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Riga greets visitors with a unique and breathtaking silhouette, beautifully reflected in the Baltic Sea. A stroll through the city centre offers a charmingly confusing mix of a modern metropolitan city with exclusive shopping, vibrant nightlife and international cuisine, and ancient traditions in a capital that has been multi-cultural throughout its 800-year history.

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*What Type of Traveller
Are You Based on
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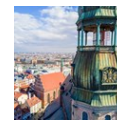
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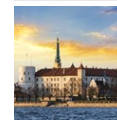
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THE CITY



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Riga is not only a pretty sight with its tall church steeples pointing to the sky, it is also the most dynamic capital of the Baltic States. Riga is a vibrating big city, with broad avenues, majestic Art Nouveau palaces, trendy cafés, restaurants, clubs and shopping centres. Tourism is booming and the opening of restaurants with specialities from the most remote parts of the world please the increasingly cosmopolitan locals, as well as visitors from afar.

For art lovers, a simple walk around the city centre may be enough excitement: Riga is, above all, famous for its spectacular Art Nouveau architecture. There is no other European city with so many buildings featuring the particular 19th-century style. The easiest way to discover architectural extravaganza not likely to be seen elsewhere is to simply walk around with your head up.

DO & SEE



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Riga offers plenty in terms of sightseeing and entertainment, just as one would expect from a city that was named European Capital of Culture in 2014. Guided tours normally depart from the Old Town Square. Many of the most beautiful and interesting sights are concentrated in the Old Town, so it is a good idea to start your tour from there.

The Freedom Monument



The Freedom Monument, or "Milda" (as the locals call it), towers gracefully between the Old Town and the city. The 42-metre tall statue is a symbol of Latvia's freedom and independence. The honour guard changes shifts every hour, on the hour, from morning until evening.

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Address: Central District, Riga

More Info: Cross Brivibas and Raina, in the heart of the city.

Three Brothers



The Three Brothers are the oldest stone residential buildings in the city, situated in the picturesque Maza Pils alley in the Old Town.

Each of the three houses represents different stages in the architectural époques of Riga, from Medieval to Baroque.

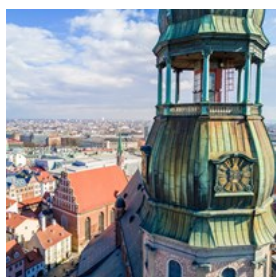
Photo: Paul D Smith/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mazā Pils St. 17, Centra rajons, Riga,

Internet: www.archmuseum.lv

More Info: Old Town

St. Peter's Church



From the viewing platform around the church spire, you can walk 360 degrees around the tower. From St. Peter's Church you can

see the whole of Riga laid out before you.

Photo: Ksenija Toyechkina/Shutterstock.com

Address: Skārņu St.19, Centra rajons, Riga

Opening hours: 10.00-18.00 Tue-Sat; 12.00-18.00 Sun.

Phone: +371 6718 1941

Internet: www.peterbaznica.riga.lv

More Info: Closed on Monday.

Museum of War



The so-called Powder Tower, the last remnant of the 13th-century wall that once surrounded the heart of Riga, now hosts a war museum. The aim of

the museum is to reveal to the public the complicated military history of Latvia, with a special emphasis on the 20th century, during which the Latvian people had to win their

independence twice.

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Address: Smilšu St. 20, Riga

Opening hours: Daily 10.00-18.00 (April-October) /

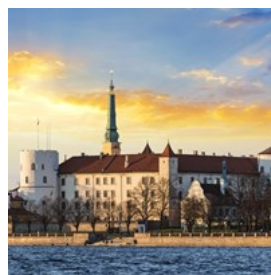
10.00-17.00 (November-March)

Phone: +371 6722 8147 / +371 6722 3743 (for planning excursions)

Internet: www.karamuzejs.lv

More Info: Museum visits are free.

Riga Castle



The Latvian president Andris Bērziņš lives in one of the wings of this yellow 14th-century castle, situated by the mouth of the Daugava

River in the harbour area. The castle has been rebuilt several times throughout the centuries, and its architectural style is a charming muddle of different architectural époques. Several art museums are housed inside of it.

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Address: Pils Laukums St. 3, Riga

Phone: +371 6709 2106

Internet: www.president.lv

Email: prese@president.lv

Nativity Cathedral



The largest place of worship in the Baltic, the Nativity Cathedral of Riga measures 187 times 43 metres, with walls two metres thick. It has also one of the biggest organs in Europe with 6,768 pipes.

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Address: Doma Laukums 1, Riga

Opening hours: Daily 09.00-16.00.

Phone: +371 2949 9097

Internet: www.doms.lv

Email: doms@doms.lv

More Info: Special worship for families with children on the first Sunday of each month at 17:00.

Dome Square

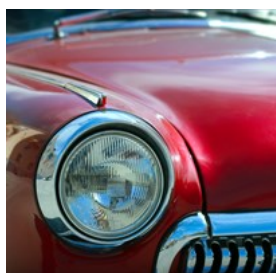


Dome Square is the largest square in Riga Old Town where various public events are often held. Made of seven streets, it includes several monuments dating back to the 19th and 20th century. The square has a marked point where you can stand and see all three golden cockerels on top of Old Town's churches.

Photo: Jelena Safronova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Doma Laukums, Riga

Riga Motor Museum



Riga Motor Museum is an absolute bliss for car lovers. The museum displays Western as well as Soviet cars and motorcycles, topped with wax dolls of the old Soviet party leaders. The new exposition tells fascinating stories about unique vehicles, renowned individuals and important milestones that helped to shape world's automotive history.

Photo: BGodunoff/Shutterstock.com

Address: S. Eizenšteina St. 8, Riga

Opening hours: Daily 10.00-18.00.

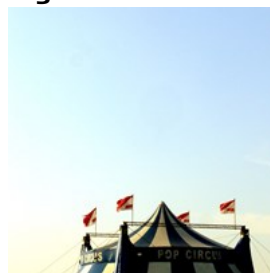
Phone: +371 6702 5888 / +371 6702 5856 (for booking guided tours)

Internet: www.motormuzejs.lv

Email: info@motormuzejs.lv

More Info: Children up to 6 years of age can visit the museum free of charge.

Riga Cirkus



Riga has a permanent circus where guests can witness some very special acts. Come and enjoy performing pigs, bears, horses and dogs, as well as the "non-performing" domestic cats. This circus is open from October to April.

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Address: Merkela St. 4, Riga

Phone: +371 6721 3479

Internet: www.cirks.lv

Email: cirks@cirks.lv

The Old Town

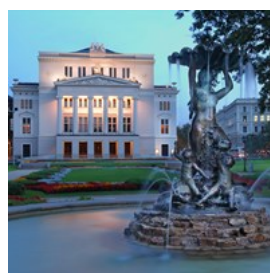


An absolute must for visitors to see is the labyrinth of cobble streets in the Old Town. This live open-air museum is declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A walk along the winding streets goes past over 150 historical and architectural monuments, the oldest from the 13th century. Do not be afraid to get lost in the narrow alleys, it is part of the experience.

Photo: Sergei25/ Shutterstock.com

Address: The Old Town, Riga

Latvian National Opera



The Latvian Opera House is an attraction in itself - the building is very photogenic and makes for a great walk around in the afternoon. Opera and ballet are fabled as well, so make sure to check for current shows when you're in town.

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Address: Aspazijas bulv. 3, Rīga
Phone: +371 6707 3777 / +371 6707 3715
Internet: www.opera.lv
Email: info@opera.lv

Latvian Ethnographic Open Air Museum



Located 30 minutes away from the city centre, this open-air museum offers visitors a great overview of Latvia's country life and architecture. Check

whether buildings inside are open for visiting, as they may be closed during cold seasons. You may explore the museum on your own, or through a guided tour.

Photo: Jelena Safronova/Shutterstock.com
Address: Brivibas St. 440, Rīga
Opening hours: Daily 10.00-20.00 (Summer season) / 10.00-17.00 (Winter season)
Phone: +371 6799 4510 / +371 67994106 (For booking tours)
Internet: www.brivdabasmuzejs.lv
Email: info@brivdabasmuzejs.lv

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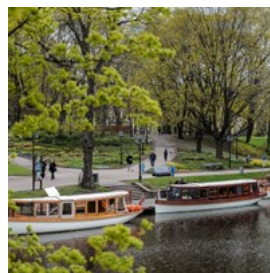


Alberta Street is the Art Nouveau epicentre of Riga, as magnificent historical Art Nouveau buildings are located along the entire length

thereof. Eight of them have been recognised as architectural monuments of state significance. This street is an open-air museum in itself - a UNESCO world heritage site that is not to be missed.

Photo: Thomas Gartz/ Flickr (image cropped)
Address: Alberta St., Rīga

Vermanes Park



Right next to the Latvian Opera House is Vermanes Park - a beautiful and tranquil retreat from the city's busy cobbled streets. With its

picturesque little bridges and lush greenery, the park is a great place to visit at any time of day. Take a boat ride along the canal, take a look at the plentiful statues inside or visit the tea house.

Photo: Kārlis Dambrāns/ Flickr (image cropped)
Address: Vērmanes Garden, Rīga
Opening hours: Daily H24.
Internet: www.riga.lv
More Info: Between Elizabetes, Barona, Merkela and Terbatas.

Museum of the Occupation of Latvia



For an insight into Latvia's past and the activity of the Soviet Secret Service police in the country, take a guided tour around the

former KGB headquarters building. It commemorates those who were unjustly convicted and murdered and those who suffered and died during the repressions and deportations.

Photo: tlegend/ Shutterstock.com
Address: Raina bulv. 7, Rīga
Opening hours: Daily 11.00-18.00.
Phone: +371 6721 2715
Internet: www.okupacijasmuzejs.lv
Email: omf@latnet.lv
More Info: Entrance fee: voluntary donations.

Latvian University Botanical Garden



The university's Botanical Gardens have something to offer at any time of the year, but summer is the time they should definitely not be missed.

Bring a picnic set and retreat from the heat underneath the lush green trees.

Photo: Viktoriia Boss/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kandavas St. 2, Riga

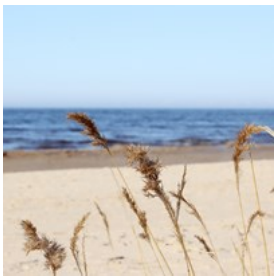
Opening hours: Daily 10.00-16.00.

Phone: +371 6745 0852 / +371 2631 9560

Internet: www.botanika.lu.lv

Email: botaniskais.darzs@lu.lv

Vecaki Beach



If you're looking for a day trip to the Baltic, Vecaki Beach might be your best bet - this 8km-long strip of sand lined with pine trees is a great

summertime getaway. Entertainment for kids and adults abounds. The beach may be reached by public transport.

Photo: DianaDeluxe/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vecaki, Riga

Public Transport: Commuter train Riga - Carnikava - Saulkrasti - Skulte

Spikeri



Spikeri area with former warehouses renovated and brought back to life by local art and design enthusiasts is the new hangout spot for the hip

young crowd. An alternative venue with stores, coffee shops and bars. Spikeri is also a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Photo: trabantos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Maskavas St. 6, Riga

Email: info@spikerunami.lv

Riga Art Nouveau Museum



A logical conclusion to your stroll down Alberta Iela, this compact museum will provide additional insight into Art Nouveau. The staff dress up in period clothing and you might just get a treat of freshly made pastries from the museum's "cook".

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Address: Alberta St. 12, Riga

Opening hours: 10.00-18.00 Tue-Sun.

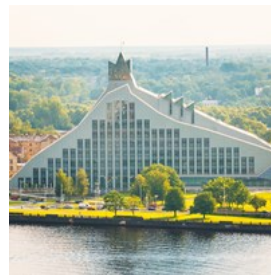
Phone: + 371 6718 1464

Internet: www.jugendstils.riga.lv

Email: jugendstils@riga.lv

More Info: Closed on Monday.

Castle of Light (National Library)



Documenting Latvia's history and literature, hosting exhibitions and simply an architectural masterpiece, the Castle of Light, or National Library

of Latvia, is worth a visit, if only to be admired for its striking design.

Photo: Grisha Bruev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mūkusalas iela 3, Riga

Phone: +371 678 061 00

Internet: www.lnb.lv/en

Email: lnb@lnb.lv

DINING



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Traditional Latvian food culture is dominated by typical Russian and Eastern European dishes, using a lot of potato, cabbage, beef, pork and fish, served in big portions. Riga also offers countless opportunities to try international favourites, from American steakhouses to Indian veggie food, Chinese, Japanese, Italian, Russian or Ukrainian specialities.

Visitors must try Riga's famous Black Balsam, a thick and black yet smooth and velvety alcoholic liqueur. The 45 percent alcoholic drink is said to cure sore throats as well as hangovers. The exact recipe is a closely guarded secret, but basic ingredients include ginger, oak bark, bitter orange peel and cognac.

Stock Pot



This is a very popular restaurant in the Old Town. The cuisine from different parts of the world makes the lunch very enjoyable. The lunch menu usually contains 6 different dishes, one or two salads and a mini snack wrap. The atmosphere is really nice and the owners are very attentive patrons.

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Address: Ģetrūdes St. 6, Rīga

Opening hours: 11.00-20.30 Mon-Sat.

Phone: +371 2783 2165

Internet: www.stockpot.lv

More Info: Closed on Monday.

Lido Atputas Centrs



directly by the chefs.

As the flagship restaurant of Latvian successful food chain, Lido offers a variety of appetising Latvian foods. The dishes are served quickly and

Photo: Dmytro Mykhailov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Krasta St. 76, Rīga

Opening hours: Daily 13.00-23.00.

Phone: +371 6770 0000

Internet: www.lido.lv

Email: info@lido.lv

Pelmeni XL



are filled either with chicken, pork, lamb, vegetables or cheese.

Pelmeni XL is a self-service restaurant serving Pelmeni, the Russian or Ukrainian version of ravioli or tortellini. The Pelmenis

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Address: Kaliku St. 7, Rīga

Phone: +371 722 2728

Internet: www.xlpelmeni.lv

Email: info@xlpelmeni.lv

Vincents



Championed as the best restaurant in all of the Baltic states and one of the top contenders for the first place in all of Europe, this fine dining

establishment has been frequented by Queen Elizabeth II and other major world figures. Expect above average prices and service.

Photo: White78/Shutterstock.com
Address: Elizabetes St. 19, Riga
Phone: +371 6733 2830
Internet: www.restorans.lv
Email: restorans@restorans.vincents.lv

Neiburgs



A shining example of modern Latvian cuisine, this restaurant is located inside a beautiful art nouveau building in the heart of Riga's Old Town.

Neiburgs is a great choice for an upscale dining experience - it consistently makes the top of Latvia's Top 50 Restaurants list.

Photo: MaraZe/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jauniela St. 25/27, Riga
Opening hours: À la carte: daily 11.00-23.00.
Phone: +371 6711 5544
Internet: www.neiburgs.com
Email: reservation@neiburgs.com
More Info: Breakfast from 07.00 to 10.30.

Fazenda



Known for its unique atmosphere and a variety of rooms to be seated in (including a summertime patio), Fazenda is the upcoming new place

frequented by locals. Vegetarian options are available.

Photo: zi3000/Shutterstock.com
Address: Nometņu St. 7, Riga
Phone: +371 6761 6196
Internet: www.fazenda.lv
Email: nometnu@fazenda.lv

Cydonia Gastropub



Great atmosphere and friendly service are some of the place's highlights, but what really draws return clients is the burgers - both meat and chicken varieties are worth your undivided attention.

Photo: Olga Miltsova/Shutterstock.com
Address: Dzirnavu St. 84, Riga
Opening hours: 10.00-00.00 workdays; 11.00-00.00 weekends.
Phone: +371 6728 2055
Internet: www.cydonia.lv
Email: info@cydonia.lv

1221



For a great introduction to traditional Latvian food, head to "1221" and prepare to see beaver, elk and venison show up on the menu. Save space for some dessert, too. Summer terrace on the roof.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Jauniela St. 16, Riga
Opening hours: Daily 12.00-23.00.
Phone: +371 6722 0171
Internet: www.1221.lv
Email: 1221@apollo.lv

Istaba



Istaba is a dining experience not to be missed when in Riga - there is no menu per se, diners are invited to choose from the day's meat and fish options and are then served appetisers and sides (included in the price). The incredibly cosy and authentic atmosphere top off the night.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Krišjāņa Barona St. 31A, Rīga

Opening hours: 12.00-21.00 Mon-Fri; 12.00-18.00 Sat.

Phone: +371 6728 1141

More Info: Closed on Sunday.

Biblioteka N°1



A rather upscale establishment, Biblioteka serves modern Latvian cuisine with a twist. Its award-winning wine list offers plenty to choose from in terms of dining accompaniments. There is also a special 9 set tasting menu that should not be missed.

Photo: Vo-Yggdrasil/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tērbatas St. 2, Rīga

Opening hours: 12.00-00.00 Mon-Sat; 11.00-00.00 Sun.

Phone: +371 2022 5000

Internet: www.restoransbiblioteka.lv

Email: info@restoransbiblioteka.lv

Rozengrāls



Medieval-themed restaurant that takes its theme very seriously - the atmosphere is very authentic and diners listen to the sound of

flutes, bagpipes and lute while eating. Keep in mind that if you order chicken, you can expect to receive a whole one!

Photo: AS Food studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Rozena St. 1, Rīga

Opening hours: Daily 12.00-00.00.

Phone: +371 2576 9877

Internet: www.rozengrals.lv

Email: info@rozengrals.lv

Māja



Located on the other side of the river, this restaurant is conveniently located in the beautiful Kalnciema Quarter where the weekly Saturday market is held. Māja (or "house") serves Latvian food made from fresh local farm ingredients.

Photo: minadezhda/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kalnciema St. 37/5, Rīga

Opening hours: 11.00-22.00 Mon-Fri; 12.00-22.00 Sat-Sun.

Phone: +371 6761 6304

Internet: www.restoransmaja.lv

Email: info@restoransmaja.lv

CAFES



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Below you can find some nice places in Riga that have pleasant interiors and also serve good coffee and pastries. Many cafés in Riga are also open for breakfast if you feel like eating out or

grabbing something on-the-go.

Apsara Tea House



This delightful tea-house has a strong Turkish-Russian feel, and a large selection of non-bag teas as well as Turkish water pipes.

Located in the Vermanes Garden, it is a lovely place to relax on a nice spring or summer day.

Photo: Jakob Fischer/Shutterstock.com

Address: Terbatas St. 2G, Rīga

Opening hours: 13.00-22.00 Mon-Fri; 12.00-22.00 Sat-Sun.

Phone: +371 7212 436

Internet: www.apsara.lv

Email: info@apsara.lv

More Info: Centra rajons, Rīga.

Montekristo



Montekristo is a stylish cafe in the Art Nouveau quarters with coffee grinds from the whole world. The trendy, young and wealthy meet in this

classy venue.

Photo: NOBUHIRO ASADA/Shutterstock.com

Address: Gertrūdes St. 27, Rīga

Phone: +371 6731 0010

Internet: www.montekristo.lv

Email: montekristo.kafija@gmail.com

Smilsu Pulkstenis



Smilsu Pulkstenis is a tiny but very cosy tea shop in the Old Town. Here you can eat delicious homemade cakes, pastries and enjoy freshly squeezed juices. Good value for money and

friendly staff are a plus.

Photo: Olesya Kuznetsova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Meistaru St. 8, Rīga

Phone: +371 2649 4777

Cadets De Gascogne



This cosy French-owned café/bakery is located in Pinki, and offers a wide range of homemade French pastries. Cadets De Gascogne is an

excellent place for a coffee break when exploring the city. This is a non-smoking cafe open 7 days a week.

Photo: WernBkk/Shutterstock.com

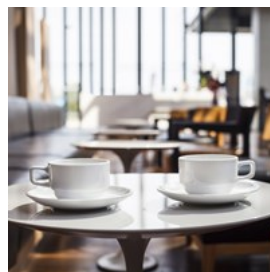
Address: Gertrudes St. 52, Rīga

Phone: +371 2839 4708

Internet: www.cadets.lv

Email: cadets@cadets.lv

Rocket Bean Roastery



Hipster-ish new place where everything revolves around coffee - ask the waitress for a recommendation, if you so wish, and she will

gladly give you one. The place is also well-equipped with power outlets.

Photo: VTT Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Miera St. 29/31, Rīga

Opening hours: 08.00-19.00 Mon-Fri; 09.00-19.00 Sat-Sun.

Phone: +371 20 215 120

Internet: www.rocketbean.lv

Email: info@rocketbean.lv

Miit Coffee



Coffee and bikes is its slogan, but Miit is also a vegetarian's dream with a daily lunch deal and weekend brunches or pancake mornings. For coffee they use only freshly-roasted beans bought on coffee farms. All Miit baristas are knowledgeable coffee masters.

Photo: Aleksandrs Muiznieks/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lacplesa St. 10, Riga

Phone: +371 2729 2424

Internet: www.miit.lv

Email: miit@miit.lv

Coffee Tower



Coffee Tower is the smallest stationary cafe in Riga. From early in the morning this mini-cafe offers its visitors a wide range of different espresso-based beverages and so much more.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Terbatas St. 2E, Riga

Opening hours: Daily 07.00-21.00.

Phone: +371 2828 7787

Internet: www.coffeetower.lv

Email: edgars@coffeetower.lv

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Riga has countless restaurants, bars and nightclubs, featuring entertainment that will satisfy most music tastes and clubbing preferences. During summer, Old Riga bursts with open-air cafes and beer gardens, while those who rather fancy cocktail sipping or dancing can enjoy the night in any of the numerous lounges and clubs of the city centre.

B-Bārs



First and foremost a bar known for its original artisan cocktails (such as the must-try "Black Balsam") B-Bārs serves non-typical bar food of

top-notch quality worthy of a fine dining establishment. The B-Bārs was opened in 2004 and is located in the heart of the historical centre, near the Dome Cathedral. It is a stylish and trendy cocktail bar with a chic designer interior.

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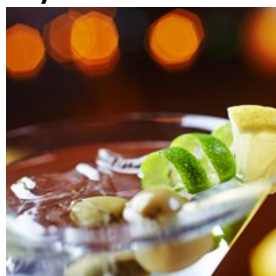
Address: Doma Laukums 2, Riga

Phone: +371 67 228 842

Internet: www.bbars.lv

Email: liga@bbars.lv

Skyline Bar



To reach this romantic bar on the 26th floor of the Reval Hotel Latvija, you have to take a slow ride in the glass lift which rises along the hotel façade. The bird's-eye view of virtually the entire Latvian capital is reason enough to come here.

Photo: Evgeny Starkov/Shutterstock.com
Address: Elizabetes St. 55, Riga
Phone: +371 6777 2288
Internet: www.skylinebar.lv
Email: latvija.skyline@radissonblu.com

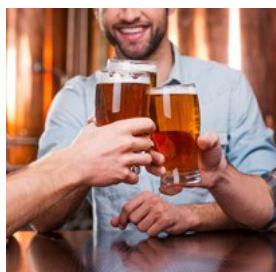
Vīna studija



This venue is the perfect pre-party 2-in-1 that serves great food and offers a wide selection of wines all under one roof. There are 3 winebar/restaurant locations around Riga, each of them with an adjacent wine shop.

Photo: lenetstan/Shutterstock.com
Address: Stabu St. 30, Riga
Phone: +371 6727 6010
Internet: www.vinastudija.lv

Piens



One of Riga's big hipster hangouts, this bar and nightclub boasts a huge well-lit terrace and is known for its incredible Sunday brunch. The weekend starts early here - Wednesday is the day when great deals on wine are available.

Photo: g-stockstudio/Shutterstock.com
Address: Aristida Briāna St. 9, Riga
Phone: +371 6601 6300

Internet: www.piens.nu
Email: kafe@piens.nu
More Info: Closed on Monday.

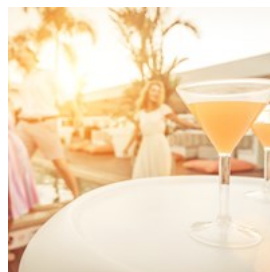
Folkklubs Ala Pagrabs



This dimly-lit pub is located underground, and seems to draw rowdy crowds, so make sure to reserve a table in advance. The word is out about their incredible food and extensive beer list, including the regulars' favorite - honey beer. Live music is to be expected.

Photo: Valentyn Volkov/Shutterstock.com
Address: Peldu St. 19, Riga
Phone: +371 2779 6914
Internet: www.folkklubs.lv
Email: info@folkklubs.lv

First Dacha



Currently one of Riga's hottest nightclubs, First Dacha is a riverfront establishment that has hosted some of the greatest DJs, musicians and parties in town. The pool is not for decor only, and hookah is available as well.

Photo: oneinchpunch/Shutterstock.com
Address: Andrejostas St. 4A, Riga
Opening hours: 23.00-06.00 only Friday and Saturday.
Phone: +371 2654 0555
Internet: www.firstdacha.com
Email: info@firstdacha.com

Teātra bārs



A bohemian hangout for the intellectual elite, actors and artists, this venue is where you go to people-watch and (possibly) engage in stimulating discussion on the smoking patio. Gigs and events are hosted here on occasion.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lāčplēša St. 26, Rīga

Phone: +371 6728 5051

Coyote Fly



Coyote Fly arguably offers the best "classic" nightclubbing experience in town - local and international star DJs spin the wheel while the rich and beautiful crowd the dance floor and get fired up by professional go-go dancers. Drink prices - above average.

Photo: Patrizia Tilly/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tērbatas St. 2, Rīga

Opening hours: 23.00-06.00 Thur-Fri-Sat.

Phone: +371 2022 6000

Internet: www.coyotefly.lv

Email: info@coyotefly.lv

Balzambārs



Named after the famous Latvian Black Balsam drink, this venue is the best location for an ethnographic exploration that should be carried out while in the capital. Balsam-based cocktails (and not only) are to be expected.

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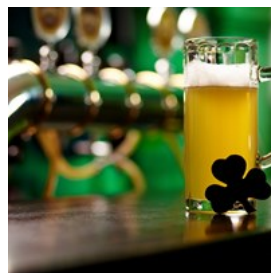
Address: Torna St. 4-1B, Rīga

Phone: +371 67 214 494

Internet: www.balzambars.lv

Email: balzambars@balzambars.lv

Paddy Whelan's Irish Pub & Sports Bar



This Irish pub is a big hit among sports fans - the many flat screens in the main seating area broadcast football and Formula-1 events, while the quieter second floor filled with sport-related memorabilia makes for more of a chit-chat setting. Don't miss the garden terrace during the summertime.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Grecinieku St. 4, Rīga

Phone: +371 6721 0150 / +371 2924 7393

Internet: www.pub.lv

Email: paddy@pub.lv

Labietis



Craft beer lovers will surely appreciate this venue - the beer is locally brewed with Latvian herbs, which gives each of the varieties a unique and distinct flavor. Ask the bartenders for a recommendation. Food is not served here, but may be bought from a nearby kiosk.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Aristīda Briāna St. 9A-2, Rīga

Phone: +371 2565 5958

Internet: www.labietis.lv

Aussie Backpackers Pub



With its old VW van used as a bar, the pub is simply irresistible for the hip young crowd. The Aussie theme here is present, yet not kitschy - everything in moderation. If moderation fails you, however, feel free to crash at the hostel conveniently located upstairs. Oh, and feel free to bring your own food!

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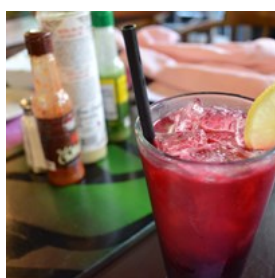
Address: Vaļņu St. 43, Rīga

Phone: +371 6722 3406

Internet: www.aussiebackpackerspub.com

Email: info@rigaoldtownhostel.lv

Spot Kafé



A fun, laid-back location to get your buzz on before (or during) a night out in town - drinks are affordable and a huge variety of shots is on offer, some with very intriguing names.

Photo: Lauren Topor/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: New Year 19, Rīga

Phone: +371 2044 8811

Internet: www.spotkafe.lv

Email: info@spotkafe.lv

Rock Cafe



It's not just rock that sounds from the speakers of this Old Town bar. Live music, pool and karaoke will be some highlights of your night here.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mārstaļu St. 2/4, Rīga

Phone: +371 2667 8555

Internet: www.rockcafe.lv

Email: banketi@rockcafe.lv

SHOPPING



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The shopping scene in Riga is rapidly changing, with many chic brand-name stores opening outlets in central Riga.

For those of you who enjoy marketplaces, the Centraltirgus is an enormous marketplace spread over several blocks around the railway station area. Meat and vegetables are sold inside four giant Zeppelin hangars. Outside, an oriental style bazaar offers just about anything at prices lower than elsewhere in the city.

Riga Central Market



Riga's vibrant central market is an experience not to be missed. Authentic and mainly non-touristic, the market is where locals come to shop for everything - from groceries to clothing and household items. Several food stalls also sell freshly made local delights.

Photo: paul prescott/Shutterstock.com

Address: Negu St. 7, Rīga

Opening hours: Daily 07.00-18.00.

Phone: +371 67 229 985

Internet: www.rct.lv

Email: tirgus@rct.lv

Galerija Centrs



Centrs is Riga's oldest and best-known department store has successfully cast off its old Soviet label of empty shelves. Recently renovated, the department store offers trendy cafés and shops, upscale prêt-a-porter boutiques, and a more-than-full grocery store in the basement.

Photo: [hxdbzxy/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Audēju St. 16, Rīga

Phone: +371 6701 8018

Internet: www.galerijacentrs.lv

Email: info@galerijacentrs.lv

Berga Bazars



Another upscale shopping complex is the Berga Bazars, just outside the Old City, housing a range of fine specialty shops such as boutique Emihla

Gustava, where exquisite chocolate sweets are handmade and packed in exclusive gift boxes. Hugo Boss and Armani have just opened their first boutiques in the galleria.

Photo: [estherpoon/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Marijas St. 13 K-4, Rīga

Phone: +371 6750 2310

Internet: www.bergabazars.lv

Email: info@omniumproperties.lv

Stockmann



The high-quality, six-storey department store Stockmann has the usual fashion, electric appliances and other items for the home, but also houses a huge selection of tableware, the biggest cosmetics shop in Riga and, best of all, the Stockmann supermarket and delicatessen store in the basement. A lunch break with Latvian pancakes and tea can be enjoyed on the shopping complex's top floor.

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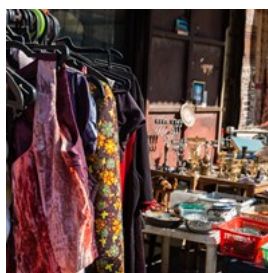
Address: Janvāra St. 8, Rīga

Phone: +371 6707 1222

Internet: www.stockmann.lv

Email: info@stockmann.com

Otra Elpa



A cozy charity thrift shop with a tiny cafe downstairs. A nice place to roam around and find a unique little item to take home as souvenir while contributing to a good cause.

Photo: [Elena Dijour/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Stabu St. 35, Rīga

Opening hours: 10.00-19.00 Mon-Fri; 11.00-17.00 Sat.

Phone: +371 2255 7770

Internet: www.otraelpa.lv

More Info: Closed on Sunday.

HUMANA Vintage



The Riga instalment of this international vintage store chain is everything you would expect from a venue celebrated as "hipster paradise" -

retro/vintage clothing, record players, second hand books and much more.

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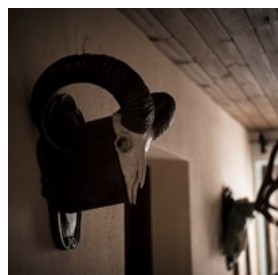
Address: Ģertrūdes St. 16, Rīga

Phone: +371 2205 1145

Internet: www.humanalatvia.lv

Email: info@humanalatvia.lv

Bang Bang Shop & Coffee



What started as a small outlet selling Vans turned into a hip hangout spot when the store was complemented with a coffee shop. It now still offers a wide array of men's (and women's) clothing and footwear, as well as a quiet place to enjoy a coffee break looking out on the town.

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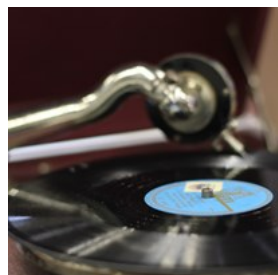
Address: Kalēju St. 18/20, Rīga

Phone: +371 6722 3687

Internet: www.bangbangshop.lv

Email: info@bangbangshop.lv

Upe



This Latvian record shop has something every music store in the world could use - its very own bar. UPE is a favourite haunt of opera lovers, Latvian composers, diplomats, musicians and melomaniacs. And last, but definitely not least, the store boasts an eclectic offering of music DVDs and Latvian films. Have a drink and flip through the many records.

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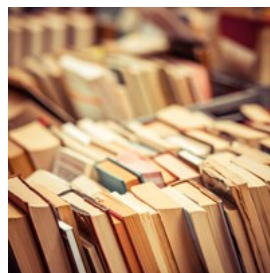
Address: Vaļņu St. 26, Rīga

Opening hours: 11.00-20.00 Mon-Sat; 11.00-18.00 Sun.

Phone: +371 6720 5509

Internet: www.upeveikals.lv

Robert's Books



Robert's books is a small English-language bookshop started by The Economist's former journalist Robert Cottrell. He brought to life what he envisioned as a perfect book store - a place where great minds meet and find food for thought. Feel free to bring in your old books and exchange them for a freshly brewed cup of coffee.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com

Address: Dzirnāvu St. 51, Rīga

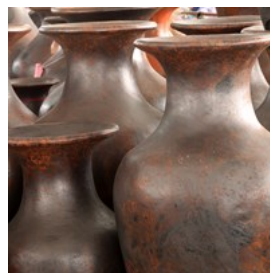
Opening hours: 10.00-19.00 Mon-Fri; 12.00-17.00 Sat.

Internet: www.robertsbooks.lv

Email: shop@robertsbooks.lv

More Info: Closed on Sunday.

Doma Antikvariāts



One of the best locations in Riga to shop for antiques, this venue sells jewelry, porcelain, works of art, furniture and much more. The staff are very helpful and willing to go out of their way to help you make the right choice.

Photo: stacyarturogi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Smilšu St. 8, Rīga

Opening hours: 11.00-19.00 Mon-Sat; 11.00-16.00 Sun.

Phone: +371 2916 6504

Internet: www.antikvariats.lv

Email: doma@antikvariats.lv

Noble Wine



staff.

This wine shop is championed as one of the best in Riga due to its broad selection of quality international wines and helpful, knowledgeable

Photo: Minerva Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Elizabetes St. 21A, Riga

Opening hours: 10.00-22.00 Mon-Fri; 12.00-20.00 Sat.

Phone: +371 2010 2020

Internet: www.noblewine.lv

Email: info@noblewine.lv

More Info: Closed on Sunday.

Medus Istaba



A cute little store in the heart of Old Town that specializes in honey and bee-derived products all made by the members of one enthusiastic family.

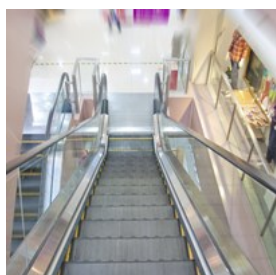
You might be surprised by the treasures these walls guard - unique varieties of flavored honey, cosmetics and souvenirs are just some of the items on sale.

Photo: David Goehring/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Peterbaznicas St. 17, Riga

Phone: + 371 2949 4234

Alfa Shopping Mall



entertainment options.

Heralded as one of the best malls in Riga, this shopping center offers plenty of choices in terms of clothing and household goods, as well as food and

Photo: woais/Shutterstock.com

Address: Brīvības St. 372, Riga

Phone: +371 6707 6500

Internet: www.alfaparks.lv

Email: infoalfa@linstow.lv

Tines



A must-visit during cold seasons!

Fell the warm and comforting atmosphere of this boutique while browsing through shawls, mittens and sweaters knit from high-quality natural

Photo: fomaha/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Riharda Vāgnera St. 5, Riga

Opening hours: 11.00-19.00 Mon-Sat; 11.00-16.00 Sun.

Phone: +371 2542 4477

Internet: www.tines.lv

Email: info@tines.lv

Rīga Plaza



Compared to other Riga's malls, this one tends to not get as crowded, which enhances the shopping experience by a margin. The stores you may expect to find include the (in a sense) traditional Peek&Cloppenburg, ZARA, MANGO, Bershka, Stradivarius, and others.

Photo: gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mūkusalas St. 71, Riga

Phone: +371 6763 3733

Internet: www.rigaplaza.lv

Email: info@rigaplaza.lv

Shopping Centre Spice



Worth a visit despite its location away from the city centre, this mall is often referred to as the best in all of Latvia due to its abundant food and shopping options. Arrive early to be ahead of the afternoon crowds.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lielirbes St. 29, Rīga

Opening hours: 10.00-22.00 Mon-Sun.

Phone: +371 6780 7281

Internet: www.spice.lv

Email: info@spice.lv

Zivju paviļjons



If time and cooking possibilities allow, stop by Riga's most popular fish market and stock up on some amazing fresh seafood. All imaginable varieties of fish are on sale here, as well as the coveted delicacy - caviar. Located at the Central Market.

Photo: Vladimir Krupenkin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Nēģu St. 7, Rīga

Phone: +371 2939 9392

Internet: www.rct.lv

More Info: Central Market

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Riga International Airport



Riga International Airport/Lidosta is located 8 kilometres away from the city centre. Bus n.22 to Riga Central Station leaves from a spot behind

the airport car park every 10-30 minutes from early morning. The journey takes around 30 minutes and tickets can be purchased from the driver.

www.rigassatiksmelv/en

In addition to the regular bus, there is also a shuttle bus which connects the airport with many hotels.

www.airbaltic.com

A taxi ride takes about 10-20 minutes from the airport to the city center.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Riga International Airport, Rīga

Phone: +371 7207 009

Internet: www.riga-airport.com

Passport / Visa



Latvia can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and

most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travellers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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Best Time to Visit



The best time to visit the Baltic States is late spring or summer, when there's usually fine, warm weather to stroll around the cities and make

significant forays into the great outdoors. Temperatures cool down rapidly from mid-September onward, although autumn can be an extraordinarily beautiful season to visit Latvia, with the golden brown leaves of deciduous trees contrasting with the dark-green pines.

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Public Transport



Riga has a good tram system that runs through the Old City, as well as bus, trolleybus and taxi bus routes. During night time, several tram and

trolleybus routes run once an hour. Rigas satiksme offers tickets for all means of public transport in the city. You can buy an e-ticket that is valid in all public transport vehicles.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Phone: +371 6710 4800

Internet: www.rigassatiksme.lv

Taxi



You can easily order a taxi or hail one down the street. You can also ask your hotel to help you order a taxi. Lady Taxi +371 2780

0900

info@lady-taxi.lv

Riga Taxi

+371 8000 1010

Avoiss Taxi

+371 2554 4555

www.avoiss-taxi.lv

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Phone: +371 8001 010

Internet: www.taxi.lv

Post



There are numerous post offices in the city, just look for the yellow envelope. Main Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Stacijas Laukums 1, Rīga

Opening hours: 07.00-21.00 Mon-Fri; 09.00-20.00 Sat; 10.00-20.00 Sun.

Phone: +371 6701 8804

Internet: www.riga.post.lv

Pharmacy



You can easily find a pharmacy in Riga. BENU aptieka (open 24/7) Tallinas 57b, Rīga Mēness aptieka Brīvības 74, Rīga Saules

aptieka

Brīvības 68, Rīga

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Tallinas St. 57B, Rīga

Phone: +371 6731 4211

Internet: www.benu.lv

Telephone



Country code: 371 Area code: not used in Latvia

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220 V, 50 Hz. Standard European plug, no adapter needed.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

658,640

Currency

Euro (EUR) €1 = 100 cents (Replaced Latvian lats on January 1st 2014)

Opening hours

Shops in Riga are normally open 9-17 on weekdays while on weekends opening hours are reduced. Shops are open on Sundays at their own discretion. Most supermarkets are open until 22.

Newspapers

The Baltic Times
Kapitāls
The Economist

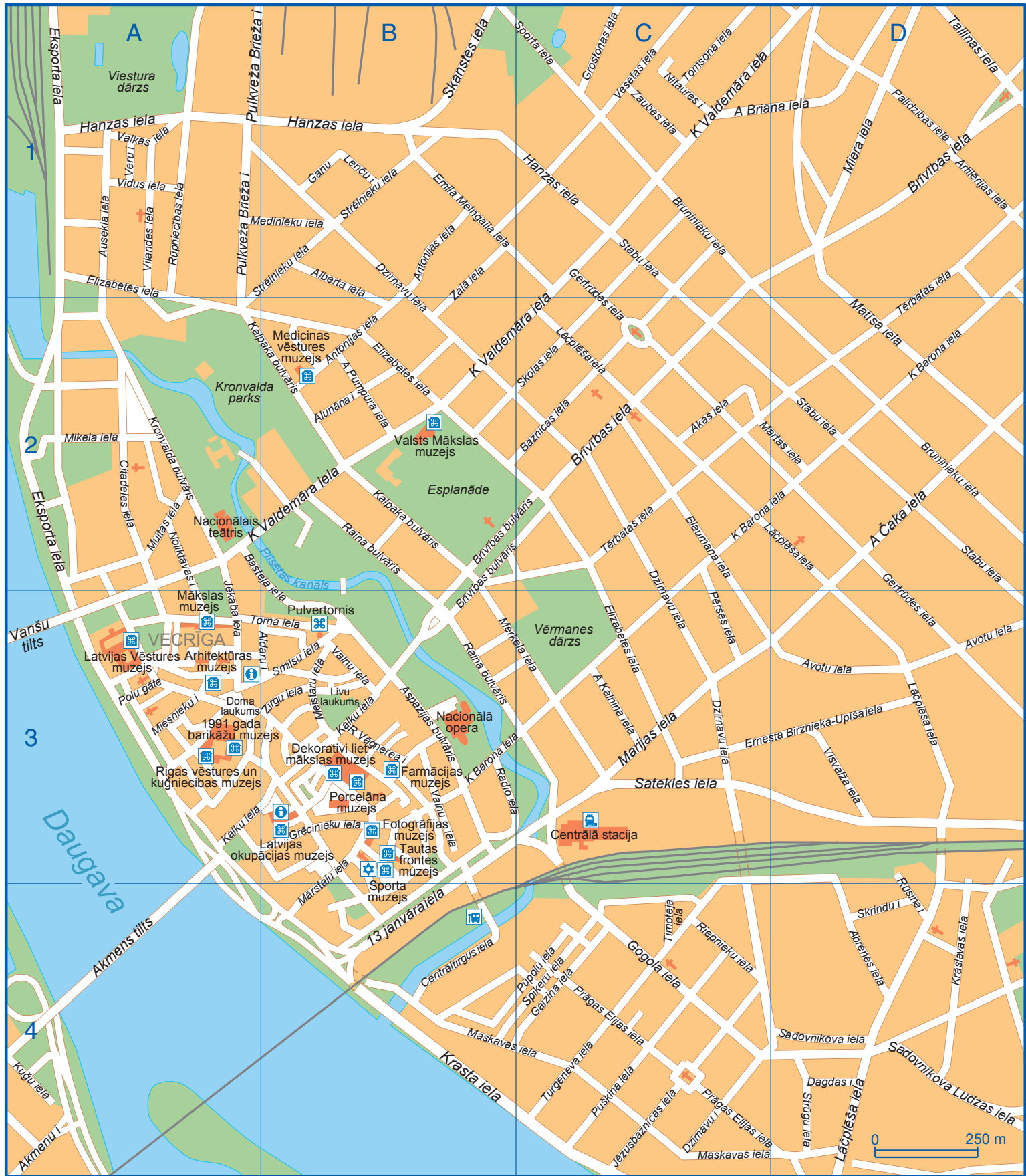
Emergency numbers

Emergency: 112
Fire&Rescue: 01
Police: 02
Emergency Medical Services: 03

Tourist information

Riga Tourist Information Centre
Rātslaukums 6, Rīga
Open: 10-18 Mon-Sun; From 1 May and 30 September: 9-19 Mon-Sun.
+371 6703 7900
info@rigatic.lv





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Andreja Pumpura iela	B2	Krasta iela	B4	Skolas iela	C2
Antonijas iela	B1 B2	Kronvalda bulvaris	A2	Skrindu iela	D4
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Baznicas iela	C2	Martas iela	C2 D2	Strugu iela	D4
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Bruniniaku iela	C1 D2	Meistaru iela	B3	Tomsona iela	C1
Centraltirgus iela	B4	Merkela iela	B3 C3	Torna iela	A3 B3
Citadeles iela	A2	Miera iela	D1	Turgeneva iela	C4
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