

WELCOME TO VILNIUS GREF 2015

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Why Vilnius?

- **Easy to Reach**
- **Compact City**
- **Naturally Green**
- **An Open History Book**

Vilnius is internationally recognized as one of the most knowledge-intensive and innovative cities – a city as ambitious as you are. Vilnius charms with its labyrinthine Old Town, sleek business district, its elegant centre, many open squares and parks, historic suburbs, astonishes with its architectural glory – all of which blend together into a seamless whole. It is a compact city where major meeting facilities, hotels, cosy restaurants and important city's sights are within easy reach. With 46% of Vilnius area covered by open green spaces. Vilnius is like an open book, leaving vivid illustrations of the history of European styles – from the Gothic to the Empiric. The Old Town of Vilnius is among the largest in Eastern and Central Europe, included in the UNESCO world heritage list. Vilnius presents an authentic portrait of Lithuania.



Arriving to Vilnius



Vilnius International Airport is located in the southern part of Vilnius city (less than 15 minutes away from the city centre).

It is easy enough to reach the city centre from the airport (www.vno.lt)

- Using **our offer** to take you from the airport.
- Using a **bus**, an **express bus (1G, 3G)**, a **trolley bus**, a **mini bus (88 bus to Old Town)**. A public transportation stop is conveniently located next to the Vilnius International Airport (<http://stops.lt/vilnius/#stop/2613/map/en>).
- Using a **taxi**. A Vilnius Airport approved taxi rank is just in front of the arrivals terminal. Vilnius Airport approved taxicabs accept credit cards (<http://www.vilnius-airport.lt/en/planning-a-trip/how-to-reach/taxi/>).

Kempinski Hotel Cathedral Square

Kempinski Hotel Cathedral Square offers neoclassical grandeur with a contemporary casual elegance. The unbeatable location in the heart of the Old Town – a UNESCO World Heritage site – is right on Cathedral Square, and a stone's throw away from the Presidential Palace, with a view over Vilnius Cathedral, the Bell tower, and Gediminas tower; an ideal starting place for exploring the city. The exquisite décor and the legendary Kempinski service make this new hotel the first choice for international travellers, business and leisure alike.

Kempinski has always prided itself on its sense of history: during the restoration of the building, the remains of the city's 16th century defensive wall was uncovered; part of that old wall has been glassed-in, and can be seen at the entrance to the restaurant; the management of the hotel is looking forward to showing visitors this very visible reminder of Vilnius's glorious past. A hundred years ago, this was a grand hotel, well-known throughout the Baltics.

The elegant dining restaurant "Telegrafas" takes its name from the Soviet period, when the former hotel building functioned as the Central Telegraph office. "Telegrafas" is certain to be a magnet for food lovers, looking for the freshest ingredients prepared with flair and passion.

Useful information:

Vilnius International Airport is only 7 km away, about a 15-minute drive.

Address: Universiteto street 14, 01122 Vilnius

<http://www.kempinski.com/en/vilnius/hotel-cathedral-square/welcome/>

For more information and booking:

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National Museum – Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania

The Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania (Lithuanian: Lietuvos Didžiosios Kunigaikštystės valdovų rūmai Vilniaus žemutinėje pilyje) originally constructed in the 15th century for the rulers of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and the future Kings of Poland. Work on a new palace started in 2002 on the site of the original building, and it was opened on 6 July 2009.

The reconstruction of the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania is one of the most important projects of Lithuania's Millennium programme.

This reconstructed historical residence in the heart of Lithuania's capital should once again become the traditional symbol of Lithuania's long-lived statehood and an object of national pride. It should become a center for civic education, historical consciousness-raising and appreciation of material culture, for state ceremonial events and tourist information. It will also be an important part of Lithuania's museum complex.



Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania in year 1832

Useful information:

Welcome reception: May 5th (Tuesday), 5 minutes away from the hotel on foot.

Evening reception from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m.

Address: Katedros a. 4, LT-01143 Vilnius.

<http://www.valdovurumai.lt/en>

ATTENTION!!!

GCA staff will greet you in hotel lobby at 4.45 p.m. to accompany you to Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania

The Old Town of Vilnius (Social Programme I)

The Old Town of Vilnius is one of the largest surviving medieval old towns in Northern Europe, has an area of 3.59 square kilometres (887 acres), situated at the confluence of the rivers Neris and Vilnia. The Vilnius Old Town – a Baroque masterpiece – was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1994. Vilnius has long been called Little Rome, North Athens or North Jerusalem. Approximately 40 churches of various architectural styles stand here, and some authentic buildings with Gothic, Renaissance or Classical features have survived.



Useful information:

Social programme: May 6th (Wednesday), The Old town of Vilnius.

Excursion on foot from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m.

ATTENTION!!!

GCA staff will meet you in front of the hotel at 4.50 p.m. Excursion will end at Dinner place.

Trakai (Social programme II)

Trakai is a symbol of Lithuanian tourism like Venice in Italy, or St. Petersburg in Russia. Similarly Trakai was a former state of governor residence, the city have held many important cultural and historical events. And like Venice or St. Petersburg, Trakai is a city on the water. The only difference is that it is not near the sea but surrounded by lakes. Trakai city located approximately 28 km from the Lithuanian capital Vilnius was first mentioned in year 1377 by Vigandas of Marburg in "Chronicle of New Prussia". If to believe the legend, Trakai appeared on women's whims. Kestutis' Duke of Trakai and Samogitia, wife Birute was unsatisfied that there is very little water in Old Trakai (about 3 km from Trakai) compared to her birthplace Palanga (town on the Baltic Sea). As the result in the end of XIV century Kestutis begun to build new castle on the peninsula and about 1376 moved there.



Useful information:

Social programme: May 8th (Friday), 25 km from Vilnius.

Excursion to Trakai from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.

Bus will be waiting by the hotel.

<http://www.trakaimuziejus.lt/#/lan=en>

ATTENTION!!!

GCA staff will meet you in front of the hotel. A bus will arrive at 9.30 a.m. The bus will leave at 10 a.m.

GCA staff contacts for any situations:

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Taxi: 1450, 1820

Emergency number: 112

Lithuanian phrases for begginers

Hello/Hi

Goodbye (formal) / (informal)

Yes

No

Please

Thanks

How are you?

Cheers! (Toasts used when drinking)

Labas

Viso gero / Iki

Taip

Ne

Prasau

Aciu

Kaip sekasi?

I sveikata!