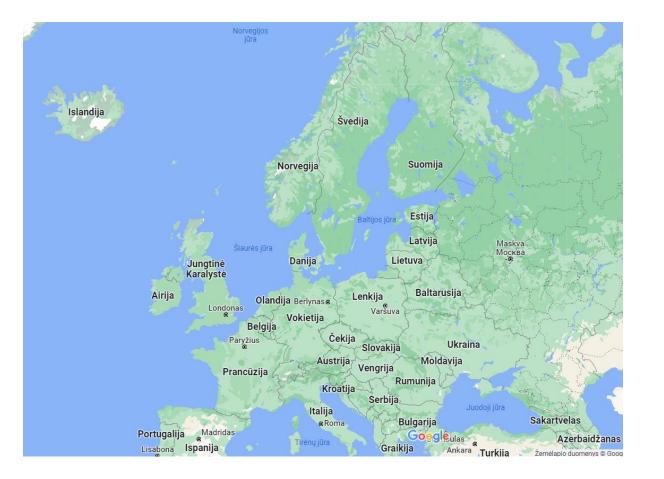


Lithuania and Italy



Location







Bona, daughter of Sforza, duke of Milan, married Žygimantas the Elder, duke of LDK.



She brought a fork and herbs to Lithuania, planted a vegetable garden in the garden of the Palace of the Lords. Implemented the first land reform -Wallachia in Lithuania.



The publishing house "Aukso žuvys" published a book with 56 recipes about her palace kitchen. The book is very popular in Lithuania.



Vladislovas Vaza, the leader of LDK, fell in love with opera while visiting Italy. Thanks to him, in 1636, the first opera in Lithuania, "The Kidnapping of Elena" was performed in the Palace of the Lords.



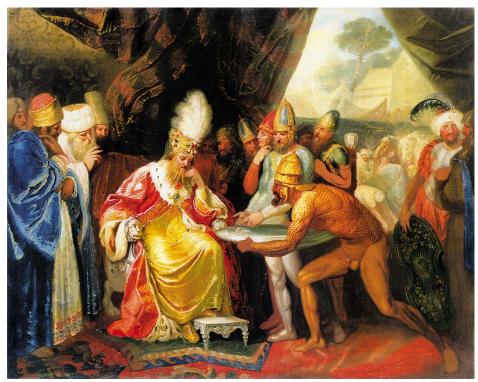


For more than 50 years, the remains of Saint Juozapas Kuncevičius (1580–1623) have been resting in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican -St. Basil the Great Altar. This is the sarcophagus closest to St. Peter's tomb. Thus, the fathers of the Second Vatican Council, who adopted this decision in 1963, wanted to emphasize the saint's special contribution to the unity of the Church.





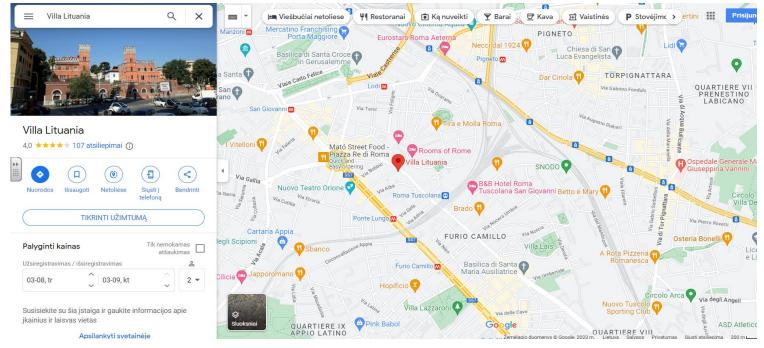
Many Lithuanians studied in Italy. The most famous artist is P. Smuglevičius.

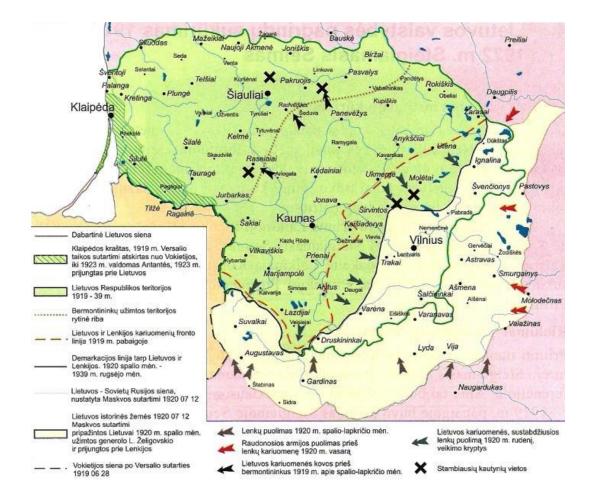


In the XXth century 3rd decade, about 100 Lithuanians lived in Italy. 1921 The political newspaper L'Eco di Lituanika was published.

Since 1926, the Lithuanian Society Lituania has been operating in Rome. Villa Lithuania was expropriated by Russia.







Italy admitted the state of Lithuania de jure on July 13, 1922, earlier than the USA.



In 1923, Italy, being a member of the Convention of Ambassadors, together with other countries, admitted Klaipėda region to Lithuania.



Diplomatic relations between Italy and Lithuania were restored on August 30, 1991. The Lithuanian community in Italy was officially established in 2012.



Statistics shows that Lithuanians like this cheese the most. From imported cheeses this one is about 24 percent of all.



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