

LĪGATNE TRIP

This route includes perhaps the most beautiful places of all Vidzeme region: the Gauja National Park. Local fauna can be seen close up at the Līgatne Nature Trails. In contrast there's also a Soviet legacy at Līgatne's underground bunkers.

The itinerary :

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

10.15 **Līgatnes pārceļtūve** – an old style wooden ferry across the River Gauja



10.30 Aproximate arrival at **The Līgatne Nature Trails** - wild animals can be observed in their natural environment and there is a couple of nature trails.

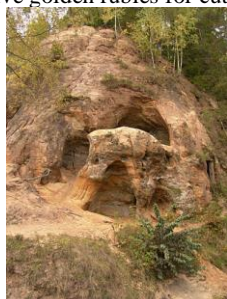


12.00 Trip continued to the **Līgatne centre**

Līgatne man-made caves – *Lustūzis, Ānfabrikas klintis, Remdenkalns*.

Lustūzis is a place all “perforated” in two tiers with cellars and garages.

Ānfabrikas klintis (cliff) is an absolutely vertical 16.5 m high wall, which due to its forged door reminds one of a fortress. The largest cellar “formation” is in *Remdenkalns*, it reaches 56 m down under the foot of the mountain. Twenty-eight cellars as separate cells make a 205 m long passage. In old times, they paid five golden rubles for cutting one cellar.



Coffee break or light lunch in Līgatne.

13.00 Trip continued to the **Līgatne rehabilitation centre**



Underground bunkers – revealed Top Secret Site from the Soviet era in the territory of the Vidzeme region rehabilitation centre *Līgatne*, nine meters underground, there is a well-equipped facility with a total area of 2,000 sq.m, whose secrecy grading was removed only in 2003.

This was one of the most strategically important places in Soviet Latvia in case of a nuclear war.

This is a powerful autonomous self-sustaining structure with all necessary and high-end (for that time) equipment.

15.00 Returning to Riga.

16.00 Approximate arrival in Riga