

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN VILNIUS

There are many interesting places to see in Vilnius , but today I would like to tell about 3 of them.

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GATES OF DAWN



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- The Gates of Dawn is one of the most visited shrines in Vilnius that is famous not only in Lithuania but also abroad, worshipped by the representatives of other creeds too. This is the only surviving gate of the first original five gates in the city wall that was built between 1503 and 1522.
- The painting of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, in the Chapel of the Gates of Dawn is known all over the world. Many churches in other countries have copies of this painting. The picture, which is also called “Vilnius Madonna”, was painted in 17th century. It is painted in the Renaissance style, in tempera on oak boards, later repainted in oil. Since the middle of the 17th century it has been said to have miracle-working powers. The Holy Mother of God of the Gates of Dawn has been granted the title of Mother of Mercy twice.

CHURCH OF ST ANNE



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- Visit the church of St Anne and see a masterpiece of the late Gothic period. There are no solid facts about its originator or its construction period. Popular legend has it that Napoleon Bonaparte, who was fascinated by the beauty of the church, wanted to take it back to Paris in the palm of his hand. Unfortunately, the reality is not that romantic: during the march of the Napoleonic army through Lithuania, the church was damaged. However, Napoleon did mention that „Vilnius is a very beautiful city“, in a letter to his wife.

PLANETARIUM



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- Visit and see the planetarium of Vilnius University it is the only specialized information center of astronomy and natural sciences in Lithuania and the Baltic states where the starry sky can be observed in different places of the Earth. The planetarium has been operational since 1962.
- The educational lectures are very interesting for schoolchildren and students, you may hire a guide and have a tour.