



2ND INTERNATIONAL TOURISM MATCHMAKING EVENT “DAUGAVPILS – TAKE YOUR TIME, HAVE A REST AND ENJOY”

INVITATION

International Tourism Matchmaking Event “Daugavpils – take your time, have a rest and enjoy” will be held for the second time in Daugavpils between September 26th - 27th, 2019. Tourism agencies, tourism operators and travel and tourism journalists from Latvia and other countries are invited to attend the event.

Daugavpils is a creative city that is experiencing continuous development. There is always something to see and to do in Daugavpils. Here you can enjoy art, theatre, music, stop and slow down, while going behind real adventures and discoveries, because Daugavpils is able to surprise everyone. There is no other city in the east of Latvia with such extensive tourism and leisure facilities, such important business and commercial centres, such suitable placements for solemn international forums and such unique tourist objects as Daugavpils Fortress, Daugavpils Mark Rothko Art Centre that is the only place in Eastern Europe where the original masterpieces of the famous painter Mark Rothko can be seen, Church Hill, Lead Shot Factory where everyone can climb the 100-year-old shot-casting tower, as well as Shmakovka Museum that invites to become familiar with the culinary heritage of Latgale. Daugavpils is a diverse tourist destination with a great offer also for those preferring outdoor activities. Daugavpils invites to visit well-maintained Central Beach of Stropu Lake that has Blue Flag Award, “Daugavpils Tarzāns” Adventure Park, as well as to rent bicycles, electric scooters and equipment for water sports. Daugavpils is also a family-friendly city. We invite to go on adventures while visiting tropical jungles at Latgale Zoo, to get to know science at Daugavpils Innovation Centre or to take a night tour together with Daugavpils Bat Centre.

In turn, Daugavpils District is fascinating by its beauty, stunning landscapes, cultural and historical heritage and its unique charm. Here you will find several historical manors, museums, a magnificent “Daugavas loki” Nature Park, which is considered to be the oldest valley formation in Latvia and where the main river of Latvia, Daugava, throws picturesque bends. Daugavpils City and Daugavpils District can be proud of its cultural tourism products and the diversity of the offer – museums, exhibitions, performances and international festivals that attract participants and spectators from all over Latvia and foreign countries.

Participants of the International Tourism Matchmaking Event will have opportunity to see new original works of world-famous artist Mark Rothko who was born in Daugavpils, to visit Daugavpils Fortress (including “The Chest of Memories” Exposition of Historic Costumes, Bat Centre, “White Horse” Art Gallery and the Guardroom of the 1st Coastal Lunette) that was granted with the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe for maintaining and improving landscape quality, to taste special meals from Daugavpils menu, as well as to discover many interesting and unique tourist objects that cannot be seen anywhere else in Latvia and even in Eastern Europe. Daugavpils District will let you to forget the daily rush and indulge in the temptation of nature while visiting “Silene Resort & SPA”. The resort is a real gem in Latgale that stands out with the endless choice of luxury-class recreation options. An exclusive opportunity to enjoy traditional and exotic dishes at the “Silenes Terasas” Restaurant will be offered for participants. In fact, “Silenes Terasas” Restaurant has

entered the TOP 30 list of Latvia's best restaurants. In addition to that, the largest collection of military vehicles in Baltics that is displayed in Svente Manor will be visited by guests of the event. Daugavpils City and Daugavpils District together create a stable, united and attractive tourist destination with a wide, diverse and high-quality tourism offer. Therefore, business-to-business (B2B) event will be held during the Tourism Matchmaking Event in order to promote an extensive tourism offer (please refer to the programme of the event).

The main aim of the Tourism Matchmaking Event is to establish cooperation between Daugavpils, Latvian, as well as foreign tourism industry professionals (tourism agencies and operators) and tourism service providers, as well as to promote Daugavpils City and Daugavpils District as a diverse and interesting tourist destination, where it is worth staying for a longer time, relax and enjoy.

International Tourism Matchmaking Event is organised by Daugavpils City Municipality Tourism Development and Information Agency in partnership with Daugavpils District Municipal Agency "TAKA" and Investment and Development Agency of Latvia. Both Daugavpils City and Daugavpils District Tourism Agencies are looking for new partners for future cooperation and joint tourism product development.

We would be honoured by cooperation and your presence at the 2nd International Tourism Matchmaking Event "Daugavpils – take your time, have a rest and enjoy". We really do hope that you accept this invitation and will appreciate if you could confirm your attendance no later than 16th of September, 2019 (inclusively).

See you in Daugavpils!

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