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PROSPECTS OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT OF THE LUBCHA CASTLE

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The object of our research is the unique monument of architecture of the second half of the 16th century — a castle complex Lubcha (Novogrudok district, Grodno region). The aim of the research is to determine the prospects of use of the castle complex for tourism purposes. Many Belarusian researchers, such as A. Bakatovich, N. Kuts, M. Tkachou and others at different times were engaged in studying of the castle. J. Kalenda and D. Reshetnikau were engaged in evaluation of tourist attraction of Lubcha castle

The castle complex is located on the river Neman and occupies the site of 85x80 m. Construction of the Lubcha castle started in the 16th century by Jan Kishka, and it was continued by Kshyshtof Radzivill [1]. Numerous written records and drawings of the castle have remained. From different sources it is known that the castle collapsed during the 17-20th centuries, and in the middle of the 20th century the castle did not have a complete complex any more. Since 2003 the restoration of the castle has been implemented. In 13 years two towers and a wall between them have gradually been restored.

Lubcha castle is one of not numerous samples of fortification architecture which remained in Belarus. Dutch influence of architects of Nongart, Van Layera and others is felt in its architecture [1]. The castle is connected with the names of such people as Kishka, Radzivill, Falts-Fane [3]. The castle is inseparably linked with the history of the town Lubcha which historically was a link of an extended chain of trade and craft places on the banks of the Neman [4].

As regards tourist attraction to Lubcha castle, it should be noted that it is in a good geographical location and convenient to reach allowing it to include in tourist routes. The castle arrangement on the bank of the Neman creates a special aesthetic appeal to the territory. In our opinion, a museum exhibition which not only presents the history of the castle, but also shows the artifacts found during the recent years of investigating the castle. Analyzing experience of the use of castles in other countries, event tourism could be developed, for example, in the form of the “Lubcha Castle” festival. Thus, the Lubcha castle is an object which is historically significant and perspective for tourism, demanding a further contribution to reconstruction and infrastructure arrangement.

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