

EAT OUT

40 ŽALIUKĖ

Shashlik is a Georgian traditional meat dish but, as we're sister republics for 30+ years, we kind of adopted it. Many places serve it (and sometimes call it a kebap), but Žaliukė is THE spot to try the authentic result of Lithuanian-Georgian friendship. **Kaunakiemio g. 30/Siaulių g. 2**

41 SOBORAS CANTEN

We're not sure whether it's the right name, but the canteen hidden in the second floor of an old office building must be visited if you're into finding out what Kaunas was like before 1990. It's cheap and tasty, too, and the menu has all of the classics. **Laisvės al. 13**

42 ALI CHOCOLATERIE

One of the newest and most fancy (in a minimal way) dessert shops in town. ALI ŠOKOLADINĖ belongs to an extremely talented pastry chef based in Vilnius. You can propose there or you can meet your mother and tell her you're engaged, well, it's that kind of amazing. **Laisvės al. 41**

43 MILANO

It's worth going there even if you are not into pizza. The pizzeria is located in one of the gems of the interim Kaunas architecture: the officers' clubhouse built in the 30s. Then-president Antanas Smetona used to celebrate New Years there, and now it's one of city's most prestigious halls for celebrations and award ceremonies. Going back to Milano, it's good for the money and it's open late on weekends. **A. Mickėvičiaus g. 19**

44 BERNELIŲ UŽEIGA

Belonging to a long chain of taverns in Lithuania (and the UK), it's a good place to taste the traditional Lithuanian cuisine, which is a mixture of what our neighbours and us used to cook throughout the ages. Good for big family gatherings; folk music in the background. **K. Donelaičio g. 11**

45 VIŠTA PUODE

Contemporary Nordic or surprisingly Lithuanian, the restaurant offers super-early morning breakfast and a short yet diligent menu of local dishes with a Nordic twist. **Š. Daukanto g. 23**

46 SPURGINĖ

Opened since the 60s and having had just a slight touch of renovation, this is THE place for a cheap yet super delicious donuts (nothing like the American version) and a glimpse to the pre-independence times of Kaunas. **Laisvės al. 84**

47 ROCKNROLLA

Located next to a popular dance music club Anna Mesha, this place offers great pub food (hangover food, if you like) and play proper downtempo music, which gets a bit louder when the darkness comes. Good for afternoon business meetings that turn into friendly chats. **Vasario 16-oios g. 1**

48 55

The only official moonshine restaurant around and it serves as a little moonshine museum. Funnelly enough it serves breakfast from 7am, too, as it's a hotel restaurant. **Laisvės al. 79**

49 MOKSHA

A true Indian place that loves vegetarians as much as it loves carnivores. It can get really spicy but you can still feel the taste, if you know what we mean. Ran by an Indian guy who loves Kaunas, so we love him back. **Vasario 16-oios g. 6**

50 VEGETARIAN CAFE ARBATINĖ

The name means tea house but the place is so much more than that. It's one of the first vegetarian places in Kaunas and the prices seem shockingly low in the euro climate of 2016. Great for lunch or afternoon snacks. **Laisvės al. 100**

51 UOKSAS

The name means a little hole in a tree where birds like woodpeckers reside. The restaurant itself is a unique vision of what Lithuanian cuisine could be. Contemporary yet always reflecting on what our country has to offer at a certain moment. **Motiejūnų g. 28**

64 DEVIL MUSEUM

The superlative museum boasts a collection of more than 3000 devils of different shapes, sizes and birthplaces. Antanas Žmuidzinaičius, a painter, started his collection back in 1996, the museum was opened in 2006 and is appreciated by tourists all over the world that often send some more devils when they're back home. **Puvininkio g. 64**

65 KAUNAS PICTURE GALLERY

The building is a great example of late Soviet modernism (it was built in the late 70s). Inside, you'll get acquainted with a few periods of Lithuanian painting and witness a huge collection of Asian art donated to the museum by late Algimantas Miškinis, an architect. **K. Donelaičio g. 16**

66 HISTORICAL PRESIDENTIAL PALACE

Between the 1st and 2nd world wars, Kaunas played the role of Lithuanian capital, so of course we need a Presidential palace that was reinvented from an apartment building. Inside, there's a great museum reflecting an important part of our history – in fact, the state leaders were inside the building having a meeting when the Soviet occupation started. **Vilniaus g. 33**

67 POST GALLERY

Opened a few years ago in a former sports club (no joke) in a courtyard of Laisvės avenue, the gallery is now one of the most important spots for contemporary art. Exhibitions, performances, installations and a lot of other interesting things happen there all the time. **Laisvės al. 51A**

68 KAUNAS PHOTOGRAPHY GALLERY

Together with POST, the photography gallery plays an important role in establishing Kaunas in the world map of contemporary art. Exhibitions change frequently and span from retrospectives to groundbreaking pieces of view. **Vilniaus g. 2**

69 FUNICULAR

Funiculū, Funiculū! As Kaunas is quite hilly, the need for a convenient means of transport was huge when the city was rapidly growing in the 1930s. Both funiculars – Žalialaknis and Aleksotas are still functioning, the ticket costs pennies and you can observe a photography exhibition during the ride. **Amerikos Lietuvių g., Aušros g.**

70 CHRIST'S RESURRECTION BASILICA

It's the biggest example of a basilica of monumental architecture in the Baltic states (designed by a Latvian Karolis Ziemelis), and it has the longest history of building. Funded by people, the construction started in 1928 and was only finished after we regained independence. In Soviet times, it was used as a radio parts factory. It's an absolute must to visit the terrace. **Aukštaitių g. 6**

52 AGAVE

This is a true Mexican-Lithuanian love story established right in front of the Town Hall. The Mexican owner guarantees the authenticity of the food, and, post, this also happens to be the best cocktail place in town. Una Margarita, por favor! **Rotušės a. 3**

53 HOP DOC

If you can't go to San Francisco, check out this California-inspired brew by its brunch and dinner menus, extraordinary beer selection and other wonders that can't be found elsewhere. **M. Daukios g. 23**

54 REŽISIERIUS

Asia meets Hollywood. Sounds confusing? Not after you dive into a movie director's chair in the fancy yet modest restaurant serving modern Asian food. **Vilniaus g. 10**

55 OPEN KITCHEN

A street food market is something every city in the world should have. Following the good examples of Vilnius, Ljubljana, Barcelona and New York, Kaunas now has one, too. Starting June 2016, a dozen or more food trucks and stalls are waiting for hungry customers every Friday till autumn. **Santaka park**

56 AL DIWAN RESTAURANT

A Lebanese spot famous for its pita shawarmas, falafels and shishas. It has been opened for ages and doesn't feel as exotic as it did before, but it's still a great Oriental spot in the flamboyant Station neighbourhood. **Grįstulio g. 9**

57 KUHNĖ

In many Slavic languages 'Kuhne' means kitchen, and this sacred spot of ribs and burgers is approximately the size of this premise. They tend to sell the food out towards the end of the day so late lunch is a better idea than no dinner. **Zemaitių pl.**

58 PHUN KEE DUCK TAKE AWAY

After less than a year in Kaunas the Thai take away spot already opened their branch in the capital, and it means they're doing something extremely right. And spicy. Gloriously spicy. Did we mention it's spicy? **Savanorių pr. 129**

59 KREGŽDUTĖ

If you want to know what the childhood of your new Kaunasian friends tasted like, go here. It has changed, of course, but many of us suddenly start craving for ice cream when passing by. **Sporto g. 1**

60 MONTE PACIS

The largest monastery complex in Lithuania and one of the best examples of mature baroque. Pažaislis, is now home to an upscale hotel and restaurant. If you're not so hungry it's still worth taking a ride there and also visiting the Kaunas Sea nearby. **T. Motiejūnų g. 31**

61 KARAVANSARAI RESTAURANT

Kazakh, Uzbek, Kirgiz, Turkmen and Tajik cuisines, all in one family restaurant in the outskirts of Kaunas. It wouldn't be possible to get a table if it was located downtown. Try their pilaf and you'll never look back. **Vilkių g. 20**

62 PERKŪNO NAMAI RESTAURANT

Hidden behind the picturesque alleys of Žalialaknis, the hotel bearing the same name offers a Hollywood hills-like private terrace for the restaurant visitors. It's the best-kept secret of those preferring their breakfast outside their kitchen. **Perkūno al. 61**

63 LIETUVOS GURMANAS

A perfect spot if you need some cake or finger food (no artificial additives and eco-friendly) for your family celebration, and you can also sit down for a snack or two while waiting for your order. Plane spotting included! **Veivirčių g. 61**

71 TOWN HALL

'The White Swan', as we like to call it, is late baroque but it's just the last version of the town hall. Formerly home to the burghermeister, it was also many other things and now is the Kaunas city museum worth a visit if you want to know everything about us last. Of course, couples get married here all the time, too, and an extraordinary Christmas tree stands in front of it every winter. **Rotušės a. 15**

72 SUGIHARA HOUSE

The Japanese Consul-General Chiune Sugihara signed a few thousands life visas and therefore saved numerous lives of Jewish people in the wake of the Second World War. The consulate building is now a small yet very popular museum and home to a few very active Asian culture clubs. **Vaitginto g. 30**

73 KAUNAS ART INCUBATOR/ KABINETAS PROJECT SPACE

The recently opened art incubator hosts a gallery space and a few studios for local artists, and Kabinetas, located on the ground floor, acts as an independent project space. There's a performance, discussion or an exhibition opening happening every week, and that's where the fresh minds meet. **A. Mopuų al. 20**

74 KAUNAS SEA PIER

Boat trip! There are several routes to choose from – the best will take you to the suburbs of Kaunas or to Birštonas, a lovely natural SPA resort.

75 AVIATION MUSEUM

Located in the aerodrome of S. Darius and S. Girenas, the pilots that flew over the Atlantic in 1933 and were tragically killed, the museum offers a very insightful exhibition of our aviation history that was of course interrupted by the Soviets. Some great real-life exhibits outdoors! **Veivirčių g. 132**

76 IX FORT MUSEUM

In Crar times, Kaunas was designated to become a fortress, so numerous forts were built around the city, not all of them were finished. Inside the IX fort there's a museum preserving the tragic moments of our history. **Zemaitių pl. 73**

77 ŠANČIAI KIOSK

Remember the KIOSK paragraph in the intro part? This one's a bit different. Located in the colourful neighbourhood of Šančiai, it's an open platform for its residents and local or international artists. **A. Juozapavičiaus g. 44**

78 MENO FORMA

While most of the city's galleries are located downtown, this one opened doors in a glass building on the busy street heading towards Vilnius and is focused on contemporary art, both local and international. **Savanorių pr. 166**

INTERWAR MODERNISM ARCHITECTURE:

Get the app!

Two cities in Lithuania can be proud of unique architectural heritage that can't be found elsewhere. Vilnius has its baroque and Kaunas has its modernism architecture that flourished between 1919 and 1940. The outstanding heritage of the flourishing golden period was awarded the European Heritage Label by the European Commission in 2015. The best way to discover it is of course on foot. There's a great guide to help you do that and it fits right into your smartphone. The app called 'Kaunas of 1919-1940' introduces the history of 44 objects of Kaunas interwar modernism architecture and offers different routes in Kaunas, including the city centre, Žalialaknis, Gričiupis, Aleksotas, and Šančiai.

WHILE KAUNAS CAN'T COMPARE TO COPENHAGEN OR AMSTERDAM, THE BIKE CULTURE IS STEADILY GROWING AND WE'RE HAPPY TO HAVE THE CRITICAL MASS EVENTS EVERY MONTH TO PROVE AND PROMOTE THAT. BIKE TRAILS ARE MARKED ON THE PAVEMENTS AND ROADS IN THE CITY CENTRE AND THERE ARE SOME NEW GREAT TRAILS THAT CONNECT KAUNAS TO ITS GREEN SUBURBS. A MODERN BIKE- AND CAR-SHARING SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED IN MAY 2016. PLEASE REFER TO www.citybee.lt OR CITYBEE APP FOR MOBILE PHONES FOR MORE INFORMATION.



BIKES SHOPPING

79 AKROPOLIS MALL

Everything you need and beyond, open daily from dusk till dawn. The shopping mission can be tiring at times, but there are plenty of refreshment options and the architectural design of the mall kind of lets you imagine you're outside. **Karoliūso Mindaugo pr. 49**

80 PLOKŠTELIŲ PARDUOTUVĖ/ RECORDSHOP

Čestovas is your local record dealer and he has more than 20000 – both in the store and at home. Mostly rock and jazz, some world music, some disco and Lithuanian rarities. Time runs unnoticed here as you can listen to all the records. **Kestulio g. 7**

81 BOUTIQUE HAPPEAK

A family venture started off the need to dress up their own kids, and everyone else seemed to love the outcome. Right now HAPPEAK also sews clothing for adults, and their shop is worth a visit just for the interior. **Laisvės al. 45**

82 KITOKIA GRAFIKA

The only rto-printing house in Lithuania also has a comics shop and is generally a warm and friendly place to chill out and share your love for comics. **Karoliūso Mindaugo pr. 68**

83 CENTRINIS KNYGVYNAS BOOKSTORE

Opened in the 60s, this is the longest-working bookstore in Kaunas at the moment, yet the foreign language section is limited. But you can feel the spirit of literature and nostalgia, so it's worth to pop in just to appreciate the space. **Laisvės al. 81**

84 MINIMAL MUSE BOUTIQUE

Probably the best boutique for those interested in Lithuanian design – from dresses to bags, the owners know their thing and select the goods very carefully. The name speaks for itself. **Vilniaus g. 23**

85 DELI SHOP RŪTOS ŠOKOLADAS

Rūta chocolate factory is more than 100 years old! If you visit Šiauliai, absolutely visit the museum. If you stay here, you can get the glimpse of their variety in the deli shop. Deli-delicious! **M. Daukios g. 10-5**

86 KOKO BOUTIQUE

Lithuanian fashion at it's best – Okilko, Unlabel, Kristina Krupienytė, D'Effect and many others, together with best picks from around the Baltics and beyond. A great perfume selection, too! **M. Valančiaus g. 12**

87 CLOSTĖ CLOTHES BOUTIQUE

Who made your clothes? A little cute boutique is asking. The shop stocks an incredible amount of Lithuanian-designed clothing, big brands and small. You can buy nice things for your home and workplace as well. **J. Jablonskio g. 13**

88 VALANČIAUS GALLERIES

We just couldn't choose one of the numerous private art galleries located on M. Valančiaus street, one of the oldest in Kaunas. So, visit them all, please do. **M. Valančiaus g.**

89 KVAPŲ NAMAI BOUTIQUE

It's much more than a natural perfume shop – it's also a place for interesting events (small contemplation sessions, for example) and a lively, ever-changing space for learning and discovering. **Vilniaus g. 37**

90 MEGA MALL

The tallest marine aquarium in the Baltic States with a shark in it and the only IKEA in Kaunas (in plans). If you're into these kinds of things, MEGA is worth a detour. **Islandijos pl. 32**

91 URMAS SHOPPING TOWN

Urmias is the relic of the wild 90s (that was the time when our country embraced capitalism and everyone became a merchant). The shopping town much more civilized now and boasts an extraordinary mural 60 m long. A flea market buzzes there every Sunday. **Dramonės pr. 16**

92 ALEKSOTAS MARKET

Well known for its flea market section, the Aleksotas market is located right next to the S. Darius and S. Girenas aerodrome. From old tyres to shellac records, gramophones, too. Vintage sofas and Beatie Boys cassettes... We warned you! **Aleksotas**

93 ZANAVYKAI MARKET

Once known as THE vegetable market in Kaunas, the Zanavykai market changed to a butcher's paradise at some point. It's still so very busy every day of the week, except Mondays and many Žalialaknis residents choose to do their grocery shopping here. **Zanavykų g. 15H**

94 MAZGAS INTERIOR STORE

Maybe a sofa or a chandelier is not the best souvenir idea but you can definitely get some inspiration while gazing at the exposition. **Uosio gatvė 8b**

95 JIESIA SHOP

Kaunas is the cradle of modern Lithuanian ceramics (it's a pity the wonderful ceramics museum is still in search of its new home), so if you want a truly Kaunasian souvenir, go to the shop of Jiesia ceramics factory. **Europos pr. 114**



ANNUALLY HAPPY

THERE'S A LOOONG LIST OF FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS THAT HAPPEN IN KAUNAS ANNUALLY, AND WE'RE HAPPY TO SHARE IT SO YOU CAN PLAN YOUR NEXT TRIP RIGHT AWAY.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE FEBRUARY 16th A massive grassroots parade with flags and patriotic chants in downtown Kaunas.	KITE FESTIVAL FOR EARTH AND SKY END OF APRIL – START OF MAY For almost three decades kite enthusiasts, mostly families (thousands of them) have been gathering in Nemunas valley in Zapyskis, near a charming little church, to colour the sky for one day.	MUSEUM NIGHT MAY A worldwide event is much celebrated here in Kaunas; most of city's numerous host special events and grant free entry till wee hours.	HANSEATIC DAYS LATE MAY One of the most significant cultural events is the birthday of Kaunas city, and the medieval theme of the festival distinguishes it from festivals in all other Lithuanian cities.	AKACIJŲ ALĖJA (ACACIA BOULEVARD) THE SATURDAY CLOSEST TO JULY 6th A massive (15k attendees!) sung poetry concert in Kultūva, a very green suburb of Kaunas. This genre is a very popular "alternative music" in Lithuania characterized by a single musician, single instrument, no special effects and thought-inspiring lyrics.	KAUNAS CINEMA FESTIVAL EARLY AUTUMN Largest cinema festival in Kaunas takes place in Romuva interwar cinema. Various non-Hollywood films and documentaries are presented in the original languages with Lithuanian subs.	KAUNAS BIENNIAL EVERY SECOND YEAR IN AUTUMN The contemporary art biennial has developed from a textile-oriented event to one of the most important happenings of its kind in Europe.	KAUNAS CASTLE OPERETTA JULY Eastern Europe's sole operetta festival is held annually near the Kaunas castle.	KAUNAS PHOTO EARLY AUTUMN It's the longest-running annual photo art festival in the Baltic States (since 2004). It's also the most attended photographic event in Lithuania, comprising 200-300 participants per program and counting its audience by tens of thousands of visitors.	KAUNAS ARCHITECTURE FESTIVAL EVERY SECOND YEAR IN AUTUMN Still in its first years, the architecture festival involves deep discussions and project presentations investigating the past and projecting the future.	AURA DANCE FESTIVAL OCTOBER AURA is the only municipal theatre of contemporary dance in Lithuania; its history dates back to 1980. The international dance festival was for the first time organized in 1989 and is now an important tradition that encourages popularity of contemporary dance and enriches cultural life of Kaunas and beyond.
RESTORATION OF INDEPENDENCE PARADE MARCH 17th 82 years younger than its February sister, the day is equally as important for us to celebrate with joy.	GALLERY WEEKEND KAUNAS MAY Well known all around the world, the tradition for most galleries in town to showcase what they have and know best in the scope of one weekend, arrived in Kaunas in 2016.	LITHUANIAN BASKETBALL LEAGUE FINAL SERIES MAY If you've never been to basketball game, Kaunas is a great place to start.	BIKE SHOW MILLENNIUM A WEEKEND IN THE BEGINNING OF JUNE One of the largest biker festivals in Europe Bike Show Millennium fills the old Kaunas airport with bike parades, races, stunts and concerts. Recently it has been expanded to include quads and automobiles.	KAUNAS CASTLE OPERETTA JULY Eastern Europe's sole operetta festival is held annually near the Kaunas castle.	KAUNAS PHOTO EARLY AUTUMN It's the longest-running annual photo art festival in the Baltic States (since 2004). It's also the most attended photographic event in Lithuania, comprising 200-300 participants per program and counting its audience by tens of thousands of visitors.	KAUNAS ARCHITECTURE FESTIVAL EVERY SECOND YEAR IN AUTUMN Still in its first years, the architecture festival involves deep discussions and project presentations investigating the past and projecting the future.	KAUNAS CASTLE OPERETTA JULY Eastern Europe's sole operetta festival is held annually near the Kaunas castle.	KAUNAS PHOTO EARLY AUTUMN It's the longest-running annual photo art festival in the Baltic States (since 2004). It's also the most attended photographic event in Lithuania, comprising 200-300 participants per program and counting its audience by tens of thousands of visitors.	KAUNAS ARCHITECTURE FESTIVAL EVERY SECOND YEAR IN AUTUMN Still in its first years, the architecture festival involves deep discussions and project presentations investigating the past and projecting the future.	AURA DANCE FESTIVAL OCTOBER AURA is the only municipal theatre of contemporary dance in Lithuania; its history dates back to 1980. The international dance festival was for the first time organized in 1989 and is now an important tradition that encourages popularity of contemporary dance and enriches cultural life of Kaunas and beyond.
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