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MILITARY HERITAGE TOURISM

When traveling in Estonia and Latvia, you can visit sites and objects related to military heritage history of both countries from the beginning of World War I in 1914 to the restoration of independence in 1990/1991. The sites include museums, fortresses, military equipment, hiking paths, bunkers, battlefields, military towns, infrastructure and memorial sites.

Look for information in the Military Heritage Guidebook and at

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INFORMATION ABOUT EACH MILITARY HERITAGE SITE INCLUDES:

- What to see and do.
- Historical and contemporary photos.
- The relevant period of time and a timeline of events.
- Related topics from history.
- Stories and memories.
- Internet sites and social networks.
- GPS co-ordinates.
- Links to a map.
- Address and contact information.

In addition to object visits you can experience guided tours, hikes and trips at places where military events once occurred, stories and meals at a campfire, accommodations in a partisan bunker, and other interactive experiences. Please check information about opening hours and provided services of each venue in advance.

There are routes leading to military heritage locations, and each one has a description of the type of travel, a division of the route day by day, as well as a choice of military heritage sites, accommodations and dining facilities.



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WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE MAP AND HOW TO PLAN A TRIP

The following 150 military heritage sites are marked on the map: former military bases, coast guard structures, forest brothers' bunkers, battlefields, museums, collections, exhibitions, monuments and memorial sites. Each site has a section with its name and a short description, address and telephone number. For many sites that can be seen in the countryside, such as battle and memorial sites, former military buildings, the address and telephone number do not exist and therefore cannot be listed. GPS coordinates are shown for all locations.

When planning your trip, we advise that you obtain as much information on opening hours, available services, guided tours etc. as possible in advance. At some military heritage sites, external information stands may be viewable at any time.

This website www.militaryheritagetourism.info will be useful during your trip or when planning one, as it contains more detailed information for each place: descriptions of history, stories of memories, historical and contemporary photos, tourist services and recommendations for travel routes. On this site, history enthusiasts will also find information on many lesser-known and less frequented, yet historically significant military heritage sites in Latvia and Estonia.



When travelling with this map you can discover the most historically significant and interesting places of military heritage in Latvia and Estonia, from the beginning of World War I in 1914, through gaining independence in 1918 and until restoration of independence in 1990/1991.

STAGES OF HISTORY

- Sites included in this map present the events in one or more stages of history:
- World War I / Wars of Independence 1914-1920
 - World War II 1939-1945
 - National partisan movement (forest brothers) 1944 - ~ 1957
 - Soviet occupation and restoration of independence 1945-1991

The historical stages are briefly described in the brochure "Military Heritage, Latvia / Estonia 1914 - 1991", to which this map is attached. The brochure also provides information on battle re-enactment events, military parades and national independence celebrations in Latvia and Estonia.

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LATVIA ESTONIA 1914-1991



TRAVEL MAP

- 1 Hara harbour and submarine base
2 Aegna island
3 Naissaar
4 Estonian War Museum - General Laidoner museum
5 Memorial to the victims of communism
6 Seaplane Harbour
7 Patari naval fortress
8 KGB Prison Cells
9 War of Independence Victory Column
10 Occupation Museum Vabamu
11 Defence Forces Cemetery and Bronze Soldier statue
12 Vainaväe museum and battle memorial
13 Paldiski - closed Soviet town
14 Klooga concentration camp and holocaust memorial
15 Osmussaar
16 Kadila and Rohu missile base
17 Tahkuna coastal batteries and lighthouse
18 Hiiumaa Military Museum
19 Memorial to the people of Hiiumaa who perished in WWII
20 Coastal battery No 42, radar station and lighthouse at Riiska
21 Orjaku military harbour
22 130-mm coastal battery No 44 at Tohvri (Hindu)
23 The 120-mm Battery at Hindu (Sõru) No 34
24 Vormsi War of Independence monument

- 25 Railway and Communications museum in Haapsalu
26 Memorial to people deported from Western Estonia
27 Memorial for the Great Escape in Puiše
28 Põrgupõhja forest brothers' bunker
29 Memorial to the Avinurme battle
30 Jõgeva Military Museum
31 WWI defense ditch at Väike Väin Straites
32 Panga military trail
33 Military Equipment Museum of Saaremaa
34 Undva naval radio communication center
35 Saaremaa Museum
36 Memorial to the night battle of Tehumardi
37 Lõpe-Kaimri anti-tank line
38 Maantee küla Military base
39 Stebel coastal battery No 315, command post
40 The Coastal Battery No 43 at Sõveäär
41 Sõrve Military Museum
42 Estonian Museum Railway in Lavassaares
43 Monument to proclaiming the independence of the Republic of Estonia
44 War of Independence Monument in Pärnu
45 Place of birth of general Johan Laidoner
46 Viljandi Museum
47 Monument of Johan Laidoner
48 Museum from of the Finnish boys in the Ice Age

- 49 Raadi military airfield
50 Museum of the Estonian National Defence College
51 KGB Cells Museum
52 Taru anti-tank line - Jalaka
53 Estonian Aviation Museum
54 War of Independence monument for Petserimaa
55 Värksa Visitors Centre and North Military Training Camp
56 Saaste Seto Museum
57 Ika armored train model
58 Ruhnu lighthouse
59 Defence line Walk
60 Monument of Paju battlefield
61 Valga Military Museum-Theme Park
62 Võrumaa Museum
63 Memorial for forest brothers at Vastseliina
64 Melsavenna Farm in Võrumaa
65 Monument "Tälvast auritajäs"
66 Bunker in Valka
67 Exhibition "Valka - the cradle of Latvia's independence"
68 Exhibition of the Seda town heritage
69 Bridge over the Gauja and trenches of the War of Independence
70 Ventspils International Radio Astronomy Centre
71 WW2 Memorial
72 Collection of Soviet military vehicles

- 73 Memorial sites of the Battles of Cēsis (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H)
74 Museum of Alūksne (A, B)
75 The fire control tower of the 44th Coastal Defence Battery of Ventspils
76 Missile base of Soviet Army in Zelīni
77 Historic exhibition "Burning Conscience"
78 Exhibitions of the Cēsis History and Art Museum in the New Castle
79 Rubenis Battalion Museum, bunker and battlefields A, B
80 Secret Soviet bunker in Ligane
81 Bicycle museum in Saulkraši
82 "Mežbrālī", national partisans' bunker
83 Gulbene railway station
84 Latvian Army camp in Liene
85 Stolmpaku swamp memorial site for national partisans, boardwalk trail
86 National partisan's bunker and memorial in Sērmūķis
87 Mežgarciems - Soviet military settlement
88 Museum of Battles in More
89 Mangšala fortifications
90 Daugavgrīva Fortress
91 Museum for National Resistance in Rēnda
92 Pielaža exhibition of regional studies at Inesi
93 Bumbu hill firewatch tower

- 94 Brothers' Cemetery in Rīga
95 Spilve airport
96 Sudrabkalniņš Hill
97 The KGB Building - the "Corner House"
98 Zanis Lipke Memorial
99 The Museum of Occupation of Latvia
100 The Freedom Monument in Rīga
101 Latvian War Museum
102 1991 Barricade Museum
103 Aviation Museum "SKY ZOO"
104 Rīga Ghetto and Latvian Holocaust Museum
105 Riga Air Museum (Riga Aviation museum)
106 Military airplane IL 28 at Skulte
107 Bronislava Mažiuleva Museum
108 Soviet border guard observation tower in Pāvilosta
109 Latvian rifleman positions and trenches in Tīreļi
110 Salaspils Memorial
111 Cultural Heritage Centre "Tīnūži Manor"
112 Kurzeme Pocket Museum at Zante
113 Death Island
114 Museum and memorial park of the Christmas Battles
115 "Liepaslas" museum and Visagals cemetery A, B
116 Museum and memorial park of the Christmas Battles
117 Death Island
118 Leslene Brothers' Cemetery

- 119 Catle wagon used for deportations at Skrunda train station
120 Oskars Kalpaks Memorial Museum "Aifites"
121 Aizkraukle Museum of History and Art, permanent exhibition "Soviet Period"
122 German War Cemetery at Saldus
123 War museum at Lidumnieki
124 Karosta Northern Forts
125 National partisans' bunker at Iie
126 Fort "Redan" in Karosta
127 Soviet air force target polygon in Zvārdē
128 Karosta Northern pier
129 St. Nicholas Orthodox Maritime Cathedral in Karosta
130 Watertower in Karosta
131 Karosta prison
132 Karosta
133 The "Oskars Kalpaks" bridge in Karosta
134 Exhibition in Liepāja Museum "Liepāja under occupation regimes"
135 Ezere Cultural and Local History Materials Repository "Customs house"
136 Soviet border guard checkpoint in Jūrmalciems
137 WWI museum in Aglona
138 Military Vehicles' Museum in Svente manor
139 Daugavpils Fortress
140 Mazbānī's railway, Ventspils Sea-side Open-air museum
141 Leslene Brothers' Cemetery

- SYMBOLS USED
World War I / Wars of Independence 1914-1920
World War II 1939-1945
National partisan movement (forest brothers) 1944 - 1957
Soviet occupation and restoration of independence 1945-1991
Military heritage object
The location of the object on the map