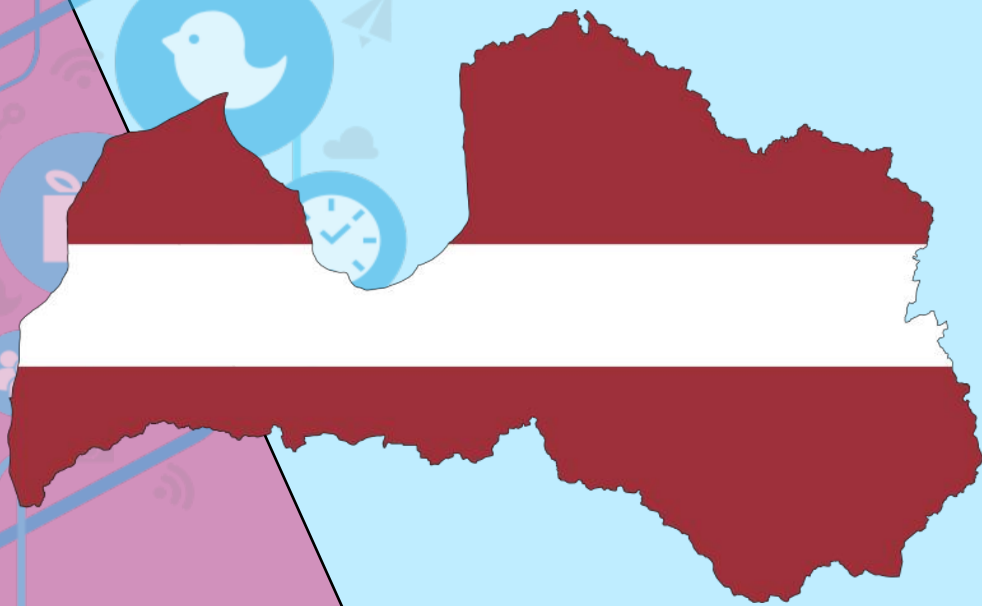


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# WELCOME TO LATVIA



Latvia is a country in the Northern Europe, one of the three Baltic countries. In 2004 Latvia joined NATO and European Union and is actively trying to develop their role in the actively changing world environment. The best thing about Latvia is that it is so green and filled with forests, lakes and meadows. Latvia is a much enjoyed location amongst hikers, campers and nature lovers.

**Name:** Republic of Latvia  
**Founded:** November 18, 1918  
**Area:** 64,589 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Population:** 1,92 million  
**Speaking language:** Latvian  
**Currency:** EUR  
**International code:** LV  
**Time:** GMT +2  
**International telephone code:** +371  
**Emergency number:** 112

# WELCOME TO RIGA

Riga is the capital of Latvia. It is the largest city of the Baltic states and home to one third of Latvia's population. 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 hottest days can exceed 30°C.

## SOME FACTS ABOUT LATVIA

- ★ More than 40 percent of Latvia's territory is covered by forests. Latvia has beautiful nature and at the annual Midsummer celebration locals like to look for a mystical flower of love "Papardes zieds"..
- ★ People from many countries can look up to Latvians...Really! Latvia has the world's tallest women on average with 169.8 cm. Men are not falling behind on this list with 181.4 cm.
- ★ The shores of the Baltic Sea in Latvia are 500 km long, so be sure that the best hiking trips and bonfires are happening next to the sea.

# WELCOME TO BEST RIGA

Welcome to Riga's Local BEST Group. We are 25 active Riga Technical University students that are ready to make sure you have fun and enjoy Latvia as much as possible. We love to sing songs next to a bonfire, enjoy activities in nature such as kayaking and spend time together while organizing events.



# HOW TO GET TO LATVIA?



We will meet you at the bus station or the airport. Let us know the exact date and time of arrival to Riga as soon as possible. Or we can meet at the students dormitory, address: Azenes street 8



## BY PLANE

Riga International Airport (RIX) [in Latvian: Starptautiska Rigas Lidosta] Airport is located 10 km southwest from Riga center.



## BY BUS

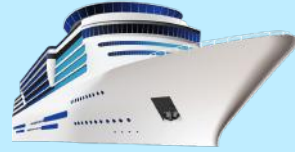
There are international bus connections to anywhere in Europe.

- Ecolines
- Simple Express
- Eurolines Lux Express
- Flybus (from Riga, Kaunas and Vilnius)



## BY TRAIN

Latvian Railways connects many Latvian cities as well as few countries outside Latvia, such as Russia, Belarus and Estonia.



## BY FERRY

Tallink operates daily Ferry service between Stockholm and Riga. Prices start from 28 EUR.

In case you have any questions, here are the contact information of our

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Main organizer:

PAULA RAINA RUBENE

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## FYI



You can travel to Lithuania or Estonia by plane (so keep an eye for plane tickets to Kaunas, Tallin or Vilnius) as the flights often are much cheaper to these countries. If you fly to Estonia or Lithuania first it is easy to get BUS tickets to Riga. - ECOLINES bus (starts from 5 EUR one way)



# USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES



Arlabunakti!

Priekā!

Inženieris

Veiksmi!

Kartupelis

Palīgā!

Tev skaistas acis!

Buča

Man patīk!

Smukas kurpes

Good night!

Cheers!

Engineer

Good luck!

Potato

Help!

You have beautiful eyes!

Kiss

I like it!

Nice shoes

Čau!

Paldies!

Lūdzu!

Atvainojiet!

Piedod!

Jā/Nē

Mani sauc...

Veikals

Labu apetīti!

Ūdens

Alus

Hey! Hello!

Thank you!

Welcome/please

Excuse me!

Sorry!

Yes/No

My name is...

Shop

Bon appetite!

Water

Beer

# MUST-HAVES and THINGS TO KNOW

## WHAT TO BRING Check-list:



- ✓ Your passport or ID;
- ✓ ISIC Card or Student ID;
- ✓ Medical and travel insurance;
- ✓ Medication (if you need anything special);
- ✓ Warm sweater (it can get cold in summer too);
- ✓ Summer hat and sunscreen;
- ✓ Extra money and course fee in cash;
- ✓ For International Evening – you country's traditional food and drinks and your country's flag or other traditional decorations (could be big or small);
- ✓ Swimsuit, slippers;
- ✓ Water-proof jacket or rain-coat;
- ✓ Toiletries (towel, hygiene items);
- ✓ Backpack for easier walking.



# PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

**Option 1:** We suggest to choose a Yellow e-ticket for certain number of trips:

- It can be bought in ticket vending machines, trade outlets of “Rigas Satiksme” and it is convenient for passengers who do not use Riga public transport on a regular basis, including guests;
- Tickets have to be used within 12 months upon the moment of purchase.

Price 1,15 EUR per 1 trip



**Option 2:** Paper ticket sold in public transport and in night transport only that is valid for the trip during which it has been bought.

Price 2,- EUR per 1 trip

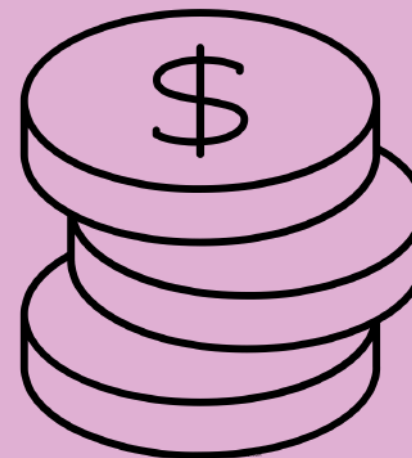


When entering public transport – bus, trolleybus or tram, a passenger has to apply a yellow or a blue e-ticket to an electronic validator. Electronic validators are located in public transport vehicles – buses, trolleybuses and trams and register passengers paying for the trip.

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.

# CURRENCY AND PRICES

Combo Meal at McDonalds or Similar	4.98 EUR
Cappucino (regular)	1.76 EUR
Coke/Pepsi (0.33 liter bottle)	0.86 EUR
Water (0.33 liter bottle)	0.67 EUR
Apples 1 kg	0.91 EUR
Potatoes 1 kg	0.42 EUR
Bottle of Wine (mid-range)	5.40 EUR
Domestic Beer (0.5 liter bottle)	0.88 EUR
Imported Beer (0.33 liter bottle)	1.21 EUR
Pack of cigarettes (Marlboro)	3.80 EUR
Chocolate LAIMA	from 0.30 EUR
Condoms	3.00 EUR



# MEET OUR CORE TEAM



**PAULA, the Main Organiser**

Meet Paula, the Main Organiser. She is the most hug-driven person we know and she will keep you happy at all times. She can sometimes worry too much, but all you have to do is give her a warm hug and tell her, that everything will be okay or as we say "VISS CHIKI PIKI!"



**DANIELS, Academic Responsible**

Daniels has a good taste in whiskey and a lot of weird and sarcastic jokes ready to make you laugh, stay silent or just act like it didn't happen. All jokes aside (literally) he is an experienced BEST member with tons of stories to tell and he will make the course academic part amazzzinng!



**ARTA, Financial Responsible**

Arta is our financial guru – she is responsible for all the good stuff you will see at our course. Arta has a chinchilla that she adores and be sure that if you get the chance to stay at her house – you will offered a lot of snacks and be charmed by the cuteness of her pet.



### **AIVA, Social and Participant Responsible**

**Aiva is the most hyper girl we have ever met – she just bounces around the room and everybody loves it! She always smiles and brightens up the room and she will for sure make the course FUN and create the right aura for new and great FRIENDSHIPS.**



### **REICELA, Logistics Responsible**

**Meet Reicela! She is the logistics responsible at our course. She loves nature and is a true Latvian – she will make you fall in love with it too! One thing you must know is that she likes to dance (maybe you will get lucky and have the chance to learn Latvian Folk dances)..**



### **ELZA, Human Resource Responsible**

**Elza is our LEGALLY BLONDE but not really. She is a law student and do not be fooled by her looks! She will be responsible for gathering the most valuable resource there is – people to make sure you have the best stay in Latvia.**



## **EVERITA, Public Relations Responsible**

**Everita or Eva is our PR responsible and she made everything regarding the visuals of course – T-shirts, posts, this Survival Guide. She loves to drink wine and getting to know everyone, so let's make sure we have said "CHEERS!" at least once. ;)**



## **MARGARITA, Coordinator**

**Margarita is great – just like real Margarita (pizza) ;) She is our coordinator from the board of BEST-Riga and keeps an eye on the events organizational processes to ensure you have the BEST experience ever!**