

Local traditions. Olaine. Latvia.



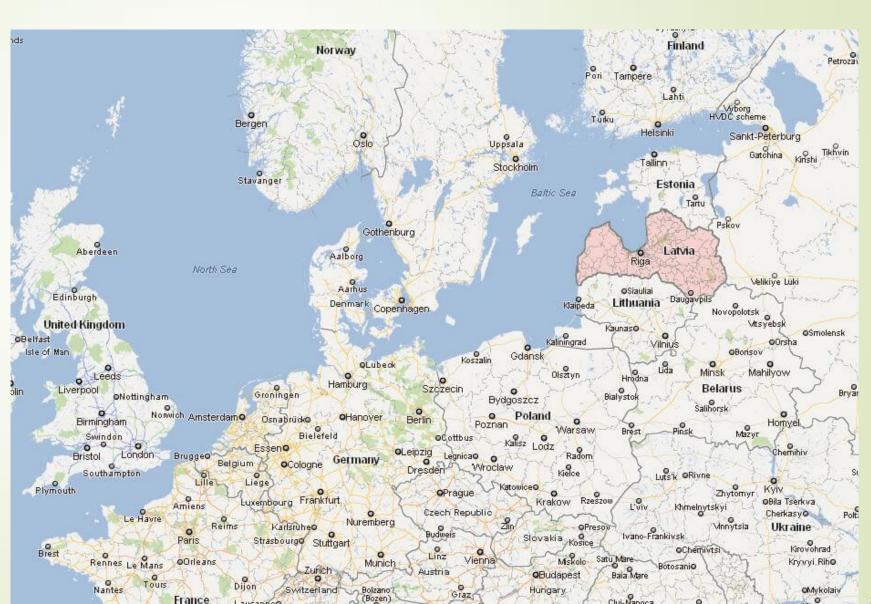
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KA2 Erasmus+ Strategic Partneships School Project

Olaines 1.vidusskola Meeting in Paredes de Coura, Portugal 26.02.-02.03.2018.

Latvia

Latvia is located in the Northern Europe.



Olaine Municipality

Olaine Municipality is located in the

centre of Latvia.



Olaine city

■ Olaine city population is 11 800.

Olaine was established in 1967.

Olaine city area is 6.8 km².

Olaine city



Olaine city



Traditions in Olaine

- Olaine city Birthday
- Family Day
- Olaine Municipality Day
- Olaines Apļi (Olaine Rings)
- Līgo
- The Youth Day
- Cranberry Festival



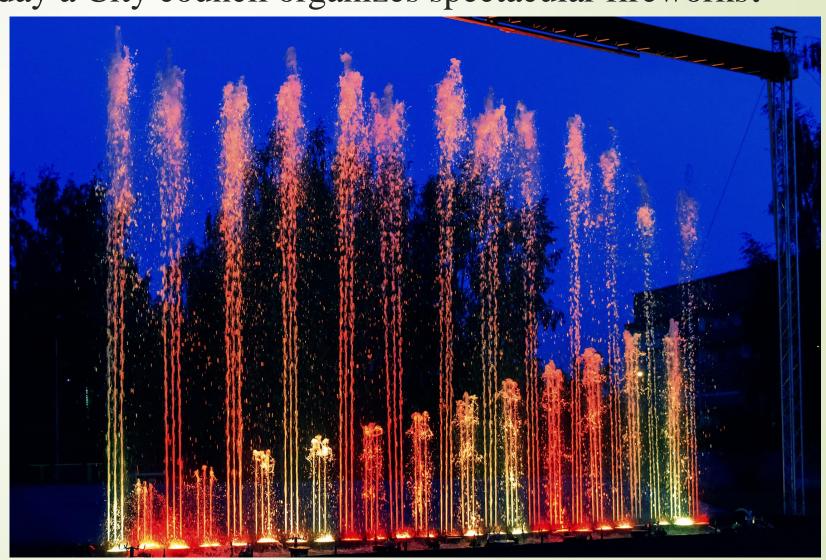
Olaine City Birthday

- Olaine City birthday is on 20th February.
 On this day in 1967 our city officially gained a city status.
- There are many fairs all around the city.
- During the day there is an excursion through the swamps around the city Olaine.

 In the evening you can enjoy a spectacular concert with disco afterwards on our Open Air Forest Park stage.

Olaine City Birthday

At the end of the day a City council organizes spectacular fireworks.



Family Day

Each year in spring we celebrate a Family day.

■ Olaine culture centre organises numerous activities and competitions for families all over the region, for example — sport activities for families, creative workshops for children, inflatable attractions for children.

Family Day





Olaine Municipality Day

This event is held on Saturday and Sunday at the end of May.

On Saturday there are many activities and concerts.

On Sunday you can join the excursion to learn more about Olaine Municipality history and its nature.

Olaine Municipality Day



Olaines Apļi – Olaine Rings

→ Olaines apļi is a cross-country race held in Olaine Forest park for children and in the nearby forest for adults and professionals.

■ *Olaines apļi* first started in 1970-ies and now it will be held the 8th time since 2010.

Olaines Apļi – Olaine Rings

Participants are offered the following distances:

- **■** 16km
- **■** 10km
- **5**km
- Nordic Walking
- distances for children depending on their age

Olaines Apļi — Olaine Rings



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Līgo is an annual Latvian festival celebrating the summer solstice.

The public holidays — Līgo Day and Jāņi Day — are on 23rd and 24th June.

The day before Jāņi is known as Līgo Day.

On Ligo Day a lot of people travel from the city to the countryside to gather together.

They eat, drink, sing and celebrate the solstice by observing the ancient folk traditions relating to renewal and fertility.

Līgo celebration in Olaine starts with a car tour.
The owners of the cars decorate their cars with traditional oak wreaths and then they go on Olaine Parish tour.

In the afternoon there is usually some kind of performance on our Open Air stage in the Forest park.

• In the evening there is a traditional Līgo party in the Forest park and traditional night disco.

LĪGO PASĀKUMI OLAINĒ 23. JŪNIJĀ

Līgo auto tūre

Pulcēšanās 23. jūnijā 12.00 Laukumā pie piemiņas akmens Zeiferta ielā Pieteikšanās līdz 20.jūnijam



Dziesmu spēle

"Īsa pamācība mīlēšanā" 16.00

Olaines Mežaparka estrādē



Līgo vakara zaļumballe 19.00-24.00

Spēlē grupa " Mūzikas kolekcija" Olaines Mežaparka estrādē



Līgo nakts disko dejas 24.00- 02.00 Olaines Mežaparka estrādē













Most of Olaine citizens celebrate Līgo day in their gardens by making barbecue, singing Latvian traditional folk songs, eating traditional Līgo meal – cumin cheese, bacon rolls and drinking beer.

People also make fires. There is a belief that Jāņi fire brings good luck and health through the coming year.



The Youth Day

Every year at the end of August we celebrate the Youth Day.

Olaine city youth centre Popcorns organizes activities and concerts for the teenagers and youth.

In the evening there is a concert and a disco.

The Youth Day





Cranberry Festival

Originally the territory of Olaine was a swamp.
Therefore one of the most popular activities for Olaine citizens has been picking cranberries in September.

- Four years ago Olaine City council organised the first Cranberry festival in September.
- The programme of Cranberry Festival consists of various cultural and entertainment events.
 - There is also crafts and home grown goods' market.

Cranberry Festival





Thank you for your attention!