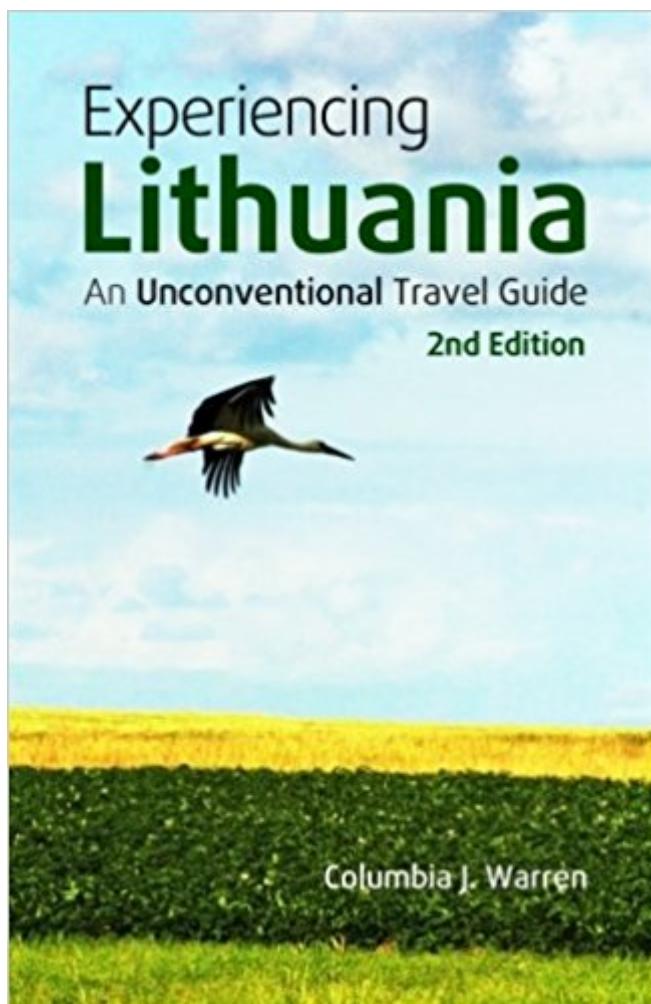


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Experiencing Lithuania: An Unconventional Travel Guide



Synopsis

Note: This is the 2nd Edition, published in 2013. The 3rd Edition, published in 2016, is now available. This guide takes a different approach than other more traditional travel guides about Lithuania. Instead of simply aggregating information about the country and its tourist attractions, the author delves deeper into describing the country and its people, particularly those aspects about Lithuania and Lithuanians that strike him as unique and interesting. The guide does provide descriptions about places to go, sites to see, and where to eat, but only selectively based on the author's own and local Lithuanians' recommendations. The guide also provides a great deal of practical advice about traveling in Lithuania in order to help you make the most of your visit. This advice is intended to help clear away some of the frustration and confusion that naturally arises when traveling in a foreign country, so that you have more time to focus on experiencing Lithuania. The guide is divided into four main parts. Part I gives an overview of Lithuania and its people. Part II describes recommended places to visit, dine and recreate. Part III provides practical advice about a wide range of logistical matters. Finally, Part IV presents a concise history of Lithuania. 50% of the author's net proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to a Lithuanian charity, Maisto Bankas, which provides food to Lithuanian families in need. Additional information about the guide is available at www.experiencinglithuania.com.

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Customer Reviews

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First things first, this is not a conventional travel guide. There are no street-by-street descriptions of towns. Or not much anyway. If you would like that kind of travel guide you should buy a traditional paper based guide available in tourist centres in Vilnius or other major Lithuanian cities. This book is more about experiencing and understanding the country. It is full of notes on culture and customs presented in a funny and entertaining style. It also contains sections about history, language, food and other similar areas of interest. (But just take a look at the coverage in the sample.) It also describes some cities like Vilnius and Kaunas in a detailed fashion, giving tips about restaurants, places to visit and sights to see. On the other hand the Kindle edition contains no usable maps, so it is advised that you download and print them from the author's site. One amusing issue that I couldn't help mentioning is that the guide is obviously written from an American perspective and it shows in some cases. Travellers are prepared for things and customs which are quite natural for someone living in Europe and mentioning them sometimes comes off as quite funny. However this does not lessen the value of the guide, it is more of an extra added value for Americans who chose to make one of the Baltic states as their first encounter with Europe.

The book gives great insights to most aspects of Lithuanian culture, food, language, and more. The section on travel/airline recommendations was especially helpful. I highly recommend this book for anyone to Lithuania for an extended period of time.

What helped me most were this author's insights into the people of Lithuania, the traditional foods, and customs. We spent a glorious ten days there. When the author updates the book, I hope he will include some photos and descriptions which will show how incredibly diverse and beautiful the landscape of this country is. It is a fabulous travel destination, even if you are not Lithuanian by heritage.

We are anticipating a visit to Lithuania this summer and I enjoyed this book very much. We will be on a tour, so we do not need as much information as if doing it on our own, but nevertheless I like to

know about the countries we visit. This is told from a real person's viewpoint in a practical and entertaining manner. I think it will prove useful to us, but I know that I have gained a better understanding of the Lithuanian people from this book.

Don't fail to read this book because of the negative review written by someone with an obvious dislike of Americans (and the only negative review out of 17 written before mine). Most readers will appreciate the strategy and writing style of the author, and find the book very informative and helpful. I applaud the author for providing the relevant information in an entertaining manner.

Great read for anyone going to Lithuania for the first time. Warren touches on many important points to prevent someone becoming an "Ugly American" tourist.

Just got back from Lithuania and discovered this book after, now I want to go back. The book very nicely describes what to do, how to act, how to get around in this beautiful country. The author married a Lithuanian, he is American and does a great job with details another might have missed.

The person I bought this for liked it.

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