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DAUGAVPILS

DUBROVINA PARK

Located between Rīgas and Parādes Streets. Dubrovina Park is the favorite rest and recreation place for local residents. In the sultry heat of summer nothing is more pleasant than to feel the refreshing coolness of the fountain, while in the evenings one can admire a fantastic play of water and light. The development of the park was actively supported by Pavel Dubrovina (1839–1890), who was the city mayor from 1876 to 1890. The park was named after its creator, and not far from the fountain there is a monument to Pavel Dubrovina – a bronze figure, about 2 m tall (by Alexander Taratynov, 2007). Another feature of the park is a memorial for the Soviet Army soldiers that was erected in Soviet times.

LOCAL HISTORY MUSEUM(Daugavpils Regional Studies and Art Museum)

Daugavpils Regional Studies and Art Museum is one of the oldest museums in Latgale, founded in 1938. Located at 8 Rīgas Street, in a magnificent building. The facades are decorated with coloured glazed tiles, and the entrances have openwork metal roofs covered by glass. Each entrance is guarded by two sculptures of lions. The museum has the room of the Daugavpils painter Leonid Baulin. The museum offers cultural, historical and nature displays.

UNIVERSITY OF DAUGAVPILS

The University of Daugavpils (Daugavpils Universitāte, DU) is a public university in Daugavpils, Latvia, and the largest regional university in the country. The name of the higher education institution has been changed several times since its foundation, reflecting structural and legal changes, as well as belonging to a certain type of higher education institution. When the higher education institution was established, it was named Daugavpils Pedagogical Institute (DPI). The university was founded in 1921 as a teachers' college. DU offers a variety of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral study programs in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, as well as arts and technology. Currently, the university offers 53 study programs. The University consists of five faculties

ANDREJA PUMPURA SQUARE

It was founded in the second part of the 19th century. It is located opposite Unity House (Vienības nams). In the 20-ies of the 20th century there was built a beautiful fountain according to the design of sculptor A. Veinbah. In the square it is situated the bust of poet Andrejs Pumpurs, the Russian Orthodox Chapel of Alexander Nevsky, the monument to the innocent victims of the Communist terror.

The poet A. Pumpurs (1841-1902) created epos "Lacplesis" (1888) about the legendary national hero Lacplesis (13th century), the fighter against foreign conquerors that is based on folk tales. In 1896, A. Pumpurs settled in Daugavpils. He served as an army quartermaster. A. Pumpurs was included in the circles of the local Latvian intelligentsia. Unfortunately, his staying in Daugavpils was fatal for him: his daughter and son died here, the poet himself fell ill with an incurable disease. The street and the square in the center of Daugavpils, where the bust of the poet is located, have the name of the poet.

ST. PETER'S IN CHAINS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saint Peter's in Chains Roman Catholic Church is located at 39 Rīgas Street. Built in 1848–1849, rebuilt in 1924–1934. The architecture of the church has certain features of Classicism. It has some resemblance to Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. The main dome of the white church is supported by four double pillars.

DAUGAVPILS SYNAGOGUE

Built in 1850, the synagogue, known as "Kadish," is situated at the corner of Cietokšņa and Lāčplēša Streets in the city's central part. During World War I, the building sustained damage but was repaired between 1925 and 1928 with state support. In 2005, the synagogue underwent a comprehensive restoration funded by the children of artist Mark Rothko, who was born in Daugavpils. The reopening ceremony in 2006 was attended by Latvia's then-President Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga. Before World War II, Daugavpils was home to a vibrant Jewish community with approximately 45 synagogues and prayer houses. Today, the Kadish Synagogue at Cietokšņa iela 38 is the only active synagogue remaining in the city. The second floor of the synagogue houses the museum "Jews in Daugavpils and Latgale." This museum's exhibition details Jewish life and traditions in the region since 1900, featuring photographs, household and religious items, and various publications such as magazines, calendars, and books related to Jewish life in Daugavpils and Latgale.