

National Holidays of Lithuania

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Lithuania has as many as three state holidays. July 6th, the State Day, _____ the coronation of the country's first and only king Mindaugas in 1253 (the true date of the event is based on a modern calculation, however). February 16th, the State _____ Day, reminds of the declaration of Lithuania's independence in 1918 and is typically considered the most important. March 11th, the Independence Restoration Day, recalls the year 1990, when the first post-WW2 democratically elected Lithuanian parliament _____ the end to the 46-year-old second Soviet occupation, triggering the collapse of the Soviet Union.

In addition to these _____ dates, every single of them non-working, several sad dates are observed. These are the June 14th (Day of _____ and Hope), when in 1941 the Soviet genocide commenced by _____ tens of thousands of Lithuanians to Siberia in cattle _____, later joined by several times that number, many of whom died en route or after arrival. Occupation and _____ day on June 15th recalls the year 1940, the year when Soviets occupied Lithuania for the first time, later followed by Nazi German occupation and another Soviet occupation. January 13th, 1991 was the day when the Soviet troops unsuccessfully attempted to squash the Lithuanian freedom _____ by force (14 armless civilians died, hundreds were injured). It is now celebrated as the Day of Freedom Defenders. Black Ribbon and Baltic Way day remind the August 23rd of 1939 when Soviets and Nazi Germany partitioned Europe by signing the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact, and August 23rd of 1989 when Baltic peoples have demonstrated an unmatched _____ in creating a live chain from Vilnius, Lithuania to Tallinn, Estonia in condemnation of the 1939 pact. Flags are downed by one-third or coupled with a black banner during these days.