



Welcome, Culture Detectives! Today, we embark on a journey through the vibrant streets of Vilnius, Lithuania, where history, art, and tradition intertwine to create a tapestry of cultural richness. Our mission? To uncover the hidden gems and fascinating stories behind some of Vilnius's most iconic landmarks **while producing a captivating digital story that unfolds as we explore the city's diverse sites and landmarks.** Through our digital storytelling, we will creatively document our experiences, encounters, and discoveries at each location, showcasing Vilnius's rich history, culture, and hidden gems.

1. Your adventure begins in the heart of Old Town, where the magnificent **Vilnius Cathedral** stands tall in Cathedral Square. Keep an eye out for the "Miracle" (look on the ground, you might find it), rumoured to bring good luck to all who step upon it. Find it, take a photo, and try to remember the Lithuanian word for miracle. Then, try to find the names of the people whose sculptures are on the church's roof. Answer why these people were selected.
2. Next on our itinerary is the majestic **Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania**, a testament to the city's regal past. How do you translate the word 'DUKE' in your language? Take a photo of the team, be brave, and pose like true dukes. By the way, what is the Family name of the Dukes who lived here? How is this Palace connected with the Polish history as well? Who destroyed the

Palace and when? What is the architectural style of the newly built building?

3. You just discovered one of **Vilnius's symbols—the Castle**. What is the name of the Lithuanian duke who built the castle? Read the myth and share a few creative photos reenacting the events that led to building the city and the castle. Bonus points go to those brave enough to reach the top of the castle mountain.
4. Your journey continues with a visit to **St. Anne's Church**. What is the architectural style of the building? How is it related to UNESCO? Lithuanians argue that Napoleon wanted to do something with the church during his time. Try to guess what:
 - destroy the church to the ground,
 - take it home and keep it in France
 - add the picture of the church to currency of France
 - ask someone to paint it and have the picture at the Louvre
 - sell it to the Russians
5. Venturing into the **bohemian “republic” of Užupis District**, we'll encounter a haven for artists and free spirits alike. Keep your senses sharp as you look for something out of this world, close to a bird and more magical. Vilnius is sometimes described as a city of these beings. What are we talking about? Find it and take a photo. p.s. You can get a true stamp in your passport while visiting this republic.
6. So, fellow Culture Detectives, are you ready to Visit **Vilnius University**? Did you know that it is the oldest university in Eastern Europe? As fellow students say, from here we go to the stars.. so you, detectives, use all of your creativity to show how you are reaching the stars - take photos and videos, use various tools
 - - show your ideas on how to reach the stars.
 - Read the QR code to learn more about Vilnius University
7. Let's go for a quick visit. **Near the university**, you might meet one of the most important people in Lithuania. Do you know what we are talking about? Before this person, a very special lady used to reside there. Can you name her? Why was this person so special?



You might notice that there are no more numbers on the map from now on. If you are brave enough, try to challenge yourself and explore the city as a local.

Time to be quick and walk around. There is a very special street around known as Dwarf Passage. Find it and take some photos. Can you find out the legend(s) about this passage?

Take some photos of the Vilnius from Above. Enjoy Subačiaus observation deck, Subačiaus st., Vilnius, 11350 Vilnius. Take some photos, insert them into your digital story and share it with us.

