļi	
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GREENWAYS

Greenways are trails that follow former railway lines through scenic landscapes and forests. They are suitable for cycling, hiking, horse riding and skiing in the winter. The routes are gravel or forest roads, marked with signs.

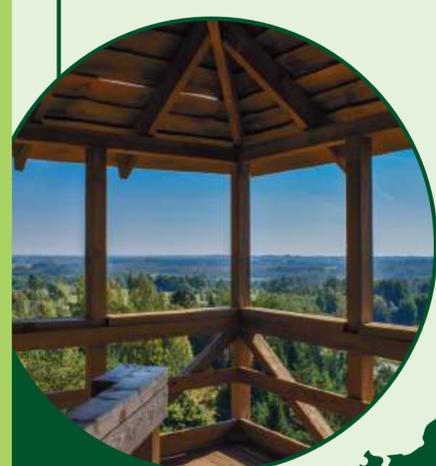
The trails in Vidzeme and Latgale pass through a variety of nature objects, beautiful rivers, lakes, as well as cultural and historic settlements. The Greenways lead through Gauja National Park, the North Vidzeme Biosphere Reserve, the Vidzeme Highland, where there is great biodiversity, natural springs, sandstone outcrops and unique natural, cultural and historical monuments.

USEFUL INFORMATION

- ▶ The most suitable months for cycling are May through September
- ▶ The route, as well as the route connecting sections, are marked
- ▶ Bicycle rental and maintenance is mostly available in urban areas

Detailed maps of individual routes are available at Vidzeme Tourism Information Centres

VIDZEME HIGHLAND



AVERAGE HEIGHT ABOVE SEA LEVEL - AROUND 260 METRES

The Vidzeme Highland is rich in cultural and historical diversity. Madona is known as the winter capital of Latvia, while Ērgļi, Vecpiebalga and Jaunpiebalga are important cultural history preservers. Cesvaine is proud of its majestic castle and 19th-century manor complex, while Gulbene educates visitors on the railway's history and development. The narrow gauge railway "Bānītis" offers tours of the depot, rides on hand-lever, wooden draisines and rail bikes, as well as other exciting activities.



Vidzeme Highland cycling route map is available at tourist information centres in Vidzeme.

15 VIĻAKA-RĪGA

270 km, asphalt and gravel road

Regional cycling route No. 15 is part of the "Greenways Rīga-Viļaka" route, which leads through scenic landscapes and forests along the historical railway lines Vecumi-Gulbene and Rīga-Ērgļi.

VIĻAKA-BALVI-GULBENE-ĒRGĻI-RĪGA

Remember to bring your passport or ID card when travelling in the Eastern Latvia, as it runs along the borderland!