

# One day in ĀDAŽI C O U N T Y



## 1 - SATURDAY ADVENTURE IN ĀDAŽI PARISH

The route is designed for families or couples with different interests and can be traveled by car. The route includes cute animals, various objects of interest and the magic of nature.

### INCLUDES:

#### Mini Zoo "Dzīvo sapņu dārzs" (Living Dream Garden)

A mini zoo in the center of Ādaži, where in the summer period children can pet, feed, and get to know different pets. Entry fee is donations. *1h on site.*

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#### Ādaži flea market (Ādažu Lietu Tirgotava)

A place where useful things find new owners. There you can find a variety of artisan products and peasant delicacies, as well as antiques and clothing. Working only on Saturdays.

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#### Path "Zvaniņu ceļš" (The road of bells)

A well-equipped place for walking and recreation on the left bank of the river Gauja between Čarnikava and Ādaži. An opportunity to see the forests of Gauja floodplain surrounded by sounds of beautiful bells and relax on the banks of the river. *1.5h on site.*

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~ 5 h



~64 km

### ROUTE PLAN:

- Rīga ⇒ Mini Zoo "Dzīvo sapņu dārzs" - 40 min/ 30 km
- Mini Zoo "Dzīvo sapņu dārzs" ⇒ Ādaži flea market (Ādažu Lietu Tirgotava) - 5 min/ 4,5 km
- Ādažu Lietu Tirgotava ⇒ Path "Zvaniņu ceļš" (The road of bells) - 10 min/ 850 m (on foot)
- Path "Zvaniņu ceļš" - Rīga - 42 min/28 km

Accommodation suggestion



Ethnographic guesthouse "Gungas"  
([www.gungas.lv](http://www.gungas.lv), Tel. +371 29482255)



## 2 - GET TO KNOW CARNIKAVA

The route is suitable for lovers of knowledge and history. It can be visited by foot when coming to Carnikava by train or by car, parking it near the railway station. Visitors of this route will get to know Carnikava, its heroes and traditions, as well as the magic of pine forests and the cold waves of sea. Finish this adventure with an exceptionally delicious lunch.

 ~ 8.5h

 ~66.5 km

### ROUTE PLAN:

- Riga ⇒ Carnikava train station; 40 min/ 30 km
- Carnikava railway station ⇒ Celebration Square & Gaujas promenade; 10 min/ 700 m (by foot)
- Celebration Square & Gauja Promenade with pedestrian bridge over Vecgauja ⇒ Carnikava Local History Centre; 3 min/200 m (on foot)
- Carnikava Local History Centre ⇒ Defense bunkers - 30 min/2 km (on foot)
- Defense bunkers ⇒ Gulf of Riga beach - 10 min/500 m (on foot)
- Riga Bay beach ⇒ Carnikava promenade - 21 min/ 1.7 km (on foot)
- Cafe "Maza Upe" ⇒ Carnikava railway station; 15 min/1.2 km (on foot)
- Carnikava railway station ⇒ Riga; 40 min/ 30 km



Cafe "Maza Upe"

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### INCLUDES:

#### Celebration Square

Sculpture "Remembering" by the sculptor Vilnius Titan, a monument inscribed with the names of locals, who have received the national honorary order – lāčplēša War Order. Nearby the Boat House chapel, which is also one of the stops on the St. Jacobs route. Environmental object "Carnikava" is located – a place for creative photos. [GPS 57.1303, 24.2732](#)

#### Gauja promenade

Well-maintained road with benches and a Livu pattern in the pavement, which leads along the shores of river Gauja and its old village - Vecgauja - where one of the last dwellings of the coastal fishing brigade stands with nets and boats. [GPS 57.1334, 24.2647](#)

#### Carnikava Local History Centre

Keeps evidence of history, cultural heritage and fishing traditions of the Carnikava area. Offers tours and exhibits. It's territory has picnic tables, slips and a pontoon. *th on site.* [GPS 57.1353, 24.2714, Tel. +371 29128086](#)  
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#### Defense bunker

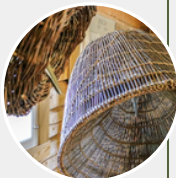
The reinforced concrete fortifications (caponiers, blockhouses) built by the Latvian Army's Sapier Regiment from 1936 to 1938 were an element of the Riga coast defense system of the Latvian Army. Intended for firing enemy landings with machine guns in two different directions at the mouth of the Gauja River, which was located closer to them at that time. [GPS 57.1496, 24.2592](#)

#### Gulf of Riga beach

Ādažu county is lucky to be on the shore of the Gulf of Riga. The treasures brought by the waters of the river Gauja floodplains are stored here in the spring. Nowadays, the waters of the bay are slowly "eating" the main shore, forming a small steep bank. [GPS 57.1413, 24.2377](#)

#### Carnikavas promenāde

One of the longest paved sea promenades in Latvia. Total length is ~2 km, which takes about 40 min. It leads from Carnikava to the beach of Gulf of Riga through the beautiful seaside pine forests and ancient lake-swamp. The promenade starts with a viewing platform and a lounge chair where you can charge your smart device while enjoying the view. While walking along the promenade, you can also exercise at 5 rest areas.



## 3 - HISTORY AND NATURE DANCE IN CARNIKAVA AND GAUJA

The route for active and history-loving people - a walk around the village of Carnikava, looking for traces of the old Carnikava manor. and on water, where by renting a SUP board or kayak, you enter the adventure-worthy river Dzirnupe through Gauja. Also explore one of the largest lakes in the region Dzirnezers. Travelers should be well prepared for adventures on the water.

 6-8h

 70km

### ROUTE PLAN:

- Riga ⇒ Carnikava ⇒ Blusu krogs - 40 min/ 30 km
- Blusu krogs ⇒ Sundial - 12 min/ 1 km (on foot)
- The Sundial ⇒ Carnikavas Culture house "Ozolaine" - 2 min/ 120 m (on foot)
- Carnikavas Culture house "Ozolaine" ⇒ Carnikava park - 1 min/120 m (on foot)
- Carnikava park ⇒ Carnikava Local History Centre - 8 min/ 600 m (on foot)
- Carnikava Local History Centre ⇒ Cafe "Maza Upe" - 8 min/450 m (on foot)
- Cafe "Maza Upe" ⇒ "Boards You" SUP board and boat rental (nearby)
- Boards You SUP board and boat rental ⇒ Riga - 40 min/ 33 km



Cafe "Maza Upe"

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### INCLUDES:

#### Sundial

The Sundial created by the sculptor Helmutas Āķis was made for Carnikava county on its 15th anniversary with the initiative of the author himself. It is surrounded by a beautiful square of flowers. The clock is horizontal and made of concrete base, while the numbers and gnomon are made of stainless steel. [GPS 57.1290, 24.2772](#)

#### Carnikavas Culture house "Ozolaine"

The origin is considered to be on October 28, 1933, when the former manor granary of Ernst von Mengden was consecrated as the house of Carnikava Charity Society. Since then, this building has always been the cultural heart of Carnikava.

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#### Carnikava park

Carnikava Park is a relic of the former Carnikava, one of the most luxurious manors in the Vidzeme region, manor built in the 18th century. During the WWI burned down. The capital of the Carnikava Palace column is installed in the center of the park - a rare physical evidence of the luxurious building. Nearby there is a monument to the local residents who fell at the hands of the soldiers of Landeswehr during the War of Independence.

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#### Activities on water

"Boards You" SUP board and kayak rental; boating in Gauja river on Dzirnupe river; boating in Dzirnezers lake.

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Accommodation suggestion  
Gauja club

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