





### Bridge record holder

The highest White Rose pedestrian and bicycle bridge in the country, was built in 2015 in Alytus. On the surviving 19th century of the former railway bridge over the Nemunas, recorded in the Lithuanian Book of Records. Its height is 38.1 m, length is 240 m. This bridge is the only place in Lithuania where you can measure your love in meters. There are six marks on it every 40 m, which indicates the type of love according to Aristotle's philosophy. You can prove your love to a beloved or close person by carrying him in your arms up to a certain limit marking the type of love. At the approach of the bridge, a heart of steel roses is placed on which love locks can be hung.

Dainų slėnis (Valley of songs), Alytus



### Alytus Mound: Genesis of the City

Alytus Mound has been a witness to the founding of the city for centuries. It was once home to a 14th-century wooden castle. One of the legends surrounding the mound tells a story of love and the origin of the city's name. Duke Alyta had fallen in love with the maiden Mirgrausėlė. During a time when enemies had attacked the local castle, Alyta broke through the encirclement and hid Mirgrausėlė from the enemies so that she would not fall into slavery. He then returned to the battle and ultimately died. When Mirgrausėlė learned of Alyta's death, she cried so hard that her tears began to flow in a stream to the Nemunas. The priests named the stream Alytupis, and the city located next to it – Alytus.

Today, next to the mound, there is a recreation area that includes gazebos, fire pits, a children's playground, fitness equipment and walking paths decorated with wooden sculptures.

Piliakalnio str., Alytus



Audiovisual Arts Center (former synagogue)

In 1856, a wooden synagogue was built at this location. At the end of the 19th century, a brick synagogue was constructed either in the same spot or nearby. Unfortunately, during the devastating fires of Alytus in 1909 and 1911, the synagogue burned down. Although reconstructed in 1911, there exists a debate over whether it was a renovation or an entirely new structure based on the original design. A rabbi's house was also built next to the synagogue.

The synagogue building stands out from its surroundings thanks to the prominent symbol of Judaism adorning its facade – a brick Star of David and paired niches with segmental lintels, representing the Ten Commandments. During World War II, the synagogue was not destroyed, but it was damaged. In the Soviet era, it was repurposed as a salt warehouse. After the synagogue was restored, it became the Center for Audiovisual Arts. Music evenings are held there, and the works of prominent artists are exhibited in changing exhibitions. Visitors can learn about the history of Alytus Jews.

Kauno str. 9, Alytus



Alytus Regional Museum

The Alytus Regional Museum was established back in 1928. It features modern and interactive expositions that creatively showcase the history of the region. One of the unique exhibits in the museum is the Dzūkai yard (Sodzius Dzūkijon), which showcases the barn and granary, and also allows visitors to touch the exhibits while listening to Dzūkai talk. Visitors can also take a stroll down the Vilnius Street of Alytus in 1915, grab a drink in a tavern, and get a feel of the spirit of that time. Another exhibition that presents the history of Alytus is "Life on the Side of the Nemunas". The museum also hosts exhibitions and educational activities for both students and adults.

Savanorių str. 6, Alytus  
[www.alytausmuziejus.lt](http://www.alytausmuziejus.lt)



Named for the lion-adorned stairs, this residence, erected in 1911, once housed the prominent Alytus figure, lawyer Mendelis Bokšickis, during the interwar period. His son Saadia Bahat, a famous Israeli artist, was born here. With the onset of World War II, the Bokšickis family entered the Vilnius ghetto. While daughter Lille found refuge with Lithuanians, the son successfully escaped also. Intriguingly, from 1944 to 1953, this house served as a site where Lithuanian freedom fighters faced imprisonment and torment, weaving a tapestry of diverse narratives within its walls. There are four memorial stones near the house (commemorative plaques installed on sidewalks or street pavements to commemorate the victims of National Socialism) dedicated to the Bokšickiai family.

Vilniaus str. 27, Alytus

## Alytus of the past



House with lions



Riflemen's house

In 1938, the Kurhaus was completed in Alytus. It was the modern and spacious shooting house of Antanas Juozapavičius, the first officer who died in the independence struggle. At that time, Alytus had the status of a city resort. The first floor of the Kurhaus featured a large hall with a stage, a lobby, a dining room and a veranda. The restaurant located here played jazz in the evenings and was one of the best and most luxurious restaurants in town. On the second floor, there was a shooting club and a museum dedicated to A. Juozapavičius, while the basement had an exercise hall. During the Soviet era, a cultural centre was operated here. After Lithuania regained its independence, the building was returned to the Alytus shooting team. In the summer, the terrace surrounded by roses is a beautiful spot to enjoy the pre-war fountain called "Tulip".

S. Dariaus ir S. Girėno str. 10, Alytus

## Alytus of the past



## Green gymnasium

The first gymnasium in Alytus was established in 1919, however, it didn't have a building at that time. In 1925, the high school students inaugurated the building, which was constructed from the former tsarist barracks. Today, the Alytus branch of the Kaunas School of Applied Arts is located in the same building. The school conducts educational activities and houses a student workshop. Additionally, an original one-exhibit gallery is situated next to the building.

S. Dariaus ir S. Girėno str. 27, Alytus



## Alytus of the past



## Archaeological Museum

The Archaeological Museum is located in the 16th-century vaulted cellars, which are divided into three parts. The first part showcases the Stone Age finds in Lithuania and the significance of flint in Southern Lithuania. The articles found here are made of natural flint material. The second part is dedicated to the Iron Age and focuses on the life of the Jotvingian tribes. The third part narrates the history of Alytus, from its inception to the 16th century when the capital city of Dzūkija was granted city rights.

The exhibits in the museum display the findings of archaeologists from the cemetery situated at the foot of the Alytus mound and the first Alytus historical square adjacent to the museum. According to historians, the square was formed in the 15th century when Alytus was granted self-government privilege. On June 15, 1581, it was specified for the townspeople to build a town hall on this square. Over time, the town hall disappeared, and the square's shape and appearance changed.

Jiezno str. 2, Alytus

## Alytus of the past



## Angel of Freedom Monument

The monument of the Angel of Freedom was built in 1929 (auth. A. Aleksandravičius) as a sign of respect and memory for those who died fighting for the freedom of Lithuania. However, the monument had to undergo several tests of nature and history. In 1934, the sculpture collapsed after being struck by lightning, but it was rebuilt three years later. Unfortunately, the monument was demolished in the 1960s due to political reasons.

The Angel of Freedom monument was recreated in 1991 by sculptor J. Meškelevičius, and J. Blažaitis created the reliefs of the monument. The monument is located in Alytus, next to the oldest park in the city, the City Garden. The City Garden is famous for its rosaries and the old fountain. The fountain is shaped like the sun, and all the paths leading from it are like rays of the sun. The park is home to 55 different species of trees and shrubs.

S. Dariaus ir S. Girėno str., Alytus

## Sculpting Alytus



Two notable monuments in Lithuania are the “Calmed Bell” (orig. “Nurimęs varpas”) and Dainava partisans’ monuments. The “Calmed Bell” (orig. “Nurimęs varpas”) memorial is unique because you can enter it. It’s located in the square of the Alytus Resort Park and honours political prisoners, exiles, partisans of the Dainava district, and the rebels of the Lithuanian army who fought during the June 22–28, 1941 uprising. The Dainava partisans’ monument, situated in the old town square, resembles a memory bud emerging from the ground, adorned with a stylized Jogailaičiai cross and Vytiš decorations.



## Echoes of Resistance Struggles

## Sculpting Alytus



The wood sculptures of the poet Anzelmus Matutis Park

In the park dedicated to the children's poet Anzelmus Matutis, wooden sculptures of characters from the poet's works are scattered playfully. The sculptures were donated by the participants of the biannual International Symposium of woodcarvers and are based on a collection of poems by the poet. The poet's museum is located across the street in the house where A. Matutis lived. The museum has preserved a study room with an authentic interior that includes a library, souvenirs, and personal belongings. The museum offers various educational programs for schoolchildren and families and also showcases children's creations.

A. Matučio str., Alytus  
[www.alytausmuziejus.lt/matutis](http://www.alytausmuziejus.lt/matutis)



## Squirrels in Alytus

Alytus' parks feature bronze sculptures of squirrels, but you may also spot live ones frolicking around.

### Old Town Square Squirrel

In the Old Town Square, on a bench near the book exchange house, a bronze squirrel sits proudly with a book that says "A book is a good way to surpass yesterday's self". After petting this cute animal, an indescribable desire to read books appears. Author M. Zavadskis. Alyvų takas str., Alytus

### Squirrel Lucy

A sculpture dedicated to the memory of Lucy the Squirrel. This is the name given to a real squirrel in the pine forest of the Youth Park. She responded to this name, was very brave, and gladly took nuts from a person's hands. Unfortunately, in 2020 Lucy died in the summer.

The author is M. Zavadskis, and the initiators of the idea are R. and V. Venciai. Rotušės sq. 15, Alytus

### The squirrels Alsodra and Sodriukas

"We create our happiness" – these words adorn the sculpture depicting mother squirrel Alsodra and squirrel Sodriukas communicating. After stroking the sculpture, the squirrels' wish "Big things start with small ones" starts to come true.

The sculpture was donated to the city by the employees of Alytus "Sodra".

Authors: painter I. Židonytė, sculptors A. Janušauskas and J. Abdulskytė. Jotvingių str., Alytus



## Graffiti in Alytus

Professional graffiti masters decorate various buildings in Alytus with drawings. It is an original open-air street gallery that adds more colour and charm to the city. Some drawings delicately and sensitively tell the story of Alytus. To admire the graffiti in Alytus, scan this QR code.



Street art gallery







### Mini entertainment center "Burger Heaven"

There is a bowling alley, three virtual reality rooms, and a hamburger restaurant with a corner for children. It's an ideal place to have fun with friends or organize various parties.

Raudonkalnio str. 7, Alytus



### Adventure Park "Tarzania"

Located on the picturesque coast of the Nemunas, in the park you can enjoy various climbing trails of different levels of difficulty in the trees, a particularly long flight over the Nemunas, or enjoy crazy roller coasters and the park's newest amusement is the 18-hole mini-golf course. Surrounded by nature, there are gazebos of different sizes, banquets, and conference halls. The nearby "Dzūkijas dvaras" not only invites you to enjoy traditional Dzūkija dishes but also offers accommodation for the night.

Radžiūnų str. 33, Radžiūnai village, Alytus district  
[www.tarzanija.lt](http://www.tarzanija.lt)



## Active in Alytus



### Rope Jumping from the White Rose Bridge

If you are an adrenaline junkie and love to experience thrills, then during the warm season, you must try jumping rope from the highest pedestrian and bicycle bridge in Lithuania! The bridge is 38.1 meters high, and the experience will be unforgettable. Your heart and legs will tremble even before you touch the solid ground, and when you dive headfirst into the Nemunas River, you'll feel the free fall, and your body will be filled with an adrenaline rush!

<https://ropejumping.eu>



### VIVI Wake Surf Park

Located on the shore of Great Dailidė Lake, this place offers a range of activities for water sports enthusiasts. The waterboard springboard course is perfect for those who love active leisure time in the water. If you're a beginner, you can take waterboarding lessons, while children can join various camps.

To make your stay comfortable, there are pedestrian and bicycle paths nearby, as well as a beach, recreation areas with gazebos and fireplaces, volleyball, children's playgrounds, outdoor exercise equipment, a boat dock with a pontoon bridge, and a lifeguard's house.

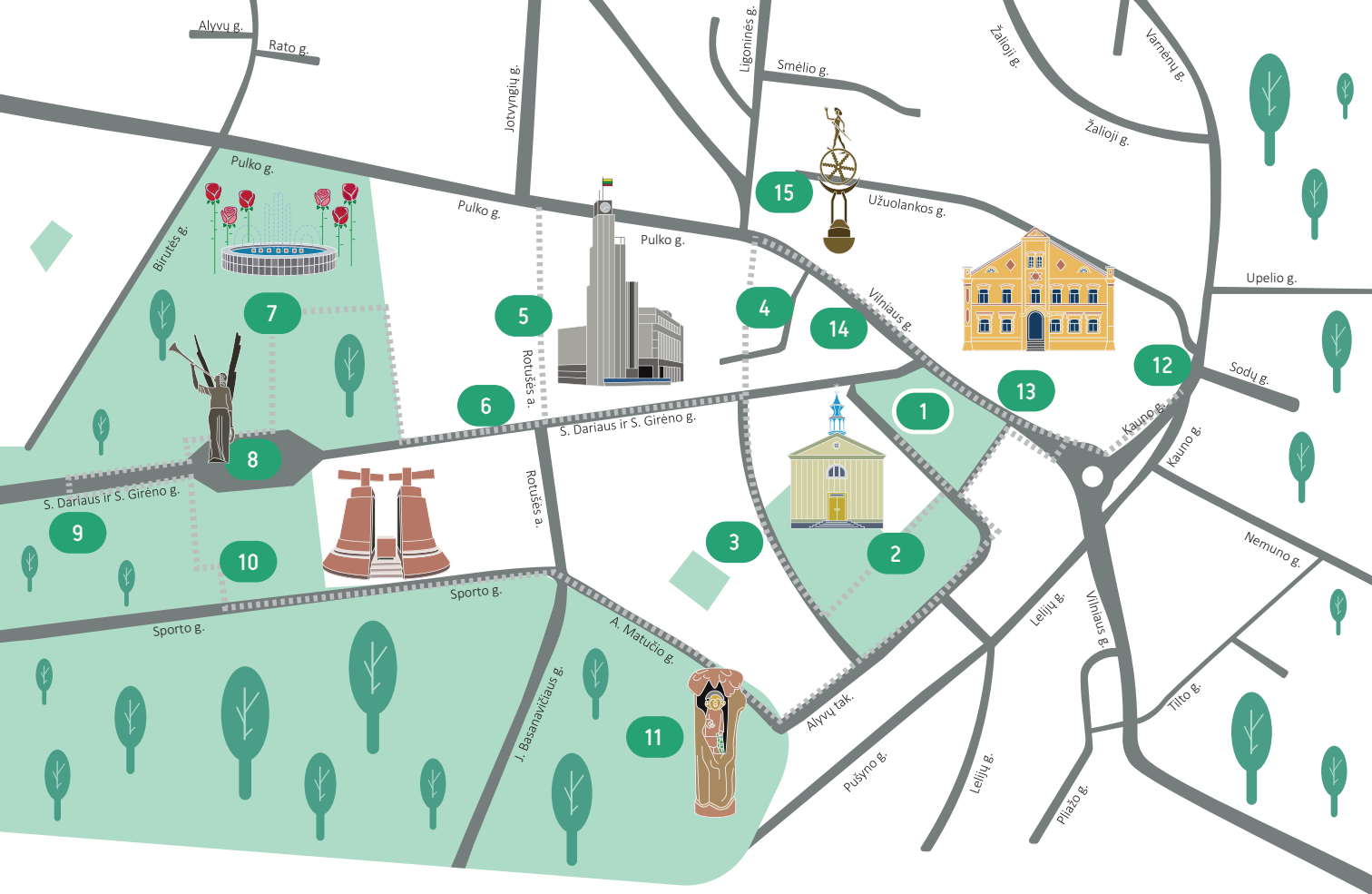
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## Active in Alytus

## Route “Discover Alytus”

Recommended route



### 1. Old Town Square

In World War II, the homes and businesses here were destroyed, and post-war, instead of rebuilding, a square emerged. Today, it hosts a fountain, a monument honouring Dainava district partisans, a squirrel sculpture, and spring cherry blossoms.

Bažnyčios str. / Alyvų takas str., Alytus

### 2. St. Church of Guardian Angels

The church was built in 1830. The interior is neo-baroque, therefore colourful and ornate. Antanas Juozapavičius, the first officer who died in the independence struggle (1919), is buried in the nearby cemetery.

Savanorių str. 5, Alytus

### 3. Alytus Regional History Museum

The Alytus Regional History Museum was founded in 1928. Modern and interactive expositions creatively tell the history of the region. In this museum, many exhibits can be touched.

Savanorių str. 6, Alytus

### 4. Seamstress with cats

Alytus buildings are decorated by skilled wall painting artists. Ugniagesių str. features “Seamstress with Cats” by A. Šimonis. Once home to the best sewing shop in Alytus, the street’s old buildings are gone, but memories remain.

Ugniagesių str. 3, Alytus

### 5. Town Hall Square

This is the main square of the city. It was previously known as Rinkos (later Turgaus) Square, where a bustling market used to take place. Several old buildings from that time remain in the square.

Ratušės sq., Alytus

### 6. Riflemen's House

In 1938, the Kurhaus, the modern and spacious Riflemen’s house of Antanas Juozapavičius, the first officer who died in the independence struggle, was completed. At that time, Alytus had the status of a city resort. During summer, the pre-war fountain “Tulpė” operates on the terrace, which is surrounded by roses.

S. Dariaus ir S. Girėno str. 10, Alytus

### 7. Alytus city garden

The monument of the Angel of Freedom was built in 1929 by A. Aleksandravičius to honor and remember those who lost their lives fighting for the independence of Lithuania. The monument has withstood multiple tests of nature and history. In 1934, the sculpture was struck by lightning and fell apart but was rebuilt three years later. On the 6th it was also demolished for political reasons. However, the Angel of Freedom was restored by J. Meškelevičius and decorated Alytus in 1991.

S. Dariaus ir S. Girėno str., Alytus

### 8. Angel of Freedom Monument

Pastatytas 1929 m. (aut. A. Aleksandravičius). Tai žuvusiųjų už Lietuvos nepriklausomybę pagarbos ir atminimo ženklas. Paminklui teko atlaikyti kelis gamtos ir istorijos išbandymus: 1934 m. skulptūra subyrėjo trenkus žaibui (atstatyta po trejų metų), o 6-ajame deš. buvo nugriauta politiniais sumetimais. Šiandienis Laisvės angelas Alytų papuošė 1991 m. Jį atkūrė J. Meškelevičius.

Dariaus ir S. Girėno str., Alytus

### 9. Green gymnasium

In 1925, high school students opened the doors of this building – it was built from the former tsarist barracks. Today, the Alytus branch of the Kaunas School of Applied Arts is located here. Educational activities are held at the school, and there is a student work shop. An original one-exhibit gallery is located next to it.

S. Dariaus ir S. Girėno str. 27, Alytus

### 10. The “Silent Bell” Memorial (orig. “Nurimęs varpas”)

There is a rare monument called the “Silent Bell” (author by S. Žirgulis), which you can enter. It is located in the Kurortas (Resort) park square and serves as a memorial to political prisoners, exiles, partisans of Dainava district, and those who died between June 22–28, 1941. In the same square, you can find the Rebirth oak, which still grows, and a wooden cross-chapel pillar standing in memory of the victims of January 13th.

S. Dariaus ir S. Girėno str., Alytus

### 11. Tree sculptures of the poet Anzelmus Matutis Park

In the park dedicated to the children’s poet Anzelmus Matutis, visitors can find wooden sculptures of the characters from his works scattered throughout. These sculptures were created in 2012 and were donated by the participants of the biannual international symposium of woodcarvers. Interestingly, the symposium is named after a collection of poems by a different poet. If you cross the street, you will find the poet’s museum nearby.

A. Matučio str., Alytus

### 12. Audiovisual Arts Center (former synagogue)

A wooden synagogue was constructed in this location in 1856. Later, a brick building was built in the same place or nearby in the 19th century. Unfortunately, in 1909 and then in 1911, the synagogue was destroyed by fires in Alytus. It was rebuilt, or some say built anew, in 1911 according to the original plan. A rabbi’s house was constructed next to it. During World War II, the synagogue was not demolished, but it was damaged. In the Soviet era, the building was repurposed and used as a salt warehouse. Today, after restoration, the Audiovisual Arts Center is located in the synagogue.

Kauno str. 9, Alytus

### 13. House with lions

This residential building is named after the lion figures decorating the stairs leading to it. During the interwar period, it was inhabited by lawyer Mendelis Bokšickis. However, after the outbreak of World War II, M. Bokšickis and his family were forced to enter the Vilnius ghetto. While his daughter, Lille, was saved by Lithuanians, his son also managed to escape. From 1944 to 1953, the house was used to imprison and torture fighters for the freedom of Lithuania. Today, four memorial stones have been erected near the house in memory of the Bokšickis family.

Vilniaus str. 27, Alytus

### 14. Zimavičienė building

This is one of the most well-known houses in Alytus during the interwar period. It was also the first three-story building constructed in the area in 1932. Unfortunately, the original builder, Kostas Zimavičius, passed away during the construction process. His wife, Adelė Zimavičienė, took over the construction responsibilities and completed the work. The people of Alytus subsequently nicknamed the house “Zimavičienė’s building”. The following year, the owner rented out the fully furnished premises to various shops and associations.

Vilniaus str. 10, Alytus

### 15. Sculpture “Patrimpas”

Sculpture (author by J. Meškelevičius) depicting the ancient Baltic god Patrimpas, built in 1994. Patrympas with Patulas and Perkūnas formed the trinity depicted on the Prussian flag.

Vilniaus str., Alytus



## Bike roads

Travelling by bicycle is a healthy, simple and sustainable way to explore Alytus. The city has almost 40 km of bicycle and pedestrian paths, with a large part on the former railway embankment. This section is included in the “Alytus–Varėna (Olita–Orany)” bicycle route. Bicycle paths in Alytus pass by the city’s lakes, parks, Panemune and other picturesque places. To make it easier for visitors to explore the city by bike, a QR code for an already prepared route is available. Simply scan the QR code and go!



## Educational trail of the Vidzgiris Botanical Reserve

The Vidzgiris Forest spans 452 hectares of land, out of which 388 hectares were declared a botanical reserve in 1960. It is situated in Alytus and is a unique natural corner, like an island of untouched nature within the city. The reserve is home to the largest hornbeam forest in Lithuania, along with lush broad-leaved trees, ditch and slope forests, oak groves, larch, and rare plants of great botanical value. Protected species of amphibians and insects also thrive here.

In 2009, the reserve was granted the status of the European network of protected areas called “Natura 2000”. For nature enthusiasts and hikers, the Vidzgiris Botanical Reserve offers a 9 km educational nature trail. You can also explore the impressive diversity of nature in the reserve or take a walk using the #walk15 app.

Pulko str., Alytus  
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## Jaunimo parkas (Youth Park)

Alytus' Jaunimo Parkas (Youth Park) was established in 1982 and is a popular destination for both residents and visitors of Alytus. The park is filled with colourful flowers and features a unique outdoor art gallery with metal and plastic sculptures blending in with the natural surroundings. These sculptures not only offer artistic value but also provide opportunities for active leisure. The park has designated areas for children's games, leisure activities, and extreme sports such as parkour, skateboarding, and roller coasters. Visitors can also wander through a love labyrinth and read letters of love from the past. Although the park's name implies that it caters to young people, people of all ages can enjoy the various attractions and activities it offers.

Vilties str., Alytus  
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## Swimming Pool and Sauna Complex

The Alytus Sports and Recreation Center is a versatile sports and entertainment complex that comprises gyms and an eight-lane 50-meter swimming pool that meets international and Olympic standards, all under one roof. A contemporary sauna complex and whirlpools are also located nearby. The centre serves as a venue for various international swimming, pentathlon, and water polo tournaments. Athletes from not only Alytus but also from other countries come here to train. Both residents and visitors of the city frequently visit the complex. Olympic champion Rūta Meilutytė trained in this pool.

Naujoji str. 52, Alytus  
<http://baseinas.asrc.lt>

## Alytus Stadium

The city stadium has a natural grass football pitch that hosts both national and international competitions. It also features seven running tracks with surfaces that meet international requirements, as well as athletics high and long jump areas, hammer and discus throwing sectors, and four clay tennis courts with lighting.

Birutės str. 5, Alytus



## Canoeing in the Nemunās

The Nemunas, surrounded by a 16 km loop in Alytus, vilides under the four bridges of the city and allows you to admire the unique landscape of the river valley with proudly dunking mounds, outcrops and islands.



## Hot air balloon flights

Alytus can be admired by taking off the hot air balloon from a bird's eye view. This is a spectacular pastime that will provide an opportunity to take fresh look at the most beautiful places in the city.





### Alytus City Theater

City Theater is the only professional drama theatre in Southern Lithuania. They host theatrical performances for children, youth, and adults, as well as concerts, festivals, and other events. The theatre is renowned for its high-quality productions and exclusive projects, such as the COM•MEDIA International Theatre Festival.

Rotušės sq. 2, Alytus  
[www.alytausteatras.lt](http://www.alytausteatras.lt)



### Cinema "Dainava"

The cinema opened in Alytus in 1960 is the only one that has survived since its foundation. It shows films on national, republican and world premiere days.

Sporto str. 2, Alytus  
[www.kinasdainava.lt](http://www.kinasdainava.lt)





### Alytus Jurgis Kunčinas Public Library

Intensive and diverse cultural activities are constantly taking place in the library. Not only literary evenings, meetings, book presentations and discussions are frequent, but also exhibitions of artists' and photographers' works, creative competitions, and short prose readings called "Ginger evenings" are organized every year. There is a memorial exposition in the library premises – the Jurgis Kunčinas room.

Seirijų str. 2, Alytus  
[www.alytus.mvb.lt](http://www.alytus.mvb.lt)



### Alytus Cultural Center

A cultural centre is a place where cultural life is constantly boiling. Ethnoculture is nurtured, education takes place, non-professional art activities that develop creative tendencies, experimental and classical art performances, and both amateur and professional personal or collective fine art exhibitions are held.

Pramonės str. 1B, Alytus  
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