

# Jelgava



## JELGAVA REGIONAL TOURISM CENTRE

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### 1 JELGAVA HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER

Akadēmijas Street 1, tel. +371 63005445, 63005447, www.tornis.jelgava.lv



Both children and adults will enjoy an interesting visit to the restored tower of the former Holy Trinity church. The tower's contemporary history exhibitions present life stories of the first national presidents of Latvia, symbols of Jelgava, significant historical events and national costumes of Zemgale. Take time to enjoy a panoramic view of the city from the sightseeing platform on the 9th floor of the tower, where an exhibition hall is also located. A special atmosphere can be enjoyed at the tower's restaurant. The tourism information centre on the ground floor provides useful resources for the regional traveller.

### 2 JELGAVA PALACE

Lielā Street 2, Palace museum tel. +371 63005617, www.jelgavaspils.lv  
Family vault (May–October), tel. +371 63962197, 26499151, www.rundale.net



A former residence of the Dukes of Courland and Semigallia, the palace is now home to the Latvian University of Agriculture. Jelgava Palace is the largest Baroque style building in the Baltics and was built by architect F.B. Rastrelli in 1738. Information on history and construction of the palace can be found in the Palace Museum, but if you would like to encounter a genuine touch of history, visit the Family vault of the Dukes of Courland – the final resting place of 30 representatives of the Duke's Dynasty.

### 3 JELGAVA HISTORY AND ART MUSEUM NAMED AFTER G. ELIASS

Akadēmijas Street 10, tel. +371 63025830, 63023383, www.jvmm.lv

The beautiful classical-style building, known by its original name Academia Petrina, was built by the architect S. Jensen in 1775. Today the building is a home to the Jelgava History and Art museum, where you can enjoy the art collection of Latvian painting classic G. Eliass. In 1987 the monument to painter was unveiled next to the museum. The museum also offers interactive activities for visitors of different age groups.



### 4 MEMORIAL MUSEUM OF ĀDOLFS ALUNĀNS

Filozofu Street 3, tel. +371 63021180, www.jvmm.lv

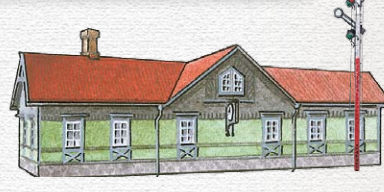


In this house, located at Filozofu Street 3, the famous father of Latvian theatre Ādolfs Alunāns spent the last three years of his life. A modern interactive exhibit featuring the life and creative work of the father of Latvian theatre is open for visitors. The restored museum building won a silver award as "The Best Building of Latvia 2011" in the "Restoration" category.

### 5 JELGAVA BRANCH OF THE LATVIAN RAILWAY HISTORY MUSEUM

Stacijas Street 3, tel. +371 63096494, www.railwaymuseum.lv

The Jelgava Railway junction was formed in 1868, becoming one of the first and most important in Latvia. The museum reflects the history of the railway and daily work-related items, showing railway development in Jelgava from its beginning to the present day.



### 6 ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST. SIMEON AND ST. ANNA

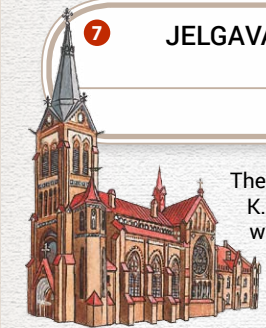
Raiņa Street 5, tel. +371 63020207

Church foundations were laid in 1774 by architect F. B. Rastrelli. It was the first Orthodox Church in Zemgale. From 1890 till 1892 a new church by architect N. Chagin was built. The church has bright blue domes and nine bells, of which the largest is 830 kg.



### 7 JELGAVA ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF THE VIRGIN MARIA

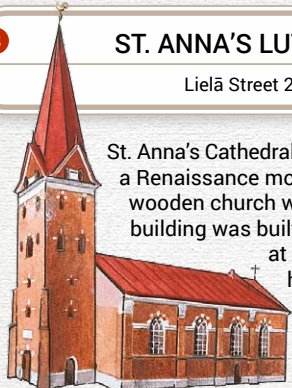
Katoļu Street 11, tel. +371 63029702



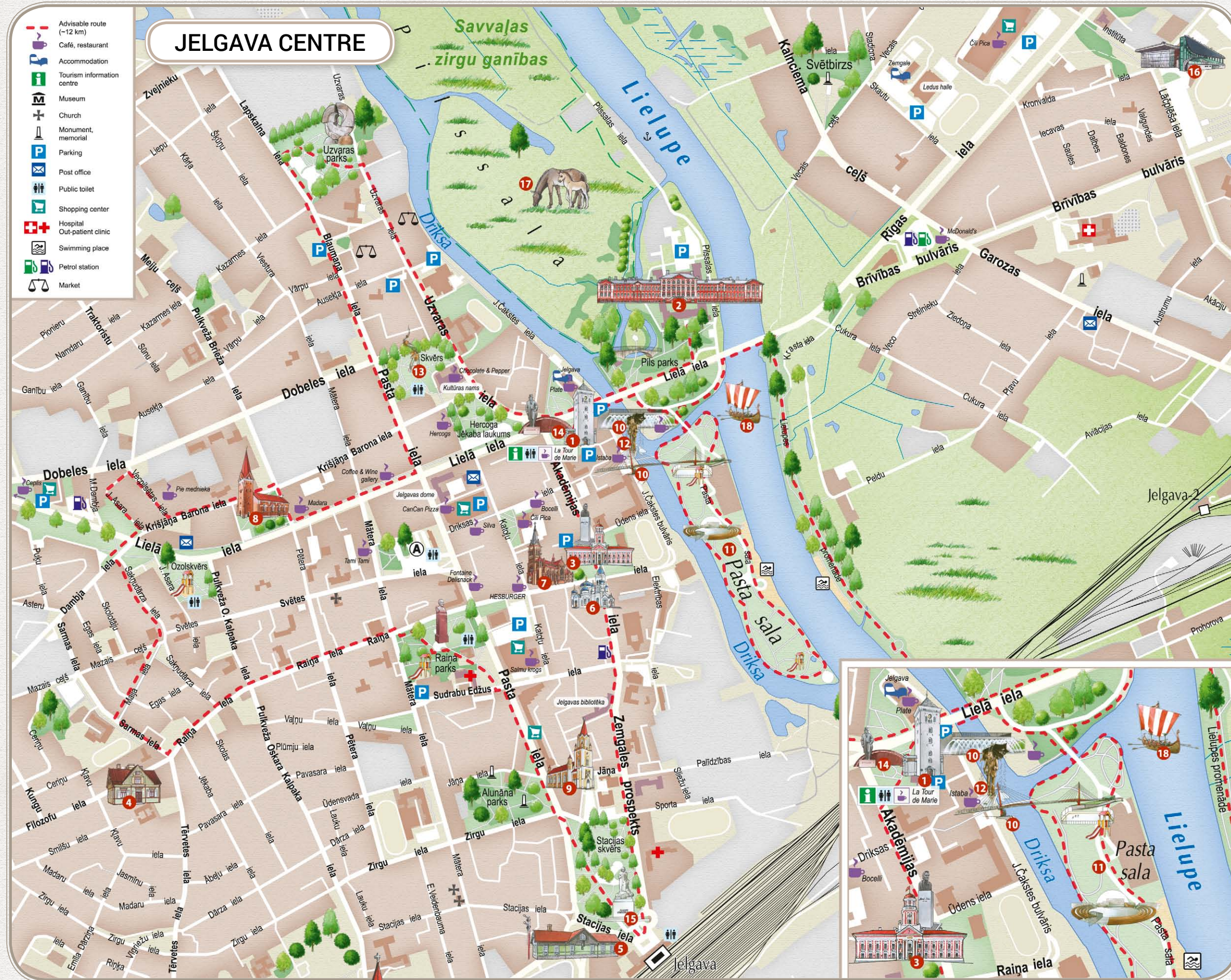
The cathedral is the best known work of Liepāja architect K.E. Strandman. The red brick neo-Gothic style building was built in 1906. The significant architectural landmark was badly damaged during the World War II in 1944. Its restoration was completed in 1992, when the spire of the tower was restored to its original height.

### 8 ST. ANNA'S LUTHERAN CATHEDRAL

Lielā Street 22a, tel. +371 63025515



St. Anna's Cathedral is the oldest preserved building in Jelgava – a Renaissance monument and Latvian Lutheran Church. The wooden church was built in 1573, but the present masonry building was built from 1638 to 1641. A secular tree grows at St. Anna's Church; the oak was planted in honour of Martin Luther in 1883. The church is the venue of sacred and classical music concerts.



### 9 ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Jāņa Street 1, tel. +371 63023790

The church was built in 1845 to 1847 by the architect V. Schultz, but the tower was built in 1882. Since 1862 it has been called St. John's Church. The church was once surrounded by the Writers' Cemetery, Catholic Cemetery, John's Cemetery, and Old Believers' Cemetery, which were later transformed into Alunāna Park and Stacijas Square.



### 10 JĀNIS ČAKSTE BOULEVARD PROMENADE AND BRIDGE MĪTAVA



The pedestrian promenade at J. Čakste Boulevard has two levels – parallel to the street and along the river's edge. The sightseeing platforms are located on the upper level of the promenade, which forms a 3 m high waterfall, while the 152 m long bridge is one of the longest pedestrian and bicycle bridges in Latvia. Due to its technical solution, it is considered to be unique in the Baltic States, it is a three-dimensional swan neck bridge with 28 bracing wires held by two pylons.

### 11 POST ISLAND

A multifunctional place for recreational, cultural and social activities. On the island there are several children's playgrounds, during the winter months – a public skating rink, and in summer visitors can take a dip on the Post Island's beach. At the far end of the island there is an explorative environmental area, divided into several areas: rural ranch, forest, marsh, meadow and field, as well as a spectators' platform on three levels. In the centre of the island there is an open-air stage in the form of an amphitheatre.



### 12 SCULPTURE – FOUNTAIN "JELGAVA'S STUDENT"

By Mītava Bridge there is a bronze sculpture – fountain by Kārlis Īle "Jelgava's student". The artist himself named the student Jēkabs Ceriņš – he is a third-year student born on July 26.



### 13 MEMORIAL SIGN IN HONOUR OF THE SINGER NORA BUMBIERE

square behind the Jelgava House of Culture

In 2012, on the square behind the Jelgava House of Culture, a memorial sign was placed dedicated to Nora Bumbiere, the legendary Latvian singer, a citizen of Jelgava (1947 to 1994). In the sculpture, sculptor Kārlis Īle has united two songs of N. Bumbiere – "Song about the last leaf" and "Mute song". In the darkness, the sculpture is illuminated – its base is red-lighted, creating associations with glowing charcoal.

### 14 MONUMENT TO JĀNIS ČAKSTE

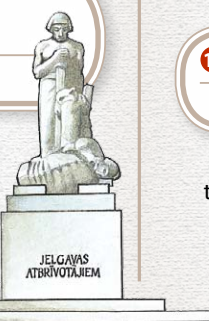
Lielā Street 1a

The monument to Jānis Čakste, the first President of the Republic of Latvia, is located next to the Holy Trinity Church Tower. The monument, created by Arta Dumpe, was unveiled on November 14, 2003.

### 15 MONUMENT TO THE LIBERATORS OF JELGAVA "LĀČPLĒSIS"

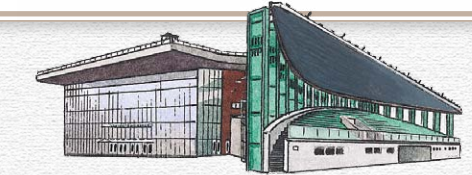
Stacijas Square

The monument is dedicated to the liberators of Jelgava, who freed the city from General Bermont's army on November 21, 1919. The first monument, created by sculptor Kārlis Jansons, was unveiled in 1932. The monument was removed during Soviet times. In 1992, sculptor Andrejs Jansons set up the second monument, a recreation of his father's original.



### 16 OLYMPIC CENTRE OF ZEMGALE

Kronvalda Street 24, tel. +371 63020792, www.zoc.lv



The modern sports complex has operated in Jelgava since 2010. The Olympic Centre offers appropriate conditions for both large-scale sports events and daily training. Fans of football, basketball, volleyball and other sports are welcome to support their favourite team! The Olympic centre, with an area of 61,520 square meters, is also venue of large-scale cultural events. It is possible to request guided tour of the Olympic centre grounds.

### 17 LIELUPE FLOODLAND MEADOWS

Pils sala (Palace island), tel. +371 20264343, 29841851 (nature guide)

There are floodland meadows on the island behind the Jelgava Palace: a protected area which is special not only because of its diverse plant and bird species, but also because of its primary inhabitants – more than 40 wild horses. The main task of these animals is to prevent meadows from overgrowing. The best way to explore the island is to go together with a knowledgeable specialist or nature guide.



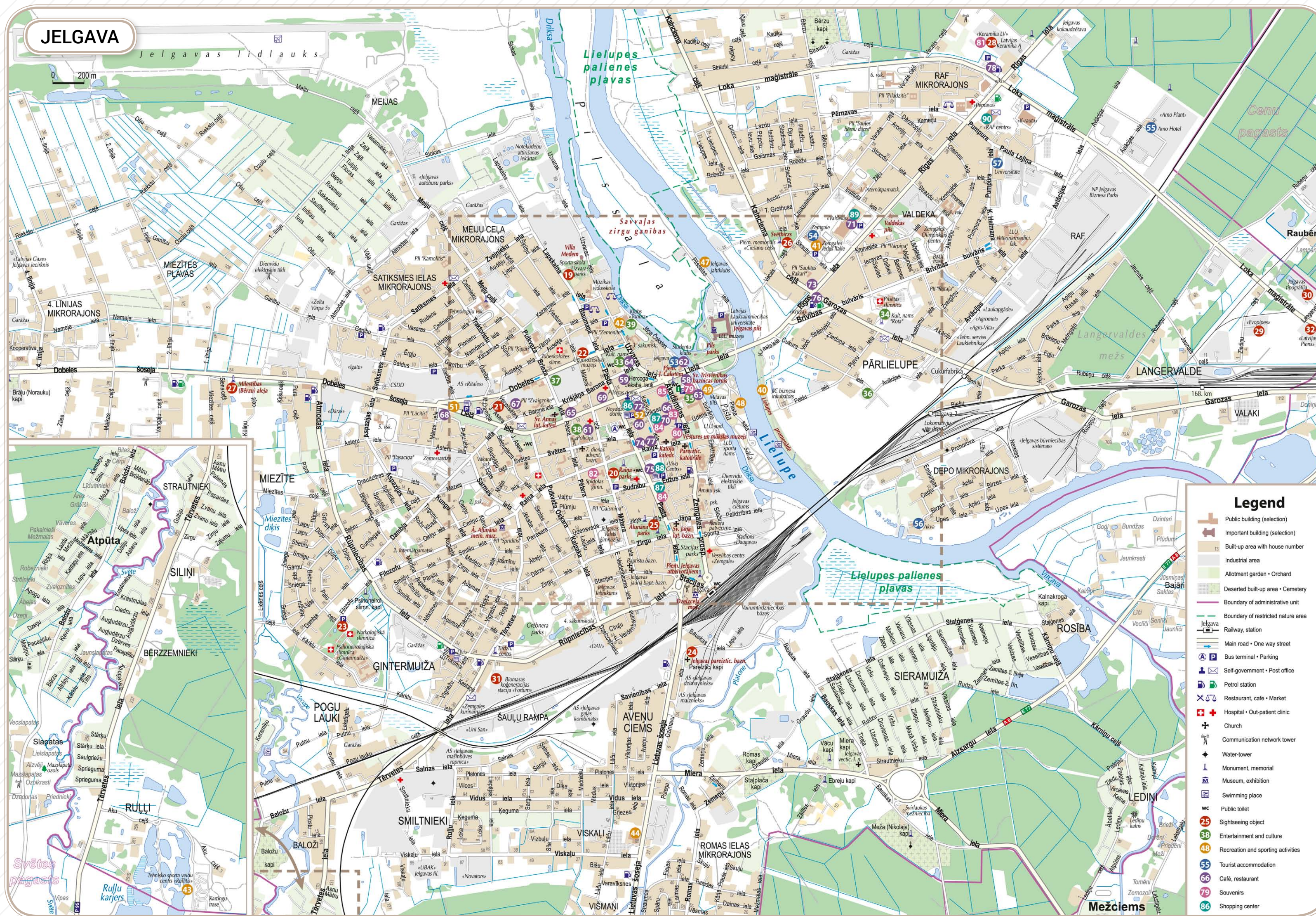
### 18 VIKING BARGE "NAMEISIS"

+371 26161131, www.mezmalasvikings.lv

12 meters long and 2.5 meters wide, the barge is the latest product of this type of boats in Zemgale, and it can accommodate up to 20 persons. The pier is located on Jānis Čakste Boulevard promenade by Mītava Bridge.







- 48 Rent of pedalos and boats on Pasta island 📍 Pasta island 3, tel. +371 20993460, 27713071
- 49 Boat tours in Lielupe and Driksa Rivers 📍 the pier is located on Jānis Čakste Boulevard promenāde by Mītava Bridge. Boat "Frida" (9 places), tel. +371 29486086, www.frida.lv; viking bar "Nameists" (20 places), tel. +371 26161131, www.mezmalasvikiings.lv
- 50 Cycle rickshaw – passenger transportation by cycle rickshaw. 📍 Jelgava, tel. +371 29992996
- 51 "Fitland" – a wellness and recreation centre, SPA procedures and squash. 📍 Dobeles Highway 7, tel. +371 63023070, www.fitland.lv
- 52 "Atletika" – a fitness club with large gym and wide offer of fitness activities. 📍 Driksas Street 4, tel. +371 63012368, www.atletika.lv

### ACCOMMODATION

- 53 Hotel "Jelgava", Lielā Street 6, tel. +371 63026193, 63023349, www.hoteljelgava.lv
- 54 Hotel "Zemgale", Rīgas Street 11, tel. +371 63007707, www.skzemgale.lv
- 55 Hotel "AMO Hotel", Aviācijas Street 42, tel. +371 63012146, www.amoplant.lv
- 56 Motel "Akva", Birzes Street 49, tel. +371 63023444
- 57 Youth hostel "Universitāte", A. Pumpura Street 7, tel. +371 63024689, www.hostel.ltu.lv

### CAFÉS AND RESTAURANTS

- 58 Restaurant "La Tour de Marie", Akadēmijas Street 1, tel. +371 63081392, 28837731, www.bcoconsulting.lv
- 59 Family Restaurant "Hercogs", K. Barona 3, tel. +371 63024188, 26134333, www.hercogs.lv
- 60 Bistro "Silva", Driksas Street 7/9, tel. +371 63084899, 29266586, www.bistrosilva.lv
- 61 Pizza Restaurant "Tami Tami", Lielā Street 19a, tel. +371 26633433, 29283252, www.tamitam.lv
- 62 Musical Bar "Plate", Lielā Street 6, tel. +371 63029748, 29225918, www.hoteljelgava.lv
- 63 Café "Istaba", J. Čakstes Boulevard 7, tel. +371 63025909, 29507108
- 64 Café-Cocktail Bar "Chocolate & Pepper", K. Barona Street 6, tel. +371 63010220, www.choco-pepper.lv
- 65 Restaurant "Madara", Lielā Street 22, tel. +371 63027012
- 66 Restaurant-pizzeria "Bocelli", Driksas Street 1, tel. +371 63013497
- 67 Café "Pie mednieka", Vecpilsētas 19, tel. +371 63028528
- 68 Café "Ceplis", Lielā Street 49, tel. +371 63024726
- 69 "Coffee & Wine gallery", Lielā Street 14, tel. +371 26633703, 29320268
- 70 Restaurant-pizzeria "Čili Pica", Katolu Street 7, t.c. "Kanciera nams", tel. +371 63025511, www.cililv
- 71 Restaurant-pizzeria "Čili Pica", Rīgas Street 11a, t.c. "Valdeka", tel. +371 63045555, www.cililv
- 72 Restaurant-pizzeria "CanCan Pizza", Driksas Street 4, tel. +371 29501882, 22066666, www.cancan.lv
- 73 Pizzeria "Pīcu darbnīca", Rīgas Street 1, tel. +371 20003993, www.picudarbnica.lv
- 74 "Fontaine Delisnack", Pasta Street 45, tel. +371 20004466, www.fontaineriga.lv
- 75 Café "Salmu krogs", Katolu Street 18, tel. +371 63011691
- 76 Fast Food Restaurant "McDonald's", Brīvības Boulevard 1, tel. +371 63020166, 26468158, www.mcdonalds.lv
- 77 Fast Food Restaurant "HESBURGER", Katolu Street 10B, tel. +371 25911221, www.hesburger.lv
- 78 Fast Food Restaurant "HESBURGER", Loka Highway 2a, tel. +371 26480302, www.hesburger.lv

### SOUVENIRS

- 79 Jelgava Holy Trinity Church Tower, Akadēmijas Street 1, tel. +371 63005445, www.tornisjelgava.lv
- 80 Jelgava History and Art Museum named after Ģederts Eliass, Akadēmijas Street 10, tel. +371 63023383, www.jymm.lv
- 81 "Keramika LV", Rīgas Street 67, tel. +371 63007438, www.keramika.lv
- 82 Eco shop "Dbdaba", Raiņa Street 17, tel. +371 63084395, www.dbdaba.lv
- 83 "Daiļrade", Akadēmijas Street 4, tel. +371 63082728
- 84 "Kanciera NAMS", Katolu Street 7; Pasta Street 51/7, tel. +371 63029610, www.kanciers.lv
- 85 "Cakotava", Lielā Street 3, tel. +371 26549590

### SHOPPING CENTRES

- 86 "Pilsētas pasāza", Driksas Street 4, tel. +371 63023032, www.pilsetaspasaza.lv
- 87 "Kanciera NAMS", Katolu Street 7; Pasta Street 51/7, tel. +371 63029610, www.kanciers.lv
- 88 "Vivo centrs", Katolu Street 18, tel. +371 63011638
- 89 "Valdeka", Rīgas Street 11a
- 90 "RAF centrs", Rīgas Street 48



### OTHER SIGHTSEEING PLACES

- 19 Memorial stone "Song Wreath" – in honour of the IV Latvian Song and Stone Festival in 1895, unveiled in 2008, by sculptor Ģirts Burvis. 📍 Uzvaras Park
- 20 Rainis Park – recreational area, children playground, in 1957 a bust of the Latvian poet Rainis, created by sculptor Kārlis Zemdega, was erected there. 📍 Rainis Park
- 21 Block of Vecpilsētas street – the oldest preserved part of the city construction, wooden architecture, Dobeles gates. 📍 Vecpilsētas, J. Asara and Dobeles Streets
- 22 Firefighting exhibition – items depicting firefighters' work and life; the automobile Ford Vairogs. 📍 Dobeles Street 16, tel. +371 63037550
- 23 Museum of the Hospital "Gintermuīža" – history of the mental hospital, works created by patients, possible to see ancient tools of treatment. 📍 Filozofu Street 69, tel. +371 29678838, www.gintermuiza.lv

- 24 Dormition of the Most-holy Mother of God Orthodox church – built by architect V.I. Lunskov, consecrated in 1889. 📍 Dzirnau Street 1, tel. +371 63021006
- 25 Monument to Ādofs Alunāns – the grave site of the father of Latvian theatre. The monument was built in 1913. 📍 Alunāna Park
- 26 Svētībirze – memorial site to the victims of Soviet genocide in Jelgava. 📍 The crossing of Kalnciema road and Vecais road
- 27 Love Alley – monument to the legend from the 19th century about two friends – K. Tetsch and G. Z. Schwander legacy left to newlyweds, birch alley, airing place. 📍 On the side of Dobeles highway
- 28 Keramika LV – the largest ceramics factory in the Baltic States. During the tour around the factory, it is possible to participate in the process of making products from clay. 📍 Rīgas Street 67, tel. +371 63022868, www.keramika.lv
- 29 "Evopipes" Ltd. Plastic Pipes Production – one of the most modern plastic pipes producers in Europe and the world. Groups can apply for an excursion around the plant. 📍 Langervaldes Street 2a, tel. +371 63094300, www.evopipes.lv



- 30 Printing Office of Jelgava – explore the process of book production, learn about the enterprise and production, tours by prior arrangement. 📍 Langervaldes Street 1a, tel. +371 63007480, www.jt.lv
- 31 Combined heat and power plant "Fortum" – a tour of the new factory will allow you to learn the principles of its operation and investment in energy saving, tours by prior arrangement. 📍 Rūpniecības Street 73a, tel. +371 29338491
- 32 Enterprise "Latvijas Piens" – excursion includes visit to manufactory with a guide and degustation of products, tours by prior arrangement. 📍 Langervaldes Street 7, tel. +371 26727053, www.lvpiens.lv

### ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURE

- 33 Jelgava Culture House – centre of the city culture life, the venue of theatres, concerts, films and exhibitions. 📍 K. Barona Street 6, tel. +371 63023461, www.kultura.jelgava.lv
- 34 Culture House "Rota" – the venue of theatres, concerts and exhibitions in Pārieliupe. 📍 Garozas Street 15, tel. +371 63000844, www.kultura.jelgava.lv
- 35 Jelgava Student Theatre – visit of historical art space of Jelgava Student theatre, staged performances, improvisations and Theatre sports, tours by prior arrangement. 📍 Čakstes Boulevard 5a, tel. +371 26544502, 29217879, www.jst.lv
- 36 Dance Center "Cukurfabrika" – the premises of the dance school can be used for various events. 📍 Cukura Street 22, tel. +371 27795685, www.cukurfabrika.lv
- 37 Children Recreation Centre "Bossiks" – attractions for children of different ages, children parties. 📍 Pulkveža Briēža Street 4, tel. +371 63022438, 63022437, www.bossiks.lv

- 38 Musical Club "Jelgavas krekli" – a club for Latvian music lovers and students. 📍 Lielā Street 19a, tel. +371 63022259, www.jelgavas.krekli.lv
- 39 Night Club "Tonuss" – a club for dance music lovers, most experienced night club in Latvia. 📍 Uzvaras Street 12, tel. +371 29900999, www.tonuss.lv

### RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES

- 40 Lielupe promenāde – recreation area, beach, children play ground.
- 41 Recreation and Sports Centre "Zemgale" – bowling, tennis courts, skate park, basketball, beach volleyball, mini soccer pitches, ice hockey hall, public skating, curling and café. 📍 Rīgas Street 11, tel. +371 63007700, 63007220, www.skzemgale.lv
- 42 "A-Z Bowling" – bowling, tuition, café. 📍 Uzvaras Street 12, tel. +371 29900888, 28285633 (kart rent), +371 28496369 (paintball), www.rullitis.lv
- 43 Technical Sports Centre "Rullitis" – carting track in summers and winters, events and competitions of technical sports, paintball. 📍 Āku Road 1, tel. +371 29589595, 28285633 (kart rent), +371 28496369 (paintball), www.rullitis.lv
- 44 Jelgava Tennis Centre – tennis courts, winter and summer games, mini-tennis for children, café. 📍 Lietuvas Highway 68a, tel. +371 63028883
- 45 Aviation Sports Cub "Rafaero" – entertaining flights with motor delta-glider. 📍 Jelgava, tel. +371 29112087
- 46 Flights with air-balloons – possible to watch the city of Jelgava and the surrounding landscapes from an air-balloon. 📍 Tel. +371 22098098
- 47 "Jelgavas Jahtklubs" – rental of catamarans and boats, yacht tours. 📍 Pilssalas Street 6, tel. +371 29242520, www.jjk.ucoz.lv