

KANDAVA, PEDVALE AND KULDIGA TRIP

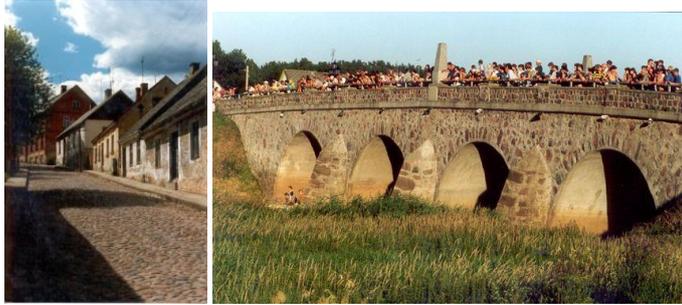
One of the most picturesque and rolling Kurzeme routes passes through the Abava Valley, and offers a wide range of recreational opportunities. The route takes you through Kuldīga - ancient capital of Kurzeme with its rich cultural and historical heritage.

The itinerary :

9.00 Pick up of guests from the hotel and beginning of the trip

10.00 Aproximate arrival at Kandava

Kandava - a quiet and romantic town, the cobbled streets of which tempt you to visit the old "Kurši" Senču castle mound; to climb Bruņinieku castle mound; to see the Powder tower that was built in the times of Duke Jēkabs; to stand on the Stone bridge (the oldest in Latvia); to look at the wooden carvings in Kandava's Ev. Lutheran Church and Gvadelupe Virgin's image in the Roman Catholic Church. After that you can get to know the Abava Valley - landscape-wise, this is one of most picturesque places in Latvia, which due to its beautiful topography was named „Courland's Switzerland". Here you will find deep ravines and steep slopes, sandstone outcrops, caves and waterfalls.



10.30 Trip continued to the **Sabile**

Sabile - a provincial town, the name of which is the Guinness Book of World Records thanks to Sabile Wine Hill - the northernmost vineyard in the world. Every year in the second half of July Sabile invites visitors to its wine festivities.



The Pedvāle Open-air Ethnographical and Arts Museum is located in Sabile on the opposite bank of the Abava River on the territory of the former Firkspedvāles and Brīņķpedvāles Manor Houses, created by the sculptor O.Feldbergs. This is one of most popular cultural destinations in Latvia, where an outdoor and indoor exhibition of art and sculpture is open for visitors.

12.00 Trip continued to the **Kuldīga**



Kuldīga - an ancient provincial town which in the 17th century was the capital of the Duchy of Courland. From Kuldīga Duke Jēkabs's ships sailed to the coasts of Holland, Germany, Sweden and even as far as Tobago. Kuldīga's Old Town lanes, which retain an aura of antiquity, have become a popular location for Latvian and foreign historical films.

Waterfall "Ventas Rumba" in Kuldīga (width 249 m)

Old brick bridge (1874) over the Venta River in Kuldīga

Kuldīga's Old Town and "Venice" - Alekšupīte

Coffee break or light lunch in Kuldīga

14.15 Trip continued to the **Riežupes sand caves** – the longest underground cave labyrinth in the Baltics (about 2 km, with 460 m open to the public). In the time of Duke Jacob, white sand from Riežupe Sand Caves was shipped along the Venta river to foreign glass factories



15.30 Returning to Riga.

17.00 Approximate arrival in Riga