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Vilnius: 10 fun things to know

1. We are the happiest capital in the European Union, according to a European Commission report.

2. We have the world’s fastest public WiFi.

3. You can start a business here in three days.

4. Unlike most capitals, you can fly over the City Centre in a hot air balloon.

5. Award-winning French novelist Romain Gary was born here.

6. Russian writer Fyodor Dostoyevski lived in Vilnius for a time.

7. Nobel prize winner Czesław Miłosz is a graduate of Vilnius University.

8. The Užupis district is a self-proclaimed republic of artists with its own constitution, anthem, and president.

9. We have a monument dedicated to rock musician Frank Zappa (well, why not?).

10. Jascha Heifetz, whom many consider to be the greatest violinist of all time, grew up in Vilnius.
Getting online and getting mobile

Prepaid SIM cards with plans for data, calls, and SMS cost €3–8.

SIM cards are available from all Narvesen and Lietuvos Spauda news kiosks, plus supermarkets.

Signing a contract for monthly service is possible, but requires a residence permit and a €100 deposit.

Main mobile network providers
- Bitė
- Ežys
- Labas
- Telia
- Pildo
- Tele 2

You can find the fastest broadband service provider in your district by using this link:

www.myplan.lt

Prices for broadband start at around €10/month, with installation time taking up to 2 days. You will need to provide ID and proof of address upon purchase.
There’s an app and a website for that in Vilnius!

We’re a tech-friendly crowd in Vilnius, so we have an app or a website for almost everything you need.

**Food**
- Barbora
- Foodout
- MealDeal

**Social**
- Meetup
- Showaround
- LikeALocal*

**E-payments**
- Paysera
- Worapay

**Accommodation**
- www.en.aruodas.lt
- www.domo.plius.lt
- www.kurgvvenu.lt

**Transport**
- AllBikesNow
- CityBee
- Etaxi
- Mparking
- Mticket
- Spark
- Taxify
- Uber
- UniPark

**Emergency services**
- www.epolicija.lt

112

The telephone number for emergency services (police/fire department/ambulance) is 112.

* Offline city guide & map.
** A crowdsourcing app used for alerting the municipality about issues in the city.
Getting around

Public transport

Buses and CycloCity bikes are the most common forms of public transport in Vilnius.

For more convenient access to public transport, obtain a Vilnian Card (“Vilniečio kortelė”) - a prepaid travel card that can be used on all public transport. These can be bought at supermarkets and newsstands.

A CycloCity Vilnius account can be added to your Vilnian Card and will allow you to use bikes all over the city for €20. This can be done online at:

- [www.en.cyclocity.lt](http://www.en.cyclocity.lt)

You can check bus schedules on:

- [www.stops.lt](http://www.stops.lt)
- [www.trafi.lt](http://www.trafi.lt)

CycloCity Vilnius cards are also available at Vilnius Tourism Information Centres. CycloCity bikes usually are available from April to October.

Taxis and ride-sharing

- **eTaksi** [www.etaksi.lt](http://www.etaksi.lt)
- **Jazz Express** [www.jazzexpress.lt](http://www.jazzexpress.lt)
- **UBER**
- **Taxify** [www.taxify.eu/cities/vilnius](http://www.taxify.eu/cities/vilnius)
- **Smart Taxi** [www.smarttaxi.lt](http://www.smarttaxi.lt)
- **CityBee** [www.citybee.lt](http://www.citybee.lt)
- **Spark** [www. espark.lt/en](http://www.espark.lt/en)
- **eTaksi** [www.etaksi.lt](http://www.etaksi.lt)

Short-term car rentals for city trips

- **CycloCity Vilnius**
  - Available at Vilnius Tourism Information Centres.
  - Bikes usually available from April to October.
- **UBER**
- **Taxify** [www.taxify.eu/cities/vilnius](http://www.taxify.eu/cities/vilnius)
- **CityBee** [www.citybee.lt](http://www.citybee.lt)

or by downloading the Trafı app (made in Vilnius!).

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Registering a personal vehicle

Personal vehicle

Personal vehicles are registered by Regitra. Locations can be found here:

www.regitra.lt

Regitra also administers driving licence examinations. More information on obtaining a licence and converting your licence to be valid in the EU can be found here:

www.regitra.lt/en/driving_licences/driving_license_info_/validity_exchange

Vehicles must pass a technical inspection once every two years (or upon import into the EU). You will need to:

1. Insure your vehicle.
2. Have Regitra carry out a technical inspection of the vehicle.
3. Register your ownership of the vehicle.
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**Planes**

Vilnius International Airport is about a **10-minute drive** south of the City Centre. You can also get there by train from the Central Railway Station or by bus. Vilnius International Airport is a gateway to more than **50 destinations**. Additional flights are available from Kaunas Airport, which is about **one hour away**.

**Trains**

An intercity train service is offered by Lithuanian State Railways ("Lietuvos geležinkeliai"). A trip to nearby Kaunas costs around **€6** one way and takes about one hour. A trip to the **Baltic Coast** takes about **four hours**.

Trains are comfortable, and some have coffee machines, WiFi, and convenient electrical outlets. Tickets and schedules are available at the station or at:[www.traukiniobilietas.lt](http://www.traukiniobilietas.lt)*

**Buses**

Vilnius Central Bus Station offers trips to other towns and cities in Lithuania, plus other destinations in Europe. Buses are comfortable, and those used for long-distance and trips abroad are fitted with bathroom and refreshment facilities. The price to neighbouring Riga costs around **€30** return and takes approximately four hours. Tickets and schedules are available at the station or at:[www.autobusubilietai.lt](http://www.autobusubilietai.lt)

The bus route 88 called ‘Airport–Station–Old Town–Nepriklausomybės sq.’ operates 24/7. Whether you go on a standard 88 bus or the night bus 88N, all buses run in connection with departing and arriving flights.

*For online purchases, a payment card issued by a Lithuanian bank is needed.*
Finding a place to live

Property listings:

- www.aruosas.lt
- www.domo.plus.lt
- www.edomus.lt

Find out more about them and others here:

- www.kuryvenu.lt

Old Town
Historic, well-located, easy to reach everything, popular among international residents.
Price: €€€

Šėškinė
Residential, a number of shopping centres, quiet, good infrastructure.
Price: €

Užupis
Very green, attractive architecture, close to the City Centre, popular among international residents.
Price: €€€

Žirmūnai
Good infrastructure, good facilities, popular among families.
Price: €

Žvėrynas
Very artsy, close to the Old Town, calm, popular among international residents.
Price: €€

Naujamiestis
Close to the Old Town, good infrastructure, quite popular among students.
Price: €

Baltupiai
Very quiet, very green.
Price: €

Antakalnis
Good infrastructure, many green spaces, every part of the city easily reachable, popular among international residents.
Price: €€
Get a job in Vilnius

Lithuania's most popular job sites:
- www.cv.lt
- www.cvonline.lt
- www.govilnius.lt

International companies already with us:
- www.govilnius.lt

Get to know our startup community and see who's hiring:
- www.startuplithuania.com

Recruitment agencies that work mainly with international companies:
- www.afr.lt
- www.manpower.lt
- http://s3i.strategicstaff.com

If you're a freelancer, you can find out more about shared working spaces:
- www.facebook.com/cofficevilnius
- www.mkic.mb.vu.lt
- www.vilniustechpark.com
- www.menufabrikas.lt
- www.nvoavilys.lt
- www.pakrante.eu
- www.thinkrise.com

Get to know our startup community and see who's hiring:
Starting your business in Vilnius

A guide on procedures, required documents, taxes, and everything else is provided by Enterprise Lithuania

www.enterpriselithuania.com

Starting a business in Vilnius takes just three days. Here's what you need to do:

STEP 1.
Open a bank account, which costs €30, and takes one day. Your bank card will arrive within 5 working days.

Banks operating in Lithuania are listed here:

- www.lb.lt/banks

STEP 2.
Have your company documents notarised, which takes one day.

Find a notary here:

- www.notarurumai.lt

STEP 3.
Register your company at the Center of Registers. They will help you make your business legally recognised by the state, which takes three days.

- www.registrucentras.lt
Registering as a resident (EU citizen)

If you are an EU citizen and are planning to stay here for more than 3 months, you need to register and get a residence permit at the Migration Centre.

The Migration Centre is located at 100 Naugarduko g.

www.migracija.lt

You will need to bring:

- Your passport
- Your work contract with a Lithuania-based company or see migracija.lt for other options
- Three copies of your residence permit application forms*
- Proof of your place of residence

Remember:

- Bring at least 3 copies of everything.
- If you are renting, you will need to have your landlord write a letter of confirmation and have it notarised or bring her or him to the Migration Centre to sign it there.
- Your residence permit application takes up to 10 days to process. Your residence permit will be valid for 3 years, when approved.

* www.migracija.lt
Registering for the EU Blue Card (non-EU citizen)

If you are not an EU citizen, you need to register at the Migration Centre at 100 Naugarduko g. to take up residence in Lithuania.

To apply for an “EU Blue Card”**, you will need to bring:

- Passport
- A passport-sized photo
- Your Schengen visa or other proof of permission to be in Lithuania
- Police clearance from your country of origin
- University degree certificate
- Work contract with a Lithuanian company
- 3 copies of your migration application forms
- Proof of your place of residence

Remember:
- Bring at least 3 copies of everything.
- If you are renting, you will need to have your landlord write a letter of confirmation and have it notarised or bring her or him to the Migration Centre to sign it there.
- Your residence permit application takes up to 10 days to process. Your residence permit will be valid for 3 years, when approved.

Note:
Special visas for non-EU startup founders have been available since 1st January 2017.
www.keliauk.urm.lt

Note:
Step-by-step guides for other circumstances regarding residence permits can be found here:
www.migracija.lt

www.migracija.lt
www.keliauk.urm.lt

* www.goo.gl/maps/3WbQCbvg9PT2
** More information here: www.eubluecard.lt
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Meeting up in Vilnius

Find friends and join communities

- Code 4 Vilnius
  - www.facebook.com/code4vilnius
- International Women’s Association of Vilnius
  - www.iwavlilnius.com
- Creative Mornings Vilnius
  - www.facebook.com/creativemorningsvilnius
- Product Tank Vilnius
  - www.meetup.com/ProductTank-Vilnius
- Vilnius JUG (Java community)
  - www.wilnius-jug.lt
- Internations
  - www.internations.org
- Vilnius Language Exchange
  - www.meetup.com/Vilnius-Language-Exchange
- Vilnius Rotary Club
  - www.virc.lt
- www.switchit.lt
- www.meetup.com/Vilnius-Language-Exchange
- www.facebook.com/code4vilnius
- www.facebook.com/internations.org

Attend conferences and meetings

- Forum One
  - www.facebook.com/forumone.co
- Login
  - www.login.lt
- TEDxVilnius
  - www.tedxvilnius.com
- #Switch
  - www.switchit.lt

Host your conference with us in Vilnius

Vilnius offers around 100 different venues suitable for conventions, events, and meetings of various sizes. The Go Vilnius Convention Bureau can help you choose the one that is right for you. The most popular locations include:

- Lithuanian Exhibition and Congress Centre LITEXPO
- Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania
- Radisson Blu Lietuva
- Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania
- Radisson Blu Lietuva

Further venues can be found with the Go Vilnius Convention Bureau event finder:

www.vilnius-convention.lt

For more information, please send your message to:

convention@vilnius.lt
Vilnius hosts the Baltic Pride celebration every three years, sharing the honour with the other two Baltic capitals. Each year the Vilnius LGBT festival "Kreivės" brings people together for film screenings and other cultural events. SOHO club hosts popular weekend parties and brings in international LGBT-friendly stars.

The LGBT community in Vilnius continues to grow, and more LGBT-friendly events take place in the city each year.

50 businesses

The "Friendly Vilnius" project now features over 50 businesses that have declared themselves LGBT-friendly. They also aspire to be friendly in other ways, including categories for wheelchair access, speaking multiple languages, accommodating various dietary needs and more. Find more information at:

www.friendlyvilnius.com

Vilnius open to everyone
Leisure in Vilnius

**Go Vilnius Events** lists current and upcoming events in the city on Facebook at Go Vilnius Events, or:

- [www.vilnius-events.lt](http://www.vilnius-events.lt)

Event tickets can be booked on:

- [www.bilietai.lt](http://www.bilietai.lt)
- [www.biletupasaullis.lt](http://www.biletupasaullis.lt)
- [www.tiketa.lt](http://www.tiketa.lt)

"Tasty Vilnius" has drawn two culinary maps of the city’s best restaurants – you can download them here:

- [www.vmgvilnius.lt](http://www.vmgvilnius.lt)

English-language media for Vilnius’ international community:

- [www.baltictimes.com](http://www.baltictimes.com)
- [www.en.delfi.lt](http://www.en.delfi.lt)
- [www.vilnius.lt](http://www.vilnius.lt)

**Entertainment venues**

- **Theatres**
  - Domino
  - Jaunimo
  - Keistuolių
  - Mažasis teatras
  - Menų spausdymo teatras
  - Nacionalinės dramos teatras
  - OKT

- **Cinemas**
  - Forum Cinemas Akropolis
  - Forum Cinemas Vingis
  - Multikino
  - Pasaka
  - Skalvija

- **Concerts**
  - Compensa
  - Kongresų rūmai
  - (Vilnius Symphony)
  - Lithuanian National Philharmonic
  - Loftas
  - Operos ir baletų teatras
  - (Opera and Ballet)
  - Siemens Arena

- **Night clubs**
  - Matérialiste
  - Mojito Nights
  - Mojo
  - Opium
  - Pabo Latino
  - SOHO

**Sports activities**

- **Canoes**
  - [www.vilnius-tourism.lt](http://www.vilnius-tourism.lt)

- **Wake parks**
  - Adrenalin wake park
  - Splash wake park
  - Wake Republic
  - WakeWay

- **Beaches**
  - Green Lakes (Žaliesių ežerai)
  - Valakampiai Beach
  - Žirmūnai Beach

- **Marathons**
  - NIKE moterys bėgimas
  - NIKE WE RUN
  - Vilniaus maratonas

- **Cycling competitions**
  - Baltic Chain Tour
  - Velomarathon

- **Skiing and snowboarding**
  - Liepėnai

- **Gyms**
  - Forum Fitness
  - [www.forumfitness.lt](http://www.forumfitness.lt)

- **Skiing and snowboarding**
  - Liepėnai

- **Skate parks**
  - Baltasis tiltas skatepark
  - Pilaitės skatepark
  - 53 Stanevičiaus St
  - 152 Architektų Street

* Across the White Bridge, opposite the CUP shopping centre
** Ėsristies Street
*** Fabijoniškės district
**** Lazdynai district
SoDra takes care of the Lithuanian retirement pension system and ensures that anyone who loses all or part of their ability to work is compensated. Everyone who works with a work contract in Lithuania is automatically insured by SoDra. Freelancers are required to make payments to SoDra themselves.

The VLK is the Lithuanian state health insurance company, and is there to help you when you need to see a doctor. Every person with a work contract in Lithuania is insured automatically by SoDra, which transfers all your personal information to the VLK and ensures you appear in its system. As a result, most health services are free of charge under this national health insurance.

If you are covered by SoDra, public healthcare treatment is free, but medicines need to be paid for. Under circumstances such as allergies and disability, they are covered by the state.
Social security and health care

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If your condition is urgent, call the emergency number 112 or go to any of these hospitals:

**Public healthcare institutions**

VšĮ Vilniaus miesto klinikinė ligoninė  
Antakalnio g. 57  
(8 5) 234 45 19  
www.vmkl.lt

Respublikinė Vilniaus universiteto ligoninė  
Šiltnamių g. 29  
(8 5) 216 9140  
www.rvul.lt

VšĮ Antakalnio poliklinika**  
Antakalnio g. 59  
(8 5) 234 2515  
www.antakpol.lt

Santariškės  
Santariškių g. 2  
(8 5) 236 5000  
www.santa.lt

Centro poliklinika**  
Pylimo g. 3  
(8 5) 244 2244  
www.pylimas.lt

**Private healthcare institutions**

Baltijos Amerikos Klinika  
www.bak.lt

Kardiolita  
www.kardiolita.lt

Medicinos diagnostikos centras  
www.medcentras.lt

Northway  
www.nmc.lt

St. Christopher’s dental clinic  
www.kristforoklinika.lt

Most institutions take appointments through the online system:  
www.sergu.lt

These private healthcare institutions provide services in English:

Northway  
www.nmc.lt

St. Christopher’s dental clinic  
www.kristforoklinika.lt

If some services are provided in English.

** Most of the services are offered in Lithuanian, English, Russian, Polish, or German.
Private schools and kindergartens*

Some examples of private kindergartens offering care in languages other than Lithuanian:

- Antano Mockaus Asociacija:
  - Russian
  - Polish
  - English
  - German

- Vilnius Montessori pre-school:
  - English

- Sniego Liūtas:
  - Russian

- Lycée international français de Vilnius:
  - French

The municipality provides a €100/month subsidy for each child to families that choose to send their child to a private kindergarten.

Some examples of international private schools:

- American International School in Vilnius (AISV):
  - English

- International Meridian School (VIMS):
  - Lithuanian
  - English
  - Turkish

- Lycée international français de Vilnius:
  - French

- Marina Mižigurskaya private gymnasium:
  - Lithuanian
  - Russian
  - Polish

- Vilnius International School (VIS):
  - English

* It takes one month to enrol your child in a private school or kindergarten.
Talk to us at Go Vilnius.

Drop us a line. We’d be happy to talk and help get you settled in Vilnius.

Go Vilnius  www.govilnius.lt  go@vilnius.lt