

Picture Gallery:



Art gallery on Bernardinu Gatve



Orthodox Cathedral



*Old church portal in
urgent need of repair*



*Vilnius is filled with
historic, aging buildings*



*St. Anne Church & St. Bernardino
Cloister on Maironio Gatve*



*View onto Vilnius' new
business downtown*



*The city's historic,
old downtown*



*Staircase to the roof of the
famous Gediminas tower*



*Outer fortifications of
Gediminas' castle*



*Another city fortress
being restored*



*The Iron Wolf which
inspired Gediminas ¹*

¹ While Gediminas (~1275-1341), Grand Duke of Lithuania, was traveling amidst the snow covered hills, he heard the howling roar of an iron wolf echoing back and forth. Bewildered by this experience Gediminas consulted a pagan sage about its meaning.

She told him "where you heard the wolf howl, there you shall build your castle and your capital. That its name may echo around the world just as the wolf's howl echoed through the woods that night."



*Depicting the tower's famous
groundbreaking ceremony*



*Statue of Gediminas near
the national museum*



*Permanent exhibition
inside Gediminas tower.*



*Katedra Wileńska and
nearby national museum*



*Old tapestry on permanent
exhibition in the museum*



*Medieval crucifixes
at museum entrance*



*Small channel, discharging
into Vilnius' Neris river*



*Public transportation
in downtown Vilnius*



*My dear friend Kristina,
who made my trip possible*



*Suburban restaurant
Belmontas, a "go-to" place
for fine dining*



*Well engineered landscapes
offer relaxation for those
who can afford it*



*Thank you very much for
reading about my Lithuanian
experience.*

*I sincerely hope my
presentation of this Baltic
Nation has kindled your
interest for this region.*

Epilog:

In the bygone days of industrial entrepreneurs like Henry Ford and Thomas A. Edison, the new Baltic realm would have been considered a land of many challenges but also of great chances.

The short distance to Scandinavia, with Russia, Poland and the Ukraine in the immediate vicinity, makes Klaipeda's natural harbor a perfect hub for any trans-Eurasian shipping route.

And Vilnius' carefully restored old downtown could be the perfect backdrop for any tourism industry, offering the charms of the Nordic-East without having to leave the European Union's comfort zone.

Lithuania is a country with a rich culture, a well educated citizenry and breathtaking scenery in a part of Europe undeservedly unknown to most Westerners.

But only time will tell what may come of this land and if Gedimina's iron wolf howled over the right spot after all, during that fateful night.