



Latvia
Dagda municipality
Asune

Asune village is located in the north-eastern part of Latvia, on the scenic river Asunica coast.

The surroundings of Asūne has a lot of Stone Age settlements, ancient burials and mounds.

In spring Asune fills with the lovely lilac scent, in autumn village is full with yellow-red trees.



Although village isn't densely populated (around 250 inhabitants live there permanently) it has rich history and captivating nature.



First written records about Asune has been found in 17th century, when Parliament of Grodno plan out to build a wooden church in Asune (in peiod from 1678 to 1683). The church was built in 1680. The history of church is related to Jesuit missionary, «Latgalian Apostle» Michael Roth activities and beginnings of Latgalian language writing. First printed Latgalian language book (1730) was «The Gospel of Asune» (Asunes evangelijs), which has been reprinted nowadays. This book is available for interesents at Asune church.

EVANGELIA TOTO ANNO
1753



I. EVANGELIA LOTHAVICA
In Dominicis & Festa per Annum.
Dominica una Adventus.

Ikšz words Diwa Tāws, * und Dāls, *
und Swāts Gōrs, * Amen.

*Uz gūda und teykšonas Diwa Kunga
myšswalditoja, ikšz Swātas Tryjadības
miniga, mums uz pestišonas Dvēšļu my-
šu, šoss mums Swāta Baznieycs Ewange-
liumu parakšitu nu Swāta Lukāša dīwi-
dasmyta pirmaja gōbūla.*

15. **U** layku šeyjs JEZUS Močieklim
šowio; byus zeymes uz saules un
nēcēša un zwegzou: nu wiers
žemes apšpīšona cilšu, del sa-
jaukšonas jures šalts, un yudenia wilnes;
kad kaltin kalš lauds nu bayles un gaydi-
šonas tūs litu, kotras atnōks uz wyšū Pa-
šauli. Aytto ti Daballū šuprumi kuštinōšis.
Aa Und

This wooden church existed for more than 130 years.
In 2007, at this place has been installed memorial stone



The current stone church was built in 1816. At the entrance gateway is a large stone bell tower with three bells. At church you can see the 1830 organ and four altars.



One of places to visit is Asune Primary School, founded in 1865. In this building school is from 1936



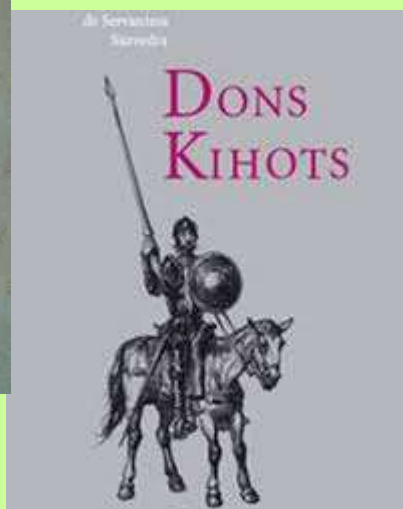
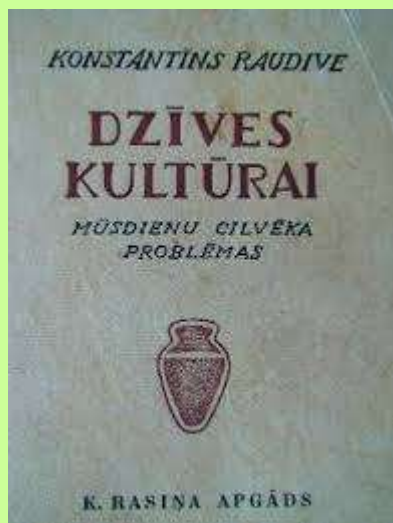
Many social important personalities, as the world – famous philosopher Konstantin Raudive, the poet Konstantin Aispurs, poetry prosaist Norbert Trepsa and other had studied in Asune school..



Konstantin Raudive was a philosopher, writer, parapsychologist. After researching possible life after death, he developed his own method of recording the voices of dead people using the "electronic voices" phenomenon.



Konstantin Raudive is author of several philosophical essays and a wide range of prose works. His works reveal the concept of Raudive's philosophy, the search for the meaning of life, and the critique of anti-humanism. He is one of the most remarkable reflectors and promoters of Spanish culture in Latvia in the 1930s, he has translated into Latvian Don Juan Quixote, Novel of the Sample, Miguel de Unamuno's remarkable novel "The Mist" and other literary works.



In Asune school is installed memorial room, where photographic materials and various literary works that tell about philosopher and parapsychologist Constantine Raudive life are stored. In memorial room visitors could listen alleged voices recordings



In Asune school is created a local history room. Here you can see old household items and tools, older and newer books, collections of old prints, money, badges and postcards, as well as recalling the Soviet era. The school history is also kept here.



Local history room, Asune



Opposite the school is the **Asune People's House ???** and an open-air stage where various events take place



Every year on June 23 village inhabitants gather around large bonfire to celebrate the traditional Latvian holiday - Ligo (Midsummer). Midsummer's Eve is considered to be the most celebrated Latvian holiday. This is the only wide celebration that still retains ancient Latvian traditions.



Metēni or **Metenis** is an ancient Latvian spring waiting holiday, that ends on Ash Wednesday, which is followed by Lent. Metēni is about people eating and drinking as much as they wanted. As with every winter holiday, ķekatas were traveling the country and paid visits to people. There is a belief that the longer Metēni is celebrated, the better the harvest is expected following summer.



To promote water tourism, a boat dock has been established on the banks of the Asunica river. Here are two tables where tourists can relax and observe the scenic nature.



Tourists can relax on the quiet shores of Lake Asune. The lake (since 2004) is in a nature reserve, because there is a nesting place for the black tern, which is in the Latvian Red Book.



Tourists could cool off swimming on the village beach
(Asune river)



The ancient school apple orchard features a monument to national partisans. For fighters who fought with the partisan methods of Soviet occupation after World War II.



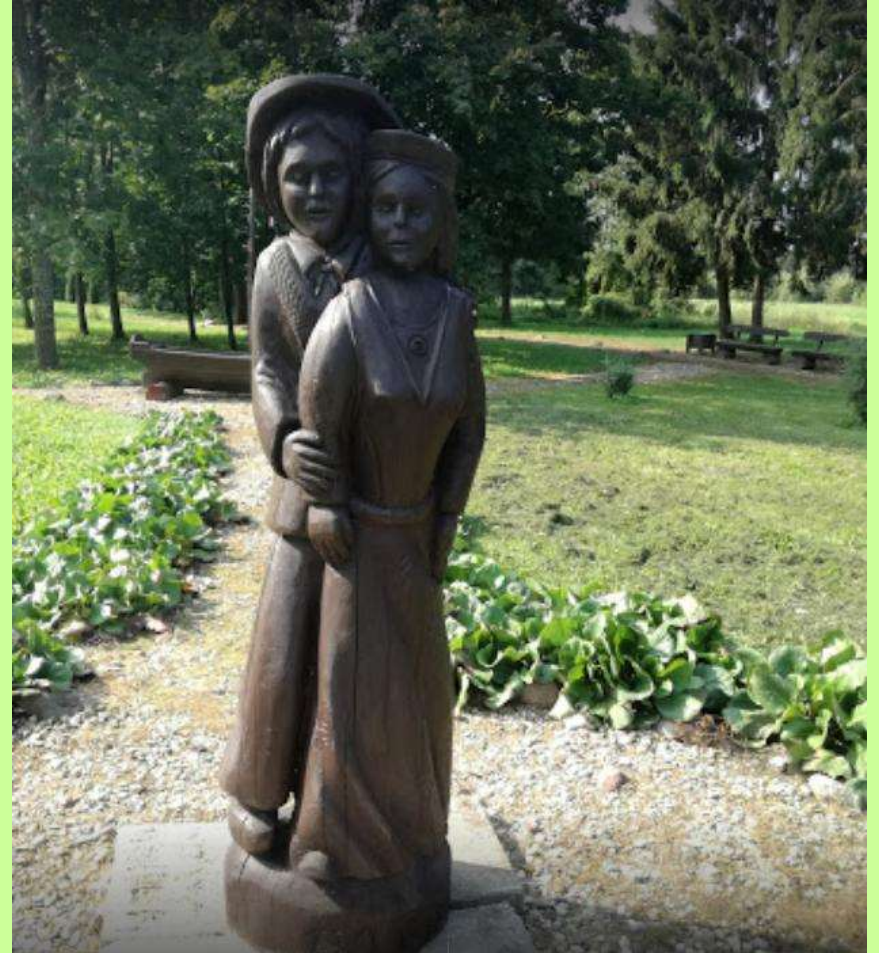
A Latvian patterned rock garden has been set up near the school.



On the bank of Asunica river is created Milestibas taka (The path of love) walking trail



Main accent of Love walking trail is a sculpture of a couple of lovers and a fancy boat with a dragon head. This beautiful place is surrounded by an interesting legend.



The Love Trail is popular rest place for tourists and locals.



On the Love Trail is also created play area for children



The Path of Love is often used for photo sessions on the wedding day



In Asune village is historically created unique architecturally and scenic complex, that is worth seeing for tourists and must be preserved for future generations.



Big stone with the historical name of the village (written in Latgalian language)

See you in Asune!



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