

The Liv Coastline involves a series of shoreline villages from Oviši to Ģipka along the shores of the Baltic Sea and the Bay of Rīga. Like Latvians, Līvi are an indigenous population in green-white-blue Liv flags, red bilberries, bird migration routes and blue cows. The oldest evidence of the life of Līvi can be found in the Liv centres. The Liv language and culture are still alive in place names, handicrafts, folk costumes, and the world. Today visitors to the Liv Coastline will meet Liv and lifestyle of people who live in the area. The Liv language and cultural values are ancient times, learn about the recent charm of the local landscape, enjoy the place where two seas, birds and people meet at Cape Canon of Culture.



THE LIV COASTLINE

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LIVS



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CATERING

- Seasonal restaurant "Miķelbāka"**
Miķeltornis, Tārgales pag.
+371 27884438
- Seasonal restaurant "Pizā"**
"Viļumi", Miķeltornis, Tārgales pag.
+371 23308622
- Cafe "Krūziņi"**
Vecmuižas iela 1, Dundaga
+371 29174944
- Bistro "Vecā pirts"**
Talsu iela 8, Dundaga
+371 63242331
- Summer cafe "Divjūrinās"**
Kolkasrags, Kolka, Kolkas pag.
+371 28658791
- Summer cafe - restaurant "Zītari"**
"Rūtas", Kolka, Kolkas pag.
+371 29808111; 20019608
- Smoking fish with Edijs Dobilis**
"Pūpoli", Kolkas pag.
+371 29163592
- Summer cafe "Smilšu krupīts"**
At the Evaži parking lot, Kolkas pag.
+371 29297797

- "Jūras sapņi"**
Vidales iela 2, Dundaga
+371 22074210
(pre-order required)
- Pub "Melnšils"**
"Melnšils", Melnsils, Rojas pag.
+371 22334904
- Smoked fish in "Jūrmalnīeki"**
Mazirbe, Kolkas pag.
+371 22334904

ACCOMMODATION

- Miķelbāka**
Miķeltornis, Tārgales pag.
+371 27884438
- Pizā**
"Viļumi", Miķeltornis, Tārgales pag.
+371 23308622
- Zaķu Jūras māja**
Miķeltornis, Tārgales pag.
+371 29410163; 65152389
- Lielirbes dzelzceļa ēka**
Lielirbe, Tārgales pag.
+371 27474822; 26759430

- Jaunklāvi**
"Jaunklāvi", Sikrags, Kolkas pag.
+371 29469614
- Kalēji**
"Kalēji", Mazirbe, Kolkas pag.
+371 29213412; 28829474
- Jūrmalnīeki**
"Jūrmalnīeki", Mazirbe, Kolkas pag.
+371 22334904
- Stūrīši - Branki**
"Stūrīši-Branki", Mazirbe, Kolkas pag.
+371 29469165
- Vecvalgani**
"Vecvalgani", Mazirbe, Kolkas pag.
+371 26159870; 26328421
- Jūras māja "Mazirbes Dzelmēs"**
"Mazirbes Dzelmēs", Mazirbe, Kolkas pag.
+371 20139070
- Vītoli**
"Vītoli", Kolka, Kolkas pag.
+371 29135764

- Pitagi**
"Pitagi", Košrags, Kolkas pag.
+371 29372728
- Jauntilmači**
"Jauntilmači", Košrags, Kolkas pag.
+371 29417229
- Pie Andra Pitragā**
"Krogi -2", Pitrags, Kolkas pag.
+371 26493087
- Purvziēdi**
"Purvziēdi", Vaide, Kolkas pag.
+371 29395624; 63200179
- Saules mājas**
Kolkas rags, Kolka, Kolkas pag.
+371 28368830; 26322972
- Uši**
"Uši", Kolka, Kolkas pag.
+371 63276507; 29475692
- Vītoli**
"Vītoli", Kolka, Kolkas pag.
+371 29135764

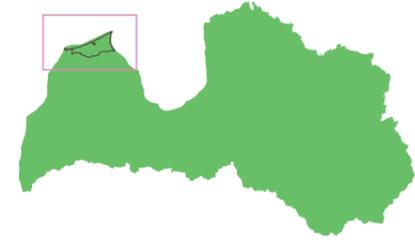
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ACCOMMODATION

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- Cottage
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- Hotel
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POINTS OF INTEREST

1	The Ventspils Coastline Open Air Museum	Riņķa iela 2, Ventspils +371 63624467	Visitors will see a copy of the Mazirbe railroad station. A tram with a steam locomotive that was built in 1916 offers travel to visitors.
2	Ventspils	Dārzu iela 6, Ventspils, (Ventspils TIC) +371 63622263	The largest city near the Liv Coastline, where visitors will find the Ventspils branch of the Liv Association and the Liv ensemble "Rāndalist." In nearby Tārgale are the Liv ensembles "Kāndla" and "Piški kāndla."
3	Oviši / Paņķmō	Oviši, Tārgales pag., Ventspils nov.	The Livs did not consider Oviši to be one of their villages. Some of the homes in the village have preserved old buildings and a unique system of fencing.
4	The Oviši lighthouse and museum	Oviši, Tārgales pag., Ventspils nov., +371 26264616	This is the oldest functioning lighthouse in Latvia. Dating back to 1814, it is 38 m high. The museum is alongside the lighthouse.
5	The Oviši Nature Reserve	Tārgales and Ances pag., Ventspils nov. +371 63286000; 28385025	The reserve was set up to protect coastline biotopes. In the reserve are typical buildings and structures related to coastline Liv villages.
6	The Ventspils International Radio Astronomy Centre	Irbene, Ances pag., Ventspils nov. +371 29230818; 26413925	This was one of the most secret military locations during the Soviet era. Today it is managed by the Ventspils University College Institute of Engineering. The eighth largest in the world parabolic antenna is used to study the cosmos.
7	The Ance swamps and forests	Tārgales and Ances pag., Ventspils nov. +371 63286000; 28385025	This is protected area of forests, swamps and little forest lakes that have been affected very little by people. Excursions with nature guide, photo hunting (t. 26844295).
8	Lūžņa / Lūž	Lūžņa, Tārgales pag., Ventspils nov.	During the Soviet occupation, people in this area were forced to abandon 36 homes and two boat piers. Today only a few homes are inhabited.
9	Miķeļtornis / Pizā	Miķeļtornis, Tārgales pag., Ventspils nov.	Here you will find the Miķeļbāka lighthouse and the only saloon that has been preserved in Liv coastline villages (built in 1857). The location has a campsite, guesthouse and summer restaurants.
10	Miķeļbāka	Miķeļtornis, Tārgales pag., Ventspils nov.	The Miķeļbāka lighthouse was built in 1957 and is the highest one in Latvia. Standing 58 m tall, it can only be viewed from the outside.
11	Lielirbe / Īra	Lielirbe, Tārgales pag., Ventspils nov.	Documents show that there was a port in the Irbe estuary valley in 1387. Around the turn of the 19th century, sailing ships were built here. After World War II, military bases were established here, and the village all but disappeared.
12	The hanging bridge over the Irbe River	Lielirbe, Tārgales pag., Ventspils nov.	The bridge across the Irbe River will be restored by 2019 so that bicyclists and pedestrians can cross the bridge where the former tram tracks were located.
13	Jaunciems / Ūzkiļā	Jaunciems, Tārgales pag., Ventspils nov.	This was a small village in the past, and only a few homes are inhabited today.
14	The bridge over the Ķikanupe River	Ventspils and Dundaga county border between Jaunciems and Sikrags	A bridge for pedestrians and bicyclists, which is on the border of the Slitere National Park.
15	Sikrags / Sikrōg	Sikrags, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov.	Prior to World War II, this was a developed village, but during the Soviet occupation it was a frontier zone with a special military regime. Interesting buildings remain in the village.
16	Valgums	Coastline zone opposite the villages on the Liv coast	"Valgums" is a word referring to the sandy coastline zone between dunes and water, and once there were boats and nets that were being dried at this location. Each village had several areas of this type.
17	Slitere National Park	Dundagas and Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 63286000; 28385025	This is one of the oldest protected territories in Latvia (from 1923), and in terms of environmental diversity, it is one of the richest parks of its type in Northern Europe.
18	The Slitere Lighthouse/ Slītōr bōjk, and the Environmental Education Centre	«Slīteres bāka», Slītere, Dundagas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 28385025	This is the second oldest lighthouse in Latvia (est 1894), and the environmental education centre "Slītere" is located inside it.

19	The Slītere Nature Trail	Slītere, Dundagas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 28385025	This is a 1.2 km circular trail around the Slītere lighthouse, leading the hiker along the Blue Hills and the ancient shores of the Baltic Ice Sea, then continuing along flatland forests and a swamp.
20	The Pēterezēri nature trail	Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 63286000	This 3.5 km trail offers a landscape of swamps and land that date back 6,000 years to the time when the Baltic Ice Sea was retreating.
21	Mazirbe / Irē	Mazirbe, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov.	Until the mid-20th century, this was the largest Liv town. It is a culture centre on the coastline of Kurzeme, a fishing village and a shipping centre.
22	The Liv People's Centre / Livōd rovkuodā	«Libiešu tautas nams», Mazirbe, Kolkas pag. +371 28603233; 29110828; 29463028; 20383578	Built in 1939 "with the help of the fatherland Latvia and related nations - Finns, Estonians and Hungarians," the centre organises the Liv Festival on the first Saturday of August each and every year.
23	The Boat Cemetery	Mazirbe, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov.	The cemetery expanded when the Soviet regime banned fishing in this area. The population shrank rapidly, and the old boats were no longer used.
24	The Mazirbe Lutheran Church and manse	Mazirbe, Dundagas pag., +371 20074480; 29463028 Recollection centre: +371 26549433	The brick church was consecrated in 1868. It has been damaged several times and has recently been restored. The manse contains a recollection centre.
25	Mazirbe plague rocks	Mazirbe, Dundagas pag., Dundagas nov.	Text in Latin which is illegible today referred once to the Black Plague (1710, 1711), wars and nearby pastors of congregations.
26	A collection of ancient household items and Liv foods in "Stūrīši"	«Branki», Mazirbe, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 29469165	Stūrīši is a homestead owned by the Taisel family, offering a collection and a chance to taste Liv foods: fish soup, porridge, sprat sandwiches, pastries, etc.
27	The Mazirbe Maritime School	«Mazirbes Jūrskola», Mazirbe, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 29237185	Between 1894 and 1914, nearly 2,000 mariners completed their education here. During the Soviet era, the army took over the building.
28	Košrags / Kuostrōg	Košrags, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov.	The most recent Liv village was established in the 17th century. Buildings here are interesting, and the whole village is a cultural monument.
29	Pitrags / Pitrōg	Pitrags, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov.	This village was first cited in documents in 1582. The centre of the village features interesting buildings.
30	A Baptist prayer house	«Druvas», Pitrags, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 22018468	Built in 1902, the building burned during World War I, was restored in 1925, and was restored once again in the late 20th century.
31	A collection of old fencing "Pie Andra Pitragā"	«Krogi 1», Pitrags, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 26493087	Andris in Pitrags offers a look at 27 different types of Liv fencing. You can taste his smoked fish and spend the night there.
32	Saunags / Sānag	Saunags, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov.	Cited in documents in 1310, the village was populated by 49 Livs who spoke the Liv language in 1935, though only 11 of them spoke the language at home. Only six homesteads are currently populated all year long.
33	Vaide / Vaid	Vaide, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov.	Cited in documents in 1582, this village had a population of 106 people in 1935, including 40 Livs, 60 Latvians and a few Estonians and Germans.
34	A collection of horns in "Purvziedi"	«Purvziedi», Vaide, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 63200179; 29395624	This collection of more than 600 horns has been established by forest guard Edgars Hausmanis, who says that he found all of the exhibits in the forest.
35	Cape Kolka / Kūolka nanā	Kolka, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 29149105	The old name of this place (Domesnes) was cited in documents for the first time in 1040 on a rune stone in Sweden. One of the most dangerous places for travelling ships in the Baltic Sea, but a good location to watch migrating birds.
36	The lighthouses of Kolka	Kolka, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov.	The modern lighthouse was established around 1884 on an artificial island that is at the far end of the underwater shallows, some 6 km from the shore. Andris Lauksteins (+371 29394504) offers a boat ride.
37	The Kolka pines nature trail and bird-watching tower	Kolka, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 63286000	The 1.2 km trail features pine trees that are several hundred years old and are partly covered by sand.

38	Kolka / Kūolka	Kolka, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov.	The only Liv village that developed during the Soviet era, Kolka was the centre of a fishing kolkhoz. Today the town has a fish processing plant, the Kolka branch of the Liv Association, and the Liv ensemble "Laula."
39	Churches in Kolka	Kolka, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov. Lutheran: +371 26057021 Orthodox: +371 22070152 Catholic: +371 29644609	The Evangelical Lutheran Church was built in 1866, the Orthodox Church was built in the mid-19th century, and the Roman Catholic Church was transported here in 1977.
40	The Kolka Liv Centre „Kūolka"	«Zitari», Kolka, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 29198596; 25902280	The centre features printed publications, films, recordings of Liv songs and the Liv Language, household objects and fishing tools.
41	Kolkas „Ūši"	«Ūši», Kolka, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 29475692	One of the oldest Liv homesteads in Latvia, the venue is managed by the heirs of a Liv dynasty. Liv foods are offered, as are tours featuring the history of industrial Kolka. Accommodations are available.
42	The Zēņi pond	Kolka, Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 29323048	This is an artificial body of water that was dug in the 1960s to obtain ice for fish processing plants in Kolka.
43	The Ēvaži nature trail and coast	Kolkas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 63286000	This is one of the rare steep shores of the Bay of Riga, featuring a 300 m nature trail.
44	Melnšils / Mustānum	Melnšils, Rojas nov.	During the 14th century, a sea pirate named Trommel had his castle here, and the ruins of it remain visible until the early 20th century. A few Livs still lived here in the mid-1920s.
45	Ezermuiža - Dūmele	Ezermuiža - Dūmele, Dundagas pag., Dundagas nov.	Once here was the lake, one of the largest in Kurzeme, but in 1838 the lake was drained into the sea. The "Ziedkalni" homestead in Dūmele offers spa services, cod fishing and accommodations (t. 29417229).
46	The Dundaga Castle / Dūoņig ninō	Pils iela 14, Dundaga, Dundagas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 63237860; 29141121 Excursions: 29444395	One of the largest and oldest castles in Kurzeme, the Dundaga Castle was built in the 13th century. It offers accommodations, tours and tastings of carrot buns.
47	The Kubali Museum School	«Kubalu skola», Saustere, Dundagas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 63254335; 26332238	This is the oldest log school building in Latvia (1842). The homestead, paths, classrooms and smokestack of the building have all been restored.
48	Regional history in Vecmuiža	«Leveļas», Dundaga, Dundagas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 29473828	One of the 15 semi-estates of the former Dundaga Castle, Vecmuiža, has a private collection of historical materials. See - https://dundagasvesture.wordpress.com .
49	Blue cow and other animals	Saules iela 14, Dundaga, Dundagas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 26378042	A park of exotic animals in Dundaga features alpacas, llamas, ostriches, a camel, a blue cow, etc.
50	«Pie Pūpola» in Dundaga	«Pūpoli», Dundaga, Dundagas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 26554001	Trips in a Soviet military vehicle to the Radio Astronomy Centre in Irbene. Visitors will enjoy soup cooked on a campfire, as well as Dundaga cream. Accommodations are available.
51	The Pāce wool processing factory	«Vilnas fabrika», Pāce, Dundagas pag., Dundagas nov. +371 26151720; 26431463	This is the only factory (since the late 19th) in Latvia that offers the full processing of wool. There is a workshop in Dundaga where woollen blankets and pillows are sewn.
52	The Ance Estate	«Ances muiža», Ance, Ances pag., Ventspils nov. +371 26307029; 26844295	The Estate (built in the mid-18th century) today features craftsmen and bakers of traditional carrot pies. "Daba Laba" offers archery lessons, safari tours, hikes and boat rentals.
53	The Rinda church and manse	«Rindas evaņģēliski luteriskā baznīca», Rinda, Ances pag., Ventspils nov. +371 26310795	The church was built in 1835, and its greatest treasure is the organ, which was built by Karl Bittner in 1854. The manse is being restored. Boats are available for rental.
54	Ģipka	Ģipka, Rojas nov.	Former centre of a semi-estate in the 18th century where ships were built. In Ģipka are the Lutheran church (1860), and the building of a former maritime school that was open from 1869 until 1894.
55	The Roja Fishing Museum	Selgas iela 33, Roja, Rojas nov. +371 63269594; 29432899 Hotel "Roja": 29477602	The history of the region, the age of sailing ships, the most famous fishing kolkhoz during the Soviet era, "Banga," and the history of canned fish. In hotel "Roja" - entertainment program "Feast in the Fishermen Farm".



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