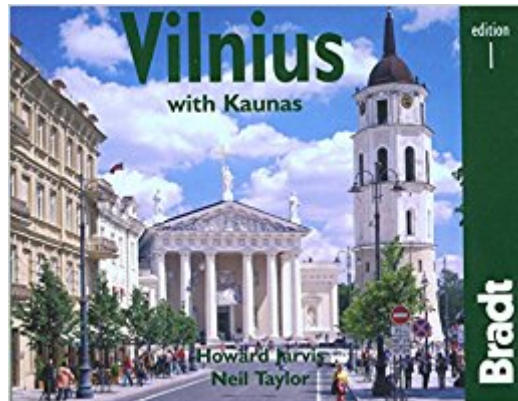




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# Vilnius With Kaunas: The Bradt City Guide (Bradt Mini Guide)



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Vilnius completes a trilogy of Bradt pocket-size guides to the Baltic capitals, providing all the essential listings and background on these new European members. Highlights of each city quarter are presented in a comprehensive city tour that takes in the cathedral, archaeological exhibitions, the old university with its astronomical observatory, and the Gates of Dawn (Lithuania's most famous place of pilgrimage). No stay in Vilnius would be complete without a visit to the nearby Trakai National Park, with its picturesque medieval island castle and old town, home to the Karaites sect. This guide features:>Exploring Vilnius's Old Town, castles, churches, and monuments>Hotel suggestions to suit every budget and taste>Restaurants, including local specialties and where to find live folk music>Transportation within and beyond the city, and other practicalities

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## Customer Reviews

A city of cathedrals, castles and a KGB museum, Vilnius is the up-and-coming destination for a weekend break with a difference. Dance along cobbled streets to the music of summer festivals, marvel at the vibrant architecture of a city that has witnessed numerous historical conflicts, and see why Napoleon fell in love with St. Anne's Church during his forays here in 1812. Lithuania's capital has been named the European Capital of Culture for 2009; let the Bradt city guide introduce you to the city's beguiling blend of old and new. \*Accommodation, restaurants, cafes, and bars\*Culture--from the Amber Museum to the Fire Sculptures Festival\*Useful language guide\*City and transport maps in color\*Beyond the city, including detailed sections on Kaunas and Trakai

Howard Jarvis lives in Vilnius and edits several local magazines including VilniusNow! A tour leader specializing in Eastern Europe and the Far East, Neil Taylor is also the author of *Bradt's* *–* *„* *çs* Estonia and co-author of *Baltic Capitals*.

This book's information is 10 years old. So much of what it says cannot be trusted -- especially prices now that Lithuania uses the Euro. It also lacks photos and has a few simple illustrations. Even so, it's small size makes it easy to pack, and I'll verify what information still applies when I get there.

Although eight years out of date (2008), a quality book with information that pays for itself.

I don't get much from this book I couldn't find on the internet in a more current version.

I used this little book to plan my recent (May 2008) stay in Vilnius. While the book was published in 2006, it remains accurate, though there are some minor discrepancies (the population is given as 553,000 on p. xiv, but 580,000 on p. 18). I booked my housing based on its recommendations, and used the hotel internet address it gave to make my reservations from the USA. The text is designed for a British audience, but this is hardly evident except that the Lithuanian currency is compared to pounds rather than to dollars. All the museums and restaurants that I visited confirmed the recommendations in the book. Rather than going with a formal tour group to the city, the Bradt guide was all that I needed. The book is not only accurate, but engagingly written. You can trust Jarvis and Taylor, the authors, to guide you to a great time in Vilnius!

This little guide was a massive help on our recent stay in Vilnius, a lovely, charming city with a gorgeous Old Town. The guide advised us where to eat and what to see in a really handy pocket format (why hasn't anyone thought of this pocket-sized format before?). All in all, an indispensable book if you spend a weekend, week or more seeing this beautiful city.

I can't wait to visit Vilnius as this guide makes the place come alive.

Another perfect little light weight guide to a European Capital with enough information for a short stay with walking tours, hotels and restaurants. Would have preferred a little more of a vocabulary for food items.

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