**Bookings for the Latvian Glove and Mitten Knitting Retreat**

**‘’Let’s Knit in Kurzeme!’’ are open.**

**From May 29th to June 2nd 2017 in Liepāja, Latvia**

**we invite you to learn the traditional mitten knitting of the Kurzeme region**

 **and explore Latvian culture, traditions and crafts.**

**General information**

Organiser National Costume Center “Senā klēts”, www.senaklets.lv

Workshop languages: Latvian / English

Participation fee: 450 Euro + 21% VAT

Participation fee includes: transportation from Rīga to Liepāja and back to Rīga, four nights in a 4\* hotel KOLUMBS (shared double room accommodation/ more information http://www.hotelkolumbs.com), all meals, tea and coffee breaks, museum visits, a tour around Liepaja. Participants are provided with all necessary yarns and needles for the workshops.

If you would like to live in a single room (limited availability) - participation fee is 550 euro +21% VAT.

**Retreat itinerary:**

**May 29**

Travel from Rīga to Liepāja

Departing from Rīga at 11.00

Lunch in Saldus

Kapeller house visit in Saldus

Workshop: Knitting of traditional Saldus region mittens

Continue travel from Saldus to Liepāja

Socializing and a tour of Liepāja

Dinner

**May 30**

A visit to the Liepāja Museum’s Ethnographic (Traditional Craft) Exhibition

Workshop: Variations of Mitten Cuffs

Lunch

A visit to the Mitten exhibition in the Kurzeme region National Costume Information Center

Workshop: Beaded Mittens

Dinner

**May 31**

Trip to Rucava

A visit to ethnographic living history house ‘’Zvanītāji’’

Workshop: Colorwork (4 to 5 colors) Mittens

Lunch

Workshop: Traditional Rucava notched or picot cuff edges, Honeycomb Brioche mittens

Dinner

**June 1**

A visit to Art and Craft Center ‘’Dārza iela”

An exhibition and lecture about Kurzeme mittens

Workshop: Double-knitted Mittens

Lunch

Workshop: Knitted Gloves

Dinner with the folk music group ‘’Atštaukas’’

**June 2**

Morning departure from Liepāja. Stop in medieval town Kuldīga, tentatively listed by Unesco World Heritage Centre. Lunch and sightseeing.

Arriving in Riga before 4pm.

[**Please fill the application form**](https://goo.gl/forms/cXJu5Z9rNG0V7loI2)

**Application deadline : March 20, 2017**

**Participation fee deadline: 30 March, 2017**

## Opportunity

## All participants are welcome to attend Annual Crafts Fair at the Open-Air Ethnographic Museum that will take place on 3rd and 4th June in Riga

## <http://www.virtuallatvia.lv/amatnieku-gadatirgus-latvijas-etnografiskais-brivdabas-muzeja-360-gradu-virtuala-ture/>

## Other useful links:

## http://www.latvia.travel/en

## <http://liepaja.travel/en/home/>

## <http://www.visit.kuldiga.lv/en/>