

USEFUL INFORMATION IF GOING TO LITHUANIA AS A TOURIST IN A PLEASURE CRAFT.



Topic	Comment
Demographic data (population/no of clubs/members/boats)	286,000 inhabitants, Sailing Union of Lithuania unify 30 clubs, 511 members, 250 sailing boats, approximately 2'500 sailing licence issued from the date of establishment in 1936.
Currency with link for exchange rates	The Euro (€).
Formalities, Customs, passport control, visa	Lithuania belongs to the Schengen states from 21st December 2007. Citizens of EU and EEA member states required to have valid personal ID card or passport. EU boats - none. Nevertheless it is advisable to listen VHF channel 16 from the moment of entering territorial waters of Lithuania. Coast Guard is calling all boats that enter territorial waters. They request: Flag of the Boat, Number of persons on board, Destination harbour. Special VHF channel 73, Call Sign "Impuls 3" is dedicated for Coast Guard.
Banned substances	In all cases visitors should advise Customs of what they have on board (mostly referring to medicines).
Boat's documents required	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Logbook. 2. Crew list (full name, date of birth, passport number, citizenship) and personal documents of all crew 3. Sailing Boat Certificate (boat's registration and ownership document). 4. Valid Act of Technical inspection of the Boat. 5. International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft. 6. Radio Operators Certificate. <p>See Map of Klaipeda Harbour (according to the Shipping Rules of Klaipeda Harbour) http://www.portofklaipeda.lt/regulations/level2/Laivybos-taisykles/279</p>
Insurance	Insuring boats is voluntary. No specific requirements on insuring for foreign yachts.
Legislation certificate of competence	Certificate of competence applies only to nationals. All Pleasure Boats must be registered. Registered boats require that the captain is at least 16 years and certificate of competence required. For vessels over 24m professional navigation certificate is required.
Alcohol limits – on the water and on the road	The alcohol limit at sea for leisure boats is 0.4/ml. Water Police officers do random breath alcohol test. If you cause an accident, even with less than 0.4m/l, you can be charged and you risk to pay compensation.
Legislation re life jackets	
TSS, esp. new ones	TSS (Traffic Separation Scheme) applied in vicinity of Klaipeda Harbour.
Military exercise areas	No special military exercise areas. Official information might be obtained on VHF 73, Call Sign "Impuls 3" (Coast Guard).
Major construction sites	Butinge Oil Terminal. Mooring Buoy SPM, approximate coordinates 56°2'.788N, 20°57'.603E. Forbidden to approach within ½ NM.
Windfarms/wave and tidal energy projects	No windfarms.
Bridges	No bridges
Habitats and other protected areas	None
Flag traditions/ application of flag rules	Ensign is taken down at sunset, though no later than 2100 and hoisted at sunrise - not earlier than 0800. Times of hoisting and taking down one's own ensign/flag are not strict but treated as matter of dignity. Guests are expected to fly a courtesy flag under starboard spreader 24 hours a day from entering territorial waters of Lithuania till departure from territorial waters of Lithuania.
Weather forecast	www.meteo.lt also Klaipeda VTS - VHF 9, Call Sign "Radio 5".

<p>Harbours including approx number of natural harbours</p>	<p>Klaipeda Old Castle Harbour. 55° 42'.41N 21° 07'.60E. Number of moorings 250. Harbourmaster phone number +37065230408, no VHF channel. Klaipeda Old Castle Harbour homepage http://www.yacht.lt/yacht-en.html.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Services that are included into berthing fee: place at the pontoon, 24/7 guarding service, video cameras, water, toilet and shower. Boat per day in Euros by LOA - different for motor boats & sailing boats. Motor boats are more expensive (20-30€). Pricelist for sailing boats (http://www.yacht.lt/yacht-services-en.html): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 8 metres – 10 € (month - 75€); 8-10 metres – 15 € (90€); 10-12 metres – 20 € (105€); 12-15 metres – 25 € (130€); 15-24 metres – 40 € (220€). Water & electricity on the quay. Electricity – special magnetic card should be bought. Refundable deposit – 10 Euros per Card. Card dedicated to use for electricity and for gates to the pontoons. Electricity price – 1kWh=0,17 Euro. Deposit for electricity should be paid. Unused deposit for electricity is refundable when Card is returned to the Harbour. No free Wi-Fi in the Old Castle Harbour, but TEO Wi-Fi “ZEBRA” is available via GSM connection. You can obtain access code via internet https://www.teo.lt/en/about-teo/1406. Telecom webpage speaks English, accept payment cards. Better to buy local Prepaid Service SIM card. You should ask somebody’s assistance to guide you - how. Internet connection available at Harbour duty premises 24/7 (computer already installed at the premises). Other services: local lifting crane up to 8 tons, heavy duty crane might be ordered under request, laundry (washing machine & drying machine), slip service, storage room, restaurant, Pump out station for sewage and oily water. <p>Bridge traffic schedule: http://www.yacht.lt/yacht-en.html</p> <p>Smiltynė harbour. 55° 41'.02N 21° 07'.27E. Number of moorings 65. Harbourmaster’s phone No. +370 616 72167. VHF68 call sign SMILTYNE MARINA. Homepage http://smiltynesjachtklubas.lt/en. Harbour master’s e-mail: Gediminas@smiltynesjachtklubas.lt</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Services that are included into berthing fee: place at the pontoon, 24/7 guarding service, video cameras, toilet, shower, water and electricity. Depth in the harbour – min 3 metres. Prices (http://smiltynesjachtklubas.lt/en) for Boat per day in Euros by LOA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 6 metres – 6 € (month - 50€; Year - 500€); 6-9 metres – 10 € (75€; 700€); 9-12 metres – 15 € (90€; 1000€); 12-15 metres – 20 € (120€; 1150€). There is free Wi-Fi without security code, excellent speed. Other services: lifting crane up to 20 tons, laundry (washing machine & drying machine), slip service, storage room, restaurant and bicycle rent, pump out station for sewage and oily water, guarded car parking. Mooring dampers are appreciated because of waves from Klaipeda harbour traffic. City of Klaipeda might be reached by own boat or by ferry. Ferry is at the walking distance of 20 minutes (medium pace), 2 times per hour to/from Dane river mouth. Price – 0.8€ forth and back. <p>Nida Harbour. 55° 18'.10N 21° 00'.63E. Number of moorings 120. Harbour master has name Karolis, phone No. +370 687 37500. VHF channel is planned in the future. No webpage, facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Nidos-jacht%C5%B3-uostas-982347875216855/.</p> <p>Prices are similar to Smiltynė harbour, water and electricity included. Toilet – ashore free of charge (working hours 24/7 doors with code), shower – 2 €. Congested free Wi-Fi in the Harbour, “Nida Public” spot. But normal GSM data transmission. From year 2016 there are new pontoons and number of berthing places has been increased to 120. Depth in the harbour – min 3 metres.</p>
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Mooring booking facilities	None
Swinging mooring buoys for pleasure yachts	None
Anchoring and free access ashore	Anchoring from the sea side of Coast of Lithuania is untenable and not desirable, but not officially forbidden. Anchoring in Curonian Lagoon not forbidden outside of Waterway.

Good harbour manners	In Lithuanian harbours a quiet environment is expected after 2300. Stopping engine is expected immediately after arrival. It is common to greet anybody on the pontoon or pier. It is appreciated when help is offered without prior verbal agreement. If there is no place in the harbour, it is common practice to lay boats alongside each other. It is courteous to ask permission before tying alongside but this should never be refused unless the maximum number of boats permitted to raft out in a particular harbour has been reached. Refusal may be acceptable where a heavier boat wishes to lie alongside a smaller boat. Both springs and shore lines must be used to prevent boats moving backwards and forwards against each other. Shore lines prevent excessive strain on the lines of the inner boats. When rafted out and going ashore, never cross other boats via the cockpits - always walk across the bow deck.
Safety in harbours	It is safe in the harbours. Local traditions do not permit strangers on board without the owner. Nevertheless it is common to lock the cabin when you are leaving for the city.
Rescue services	Public mobile phone No. 112, or marine VHF 16 call sign Lithuania Coast Guard, because they are in charge for those duties.
Pyrotechnics - legislation re carrying - if flareguns (Very pistols) permitted - if so is licence required? - procedure for disposal	Pyrotechnics are still mandatory for pleasure boats in Lithuania. There are different sailing areas and different requirements in different sailing areas. Sailing boats - Inland waters: 1. Red parachute rockets – 4 (recommended) 2. Red Flares – 4 3. White flares – none 4. Orange smoke – none Sailing boats - Baltic Sea and Offshore waters of Seas and Oceans: 1. Red parachute rockets – 4 2. Red Flares – 4 3. White flares – 4 4. Orange smoke – 2 Sailing boats - Oceans: 1. Red parachute rockets – 12 2. Red Flares – 4 3. White flares – 4 4. Orange smoke – 2 This specification is prescribed in requirements of technical inspection, that boats should pass every year. Validation of technical survey valid only for one year. Pyrotechnics should have validation label. <i>This applies to foreign-flagged visiting vessels as well as to Lithuanian boats.</i>
Staying during the winter	Winter storage is possible in Klaipeda Old Castle Harbour, Smiltyne and Nida. Prior agreement with harbour master is necessary.
Antifouling regulations	In accordance with EU biocide directive. No regulation for pleasure boats. Only imported brands of antifouling are used in practice.
Fuel availability	In Klaipeda, Alongside fuel berth at Klaipeda Cruise Terminal harbour (next to Old Castle Harbour). Diesel (containing up to 6% of biodiesel) and Gasoline (Benzin). Operational in daytime. Prior request by phone is necessary. Phone number (English speaking) +370-698-21095 (Person's name is Almantas), +370-612-59001 (person's name is Cheslovas).
Gas and electricity systems available – necessity for adapters	Gas for camping (blue containers) in the city, propane bottles in special gas stations.
Pump out stations for sewage and oily water	Obligatory for commercial craft and under construction in Klaipeda Harbour for Pleasure Craft. Pump-out boat might be ordered. There are tanks for bilge water and used oil in the Castle Harbour and Smiltyne harbour, Klaipeda.
Pump out stations – type(s) of nozzle used in the country	The only pump-out station is in Smiltyne harbour. EU standard.

Public transport	In Klaipeda most shops, restaurants, banks are within walking distance and there are a lot of local public transport. Transport throughout Lithuania is provided by buses (with air conditioning) and trains (with air conditioning, bicycle transportation, free Wi-Fi) from the local bus and train station. Nearest (domestic) airport at Palanga. International airport at Kaunas and Vilnius. It is safe to use local public transport.
Major source of charts/pilot books in the country with link	
Shopping hours	Supermarkets 0800-2300. Small non-food shops 1000-1900.
Important phone numbers, home pages and useful links	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Port of Klaipeda http://www.portofklaipeda.lt/the-port-of-klaipeda 2. The Lithuanian Maritime Safety Administration http://www.msa.lt/en/home-page.html 3. MRSS http://kariuomene.kam.lt/en/structure_1469/naval_force/units_of_the_naval_force_maritime_rescue_coordination_center.html 4. Emergency number on mobile phone: 112 5. Coast Guard and MRCC: +370-46-391169, VHF 16. <p>Klaipeda Castle Harbour Duty: +370-652-30408 Smiltyne Harbour master: +370 616 72167 Nida Harbour master: +370 687 37500</p>
Tick borne diseases	- none
Legislation re visiting with pets aboard	-
Practical advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Klaipeda harbour entrance is very narrow and high seas might be expected from wind strength F6 and up. - Normally there is northerly current approximately 0,3-0,5 knot at the entrance. - There are no hidden obstacles around breakwaters and in the Harbour Channel. Deep even close to the moles (do not go in a depth less than the 5-6 metre contour). - According to Shipping Rules of Klaipeda Harbour: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) You can cross the Harbour Channel without announcement to VTS on VHF 9 (Call sign "Radio 5"), but not closer than 500 metres from approaching Commercial Vessel using the Channel. b) Pleasure craft allowed using 10 metres wide outer edge of Harbour Channel, but actually there is enough depth and space to proceed near the western coast of the Harbour of Klaipeda. c) It is forbidden to use eastern side of Harbour Channel (near eastern coast) for pleasure crafts. d) You should use western side of the Harbour Channel: leaving River Dane, cross the Harbour Channel to the western side, and then proceed south to the Lagoon, or north to the sea. e) On arrival from the sea (2-3 cable before harbour entrance) and on departure (leaving river Dane) it is advisable to report to Coast Guard (VHF 73, Call Sign "Impuls 3") your flag state, how many persons on board, their nationality, previous port and port of destination. Follow Coast Guard instructions. Coast Guard is friendly, but sometimes they might stop you. <p>On arrival from the sea (3-5 cables before the entrance) it is good practice to ask permission to enter harbour from VTS on VHF 9, Call Sign "Radio 5". This is to prevent a situation where you arrive at the same time as a big cargo ship arrives at the harbour at a speed of 18-20 knots, or departs in cross-wind conditions.</p> <p>Carry a small amount of cash in local currency.</p>

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