



SENĀ KLĒTS

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Latvian Mittens Knitting Retreat

Let's Knit in Latgale!

From August 1st to August 5th, 2022 around Latgale, Latvia

General information

Organizer: National Costume Center, Senā Klēts, www.senaklets.lv

Workshop languages: Latvian / English

Participation fee: 675, - eur

Participation fee includes-Transportation from Rīga to Pļaviņas, Rezekne, Baltinava -Balvi, Preiļi - Lūznava, Līvāni and back to Riga. Four nights at a comfortable three star hotel in Rezekne on a shared Twin room basis*. All meals, tea and coffee breaks. All necessary yarns and needles for the workshops.

*Single room with supplement payment available 80,-eur

5-day knitting tour around one of Latvia's most picturesque regions—**Latgale**, called “blue lake land”. Museum visits, applied art exhibitions, Latgalian ceramics, traditions and skills. Workshops with the local knitting masters.

Retreat itinerary:

Monday, August 1st

From 9:30

10:00 Optional introductory meeting at **Senā Klēts, Rātslaukums 1, Riga**

10:30 Departure from Senā Klēts to **Pļaviņas**

13:00 Lunch

Workshop of the traditional regional mitten pattern, **Pļaviņas Culture Centre**

17:30 Departure from Pļaviņas to Kolonna Hotel Rēzekne

19:30 Dinner at the Kolonna Hotel Rēzekne restaurant. Welcome evening

Tuesday, August 2nd

9:00 Walk from **Kolonna Hotel Rēzekne** to **Latgele Culture and History Museum**

<https://latgale.travel/listing/latgale-culture-and-history-museum/>

Workshop with Applied Arts Studio “**Dzīpariņš**”

13:30 Lunch

Viewing the Latgalian traditional art's “golden collection”, mittens, ceramics, etc. Latgale Culture and History Museum.

Workshop

19:30 Dinner

Return to the Kolonna Hotel Rēzekne

Wednesday, August 3rd

8:30 Departure from Kolonna Hotel Rēzekne for **Baltinava**

Workshop at **Baltinava regional museum**

Knitting of traditional mittens' patterns. Demonstration of the museum collection, northern Latgalian national costume, etc.

13:30 Lunch at "Rēkova Windmill"

14:30 Departure for **Balvi**

Workshop at **Balvi regional museum**, at renovated Balvi manor house with a park

Workshop: Knitting of Rugaji-Balvi mittens' patterns

Demonstration of the unique regional historic mitten collection; exhibition of traditional heritage of northern Latgale in modern artistic manner

18:00 Departure, back to Rēzekne

19:00 Dinner at Kolonna Hotel Rēzekne

Thursday, August 4th

8:30 Departure from Kolonna Hotel Rēzekne for **Preiļi**

<https://latgale.travel/listing/preili-museum-history-applied-arts/>

Workshop at **Preiļi Museum of History and Applied Arts**

Optional: visit of the wool yarn sale at Manufactory Company (untwisted yarn from Latvian sheep wool, etc)

13:00 Lunch

13:45 Departure for **Lūznava**

<http://www.luznavasmuiza.lv/home/>

Workshop at **Lūznava Manor** – Art Nouveau gem of Latgale within Rāzna lake national park.

The place of inspiration and creation with various indoor and outdoor art activities and exhibitions

18:00 Dinner. Special outdoor meal with campfire soup

19:30 Departure from Lūznava to Rēzekne

20:30 Farewell gathering, Kolonna Hotel Rēzekne restaurant

Friday, August 5th

9:00 Departure from **Rēzekne to Līvāni**

Workshop with applied arts studio "Dubna" at **Līvāni Glass and Craft Centre**

https://www.celotajs.lv/en/e/makslas_amatniecibas_centrs?3

Exploring the rich and impressive national mittens' collection of Latgale and traditional art's exposition of Craft Centre

Visiting the Glass Museum, viewing the Līvāni Glass Factory products created during more than 100 years

14:00 Lunch

15:00 Departure from Līvāni for **Rīga**

Arriving in Riga before 17:00

Opportunity

Participants are welcomed to attend **Contemporary Crafts Festival and Fair at THE ETHNOGRAPHIC OPEN-AIR MUSEUM OF LATVIA**, which most likely will take place at the beginning of August. (Not yet announced)