



The oldest wooden residential building in Jekabpils
Built in 1808.



Jēkabpils St. Michael Lutheran Church
Construction was commenced in 1769 and the church was consecrated on 15th December 1807. It features an artifact of national significance – the double-manual organ built by the renowned master M. Krēsliņš in 1885.



The former National Bank building
It was built in 1931 in classicism style. The centre of the facade is decorated by four column-like projections crested with chapiters. Now it houses Jekabpils City Library.



Jēkabpils St. Roman Catholic Church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary
The mid-19th century church which was restored in 1933 attracts attention with its 14 m high belfry, the sounds of the 272 kg bell, the benches dating from 1907, the sound of the new organ, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima carried over from Portugal.



Kens manor and park
A former manor – the only 19th century neogothic building in Jēkabpils. Now the building houses the Jēkabpils Art School. There is also a children playground available.



Selonian Farmstead – open-air division of Jēkabpils History museum
The exhibition consists of six 19th century Selonian buildings – dwelling house, grain barn, small barn, forge, windmill and bath house. The Crafts House has an exposition about craft traditions in Selonia and offers various practical classes.



Pump track
Adapted for raiders of all ages and levels. Specially designed asphalt track with slopes, bends and small springboards. The track can be used for mountain bikes, BMX, skateboards, scooters, roller scates, longboards.



Daugava embankment – promenade
The construction of the embankment was commenced in 1981 after the great floods. Now, walking along the pedestrian promenade, you can enjoy beautiful views of the city. and the calm flow of the river Daugava.



VISIT ALSO:

- Krustpils castle and Jekabpils History Museum**
Rīgas Street 216B, www.jekabpilsmuzejs.lv
- Jekabpils Forest Park**
Mežaparka Sreet, www.jekabpilssc.lv
- Jekabpils Sports Hall**
Brīvības Street 289B, www.jekabpilssc.lv

LYNX – THE SYMBOL OF JEKABPILS CITY

One day the Duke of Kurzeme – Jacob, went hunting. He wandered long and far through the forests of his dukedom, but had no luck in hunting.

Then the Duke arrived at the banks of the Daugava River. Suddenly, as if out of nowhere, he spotted a lynx under a thick spruce tree. The Duke hunted it down. And only then did he notice that a small town was located nearby. It was the village of Salas tavern. “In honour of my hunt, I will name this village after myself – Jacobstadt – and may the coat of arms of this village have a lynx in it!” declared the Duke. Other historians say the Duke shot a fox, but the drawing of the coat of arms was so unclear that people later began to perceive it as a lynx.

But one way or another, since 1670 Jēkabpils has had city rights and lynx under the fir tree in its coat of arms.



Coat of arms of Jēkabpils in the seal of 1673



Coat of arms of Jēkabpils in 1846



Coat of arms of Jēkabpils today

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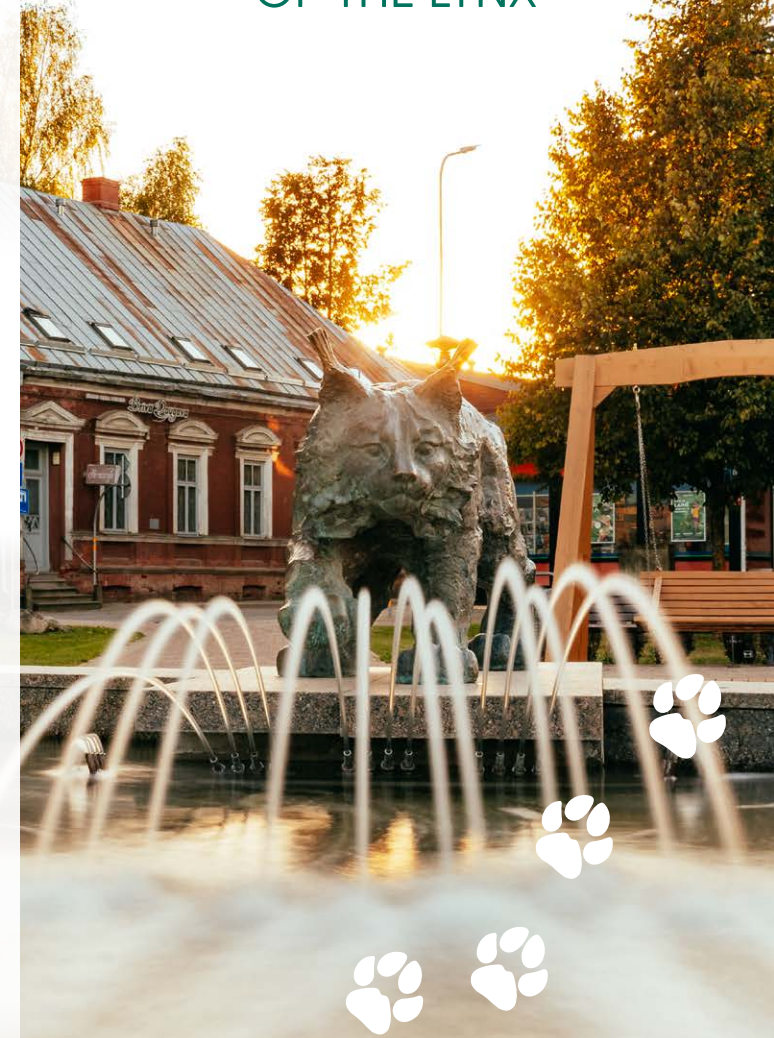
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FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE LYNX



WALKING TOUR
~ 4 km



Old town square

During the founding of the city in the 17th century, this place was state owned – owned by the duke, and its use was related to the operation of the port, because it needed service and residential buildings, as well as warehouses, in addition to boat docks.

In the 18th century, the main public buildings were concentrated around the Old Town Square, while the beginning of the 20th century is the time when the current square is used as a market square until the beginning of the 1960s, when it partially was used for the bus station and parking lot. Today the Old Town Square has been used as a parking lot and a place for city events.



Fountain "Lynx"

Once Duke Jacob hunted a lynx and founded Jacobstadt city by putting a lynx in its coat of arms. Look, Here is comes across the river to greet you!



Culture house

The former Guards house, built in 1936. Renovated in 2023.



Building on Vecpilsētas Square 5

The former "Shell" gas station, built in the early 1930s.



Scales

Once things were counted and measured here, horses were traded and potatoes were sold. Even today, you can weigh and measure yourself here.



Coin purse

To save and know how much money it has, even a town needs a coin purse. Come, place your hand on it for luck and welfare.



The story of the city

This is a place where people meet. They will tell you what the old days were like here in Jekabpils.



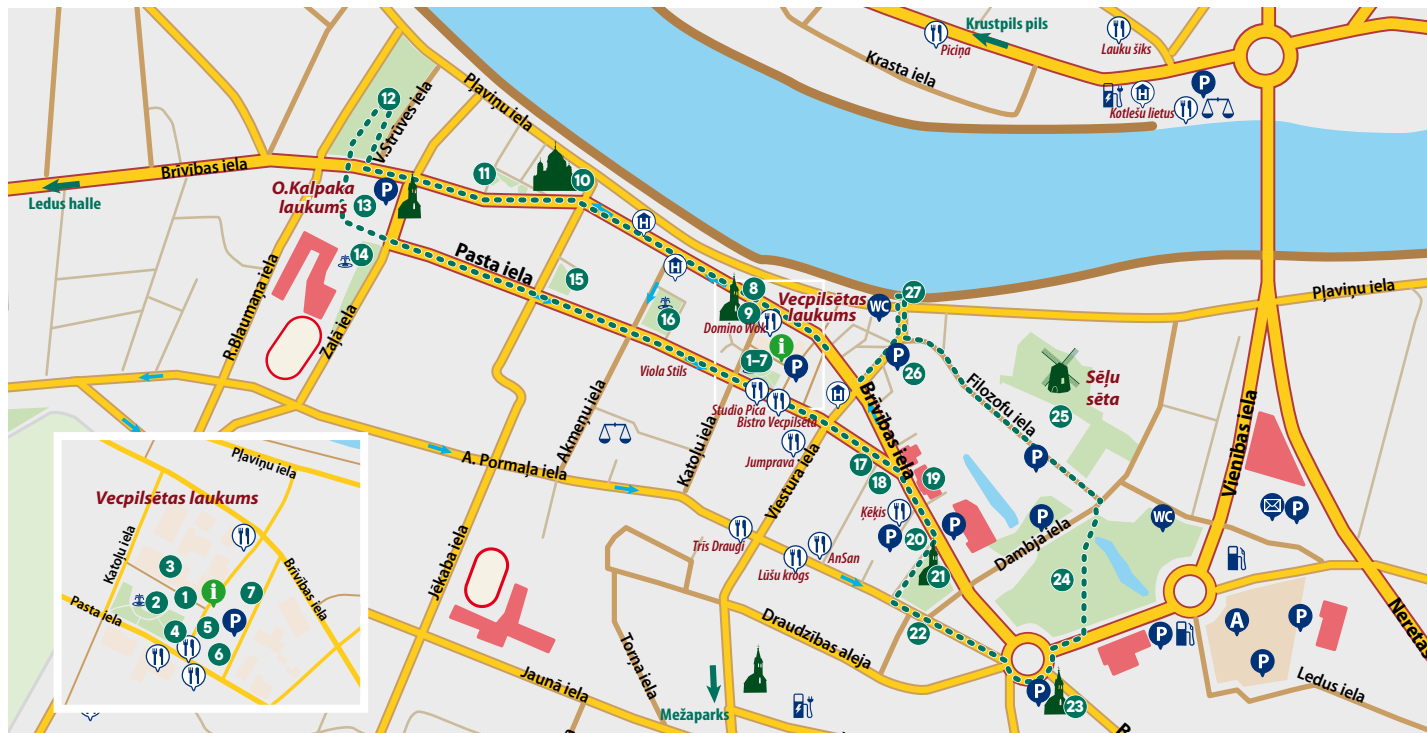
Mans's – Art gallery

One of the first private art galleries in Latvia. The extensive premises of the gallery house paintings by Latvian and foreign artists.



The Orthodox Church of the Sanctuary of Holy Mother of God (Uniate Church)

One of the largest churches in Jēkabpils built in 1783 during the reign of Duchy of Courland. Church is a national historical monument



The Orthodox Church of The Holy Spirit and men's monastery

The church was built in the second part of the 19th century in Byzantine style. The Saint Nicholas The Miracle-worker's church unique with its small size of only 17 by 19.5 meters is located in the mon- astery courtyard.



Former Wednesday market square

On this spot on 12th February 1670, Duke Jacob declared the foundation of Jekabpils city. It was the oldest market of the town and the former historic center.



Strūve Park

The park has become famous due to the point of Struve Geodetic Arc measured by the professor of Tartu University, astronomer and geodesist Wilhelm von Struve (1793–1864). The Struve Geodetic Arc is on the UNESCO World Heritage List.



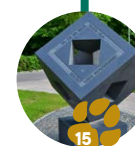
O. Kalpak's Square

Former festivity parade ground. In 1928 to honor Latvia's tenth birthday it was renamed to Kalpaka Square. Improved with tourism infrastructure of Strūve geodetic arc.



Fountain "Dandelion Fluff"

Located near the Jēkabpils State Gymnasium. Sculptures by the sculptor L. Blumbergs can be seen next to the fountain.



Rest place near Jēkaba Street

Here you can see an environmental object in honor of the founder of the city Duke Jacob.



Akmeņu Street Square

Corner of Pasta and Akmeņu streets is called also Nut Square due to the walnut trees that are growing there. After the reconstruction, a central environmental object was installed – a fountain with a stone sphere. Sculptures by the sculptor Vija Dzintare – "Austrian tree" and "Gates".



Sculpture "Little violinist"

A sculpture in memory of composer Jāzeps Vītols.



Jēkabpils technical school of technology

The former building of district school, built in 1820.



Jekabpils County Municipality

The former building of the district magistrate's court, built in 1880.