# WHAT TO SEE IN OGRE



# HISTORIC BUILDING AND SQUARE OF OGRE TOWN Brīvības iela, Ogre

Brīvības Street in Ogre is outstanding with its architectural samples of the 20-ties and 30-ties of the 20th century. Many prominent masters have expressed their talent here. Nowadays, a great number of buildings are architectural monuments of regional or local importance. At the beginning of pedestrian section of Brīvības street, the facilitated square has become a popular gathering place for those living in Ogre as well as city guests. During the summer, residents and guests of the city can enjoy the complex of fountains, named "Digital water curtains", there is also a fountain that you can step in, a paddling fountain, especially appealing to children. The fountains look even more beautiful during the darker evening hours, when their colors, signs and images are seen in all of their glory. The town square hosts music,



# 2 OGRE HISTORY AND ART MUSEUM

art, sports and other entertainments.

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The museum is an important platform for creative expression to artists of the Ogre Municipality and Latvia. The modern interior features 2 constant exhibitions:

1) an informative exhibition about the development of the former bank building "From bank to museum";

2) the engaging "Pietura Ogre" (train stop Ogre), which will appeal to all with its interactive and digital features, making it suited to all age groups. It's an exhaustive message of the history of Ogre.

Exhibitions pertaining to the topics of art and history in the exhibition hall are exchanged every month. Applications possible to various educational programmes.





**4** OUTDOOR CLIMBING TOWER

Zvaigžņu iela 11, Ogre, +371 20241073 🚱 Tornis OGRE

20 to 24 metres tall climbing wall built on an area of 1050 m<sup>2</sup> has been created for athletes, mountain tourists, climbers, and others to train. A smaller 2.5 to 4.5 metres tall climbing wall has also been created alongside the large wall and is intended for children and adolescents. When building the climbing tower, a 20th century industrial heritage structure – the water tower – was restored, which had not been used since the end of the 80s.



# 5 KRASTA PROMENADE

Krasta iela, Ogre

The restored promenade stretches along the Ogre River, revealing a magnificent view on the river and its banks. At the beginning of the promenade is a pedestrian bridge built in 1966, which connects the central part of the city with the one on the other side – Pārogre (Over-The-Ogre-River). It is the largest arc-shaped bridge in Latvia (94 meters long, 4.5 meters wide). There are wooden footpaths across the river nearby, reminding the feeling of the 1920s and 1930s, when Ogre was a swimming resort. During winter season footpaths are dismantled. At the other end of the promenade, there is a new pedestrian bridge, which joins J. Čakstes Prospect and Ogres Street. Both bridges are lit up on special occasions.

# **6** PRAYER HOUSE OF ST. NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CONGREGATION OF OGRE

Krasta iela 15, Ogre, +371 26528880

Built at the end of the 90-ties on the site of a former summer cottage, partially retaining the walls. Author of the project – L. Kļešņina. Several icons were made in Lithuania.



### **OGRE PIER AND LIGHTHOUSE** Dambja iela, Ogre

The pier, built by the mouth of River Ogre where it enters River Daugava, has become a unique place for recreation and walks. It offers a wonderful view of the River Daugava and the opposite riverbank. Sunsets here are especially beautiful. An environmental object has been created at the end of the pier – a lighthouse, with a rust effect as its *façade* finish. In the dark, a moving ray of light advances from the top of the lighthouse. An environmental object in the shape of three modern adolescents can be viewed on the pier.

#### 10 HISTORICAL CHILDREN'S SANATORIUM BUILDING Gaismas prospekts 2/6, Ogre

The building is an architectural monument of national importance, built in 1927 according to the design of architect Konstantīns Pēkšēns as the Children's Sanatorium of Riga Central Health Insurance Fund. The largest and most luxurious room is the dining-hall. It is decorated by the wallpaintings of Ansis Cīrulis. To this day, only a few artist-made decorative paintings have survived throughout the country. The paintings have the status of an art monument of national importance. The interior of the building can be viewed during



### 11 NATURE PARK "OGRES ZILIE KALNI" (THE OGRE BLUE HILLS)

Ogre town and Tīnūži civil parish, +371 25732316 www.ziliekalni.lv

The Blue Hills are a chain of hillocks in an area of 312 ha – a part of The Great Eskers (Lielie Kangari). The major part of the territory is covered with coniferous forests on glaciofluvial eskers. The Nature Park is a nature conservation area. Six protected plant species can be found here. In ancient times there was a castle mound. The Blue Hills is a popular rest area for the residents of Ogre and guests of the town. In winter, cross-country skiing tracks with interesting relief are established in the Nature Park, while in summer the path network is available to Nordic walkers, cyclists and other people interested in outdoor activities. There is an artificial lake by the name of Dubkalni water reservoir with a landscaped beach, recreational and camping areas, and an active recreation zone featuring beach volleyball, soccer and badminton courts. The viewing area offers a magnificent view of the Dubkalni Reservoir, while at the highest point of the nature park there is a 30 m high observation tower from which one can see the immediate surroundings

# and even Riga in clear weather.



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# OGRE MUNICIPALITY TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE

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### **3 OGRE CENTRAL LIBRARY**

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Currently the largest public wooden structure in Latvia, which fits into the category of passive or zero energy buildings. The building's *façade* and the interior show many wooden pieces – wood is the primary material used in the design of this building. In 2021, Ogre Central Library received a *Grand Prix* in the Annual Latvian Construction Award competition. Visitors can view exhibitions and are greeted by a robot employee in the library atrium. Advance booking for a excursion is required!

### **7** OGRE EVANGELIC LUTHERAN CHURCH Brīvības iela 51, Ogre, +371 65047915

In 1908, the tenants of Ogre summer house colony decided to build Forest Chapel. It was a wooden building having 300 seats and stylistically it reminded one of the sacral buildings of the South Czech Republic and Swiss regions. During the First World War, the chapel burnt down. In 1930 a church with 422 seats was built on the ruins of Forest Chapel. It was built according to the traditions of the late neo-Gothic style, and the design of A. Kēze. The church is an archaeological monument of regional importance.

## 8 DAUGAVAS PROMENADE – PROTECTING DIKE

#### Kalna Prospect and Riga Street intersection

The protecting dike in Ogre (2.6 km) is a popular rest area and a place for walking, fishing and water sports for the residents of the town and its guests. The Promenade attracts visitors with an excellent view to the confluence of the River Daugava and the River Ogre.

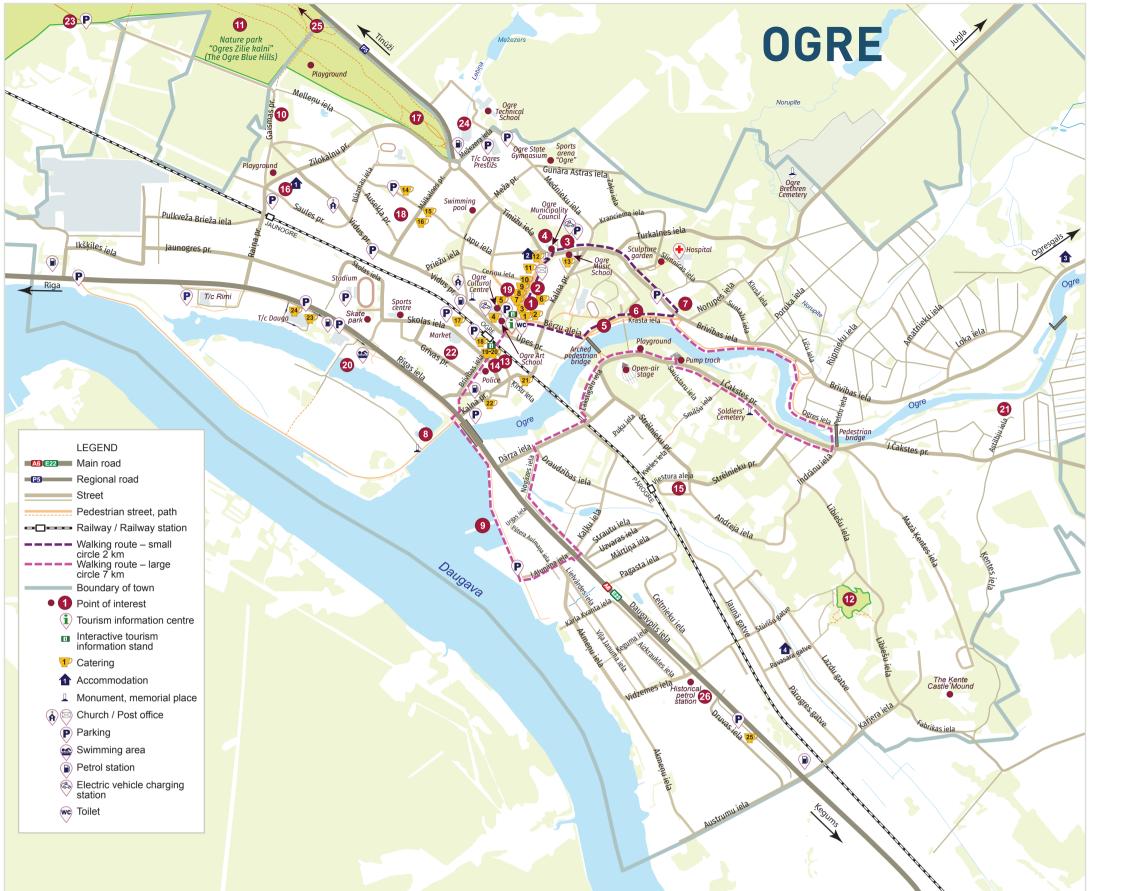


### 12 ŠPAKOVSKIS'S DENDROLOGICAL PARK Pavasara gatve 6, Ogre, +371 27083402

Also known as "Lazdukalni Park". The park is located in Pārogre (Over-The-Ogre-River) and covers 5.9 ha of the area. Visitors are welcomed at the park entrance by a sculpture of a mermaid. More than 400 species of bushes and trees from Western Europe, Siberia, Far East and even from the seacoast of the Pacific Ocean grow in the park. The park may be visited by walking along its paths that are 1.8 km long. At the highest point in the park there is a viewing tower, accessible by a staircase of 100 steps and various other pathways. Entry to the park is free of charge. Excursions, wedding programmes and the use of the campfire site – for donations and booking in advance.



**Map, drawings:** Velta Riekstiņa



#### 13 "MANAS GARŠAS" (MY FLAVORS) MASTERCLASSES

Brīvības iela 12, Ogre, +371 29158362 klientiem@manasgarsas.lv, www.manasgarsas.lv Advance booking for a masterclass is required!

The workshops are available for groups and are an opportunity to create your own spice mix. The hostesses of the workshop offer an exciting, informative and fragrant event for various groups, families and friends, as well as newlyweds and their guests. A colorful edible painting workshop available for children. A chance to play with yoghurt, natural colourings, fruits and berries to create colourful treats in the form of edible paintings.

# 14 CHEESE TASTING AT "SIERŠTELLE"

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### **16 CREATIVE WORKSHOPS IN JAUNOGRE**

Zilokalnu prospekts 2b, Ogre, +371 26329403 (Pie Mimi) +371 29286045 (Dzīvais māls) Advance booking for a visit is required!

The creative workshop "Dzīvais māls" ("Living Clay") offers one to paint a ready-made pottery or to make some by yourself. At "Mimi" you can make colorful biscuits, bake glaciers or paint gingerbread.

### **17** ADVENTURE PARK "MILŽU TAKA" (TRAIL OF A GIANT)

Nature Park "Ogres Zilie kalni", Ogre, +371 24427070 info@milzutaka.lv, www.milzutaka.lv, GPS 56.8262, 24.5952

The Adventure Park "Milžu taka" (Trail of a Giant) is a trail

# **19 TRAMPOLINE PARK "JUMP PARK"**

Brīvības iela 19, Ogre, +371 26463175, info@jumppark.lv www.jumppark.lv

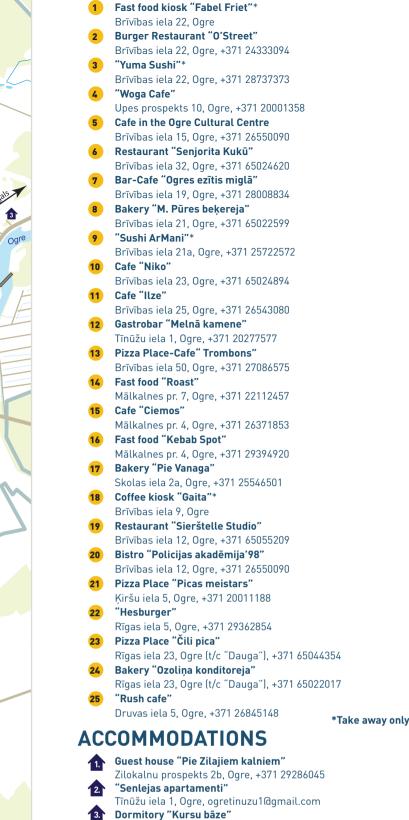
Ogre Trampoline Park "Jump Park" is an active recreation and entertainment centre located at the heart of the city. Over 200 m<sup>2</sup> of trampolines: foam pool, climbing wall, professional trampoline and two basketball baskets of different heights for children and adults of all ages. Trampoline park is connected with a well known cafe "Ezītis miglā" ("Hedgehog in the Mist").

### 20 WATER TOWN "OGRES VARDE" (OGRE FROG)

Vecupe Beach, Ogre, +371 20012139 ogresvarde@gmail.com, www.ogresvarde.lv

Water amusement park on the well-equipped Vecupe beach

# CATERING



- Dormitory "Kursu bāze" Brīvības ielas 125, Ogre, +371 65046080, 29448285
- Brivibas letas 125, Ugre, +371 65046080, 29448 Sauna in Pārogre
- Pavasara gatve 3, Ogre, +371 29123239

#### 22 VIRTUAL REALITY GAMES "CITA TELPA" (THE OTHER SPACE)

Grīvas prospekts 4b, Ogre, +371 28339912 www.citatelpa.lv

A place where you can relax, meet friends and organize a private event. Two game rooms, three virtual reality systems. A wide range of games, an opportunity to try various games.

# 23 DOG SLED RIDES "SNIEGA SUŅI" (SNOW DOGS)

Apiņu Street and Rietumu Street intersection +371 26593651, +371 26532851, info@sniegasuni.lv www.sniegasuni.lv Advance booking for a visit is required!

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The welcoming space of the restaurant "Sierštelle Studio" offers cheese tastings and interesting facts and stories about "SierŠtelle" cheese. During tastings, guests can enjoy eight types of cheese – both sweet and salty, as well as a deepfried warm cheese snack with home-made jam, three types of home-made sweet truffles, *Crème Brûlée*, and a glass of wine made in Ogre region. Tastings can be combined with a delicious meal from "SierŠtelle Studio", and cheese can be purchased to take home. A special offer is available for student groups.

## **15** POTTERY WORKSHOP "SPROĢI"

Viestura aleja 6, Ogre, +371 29846704 imants.sprogis@inbox.lv, keramikasdarbnica.blogspot.com Advance booking for a visit is required!

Ceramists Imants and Malda Sproģi offer guided tours to see how a small piece of clay is turned into a work of art. There is a possibility to try your own hand at the potter's lathe. Available also wedding events, creating a "pot of happiness" for the newlyweds. made of ropes and wooden constructions in trees, consisting of three arcs of varying degrees of difficulty and complexity. The total length of the route is almost 600 meters. Depending on the mood of the visitor and his / her physical abilities one can choose to finish the whole trail or just one or several arcs.

#### 18 KIDS' ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE "DŽUNGĻU PARKS" (JUNGLE PARK)

Mālkalnes prospekts 1 , 3rd floor, Ogre, +371 20071677 info@dzungluparks.lv, www.dzungluparks.lv

The 500 m<sup>2</sup> kids entertainment centre is designed so that the little crawling kids would feel safe as they explore the new world, and the challenge-loving 12-year-olds would find engaging entertainment in a labyrinth of giant obstacles, trampoline, inflatable attraction or a dizzying 6-meter slide. There is also a cafe at the entertainment centre. In the summer season, it offers a water town with obstacles, SUP board rental, and a cafe with refreshing drinks, icecream, and coffee. A specialised SUP board for people with disabilities is also available for rent. Vecupe beach is one of the most popular beaches in Ogre. A toilet, changing facilities, a beach volleyball court and a children's playground are available.

# 21 "SLIP'N SLIDE"

Astilbju iela 13, Ogre, +371 25646404 slipnslideogre@gmail.com, www.slipnslide.lv

An excellent place of active recreation for families with children. In summer, a wide range of attractions is available: 110 m descent on inner tubes, jumping pillow, children's maze, inflatable attractions, water cushions, trampolines, bike carts, and various other attractions will give you a whale of a time. In winter, there is a 170-metre-long inner tubing track, a nature trail with light sculptures, and campfire sites available.

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### 24 OGRE ICE ARENA

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#### 25 ELECTRIC BIKE RENTAL / CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RENTAL "OZK"

Nature park "Ogres Zilie kalni" – starting area of cross-country skiing track, GPS 56.8392, 24.5711 +371 25664443 **(f)** OZK noma

### 26 BIKE RENTAL "VELOOGRE"

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