Welcome to Tērvete!
Destiny has been favorable towards people of Tērvete, blessing them with so beautiful and historically legendary place as Tērvete. Ancient castle mounds keep an evidence of Semigallians' life and battles that took place 800 years ago. The inhabitants of Tērvete are proud of the historical heritage that gives them strength. The number of the guests of Tērvete is increasing with each year thanks to the amazing richness of nature, tidy surroundings and diversity of monuments relating to the history of civilization.

In 2002 Tērvete, Augstkalne and Bukaiši local governments joined together in Tērvete municipality that borders on the Republic of Lithuania. At present there live 3840 inhabitants, it covers the territory of 22.4 ha and the main occupation there is agriculture. The largest populated areas - Kroņauce, Tērvete, Zelmeni, Augstkalne, Bukaiši.

1. Tērvete Castle mound
People have inhabited Tērvete Castle mound for more than a thousand years. We get to know about the ancient Tērvete, Semigallians' life and battles till the 13th century from the archeological excavations. The mound had 2 outskirts and ancient town which covered the territory of about 9.5 ha. The found things prove that in the outcastles have lived craftsmen - there are found 4690 antiquities. In the 13th century Semgallians' political and administrative centre was located there. Its governors Viestards and Nameisis have been among the best governors from the Baltic nations in military and political sense.

“In the remains of Tērvete castle mound, rocks for reconstruction of the duke’s castle were once quarried. Men were breaking the wall, when something suddenly twinkled. They kept on digging and found a shining golden sword.” Such was the beginning of a legend.

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A JOURNEY TO HISTORY

Tērvete is renown across Latvia as a mighty centre of the Semigallians, which fought for its political and economical independence for the longest time up to the late 13th century. The Tērvete castle mound and the Semigallians who inhabited this region are an important heritage for the Latvian nation, as they serve as witnesses of the firm and persistent character and willpower of Latvians as a nation.

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2. Tērvete Wooden Castle
Tērvete Castle – one of the most powerful castles of the 13th century in the Baltic region. In Tērvete Semigallians have fought for their freedom for a hundred years during Crusade Period. The exposition of the castle tells about the history of Semigallia and Tērvete in Iron Age. There is the richest collection in Latvia of Semigallians’ iron decoration duplications, arms, household objects and garment reconstructions. Semigallian governor’s Viestards wax statue and the largest in Latvia exhibition of swords you also can see here. Reconstruction of Tērvete Castle based on results of archeological research on Tērvete Castle mound.

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3. Clostermound
Clostermound had been inhabited since 1st century B.C. till the beginning of A.D., it has been fortified with two parallel beam walls, at the sides of the square were hearths. Later there was found a stone axe, stones for grating corn, earthenmoulds for casting bronze objects, an iron knife and pottery with scratched surface. There lived the ancestors of ancient Semgallians.

4. Holy mound
Holy mound is one of Tērvete’s fort-hills, a holy place of our distant ancestors. In 1285-86 German crusaders built their castle there, but after the conquest of Zemgale they destroyed it. During the Northern War the hill was a stronghold of the Swedish army therefore it got its second name – Swedish.

5. Ruins of the Order’s Castle
In 1339 for the purpose to rule over its property and estates the Order of the Livonian Knights built a stone castle, but it was destroyed by the combined forces of Semgallians and Lithuanians in 1345. Later the castle was rebuilt for the needs of Duke of Courland. In 1701, during the Northern War, a Polish garrison was holding out in the castle and the Swedish troops finally destroyed it.

6. Tērvete – Kalnamuiža
Ev. Lutheran Church
The church is one of the oldest churches in Zemgale - it was built in 1614, renovated in 1815. It’s name appeared from German Hofzumberge (Kalnamuiža).
Next to the church, there is the chapel of the Count Pahlen.

7. Tērvete Sanatorium
The former sanatorium in Tērvete was built in 1932, at that time it was one of the most modern sanatoriums in Europe. Today this building is an architectural monument of the state importance. Now it works as Rehabilitation center – medical institution for patients with affections of respiratory organs and disturbances in movement-backing apparatus functions.

8. Museum „Sprīdīši”
„Sprīdīši” is the important place for the famous Latvian writer Anna Brigadere (1861 – 1933), the writer’s former summer cottage, historic house dating back to 1840, where she has written many of her works, including the trilogy „God. Nature. Work.”. There you can look at the writer’s three rooms that are kept the same as in her time, as well as the garden and park of „Sprīdīši”. It is opportunity to stay for a night in romantic rooms of the „gardeners’ house”, close by there is café and sauna. The museum is open from 1.V to 31. X, closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Ph. 26532691

9. Arboretum
The writer Anna Brigadere paid much attention to improving and decorating the surroundings of „Sprīdīši” which is now her memorial museum. In 1931, upon her initiative, the conversion of the forest of „Sprīdīši” into a park began with a plot of land being allocated for an arboretum to make a collection of plantings of trees and bushes which were very rare then.

10. Book Museum „Kipi”
Museum is situated in the native house of the book publisher Jānis Rapa (1885-1941), writer’s Anna Brigadere cousin. The museum holds a vast material about Latvian book publishers, and a considerable collection of old books, bookmarks and needlework. Offers „black kitchen”, fire place in the open air, camping place in the shadow of the old trees, a barn and a hayloft, too.

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A Journey to Nature

Trip around Tērvete neighborhood

Nature Park, managed by Latvia’s State Forests, is the friendliest place for a family with children wishing to rejoice at the interplay of nature and fairy tales. The park spans over 1200 hectares, and the World of Fairy tales covers one-third of the area. It is home to various wooden sculptures and “living” fairy tale characters by the famous Latvian writer Anna Brigadere. The Fairy tale Forest, the Playground and the Dwarfs’ Forest enjoy the biggest popularity in the park. Touring these thematic areas takes at least three hours.

A network of small and large trails winds through the park, conveniently traversable on foot, by bike or with a stroller, one of Latvia’s highest observation towers stands proud above pine tops. You can have tasty meals in three cafes located in the park.

LVM Nature Park in Tērvete has been recognized as one of the excellent European tourist destination in Latvia within the framework of the EDEN project.

Open all year. Ph. 637 26212, 28309394

12. Old pine park

In the Nature Park, on the right bank of the Tērvete river, the oldest and tallest pine trees in Latvia grow. In the forest stand that occupies an area of 30 ha most of the pine trees are approaching the age of 300 years, while their height exceeds 40 metres. Here, the Latvia’s State Forests have created airing trails where the wonderful landscape of Tērvete may be enjoyed peacefully.

13. The Happy Land’s air tracks

Those who are brave enough may try their abilities and agility in the air tracks located in Nature Park. Tracks which are 8-10 metres high and consist of a route of ropes.

14. Clay bank of the River Tērvete

The picturesque place where the River Tērvete has arched widely and approaches to mighty bank is called Tērvetes Staburags. On the way to the bank specially made trails allow to enjoy wonderfull and mysterious nature.

Tērvete is famous not only for the oldest and tallest pine trees in Latvia but also for mighty oaks of great age.
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29. Guest House „Laima“
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31. Apartments „Pālena muiza“
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33. Hotel, restaurant and brewery – Zoltners
34. Guest House and cafe „Pūteļkrogs“
35. Cafe „Gaisma“

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A journey to the world of colours, tastes and animals

Tērvete municipality knows how to amaze not only with the richness of its nature and the touch of antiquity; it is populated by active people who have created such values in their daily life that we are proud of.

15. Tērvete Reservoir

Tērvete Reservoir riches are its carp, which are replenished each year. 1.5 kilogram perch and up to 10 kilogram pike have also been caught here. Eight boats and more than 12 plank-ways, spread out evenly along the reservoir’s shore, are at anglers’ service. Those who prefer different recreational activities can rent a boat or a paddle boat for a trip on the lake, arrange volleyball or basketball friendlies, take a longer stroll or ride a bike in the surrounding area. Here you will find well-organized picnic and lodging areas, spruced-up spots for swimming. Ph. 26115333

16. Horse riding and Horse-drawn carriage rides

Exciting horse- and horse-drawn carriage rides through the park and the historical center of Tērvete are available. Ph. 26824856

17. Country house “Amatnieki”

The garden with decorative bushes and flowers is an excellent place for those fond of gardening. Degustation of fruits and berries, nice rest at the nature, picnic place, accommodation. Ph. 29276982

18. JSC „Agrofirma Tērvete”

The beer produced in JSC „Agrofirma Tērvete” brewery is well known in Latvia. During the visit you will get a unique opportunity to become the best beer connoisseur: to acquaint yourself with the beer production process and to all existing sorts of Tērvete beer, to buy special souvenirs and beer. Company offers sightseeing tours in the modern dairy farm as well. Farm equipped up to the state of the art for the milk production, with automatic milking carousel equipment, capacity - 3,000 milking cows. Ph. 29615337

19. Guest house „Annenieki”

Recreation by the nature on the bank of the Kronauces Dzirnavezers Lake – a picnic place with a shed. In a hospitable environment in a special bakery everyone will have the possibility to make tasty pastries. Ph. 27729988

20. Winery „Tērvete wines”

Offers homemade Latvian fruit and berry wines – raspberry, apple and quince wines are available to taste and visit the winery. Gooseberry bright and rosé wines, as well as sparkling wines fermented after natural methods are very special in our assortment. Ph. In the future is planned to offer the berry and fruit brandy and fortified wines. Wines tasting with cozy talks about wine making in lovely countryside near Tērvete river. Ph. 29454225

21. Tērvete Bakery

Bread is baked according to ancient traditions. You can take a tour of the bakery, help to bake bread, taste and buy it.

22. The Grape Garden

Grape Garden is the only vineyard where can be tasted the most brilliant berry grapes grown in Latvia. You will be surprised not only of the perfect quality and big size of the grapes but also of their delicious taste, there are more than 50 varieties in total. These are the Ukrainian, Russian, USA and Latvian selectionists best accomplishments that are being tested and monitored in a local cultivation conditions. Gourmands and gardeners wanting to taste and purchase the grapes and plants are welcome. Ph. 28609399

23. Country house „Viestardi”

Collection of different kinds of tulips, more than 300 sorts is available for viewing. You can buy tulip bulbs, taste buckthorn juice and unusual jams, enjoy the cakes and pastries. Ph. 27570755

24. Farmstead „Ābelītes”

The farm breeds Galloway cattle, Merino sheep, goats, pigs and poultry. Nice rest at the nature, picnic place, tours at the farm and surroundings. Ph. 29191619
The oldest evidence of human activities in the territory of Bukaiši parish relate to the 2nd century B.C. when, in the oak-wood surrounded by the vast forests, a sanctuary with rocks and sacrificial altar was created.

27. „Lidoņi“
In 1935 the Government of Latvia awarded the constructor, pilot and journalist Herberts Cukurs (1900-1965), after his flight to Gambia, with the house „Lidoņi“ in Bukaiši parish, where today is arranged his memorial room. Nearby there is formed a black stork park.

There is possible to observe protected plants and different birds and get knowledge about the forest and nature.

Excursions guided by the forester, prior arrangement.

25. Mežmuiža Castle
Mežmuiža Castle is situated in a very nice place - on a bank of the lake enclosed by 12 ha large park with 46 species of trees. It was built in Neogothic style at the end of the 19th century, belonged to Count Liven, in 1884 it became the property of Baron Haan, completely finished in 1912. Now it is an architectural and cultural monument of local meaning. Since 1954 there is situated Augstkalne secondary school.

26. Mežmuiža Ev. Lutheran Church
Church has confirmed in 1648. The first known priest in the church was Kaspars Manculis, his son Georgs Manculis (1593–1654) a famous writer of the sacred literature, the author of the first Latvian dictionary. Every year swans make nests in the scenery mill-lake, there is also arranged a place for swimming. Augstkalne is a popular place for summer sport and recreation camps - lodging in the boarding school.

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14 **Accommodation**

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32. **Camping „Kaupēnu dzirnavas”**
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11. **“Mammadaba” in Info centre, open all year**
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8. **“Spridīši” A.Brigadere house, open IV-XI**
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30. **Apartments „Ores”**
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32. **Camping „Kaupēna dzirnavas”**
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