

Trakai Basilica of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On 24 May 1409, Grand Duke of Lithuania Vytautas funded the construction of the Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is one of the oldest churches in Lithuania, built at the beginning of the 15th century. The church is unique not only for its proportions, but also for its history - it has never been closed, passed to the other confession or used for something other than its intended purpose.

The Gothic basilica-like tower-less church with its step façade was built with an apse at the east end and adapted to defend the town. This church burned down during the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth's 1654-67 war with Muscovy. Building work continued until 1718 and the church took on a baroque appearance. The Baroque great altar was built that same year with statues and plaster mouldings. In the middle of the altar hangs the famous wonder-working icon of Our Lady of Trakai. Seimas announced the year 2018 as "The Year of Commemoration of the 300th Anniversary of the Coronation of the Painting of Trakai Mother of God, Patroness of Lithuania". It is the oldest painting of the Mother of God in Lithuania, the first painting crowned by the Roman Pope in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and the second in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. The church was restored in 1840, 1858 and in 1894 the side altar was renovated by the Vilnius sculptor Abdon Zimodir. The church contains one historical monument and 37 treasured works of art.



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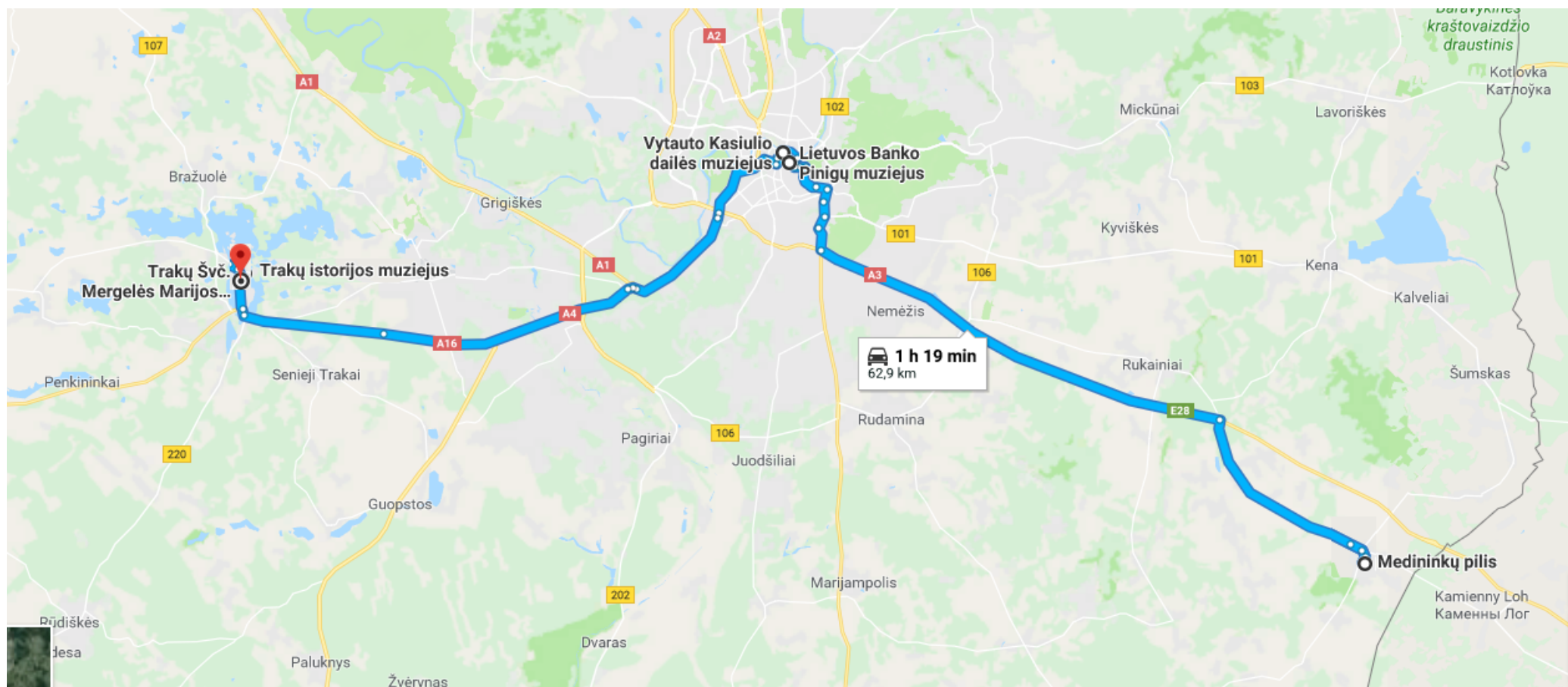
It is one of the 5 objects presented on the route of the Vilnius region, adapted for people with disabilities and for those who are interested in more convenient accessibility.



Vilnius region Route

1. Medininkai Castle.
2. Vytautas Kasiulis Art Museum.
3. Money Museum of Lithuania Bank.
4. **Trakai Basilica of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
5. Trakai History Museum, Exhibition of Liturgical Art.

Объект находится в удобном месте для посещения: 550 м. до Исторического музея Тракай (экспозиция сакрального искусства), 1,2 км. от Тракайского замка.



The church is known for its unique and rich treasury, where we can find the gothic silver pax of crosses, which is decorated with symbols of the evangelists, has the full-volume figure of the Crucified and was probably made by the Prussian goldsmiths at the beginning of the 16th century, multiple ex-votos for the painting of the Mother of God, early revetments of this painting and other decorations as well as the valuable set of ecclesiastical items.



Every year on the 15th of August, during the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, and on the 8th of September, during the Feast of the Birth of the Virgin Mary, religious festivals are held at Naujieji Trakai Church. These feasts and festivals are often called "Trakinės". Pilgrimage trips from the Gate of Dawn (Aušros Vartai) in Vilnius to Trakai are organized during "Trakinės".

In 2017, Trakai Church became a basilica.

Basilica – is an honorary title, given by the Pope to the churches of particular importance all over the world.

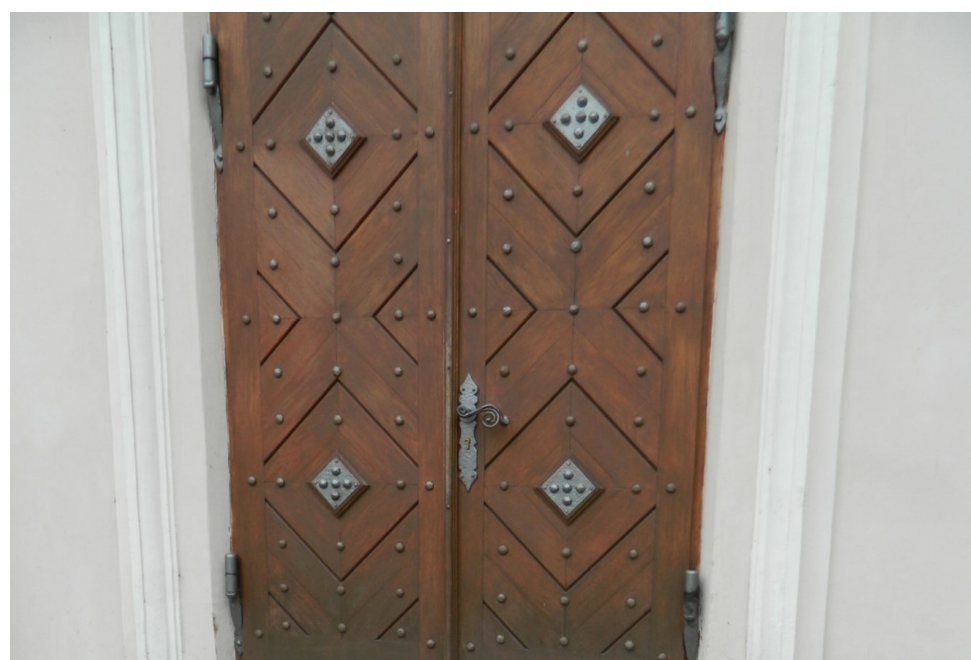


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