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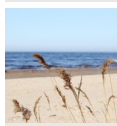
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Riga greets visitors with a unique and breathtaking silhouette, beautifully reflected in the Baltic Sea. A stroll through the city centre offers a charmingly confusing mix of a modern metropolitan city with exclusive shopping, vibrant nightlife, international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

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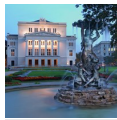
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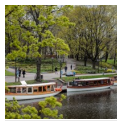
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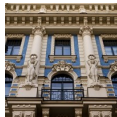
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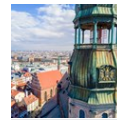
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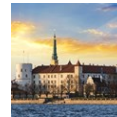
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## THE CITY



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Riga is not only a pretty sight with its tall church steeples pointing to the sky, but 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 the European Capital of Culture in 2014. Guided tours normally depart from 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.

### Freedom Monument

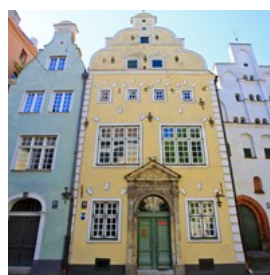


The Freedom Monument, or "Milda" (as the locals call it), towers gracefully between the Old Town and the city. The 42-metre-tall statue is a symbol of Latvia's freedom and independence. The honour guard changes shifts every hour, on the hour, from morning until evening.

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Address: Central District, Riga

### 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.

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Address: Mazā Pils iela 19, Riga

### St. Peter's Church



St Peter's Church in Riga is known for its tall tower, which offers stunning views of the city, including the red roofs of Old Town, the modern part of Riga, Riga Bay, and the Daugava River with its large port. The church itself was originally built in 1209, but only a few walls and pillars remain from that time.

The Gothic tower, which was over 130 meters tall, was completed in the late 15th century. However, it collapsed in 1666 and was rebuilt in the Baroque style in 1690—at the time, it was the tallest wooden structure in the world.

In 1721, the tower was struck by lightning and burned down. It was later restored, but once again it burned down during World War II. Renovation of the tower began in 1967, and today, it stands at a height of 123.25 meters. Visitors can access the second gallery, which is 72 meters above the ground. In 1997, St Peter's Church was added to UNESCO's World Heritage list.

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Address: Reformācijas Laukums 1, Riga

Opening hours: Daily 10am–6pm

Phone: +371 67 181 430

### Latvian War Museum



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.

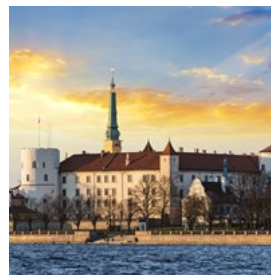
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Opening hours: Daily 10am–5pm

Phone: +371 67 228 147

### Riga Castle



Founded in 1330 and located on the banks of the Daugava River, the Riga Castle is one of the country's most prominent medieval castles.

Throughout its history, it has suffered significant damage and seen various rulers and wars. After numerous reconstructions, it is a typical sample of late Classicism architecture. Currently, it serves as the official residence of the President of Latvia.

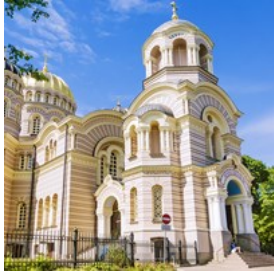
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Address: Pils laukums 3, Riga

Phone: +371 67 092 106

Internet: [www.president.lv/en/riga-castle](http://www.president.lv/en/riga-castle)

### Riga Nativity of Christ Orthodox Cathedral



Constructed in the Neo-Byzantine style between 1876 and 1883, when the country was a part of the Russian Empire, the Nativity of Christ Cathedral in Riga is the largest Orthodox church in the city. It has undergone several transformations over the years, being used as a planetarium and a restaurant during the Soviet Era. However, it has since been fully restored as a church and now holds regular Orthodox services. It has also one of the biggest organs in Europe with 6,768 pipes.

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Opening hours: Daily 7am-6:30pm  
Phone: +371 67 212 901

### Dome Square



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

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Address: Doma laukums, Riga

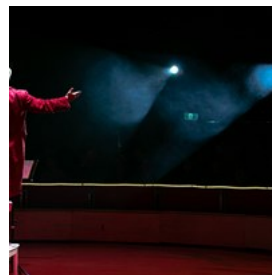
### Riga Motor Museum



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 the world's automotive history.

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Address: Sergeja Eizenšteina iela 8, Riga  
Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm  
Phone: +371 67 025 888

### Riga Circus



Riga Circus is a vibrant and exciting venue to discover the cultural life of Riga and experience a variety of artistic disciplines—circus, theatre, dance, music, and cinema.

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Phone: +371 67 213 479  
Internet: [www.cirks.lv/en](http://www.cirks.lv/en)  
Email: [cirks@cirks.lv](mailto:cirks@cirks.lv)

### Old Town



An absolute must for visitors to see is the labyrinth of cobbled streets in the Old Town of Riga. 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 National Opera and Ballet 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 bulvāris 3, Riga

Phone: +371 67 073 777

Internet: [www.opera.lv/en](http://www.opera.lv/en)

Email: [info@opera.lv](mailto:info@opera.lv)

### Ethnographic Open-Air Museum of Latvia



Located 30 minutes away from the city centre on the lightly wooded shores of Jugla Lake, 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: Brīvdabas iela 21, Riga

Opening hours: Summer: daily 10am-8pm. Winter: daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +371 67 994 106

Email: [info@brivdabasmuzejs.lv](mailto:info@brivdabasmuzejs.lv)

### Alberta Street

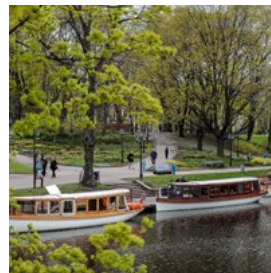


Alberta Street is the Art Nouveau epicentre of Riga, as magnificent historical Art Nouveau buildings are located along the entire length thereof. Eight of them have been recognised as architectural monuments of state significance. This street is an open-air museum in itself — a UNESCO world heritage site that is not to be missed.

Photo: Thomas Gartz/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Alberta iela, Riga

### Vermane Garden



Right next to the Latvian Opera House is Vermane Garden, 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 the day. Take a boat ride along the canal, take a look at the plentiful statues inside, or visit its charming tea house.

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Address: Tērbatas iela 2D, Riga

Opening hours: 24/7

### 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.

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Address: Latviešu strēlnieku laukums 1, Riga

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Phone: +371 67 229 255

Internet: [www.okupacijasmuzejs.lv/en](http://www.okupacijasmuzejs.lv/en)

Email: [info@okupacijasmuzejs.lv](mailto:info@okupacijasmuzejs.lv)

### University of Latvia Botanical Garden



The University of Latvia Botanical Garden has something to offer at any time of the year, but summer is the time it should definitely not be missed. Bring a picnic set and retreat from the heat underneath the lush green trees.

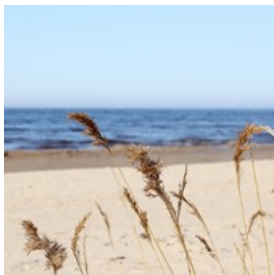
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Address: Kandavas iela 2, Riga

Opening hours: Daily 10am-4pm

Phone: +371 26 319 560

### Vecaki Beach



If you're looking for a day trip to the Baltic, Vecaki Beach might be your best bet. This 8 km-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.

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Address: Vecaki, Riga

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

### Spikeri



The Spikeri quarter 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 area with stores, coffee shops, and bars. Spikeri is also a UNESCO World Heritage site.

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Address: Maskavas iela 8, Riga

Internet: [www.spikeri.lv/en](http://www.spikeri.lv/en)

Email: [spikeri@spikeri.lv](mailto:spikeri@spikeri.lv)

More Info: Near Riga Central Market

### Riga Art Nouveau Centre



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

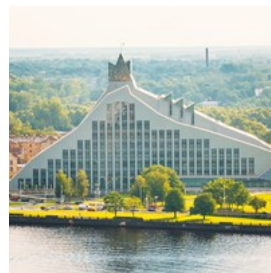
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Address: Alberta iela 12, Riga

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, Mon closed

Phone: + 371 67 181 465

### Castle of Light – National Library of Latvia



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.

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Phone: +371 67 806 135  
Internet: [www.lnb.lv/en](http://www.lnb.lv/en)  
Email: [lnb@lnb.lv](mailto: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 potatoes, cabbage, beef, pork, and fish, and served in big portions. Riga also offers countless opportunities to try international favourites, from American steakhouses to Indian veggie food, and 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. This 45 per cent 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



Stock Pot is a very popular restaurant in the Old Town offering a diverse and affordable lunch menu, which draws inspiration from various regions of the world, including the Middle East,

Indochina, the Caucasus Mountains, and the Mediterranean. The atmosphere is really nice and the owners are very attentive patrons.

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Address: Gertrūdes iela 6, Riga  
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-8pm, Sun closed  
Phone: +371 27 832 165  
Internet: [www.stockpot.lv/en](http://www.stockpot.lv/en)

### Lido Atputas Centrs



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

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Address: Krasta iela 76, Riga  
Phone: +371 67 700 000  
Internet: [www.lido.lv/en/contacts/lido-atputas-centrs](http://www.lido.lv/en/contacts/lido-atputas-centrs)  
Email: [reservation@lido.lv](mailto:reservation@lido.lv)

### Vincents



Championed as the best restaurant in all of the Baltic states and one of the top contenders for 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.

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Address: Elizabetes iela 19, Riga  
Opening hours: Wed-Sat 6pm-11pm  
Phone: +371 29 422 446  
Internet: [www.restorans.lv](http://www.restorans.lv)  
Email: [info@vincents.lv](mailto:info@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.

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Address: Jauniela 25/27, Riga

Phone: +371 20 235 504

### Cydonia Gastropub



Trendy gastropub serving an extensive menu of different cuisines in a vibrant atmosphere. The burgers and Mexican fare are a huge hit among

diners.

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Address: Dzirnavu 84, Riga

Phone: +371 67 282 055

Internet: [www.cydonia.lv](http://www.cydonia.lv)

### Galerija Istaba



Istaba is a dining experience not to be missed when in Riga - there is no menu per se, and 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.

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Address: Krišjāņa Barona iela 31B, Riga

Phone: +371 67 281 141

Internet: [www.instagram.com/galerijaistaba](http://www.instagram.com/galerijaistaba)

Email: [istaba@istaba.lv](mailto:istaba@istaba.lv)

### Rozengrāls



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

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

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Address: Rozena iela, Riga

Opening hours: Daily noon-11pm

Phone: +371 67 220 356

Internet: [rozengrals.lv](http://rozengrals.lv)

### CAFÉS



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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.



### Tabu Tea House



Situated in an old wooden house in the middle of Vērmāne Garden, Tabu is a charming and serene tea house where you can escape the hustle and bustle of the city and simply sit back and relax while enjoying a lovely cup of tea along with a tasty piece of cake. Whether you're in the mood for a traditional black tea or something a little more exotic, they have something for everyone.

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Address: Tērbatas iela 2G, Rīga  
Opening hours: Daily noon-10pm  
Phone: +371 67 212 436

### MonteKristo kafija

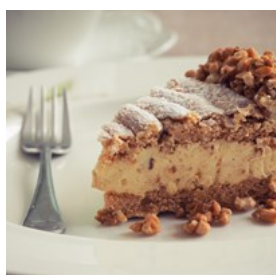


If you're in the Art Nouveau quarters of Riga and looking for a cosy coffee shop to relax in, look no further and drop by MonteKristo kafija.

Their wide selection of coffees and teas from around the world, as well as tasty pastries and cakes, will surely hit the spot.

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Address: Ģertrūdes iela 27, Rīga  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 11am-6pm  
Phone: +371 67 316 361

### Cadets De Gascogne

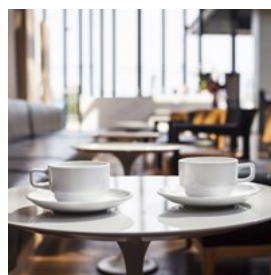


Cadets de Gascogne is the first French bakery in Latvia, and since 1999, they have been the go-to place to sit back and enjoy a delicious cup of coffee, fresh juice, or one of their famous butter

croissants — often recognized as the tastiest in Latvia.

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Address: Ģertrūdes iela 30, Rīga  
Phone: +371 28 394 708  
Internet: [www.cadets.lv](http://www.cadets.lv)  
Email: [info@cadets.lv](mailto:info@cadets.lv)

### Rocket Bean Roastery

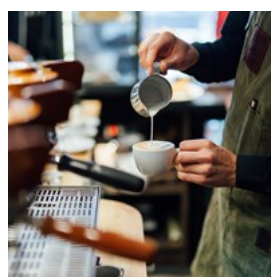


Rocket Bean Roastery is a hipster-ish café where everything revolves around coffee. Their team of baristas are dedicated to crafting the perfect cup of specialty coffee for you, using only the freshest beans and the highest quality techniques. (They are, by the way, the fastest-growing specialty coffee roastery-coffee shop in Northern Europe).

In addition to their rich and aromatic coffee, they also offer a wide range of other drinks, including wine and craft beer. Plus, a vast selection of sandwiches and paninis to be enjoyed in a relaxed atmosphere.

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Address: Miera iela 29/31, Rīga  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, Sat & Sun 10am-4pm  
Phone: +371 20 215 120  
Internet: [www.rocketbeanroastery.com](http://www.rocketbeanroastery.com)  
Email: [info@rocketbean.lv](mailto:info@rocketbean.lv)

### Miit Coffee



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

coffee farms, and all MiiT baristas are knowledgeable coffee masters.

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Phone: +371 27 292 424

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Riga has countless restaurants, bars, and nightclubs offering entertainment that will satisfy most music tastes and clubbing preferences.

During the summer, Old Riga bursts with open-air cafes and beer gardens, while those who prefer 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 is a trendy cocktail bar and restaurant serving top-notch quality food worthy of a fine dining establishment, all in a stylish setting in the heart of Riga's historical centre.

Photo: Kondor83/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Doma laukums 2, Riga

Phone: +371 67 228 842  
Internet: [www.bbars.lv/en](http://www.bbars.lv/en)  
Email: [info@bbars.lv](mailto:info@bbars.lv)

### Skyline Bar



To reach this romantic bar on the 26th floor of the Radisson Blu Latvija Conference & Spa Hotel, 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.

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Address: Elizabetes iela 55, Riga  
Phone: +371 67 772 288  
Internet: [skylinebar.lv/en/home](http://skylinebar.lv/en/home)  
Email: [latvija.skyline@radissonblu.com](mailto:latvija.skyline@radissonblu.com)

### Vīna studija



This venue is the perfect pre-party 2-in-1 that serves tasty food and offers a wide selection of wines all under one roof.

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Address: Elizabetes iela 10, Riga  
Phone: +371 67 283 205  
Internet: [www.vina-studija.lv](http://www.vina-studija.lv)  
Email: [info@vinastudija.lv](mailto:info@vinastudija.lv)

### 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 Latvian pub fare and extensive beer list, including the regulars'

favourite – a honey beer. Live music is to be expected.

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Address: Peldu iela 19, Riga  
Phone: +371 27 796 914  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/folkklubs\\_ala](http://www.instagram.com/folkklubs_ala)  
Email: [info@folkklubs.lv](mailto:info@folkklubs.lv)

### First



Currently one of Riga's hottest nightclubs, First 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.

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Address: Andrejostas iela 5k-3, Riga  
Opening hours: Fri & Sat 11pm-6am  
Phone: +371 26 540 555  
Internet: [firstclub.lv](http://firstclub.lv)  
Email: [bookings@firstclub.lv](mailto:bookings@firstclub.lv)

### 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.

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Address: Lāčplēša iela 26, Riga  
Phone: +371 25 683 843  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/teatrabars](http://www.instagram.com/teatrabars)

### 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 iela 4, Riga  
Phone: +371 67 214 494  
Internet: [www.instagram.com/balzambars](http://www.instagram.com/balzambars)  
Email: [balzambars@balzambars.lv](mailto: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: Grēcinieku iela 4, Riga  
Phone: +371 67 210 150  
Internet: [www.paddywhelans.com/en](http://www.paddywhelans.com/en)

### 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 flavour. 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: Aristida Briāna iela 9a, Riga

Phone: +371 25 655 958

Internet: [www.labietis.lv/en](http://www.labietis.lv/en)

### Aussie Pub Riga



With its old VW Campervan 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!

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vaļņu iela 43, Riga

Opening hours: Sun–Thu 2pm–2am, Fri–Sat 2pm–3am

Phone: +371 67 223 406

Internet: [aussie-backpackers-pub.business.site](http://aussie-backpackers-pub.business.site)

Email: [info@aussiepubriga.com](mailto:info@aussiepubriga.com)

### Spot Kafe



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.

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Address: Jauniela 19, Riga

Phone: +371 20 448 811

Internet: [www.spotkafe.lv](http://www.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 iela 2/4, Riga

Opening hours: Mon–Wed 11am–6am, Thu–Fri 11am–8am, Sat noon–8am, Sun noon–6am

Phone: +371 26 678 555

Internet: [www.rockcafe.lv](http://www.rockcafe.lv)

Email: [koncerti@rockcafe.lv](mailto:koncerti@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



Housed in Zeppelin hangers, 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: Nēģu iela 7, Riga

Opening hours: Daily 7am-6pm

Phone: +371 67 229 985

Internet: [www.rct.lv/en](http://www.rct.lv/en)

Email: [tirgus@rct.lv](mailto:tirgus@rct.lv)

### Galerija Centrs



Opened in 1938, Galerija Centrs is a shopping mall located in the Old Town of Riga, in the historic Vecrīga neighbourhood. The mall offers 110 shops, as well as cafés, restaurants, and other services. It boasts a unique blend of historical elements and modern architecture, and there are shops to suit every pocket. The atmosphere at Galerija Centrs is not too crowded or stressful, making it a great place for a relaxing shopping experience.

Photo: hxdbzxy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Audēju iela 16, Riga

Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm

Phone: +371 6701 8018

Internet: [www.galerijacentrs.lv/en/home](http://www.galerijacentrs.lv/en/home)

Email: [info@galerijacentrs.lv](mailto:info@galerijacentrs.lv)

### Berga Bazārs



Originally constructed between 1887-1900, Berga Bazārs is a pedestrian zone/shopping arcade in the heart of Riga. Its maze-like layout is home to a wide range of restaurants, bars, and cafés, as well as beauty salons, a barbershop, and small boutique shops selling a variety of items such as antique maps, French wines, exclusive cosmetics, and clothing by local fashion designers. In addition, there are event and exhibition spaces, as well as weekly outdoor jazz concerts in the summer.

Photo: estherpoon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Elizabetes iela 83/85, Riga

Opening hours: Daily 9am-10pm

### Stockmann



The high-quality, six-storey department store Stockmann offers clothing, cosmetics, electronics, and items for the home, but also houses a supermarket and a delicatessen store in the basement. A lunch break with Latvian pancakes and tea can be enjoyed on the shopping complex's top floor.

Photo: The Nix Company/Unsplash

Address: 13. janvāra iela 8, Riga

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-10pm, Sun 10am-8pm

Phone: +371 67 071 222

Internet: [www.stockmann.lv](http://www.stockmann.lv)

### Otra Elpa



A cosy charity thrift shop

with a tiny café downstairs. A nice place to roam around and find a unique item to take home as a souvenir while also

contributing to a good cause.

Photo: Elena Dijour/Shutterstock.com

Address: Stabu iela 35, Riga

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 11am-5pm

Phone: +371 22 557 770

Internet: [www.otraelpa.lv](http://www.otraelpa.lv)

Email: [info@otraelpa.lv](mailto:info@otraelpa.lv)

### Humana Vintage



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

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

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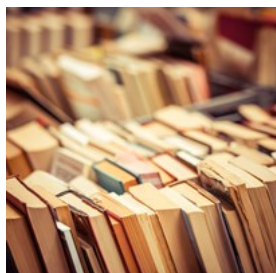
Address: Gertrūdes iela 16, Riga

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Internet: [www.humanalatvia.lv/en/riga/vintage](http://www.humanalatvia.lv/en/riga/vintage)

Email: [info@humanalatvia.lv](mailto:info@humanalatvia.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 bookstore - 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: Dzirnavu iela 51, Riga

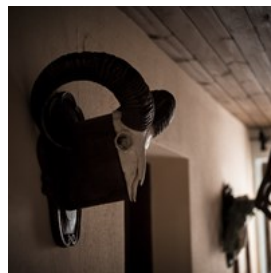
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-8pm, Fri 11am-10pm, Sat 11am-8pm, Sun noon-6pm

Phone: +371 28 229 816

Internet: [www.robertsbooks.lv](http://www.robertsbooks.lv)

Email: [shop@robertsbooks.lv](mailto:shop@robertsbooks.lv)

### Bang Bang Shop & Coffee



What started as a small outlet selling Vans turned into a hip hangout spot when the store was complemented by a coffee shop. It now still offers a

wide array of men's (and women's) clothing, accessories, and footwear, as well as a quiet place to enjoy a coffee break looking out on the town.

Photo: kryzhov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kalēju iela 18/20, Riga

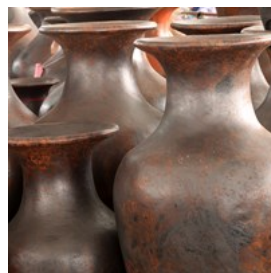
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 11am-8pm, Sat & Sun 11am-6pm

Phone: +371 67 223 687

Internet: [www.bangbangshop.com/en](http://www.bangbangshop.com/en)

Email: [info@bangbangshop.lv](mailto:info@bangbangshop.lv)

### Doma Antikvariats



One of the best locations in Riga to shop for antiques, this venue sells jewellery, 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 iela 8, Riga

Phone: +371 29 166 504

Internet: [www.antikvariats.lv](http://www.antikvariats.lv)

Email: [doma@antikvariats.lv](mailto:doma@antikvariats.lv)

### Noble Wine



Championed as one of the best in Riga, this store and wine bar is a must-visit destination for wine lovers. Offering a broad selection of quality international wines as well as a great selection of gourmet snacks, this is the perfect place to relax and unwind. The helpful, knowledgeable staff are always on hand to assist with recommendations and pairings, making it a truly enjoyable experience.

Photo: Minerva Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Elizabetes iela 33, Riga

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-10pm, Sat noon-10pm, Sun noon-6pm

Phone: +371 20 102 020

Internet: [www.noblewine.lv/en](http://www.noblewine.lv/en)

Email: [info@noblewine.lv](mailto:info@noblewine.lv)

### Riga Plaza



Riga Plaza is a premier shopping destination in Latvia, boasting a vast selection of over 160 stores. Featuring the most popular European fashion, accessories, and beauty brands, this modern shopping centre has something for everyone. In addition to its extensive retail options, Riga Plaza also offers a wide range of entertainment and dining choices, making it the perfect place to spend a day out with the family.

Photo: gpointstudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mūkusalas iela 71, Riga

Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm

Phone: +371 67 633 733

Internet: [www.rigaplaza.lv/en](http://www.rigaplaza.lv/en)

Email: [info@rigaplaza.lv](mailto:info@rigaplaza.lv)

### Akropolis Alfa



Heralded as one of the best malls in Riga, this spacious shopping centre offers plenty of choices in terms of clothing and household goods, as well as food and entertainment options.

Photo: woaiss/Shutterstock.com

Address: Brīvības iela 372, Riga

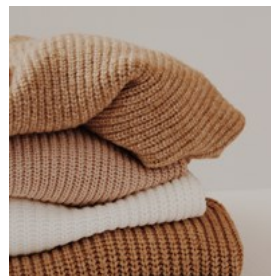
Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm

Phone: +371 67 076 500

Internet: [www.akropolealfa.lv/en](http://www.akropolealfa.lv/en)

Email: [info@akropolealfa.lv](mailto:info@akropolealfa.lv)

### Tīnes



Feel the warm and comforting atmosphere of this boutique while browsing through shawls, mittens, and sweaters knit from high-quality natural yarns. A must-visit during cold seasons!

Photo: Tanya Trukyr/Unsplash

Address: Riharda Vāgnera iela 5, Riga

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-4pm

Phone: +371 25 424 477

Internet: [www.tines.lv/en](http://www.tines.lv/en)

Email: [info@tines.lv](mailto:info@tines.lv)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Riga International Airport (RIX)



Riga International Airport is located 8 kilometres away from the city centre. Bus 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. In addition to the regular bus, there is also a shuttle bus which connects the airport with many hotels.

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

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Address: Riga International Airport, Riga

Phone: +371 29 311 187

Internet: [www.flyfromriga.lv](http://www.flyfromriga.lv)

## 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 the nighttime, several tram

and trolley bus routes run once an hour. Rīgas 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

## 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 26 399 993 Baltic

Taxi  
+371 20 008 500

Avoiss Taxi  
+371 25 544 555

Photo: ArrivalGuides

## Post



There are numerous post offices in the city, just look for the yellow envelope.

Photo: Andy Fuchs  
Address: Riga Post Office, Stacijas Laukums 2, Rīga  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-9pm, Sat 10am-8pm  
Phone: +371 67 018 804  
Internet: [www.pasts.lv/en/Category/Post\\_Offices](http://www.pasts.lv/en/Category/Post_Offices)

## Pharmacy



You can easily find a pharmacy in Riga. Here are a couple of pharmacies that are open 24 hours. BENU aptieka (open 24/7) Aleksandra

Čaka iela 104, Riga  
+371 67 314 211

Mēness Aptieka (open 24/7)  
Brīvības iela 74 - 26, Riga  
+371 20 377 466

Photo: Gemma Garner

## 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**  
628,000 (2021)

**Currency**  
Euro (EUR) €1 = 100 cents

**Opening hours**  
Shops in Riga are normally open 9am-5pm on weekdays while on weekends opening hours are reduced. Shops are open on Sundays at their own discretion. Most supermarkets

are open until 10pm.

**Internet**

[www.latvia.travel/en/city/riga](http://www.latvia.travel/en/city/riga)

**Newspapers**

The Baltic Times — [www.baltictimes.com](http://www.baltictimes.com)

Diena (The Day) — [www.diena.lv](http://www.diena.lv)

Latvijas Avīze — [www.la.lv](http://www.la.lv)

Neatkarīgā Rīta Avīze (Independent Morning Newspaper) —  
[www.nra.lv](http://www.nra.lv)

**Emergency numbers**

Emergency: 112

Fire&Rescue: 01

Police: 02

Emergency Medical Services: 03

**Tourist information**

Riga Tourist Information Centre

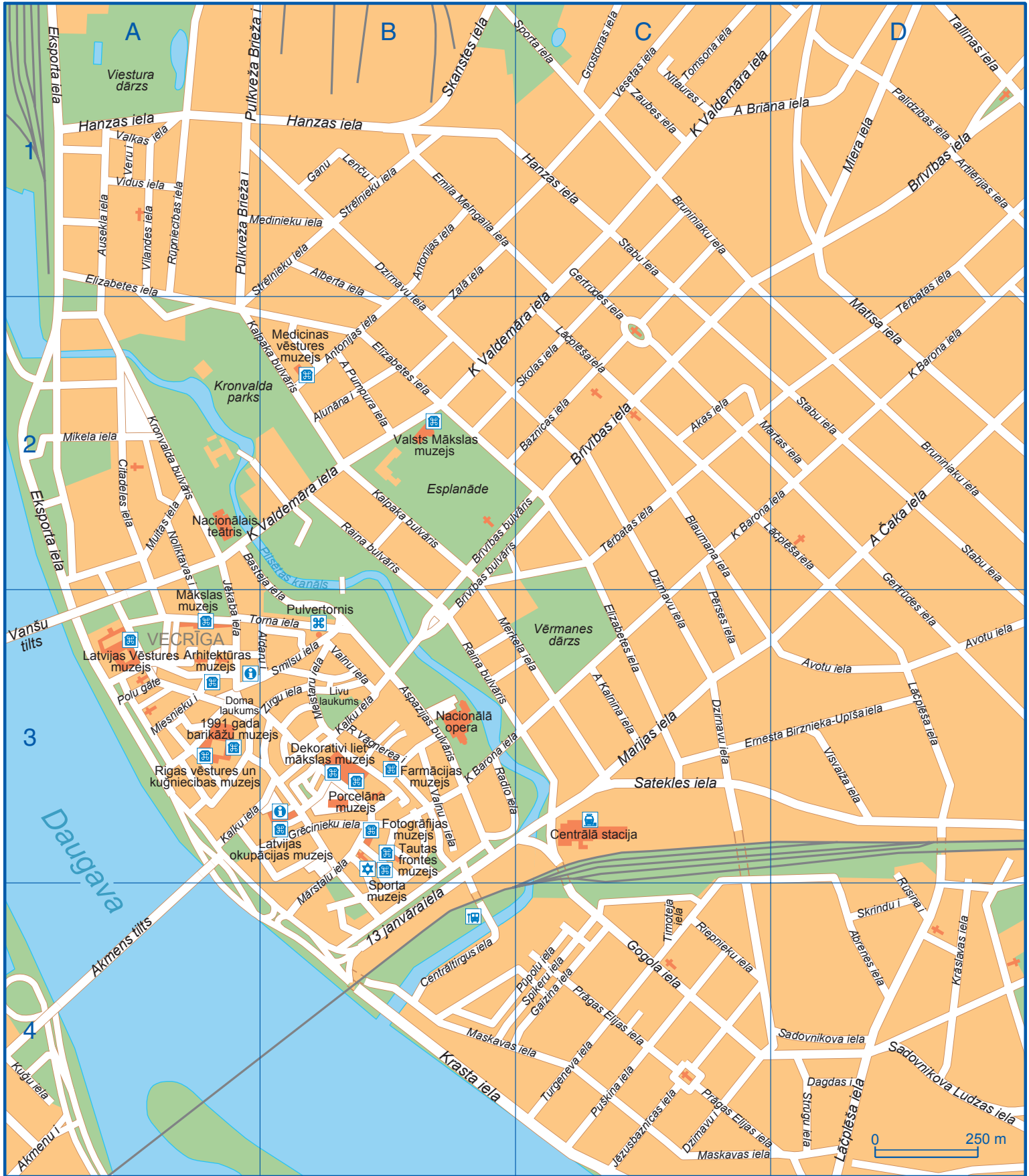
Rātslaukums 6, Riga

Opening Hours: Mon–Sun 10am–6pm.

From 1 May and 30 September: Mon–Sun 9am–7pm

+371 67 037 900





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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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Centraltirgus iela	B4	Merkela iela	B3 C3	Torna iela	A3 B3
Citadeles iela	A2	Miera iela	D1	Turgeneva iela	C4
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Gaizina iela	C4	Pragas Elijas iela	C4	Zala iela	B1 B2
Ganu Lencu leia	B1	Pulkveža Briēža iela	A1 B1	Zaubes iela	C1
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