

RIGA

Bustling Riga, with its pumping nightlife, cobbled streets and marvellous art-nouveau architecture is one of Eastern Europe's most fun cities. Riga is the largest city in all three Baltic states. In its 800 years of history, everyone from German knights to Swedish kings and Soviet commissars have left their footprints, and today Latvia's capital is an exciting European metropolis.

Riga's historical centre is UNESCO World Heritage site noted for its Art Nouveau / Jugendstil architecture and 19th century wooden architecture. Riga also has the largest collection of Art Nouveau buildings in the world.

FROM THE AIRPORT

Most of our tours include an airport transfer directly to your hotel. The driver will be waiting for you at the airport with a sign. You can take a taxi from the airport, and it should cost around EUR 20-35.



CULTURE FASCINATIONS

Old Riga

UNESCO World Heritage recognised [Old Riga](#) is the heart and soul of Latvia's capital. Its history goes back more than 800 years. Old Riga is known for cobblestone streets, magnificent churches, architectural masterpieces like the House of Blackheads and squares bursting with summer life.

Art Nouveau architecture

Riga has over 800 Art Nouveau buildings and structures, but the greatest concentration is on [Alberta iela street](#). Most of the buildings on this street have been designed by a single architect, Mikhail Eisenstein.

Doma Cathedral

The construction of [the cathedral](#) begun already in 1211 and it has been a work in progress ever since. It is a mix of different styles and one can see elements of Gothic, Romanesque, Baroque and even Art Nouveau styles. The interior holds many works of art, and the adjacent Cloister Garden displays intriguing artefacts from Riga's history. And don't miss a performance on the famous organ, built in 1884 and still considered today to be one of the finest instruments in the world.

Ethnographic Open-Air Museum of Latvia

Located right on the city's doorstep, the [Ethnographic Open-Air Museum](#) is a luscious lakeside park where fine examples of vernacular architecture from all over Latvia have been preserved. Step back in time by visiting peasant homes, workshops, windmills and treasures like the richly ornamented Usma Church.

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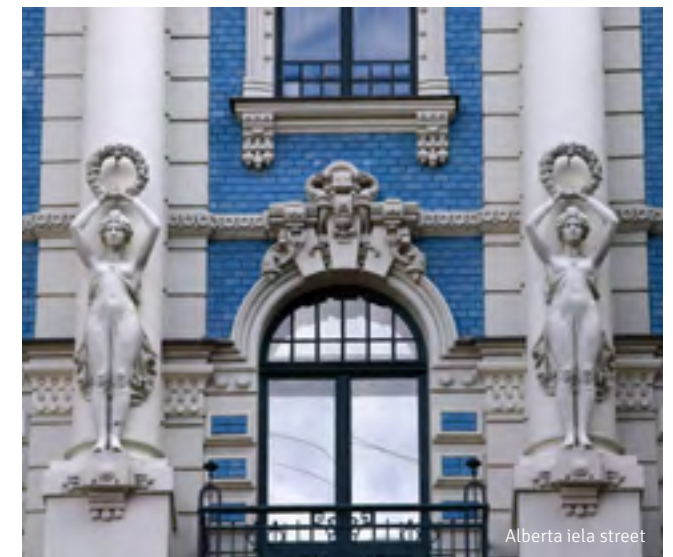
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Latvian National Opera and Ballet

Make sure to visit [Latvian National Opera and Ballet](#), a magnificent neo classical building dating from 1882 in the heart of town. This is the birthplace to one of the world's greatest ballet dancers, Mikhail Baryshnikov and to diva Elina Garanča.

Livu Square

A centre of Riga's youthful life. [Livu square](#) is full of lovely restaurants and bars and is a popular spot for tourists to take a break while exploring the city. Sit back and watch people walking by or admire the magnificent architecture surrounding the square. During summer, the square is filled with flowers, and during winter, the Christmas market takes over.



CULINARY EXPERIENCES

Riga is an adventure for the taste buds too. The enormous [Central Market](#) is a treasure trove of earthy sausage, cheese and black bread, smoked fish, and much more. Sample the goods on a picnic in one of Riga's lovely parks, or enjoy a hearty meal in many great value bistro and cafes.

Latvia's cuisine might seem a bit strange at first, but if you are open to try the Latvian delicacies, you are sure to be impressed by the gastronomic journey. Riga gives you a cuisine that is equal parts traditional and modern – you can buy rye bread baked the old fashioned way as easily as you can enjoy smoked trout at an upscale international bistro.

Must try foods and dishes in Latvia include rye bread, cold beet soup, Kvass (beverage fermented from black rye bread), black balsam (highly alcoholic herbal liqueur which has been brewed since 18th century) and Alexandertorte (raspberry filled cake, designed to commemorate Russian Tsar Alexander III's visit to Riga).



RESTAURANTS

Milda - Located in the heart of Riga, Milda brings authentic Baltic cuisine to life with a menu that features traditional Latvian dishes prepared by a team of professional chefs. From classic grey peas with smoked bacon to hearty mains like traditional black pudding and homemade sausages, the restaurant offers a true taste of the Baltics, with a variety of soups, salads, and desserts crafted using fresh, local ingredients.

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[restoransmilda.lv/](#)

Neiburgs Restaurant - Restaurant Neiburgs, a family-owned gem with 15 years of history, offers an exceptional dining experience in the heart of Latvia. Recently recommended in the Michelin Guide 2025, it serves contemporary European cuisine with a distinct Latvian twist, crafted by the talented chef Maksims Čabotjko. The à la carte menu features seasonal, locally sourced ingredients, while the seven-course tasting menu, paired with expert wines by Kaspars Reitups, delights the senses. With its welcoming atmosphere, charming terrace in summer, and a variety of cultural events, Neiburgs is the perfect spot for a memorable meal or special occasion.



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[neiburgs.com/restaurant](#)

Petergailis - Located in the heart of Riga's Old Town, Restaurant Petergailis has been serving locals and visitors since 1978. With a menu focused on fresh, locally grown Latvian ingredients, this cosy family-run restaurant offers a warm atmosphere perfect for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

Address: [Skārņu iela 25, Centra rajons](#)

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[petergailis.com/home/](#)

Restorans Forest - Spoil your taste buds with Latvian contemporary and classic European cuisine, considering seasonal character of field and nature bounty. Great selection of drinks from "Old" and "New" world will satisfy most contrasting tastes of visitors searching for perfect drink to excellent food. Glance through window opens view to National treasury – Opera house and city canal, while enjoying meal and drink of Your choice.

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