













TOP 10 TOURISM DESTINATIONS IN LATVIA



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DE - German, ES - Spanish, FI - Finnish, FR - French,
EN - English, LV - Latvian, RU - Russian, SE - Swedish
-  GPS coordinates
-  Driving directions, distance
-  Public transportation directions, travel time
-  Top events
-  owner of the "Q-Latvia" quality system certificate

-  Hiking itinerary
-  Skiing, skating
-  Cycling itinerary
-  Marina
-  Driving itinerary
-  Place for swimming
-  Activities for kids
-  Boating
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LATVIA. BEST ENJOYED SLOWLY

Latvia, the pearl of the Baltic States, is one of the European Union member states and is situated in the North of Europe - on the shores of the Baltic Sea. Since ancient times Latvia has been at the crossroads between East and West, North and South. Therefore, Latvia is a multi-cultured state, where the traditions of all these countries have merged, creating a unique environment, the like of which is not to be found anywhere in the world. Tourists coming both from Western Europe and the Eastern countries feel comfortable in Latvia and find things that are of interest to them. Latvia, like other European countries, can offer a vast culture historical heritage; however, it is unique - the one and only and inimitable. Careful observations and unhurried recreation will allow you to notice things that will make your heart beat faster in delight.

RUNDĀLE PALACE



At Rundāle Palace, one of the most outstanding architectural monuments in Latvia, one can relish the luxurious interiors of the 18th century, grow dizzy from the fragrant rose garden, enjoy the fountain sparkling in the colours of a rainbow and experience the carefree everyday life of the court of Duchy of Courland.

The palace of Ernst Johann von Biron, a favourite of the Russian Empress Anna Ioannovna, designed by the legendary architect Francesco Rastrelli of the Russian Royal court is one of the most outstanding monuments of Baroque and Rococo art in Latvia. Appreciate the magnificent exterior, the luxurious interior and the rose garden with the largest collection of roses in Latvia. A Baroque palace cannot be imagined without the French garden, an elaborate architectural framework devised of green plantings that should manifest the triumph of art over nature. The park spreads out to the south of the palace. High-quality concerts and art events are often held here. Visiting the rooms, exhibitions and learning about the history of the palace and the park, a whole day can easily be spent here.

Bauska Castle with medieval castle ruins and expositions of antique clothing is located just 15 km away and the majestic Mežotne Palace - the most outstanding monument of Classicism architecture in Latvia, is also nearby.

RUNDĀLE PALACE MUSEUM

-  Pilsrundāle, Rundāles pagasts, Rundāles novads, LV-3921
-  +371 63962274, +371 63962197
-  @ rundale@rundale.net, www.rundale.net
-  May-October I-VII 10:00-18:00, November-April I-VII 10:00-17:00
-  LV, RU, EN, DE, FR
-  56.414616, 24.025383
-  From Riga 67 km on a road A7 to Bauska; then 12 km on a road P103 to Pilsrundāle.
-  Bus "Rīgas SAO - Bauskas AO" (1 h 10 min - 1 h 30 min) and bus "Bauskas AO - Pilsrundāle" (15 min). Bus schedules: www.autoosta.lv
-  Mežotne Hillfort Festival (May), Early Music Festival (July), Bauska Country Music Festival (July)



OLD RIGA



The heart of Riga lies in its old town - Old Riga. Each step on its cobble streets reveals a page of the eight centuries long history of the city. It is small enough to make you feel at home and at the same time also big enough to keep you enraptured by its history and UNESCO world heritage. Take your time to enjoy it!



Old Riga is the historical and geographical centre of Riga, located on the right bank of the Daugava River. It comprises a fairly small 13th-18th century interior fortification system with unique monuments of medieval architecture - complexes of residential buildings and sacred buildings that have surprisingly survived both World Wars. The narrow cobble streets and squares exude antiqueness of an old town. It is impossible to leave the vivid Art Nouveau buildings unnoticed - Riga is justly considered the capital of Art Nouveau architecture in Europe.

Pārdaugava, located on the left bank of the Daugava River, is home to unique 19th century wooden architecture.

The Ethnographic Open air Museum in the very outskirts of the city, one of the oldest such museums in Europe, is famous for the log building of ancient Latvian farmers.



RIGA TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE



Rātslaukums 6, Riga, LV-1050



+371 67037900



info@rigatic.lv, www.liveriga.com



May-September I-VII 9:00-19:00
October-April I-VII 10:00-18:00



LV, RU, EN, DE, SE, NO, FR, IT, ES



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Parking in Riga: www.rigassatiksm.lv, www.europark.lv



Bus, trolleybus and tram schedules:
www.rigassatiksm.lv,
intercity bus schedules: www.autoosta.lv,
train schedules: www.pv.lv/en



Riga Opera Festival (June),
International Music Festival "Rīgas Ritmi" (July),
Riga City Festival (August),
"Staro Rīga" Festival of Lights (November),
Christmas Market (December)

AGLONA BASILICA



Latgale is the land of hundreds of picturesque lakes and numerous churches including one of the most noted sanctuaries in the world - Aglona Basilica, which gathers thousands of Catholic believers every year. The special atmosphere and splendid interior of the church makes you forget about your everyday worries and think about the most important things in your life.

Already in the late 17th century the Dominican Order established a monastery and built the first wooden church in Aglona. When the church built in 1699 burned down, a stone monastery building and the current church were built in its place from 1768 till 1780. The church holds a broad collection of paintings, sculptures and artistic property. During religious festivals also the famous altarpiece "The Miracle-worker Our Lady of Aglona" told to have healing abilities, is uncovered. The water running from a spring on the shore of Lake Egle near the basilica has similar divine properties. In 1993 Aglona was visited by the Pope John Paul II.

The aspiration for harmony typical to inhabitants of Latgale can also be felt at ceramic workshops around Rēzekne and Rāzna National Park, while resting at one of the many lakes or enjoying traditional food of the hospitable Latgalians.

AGLONA TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE

-  Somersētas iela 34, Aglona, Aglonas novads, LV-5304
-  +371 65322100, +371 29118597
-  turisms@aglona.lv, www.aglona.travel
-  June-August I 9:00-17:00 • II-III 9:00-18:00
• IV-V 9:00-19:00 • VI 10:00-16:00
September-May I-V 8:30-17:00
-  LV, RU
-  56.135856, 27.000398
-  From Riga 170 km on a road A6 to Līvāni; then 36 km on a road P63 to Preiļi; then 27 km on a road P62 to Aglona.
-  Bus "Rīgas SAO - Aglona" (4 h 10 min) or "Rīgas SAO - Dagdas AO" (3 h 50 min).
Bus schedules: www.autoosta.lv
-  Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven (August)



JŪRMALA SEASIDE RESORT



Jūrmala is the most popular seaside resort in Latvia and the biggest one in the Baltic States. With its white, sandy "Blue Flag" beaches, healthy pine forest air, mineral waters, SPA and health centres Jūrmala will help you renew your strength and fully enjoy life. Come and spend your next vacation here! Visit Jūrmala - one of the "European Destinations of Excellence"!

The resort town is located just 23 km from the capital Riga. The nearly 26 km long and broad beach is covered with white quartz sand and has several "Blue Flags" that guarantee quality, safety and comfort (also for people with special needs).

Jūrmala resort medical and rehabilitation facilities and SPA centres offer wide variety of SPA and resort procedures with medicinal mineral waters and peat mud all year round.

The city boasts its unique 19th century and early 20th century wooden and Art Nouveau architecture and the natural resources of Ķemeri National Park. Jūrmala is an excellent place for recreation for the whole family - there are numerous attractions, children playgrounds and the biggest water park in Northern Europe.

JŪRMALA TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE

-  Lienes iela 5, Majori, Jūrmala, LV-2015
-  +371 67147900
-  info@jurmala.lv, www.tourism.jurmala.lv
-  January-December I 9:00-18:00 • II-V 9:00-17:00
• VI 10:00-17:00 • VII 10:00-15:00
-  LV, RU, EN, DE
-  56.971153, 23.799639
-  From Riga 23 km on a road A10 to Jūrmala.
Motor vehicle permits for entering Jūrmala:
www.tourism.jurmala.lv
-  Train "Rīga - Tukums", "Rīga - Sloka", "Rīga - Dubulti" or "Rīga - Ķemeri" (25 min - 60 min). Train stops in Jūrmala: Priedaine, Lielupe, Bulduri, Dzintari, Majori, Dubulti, Jaundubulti, Pumpuri, Melluži, Asari, Vaivari, Sloka, Kūdra, Ķemeri. Train schedules: www.pv.lv/en
During summer season (May-September) you can get from the centre of Riga to Jūrmala (Majori) by the river motor boat "New Way". Boat schedules: www.pie-kapteina.lv
-  Opening of Jūrmala Summer Resort Season (May),
Jomas Street Festival (July),
International Music Festival Summertime (August)



GAUJA NATIONAL PARK - LĪGATNE



The picturesque ancient valley of the Gauja River has been attracting tourists from all over the world for centuries. Here you can both enjoy the charm of the primaeval nature and return in the mysterious medieval times or experience various opportunities of active recreation all year round. Visit Līgatne - one of the "European Destinations of Excellence"!



To capture the magic of the park fully one day will not be enough. More than 500 cultural and historical monuments are located in the National Park - hill forts, stone castles, churches, manors, watermills and windmills, as well as other archaeological, architectural and artistic monuments. The main tourist destinations are Sigulda and Cēsis, but this is not all.

A true nature lover should not miss the Līgatne nature trails, where one can see all sorts of wild animals and the nearby 333 sandstone caves; admirers of the military heritage will gain an unforgettable experience from a visit to the Līgatne secret underground bunker which was intended for use in case of a nuclear war, while those interested in the past will certainly enjoy a visit to the village of Līgatne paper factory and the sculptures made in an ancient dugout technique in Vienkoču Park.

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-  LĪGATNE TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE
 -  Sprīņģu iela 2, Līgatne, Līgatnes novads, LV-4110
 -  +371 64153169, +371 29189707
 -  info@visitligatne.lv, www.visitligatne.lv
 -  May-September I-VII 9:00-18:00
October-April I-VII 9:00-17:00
 -  LV, RU, EN
 -  57.232929, 25.038416
 -  From Riga 65 km on a road A2 to Augšlīgatne; then 6 km on a road V283 to Līgatne.
 -  Train "Rīga-Valga", "Rīga-Cēsis" or "Rīga-Valmiera" to the stop "Līgatne" (1 h 20 min).
Train schedules: www.pv.lv/en
Bus "Rīgas SAO - Cēsu AO" to the stop "Līgatne" (1 h 25 min). Bus schedules: www.autoosta.lv
Bus "Augšlīgatne - Gaujasmala" or "Augšlīgatne - Skaļupes" (20 min - 30 min).
Bus schedules: www.visitligatne.lv

KULDĪGA



Kuldīga has always been admired and praised by both poets and painters. The red roof tiles and the calm atmosphere of the charming small town of Kurzeme encourages taking a slow stroll through the silent streets, riding a bike or watching a movie under the open sky. Visit Kuldīga - one of the "European Destinations of Excellence"!

The historical buildings of Kuldīga, capital of the former Duchy of Courland, and its nature create a unique, harmonious ensemble, which cannot be found anywhere else in Europe. The centre of Kuldīga, developed in 17-18th century, has preserved its old wooden houses shaping small and narrow streets, while foundations of the houses in the old town form the banks of the small Alekšupīte River. The picturesque brick bridge in Kuldīga is one of the longest such bridges in Europe.

The town is also famous for the widest waterfall in Europe Ventas Rumba (249 m). During springs and autumns a peculiar view can be observed at the waterfall, when the spawning fish swarm tries to cross the waterfall by jumping in the air. Probably the most outstanding photos of your Latvia trip will be taken in Kuldīga!

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-  KULDĪGA TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE
 -  Baznīcas iela 5, Kuldīga, Kuldīgas novads, LV-3301
 -  +371 63322259, +371 29334403
 -  tourinfo@kuldiga.lv, www.visit.kuldiga.lv
 -  January-December I-V 9:00-17:00 • VI 10:00-16:00
• VII 10:00-15:00
 -  LV, RU, EN, DE, ES
 -  56.968594, 21.971016
 -  From Riga 75 km on a road A10 to Kandava turnoff;
then 64 km on a road P130 to Kuldīga.
 -  Bus "Rīgas SAO - Kuldīgas AO" (2 h 30 min - 3 h 40 min).
Bus schedules: www.autoosta.lv
 -  Cycling Day and Night in Kuldīga (May),
Feast in Kuldīga - the town of romance and love (July)



TURAJDA MUSEUM RESERVE - SIGULDA



The name Turaida means "God's garden" in the language of the ancient inhabitants of Latvia. When viewed from a hot-air balloon or the opposite bank of the Gauja River on an autumn evening, Turaida castle rises above the green foliage like a mighty ship built of red brick. All you have to do is walk upwards and enjoy this incredible nature and human created beauty.

Walking around the defensive wall, all visitors of Turaida Museum Reserve can learn about the Baltic history and culture from the 11th century. Dainu Hill is a garden of sculptures dedicated to Latvian folklore. Turaida Church is one of the oldest wooden churches in Latvia. There are several nature trails on the grounds of the Museum Reserve, which reveal rare plants, sandstone outcrops, castle fortifications and towers from new and unusual angles.

Sigulda, one of the most beautiful cities in Latvia, is situated nearby in the Gauja Valley. It surprises everyone with breathtaking landscapes, adrenaline filled activities both in summer and winter and fabulous open-air musical events - excellent recreation for the whole family.



SIGULDA TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE



Ausekļa iela 6, Sigulda, Siguldas novads, LV-2150



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May-September I-VII 9:00-19:00,
October-April I-VII 9:00-18:00



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From Riga 51 km on a road A2 to Sigulda.



Bus "Rīgas SAO - Siguldai AO" (1 h 10 min - 1 h 50 min).
Bus schedules: www.autoosta.lv
Train "Rīga - Sigulda", "Rīga - Valga" or "Rīga - Cēsis" to
the stop "Sigulda" (1 h 15 min).
Train schedules: www.pv.lv/en



Midsummer Festival (June),
KREMERATA BALTICA Festival (June-July),
Blues Festival and National Blues Contest (July),
International Sigulda Opera Music Festival (July-
August)



CĒSIS



Cēsis is one of the oldest and undoubtedly one of the most beautiful towns in Latvia. Since the 13th century, the medieval Cēsis Castle has shared its destiny with the town in fights against Russian, Polish and Swedish troops and now together with both parks, the curved cobbled streets and hospitable people enchants the visitors of the town with its romantic atmosphere.

The cobbled streets of the old town of Cēsis have preserved their layout since the medieval times. They are surrounded by ancient buildings with red tiled roofs, closed backyards and renovated facades. Cēsis Castle complex is the most impressive witness of the centuries old history of the town. The calm atmosphere in the old town invites you to sit down at a cosy cafe and just enjoy. Every year the town is awakened by festivals and celebrations of art and culture. In winters it welcomes skiers and fans of other winter activities to spend an exciting time at the nearby centres for active recreation.

Barely 8 km from Cēsis an even more ancient populated area is located - Āraiši Lake Castle. It consists of more than 20 reconstructed Bronze Age dwelling houses on a small island in the middle of the lake.

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-  CĒSIS TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE
 -  Pils laukums 9, Cēsis, Cēsu novads, LV-4101
 -  +371 64121815, +371 28318318
 -  info@cesis.lv, www.tourism.cesis.lv
 -  May-September I-VII 10:00-18:00
October-April II-VI 10:00-17:00 • VII 10:00-16:00
 -  LV, RU, EN, DE
 -  57.313393, 25.272346
 -  From Riga 79 km on a road A2 to Cēsis turnoff; then 10 km on a road P20 to Cēsis.
 -  Bus "Rīgas SAO - Cēsu AO" (1 h 45 min - 2 h 40 min).
Bus schedules: www.autoosta.lv
Train "Rīga - Cēsis" or "Rīga - Valga" to the stop "Cēsis" (1 h 15 min). Train schedules: www.pv.lv/en
 -  Livonian Festival in Cēsis (May),
Cēsis Art Festival (July-August),
Historical Film Show in Cēsis Castle (August)



LIEPĀJA



Liepāja is home to both broad and sandy beaches to enjoy the summer at and a peculiar cultural, architectural and military heritage. You have to see the adorable wooden architecture and Art Nouveau buildings, visit art galleries and walk through the fortifications built at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. Visit Liepāja - one of the "European Destinations of Excellence"!

Liepāja is an ancient harbour city on the east coast of the Baltic Sea, where people have been living for more than 750 years.

Liepāja is a city of music and culture. Visit international music festivals and concerts or enjoy yourself in city's music clubs. See the world's longest amber necklace and the biggest mechanical organ in the World!

Liepāja is a city of contrasts. Walk the labyrinths of the Northern Forts with torchlight, discover the exotic nature of the architecture of the Military Port Karosta or the former prison, explore the Art Nouveau buildings in the city centre and the unique wooden architecture in Seaside Park!

Liepāja welcomes you with its "Blue Flag" beach popular with vacationers and surfers, quayside Promenade, trendy accommodation, cosy cafes and pubs.



LIEPĀJA TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE



Rožu laukums 5/6, Liepāja, LV-3401



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info@liepaja.travel, www.liepaja.travel



April-September I-V 9:00-19:00 • VI 10:00-18:00
• VII 10:00-15:00

October-March I-V 9:00-17:00 • VI 10:00-15:00



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From Riga 215 km on a road A9 to Liepāja.



Bus "Rīgas SAO - Liepājas AO" (3 h 30 min).

Bus schedules: www.autoosta.lv

Train "Rīga - Liepāja" (3 h 10 min). Train schedules:

www.pv.lv/en



International Piano Stars Festival (March),

Sea Festival (July),

Summer Sound Liepāja International Music Festival (July),

International Organ Music Festival at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Liepāja (September)



VENTSPILS



Ventspils is an ancient 13th century mariner and fishermen city, where a harbour and a "Blue Flag" beach live in a perfect harmony. Its inhabitants possess the stubbornness of the sea wind and the soul of flowers. Take your children and friends and visit the capital of flowers and fountains, the family and recreation friendly seaside city.



Ventspils welcomes you to rest at the "Blue Flag" white sand beach at the Baltic Sea or spend an exciting time in outdoor and indoor water amusement parks. Children will enjoy the two play towns. The adventure park offers skiing on an artificially created hill in the winter and testing your agility in various tracks in the summer. The curious ones will enjoy the only digital planetarium and observatory in Latvia. The history becomes alive in the Old Town Market Square with musical carillon bell tower, Livonian Order Castle, House of Crafts and the narrow cobbled streets of Ostgals. It is a special experience to ride the 1916 steam engine "Mazbānītis" from the Seaside Open Air Museum or take a trip on the excursion boat "Hercogs Jēkabs" along the harbour. The city is also famous for its cow parade, extravagant flower sculptures, flowerbeds and fountains.

Slītere National park and Radioastronomy Centre at Irbene located in the north east of Ventspils are also worth visiting.

VENTSPILS TOURISM INFORMATION CENTRE

-  Dārzu iela 6, Ventspils, LV-3601
-  +371 63622263
-  tourism@ventspils.lv, www.visitventspils.com
-  January-December I-V 8:00-19:00 • VI 9:00-19:00
• VII 10:00-16:00
-  LV, RU, EN, DE, LT
-  57.395870, 21.567535
-  From Riga 189 km on a road A10 to Ventspils.
-  Bus "Rīgas SAO - Ventspils AO" (3 h - 4 h).
Bus schedules: www.autoosta.lv
-  Lilium Vindaviensis Knight Tournament at the Livonian Order Castle (June),
International Meet of Baltic Sea Region Bikers
"Kurland Bike Meet" (July), Kite Party (July),
International Baltic Flower Carpet Festival and Ventspils City Festival (August)

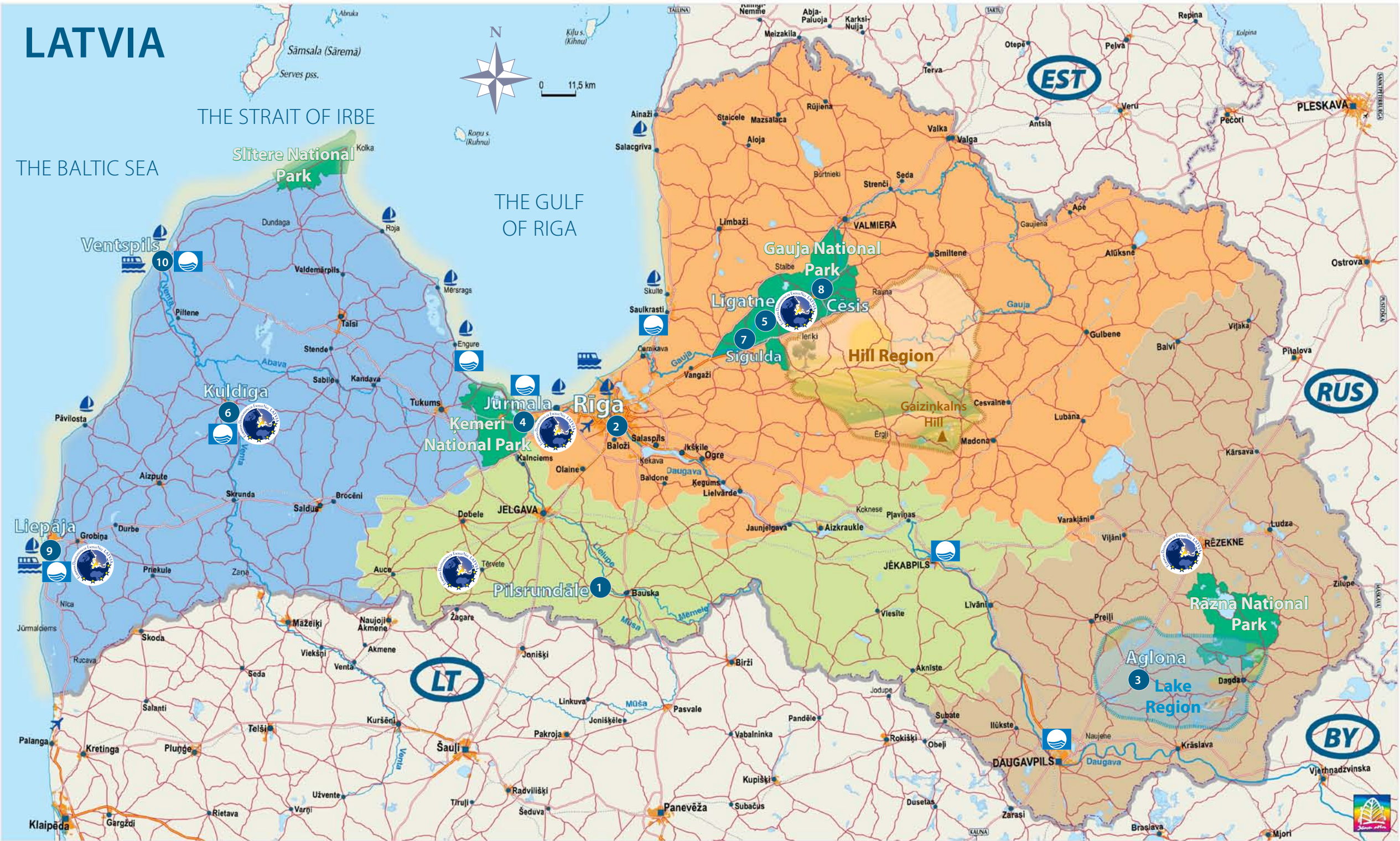
LATVIA

THE STRAIT OF IRBE

THE BALTIC SEA

Slītere National Park

THE GULF OF RIGA



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9. Liepāja
10. Ventspils

LEGEND

- 1 Tourism destination
- National park
- European Destination of Excellence
- "Blue Flag" beach
- Airport
- Marina
- Ferry line
- Railway
- Main road
- Road with separated traffic zones
- Other roads

ABOUT LATVIA

- Location: North East Europe, east coast of the Baltic Sea
- Area: 64 589 sq. km
- Border countries: Estonia, Russia, Belarus, Lithuania
- Population: 1 969 000
- Government: Parliamentary republic
- EU Member State
- Schengen visa country
- Official language: Latvian
- Ethnic groups: 61.4% Latvians, 26% Russians, 3.4% Belorussians, 2.3% Ukrainians, 1.3% Poles, 5.6% others
- Capital: Riga
- Largest cities: Riga, Daugavpils, Ventspils, Jūrmala, Jelgava, Liepāja, Rēzekne
- Time zone: GMT+2, from April to November: GMT+3
- National currency: Euro
- Electricity standard: 220V
- Internet TLD: .lv



PLANE

Air traffic is an exceptionally convenient way of reaching Latvia. The Riga airport is the fastest growing airport in Europe; it offers direct flights to more than 80 cities of the world. The main destinations with approximate flight times are:

| Less than 1 hour | 1-2 hours | More than 2 hours |
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| Helsinki, Minsk, Stockholm, St. Petersburg, Tallinn, Tampere, Vilnius, Warsaw | Berlin, Copenhagen, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Kiev, Moscow, Oslo, Prague, Vienna | Amsterdam, Barcelona, Brussels, Geneva, Istanbul, London, Manchester, Milan, Munich, Paris, Rome, Tashkent, Tel Aviv |

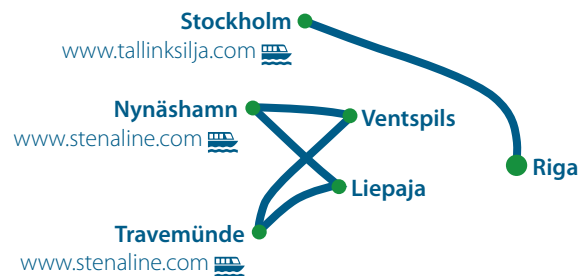
Riga airport is close to the centre of Riga (13 km) and the popular resort town Jūrmala (20 km).

Riga International Airport

- Address: Lidosta "Rīga" 10/1, Mārupes novads
- Information line: +371 29311187 (pay per minute)
- Lost and Found: +371 67207236, arrival.service@riga-airport.com
- Website: www.riga-airport.com

FERRY

The major ports of Latvia have ferry connections with other ports in the Baltic Sea Region.



- Freeport of Riga (www.rop.lv)
- Port of Liepāja (www.liepaja-sez.lv)
- Freeport of Ventspils (www.portofventsipils.lv)

Latvia also has a number of smaller ports, open to those who prefer travelling by yacht. A list of contact information of yacht ports and wharfs: www.seaclub.lv

BUS

Latvia has an extensive coach transport network with almost all major European and Russian cities. The Riga Coach Terminal is located next to the Central Market. From here, buses depart for all parts of Latvia. The level of comfort and price varies according to individual routes and operators. Some routes are served by minibuses and express buses. Tickets can be bought at the ticket desk inside the station as well as onboard for cash if space permits. Buses tend to be very full going from Riga on Fridays and Saturdays. For tourists' convenience there is an information centre located in the main terminal building.

Riga Coach Terminal

- Address: Pāgas iela 1
- Bus schedules: www.autoosta.lv
- Online booking: www.bezrindas.lv, www.buseurope.eu
- Information line: +371 90000009 (pay per minute)
- Ticket desk opening hours: 6:00-22:00

Riga International Airport bus: No. 22

- Travel time: 30 min (approximately)
- Bus schedules, tickets: www.rigassatiksm.lv
- Information line: +371 80001919 (toll-free)

CAR

- Vehicles drive on the right-hand side of the road.
- The speed limit for motor transport in built-up areas is 50 km/h, outside built-up areas - 90 km/h; some sections 100 km/h.
- Short-distance lights have to be used all the year round including daylight hours.
- The blood alcohol while driving must not exceed 0.2‰.
- Seatbelts and baby car seats must be used at all times.
- All vehicles not exceeding 3.5 t fully laden have to be equipped with winter tyres during winter months. It is forbidden to drive with spiked tires from 1st May to 1st October.
- Motor vehicle permits for entering Jūrmala: www.tourism.jurmala.lv
- Non-EU residents entering Latvia by car must have a Green Card insurance.

Road Traffic Safety Department (CSDD) www.csdd.lv

Parking in Riga www.rigassatiksm.lv, www.europark.lv

Car rentals at Riga International Airport

www.avis.lv, www.budget.lv, www.europcar.lv, www.sixt.lv

Latvian Automotive Club (LAMB) www.lamb.lv

TRAIN

The railway is the most reliable and cheapest mode of transportation in Latvia. The level of comfort on board varies. Trains tend to be full during the morning and evening rush hours on the most popular routes. Tickets can be bought at the railway ticket desks or from the conductor on the train for cash at an additional cost per ticket. An information desk is located in Riga Central Railway station.

International train routes:

| From Russia | From Belarus |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Moscow, St. Petersburg | Minsk |

Riga Central Railway Station

- Address: Stacijas laukums 2
- Information about trains and timetables: travel.ldz.lv, www.pv.lv/en
- Mobile app (Google Play • App Store): Pasažieru vilciens
- Information line: +371 67231181 (pay per minute)
- E-mail: uzzinas@ldz.lv
- Ticket desk opening hours: 4:30-23:40

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Dial Code for Latvia



Where to call in an emergency (toll free)

Emergency



Police



Fire-fighters



Medical Service



Gas emergency



Road accidents



24 hour information services



The EU-wide emergency number for police, fire-fighters and medical service.

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