



# Alūksne Māriņkalns

## FRONTIER AREA SIGHTSEEING TOWER TOUR

Already at the dawn of the independence of Latvia the Alūksne region was listed among the best tourist routes and was referred to as the "Switzerland of Maliena". In 1935 the Shell guide-book described the route through Māriņkalns and Jaunlaicene to the Apekalns church as "one of the most attractive roads in Vidzeme" and the area as "the most picturesque terrain of Latvia with innumerable hillocks, small lakes, rivers and forests scattered by a generous hand, showing travellers the spell of beautiful Latvia". The row of the Korneta lakes in the ravine bear the most vivid testimony of the creative activity of ancient glaciers in Latvia, but the slopes of the mighty Drusku castle mound resemble the foothills of the Tatra Mountains. The place can be found easily – go along the Vidzeme highway up to Estonia borderland at Veclaicene, and there it is, not far from Munamāgi Hill. Challenge yourself at the specific picturesque places of the Alūksne region and the frontier area!

- Alūksne sightseeing tower – Korneti sightseeing tower – 29 km
- Alūksne sightseeing tower – Dēliņkalns sightseeing tower – 17 km
- Dēliņkalns sightseeing tower – Korneti sightseeing tower – 8 km
- Korneti sightseeing tower – Paganamaa sightseeing tower – 13 km
- Paganamaa sightseeing tower – The Nesting Tree "Pesapuu" sightseeing tower – 19 km
- The Nesting Tree "Pesapuu" sightseeing tower – Suur Munamāgi sightseeing tower – 8.5 km
- Suur Munamāgi sightseeing tower – Alūksne sightseeing tower – 39 km





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### Alūksne Sightseeing Tower

The tower is located in the Temple Hill Park next to Lake Alūksne. Reaching the height of 37.8 metres, it is one of the highest towers in Latvia. To climb the upper observation deck, you have to make 153 steps. The tower is open from May 1 till October 31, every day from 11.00 till 19.00 except Mondays.

**The entrance fee in the Temple Hill Park is 1,00 EUR.**

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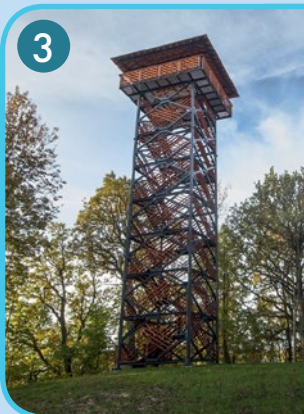
### Dēliņkalns Sightseeing Tower

Dēliņkalns is the highest hillock of the Alūksne Highland. Its absolute height reaches 271.5 m, but its relative height is more than 70 m. From the southern slope of the hillock there is a fantastic view over the mosaic landscape of wooded hillocks and meadows. The 27-metre-high sightseeing tower on the top of the hillock is open for the visitors 24 hours a day.

**Address:** Dēliņkalns, Jaunlaicene Rural District, Alūksne Region

To reach the hillock, leave the Vidzeme Highway and turn right into the road V385 "Kakiņi- Sauleskalns", or from Alūksne through Māriņkalns, following the signs "Dēliņkalns".

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### Korneti Sightseeing Tower

The sightseeing tower in the sanctuary "Korneti – Pelji" is 27 metres high. The visitors of the Drusku Castle Mound Trail can enjoy the beautiful views of both the Alūksne Highland in Latvia and the Haanja Highland in Estonia, and even see Munamägi Hill. The tower is open for visitors 24 hours a day.

**Address:** Korneti, Veclaicene Rural District, Alūksne Region

**GPS: 57.590257, 26.939569**



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### Paganamaa Sightseeing Tower

In 2015, on Raadimägi (Raadi Hill) a 24-metre-high sightseeing tower was constructed, which provides a wonderful sight over the Piiroorg valley with a row of four lakes and the hillocks of Latvia on the other side of the lakes. In Latvia the place is called the Pelji valley.

Next to the tower there is a recreation place and an open air stage.

The Paganamaa sightseeing tower is open for visitors 24 hours a day, and there is no entrance fee.

**Address:** Paganamaa, Rõuge Rural District

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### Suur Munamägi Sightseeing Tower

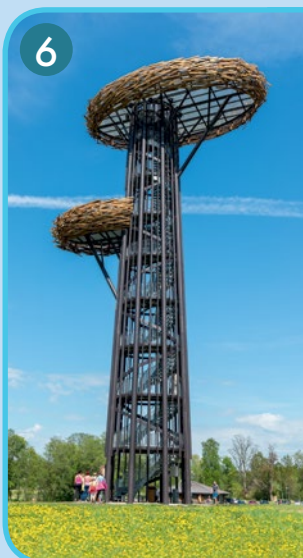
The highest hillock in the Baltic States is Suur Munamägi (317.4 m above the sea level). It is possible to reach it along the curving roads of the Haanja Highland. The tower was built in 1939, and its height after the reconstruction in 1969 is 29.1 metres.

The observation deck can be reached climbing the winding staircase inside the tower or in the glass cabin of the elevator.

The entrance fee in the tower is EUR 2-6, more information at [www.suurmunamagi.ee](http://www.suurmunamagi.ee).

**Address:** Haanja Village, Rõuge Rural District

**GPS: 57.715149, 27.055359**



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### The Nest Tree "Pesapuu" Sightseeing Tower

The sightseeing tower "Pesapuu" in Rõuge is 30 metres high (its upper observation desk is 27 m high), and it resembles a tree with two bird nests. The author of the tower is the architect Karmo Tõra.

The Nest Tree tower is fascinating not only during the day but also at night when the stem of the tree, the "nests" and also the "golden eggs" on the top of the tower light up.

From the upper deck of the tower there is a picturesque sigh over the Ööbikuvoo and the Võru district.

The visit of the Nest Tree is free of charge and it is open 24 hours a day.

**Address:** Tindi village; 66298 Rõuge

**GPS: 57.727640, 26.937395**



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