



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. Go to site 5! Venturing into the **bohemian "republic" of Užupis District**, we'll encounter a haven for artists and free spirits alike. Your task is to seek out one of Vilnius's mystical symbols, often associated with birds and described as otherworldly. Once you've discovered this enchanting element, capture it in a photo to immortalise its magic. And don't forget to obtain a true stamp in your passport as a memento of your visit to this unique republic. You might want to include some interviews with locals in your digital story.

2. Your group adventure continues to site 6 - **Vilnius University**. Did you know that it is the oldest university in Eastern Europe? As you explore the historic halls of Vilnius University, your mission is to create a whimsical time-travel adventure. Imagine you've stumbled upon a time machine hidden within the university's walls. Your task is



to document your journey through time by capturing videos of your team experiencing different historical periods. Be sure to include creative narration to bring your time-travel escapade to life! More about Vilnius University

3. 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 in this place. Can you name her? Why was this person so special?

4. Now, let's head to site 1, **the 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), a unique feature of the square. It is believed to bring good luck to all who step upon it. Find it, take a photo, and try to remember the Lithuanian word for miracle. Find out the origin of the Lithuanian language. Which other language is similar to Lithuanian? This interactive element will make your visit more memorable and deepen your understanding of the Baltic countries.

5. Next on our itinerary is the majestic **Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania**, a testament to the city's regal past. 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?

6. 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 to those who are brave enough to reach the top of the castle mountain.

7. Please visit **St. Anne's Church**, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture that has captured the hearts of visitors for centuries.

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 the currency of France
- ask someone to paint it and have the picture taken at the Louvre
- sell it to the Russians

From now on, you might notice no more numbers on the map. 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?

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