

ABOUT CARNIKAVA

Carnikava is an ancient fishing village close to the longest river in Latvia – Gauja. This is the land of the Livs of the ancient Kubesele county, which was once called “Koivemundi” (mouth of the river), while the Livs themselves called this place “Sarnikau” (valley of ash trees).

Carnikava is located 29 km from Riga, and is known for its beautiful nature and coastline. Carnikava is part of the Ādaži Municipality. Every year in August, Carnikava hosts the “Lamprey Festival”, gathering thousands of people! It is time, when the most delicious lampreys are caught and prepared in Carnikava!



NATURE PARK “PIEJŪRA”

Nature park “Piejūra” (meaning - Seaside in Latvian) is the third oldest park in Latvia. It is located in the coastal areas of the city of Riga, Ādaži and Saulkrasti municipalities. Its total area is 4180 hectares. This park has characteristic pine wooded dunes, as well as unique and interesting lakes. Rare plant and animal species can be found here.

REMEMBER TO LEAVE NO TRACE WHILE IN NATURE!

You can learn more about rules here:



WHAT TO SEE?

IN CARNIKAVA



1. Carnikava Local History Center

Jomas iela 7, Carnikava, +371 29128086, olga.rinkus@carnikava.lv, <https://turisms.adazi.lv/en/sights/carnikava-local-history-centre/>

Offers fishing- and lamprey-themed educational activities. Picnic and resting area, slipway and pontoon are available at the site.

2. Carnikava Promenade

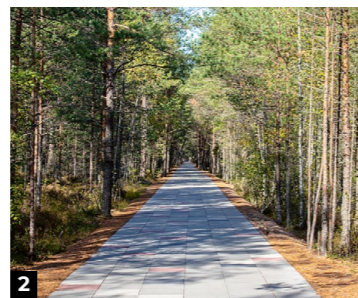
57.133215, 24.264899, Laivu iela 2A, Carnikava

One of the longest paved promenades in Latvia significantly eases access to the sea. Free parking lot at the beginning of the path.

3. Gauja estuary

57.15867, 24.26442, car parking: At the end of Skautu iela (right bank of the river, Gauja village) or Laivu iela 32 (left bank of the river, Carnikava village)

Natural appearance of the Gauja estuary has been preserved to this day – a rarity among large rivers in Latvia. **From May 1 to July 31, access to the left bank of the estuary is closed to facilitate nesting of protected bird species.**



4. Carnikava railway station

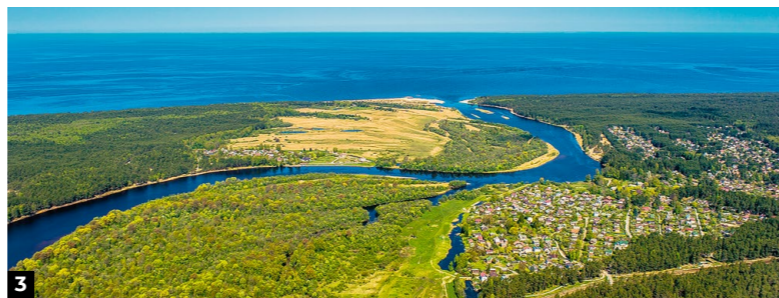
Stacijas iela 2, Carnikava

Unique wooden architecture building. The structure of the station building is approximately 160 years old. It was first built on the St. Petersburg-Warsaw railway in Latgale, then moved to Carnikava, and was reassembled and opened in 1933.

5. Carnikava manor park

Jūras iela 3A, Carnikava

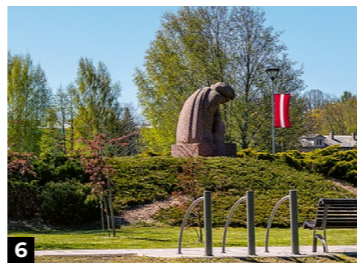
Gorgeous park is a remnant of the luxurious Carnikava palace that stood on a nearby hill from late 18th century to 1917, when it was destroyed due to World War 1. Among many secular trees, only one remaining piece of the palace – a single capitel – remains standing.



6. Festival Square

Stacijas iela 23, Carnikava

The sculpture ‘Remembrance’ by Vilnis Titāns stands in the center of the Square. Close to it is the Boat House chapel, an official stop of the Way of Saint James. A public art piece, featuring the logo of Carnikava, is nearby.



7. Lamprey tastings by Krupis

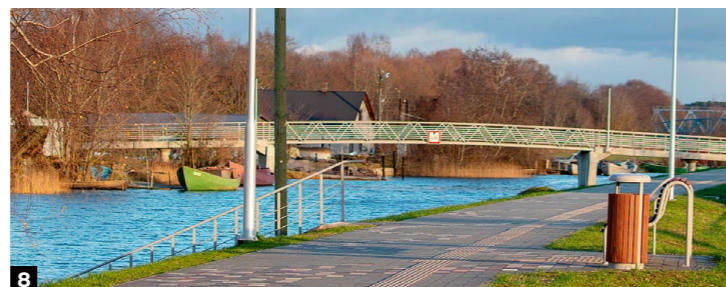
Zvejnieku iela 22, Carnikava, +371 26378048, info.krupis@inbox.lv

Lamprey cooking and tasting. Visit must be arranged in advance.

8. Gauja Promenade

57.133212, 24.276244

Promenade is located on the left bank of Vecgauja, and it stretches from Stacijas iela to Jūras iela. A walking trail along the scenic Vecgauja, where the pavement pattern is designed according to the concept of the Liv road. It is illuminated and suitable for walks at night. Free parking area available at Stacijas iela 23 in Carnikava.



9. Coastal Fortifications in Carnikava

The four reinforced concrete fortifications (caponiers or pillboxes), built 1936–1938 by the Latvian Army Sapper Regiment, were a part of the Latvian Army's Riga coastal defence system. These were designed to fire machine guns at a possible enemy landing in two different directions at the mouth of the River Gauja, which has since changed its location.



10. Art installation “Lampreys are coming”

The work of the artist Gints Gabrāns, which reflects the path of lampreys, which forms part of the identity of Carnikava rural territory – the traditions of catching and preparing lampreys. The installation can be viewed using using app “SAN” on a smart phone with functioning location and Internet services in different locations.

11. Pedestrian-cyclist bridge across river Gauja

Stacijas iela 23, Carnikava

On November 18, 2014, a bridge for pedestrians and cyclists over Gauja was opened, connecting the village of Carnikava with the village of Gauja. The bridge is 220 meters long and 4 meters wide. It is considered to be the longest pedestrian-cyclist bridge in Latvia, and has become a popular place for walking.

12. Sundial made by Helmutis Āķis

Rīgas iela 16, Carnikava

A sundial made by the sculptor Helmutis Āķis. It is a horizontal sundial. The base of the clock is made of concrete, while the numbers and gnomon are made of stainless steel.

CARNIKAVA AND SURROUNDINGS

13. Path of Bells nature trail

“Baldoņi”, Ādaži, 57.11136 24.33291, +371 20077484

14. Flea market in Ādaži Municipality

Kārķu iela 1, Ādaži, +371 26428288

15. Brant Coffee. Coffee roastery.

Birznieku iela 8, Birznieki, Ādažu pag., Book in advance +371 28621846



ĀDAŽU
NOVADS



WELCOME TO
CARNIKAVA!



Tourism information center

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FB: Carnikavas TIC

Ādaži Municipality

Gaujas iela 33A, Ādaži, Ādažu novads, LV-2164



turisms.adazi.lv



adazunovads.lv



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EXIT
RIGA



VIDZEMES
TŪRISMA
ASOCIĀCIJA

16. Mill Coffee. Coffee roastery.
Vāldzes iela 10, Kalngale, Carnikavas pag., Book in advance
+371 20209900

17. Former Soviet military town in Mežgarciems
Muzeja iela 6, Mežgarciems, Carnikavas pag.

18. Resting place of Latvian poet Ojārs Vācietis
Carnikava Cemetery, Sigulī, Carnikavas pag.,
57.12347, 24.32250, +371 67993705

19. Garciems wooden walking trail
End of Aizvēju iela, Garciems, Carnikavas pag., 57.1082, 24.1921

20. Disc golf park (18 baskets)
Zibeņi Park, Carnikavas pag., 57.11535, 24.29282, +371 26394990

21. Jūlija Podziņa's porcelain workshop and gallery
Ērgļu iela 5, Kalngale, Carnikavas pag.,
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WHERE TO EAT?

IN CARNIKAVA

Aizejam pie Jankas ☀️
Kalmju iela 2, Carnikava, +371 28345514

Kafe Maza Upe Laivu iela 2A, Carnikava, +371 29808876

Tīne Rīgas iela 18, Carnikava, +371 20865000

NEAR BY

N28 CAFE Ziemeļu iela 28, Lilaste, Carnikavas pag., +371 26011817

PeCafe Mežciema iela 28, Garciems,
Carnikavas pag., +371 20388414

Garupes gardumi ☀️ Garupes iela 3, Garupe,
Carnikavas pag., +371 29107326,

Picastop Vanagu iela 1A, Kalngale,
Carnikavas pag., +371 25564008

Porto Resort "Medzābaki 2", Lilaste,
Carnikavas pag., +371 25455050, portoresort.lv/en/home/

WHERE TO STAY?

IN CARNIKAVA

EPA Lašu iela 41, Carnikava,
en.epabrivdianas.com, +371 26698877

Elītas BB Nēģu iela 7, Carnikava, +371 27404764

NEAR BY

Dzirnezers-K "Dūnīši", Sigulī, Carnikavas pag., +371 28754602,
+371 22402119

Porto Resort "Medzābaki 2", Lilaste, Carnikavas pag.,
+371 22722258, portoresort.lv/en/home/

Abzaļi Austrumu iela 15, Kadaga, Ādažu pag.,
+371 25665445, abzali.lv/en/

Ethnographic guest house "Gungas" "Gungas", Divezeri,
Ādažu pag., +371 29482255, gungas.lv/en

Labā pirts pie Gaujas Bērzu gatve 11, Kadaga, Ādažu pag.,
+371 29455225, labapirts.lv/en/

GaujaUpe Vinkalnu iela 11, Gauja, Carnikavas pag., +371 29108393

Gauja club holiday houses **"BOSE and Bang&Olufsen"**
Virsaīšu iela 5 and "Ainavas", Gauja, Carnikavas pag., +371 25500031

"Dūņu krogs" "Dūņi", Divezeri, Ādažu pag.,
dunukrogs@gmail.com

PURCHASE OF LAMPREYS AND FISH

Lampreys that are caught in River Gauja and prepared according to local tradition in Carnikava are available in the lamprey catching season from August 1st to January 31st.

- Leste** Jomas, Carnikava, 57.1347, 24.2724,
+371 28663898 (fresh fish and lampreys only)
- Zibs** Šosejas iela 15, Carnikava, +371 29654756 (smoked fish also on offer)
- Gundegas** Vecgaujas iela 20, Carnikava, +371 29413089
- Krupis** Zvejnieku iela 22, Carnikava, +371 26423383 (offers tastings for groups)

LEISURE BOAT TRIPS ☀️

Carnikava wooden boats Laivu iela 2, Carnikava, +371 27742612

Leisure boat "Sarnikau" Laivu iela 2, Carnikava, +371 26011966

Raft "Koivemundi" Jomas iela 7, Carnikava,
book in advance +371 26011966

Fishing boat ("Leste") Jomas iela 7, Carnikava,
book in advance +371 28663898

OTHER SERVICES

"Boards You" paddle boards, kayaks Laivu iela 2, Carnikava,
+371 26222212 ☀️

"W'SUP" paddle boards Sigulī, Carnikavas pag.,
book in advance +371 27027707 ☀️

"VELODOMS" bicycle repair Rīgas iela 23, Carnikava,
+371 26229589

"Palle" flower and local artisan shop Rīgas iela 23, Carnikava,
+371 29242450

Sauna in Carnikava Ziedu iela 5, Carnikava,
book in advance, +371 29470865

"Ekvi" horseback riding "Rasas", Eimuri, Carnikavas pag.,
book in advance, +371 26538895

"Hi Wake 2.0" wakeboarding Pulkstēnezers, Sigulī,
Carnikavas pag., +371 25422219 ☀️

"Garcieņa SKUDRUTAKAS" bicycle rental Railway station
"Garciems", Garciems, Carnikavas pag.,
book in advance, +371 29239595

Airfield Ādaži "Lidlauki", Eimuri, Ādažu pag., +371 28489846

"Pelikāns" SPA, Pelikānu iela 1, Kalngale, Carnikavas pag.,
book in advance, +371 25433555

☀️ – available in summer only

