

# SIGULDA CASTLE

## 2019



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We invite you to visit the historical centre of Sigulda! The origins of the town of Sigulda can be found right here, in this strategically chosen and scenic location.

Time has left countless strata here from the time the castle was built back in the 13th century through to the time it lost its importance as a military fortification in the 18th century. A century later, the castle ruins had become a popular place for lovers to embark on romantic walks. Meanwhile, the outer castle was flourishing. In its grounds, the Kropotkin family built the New Sigulda Castle and established the centre of the manor, thus initiating the traditions of tourism in Sigulda.

In surviving World War I, the Latvian Association of Journalists and Writers took up residence in the castle. Both the manor buildings and New Castle underwent major renovations in 1937, transforming the interior of the castle into a pearl of Romanticism, leaving the outer façade as the sole example of the castle's historical neo-Gothic appearance.

After World War II, for almost 40 years, access to the castle grounds was restricted and medical institutions were installed in the buildings. With the restoration of the country's independence, the Sigulda Castle regained its status as a popular leisure spot for local residents and visitors to the castle. With the support of the local council, the historical centre's buildings have been restored and they have become workshops used by energetic and creative Sigulda craftsmen.

DISCOVER THE SIGULDA CASTLE!



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## “VIKTORS’ LETTERS” PAPER ART WORKSHOP

A romantic place in Sigulda Castle’s wooden manor house, where artist Zinaīda Ceske uses documents utilised by Sigulda District Council to create hand poured works of paper art, as well as plants from the natural environment of the ancient Gauja River Valley. The paper art workshop in Sigulda Castle’s creative area was launched in 2013, honouring a legend by providing us with a reminder of the 400 year old love story between Maija, the Rose of Turaida, and the Sigulda Castle gardener Viktors.

### Offer for individual customers:

- The following exhibitions can be viewed free of charge:  
The story of “The Rose of Turaida and Viktors” in five languages and seven paintings;  
“The 700 Year History of Sigulda Castle” on hand poured paper postcards; “I Love You!” in 70 different languages; “The Bride of Sigulda” – an exhibition of old photographs.
- “Sigulda Castle Manor Postal Station”, where visitors can view beautifully designed letters and postcards sent home and written with quill and ink: EUR 5;
- Artistic souvenirs are for sale with images showcasing the history of Sigulda, as well as items of paper design: EUR 2-6, as well as paintings and individual works by the artist: up to EUR 400.
- Wedding Stop – writing a love letter as an emotional experience for newly-wed couples: EUR 35.
- Photo sessions in retro costumes. Donations requested.

### Offer for groups:

- Paper pouring activities for groups of up to 30 people (available to kindergartens and school classes, workforces, families and those celebrating their birthdays). EUR 2 per person, postal dispatch of ready items: EUR 3-4.
- For wedding guests – writing of wishes using quill and ink: EUR 30 or preparation of a book of good wishes: EUR 40-50.
- Hen parties with paper pouring and writing. EUR 25.
- Painting of a joint work of art. EUR 60-75. Advanced booking required.

### Working hours:

01.05-31.10 from 9.00-19.00  
01.11-30.04 from 10.00-17.00  
Sunday: closed

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### Venue: Summer Castle



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## CERAMICS WORKSHOP

Vastly experienced artisans Elizabete and Osvalds offer you the chance to discover the process of how clay is transformed into an ornate vase, cup, plate or other ceramic product. Art lovers will be delighted by the ready products on sale at the workshop. The workshop is arranged so that visitors can not only observe the craftsmen at work, but also get involved in themselves. Booking in advance, you can make your own clay whistle or whistling bird, try out your skills working with a potter's wheel and make your own special dish or souvenir.

### Offer for individual customers

You will discover traditional pottery techniques and the expert's tricks of the trade, as well as learning the numerous fascinating nuances of decoration and firing. Pottery and one firing session: EUR 5, painting and a second firing session: EUR 10, turning with two firing sessions and painting: EUR 15 EUR. Advanced booking required.

### Offer for groups:

School and kindergarten groups that book in advance will have then chance to make their cup, bowl, whistles or other items, as well as to see a work being made on a potter's wheel. Kindergarten and school groups: EUR 3. Adult groups: EUR 5.

### Working hours:

01.05-31.10: Tuesday-Friday from 9.00-18.00, weekends and public holidays: 11.00-18.00, Mondays closed.

01.11-30.04: Tuesday-Saturday from 10.00-17.00, closed on Sunday and Monday.

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**Venue:** Manor Barn



Built in the 19th century as the manor's household building  
Rebuilt in 1930 as a house for visitors participating in excursions  
Sanatorium bathhouse built in 1953



## LEATHER ARTEL

Sigulda artisan Marina Lūse invites you to discover one of the oldest craft forms: leather treatment, make a gift or buy souvenirs. Visitors to the Leather Artel can observe the process of a work being made, as well as make their own interesting and useful gifts. Modern technology makes it possible for everyone to become an expert, and create simple souvenirs like belts, keyrings and bookmarks, etc., using the technique of leather plastic processing.

### Offer for individual customers:

Bracelet making, kids: EUR 3, grown-ups: EUR 5.  
Bookmark making: EUR 2.

### Offer for groups:

Keyring preparation with your name or Baltic patterns. EUR 2.  
Bracelet preparation with patterns. EUR 3.  
Bookmark making with initials or Baltic patterns: EUR 2.  
Groups of up to 25 people are welcome. Activity duration: 40-60 min.  
Advanced booking required.

### Working hours:

01.05-31.10 from 9.00-18.00  
01.11-30.04 from 10.00-16.00  
Mondays – closed

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**Venue:** Stables



Built in the 19th century as the manor stables  
Rebuilt in 1936 as a heated garage and  
temporary stables for guests' horses



## SIGULDA WALKING STICK WORKSHOP

Visitors to the workshop have the chance to take part in the process of making a walking stick, as well as to discover the history of making walking sticks right from its origins. The history of crafting walking sticks in the Sigulda area dates back more than 200 years. According to 19th century travel guides, "A walking stick will be most useful for a walk along Sigulda's gorges, which you buy from a boy."

### Offer for individual customers:

Painting of a readymade walking stock and pattern branding. EUR 1.

### Offer for groups:

Group members can make their own walking sticks, starting from boiling and peeling bark through to the bending the walking stick itself. Schoolchildren: EUR 1.50, grown-ups EUR 2.00. Activity duration: up to 30-45 min. Group sizes: 5-30 people. Advanced booking required.

### Working hours:

01.05-31.10 from 9.00-18.00  
01.11-30.04 from 10.00-16.00  
Mondays – closed

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## VALMIERMUIŽA BEER GARDEN

Valmiermuiža is a small craft brewery near Valmiera that welcomes visitors to witness with their own eyes how fine beer is brewed, to sample the wide range of brews and to learn the story of food and beer pairing.

Valmiermuiža beer garden now is opened just next to Sigulda Livonian order castle that has been welcoming guests from near and far for centuries to offer refreshment and savory meal, to celebrate the feasts.

Valmiermuiza with pavilion and craft beer shop that has occupied an old brewery lodge, is welcoming travelers again to quench their thirst and hunger.

### Offer for individual customers:

Latvian craft beer shop and souvenirs

Valmiermuiža Beer Garden in Sigulda with a smokehouse with various delicacies, and also offer a selection of Valmiermuiža beers, cakes and sodas.

### Offer for groups:

Sampling age-old malt beers

Guests can embark on a small gourmet trip – discovering age-old malt beers during which they can sample three flavours of Valmiermuiža beer: Dark Smoked Lager, Floor-Malted Pilsner and Baltic Porter and snacks specially chosen to accompany each flavour of beer.

Price EUR 6.00 / pers.

To find that feeling of past times, we offer to enjoy the meal that has been made by smoking it quite like in those old days and with own eyes to witness the moment when the food is taken out of smoke swirl and served with matching seasonal side dish.

Meal

2 course menu (12 - 40 persons)

- smoked dish (meat or fish) with seasonal vegetables and green salad

- dessert – in Valmiermuiža Beer Kitchen baked cake

Price EUR 15.00 / pers.

### Working hours:

01.05-31.10 from 12.00-22.00

01.11-30.04 closed

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**Venue:** Brewery

Built in the 18th century as a brewery and vegetable cellar

The brewery was rebuilt in 1899



## BALTIC JEWELLERY

Baltic Jewellery from days of old through to the present day. Copies of ancient jewellery found right here in Sigulda and Turaida, along with old motifs on contemporary jewellery and collections of modern jewellery inspired by nature. We are proud of our rich heritage, the inspiring beauty of nature found here in Sigulda and Latvia as a whole, and are passing on these assets in the form of jewellery!

### Offer for individual customers:

Weave your own Namejs -EUR 45-60\*

Self-made wedding rings - from EUR 90 \*

Pendant workshop - from EUR 5

\*advance booking is compulsory

Special offers for anniversaries, weddings, hen parties and corporate events.

### Offer for groups:

Earring workshop - from EUR 1.20

Pendant workshop - from EUR 5

Advanced booking required.

### Working hours:

01.05-31.10 from 9.00-18.00

01.11-30.04 from 10.00-18.00

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## TEXTILE WORKSHOP

The goal of the workshop is to preserve, improve and develop the ancient craft of weaving in a contemporary environment. The weaving process is on view in the Textile Workshop – in the hands of a skilful weaver, thread is transformed into a woven product: a scarf, pillow, table path, rag rug or serviette. The woven cloth is used to make bags, butterflies and other products. Ready products are on sale in the workshop and individual orders can also be made and fulfilled. The textile products are made from natural materials including linen, wool and cotton.

Visitors to the Textile Workshop have a unique opportunity to view various looms – lever looms, floor-standing tapestry looms and looms placed on tables. The workshop's greatest asset is the antique looms designed and made by Pēteris Vijumsons.

### Offer for groups:

The opportunity to try out weaving in various looms, in addition to which participants can collectively weave decors. Group visit price: EUR 1.50. Advanced booking required.

### Working hours:

01.05-31.10 from 9.00-18.00  
01.11-30.04 from 10.00-16.00  
(closed from Saturday – Monday)

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### Venue: Manor Barn



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## AROMABREATHE

The core activity of the Aromabreathe Workshop is the production of natural cosmetics, plant hydrolates, green teas and aroma products. It is home to a fragrance workshop, where members of the public can apply to create a fragrance from natural ingredients according to their own individual tastes. Aromabreathe aroma products are on sale at the workshop, which have been made by certified aroma therapist Gunta Brante.

### Offer for individual customers:

Aroma therapist's consultations and aroma test EUR 25 (1.5 hours)

Full body massage: EUR 50 (1.5 hours)

Sound Tibetan bowl therapy: EUR 40 (1 hours)

Advanced booking required.

### Offer for groups:

Fragrance production: EUR 15 (1 hour)

Natural cosmetic production masterclasses: EUR 25 (2 hours)

Lectures on the therapeutic essential oils and a masterclass: EUR 60 (4 hours)

SPA party for kids and grown-ups: EUR 25 (2 hours)

Advanced booking required.

### Working hours:

every day from 10.00 – 18.00

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**Venue:** Swiss House



Built in the 19th century as a Swiss-style building  
Rebuilt in 1936 as residential quarters for servants



## STUDIO NO.8

Studio No.8 is a set of premises for celebrations, photo sessions and events. A cosy interior arranged by a designer that requires no additional investments. Everything is ready for the special events in your life, BECAUSE LIFE SHOULD BE CELEBRATED!

The studio also has premises that are available for seminars, masterclasses, workshops and lectures.

### Studio:

Premises hire for an event/photo session: EUR 20/hour

Bride's Morning: EUR 30/hour

Studio capacity: up to 15 people

### Seminar Room:

Room hire: EUR 15 /hour

Room capacity: up to 15 people

Both rooms can simultaneously accommodate up to 30 people. Renting premises for five hours and more, cost: EUR 30/hour

### Working hours

upon request and subject  
to mutual agreement

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### Venue: Summer Castle



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## SEWING WORKSHOP

In her sewing workshop, Sigulda resident Agnese Glāzniece makes beautiful tablecloths, bed linen and assorted items of clothing.

### Offer for individual customers:

Hat making. EUR 5-10.

Making, cutting and sewing of hats with a tunnel scarf. EUR 10-20.

Advanced booking required.

### Offer for groups:

Hat making. EUR 3.50-10. Advanced booking required as well as a prior agreement regarding the design and fabric.

### Working hours:

01.05-31.10 from 9.00-18.00

01.11.-30.04 from 11.00-16.00

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## SIGULDA ICE CREAM

“Sigulda saldējums” (Sigulda Ice Cream) has created 20 new and original recipes with only the most natural ingredients. To highlight local flavours, ice cream is made using fruit, berries, vegetables, herbs and other products grown in Latvia, including strawberries, raspberries, black currants, sea buckthorn, cherries, malt, rye bread crumbs, cranberries, lingonberries, apples, honey, meadowsweet and peppermint, etc.

### Offer for individual customers:

Ice cream in cones or cups: EUR 2-6; Ice cream on a freshly baked bubble waffle: EUR 6  
Ice cream on a hot Belgian waffle: EUR 6; Ice cream cocktail: EUR 3

### Offer for groups:

The story of the history of ice cream in Sigulda and the story and facts about how “Sigulda saldējums” came to be, as well as an ice cream test with prizes for the most smartest participants. Advanced booking required.

### Sampling and introductory story

Sampling. EUR 4 (1 hour). Maximum no. of participants: 20.

### Ice cream bubble cake making and introductory story

Joint making of a cake from freshly baked bubble waffles, filled with various jams, caramels and seasonal fruit as chosen by the workshop participants. The cake is decorated with ice cream. EUR 5.50. No. of persons per group: 8-15 (1.5h).

### Ice cream serving masterclass and introductory story

Masterclass – the opportunity to step into the shoes of an ice cream seller-server; every participant can serve their own ice cream. EUR 4.50 (1h). Maximum no. of participants: 20.

### Working hours:

01.05-31.10 from 10.00-18.00, Mondays – closed  
01.11.-30.04 from 11.00-16.00, Mondays – closed  
February – closed

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## COWORKING SIGULDA

Coworking space – a space for creative work, where you can share ideas, knowledge and office equipment. A private work desk and all that you need to work and develop your business successfully.

Working in the coworking space will not only help you to make savings but also to spend time in the company of likeminded people, creating the conditions for joint business projects and plans. Premises for seminars, lectures, conferences and masterclasses for up to 60 people.

### Offer for individual customers:

Monthly charge – EUR 150:

- 24/7 access to the workspace;
- office equipment;
- fast Wi-Fi;
- locker;
- free parking;
- tea/coffee.

Daily charge: EUR 10:

- individual work desk;
- office equipment;
- fast Wi-Fi;
- free parking;
- tea/coffee.

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## JEWELLERY WORKSHOP

Colourful and individual jewellery: bracelets, earrings, necklaces and pendants are produced in jewellery designer Inese's workshop.

### Offer for individual customers:

Jewellery production - bracelets, earrings or pendants made from a material chosen by the customer and keyrings. EUR 3.50-10.00. Advanced booking required.

### Offer for groups:

Bracelet or keyring production. EUR 3.50-10.00. Advanced booking required.

### Working hours:

01.05-31.10 from 9.00-18.00

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## EVENTS IN THE SIGULDA CASTLE:

2 June Sigulda Festival

23 June Līgo in Sigulda

30 June Musical Breakfast/ Saxophone Quarter "Atomos"

2 July LP Concert

6 July Ozols' Concert

7 July Musical Breakfast - Concert Performance for Kids "Kropotkin's Tales"

14 July Musical Breakfast – DJ Monsta and Lāsma Jansone

21 July Musical Breakfast – Ingus Pētersons and "Livonia"

27-29 July XXVII International Sigulda Opera Music Festival

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