



### **THE LEGEND**

To learn more and enjoy beautiful landscape of peatland – we invite you for 2h guided tour in Kemeris National Park.

### **THE LOCATION**

Kemeris National Park, like a fragile jewel, contains natural values which have already become rare in Latvia and Europe – intact high moss marshes, damp black alder forests, floodplain meadows and seaside lakes rich in birds. It is a shelter and place of residence for many rare and protected plant and animal species – glorious and easily observable, and subtle and hardly visible.

Kemeris National Park was established in 1997 with a view to preserve nature and cultural and historical values, and the health resort resources of the territory, as well as to promote nature education. The area of the National Park is 38 165 ha. Kemeris National Park is a wetland park and its symbol is a white-backed woodpecker – a rare species of woodpeckers for whose survival very humid, deciduous forests untouched by human activity are necessary. Since the establishment of the National Park, several extensive projects for renewal of wetlands have been carried out in its territory.

Video: [http://www.daba.gov.lv/public/eng/protected\\_areas/national\\_parks/#VIDEO\\_IADT\\_EN\\_KNP](http://www.daba.gov.lv/public/eng/protected_areas/national_parks/#VIDEO_IADT_EN_KNP)

### **THE CONCEPT**

Big Kemeris Mire is one of Latvia's most impressive natural treasures. Its ancient raised bogs, swamps, forests and lakes were created roughly 8,000 years ago when the sea retreated to its current position. Big Kemeris Mire is one of the biggest bogs in Latvia. It is around 5000 ha large. It is characterized by small lake labyrinth, which gives the special scenery.

The walk is made from wooden path and is just over 3km long and takes you along the lake. It also includes a 7m-tall bird watching tower located on a floating platform on the water.

After the tour you will be welcome to have a lunch in the Rundāle Palace Servants house "Baltmāja". Tour will continue to the beautiful Rundāle Palace!



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Probably everyone has dreamed about going back to the times when glamour was wearing those incredible dresses, splendid crinolines and fascinating wigs. When men were powdering, using lipstick and wearing silk stockings... Alright, we might skip this one...

But when these elegant ladies and honorable gentleman will enter the Golden hall and start the dance – a fairytale will become real. And the only thing you can do is get fascinated by the spectacular premises and luxury of the 18th century. At a glance – get breathless!

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Built in Baroque style, this spectacular palace was designed for the Kurzeme Duke Johans Bīrons summer residence from 1736 until 1740 by Francesco Bartolomeo Rastrelli. This architect also created the Winter Palace in St. Petersburg.

The Golden Throne room, the White Dance hall, the Big gallery, small cabinets in which you can admire Japanese and Chinese porcelain collection, 46 rococo interiors and of course, the palace's ghosts – the White and the Black Ladies, all this shows the unique atmosphere, that comprises the Rundāle Palace.

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After seeing the untouched nature in one of the peatlands, your next stop will be delicious lunch. After enjoying the delicious foods, you will have the possibility to reward your other senses in Rundāle Palace and its beautiful garden!

There the magic tour will start. Get ready for breathless experience and the magic feeling which surrounds Rundāle Palace!

**TOUR PRICE:** EUR 50

**TOUR LANGUAGE:** English

**MEETING PLACE AND TIME:** 08:45 at Radisson Blue Hotel Latvija lobby, 9:00 bus to Peatlands

**DRESS CODE:** Comfortable clothing and shoes

**ESTIMATE TIME OF RETURN IN HOTEL:** Around 19:00