



7th INTERNATIONAL DRONE SINGING FESTIVAL “ROOTS”

Alsunga – Basi – Jūrkalne
August 13–15, 2027

The Kuldīga District Council and the Municipality of Ventspils District, in cooperation with the Association “Ethnic Cultural Centre “Suiti””, invite traditional singing groups, folklore ensembles, and ethnographic ensembles to participate in the 7th International Drone Singing Festival “Roots”, which will take place from August 13 to 15, 2027 in the Suiti Cultural Space: Alsunga, Basi, and Jūrkalne, Latvia.

The Suiti Cultural Space has been inscribed into the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List and is a unique cultural environment where drone singing — a traditional and one of the oldest forms of polyphonic singing characteristic of Suiti culture — is still alive today.

The festival theme “Roots” symbolizes cultural identity, the transmission of traditions, and shared heritage. During the three-day festival, participants will share their traditions, songs, dances, and cultural experiences through concerts, masterclasses, and joint activities.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Friday, August 13

10:00–10:30 – Registration for participants

Alsunga Culture House (Ziedulejas Street 1)

10:30–11:30 – A discussion on the future of folklore preservation and current challenges

12:00 – Lunch

14:00 – A master class or guided tour for participants (Suiti Church, etc.)—optional

17:30 – Participants’ procession to Ziedulejas Open-Air Stage

18:00 – Festival Opening Concert “Roots”

Ziedulejas Open-Air Stage

20:00 – Joint singing and dancing night

Overnight stay at participants’ accommodation.

Saturday, August 14

09:00 – Breakfast

11:00–14:00 – Concerts in Basi, Alsunga, and Jūrkalne
15:30 – Lunch
19:00 – Grand Concert “Roots”
Jūrkalne Fire Meadow (Ugunsplāva)
Presentation of appreciations to festival participants.
21:30 – Folk dance night at Jūrkalne Fire Meadow
Overnight stay at participants’ accommodation.

Sunday, August 15

07:30–10:00 – Optional 14 km pilgrimage walk from Alsunga to Jūrkalne
(prayers and devotional songs)
09:00–11:00 – Breakfast for the other participants
12:00 – Holy Mass
St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Jūrkalne
13:00 – Closing Concert “Roots”
15:00 – Lunch
16:00 – Farewell and departure

THE FESTIVAL ORGANISERS PROVIDE

meals during the festival;
accommodation for Latvian and international groups (August 13–15);
concert and event venues;
local transportation within the festival programme for international groups.

THE FESTIVAL ORGANISERS DO NOT PROVIDE

transportation to Latvia / Riga;
international health insurance;
single-room accommodation;
individual transportation expenses outside the festival programme.

ACCOMMODATION

Festival participants will be accommodated in pre-arranged lodging facilities in the Jūrkalne area.

APPLICATION

Please inform us about your participation in the festival and the estimated number of participants by 22 October 2026 by filling out the Application form.

<https://ej.uz/burdonafestival>

Festival organisers:

Kuldīga District Council, Ventspils District Municipality, and ECC “Suiti”.

