

WHAT TO SEE IN OGRE



1 INDEPENDENCE SQUARE AND THE EXHIBITION "LATVIA'S PATH OF FREEDOM"

Brīvības iela, Ogre

Independence Square is located in the historic section of Brīvības (Freedom) Street, which was once a part of the city centre. The square features two symbolic environmental installations: "The Holders of the Military Order of Lāčplēsis" and "The Rock of Latvian Freedom", both representing Latvia's enduring quest for freedom across different periods of its history. The exhibition "Latvia's Path of Freedom", which highlights the most important events and key figures of the 20th century related to Latvia's struggle for independence, is situated near the square. It is housed in a building that is more than 100 years old and is an architectural monument of local importance.



2 HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND THE TOWN SQUARE OF OGRE

Brīvības iela, Ogre

Brīvības Street in Ogre stands out for its architectural examples from the 1920s and 1930s. Nowadays, many of its buildings are recognized as architectural monuments of regional or local significance. The town square has become a popular meeting place for both locals and visitors. In summer, everyone can enjoy the fountain complex, including a walk-through fountain, especially loved by children. The fountains are even more captivating after dark, when their colours, lights, and moving images create a magical atmosphere. The square also hosts a variety of events throughout the year, including live music, art installations, sports activities, and other entertainment.



3 OGRE HISTORY AND ART MUSEUM

Brīvības iela 36, Ogre, +371 65024345, www.ogresmuzejs.lv

The museum is an important platform for creative expression, supporting both local artists from Ogre Municipality and creatives from across Latvia. The modern premises feature two permanent exhibitions:

- 1. "Pietura Ogre" ("Train stop Ogre") - an interactive, digital exhibition suitable for all ages. It provides an engaging and comprehensive overview of Ogre's history.
- 2. "From Bank to Museum" - an informative exhibition that tells the story of the building's transformation from a former bank into a cultural institution.

In addition to the permanent displays, the museum's exhibition hall regularly hosts rotating art and history exhibitions. A variety of educational programmes are also available upon request.



4 OGRE CENTRAL LIBRARY

Brīvības iela 35, Ogre, +371 65068781, www.ocb.lv

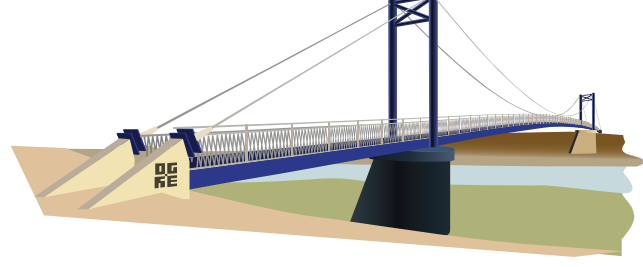
Currently, the largest public wooden structure in Latvia, which fits into the category of passive or zero-energy buildings. The building's façade and interior prominently feature wood as the primary design element, creating a warm and natural atmosphere. The building was opened in 2021 and received the *Grand Prix* award in the Latvian Construction Annual Award competition. Visitors can explore exhibitions and are greeted by a robot assistant in the library atrium. Guided tours are available by prior booking only.



5 OUTDOOR CLIMBING TOWER "OGRE"

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

The Climbing Tower opened in 2022 and has since become a unique landmark for adventure and heritage lovers alike. A 20 to 24 metres tall climbing wall, covering an area of 1050 m², has been built for athletes, mountain tourism enthusiasts, climbers, and other visitors. Alongside the main wall, there is also a smaller climbing wall (2.5 to 4.5 metres high), specially designed for children and teenagers. The climbing tower was created by restoring a 20th-century industrial heritage site - a former water tower, which had been unused since the late 1980s.



6 KRASTA PROMENADE

Krasta iela, Ogre

The promenade stretches for 2 km, offering scenic views of the river and its natural surroundings. At the beginning of the promenade stands a pedestrian bridge built in 1966 - the largest arch-shaped bridge in Latvia (94 metres long, 4.5 metres wide). It connects the central part of Ogre with Pārgre ("Across-the-Ogre-River") district. In 2017, a 100-metre-long wooden footbridge was added, inspired by the spirit of the 1920s and 1930s, when Ogre was a popular swimming resort. The seasonal bridge is removed during the winter months. At the other end of the promenade, a modern pedestrian bridge, opened in 2021, connects J. Čakste Avenue with Ogres Street. Both bridges are beautifully illuminated during special occasions. The entire riverside route forms a 3.5 km circular trail, perfect for walking, jogging, or simply enjoying the peaceful atmosphere of the riverbanks.



7 OGRE STATE GYMNASIUM AND SPORTS ARENA "OGRE"

Gunāra Astras iela 1, Ogre, www.ovg.lv, www.arenaogre.lv

The new Ogre State Gymnasium building opened in September 2023 and stands as a striking example of contemporary architecture. It has received the *Grand Prix* in the Latvian Construction of the Year Award 2023 and other notable architectural honours. Excursions must be booked in advance. The Sports Arena "Ogre" offers its visitors the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of sports activities and public events. It is also home of the "Ogre" basketball club.



8 OGRE EVANGELIC LUTHERAN CHURCH

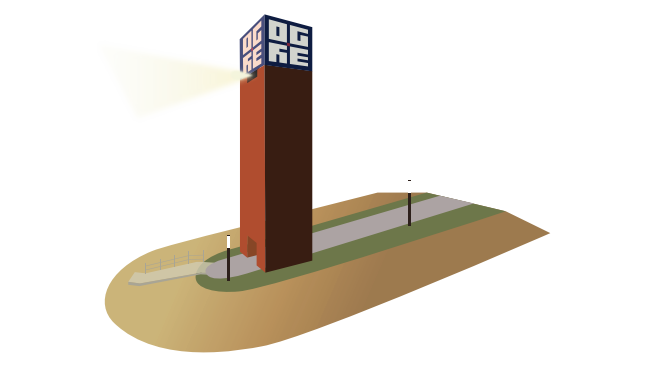
Brīvības iela 51, Ogre, +371 65047915

In 1908, the tenants of Ogre summer house colony decided to build a Forest Chapel. It was a wooden building with 300 seats, stylistically reminiscent of sacral architecture from the southern Czech Republic and Swiss regions. The chapel was destroyed during World War I. In 1930, a church with 422 seats was built on the ruins of Forest Chapel. Designed by architect A. Kēze, it followed the traditions of late Neo-Gothic style. The church is an architectural monument of regional importance.

9 THE DAUGAVA PROMENADE - PROTECTING DIKE

Kalna prospect and Riga Street intersection, Ogre

The protective dike in Ogre (2.6 km long) is a popular spot for relaxation, walking, fishing, and water sports among locals and visitors alike. The promenade offers a stunning view of the confluence of the River Daugava and stretches along the riverbank from Ogre to Ikšķile. The two sections are connected by a cycling-friendly road.



10 OGRE PIER AND LIGHTHOUSE

Dambja iela, Ogre

The pier, built in 2021 at the mouth of the River Ogre where it meets the River Daugava, has become a unique spot for recreation and leisurely walks. It's especially popular at sunset, when the views are truly breathtaking. At the end of the pier stands an environmental art object - a lighthouse with a weathered, rust-effect facade. After dark, a rotating beam of light shines from the top. Another environmental artwork on the pier features three stylized figures representing modern youth.



11 ŠPAKOVSKIS'S DENDROLOGICAL PARK

Pavasara gatve 6, Ogre, +371 27083402

Also known as "Lazdukalni Park" this green oasis spans 5.9 hectares. Visitors are welcomed at the park entrance by a sculpture of a mermaid. The park boasts over 400 species of shrubs and trees from Western Europe, Siberia, the Far East, and even the Pacific coast. A 1.8 km network of walking paths invites visitors to explore this diverse natural collection.

At the highest point in the park, there is a viewing tower, accessible by a staircase of 100 steps or several other winding paths. Entrance is free. Guided tours, wedding programs, and access to the campfire site are available by donation and must be booked in advance.



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

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

The Blue Hills are a chain of hillocks covering an area of 312 ha. The Nature Park is a protected conservation area and a popular spot for both residents of Ogre and guests of the town. In winter, cross-country skiing tracks with varied terrain are set up within the park, while in summer the network of paths is ideal for Nordic walking, cycling, and other outdoor activities.

The Dubkalni Water Reservoir, an artificial lake with a landscaped beach, recreational and camping zones, and an active leisure area, is located nearby. From the viewing platform, visitors can enjoy stunning views of the reservoir. At the park's highest point stands a 30-meter-high observation tower, offering panoramic views of the surrounding landscape—and on clear days, even Riga can be seen from there.

13 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 the architect K. Pēkšēns as the Children's Sanatorium of the Riga Central Health Insurance Fund. The most impressive space in the building is the dining-hall, adorned with wall paintings by artist Ansis Cīrulis. These murals are among the few surviving examples of artist-created decorative wall paintings in Latvia and are recognized as an art monument of national importance. Advance booking for an excursion is required: +371 65024345.



OGRE TOURISM MAP



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Map, drawings:
Velta Riekstiņa

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14 “MANAS GARŠAS”(MY FLAVORS) MASTERCLASSES

Brīvības iela 12, Ogre, +371 29158362, www.manasgarsas.lv
Advance booking is required!

Workshops are available for groups and offer visitors a unique opportunity to create their own custom spice blend. Led by warm and knowledgeable hosts, these sessions are both fun and fragrant—perfect for families, groups of friends, wedding parties, or any curious visitors. For younger guests, a colourful and edible painting workshop is also available, making it a delightful experience for children.

15 CHEESE-TASTINGS AT “SIERŠTELLE”

Brīvības iela 12, Ogre, +371 25767626, www.sierstelle.lv
Advance booking is required!

The inviting atmosphere of “SierŠtelle Studio” welcomes guests for cheese tastings enriched with fascinating stories and facts about SierStelle cheese. During the tasting, guests can enjoy eight varieties of cheese—both sweet and savoury—along with a warm, deep-fried cheese snack served with homemade jam. The experience is rounded out with three types of handcrafted sweet truffles, a classic crème brûlée, and a glass of wine produced in the Ogre region. A special offer is available for student groups.

16 WINE TASTING AT “NOLIKTAVA” (THE WAREHOUSE)

Brīvības iela 20, Ogre, + 371 25369838, www.noliktava.lv
“Noliktava” is a cozy coffee shop where visitors can enjoy and purchase excellent wines, coffee, non-alcoholic drinks, sweet and savoury snacks, and a selection of gifts to take home. Wine tastings led by an experienced wine expert are available by reservation.

17 CREATIVE SPACE OF OGRE CULTURE CENTRE

Brīvības iela 15, Ogre, +371 26313588, www.okultura.lv
Advance booking is required!

The Creative Space is a place where weaving traditions come to life, inviting visitors to explore the craft of weaving on more than 20 different types of looms. At weekends, various masterclasses and workshops are held here, with a participation fee.

18 LAPSAS' HOMEMADE CHEESE

Ogres iela 4, Ogre, +371 29190193, 26838017
www.lapsu-majas-siers.lv. Advance booking is required!

A visit to “Lapsu mājas siers” (Lapsas’ Homemade Cheese) offers a delicious journey into the world of cheesemaking. Learn about the origins and evolution of cheese production, taste a variety of fresh cheeses made right on the spot, try grilled cheese, and even make cheese dogs. More than 20 different cheese varieties—each with its own unique flavour—are available for purchase.

19 CERAMICS WORKSHOP “SPROĢI”

Viestura aleja 6, Ogre, +371 29846704
www.keramikasdarbnica.blogspot.com.
Advance booking is required!

Ceramists Imants and Malda Sproģi offer guided tours showcasing how a small piece of clay is transformed into a work of art. Visitors also have the chance to try their hand at the potter’s wheel. Wedding events are available, including the creation of a “pot of happiness” for the newlyweds.

20 CREATIVE WORKSHOPS IN JAUNOGRE

Zilokalnu prosp. 2b, Ogre, +371 26329403 (Pie Mimi)
29321337 (Dzīvais māls). Advance booking is required!

The creative workshop “Dzīvais māls” (Living Clay) invites visitors to paint pre-made ceramics or try their hand at creating their own pottery from scratch. At “Mimi” you can make colourful biscuits, bake “sklandrausis”, or paint gingerbread.

21 AROMATHERAPY MASTERCLASSES

Doles iela 3, Ogre, +371 29474422, www.arometra.lv
Advance booking is required!

Experience the world of scents in aromatherapy masterclasses, where you’ll discover valuable insights into the everyday use of essential oils, their healing properties, and the fundamentals of perfume making.

22 ADVENTURE PARK “MILŽU TAKA” (TRAIL OF A GIANT)

Dabas parks “Ogres Zilie kalni”, Ogre, +371 24427070
www.milzutaka.lv

The Adventure Park “Milžu taka” (The Giant’s Trail) offers an obstacle course built among the trees, divided into three sections of varying difficulty and complexity. The total length of the trail is nearly 600 meters. Visitors can choose to complete the entire route or just one or more sections, depending on their mood and physical abilities.

23 KIDS’ ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE “DŽUNĢU PARKS” (JUNGLE PARK)

Mālkalnes prosp. 1, 3.stāvs, Ogre, +371 20071677
www.dzungluparks.lv

The 500 m² kids’ entertainment centre is designed to make little crawlers feel safe as they explore the new world, while offering thrilling challenges for adventurous 12-year-olds in a labyrinth of giant obstacles, a trampoline, an inflatable attraction, and a dizzying 6-meter slide. A café is also available on-site for visitors.

24 VIRTUAL REALITY GAMES “CITA TELPA” (THE DIFFERENT SPACE)

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

The entertainment space offers over 70 virtual reality games and simulations suitable for both children and adults. Visitors can also experience a professional driving simulator, trying their hand at various auto racing disciplines such as Formula 1, drifting, rally, and road racing.

25 WATER ATTRACTIONS “OGRES VARDE” (OGRE FROG)

Vecupe Beach, Ogre, +371 20012139, www.ogresvarde.lv
Floating Water Park on the well-equipped Vecupe beach. In the summer season, it features a water playground with obstacles, SUP board rental, and a cafe with refreshing drinks, ice cream, and coffee. A specialised SUP board for people with disabilities is also available for rent. A toilet, changing facilities, a beach volleyball court and a children’s playground are also available.

26 ATTRACTIONS “SLIP’N SLIDE”

Astilbju iela 13, Ogre, +371 29333464, +371 26333813
www.slipnslide.lv. Advance booking is required!

An excellent spot for active family recreation. In summer, a wide range of attractions are available, including a 110-meter inner tube slide, a jumping pillow, a children’s maze, inflatable play areas, water cushions, trampolines, bike carts, and much more—guaranteeing fun for all ages. In winter, the fun continues with a 170-meter inner tubing track and a nature trail illuminated by enchanting light sculptures.

27 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE “EKVIDO”

Rīgas brieži, Tinūžu pagasts, +371 29378216, 27829977
www.rigasmezi.lv/ekvido. Advance booking is required!

The Education Centre offers hands-on classes for students and nature enthusiasts, exploring the elements and mechanisms of nature. The classes include stories about the forest ecosystem and animals, the dominant tree species and forestry in Latvia. The programme can be enriched with a campfire experience and other activities, such as exploring the orienteering site.

28 POST-WAR VEHICLE COLLECTION “EQUIPMENT FROM THE PAST”

Druvas iela 4D, Ogre, +371 29238787
www.tehnikanopagatnes.lv. Advance booking is required!

One of the most impressive collections of post-war machinery in Latvia. Its founder and creator, Jānis Buka, has assembled a remarkable collection of automobiles, including models from Zhiguli, GAZ, Zaporozhets, and Moskvich. Alongside the cars, the exhibition features numerous other technical items. Visitors will also be able to see an exceptional rarity – one of the five unique Pony design mopeds produced by the Sarkanā zvaigzne (Red Star) factory. The collection also includes 15 special cars that have been awarded the “Historic Vehicle” certificate.

29 DOG SLEDDING RIDES “SNIEGA SUNĪ” (SNOW DOGS)

Apiņu Street and Rietumu street intersection, Ogre
+371 26532851, 26593651, www.sniegasuni.lv
Advance booking is required!

30 OGRE ICE ARENA

Mežezera iela 3, Aizupes, Ogres novads
+371 29245380, 65055132
See the schedule for public ice-skating sessions on the website. www.vidzemesledus.lv

31 ELECTRIC BIKE RENTAL / CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RENTAL “OZK”

Nature park “Ogres Zilie kalni” – starting area of cross-country skiing track, + 371 25664443, www.ozk-noma.lv

32 BIKE RENTAL “VELOOGRE”

Daugavpils iela 74, Ogre, + 371 26460061, www.veloogre.lv

CATERING

- Cafe “Pie Zelta Liepas”**
Brīvības iela 18, Ogre, +371 26817200, www.piezeltaliepas.lv
- Shop-Cafe “Noliktava”**
Brīvības iela 20, Ogre, +371 25369838, www.noliktava.lv
- Burger Restaurant “O’Street”**
Brīvības iela 22, Ogre, +371 24333094, www.ostreet.lv
- Fast food kiosk “Gardēžu pietura” ***
Brīvības iela 22, Ogre, www.gardezhu-pietura.lv
- Sushi place “Yuma Sushi” ***
Brīvības iela 22, Ogre, +371 28737373, www.yumasushi.lv
- Cafe “Woga Cafe”**
Upes prosp. 10, Ogre, +371 20001358, www.wogacafe.lv
- Cafe in the Ogre Culture Centre (september-may)**
Brīvības iela 15, Ogre, +371 26550090,
www.kafejnica-ogres-kulturas-nama.lv
- Restaurant “Senjorita Kukū”**
Brīvības iela 32, Ogre, +371 65024620, www.senjorita.lv
- Bar-Cafe “Ogres ezītis miglā”**
Brīvības iela 19, Ogre, +371 28008834, www.ogres-ezitis-migla.lv
- Bakery “M. Pūres beķereja”**
Brīvības iela 21, Ogre, +371 65022599, www.m-pures-beckereja.lv
- Ice Cream Kiosk**
Brīvības iela 21a, Ogre
- Cafe “Niko”**
Brīvības iela 23, Ogre, +371 65024894, www.niko-a.lv
- Cafe “Ilze”**
Brīvības iela 25, Ogre, +371 26543080, www.kafejnica-ilze.lv
- Gastrobar “Melnā kamene”**
Tinūžu iela 1, Ogre, +371 20277577, www.melna-kamene.lv
- Pizza Place-Cafe “Trombons” (september-may)**
Brīvības iela 50, Ogre, +371 27086575, www.trombons.lv
- Cafe “Kebab Spot”**
Mālkalnes prosp. 4, Ogre, +371 29394920, www.kebab-spot.lv
- Pizza Place-Cafe “Peppers”**
Mālkalnes prosp. 4, Ogre, +371 26371853, www.peppers-ogre.lv
- Cafe “Roast”**
Mālkalnes prosp. 7, Ogre, +371 22112457, www.roast.lv
- Sushi place “Sushi ArMani”**
Mālkalnes prosp. 7, Ogre, +371 25722572, www.sushiarmani.lv
- Cafe “le Tresor RestoBar”**
Mālkalnes prosp. 3, Ogre, +371 20353545, www.le-tresor-restobar.lv
- Bakery “Pie Vanaga”**
Skolas iela 2a, Ogre, +371 25546501, www.konditoreja-pie-vanaga.lv
- Coffee kiosk “Lai Top” ***
Brīvības iela 9, Ogre
- Bistro “Policijas akadēmija 98”**
Brīvības iela 12, Ogre, +371 65021200, www.policijasakademija98.lv
- Cafe “Spoon Cafe ”**
Brīvības iela 1, Ogre, +371 20667300, www.spoon-cafe-ogre.lv
- Pizza Place “Picas meistars”**
Ķiršu iela 5, Ogre, +371 20011188, www.ogre.picasmeistars.lv
- Burger Restaurant “Hesburger”**
Rīgas iela 5, Ogre, +371 29362854, www.hesburger.lv
- Pizza Place “Čili pica”**
Rīgas iela 23, Ogre (l/c “Dauga”), +371 65044354, www.cilipizza.lv
- Bakery “Ozoliņa konditoreja”**
Rīgas iela 23, Ogre (l/c “Dauga”), +371 65022017,
www.ozolinakonditoreja.lv
- Cafe “Rush cafe”**
Druvas iela 5, Ogre, +371 26845148

* - Take away only, ☀ - Summer season, ❄ - Winter season

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Guest house “Pie Zilajiem kalniem”**
Zilokalnu prosp. 2b, Ogre, +371 29286045, www.bluehillhouse.lv
- Apartments “Senlejas apartamenti”**
Tinūžu iela 1, Ogre, ogretinuza1@gmail.com
- Apartments “Ogres Pasta kvartāls”**
Brīvības iela 38, Ogre, +371 27309393
- Dormitory “Kursu bāze”**
Brīvības iela 125, Ogre, +371 29448285
- Sauna in Pārogre**
Pavasara gatve 3, Ogre, +371 29123239

SUP RENTAL “OGRE ACTIVE”

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CROSS-COUNTRY ELECTRIC SKATEBOARD RENTAL “BRUNTOR”

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