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Landscape vikings

The land of Joniskis belongs to the historic land of Ziemgala which became part of Lithuania as an independent political structure as far back as the 13th century. The land of Joniskis is the region of the last surviving pagans - it is the last land converted to Christianity in Europe. Our ancestors were one of the Baltic tribes - Ziemgaliai.

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The 10th baltic and the most martial music festival „Kilkim Žaibu“ will thunder on the 12th - 13th of June, 2009

The historical place of the Saules battle victory.



History

In 1289 the name of Sidabre was mentioned for the first time in sourcebooks. It was an ancient settlement which gradually developed into the present-day town of Joniskis. It is presumed that Joniskis was founded in 1523, when Jonas, the Bishop of Vilnius, visiting the peripheries of Siauliai rural district, which he was then administering, found that its people were still pagans. By the bishop's order, parishes were established in several settlements, one of them being given the name of Joniskis. In 1536, the church of The Church of St. Virgin Heaven Guide was built there.

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The Church of St. Virgin Heaven Guide



The unique two Synagogues complex in Joniskis.

The Žagarė cherry festival

From 16th till 19th of July, 2009

Zagare is famous for cherries and horses. It is one of the oldest towns in the country, which still hides many secrets. The cherries of Zagare do not grow or they do not establish in any other region of Lithuania. Every year since 2004 the festival took place in Zagare - championship of horses, sports matches, exhibitions, performances, lectures, traditional crafts fair lasts four days.



MYSTERIOUS

The mysterious legend about God's Servant Barbora Zagariete draws everybody's attention. Some factors testify to the sanctity of Barbora Zagariete: her virtues of piety, mercy and purity, her non-decaying body, which was certified by physical examination in 1963, the oldest sources containing notations of the miracles obtained by the intercession of Barbara Zagariete, the blessings of Barbara Zagariete, from which people obtain graces and recovery from illness today, the cult of the Servant of God Barbora Zagariete is spread by the common people.

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The tomb of Zagarè miracle girl
Barbara Zagariete in The church of
Old Zagare.



Tradition

The old traditional Lithuanian festivals, that takes place in Joniskis this year :

- **Jonines (St. John's Day)**– the 23-24th of June. It is a festival i marking the summer solstice. Bonfires are lit, wreaths are floated on water, and every year people search the forest for the legendary blooming flower of the fern. The festival ends with the rising of the sun the following morning.
- **Zoline (Assumption Festival)**– the 15th of August: events with folk songs, folk artists and herbalists' fair.

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Traditional festival of Joniskis region:



Joniskis town day

3-5th of July – music, dances, songs, exhibitions, meetings, presentations and similar events.

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