



# What's on in Vilnius 2021

This year can be your most exciting yet if you come to Vilnius, especially since there are 29 notable events to choose from. Anything from very traditional to more artsy out-of-the-box event: music or cinema, the diversity of art and culture, the latest trends, and a special atmosphere full of ideas. Ready? And action!

JUNE SEPTEMBER

29-5

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## CHRISTOPHER FESTIVAL

>> [kristupofestivalis.lt](http://kristupofestivalis.lt)

Various Venues



Welcome to the Christopher Festival. What to expect? Well, the festival's motto is all genres are good except the boring ones. It's not just classical music, either. Expect jazz, experimental projects, and traditional works that are sure to find their way into the hearts of audiences. Let the music take you to the church vaults, under the summer sky, or into Lithuania's lovely nature.

JULY

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## INTERNATIONAL CONTEMPORARY DANCE FESTIVAL "NEW BALTIC DANCE"

>> [newbalticdance.lt](http://newbalticdance.lt)

Various Venues



D. Matvejeu

Stay in the loop of national and global dance trends. You're in for a bunch of impressive performances and experiments by amateur dancers, as well as renowned works by more established dance artists. The festival is a great opportunity to explore the limits of the human body, the hottest dance trends, and the innovative ideas driving the world of dance.

JULY AUGUST

7-4

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## VILNIUS CARILLON FESTIVAL

>> [vilniauskarilionas.lt](http://vilniauskarilionas.lt)

Church of St Philip and St Jacob



The largest carillon in northeastern Europe, with 61 bells in the tower of the Church of St. Apostles Philip and Jacob in Vilnius, plays a new tune during this annual festival. Plus, professional carillonists from around the world put on free shows featuring both traditional sacred and contemporary popular music.

JULY

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## STREET THEATRE FESTIVAL SPOT

>> [menuspaustuve.lt](http://menuspaustuve.lt)

Various Venues



Dive into this free street theatre festival by exploring urban spaces and watching a series of performances and installations in the streets and squares of the city. Choreographed performances, concerts and contemporary theatre performances will introduce you to a different side of Vilnius Old Town.

JULY  
17



### STREET MUSIC DAY

Various Venues

>> [gmd.lt](http://gmd.lt)



G. Jauniškis

Save the date! Music will flow through the streets of Vilnius Old Town on the third Saturday of May. Check out the talents of professional musicians, amateurs and those dreaming of the big stage. No matter what kind of music you like, you will certainly hear some samples of it while strolling through the city. And don't forget to grab your drum; the Drum2gether percussion and improvisation parade is open for everyone to join.

JULY  
12-23



### MIDSUMMER VILNIUS FESTIVAL

Courtyard of the Palace of Grand Dukes

>> [midsummervilnius.com](http://midsummervilnius.com)



T. Stukas

Put your finger on the pulse of Vilnius in the summer with live music, theatrical performances, and an entire programme of cultural events. The gates of the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania will be wide open for this two-week festival, inviting residents and guests alike to celebrate the season and the city together in style. You'll hear everything from classical pieces to the melodies of popular and avant-garde music.

AUGUST  
2-27



### CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania

>> [kinopasaka.lt](http://kinopasaka.lt)



There are many ways to watch films, but summer offers the most enjoyable way. Cheers to all the romantics. Grab a chair and a cup of coffee, bring your cosiest blanket, and watch some Lithuanian movies, documentaries and some of the classics under the stars.

AUGUST  
5



### VILNIUS BURGER FEST

Tymo Market

>> [f Vilnius Burger Fest](https://www.facebook.com/VilniusBurgerFest)



You can definitely smell this festival from far, far away. The aroma of the coals and grilled meat will lure you to the yard where burger pros battle for your attention and the opportunity to delight you with inventive gourmet combinations. Ingredients are fresh and locally sourced in accordance to the festival's slow food philosophy, where the principles of environmentally friendly food and ethical behaviour are key.

AUGUST  
13-15



### VILNIUS LIGHT FESTIVAL

Various Venues

>> [lightfestival.lt](http://lightfestival.lt)



S. Žiūra

Go out into the city and see it illuminated in new colours after dark. Artists from all over the world create a completely different city view with light installations, beautifully incorporating them into the unique architecture of Vilnius and its public spaces. Don't just observe though; you can also become a part of it - many installations are interactive, encouraging you to engage with light and discover its forms.

AUGUST  
22



### BICYCLE MARATHON "VELOMARATONAS"

City Center

>> [velomaratonas.lt](http://velomaratonas.lt)



V. Pilkauskas

It's time to get on your bike and test your strength and endurance! Whether it's your only ride this year or you're already a pro cyclist, the traditional Velomaratonas invites everyone to cycle down the streets of Vilnius Old Town. Enjoy time with the whole family - the race for kids may be a source of inspiration for more serious cycling later on in life.

SEPTEMBER

3-5



**VILNIUS CITY FIESTA**

Gediminas Avenue

>> [vilniusfestivals.lt](http://vilniusfestivals.lt)



Celebrate together with residents of Vilnius at a festival filled with music, good food, culture and a great atmosphere. Greet the autumn season with live concerts, exceptional shows, and a fair in the heart of the city on Gediminas Avenue. Get ready for some action, adventures, and creative ideas.

SEPTEMBER

7-26



**INTERNATIONAL EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL  
"BANCHETTO MUSICALE"**

Various Venues

>> [bmfestival.lt](http://bmfestival.lt)



It's not often that you get to hear the most beautiful pieces of early music in Vilnius. It's not only the famous classics, either. The festival dedicated to medieval, Renaissance and Baroque music, dance and theatre celebrates the anniversary dates of famous composers, prepares theatrical programmes, and even plans special performances.

SEPTEMBER

8-12



**NEW CIRCUS WEEKEND**

Various Venues

>> [menuspaustuve.lt](http://menuspaustuve.lt)



D. Putinas

Escape everyday life and jump into a world of fantasies, illusions, and almost limitless possibilities. The circus arts are a completely different kind of performance you need to see for yourself, and the troupes from all over the world will definitely impress with their acts. Do you want to learn more about this art form? Then you are welcome to join the motion workshops.

SEPTEMBER

10-11



**LOFTAS FEST MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL**

Loftas Art Factory

>> [Loftas Fest](http://Loftas Fest)



The summer is over, but the festivals continue. Take part in the only urban music and arts festival in the Baltics. High-quality concerts, art performances, night-time movies, and open-air exhibitions put you at the centre of an art adventure that takes place in repurposed factories. Try the street food, look for something nice from local designers, or find a vinyl at the night market.

SEPTEMBER

12



**RIMI VILNIUS MARATHON**

City Center

>> [vilniausmaratonas.lt](http://vilniausmaratonas.lt)



A. Didžgalvis

Are you ready for a 42-km challenge? If that number frightens you, choose a half-marathon or a 5 or 10-km run with your family, or introduce the kids to the joy of running by starting with the 200-metre run. Everyone can run, so get your running shoes on and explore Vilnius Old Town with friendly, like-minded people.

SEPTEMBER

17-19



**NATIONS FAIR**

Gediminas Avenue

>> [tautumuge.lt](http://tautumuge.lt)



You can follow your nose to this fair; the numerous stands offering national food in the streets of Vilnius will lure you in from afar. Get acquainted with national customs and traditions, from famous German sausages, to Georgian and Karaim pastries and other delicacies that will definitely tempt you to taste a bit of everything. But this is not just a foodie paradise; the most active arts and crafts masters from various national communities living in Lithuania will present their arts, songs, and dances for the audience.

SEPTEMBER

22



**AUTUMN EQUINOX**

Embankment near the Karalius Mindaugas Bridge



For the second time in the year, night becomes as long as the day. Every year, traditional 'goat sacrifice' ceremonies take place that feature ancient music, and the light of huge straw sculptures burning illuminate the sky.

>> [etno.lt](http://etno.lt)

SEPTEMBER    OCTOBER

15-7



**INTERNATIONAL THEATRE FESTIVAL "SIRENOS"**

Various Venues



*D. Matvejeu*

The theatre season opens with a marathon of the most recent foreign and Lithuanian contemporary performances. The festival aims to inspire society and expand its boundaries, so each year a contemporary theme that runs through each performance is chosen. This festival isn't afraid to step into unsafe areas, take risks, and invite relatively unknown names so audiences can get a taste of what will become important tomorrow.

>> [sirenos.lt](http://sirenos.lt)

SEPTEMBER

24



**CULTURE NIGHT**

Various Venues



*D. Matvejeu*

Art will invade the streets, galleries and even some unexpected spaces in Vilnius once the sun sets. Will you be able to see more than 150 music, dance, theatre, cinema, photography, modern installations, and many other projects all in one night? Visit cultural events for free and discover unconventional solutions, experiments, and new creative spaces.

>> [kulturosnaaktis.lt](http://kulturosnaaktis.lt)

SEPTEMBER

25



**INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS FESTIVAL "VILNIAUS FEJERIJA"**

Vingis Park



*S. Žiūra*

The night sky fills with fireworks accompanied by spectacular music. Teams of professional pyrotechnics from all around the world will impress you. Fireworks and laser show quickly disappear in the air but remain in the memory for a long time. Come early to find the perfect spot to view the spectacle.

>> [fejerija.lt](http://fejerija.lt)

OCTOBER

11-17



**DESIGN WEEK**

Various Venues



Design Week is the event where original ideas and innovative creations go hand-in-hand with functionality and useful information. Take part in creative workshops, visit design exhibitions, participate in the conference, and get acquainted with the work of Lithuanian designers.

>> [dizainosavaite.lt](http://dizainosavaite.lt)

OCTOBER

14-17



**INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL "VILNIUS JAZZ"**

Various Venues



Hear a wave of contemporary jazz and improvisational music flood the city. This is a rare opportunity to see some renowned foreign jazz performers in Lithuania, discover musical innovations, hear the rising stars, and get a taste of jazz avant-garde. Dive into the free spirit of the festival and choose from a multi-media programme that is sure to pique your curiosity.

>> [vilniusjazz.lt](http://vilniusjazz.lt)

OCTOBER  
15-17



**INTERNATIONAL CONTEMPORARY ART FAIR "ARTVILNIUS"**

>> [artvilnius.com](http://artvilnius.com)

Lithuanian Exhibition and Congress Centre LITEXPO



Here's your chance to get acquainted with the works of contemporary Lithuanian and foreign artists. Don't just look - take part in creative workshops and talk to artists in person to find out what inspires them. Over 20,000 people visit about 60 art galleries from 15 countries in three days. Who will be your favourite?

OCTOBER NOVEMBER  
20-7



**CONTEMPORARY MUSIC FESTIVAL "GAIDA"**

>> [vilniusfestivals.lt](http://vilniusfestivals.lt)

Various Venues



What is contemporary music? It's definitely not just what you hear on the radio. Listen to a programme that's open to all traditions and cultures. Serious symphonic music and alternative works, electronic or experimental music, and an array of multimedia projects will take over the main concert halls of Vilnius.

NOVEMBER  
4-21



**EUROPEAN FILM FORUM "SCANORAMA"**

>> [scanorama.lt](http://scanorama.lt)

Vilnius Cinema Theatres



A film feast so large choosing from the wide-ranging festival programme can be a difficult task. Classics, the latest releases, and the most uncomfortable truths are all here. Watch European cinema and see some of the continent's most acclaimed films. There's just one question - how will you see it all?

NOVEMBER  
8-14



**LITHUANIAN GASTRONOMY WEEK**

>> [Lietuvos gastronomijos savaitė](http://Lietuvos gastronomijos savaitė)

Various Venues



Bon appétit! Take a gourmet tour of Vilnius' restaurants and discover delicious new flavours. Special menus, tasting dinners and edible works of art by the city's top chefs will have your mouth watering in no time. You can also help select the Star of Gastronomy Week by eating and voting for the best restaurants.

NOVEMBER  
11-14



**INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL "VILNIUS MAMA JAZZ"**

>> [vilniusmamajazz.lt](http://vilniusmamajazz.lt)

Various Venues



Let's talk jazz! This festival is your guide to the contemporary world of jazz. Check out the special jazz exhibitions, engage in conversations with performers, and of course, listen to lots of music. The festival invites both world-renowned and Lithuanian jazz musicians to take over its stages. Enjoy the special art programme and discover new talent while jazzing up your life a little.

NOVEMBER JANUARY  
27-9



**CHRISTMAS IN THE CAPITAL**

>> [kaledossostineje.lt](http://kaledossostineje.lt)

Various Venues



What can be more beautiful than a Christmas fairy tale along the narrow streets of Vilnius Old Town? Enjoy the festive atmosphere and magical mood all month long. See one of the most impressive Christmas trees in Europe, get your gingerbread at a Christmas fair, enjoy the festive concerts, or ride everyone's favourite Christmas train. There's fun everywhere you look. Check out the free events too, and create the most beautiful family memories.

DECEMBER

15-30



## CHRISTOPHER CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

St Catherine's Church

>> [kristupofestivaliai.lt](http://kristupofestivaliai.lt)



The fascinating world of music invites you to immerse yourself in classical waltzes, dreamy nocturnes, fiery flamencos and energetic rock beats. Brighten up your winter evenings with music.