

USEFUL INFORMATION IF GOING TO LITHUANIA AS A TOURIST IN A PLEASURE CRAFT.



Topic	Comment
Demographic data (population/no of clubs/members/boats)	290,000 inhabitants
Currency	Litas (LTL or commonly as Lt). Litas related to Euro and Central Bank rate is 1Euro = 3.4528Lt. Commercial rate is 3.463 Lt when you are buying Euro cash, and 3.442 Lt when you are selling Euro cash. (2013)
Formalities, Customs, passport control, visa	Lithuania belongs to the Schengen states from 21st December 2007. Citizens of EU and EEA member states states required to have valid personal ID card or passport. EU boats - none. Nevertheless it is advisable to listen VHF channel 16 from the moment of entering territorial waters of Lithuania. Coast Guard is calling all boats that enter territorial waters. They request: Flag of the Boat, Number of persons on board, Destination harbour. Special VHF channel 73, Call Sign "Impuls 3" is dedicated for Coast Guard.
Boat's documents required	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Logbook. 2. Crew list (full name, date of birth, passport number, citizenship) and personal documents of all crew 3. Sailing Boat Certificate (boat's registration and ownership document). 4. Valid Act of Technical inspection of the Boat. 5. International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft. 6. Radio Operators Certificate. <p>See Map of Klaipeda Harbour (according to the Shipping Rules of Klaipeda Harbour) http://www.portofklaipeda.lt/regulations/level2/Laivybos-taisykles/279</p>
Insurance	Insuring boats is voluntary. No specific requirements on insuring for foreign yachts.
Legislation certificate of competence	Certificate of competence applies only to nationals. All Pleasure Boats must be registered. Registered boats require that the captain is at least 16 years and certificate of competence required. For vessels over 24 m professional navigation certificate is required.
Alcohol limits	The alcohol limit at sea for leisure boats is 0.4/ml. Water Police officers do random breath alcohol test. If you cause an accident, even with less than 0.4m/l, you can be charged and you risk to pay compensation.
TSS, esp. new ones	TSS (Traffic Separation Scheme) applied in vicinity of Klaipeda Harbour.
Military exercise areas	No special military exercise areas. Official information might be obtained on VHF 73, Call Sign "Impuls 3" (Coast Guard).
Major construction sites	Butinge Oil Terminal. Mooring Buoy SPM, approximate coordinates 56°2'.788N, 20°57'.603E. Forbidden to approach within ½ NM.
Windfarms	No windfarms.
Bridges	No bridges
Habitats and other protected areas	None
Flag traditions/ application of flag rules	Ensign is taken down at sunset, though no later than 2100 and hoisted at sunrise - not earlier than 0800. Times of hoisting and taking down one's own ensign/flag are not strict but treated as matter of dignity. Guests are expected to fly a courtesy flag under starboard spreader 24 hours a day from entering territorial waters of Lithuania till departure from territorial waters of Lithuania.
Weather forecast	www.meteo.lt also Klaipeda VTS - VHF 9, Call Sign "Radio 5".
Harbours	<u>Klaipeda Old Castle Harbour</u> (Smiltyne harbour is still closed and there is no opening date announced). Klaipeda Old Castle Harbour fees (2013): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boat per day in Euros by LOA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> up to 8 metres – 10 Euro; 8-10 metres – 15 Euro 10-12 metres – 20 Euro; 12-15 metres – 25 Euro; 15-24 metres – 40 Euro.

	<p>2. Water on the quay, toilet, shower included in daily fee.</p> <p>3. Electricity – special magnetic card should be bought. Refundable deposit – 10 Euros per Card. Card dedicated to use for electricity and for gates to the pontoons. Electricity price – 1kWh=0,17 Euro. Deposit for electricity should be paid. Unused deposit for electricity is refundable when Card is returned to the Harbour.</p> <p>4. No free Wi-Fi in the Old Castle Harbour, but TEO Wi-Fi “ZEBRA” is available via GSM connection (3Lt per day or 10Lt per month). You can obtain access code via internet http://internetas.zebra.lt/bankas. Unfortunately Telecom’s webpage speaks only local language. You should ask somebody’s assistance to guide you through.</p> <p>5. Internet connection available at Harbour duty premises (computer already installed in premises).</p> <p>All prices presented in Old Castle Harbour’s website: http://www.yacht.lt/Klaipeda%20Castle%20Harbour.html Monthly and Yearly fees, winterising fees are different, much cheaper, available upon signing Agreement.</p> <p><u>Nida Harbour</u> – Similar, but water and electricity included. Toilet – ashore free of charge (working hours 0900-2300), shower – 7 Litas (roughly 2 Euros), working hours the same. Excellent free Wi-Fi in the Harbour, “Nida Public” spot.</p> <p>Red/green signs for mooring places not applied in the harbours – you should enquire of harbour master about free places. It is a good idea to call the harbour master to book a berth place and ask for local conditions in advance when you are at the entrance of Klaipeda Harbour, or 1-2 NM ahead.</p>
Swinging mooring buoys for pleasure yachts	None
Anchoring and free access ashore	Anchoring from the sea side of Coast of Lithuania is untenable and not desirable, but not officially forbidden. Anchoring in Curonian Lagoon not forbidden outside of Waterway.
Good harbour manners	In Lithuanian harbours a quiet environment is expected after 2300. Stopping engine is expected immediately after arrival. It is common to greet anybody on the pontoon or pier. It is appreciated when help is offered without prior verbal agreement. If there is no place in the harbour, it is common practice to lie boats alongside each other. It is courteous to ask permission before tying alongside but this should never be refused unless the maximum number of boats permitted to raft out in a particular harbour has been reached. Refusal may be acceptable where a heavier boat wishes to lie alongside a smaller boat. Both springs and shore lines must be used to prevent boats moving backwards and forwards against each other. Shore lines prevent excessive strain on the lines of the inner boats. When rafted out and going ashore, never cross other boats via the cockpits - always walk across the bow deck.
Safety in harbours	It is safe in the harbours. Local traditions do not permit strangers on board without the owner. Nevertheless it is common to lock the cabin when you are leaving for the city.
Staying during the winter	Winter storage is possible in Klaipeda Old Castle Harbour. Prior agreement with harbour master is necessary.
Antifouling regulations	In accordance with EU biocide directive. No regulation for pleasure boats. Only imported brands of antifouling are used in practice.
Fuel availability	In Klaipeda, Alongside fuel berth at Klaipeda Cruise Terminal harbour (next to Old Castle Harbour). Diesel (containing up to 6% of biodiesel) and Gasoline (Benzin). Operational in daytime. Prior request by phone is necessary. Phone number (English speaking) +370-612-46381 (Person’s name is Aivaras).
Gas availability	Camping gas (blue containers) in the city, propane bottles in special gas stations.

Pump out stations for fuel and oily water	Obligatory for commercial craft and under construction in Klaipeda Harbour for Pleasure Craft. Pump-out boat might be ordered. There are tanks for bilge water and used oil in the Castle Harbour, Klaipeda.
Public transport	In Klaipeda most shops, restaurants, banks are within walking distance and there are local buses. Transport throughout Lithuania is provided by buses and trains from the local bus and train station. Nearest (domestic) airport at Palanga. International airport at Kaunas and Vilnius.
Shopping hours	Supermarkets 0800-2300. Small non-food shops 1000-1900.
Important phone numbers, home pages and useful links	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Port of Klaipeda http://www.portofklaipeda.lt/the-port-of-klaipeda 2. The Lithuanian Maritime Safety Administration http://www.msa.lt/en/home-page.html 3. MRSS http://kariuomene.kam.lt/en/structure_1469/naval_force/units_of_the_naval_force/maritime_rescue_coordination_center.html 4. Klaipeda Castle Harbour http://www.yacht.lt/Klaipeda%20Castle%20Harbour.html 5. Phones: Emergency number on mobile phone: 112 Klaipeda Castle Harbour Harbourmaster Vilius Bartusevicius: +370-650-20450 Klaipeda Castle Harbour Duty: +370-652-30408 Coast Guard and MRCC: +370-46-391169, VHF 16.
Practical advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Klaipeda harbour entrance is very narrow and high seas might be expected from wind strength F6 and up. - Normally there is northerly current approximately 0,3-0,5 knot at the entrance. - There are no hidden obstacles around breakwaters and in the Harbour Channel. Deep even close to the moles (do not go in a depth less than the 5-6 metre contour). - According to Shipping Rules of Klaipeda Harbour: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) You can cross the Harbour Channel without announcement to VTS on VHF 9 (Call sign "Radio 5"), but not closer than 500 metres from approaching Commercial Vessel using the Channel. b) Pleasure craft allowed using 10 metres wide outer edge of Harbour Channel, but actually there is enough depth and space to proceed near the western coast of the Harbour of Klaipeda. c) It is forbidden to use eastern side of Harbour Channel (near eastern coast) for pleasure crafts. d) You should use western side of the Harbour Channel: leaving River Dane, cross the Harbour Channel to the western side, and then proceed south to the Lagoon, or north to the sea. e) On arrival from the sea (2-3 cable before harbour entrance) and on departure (leaving river Dane) it is advisable to report to Coast Guard (VHF 73, Call Sign "Impuls 3") your flag state, how many persons on board, their nationality, previous port and port of destination. Follow Coast Guard instructions. Coast Guard is friendly, but sometimes they might stop you. <p>On arrival from the sea (3-5 cables before the entrance) it is good practice to ask permission to enter harbour from VTS on VHF 9, Call Sign "Radio 5". This is to prevent a situation where you arrive at the same time as a big cargo ship arrives at the harbour at a speed of 18-20 knots, or departs in cross-wind conditions.</p>

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