

Taste:

- 1 **Cafe "Leilas gardumi"**
Rīgas iela 2A, +371 26699952

Stay:

- 1 **"Ronnenburg" Apartment**
Vidzemes iela 3, +371 29424929
- 2 **Guest House "Puskalni"**
Vidzemes iela 27, +371 29194825
- 3 **Hostel Nr. 2**
Rīgas iela 2, +371 27878550

Enjoy:

- 1 **Rauna Medieval Castle Ruins and View Tower**

Rauna Castle was built in the second half of the 14th century and was one of the main residences of the Archbishop of Riga. Rauna Castle was considered one of the strongest castles in Vidzeme, and today it remains one of the most impressive and best-preserved castle ruins in Latvia. Visitors can climb the viewing tower of the ruins and explore the castle's history through informational stands. The viewing tower of the Rauna Castle ruins is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Rauna

- 2 **Rauna Cultural-Historical Heritage Center Exhibition Hall**

The collection of the Rauna Cultural and Historical Heritage Center is gradually being formed by gathering materials related to the history of Rauna parish, as well as personal items, memory stories, and documents. The exhibition hall is located in a building in Rauna known as Plūmes House or The Bookstore, which belonged to merchant J. Plūme in the 1920s-1930s and later housed a bookstore during the Soviet era. Today, the building houses a library, a museum exhibition hall, a weaving studio, and a hostel.

Rīgas iela 2, Rauna / +371 2872837

- 3 **Rauna Evangelical Lutheran Church**

The origins of the church date back to the 14th century. Over time, it has experienced several devastations and reconstructions. The last renovations were carried out in 1937 under the guidance of architect Pauls Kundziņš. During this renovation old reliefs of stone were discovered in the facade of the church, which are unique monuments of Latvian art history. Guided tours are available by the church pastor.

Valmieras iela 3, Rauna / +371 26553111

- 4 **Rauna Roman Catholic Church**

In 1939, Dean A. Piebalgs purchased a two-story building from the State Bank and converted it into the Rauna Catholic Church. In 1963, Father J. Jaškomīčs began transforming the chapel into a beautiful church with pillars, plaster ornaments, an altar, a beautiful bitskrēslis, and benches. Unfortunately, this historical heritage has not been preserved. Upon prior arrangement, a small tour of the church can be arranged.

Jaunatnes iela 10, Rauna / +371 29743182

1. Rauna Medieval Castle Ruins



- 5 **Tanīsa Hill Fort**

Tanīsa Hill Fort reminds us of the beginnings of Rauna as a settlement, as it was the first place where people settled in this area. The Tanīsa Hill Fort was one of the largest and most fortified ancient Latgalian hill forts.

"Tanīsa pilskalns", Cēsu iela, Rauna

- 6 **Rauna Freedom Monument**

Created by sculptor Kārlis Zemdega, this monument commemorates the fallen members of the Rauna congregation in World War I and the War of Independence.

Rīgas iela 1, Rauna

- 7 **Bas-relief for sculptor Kārlis Baumanis**

Valmieras iela 6, Rauna

- 8 **Monument of Jānis Cimze**

The educator and composer Jānis Cimze was born at the Cimze manor in Rauna Parish and studied at the Rauna Parish School.

Vidzemes iela 2, Rauna

- 9 **Doctor Zālītis' House**

This house, a national architectural monument, preserves the memory of two great 20th-century doctors. The exhibits in two rooms are dedicated to the life and work of Rudolf Skaidrā (1882-1954), the founder of Rauna Hospital, and Jānis Zālītis (1933-2007), a Latvian oncologist and psychotherapist.

Cēsu iela 8, Rauna / +371 29742087

- 10 **Rauna Mill**

The mill in Rauna has existed since the 16th century and is visible on maps of Rauna from that time. From the mid - 19th century to the beginning of the 20th century, the mill belonged to the von Wolf family, the owners of Rauna Castle Manor.

Dzirnavu iela 4, Rauna

- 11 **Rauna Castle History Trail**

The trail includes various elements reflecting the architectural structure of Rauna Castle. Primarily, elements from the main castle are used, as its structure is partially preserved and recognizable in today's castle ruins. Through informative stands, everyone can learn about the history of the castle in a unique way.

Raunas parks, Rauna

- 12 **Rauna Nature Trail and White Rock Outcrops**

A nearly 2 km long trail runs along both the right and left banks of the Rauna River. On the trail, one can enjoy the diversity of nature and history. White sandstone cliffs, the rocky Rauna River bed, and industrial heritage are interspersed with the majestic Tanīsa Hill, the mysterious Devil's Cave, and untouched corners of nature.

Sākums: pie Cēsu ielas vai Valmieras ielas tilta pār Raunas upi, Raunā

- 13 **Rauna Devil's Cave**

Rauna Devil's Cave is about 50 m² and 13.6 meters deep, a subterranean cavern in the white Devonian sandstone. Several springs flow above the cave, forming beautiful ice waterfalls in front of the cave during winter. It is located on the Rauna Nature Trail.

Raunas dabas taka, Rauna

- 14 **Staburags Cliff of Rauna**

A unique freshwater limestone formation in Latvia, located in the Rauna River valley, formed 8-10 thousand years ago when spring limestone settled and hardened in the soil's upper layers. The spring flowing over the Staburags continues to grow it today. Currently, Staburags is about 3.5 meters high and 17 meters wide, with the total length of the terraced cliff being 35 meters. More than 100 species of algae and mosses can be found here. It is strictly forbidden to climb on Staburags!

"Raunas Staburags", Rauna

- 15 **Collection Garden in Rauna**

More than 260 varieties of pines, 150 types of hydrangeas, 70 philadelphus species, 50 birches, 60 types of spruces, and nearly 50 varieties of physocarpus can be seen in the collection's garden in Rauna. The garden can be visited independently or with the owners, who offer guided tours, resting places by the pond, and a viewing platform.

Lauku iela 1, Rauna / +371 26323632



3. Rauna Evangelical Lutheran Church

- 16 **Rauna Plant Nursey and the Riekstiņu Family Garden**

Visitors can observe how the plants offered by the nursery have grown and explore flowerbeds with sun-loving plants, shade plants, and natural meadow plantings. The garden also features romantic resting corners and a pond with water lilies.

"Bērziņi - 2", Rauna / +371 29333780

- 17 **Cheese and Pasta Factory**

The cheese factory is the only place in the Baltic States where Rauna Green Cheese is made with home-grown rennet. More than 20 types of homemade pasta are also produced here. During the visit, guests can learn about the company's history, discover how rennet is grown, and taste loose cheeses, ghee butter, and spicy knapsiers. The self-service store offers all the products made here for sale.

Parka iela 4a, Rauna / +371 26003833



14. Staburags Cliff of Rauna

- 18 **Horse Riding Club "Baižkalna Stables"**

An equestrian farm which in addition to breeding horses and training young riders, offers visitors the chance to get to know different horse breeds, as well as take horseback riding and carriage rides around the private property and nearby forest. The farm also offers the opportunity to visit the old stable of the former Baižkalni Manor and learn about its history.

"Baižkalna stalli", Rauna

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Rauna audio guide



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