

One day in

KEKAVA ' C O U N T Y



1 - IN FOOTSTEPS OF THE LIZARD

The route will take you through the most beautiful places of the historical resort town on Ķekava County - Baldone.



~ 5 h



~83km

INCLUDES:

ParĶ "Ceriņu parks" (The lilac park)

The park has historically been a meeting place for visitors of the Baldone resort and sanatorium. In Spring of 1797, when Baldones resort was founded, a roof was installed above the sulfur spring. [GPS 56.7430, 24.4033](#)

Baldone Forest gallery and trail

Artists from various regions of Latvia participated in the creation of the gallery by exhibiting large-format works painted especially for outdoor conditions. [GPS 56.7479, 24.3974, www.kekava.travel, tel. +371 27017333](#)

Castle "Baltā pils" (The White castle)

The castle was built for forest lord Adam Mickiewicz as a hunting castle, where he later lived with his family. An illuminated fountain has also been restored near the building. Today, a music school operates in the building. [GPS 56.7480, 24.4001](#)

Hill "Riekstukalns", sightseeing tower and observatory

In winter, the largest ski hill in the Baltics, in summer - a beautiful place for walks. Its observation tower offers a beautiful view of the surroundings and even Riga. Riekstukalns is also home to the Baldones Observatory, which is the only professional observatory in Latvia. [www.riekstukalns.lv, tel. +371 2877888](#)

Mercendarbe manor and Baldone museum

The Baldones Museum in the Mercendarbe Manor is here since 2018, which is located 4 kilometers from the center of Baldone. A beautiful avenue of hundred-year-old linden trees leads to the manor. [GPS 56.7656, 24.4312, FB:@Baldonesmuzejs, tel. +371 25461567](#)

Baldones Evangelical Lutheran Church

Near the church are the graves of German soldiers of the First World War and the graves of Soviet officers of the Second World War. In 1930, extensive renovations were completed. Nowadays, the church has acquired a new interior. [GPS 56.741982, 24.393312, FB:@baldonesbaznica, tel. +371 29 220 810](#)

ROUTE PLAN:

- Riga - park "Ceriņu parks" in Baldone town - 37 min/ 37 km
- "Ceriņu parks" in Baldone - Baldone Forest gallery and trail - 3 min/ 1 km
- Baldone Forest gallery and trail - Cafe "Burgers 66" - 2 min/1 km
- Cafe "Burgers 66" - The White Castle - 2 min/ 900 m
- The White castle - Hill "Riekstukalns" with the sightseeing tower and observatory - 30 min/4 km
- Hill "Riekstukalns", sightseeing tower and observatory - Mercendarbe manor and Baldone museum - 5 min/ 3 km
- Mercendarbe manor and Baldone museum - Baldones Evangelical Lutheran Church - 10 min/ 7 km
- Baldone Evangelical Lutheran Church - Riga - 45 min/ 33 km



Cafe "Burgers 66"

[www.burgers66.com, tel. +371 20066611](#)



2 – THE BEST INSTAGRAM PLACES IN ĶEKAVA COUNTY

The route takes you through the most popular Instagramic places in the Ķekava region. One day car route

 ~ 5.5h  ~96 km

ROUTE PLAN:

- Rīga – Depkin's Manor House of Ramava – 15 min/10 km
- Depkin's Manor House of Ramava – / Hill "Riekstukalns", sightseeing tower – 30 min/ 29 km
- Hill "Riekstukalns" and sightseeing tower – Lilly Lake – 2 min/ 350 m
- The Lilly Lake – Mercendarbe manor – 5 min/ 2,7 km
- Mercendarbe manor – The White Castle – 4 min/3,3 km
- The White castle – Cafe "Burgers 66" – 1km/ 2min
- Cafe "Burgers 66" – Lake Kausezers – 14 min/8 km
- Lake Kausezers – Rīga – 50 min/ 41 km

 Cafe "Burgers 66"
www.burgers66.com, tel. +371 20066611

INCLUDES:

Depkin's Manor House of Rāmava

A beautifully restored wooden building. The house is surrounded by a landscaped park with ancient trees.
www.ramavasmuiza.lv, tel. +371 26133833

Hill "Riekstukalns" and sightseeing tower

In winter, the largest ski hill in the Baltics, in summer – a beautiful place for walks. Its observation tower offers a beautiful view of the surroundings and even Riga.
www.riekstukalns.lv, tel. +371 28777888

The Lilly Lake

A lake shrouded in legends near Riekstukalns. In summer, water lilies bloom beautifully in the lake.
GPS 56.7731, 24.4120

Mercendarbe manor

In the museum, you can learn more about the history of Baldone town healing resort, as well as the fate of the Mercendarbe manor. A beautiful avenue of hundred-year-old linden trees leads to the manor. The Linden Alley is more than 120 years old. A beautiful place for photo shoots both in summer and autumn.
GPS 56.7656, 24.4312, FB:@Baldonesmuzejs, tel. +371 25461567

The White Castle

The White Castle is one of the most remarkable objects in the town of Baldone. Its construction began in 1890 but was fully completed in 1901. An illuminated fountain has also been restored near the building. The bright white building looks picturesque against the background of the forest behind it in every season, even in winter when everything is white – including the castle itself. It is surrounded by a park with exotic trees. GPS 56.7480, 24.4001

Lake Kausezers

A forest lake in a beautiful place, where pillows bloom in early summer, cuckoos crow. A boardwalk leads into the lake and there are picnic areas by the lake.
GPS 56.7506, 24.5114

3 – CULTURE AND HISTORY OF ĶEKAVA COUNTY

The route will take you through the cultural and historical places of Ķekava county. One day car route.

 ~7h  88km

ROUTE PLAN:

- Rīga – Katlakalns ev. luth. Church – 15 min/11 km
- Katlakalns ev. luth. Church – Ķekava Local History museum – 13 min/10 km
- Ķekava Local History Museum – Dole – Ķekava Evangelical Lutheran Church – 1 min on foot (60 m)
- Dole – Ķekava Evangelical Lutheran Church – Pub "Bambaleo" – 4 min/ 2 km
- Pub "Bambaleo" – Baldone Evangelical Lutheran Church – 17 min/17 km
- Baldone Evangelical Lutheran Church – "Ceriņu parks" (Lilac park) – 2 min/ 650 m
- "Ceriņu parks" (Lilac Park) – The White castle – 3 min/ 1 km
- The White Castle – Mercendarbe manor and Baldone museum – 4 min/ 3 km
- Mercendarbe manor and Baldone museum – Rīga – 44 min/ 43 km

 Pub "Bamba Leo"
www.bambaleo.lv, tel. +371 27555550

INCLUDES:

Katlakalns Evangelical Lutheran Church

An outstanding monument of classicist architecture, built in classical forms with a cylindrical space and a masonry dome, surrounded by a garden with more than 320 species of trees and shrubs and decorative forms. One of the largest and most valuable dendrological objects in Latvia.
GPS 56.8994, 24.1723, www.katlakalns.lv, tel. +371 26171837

Ķekava Local History Museum

In the museum, you can learn more about the history of Ķekava county, cultural and historical objects, as well as local personalities as the cartoonist E.Ozoliņš.
www.kekava.lv, FB:@Kekavasmuzejs, tel. +371 28679514

Dole – Ķekava Evangelical Lutheran Church

A small but expressive building standing on the side of the highway – Dole-Ķekava parish Sv. Anna's Church. Already in the 16th century, there was a church here, and several wooden buildings replaced each other until the present church was built in 1783, which was consecrated in 1784. If you want to climb the church tower, you must apply in advance.
GPS 56.8292, 24.2393, www.lielb.lv, tel. +371 67935858

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