



WHAT'S INSIDE?

The map of kid-sized Kaunas includes children-friendly museums, cafes, parks and other places of interest. The route works well for parents, grandmas and grandpas, too. Come rain or shine, the kaunastic map has got you covered.



TOURISM INFORMATION

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KAUNAS ON A BIKE

LIKE BIKE is the name of the bicycle revolution in Kaunas. In fact, it's a whole new page in the history of our city. Kaunas is aiming to become the first 100% bike-friendly city in the Baltics. There's always a new bike path around the corner, and they're more than comfortable – perfectly safe, too – for family rides.

KID-SIZED KAUNAS

PLAYGROUNDS

Santaka park
Nemunas island
City garden (in front of Kaunas State Musical Theatre)
Nepriklausomybės square
Ažuolynas (Oak Grove Park)
Panemunės beach
Kauno marios beach
Santarvė park
Neris riverside
Draugystė park
Kalnietčiai park
Naugardiškės park
Antakalnis park
Lampėdžiai lake
Jonavos g. near “Kauno dokas”

PLAYROOMS AND BEYOND

- 12** **“CURIOCITY”**
Islandijos pl. 32 curiocity.lt
Simply put, it's a city of discoveries, designed for kids. Record a hit, ride an ambulance, fly into space or enjoy the art of cooking - all by yourself or with new friends. There's also space for birthday parties and way too many other features to mention here.
- 13** **“ZOO PARK MEGA”**
Islandijos pl. 32 zoo-park.lt
The first petting zoo in the country is home to cute hedgehogs, sheep, turtles and other cuddly animals. You can feed them, too...
- 14** **“ŽAIDIMŲ NAMAS”**
Šakių pl. 1, Ringaudai, Kauno r. zaidimunamas.lt
The spacious and colourful house (it's called “The Game House”!) is a perfect spot for those who like to make some noise during their parties. Definitely worth a detour from the city centre!
- 15** **“JUMP SPACE”**
Draugystės g. 10 jumpspace.lt
Jump, they say! Everyone can jump - fly, even - in this arena, no matter how old, big or flexible they are.
- 16** **“DRAUGUS”**
K. Petrausko g. 13 draugus.lt
The name of the children and teen free time studio is a wordplay suggesting it's as cosy as at a friend's place, and it's not an overpromise. Art education is one of the critical elements of what the studio has to offer.
- 17** **“VAIKYSTĖS MIESTAS”**
Karaliaus Mindaugo pr. 50 vaikystesmiestas.lt
A trampoline, sugar sea, car repair shop and many other activities - all to make sure your little ones aren't bored when you're busy watching basketball. Yup, this playroom is located in “Žalgirio” arena.
- 18** **“MIEGANTYS DRAMBLIAI”**
V. Krėvės pr. 49 laipiojimocentras.lt
Did you know climbing has become an Olympic sport and is set for a debut in Tokyo 2020? We're not sure there's enough time to qualify, but this bouldering centre is an excellent place to start.
- 19** **“RIO ARENA”**
Kaunakiemio g. 5 rioarena.lt
There are a couple of places in Kaunas offering summer all year round. The first one is in the Kaunas botanical garden, and this one's only missing the sea. The sand arena is perfect for beach volleyball and badminton. Parties, too.
- 20** **“DĖŽUTIS”**
Savanorių pr. 266 dezutis.lt
A restaurant for parents, a kid cafe with a stage perfect for performances of all kinds, a playroom with a unique crawling wall and a police car you can get into without being arrested, and a spacious terrace. Anything else, ladies and gents?
- 21** **“LAZERTRONAS”**
Varnių g. 48B lazertronas.lt
So you've decided paintball? Pretend you're a Rambo and grab a laser gun. Strategic thinking is a big bonus in this laser palace.



ACTION!

- 22** **CINEMAS “CINNAMON”,**
Islandijos pl. 32 mega.cinamonkino.com
“FORUM CINEMAS”,
Karaliaus Mindaugo pr. 49 forumcinemas.lt
“ROMUVA”,
Laisvės al. 54 koromuva.lt
(the original cinema at Laisvės al. 51 is closed for reconstruction until 2019).
- The first two cinemas are where the residents of Kaunas get their fix of Hollywood animation blockbusters dubbed in Lithuanian (some of the screenings are in English with Lithuanian subtitles). “Romuva” is known for a more arthouse repertoire and offer special screenings for parents with small babies. In the summertime, “Romuva” is busy organising open-air screenings in its courtyard and by the Kaunas castle.
- 23** **KAUNAS STATE DRAMA THEATRE**
Laisvės al. 71 dramosteatras.lt
One of the oldest and most prominent Lithuanian theatres has always been known for taking special care of the future generation of theatre lovers. New performances for the little ones are regularly brought into the repertoire - and often win accolades. We hope at least one member of your family speaks Lithuanian, though!
- 24** **KAUNAS STATE PUPPET THEATRE**
Laisvės al. 87A kaunoleles.lt
Many generations of beautiful and smart Kaunasians have grown up in this very theatre that has been open for more than 60 years now. There's also a small puppet museum that hosts those too old to perform but very special for the generations mentioned above.
- 25** **KAUNAS STATE MUSICAL THEATRE**
Laisvės al. 91 muzikinisteatras.lt
Our all-time favourite here is the “Striped opera”, a fantastically staged opera written especially for kids. You can also catch “Dwarf Long Nose” or “Snow Queen”.
- 26** **KAUNAS STATE PHILHARMONIC**
L. Sapiegos g. 5 kaunofilharmonija.lt
The grandeur building was the seat of the parliament some 80 years ago. For the past 50 years, however, it's been the city Philharmonic. Every month or so a particular afternoon for the little ones is on the agenda; the programme varies from the basics of jazz to world music and beyond.
- 27** **KAUNAS CITY CHAMBER THEATRE**
Kęstučio g. 74A kamerinisteatras.lt
The chamber theatre focuses on young teens and youth - both on stage and in the backstage. Innovative performances are brought in every season, and, when the lights are off, the youngsters are invited to educational workshops.



OPEN-AIR FUN

- 1** **VDU BOTANICAL GARDEN**
Ž. E. Žilberio g. 6 botanika.vdu.lt
Why do cactuses have spines, how many kaunastic plants exist and why is the nickname of the garden's hedge “the millipede”? These and many other plant-related questions will be answered on the spot in the historic botanical garden. It's a great spot to visit all year round. Nothing beats a short walk in the orangery - biggest in Lithuania! - when it's freezing outside.
- 2** **FUNICULARS**
Aušros g. 6 and Amerikos Lietuvių g. 6
No other city in Lithuania has public transport as unique. It doesn't matter you have no business to attend in Žaliakalnis or Aleksotas - the funiculars, both operating since the interwar era, are a great reason to travel up the hills. It only takes a couple of minutes, and the bikes can come for free.
- 3** **LITHUANIAN ZOO**
Radvilėnų pl. 21 zoosodas.lt
Established by the Lithuanian Indiana Jones, professor Tadas Ivanauskas, the Lithuanian Zoo turned 80 in 2018. Endangered species, exotic animals and the local fauna of Lithuania are all waiting to be visited in the Oak Grove Park. You can check online when the feeding for your favourite animal is scheduled, by the way.
- 4** **VYTAUTAS PARK**
Perkūno al.
There are carousels, and there are Vytautas park carousels. A few generations of Kaunasians have screamed their lungs out here, and we hope the vintage vibe is not going anywhere any time soon. If thirsty, sit down in “O kodėl ne?”, a nearby cafe.
- 5** **KAUNAS ON A BOAT**
Kaunas is a city born at the confluence of two rivers, so we do love our boats. Why not take a boat trip to Raudondvaris or Zapyškis, or just sail in the Kaunas reservoir? “Kaunas IN” tourism information centre will gladly provide more information.
- 6** **“UNO PARK”**
Gervių g. 5P unoparks.lt
Lampėdis lake is a popular swimming and sunbathing spot; this is why the adventure park never lacks customers. It's fit for both young climbers and their guardians. More than 1.5 km of adventure trails in total!
- 7** **KAUNAS HORSE RIDING CENTRE**
Marvelės g. 199 kaunozirgai.lt
Meet the beautiful animals, take a selfie and, of course, learn how to ride - or hop in a carriage, if you like. All of this in a picturesque park near Nemunas river. Don't forget to schedule an appointment: +370 616 41177.
- 8** **WAKEBOARDING PARK “WAKE UP KAUNAS”**
Raudondvario pl. 161A wake-up.lt
Wakeboarding is one of the safest forms of extreme sports. The best thing is that you can start learning when you're 6. There's no upper age limit, dear grandma. The wake park at Lampėdis lake has one of the longest tracks in Europe - that's 287 metres - and a few fine obstacles. Paddleboards are available, as well as water trampolines.
- 9** **PAINTBALL IN KAUNAS**
S. Dariaus ir S. Girėno g. 46 dazasvydiskaune.lt
Located near the Kaunas botanical garden, the paintballer heaven is perfect when the weather is too bad for everything else. It's indoors and has artificial grass!
- 10** **PAINTBALL AND AIRSOFT CLUB “LEGIONAS”**
5th fort, Alksnių g. 6 legionas.lt
Yet another object of Kaunas Fortress featured on this map is a must-visit for adrenaline lovers. This is the place to go if you're into paintball and airsoft. The red bricks the fort is made of most certainly add to the charm..
- 11** **“KARTLANDAS”**
Drobės g. 62 kartlandas.lt
Karting is a great way to get used to the wheel when you're still too young to borrow your mom's or dad's car! “Kartlandas” is stocked up with “DINO Speed Kart” models designed for kids. Kind instructors are at your service.

HI!

WELCOME TO KID-SIZED KAUNAS. IT'S STILL THE SECOND CITY IN LITHUANIA, LOCATED AT THE CONFLUENCE OF NEMUNAS AND NERIS RIVERS, BUT CUSTOMISED AND BALANCED FOR THE SMALLEST TRAVELLERS OUT THERE. IT'S FULL OF ADVENTURES, DISCOVERIES, CHARACTERS AND, OF COURSE, DELICIOUS TREATS.

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BUT FIRST, MUSEUMS

28 KAUNAS CITY MUSEUM, KAUNAS TOWN HALL
Rotušės a. 15 [kaunomuziejus.lt](#)

Both the Russian Tsar and Napoleon have stayed in the historic building nicknamed as “the white swan”. This is also where grownups get married! Let’s wish them to live happily ever after and go see the cellars that were once used as a prison.

29 KAUNAS CITY MUSEUM, FOLK MUSIC BRANCH
L. Zamenhofa g. 12 / Kurpių g. 12 [kaunomuziejus.lt](#)

This is your one-stop shop to discover instruments you’ve never heard of, including kanklės, birbynės, skudučiai, daudytės and beyond. The museum also frequently hosts polyphonic singing, folk dancing and lullaby workshops. The exposition is all about exploring and learning, so you can actually try a lot of the instruments – or at least hear how they sound. Did we mention there are also musical steps?!

30 MUSEUM OF HISTORY OF LITHUANIAN MEDICINE AND PHARMACY
Rotušės a. 28

A 21st-century pharmacy is more of a concept store and reminds of a laboratory more than of a playground. It used to be much more fun, and this museum - located in a 500-year old house - is exactly the place to travel back in time. There’s an authentic 19th-century apothecary, a pill-making machine, some archaic tools to cure a headache (you would not want to try this at home) and a small yet catchy introduction to the shamanic world.

31 LITHUANIAN AVIATION MUSEUM
Veiverių g. 132 [lam.lt](#)

The museum is located in the historic S. Darius and S. Girenas airport that turned 100 in 2015 - in fact, the main exhibition hall used to be the departures hall of the civil airport that was quite busy a few decades ago. Now, it’s full of flying vehicles of all kinds. There’s also a firefighting history exposition and... a backyard with even more – and much more significant - aeroplanes. There’s a high chance your kid decide to want to become a pilot after visiting this one.

32 MUSEUM OF CHILDREN’S LITERATURE
K. Donelaičio g. 13 [maioniomuziejus.lt](#)

Ever wanted to live in a fairytale? We can’t guarantee just that but, if half an hour would do, welcome to the museum of fairytales. You can also pilot a spaceship and try out costumes of all kinds.

33 KAUNAS STATE PUPPET THEATRE MUSEUM
Laisvės al. 87A [kaunoteles.lt](#)

The theatre has been open for some 60 years now. There are over 900 exhibits in its museum, including magicians, kings and princesses from various fairy tales that were once brought to life on the stage. There’s also a cute in-house cafe called - wait for it - “A Donkey’s Dream”.

34 CLOWN MUSEUM
Drobės g. 31 [cirkas.lt](#)

The story of the collection that consists of almost 3000 clowns reminds the one you’ve heard at the Devils’ museum. Stuffed and carved, plastic and porcelain, big and small - clowns are being brought or sent to the Variakojai family home from all over the world. It’s, of course, no coincidence - the family runs Baltijos circus company. Winter is the best time to visit the private museum as the circus travels in the summertime! Call in advance anyway: +370 670 16 445.

35 NATIONAL M. K. ČIURLIONIS MUSEUM OF ART
V. Putvinskio g. 55 [ciurlionis.lt](#)

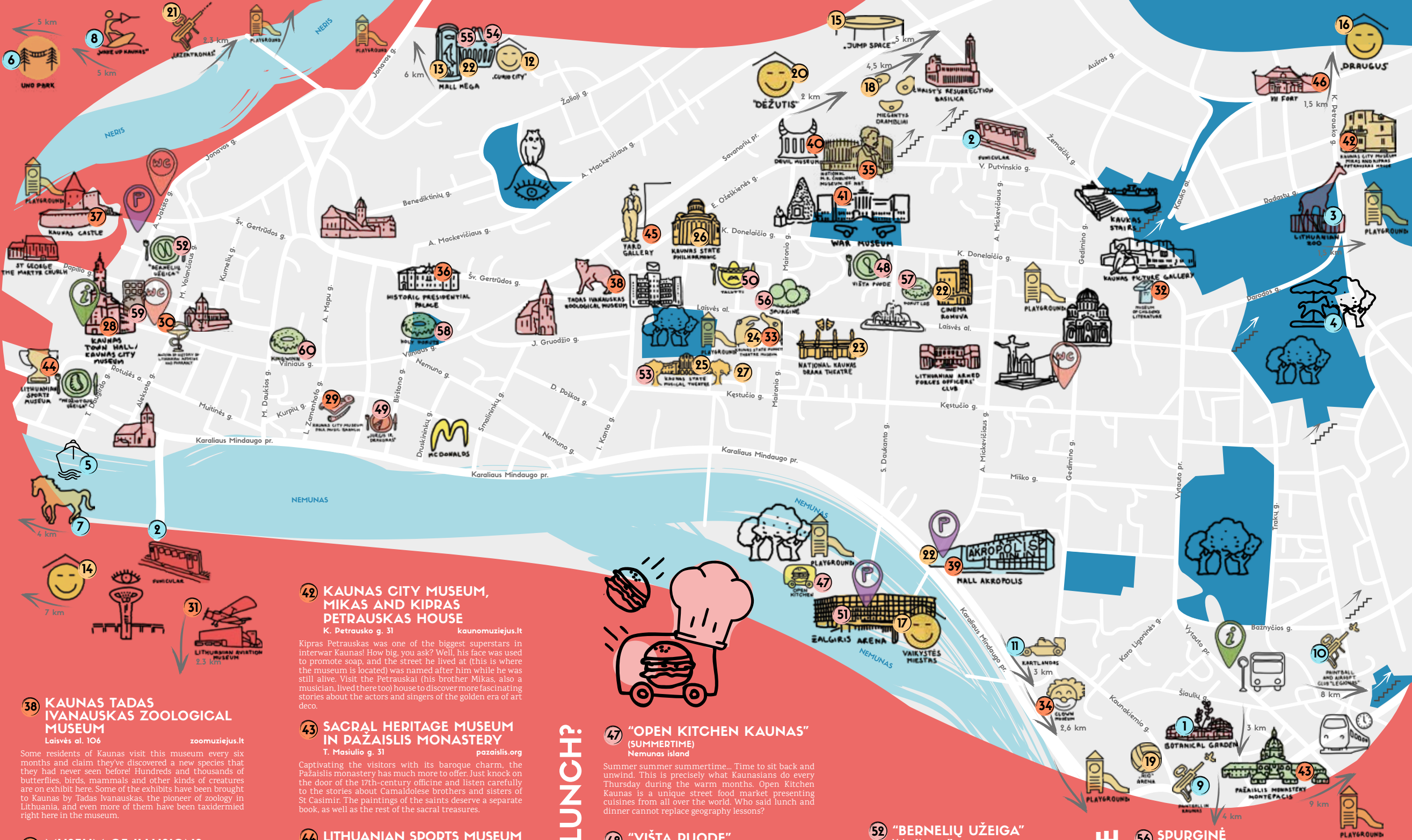
Mikalojus Konstantinas Čiurlionis, a cult figure in the history of Lithuanian art, was equally talented in both music and painting. A museum of his name, one of the oldest and richest in Lithuania, offers a vast array of educational programmes both in the main building and its departments around the centre of Kaunas.

36 HISTORIC PRESIDENTIAL PALACE
Vilniaus g. 33 [istorineprezidentura.lt](#)

You won’t be able to sneak into the Presidential Palace without saying hello to the Presidents of Lithuania, statues of whose are lined up in the lovely park surrounding the historic building. When inside, the charming members of museum staff will tell your family all about the times of the First Republic and guide you through interactive exhibitions.

37 KAUNAS CITY MUSEUM, KAUNAS CASTLE
Pilies g. 17 [kaunomuziejus.lt](#)

There’s no better place to learn how to operate a crossbow than a Medieval castle. You can also join a clay workshop - that’s right, you can learn how to build a castle and how to protect it, too. The Kaunas castle is apparently one of the oldest buildings in the city, but the innovative education and workshop programme is what keeps the spirit young. In the summertime, the field around the castle is often used for events such as Hanseatic days, operetta concerts or outdoor cinema nights.



38 KAUNAS TADAS IVANAUSKAS ZOOLOGICAL MUSEUM
Laisvės al. 106 [zoomuziejus.lt](#)

Some residents of Kaunas visit this museum every six months and claim they’ve discovered a new species that they had never seen before! Hundreds and thousands of butterflies, birds, mammals and other kinds of creatures are on exhibit here. Some of the exhibits have been brought to Kaunas by Tadas Ivanauskas, the pioneer of zoology in Lithuania, and even more of them have been taxidermied right here in the museum.

39 MUSEUM OF ILLUSIONS
Karaliaus Mindaugo pr. 49

Both classical and contemporary optical illusions presented in this tiny museum located on the second floor of Akropolis mall are appealing for all age groups. We particularly love the upside down bedroom! Hurry up as it’s only going to be open until the end of 2018.

40 DEVILS’ MUSEUM
V. Putvinskio g. 64 [ciurlionis.lt](#)

The history of the only Devils’ museum in the world started way back in 1906. A local priest gave a statuette of a devil to a painter named Antanas Žmuidzinavičius... 112 years later, the house fits more than 3000 devils from all over the world! Legend says scared Kaunasians leave little devils on the steps of the museum at night. You can also visit the apartment of the painter next door. Not a single devil in there

41 VYTAUTAS THE GREAT WAR MUSEUM
K. Donelaičio g. 64

The best - and quickest - way to find out how much and for how long Lithuanians had to struggle to live in a free country finally is to visit this museum. Full of historical artefacts and impressive small-scale models of battles and settlements, it offers a dynamic contact with history - a contact that is neither dull nor tiring. Almost every weekend the museum staff provide a new topic that’s touched and explored from many angles. Oh, and don’t forget to take a picture with the lions at the museum gate - every Kaunasian has one in his family album.

42 KAUNAS CITY MUSEUM, MIKAS AND KIPRAS PETRAUSKAS HOUSE
K. Petrausko g. 31 [kaunomuziejus.lt](#)

Kipras Petrauskas was one of the biggest superstars in interwar Kaunas! How big, you ask? Well, his face was used to promote soap, and the street he lived at (this is where the museum is located) was named after him while he was still alive. Visit the Petrauskai (his brother Mikas, also a musician, lived there too) house to discover more fascinating stories about the actors and singers of the golden era of art deco.

43 SACRAL HERITAGE MUSEUM IN PAŽAISLIS MONASTERY
T. Masiulio g. 31 [pazaislis.org](#)

Captivating the visitors with its baroque charm, the Pažaislis monastery has much more to offer. Just knock on the door of the 17th-century officine and listen carefully to the stories about Camaldolese brothers and sisters of St Casmir. The paintings of the saints deserve a separate book, as well as the rest of the sacral treasures.

44 LITHUANIAN SPORTS MUSEUM
Muziejaus g. 7 [lietuovssportomuziejus.lt](#)

So your kids haven’t decided yet whether they want to make it to NBA or NHL? This museum tucked deep into the labyrinths of the Old Town will help them decide. It’s full of medals, and other trophies won by some of the best athletes ever born on Lithuanian soil. There’s an extra room dedicated for the history of the circus in Lithuania, and, if all of the above wouldn’t be enough, there’s a special boxing exhibition, too. You’re welcome to try some of the sports yourselves.

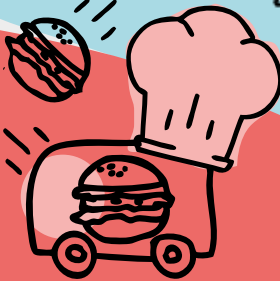
45 YARD GALLERY
E. Ožekienės g. 21A (backyard)

The backyards of Kaunas hide thousands of personal stories and hundreds of layers of history. Vytenis Jakas, an artist, moved to one of the backyards some 10 years ago, only to find out there was no community. He dug deeper and discovered photos of people who lived in the houses before the Holocaust. Most of them didn’t survive it. Jakas transferred the pictures to the walls of the yard, thus opening the first permanent exhibition of the Backyard Gallery. It’s been updated continuously ever since and is the only gallery in Kaunas that’s open 24/7.

46 7TH FORT
Archyvo g. 61 [septintasfortas.lt](#)

Kaunas is surrounded by forts that were built in the 19th century to form - you guessed it right - a fortress around the city. That never happened, and the forts remained neglected for way too many years. We hope to be able to invite you to visit them all, but, in the meantime, the most welcoming is the 7th fort. There’s a small museum as well as a few educational classes. Chemistry and maths are to die for!

WHAT’S FOR LUNCH?



47 “OPEN KITCHEN KAUNAS” (SUMMERTIME)
Nemunas island

Summer summer summertime... Time to sit back and unwind. This is precisely what Kaunasians do every Thursday during the warm months. Open Kitchen Kaunas is a unique street food market presenting cuisines from all over the world. Who said lunch and dinner cannot replace geography lessons?

48 “VIŠTA PUODE”
S. Daukanto g. 23

No visit is complete without a proper local meal. “Višta puode” (literally “Chick in a pot”) offers just that, as well as a laid-back history lesson on what our great-grandparents used to eat every season.

49 “JURGIS IR DRAKONAS”
Kurpių g. 26

Ok, ok, we understand, everyone deserves a pizza once in a while. But let’s agree it should be a Neapolitan pizza. Nobody does it better in Lithuania than the Nicholson family - we’re glad there’s one kaunastic location of their chain.

50 “TALUTTI BAKES AND SHAKES”
Vasario 16-osios g. 2

Burgers you can’t eat, shakes with craziest toppings ever and other combos you haven’t dreamt of - all of this and beyond can be found in “Talutti”, a spacious family restaurant a few steps from Laisvės aleja. There are a couple of other locations, too.

51 “SALA”
Karaliaus Mindaugo pr. 50

This is an excellent choice when some family members are starving, and the rest just want to play. Located in “Žalgiris” arena on Nemunas island, “Sala” offers impeccable business lunch with a riverside view and a children playground next to it.

52 “BERNELIŲ UŽEIGA”
Valančiaus g. 11, Baltų pr. 81

This chain is quite possibly your only choice to try proper XX century Lithuanian food if you don’t have a Lithuanian grandma! Some of the recipes are in fact older and certified with culinary heritage stamp. Don’t forget to try rye bread ice-cream - that’s right, you’ve never heard of it before.

53 “BAJORŲ KIEMAS. BOKŠTAS”
Kęstučio g. 86 / I. Kanto g. 18

Traditional Lithuanian food plus a location convenient if you’re visiting one of the theatres or museums in the vicinity.

54 “CHARLIE PIZZA”
Islandijos pl. 32

The name reveals there’s pizza in this place located at “Mega” mall. That’s, of course, true, but there’s even more on Saturdays and Sundays. Let’s just say they’re 100% kid days in the restaurant.

55 “BAJORŲ KIEMAS. PIRATAI”
Islandijos pl. 32

The neighbours of “Charlie Pizza” mentioned above has scored by placing an entire pirate ship in the restaurant. Need we say more?

DESSERT TIME

56 SPURGINĖ
Laisvės al. 84

There are doughnuts, and there are the kaunastic doughnuts made right here in Laisvės aleja for the past 40 years or so. The staff hasn’t changed, too - neither has the Chic Soviet interior that’s very Instagram-friendly. An order isn’t finished without some cocoa.

57 DONUT LAB
S. Daukanto g. 26

As you’ve already tried the kaunastic doughnuts, time for the American classics. The problem is there are way too many flavours, colours and shapes to fit in a tiny doughnut box...

58 HOLY DONUTS
Vilniaus g. 37

Yet another spot dedicated to the classics is also home to a fantastic breakfast club. They also serve bagels which, by the way, have originated in Lithuania and were later imported to New York by Litvaks. Who doesn’t love gastronomic history?

59 CHOCOLATERIE CH
Rotušės a. 26

Just when you’ve covered both the Kaunas Castle and the Town Hall, and your energy levels are way too low... There’s the ultimate spot for chocolate aficionados. A shot of espresso for mom and dad and we’re good to go!

60 KINGWINN
Vilniaus g. 15

Make some noise for Belgian waffles! So fluffy and soft you’re not going to get enough of them. And so many toppings to choose from you’ll have to come back.