

LITHUANIA 2017

Friday 1st September 2017 21:45 LFF Stadionas, Vilnius #LTUSCO

Lithuania vs Scotland

This will be our 10th international fixture against Lithuania and the first of four must win games if we are to have any chance of qualifying for Russia 2018. Scotland have won once in four attempts in the Baltic state but we are buoyed by the last performance against the auld enemy.

Lithuania sit 5th in Group F three points behind Scotland with a 2-0 win over Malta and a home draw against Slovenia to add to the point they picked up at Hampden in October last year. We are 4 points behind Slovakia who currently occupy the crucial 2nd place but with a home tie against Slovenia and a visit to Wembley a win here will put the pressure on ahead of their trip to Glasgow next month.

Getting There

There are four international airports Vilnius, Kaunas, Palanga and Šiauliai and a major port at Klaipėda.

Getting Around

The country boasts a well-developed modern infrastructure of railways an extensive network of motorways. The A1 connects Vilnius with Klaipėda via Kaunas and the A2, connects Vilnius and Panevėžys. One of the most used is the European route E67 highway running from Warsaw to Tallinn, via Kaunas and Riga.

Vilnius trolley buses and buses start running at 5 in the morning and stop at midnight. you can buy a one (€5), three (€8) or ten (€15) day ticket. For more information and bus timetables visit www.vilniusticket.lt

Important Information

You won't need a visa to enter Lithuania although your passport should be valid for the full duration of your stay.

Remember to bring your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) with you. To access certain healthcare in Lithuanian hospitals, your EHIC card must be presented, otherwise you may be asked to pay upfront.

The Lithuanian police advise that you should carry some form of ID (such as a photocard driving licence) with you at all times.

British Embassy Vilnius

Telephone: +370 5 2462900

Address: Antakalnio street 2, Vilnius, LT-10308

Opening hours: Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4:45pm;

Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm

There's a police station in the Old Town, on Pylimo street 52, Vilnius, tel: +370 52 716078.

If you need to contact the emergency services in Lithuania call 112.



Average Temperature in Vilnius in September is 8-16°C
Time zone GMT + 2
Currency Euro

Thanks

ATAC would like to thank the following web sites and organisations for information in this Sporran Guide.

www.scottishfa.co.uk

www.uefa.com

www.gov.uk

lff.lt

www.vilnius-tourism.lt

www.vilniusticket.lt

www.vilnius-events.lt

www.theodora.com

wikitravel.org/en/Lithuanian_phrasebook

www.fasunshineappeal.co.uk

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info@associationoftartanarmyclubs.com

This is a must win match for Scotland anything less will bring a premature end to our World Cup campaign but a win will put us back on the road to Russia!

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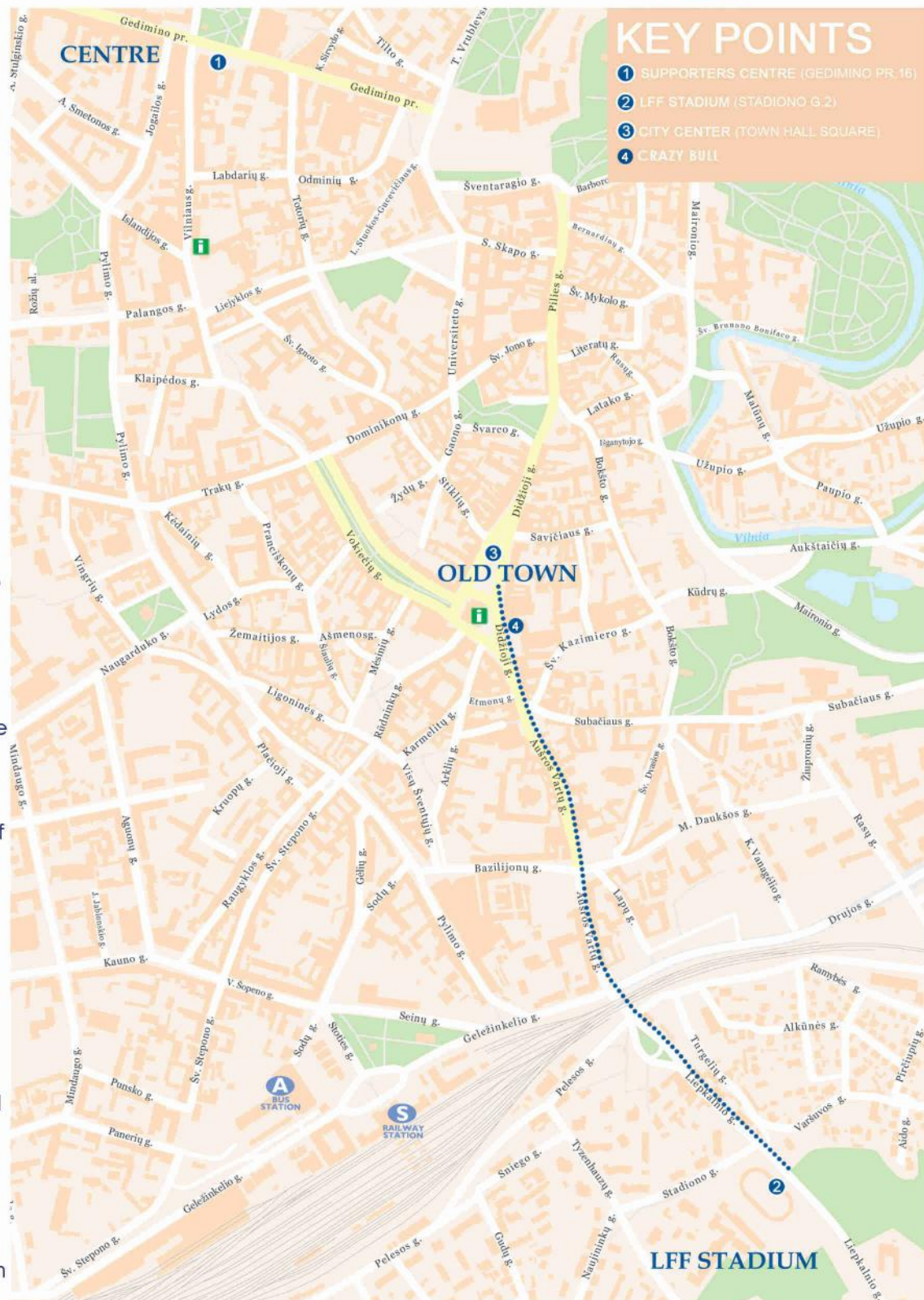


Vilnius is the capital of Lithuania and its largest city, with a population of 542,664 as of 2015. Vilnius is located in the southeast part of Lithuania and is the second largest city in the Baltic states.

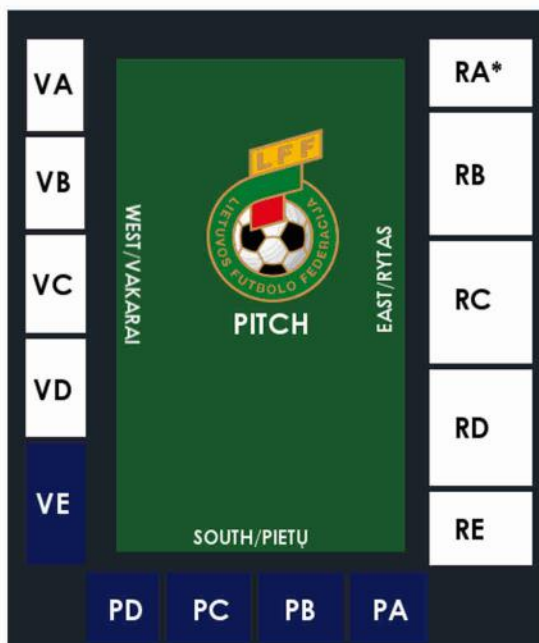
Vilnius is the seat of the main government institutions of Lithuania as well as of the Vilnius District Municipality. In the centre of the city is the well preserved old town, known for its beautiful architecture and declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1994. The old town is compact enough to be explored on foot, from the Cathedral Square and Gediminas Tower in the north to the Gates of Dawn in the south. In the middle is the town hall square, with an abundance of bars, cafes and restaurants to accompany the churches and museums.

Most of the most obvious sights to see and places to visit for the short-term visitor to Vilnius are conveniently concentrated in and around the old town. At the north end of the historic centre are the Cathedral of St Stanislaw and St Vladislav, and next to it the freestanding bell tower. Pretty much next door is the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania, and a little further along the Gediminas Tower sits at the top of the hill. The observation deck offers great panoramic views of the whole city; it's a bracing but rewarding hike up the hill, but there is the easier option of the funicular, if you'd rather spend a Euro and a half than expend the energy. Heading south from the cathedral, Pilies Street and then Didzioji Street take you through the town hall square and on to the Gates of Dawn, the southernmost entrance to the old town. The walk will also take you past the narrow streets of the Jewish quarter.

The Vilnius Tourist Information service has two offices, one in Cathedral Square, and one in Town Hall Square, both open from 9.00 to 18.00.



AT THE MATCH



LFF stadionas - Stadiono g. 2, Vilnius 02106

Scotland fans will be seated in blocks PB, PC, PD in the South Stand and block VE in the West Stand, with entry to both stands via the South gates. Access to the stadium can be slow as there's only one gate for the South stand. Ticket checks and body searches will be in operation.

Wheelchair access will be provided from the South gates. Arrive early if you need assistance.

In addition to items which would usually be prohibited at football matches in Scotland, the following restrictions will also apply at the stadium: large flags close to or over 2m x 1m in size will not be allowed in the stadium (as there is very limited space to display them) and fans bringing them will be asked to leave them outside the stadium (though fans should note that there is no secure storage offered). Musical instruments are usually permitted.

Visiting fans will be kept behind for around 15 minutes after the match to allow the home fans to leave first and avoid congestion at the gates. We recommend that you return straight to the Old Town after the match.

Ticket Pickup

You can collect your match tickets in advance from the Novotel Hotel, Gedimino pr.16, on Thursday 31 August (6pm to 9pm) and Friday 1 September (11am to 3pm). On the evening of the match (7:45pm onwards) from the Supporters Centre booth near the South gates (the furthest entrance to the stadium from the Old Town, accessed from Liepkalnio street). This booth is for ticket collection only.

Match tickets must be collected in person and you must provide photographic ID.

The match is a complete sell out.

General Admission 19:45

Kick Off 21:45

Directions

The best way to get to the stadium is on foot, directly from the Old Town, approximately a 15 to 20-minute walk from the Town Hall Square.

To get there, head south from the Town Hall Square, straight through the Gates of Dawn on Ausros Vartu street. Continue straight on, passing under the railway bridge, and the stadium will be directly ahead of you. The entrance for Scotland fans is at the far end of the stadium, so continue to walk past the first entrance on the right until you reach the end of the stadium and your entrance is on the right. Maps are available from the city's tourist offices – there's an office at the airport open from 9am to 9pm – and all hotels should be able to provide you with a map and assistance with directions.

Bus

If you decide to travel to the stadium by bus, bus numbers 12, 16, 19, 61 and 82 depart from the train station with only two stops to the stadium. The bus stop is called "Stadionas". A single ticket costs €1. You can buy tickets in cash from the driver or get a pre-paid e-ticket (Vilniečio kortelė/Vilnius card) from most news kiosks.

Taxi

A taxi from the Old Town to the Stadium will cost approximately €5 to €7. Double tariffs are applied to a taxi without an advance call.

You will not need your passport to gain entrance to the match, but you should carry a form of ID (such a driving licence) with you. Keep your passport and valuables secure.

INFORMATION



FIFA World Cup - Qualifying round
Group F

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
England	6	4	2	0	10	2	14
Slovakia	6	4	0	2	12	4	12
Slovenia	6	3	2	1	6	3	11
Scotland	6	2	2	2	9	10	8
Lithuania	6	1	2	3	6	11	5
Malta	6	0	0	6	2	15	0

Tartan Army Sunshine Appeal Presentation

The Tartan Army Sunshine Appeal will be donating £5,000 to The Vilnius Social Club, who are an organisation who assist the needs of underprivileged children in the city by teaching them the ways of the world through football - Discipline, team work and of course skills. The donation will be made at 1.30pm local time on match day at Saulėtekio al. 26, Vilnius. There will be a group traveling in taxis to the venue leaving from the front if the central train station at 12.30pm.

www.tasunshineappeal.co.uk

March to the Match

We believe a TA March to the match has been organised with the full support of the SFA and the Lithuanian Police, departing from the Crazy Bull at approximately 8pm. Bring your Pipes, Drums and Flags.

Ted Christopher and Tam Coyle

Venue: Crazy Bull - Didžioji g. 28, Vilnius 01128

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Eve of game Party £6 (8pm - 12.30am)

Pre match Party £6 (4pm - 8.30pm)

Post match party £6 (midnight till yon time)

Tickets from ted@tedchristopher.scot

It's essential you make it very clear which parties you require tix for when contacting Ted.!

Crazy Bull is a large sports pub/restaurant with games rooms in Old Town Vilnius. The game will be shown for those with no match ticket. All night licence after game!

* Please note ATAC are not organising any of these events we are just advertising for supporter information. Get in contact with the organiser if you need more information. If you would like a future event advertised on the Sporran Guide get in contact on details below.

Winning Words

Hi
Hello (formal)
Good Evening
1 beer please
2 beers please
3 beers please
Thank you/Thanks
My name is
What is your name?
Where is the toilet?
Is there a local specialty?

I'm vegetarian
I am looking for the station

Do you speak English?
How do I get to the British embassy?

I need your help
Where are there a lot of bars?
When is closing time?
How are you doing?

Labas
Sveiki
Labas vakaras
vieną alaus prašau
Du alaus prašau
Prašau tris alaus
Ačiū/Dėkui
Mano vardas yra
Koks jūsų vardas?
Kur yra tualetas?
Koks jūsų vietinis firminis patiekalas?

Aš vegataras (vegetarė - for a woman)
Kaip nuvykti iki traukinių stoties?

Ar kalbate angliškai?
Kaip nuvykti iki Britanijos konsulato?

Man reikia jūsų pagalbos
Kur yra daug barų?
Kada užsidarote?
Kaip gyvuojate?

(LAH-bahs)
(Svay-KEE)
(LAH-bahs VAH-kah-rah)
(VYeh-nahs ah-LOWS prah-SHAHOO)
(Doo ah-LOWS prah-SHAHOO)
(prah-SHAHOO trees ah-LOWS)
(AH-choo/DEHH-kooy)
(MAH-naw VAHR-dahs ee-rah)
(Kawks YOO-soo VAHR-dahs?)
(Kuh EE-rah twah-LA-tahs?)
(kawks YOO-suh VYEH-tih-nih FEAR-mih-nih)
(pah-TYEH-kah-lus?)
(ahsh veh-gheh-TAH-rah (veh-gheh-TAH-reh))
(kuyp noo-VEEK-tih EE-kih trow-kih-NEW staw-TYEHs?)
(ahr KAH-rah-bah-tee AHNG-lihsh-kuy?)
(kuyp noo-VEEK-tih EE-kih brih-TAH-nihyohs kaw-nuh-LAH-taw?)
(mahn RAY-keh YOO-soo pah-GHAHL-baws)
(koor ee-RAH dowg bah-ROO?)
(kah-DAH oooh-sih-DAH-rough-teh?)
(Kuyp gee-WA-yah-teh?)



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THINGS TO DO

The Lithuanian capital's fun nightlife options run the breadth of all things imaginable for any taste and budget, from quiet cafés full of serious-looking men huddled over a game of chess to subterranean taverns. Now that the city's wine-drinking crowd have been given their own places to imbibe, the city's nightlife entrepreneurs are turning their attention to the subject of beer, namely the regular openings of new places selling brown frothy drinks made in small microbreweries around the country.

Here are a list of some places we have picked out

Brodvėjus - Vokiečių g. 4, Vilnius 01130

Still, after we-know-not-how-many-years the default 'where shall we go now' option for many, Brodvėjus boasts two levels of mayhem and fun. There are live bands some evenings too. This is sure to be filled with TA.

BIX Baras - Etmonų g. 6, Vilnius 01129

BIX's maze-like interior over several floors was probably not designed by some famous Danish architect, but the oldest rock bar in Lithuania does boast a unique charm. It has singlehandedly raised an entire generation of local resident. A relaxed atmosphere and an excellent selection of beer.

The Portobello - Aušros Vartų g. 7, Vilnius 01013

Portobello is not only a place with live music (which is played almost daily) but also of tasty and adorable food. This place has a soulful interior and is claimed to be one of the hottest spots in town. Suggestion is it will be full of Lithuania fans on match day.

Pabo Latina - Trakų g. 3, Vilnius 01132

With three halls and two bars of sheer class, Pabo Latino pumps out music that's either live or courtesy of some excellent DJs, while its massive cocktail menu is full of refreshing delights. On some nights there are lessons on how to dance Latino-style, but late on weekend nights the music is as electro as it is Latino.

Piano Man Bar - Islandijos g. 1, Vilnius 01402

Mixed and chirpy crowd, great drinks selection, friendly bartenders and good music make this bar a real charming one. It is hard not to have a good time at the Piano Man.

Cozy - Dominikonų g. 10, Vilnius 01131

Cozy is a café, restaurant and a DJ-bar. The charming old premises date back to 1536 and offer a warm interior with delicious food and friendly staff. This is a great place to sit back and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere.

Crazy Bull - Didžioji g. 28, Vilnius 01128

Crazy Bull is a sports bar and is the venue for the Ted Christopher gig and the start of the march to the game. Besides loads of live sport on the many televisions you can also bet right in the bar. The food is a cut above standard sports-bar fare, and is often packed when there's a game on, it's less busy at other times.

Frank Zappa Monument - K. Kalinausko g. 1, Vilnius 03107

An unusual and unexpected site is the monument to Frank Zappa. This monument is dedicated to eminent American composer, guitarist and singer. His music and iconoclastic character earned him a spot on the Soviet's list of banned artists, which impelled to build a statue for him right after the independence.



VILNIUS CITY FIESTA 2017 (1st - 3rd September 2017)

Just as the Edinburgh Festival ends the Vilnius City Fiesta takes place over the weekend of the Scotland match. This is the biggest and most spectacular festival of Vilnius with hundreds of events, shows, exhibitions and lots more going on including our very own KT Tunstall headlining the Grand Opening Show. We will miss her gig as it starts just 45 minutes before kick off but the city is bound to be busy and vibrant as all the events are free and it is reported that 300,000 people will attend.

www.vilnius-events.lt/en/event/vilnius-city-fiesta-2017

Start of School Year

Drinking alcohol in public is illegal. On the day of the match (Friday 1 September), you won't be able to buy alcohol from shops as this is a day when the sale of alcohol is restricted by law. Bars and restaurants can still serve alcohol and you're allowed to drink in designated areas outside these establishments.

The Old Town area of Vilnius is normally busy on this date with families marking the start of the school year. You may find that the police deal with incidents involving alcohol more stringently, including on the spot fines or even arrest.

People in Lithuania are warm and friendly and want you to enjoy yourselves while here for the match. However, the culture can be more reserved than in the UK. Noise and drunkenness in the street, however friendly you may intend it, can be misunderstood as public indecency and may be perceived as hostile. Be responsible and respectful of the local culture and environment.

