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Upcoming events in Riga



Occupation Of Latvia

From *Jan 1st 2000* until *Jan 19th 2038* , on

Raiņa bulvāris 7, Rīga, LV-1050, Latvija



Medieval Riga

From *Jan 1st 2000* until *Jan 19th 2038* , on

Palasta iela 4, Rīga, LV-1050, Latvia

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Best rated restaurants in Riga



Elkor Food&Wine

Brivibas boul. 19, Riga



Rama

K. Barona 56



La Boheme

J. Alunana 2a



Dada

Kalēju street 16



Hesburger

Brīvības iela 62



Bergs Restaurant

Elizabetes 83/85



Monterosso

Valnu iela 9



Vecmeita Ar Kaki

Maza Pils iela 1

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Most popular pubs & clubs in Riga



Godvil

Brivibas 214b



French Bar - La Belle Époque

Maza Jaunavu 8



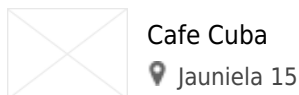
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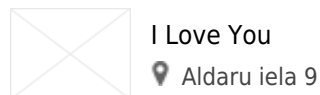


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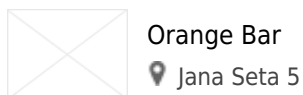
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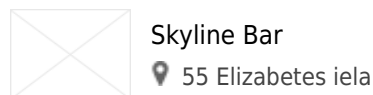
Cafe Cuba
📍 Jauniela 15



I Love You
📍 Aldaru iela 9



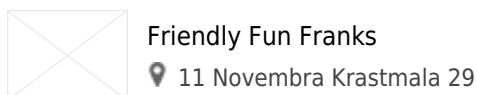
Orange Bar
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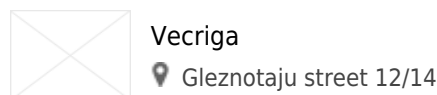
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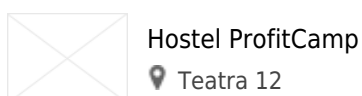
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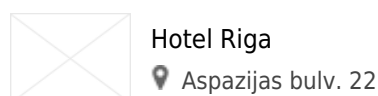
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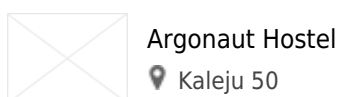
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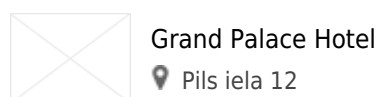
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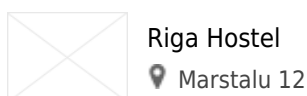
Hotel Riga
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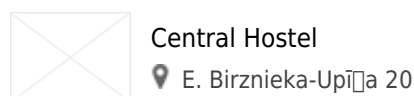
Argonaut Hostel
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Grand Palace Hotel
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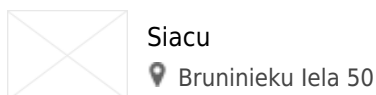
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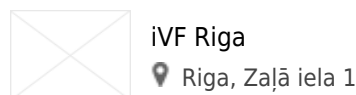
Central Hostel
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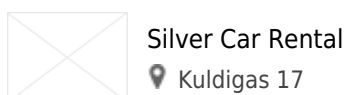
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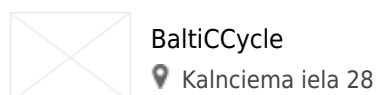
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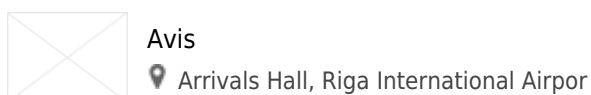
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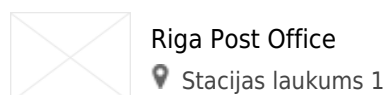
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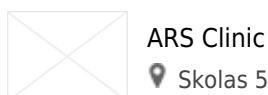
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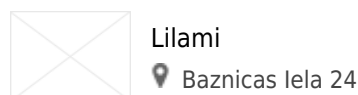
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Riga Post Office
📍 Stacijas laukums 1



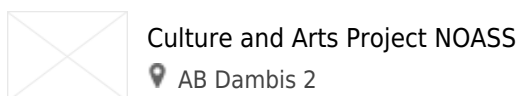
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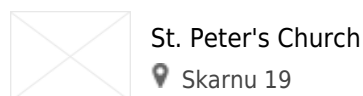
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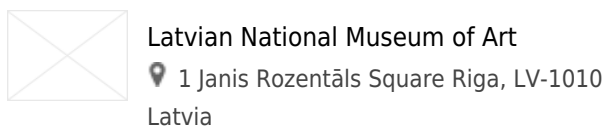
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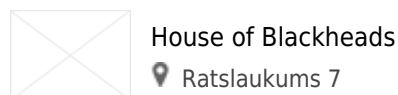
Culture and Arts Project NOASS
📍 AB Dambis 2



St. Peter's Church
📍 Skarņu 19



Latvian National Museum of Art
📍 1 Janis Rozentāls Square Riga, LV-1010
Latvia



House of Blackheads
📍 Ratslaukums 7



Museum of Occupations

📍 Raiņa bulvāris 7



Art Museum Riga Bourse

📍 Dome Square 6



Riga Dome Cathedral

📍 Doma laukums 1



Art Nouveau Centre

📍 Alberta street 12

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Travel tips

The weather in Riga changes more often than the traffic lights and seasoned pros carry a sweater and umbrella with them at all times. It's not uncommon to be boiling hot, a little bit chilly and soaking wet in the time it takes to enjoy a single beer on one of the city's many outdoor verandas.

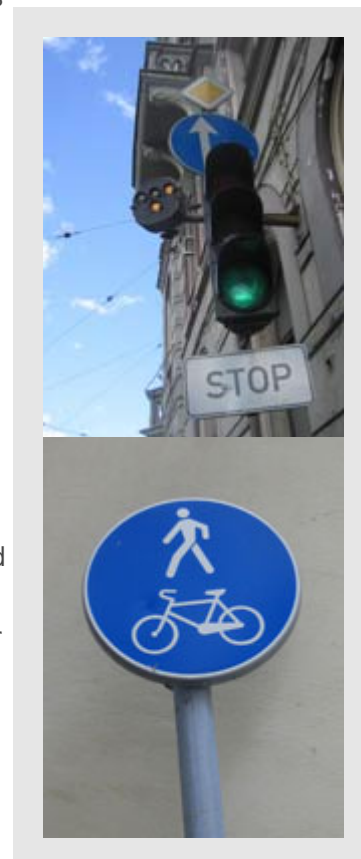
Latvians are proud patriots, and an appreciation of their history and [culture](#) will get you a long way if you are planning on making friends. If in doubt steer the conversation towards ice hockey as this is one thing that the diminutive country excels at. Pretend to know who Sandis Ozolinsh is and you'll be bought beer all night (The NHL veteran is also the man behind Latvia's first 18 hole [golf course](#)) Smoking in most public places is banned in Latvia, which includes - in theory at least - [bars](#) and [restaurants](#) without a designated and ventilated area. If in doubt ask before you light up, or simply go outside.

You can't smoke inside and you can't drink outside! What kind of country is this! Police will act if they see you sinking a swift can on the street.

If you're an internet addict you'll be pleased to know that Latvia is as far removed from the dark ages as most European countries and offers an increasing number of WiFi spots. You can log on at any joint of the ubiquitous Double Coffee chain or surf in style at the Sarkans restaurant (Stabu street, 10).

When it comes to thaw time, usually around late February or March, it pays to look upwards. Large overhangs of snow and ice can fall with force from high buildings and cause a cold neck at best - or a broken one at worst. Walking in the middle of the street is a good safeguard.

Above: An ambiguous green light



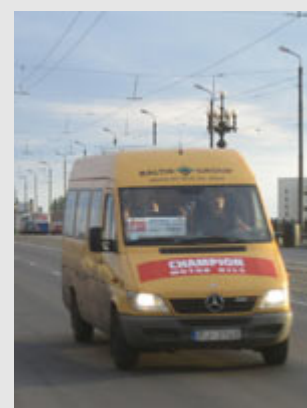
Below: Bicycle stuntman up ahead

Getting around

The lion's share of Riga's treasures are tucked conveniently away in the [Old Town](#) - as are most of the city's [hotels and hostels](#). Seeing as the Old Town is pedestrianised and you can cross it in a twenty minute stroll, the need for transportation above and beyond your own two feet is limited. If however you're going slightly further afield you might want to read up on the following...

By Taxi

Taxis are cheap in Riga and, as long as you're not heading for Timbuktu, you needn't find yourself anxiously watching the meter, sweat running down your forehead. Do make sure the meter is running however - otherwise you're giving the driver a license to take the mickey (and more importantly your money with it). You can flag a cab off the street or find a steady supply in front of the Hotel de Rome, near the "Laima" clock, or in front of the [Hotel Riga](#), near the [Opera House](#).



*Above: Bus it... Below:
...or take the scenic
route!*



By Car

Latvian drivers aren't known for their altruistic nature and the Rigan roads have something of a dog-eat-dog feel to them. What's more you don't need a car to explore the most interesting places in the city, so hiring an automobile is best advised only if you have a specific day-trip in mind. You'll need a driving license and you must be at least 21 years of age, with 2 years experience, if you want to rent from a reputable company.

Public Transportation

Riga has an effective system of trams, buses, trolleybuses and minibuses that serve every quarter of the city. Tickets can be bought on board for the bargain basement price of 20 santimes. However, unless you've somehow mysteriously ended up in a strange Latvian girl's house the night before, you probably won't need to test Riga's public transport infrastructure. The exception might be a trip to Jurmala beach resort, and regular trains leave in that direction from the Main Train Station.

