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Alsunga Crafts House

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Discover Suiți hospitality and the colorful rhythm of life in Alsunga - where Latvian and Catholic traditions have fused into a uniquely vibrant cultural legacy. What is a Suiți person like? Direct, loud, sincere in expression, with a distinctive speech and ancient beliefs. Get to know the deep - rooted history and traditions behind this unforgettable character and let the spirit of the Suiți way of life leave a lasting mark on your heart.



Alsunga and Surroundings

Tourism Map



8 Žibgrava Nature and Wellness Trail

A scenic 1.5 km forest trail winding along the hilly banks of the Kauliņupīte River, with elevations reaching up to 15 meters. Along the way, you'll find information stands featuring engaging facts about the local flora and fauna, as well as stories, riddles, and folklore from the Suiți people - answers revealed at the next stop! The trail ends at a picnic area equipped with a shelter, table, fire pit, and restroom.
 Alsunga Parish, Kuldīga Municipality
 GPS: 56.984728, 21.57882

9 "Rija" - Suiți Craft and Art Space

Located in the historic barn of the Alsunga Manor, "Rija" houses a souvenir shop offering colorful handmade creations by Suiți artisans - jewelry, shawls, mittens, socks, ceramics, herbal teas, and more. Small groups can book special Suiți performances led by the hostess, Inga. Advance booking required.
 Ziedulejas Street 3, Alsunga, Kuldīga Municipality
 Tel. +371 29446594



EXPLORE AND RELAX

1 The Livonian Order Castle of Alsunga

We recommend starting your tour of Alsunga with a visit to the medieval castle, built in 1372. You can explore the southern wing, part of the cellars, and the fortified tower. The castle is unique both in Latvia and beyond, as it is one of the few medieval castles that has partially preserved its historical appearance to this day.
 From April to October, a permanent exhibition with interactive elements is open to visitors. During the off-season, visits must be arranged in advance.
 Pils Street 1, Alsunga, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 26425015

2 Dižgabalkalns (Cannon Hill)

On the way from the castle to the church, along Pils Street on the shore of Alsunga's Mill Lake (Dzimavezers), you'll find an ancient Curonian hillfort, which is included in the list of state-protected cultural monuments. The hillfort got its name in 1659, when Courland General Berg placed cannons here to fire upon Swedish forces fortified in the castle. The hillfort is 8-10 meters high and offers a beautiful view of the Alsunga Church and the nearby Mill Lake.
 Pils Street, Alsunga, Kuldīga Municipality

3 St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church of Alsunga

One of the three churches in the historical Suiți region, built around the year 1625. For centuries, it has served - and continues to serve - as the main sacred site of the Suiți community, a pillar of their spirituality and identity.
 Skolas Street 1, Alsunga, Kuldīga Municipality



10 Zieduleja Park

This peaceful park, with its open-air stage, is a true oasis of calm, where visitors can enjoy nature surrounded by ancient trees and the gentle murmur of the Kauliņupīte River. The park is beautiful year-round - with blooming flowers in spring and summer, vibrant foliage in autumn, and serene snowy landscapes in winter. On the way to the stage, look out for the steps leading down to a natural spring where you can collect fresh water. Following the trail further, you can reach the ancient shoreline of the Baltic Sea. The park also features a well-equipped picnic area and restroom facilities.
 Ziedulejas Street 5, Alsunga, Kuldīga Municipality

4 Alsunga Crafts House

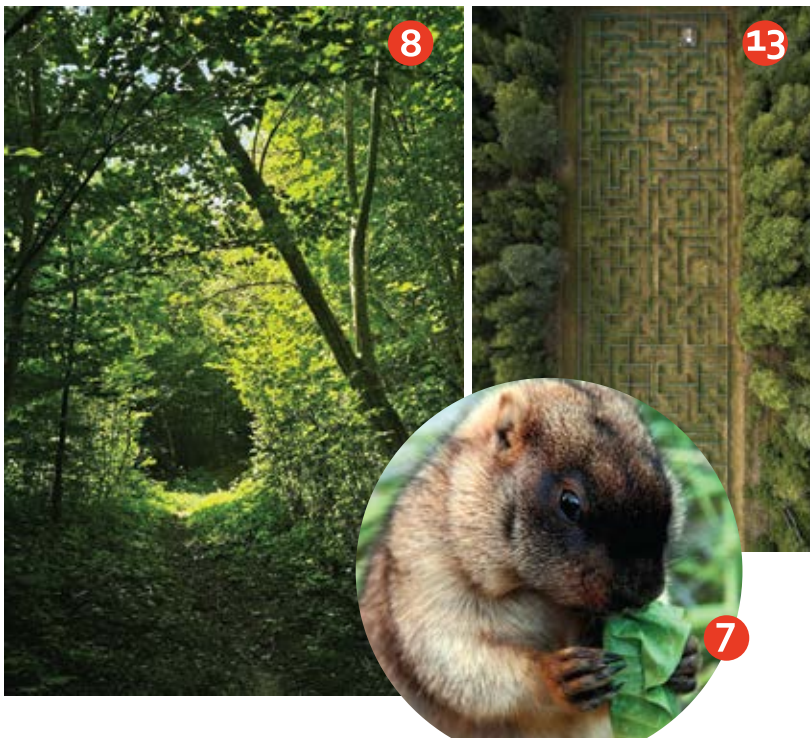
The Alsunga Crafts House is a cultural space dedicated to Suiți traditions. On the ground floor, you'll find the Tourist Information Centre, an exhibition hall, and three permanent exhibitions: a traditional Suiți living room, a kitchen, and an exhibit of Catholic priests' vestments. Also on site are the creative workshop Austuve and the Suiți Kitchen. The upper floor hosts various Suiți associations. In addition to their regular work, these associations also offer creative activities for visitors upon prior request.
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5 Traditional Performances by the Suiți Women, Suiți Men, and Suiți Bagpipe Players

Enjoy captivating, musically educational performances that share stories about the Suiți people, their lives, and traditions. Guests are introduced to traditional Suiți music and have the opportunity to dress in authentic Suiți folk costumes. Performances can be arranged at any location in Alsunga, with prior reservation required.
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6 Lake Zvirgzdu

A clear-water lake with a scenic landscape. Its depth ranges from 6 to 12 meters. The lake is rich in diverse fish species and offers licensed fishing. It has long been famous for its crayfish, which were abundant until the late 20th century.
 Alsunga Parish, Kuldīga Municipality
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7 Marmot Farm "Jaunstuči"

From May to October, visitors have the chance to see, get to know, pet, and feed the largest ground squirrels in the world - marmots! Enjoy an unforgettable experience while learning about the lives and habits of these fascinating animals. Visits must be booked in advance.
 Regi, Alsunga Parish, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 26020002, www.murkskis.lv

11 Shop & Creative Workshop "Pūra lāde" (Dowry Chest)

A space where elements of traditional folk costumes are crafted, including woven Suiți fabrics and sashes. "Pūra lāde" also hosts workshops, offers local souvenirs for sale, and takes custom orders. Visits must be arranged in advance.
 Skolas Street 6-3a, Alsunga, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 20203115

12 Kurzeme Homestead "Gāčas"

Located in the ancestral home of the Jansons family in Alsunga, this exhibition offers visitors the opportunity to explore the history of the "Gāčas" farm and learn about the family's most notable members and their contributions to promoting the Suiți cultural heritage.
 "Gāčas", Alsunga Parish, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 26010239

13 Mežvidi Forest Maze

A fun way to combine entertainment, nature, and brain games. This exciting maze, set in a charming forest, includes well-thought-out tasks suitable for various interest groups and age levels. A picnic area and children's playground are also available. Open from late April to October.
 "Mežvidi", Alsunga Parish, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 20150506

14 Country Farm "Ceiņi"

A rural homestead where guests can enjoy cooking delicious food together and experience the charm of country life. With prior booking, visitors can join in soup-making, bake their own bread, make pancakes, and meet the farm animals.
 "Ceiņi", Alsunga Parish, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 29326822

15 Countryside Home "Zeijas"

True Suiți hostess Skaidrīte Nagliņa welcomes all who wish to learn more about Suiți culture, history, and traditions. Discover the Suiți culinary heritage by joining Skaidrīte in making traditional sklandrauši - a fun and educational activity. Available for groups of up to 10 people. Advance booking required.
 "Zeijas", Alsunga Parish, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 26032206

TASTE

- 16 Inn / Guesthouse "Spēlmaņu krogs"**
Offers a chance to taste traditional Suieti dishes - sklandraušī (traditional Suieti carrot pies), skābputra (sour porridge), bukstiņputra (barley-potato porridge), ķīļķēni (dumplings), and more. Guests can participate in the preparation of these meals and enjoy performances by local Suieti folk groups. From autumn to spring, visits are available for groups only. Pils Street 7, Alsunga, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 28462259

- 17 Tea House "Sapņotava"**
"Sapņotava" is a cozy little tea house in the heart of Alsunga where you can enjoy teas made from local herbs, refreshing drinks, tasty meals, and snacks. It also hosts a variety of cultural events. Skolas Street 11a, Alsunga, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 60011863



- 18 Bakery "Hofmaņu Gardumi"**
A home bakery located in the historic Alsunga pharmacy building - offering pastries, bread, delicious pies, and various confectionery treats. Also provides catering for events. Pils Street 8, Alsunga, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 22092211

- 19 "Pitstop in Alsunga"**
Driving through Alsunga? Stop and recharge with refreshing drinks, coffee, burgers. Grab a sklandraušis, Suieti sourdough bread, and other locally made delights to go. Raina Street 11, Alsunga, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 26179298



- 20 Burger Café / Apartments / Farm "Paulines"**
A special place to enjoy nature and peaceful countryside surroundings. In the wide pastures roam majestic Highland cattle, deer, roe deer, horses, and sheep - which can be fed with carrots available on-site. Enjoy delicious burgers made from organically raised beef at the nearby kiosk. The farm also features modern apartments with views of the pastures, allowing guests to soak in the presence of nature and animals. Charming summer sunsets create an unforgettable countryside evening atmosphere. "Paulines", Alsunga Parish, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 25416963

- 21 "Anita's Pies"**
A family-run business offering group activities like soup cooking over an open fire, baking sourdough bread, sklandraušī, and other pastries. Raiņa Street 20, Alsunga, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 26062523

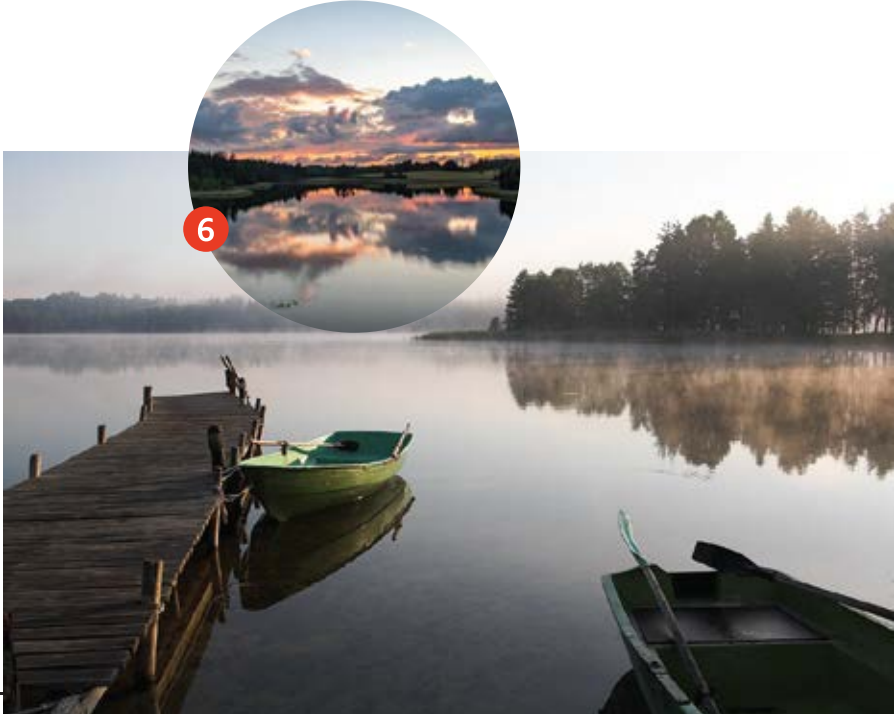
WELLNESS

- 22 Natalija Rutule's Workshop**
This workshop hosts a variety of wellness and beauty masterclasses. Visitors can enjoy sound therapy sessions using crystal bowls and gongs, and also book a massage experience in a soothing atmosphere filled with healing sounds and scents to promote relaxation and recovery. Skolas Street 11a, Alsunga, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 29552381

- 23 Saunas and Hot Tub "Ezermalī"**
Alsunga Parish, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 29122870, ezermalī.lv

BOAT / SUP RENTAL AT LAKE ZVIRGZDU

- 23 Camping "Ezermalī"**
Alsunga Parish, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 29122870, ezermalī.lv
- 24 Camping "Ķīši"**
Alsunga Parish, Kuldīga Municipality, Tel. +371 29244221



NON-TRADITIONAL TOURISM EXPERIENCES

- Bagpipe Masterclass** - Learn to play the traditional Latvian bagpipes.
- Evening Gathering with Suieti** - A cozy event at Spēlmaņu krogs where guests cook and enjoy traditional food together with lively and authentic Suieti locals. Singing, dancing, and a deep dive into Suieti culture guaranteed.
- Quick Try-On of Suieti Festive Costumes** - Tourists have the chance to wear the colorful Suieti folk costume and capture the moment in a photo session. A costume guide shares the symbolic meanings of each element.
- Suieti-Themed Orienteering in Alsunga** - An interactive orientation game around Alsunga with fun tasks related to Suieti culture.
- Burdon Chanting Meditation Evenings** - Experience Suieti burdons - a unique drone - style singing that connects the soul with natural rhythms and ancestral roots. These meditative evenings take place by candlelight or outdoors at dusk.
- Traditional Bread Baking Masterclass** - Bake your own loaf of traditional sweet-and-sour Suieti bread alongside Suieti women. Each participant leaves with their own loaf marked with a special blessing symbol and the stories behind the tradition.
- Night Tour with Legends and Folklore** - Explore Alsunga's mysterious sites at night, guided by Suieti storytellers who share ancient legends of beliefs, witches, and local adventures. The tour ends with songs around a bonfire.
- Evening of Suieti Food and Stories** - Enjoy an evening of Suieti culinary delights - sklandraušis, grūdenis, and more - cooked with locals who share stories of traditions and everyday life. Guests can help with cooking too!
- Suieti Handicrafts Masterclass** - Learn traditional Suieti techniques like knitting, embroidery, beading, or weaving with experienced local masters.
- Discovering the Suieti Language - Interactive Class** - A fun and engaging workshop that teaches the basics of the Suieti dialect, including some everyday phrases and songs. Wraps up with a playful mini-contest.

For all non-traditional tourism offers and guide services: +371 26425015

GUIDES

Individual or group tours and routes
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TRADITIONS

- 25 Suieti Market - More Than Just a Market**
The Suieti Market is a vibrant weekly celebration where local culture, handmade crafts, and the tastiest homemade treats come together. It's a meeting place rich in seasonal produce and artistry, where locals and visitors mingle. Buy traditional bread, sklandraušī, pies, and sheet cakes baked by Suieti women. Browse fresh, eco-friendly farm products, handicrafts, and artisanal goods. The market is brought to life by traditional Suieti singing, dancing, and musical performances - all part of the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Sundays from 10:00 - 14:00
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On October 1, 2009, the Suieti Cultural Space was inscribed in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List.

