



## Lithuania in Brief

Since regaining independence, Lithuania has come a long way. Cities are growing more beautiful, infrastructure is improving and the country's economy is showing impressive growth. In 2004 Lithuania became a member of NATO and the European Union. The Lithuanians are a warm, hospitable people, who look forward to welcoming visitors to their unspoiled countryside marked by shady forests, lakes and white sandy beaches.

Vilnius is the capital and its Old Town has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1994, boasting beautiful Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Trakai is the ancient capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania and is well-known for its fairy-tale castle on an island on Lake Galvė. The country's cuisine offers something for every taste and is famous for its full-bodied beers. A strong music tradition and folkloric heritage are also very much in evidence.

Lithuania now offers high standards of meeting facilities at reasonable prices. A member of the European Federation of Conference Towns (EFCT), Vilnius has the largest exhibition centre in the Baltic countries, the LITEXPO. Another favourite meetings location is the seaside resort of Palanga. A wide range of incentive programmes are on offer from diving underwater into flooded amber mines, a tour through the land of the beer brewers to re-living life as it was under Soviet rule.

## Fact File

**Government:** . . . . . republic  
**Capital:** . . . . . Vilnius  
**Area:** . . . . . 65,300km<sup>2</sup>  
**Population:** . . . . . approx. 3.58 million  
**Official language:** . . Lithuanian  
**Time zone:** . . . . . Central European Time +1 hr  
**Telephone:** . . . . . Dial the int. code plus 370 for Lithuania.  
**Electricity:** . . . . . 220 V, 50 Hz  
**Currency:** . . . . . 1 Litas = 100 Centas  
**Entry requirements:** No visa required for visits of 90 days or less; valid passport

## Travel Information

The country is quick and easy to reach by air from other European cities; Lithuanian Airlines now offers direct flights to and from 15 European destinations.

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Trakai Castle

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