



# Rokiškis

*A small Lithuanian pearl of  
culture*



# Rokiškis – more than welcome to visit

## Main information:

- ❖ Historical sources mention Rokiškis for the first time in **1499**.
- ❖ Currently about **13 thousand** residents live in Rokiškis city and 28 thousand in the district.
- ❖ Rokiškis is called „**a tiny Lithuania**“ because of the unique district geographic shape which recalls the shape of our state.
- ❖ But this is not the only reason why Rokiškis is special. People are fascinated by beautiful nature and the landscape is adorned with more than three hundred historical and cultural monuments.



An aerial photograph of a large estate. In the center, there is a large, white, multi-story building with a red roof, surrounded by a dense forest of green trees. In the foreground, there is a large, calm pond that reflects the surrounding landscape. The background shows rolling green hills and a clear blue sky. A white diagonal banner is overlaid on the image, containing text.

The legend of Rokiškis name origin tells about a hunter called Rokas, who has been hunting rabbits (in Lithuania called „kiškis“).

## THE LEGEND

However, cities which name ends in „kiškis“ are quite popular in the region.



# History



**At first** it was a residence of the nobleman Kroszinski family, followed by the counts Tyzenhaus family, who built the beautiful neo-gothic church of St. Matthew and the manor estate which is well preserved today and Rokiškis Regional Museum is settled there. The town was planned in a classicism manner.

## Rokiškis is a cultural mirror of Lithuania

Centuries of a rich manor culture have been kept alive in hands of modern artists and cultural institutions. Patronage traditions started by Rokiškis noble families still continued by the major business enterprises of the district.



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## Manor House – Museum of Rokiškis district

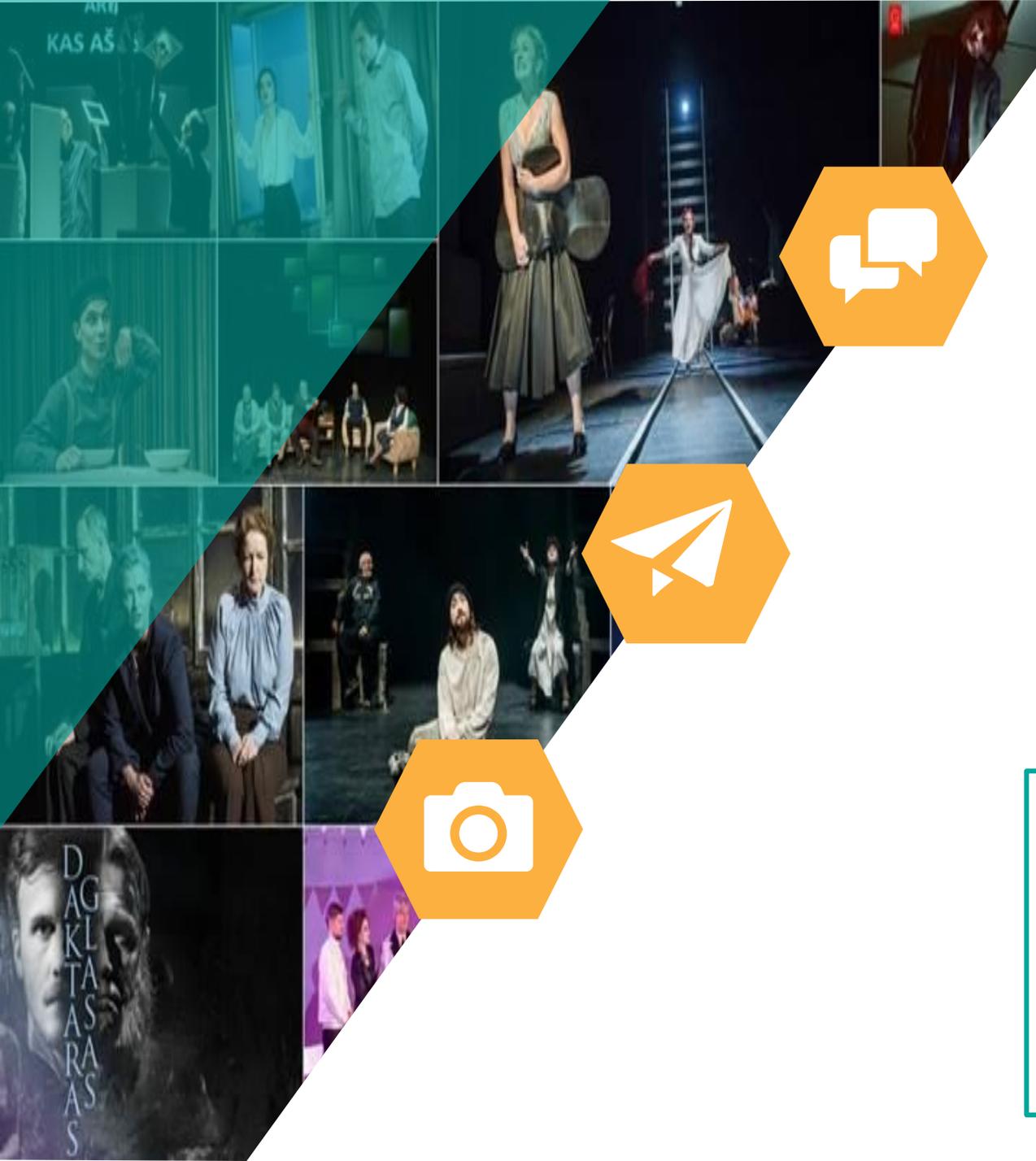
- ❖ **The Rokiškis Manor**, where the regional museum is located, provides community and guests with numerous educational programs for children and adults.
- ❖ From ancient times Rokiškis Manor house is famous for its cultural activity. It is a venue for traditional classical music concerts, art exhibitions, interest groups meetings, conferences.



# St. Matthew's Church of Rokiškis

- ❖ Rokiškis church is a true gemstone of neo-gothic architecture. High walls of red bricks, surrounded by a brick fence, look graceful and complete.
- ❖ The interior of the church is decorated with art work made in the workshops of famous European artists, Austrian stained glass windows among them.





# Rokiškis has deep theatre traditions



Rokiškis hosts festival of Lithuanian professional theatres „Vaidiname žemdirbiams“ since 1984. It has become an awaited event, where the most famous theatres present their outstanding performances. In addition, the production of Rokiškis amateur theatres is presented not only in Lithuania but also in neighbouring and other European country.



## Strong and united communities

- ❖ **Rokiškis** stands for a strong and harmonious community, where great initiatives and projects are born with support of municipality.
- ❖ There are several places offering active leisure opportunities, like tennis volleyball courts, swimming and recreation. The Velykainis Community Park was started by a private initiative and now open for public access, especially convenient for families with children.

# We are proud of our business companies



## **DUGUVA**

Is a dynamic, modern company which is using efficient equipment and applying latest technology in production of high quality products, such as ropes, cords and twines



## **ROKIŠKIO MĖSINĖ**

is the only meat processing company in Rokiškis district



## **ROKVESTA**

is focusing on waste management and enviromental projects

**The company** is one of the biggest companies in the region. It is also an important supporter of community initiatives.

**ROKIŠKIO**  
SŪRIS



**About 60%** of the production is being sold to foreign markets.

## Our gold is our cheese

**Rokiškis** is well-known for its cheese. The JS company „Rokiškio sūris“ is one of the largest manufacturing companies in Lithuania.

It grew from a small local dairy, established in 1925.

# Rokiškis vision of a modern city

**SUSTAINABLE**

**GREEN**

**ECO-FRIENDLY**





## Oasis of greenery, wind and light

**We believe** that our municipality, with its historical and natural potential, creation of a sustainable, safe and clean living environment by implementing various eco-friendly projects, can be a great example of restoring the vitality of nature, which is the basis of our physical and psychological well-being.



## **Rokiškis today**

Rokiškis is proud to have preserved cultural heritage of several generations and to share it with our dear guests. And despite the fact that Rokiškis was announced the Lithuanian Capital of Culture in 2019, the city can reasonably wear this crown forever.

Today Rokiškis is a whirlpool of international and national events, as well as rich active leisure opportunities. Despite it is 521 years old, the city is vibrant, youthful and full of great future plans, expectations and ambitions.



# THANKS

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