

HELLO!

My name is Daniela Bērziņa. I come from Latvia and I am going to tell you about the city I live in - Ikšķile.

Ikšķile is 2,2 km² big. Ikšķile is one of the oldest cities in Latvia. The number of citizens in Ikšķile is about 9 thousand people. There is a river going thorough Ikšķile – Daugava.



HISTORY.

In the year of 1185 Ikšķile was mentioned in documents for the first time. Ikšķile had two names. Ykescola in Latin and üxküll in Livonian. Also in the year of 1185 bishop Meinrad built the first masonry church in Baltic countries. But in the 15th century it got destroyed because of war. Now it's an island and a tourist attraction.



IKŠKILE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL.

The school is almost 50 years old and the number of kids, that learn there, is about 700. Ikškile's secondary school offers a lot of after-school activities like sports, language courses, singing classes, sewing and board games. Outside the school there is a stadium where kids can play football, basketball, streetball and have fun with friends.



IKŠKILE'S OPEN AIR STAGE.

Ikšķile has its own open air stage. It was built in the 1980's. It is made of grey stone bricks. Ikšķile's open air stage is one of the rare objects, that has been saved without rebuilding. It got included in the list of Latvia's cultural monuments. A lot of concerts, parties and shows happen there. Every year the celebration of the 1st of September happens in the open air stage.



KINDERGARDEN.

Kindergarden „Urdaviņa” is where the most little kids who live in Ikšķile go to. Outside there is a playground and a garden. It got opened at 1st of april, 1986. Before the kindergarden got build, there was just a meadow. Every child group has a cute name. Mostly those are flower names, like Sunflowers, Dandelions and Poppies.



ĀDAMLAUKS.

Ādamlauks is where the stadium is. Sometimes some sports events happen there. Now they have built a new skatepark where a lot of kids go to learn to do tricks with their bikes, rollerblades and skateboards. And next to skatepark there is a BMX track.



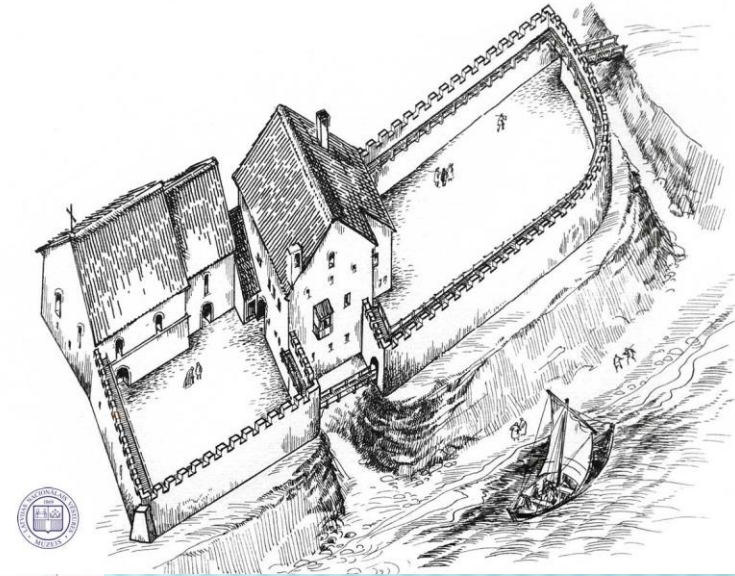
SPADROPS.

Spadrops is a hotel next to the river Daugava. There is a swimming pool and a restaurant. Restaurant opened on the year of 2002, but at 2006 they build a hotel and a pool. Spadrops used to be called Meidrops. But the owner changed the title. From the hotel there is a great view to Daugava.



SAINT MEINRAD ISLAND.

On the saint Meinrad island there are the remains of the church which was built in the year of 1185. when bishop Meinrad came to bring Christian religion, and the church got destroyed in the 15th century. Now, every summer the water on Daugava gets drained and it is possible to go to the island and look at the remains. Sometimes people do christening there. There is a monument for Saint Meinrad.



KARMELĪTU CONVENT.

Karmelītu convent is a church and a convent. It is build close to Daugava and nuns live there and a lot of nuns come to visit there. A lot of people go there on Sunday mornings. It was build in the year of 2008.



800 YEAR PARK.

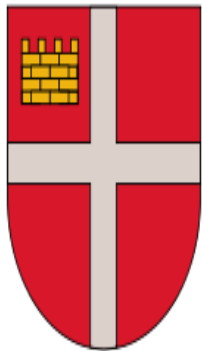
Ikšķile has a park which is called 800 year park. In the side of the park there is a stone which was made by Jānis Karlovs in the year of 1985 to celebrate Ikšķile's 800th birthday. The park has lots of gardens and benches. Every year, poetry evening happens there.



IKŠKILE'S RAILWAY STATION.

Railway stop Ikškile was built in the year of 1863. But Ikškile's station got opened on the year of 1872. But at the end of world war two the station got burned down and they gave tickets to the passengers in a house, which is now a store. Now there are a lot of trains and the station is used a lot. You can buy train tickets in a big, yellow house next to the railway. Many people go to work and school by train every day.





THANK YOU FOR WATCHING!

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