

LITHUANIA

General Introduction

A country in Eastern Europe, bordering the Baltic Sea, between Latvia and Russia

HELPFUL LITHUANIAN PHRASES

Hello	Sveikas
Goodbye	Viso gero
My name is...	Mano vardas ...
How are you?	Kaip sekasi?
Please	Prašau
Thank you	Ačiū
Good luck!	Sėkmės! Geros kloties!



SOME FACTS ABOUT LITHUANIA

GOVERNMENT

Republic
Capital – Vilnius
GDP – \$46.71 billion

LEADERSHIP

Dalia Grybauskaitė, President
Algirdas Butkevičius, Prime Minister

MAJOR URBAN AREAS

Vilnius – 519,000

NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Independence Day, February 16, 1918

RELIGION

Roman Catholic – 77.2%
Russian Orthodox – 4.1%
Old Believer – 0.8%
Evangelical Lutheran – 0.6%
Evangelical Reformist – 0.2%
Other – 0.8%
None – 6.1%
Unspecified – 10.1%

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population (est) – 3,505,738
Languages
Lithuanian

NATURAL RESOURCES

Peat, arable land, amber

TIME DIFFERENCE

Pacific Daylight Time +10hrs

EDUCATION

Literacy Rate – M 99.7% / F 96.7%
(est.) School Expectancy – M 16yrs / F 17yrs
Unemployment Rate – 12.4%

TYPICAL FOOD

Cepelinai Beaver stew
Cold borscht
Zrazai

NATIONAL SYMBOL

Mounted knight known as
Vytis (the Chaser)

GENERAL PROTOCOL

(Rules & Taboos)

Referred to as "Lithuanian". Men shake hands when greeting one another. A firm handshake is the norm. At a first meeting, women generally shake hands. Many times a simple nod of acknowledgment will suffice. Men greet women with a regular handshake, many times a simple nod of acknowledgment will suffice. Eye contact is extremely important. It is rude not to have eye contact at all times. Lithuanians are formal and tend to avoid using many physical gestures. Avoid pointing with a single finger; instead use the whole hand with the palm facing up.



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Special Olympics Facts & Figures

WORLD GAMES 2015 DELEGATION

HOST TOWN

La Habra

HEAD OF DELEGATION

Zenonas Misiunas

ESTIMATED TOTAL INVOLVEMENT

Athletes – 13

Coaches/Staff 7

SPORTS

Aquatics – 3

Athletics – 4

Bocce – 2

Powerlifting – 2

Table Tennis – 2

SO LITHUANIA

MISSION

To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with an intellectual disability, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.