

Agenda

Danish Nature Agency Delegation Visit to Latvia – June 1–4, 2026

Participants: ~27 people + Latvians (~2+ 2-3 on the each site)

Day 1 – Arrival in Latvia (June 1)

- Arrival at Riga International Airport (approx. 22:00)
- Group transfer to Sigulda
- Overnight in Sigulda: Hotel Sigulda.
- Location-Pils Street 6, Sigulda: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/jeCoHel9Y2HxNtwE9>

Day 2 – Gauja National Park & Grazing Site (June 2)

Topics: National Park Management & Grazing

Morning (09:00–13:00):

Location-Gauja National Park Education Centre, Baznīcas Street 3, Sigulda:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/gCwXGvc8rDHso1Qt9>

- Introduction to **Gauja National Park** by the Nature Conservation Agency. Insights into park visitor management and balancing conservation with recreation. *Anda Andrušāite, Nature Conservation Agency.*
- Scenic hike in Gauja National Park: Experiencing the park's characteristic landscapes, river valleys, and viewpoints, with informal discussions along the route. *Jānis Saulītis, Nature Conservation agency, LatViaNature project.*
- Packed Lunch in the meadow (plan A)

Afternoon (13:00–16:00):

- Visit to **mobile grazing herd** coordinated by the **Latvian Fund for Nature**
 - Location: Jaunciems Nature Reserve <https://maps.app.goo.gl/L8oG8ju6fVZ6WV9k9> (1hr drive from Sigulda). *Jānis Andrušāitis, Latvian Fund for Nature.*
 - Field visit to grazing area, discussions

Evening (16:00–19:00):

- Transfer to Kuldīga (2,45 hr drive from Jaunciems). Hotel Jēkaba Sēta, Liepājas Street 36, Kuldīga: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/1Qt47mPFYNrYWPC8>
- Dinner in restaurant "Pagrabiņš". 20.00 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Wn6pjnnTKLmH1NFDA>
- Overnight in Kuldīga

Day 3 – Užava, Lake Engure & Jūrmala (June 3)

Topics: Dune Restoration, Forest Management, Coastal Habitats



Morning (08:30–13:00):

- Visit to Užava Nature Reserve (*40 min drive from Kuldīga*). Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/dvEXWUGFfDzQ4vNx5>
 - Cohesion Fund project by Latvian State Forests
 - Field visit to restored wooded dunes (2180) and grey dunes (2130)
 - Discussions of methodologies used in dune and forest habitat management. *Latvian State Forests representatives (TBA) and LIFE-IP LatViaNature forest expert Sandra Ikauniece.*
 - Packed lunch.

Afternoon (13:00–17:00):

- Transfer to Lake Engure Nature Park (*2 hr drive from Užava*). Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/5RNK1tySflfhowv1A>
 - Visit to LatViaNature project site: wooded dune habitat restoration and management. *Ilmārs Bodnieks, Latvian State Forests, LatViaNature project.*
- Transfer to Jūrmala (*1,15 hr drive from Lake Engure*)
 - Overnight in Jūrmala Lielupe Hotel By Semarah, Bulduru prospekts 64-68, Jūrmala: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/jyPQrsFn5ywqAfMM8>
 - Dinner at the hotel. 19.00/20.00.

Day 4 – Ķemeri National Park & Departure (June 4)

Topics: Wetland Restoration, National Park Infrastructure

Morning & Early Afternoon (09:00–15:30):

- Visit to Ķemeri National Park, Dunduri meadows (*1 hr drive from Jūrmala*). Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/11mbHFKWPjPPiTNj7>
 - **LIFE+ Hydroplan** project: wetland restoration, re-meandering previously straightened rivers, creating conditions for wild pasture development
 - Visit to restored wetland/grassland areas (Dunduri meadows), discussions. *Representatives form Nature Conservation Agency, Ķemeri National Park (TBA).*
 - Visit Great Ķemeri Bog trail (*30 min drive from Dunduri meadows*). Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/AzceaNWvW1pGGXoE7>
 - **Outdoor infrastructure in Ķemeri National Park** (e.g., trails, info stands, viewing towers). Insights into park visitor management and balancing conservation with recreation. *Representatives form Nature Conservation Agency, Ķemeri National Park (TBA).*
 - Lunch at 14.00 at Anna`s Home cafe: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/m7nWi3Tm4F1chNmB7>

Afternoon (~15:30):

- Transfer to Riga International Airport (*35 min drive from Anna`s Home cafe*)
- Departure for Denmark (18.15)