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The most attractive event in the city: Panevėžys City Birthday (2nd weekend of September)

It is the largest festival in the city when the feeling that Panevėžys is one big united family intensifies. Music of Lithuanian and foreign authors sounds on the stages in the parks, squares and streets, authentic works of craftsmen and artists, delicacies are available in the Fair. Delegations of partner cities are welcomed and their contribution to the celebrations is embraced. There is a ton of entertainment both active and passive. Every second year Air Balloon Fiesta is organized.

Panevėžys City Birthday 2018 - <https://www.facebook.com/gntvhd/videos/1691519424309985/>

Air Balloon Fiesta - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76A3q-pLoyo>

City Birthday 2018 Photo Gallery- www.panevezys.lt/en/photo-gallery/alb_189.html





The most popular event in the country: King Mindaugas Day (July 6)

King Mindaugas' Day is an annual Lithuanian celebration and public holiday that is held each year on 6 July. It is also known as Statehood Day. It is celebrated with a series of cultural activities, including operas, concerts, performances, parades and festivals. This national holiday marks the coronation of King Mindaugas on 6 July 1253. Mindaugas was the first Grand Duke of Lithuania and the first King of a unified Lithuania. At 21.00 Lithuanian time thousands of Lithuanians in Lithuania and around the world gather in town squares to sing the Lithuanian national anthem. Lithuanian communities in foreign countries sometimes perform the National anthem in unexpected places: In 2018 In the Netherlands, Lithuanians sang it while touring canals of The Hague, In Los Angeles, Lithuania's Consulate General invited Lithuanians to Santa Monica beach. In Hungary, Lithuanians sang the national anthem on one of the highest places of Budapest – Gellért Hill, while in Almaty representatives of the Lithuanian community sang the national anthem in a ski resort at an altitude of 2,300 metres above sea level.

Mindaugas“ Coronation Day in Panevėžys 2018 Photo Gallery- http://www.panevezys.lt/lt/galerija/alb_183.html

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3mMQJRQqPI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RRZTzPBoc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8a3ID9m2o-8>

<https://www.facebook.com/Lietuva4.000.000/videos/504208593352274/?t=36>



City Festival: International Film Festival “European Films Day and Night” (one week in March or April)- March 1-7, 2019

International Film Festival “European Films Day and Night” has been organized in the city since 2005. Different newest films from European countries are screened. The films included into the programme reflect not only the development of nowadays cinema art but also important public problems. The Festival is a very popular event, very well attended by locals, besides, ambassadors, representatives of sister-cities, film creators and actors participate.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dgrG8j7tcg>



The most known tourism object/place- Panevėžys Art Gallery and Ceramics Pavillion

Panevėžys is often called the Mecca of ceramic artists. International ceramics symposia made the name of the city famous all over the world. They are organized once in two years. 163 artists from 35 countries have created in the symposia during the period of 25 years. The unique collection of over 600 works is displayed in Panevėžys Art Gallery and Ceramics Pavillion.

About the Ceramics collection-<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tAyDMLqxkwE&feature=youtu.be>

About the Symposia- <http://sena.arspanevezys.lt/index.php/symposiums>



The best preserved local traditions: Midsummer Festival “Rasos” (June 23-24)

A fair, a large table of Midsummer cakes and the programme of national cultural heritage. An impressive event with the most beautiful love songs and dances, games and demonstration of ancient crafts and much more you can find in Panevėžys during Midsummer celebration. Also known as Joninės or Kupolė. “Rasos” is a midsummer folk festival celebrated on June 23–24 all around Lithuania. Many Lithuanians have a particularly lively agenda on this day. The traditions include singing songs and dancing until the sun sets, telling tales, searching to find the magic fern blossom at midnight, jumping over bonfires, greeting the rising midsummer sun and washing the face with a morning dew, young girls float flower wreaths on the water of river or lake.

Midsummer in Panevėžys Photo Gallery- www.panevezys.lt/lt/galerija/alb_182.html



Folk Songs and Dances- Once in four years more than 1000 folk singers and dancers of Panevėžys head to the capital city Vilnius to join the other participants of the national Folk Song and Dance Celebration which is organized once in four years since 1924. It is an overall national cultural phenomenon, spiritually equal to ancient Greek Olympic Games. Song and Dance Celebration in Lithuania is inscribed in the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. The next National Folk Song and Dance Celebration will be held in 2022.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PF_sn4sgV5g&t=0s&index=4&list=PLE_-HzqQ1wkDZ2Y7srz8WBie3FafOb0LT





Food

Lithuanian cuisine features products suited to the cool and moist northern climate of Lithuania: barley, potatoes, rye, beets, greens, berries, and mushrooms are locally grown, and dairy products are one of its specialties. Various ways of pickling were used to preserve food for winter. Soups are extremely popular, and are widely regarded as the key to good health. Since it shares its climate and agricultural practices with Northern Europe, Lithuanian cuisine has much in common with its Baltic neighbors and, in general, northern countries. Long-lasting agricultural and foraging traditions along with variety of influences during the country's long, difficult and interesting history formed a Lithuanian cuisine. Panevėžys boasts of devoted people who organize traditional food festivals for different city communities, or cherish traditions of bread, beer making, thus making Panevėžys well known.

Lithuanian dishes you need to try:

<https://theculturetrip.com/europe/lithuania/articles/10-traditional-lithuanian-dishes-you-need-to-try/>

Lithuanian bread making:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZYwK_u1yyk&fbclid=IwAR1lzSRdzjFHsVrlc4dAmFobPw51PEJz_SldmH18pnwNnoZPOfmbCRR9wbA



People, things, places, institutions, traditions etc. you are proud of:

Puppet Wagon Theatre

Each summer, a horse-drawn puppet theatre, in the style of a gypsy caravan, tours the entirety of Lithuania, effectively reviving the travelling theatre tradition and bringing culture to remote villages. The travelling theatre then returns to its headquarters in Panevėžys and continues to give performances through autumn, winter and spring. Both Panevėžys Puppet Wagon Theatre and its founder and director, Antanas Markuckis, have received numerous awards of distinction (Antanas Markuckis was awarded the International Hans Christian Andersen Prize in Copenhagen and received an award of the President of Lithuania). The theatre company has represented Panevėžys in Denmark, Estonia, Russia, Poland, the Netherlands, Germany and Sweden.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzBFCqekIBs&feature=youtu.be>



The World Ultra Triathlon championship

In the end of August every year, Panevėžys becomes the City of Tri. It hosts the World Ultra Triathlon and Double Triathlon Championships. The event attracts tens of triathlonists, crowds of triathlon fans and supporters. The athletes swim 7,6 km, cycle 360 km and run 84,4 km. In 2019 it will be held on August 29-31.

The World Ultra Triathlon championship in Panevėžys 2018- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEMDLCf0-pY>

Photo gallery of the World Ultra Triathlon Championship- www.panevezys.lt/lt/galerija/alb_184.html

