

#### Newsletter No.5

For everyone interested in improving the  
accessibility of cultural heritage and  
tourism development



## Trakai History Museum, Exhibition of Liturgical Art

Trakai History Museum was founded in 1948, in a natural scenery spot and the most famous complex of Lithuanian defensive architecture - in Island and Peninsula Castles. More than 290 thousand exhibits have been collected over 60 years of museum's activities. The administration of the museum is located in the territory of Trakai Peninsula Castle, in the renovated building of former Dominican monastery. The first Dominican monks came to Trakai in the 17th century as some land in the territory of Trakai Peninsula Castle was granted to them. In 1799, the construction of the church was started. The construction was not finished due to the turmoil in the country and the church was abandoned until 1820. When L. Glovickis became the prior of the monastery, the naves of the church were rebuilt: the southern - into the monastery with cells, the northern - into the chapel. In 1822, the chapel was consecrated in the name of Saint Archangel Michael. In 1823 a monastery with eleven cells, a sacristy, a dining room and a kitchen was opened. There was a school near the monastery.

Trakai Dominican monastery was closed after the 1863-1864 uprising. During the Soviet era the building was given to the KGB and militia and it was used for the imprisonment of political prisoners. In 1986, the architectural complex of Trakai Peninsula Castle and Dominican monastery was transferred to Trakai History Museum.



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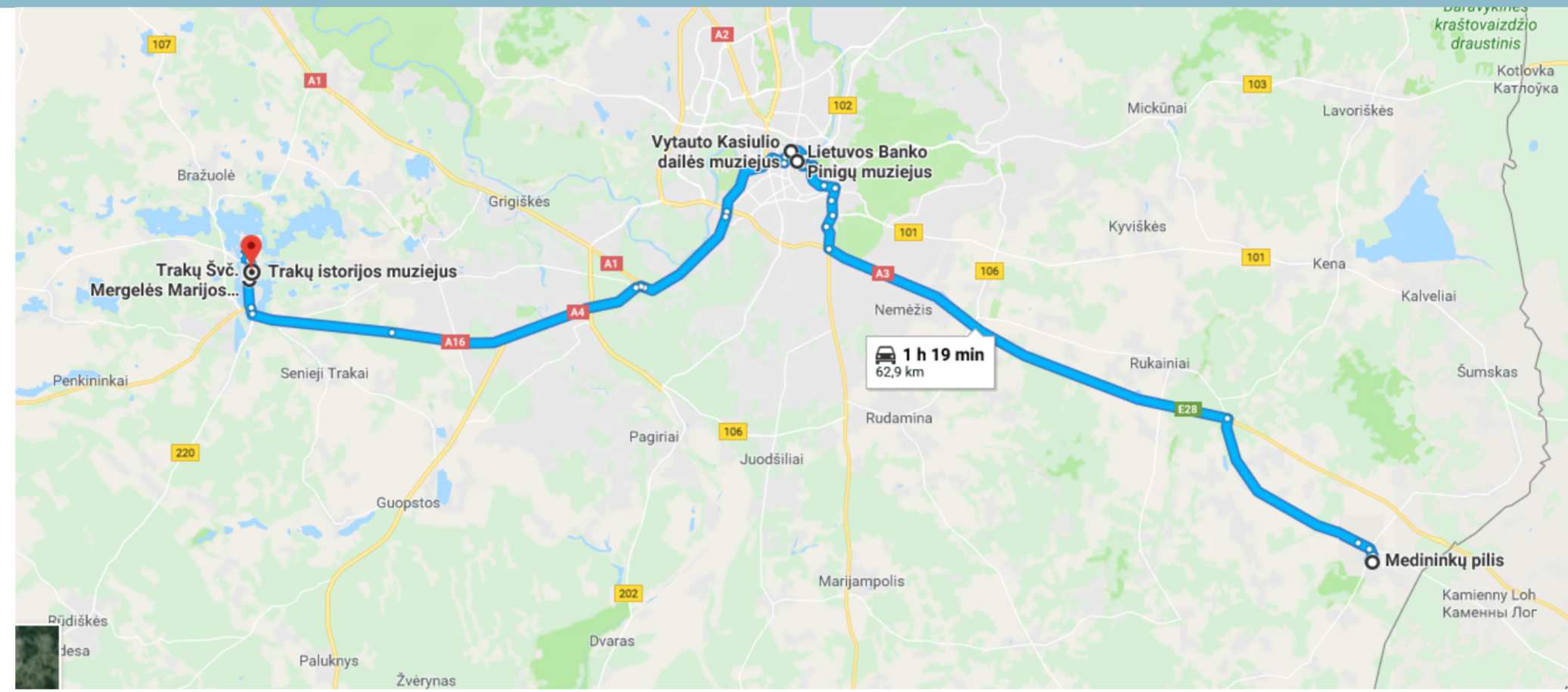
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It is one of the 5 objects  
presented on the route of the  
Vilnius region, adapted for  
people with disabilities and  
for those who are interested  
in more convenient  
accessibility.

#### 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.**



The exposition of Liturgical Art was opened in 2005 and fitted up in the former Chapel of Dominican Monastery (in the territory of Trakai Peninsular). The exposition contains liturgical things, crockery, apparels, altar tackle and art objects of religious plot. One of the most unique exhibits of the exposition is the stamp (dated 1709) of Trakai Dominican Monastery with the image of the founder of the Dominican Order - Saint Dominic. One of the most valuable antique furniture in Lithuania - the representative cassapanca of the late Renaissance created by Florence masters, is also displayed in the Chapel of Dominican Monastery. It is believed that this bench-box belonged to the bishop. The interior of the chapel was very damaged after the monastery was closed (in 1863) and its renovation was completed in 2004. The mural altars were renewed; the windows were decorated with the stained glass depicting the figures of St. Dominic and St. John Nepamukas.

Under the chapel there is a cellar, where the liturgical objects, attributes of church processions, sculptures of the saints are displayed. There is also the fragment of the monastery's kitchen restored, which allows to know more about the life of the monks of the Order. The chapel has not held Mass for quite some time, but thanks to the museum, the sacred spirit has been restored in this cultural and historical monument.



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#### The object is accessible to people with disabilities

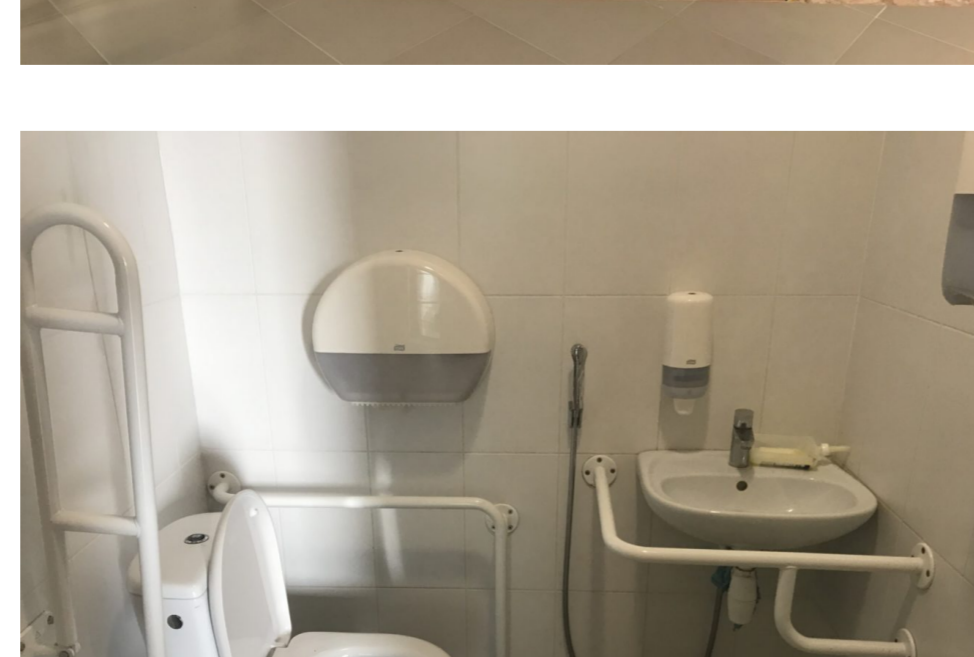
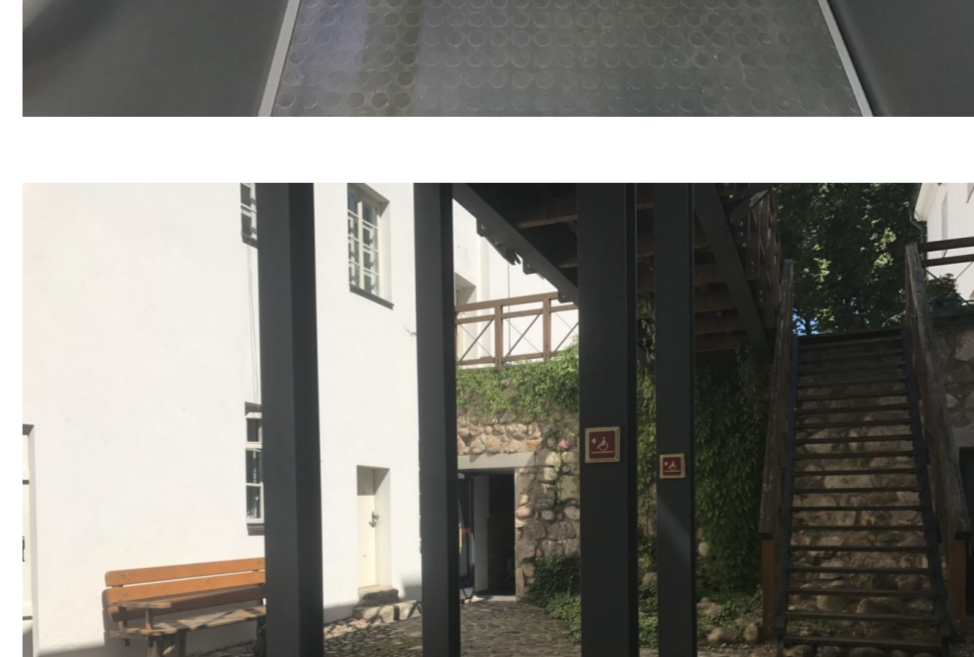
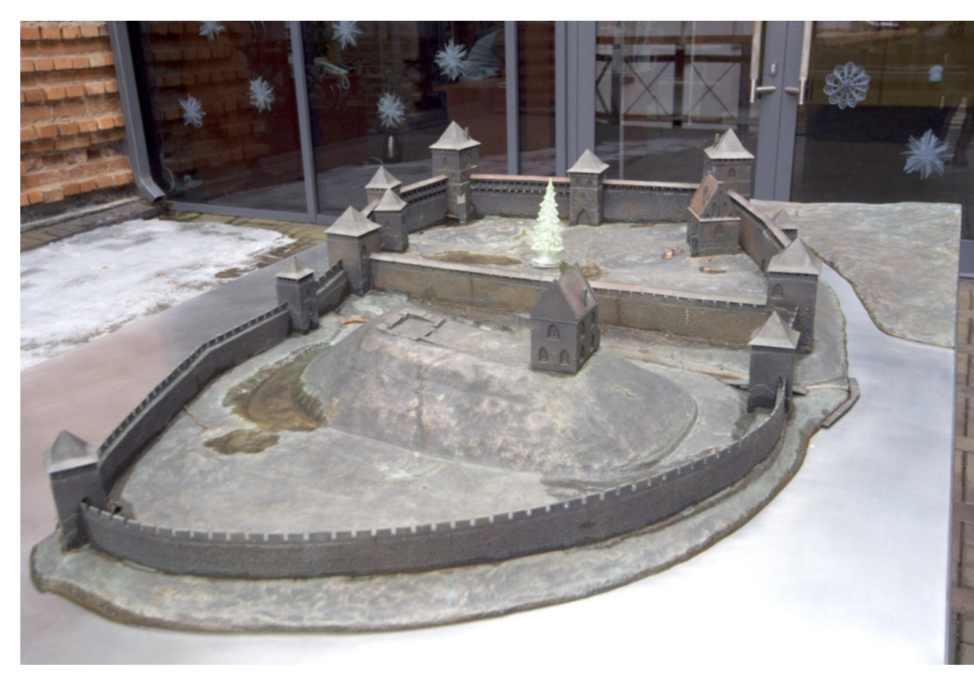
Parking lot is suitable for people with disabilities, near the object (in the courtyard).

Access to the object is a smooth entrance (the exposition of sacral art has 2 entrances, go through the main entrance of the History Museum)

It's easy to move inside the object, there are no obstacles.

The object is equipped with a lift (there is a call button).

The object has the toilet for the disabled.



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[www.beslenksclui.lt/turizmas-visiems/](http://www.beslenksclui.lt/turizmas-visiems/)

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