

Tips for a Respectful Shore Excursion in Lithuania

- **Photography:** Always ask for parental permission before taking photos of local children, especially in public spaces like the Klaipeda Theatre Square or Botanical park in Palanga where lots of families with children come.

- **Donations & Begging:** Avoid giving money, sweets, or gifts directly to children on the street. This can inadvertently encourage truancy or "organized begging" systems. Instead, we recommend donating to established Klaipeda-based youth NGOs (e.g. Klaipeda Queen Louise Youth Centre, Liberi Children and Youth Day Center).

- **Signs of Concern:** If you observe an interaction between an adult and a child that feels unnatural or suspicious, please notify your tour guide or local authorities (phone line 112).

- **Local Laws:** Be aware that Lithuania has strict laws protecting minors. Sexual activity with anyone under 18 is a serious crime and is prosecuted vigorously.