



THE PALACE OF THE GRAND DUKES OF LITHUANIA AND ITS RECONSTRUCTION

During the course of over 20 years of archaeological research (1987–2010), the remains of the palace of the Lithuanian grand dukes, which was demolished by decree of the tsarist Russian administration in 1799–1801, have been unearthed. In 2000 the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania made a political decision to reconstruct the residence of the Lithuanian grand dukes, preserving the authentic remains of the palace and making their exposition possible. Reconstruction work commenced in 2002.

The reconstruction of the Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania was one of the most important projects of Lithuania's Millennium (1009–2009) program.

The reconstructed Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania both in terms of its exterior appearance and its scope of activities is reminiscent of the purpose of the historic residence, thus extending its mission under new conditions. The national museum that was opened within the premises of the historic residence in 2009 featuring partially reconstructed historic interiors and permanent exhibitions is becoming a symbol of Lithuania's long-lived statehood, sovereign life, national pride, and cultural and artistic achievements, an important centre for fostering civil society and historical memory through the presentation of our cultural heritage, a place attesting to the historical traditions of coexistence within the Grand Duchy of Lithuania by its many constituent nations – Lithuanians, Belarusians, Poles, Ukrainians, Russians and other European nations.

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