LITHUANIA - PRODUCER'S BRIEFING FOR FIRST CONTACT



Introduction: Lithuanian lands were united in 1236. Over the next century, Lithuania extended its territory to include most of present-day Belarus and Ukraine. By the end of the 14th century, Lithuania was the largest state in Europe. The USSR annexed Lithuania in 1940. In 1990, Lithuania became the first of the Soviet republics to declare its independence. Lithuania subsequently restructured its economy for integration into West European institutions; it joined both NATO and the EU in 2004.

Cultural Practices: Sense of humor is part of the requirements for a local crew. Lithuanians are a reserved people with respect for tradition. They generally will not go out of their way to greet someone they do not know; people on public transport do not look directly at someone else unless they are friends and generally give up their seats to their elders. Lithuanians value punctuality, respect, and clear communication. Professional interactions are typically formal, with an emphasis on efficiency and mutual respect.

Tipping Guidelines: Tipping is appreciated but not obligatory. In restaurants, a tip of 5-10% is common. Rounding up for taxi fares and leaving small tips for hotel staff is customary.

Climate: Lithuania has a temperate climate with cold, snowy winters and mild, often rainy summers. Coastal areas experience milder winters, while inland regions have greater seasonal temperature variations.

Religion: Roman Catholic 77%, Orthodox 4%, Protestant 1%, none 18%

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General Facts:

Regional Division Eastern Europe

Capital Vilnius

Airport Code / Airport Name VNO / Vilnius International Airport

Country Code 2 digits / 3 digits LT / LTU
Population 2,628,186
Language (Major Languages) Lithuanian

Travel Facts:

Telephone Code / Code Dial 370 Local Emergency Phone 112

International Driving Permit Recommended

Road Driving Side Right
Time Zone / Time Difference UTC +02:00

Working Permits for US Citizens Necessary

Filming incentives:

Film Commission National 30% Tax shelter

Film Commission Federal Yes VFX Grant No

Working conditions:

Working hours per day 11 + break

Working hours per week 55 Working days per week 5

Overtime +50%, +100% (tech. dept. different)

Breaks 60 min after 5th hour

Turnaround 11 hours
Fringes / self-employed self-employed

Unions No.

Filming infrastructure:

Crews internationally experienced, English speaking

Equipment equipped with cutting-edge equipment

Studios in the following cities Vilnius

Themed backlot sets include historic city, small town

Specials -

Landscape & Architecture: Historic, medieval castles, Metropolitan, baroque structures, Old Town UNESCO World Heritage, natural dense forests, lakes, scenic countryside, coastal areas (Curonian Spit), Coastline (Baltic Sea). Architectural styles range from medieval and Baroque structures to Soviet-era buildings and modern designs.