

HIKING TOUR IN LITHUANIA ANYKŠCIAI

Vilnius – Anykščiai – Vilnius
8 Days / 7 Nights

Day 1: VILNIUS

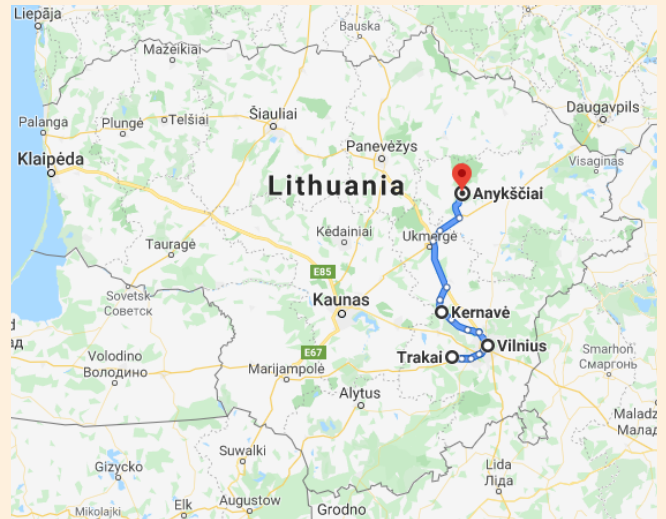
Arrival in Vilnius. Transfer to the hotel and check-in.

Day 2: VILNIUS

Transfer to **Calvary Cross Hills**. Short hiking there (7 km/3 hrs)

This is a very important historic trail for religious people in Lithuania. It symbolizes Jesus' journey of suffering and even today thousands of believers come here to walk in remembrance of his sacrifices. The stations along the trail represent distances covered in the Bible. If you're not religious, it's still an incredibly beautiful place to visit no matter the time of year.

After that, transfer back to the city centre and Vilnius City Tour (3 hrs). During city tour you will see the Cathedral Square, the bell-tower of the Cathedral, the Gediminas Castle, St. Peter and Paul Church, St. Anne's Church, Pilies street and more.



Day 3: VILNIUS – VARNIKAI – TRAKAI – VILNIUS

Transfer to the countryside of Varnikai where hiking at Varnikai **Cognitive Trail** awaits (3,5 - 4 km).

Educative path leads through the most beautiful and hardly accessible places of the preserve, provide the visitors with knowledge about nature, peculiarities of local landscape. Varnikai preserve boasts 600 species of higher plants (16 of them are in the Red Book of Lithuania), 118 species of moss, 15 species of protected insects.

Transfer to **Trakai**, for City Tour. Trakai is the city situated between 3 lakes, and represents Lithuania for more than two million tourists every year. It is well known for its natural beauty of landscapes, wildlife reserves, forests and the island castle on lake Galvė which is the only one of its kind in Europe.

Day 4: VILNIUS – ANYKŠČIAI

After an early breakfast, we take a bus to **Anykščiai** with two stops in **Šilėnai** and **Kernavė**.

On your two feet, you can explore a beautiful, forested Neris river valley on Šilėnai cognitive 6 km long route. On this journey, you will see the ethnographic Šilėnai village with a beautiful wooden church from 18th century, the picturesque Neris river valley and dense pine forests.

Kernavė archaeological site, where the first capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania was established in the 13th century, is included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. The five hill forts of Kernavė is also the place from which one can have a view of one of the most beautiful landscapes in Lithuania, ones that inspired Lithuanian rulers centuries ago.



Day 5: ANYKŠČIAI – RUBIKIAI – ANYKŠČIAI

There has been a settlement on the site of present-day **Anykščiai** for a long time, because this place was very convenient not only to live, but also to trade. The rivers Šventoji, and then the Neris and Nemunas, could be used to transport goods to the western parts of the country and the seaside. Anykščiai is a small corner of the earth, where nature and history have made everything rich in Lithuania possible. Here lies the most important stone of Lithuania, the longest Lithuanian river flows here, the tallest church rises here, the only path of the Baltic Tree Crowns stretches - and this is not all the heights of this region.

Hiking starting from hotel > “Happiness Light” on Liudiškės hill > City tour in Anykščiai > Trip by narrow gauge train to Rubikiai and back > hotel (10-12 km)

Day 6: ANYKŠČIAI – NIŪRONYS – ANYKŠČIAI

Traveling along the Cognitive Trail installed on the shore of Šventoji, visitors have the opportunity to appreciate the beauty of the landscape, feel the breath of the city, and stroll in beautifully equipped recreation areas. The health trail on the left bank of the Šventoji falls into a protected area - Anykščiai Regional Park.

Hiking starting from hotel > Šventoji left bank health trail (North direction) > hotel (18 – 20 km)

Day 7: ANYKŠČIAI – PUNTUKAS STONE – ANYKŠČIAI

Treetop Walking Path. Where else would you have the chance to walk at the tops of trees at an altitude of over 20 meters! Take an unforgettable journey on the walking path that rises steadily at first and then continues along the treetops.

An eco-friendly barefoot footpath is a completely natural, nature-surrounded hiking trail that travels only barefoot. Walking through the forest under your feet you will feel sand or natural moss, rough pine cones, you will have to wet your feet in the lake, and walking through the bricks found in the rural area of Puntukas you will feel as if you are following the paths of history. The path of the trail will surely pleasantly surprise you and give you the opportunity to experience incredible sensations.

Hiking starting from hotel > Šventoji left bank health trail (South direction) > hotel (18 – 20 km)

Day 8: ANYKŠČIAI – VILNIUS

After early breakfast transfer by bus to Vilnius. Departure from Vilnius.



ASK PRICE IN 3* HOTELS

Program for small group

INCLUDED:

- 3 x overnight stays / BR 3+* Panorama hotel, Vilnius
- 4 x overnight stays / BR 3* Hotel Nykščio Namas, Anykščiai
- 7 X BB
- 1 x kibinai tasting lunch
- Leading English speaking guide as per program
- Entrances:
- Observation deck in the tower of the Church of St. Matthew the Evangelist,
- Narrow Gauge Train Museum,
- Treetop Walking Path,
- An eco-friendly barefoot footpath.
- Comfort bus according to the itinerary
- All taxes

NOT INCLUDED:

- Porterage
- Water
- Tips for driver and guides (recommended 2 EUR pp for each)