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5th Inner Wheel Baltic Meeting

BRIDGING THE BALTIC SEA 2019

24th-26th May 2019, Vilnius, Lithuania

Dear sisters of Inner Wheel clubs around the Baltic sea,

It is a pleasure and honor to invite all of You to the great gathering of Inner Wheel clubs of the Baltic region in Vilnius on 24th-26th May, 2019. On behalf of the organizers of this event we would like to express the confidence that such a traditional meeting of Inner Wheel clubs will lead to better understanding of the activity of all the Rotary movement of Lithuania and improvement of cooperation between all the participating clubs.

Here below please find the brief program of the meeting. Please note that detailed schedule of the meeting, including exact timing and other details will be presented in the very beginning of November.

So, welcome to Vilnius, Lithuania!

Vilnius, Lithuania's capital is known for its baroque architecture, seen especially in its medieval Old Town. But the buildings lining this district's partially cobblestoned streets reflect diverse styles and eras, from the neoclassical Vilnius Cathedral to Gothic St. Anne's Church. The 16th-century Gate of Dawn, containing a shrine with a sacred Virgin Mary icon, once guarded an entrance to the original city.





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Day 1: 24th May, 2019

Arrival to Vilnius and accommodation.

Check in at the hotel “Artis Centrum hotels”, located in the heart of old town, just few hundred meters away from the Presidential Palace. All the necessary information please find at the web-site of this lovely and cozy hotel:

<http://www.artis.centrumhotels.com/en/>

Artis Centrum Hotel, 4 stars Hotel



Closer to evening time (preliminary at 16.00) – walk on foot from the Hotel to the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania (distance around 500-600 metres). Guided tour at Museum: history of Lithuania we are very proud for!

Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania at Cathedral square

Immediately after excursion is finished - a festive dinner (3 courses dinner, wine, tea and coffee) at the Great Renaissance Hall. Welcome speech of the President of Inner Wheel Vilnius club; speech by the special guest; a concert of the classical music, performed by the very talented children of Maknickas family (piano; violin; cello); endless and warm discussions of Inner Wheel sisters!



Great Renaissance Hall



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Day 2: 25th May, 2019

Excursions!
Sightseeing!
New impressions and friends!
Famous Lithuanian beer and herb bitters!

The historic districts of **Vilnius** have a lot to offer –from baroque old town to wooden neighborhoods. The open bus with guide will drive you through the little streets of the old town, you will discover the top sites of the old city – Cathedral, Presidential palace, Vilnius university, the Gates of Dawn. A short stop at the best viewpoint for pictures and the bus will take you to the most artistic and bohemian area of the old city – Užupis. After a short stroll in the area the road will continue to St. Peter and St. Paul's church – the masterpiece of baroque architecture. The last part of the tour will drive you through the cozy wooden neighborhood, called Žvėrynas, where authentic carved houses are preserved.



Will be offered guided tours in Vilnius:

- Vilnius old town;
- Vilnius historical centre and Uzupis district;
- Vilnius sightseeing tour by bus;
- MMO - museum of Modern Arts;
- Art walk.

Day 3: 26th May, 2019

The last possibility to have a look at old Lithuanian capital cities of Trakai and Kernave! Or have a half-day excursion to second largest Lithuanian town Kaunas - also a capital of Lithuania between WWI and WWII!



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Trakai and Kernavė are the top must see sites for the ones willing to discover the



history of Lithuania. The gorgeous middle age castle surrounded by lakes will bring you back in times of Grand Duchy of Lithuania, when Trakai was the residence of the great dukes of the country. Meanwhile Cultural Reserve of Kernavė (UNESCO World Heritage site) travels back in time as far as the late Paleolithic Period - visit the modern museum with the secrets of the first settlements and take

a walk in the outstanding surroundings of the hill forts.

Kaunas is the second largest city of Lithuania bustling with modern arts. Nominated as UNESCO Creative City of Design, the European Capital of Culture 2022 offers a wide palette of culture experiences. This day tour covers the best of it.



Discover the forms of interwar modernist architecture, spot exceptional street art, see the paintings and listen to the

music of the most famous Lithuanian artist Čiurlionis – unique cultural experiences are waiting for you on the day tour.

Welcome to Lithuania on May, 2019!