



**Newsletter No.16** For everyone interested in improving the accessibility of cultural heritage and tourism development



## Palanga Kurhaus (hall)

The first hotel and restaurant called Kurhaus was an attraction in the center of Palanga for more than one hundred years and became the symbol of the resort. The beginning of the Kurhaus history is associated with earls Tiškevičiai. In the middle of the nineteenth century, when Counts Tiškevičiai were establishing Palanga resort, they understood that the town could and should offer much more than accommodation and treatment services or pleasures of the seaside to people who intended to restore their physical and spiritual strength. The big restaurant and the first resort hotel were opened by Palanga estate owner earl Juozapas Tiškevičius in the late 19th century. It was called Kurhaus following the traditions of the neighboring countries. Following the traditions which prevailed in Europe at that time, there was not only a restaurant, but a reading-room, billiard and game rooms established in Kurhaus hotel. This building hosted dances, plays and concerts. That is how Kurhaus became the heart of the new resort. On the first floor of Kurhaus there was an information office and the resort fee was collected there. In 1910, an artesian well of 230 m in depth was dug near Kurhaus and it provided better quality drinking water to the resort.

Palanga Kurhaus became the prestigious centre of the social life in the resort and remained like this until the Second World War. In 1932, the extended great hall of the building could seat more than six hundred people.

Undoubtedly, the entertainment hangar of the resort stood out for its architecture. People were fascinated by a rather unusual pediment of the mezzanine in the broken pentagon shape, porches and balconies decorated with graceful ornaments, luxurious promenade and other elements. Count Juozas Tiškevičius, who was the initiator of the construction of Kurhaus, turned this building into a small castle of historicism and modern style, surrounded by the park (Tiškevičiai garden) and lime tree alley.

In the beginning of the 20th century, a café with billiard, game room and reading room were established here. After the war the building became the property of the town and was used for its purposes. In Kurhaus every year were a lot of events, performances and concerts. In the beginning of the 20th century Kurhaus became a heart of Palanga.





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Seaside Route

1. Šilutė Hugo Scheu Museum.

2. Lithuanian Sea Museum.

3. Palanga Amber Museum.

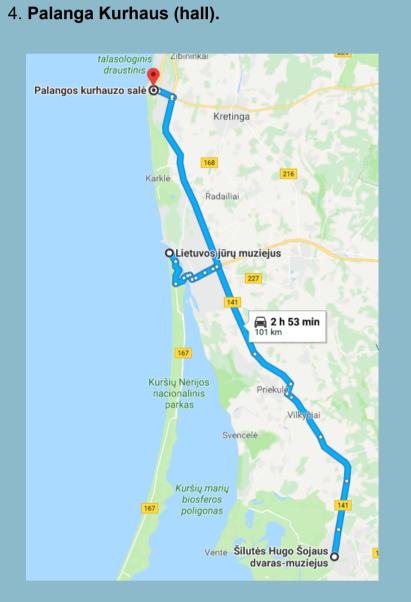
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Working hours: administration I-V 8:00 – 17:00, (The hall is open during the events)

## GPS: 55.916285, 21.065213



It is one of the 4 objects presented on the route of Seaside region, adapted for people with disabilities and for those who are interested in more convenient accessibility.



On 25 August of 2002 Kurhaus has been destroyed by fire and after ten years reconstruction was started. In the late of 2013 reconstruction was finished and Kurhaus now is opened and ready for new concerts and performances.

Today Kurhaus hall is the professional performing arts scene. The most famous classical musicians from Lithuania and all over the world perform here. Here you can listen to chamber, choir, jazz and folk music. In this hall you can also listen to the popular music. Technical possibilities of the scene allow to organize mono plays. Before and after the concerts the performers and the audience have an opportunity to admire the authentically restored hall and its exceptional acoustics.

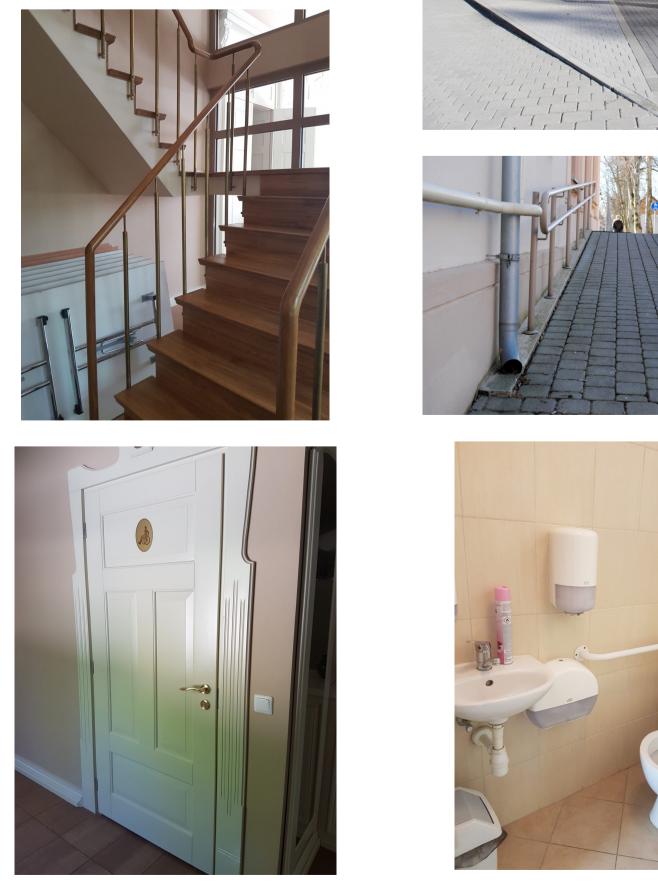




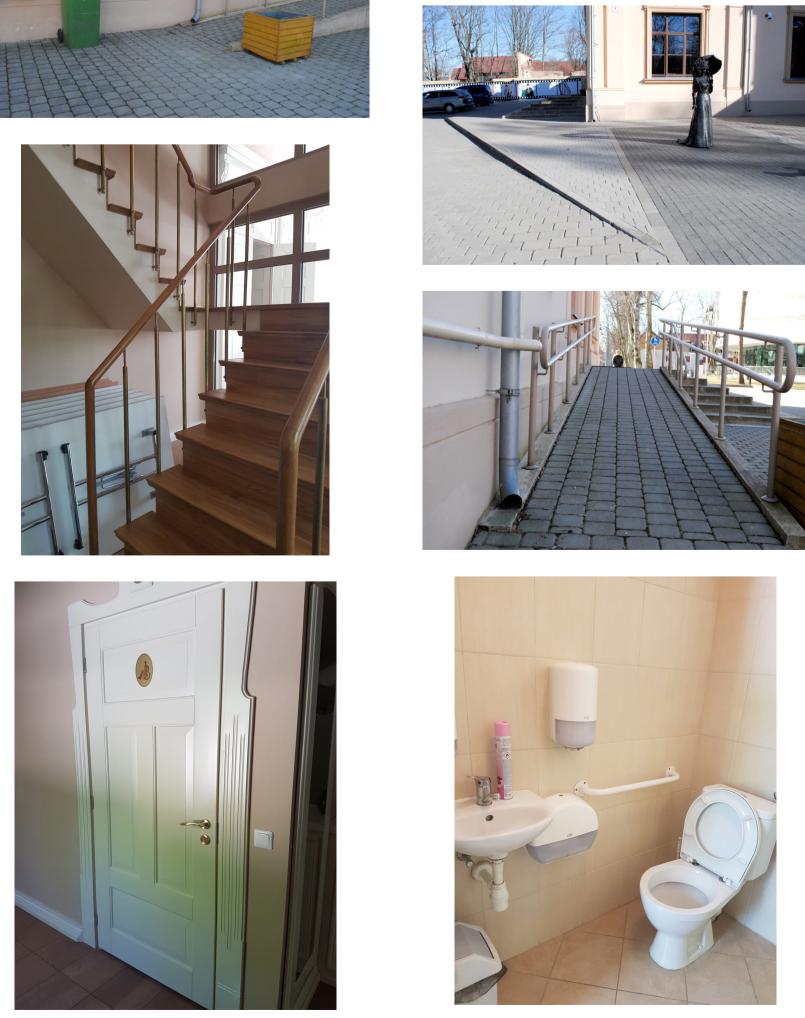
The object is accessible to people with disabilities Parking lot is suitable for people with disabilities, near the object. Access to the object is a smooth entry. It's easy to move inside the object, there are no obstacles. The object has for the toilet for the disabled.













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