

## Dear traveller!

That is nice that you are interested in the horse ranch "Klajumi. We are proud that there is almost 100 years history of the farm "Klajumi". In 1936 with the governmental support to strengthen the Latvian eastern border, a young farmer, Jānis Stabulnieks, established a farm near the Latvian–Belarusian border and gave it the name "Klajumi" – in translation "fields" – because he did himself made fields free from brushes and built new brick buildings.

Nowadays both old and new generations are working, saving culture and historical heritage and taking care of nature environment values. The landscape is hilly, but very scenery and tourism is more appropriate than agriculture in this region, located in the nature park of Daugava river valley and close to Latvian–Belarusian border. Taking into mind the love the owners of "Klajumi" possessed to horses, nature environment, historical conditions and traditions, in 1998 "Klajumi" started its business as a horse ranch.

Horse ranch "Klajumi" is not a riding centre, sport club or just an accommodation place. There are harmonized, landscaped riding tours organized on smart Latvian, Lithuanian and Belarusian horses. You are welcome to ride even without any riding experience. Nice guest houses for accommodation, traditional dishes of Latgale region and scenery nature will make your tour unforgettable.

In 2007 "Klajumi" was awarded the main award in the Latvian national competition for Ecotourism businesses and an award as the most friendly tourism farm in Latgale region. "Klajumi" has received as well the Latvian eco-label – "Green Certificate" symbolizing nature – friendly farming, saving and promoting culture and historical heritage, using nature-friendly building materials, saving nature resources. "Green Certificate" guarantees clean environment, healthy food, silence, nature, rural surroundings.

In 2007 farm "Kēmeri", enclosed by old apple – trees, has been purchased – homestead of inspiration, dreams and love. This homestead has built in 1932 in accordance with Vidzeme region architecture style by organ – player for his son Boguslavs Lapinskis. In 2011 "Kēmeri" has been opened for recreation at old style guest house and smoke sauna.

In 2010 a new farm "Krašti" has joined "Klajumi" properties – homestead enclosed by fragrant silent pine and spruce woods, springs and meadows, build at 1916. As a symbol for previous owners 3 oak trees have been planted by father Kārlis Redzobs to his 3 sons: Frīdis, Ēriks and Jānis. Let's imagine the morning view from the "Krašti" – look down from the hillside – misted Daugava river, on the other side of river – sun shined woods till the view of skyline ends... un horse, amazed on a doe, suddenly jumped near his nose, snorts: "Prrr – surprise!"

You are welcome in horse ranch "Kajumi"!

Owner **Ilze Stabulniece**

Guide **Rita Kočmarjova**



*Enjoy together with us unrepeatable miracles of Daugava river valley beauties, strengthen your heart, fill your hearts and leave your footprints here!*



## Horse ranch KLAJUMI

# Horses and rural romantic at the Daugava river valley



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## 10 questions and answers to visit "Klajumi" horse ranch

### 1. Are you tired?

The best for relaxation – the horse!

### 2. Have you never sat on the horse?

It's safe to ride here without any riding experience. You will get a smart horse. We will help you.

### 3. Don't you have any activities for winter?

Of course, horse is not as skis used only for winter or swimsuit for summer. Let's ride, drive in winter carriages, and enjoy the picnic with hot drinks!!

### 4. There is no place to go with children?

We guarantee: the best memories and sleep after "Klajumi" miracles!

### 5. Are you afraid to ride?

We will combine – some of you can ride, some can drive in the carriage, then change, if anyone likes.

### 6. Where to go for an excursion?

You are welcome – look to the horses, try to ride, introduce with farm and nature formations in "Klajumi" swamp-forest route.

### 7. Do you dream to get amazing picture?

We will photo you on the horse or in the group of horses.

### 8. Do you like to see the Belarus?

You don't have a visa? No problem! We offer you to see Belarus – as on your hand! There is a riding route with a view beyond the Latvian–Belarusian border.

### 9. Do you like to be two alone?

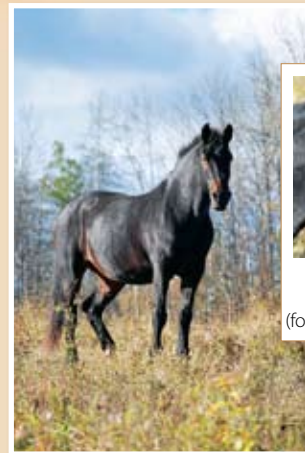
Our services are provided individually. Horse riding with individual guide, accommodation, food will be offered only for you personally. No other persons will join the ride. No others will live in guest house, just you two or only your group.

### 10. Do you dream to get away from the whole world?

Here is a real place to do it – the nearest home stead is 1 km from here, the density of people in nature park of Daugava river is 0,5 inhabitants per 1 square kilometer.



*"Kļajumi" horses are smart. You are welcome to ride even without any riding experience.*



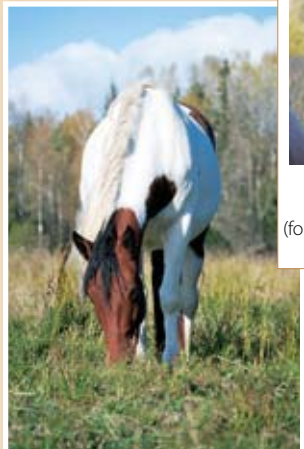
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(for riding, carriage)



**Rasa**  
born 2007  
(for riding)



**Pandora**  
born 2007  
(for riding, carriage, reittherapy)



**Raita**  
born 2007  
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**Zemene**  
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**Poga**  
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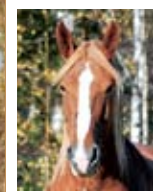
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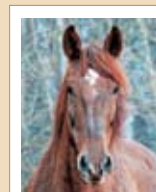
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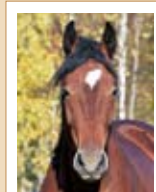
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**Gunta**  
born 2003  
(for guide)



**Strauja**  
born 1995  
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**Skanda**  
born 2008  
(for guide, carriage)



## Horse riding routes

### 1. Nature routes in Zvainieki and Priedaine bends

Horse riding in nature park "Daugavas loki" (Daugava bends) with a high possibility to see wild animals and birds in beautiful landscape of Daugava river valley. Introduce to the sceneries of the nature – protected area up the Daugava River, the nature park of Daugava River located in the area, protected objects of geology: Sproģi ravines and Adamova precipice, as well as the great pine of Sproģi. Enjoy the beauty and richness of the nature seen only from horseback, to form an understanding of natural processes (routes for 1–5 hours).

### 2. Culture-historical route

Look at Veckaplava's old wooden cottages, Vecborne Lutheran Church, Veckaplava Orthodox Church and baron Engelhard manor buildings (routes for 1–5 hours).

### 3. "Look through the Latvian–Belarusian border"

You don't need a visa for looking into Belarus across the border – landscapes with lakes, villages and forests (routes for 2–3 hours)!

### 4. Landscapes of Sēlija region

Representative landscape of the traditional Sēlija region relief: narrow roads, small hills, forests and farmsteads in near and distant perspective (routes for 1–2 hours).

### 5. Un-known spruce forest in Latvian–Belarusian border area

I will not lie if I will say – a little bit mysterious, dreamlike and feral in the snaky road which in fist stage looks like without an end... But it comes! It opens the view to the wooden farmsteads, lost luxury and today's reality (routes for 3–4 hours).

### 6. Tour to lakeland – Šilovka, Varnaviči and Jablonka lakes (2–3 days)

Dvorišče, Rožupole villages, fire tower with beautiful view to Daugava river valley, Šilovka, Varnaviči and Jablonka lakes. Novoseļci landscapes. Fishing, walking, mushrooming, picking berries, swimming. Fish dishes and accommodation in guest house "Stirnmeži".



## We offer

### 2–7 days horseback tours

Including guiding, horse, accommodation, local food, sauna.

### Riding routes and driving carriages

Summer & winter. Very special are carriage driving tours with a picnic on the beach of Daugava River.

### Marriage / celebration carriages with escort

Visually nice horses decorated in white of red design, carriages decorated by birch-boughs. Entertaining of guests. Story about the farm and horses.

### Reittherapy / relaxation on horseback

Gymnastics in steps, trot, gallop – sitting straight, backwards, aside, upright.

### "Kļajumi" guest cabin (9 places) with surrounding

Incl. picnic place, sauna, nature routes, pets.

### "Kļajumu Ķemeri" guest house (8 places) with surrounding

Incl. picnic place, nature routes of Daugava river valley, smoke sauna, meeting place, arranged in old style.

### Sauna attendant services

Experienced sauna attendant, different aromas of herbs, birch, oak tree besoms. Masages.

### Picnic places under the oak trees

Oak tree is the symbol of Latvian force. Picnick places have the beautiful and romantic rural landscapes views to fields, meadows and forests.

### "Kļajumi" swamp-forest route

Swamp "koncert hall", old spruce trees, trees grown together (pine and spruce, birches), dug-up grounds of wild boars. Atmosfere of the forest fairytale.



Priedaine route



Mosquitos route



"Kļajumi" guest cabin



Horse carriages and riding



Guest house "Ķemeri"