

We offer:

- To get to know the Manor and its park;
- To listen to the story about King of France Louis XVIII's stay in the Manor;
- Visit to the Bell Museum and bell painting;
- Hotel services;
- Rental of premises for different events;
- Tour to the Blankenfelde Manor's factory and tasting;
- Cricket in the Manor's Park as it was played during the Landlords' time;
- To enjoy a cup of tea or coffee under the 400-year-old ash-tree;
- To take a walk in the landscape park designed in the style of English classicism of the mid-19th century, looking at the ponds and the diverse flora;
- Children's play area;
- To organize a picnic in the Park or in the Manor's courtyard;
- To listen to ghost stories.



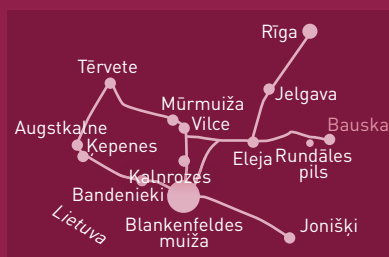
BLANKENFELDES MUIŽA

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Working hours:

Open every day from 10:00 - 18:00

Group visits should be booked in advance. The hotel should also be booked in advance.



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Blankenfelde Manor



History of the Blankenfelde Manor

The Blankenfelde Manor is located in Zemgale, in Vilce Rural Territory of Jelgava Municipality, and is a national architectural monument. The architecture of the Blankenfelde Manor is rich with delicate and thin forms uncommon for architecture in Latvia, featuring entrance gates, small pavilions. The buildings of the Blankenfelde Manor were built in the middle of the 18th century and gained their original appearance at the beginning of the 19th century. The Blankenfelde Manor is known for its ghosts - Marquis de Visla still lives upstairs and cares about morality. The Manor was first mentioned on 6 March 1426, when Claus von Medeheyim bought land between the rivers Platone and Svete from the German Order Master Johan von Mengel.



The Blankenfelde Manor belonged to several major families of Klaus von Medem, Ernst Johann von Buhren, Christopher Levin von Manteuffel-Szoeg, Andreas von Königsfeld and Wilhelm



Several significant personalities are linked with the Blankenfelde Manor. The exiled later King of France Louis XVIII stayed twice in the Blankenfelde Manor in the period between 1804 and 1805. Another prominent figure was one of the first Latvian engineers Ernst Johann Bienemann (1753 – 1806). He was the son of the cook of the Blankenfelde Manor, Hermann, and his wife Lize. He is best known for his work in the field of aeronautics, and had conducted experiments with electricity. The famous Latvian counter-tenor Sergejs Jegers spent his childhood in the Blankenfelde Manor with his grandmother and sisters.



Blankenfelde Manor Nowadays

In 1993, the Manor was bought by Adina von Bernewitz (granddaughter of the former Blankenfelde landlords Hahns), who, until 2007, made substantial efforts to reconstruct the Manor.

Since 2007, the current owner Valdis Jakobsons has been restoring and renovating the Manor and the Park to their former splendour. The stable/cart-house is already reconstructed. It hosts a modern juice, syrup and wine factory, as well as the hotel. In the former place of the Manor's berry fields and apple-trees, there is a new

von Hahn. The Manor's buildings, fields and ponds occupied a significant part of Zemgale.



garden from which natural products are obtained. Great attention is paid to the renewal of the elderberry grove and production of products.



The restored gate house will host different exhibitions dedicated to the history of the Manor and King of France Louis XVIII. The house will also host a restaurant, where meals will be prepared in a mantel chimney on an open fire.

The Manor's pride is the Bell Museum. The unique private bell collection of Valdis Jakobsons is the largest in the Baltic States; it includes approximately 1000 bells from all over the world.

