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## **10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT**

## **KAUNAS**

## **UNESCO City of Design**

- **KAUNAS THE HEART OF LITHUANIA**: Kaunas is situated in the centre of the country and is one of its most important logistic intersections.
- **THE LARGEST DENSITY OF HERITAGE OBJECTS**: Kaunas is distinguished by the multi-layered and versatile cultural heritage, which includes heritage of the XIV XX centuries.
- **MODERNISM ARCHITECTURE**: The outstanding heritage of the flourishing golden period, when Kaunas was the temporary capital of Lithuania, was awarded the European Heritage Label by the European Commission in 2015. Today we are striving for UNESCO World Heritage List. To get to know more, please download the app called "Kaunas of 1919-1940" on <u>Google Play</u> or <u>App store</u>.
- **GOOD CULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE:** Kaunas has the biggest number of museums in Lithuania (29).
- SCIENCE ISLAND: Kaunas will establish the National Science Centre on Nemunas Island. The three winners of the open anonymous design contest for the new circa €25M National Science and Innovation Centre of Lithuania in Kaunas, known as Science Island, were revealed in the end of 2016.
- **ANNUALLY HAPPY**: There's a long list of festivals and celebrations that happen in Kaunas annually: Design Week, street art festival NYKOKA, Kaunas Photo festival, Kaunas Biennial, Kaunas Architecture Festival, etc.
- **ACADEMIC CITY:** We have 12 universities and colleges in Kaunas with 91 study programme in the fields of culture and creative industries.
- **KAUNAS EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE 2022:** 2022 is the year when the title of the European Capital of Culture will be granted to one of the candidate cities of Lithuania.
- THE GREEN KAUNAS: Kaunas is noted for plentiful of green areas.
- **HEALTH:** visitors discover Kaunas as a destination for a health treatment and medical tourism.