

Svētciems – Ainaži

The Lamprey Kingdom





The beach between *Svētciems* village and *Salacgrīva* is thickly overgrown, so the *Baltic Coastal Hiking Route* continues on a forest trail meandering among the dunes. To get from *Salacgrīva* to *Kuiviži*, you can take the sandy beach or forest trails. From *Kuiviži* to the *Vēverupe* River, you have to bypass the *Randu* Meadows via a forest road located on the east side of the A1 road. After passing the *Vēverupe* River, the *Baltic Coastal Hiking Route* returns to a thickly overgrown beach and then leaves it next to the estuary of the *Blusupīte* River to reach *Ainaži* Pier by going along *Kāpu* and *Valdemāra iela*. You have covered ~ 600 km in Latvia and reached the state border.


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USEFUL INFORMATION

..... 26 km  8–10 h


 *Svētciems* village next to the estuary of the *Svētupe* River, opposite the campsite *Vējavas* (paid **P**)


 The Latvian and Estonian border at the end of *Valdemāra iela*, next to **P**

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 Gravel, sand, occasionally small pebbles, coastal areas overgrown with reeds and club-rushes, in some places, algae washed ashore.

 Hard

 Overgrown beaches and the *Randu* Meadows. Going through them depends greatly on wind direction, strength and duration. Lasting wind from the East creates an outflow of water in the sea with large shoals between *Kuiviži* and *Ainaži*. In case of a strong West wind, some parts of the trail may become unusable.

 The A1 road has to be crossed near *Kuiviži* and the *Vēverupe* River. It has to be done carefully making sure of traffic

safety. The stones on *Ainaži* Pier can move and can be slippery.

 You will need suitable (closed) footwear and walking poles for support. You should avail yourself of binoculars for bird watching.



The section between *Salacgrīva* and *Kuiviži* can be covered by going through the dunes via a forest trail. In case of inhospitable weather (storms, strong wind), the distance between *Kuiviži* and *Ainaži* can be covered by bus (timetable: www.1188.lv).



WORTH SEEING!

- 1 **Krauju rock islet.** Opposite Krauju homestead, a little islet made of rocks is located around 200 m from the coast. GPS: 57.7183059, 24.3419097
- 2 **The Salacgrīva Museum.** Includes information about the Salacgrīva town and its surroundings. T: +371 64071981; GPS: 57.7514926, 24.3556983
- 3 **Lamprey weir.** Here you can taste lamprey coming from the Salaca River cooked on hot coals by the fishermen. T: +371 29268299; GPS: 57.7529468, 24.3747330
- 4 **The Salacgrīva promenade and Slavas aleja (the Alley of Fame).** GPS: 57.755126, 24.360282
- 5 **Salaca castle mound.** The most ancient site in the town where you can enjoy panoramic views of the Salaca River flowing into the sea. GPS: 57.7545567, 24.3632776
- 6 **The Krasta iela promenade.** A picturesque place for taking a stroll loved by the locals. GPS: 57.753351, 24.359263
- 7 **Wall panel Lighthouses of Latvia.** A three-dimensional map made out of clay depicting lighthouses in Latvia. GPS: 57.757606, 24.356162
- 8 **The Randu Meadows Nature trail.** A scenic coastal area. GPS: 57.833107, 24.344416
- 9 **The Museum of the Ainaži Naval School.** T: +371 64 043 349, GPS: 57.865170, 24.360252
- 10 **The Ainaži North Pier.** Situated next to the Latvian-Estonian border. GPS: 57.876171, 24.350639



SERVICES

Accommodations

1. **Guest house Roķi,** T: +371 29218952; GPS: 57.747280, 24.361153
2. **Campsite Milleri,** T: +371 29120001, +371 29120023, +371 26121484; GPS: 57.778820, 24.354055
3. **Hotel Kapteiņu osta,** T: +371 64024930; GPS: 57.7866054, 24.3512423
4. **Hotel Pļavas,** T: + 371 27555755; GPS: 57.842815, 24.350039
5. **Holiday home Eco House Ainaži,** Buchung nur per Booking.com. GPS: 57.857956, 24.352108
6. **Hotel Helmi,** T: +371 20006864; GPS: 57.8643106, 24.3590406

Catering

1. **Galley Pie Laša kundzes,** T: +371 29122211; GPS: 57.751678, 24.355639, vasaras sezonā
2. **Tavern Zvejnieku sēta,** T: +371 28745886; GPS: 57.753201, 24.358225, vasaras sezonā
3. **Café Pasēdnīca,** T: +371 64011202; GPS: 57.751106, 24.357506
4. **Cafeteria Kuivīžu enkurs,** T: +371 28662115, +371 29211022; GPS: 57.757606, 24.356162
5. **Kebab restaurant KasTe,** T: +371 27270766; GPS: 57.755737, 24.362606
6. **Restaurant Il Capitano,** T: +371 64024930; GPS: 57.787701, 24.349909
7. **Restaurant Pļavas,** T: +371 27555755; GPS: 57.842918, 24.349846
8. **Café Helmi,** T: +371 20006864; GPS: 57.8643106, 24.3590406, in der Sommersaison
9. **Šīki pasniegta reņģe jūrnieka ķēķī,** (A fancy Baltic pilchard served in a sailor's kitchen, to be booked in advance) T: +371 26431634; GPS: 57.789385, 24.351059; **Zupa brīvdabā (Outdoor soup)** (to be booked in advance), T: +371 29101927

Shops

In Salacgrīva, Kuivīži, Ainaži.

Public transport

Bus transport connects Ainaži and Svētciems Village (~ 11 times per day).

TOURIST INFORMATION

- Salacgrīva TIC, Salacgrīva, Rīgas iela 10A,** www.visitsalacgriva.lv, T: +371 26463025; +371 64041254; GPS: 57.751807, 24.355783
- Ainaži TIP, Ainaži, Valdemāra iela 50A,** www.visitsalacgriva.lv, T: +371 64043241; GPS: 57.861833, 24.356914

The application **Vidzeme Coast** is available on Google Play Store (Android).



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