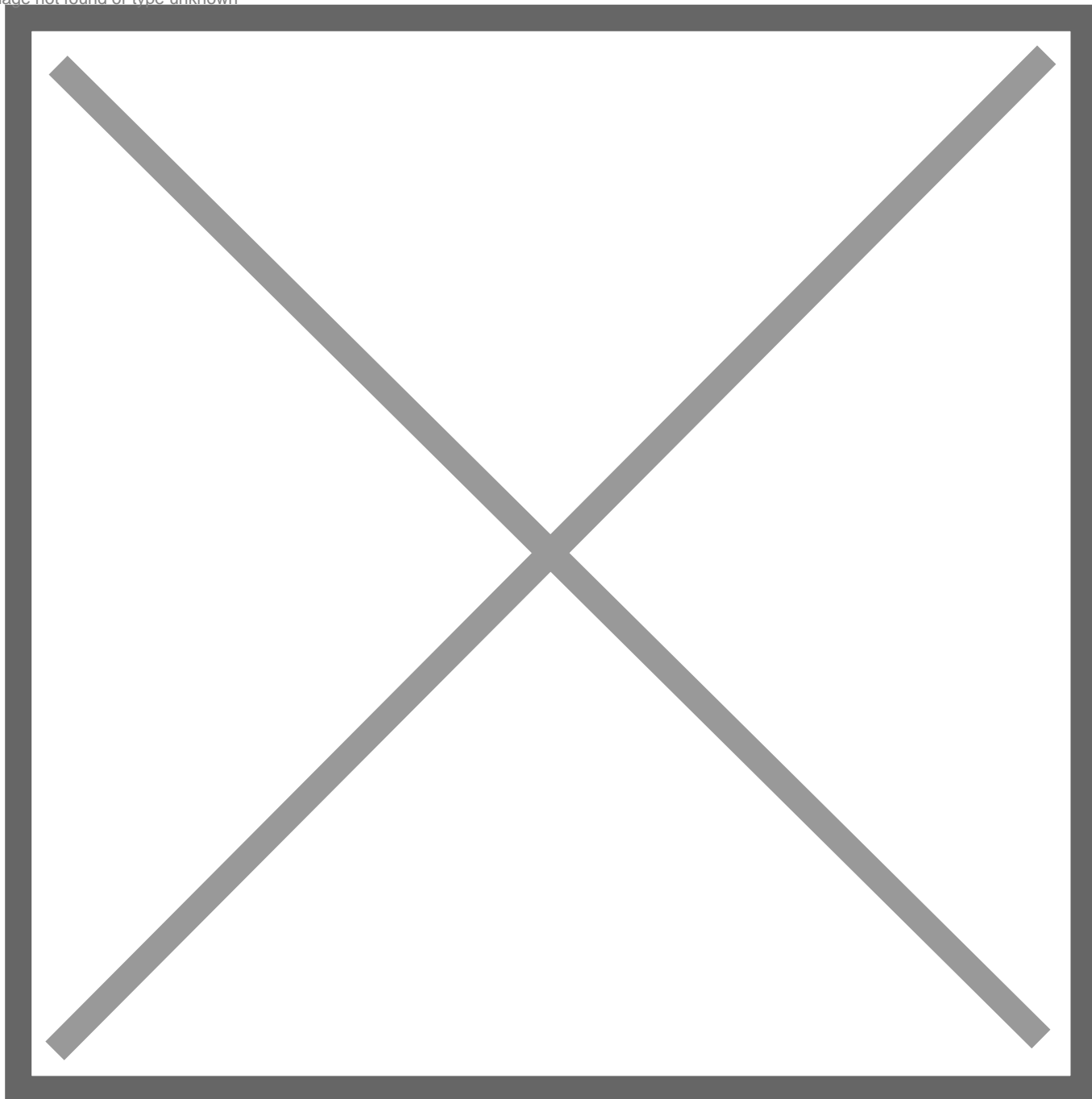


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Restor?ns S?n?te [Fungus Restaurant]

Latvia

Krusti?i, In?ukalns Parish, LV-2141, Letonia
In?ukalns

Commission

1967

Original use

Culture/leisure/tourism/cafeteria/restaurant

Current use

unused

Architects

Linards Skuja

Engineers

Andris Bite, G.Gr nbergs and R. Ozoli  

Concrete by reinforcement

Reinforced concrete

Construction method

Cast-in-place concrete, in-situ concrete

Architectural concrete

Architectural concrete

Structural types

Two-dimensional/[doubled spherical] dome

Description

This small roadside restaurant, 40 km from Riga, is notable for its concrete shell with a double curvature, which serves as both structure and envelope for the space. The shell, triangular in plan, touches the ground only at its vertices. The rest of the envelope is formed by three curtain walls, one on each side of the triangle. In addition to this structure, which was the most recognizable element of the building and housed the main dining room, other concrete elements, including pergolas and a vertical landmark – for visibility from the road – rounded out a series of futuristic and sculptural forms, made largely from concrete.

Today the building – once much loved by Latvians – has been entirely abandoned, and moss has grown over the surfaces of the concrete structures. It was recently granted consideration as a monument, which prevents its demolition while awaiting a new use that might restore its former splendour.

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