The pearly of Salaspils



National Botanic Garden - The Salaspils Memorial - Dole Island

- Lenght: 30 km
- forest roads
- Start point: Salaspils Tourism Information Centre, 1 Miera Street, available bicycle rental
- Marking: The route is included in the Latvian Marked Bicycle Route Register with nr. 113

@ Good to know:

Road surface: Gravel, dirt and Circular route. Be careful while crossing highways and railway crossings in Salaspils and Dārzini. The bridge which connects Zirnu Island and Dārzini is hard to find, but ask locals, they will tell you a way. If you have a lot of strength, you can extend your journey on the Dole Island Bike Route!

1. National Botanic Garden

Salaspils holds the largest collection of plants in the Baltics with more than 14 000 different species. The wide collection of trees, perennial, food, and greenhouse plants makes the garden a popular destination for both educational and recreational purposes throughout all four Seasons. [1 Miera Street, Salaspils] www.nbd.gov.lv

2. Salaspils Memorial Ensamble - "Beyond these gates the land groans"

The Salaspils Memorial Ensemble was erected where an extended police prison and labour correctional. In 1967, one of Europe's largest monument complexes commemorating victims of Nazism was opened on the camp territory. The memorial creates a symbol of the border between life and death with a 100 metre-long concrete wall and seven concrete sculptures: "Mother", "The Unbroken", "The Infamous", "Protest", "Red Front", "Solidarity". The Salaspils Memorial Ensemble is part of Latvia's cultural canon. An



3. World War II German prisoners of war cemetery

exhibition is constructed at the gates of the monument

Located near the Salaspils Memorial. In the memorial territory there is also a German prisoner-burial cemetery opened in 2008.



4. Riga Hydropower Station, Reservoir and Dam

Riga Hydropower Station is the newest and second largest power plant on the Daugava, built from 1966 to 1975. The area of the reservoir is 42.3 km²; its volume – SALASPILS around 339 million m3



5. The Daugava River Museum

Since 1977, the Daugava Museum has been located in the new dwelling house of Dole Manor. There you can see the cultural history of Daugava, the Latvian *River of Fate, and Salaspils County*, as well as unique materials of ancient Latvian history. There is a chance to learn about how the valley of the Daugava looked before the cascade of the hydropower station was built – to compare the current landscape with that from the past. Museum offers various sites for recreation and activities. (Dole Island, Salaspils county) www.daugavasmuzejs.lv

6. The Ruins of St. George Church

The pieces of the old altar of St. George church existed from the beginning of the 14th to the middle of the 20th century. It is the nearest 14th century architectural heritage to Riga with signs of the Romanesque and Gothic style (remains of the gothic window frames, niches, and others). For several centuries, the church was the religious and social life centre of Salaspils.

7. Memorial Stones for Commemoration of the Battle of Kirchholm in 1605

The stone is dedicated to the bright victory of the army of Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and the troops of the Duchy of Courland over the Swedish army in the Battle of Salaspils on September 27th, 1605 considered at the time a miracle in military history.



8. Roman-Catholic Church of the Our Lady - Queen of the Rosary

The first major contemporary Roman-Catholic church in Latvia built in the 1990s and consecrated in 1996 [Rīgas Street 26, Salaspils]

9. Salaspils Lutheran Church

The foundation stone was laid 2008; consecrated by Archbishop I. Vanags. Architect G. Graudupe. [Rīgas Street 49/1, Salaspils]

Catering Facilities:

- Café-pizzeria "Četras pēdas", 2 Līvzemes Street, Salaspils, +371 67981080
- Café/pastry shop "Kanēlis", 2 Līvzemes Street, Salaspils, +371 20277577
- Café "Grozinš", 5 Līvzemes Street, Salaspils, +371 29391856; +371 22360559
- Café "Maruss", 4 Skolas Street, Salaspils, tel. 28961062
- Café "Panda Sushi", 1 Rīgas Street 1, Salaspils, tel. 28446466
- Fast food restaurant: "Hesburger", 1F Zviedru Street, Salaspils, +371. 29425680
- Summer Pub "Negis", Recreation area of the Daugava River Museum, Doles Island, Salaspils county, +371 29276653

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