

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 group adventure will begin at site 6, Vilnius University. Did you know that it is the oldest university in Eastern Europe? As fellow students say, this is where we start our journey to the stars. Therefore, you, as detectives, are encouraged to unleash your creativity and showcase how you would reach the stars using various tools. You can take photos and videos and describe your ideas in any way you like. To learn more about Vilnius University, please visit its website.

2. Let's go for a quick visit. Near the university, you might meet one of the most important people in Lithuania. Do you know who 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?

3. Now go to site 1. This is 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), rumored to bring good luck to all who step upon it. Find it, take a photo and try to remember the Lithuanian word for



miracle.

4. 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, pose like true dukes. By the way, what is the Family name of the Dukes who lived here? 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?

5. 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.

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

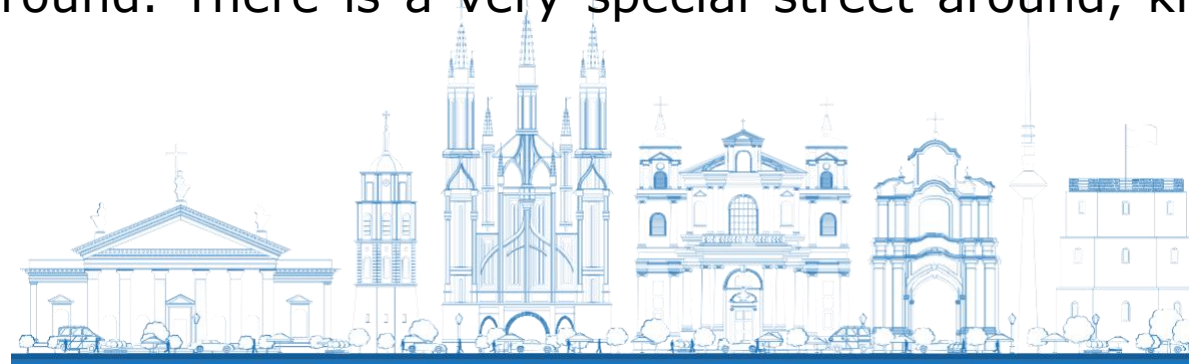
Lithuanians argue that during Napoleon's time, he wanted to do something with the church to:

- 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

7. Go to site 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 are looking for something. 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 on your passport while visiting this republic

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. Don't forget your task: Produce a captivating digital story that unfolds as we explore the city's diverse sites and landmarks.

Time to be quick and walk around. There is a very special street around, known as Dwarf Passage. Find it and take some photos.



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