

**SIGHTSEEING IN AIZPUTE**

**1 Livonian Order Castle Ruins**

Dietrich von Groningen, master of the Order, began the first Castellum-type castle construction in the 13th century. At the beginning, the castle had a courtyard, corner towers and wooden buildings in the courtyard. It served as a protective border zone where the territory of the Courland bishop and the Livonian Order met. In the 15th century, living quarters were built, including cellars and a gallery. Above the gates in the courtyard, the plastering has partially survived with its decorative finish in the sgrafito technique. Liepājas iela 9, Aizpute

**2 Aizpute Local History Museum**

The new manor complex was built at the turn of the 18th to 19th century, on the left bank of the River Tebra. The owners of the castle – the Firks family – moved into the new manor house, and the manor servants were housed in the old castle. A windmill and distillery were built by the pond, as well as farm outbuildings near the manor house. After the agrarian reform, a gymnasium (school) was located in the manor house. The Aizpute Local History museum currently has quarters there, as well as a winery. The restored cellar rooms contain an exhibition titled "Historic Country Craft Skills", as well as offering an opportunity to participate in various crafts workshops. Skolas iela 1, Aizpute, (+371) 29623284, www.aizputesmuzejs.lv

**3 Church hill and Aizpute St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Until the 13th century, the church hill was a hillfort for the Curonians, the ancient tribe in Latvia, and the Beida castle of the ancient Curonians was located on it. When German crusaders invaded the hillfort, St. John's church was built in the place of the castle in the 13th century, and it is currently one of the oldest buildings in Courland (Latvian: Kurzeme). Approximately 40 years after the building of the church – in 1295, when Bishop Burkhard governed – Aizpute became the capital of the Courland Bishopric and its monastery hosted the Domkapitel. The church holds an organ made by the well-known German producer Sauer in 1904. The tombstone of the Bishop of Courland, H. Basedow, in the 16th century can be seen on the right side near the altar. Book your visit in advance. Admission for a donation. Liepājas iela 3, Aizpute, (+371) 25907747, www.aizputesaeld.lv

**4 Beer brewery of the Manor**

The building was constructed in the late 19th century by uniting two older household buildings of the castle. In the past, the building had also had a wool spinning area next to the beer brewery but, during Soviet times, it was used for the production of lemonade. A tractor machinery station was situated here in the late 1950s. Liepājas iela 12, Aizpute

**5 Stone Bridge**

The stone bridge is the oldest and the most massive bridge in Aizpute town and it links the banks of the river Tebra. The bridge was built in 1907. Kazdanga Baron, Karl Wilhelm von Manteuffel, funded the construction of the stone railing so the central part of the railing has Manteuffels' coat of arms and the inscription of the year of construction. Liepājas iela, Aizpute

**6 Watermill**

The solid masonry building with a tiled roof and built on stilts was built in the late 18th or early 19th century. The construction has a number of historic architectural details. In 1923, a metal turbine was installed in the mill instead of the previous wooden mill wheels. The mill produced a variety of flour, semolina, groats and pearl barley. In the mid- 1960s the mill stopped working because collective farms made their own mills. A private entrepreneur established a small power plant in the watermill in 1998. Liepājas iela 10, Aizpute

**7 Manor pub**

The building was built in the middle of the 19th century, and to the present has remained almost without changes. During its existence, it has been used as a granary sales point and for the Aizpute Parish Board. During Soviet times, the Consumer Society's garages and agricultural product sales point was located there. The building has been listed as a local architectural monument. In the summer, creative activities are held there. Liepājas iela 20, (+371) 26546561



**8 Valda Jēriņa Dolls room**

The largest doll collection of Soviet times is housed here! In this exposition, you can see the doll collection of V. Jēriņa, folk theatre actress. It contains more than 500 thematically garbed dolls–dolls in folk costumes, school forms, and theater and fantasy dress. Book your visit in advance. Katolu iela 1, Aizpute, (+371) 28617307



**13 Weavers' Studio "Kamolītis"**

The workshop offers its visitors to see the process of different canvas being woven in the looms according to ancient methods and using traditional ornaments. Katolu iela 1, Aizpute, (+371) 22847115



**18 Centre of workshops and residences "SERDE"**

This set of historical buildings, with its creative ambience, welcomes you to enjoy a variety of cultural tourism opportunities, art and cultural events (open in summer). Atmodas iela 9, Aizpute, (+371) 29817180, www.serde.lv

**19 "IDEJU MĀJA" (IDEA HOUSE)**

Aizpute youth centre "IDEJU MĀJA" (IDEA HOUSE) is the place for creative workshops (screen printing, photography and video, tea house) and activities. It is a space for sharing ideas, enjoying collaborative events, exchanging experiences and establishing friendships. IDEJU MĀJA's music studio gives an opportunity to record an author's songs, melodies and improvisations. Katolu iela 5, Aizpute, (+371) 26670756, (+371) 29838399, www.idejumaja.lv

**20 Art Gallery "Mētras māja"**

The art gallery hosts exhibitions of paintings, photography, glass art, pottery, and others, with the participation of artists from Latvia and abroad. The gallery's greatest pride is a medium-sized graphics etching press. Pasta iela 1a, Aizpute, (+371) 295456975, www.metra-a.lv

**21 Workshop of painter J. Kalnmalis**

Visitors are welcome to have a look into the artist's studio, to see and purchase his works of art. Book your visit in advance. Brīvības iela 11, Aizpute, (+371) 29597793, (+371) 63449643

**22 Ģirts Brumsons Art Park**

The park has a collection of rare plants and is decorated with works of art and small architectural objects. When booked in advance, visitors can use the bonfire area in the park and visit the artist's workshop which has interesting decorations. Maža iela 3, Aizpute, (+371) 26892701, www.brumis.lv

**23 Aizpute Winery**

Aizpute winery in the old vaulted cellar of Aizpute castle manor provides information about wine making and offers wine tasting of locally produced wines. Book your visit in advance. Skolas iela 1, Aizpute, (+371) 26397949, www.aizputesvins.lv

**24 Rental of "Volga" cars**

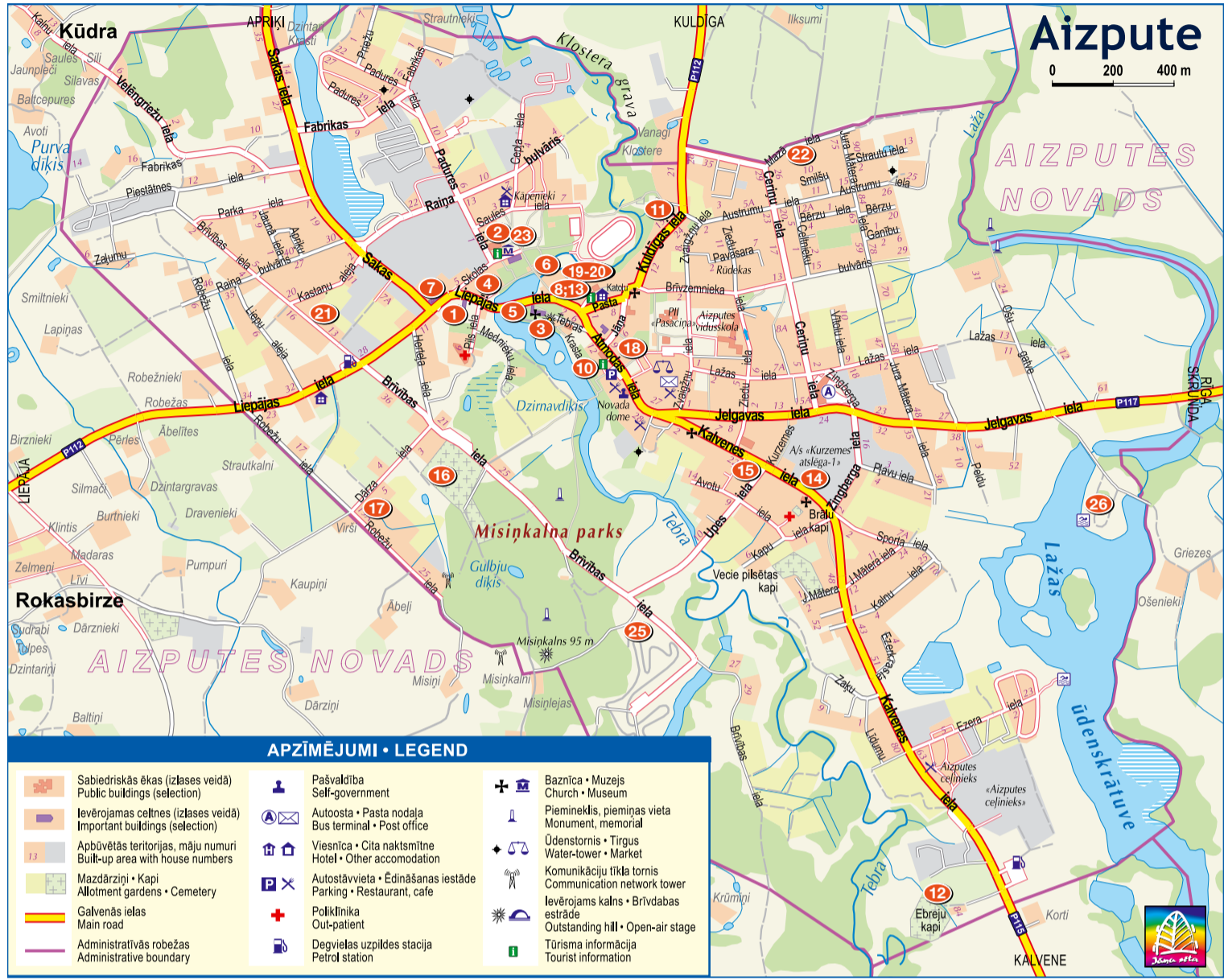
The motor vehicle production plant "Palast" offers rental of the legendary Soviet cars GAZ 24-01 "Volga" for special events and trips. The cars are attended by friendly drivers who can also dress up in special uniforms from the 1970s and 1980s if booked in advance. (+371) 28633808, (+371) 29334842, www.palast.lv

**25 Misiņkalns Motorcycle Race Track**

The motorcycle race track holds regular international or Latvian competitions in various classes of motocross. Amateurs and professionals can use special practice time slots. Brīvības iela 54, Aizpute, (+371) 29397995

**26 Aizpute public swimming area and Laža water reservoir**

The site provides a natural swimming area for leisurely recreation, camping and bonfires; it has changing rooms, a WC and parking. Jelgavas iela, Aizpute



**9 Aizpute historical town**

Aizpute is one of the oldest towns in Latvia. It is situated on the right bank of the river Tebra. The first records of the town buildings can be found from the 14th century. The oldest part of the town was located in the territory surrounded by Atmodas, Jāņa, and Katolu streets, but later it was expanded towards Jelgavas, Kalvenes, and Kuldīgas streets.

**10 Synagogues (Aizpute House of Culture)**

In 1751, one of the first Jewish communities in Courland (Latvian: Kurzeme) was founded in Aizpute. In 1881, more than a third of the population was Jewish. Aizpute Synagogue is the oldest of the currently existing synagogues there and was built in 1751. The Small Synagogue was built next to it in 1875. In 1941, all Jews dwelling in Aizpute were gathered together in the synagogue and brought to Kalvene in trucks where they were killed. After World War II, both buildings were joined together and used as the House of Culture from 1955. Atmodas iela 16, Aizpute

**11 Baptist Church**

Church was built in accordance with the project of Aleksander Šmēlins and consecrated at Christmas of 1939. At the beginning, the pastor's family lived in the church's apartment, which is built into the second floor of the building. In this house, in the family of the Baptist congregation's pastor Arvids Vasks, was born and lived out his childhood a notable composer Pēteris Vasks. Kuldīgas iela 17, Aizpute

**12 Jewish Cemetery**

The cemetery was founded in the late 18th century, and it still has the largest part of the gravestones. Some of them are truly unique: they are made of cast iron and have Hebrew letter-shaped inscriptions in German.

**14 Lindenberg Cardboard Factory Building**

This red brick three-storied house is a typical example of late 19th century manufacturing building with extensively decorated architectural design of the main facade. It was a local architectural monument during the Soviet era, and it still remains one today. The factory was founded in 1890 for the production of pharmacy boxes, small bags and labels, which were distributed over all Tsarist Russia. During World War II, the German army repaired weapons here. From 1960, this building houses A/S Kurzemes Atslēga–1, which manufactures various kinds of metal part to be used in building, as well as locks. The factory club space is a typical example of interiors of Soviet times. Kalvenes iela 27, Aizpute, (+371) 63448075

**15 Memorial plate of Latvian singer Mārtiņš Freimanis' childhood house**

In 2014 at the International Cast Iron Art Symposium, the sculptor Kārlis Alaiņis created and cast a memorial plate for the famous late Latvian musician. Kalvenes iela 30, Aizpute

**16 Memorial site for Latvian singer Mārtiņš Freimanis**

The musician, poet and actor Mārtiņš Freimanis (1977–2011) was born and raised in Aizpute where he also attended Aizpute secondary school. M. Freimanis was buried in Misiņkalns cemetery in Aizpute. The sculptor Uldis Zariņš is the author of the memorial stone. Brīvības iela, Aizpute

**17 Māris Linde Decorative garden**

The garden has many exotic and rare plants, and flower and tree species. Book your visit in advance. Robežu iela 21, Aizpute, (+371) 26017426

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- Aizpute county municipal police – (+371) 26475143
- State police – 110, 112, (+371) 63448192
- Fire and Rescue department – 112

**WHERE TO CALL IN CASES OF EMERGENCY**

- Bicycle shop "Delta", Jelgavas iela 6, Aizpute, (+371) 26015874
- Bicycle service
- Aizpute bus terminal, Cernu iela 2a, Aizpute
- Bus terminal
- (+371) 63497001; (+371) 29104657, www.hotelspares.lv
- Cafe "Spāres", Skolas 8, Kalvene, (+371) 63448294
- Canteen "Juna – 1", Darba gatve 1, Kazdanga, (+371) 29886816, (+371) 20624480, www.osteria.lv
- Cafe "Osteria", Kalvenes iela 69, Aizpute, (+371) 29903473
- Cafe "Bērķeļa 55", Atmodas iela 28, Aizpute, Zvaigžņu iela 2, Aizpute
- Shopping centre "Topi" cafe, (+371) 63448419
- Cafe "Kāpenis – 1", Saules iela 3a, Aizpute, (+371) 63448687
- Cafe "Līvoniņa", Atmodas iela 24, Aizpute, (+371) 295456975, www.metra-a.lv

**WHERE TO EAT**

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