

GETTING READY FOR MOBILITY

LIFE IN LITHUANIA

Official language	Lithuanian
Many people also speak	English, Russian, Polish Young generations usually speak good English
Traffic	Right-side ATTENTION TO STUDENTS: Please be very careful on the streets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Cross the street ONLY when traffic light shows green.<input type="checkbox"/> If no traffic light, cross streets ONLY in marked crossings (zebra)<input type="checkbox"/> Even when light is green, LOOK BOTH SIDES before crossing
Currency	Euro
Cash or cards?	In Vilnius all kinds of cards & mobile payments are very welcome. Lots of services run on mobile apps. Nearly all shops, restaurants, taxis take card payments. Little cash might be needed for street souvenirs, public toilets, tips for restaurant waiters, etc.
Phone numbers	Country code is +370 (sometimes you will find local numbers starting with 8. To be able to make a call, replace 8 with +370)
Time zone	UTC +2 Eastern European Time (EET) Daylight saving time starts 31 Mar 2019
Electricity standard	220 V 50 Hz Socket type: F
Drinking water	Tap water in Lithuania is usually safe to drink (it comes from groundwater). However, in hotel and other public places tap water might taste not very good.
Weather	Short term very precise forecasts: http://www.meteo.lt/en/



Longer term forecasts:

- <https://www.accuweather.com>
- <https://www.gismeteo.com/weather-vilnius-4230/month/>

Weather in Lithuania is very unpredictable. Be sure to take clothes and shoes for all kinds of weather conditions.

Smoking restrictions

Smoking (including electronic cigarettes) is forbidden:

- inside any building
- inside public transport
- in public transport stops
- many public areas (parks, squares): watch the signs!

Smoking is allowed in specially designated areas only.

Consuming alcohol

Consuming alcohol in public places is forbidden.

Alcoholic beverages are sold only to persons **20 years and older** (this applies in shops & restaurants, bars etc.)

Alcoholic beverages sales time: Mo-Sat 10:00 – 20:00, Sun 10:00 – 15:00.

Beyond these hours:

- in shops alcohol is not sold at all.
 - in restaurants & bars alcohol is sold only for consumption at place (in glasses, no bottles)
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Grocery shops / kiosks close to your Hotel

Main grocery shop brands in Lithuania:

- Maxima <https://www.maxima.lt/>:
 - 1 shop in Europa mall (medium size)
 - 1 shop in CUP mall (small)
 - 1 shop: Rinktinės g. 38, Vilnius (small)
 - IKI <https://www.iki.lt/>:
 - IKI EXPRESS - ŽALIASIS TILTAS (Kalvarijų g. 3, Vilnius)
 - Narvesen <https://www.narvesen.lt/>:
 - 1 kiosk in Europa mall
 - 1 kiosk in CUP mall
 - 1 kiosk near bus stop: Kalvarijų g. 1, Vilnius
 - 1 kiosk in Radisson Blu: Konstitucijos pr. 18, Vilnius
 - 1 kiosk Rinktinės g. 5, Vilnius
 - RIMI <https://www.rimi.lt> (in Panorama mall)
 - Norfa <http://www.norfa.lt> (no shop nearby)
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- Lidl <https://www.lidl.lt/> (no shop nearby)

Grocery stores work long hours (± 8:00 till 22:00), Saturdays & Sundays included.

Deposit system

When buying bottled or canned drinks (in glass / plastic / tin-cans) you will pay extra 10 cents. The packaging is marked with this sign:



Return the packaging and get 10-cent refund.

The nearest packaging return points are in: Maxima shop at CUP mall & Maxima shop at Europa mall.

More info: <http://grazintiverta.lt/en>

Planning your free time

- All events: <http://www.vilnius-events.lt/en/>
- What to see: <http://www.vilnius-tourism.lt/pl/> (**information available in Polish**)
- Free walking tours: <https://www.vilniusfreetour.lt> and <https://www.vilniuswithlocals.com>

TIP: Free admission to most museums on the last Sunday of each month

WHAT TO BRING

Checklist what to take

- Passport / personal ID
- European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)
- Additional travel insurance (optional)
- Learning agreement (with signatures of headmaster)
- Mobile phone & charger
- Cash or bank cards
- Clothes and shoes for different weather
- Umbrella
- Prescribed & other medications you might need
- Cosmetics, other personal care items

Do NOT take

- Electric appliances for cooking or boiling water (forbidden to use in rooms)
- Perishable food (there are no refrigerators in hotel rooms)