

A WALK IN ALŪKSNE AT NIGHT



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~3h | 9 km

Route

Alūksne is beautiful during the day, but at night, when the sun goes down, it changes and acquires a completely different – more romantic and mysterious atmosphere. The magic of the place stands out in particular when you walk through the lit town at night: the illuminated objects and monuments create unique night scenes. You may not leave Alūksne without having seen it in a completely different light – in the night light! #visitaluksne #naksniģāalūksne #aluksnenakti

Direction of the route

Alūksne Tourism information Centre – Southern Tower with its Musical Tale “The Eighth Brother of Marienburg” – Templakalna Street Pedestrian Bridge – Temple Hill and Rotunda – 101 Steps – Castle Island Promenade – Alūksne Manor Park – 7th Sigulda Infantry Regiment Monument – Alūksne New Palace – Fountains

Road surface

Asphalt, paths

Recommended time

All year

Length

Almost 9 km

Duration

About three hours

Level of difficulty

Easy

Start point, finish point

Parking space at the Tourism Information centre

GPS: 57.4241, 27.0527

Marking

Circular trail, unmarked in nature

Worth to know!

To follow the route in winter, we recommend wearing warm, long winter footwear to make walking more comfortable in snowy weather. The illuminated fountains cannot be viewed during the winter period. The lighting for the objects is switched on along with the street lighting, which can be around 9 p.m. in the summer period, and is switched off at midnight. To warm up and make the walk much more enjoyable in cold weather, we recommend the special cocktail of Alūksne in one of the local cafes.

We also recommend to view the following illuminated objects

Alūksne Sports Centre

GPS: 57.4231, 27.0411

Alūksne graphic sign at Alūksne Municipality Building

GPS: 57.4200, 27.0501

Illuminated letter A when entering Alūksne

GPS: 57.4030, 27.0467

Service

24/7 Interactive tourism information kiosks

Parking space at 25A Pils Street, Alūksne

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Alūksne Tourism information centre

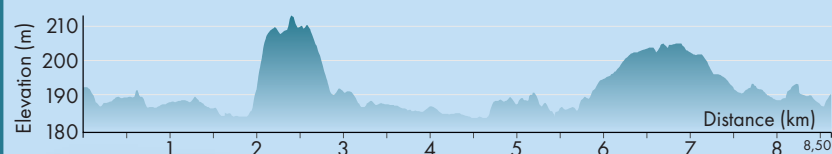
1 Ojāra Vācieša Street, Alūksne

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WALKING IS AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR HEALTH!

A walk:

- reduces stress and tension,
- improves thinking, reasoning, and concentration abilities,
- improves balance,
- maintains a healthy body weight,
- increases muscle mass and strength.



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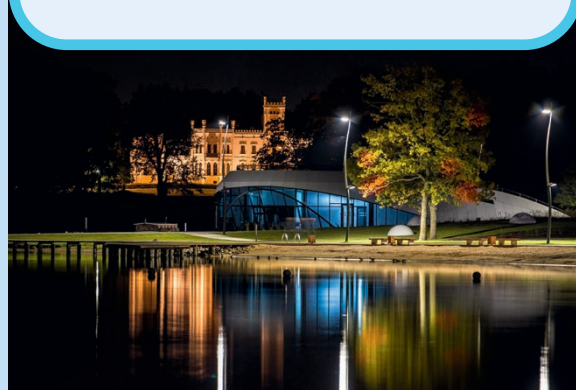


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1 Alūksne Tourism information centre

A good place to start a night walk around the town is the Tourist Information Centre, which was opened in 2023 and is well lit in the dark. Next to the Centre, there is a large parking lot, from which you can see some of the illuminated objects in the distance. We hope that they will entice you to see them closer.

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2 Alūksne Medieval Castle Ruins and Southern Tower

The walls of the most powerful fortress of the eastern part of the Livonian Order, the Alūksne Medieval Castle, are quite impressive during the day, and they become even more formidable and majestic during the dark hours of the night, when colourful lights add a mysterious atmosphere to the thick walls and the renovated Southern Tower. The light colours make us contemplate on the heyday of the castle majesty, but the red shades – on the moments of trials.

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3 Templakalna Street Pedestrian Bridge

Walk to the bridge that connects Castle Island, the largest island of Lake Alūksne, with Temple Hill Park to watch the colourful reflections of light in the waters of the lake. In the changing colours of light, the pedestrian bridge looks fashionable and timeless in a different shade every moment. It seems even more surprising when the illumination is accompanied by music, beginning every full hour for 15 minutes.

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4 Temple Hill and Rotunda

Temple Hill and the granite rotunda on it are some of the most recognizable symbols of Alūksne, and the place that makes Alūksne the highest town in Latvia above sea level. Lean your back against the illuminated stone column and surrender to the charm of the place saturated with historical events.

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5 The most popular view of the illuminated Alūksnes and 101 steps

In the centre of the Temple Hill Park, there is a stone staircase with 101 steps, from which you can enjoy the view that is featured in the most popular postcards of Alūksne at night. Several centuries merge into one – the modern architecture and the Alūksne New Palace, built in the early 19th-century style, standing out against the night sky in all its glory.

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6 A viewing platform on the roof of the house

Climbing higher, one can see further even in the darkness. The view from the roof of the service building on Castle Island gives you the opportunity to enjoy a unique balance of light and darkness created by the dark lake at night and the elements of light on its shore – the lanterns, which form harmonies with the trees in the parks.

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7 The Manor Park and the shore of the lake

Enjoy an illuminated walk between the town and the lake following the path full of lanterns through the 18th-century Manor Park. The path leads past the Alexander Pavilion, on the ceiling of which you can see a painting with swallows flying in the sky, and the Granite Obelisk built in 1799.

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8 7th Sigulda Infantry Regiment Monument

On the shore of the lake, next to the army barracks, there is a monument that is a symbol of national independence honouring the soldiers killed for the freedom of Latvia. The illuminated monument is well seen in the dark, and it always reminds us about the values of a free country.

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9 Pils Street and Alūksne New Palace

Even at night, the influence of dynamics and different eras can be felt in one of the longest streets of Alūksne illuminated by lanterns and car lights. In the night light, the majestic Alūksne New Palace becomes even nobler and more captivating, and its neo-Gothic architectural elements seem even more expressive in the interplay of light and shadow.

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10 Fountains

One of the prides of Alūksne – the fountains – are beautiful in the daylight and majestic in the twilight hours. During the summer season, in the night hours, the fountains near the palace come to life in a miraculous play of water and light, in which the twinkling lights create a fairy-tale atmosphere.

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11 Alūksne Evangelical Lutheran Church

An integral part of the town since 1788 is the Alūksne Lutheran Church and its gilded rooster, which proudly glows in the spotlights during the night hours. The church with its 55.5-metre-high tower rises above the town and brightly gleams in the panorama of Alūksne.

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