

RIGA AND ITS SURROUNDINGS



Riga

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- A vibrant street scene in Tallinn, Estonia, featuring the spire of St. Nicholas' Church and the colorful, ornate facade of the Town Hall. People are walking on the cobblestone street under a clear blue sky.



Rätslaukums Square. Opposite the stone bridge there is still another important square in Old Riga – the town square or Rätslaukums. In the Middle Ages it also served as an open air market. During World War II the square was completely destroyed. However, today the town hall has been completely restored as have the Black Heads (Melngalvju Nams) and Schwabe's House, and the statue of Roland. Here you can also see the 1970s Soviet Era building that houses the Occupation Museum. The Riga tourist information centre is located in the Schwabe's House.


www.vecriga.info

3. **St Peter's Church.** St Peter's Church (Skārņu iela 19) is another imposing red brick church, first built from timber in 1209, then rebuilt in stone. A lift inside the spire takes visitors to two viewing platforms providing a fantastic panoramic view over the red roofs of the Old Town and across the river Daugava. www.vecriga.info

5. **The Freedom Monument.** The symbol of Latvian independence and Riga's major landmark is the Freedom Monument. Standing on the main street – Brīvības iela it can be seen from far away. Its three stars rise above the trees of the central parks. To the north of the freedom monument near the city canal is one of Riga's sand hills – Bastejkalns, which is a part of the park green belt around the Old Town.

www.vecriga.info

7. Dome Square. In the heart of Old Riga is the largest square, Dome Square (Doma Laukums), around which are situated the city's best outdoor cafes and bars. The square's current appearance goes back to the 1930s when only a portion of its medieval buildings were torn down. On the edge of the square you can see the Dome Cathedral (Doma Laukums 1). It was built as Bishop Albert's Cathedral in 1211 and rebuilt several times since, so today exhibits a mixture of late Romanesque, early Gothic and Baroque architectural styles. The cathedral is famous for its organ which is used in many concerts and recitals. www.veicriga.info, www.doms.lv



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11. The Powder Tower. The Powder Tower (Pulvertornis) is one of Riga's fortification towers and was originally called the Sand Tower. It dates back to 1330. Rebuilt numerous times, it gained its current name in the 17th century when the city began to store gunpowder in the tower. In 1919 the War Museum was created here. www.karamuzejs.lv

12. Riga's Nativity of Christ Cathedral. The biggest Orthodox church in the city. Having served as a planetarium and a restaurant during the Soviet period, the building is completely restored as a church and holds regular Orthodox services. Nativity of Christ Cathedral, as a symbol of architecture and stability, is often visited by the highest representatives of foreign countries, and all those who seek solace and sanctuary. www.pravoslavie.lv


14. Art Nouveau. One third of Riga's city centre is built in this attractive style, making it the premier Art Nouveau destination in Europe. Many of the best examples are located on Elizabetes and Alberta streets, some designed by well-known architect Mikhail Eisenstein, father of the famous Russian filmmaker, Sergey Eisenstein. Visit the Riga Art Nouveau Museum (Alberta iela 12) housed in an apartment where one of the Latvia's best Art Nouveau architects once lived - Konstantīns Pēkšens. www.jugendstils.riga.lv

16. The Spīķeri creative quarter. The Spīķeri creative quarter is now a home to more than a dozen cultural and creative groups. Located between the Central Market and the shores of the Daugava River, Spīķeri hosts regular art exhibitions, as well as music concerts in the concert hall. Restaurants and cafes here are also worth visiting. www.spikeri.lv

18. Kalnciema iela quarter. Across the Daugava river, in Pārdaugava, lies the Kalnciema iela quarter of freshly renovated wooden houses. Riga's wooden architecture is considered to be a cultural heritage by UNESCO, and the Kalnciema iela quarter is a good place to witness it in its renewed glory, either by attending the regular Saturday markets, or by browsing through the interior design shops. www.kalnciemiaiela.lv



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



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Riga Tourist Information Centre on Town Hall Square. Rātslaukums 6, +371 67037900,
info@rigatic.lv, www.liveriga.com

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	Tourist site		Airport bus		Hospital / Out-patient clinic		Filling station
	Coach terminal		Bicycle path		Police		Parking
	Train terminal		Shopping centre		Monument / Museum		Market
	Port		Marina		Church		Post office
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Bus

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: Frāgas iela 1
Bus schedules: www.autootsao.lv
Online booking: www.bezirndas.lv
Information line: +371 90000009 (LVL 0,25/min) (EUR 0,35/min)
Ticket desk opening hours: 6:00-22:00

Riga International Airport bus: No. 22

Ticket for 1 passenger: LVL 0,70 (EUR 1,00)
Travel time: 30 min (approximately)
Bus schedules: www.rigasatiksme.lv
Information line: +371 80001919 (toll-free)

Train

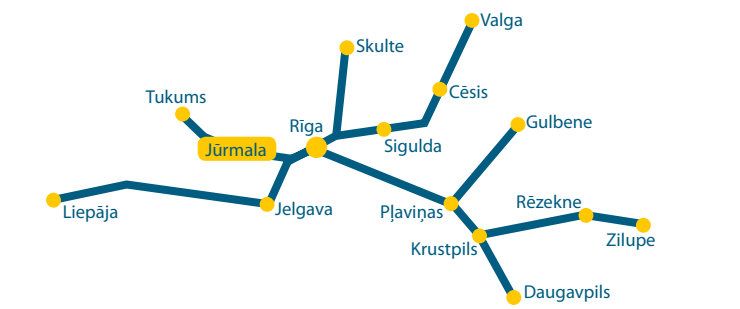
The railway is the most reliable and cheapest mode of transportation in Latvia. The level of comfort on board varies. Trains tend to be full during the morning and evening rush hours on the most popular routes. Tickets can be bought at the railway ticket desks or from the conductor on the train for cash at an additional cost of LVL 0,30 (EUR 0,40) per ticket. It is allowed to transport bicycles on train, but if the bicycle is more than 2 metres long than it requires a luggage ticket. An information desk is located in Riga Central Railway Station.

Riga Central Railway Station

Address: Stacijas laukums 2
Information about local trains and timetables: www.ldz.lv
Information line: +371 67231181
Email: uzziņas@ldz.lv
Opening hours of ticket desks for local trains: 4:30–23:40

Train routes

- Riga – Jūrmala (Priedaine, Lielupe, Bulduri, Dzintari, Majori, Dubulti, Jaundubulti, Pumpuri, Melluži, Asari, Vaivari, Sloka, Kūdra, Kemeru) – Tukums
- Riga – Sigulda – Līgatne – Cēsis – Valmiera – Valga
- Riga – Vecāki – Saulkrasti – Skulte
- Riga – Jelgava
- Riga – Daugavpils
- Riga – Krustpils – Rēzekne – Zīlupe
- Riga – Liepāja
- Riga – Gulbene



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.
- It is prohibited to use cellular phones while driving apart from cases when Hands Free system is used.
- 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 September.
- Motor vehicle permits for entering Jūrmala good for 24 hrs - LVL 1,00 (EUR 1,40).

Road Traffic Safety Department (CSDD)

Tel: +371 67025777
E-mail: office@csdd.gov.lv
Website: www.csdd.lv

Parking in Riga

Car rentals at Riga International Airport: www.riga-airport.com
Latvian Automotive Club (LAMB): www.lamb.lv

Taxi

In Riga the maximum daytime taxi tariff is LVL 0,50 (EUR 0,70) per kilometer plus embarkation fee - usually LVL 1,50 (EUR 2,15). Waiting in most cases costs LVL 6,00 (EUR 8,50) per hour. If you intend to travel by taxi outside Riga, please ask the driver about the costs in advance.

Taxi information service "TAXI 8880"

Tel: 8880
E-mail: 8880@8880.lv

Bicycle

Bicycle paths

- Vecrīga - Imanta (13 km) - Jūrmala
- Centre of Riga - Mežaparks (6,6 km)
- Centre of Riga - Berģi (14 km)

Bicycle Tourism Information Centre

Tel: +371 67507103
E-mail: info@bicycle.lv

For safety reasons, do not leave the bicycle in a remote location. Rather, leave it in a place where there are a lot of people and lock it up using a good U-shaped lock. A good option is to lock the bicycle in a paid parking place or to ask an ice-cream shop worker, employees of a tourist information centre, etc., to look after it. It is advised to leave the bicycle in video-surveillance camera zone. For your own safety, use a reflective vest and helmet and travel using bicycle paths where it is possible.

Boat

During summer season you can get from the centre of Riga to Jūrmala (Majori) by the river motor boat "New Way". The travel time is about 2,5 hours. Departure is from the pier between Akmens bridge and the sculpture "Lielais Kristaps".

Tel: +371 67147900, +371 29237123
Website: www.ple-kapteina.lv



Tourist information centres

Bauska, Rātslaukums 1, Bauska, LV-3901, GPS [56.409946, 24.185371], +371 63923797, info@bauska.lv, www.tourism.bauska.lv •B3

Dobele, Baznīcas iela 6, Dobele, LV-3701, GPS [56.623226, 23.282663], +371 63723074, tuism@dobele.lv, www.zemgaletourism.lv, www.dobele.lv •A3

Jelgava, Akademijas iela 1, Jelgava, LV-3001, GPS [56.651985, 23.728409], +371 63005447, info@visit.jelgava.lv, www.visit.jelgava.lv •B2

Jūrmala, Lienes iela 5, Majori, Jūrmala, LV-2015, GPS [56.971153, 23.799639], +371 67147900, info@jurmala.lv, www.tourism.jurmala.lv •B2

Jūrmala, Babītes iela 1a, Priedaine, Jūrmala, LV-2010, GPS [56.969467, 23.867741], +371 67147900, info@jurmala.lv, www.tourism.jurmala.lv •B2

Ķekava, Rīgas iela 26, Ķekava, Ķekavas novads, LV-2123, GPS [56.828690, 24.238909], +371 67935826, tuism@kekava.lv, www.kekava.lv •B2

Līgatne, Sprīgu iela 2, Līgatne, LV-4110, GPS [57.233009, 25.040094], +371 64153169, info@visitligatne.lv, www.visitligatne.lv •C1

Ogre, Brīvības iela 12a, Ogre, LV-5001, GPS [56.841762, 24.601875], +371 65071883, info@latvijascents.lv, www.latvijascents.lv •C2

Saulkrasti, Alaiņu iela 13b, Saulkrasti, LV-2160, GPS [57.266701, 24.413424], +371 67952641, tic@saulkrasti.lv, www.saulkrasti.lv •B1

Sigulda, Raiņa iela 3, Sigulda, LV-2150, GPS [57.154875, 24.853517], +371 67971335, info@sigulda.lv, www.tourism.sigulda.lv •C1

Tērvete, "Tērvetes sils", Tērvetes novads, LV-3730, GPS [56.482356, 23.376196], +371 63726212, terveti@inbox.lv, www.zemgaletourism.lv •A3

Tukums, Talsu iela 5, Tukums, LV-3101, GPS [56.966766, 23.152529], +371 63124451, tic@tukums.lv, www.visittukums.lv •A2

Latvia.travel Mobile app for iPhone and Android (free)

Your official guide for travelling in Latvia. In Latvia.travel mobile app you will find:

Tourist sites and attractions

In application you will find more than 500 sites, places to visit and attractions in Latvian regions (Kurzeme, Vidzeme, Zemgale, Latgale) and Riga city.

Accommodation

Hotels, guest houses, bed & breakfasts, holiday houses, hostels in Riga, Jūrmala and Latvian regions.

Events

Festivals, activities, concerts, events calendar.

Restaurants and cafes

Top restaurants in Riga, Latvia; organic, natural food.

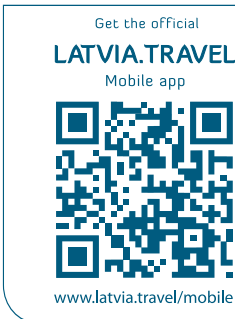
Tourist information centres

List of tourism information centres in Riga and Latvian regions (Kurzeme, Vidzeme, Zemgale, Latgale).

Map of Latvia

Map of Riga, Latvia, location and directions.

Application supports the following languages: English, German, Russian, Latvian.
Developed by Latvian Tourism Development Agency in cooperation with Ltd. "Mobile Rams".



Useful information

Telephone code for Latvia: +371

Where to call in an emergency (toll free)

112 – Fire-fighters, 110 – Police, 113 – Ambulance, 04 – Gas leakage, 1888 – Road accidents

24 hour information services

1188, 1189 – Inquiry services, information on all of Latvia

National currency: Latvian Lats, exchange rate to Euro: EUR 1,00 = – LVL 0,70 (www.bank.lv)

Official Latvian Tourism Portal: www.latvia.travel

Information on Riga and tourism in Riga: www.liveriga.com
Riga City Card: www.rigacard.lv

Riga Tourism Police

The Tourism Police work throughout the city; however, the majority of patrols take place in Old Riga. A 24-hour information hotline is available for foreigners at +371 67181818, which provides essential information in English and Russian.

What is prohibited in public places in Riga?

- to be in public places with open containers of alcoholic beverages, with the exception of specially designated locations where alcoholic beverages are sold for consumption on the spot;
- it is prohibited to be on lawns in parks, squares and green areas which are to be considered decorative gardens and which are cultural and historical monuments, and where prohibition and restriction signs are placed;
- littering of such places; spitting; urinating etc.;
- smoking, with the exception of areas, which are specially designated for smoking.

Tourist sites in the surroundings of Riga

1. **"Līvu akvaparks", Water Amusement Park.** The biggest multifunctional water park in North-eastern Europe and operates entire year. There are more than 40 kinds of attractions here: 9 moderate and extreme water run pipes, big waves' pool, open air pool, aroma baths and saunas, bubble baths, solarium, bar in the water, cafe, bistro. Jūrmala, GPS [56.973713, 23.859901], +371 67755636, info@akvaparks.lv, www.akvaparks.lv Train Riga - Bulduri (www.ldz.lv) •B2

2. **Jomas street and Horn garden.** One of the central and oldest streets of Jūrmala with restaurants, summer terraces, hotels and cafés with live music. In 1870 Mr Horn built the first hotel in Majori, and a concert garden where the famous symphonic orchestras performed. The garden was renovated in 2005. Jūrmala, GPS [56.972588, 23.799175], +371 67147900, info@jurmala.lv, www.jurmala.lv Train Riga - Majori (www.ldz.lv) •B2

3. **Dzintari Concert Hall.** Built in 1936, architects - A.Birnieks and V.Mellenberg. It is one of the Jūrmala's architectural monuments. The summer concert stage, additionally built in the garden in 1960. In 2005 a concert hall was partially renovated and now is a venue for popular concerts and events. Today it is a very popular place for concerts and events. Jūrmala, GPS [56.976841, 23.811966], +371 67762092, info@dzkl.lv, www.dzkl.lv Train Riga - Dzintari (www.ldz.lv) •B2

4. **Jūrmala beach.** One of the most awesome beaches in Europe which is 33 km long and covered with white quartz sand that has been silt up by seashore stream. In Majori, Bulduri and Jaundubulti a Blue Flag flies which confirms that the beach is safe, facilitated and the water is in good quality. The Turtle sculpture (a symbol of a long life) at the beach is a popular place to take photos. Jūrmala, +371 67147900, info@jurmala.lv, www.jurmala.lv Train Riga - Lielupe / Bulduri / Dzintari / Majori / Dubulti / Jaundubulti / Pumpuri / Melluži / Asari / Vaivari (www.ldz.lv) •B2

5. **Jūrmala City Museum.** The museum offers many exhibitions telling about the life of resort starting from the end of the 19th century, the largest collection of swimming suits in Latvia, works of artists, souvenir shop, as well as exhibition of underwater archaeology. Jūrmala, GPS [56.970936, 23.801495], +371 6764746, jurm-muzejs@apollo.lv, www.jurmalsmuzejs.lv Train Riga - Majori (www.ldz.lv) •B2

6. **Dzintari forest park and panoramic tower.** Park offers entertainment seekers of active recreation, as well as restful relaxation. It is a great place for spending time with children, family and friends, a place for sport activities as well as for just breathing fresh air of pine trees. Park offers playgrounds for different age categories, roller skating tracks and pedestrian roads, skatepark, streetball field, cafes, parking places and WC. It is open all year round. Jūrmala, GPS [56.976913, 23.818253], +371 67147900, info@jurmala.lv, www.jurmala.lv Train Riga - Dzintari (www.ldz.lv) •B2

7. **Former bath-house of E.Ācēne.** Built during years 1911 to 1916. All year round it offered different baths: heated sea water, carbonic acid , oxygenous and balsam of birch baths. In the Soviet times, it served as the resort's spa centre – one of the best medical institutions with the best facilities in former Jūrmala. In 2003 the house was renovated and regained its former look. Jūrmala, GPS [56.976997, 23.801439], +371 67147900, info@jurmala.lv, www.jurmala.lv Train Riga - Majori (www.ldz.lv) •B2

8. **Latvian Ethnographic Open-Air Museum.** It's a great opportunity to see typical ancient Latvian farm dwellings and learn about their lives and traditions. At around 88 hectares, the museum has gathered 118 ancient homes from all four Latvian regions: Vidzeme, Zemgale, Latgale and Kurzeme. Craftsman work in the territory and Latvian traditional annual festivities are celebrated here. Riga, GPS [56.994343, 24.269272], +371 67994515, info@brivdabasmuzejs.lv, www.brivdabasmuzejs.lv Bus no. 1, stop "Brīvdabas muzejs" (www.rigasatiksme.lv) •B2

9. **Dole Island.** The island is a popular spot for romantic strolls, especially on spring evenings when it offers views of unforgettable sunsets. Lovely views can also be enjoyed at Dole Manor castle ruins, set in a 19th century landscape park. Visitors are also welcome at the nearby Daugava Museum, focusing on local history, as well as the Fisherman's Yard Open-Air Complex. Ķekavas pagasts, GPS [56.848049, 24.228441], +371 67216367 , daugavas.muzejs@inbox.lv, www.daugavasmuzejs.lv Train Riga - Salaspils (www.ldz.lv) and Bus Salaspils - Daugavas muzejs (www.galsbuss.lv) •B2

10. **Salaspils Memorial.** The 25-hectare park was established on the site of a World War II concentration camp and tells the important story of some of the tragic pages in our country's history. Large stone sculptures and a museum are located at the gatehouse. This is one of the largest memorial complexes for victims of fascism in Europe. Salaspils, GPS [56.873064, 24.202652], +371 67700449, Bus no. 18, final stop "Dārzīni 2" (www.rigasatiksme.lv) •B2

11. **Salaspils Botanical Gardens.** Here you can see both traditional Latvian flowers and a wide range of exotic plants. The gardens boast the largest collection of plants in the Baltics as well as one of Europe's biggest arboretums. The botanical gardens are beautiful throughout the seasons, but at their most stunning in spring and autumn. Salaspils, GPS [56.860947, 24.353182], +371 67945460, +371 67945440, nbd@nbd.gov.lv, www.nbd.gov.lv Train Riga - Salaspils (www.ldz.lv) •B2

12. **Saulkrasti beach.** One of the coastal towns most popular with holidaymakers, located next to the Riga-Tallinn highway. Here, on the seashore, you can walk along the White Dune and the Sunset trail or relax on the Saulkrasti beach, which stretches over 15 km. Saulkrasti, GPS [57.234894, 24.391794], +371 67952641, tic@saulkrasti.lv, www.saulkrasti.lv Train Riga - Saulkrasti (www.ldz.lv) •B1

13. **Mūnchhausen Museum.** This unusual museum honours a genuine historic character, charismatic Baron von Münchhausen the unsurpassed king of lies and fantasy, whose life was almost as strange as his wonderful stories. The Baron spent the best years of his turbulent life at the Dunte Manor. You can also take a look at a wax museum of important individuals in the history of Latvia or reach the sea along a walking trail. Liepupes pagasts, GPS [57.407265, 24.424454], +371 64065633, minhauzens@minhauzens.lv, www.minhauzens.lv Bus Rīgas SAO - Dunte (www.autootsao.lv) •B1

14. **RāmkalniLeisurePark.** The park is located 35 km from Riga on the banks of the Gauja River. Rāmkalni offers leisure activities for the whole family – summer tobogganing and other fun rides, cycling or boat trips, as well as wonderful views from the restaurant terrace on the waterfront. The whole day can be spent at Rāmkalni if you wish. Inčukalna pagasts, GPS [57.123589, 24.661217], +371 67977277, +371 29100280, info@ramkalni.lv, www.ramkalni.lv Bus Rīgas SAO - Senīte (www.autootsao.lv) •C1

15. **Sigulda Adventure Park.** The breathtaking views at the park make every activity an unforgettable adventure – the Tarzan obstacle course, the tobogganing track, Sigulda Ferris wheel and more. Almost every activity here is unique for Latvia. They bring such emotions, adventures, surprises and joy you have never experienced before! Sigulda, GPS [57.153984, 24.834917], +371 27001187, tarzans@tarzans.lv, www.tarzans.lv Train Riga - Sigulda (www.ldz.lv) or Bus Rīgas SAO - Siguldas AO (www.autootsao.lv) •C1

16. **Turaída Castle.** The 13th century fortress is one of the most impressive monuments of the so-called Brick Gothic style in the Baltic Sea region. Fascinating excursions are available at the castle complex, which also includes Vidzeme's oldest wooden church. At the Turaída Museum Reserve you can take a walk along the picturesque Dainu Hill – a garden. Sigulda, GPS [57.183250, 24.849485], +371 67972376, turaida.muzejs@apollo.lv, www.turaida-muzejs.lv Train Rīgas - Sigulda (www.ldz.lv) or bus Rīgas SAO - Siguldas AO (www.autootsao.lv) •C1

17. **Soviet-top-secret bunker in Līgatne.** Within the framework of the rehabilitation centre "Līgatne", a well-equipped Soviet bunker is located 9 metres underground. It was constructed in the 1980s for the needs of the political and power elite in the case of a nuclear war. You can spend the whole day at the rehabilitation centre, whose inclusion in the Lonely Planet Best in Travel 2011 book proves you will not be bored. Līgatnes pagasts, GPS [57.256092, 25.072130], +371 64161915, +371 24647747, hotelerhcents.apollo.lv, www.bunkurs.lv Train Riga - Līgatne (www.ldz.lv) or bus Rīgas SAO - Līgatne (www.autootsao.lv) and bus Augšlīgatne - Skāļupes (www.visitligatne.lv) •C1

18. **Līgatne Nature Trails.** They are a must-see for any true nature lover. The 5 km-long nature trails are a showcase of typically Latvian natural scenery and feature an open-air zoo where wild animals and birds native to Latvia live in their natural habitat. Local horse breeders also offers horse rides here. Līgatne and its surroundings are home to the largest concentration of sandstone rocks and artificial caves in Latvia. Līgatnes pagasts, GPS [57.248779, 25.029987], +371 64153313, ac@gnp.lv, www.gnp.lv Train Riga - Līgatne (www.ldz.lv) or bus Rīgas SAO - Līgatne (www.autootsao.lv) and bus Augšlīgatne - Gaujasrēma (www.visitligatne.lv) •C1

19. **Vienkoči Park.** The park is an unusual woodcraft museum with sculptures and other art objects, created from single pieces of wood by an ancient method, placed along its unspoilt nature trails. The development idea of the park is maximum application of natural materials. The brave can even cross the pond on a log raft. The park also offers evening excursions by torchlight. Līgatnes pagasts, GPS [57.190701, 25.052004], +371 29329065, info@vienkoci.lv, www.vienkoci.lv Train Riga - Līgatne (www.ldz.lv) or bus Rīgas SAO - Līgatne (www.autootsao.lv) •C1

20. **The Historical Centre of Ogre.** Brīvības Street in Ogre is noteworthy because of its 1920s – 1930s architecture. The renovated square, known as "the heart of the city" has become a favorite gathering place for locals as well as visitors. The Ogre Museum of History and Art located nearby tells about the times when the city was a famous recreational spa centre. Ogre, GPS [56.834762, 24.601875], +371 65071883, info@latvijascents.lv, www.latvijascents.lv, www.ogresmuzejs.lv Train Riga - Ogre (www.ldz.lv) or bus Rīgas SAO - Ogres AO (www.autootsao.lv) •C2

21. **Bauska Castle.** Located between the Mūsa and Mēmele rivers this is Latvia's only example of Mannerism-period castle architecture and applied decorative arts typical of the Duchy of Courland. Originally it was built as a Livonian Order fortress in the middle of 15th century. Several displays on castle history and historical garments are on show here, and you can climb the central tower for a panoramic view of Bauska. Bauska, GPS [56.402931, 24.173397], +371 63923797, +371 63922280, bauska.pils@apollo.lv, www.bauskaspils.lv Bus Rīgas SAO - Bauskas AO (www.autootsao.lv) •B3

22. **Rundāle Palace.** The brightest jewel in the crown of Latvian architecture is located 10 km from Bauska. The palace of the Duke Johann Biron, favourite of Russian Tsarina Anna Ivanovna, was built by legendary Russian court architect Francesco Rastrelli, and is an outstanding monument of Baroque and Rococo art. Visitors will appreciate the palace's impressive facade, lavish interiors and fantastic Baroque-style rose garden. Rundāles pagasts, GPS [56.414616, 24.025383], +371 63962197, booking@rundale.net, www.rundale.net Bus Rīgas SAO - Bauskas AO (www.autootsao.lv) and bus Bauskas AO - Pilsrundāle (www.autootsao.lv) •B3

23. **Mežotne Palace.** This is one of the Latvia's most striking examples of Classicism architecture. The palace boasts beautiful interiors, a high class hotel, conference rooms and a restaurant. It was built on the orders of Russian Empress Catherine II for her children's beloved governess Charlotte von Lieven. A well-maintained English-style garden surrounds the palace. Mežotnes pagasts, GPS [56.440964, 24.060904], +371 63960711, pils@mezotnespils.lv, www.mezotnespils.lv Bus Rīgas SAO - Bauskas AO (www.autootsao.lv) and bus Bauskas AO - Mežotne (www.autootsao.lv) •B3

24. **Jelgava Palace.** The Baroque style palace is a masterpiece by Francesco Rastrelli who also designed the famous Rundāle Palace, the Peterhof Palace and the Winter Palace in Saint Petersburg. At present, the Latvia University of Agriculture is located here, but earlier it was a residence of the Duke of Courland. In the Jelgava Castle cellar, you can pay a visit to the crypts of Biron, Duke of Courland and the Kettlers. Jelgava, GPS [56.655743, 23.732280], +371 63005617, muzej@llu.lv,