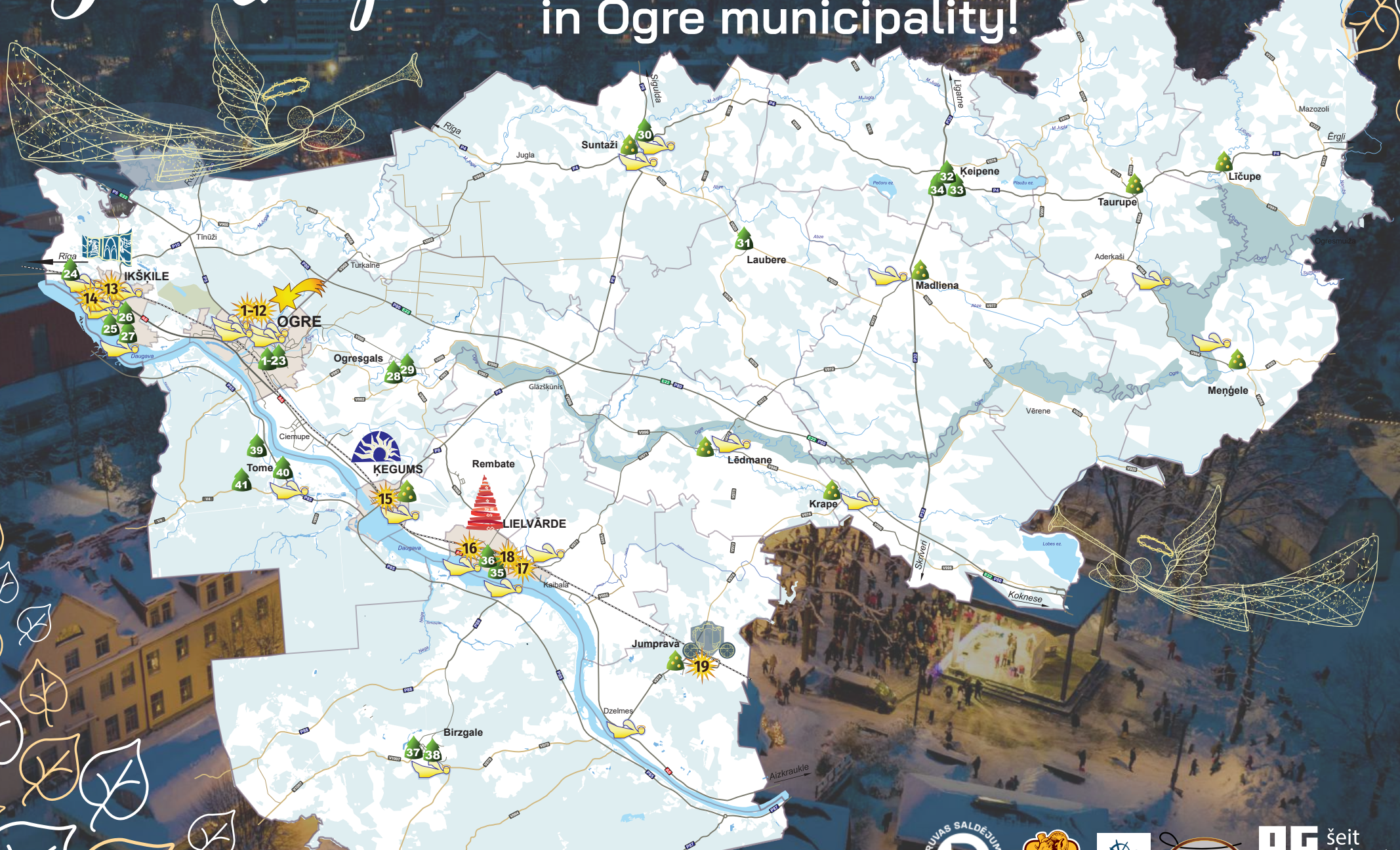


# Glow & explore

## festive decorations in Ogre municipality!





## DECORATIONS DESCRIPTION

### OGRE

#### 1 Star of Bethlehem

On the nine-story-high water tower in Ogre shines the grand "Star of Bethlehem" - the largest Christmas light installation in the Baltic States. This impressive 23-meter-high and 2.4-ton-heavy object is made of 66,000 LEDs intertwined into six kilometers of light strings. In Christian tradition, the "Star of Bethlehem," also called the Christmas Star, symbolizes hope and the triumph of light. According to legend, it once lit up the sky to guide the three Biblical Magi to the newly born Jesus.

#### 2 Bethlehem scene

In the city square of Ogre, where the sculpture "Baltā cielava" is located, visitors are delighted by the Bethlehem scene during the Christmas season, symbolizing the story of Jesus's birth. Every Advent Sunday until Christmas, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, this site features live sheep, shepherds, and a real bonfire, bringing warmth, simplicity, and special heartfelt charm to the area.

#### 3 Snowmen

In the territory of Ogre Hospital, glowing snowmen bring Christmas joy and a playful atmosphere. They provide brightness and warmth to patients and staff, offering comfort and happiness to those who need it most.

#### 4 Forest animals

Around Krasta Street and Brīvības Street, illuminated figures of Latvian forest animals - eagles, rabbits, moose, bears with cubs, and deer—shine brightly. These installations remind us of our connection to Latvian nature and its harmonious presence in the city of Ogre.

#### 5 Light balls

On the pedestrian section of Brīvības Street in Ogre (at the end of Bērzu Alley, near the Arch Pedestrian Bridge), the light balls bring a warm and magical atmosphere to winter evenings.

#### 6 Fairy Moon

The "Fairy Moon" is a musical light installation inspired by the world of dreams and fairy tales. It invites visitors to embrace the magic of winter evenings, evoking memories of childhood fairy tales and the peace created by moonlight.

#### 7 Globe

The large globe located near Ogre State gymnasium symbolizes the hopes and opportunities of youth. It serves as a reminder that the world is open to those who dream and pursue their goals. Illuminated with bright light strings, the globe inspires young people to believe that their journey begins in Ogre and leads them across mountains and oceans into the vast world.

#### 8 Linden leaf angel

At the end of Linden alley stands a light installation featuring angel wings and a halo, symbolizing hope, peace, and the miracle of the holidays. The wings, designed in a linden leaf style, reflect the harmony of nature and the heavens, while the halo invites visitors to feel the warmth of the festive season. This spot has become a popular photo location, where anyone can "try on" angel wings and experience the magic of the holidays.

#### 9 Linden alley

During Christmas, Ogre's "Linden alley" transforms into a light trail adorned with decorations featuring linden leaf motifs. The linden tree, a symbol of Latvia, is considered a tree of warmth, protection, and harmony. Similarly, Christmas time is associated with warmth, love, and family togetherness, bringing loved ones closer in a cozy and heartfelt atmosphere.

#### 10 Oak / (new)

A specially decorated "Oak Tree" shines near the Ogre Central library, symbolizing wisdom, knowledge, and resilience. In Latvian culture, the oak tree is a symbol of strength and spiritual fortitude, gaining additional significance due to its location next to the library - a hub of knowledge.

#### 11 Sun square / (new)

"Sun Square" shines in the children's playground near the art school—a unique light installation with three large-scale objects interpreting the Latvian sign "Saule" (Sun). In Latvian culture, the sun symbolizes life, light, and the continuous cycle, reminding us of our values and traditions.

#### 12 Railway platform of the century / (new)

This year, Ogre Railway Station has been beautifully decorated, featuring a canopy from the early 20th century. The canopy's supports are made from steel rails used in 1880-1884, giving it a unique historical charm. Be sure to take a closer look when you visit the station! When you pass through the underground tunnel, you'll discover fascinating stories and legends about the Ogre region.

### IKŠKĪLE

#### 13 The Book of Light

The "The Book of Light" installation symbolizes the power of knowledge and the triumph of light over darkness. The open book serves as a reminder of the importance of education and knowledge in personal and societal development. Ikšķile, one of Latvia's oldest inhabited places, highlights its cultural and educational significance through this installation.

#### 14 Christmas Tree forest (new)

Inspired by the magical forests of Ogre's Blue Hills, the "Christmas tree forest" light installation symbolizes the evergreen spruce - a messenger of natural harmony, peace, and Christmas traditions. This installation invites visitors to experience the forest's mystery even during daylight hours by visiting the Blue Hills Nature Park.

### ĶEGUMS

#### 15 The Sun in Ķegums Park

The "Sun" installation reflects strength, life, and energy. The golden sun depicted in Ķegums' coat of arms, with its broken-line rays, symbolizes electricity, as Ķegums is home to the first Daugava hydroelectric power plant.

### LIELVĀRDE

#### 16 Lielvārde belt and spruce

During the festive season, the light installation "Lielvārde belt and spruce" shines in Rembate Park, combining Christmas brightness with Latvia's cultural heritage. The Lielvārde belt, one of the most well-known Latvian ethnographic symbols with over 100 patterns, carries a message of protection and strength.

## 17 Latvian signs

The "Latvian signs" installations in Lāčplēsis square reveal Latvia's rich cultural heritage. Each symbol embodies folk wisdom, strength, and protection. These installations illuminate the square and invite visitors to explore the meanings of Latvian signs.

## 18 Tree of life veins / (new)

Near the Edgars Kauliņš monument shines the "Tree of Life Veins" light installation—a majestic illuminated oak tree symbolizing the strength and resilience of life. E. Kauliņš, through his life example, humanity, and conscientious work, has become a treasured figure for the entire region.

## JUMPRAVA

### 19 Catherine I's Carriage

"Catherine I's Carriage," made of 60,000 lights, is a luxurious light installation that travels across the Ogre region each year, bringing festive joy and light. This year, it shines in Jumprava, inviting visitors not only to admire its brilliance but also to take the opportunity to sit inside the carriage.

### Angels

Across the Ogre region, 25 angels shine near churches, bringing light, peace, and joy during the Christmas season. These angels, located near various Christian denominations, symbolize hope and the miracle of the holidays, uniting people in shared joy and love. The angels invite visitors to visit the churches and experience the festive atmosphere.

Churches in the district where angels are stationed:

Ogre Evangelic Lutheran Church  
Ogre St. Meinard Roman Catholic Church  
Prayer House of St. Nicholas  
Orthodox Congregation of Ogre  
The Trinity Baptist Church of Ogre  
Lutheran church in Ikšķile  
Roman Catholic Church in Ikšķile  
Russian Orthodox church of the Holy Spirit in Ikšķile  
Carmelite Abbey Ikšķile

Ķegums Evangelic Lutheran Church  
Evangelic Lutheran Church of Lielvārde  
Roman Catholic Church of Lielvārde  
St. Nicholas Orthodox Church of Lielvārde  
Suntaži Evangelic Lutheran Church  
Suntaži Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church  
St. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church of Lēdmane

Krape Evangelic Lutheran Church  
Madliena Evangelic Lutheran Church  
Evangelic Lutheran Church of Jumprava  
Evangelic Lutheran Church of Birzgale  
Tome Evangelic Lutheran Church  
Aderkaši St. Maria-Magdalene Orthodox Church  
Menģele Evangelic Lutheran Church

## CHRISTMAS TREE STORY

- 1 **Zvaniņš skan...** - Zilokalnu prosp. 12, Ogre
- 2 **Eglīte sapņu mežā** - Jaunogres parks, Ogre
- 3 **Cīruliša Ziemassvētki** - pie skulptūras "Ezītis", Meža iela 8, Ogre
- 4 **Večiņa** - Kļavas iela 3, Ogre
- 5 **Ķilupe** - Ceriņu iela, Ogre
- 6 **Eglīte ar pipariņu** - Brīvības iela 12, Ogre
- 7 **Policijas Akadēmijas eglīte** - Brīvības iela 12, Ogre
- 8 **Rēgu egle** - Upes prosp. 10, Ogre
- 9 **Cilvēks cilvēkam** - Upes prosp. 16, Ogre

- 10 **Noliktava Ogre** - Brīvības iela 20, Ogre
- 11 **Rakstu ģimene** - blakus Ogres kultūras centram, Pļavas iela 3A, Ogre
- 12 **Pasaka ziemā** - pie "Ostreet", Brīvības iela 22, Ogre
- 13 **Pasaku egle** - Brīvības iela 30, Ogre
- 14 **Rūķišu bars** - Jauniešu māja, Brīvības iela 40, Ogre
- 15 **Pasta kvartāla egle** - Brīvības iela 38B, Ogre
- 16 **Ziemassvētku pārsteigums** - Preses iela 4, Ogre
- 17 **Zvaigžnotais ceļš** - pie Centrālās bibliotēkas, Brīvības iela 35, Ogre
- 18 **OMMS** - Brīvības iela 50, Ogre
- 19 **Izplet spārnus!** - Krasta laukums, Ogre
- 20 **Talantīgie meža rūķi** - pie vides objekta "Mīlestības koks", Arkveida tiltā galā, Ogre
- 21 **Lapsu Mājas siera eglīte** - upes krastā, Ogres iela 4, Ogre
- 22 **Sniegavīru balle** - Nogāzes iela 6, Ogre
- 23 **Ugly Cake miera eglīte** - "Ielejas", Tīnūžu pagasts
- 24 **Mežs uz jumta** - Rīgas iela 18, Ikšķile
- 25 **Ziemassvētku zvaigzne** - Upes iela 10a, Ikšķile
- 26 **Ikšķiles PII "Čiekuriņš"** - Irbenāju iela 2, Ikšķile
- 27 **Āboli eglītē** - Nākotnes iela 3, Ogresgals
- 28 **Bišu maģija** - "Rožābeles", Ogresgala pagasts
- 29 **Suntiņu prieks** - Suntažu sanatorijas internātskola
- 30 **Lauberes kultūras nama saime** - Lauberes pagastā kultūras nama pagalmā
- 31 **Ķeipenes Tautas nama eglīte** - Pils ielas un Akas ielas krustojumā Ķeipenē
- 32 **Ķeipenes senioru skolas eglīte** - Pie Ķeipenes Tautas nama
- 33 **Ķeipenes piparkūku eglīte** - "Kalnāji", Akas iela, Ķeipene
- 34 **Rakstu raksti** - pie Edgara Kauliņa Lielvārdes vidusskolas
- 35 **Vitalitāte** - Raiņa iela 5, Lielvārde
- 36 **Roku-rokā Ziemassvētkos** - Lindes iela 2a, Birzgale
- 37 **Miera vēstneši** - pie Birzgales pamatskola
- 38 **Garšu Sēta** - "Grantslejas", Tomes pagasts
- 39 **Tomes Laši** - pie Ķeguma muzeja, Tome
- 40 **Dzīvais Māls** - "Ķieģeļceplis 4", Tomes pagasts