

Daugavpils offers a large number of attractive educational opportunities to young people.

Nowadays more than 20 nationalities' representatives consider Daugavpils as their home. 11 national societies work there. **Latvian House, Russian House, Polish House, Byelorussian House and Lithuanian House** offer their hospitality to their guests as well as to city residents.



Daugavpils gave to the world the outstanding expressionist Mark Rothko, the composer - "King of Tango" Oscar Strok, the actor, stage director Solomon Mikhoels (Vovsi) and others. In 2013 opened Daugavpils Mark Rothko Art Centre has become a powerful magnet that attracts visitors from all over the world.

Historically Daugavpils was developed as an industrial city. Nowadays it is represented by the following industrial branches: metal processing, locomotive and railway rolling stock production and repair, production of food and beverages, which are in the process of constant development. Daugavpils is the city with a well-balanced multi sectorial economy, where foundation of employment and welfare is small and medium business, which is based on new technologies and produces competitive products. Daugavpils is open for investments and this intention is confirmed by the development of city's infrastructure and support of business activities.



ECONOMY

Daugavpils strategic advantages:

- advantageous geographical position close to the borders of three countries;
- developed infrastructure;
- concentration of educational institutions;
- multinational environment, cultural and historical heritage;
- natural resources.

DAUGAVPILS FACTS

- 1275 – Dinaburg (Daugavpils) was first mentioned in historical chronicles;
- 1582 – Dinaburg was granted city rights.

City territory – 72.48 km²

Population (as of 01.01.2013.) – 100 006

Official web page – www.daugavpils.lv

Distance from Daugavpils:

- to Riga – 232 km;
- to the Lithuanian border – 25 km;
- to the Belarusian border – 35 km;
- to the Russian border – 120 km.



DAUGAVPILS

Borisoglebsk
Dinaburg
Dvinsk



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An important INDUSTRIAL CENTRE OF LATGALE
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SIGHTSEEING OBJECTS

Daugavpils Fortress is an outstanding fortification that occupies more than 150 ha. This is the only early 19th century fortress in Eastern Europe that has remained virtually unchanged.

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Mark Rothko Art Centre is situated in the Arsenal building of Daugavpils Fortress. This is a multifunctional complex of contemporary art, culture and education. It is the only place in Eastern Europe where original works of **Mark Rothko**, the preeminent artist of the XX century, a founder of Abstract Expressionism, are presented. www.rothkocenter.com

Daugavpils **Church Hill** is a unique object of sacral tourism in Daugavpils with the churches of four different confessions standing there side by side: Martin Luther Cathedral, Roman Catholic Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Saints Boris and Gleb Russian Orthodox Cathedral and the Church of the First Old-Believers' Community.

Daugavpils Museum of Local History and Art is one of the oldest museums in Latgale. The museum is located in a magnificent eclectic building with the elements of Jugendstil, constructed in 1883. Each entrance is guarded by two sculptures of lions. The museum offers cultural, historical and nature exhibitions as well as the possibility to take part in various educational programs. www.dnmm.lv

Daugavpils Clay Art Centre offers visitors the opportunity to get acquainted with the cultural heritage of Latgale - ceramics and pottery traditions. The Clay Art Centre is the only place in Latvia where visitors can see and learn about the hardened **Baltic Raku ceramics** which is being matured in fermented rye flour liquid. Children and adults are offered an opportunity to take an exciting master class and create their own masterpieces. www.dmmc.lv

There are artificially created jungles in **Latgale Zoo** where visitors can see spotted pythons, spotted caimans bathing in the sun, red koi carps swimming in the pond, playful macaques and sugar gliders jumping in the lianas and other swimming, whistling, crawling, hopping and flying tropical creatures. A visit to Latgale Zoo is a lot of fun for children and adults. <http://latgalezoo.biology.lv/>

Daugavpils (Dvinsk at that time) was one of the leading Jewish cities of the Russian Empire and a centre of Jewish culture. The exposition of museum **Jews of Daugavpils and Latgale** tells about the life and household traditions of Jews in Latgale and Daugavpils since 1935. In the same building there is a **Synagogue** that is the only in Eastern Latvia that is open for tourists.

Daugavpils Lead Shot Factory is the oldest ammunition factory in Northern Europe, founded in 1886. It is the only factory of this type in Baltics and one of the oldest objects of industrial heritage in Latvia. The shot tower of the factory is the only one in Europe that is still in operation. www.dsr.lv

Rigas Street is the first Pedestrian Street in Latvia where you can see a unique sculpture dedicated to Latgalian ceramics. Daugavpils is one of the few Latvian cities that can boast of a unique ensemble of classical and eclectic buildings. This part of Daugavpils attracts both locals and guests with its small street cafes, cozy restaurants, boutiques and unique atmosphere.

Daugavpils Central Park is a popular recreation park with the only in Latvia exclusive benches alley and the Tree of Love. Children of different ages can spend their time on the spacious playground; adults can exercise using outdoor fitness equipment.

Daugavpils Theatre. The Daugavpils Theatre is one of the oldest professional theatres in Latvia. Daugavpils theatre history started in the 50ths of the XIX century, when the Russian Drama Theatre, the first Russian Theatre, was founded in Dinaburg (nowadays - Daugavpils) in 1856. The theatre was founded and maintained by Daugavpils Fortress chief engineer Nikolay Hagelstrom who was a sincere theatre admirer. The theatre has got an extensive repertoire in Latvian, Russian and Latgalian languages. Nowadays the theatre team receives awards for creative and courageous performances. <http://www.daugavpilsteatris.lv/>

Multifunctional Sport Complex. Visitors can enjoy 25-metre swimming-pool with 6 tracks, which can be used for physical health improvement as well as for relaxation. A small swimming-pool is meant for children and for aqua aerobics. It is possible to combine the visit to the swimming-pool with a Turkish bath and/or a sauna. There is a modern fitness and aerobics hall. There is also a fencing hall which is the only one in Baltics. <http://www.daugavpilsoc.lv/>

Daugavpils Ice Hall is a modern sport, recreation and cultural centre with about 2000 places for visitors. Hockey and figure-skating trainings for sportsmen and visitors as well as international competitions take place there. Everyone has the opportunity to take a rented skates and have a good time.

Speedway Centre – „Locomotive” Stadium It is one of the biggest speedway stadiums in Europe, where International competitions and Speedway Grand Prix of Latvia take place.

Dubrovin Park. Pavel Dubrovin (1839-1890), who was the city Mayor in 1876-1890, took an active part in laying out this park. Because of this fact the park was named after P.Dubrovin and his monument was placed there. Anyone can find refreshment near a big park fountain on a hot summer day, but in the evenings people can enjoy a play of light and water there.