# DISCOVER KAUNAS: A SELF-MADE CITY FOR CAREER AND LIVING

Over the past years, Kaunas has undergone the most significant transformations among all Baltic cities. The city welcomes you as an evolving, ambitious, and brave R&D and technology centre, provides you with professional resources.

Here collective ambitions, courage, and efforts turn into tangible results. Modern lifestyle and cultural activities are growing and constantly built by its people. Built this way, Kaunas also established as the sports capital of the Baltics.





# Kaunas - a growing city

Nurture your talent and equip it with everything Kaunas has to offer. The lively heart of Lithuania is experiencing good times: growing international community, massive renovation of sports facilities and steadily rising wages is just a fraction of what you will find here.

#### **CHARACTER:**

Cozy hidden gem

Growing, but not overwhelming

Feel and create the change yourself

Kaunas is the place to put one's dreams and ideas into action with courage. Whether it's through working hard building your career, giving it to the society, or connecting with a supportive community, Kaunas is a perfect location to craft yourself a fulfilling life.

~400 k +22 400 ~75% largest city in the officially new Average salary official residents Baltics and TOP 10 citizens of Kaunas growth in Kaunas (with suburbs) among the Nordic city in the last 5 in 2018-2022 years (2017-2022) countries >100 km 12 of 15 higher education of freshly layed new jobs created Renovated parks institutions and **bike lanes** in by foreign in the city ~40,000 students Kaunas city in 5 investors in the (~60% in STEM) years last 6 years<sup>3</sup>

#### Steadily growing international community:

1. **1542** (2015) -> **3500** (2022) full time students 2. **3115** (2015) -> **11432** (2022) registered foreigners (with suburbs)

### **Kaunas Aleksotas Innovation**

opening in 2024 30 ha territory with developed infrastructure for attraction and expansion of R/D companies

#### Major new sports infrastructure:

- 6 large-scale projects in just 3 years
- from water's sports center with SPA zone and 11 saunas
- to football stadium (15k seats) and many more

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1'2</sup> Statistics Lithuania, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Invest Lithuania, 2023.

# Comfy living in Kaunas

Kaunas provides you with a sense of balance and comfort – both mental and physical. It works as the basis for peace of mind and gives you the chance to focus on work as well as other important things in life.

The city also offers you an opportunity to be a part of diverse and creative community. Many cultural initiatives are born since Kaunas was European Capital of Culture in 2022, and you will always be able to order food online, find a festival you like or go to your favourite café.

#### **CHARACTER:**

Full of modernistic UNESCO architecture

Schools and kindergardens accepting EN and RU speakers

Perfect city for sports and nature lovers



# Personal and family education

#1 Lithuania in education and health care index.\*

4 private kindergardens offering bilingual (LT + EN or/and RU) education

The House of Stories

Herojus

Vaikystės Sodas

Eureka

The opportunity to study in English is provided by 4 schools. In three of these schools students have the possibility to be granted an International Baccalaureate diploma:

#### Free Lithuanian language courses

@ National Employment service + other schools offering affordable courses



**Attractions** 

150 restaurants/bars/clubs

50 museums and galleries including Kaunas Science Museum, experience-focused architecture museums and Home of Basketball 10 regular music and art festivals from decades-popular jazz festival to experimental art festivals and community gathering festivities

Kaunas Modernist Architecture, dominating Kaunas' center, - a **UNESCO World Heritage** site.



- No earthquakes, tornadoes or volcanoes. Only calm and inspiring nature.
- Lots of water from Kaunas Lagoon (with 2 yacht clubs) to the confluence of two main Lithuania's rivers and several lakes around the city.
- "Judėk Sveikai" programme financed by the city, provides different sports trainings for free with over 35 trainings per week.

#### **New sports infrastructure:**

- 2024 Indoor athletics complex
- 2023 The Neptune Bay (capacity of 200 boats)
- 2022 Darius and Girenas Stadium
- 2022 Žalgirio arena with huge spa center
- 2022 Kaunas Ice Arena
- **2020** Rowing Base.

- Electronic scooters and car sharing services.
- Variety of food ordering, mobility (taxi) apps.
- Cashless payment infrastructure phone/ card payment everywhere.





- Gateaway to Europe: **92 flight destinations** within 100 km.
- No traffic jams in the city.
- Kaunas a crossroad of all main regional roads in the Baltics.
- Due to its central location in Lithuania,
   Kaunas opens convenient and shortest
   ways to explore Lithuania.

# **Meaningful work**

Kaunas is the city that enables you and unlocks your potential as well as equips you with the best tools to grow skills and achieve goals.

The innovative environment, ranging from local startups to global companies, encompasses growing industries such as automotive and electronics engineering, IT, and life sciences. You can also find here well-established food, logistics, and construction sectors, which have steadfastly underpinned the city for years. This robust foundation provides fertile ground for capable individuals.

#### **CHARACTER:**

Innovative environment, from startups to international corporations where you will find automotive engineering, IT, and life sciences companies as creating new booming industries, as well as well-established food, logistics, construction sectors as a long-time backbone of the city.

Only foreign companies have invested in Kaunas (2017-2022):
600 mln. EUR and created >8000 jobs<sup>1</sup>

## Kaunas priority industries

Automotive/ electronics	MRO	Life Sciences	IT/ Global Business Service Centers
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# Innovation ecosystem

- KTU leading university in IT and engineering in the Baltics
- LSMU leading medical university in the Baltics
- VMU second largest comprehensive university in Lithuania by student numbers
- 2 science and technology valleys (Santaka, Nemunas) located in Kaunas
- Aleksotas innovation park opening in 2023 30 ha territory for R/D companies
- Startup ecosystem of Kaunas:
  - Tech-Park Kaunas >100 innovative companies under one "roof"
  - >200 startups
  - Monthly community meetups

# Perks of working in Lithuania

- Get financial relocation incentive of 3 444 EUR to be paid to newcomer specialists to help with relocation costs.
- 5th in the Global Remote Work Index\*
- Blue Card Visa: a fast track residence and work permit specifically designed for highly-skilled non-EU citizens.
- High level relocation support:
  - Kaunas IN: your local relocation assistant
  - I Choose Lithuania: a one-stop-shop, that provides detailed WEB information and online consultations to Lithuanian diaspora and foreighners and aims at facilitating the return and (re-) integration.
  - Work In Lithuania: an initiative dedicated to encouraging highly-skilled professionals living abroad to build their careers in Lithuania.

## **Success stories**



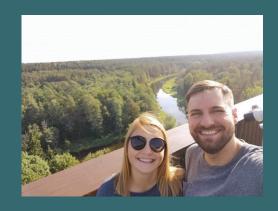
Narmin Aliyeva, Founder @Speak Lithuania

As a social entrepreneur, I believe Kaunas is an ideal place for individuals seeking to make a meaningful impact and discover their sense of purpose. Kaunas effortlessly blends its rich history with a modern vibe, creating an inspiring environment for those who want to instigate positive change and leave a lasting mark on society.

While working in Kaunas, I have improved my abilities in working with intelligence, upholding impeccable organization, and orchestrating with the finesse of systematic precision. This experience has undoubtedly propelled the most substantial advancements in my professional journey, and the business culture in the city played a superior role in that.



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Mindaugas Valkavičius Assistant manufacturing manager Hollister Lietuva As a Lithuanian and Latvian couple, we recently relocated from Riga to Kaunas. We selected this city because of the opportunities, catering not only to foreigners but also to Lithuanians. Kaunas has to offer a diverse range of companies, from local enterprises to international corporations, providing great employment prospects. Additionally, the city offers a cozy and inviting atmosphere to appreciate.