



EUROPEAN WORLD CUP QUALIFIER
LITHUANIA v ENGLAND

SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER 2017
LFF STADIUM, VILNIUS
7:00PM KO (LOCAL TIME)



MEMBER INFORMATION

RESPECT

The FA has consistently urged fans to follow England in a positive way and we will continue to work hard to try to ensure a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for all supporters.

Travelling supporters are reminded that they are representing the England National Team and are ambassadors of the country. We encourage all those heading to the match to act in a respectful manner and to treat the opposition supporters, and the locals, with the same respect they would wish to be treated with at home and to act in such a way that will continue to enhance the image of English Supporters, the national side and the country.

Members are asked to abide by the highest standards of behaviour, and refrain from:

- Acts involving violence, intimidation, provocation, abuse or anti-social behaviour
- The use of language that is racist, homophobic, discriminatory, or abusive
- Behaviours contrary to standards of decency and respect towards the people, cultures, laws and property of the host nation

For the avoidance of doubt this is not a definitive list of expected behaviours.

Any member behaving in an unacceptable manner whilst away with England may be subject to:

- Removal from the stadium
- Suspension from the ESTC Membership
- Being reported to the police, which may lead to criminal proceedings or a Football Banning Order

If you witness any unacceptable behaviour or would like to report anything else, you can do so in confidence by emailing **englandsupportersclub@thefa.com** or by calling us on **+44 7970 146 250**.

The FA will always take reports made by supporters seriously and investigate them further. For more information, please refer to the Code of Conduct, section 2 of the England Supporters Travel Club terms and conditions, found here: **<https://englandsupporters.thefa.com/p/england-supporters-travel-club>**

English football is valued around the world for its standards of passion and fair play. Members should enhance this reputation by showing respect for the game, the opposition players and fans.

GENERAL COUNTRY INFORMATION

Population: 2.9 million (estimate)

Language: Lithuanian

Time Difference: +2hr (GMT)

Weather: Low 4 (°C) | High 10 (°C)

Local Voltage: A standard European travel adapter is required (3-prong to 2-prong adapters).

Currency: Euro

Emergency Numbers: The European emergency number is 112 but this is not the only emergency number in Lithuania.

The following emergency numbers can also be used:

01 – Fire Brigade

02 – Police

03 – Ambulance

ABOUT LITHUANIA AND THINGS TO DO IN VILNIUS

Lithuanians are a Baltic nation; however, it's common for tourists to mistakenly think that they are in any way connected with the Russians.

Lithuanians form their own distinct Baltic ethnic group and speak their own language, which is one of the oldest Indo-European languages, belonging to the Baltic (not the Slavic) branch of Indo-European languages.

There are plenty of attractions to visit such as the Vilnius Old Town. The Old Town is small and cosy with narrow streets and alleyways which will lead you on to a world of flower-decorated courtyards, churches and museums.

St Anne's Church is one of the City's most famous landmarks, built in 1394 and is a must see for those who appreciate pristine architecture. Close by to the church is also Gediminas' Tower, which is the remaining part of the Upper Castle in Vilnius and offers an excellent vantage point to look out over Vilnius' Old Town.

The KGB Museum is also a very interesting place to visit whilst you are in town. The museum is situated in the former KGB building, where the crimes of the Soviet regime were planned and executed for fifty years. Visitors can visit the former KGB prison as well as the premises where death sentences were implemented.

BRITISH EMBASSY, FCO AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

British embassy

The British Embassy in Vilnius is open Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4:45pm and Friday from 8:30am to 3:30pm.

Address: Antakalnio str. 2, Vilnius, LT-10308

Phone: +370 5 246 2900

Website: www.gov.uk/government/world/lithuania

'Know before you go' via the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) website provides advice and tips to travelling football fans abroad. For more detailed information, consulate details and regular updates please check the FCO Travel Advice at <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/lithuania>



TRAVEL INFORMATION

Visas

Those with a British passport do not need a visa to enter Lithuania. However, holders of other passports should contact the Lithuanian Embassy in London before they travel.

Passport validity

Your passport should be valid for the proposed duration of your stay; you do not need any additional period of validity on your passport beyond this.

IDENTIFICATION

The Lithuanian police advise that fans should carry some form of ID with them at all times, for example, a drivers license or a membership card.

MONEY AND HEALTHCARE IN LITHUANIA

Money

Lithuania converted to the Euro back in 2015 replacing the Lithuanian Litas.

Credit Cards

Credit/debit cards are widely accepted in Lithuania. They are less popular in smaller towns and are never used in traditional marketplaces. ATM machines are readily available, especially near main supermarkets. Visa and Master Card are the most common cards; acceptance of American Express is more limited.

Currency Exchange

Currency can be exchanged at any bank and it is worth noting that there are no other currency exchange outlets. Banks located in major shopping malls are open longer hours than high street banks and also do not close on Sundays.

Tipping

Tips are not customary but, much like in England, are offered only if a special service is given. Some restaurants add a service charge, if not, a tip of 5% – 15% is common practice for good service.

Health

Make sure you have adequate travel health insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment abroad and repatriation.

European Health Insurance Cards (EHIC) can be used to cover the costs of treatment until you return to the UK. Although please note that the card is not an alternative to travel insurance. It will not cover any private medical healthcare or costs of lost or stolen property. Therefore, it is important to have both an EHIC and valid private travel insurance.



GETTING AROUND LITHUANIA

By train

Trains in Lithuania make stops at most of the larger Cities/Towns but run a limited service on Sundays.

Train fares are relatively low compared to Western Europe but note that tickets are valid only on the exact train for which it was sold.

When purchasing a train ticket, only cash is accepted on board the train, however most if not all ticket offices accept payment cards as well as cash.

By bus

It is easy to get around Lithuania by bus and practically all the bigger (and most of the smaller) places can be reached by bus.

There are two types of intercity buses: express and regional. Express buses stop only at major towns and usually are much faster than regional. It is the best option for longer distance travels between cities.

In contrast, regional buses stop at every stop along the way meaning they usually are slow. Service quality in those buses might be lower compared to Western standards.

Cash is accepted on board the buses.

GETTING AROUND VILNIUS

From the airport to the city centre

Vilnius International Airport is situated approximately 5km south of the city centre. The 3G bus runs regularly from the airport to the city centre. The journey takes approximately 30 minutes. Tickets cost €1 and can be paid for with cash on board.

Trains run to Vilnius station from the airport however they are few and far between, sometimes with gaps of up to an hour and a half between trains.

Around the city by bus

Vilnius has an extensive network of public buses which travel all over the City. Buses will run every 10 or 15 minutes in the more busy/popular areas but some areas may operate once every half an hour.

'Trolleybuses' generally travel on most busy routes and their timetables are more frequent.

Outside of rush hour they tend to run every 10 minutes.

There is a website available which has all the local bus information and includes a journey planner however it is fairly difficult to navigate especially on a mobile phone. If you attempt to use it, good luck! <http://stops.lt/vilnius/#vilnius/en>

LFF STADIUM

Home Team: FK Žalgiris Vilnius and FK Trakai

Stadium Address: Stadiono g. 2, Vilnius 02106, Lithuania

Capacity: 5,067

The ground was originally named Lokomotyvas during the Soviet era due to its location near the Vilnius Railway Station and back in 2004 it became the first private football-orientated stadium in Lithuania to be rebuilt after the Soviet era had ended.

Since 2012 the ground has been the home of the Lithuanian National Football Team as well as FK Žalgiris, who are based in Vilnius, and compete in A Lyga, the top flight of Lithuanian football. The first incarnation of this club played back in the 1940's a national team of Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic when it competed in a USSR tournament. Since 2014 they have shared this ground with FK Trakai, established in 2005, who also play in A Lyga.

In 2015 the stadium was upgraded - artificial turf was replaced with a new, high quality surface and the stadium lighting system was also improved.

GETTING TO THE STADIUM

On Foot

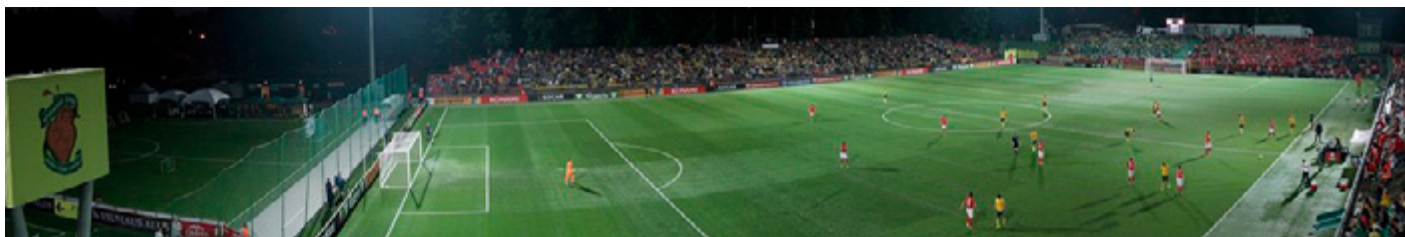
From the The Old Town it is roughly a 15 minute walk. The most direct route is to walk south down Ausros Vartu g. This road takes you straight to the ground (although it turns into Liepkalino g. for the last 5 minutes).

By Train

Vilnius railway station is located roughly 1km away from LFF Stadium which, generally speaking, can be walked in approximately 10 minutes.

From the Airport

Apart from using a local taxi, the easiest way to get to the stadium from the airport is to take the bus. Buses are more frequent than trains and you can catch bus numbers 1, 2, 88 or 3G to reach the stadium.



STADIUM ACCESS

The stadium entrance for our supporters will be located in the **South East Corner** which is located along Liepkalnio g. The entrance this time is situated slightly further along from the entrance we had in 2015.

The turnstiles open at **5pm** and supporters are advised to arrive at least 60 minutes before kick-off due to enhanced security checks that will be in place for this match.

Please be aware that supporters may be refused entry if they are;

- Visibly drunk or under the influence of drugs.
- Found to be carrying prohibited items.
- Behaving in a way that could cause harm or distress to others.

For security reasons only small bags will be allowed into the stadium.

We are expecting supporters to be held back at the end of the game for no longer than 15/20 minutes, please listen out for further announcements when in the ground.

Wheelchair Users

Wheelchair supporters will be located in **Block VE** and can access the stadium via the same **South East Entrance** stated above along Liepkalnio g.



Flags

Space to display flags inside the ground will be limited and flags larger than 1 meter by 2 meters will not be permitted as per the stadium regulations. We have also been advised that flag poles will not be allowed into the ground.

Members wishing to hang their flags early are advised to be at the England Away entrance at 3pm sharp.

Flags of a political, sectarian or offensive nature will not be allowed in the stadium and may be confiscated.

Match Tickets

Travel Club members are also advised to bring a form of photo ID with them when attending the match. As per all England away matches, tickets issued via The FA are non-transferable and cannot be used by any other supporter. Duplicate tickets will not be issued to members who lose their ticket or have it stolen so please take care of your match ticket at all times.

TICKET COLLECTION POINTS (TCP)

Travel Club members will be able to collect their tickets at the following times and locations. Members who travelled to Lithuania in 2015 are advised that we will be using the same hotel and entrance.

Imperial Hotel (former Ramada Hotel)

(Use Imperial Restaurant to access the Ticket Collection Point)

Address: Subaciaus Street 2, Vilnius 01127, Lithuania

Saturday 7 October:

From: 5pm

Until: 8pm

Sunday 8 October:

From: 10am

Until: 7pm

Please note that we have been unable to secure a ticket collection point at the stadium however the Imperial Hotel is approximately a 10 - 15 minute walk from the ground.



FOOD & DRINK

Food

Lithuanian dinners usually include meat, potato, vegetables and sometimes a curd sauce of some sort. Case in point: the cepelinai, or zeppelins, which are meat filled potato-starch based zeppelin-shaped masses traditionally slathered in a sauce of sour cream, butter, and pork cracklings.

Vegetarians may have a hard time trying to locate an appropriate restaurant, although some large restaurant chains will have vegetarian dishes on the menu.

Popular fast food options include Kibinai which are small turnovers usually filled with spiced lamb.

Cheburekai (a Russian snack) are large folds of dough with a scant filled of meat, cheese, or even apples. These can easily be found in various restaurants around the city.

Drink

Whilst there are no places to drink at the stadium the Old Town is full of pubs, bars and cafes around almost every side-street and alleyway.

Lithuania is a beer drinking country, with the most famous brands being Svyturys, Kalnapilis, Utenos, Horn and Gubernija. Locally brewed beer is often affordable and very good quality.

Please be aware that drinking alcohol in public is illegal however bars and restaurants can still serve alcohol and you're allowed to drink in designated areas outside these establishments.



THE HISTORY

Last Meeting: England 2 – 0 Lithuania, 26 March 2017

Jermain Defoe scored his first international goal in four years as England cemented their spot at the top of Group F to close in on a place at the 2018 World Cup.

The 34-year-old Sunderland striker won the last of his 55 international caps in a home defeat by Chile in November 2013. But he took 21 minutes to justify any doubters of his reintroduction, with a fine finish to open the scoring.

Lithuania's game plan was apparent from the first whistle, as their rigid defensive and midfield lines were positioned as narrow as possible and stood barely 10 yards apart. With little defending to do, full-backs Kyle Walker and Ryan Bertrand played as auxiliary wingers as England dominated possession, but for the opening quarter of the game Lithuania successfully frustrated their hosts.

Defoe got his first sniff at goal on 21 minutes, latching onto Adam Lallana's through pass, but keeper Ernesta Setkus was off his line quickly to block. Within seconds though, Defoe had the opener.

Sterling burst down the left flank and from the byline pulled the ball back to former Tottenham marksman who, unmarked seven yards out, blasted into the top corner. It was his 20th international goal and first since netting a brace against San Marino in March 2013.

Total meetings between the two teams: 3

Date	Match	Result	Score	Competition
27 Mar 2015	England v Lithuania	W	4-0	UEFA European Championship
12 Oct 2015	Lithuania v England	W	0-3	UEFA European Championship
26 Mar 2017	England v Lithuania	W	2-0	FIFA World Cup



USEFUL PHRASES

English	Lithuanian
Hi	Labas (LAH-bahs)
Please	Prašau (prah-SHOW)
Thank you	Ačiū (AH-choo)
Yes	Taip (Tuyp)
No	Ne (na)
Help!	Gelbėkite! (GHEHL-behh-kih-teh!)
Goodbye	Viso gero (VEE-saw GHEh-raw)
See you later / Bye	Iki pasimatymo / Iki (ee-KIh pah-sih-MAH-tee-maw / ee-KIH)
Good night / Night	Labos nakties / Labanakt (lah-BAWS nahk-TYEHS / lah-BAH-nahkt)
How are you / How are you doing?	Kaip gyvuojaite? (Kuyp gee-WA-yah-teh?)
My name is	Mano vardas yra (MAH-naw VAHR-dahs ee-rah)
I can't speak Lithuanian [well / fluently]	Nekalbu [gerai / laisvai] lietuviškai (NA-kahl-boo [gheh-RUY / luys-VUY] lyeh-TUH-vihsh-kuy)
Do you speak English?	Ar kalbate angliškai? (ahr KAHL-bah-teh AHNG-lihsh-kuy?)

PROHIBITED ITEMS

It is prohibited to carry weapons, explosive substances, and other hazardous substances and items and please be aware that bags larger than the average backpack may not be allowed into the ground.

Please also note:

- Pyrotechnic devices including flares and fireworks are not permitted.
- It is prohibited to throw objects, liquids, and other items onto the pitch or at players, employees, visitors, the security personnel, or other persons.
- During the public event, visitors are strictly prohibited from climbing and jumping over security fences and entering the playing area.

Please also be aware of the following:

- Body searches may take place at the entrance to the turnstiles.
- Flags and banners no larger than 1m by 2m are allowed but cannot be attached to sticks or poles. Flags of a political, sectarian or offensive nature will not be allowed in the stadium and may be confiscated.
- Fans without tickets will not be allowed to enter the stadium. Please be aware that if you are arrested before, during or after the match, you may be held for up to 48hrs in detention before being prosecuted the following day.

For full details regarding stadium regulations and prohibited items, please refer to: <https://englandsupporters.thefa.com/b/news/archive/2016/12/22/away-match-stadium-regulations>