

Survival Guide



Latvia

Latvia is a country in Northern Europe, one of the three Baltic states. In 2004 it joined a NATO and EU and is actively developing its special role in a rapidly changing, increasingly globalized world community. For travelers, the best thing about Latvia is that it is so compact. Its 500 km of sandy beaches are easily reached from historical towns. With such a variety, Latvia is best enjoyed slowly.



Riga is the capital and the largest city of Latvia. It is also the largest city of the Baltic states and home to one third of Latvia's population. The city lies on the Gulf of Riga, at the mouth of the Daugava. The climate of Riga is humid continental. The coldest months are January and February.



The summers in Riga are warm and humid with the average temperature of 18 °C while the temperature on the hottest days can exceed 30 °C. As a city situated by a river, Riga also has several bridges.



How to get to Riga

BY PLANE

Riga International Airport (Starptautiska Lidosta Rīga in Latvian) (RIX) is located 10 km southwest of Riga.



BY FERRY

Tallink operates a daily ferry service between Stockholm and Riga. Prices start at €28.



BY BUS

There are international bus connections to anywhere in Europe:

- Ecolines
- Eurolines Lux Express
- Flybus - Service between Riga and Kaunas and Vilnius



BY TRAIN

Latvian Railways operates service to many cities in Latvia as well as a few cities in Russia, Belarus and Estonia.



Useful words & Phrases

Čau! - Hey, hello!

Paldies! - Thank you!

Lūdzu! - Welcome/please!

Atvainojiet! - Excuse me!

Piedod! - Sorry!

Jā/ Nē - Yes/ No

Mani sauc - My name is...

Veikals - Shop

Labu apetīti! - Bon appetite!

Ūdens - Water

Alus - Beer

Arlabunakti! - Good night!

Priekā! - Cheers!

Inženieris - Engineer

Veiksmi! - Good luck!

Kartupelis - Potatoe

Palīgā! - Help!

Tev skaistas acis! - You have beautiful eyes!

Buča - Kiss

Mmm, man patīk! - Mmm, I like it

Smukas kurpes - Nice shoes

What you need to survive

- Your passport / ID card;
- ISIC card / student ID;
- MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE;
- medication (if you need anything special);
- if you're on a special diet or vegetarian, you should let us know;
- water-proof jacket - sometimes it may be raining;
- some comfortable shoes to walk;
- summer hat and sunscreen;
- extra money - always useful;
- for International Evening: typical food & alcohol of your country;
- swimsuit;
- Your positive and cheerful spirit;
- Face mask (FFP2 or FFP3), valid covid 19 certificate;
- Organizers will provide up to date information about covid restrictions;

Public Transportation

We suggest to choose a Yellow e-ticket: for a certain number of trips; it can be bought in ticket vending machines, trade outlets of "Rigas satiksme"; it is convenient for passengers who do not use Riga public transport on a regular basis, including Riga guests; tickets are to be used within 12 months upon the moment of purchase. Other opportunity: Paper ticket sold in public transport and in night transport only; valid for the trip only – during which it has been bought; Price 2,- EUR per 1 trip.



How to use e-ticket?

When entering public transport – bus, trolleybus or tram, a passenger has to apply a yellow or a blue e-ticket to an electronic validator. Thus the trip is registered and the passenger pays for the trip. Electronic validators are located in public transport vehicles – buses, trolleybuses and trams and register passengers paying for the trip. When entering public transport, a passenger has to apply an e-ticket to an electronic validator. If you decide to take the risk and drive without ticket, you should know that the penalty is 20,- EUR. Price 1 trip 1.15 , EUR



Currency and prices

Combo Meal at McDonalds or Similar € 5.00

Cappuccino (regular) € 2.50

Coke/Pepsi (0.33 liter bottle) € 0.86

Water (0.33 liter bottle) € 0.67

Apples (1kg) € 0.91

Potatoes (1kg) € 0.42

Bottle of Wine (Mid-Range) € 5.40

Domestic Beer (0.5 liter bottle) € 1.00

Imported Beer (0.33 liter bottle) € 1.50

Chocolate LAIMA From € 1.00



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