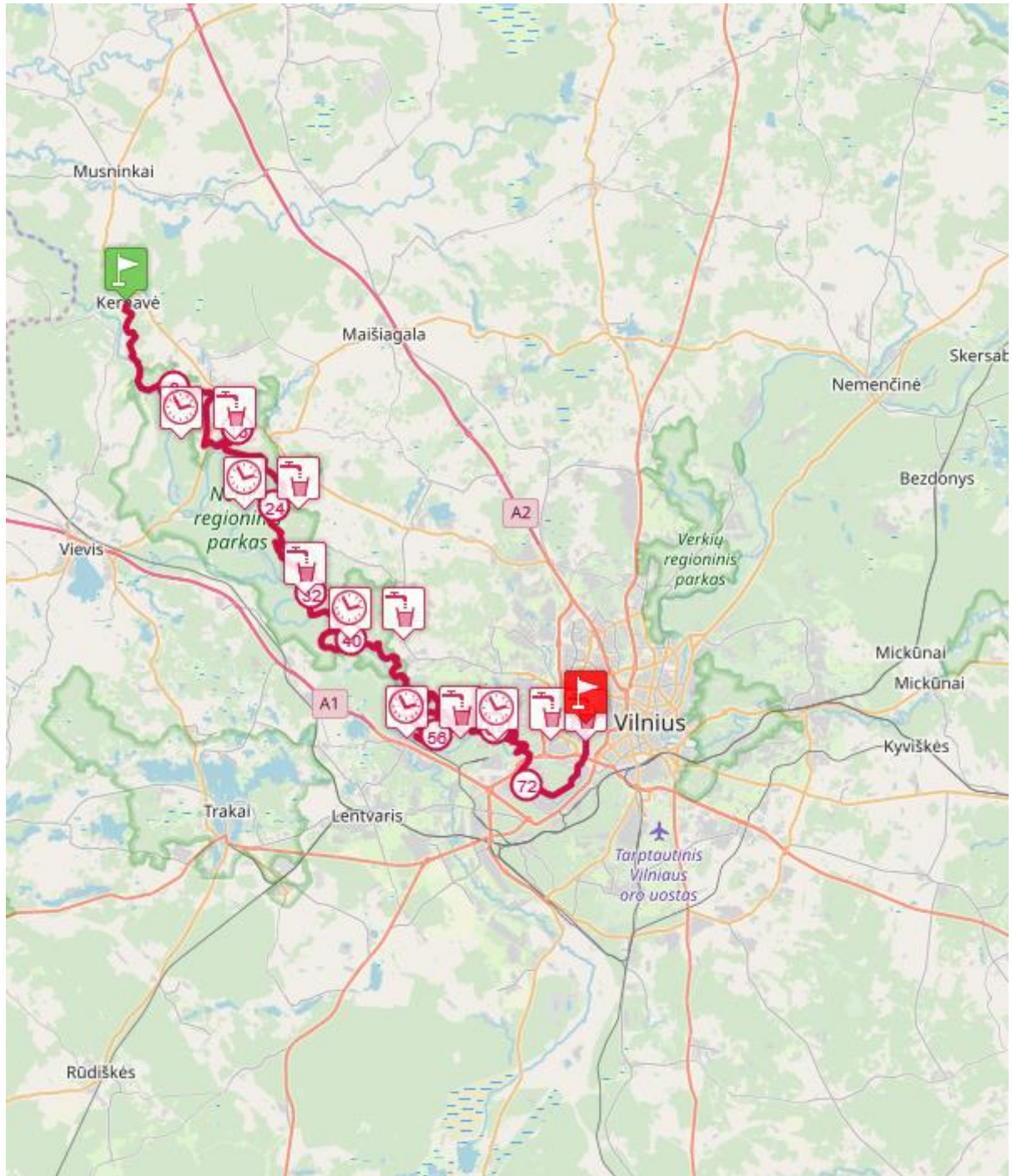


Hike in Lithuania around the UNESCO Heritage Site.

Location: Vilnius. Kernave Mounds, Kernave.

Distance 82 km.



Vilnius: the townscape of great diversity

Vilnius Historic Centre was the first of the four Lithuanian sites added to the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage list. It was granted UNESCO World Heritage status because of its unique

architecture, shaped over the centuries by prominent European architects. Vilnius is an exclusive example of the town that evolved organically during the Middle Ages. It is the diverse combination of buildings of different periods that makes Vilnius townscape exceptional in Central Europe.

While numerous invasions, wars, and fires left their marks on the city, Vilnius Historic Centre managed to keep its mostly Baroque look with a fair share of Gothic, Renaissance and Classical buildings. Vilnius has also maintained its medieval street pattern

Kernavė: a place to explore a historical landscape

For those interested in an archaeological heritage and nature, the Archaeological Site of Kernavė is a must-see. The Kernavė Archaeological Site bears witness to the development of settlements in the Baltic region that took place over some 10 millennia, from the Palaeolithic era to this day. In the 13th and 14th centuries, Kernavė was one of the main centres of the pagan Lithuanian state, but research has also revealed the influence of Christianity, which is most reflected in the burial traditions. Five hill forts that were a part of a large defence system in the Middle Ages is a highlight of Kernavė. An inspiring view of the landscape opens up from the top of the hills, allowing visitors to witness the greenery of Lithuania's nature. While those who seek closer connection with nature can embark on a White Hill trail, stretching through forests, along the river and leading to the top of the hill where a majestic panorama of Neris river turn is guaranteed.

Every summer, the Middle Ages are brought back to life in Kernavė as a popular festival, Days of Living Archaeology takes place on hill forts. Concerts, re-enactment of medieval fights and games fill the festival with a joyful bustle. While craftsmen show ancient skills, such as pottery, jewellery making, glazing, blacksmithing and many more.

Enjoy a hike in Lithuania